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Giant post office for Shareworld rejected

MAJOR development plans for Shareworld/MegaCity hang in the balance after the Post Office rejected the idea of a 25 000-box post office which is central to the development.

An interested party said the whole scheme had been placed in jeopardy by the intransigence of postal authorities, who could not have investigated the proposition adequately as there was an overwhelming need for the post office in the Soweto area.

The post office was pivotal in attracting the mass of people needed to make other parts of the development — including a taxi interchange, garage, hotel and 90 shops — financially viable.

Johannesburg Transportation Committee chairman Paul Asherson — who is acting as a facilitator for the development — said yesterday he was disappointed that the Post Office felt the post office was not a viable proposition. Discussions with the Postmaster-General and Minister were now of utmost importance, he said.

Asherson said despite the fact that there

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were only 300 post office boxes for 2-million Sowetans, the Post Office had said it felt the community was already well served.

There were about 650 000 Sowetans with bank or building society accounts who needed the security and privacy of post office boxes, as did 20 000 spaza shop owners, 3 000 taxi owners and 6 000 taverners, said Asherson. The renters of Soweto's 70 000 telephones required a more reliable delivery of telephone accounts than the present once-a-week delivery to homes.

Asherson said hand delivery to residential addresses would be phased out in the future. The Department of Posts and Telecommunications had not been asked to build the post office, only to man it.

Witwatersrand regional manager Martin Nel confirmed the Post Office felt the proposed Shareworld post office was unnecessary. Soweto residents were adequately served by existing services.

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11 murders denied by Soweto man

By Cathy Stagg

A 22-year-old Soweto man, who allegedly went on a crime spree which included several mass murders, pleaded not guilty to 38 charges yesterday on the first day of his trial in the Rand Supreme Court.

Charles Zwane of Orlando West pleaded not guilty to 11 murders, 22 attempted murders, one count of arson, two counts of unlawful possession of an AK-47 and two counts of unlawful possession of ammunition. An alternative to one of the murder counts was contravening the law on explosive materials.

No explanation

The defence told Mr Justice Vermooten, who is presiding over the trial with two assessors, that no plea explanation would be given as the defence was trying to establish the existence of certain documents.

The charge sheet alleges Mr Zwane did the following:

- On December 26 1988, with a companion, he machine-gunned a number of people in a shebeen where two policemen lived.
- On January 20 last year, with two companions, he killed three men and injured one while shooting at two municipal policemen.
- On February 22, he went to a home of a youth who had allegedly killed a member of the Mandela Football Club and threw petrol bombs and shot at the house.
- On April 1 last year, after a fight in another shebeen, he

threw a hand grenade into the house as he left.

The court heard suggestions that the reason for the attack on an Orlando shebeen was that policemen lived there. This was denied by State witnesses.

And a weeping mother said in court she had heard the reason the house in which her 13-year-old daughter had died was set alight was because "Winnie Mandela's youngsters had a feud with Dudu Chidi's son".

Ntombana Mosomi wept as she described how she and her husband Alfred carried the burnt body of their 13-year-old daughter, Finkie, out of Dudu Chidi's house.

Mrs Mosomi said she had sent her daughters Finkie and Judith to their aunt's house to switch off the lights on February 22 last year. When they had not returned, she sent a boy named Thabo to fetch them. He returned saying that "Winnie Mandela's young men" had surrounded the house.

When Mrs Mosomi reached Mrs Chidi's blazing house, she shouted that the children inside were being killed. A man in a balaclava jumped into a minibus and drove away.

She found her daughter Judith with slight burns, Barbara Chidi with severe burns but Finkie, whose body was found in her aunt's bedroom, was already dead.

Witnesses to the attack on the Orlando shebeen described seeing the bleeding bodies of those who had died and how their own injuries had changed their lives.

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Church takes Slovo to task on Jesus remarks

By Kaizer Nyatumba,
Political Staff

The Rhema Bible Church yesterday took exception to South African Communist Party (SACP) chief Joe Slovo's remarks at the weekend that had Jesus Christ lived in South Africa he would have joined the armed struggle.

At a press conference at Randpark Ridge, Randburg yesterday, Rhema Ministries (SA) pastor Ray McCauley took Mr Slovo to task for his statement, saying the SACP leader had insulted Christians all over the world by standing under the Red Flag and making statements about the Bible.

Mr McCauley, leader of the International Fellowship of Christian Churches and the Pentecostal Church in South Africa, further challenged both the African National Congress (ANC)

and the SACP to spell out their stand on freedom of religion, at the same time issuing another challenge to ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela to make public his stand on Christianity.

Speaking at the launch of the SACP at the First National Bank Stadium (Soccer City) south of Johannesburg on Sunday, Mr Slovo said Jesus or any other great religious leader who might have found himself in South Africa would have joined the underground and broken the laws without hesitation in the struggle against apartheid.

'Distortion'

Jesus, Mr Slovo said, might have even joined the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto weSizwe.

"This is a total distortion of the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. He would have never joined any organisation which resorted to violence — like car

bomb attacks on innocent people or the devilish tactics of necklacing," said Mr McCauley.

Jesus, whose mission on earth was to bring peace, reconciliation, justice and mercy, would certainly have opposed the Group Areas Act and other racist laws, but he would have done it by peaceful means.

Mr McCauley said he had received numerous questions both here and abroad about Mr Mandela's religious convictions and he had repeatedly answered that it was his understanding that Mr Mandela was "a committed Christian". However, he had never heard the ANC leader mention his Christianity in public.

Mr McCauley said he had since written to Mr Mandela asking him "to make public your position as a Christian", but the ANC deputy president had not responded to his letter.

ANC hits at 'free
food' pamphlets

The ANC has asked whether the State or the AWB is behind anti-consumer boycott and anti-ANC pamphlets being distributed throughout the Eastern Transvaal.

"Who are these faceless people?" asked a spokesman for the ANC.

Some pamphlets say the ANC Nelspruit regional office secretary, Joe Nkuna, will provide free food to boycotters. — Highveld Bureau.

DAC probes Welverdiend police methods

By Shehnaaz Bulbulla

The Detainees Aid Centre (DAC) yesterday announced it was independently investigating police methods used at Welverdiend police station near Carletonville, after receiving evidence of alleged police brutality.

This followed reports that Potchefstroom police were investigating members of its own

force at Welverdiend, after the death of two detainees and several other charges of alleged police brutality.

The allegations against a police call for an investigation headed by independent people rather than investigations conducted by the police themselves.

The DAC spokesman said a report of the evidence against a

number of police at Welverdiend will be given to President F W de Klerk, the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok and foreign diplomats.

Nixon Mayibule Phiri (16), died in January and Gadaffi Squad member Eugene Mbulwana (15), in July. Both teenagers were allegedly tortured while in police custody at Welverdiend.

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Pupils smile at hand-out of new textbooks

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

The young faces in the Jabulani Technical High School classroom beamed as teachers began distributing spanking new textbooks.

When The Star visited the Soweto school yesterday at the invitation of the Department of Education and Training (DET), a group of pupils in a crowded classroom were being issued with books.

Elizabeth Bodigelo (16), a Std 9 pupil, grinned from ear to ear.

Paging through her Zulu grammar, poetry and technical drawing books, she said: "I'm very, very happy. Now I will pass at the end of the year."

Humphrey Gxoyiya (21), in matric, was not quite so confident.

"I don't know if I will pass, but now at least I can study."

He said he hoped extra classes would be held before final examinations.

The shortage of books at DET schools has been a major point of contention this year, and one of the causes of widespread disruption in teaching.

Earlier this month the DET allocated R8 million to buy textbooks for schools in all regions. The department began distributing the books on Wednesday.

A DET spokesman said books for all standards were being issued together. Once the books had been delivered, each school should have its full requirement of textbooks.

Steve Ramoetsane, chairman of the Soweto-Alexandra Parents Committee, said 10 to 12 schools would receive their books each day and the programme should be completed by Tuesday.

3 mines found in bus garage

Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — The quick action of two bus company employees after limpet mines were spotted at their workshop here yesterday, probably prevented death or injury to scores of innocent people.

Two SPM limpet mines and a 158 mini-limpet mine were detonated at Matsebula's Bus Service Garage.

Henry van Wyk (30) said he was rinsing his coffee mug at an outside tap shortly before 7 am when he noticed two limpet mines against a metal pillar.

Foreman Jan Mey immediately arranged for all employees to evacuate the area.

Another SPM limpet mine was found on a bus chassis.

Inkatha plans violence, says Cosatu

THE Congress of S.A. Trade Unions yesterday warned of the possibility of further violence in Sebokeng and Soweto this weekend.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman, speaking at a press conference in Johannesburg, said the union had received information that Inkatha was planning attacks on Sebokeng today, when four ANC cadres are to be buried.

The cadres, and 25 other people, were killed in the July 22 clash between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

Inkatha yesterday vehemently denied the accusation that it was planning violence.

Mr Coleman alleged at the conference that Inkatha was also planning an attack in Soweto tomorrow — after an Inkatha rally which he said was to be held at the Jabulani amphitheatre.

However Humphrey Ndlovu, Inkatha secretary for the West Rand region, stated that Inkatha was not planning any vio-

lence. The organisation was not holding a rally at the Jabulani stadium but had received permission to hold an open air meeting at Zondo grounds in Diepkloof, Soweto.

The police, for monitoring purposes, had phoned Inkatha to confirm the meeting would be held.

Letters to SAP

Cosatu, through their lawyers, have sent letters to the Commissioner of Police in Pretoria, and to the divisional commissioners of police for the Witwatersrand and Soweto, warning that attacks on certain areas of Sebokeng and Soweto had been planned for the weekend.

In the letters, Cosatu requested that permission for the meeting planned by Inkatha in Soweto be carefully considered as it was likely to "fuel tension in the area and possibly lead to conflict".

The SAP replied in a letter

that permission for the meeting had already been granted and that the SAP had a legal duty to maintain law and order "which the SAP always strives to do in an unbiased manner".

The police also warned that "no attempt to draw the SAP into any conflict in a manner that might attempt to show the SAP to be biased shall be tolerated".

Mr Coleman further condemned what he described as the "enforced recruitment" of Inkatha members.

He said Cosatu, the United Democratic Front and the so-called Mass Democratic Movement had nothing against Inkatha's organising that movement in the country.

"What we're trying to prevent is the reign of terror and coercion which is going on."

Zwelizima Vavi, regional secretary of Cosatu (West Transvaal) also condemned the police and SADF raid on Sebokeng Hostel on Wednesday night.

More than 5 000 SADF and SAP members raided the hostel, which Mr Vavi estimates has more than 20 000 inhabitants, in a crime prevention operation on Wednesday night.

More than 25 people were arrested, eight for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

Mr Vavi said it was "a naked disarming of people identified by the police as not being members of Inkatha".

Reign of terror

Mr Vavi said Sebokeng Hostel inmates had been undergoing a "reign of terror" since July 22 when 11 of them had been killed.

He said they needed the weapons the police had confiscated during the raid.

The MDM had decided at a meeting on Thursday night that a delegation from the Sebokeng Hostel and Vaal area should meet Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok as soon as possible. — Sapa.

Fear, even death stalks, the daily train to work

TRAINS, some of them without windows and toilet doors, others without proper heating systems and luggage racks missing, ferry thousands of commuters daily to and from work.

Sullen looks, staccato conversation and a feeling of silent intimidation makes everyone obey an unspoken rule known only to daily commuters.

At Inhlazane station, a group of seven elderly women assembled on a broken seat, talked in inaudible tones. I sat within hearing range. "... really, Gatscha and his Zulus are going to kill us all with the help of the Boers", she concluded. She turned, looked suspiciously at me, then changed the conversation to church matters.

Seen once

There were no ticket examiners to check on passengers' tickets as we boarded the train. Percy Diale, a regular commuter, when asked why, replied: "I've only seen them once since January, and they were accompanied by the police."

In one coach, a sticker "Do

not lean against the doors" has been changed to read "Lean against the doors". In train No 9909, there is a first-class ticket coach always occupied by the third-class ticket holders.

I entered the coach on a tip-off that a "shebeen" was in operation there, and was greeted by a loud sound of disco music from a radio cassette player, with most of the people drinking beers from bottles and cans.

There were also four uniformed policemen in the "shebeen", who seemed to be deep in their own conversation.

Then came the smell of dagga, and the policemen went to investigate. The train reached Benrose station and most of the

drinkers got off the train, including the music operator, while the investigation was still going on.

One policeman came back with a full can of beer.

A woman, who would not be identified, told of her experiences of train life. "Sometimes a guy," she said, "insists that you have met with him before, and that you're his girlfriend." She said it was funny that people never assisted when one was being molested. "Perhaps," she concluded, "as long as it doesn't concern them they've got nothing to do with it."

Out the window

Another woman spoke of the shebeen runners: "At times they fight over the right to sell alone in a coach." She said if they physically fight, the victim may be thrown out of the window while the train is in motion.

Two men believed that the recent political violence was the result of the comrades preaching about chief Buthelezi and Inkatha members as sell-outs. One of them concluded: "Most



COACH TRIPS: Conditions on township trains will soon improve, say authorities.

hostel Zulus find it hard to accept, because their families and relatives are in Natal."

Speaking to Saturday Star, South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC) marketing manager Dr Koos Meyer explained. He said tickets were checked inside the train and at the security gates, where passengers passed through. About the toilets, he said:

"Very soon, we intend to rectify the situation to reach acceptable levels." Questioned on the shebeens, dagga and gambling, he replied: "It has just recently come to our knowledge, and we are taking necessary steps to stop this unwanted behaviour."

On the security of passengers Dr Meyer said they are in the process of developing a strategy to eradicate rudeness, intimidation and general lawlessness on the trains. Two-way radios would also be installed in the trains, to link the drivers a security office.

He appealed to all commuters to dial an emergency number (774-4001/2/3/4/5/6) in the event of trouble. "Passengers soon see an improved situation," Dr Meyer said, "because safety is at our very hearts."

Inyangas Star 4/8/90 want own 343 Aids clinic at Bara

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SOWETO inyangas who believe they can cure HIV infected patients want to build their own Aids clinic next to Baragwanath Hospital.

Members of the African Skilled Herbalists' Association (Asha) believe they could cure Aids — the disease they refer to as "Ilumbo" — with their own remedies in the right surroundings.

The president of Asha, Lymon Msibisi, said they hoped that, once the clinic was built, it would offer Aids patients 24-hour treatment and sleeping facilities. The healers claim that, if allowed access to HIV-infected patients, they can prove they can heal them. Medical authorities in academic hospitals, however, are reluctant to refer patients to them.

Once given the go-ahead by the Baragwanath authorities to build their clinic, the healers say they plan to raise funds.

Baragwanath public relations officer Ms Annette Clear admitted that they had been approached by many traditional healers with cures for Aids.

Role to play

But she said the hospital could not simply hand over Aids patients to them for treatment.

Asked what he thought of the concept, head of the SA Institute for Medical Research's Aids Centre, Professor Ruben Sher, was not opposed to the idea of Western medical practitioners working with tribal healers.

"We have worked with the National Traditional Healers' Association often. I believe they have a role to play concerning the social aspect of the disease — after all we work with psychologists and sociologists. Why not these people?"

"In their communities they often have a powerful psychological influence and people trust them as councillors. They can make an impact where Westerners often fail to get the message through — one example would be to encourage people to use condoms.

"We've taken groups of inyangas to see Aids patients so that they can identify the disease when patients come to them. We've also informed them on how it is transmitted and how to prevent the spread of the virus.

Inyangas' role

But Professor Sher was sceptical that inyangas could cure those infected with the virus. He hastily added: "Who's to say the cure for Aids might not be found in a root or plant. But we haven't found a cure yet.

"While inyangas seem to mistake Aids as a curse type disease and treat it that way, we don't believe it is an ancient disease.

The director of the Institute of Non-Formal Education for South Africa, Ms Brenda Robson, agreed with the inyangas' concept. "I would like to see this happening at Baragwanath Hospital. Some hospitals in Cape Town are already using traditional healers to identify cancer patients and are working as a three-man team consisting of the doctor, the inyanga and the social worker," she said.

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Some coaches safer, and it's far cheaper

DANNY Mathikge (30) has been travelling by train for the past four years. His wife is unemployed and his monthly earnings do not meet his needs.

Mr Mathikge normally chooses a coach where people sing church songs and sermons are conducted. In his experience, such coaches are seldom if ever attacked.

"Sometimes one has a feeling one may not reach one's place of employment or return safely home," he said. "But, you just have to be as alert as anyone else in all the other coaches."

Mr Mathikge also said one considered himself lucky to be alive after a journey by train. "Man," he said, "you just have to trust in God."

Asked why can't he change his means of transport, he said: "The train is cheap." He spends only R24 a month. If he was to use a taxi, he would have to part with R57,60, and a similar amount for a bus.

Tota Matima (31) is married with three dependants. He has been using the train to go to work for five years. He was almost caught in the cross-fire at Jabulani last week, when al-

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leged Inkatha members attacked people.

Mr Matima regards travelling by train to be the safest mode of transport, especially when it comes to accidents. "Again," he said, "when trains are late, it's very rare for employers to take disciplinary measures against workers, because it is announced through the media."

Mr Matima will still resort to trains as a means of transport "because it is cheap". His monthly expense is R33,60, compared to R110 he would have to spend on taxis.

Mr Patrick Mphuthi (35) has been travelling by train for 10 years. He prefers them because they were always patrolled by Railway Police, and generally punctual.

Mr Mphuthi's annoyance about trains started when the comrades forced people to join in their singing. "Recently they've even forced us to toyi-toyi with them".

Asked why he doesn't stop using trains he replied: "It is still by far the cheapest form of transport".

4 killed in Vaal as gunmen attack taxi

Vereeniging Bureau

Four men were shot dead and six injured, two of them critically, after an armed gang robbed passengers and then opened fire on a minibus on the Vereeniging/Villiers road at the weekend.

Two women, who were abducted by the gang of seven after the shooting, were later found unharmed after they were dropped off next to the road.

A police spokesman said the taxi driver, Agreement Mkungwane (33) of Bekkersdal, was transporting the passengers to the Transkei when the incident happened at about 9.30 pm on Friday night.

Mr Mkungwane apparently spotted a cream BMW behind him just outside Villiers. When

the vehicle flashed its lights the minibus pulled off the road and stopped. Moments later seven men, six of them dressed in green uniforms similar to those worn by security guards, confronted the passengers and robbed them.

They then opened fire on the taxi, fatally wounding four of the commuters. Four men who were wounded during the shooting are recovering in the Frankfort Hospital.

A police spokesman said it was believed most of the passengers — 15 men, two women and two girls — were from the Kloof Gold Mine in Westonaria.

Anyone with information about the attack is asked to contact Major J du Pont at 016 33-9707 during office hours.

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Bombs, shots as wave of unrest hits Cape Town

Crime Reporter

A man was shot and wounded in an upsurge of unrest in Cape Town townships at the weekend, police said.

And in what could be the beginning of yet another taxi war in Katlehong on the East Rand, where dozens of people died recently in bloody taxi battles, the home of a taxi driver was petrol-bombed by a mob and extensively damaged. The driver was not injured and no arrests have been made.

In the Cape, unrest incidents were reported in Crossroads, Khayelitsha, Ashton and Nyanga, according to the latest unrest report.

A man with gunshot wounds in his legs was found in Old Klipfontein, Crossroads, after he was apparently shot by a mob. In the same township, a mob petrol-bombed a house.

Rubber bullets

In Khayelitsha, two police vehicles were stoned by a mob. Police fired tear gas, rubber bullets and birdshot.

Three illegal gatherings were also dispersed with tear gas and rubber bullets in the township.

Two homes, including that of a teacher, were petrol-bombed in Ashton. Damage was extensive.

In Nyanga, police used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse an illegal gathering.

In the Transvaal, police reported intimidation by people enforcing a consumer boycott in Mashising near Lydenburg. A mob allegedly stopped and searched private vehicles.

At Daveyton near Benoni, a man set a delivery truck on fire.

Wattville plans protest march

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WATTVILLE residents are to march on the local municipal offices tomorrow to protest against attempts by the council to meddle in the development of the newly declared Tamboville squatter camp, south of the township.

A spokesman for Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee said that, in an historic decision, his committee and the Benoni Town Council had agreed to develop Tamboville for informal housing without the involvement of the Wattville Town Council.

"The Wattville Town Council now wishes to sabotage this process by spreading slanderous rumours about WCRC. It is also issuing their supporters with waiting list numbers for plots in Tamboville despite the fact that the land is owned and controlled by the Benoni Town Council," he said.

The march will start at Tamboville and proceed to the Wattville administration offices.

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Four are found dead after fight at hostel

Staff Reporter and Sapa

Four people were killed in fighting at a hostel in Kagiso township in Krugersdorp last night.

Kagiso police received a call that a fight had broken out between hostel dwellers, said police spokesman Lieutenant Peter Brandt.

"When they arrived on the scene, the police were stoned and shots were fired at them. They used tearsmoke and bird-shot to disperse the crowd. Then they discovered the bodies of four men."

Late last night, it had not been established how the men had died. Police were still on

the scene, attempting to defuse a tense situation, Lieutenant Brandt said. He denied the clash occurred between Inkatha members and township residents.

Sapa reported that a Kagiso police spokesman, who asked not to be named, said police were investigating reports that "Inkatha supporters were harassing people in the township".

Congress of South African Trade Unions spokesman Neil Coleman said he had received unconfirmed reports that the fighting broke out after Inkatha supporters returning from a rally in Soweto refused entry into a hostel to Inkatha opponents in Kagiso.

Earlier in the day, a large contingent of Inkatha members armed with knobkerries, pangas and assegais marched through Orlando to the Mzimhlophe women's hostel in full view of policemen, according to Star photographer Herbert Mabuza. He said the heavily armed men were excited and were singing derogatory songs about Nelson Mandela.

Soweto police public relations officer Colonel Tienie Halgryn denied allegations that Inkatha members were heavily armed in full view of the police. He was at the legal march and it was "quiet and peaceful, and no incidents were reported".

Mashinini's body due today

By Musa Mapasa

The body of former student leader Tsietso Mashinini is due to arrive today at Jan Smuts Airport from Zimbabwe for burial on Saturday, Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) national organiser Lusiba Nhloko said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Mr Mashinini, known for his role in the 1976 Soweto student uprising, died in hospital in Guinea two weeks ago, allegedly while suffering a nervous breakdown.

Azapo plans to ask the South African Government for permission to conduct a post-mortem to determine the cause of Mr Mashinini's death.

The body was scheduled to arrive in South Africa yesterday but was delayed because of transportation arrangements which involved obtaining permission from three governments: Guinea, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

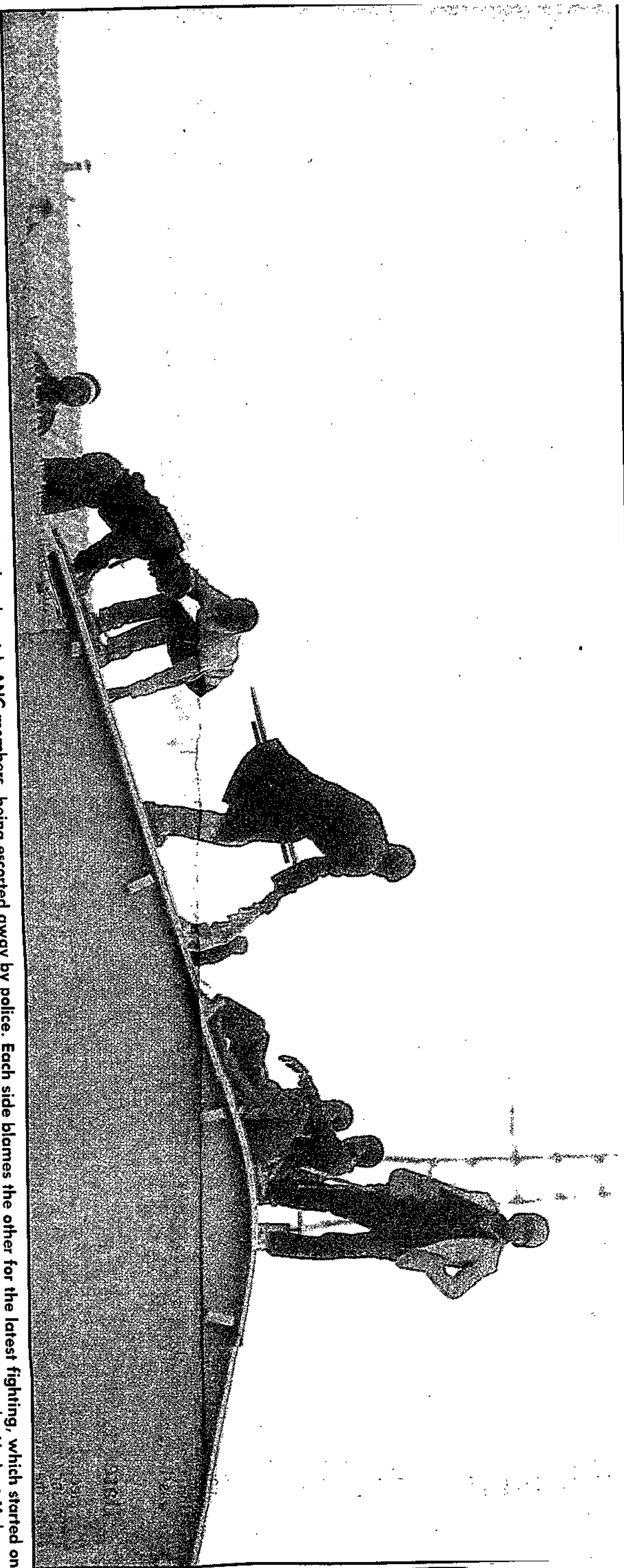
Mr Mashinini is to be buried on Saturday at Avalon Cemetery, Soweto.

A short service will be held at 9 am at Mr Mashinini's home at Central Western Jabavu. The procession will then proceed to the Methodist church.

A rally is also being planned to take place at the Jabulani Amphitheatre.

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Heavily armed Inkatha members perch on the roof of the Kagiso Hostel and watch ANC members being escorted away by police. Each side blames the other for the latest fighting, which started on Sunday night.

● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.



Death toll rising in war-torn Kagiso

By Stan Hlophe and
Craig Kotze

At least 12 people have been killed, 16 injured and 57 arrested in Inkatha/ANC clashes which threaten to engulf the West Rand township of Kagiso in a bloody Natal-style conflict.

Informal sources put the death toll in the fighting as high as 30, although police could not confirm this.

The official death toll in the violence rose to 12 today after police announced another body had been found. The man had been shot.

Late yesterday the situation was still very tense, with heavily armed police separating the two feuding factions.

This morning, police reported widespread intimidation in the township, with one group preventing others from boarding taxis to go to work.

"It's still very tense and we are patrolling intensively," a spokesman said.

Police said a man was shot dead and one wounded in Kagiso when a mob with pangas and knobkerries attacked a police vehicle at 4.45 am yesterday.

Tear gas and rubber bullets failed to disperse the mob and Shotgun fire was used. Fifty-

seven men were arrested when police reinforcements arrived.

Sporadic outbreaks of stone-throwing and illegal gatherings were reported.

At 8.50 am, police came across the bodies of four men shot and hacked to death. At 12.30 pm, the body of a man stabbed to death was found.

A police spokesman said 15 men with stab wounds and one with panga wounds had been admitted to hospital.

Both sides in the war-torn township have now adopted seemingly uncompromising attitudes.

Both sides blame each another for the latest fighting, which started on Sunday night and continued until yesterday morning. Both sides have refused to disarm and have declared war on each other.

There are fears the violence will spill over into other areas in the Reef, the Vaal Triangle and Pretoria.

A temporary truce was signed yesterday after intervention by the leaders of the two warring factions. This led to ANC supporters reluctantly agreeing to move out of their hostel under police escort.

The Kagiso clash is the latest

round in an escalating Inkatha/ANC war in the Transvaal. Last month 22 people died in clashes between the two in Sebokeng near Vereeniging.

The Star spoke to both heavily armed sides in the conflict.

ANC supporters say:

"We were attacked by a group of Zulus, who are all Inkatha members, for no apparent reason.

"They have told us in no uncertain terms that we are Xhosas and they will not be ruled by the Xhosas. We were told by the Zulus as early as last week that we are going to die.

"On our arrival at the hostel on Sunday night we were met with a strong impi and a war cry of 'Usuthu! Usuthu!' and they were all over us.

"We ran helter skelter to the nearest bushes for safety. There we spent the night. Now we have been forced out of the hostel by Inkatha members, but we shall return."

Inkatha supporters say:

"We have done nothing wrong. ANC supporters have been arming themselves and told us we must join the ANC. They said our chief (Mangosuthu Buthelezi) and king (Goodwill Zwelithini) are puppets.

"They bluntly told us to go back to Natal. We were told we would be forced to leave the township like our colleagues from Sebokeng.

"The ANC says there is only one king and that is Mandela. They said Inkatha had no right to exist."

The Inkatha West Rand Regional secretary says:

"This is a propaganda war by the ANC who are attempting to isolate Inkatha and its people.

"Inkatha is a peaceful organisation and is on record as having called for peaceful negotiations. The ANC is telling the whole world that it is a democratic nonracial organisation while it is practising the opposite."

Issac Genu, convener of the ANC West Rand Region, says:

"We are a disciplined organisation prepared to negotiate for peace, but Inkatha is gearing itself for war.

"Its members would not agree to be disarmed and so we will not allow our people to be disarmed.

"The police have failed to maintain law and order. Both police and Inkatha should leave the area and leave us in peace."



ANC members leave the Kagiso Hostel under police protection.

● Picture by Peter Mogaki.



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Police said a man was shot dead and one wounded in Kagiso when a mob with pangas and knobkerries attacked a police vehicle at 4.45 am yesterday. Tear gas and rubber bullets failed to disperse the mob and shotgun fire was used. Fifty-

seven men were arrested when police reinforcements arrived. Sporadic outbreaks of stone-throwing and illegal gatherings were reported.

At 8.50 am, police came across the bodies of four men shot and hacked to death. At 12.30 pm, the body of a man stabbed to death was found.

A police spokesman said 15 men with stab wounds and one with panga wounds had been admitted to hospital.

Both sides in the war-torn township have now adopted seemingly uncompromising attitudes.

Both sides blame each another for the latest fighting, which started on Sunday night and continued until yesterday morning. Both sides have refused to disarm and have declared war on each other.

There are fears the violence will spill over into other areas in the Reef, the Vaal Triangle and Pretoria.

A temporary truce was signed yesterday after intervention by the leaders of the two warring factions. This led to ANC supporters reluctantly agreeing to move out of their hostel under police escort. The Kagiso clash is the latest

round in an escalating Inkatha/ANC war in the Transvaal. Last month 22 people died in clashes between the two in Sebokeng near Vereeniging. The Star spoke to both heavily armed sides in the conflict.

ANC supporters say: "We were attacked by a group of Zulus, who are all Inkatha members, for no apparent reason."

"They have told us in no uncertain terms that we are ruled by the Xhosas. We were told by the Zulus as early as last week that we are going to die."

"On our arrival at the hostel on Sunday night we were met with a strong impi and a war cry of 'Usuthu! Usuthu!' and they were all over us."

"We ran helter skelter to the nearest bushes for safety. There we spent the night. Now we have been forced out of the hostel by Inkatha members, but we shall return."

Inkatha supporters say: "We have done nothing wrong. ANC supporters have been arming themselves and told us we must join the ANC. They said our chief (Mangosuthu Buthelezi) and king (Goodwill Zwelithini) shall return."

"The police have failed to maintain law and order. Both police and Inkatha should leave the area and leave us to peace."

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ini) are puppets.

"They bluntly told us to go back to Natal. We were told we would be forced to leave the township like our colleagues from Sebokeng."

"The ANC says there is only one king and that is Mandela. They said Inkatha had no right to exist."

The Inkatha West Rand Regional secretary says:

"This is a propaganda war by the ANC who are attempting to isolate Inkatha and its people."

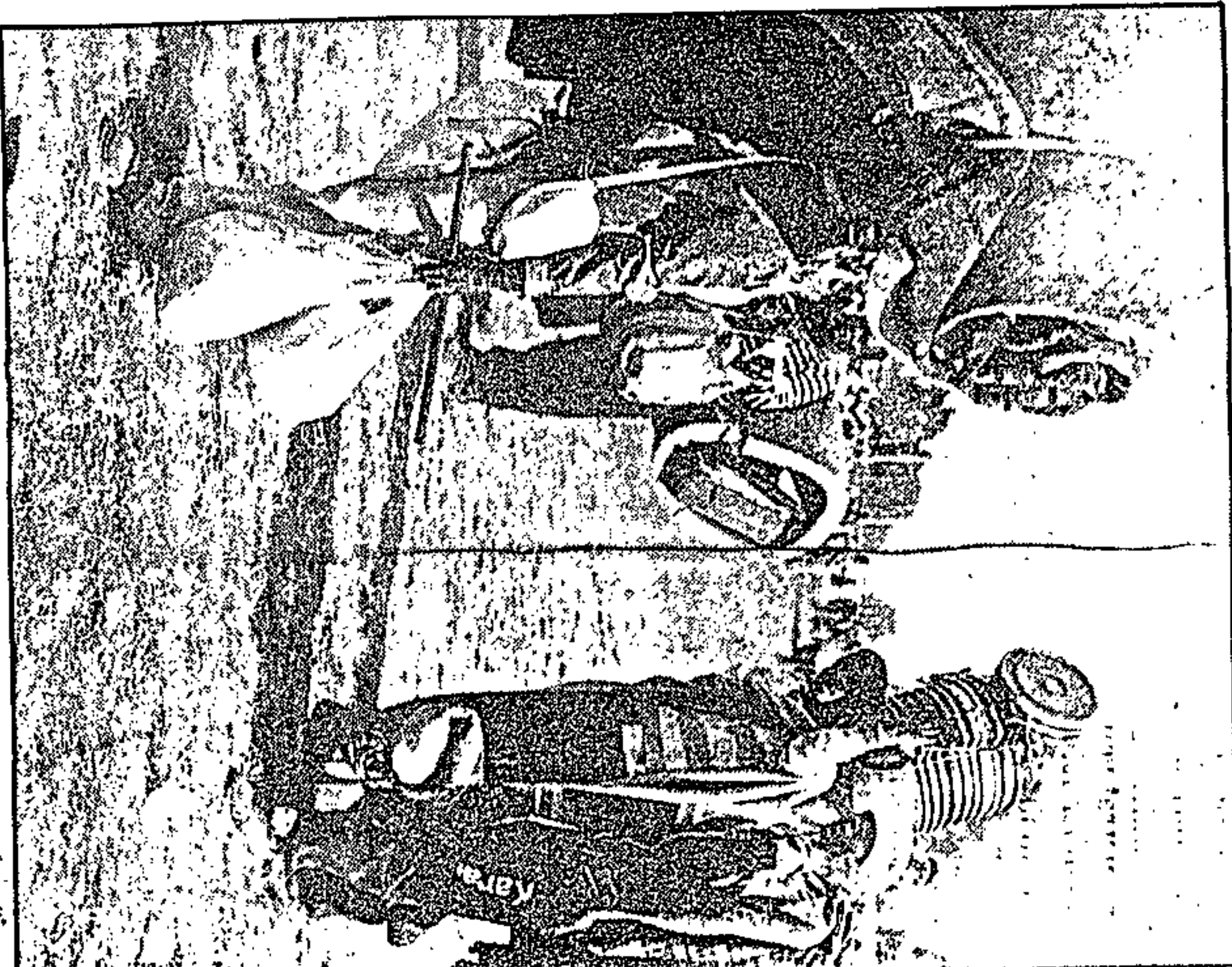
"Inkatha is a peaceful organisation and is on record as having called for peaceful negotiations. The ANC is telling the whole world that it is a democratic nonracial organisation while it is practising the opposite."

Isaac Genu, convener of the ANC West Rand Region, says:

"We are a disciplined organisation prepared to negotiate for peace, but Inkatha is gearing itself for war."

"Its members would not agree to be disarmed and so we will not allow our people to be disarmed."

"The police have failed to maintain law and order. Both police and Inkatha should leave the area and leave us to peace."



ANC members leave the Kagiso Hostel under police protection. Picture by Peter Mogaki

Black taxi drivers are 'fast, rude and smelly'

Pretoria Correspondent

National Black Consumer Union leader Ellen Kuzwayo has berated black taxi drivers for their lack of concern about their passengers.

In a key-note address at the Annual Transportation Convention (ATC) in Pretoria yesterday, Mrs Kuzwayo said blacks had "had enough" of the prejudice and trauma suffered when commuting by bus or taxi.

Among the problems in the taxi industry she identified were:

- Taxi commuters being forced to collect one another's fares.

Cheated

- Fast and reckless driving.
- Poor personal hygiene of drivers.

She claimed commuters were often cheated of their change by fellow commuters.

She questioned how many operators employed licensed and experienced drivers, and said on many trips commuters were frightened into silence over bad driving skills.

If they did dare to ask a driver to slow down or suggest he be

careful, the tendency was for him to go even faster, she said.

Mrs Kuzwayo also referred to the unpleasant odour of some of the drivers which left passengers "taking deep breaths" throughout the journey.

She also criticised Putco for allowing filthy buses on routes, and said bus commuters suffered rudeness and poor driving skills too.

Law enforcement of the mini-bus taxi industry was discussed by East Rand transport planner SP Gerber, who said there was a high offence rate among taxi drivers, and in many cases traditional approaches had little effect.

The problem started with the rapid increase in taxi numbers which led to highly competitive conditions. In order to survive taxi drivers resorted to illegal practices.

Other problems such as cultural differences between law enforcement officers and taxi drivers hampered understanding of one another's actions, and aggravated problems, while the high degree of mobility made it difficult to trace offending drivers, he said.

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Hijack suspect wounded, second man arrested

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

An alleged hijacker was wounded and another man arrested when a group of five armed men opened fire on two policemen in Daveyton, near Benoni, yesterday.

Police said Johannes Maseko was delivering goods at the Shaba Truck Shop when five men, two armed with guns and three with knives, confronted him and his two assistants.

The men robbed the three of R1 400 cash and commandeered the truck.

The men ordered Mr Maseko to stop the truck about 3 km away, broke open the safe in the back of the truck and fled.

The shopowner called the police when the truck was hijacked.

Constables E Nhami and M Nlabati arrived and saw the fleeing men in the veld.

One of the alleged hijackers fired three shots at the policemen, who fired back, wounding one man in the right arm and shoulder.

The policemen arrested another man and took possession of a firearm.

● Jacob Kgwetse (28) was delivering furniture for Joshua Doore, Boksburg, in Vosloorus when a group of men in a bakkie forced him off the road and threatened him with a garden fork before stealing the Isuzu truck, registration NTM 218 T, with a load of furniture valued at R105 000.

RAU student leaders under fire

By Karen Stander, 343
Education Reporter

The attitude of student leaders at Rand Afrikaans University (RAU) towards freedom of the press came under fire this week during a debate on the campus.

The lively debate between RAU Student Representative Council (SRC) chairman Andre de Villiers and his counterpart at Wits University, Anton Roskam, on the challenges presented to SRCs by a new South Africa, was organised by the local branch of the Black Students' Society (BSS) and the Students' Forum for Democracy.

Mr de Villiers was challenged by Mr Roskam and members of the audience about a decision by

his SRC earlier this year to ban an article on the working conditions of black staff at RAU, which was to have been published in a student publication.

Defending the decision, Mr de Villiers said the SRC believed students did not have a right to interfere in employment contracts between the university administration and its staff.

He said many students had grown up in a political vacuum and it was important for them to be exposed to a wide range of political opinions.

However, SRCs on Afrikaans campuses did not have a broad mandate to become involved in political matters or to force a

particular political standpoint on the students.

Answering a challenge by Mr de Villiers and a member of the audience on the attitude of English campuses to freedom of speech, Mr Roskam said freedom of speech was not an absolute.

"If Adolf Hitler had to come to demand the right to speak, should we grant it to him? No, we should not."

He said SRCs were political bodies and took political decisions. Those who stood for election should be open about their political views and should be elected on that basis so that students knew exactly who and what they were voting for.

Health services at risk

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If the rent boycott in Tokoza, Alberton, continues, health services provided by the Alberton municipality could be cut off, according to Gert Muller, chairman of the Tokoza Administrators.

Mr Muller said Tokoza depended on the municipality for the provision of health facilities at clinics. "If we don't pay them for the services, they are likely to stop providing health facilities to our residents."

The cutting-off of health facilities would be tragic, especially because the new Tokoza clinic, built at a cost of about R400 000, would be completed within the next three months, he added.

If the TPA halted bridging finance at the end of the month, electricity supply provided by the municipality could also be cut off. — East Rand Bureau.

Two more bodies found in Sebokeng

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Sapa and Staff Reporter

Police found the bodies of two men in the troubled Sebokeng township in the Vaal Triangle early yesterday.

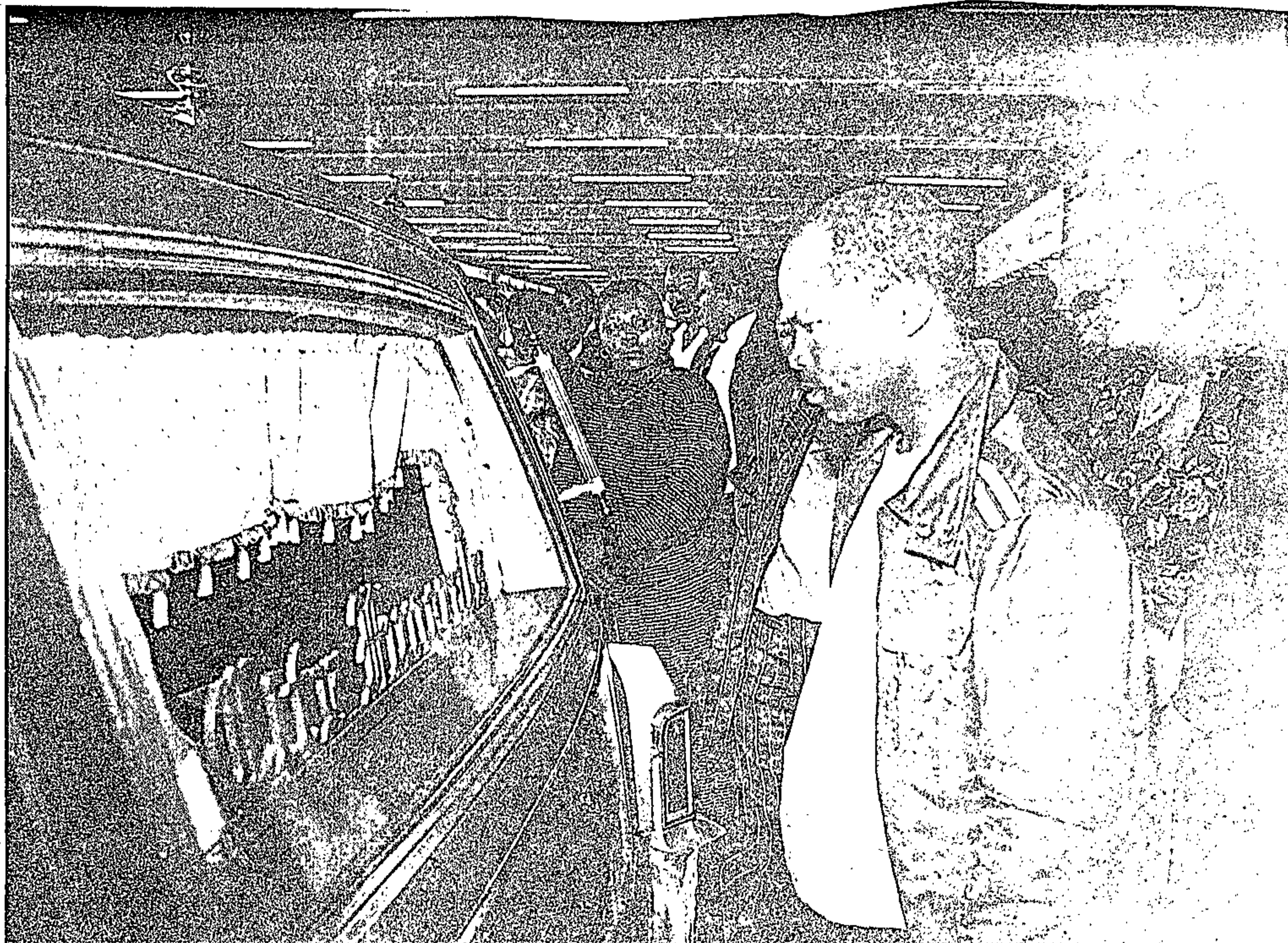
In an interim unrest report released yesterday afternoon, the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria said both bodies were found at separate hostels in the early hours of the morning.

One body, found at Hostel 4 shortly after midnight on Monday, had "numerous gunshot

wounds in the chest".

The other body, found at Hostel 2, had a gunshot wound in the right eye. A number of spent AK-47 cartridges were found near the body, the report said, without giving any further details.

Sebokeng has been the scene of violent clashes between supporters of Inkatha and the ANC. On July 22 19 people were killed in clashes at a hostel in the Vaal Triangle township after Inkatha members had attended a rally.



Home to rest . . . One of Tsietsi Mashinini's brothers watches as his coffin is driven away yesterday. The family had not seen him since 1976, when he went into exile during the school uprisings. ©Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Mashinini's body arrives

By Zingisa Mkhuma

The body of former Soweto Student Representative Council (SSRC) leader Tsietsi Mashinini arrived in South Africa yesterday.

About 200 youths, singing revolutionary songs and toyi-toying, gathered at the airport to meet the body.

Police told the organisers that banners and flags were not allowed at the airport, and the youths were ordered to move off the road and stay on the pavement.

Mr Mashinini (33) died about three weeks ago in Cornakry, Guinea, after being into exile since the 1976 Soweto school up-

risings.

His body was brought back to South Africa by his brother, Lebakeng, who was also in exile, after funds were raised.

As Mr Mashinini's wooden coffin was carried to the hearse, youths hoisted Azapo flags and sang Nkosi Sikelel i'Afrika.

The group then proceeded to the Mashinini family home in Soweto for a short prayer. School children gathered around the house and sang songs.

Another of Mr Mashinini's brothers, Mpho, said an autopsy would be held today to establish the cause of death.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday.

Education briefs

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Education Reporter

New Republic Bank.

Promat College has been given a boost of R40 000 to buy special science equipment.

The seminar begins at 9am.

For more information telephone project chairman George Jele at 339-4852.

Promat is a non-profit institution with five colleges where pupils and teachers attend pre-matric courses in mathematics and science. Since its inception in 1983, Promat has upgraded the skills of more than 1 000 black teachers.

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A bursary fund has been established in memory of Soweto educationalist Sebolelo Mohajane.

The money was donated by ABI Midrand and Coca-Cola franchise holder Natbev.

The fund is to assist young black people with a high probability of success who would normally not have the opportunity to study at secondary or tertiary levels.

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The Johannesburg Junior Chamber of Commerce and Industry is holding another series of seminars at the Thabo high school in Naledi, Soweto.

The fund caters for standards 9 and 10 as well as the fields of commerce, science, law and communication at a tertiary level.

On Saturday Thembi Mapetla will talk on career selection, followed by a lecture on method dynamics and self-motivation by Ken Lazarus of

The closing date for applications for study in 1991 is October 31.

Application forms are available from The Bursary Officer, Sebolelo Mohajane Bursary Fund, Box 38, Orlando 1804.

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'Meet demands and boycott will end'

TANIA LEVY

housing stock and a common fiscal base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

The discussions were postponed until Tuesday so that Dobsonville and Diepenha-dow councils could be included.

Local government MEC Olaus van Zyl said the three parties had agreed it was necessary to involve the other two councils as many items under discussion affected the greater Soweto area.

Soweto management committee chairman Payne Tshabalala said the Soweto council could not take decisions affecting greater Soweto.

SOWETO's four-year rent boycott could be lifted next week if the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) acceded to demands made by the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), SPD spokesman Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday.

Ramaphosa said he was confident agreement would be reached between the TPA, SPD and Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepenha-dow councils at a meeting next Tuesday.

The TPA, SPD and Soweto council met in Johannesburg yesterday to discuss a joint technical committee's recommendations regarding the boycott and writing-off of arrears, upgrading of and affordable municipal services, transfer of rented



Local government MEC Olaus van Zyl, left, and Soweto City Council management committee chairman Payne Tshabalala chat after the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Soweto People's Delegation and the council met yesterday to discuss ways of resolving the rent boycott in the township.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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Meeting offers promise of end to rent boycott

Staff Reporters

A meeting yesterday between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and two Soweto delegations could signal an end to the four-year rent boycott in Soweto.

Cyril Ramaphosa of the Soweto People's Delegation said he was optimistic that if his organisation's demands were met the boycott could be called off.

Soweto City Council chairman Mbutana Tshabalala said the council was hopeful that an agreement would soon be reached.

The TPA's MEC for housing, Olaus van Zyl, said the three parties had made progress.

It was agreed that Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils would be included in the negotiations which resume on Tuesday.

The meeting will focus on:

- Writing-off an outstanding amount of R570-million.
- Upgrading municipal services.
- Affordable tariffs for services.
- The transfer of rented houses.
- A common fiscal tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

According to the TPA, of the R428-million budgeted for 1990/1, only R99-million is left.

It has launched a massive advertising campaign. In a series of four advertisements in The Star today, the TPA sends this message:

"It's no bluff, it's no threat, it's no joke. There is no more money. There can be no more services."

Vereeniging boycott to be lifted

Staff Reporter

The three-week consumer boycott in Vereeniging is to be lifted.

This follows an agreement by the town council to allow protest marches through the streets, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) said yesterday.

But consumer action in Vanderbijlpark would continue because peaceful protest was still prohibited there, it added.

Cosatu said boycotts in Sasolburg and Meyerton would be lifted.

Cosatu has not wasted any time in putting the new agreement into practice, announcing a march on August 18 to protest against the proposed switching off of township lights and police action against Sebokeng hostel inmates.

"This will be the first legal march in the Vaal where people will be marching without fears of being gunned down," it said.

Time to pay (343)

The ANC is to encourage Soweto residents to begin paying their electricity bills.

ANC legal & constitutional affairs director Zola Skweyiya says: "We hope to be able to convince people to pay for electricity very soon."

An ANC-sponsored consultative conference will be held next month to discuss local government issues and, organisers hope, to break the political impasse which has seen Soweto accumulate a R300m debt, of which electricity consumption is a major part.

The Soweto People's Delegation claims electricity bills are disproportionately higher than Johannesburg's. Planact, a private body which advises the delegation, attributes higher bills to Soweto's weak industrial base, which is a direct consequence of the Group Areas Act and other apartheid laws.

The weight of infrastructural funding rests on consumers rather than large companies which buy in bulk and lower the average unit price.

In March Soweto City Council — which distributes the power — imposed a flat rate of R50 plus R22,50 for service charges on most of Soweto's 80 000 households. Residents are, however, refusing to pay.

Residents also claim the metering is inaccurate. The delegation says the meters — in mini-substations each serving several houses — often give faulty readings. This is because vandals have tampered with some meters. "If we are charged the right amount we'll

pay," says delegation co-ordinator Nat Ramokgopa.

This week provincial authorities are expected to meet the delegation and council to present proposals regarding demands that arrears should be scrapped.

Jan Wolmarans, chief director of regional and local government promotion, says: "Black local authorities cannot survive if new revenue is not created."

Plea for tolerance at Soweto burial of firebrand Mashinini

FORMER Soweto student firebrand Tsiet-si Mashinini — who died about three weeks ago in Conakry, Guinea, after going into exile during the 1976 Soweto school uprisings — will be buried in Soweto today.

The cause of Mashinini's death is not clear. After his death it was announced that he had died after suffering a bout of nervous exhaustion. However, the Mashinini Funeral Committee said it appeared that he had died from natural causes.

The president of the South African Youth Revolutionary Council (Sayrco), Khotso Seatlholo, said Mashinini had marks on his face and seemed to have been bleeding behind the left ear.

Mashinini (33), founding president of the Soweto Students' Representative Council (SSRC) and southern Transvaal president of the South African Student Movement, was chairman of the action committee which planned and led the student rebellion over the use of Afrikaans as a teaching medium which began on June 16 1976.

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His body was this week brought back to South Africa by his brother Lebakeng, who was also in exile, after funds were raised.

The funeral committee — comprising the Mashinini family, Sayrco and the Azanian People's Organisation — has called on all organisations to conduct themselves in a manner befitting Mashinini's spirit of tolerance and unity of purpose.

The committee also appealed to the youth not to hijack cars or force people to attend the funeral.

The funeral will start at the Mashinini home at 934 Central Western Jabavu at 7.30 am and a church service will follow from 8 am to 10 am at the Methodist Church in White City Jabavu.

Another service will be held at the Jabulani Amphitheatre an hour later, and the funeral procession will leave the amphitheatre for the Avalon Cemetery at 2.30 pm.



TSIETSI MASHININI:
Died in exile.

Taxi bomb case: body warm 7 days after death — claim

THE mother of the driver of a minibus — in which what was believed to be the country's biggest car bomb was found in Pretoria two weeks ago — believes her son was killed not very long before she was shown his body on August 4.

According to the police, Mr. David Shongwe's body was found in open veld in the Brits vicinity on the same day that the taxi containing 114 kg bomb was found parked at the Hallmark Building, Pretoria.

However David's mother, Mary Shongwe, said events that took place on and after August 4, the day she was taken by two policemen to identify her son's corpse, led her to believe that her son had been alive until the morning of August 4.

Heart problems

"First," she said, "the two policemen who came to fetch me at home told me that there had been an accident in town in which everyone had been killed. They asked me to accompany them to check if my son was not among the victims.

"When I asked that a relative accompany me they refused. It was only when I told them that I had heart problems that they agreed to someone coming with me." The police then went to fetch Jacob "Killer" Maphosa, the full-time driver of the taxi.

When they started out, she said, she noticed that they were not going in the direction of Pretoria. Eventually they arrived at the Brits police station. A few minutes later a hearse arrived. She was led into the

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morgue and shown a corpse lying on a stretcher. She was told it was David.

"When I saw him I could only recognise the gold fillings between his teeth, otherwise his face was a mess. He had a big hole at the back of his head and was still bleeding. When I touched him he was still warm. The mortician wiped blood from his eyes and closed his mouth.

"Any person who died as long ago as July 28 and was seen only seven days later would be stone cold and the blood would have dried," she said.

She said she was then taken to police headquarters in Pretoria where she was told that police would help her bury her son, but she must not tell anyone about it.

"I was even told not to tell my family about David's corpse and the police offer until Monday, August 6.

Mrs Shongwe also told of police harassment. "Before we found David police came here, turned the house upside down and asked every member of the family questions. Even after my son was found, they still come at any time of the day and harass us," she said, adding that police wanted her to go alone and fetch burial money.

"Why do they want me to go alone?" she asked. "In our tradition a mourning person is not allowed to make funeral arrangements. Relatives attend to that matter."

Fearing further police harassment, Mrs Shongwe said on Monday she did not sleep

at her house. She said when police arrived at her home they asked family members whether David was politically active.

"My son was totally apolitical. All he was concerned about was the welfare of his two sons and playing his football."

A married father of two and a consultant for a Pretoria jewellery firm, David moonlighted as a taxi-driver at night. He and Mr Maphosa worked for taxi-owner Thomas Maake. He was in the middle of divorce proceedings when he met his death.

Captain R. Bloomberg, a senior police spokesman from Pretoria, denied the allegations made by Mrs Shongwe.

Money due

In connection with the alleged police offer to bury David, Captain Bloomberg said: "Mrs Shongwe told the police that she had no money to bury her son. The police offered to interview the deceased's employer to find out if there was any outstanding money due to David. The money would be used by the mother to bury her son.

"At no stage did the police offer to pay for the burial."

Captain Bloomberg added the visits by police to the Shongwe's was part of a police investigation into the events which led to David's death and the discovery of the huge bomb in Pretoria. He denied that David's body was still bleeding on August 4.

Funeral details have not been released as the family is still arranging for a private post-mortem to be held.



MOURNING MOTHER: Mrs Mary Shongwe believes her son David was killed on the morning of August 4. © Photograph: Jovial Rantao.

The Ribeiro double-murder mystery may soon be solved

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THE Harms Commission is on the verge of a major breakthrough in the Ribeiro double-murder investigation, the Saturday Star has learnt.

It is believed that the new clues now gators will lead to the solving of the four-year-old mystery.

Masked gunmen assassinated Dr Fabian Ribeiro, a medical doctor, and his wife, Florence, the sister of the late Pan Africanist Congress leader Mr Robert Sobukwe, at their home in Mamelodi, Pretoria, on December 1 1986.

File reopened

Close family and independent experts to this day believe Government agents were responsible.

Several key witnesses have been subpoenaed by the commission, which has decided to "reopen" the Ribeiro file by leading fresh evidence on August 22.

Among them, the Saturday Star has learnt, are people linked to the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), the secret SA Defence Force unit suspected of undertaking politically motivated crimes.

One of its former members, Mr Willie van Deventer, who claimed to have information on the CCB's alleged involvement in the Ribeiro slayings, is expected to be called by the commission.



WANTED FOR QUESTIONING: former Selous Scout Noel Robey.

Investigators, meanwhile, are trying to trace a former Rhodesian Selous Scout, Mr Noel James Robey (38) who, it is understood, also faces a subpoena.

Commission secretary Mr Chris Erasmus has appealed for any information about Mr Robey's whereabouts to be conveyed to him. He can be reached on (012) 322 7764.

On June 3 1987, Mr Robey appeared in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court for a preparatory examination to establish whether he should be charged with the Ribeiro murders. He was cleared of all involvement.

In February this year, Mr van Deventer refused to answer questions on the Ribeiro murders on the grounds that he could incriminate himself.

Dr Ribeiro and his wife were fatally shot with a .45 calibre weapon by two masked men in the courtyard of their home in Mamelodi West at 6.30 pm. The attackers escaped in a car.

Firebombed

At least one of the killers was black, witnesses said at the time. The killers later linked up with two armed whites, the witnesses said.

Dr Ribeiro, whose home was firebombed nine months earlier, said at the time he had expected such an attack.

Dr Ribeiro, of Mozambican descent, was given the title of "people's doctor" in the township because he treated free of charge those who were injured during police activities. He also featured in an overseas TV documentary, "Witness to Apartheid".

In 1977 he was detained, then acquitted on charges of terrorism. Dr Ribeiro and his wife left four children.

Shooting IS ended, Sisulu

chides Winnie

THE African National Congress, in a thinly-veiled statement of disagreement with Winnie Mandela, said yesterday the decision to suspend the armed struggle was well considered and not "a mere strategy".

"The national executive (of the ANC) and subsequently the delegation to Pretoria decided that as of now the armed struggle — meaning actual shooting — will stop," ANC internal corps leader Walter Sisulu said in a statement.

"It was decided as a well-considered decision, not a mere strategy."

Mrs Mandela sparked controversy on Thursday when she told a meeting in Durban the unilateral and conditional suspension did not mean violence would cease. It was mere strategy, she said.

Mr Sisulu said there would be no further comment on the controversy.

In answer to a question from a TV reporter last night, Mr Sisulu said no action would be taken against Mrs Mandela. "Many people make mistakes and sometimes misinterpretation of the issues and we would take no further step about the matter," he said. — Sapa-AP.

Huge crowd honours their hero

By SOPHIE TEMA

UNITY and solidarity set the tone at activist Tsietsi Mashinini's funeral yesterday.

More than 10 000 people packed the Jabulani amphitheatre to pay last respects to "our gallant hero".

Speakers said Mashinini's death had brought many organisations together and he sacrificed his life for unity among his people.

However, proceedings were interrupted when ANC speaker Murphy Morobe was heckled as he attempted to paint a picture of Mashinini as independent of any ideological tendency within the country.

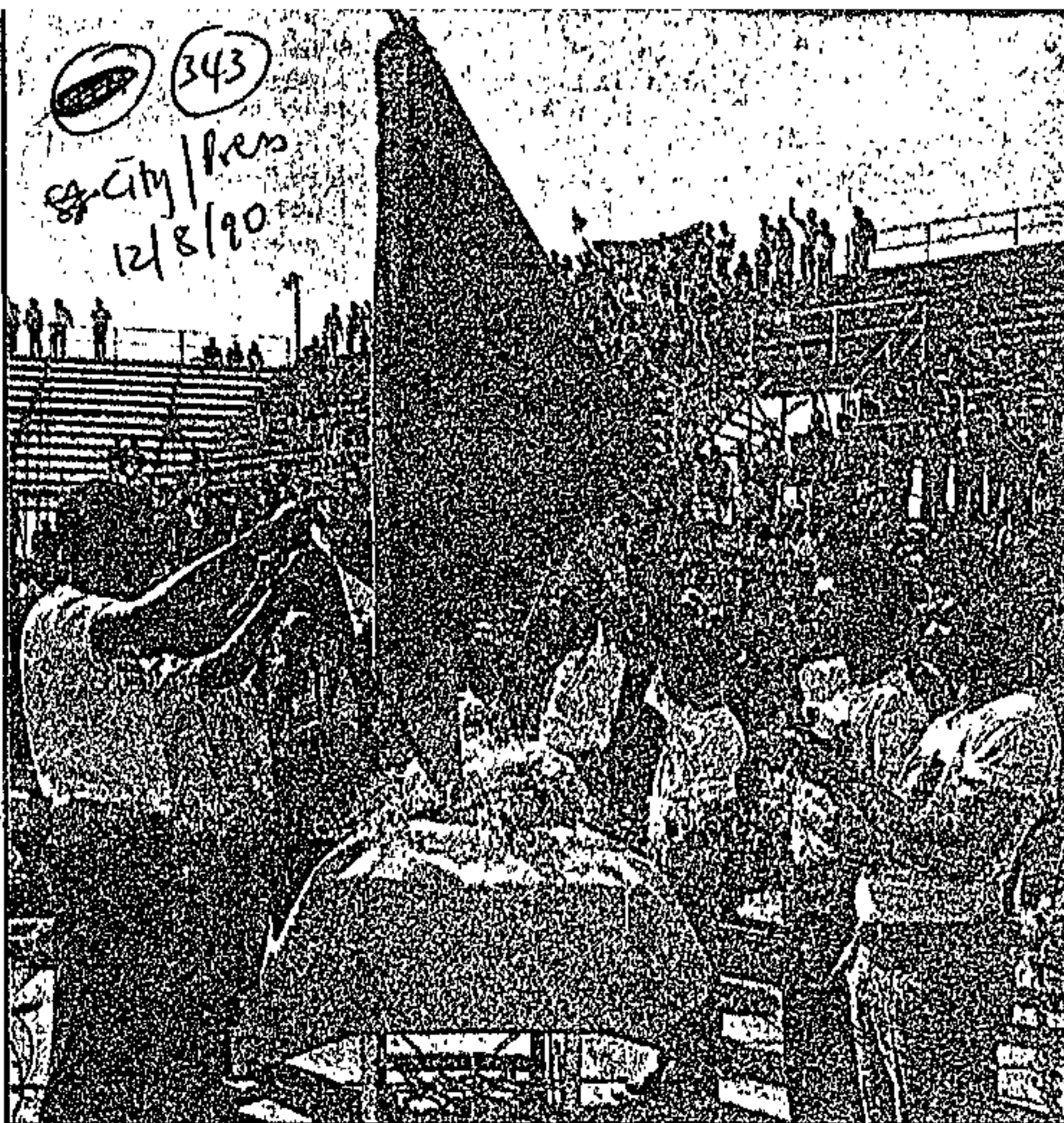
After angry Azapo supporters called him to order, Morobe finally conceded Mashinini was a firm believer in the Black Consciousness philosophy.

Morobe also said: "When Tsietsi went into exile, he was not a member of the ANC or the PAC, but a student, and it was his democratic right to choose his part in the struggle. We must recognise him for what he was and not for what we may have wanted him to be.

"Tsietsi was a soldier who had completed his journey. He ran the straight race and he now had to hand the baton to those who would carry on the struggle.

"It is the law of God and the law of nature that life is followed by death, but when death results from the acts of human beings who decide whether one is to live or die, then we cannot say his death was unavoidable. Therefore we all have to be angry, as we now see him lying in his coffin.

"The history of our country has changed and this is because of the deeds of men like Tsietsi."



Guard of honour ... 10 000 people attended Tsietsi Mashinini's funeral

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Drivers ^{c/Per}
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killed man

By BERENG MTIMKULU

FIVE taxi drivers who sjambokked a suspected thief to death were this week found guilty of culpable homicide by a Johannesburg Regional Court.

Isaac Mkontwana, 29, of Eikenhof, Doctor Thwala, 33, and Jameson Khubeka, 29, both of Soweto, Simon Maduna, 43, of Jeppe, and Vusumuzi Danisa, 33, were each sentenced to two years' imprisonment suspended for five years, and fined R1 200.

Pleading guilty, the men claimed Ndlovu stole a radio cassette player, cassettes and "very important" documents belonging to Mkontwana from a minibus.

id paign parks new rent wrangle

By SANDILE MEMELA

TALKS this week between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) aimed at ending the four-year-old rent boycott may spark a renewal of the issue.

In a newspaper advertising campaign, the TPA has given Soweto residents until the end of August "to decide what should happen with rent and services".

At the same time, hundreds of Dobsonville rent-defaulters were served with eviction notices for rent arrears, site and service charges.

The local advice office and Azapo branch have advised residents to ignore the notices.

The advertisement in *City Press* today reads: "It's no bluff, it's no threat, it's no joke. There is no more money. There can be no more services."

"Whoever you are, wherever you live, if you want something, you pay for it. Or you don't get it. Simple as that."

Azapo spokesman Molantsoa Mavi cautioned this could result in violence among residents if any were evicted.

A key meeting this week between the TPA and the SPD will, for the first time, include representatives from Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

The meeting will focus on the upgrading of municipal services, affordable tariffs; the transfer of rented houses to the people and a common fiscal tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

Political comment and newswills by K Sibiyi, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

Peace pact quells Kagiso hostel strife

By SANDILE MEMELA

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A PRECEDENT was set last week when Inkatha and the ANC alliance resolved the Kagiso conflict by signing a peace pact after clashes left at least 15 people dead.

In a dramatic bid to avoid renewed violence, members of both parties addressed packed gatherings of rival organisations to explain the agreement.

Both Inkatha and the ANC alliance committed themselves to establishing a joint committee to bring about peace in the trouble-torn Lewisham hostel.

Inkatha and ANC alliance sources told City Press they rea-

lised the urgent need to normalise the situation in the hostel.

They also topped the "internal refugees" who were forced to flee the hostel will have returned by today.

The peace pact is historic as people feared the Transvaal might become like Natal if violence between Inkatha and non-Inkatha supporters persisted.

Krugersdorp Residents Organisation (KRO) executive member, Ben "Zara" Ntsimane, told City Press the agreement was the most positive step to happen in the area.

"The recent violence disrupted the harmony that existed among residents and hostel in-

mates. The hostel people have always been part of the local community initiative and we welcome the return to normality," he said.

"This shows local communities should not wait for Mandela and Buthelezi to shake hands before peace can exist among their followers. We have to show our leadership we can take initiatives that bring peace to our communities."

Inkatha secretary for the West Rand, Evans Sosibo, welcomed the peace initiative.

Ntsimane and Sosibo stressed the peace pact would only halt violence between warring fac-

tions if people were involved at grassroots level.

In the past three weeks almost 50 people have died in clashes between Inkatha and ANC alliance supporters in the Transvaal.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said violence in the Transvaal had largely occurred in hostel complexes.

"There is an Inkatha presence in these complexes and this resulted in tensions that generally exploded into violence," he said.

Tensions at Sebokeng's Vaal hostel complex also exploded into violence recently, leaving 29 people dead after clashes between Inkatha and ANC alliance supporters.

Five people die every weekend in Mafia-style shootouts, say police

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Soweto has seen a drastic increase in the number of firearms in the area. Residents have also expressed strong concern.

"It is difficult to say how many guns are available in Soweto. But we know a lot of people possess guns illegally in the area," Halgryn said, stressing that police had embarked on a concerted effort to recover the firearms.

He said police recovered at least 20 firearms every month – from robbers as well as ordinary residents. Most of the firearms were discovered during roadblocks and crime prevention swoops.

Although there have been shooting incidents at schools, Halgryn said the possession of guns among pupils was not yet a big problem.

He also said unlicensed firearms outnumbered legal ones, but he could not say how many licensed firearms were in Soweto, adding thugs got hold of guns through housebreaking and theft and by rob-

bing security guards and municipal guards.

He also told *City Press* most Soweto crime involved murders, gang warfare and revenge missions.

"There is a tendency for people to take the law into their own hands and not report crimes to the police. This has worsened crime in Soweto as people are encouraged to possess guns," said Halgryn.

The most daring, frightening crimes are committed in Diepkloof:

Notorious jackroller Jeff Brown lived and operated in the area. Brown was killed early this year and his alleged successor, Sphiwe "Makhekhe" Hlatwayo, was killed in July, also in Diepkloof.

Two more jackrollers, Wiseman Tenza and Philip "Manjaro" Shabalala were shot dead at a shopping centre in Diepkloof Zone Five in August.

Pop star Sello "Chicco" Twala narrowly escaped death during a shooting incident with jackrollers. His driver was however injured by unknown gangsters.

There have also been running battles between political activists and jackrollers in the area. Archie Maluleka, a founder-member of the Diepkloof branch of Cosas was allegedly killed by jackrollers this year.

One of Maluleka's friends, Patrick Raletshena, was injured in the same clash in Diepkloof Zone Three.

Three days after Maluleka was killed, student activist Mandla Vilakazi was shot dead in Zone Three. The killings were described as "professional".

Said Halgryn: "Residents do not give the police information and this has worsened the situation."

He stressed that killings and revenge missions were no solution.

there was no way the Askaris could have planted the bomb. He said it would be impossible for the Askaris to ship the explosives from Russia.

However, police agree the motive for the aborted bomb may have been to disrupt talks held this week between the government and the ANC.

Major-General Herman Stadler of the South African Police told *City Press* police were looking at all possible leads. He also confirmed that the 38 units of S-Z 3 explosives found in the minibus taxi were of the same make as explosives previously found in ANC arms caches.

City Press investigations have indicated, as suspected by the family of Shongwe, that he was possibly abducted by people in Saulsville after they got in his taxi on Thursday July 26 between 9.30pm and 10pm.

Police this week confirmed that Shongwe could not have planted the bomb because he appeared to have been apolitical. They said Shongwe was a known football player.

His close friend Richard Mashinini, 32, said on his way home from work on July 26, he boarded the taxi at about 8.45pm in Church Street in Pretoria

son was a afterwards by people who got into the taxi.

Tests have failed to establish the exact time Shongwe was killed.



David Shongwe . . . abducted, killed and his taxi stolen.

How parkade hero stopped the bomb

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE attendant who probably saved the lives of hundreds of people when he reported the suspicious movement of a minibus taxi at the Pretoria Hallmark Parkade two weeks ago, has revealed his full story to *City Press*.

When police searched the minibus, they found a massive 114kg bomb made of Russian S-Z explosives.

Police are still looking for clues and are baffled by the murder of David Shongwe, the Saulsville man linked to the bomb and a part-time driver of the minibus taxi.

The parkade attendant, who did not want to be named, told *City Press* he became suspicious when two black men booked the minibus taxi into a "long-stay" bay between 7am and 7.30am on Friday July 27.

"I became suspicious because taxis do not park in the 'long-stay' bays. A vehicle must be parked before 8.30am and can only be moved out after 4pm. A

taxi must be on the road, not in a parking lot," he said.

When the attendant reported for work again on Saturday at 6am, he found the same taxi in a different parking zone.

"I thought something must be wrong with it or that it had been stolen and contacted my supervisor."

The supervisor reported the car to his superiors.

Police sniffer dogs were brought in to check the minibus and the massive bomb was found shortly after 9am.

Had the bomb gone off, police said it would have caused a "bloodbath" and extensive damage.

The parkade attendant believes the minibus was moved between 4am and 6am on the Saturday morning.

According to pictures of the bomb and timing devices supplied by the police, the bomb was timed to explode at 1.15pm.

The body of Shongwe, 35, father of two children and a breadwinner, was found on Saturday July 28 in Brits — two days after his disappearance and the same day the bomb was to explode.

Shongwe had been shot through the head. Police said a post-mortem indicated he had died on Friday July 27, but was only identified a week later on Friday August 3 through his finger prints. He had no identification documents on him.

A senior police officer said police were investigating all organisations.

"Anyone may have planted the bomb and it is premature to link any group with it," he said.

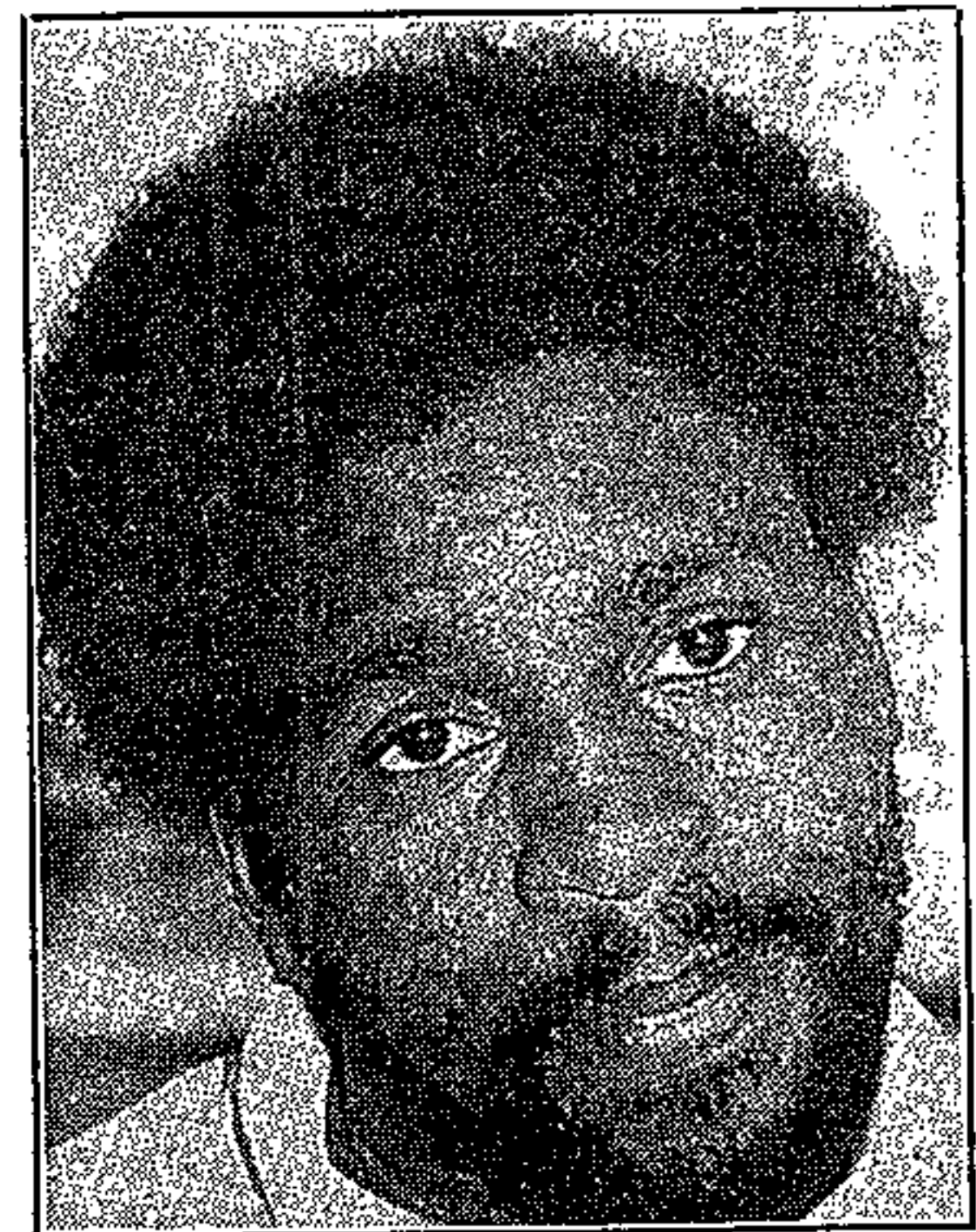
City Press can reveal that the bomb was timed to explode on the day and time former Askari leader Brian Ngqungula was to have been buried in Soshanguve.

His funeral was stopped by youths at the graveside shortly after the bomb was defused.

Ngqungula allegedly headed the Askari hitsquad which "eliminated" anti-apartheid activists, particularly members of the ANC. His former colleague Butana Nofomela alleged he took part in the murder of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge.

The bullet-riddled body of Ngqungula was found on Saturday July 22 near Garankuwa. His death has been linked to the ANC.

Quick action may have saved lives of hundreds



Richard Mashinini ... one of the last people to see David Shongwe.

and sat behind Shongwe.

"When I got off at the corner of Mawunde and Sekhu Street after 9pm, David said he wanted to see me and would come to my home after dropping off all the passengers. He did not show up and I waited until 11.30pm."

Shongwe and Mashinini were old friends who at one stage played for the same team.

A number of Saulsville taxi drivers saw Shongwe on the road and at the Saulsville Station where he was waiting for passengers getting off a train after 9pm.

A taxi driver who asked that his name be withheld said Shongwe asked him for change between 9.20pm and 9.30pm.

"Shongwe was with a woman passenger near the station and I saw him give her change before I drove off," the taxi driver said.

Shongwe's mother, Mary, believes her

Few blacks issued gun licences

By DAN DHLAMINI

City Press 12/8/90

THE number of people applying for gun licences is on the increase. Last year alone, nearly 3-million licences were issued.

Police statistics reveal that in 1989 a total of 2 880 050 firearm licences were issued to 1 114 738 applicants.

The number may now have doubled.

However, many black business owners have complained that it is more difficult for them to obtain licences than their white counterparts.

Potchefstroom businessman Abraham Matsose, who was robbed of R9 000 at gunpoint and his property burgled 13 times last year, told *City Press* that his applications for a firearm licence had been repeatedly turned down.

Matsose said the 13 burglaries and the armed robbery were reported to the police but not solved.

"I need a firearm for my protection and to scare off the thieves who have stolen more than

R500 000 from me."

Manager of Kutlwano beerhall and bottle store near Odendaalsrus, Isaac Marothodi, told *City Press* despite the fact that he was dealing with a lot of cash, his applications for a firearm licence were turned down.

Other black businessmen interviewed in the

PWV area confirmed it was difficult for a black person to obtain a firearm licence.

Police public relations spokesman Major RA Crewe could not reveal how many firearm licences were granted to blacks. "We do not keep separate statistics for the different races or sexes,"

he said.

Major Crewe said every application was dealt with on merit.

He added that from January to December last year, 7 760 firearms were reported lost or stolen while 5 059 cases were reported for illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

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Fear grips Diepkloof

By SANDILE MEMELA

DIEPKLOOF – favoured territory of the notorious jackroller gangs – has become the gun capital of Soweto.

At least five people die there of gunshots every weekend, said police spokesman Lt Tienie Halgryn. Police have identified this Soweto township as the one area where rampant shootings, resembling Mafia-style gang warfare take place.

The "jackrolling" phenomenon also has its roots in Diepkloof.

Jackrollers are gangsters that have instilled fear into residents through crimes like violent robbery, rape, hijacking and a general disregard for societal values.

In the past two weeks, at least five people have been shot dead in Diepkloof while armed robbers made off with a R287 000 pension payout.

During the pension payout robbery at the Diepkloof community hall, shots were fired, wounding a policeman in the legs.

Halgryn expressed concern at the wide availability of guns in Soweto, especially in Diepkloof.

The rise of the jackrollers and car hijacking in

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Dead driver's family destitute

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE death of Saulsville footballer and taxi driver David "Kimberley" Shongwe has left his family destitute.

Shongwe was being sought by police in connection with the 114kg bomb found in a minibus in Pretoria.

His family has no money to bury him. The family claimed they turned down a cheque from the police to help with funeral expenses.

They have now approached the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Association for help.

As a breadwinner Shongwe supported his widowed mother Mary, his wife Alice, their two children and four other family members.

Denying offering the family money, Capt Hendrik Prinsloo, who is heading investigations into the bomb and Shongwe's murder, said police were trying to help them with money due from Shongwe's employer.

"The family told me they had no money to bury David because his former employer refused to give them the money due to him. I told them I would speak on their behalf so they could have the money," said Prinsloo.

This was confirmed by the owner of the jewelry store where Shongwe worked as a sales representative.

He said he could not give them the money because it would have to go into Shongwe's estate. Although Shongwe

was legally married to his wife, the two were not staying together. Alice said they were busy looking for a house of their own.

She said police had turned Shongwe into the most wanted man in South Africa for a week by putting his pictures in the media, including *Police File*, when he was lying dead in their own mortuary.

"I feel so bad about it because police also turned my house upside down looking for David - when he was already dead," she said.

"To add insult to injury, the police claimed he was a terrorist but I knew David as a saint - kind and responsible."

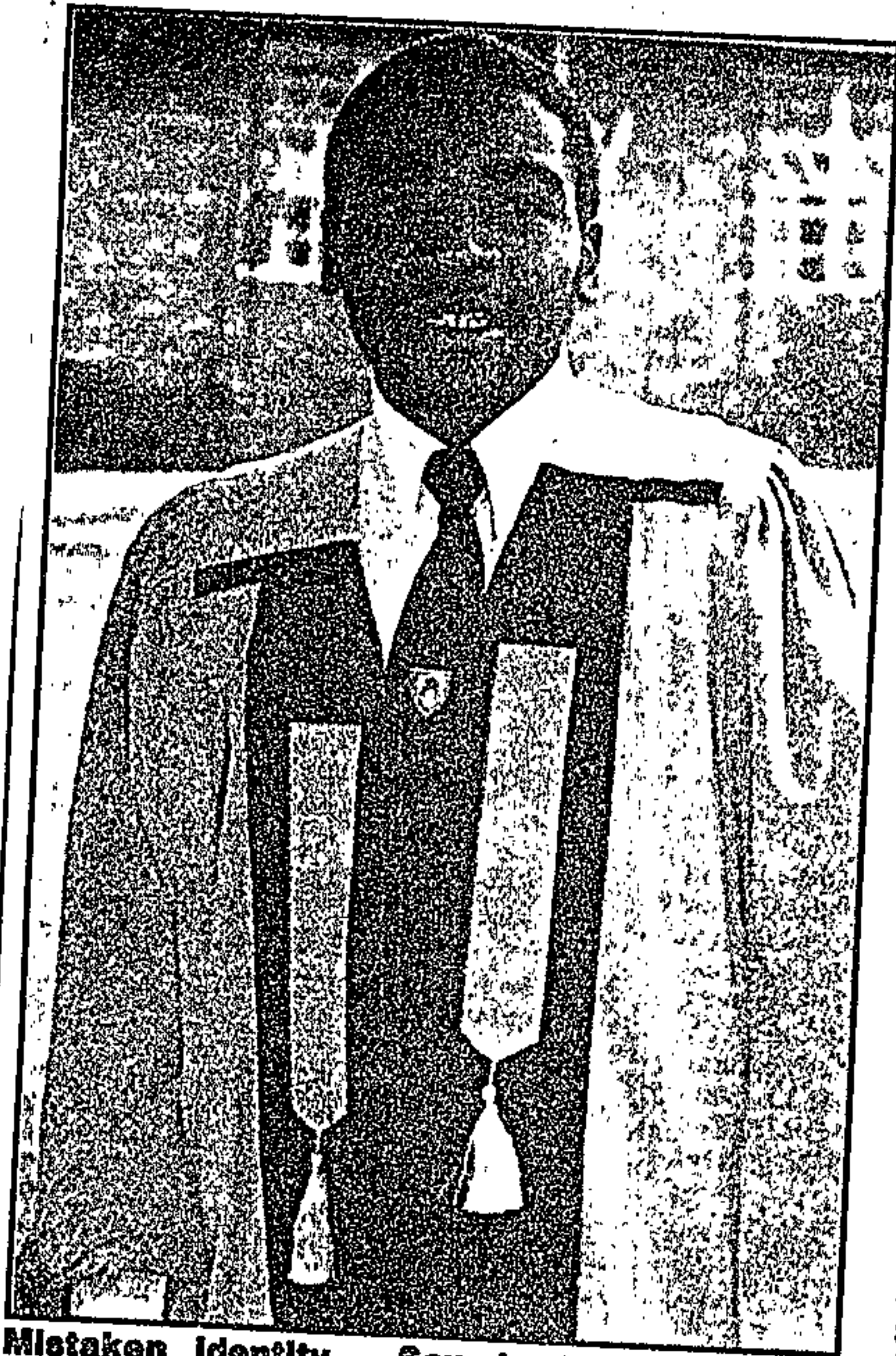
Shongwe will be buried next Saturday in Saulsville.



Mary Shongwe... grieving for her dead son.

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Tragedy as vigilantes gun down two brothers



By SANDILE MEMELA

A SOWETO schoolteacher died in a hail of bullets in Diepkloof recently when he was mistaken for his brother who had allegedly been on the hitlist of vigilantes hunting "jackrollers".

Vuyani Tenza, 24, woke up in his backyard room and staggered into an ambush outside his parents' home at 6am on July 22.

Moments earlier seven bullets had smashed through the wall of his room and he had gone outside to investigate.

Two days later Vuyani's younger brother Wiseman, 19, was hunted down by the alleged killers and shot dead in cold blood in the streets at 10am.

Their mother Clara Tenza has denied her children were "jackrollers".

"I have brought up the two boys to be decent, responsible adults and I resent their being called jackrollers. My children's lives have been wasted because of a misunderstanding," she said.

Vuyani was a teacher at a senior secondary school in Protea and graduated from Sebokeng Teachers' Training College. He had been teaching for three years.

Relatives told *City Press* that Vuyani's alleged killers had mistaken him for Wiseman, known as "Porters", who had been a target of the squad hunting down "jackrollers".

But Mrs Tenza said Wiseman could not be a "jackroller" as he stayed with a live-in girlfriend.

Before Wiseman was gunned down, family members claim a group of youths burst into the house in search of him and to establish the identity of Vuyani.

The youths assaulted Clara, demanding she reveal the whereabouts of her son.

Girlfriend and mother of Wiseman's child, Mpumi Mbatha, said the youths slapped and punched Clara before threatening to return to kill her son.


"They beat her with gun butts and fired randomly in the house, destroying the television set. The children were terrified," said Mbatha.

The youths also ripped out the telephone and took away a video recorder.

The family held a joint funeral for the brothers last Sunday.

The two are survived by their mother Clara and two sisters Nonceba, 22, and Malibongwe, 13.

Mistaken Identity... Soweto teacher Vuyani Tenza died in a hail of vigilante bullets.

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Hunt for terrorists

The hunt for right-wing terrorists — possibly including two members of the self-styled "Order of Death" — has intensified after a terror blast injured at least 13 people at a black taxi rank in Pretoria at the weekend.

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Killers armed with AK-47 rifles murdered nine people and wounded 10 at the weekend in an attack on a hostel in Eryaton's Sebokeng township.

Police said the killings took place on Saturday at 9.30 pm when men armed with AK-47s sneaked up to rooms in Hostel 1 and opened fire through the windows without warning.

The injured are in a stable condition at the Sebokeng Hospital. A matron at the hospital said 12

9 murdered in AK-47 attack on Sebokeng hostel

patients with gunshot wounds were admitted on Saturday night.

Frans Thupa, a hostel dweller who escaped uninjured, said more than 20 people were taken to hospital with bullet wounds.

"I still cannot believe I escaped the carnage," he said.

Four panel vans were used to ferry the injured.

Another hostel dweller, Nelson Qibinyaka, said: "Bodies were piled

on top of each other. It was difficult to tell who was dead and who was not."

One of the bodies was found in a cabinet under the sink.

Both men said the attackers shot through the kitchen windows from the back of the room. There were pools of blood everywhere.

In a strongly worded statement last night, Cosatu called on President de Klerk to intervene and end

the recent spate of shootings against hostel dwellers.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said: "De Klerk must intervene to end this reign of terror and bring those responsible to book."

"This should include elements of the police who may have collaborated or who have failed to act to end it."

Cosatu said all that was known about the attack was that one or

more whites were allegedly spotted by residents at the time of the shooting.

"Pamphlets were found at the scene issued in the name of the AWB insulting blacks," Coleman said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the killers had apparently fled on foot. Intensive investigations have not yet resulted in any arrests.

whether the killings were linked to last month's bloody ANC-Inkatha feud which left 24 dead.

● Another four people died and 18 were arrested in unrest incidents in other parts of the country at the weekend, police said.

Two men were shot dead and another two injured in Wesselton near Ermelo after gunmen fired on mourners on their way to a funeral in Kwamashu, near Durban, gun men shot dead a passenger in a passing vehicle, and in Umlazi a man was shot dead when gunmen opened fire on a group.

Fatal taxi battle in Soweto

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Staff Reporter

One person was killed and three were wounded in a shootout between members of rival taxi groupings at Soweto's Baragwanath taxi rank last night, a police spokesman said.

The taxi service from the rank to many parts of Soweto was disrupted by the gunfight as taxi owners fled their vehicles in terror, leaving their passengers stranded.

Three minibuses were damaged.

A taxi owner who was involved in the clash told The Star Bara City taxi owners had fired on the minibuses owned by

members of the Baragwanath Pretoria Taxi Association at about 7 pm.

"We were just parked here when they started shooting. Some drivers ran away, others started shooting back.

"I was in my taxi, I couldn't run away, so I started shooting back at them through my wind-screen," he said.

He did not know what had sparked the shooting.

"To own a taxi is to own a death," he said.

A Dobsonville resident on her way to the taxi rank from work at Nasrec said she had witnessed the attack.

"I saw a lot of people

carrying guns. There were many shots and many people lying there," said the woman, who did not want to be named.

"Taxi drivers were running away, leaving their taxis behind. I had to walk to Diepkloof Zone 1 to get a taxi, because there were no more taxis at Baragwanath."

Last night police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said automatic weapons had been used in the attack.

He said the injured had been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

A hospital spokesman refused to disclose their condition last night.

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Katlehong's power may be cut off

Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

The power supply to Katlehong on the East Rand may be cut off at midnight on August 31, unless a peaceful solution to the three month boycott was found, said town clerk Fanie Maré.

The Transvaal Executive Committee chairman Olaus Van Zyl has said that the government would stop lending money to black councils which could not collect rent from residents.

Mr Maré said the power cut would not be carried out by the council but by Escom because it could not provide power to Katlehong gratis.

He said the cut would affect Natalspruit Hospital, whose power supply is connected to that of Katlehong.

Schools in the township would also be affected.

He said the rent boycott had left the council completely broke and the council was now unable to carry out general maintenance work on the water, electricity and sewerage systems.

Township health in question

By Carina le Grange,
Medical Reporter

The National Party-controlled management committee of Alberton is expected to discuss the future of health services for Thokoza township today, according to a municipal official.

It was reported last week that should the rent boycott in Thokoza continue, health services provided by the Alberton municipality could be cut off — a move that would affect between 150 000 to 250 000.

Thokoza administrator Gert Muller told The Star he was informed by an official of the health services of Alberton that the services would be suspended if Thokoza could not pay.

Empty coffers

"Thokoza has no source of income due to the boycott, and the coffers are empty," he said. "But the Alberton municipality is very sympathetic, however, and said they would see if they could get funds from somewhere — perhaps even the authorities — to deliver the necessary health services," Mr Muller said.

"Neither Alberton nor Thokoza want to curtail the services," he said.

The chief of Alberton's health services department, Andre Lotz said he understood the management committee would look at the matter at its meeting today.

Spokesmen for the management committee were not available for comment at the weekend.

Police hunt rightwingers after blast

By Craig Kotze

The hunt for suspected ultra-right-wing terrorists — possibly including two members of the self-styled "Order of Death" — has intensified after a terror blast injured at least 13 people at a black taxi rank in Pretoria at the weekend, police sources said.

A second bomb — like the first, made of commercial explosives — was found at a toilet at the same Bloed Street taxi rank 30 minutes after the 9.30 am explosion.

Had it also gone off, the carnage would certainly have been greater.

Defused

Police experts defused the device after a man had pointed it out to them.

He originally moved the device, but then realised it might have been a bomb and called the place.

No arrests have been made in connection with the explosion which took place outside packed restaurants and fast food outlets.

The device was placed in a dustbin.

Detectives are now believed to be investigating whether or not the latest suspected right-wing terror attack was the work

of the same group which might have bombed two Reef National Party offices and a Johannesburg taxi rank last month, injuring 28 people.

The possibility that self-styled "boere" revolutionary Piet "Skiet" Rudolph might have been involved in the Pretoria taxi rank blast was also likely to be probed, security sources said.

Mr Rudolph has declared "war" on the Government.

Among those police would like to question in connection with several blasts on the Reef and the latest Pretoria explosion are two hard-core right-wingers.

They are Fanie Goosen and Cornelius Lottering.

The sources said a far Right terror attack had been expected after talks last week between the Government and the African National Congress and the historic decision by the ANC to suspend its armed struggle.

"Right-wing extremists are likely to feel that any hope for a realisation of their ideal — whether partition or a 'Boerestaat' — is rapidly fading and this is making them desperate.

"But they will be made to learn, as the ANC has learnt, that violence as a strategy to overthrow the Government will not work," said one security source.

Talks over rents ~~1/2~~ on today 343

TALKS aimed at breaking the stalemate in the five-year-old rent boycott in Soweto will go ahead as planned today in Johannesburg, according to the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The crisis, which has cost millions of rands in unpaid rents and service charges, has defied unilateral solutions by the authorities.

The talks, which were postponed last Thursday, focus on the writing off of arrears, upgrading of municipal services, tariffs and the need for a common fiscal base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

Tomorrow the Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville councils will join the Soweto Council, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation in the discussions. *Sowetan 14/8/70*

In a recent threat, the TPA said it would halt bridging finance to the councils to force them to take steps to resolve the crisis. - Sapa.

Cops are criminals looking for targets, says Winnie

By ELIAS MALULEKE

confirms what Nelson Mandela told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok about police brutalities.

A DEFIANT Winnie Mandela made a dramatic appearance on Friday in violence-torn Zondi near the Jabulani Hostel, Soweto, causing a stir when she accused police of siding with Inkatha and killing people.

Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, told the media and a large group of people who gathered around her, police were not out to keep peace between warring factions.

She said police were "criminals" running around Soweto looking for targets.

Mandela was reacting to allegations that police shot and killed a 16-year-old Zondi youth.

The body of Daniel Ntsibande was found in the backyard of a house in Zone One after police allegedly opened fire on a mob in the street overlooking the hostel.

Police confirmed a body was found, but said circumstances leading to his death would be investigated.

Mandela said: "Police are Inkatha and the shooting of this boy

"Inkatha is far away from here and there is no fighting. Inkatha is only a strategy. The police force is Inkatha and they are killing our people.

"The question by youths is why not suspend talks with the government and continue with the armed struggle?" she said.

Meanwhile, violence continued to rock Soweto on Friday as Inkatha members and residents took to the streets around the hostels.

Several people were killed, mostly in and around the hostels in Jabulani and Mapetla.

Inkatha members stood guard at the hostels while youths taunted them from a distance.

Sporadic gunshots were exchanged between the two factions throughout the day and in Central Western Jabavu, a youth with an AK-47 opened fire on Inkatha members on a hillside near the rail line. Minutes later, a powerful hand-grenade from the hillside shattered nearby windows.



Winnie: Police are Inkatha and they are killing our people. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

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Sebokeng massacre: reward offered

and Moutshane Maroke
Police yesterday offered a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the Sebokeng massacre.

Police also warned of possible "drastic steps" to end the violence in Reef townships.

The situation at the Sebokeng hostel, where nine people were shot dead and more than 10 wounded at the weekend, was still tense yesterday and residents said they were living in fear of their lives.

Unknown gunmen opened fire at revellers on Saturday night with AK-47 assault rifles and 9 mm pistols, killing seven on the spot.

This has brought to 33 the number of people who have died since last month's Inkatha-ANC feuding which centred on the hostels.

Police spokesman Eugene Opperman yesterday said police believed the killings were linked to an escalating power struggle between supporters of Inkatha and the ANC.

He said Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gert Erasmus, who visited the scene yesterday, would try to bring the feuding parties to the negotiating table.

Some of those who died were: David Dikane (20), who arrived last month from the Transkei, Tutso Goniwe (38) and Matata Qubinkomo (20), both from the Transkei.

Wounded

Nolita Mshiywa (19), from Mdantshane, East London and Johannes Senosho, who had recently arrived from Pietersburg died in the attack.

Mr Senosho's unidentified girlfriend was wounded in the attack.

Also killed was Bembekulu Fishane (35) from the Transkei, who had gone to visit friends at Durban Deep near Roodepoort.

Two of the injured are Nthathi Dikane and Bongani Goniwe, both from the Transkei.

One resident said: "We live in fear of our lives because we are not safe here. Some of us stay here with our families".

Cosatu, which said residents had seen whites and discovered AWB pamphlets at the scene, has called on President de Klerk to intervene to end the hostel killings.

Anyone with information about the attack is asked to contact Lieutenant Andries Coetzer at (016) 88-1551 or Colonel F. van Niekerk after hours at (016) 55-1653.

Witbank teachers to hold mass sit-in

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

The education crisis in Witbank escalated yesterday with a decision by the local teachers' union that all 450 teachers in KwaGuqa will begin a sit-in today.

The decision means that education for about 23 000 black students in the area is at a standstill.

A Witbank Teachers' Union (Witu) spokesman said the sit-in would continue until the director-general and regional director of the Department of Education and Training came to Witbank to discuss grievances. A list of grievances was forwarded to the DET in March, but no reply was received, the union said.

"The only language the DET understands is the language of crisis," said a Witu spokesman.

Grievances include a shortage of textbooks, the immediate need for four new schools, the incorrect payment of teacher subsidies and the permanent appointment of teachers.

Teachers allege thousands of children are being taught in old hostels, abandoned buildings and in the veld.

All KwaGuqa schools were closed yesterday while the township's teachers gathered at Bonginsimbi High School for an all-day meeting. The same school is to be used for the mass teacher sit-in.

Business

It was decided that Witu would today ask school principals to travel to Pretoria tomorrow to inform the DET director-general of the crisis.

About 60 Witu members have been occupying the DET's Witbank office since Thursday.

● Sapa reports that Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said yesterday he could do business with black communities who were prepared to set political power-play aside and show genuine interest in the future of education in the country.

● The anarchy at black schools has prompted the Transvaal

United African Teachers' Association (Tuata) to launch a countrywide "Save our children" media campaign.

Tuata advertisements in Johannesburg newspapers read: "Are these children? You can't teach someone who is armed and may even kill you. Indifference runs deep and pupils say it makes no difference whether or not they write exams or even come to school."

"Students, this is a dangerous time. A new South Africa is going to need educated people. You must stop sloganising and toying around the streets — without education. How can you be leaders of tomorrow if you are ignorant?"

"The young men you see hanging out in the street corners are kids who never finished school. No education means no job! No job means no future!"

The campaign concludes urging parents to take a stand regarding the unruly behaviour of children.

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Tamboville ready soon

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

The surveying of 700 sites at Tamboville, which will be home for about 4 000 Wattville home-seekers, will soon be completed, said Benoni town clerk T Conradie.

He said plans were afoot for the installation of infrastructure in the area. Once the infrastructure had been laid, about 2 000 families would move into the area within the following four months. The families who will occupy the land have refused to do so until they have been properly serviced.

Mr Conradie said the question of how the home-seekers would pay for their homes was still to be decided. The aim was to make the sites affordable to the ordinary home-seeker.

The land was made available with the help of the Benoni Town Council.

A joint interim committee consisting of the Benoni Town Council and the Wattville Concerned Residents Committee are responsible for the joint running of Tamboville.

Raid: Vlok pays family R18 648

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Staff Reporter

The Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, has paid an out-of-court settlement of R18 648 to a Sebokeng family following their claim of assault and unlawful arrest by the police.

Abram Mzizi (63) said the incidents occurred after his son, Jabulani Mzizi, was shot and killed by police in Sebokeng. They claimed he was involved in burning houses of special constables in November 1986.

During one of the raids on the Mzizi home,

police officer Satch Nguni assaulted Mr Mzizi with the butt of a rifle.

Police also took cash and property belonging to the family.

Mr Mzizi's wife Nellie successfully sued the police for abusive language and for a member of the police's suggestion that she should have sexual intercourse with members of the police.

Trevor Bailey of the Legal Resources Centre, said Mrs Mzizi's physical integrity was damaged when her breasts were exposed after her night dress was torn off before

she was arrested.

"The family was under emotional stress after their son was killed but it became worse when the police arrested the father of the accused Nellie of arson.

"Their other son, Ben (21) was assaulted and unlawfully detained the same day that his mother was assaulted by police," Mr Bailey said.

Mrs Mzizi said during the raid police fired bullets at their home causing damage to the kitchen wall before forcing their way in by breaking the kitchen door.

Tokoza: where violence roams the streets

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hostel attacking residents.

"I ran away and am now hiding in a friend's house in the township," said Mr Mahlangu, who recently arrived from Natal to work for Gencor. "I am too scared to go back, but if the police come I will go to collect my things and leave the hostel. I don't want to live there any more."

A Katilehong resident, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisal, said a group of Zulus attacked the "Cross-roads" squatter camp in the township this morning.

He said the group of "more than 2,000" carried guns, assegais, butcher's knives, pangas and hatchets.

"I saw mothers with babies on their backs running past my house early this morning, into the veld across the road. I didn't know what was happening and then I saw the Zulus chasing them."

"The Zulus came to the camp yesterday looking for Xhosas and promised they would be back. The Xhosas tried to arm themselves in preparation for the attack but the Zulus were stronger," he said.

"The Zulus were wearing red scarves on their heads. Police came but they didn't do anything," the frightened man said.

Residents are also reported to have heard gunfire in the township throughout the night and again this morning.

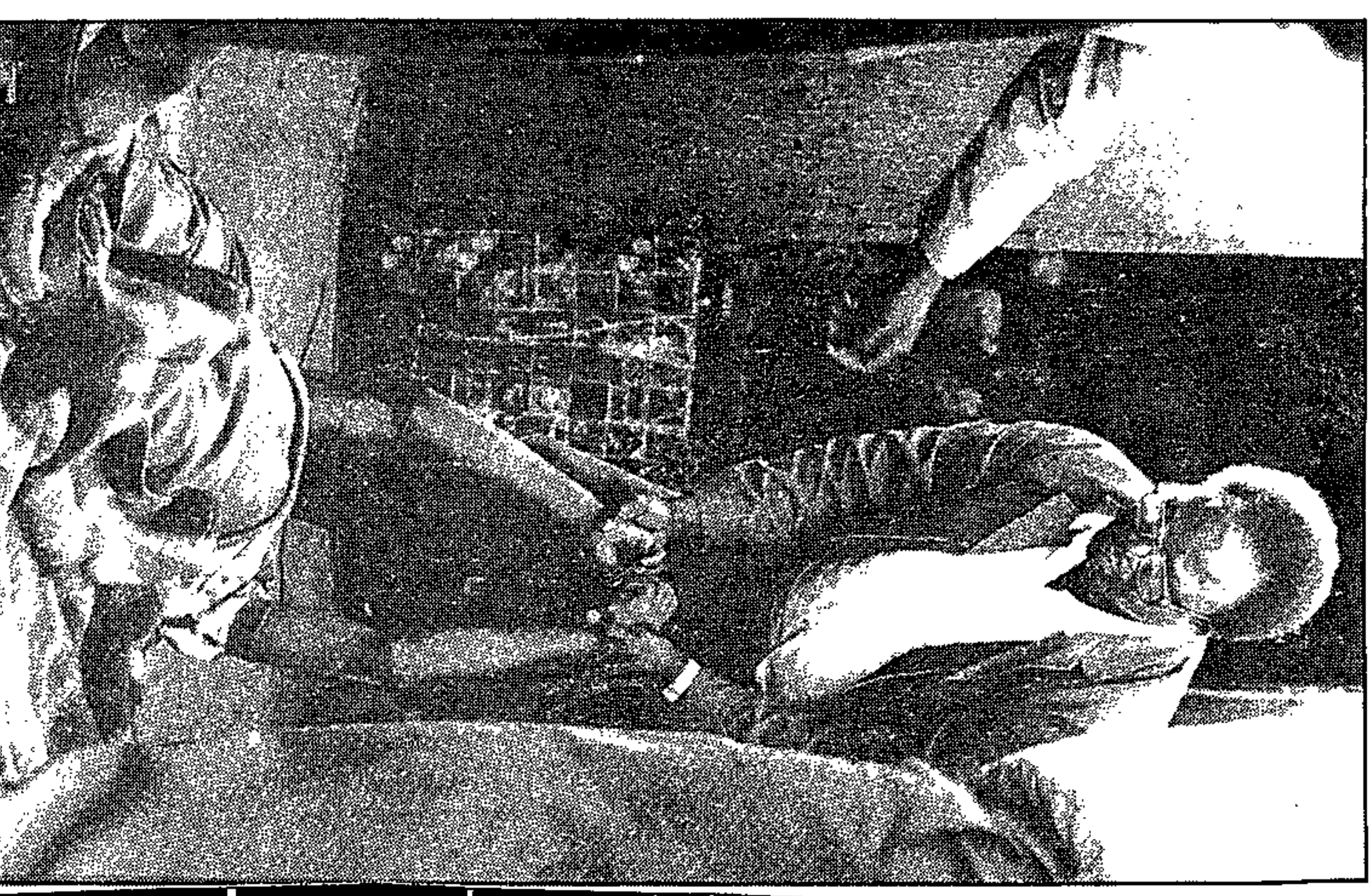
Township residents said the main road into Vosloorus was barricaded this morning and fighting had spread from the hostel onto the road. Commuters were left stranded as no transport was able to get through the barricade.

Early today a strong band of Zulus were seen chasing a group of Xhosas through the streets of Katilehong. The Xhosas took refuge on a hill at the entrance to the township and a stand-off situation developed. The Zulus later left peacefully.

A pall of smoke was seen coming from the Crossroads squatter camp in Katilehong, raising suspicions that some of the shacks could have been set alight. Interim gunfire could be heard.

Zulus from Tokoza and Katilehong have apparently joined forces against the Xhosas in both townships.

After 8pm last night, flames were seen shooting from one of the Tokoza hostel's rooms. The



Hold my hand, I'm dying . . . a man near death in Phola Park is helped by residents after being attacked.

room, stockpiled with boxes of beer, was gutted.

A policeman said Zulus had driven Xhosas out of the hostel.

Groups of squatters were seen leaving the area with their belongings to seek refuge at the Roman Catholic Church.

Several other people who tried to fetch their belongings from the hostel were brutally assaulted by groups of men inside.

The injured were transferred to Tembisa Hospital, to Hillbrow Hospital and to Natal-spruit Hospital.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the battles had taken place despite earlier assurances by representatives of the two groups, in the presence of General Gerrit Erasmus of the S.A.P., that peace would be maintained until next Monday's talks between police, hostel dwellers, Inkatha and the ANC.

"We are trying to set up another meeting for Monday where we will carry out a further round of talks in the hope of doing something positive about the situation," Colonel Malherbe added.

In growing concern over repeated clashes between Inkatha and ANC factions in townships in various parts of the country, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of KwaZulu said in a television interview last night that the violence would not be addressed properly until he and ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela were seen addressing joint rallies.

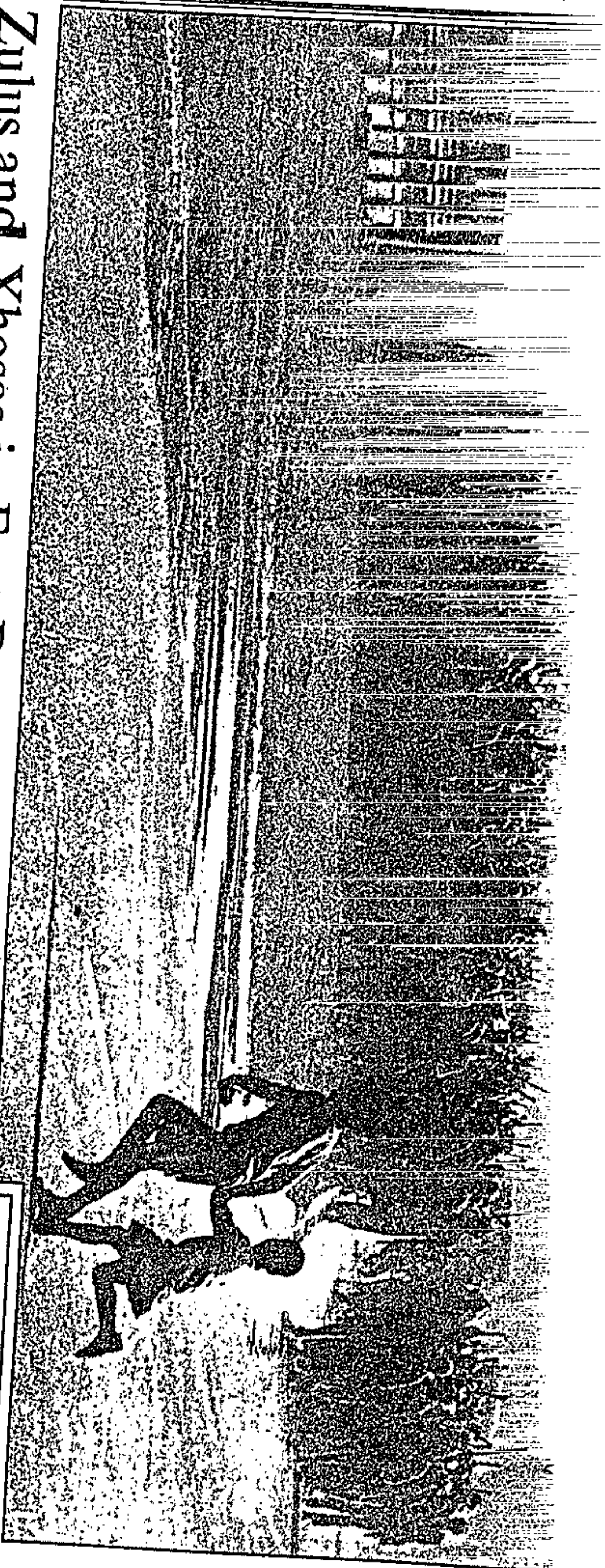
Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer, summed up the horror of it all when he told journalists covering the carnage: "We just keep on finding bodies."

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Off to war . . . a young Phola Park resident (above) brandishes homemade weapons at a meeting of Inkatha opponents.

● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.



Running for safety ... Two Tokoza children flee from an advancing band of armed men. The latest outbreak of violence between Zulus and Xhosas has left at least 39 dead and 65 injured in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus.

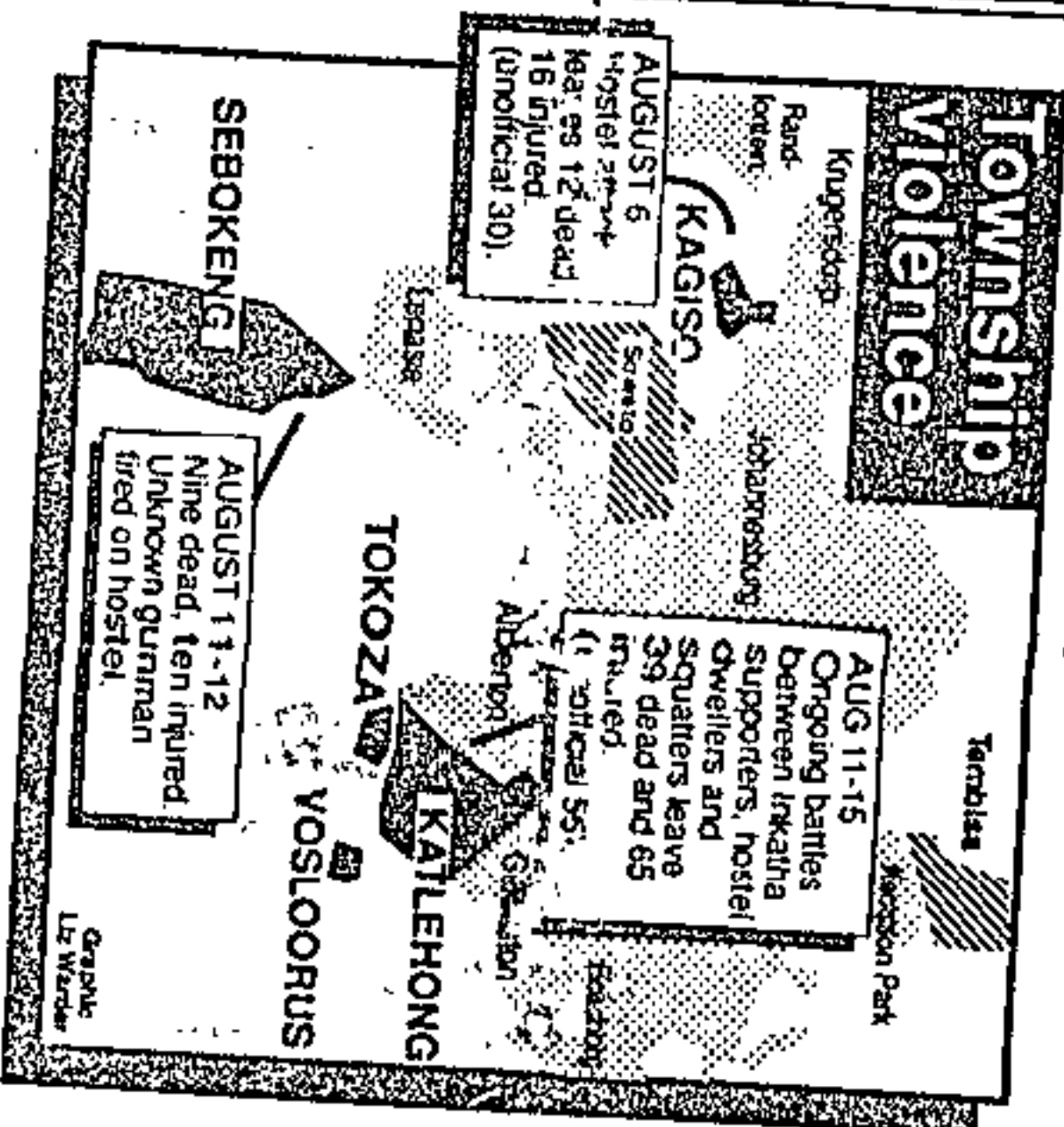
● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

◆ Summons ... A leader calls other Phola Park residents to a meeting.

Zulus and Xhosas in East Rand battles

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Troops move in to stop the slaughter



Troops were rushed to violence-racked East Rand townships today after continuing running battles between Zulus and Xhosas left at least 39 dead and 65 injured in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus.

Unofficial estimates are that up to 55 people may have been killed in the spreading violence, but police could not confirm this.

Much of the fighting has been characterised by clashes between Zulus and Xhosas. Fighting erupted early today at Vosloorus hostels when Inkatha members allegedly attacked residents.

The East Rand violence started in Tokoza on Sunday when a hostel dweller was killed. The incident escalated into full-blown clashes between hostel dwellers and squatters in nearby Phola Park.

Last night, violence spread to nearby Katlehong and Vosloorus, leaving a Tokoza peace pact in tatters as Zulus from various

Reports by Craig Kotze, Abel Mabelane, Musa Mapisa and Guy Jepson.

townships joined forces to attack Xhosas, putting them to flight.

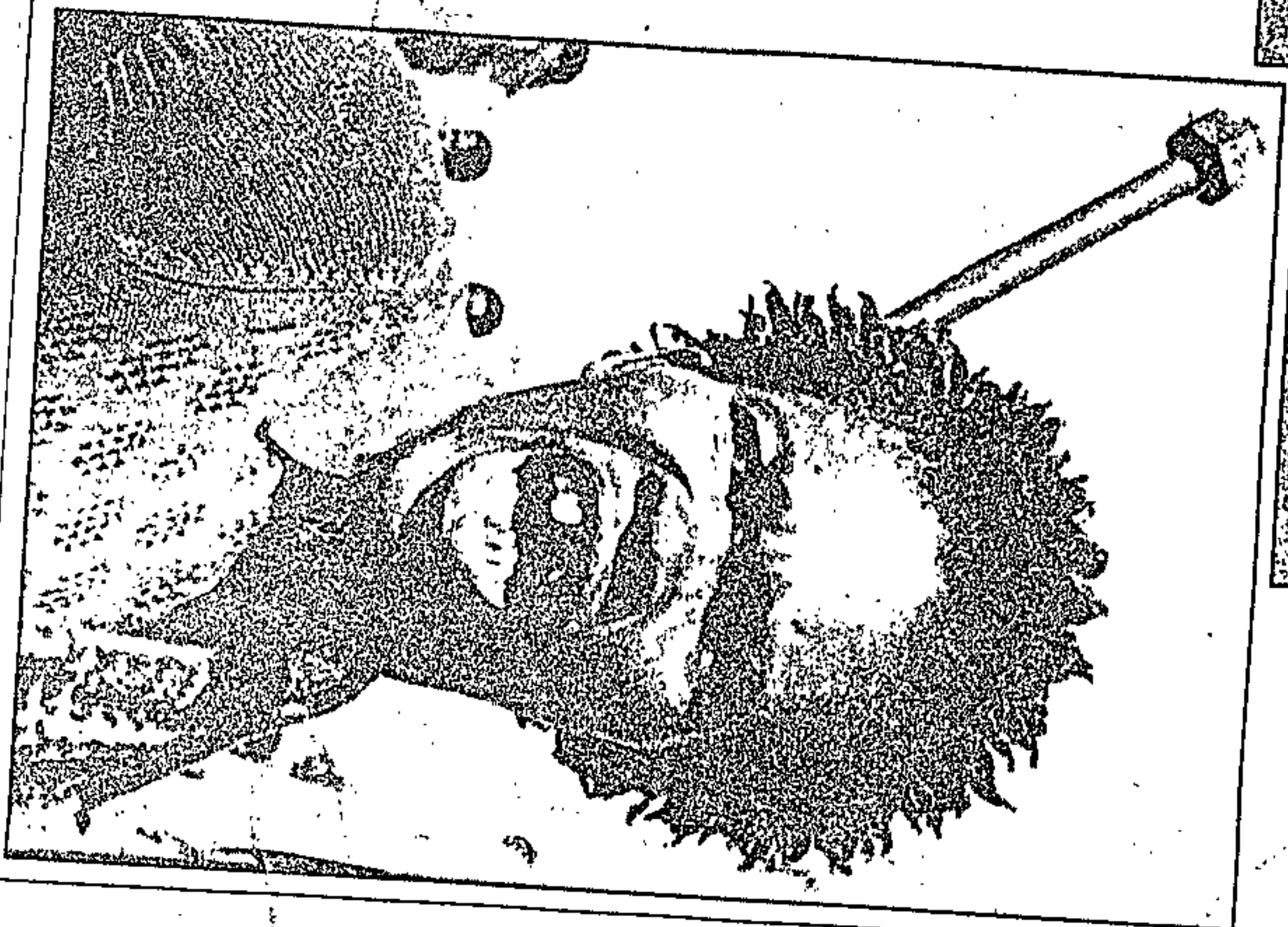
The fighting has primarily been centred at hostels and squatter camps and is a continuation of the "hostel trend" in Transvaal Vaal Triangle and Kagsiso on the West Rand experienced the same pattern.

Vosloorus hostel dwellers said a large impi of Zulus attacked their hostel early today. "There were too many. They came with sticks and assegais," hostel dweller Themba Mahlangu (22) told The Star this morning.

He said hostel inmates were asleep when the group attacked. "We heard them singing and the next thing they were in the

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Lawyers taking statements from hostel dwellers

By Montshiwa Moroke

Lawyers representing Cosatu were at the Sebokeng hostel yesterday taking statements from residents on the weekend shootings which left nine people dead and more than 10 wounded.

This followed a weekend statement in which Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman urged President de Klerk to help end the spate of shootings against hostel dwellers.

Cosatu said all that was known about the attack was that one or more whites had been seen by residents at the time.

Mr Coleman yesterday referred to an SAP statement saying the police believed the killings were linked to a power struggle between Inkatha and the ANC.

Police have offered a R10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the Sebokeng massacre.

Mr Coleman said: "Our experience of the police handling of the violence is that they are very much part of the problem."

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Lekoa council to cut Sta 15/8/90 (24) 343 non-payers' power

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

The Lekoa Town Council will start cutting off the electricity supply to all black townships under its jurisdiction in the Vaal triangle area next week.

Lekoa town clerk Klaas Louw said on Monday that the council was waiting for computer lists to identify those residents who had not been paying their monthly bills for water, electricity and other services.

The lists are expected to be completed by Friday.

The council would then start cutting off the electricity supply individually to non-payers as from next Monday.

The affected townships include Sebokeng, Boipatong and Bophelong.

According to Mr Louw, only about 15 per cent of the area's 350 000 townships residents had paid their bills during the six-year-long rent boycott.

He said this has resulted in their presently being in arrears of about R120 million.

● Meanwhile, the Vereeniging Town Council's management committee met on Monday night to decide whether the electricity supply to Sharpeville, which receives its supply from the town council, would be cut off on Friday as was initially planned.

The management committee decided at the meeting to allow a proposed 30 000-strong peaceful protest march by townships residents through Vereeniging this Saturday.

SAP liaises with ANC

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

The Ministry of Law and Order has appointed a colonel whose special task will be to communicate with the ANC in an effort to stop violence and intimidation. (S) (S) (S) 343

Colonel Steve van Rooyen's first task is to try to help put an end to the East Rand violence which has already claimed scores of black lives.

Police sources noted today that although police had drawn up a list of 96 police officers nationwide to liaise with the ANC, the ANC had so far come up with only 29 names.

The ANC and its aligned organisations yesterday placed the blame for the fighting in East Rand townships squarely at the door of Inkatha.

At a Johannesburg news conference, Cosatu first vice-president Chris Dlamini claimed the fighting was an orchestrated campaign to spread Natal violence to Transvaal townships to establish Inkatha as a credible political party with significant community support.

He pointed out that hostels in the affected townships were not tribally segregated. — Sapa.

Disarmed and trapped

TOKOZA — Our car drove through the entrance to the hostel unchallenged. We were watched suspiciously by migrant workers. We had entered a stronghold of the dreaded "Zulus."

Their reputation as fearless and pitiless fighters had been enhanced by the fierce fighting which had swept through Tokoza and the neighbouring townships of Katlehong and Vosloorus during the past three days, claiming the lives of at least 105 people.

With the savage war between pro-Inkatha Zulus and pro-ANC Xhosas very much on our minds, we drove to the top end of the rows of army-like barracks.

They had been built to accommodate migrant workers as cheaply as possible.

Within minutes our car was surrounded by a group of men. My heartbeat quickened.

An enormous chasm lay between us. They were desperately poor. I was, in their eyes, fabulously rich. They were black. I was white. They spoke Zulu and broken English. I spoke English and a few badly pronounced phrases in Zulu.

I hoped they would understand that I was there as a journalist. I feared they might not.

Trap

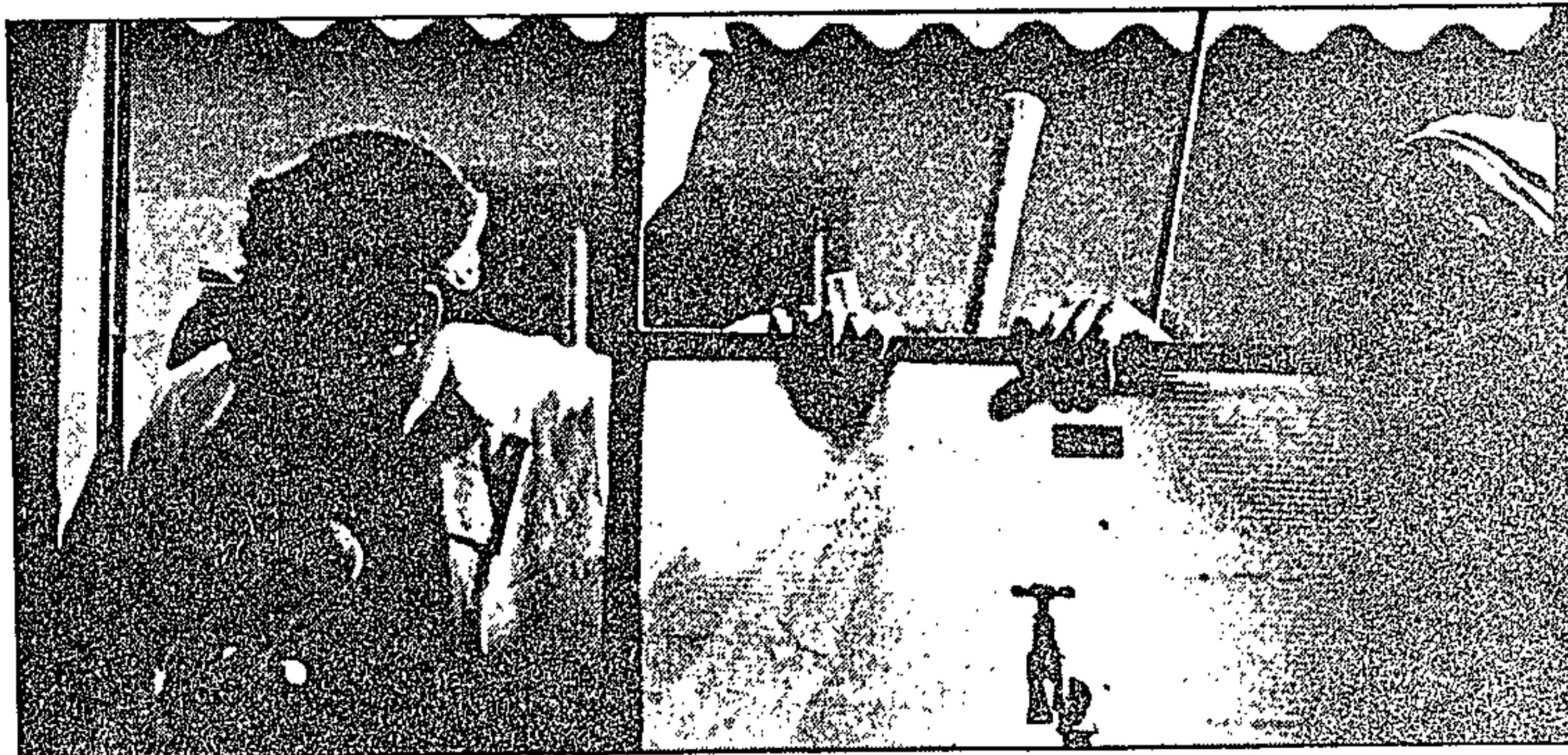
I got out of the car, solemnly introducing myself to each of the men, offering my hand and explaining my purpose. They understood my role.

What struck me immediately was that they were frightened. The intrepid "Zulus" were nervous.

Earlier, in the nearby squatter settlement of Phola Park, inhabited by pro-ANC Xhosas, grown men had fled at the first unsubstantiated hint that pro-Inkatha Zulus were mobilising for another attack.

It was like, I thought in retrospect, meeting an anxious Viking. But the Zulu men surrounding us were unquestionably scared. They had been disarmed by the police only minutes before. They felt very vulnerable.

The Zulu men's hostel, with its single entrance, was enclosed within walls. But for them it was no longer a fortress from which to mount attacks against the enemy outside. It was a trap, a ready-



Window assault . . . Inkatha supporters attack a hostel room at the Nguni hostel in Vosloorus. A man who had locked himself in the room was killed. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

made tomb.

Gradually, haltingly, he explained their fear. They were locked inside the hostel compound and had nowhere to hide their weapons. But the Xhosas outside had ample space in which to disperse and hide their weapons.

The tall man said: "We need transport, so that we can get out to safety. That is the only favour we ask you. Please do your best." His companions nodded. I said goodbye in Zulu.

We drove out to the squatter camp hardly more than a kilometre away. The sordid barracks were separated from the shanty town by a wasteland filled with the litter of the poor: plastic containers, paper packets and polythene bags.

Earlier, before going to the hostel, we spoke to a group of Xhosa men in the squatter camp. They had just been disarmed by the police. They, too, were fearful.

Distrust

Reflecting the distrust of the police which permeated the squatter settlement, another young man had said: "They (the police) took away our weapons. They are going to take our weapons to the hostels and give them to Zulus."

Fighting to keep control of his fear, he had added: "Many of us are going to die today." Some of his comrades had armed themselves with puny saplings to replace the stout sticks, metal pipes and home-made spears which had been confiscated.



Lone sentry . . . Alertness is the key to survival.

Some of the men that had encircled me on our first trip through the squatter camp were Xhosa migrant workers who had been driven out of the hostel by the Zulus after the start of the trouble. One of the migrant workers had said: "The



Death in the street . . . Police examine

Zulus say they won't be ruled by a Xhosa."

They had been certain the police would not disarm the Zulus. I had replied that we were about to check for ourselves if the disarming process was even-handed. I then pro-

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d—nowhere to hide

In the eyes of the 'dreaded and pitiless' Zulus and the pro-ANC squatters in Phola Park was a similar and unmistakable look of terror, as both the warring factions fell prey to a sense of vulnerability following the even-handed disarming process which the police carried out yesterday. **PATRICK LAURENCE** caught both sides of the story.



Seeking conflict ... Inkatha impis besiege another room in the Vosloorus hostel. The occupant was murdered. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.



Police examine the bodies of three victims who died in the Crossroads inter-tribal violence, before loading them into a truck.

Picture by Mbuseni Zulu.

ruled in the at we our-cess pro-
mised to return and tell them what we saw, feeling that it would not harm my professional integrity to warn them if the Zulu-migrant workers had not been disarmed and to reassure them if they had been. Now we were back at the

same spot on the edge of the squatter camp where we first met the Xhosas. They had been reinforced by fresh arrivals of men. Their mood was tougher. I told them the Zulus at the hostel we had visited had been disarmed and that the Zulus,

fearful for their lives, wanted to leave. A well spoken man replied: "They must be driven back to Natal. We want peace and harmony. They must go." A police armoured vehicle parked on the nearby road. We drove out through the

heart of the largely deserted squatter camp. The tiny shacks were boarded up. Dogs lazed in the sun, oblivious, it seemed, of the fear of men. A Christian entrepreneur left his message: "Jesus is the Lord. Shoe shine. Same day service."

Fighting spreads to Soweto

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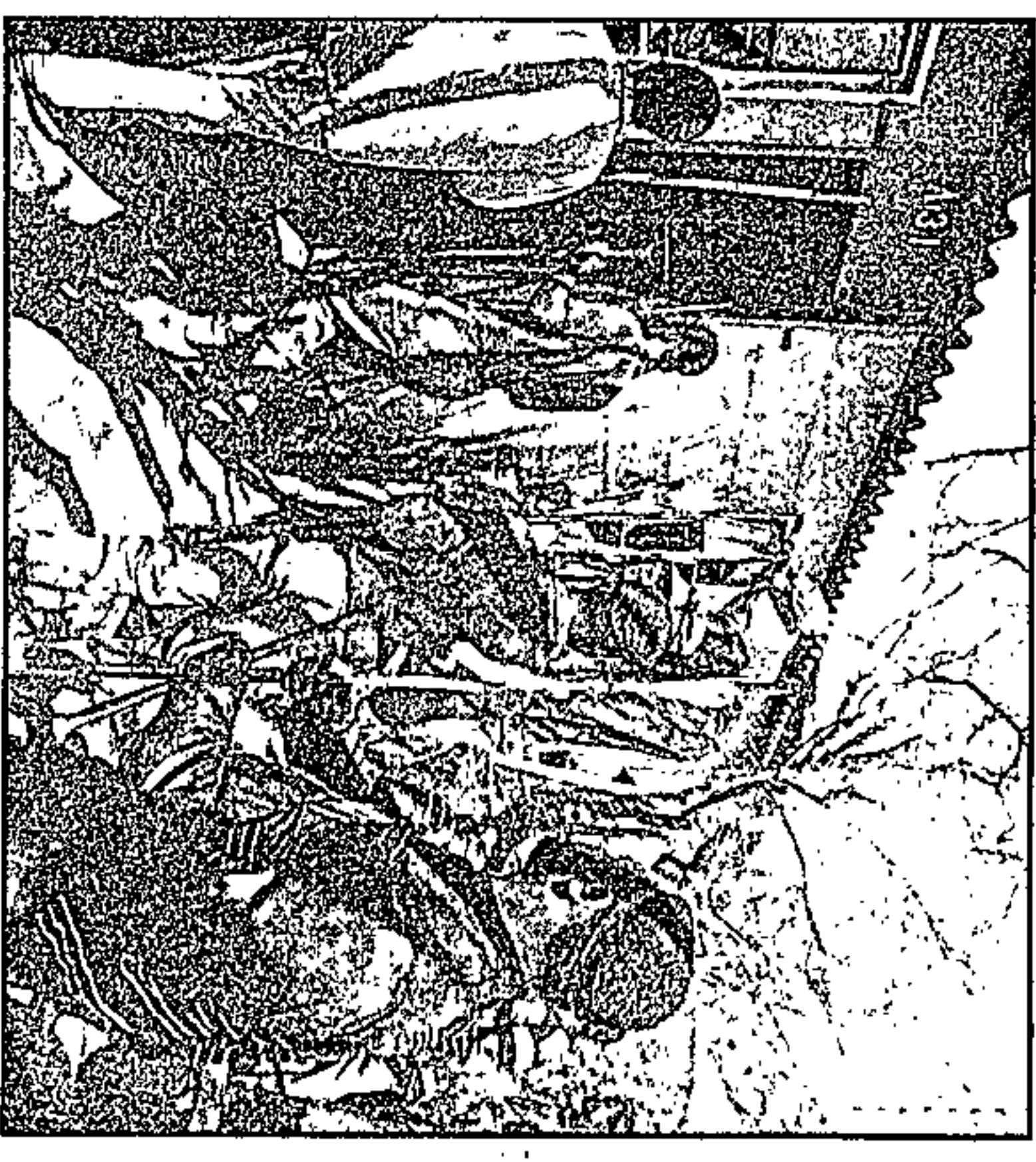
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1 An "impi" on a mission of death gathers outside a room at the Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus.



2 Through one of the windows of a squalid room they see the man they are planning to kill.



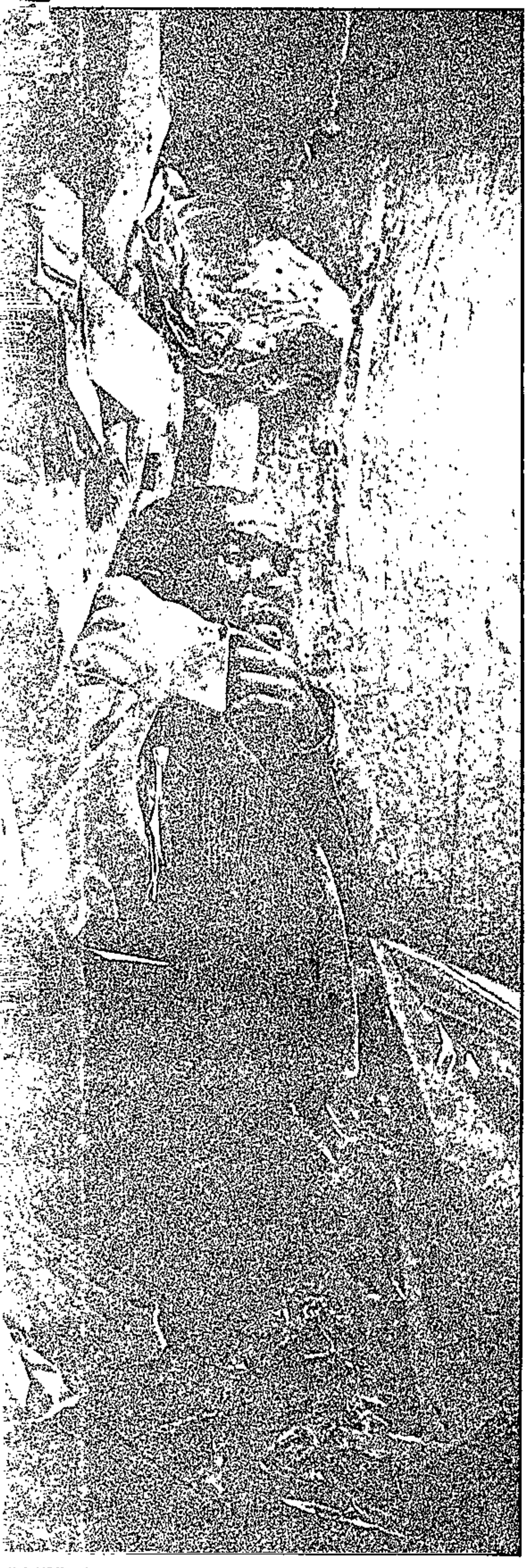
3 In a frenzy of blood-lust, they smash down the bolted door . . . and pour into the room.

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to unfold

The vicious East Rand township conflict — which has left 144 dead — spread to Soweto today when warring factions attacked each other, leaving at least 31 injured.

The East Rand was quieter after yesterday's carnage. Thousands have been left homeless, many of them fleeing the townships of Tokaza, Katlehong and Vosloorus and nearby squatter camps to neighbouring white residential areas.

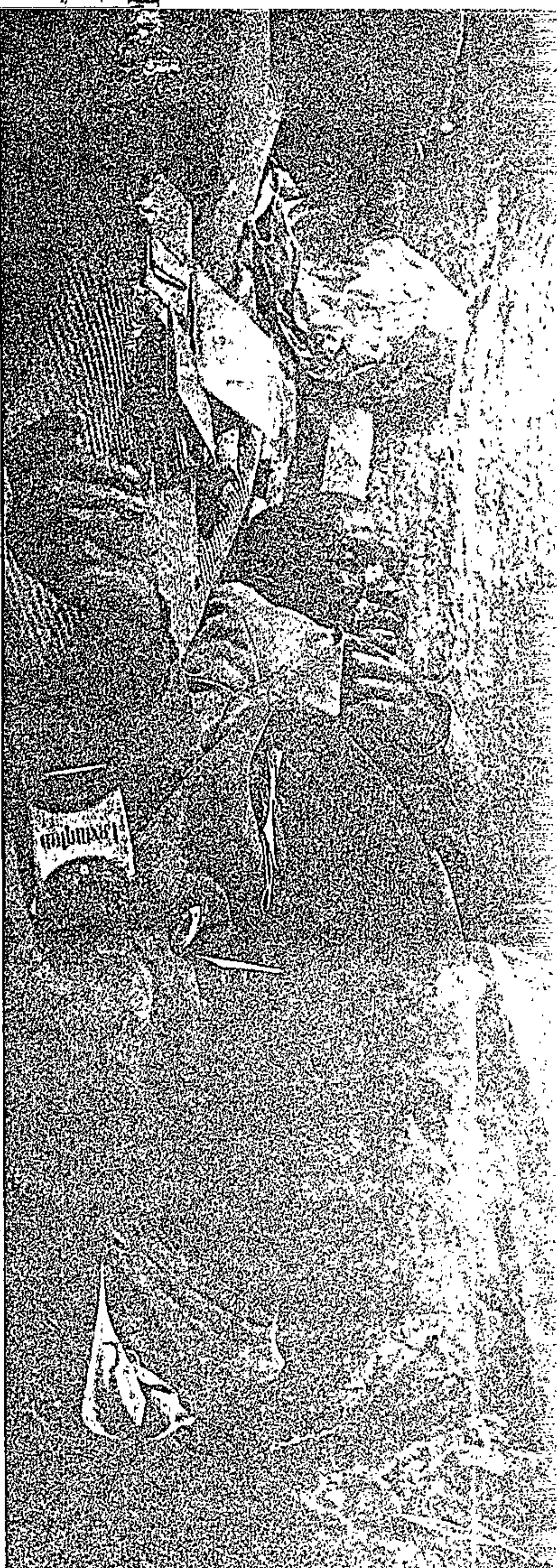
Mothers with babies on their backs were yesterday seen leaving their possessions and running from flaming squatter shacks in a desperate attempt to escape what seems to have become a Zulu-Xhosa war.

Reporters in the township yesterday witnessed "unbelievable" scenes. They said Zulus were attacking hostel inmates randomly, killing them in their rooms where they sought shelter.

Others were hacked with pangas and set on fire. At least one baby

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The body of their unidentified victim lies desolate on the bed after the attack — adding to the toll of the violent East Rand township conflict which has left 144 people dead.



Photographer: Ken Oosterbroek. **Reporters:** Helen Grange, Musa Mapisa, Abel Mabelane, Montshiwa Moko, Craig Kotze.

was burnt to death in a shack and several people drowned when they ran into a swamp to escape the Zulus.

Mortuaries in the East Rand areas are full and attendants battled to cope. Hospitals are overflowing with injured people. Ambulances could not cope with the workload and stopped entering the township during the day yesterday.

Today, reports of violence came from Soweto.

Police said they dispersed the factions with teargas and urgent talks were in progress to defuse the situation.

Nine of those injured are in a serious condition in hospital.

Four bodies were also found near Soweto's Inhlazane station this morning, but police said the deaths could not be linked to the fighting.

Two of the bodies had been removed by the time police arrived at the station.

Shots were fired when mobs clashed at Soweto's Jabulani amphitheatre, but Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Thembu Halgryn said no casualties had been reported at the time of going to press.

Near Jabulani Hostel, hundreds of youths and residents gathered on a nearby bridge outside the men's dwelling.

The hostel was virtually under siege as angry residents, including some youths in school uniforms, faced the hostel armed with an assortment of weapons.

At 8 am a large police group took up position between the township residents and the hostel and a helicopter hovered above.

Residents said commuters were prevented from boarding trains at Inhlazane Station before 6 am today. They said fled from the station, allegedly chased by Inkatha supporters.

Many residents in the area stayed home today and schools were empty.

Colonel Halgryn said Soweto police were geared to deal with any outbreak of violence. Illegal gatherings would be dispersed.

In another development which could aggravate the situation in Katlehong, Tokozo and Vosloorus on the East Rand, Soweto "comrades" were this morning reportedly being bussed in to the area to support Xhosas against Zulu impis.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the situation on the East Rand was calm this morning.

Thousands of township commuters had to walk to work today after comrades allegedly prevented minibus taxis from operating.

As the violence yesterday reached uncontrollable proportions, police and troops rushed in to stop the slaughter. A vicious array of weapons was seized.

The fighting is the bloodiest outbreak of mass violence in South Africa in decades.

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Fighting spreads to Soweto

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Last night, police were still picking up bodies in the area, and a massive clean-up operation had been launched at hostels to prevent further fighting.

Police and military action dampened the conflict sufficiently for police to say the situation was "calmer".

Control by the security forces was reasserted only after massive police and troop reinforcements.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok appealed to the warring factions to halt bloodshed and destruction. He urged their leaders to use their influence to stop the killings.

Soldiers and police yesterday disarmed as many groups as possible. They surrounded large groups with armoured vehicles and forced them to hand over sophisticated weaponry, explosives and thousands of pangas, spears and other weapons. Police seized five AK47 rifles

and 20 magazines; two F1 Soviet-made grenades; five pistols; two revolvers; and a mini-limpet and an SPM limpet mine.

Four men were arrested after a hand grenade was hurled at police in Tokozo, wounding a policeman, and after a gunman opened fire on police with an AK 47.

Hundreds of refugees fled from the area in the chaos.

Crossroads squatter camp near Katlehong was yesterday almost burnt to the ground.

Refugees also fled into white areas in Alberton, including Brackendowns and Raceview.

The South African Council of Churches and the Red Cross said they would provide help for the refugees from today.

Much of the fighting was characterised by Zulu-Xhosa clashes which have been concentrated at hostels and squatter camps — a recent trend in the Transvaal.

By Kaiser Nyatsumba, Political Staff

The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) and the ANC have condemned the violence which has claimed at least 140 lives in townships on the East Rand.

IFP central committee chairman Frank Mdlalose yesterday told The Star the loss of life by so many people aggrieved him deeply, regardless of their political affiliation.

Dr Mdlalose, who described the latest round of violence as most unfortunate, said he was concerned that the conflict had assumed tribal connotations, with Zulus and Xhosa reportedly clashing against each other.

"I want to urge all the people concerned to lay down arms, tolerate each other and resolve the problems by talking. My appeal to the local leadership is that they identify themselves and seek out venues where they can talk to each other," Dr Mdlalose said.

IFP president and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu

Buthezi, was reported to be away until next week.

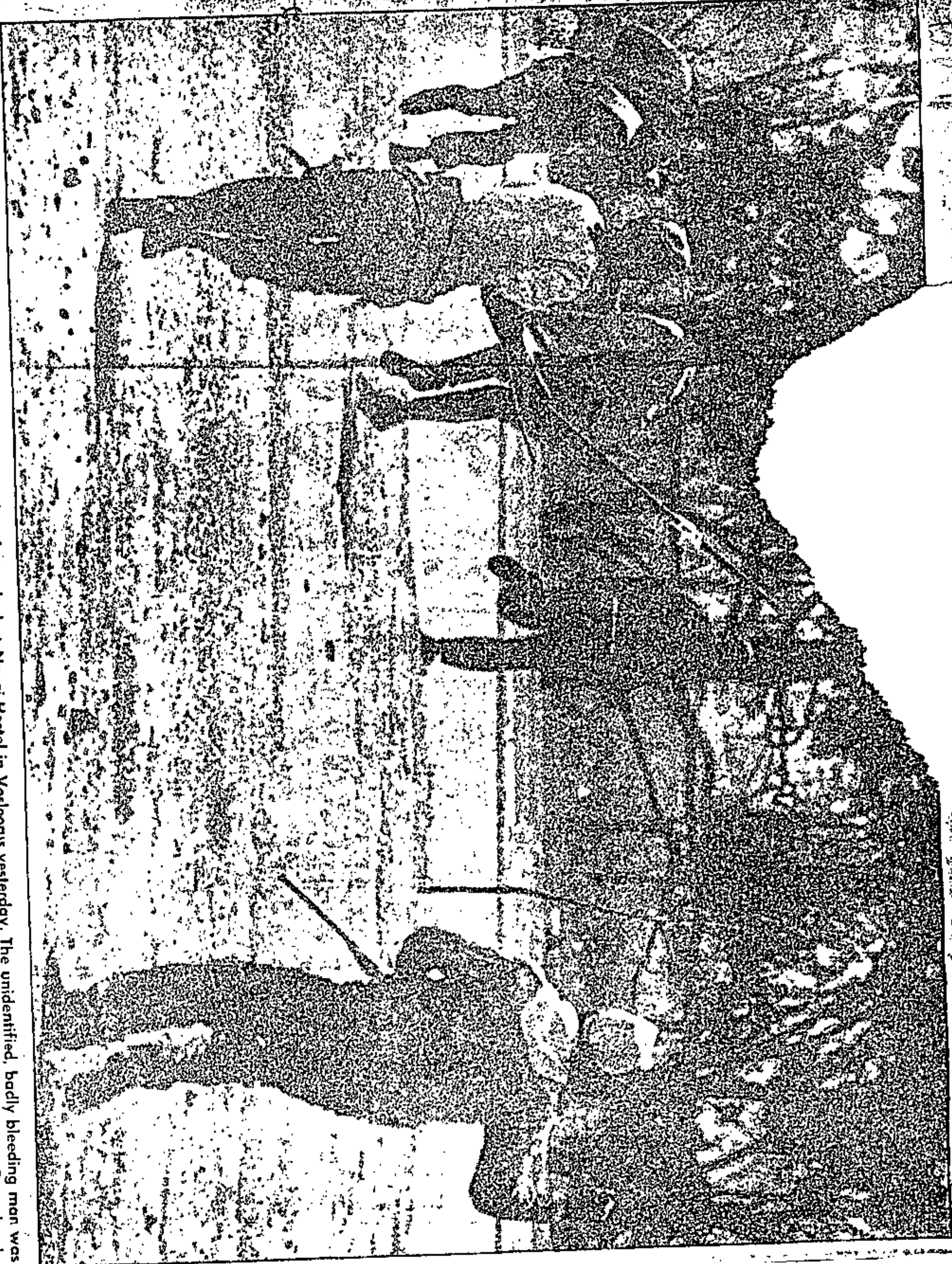
Internal ANC spokesman Ahmed Kathrada said everything possible was being done to end the violence on the East Rand townships of Kaitleng, Vosloorus and Tokoya.

However, he referred questions to the ANC's Witwatersrand regional office, where spokesman Barbara Hogan said attempts were made yesterday to defuse the situation.

Ms Hogan said an ANC delegation on the East Rand had met the police at Vosloorus Police Station yesterday afternoon, and a meeting between IFP and ANC leaders in the area was scheduled for today.

She added: "The people in the township are strongly convinced that the police are assisting Inkatha. Our regional office has compiled data and asked (ANC internal leader) Walter Sisulu to take the matter up with (Law and Order Minister) Adrian Vlok."

Although the situation was "still in flames", everything possible was being done to get "effective intervention" in the area, Ms Hogan said.



Inkatha supporters chase an injured man whom they cornered and attacked at Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus yesterday. The unidentified, badly bleeding man was saved from almost certain death when the occupants of a passing car fired on his attackers. © Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.



Stayaway call in Tokoza

By Stan Hlophe

The Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) has called for a mass stayaway today in protest against the violence in the East Rand townships.

The TCA and the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) will hold a protest meeting at the local stadium today.

Residents have been urged to end "apartheid violence" and "ethnic chauvinism."

Pamphlets distributed in the township blamed the apartheid regime with its "repressive, unjust and inhuman" system for the wave of violence in the township.

The pamphlets say: "Apartheid has enforced ethnic chauvinism. It teaches black people to see themselves as Zulus, Xhosas and Sothos.

"TCA and Sayco therefore call upon all the people of Tokoza to stop this fight."

Pangas flash amid the cries of dying men

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It was total war yesterday in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus — and the residents paid the price in blood, fear and grief.

Zulu impis swooped. Spears and pangas flashed and the dead, mostly Xhosas, piled up amid the cries of wounded and dying men.

Terrified women and children fled from razed squatter shacks and burning homes as police reported the finding of bodies with almost monotonous frequency.

"Tokoza, 7.45 am — six blacks found with stab wounds, taken to Tokoza Hospital. Katlehong, 7.59 am — the bodies of two men found with hackwounds." And so it went on all day.

Huge groups of armed men gathered to launch attacks and counter-attacks, leaving behind bodies. Soldiers and police moved to intervene, forming barriers between warring groups. Children, caught in the middle, ran.

Squatter shacks were torched in Crossroads, near Katlehong, burning many residents to death.

A man was set alight by youths in front of journalists in Tokoza. He had been hunted down, stoned, doused with petrol and set alight. He lay bleeding and writhing on the ground before the journalists, and later police, arrived to help him.

"If there is no peace between us and the Zulus, they will kill us," a young blanket-clad Xhosa man told his friend as they walked with sharpened sticks towards open land on the verge of Phola Park squatter camp.

Moments later, they and hundreds of other squatters were being body searched and disarmed by police as part of an attempt by the army and police forces to diffuse continuing fighting.

Surrounded by at least 20 police and army vehicles, the group sat a while in the dust before they moved, one by one, towards the po-

licemen. Dropping their sticks, they raised their hands to be searched.

Resentment surfaced as the Casspirs moved off towards the Zulu-dominated Tokoza hostels. Left without a means of defence, the men shouted from the roadside towards the yellow vehicles: "Inkatha, you are with Inkatha".

A deadly silence at the hostels met the police contingent as they arrived to disarm the hostel dwellers. Doors were locked and no-one appeared.

Haunting images of war hit Alberton's white suburbs yesterday as hundreds of refugee women and children with terror in their eyes fled the nearby Crossroads squatter town.

Women and children were fleeing with what they could salvage from their wrecked shacks, evoking scenes previously confined to television coverage of the West Bank, Vietnam and other far-off trouble-spots.

Yesterday morning, women carried children on their backs and ran out of their burning shacks, grabbing whatever belongings they could.

Maura Smith of Raceview, Alberton, broke down and cried as she described how she came across traumatised little children fleeing in terror from Crossroads.

"There was blood on their clothes. I will never forget the absolutely haunting look of terror in their eyes. It was the most dreadful thing I have ever seen.

"They had no shoes so I took some of my children's shoes and gave it to them," said Mrs. Smith.

About 300 women and children, mostly Xhosas, who escaped from Crossroads camped next to the N3 highway with their belongings late yesterday afternoon. They had nowhere to go.

They said the Zulus had vowed to track them down and "destroy them", wherever they went.

Vosloorus grim, volatile

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Montshiwa Morong

The situation at Vosloorus was volatile late yesterday with about 14 bodies strewn around the Nguni hostel.

Other bodies had already been removed by police from the hostel and the veld next to the police station.

They were apparently victims of an attack by heavily-armed Zulu imps, who, in their hundreds, moved into the Nguni hostel singing war songs.

Residents said yesterday three more youths had been shot dead by hostel inmates who alleged they had tried to set the hostel alight.

It was against this grim backdrop last night that civic leaders, including Vosloorus mayor Morrison Senokela, police and elected leaders from Zulu and Xhosa-speaking factions met in a desperate effort to bring about peace.

The Star photographer Ken Oosterbroek was shown at least eight bodies, which lay in different parts of the hostel, and another of a youth in the nearby township.

Oosterbroek said he saw hostel inmates break down a door and enter the hostel where they started assaulting a man who had apparently

been hiding there.

He heard the man screaming until he became silent.

He also saw the men smashing lockers and looting.

Meanwhile scores of non-Zulu-speaking hostel inmates, who had fled from their rooms on Tuesday night, were still stranded outside the local police station, terrified to go back to their sleeping places.

Those who fled the hostels left with only the clothing on their backs.

Buses were not entering the township last night and commuters had to alight on the outskirts and walk the rest of the way home.

Where violent conflict has become way of life

In the hot, dusty East Rand township of Tokoza yesterday — where thousands of armed men lined the streets waiting for the next bloody battle, there was hardly a woman or child to be seen.

In the nearby squatter camp of Phola Park, an ominous quiet prevailed. Shacks were secured as well as possible. Everyone had hurriedly deserted the camp on Monday after a sudden early morning attack by a group of men said to have come from the Zulu-dominated hostels in Tokoza.

The Xhosa-speaking squatter men, with sticks, knives and pangas, sat in a large group a little distance from their largely deserted camp to "watch over" their homes.

Out of sight, in private garages and churches, the squatter women and children milled around — hoping their possessions had not been looted and waiting to hear whether it was safe enough to return. Speaking from the security of

As the men gathered their weapons for further conflict in East Rand's Tokoza and Phola Park yesterday, the women and children watched from their hiding places. In a situation riddled with death and uncertainty, they could only wait. **HELEN GRANGE** reports.

a local Methodist church, Nomsa Mcekeni, with her two children on her lap, told The Star: "I just ran into theveld when the Zulus attacked early on Monday, before the dawn."

"There were many of them, with assegais, guns and sticks. We all left our things, took our children, and ran. I am not sure whether all the children got away. I didn't look back," she said.

On the verge of Pholo Park, where a major brick company runs a factory, hundreds of women and children were packed into garages behind a maze of freshly-made bricks.

"Up to a thousand squatters have been here since Monday when the trouble started," said

Peter Egan, factory manager. Some had managed to bring bedding and food was being brought to them by the Catholic church.

Said one mother: "Every time we have tried to go back for our possessions, the trouble starts again. Our children are frightened and have not been attending school."

If the army was able to control the fighting, she said, they would return.

"We thought there would be peace after a meeting with the police, but the killing has not ended," she said.

Outside the garages, the bedraggled children gathered in clumps, grinning to the camera and holding their fists high. The

squatter women said they were not sure where the other refugees had gone.

Walking amid the mostly empty shacks, a member of the squatters committee, Michael Mayekiso said: "The camp has to be protected by the men. We have tried to evacuate all the children, because when the fighting starts, they are hurt easily. We can't protect them when we are running."

Asked whether the youngsters knew what was happening around them, Mr Mayekiso said: "They know from an early age about the fighting. They grow up strong. You have to build a house from the bottom up."

By yesterday afternoon, the squatter men, after being disarmed by police, moved slowly back into the camp. The women remained pensive and waiting, and began dribbling back only in the late afternoon.

For them and the next generation, conflict and violence have become a way of life.



Escaping the fumes . . . Residents flee teargas fired by the police yesterday during faction fighting between ANC supporters and Inkatha members.

● Picture by Associated Press.

Soweto high-rise project unlikely

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PLANS for a R560 million high-rise housing project in Soweto, announced in 1985 by the Foundation for Community Development, have run out of steam and are unlikely to materialise.

Transvaal MEC Mr John Mavuso said the TPA had been aware for some time that the foundation had problems in raising money for the pro-

ject and described the project as a flop.

Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi said all indications were that the project, which aimed to house 40 000 people, would not get off the ground.

Foundation spokesman Mr Poen Burgher did not want to be specific about the prospects for the project and said they had not lost hope.- Sapa

17 die in Soweto tribal clashes

Staff Reporters

Tribal violence in Soweto claimed 17 lives yesterday and last night, leaving up to 150 people injured as security forces geared up to prevent further outbreaks today.

The violence erupted as the death toll in war-ravaged East Rand townships rose to 152, police said.

It was quiet in a tense Soweto this morning and residents reported a massive stayaway from work for fear of Zulu attacks.

Potential conflict in Alexandra township near Johannesburg was averted last night as police moved to swiftly intercept a large group, apparently made up of Xhosas, armed with pangas, spears, knobkerries and other weapons. The group was allegedly on its way to attack Zulus.

The group was surrounded by police and disarmed, said a police spokesman.

Guarding

Security forces in Soweto today again launched a massive operation to protect train commuters, with soldiers guarding train drivers and police guarding stations and manning passenger coaches.

A similar operation late yesterday afternoon was described as "highly successful" by Soweto spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni, who added that such operations would be conducted for as long as was necessary.

Sporadic fighting broke out in the township last night and the number of deaths mounted steadily from six yesterday afternoon to the 17 reported at the time of going to press.

Four bodies were found in Dobsonville last night.

The violence follows two days of all-out warfare between Zulus and Xhosas in Vosloorus, Tokoza and Katlehong this week, leaving 152 dead and more than 1 000 injured.

As on the East Rand, hostels were the main conflict point, with attacks being launched from mainly Zulu-occupied hostels.

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are concerned. However, chambers in all

as much as when it was shown that chambers of commerce were firmly apolitical.

distinctions should be made between grievances on purely political issues over which they

phasise and publicise business initiatives concerning economic, political and social reform.

The nightmare of bitter township war

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A homeless woman weeps bitterly over her husband, who has been axed to death in the bloody war raging in the townships of the East Rand. Other women around her don't know where their husbands are, or whether they are still alive. They will count the costs of the battle later.

For now, survival is the only priority.

A little distance away, the men prepare for bloodshed — knowing they may die in the next few hours. For them, defeating the enemy is the only priority.

If they should live through this nightmare, what will the future bring? And what are the prospects for their children?

For those who will survive the violence that has wracked the country's townships, the price will be high.

In the short term, people's lives will be terribly disrupted. They will suffer constant anxiety, sleeplessness and depression. The strain on familial relationships will lead to a general

As the death toll in the East Rand's feuding townships continue to rise, so too does the price to be paid by those who survive. When the war is over, the long struggle to resume normality begins. **HELEN GRANGE** reports.

irritability, which will result in violence and neglect," says Lloyd Vogelmann, director of Wits University's Project for the Study of Violence.

The absence people killed will create a wave of resentment and anger in survivors once the fighting has stopped.

"The families and friends of those killed feel a huge loss. There is a desire for retribution, with a result that the potential for violence increases," says Mr Vogelmann.

In East Rand townships, many breadwinners have been killed. "The stress on the surviving family is enormous. This situation inevitably affects the quality of life," Mr Vogelmann says.

As The Star spoke to refugees in hiding near the desolate

squatter camp of Phola Park this week, an ironic scene prevailed. The ragged children gathered in groups to smile and raise their fists for the camera.

For these children, the effects of the war has made an indelible impression on their minds.

"Children become sensitised to violence, and for them it means that this is the way to resolve problems. They have seen adults behave like this and it is assimilated. The potential for violence among this generation of children is increased," Mr Vogelmann says.

For the war-torn society, anxiety and depression are factors which — like a Catch 22 situation — spill over into other aspects of life.

Effectiveness at school and

in the workplace decreases — and people withdraw socially, says Mr Vogelmann.

Apart from the consequences of protracted violence on the individual, the costs in terms of lost productivity and property damage are immense.

Millions of rands are lost every day that workers stay in the township to engage in the conflict and to protect their families. Buildings and vehicles are gutted or damaged, and deserted homes are a perfect opportunity for theft and looting.

But while the war rages and the death count increases with almost monotonous frequency, only the present matters.

"Consequences, no matter how serious, are not a factor among people involved in violence. There is no concern about ending up in prison for instance. The only concern is slaying the perceived enemy and defending your life.

"The long-term emotional and psychological manifestations only set in later."

'Strong pressure' on Mandela to meet Buthelezi

Peace talks: FW cracks whip

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By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

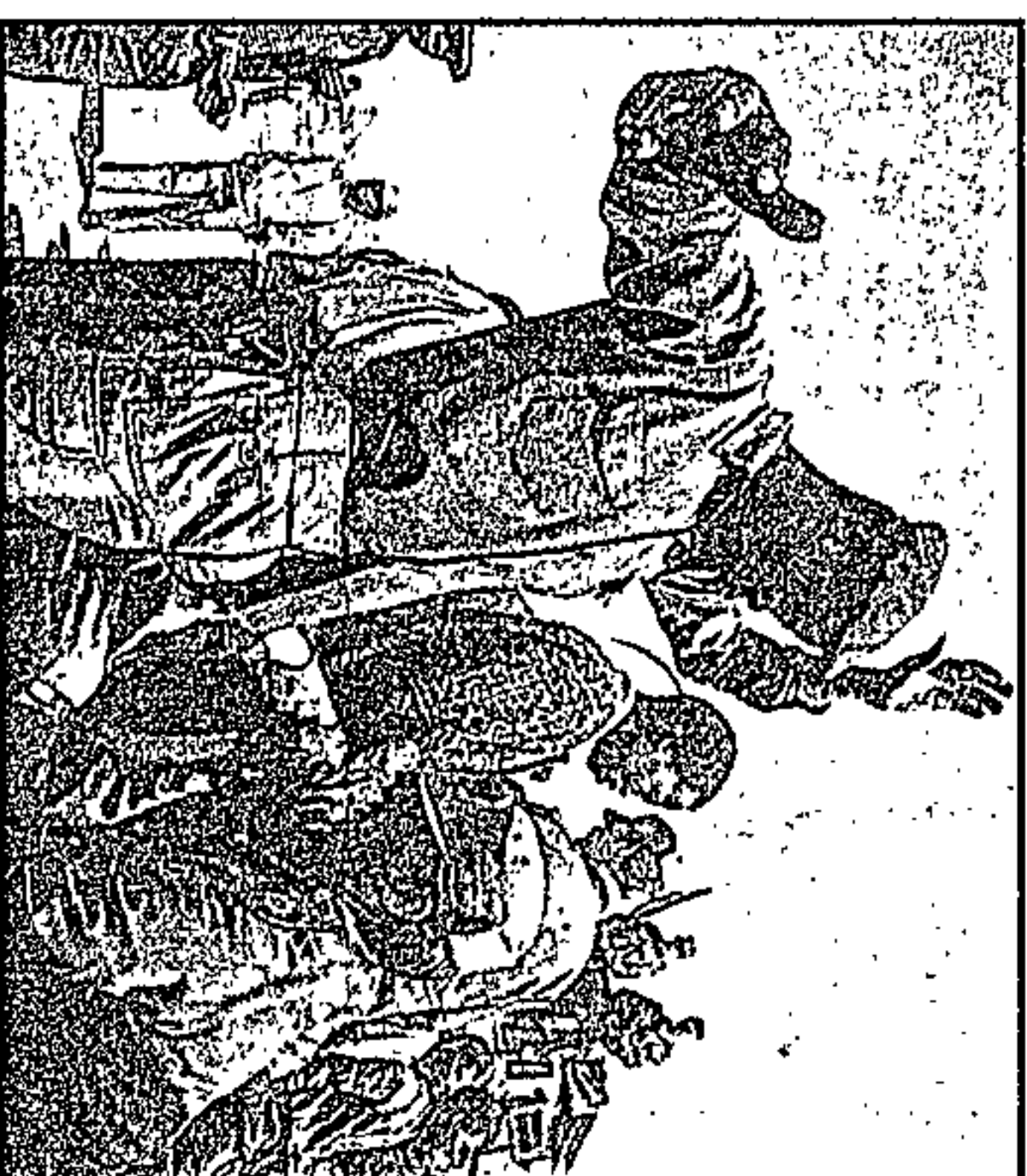
A major effort is under way to involve Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha party in the peace initiative started by President de Klerk yesterday in an attempt to end the vicious fighting in Reef townships.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, and Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok agreed last night to set up an all-parties peace forum to try to halt the spiralling violence.

Police said today that feelers had been put out to Chief Buthelezi and other Inkatha representatives to try to include them in the peace initiative. Inkatha is believed to be closely involved in the bloody faction fighting.

The decision to establish the peace forum was reached late last night at a meeting of Mr Mandela, Mr Vlok, senior police officers and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu at the Soweto police station.

It followed an urgent meeting yesterday morning at the Union Buildings between President de Klerk and Mr Mandela, called to find solutions for the wave of killing nationwide. Government sources said Mr de Klerk had forcefully urged



Police outside the Tokosa stadium searched every one of the estimated 15 000 crowd. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Mr Mandela to meet Chief Buthelezi to try to reach a truce in the bloody Inkatha/ANC power struggle.

Colonel Steve van Rooyen, Mr Vlok's ANC contact man, said today that the peace forum would be set up as soon as possible. He was not sure it would be today, as reports suggested.

The police representative would be Soweto regional commissioner General Johan "Blackie" Swart. Mr Mandela had also provided the name of the ANC representative.

Colonel van Rooyen said that

Mr Vlok had told Mr Mandela that "in all fairness" an Inkatha representative would also have to be appointed and Mr Mandela had no objection to this.

The police had already provided 96 names of police officers to form communication channels, but the ANC had not yet responded with a full list. Inkatha had also been approached for representatives.

Colonel van Rooyen added that the ANC was not convinced that it was just an ANC/Inkatha power struggle. They believed some of the

grievances between hostel dwellers and permanent residents were neither political nor ethnic.

More than 150 people have been killed, more than 1 000 injured and hundreds have been left homeless because of the violence this week alone.

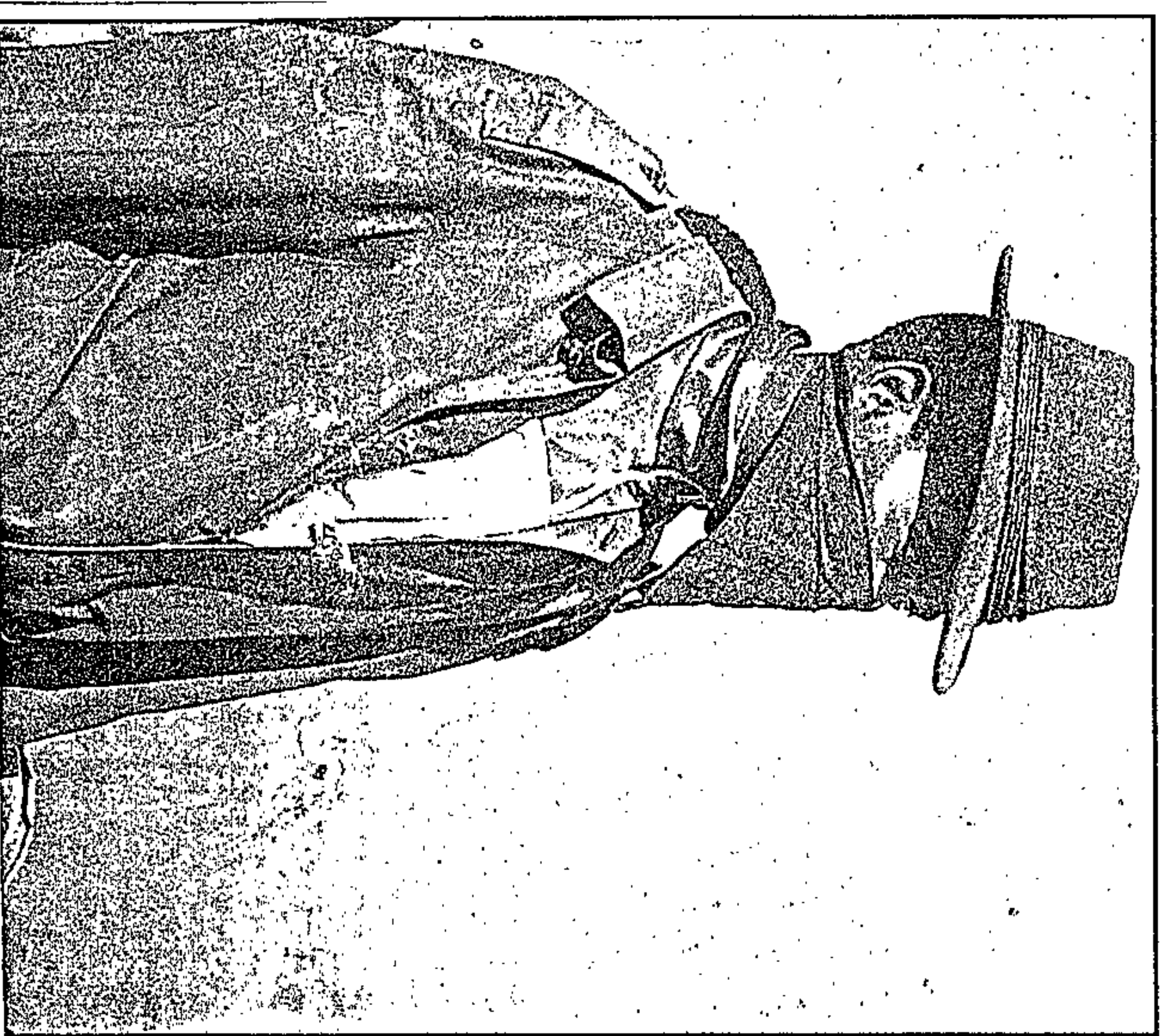
Police are at present harder pressed to control the upsurge of violence on the Reef — where the state of emergency has been lifted for some months — than in Natal, where the emergency is still in force because of the ongoing warfare.

Government sources said there had been "tough talk" from Mr de Klerk to Mr Mandela about his evident refusal to meet Chief Buthelezi.

In a statement released by his office, Mr de Klerk indicated his intention of holding further discussions in the wider context and of taking action.

ANC sources indicated last night that Inkatha, which the ANC believes is instigating the faction fighting, could not carry out such widespread and coordinated attacks on its own.

The Government is said to have accused the ANC of fuelling tension by the repeated utterances by militants on the continuation of the armed struggle, and negatively affecting the morale of the police by continuous statements that the police could resolve the crisis if they wanted to.



NEWS

Walk-out ends Tokoza peace rally

By Musa Mapisa and Abel Mabelane

A Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) rally aimed at ending the five-day-old violence in Tokoza ended abruptly yesterday afternoon, when about half of an estimated 15 000 strong crowd walked out in protest while the chairman of the TCA, Sam Ntuli, was speaking.

The dissatisfaction was caused by Mr Ntuli's suggestion that police help be sought to retrieve belongings of hostel dwellers who left during the fighting.

Previous speakers had called on police to remove Inkatha supporters so that other inmates could take their belongings in peace or at least be allowed to arm themselves for their safety when entering the hostel.

Sacrificial lambs

The idea of being accompanied by police was rejected by most at the rally.

"We cannot be led like sacrificial lambs, by the police, into the hands of armed men in the hostels," a hostel dweller said.

As some of the people left the stadium, TCA members and ANC regional leaders appealed for restraint and discipline.

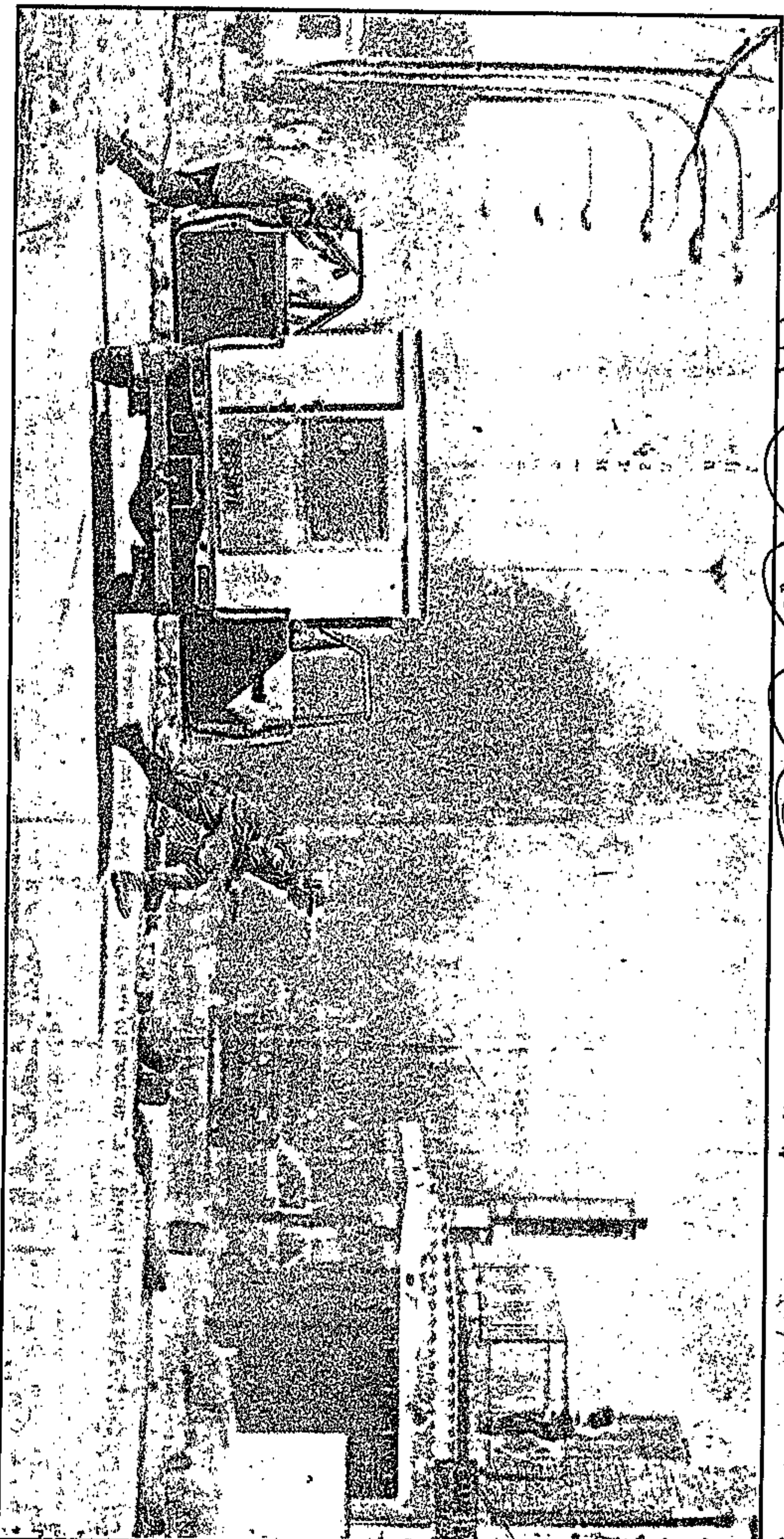
The rally had earlier started with people streaming into the stadium carrying ANC and South African Communist Party flags.

Police cordoned off all entrances and searched all people entering the stadium.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said a policeman was attacked by a panga-wielding man during the exercise.

He said a petrol bomb and a pistol were confiscated by police.

When police confronted the man carrying the pistol, he dropped it and ran away. The panga-wielding man was arrested.



Police action ... leaping from a van (above), police fire tear-gas and rubber bullets at residents who placed tyres in the road and lit them at Soweto's Jabulani hostel yesterday. In the activity, (right) police accidentally teargassed themselves, to the amusement of onlookers.

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Homeless and hungry refugees flee into veld

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By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

The situation in Katlehong and Tokoza, where fighting between Zulus and Xhosas has left more than 100 people dead, was quiet yesterday.

Police kept a high profile near Tokoza Stadium and near the Phola Park squatter camp.

In Katlehong, a group of women and children who fled the Crossroads squatter camp after it was set ablaze, spent the night with their belongings in the open.

At the scene, reporter Helen Grange reports that thousands of refugees spent last night in the veld.

Women and children have taken refuge under bridges, behind factories, in garages and in churches.

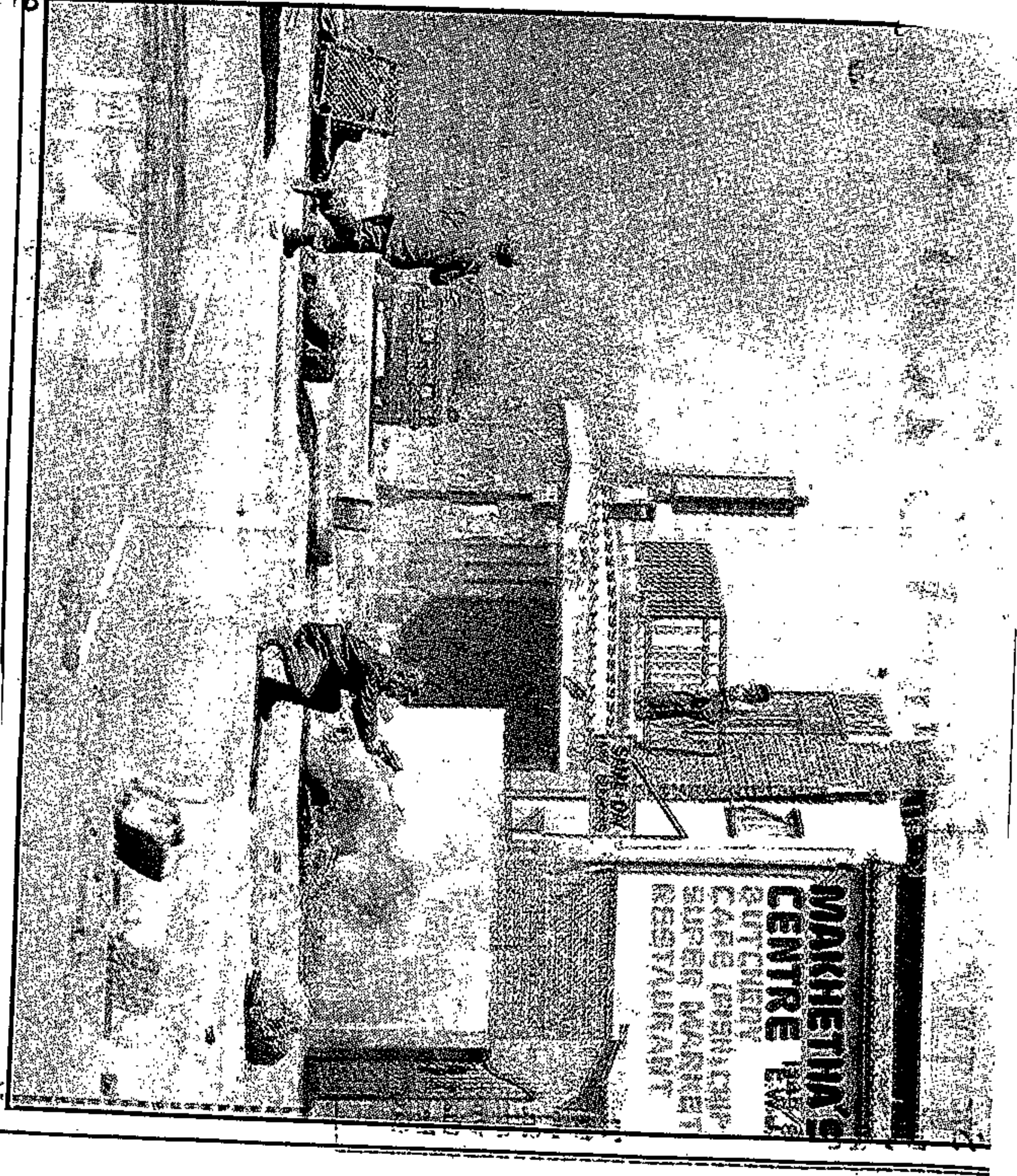
Media personality Tony Sanderson, who owns a factory in Alrode South, said he and his staff had been taking hot soup into the veld for the refugees.

"They have absolutely nothing. One baby was just wearing a nappy. They just emerge from nowhere when we arrive with the truck," Mr Sanderson said.

One woman had wept over the death of her husband, who had had an axe driven through his head.

Mr Sanderson added that police were continually finding bodies around factories and in the veld.

"We desperately need food donations in this area," he said. Mr Sanderson can be reached at (011) 868-1217.



Stop butchering each other
like beasts, urges the ANC

The African National Congress last night made a strong plea for violence across the country to end, saying people were butchering each other "like beasts".

A statement by the organisation blamed "misguided individuals" who had infiltrated the communities and hostels for urging people to fight.

"They spread rumours that one section of the community is planning to attack another. They have taken it upon themselves to divide us along ethnic lines. They urge one language group to

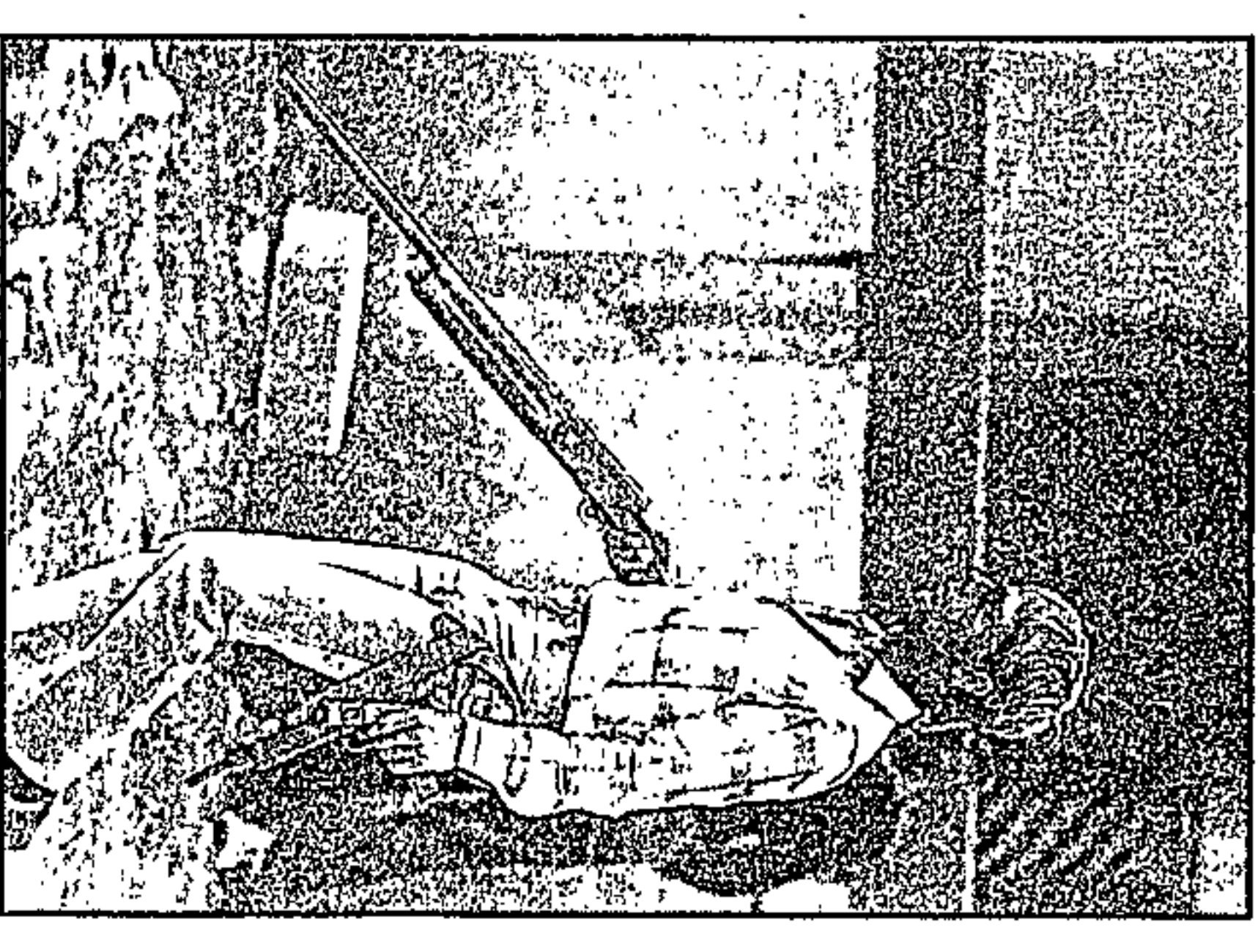
fight another. Within the hostels, hatred is being sown everywhere," the ANC said.

● The president of the South African Institute of Race Relations and presiding bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the Rev Stanley Mogoba, has strongly deplored the current violence.

Dr Mogoba called on all political organisations to "stop wasting time blaming each other for the atrocities" and to redouble their efforts to bring about reconciliation. — Sapa.

Bitter fighting pushes up township death toll

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35 killed in bloody clashes in Soweto

STAFF REPORTERS and SAPA

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They were allegedly killed by gunfire from a AK-47 rifle, with angry residents claiming the shots had come from a nearby ridge where Inkatha supporters were "huddled together in a warlike spirit".

Colonel Halgryn, however, said no shootings occurred in CWA yesterday.

"I can assure you nobody has been shot with an AK-47 rifle in CWA," he said.

The situation was very tense late last night. Soweto's Mapelela suburb and nearby Merafe Hostel became the latest flashpoints with hundreds of hostel dwellers and youths in a tense stand-off.

A resident, who asked not to be named, reported that a youth had been shot, and all teenagers summoned from nearby homes to fight the hostel dwellers.

Hundreds of hostel dwellers had earlier been driven back by Mapelela youths, and were presently camped between their hostel and the Soweto suburb, according to the resident.

Shopping centre

Another trouble spot was around the Maponya Shopping Centre in Dube, where police were reported to have closed off access to the centre and the nearby Dube hostel.

During another incident earlier in the day, a 16-year-old Std 8 pupil, Siboneni Masina, was killed when a policeman allegedly fired shots to disperse residents.

Soweto resident Mr Peter Tau was allegedly shot and hacked by Inkatha hostel dwellers near the Inkathane railway station, and another resident was killed when Inkatha supporters allegedly attacked a taxi in Zone 1 Meadowlands.

Colonel Halgryn said one man was shot dead by

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DEFIANT: As township comrades flee under attack from pro-Inkatha Jabulani Hostel dwellers, one man turns back to vent his anger. TOP: A heavily armed special unit policeman at the scene of a grenade and machine-gun fight. ● Photographs: Ken Osterbroek.

Whites warn of violence at today's Welkom march

SUE OLSWANG

THE potential for conflict during today's march through the centre of Welkom has been addressed by the South African Police in a stern warning issued soon after the Conservative Party threatened to resort to violence if one white person dies at the march.

Major Johan Beukes of the Welkom police has said the SAP will not tolerate any interference and are determined to ensure the maintenance of law and order during the march by about 5 000 black residents of Bronville township.

Permission for the march has been granted by the Welkom Town Council, but it will take place in a delicate climate of racial conflict which has the potential of turning bloody if the right-wing tries to intervene.

Koos van der Merwe, CP MP for

Overvaal, has warned that today's march is an invitation to bloodshed.

"If one white person dies it will be on the Government's conscience. We will mobilise our people and stop them with violence," Mr van der Merwe said during a stormy CP meeting held in the Free State mining town on Monday night.

At its annual Free State congress held in Bloemfontein earlier this week, the CP passed a unanimous resolution to demand an immediate end to protest marches through white areas. The party also stated the Government would be directly responsible for loss of lives or damage to property caused during black political protest.

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Townships want F.W. to stay a leader — research

CHRIS MOERDYK

RESEARCH data just released shows that President F.W. de Klerk has not only gained considerable support in black townships, but an increasing number of blacks now want him as one of their leaders in the new South Africa.

But, while the independent research project indicates that Mr de Klerk's star is rapidly rising in the townships, it also shows that blacks remain suspicious of the National Party, still regarded as the "creator of apartheid", which is relinquishing as slowly as possible and only because of internal pressure.

The Rubicon 2 project was undertaken by the Johannesburg advertising agency McCann in May

this year as a sequel to Rubicon 1, conducted shortly after Mr de Klerk's watershed speech on February 2.

At the time, research showed that blacks generally welcomed the State President's reforms and the release of Nelson Mandela, but that two widely divergent points of view still existed in the townships — a feeling of continuing black resentment and a new spirit of reconciliation.

Latest research shows black middle and upper-income residents of Transvaal townships believe the National Party is not to

be trusted, that it still maintains double standards and that it is only President de Klerk who is committed to change, and not his party.

The majority view Inkatha "with loathing" and see it as a narrow tribal party that is not as much representative of Zulu interests as it is of its leader's political ambitions.

The planning director of the McCann Group, Sue Lerena, who co-ordinated both Rubicon research projects, said it was "impossible" to conduct research in Natal because of intimidation.

"While it was expected that a

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Clashes

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police at lunchtime yesterday, after he allegedly threw a petrol-bomb at them.

Colonel Halgryn claimed police were attacked with stones and petrol-bombs throughout the day, and he alleged they had been shot at by clashing parties.

A potential spread of the conflict which has claimed at least 191 lives in Witwatersrand townships this

week was averted on Thursday night when police quickly intercepted a large group of suspected Xhosas — armed with pangas, spears, knobkerries and other weapons — allegedly on their way to attack Zulus.

A police spokesman said the group was surrounded by police and disarmed.

The East Rand, flashpoint of this week's Reef conflict, was reportedly relatively quiet yesterday even though two Xhosa men were reportedly shot dead at close range while attempting to retrieve their belongings from a Thokoza hostel.

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No water or electricity in parts of Soweto — residents

JOVIAL RANTAO

The Soweto City Council has, for the past month or so, switched off water and electricity supplies at certain times in some parts of the township, according to residents.

People living in Naledi, Tladi and Moletsane — which form the western core of Soweto — told Saturday Star they first thought maintenance work was being done.

They said they became suspicious when the cuts continued unabated, without any explanation from the Soweto City Council. They added that they felt the cuts were related to the rent boycott.

Housewives told how they had to wake up in the mornings to fill drums and buckets with water for the day's use.

Ignored

Residents said they felt sold out by the council, which had "ignored" negotiations going on between the Soweto Peoples Delegation and the Transvaal Provincial Administration in connection with the rent boycott.

Mrs Johanna Mokoena, of Naledi said: "Since about a month ago, my neighbours and I have had to wake up at about 7 am to fill buckets with water which we will use during the day. We do this because our water supply is cut and no explanation has been forthcoming from the council."

She was supported by her neighbour, Mrs Elsie Tshabalala: "How can we live in a healthy environment without adequate water supply?"

Mr Joshua Ramantsi said if the council wanted to cut water and electricity supplies in Soweto, it should do so in general and not leave out certain parts of the township.

In its response the Soweto City Council denied that the electricity in the western part of Soweto had been cut.

Dr Johan van der Westhuizen, of the council's public relations department, said: "Electricity problems arise sometimes because of overload, especially during the times mentioned by the residents. Residents are advised to switch off appliances such as geysers, heaters and stoves which are not in use during the evening."

"As far as water cuts are concerned, the water branch has explained that a big development is being done in the Naledi area and that may be the cause. We want to point out that as far as water

reticulation is concerned, there is no truth in rumours about deliberate cuts."

He said the council believed strongly that negotiations now taking place would solve problems on the paying of service charges.

Let us not shoot the messenger

IT IS impossible to conceive of multi-party democracy in South Africa without a free press. *Star 18/8/90* (343)

Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinion without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

From what I have observed during my involvement in party politics, freedom of the press is already severely threatened even before the present State has been transformed into a multi-party democracy.

All black political parties and leaders are quite intolerant when it comes to journalists and media perceived to be "enemies". To be an "enemy", all a journalist has to do is write an article — or even a single sentence — no matter how factual, which is interpreted as "unkind", or to ask what are perceived to be "unkind" and "probing" questions.

Once this happens, a journalist can face all sorts of hazards. He can be banned from all future press conferences; receive anonymous and threatening letters and telephone calls; people who buy his newspaper and shops which sell it can be intimidated; his home can be petrol bombed; or his name is bandied about and vilified at party conferences (a subtle way of inciting party underlings to harm him).

Journalists respond differently to this treatment. Some more battle-



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hardened than others try to ignore these tactics. Others react by being genuinely hostile and biased. And others simply put the leader and party concerned in cold storage and avoid reporting anything concerning him or his party.

It is time our leaders realised that the journalists who are their real "enemies" are those who will applaud every bit of nonsense or distortion a politician utters.

It is true that there are instances where journalists themselves be-

come careless in their presentation of facts, or abuse their positions to "get at" people they dislike. I have also seen instances where journalists report in a manner that makes it impossible for warring factions to reconcile their differences. And others go about their work as if they were party activists and not unbiased and independent professionals.

One sees all these weaknesses in the way some journalists handle the Natal violence.

Such unprofessional conduct must be unequivocally condemned.

(But) whatever weaknesses we can pinpoint among journalists — and I am sure there are many because they are, like all of us, only human — we should always strive to safeguard their right to pursue their profession free from intimidation.

I have come across journalists who maintain that political parties should not own newspapers because this inhibits journalistic independence and objectivity. I disagree with this.

If we genuinely believe in freedom of the press then anybody and any institution should be allowed to own a newspaper, and journalists should be free to choose not to work for party-political newspapers if they are convinced that this would interfere with their professional ethics.

What should not happen, however, is that the State muzzle independent and critical newspapers simply because it owns some newspapers. That is what dictatorship and political intolerance are all about.

shares to suit various political scenarios. See Page 11



RAVENOUS REFUGEE: Hundreds of squatters fled from the Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza during bloody battles in East Rand townships this week. One hungry little refugee managed to fill his stomach partially with police leftovers outside the Thokoza police station. **Picture: KEN OOSTERBROEK.**

Township youths 'kill with impunity'

THE foundations for politicisation and militancy among South Africa's urban black youth have been laid by the realities they face during their growing years — poverty, unemployment, high levels of violence, a breakdown of family structures and a discredited education system.

This was revealed during the screening of "The Lost Generation" on Thursday night, an investigation by SABC's "Network" programme of what South Africa's problems have done to the country's urban black youth.

Toddlers

Researched and compiled by SABC TV journalist Barbara Folsher, the programme revealed that the present violence and killing are accepted as a part of everyday township life — even by toddlers.

Paul Zulu, of Natal University's Centre for Social and Development Studies, said shooting and killing have become norms in a society moulded by violence. "Today youths carry coffins on their shoulders," he said. "They kill with impunity."

Folsher told viewers that research by the

SUE OLSWANG

Inkatha Institute has shown the majority of township youths feel a strong degree of alienation, hopelessness and boredom. She added that the majority of urban black children feel worthless and uncared for.

The usual daily activities of the "lost generation" of about 3 million urban black youth consist of doing nothing, playing soccer, organising political meetings, smoking dagga, fighting and visiting shebeens, she said.

Absent from the list, however, was education. Folsher told viewers black pupils attend school only when they want to, and then do whatever they like when they do report to school.

"Education is listed by youths as the most important reason for their anger and frustration," Folsher said.

Manuel Ntuli, of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in Alexandra, said the present education system has "taught hostilities" between the races. "Education should be in the hands of the people. There

should be one system for all."

Existing anger and frustration, fuelled by a discredited education system, have long provided the ideal circumstances for political organisations, Folsher said.

Eugene Motati, of the Pan Africanist Student Organisation (Paso), said: "The negotiation process is aimed at establishing a peace settlement but the youth want total revolution. These two don't go hand in glove."

Mbulelo Ketye, of the Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo), said they believe the country belongs to blacks. "Whites settled here through the barrel of the gun," he said.

Regain

"They killed blacks, took our land and now they run our country. We believe blacks cannot regain the country at the negotiation table. We can only regain our country at the battlefield."

In her conclusion, Folsher said black youth are impatient for change. They were confident that changes would come, but blindly believed their problems would end when that moment arrived.

SA's black yuppies opt for ANC

THE majority of black township residents who took part in the Rubicon 2 project believed that the National Party was "not to be trusted", that it practised "double standards" and that it was FW de Klerk who was committed to change without general party backing.

Mr de Klerk was recognised as "a man not afraid to take risks" and the majority of respondents felt he deserved "enormous credit" for what he had achieved.

However, many respondents criticised him for demanding minority rights and felt that he might "never be forgiven" for holding the post of Minister of Education.

Suspicious of NP

They felt that the NP was continuing to offer cosmetic changes in an effort to cling to power for as long as possible while at the same time wanting to qualify for international acceptance to salvage an economy that "was heading for the rocks before Nelson Mandela was released".

But some blacks did feel that the NP had changed from a stance of black oppression to one in favour of change and negotiation. Said a number of respondents: "They are learning from their mistakes."

Many believed that Mr de Klerk was "way ahead" of his party colleagues with regard to the new South Africa and as a result saw Mr de Klerk as the ideal vice-president to Nelson Mandela.

The vast majority of respondents regarded black-on-black violence and the state of the economy as the two most pressing problems in South Africa at present.

Rubicon 2 showed massive support outside of Natal for the ANC which was regarded as representative of a non-racial society. Respondents believed that the ANC was the only political party to be recognised internationally and the only party that genuinely attempted to accommodate the desires of all race groups while promoting black advancement and

the creation of a "middle class".

ANC supporters were described as "those who forgive and forget" and were made up of "fair-minded and hopeful individuals" who were genuinely concerned about the future of South Africa.

Respondents believed that when Mr Mandela had been released from prison he carried the "hopes and dreams of the entire nation on his shoulders". While many continued to believe this, there was now a growing realisation that he was now merely a spokesman for a wider group, albeit an effective one, and that he was being used to great effect by the ANC.

He has remained a greatly admired man, respected for his achievements for encouraging peace and advising children to return to school.

Mandela role

But, while Mr Mandela was still largely admired by most respondents some felt that he had not lived up to expectations and criticised him for his "high living".

In contrast to the ANC, the PAC was seen as an "uncompromising, non-conciliatory party" which was described by a number of respondents as "a black AWB".

The PAC promoted an exclusively "Africanist" viewpoint and a South Africa in which whites were either unwelcome or "made to suffer".

Respondents felt that the bulk of PAC support came from rural areas and from the "radical

youth" and "violent" people.

According to Ms Sue Lerena, planning director of McCann, the group discussions on Inkatha were "interesting".

She said that although Inkatha was identified with Zulus, it was seen by respondents as a narrowing tribal party representative not even of Zulu interests in general but of Gatsha Buthelezi's political ambitions.

The majority of respondents, she said, viewed Inkatha "with loathing".

It was felt to be an organisation which exploited and intimidated people in Natal and was representative of black on black violence.

Ms Lerena said that as a result of intimidation it had been impossible to conduct research in the Natal townships. However, a number of Zulus were represented in the research groups in the Transvaal and even these, she said, had a very low opinion of Inkatha.

In most groups respondents expressed the opinion that Gatsha Buthelezi had manipulated Inkatha for his own ends and some respondents felt that the organisation was being used to advance by the Government.

They had a poor opinion of Inkatha members, describing them mainly as "illiterates".

They believed Inkatha's biggest mistake was being seen to be in opposition to Nelson Mandela and the ANC.

"Inkatha seems to be fighting with Mr Mande-

la. They say they cannot be led by a Xhosa."

Respondents had little to say with regard to the Democratic Party and when opinion was voiced it was generally uncomplimentary. Respondents saw the DP as "elitist liberals able to support democratic change from a buffer zone of unaffected comfort".

With regard to the future of South Africa there was general consensus that the ANC would win an immediate general election.

Some respondents felt, however, that the ANC might have to fight off a growing and powerful threat from the PAC.

But they believed that the future government of South Africa would have to be non-racial and not multi-racial, with some respondents in the 18- to 24-year-old group believing socialism to be the best option.

Virtually all respondents acknowledged the "vital role" whites could continue to play in South Africa both economically and politically. They stressed, however, that the presence of whites would only be welcomed if they adapted to their "changed status" in both social and political terms.

Respondents felt whites needed to accept blacks on equal terms and to "show respect".

Respondents were also asked to describe what they understood by the terms "redistribution of wealth" and "nationalisation".

Rich to poor

The majority understood "redistribution of wealth" to be simply taking from the rich to give to the poor. It was also a concept that respondents associated mainly with the ownership of land.

Nationalisation was generally accepted to mean state control of major industries such as mining and banking.

Respondents believed state control of these industries would mean that the profits "would go back to the people and not remain in white hands".

Rubicon 2 showed that there was by no means any measure of consensus over whether nationalisation actually worked or whether it was effective.

New umbrella body for co-ops

By ZB MOLLÉ

WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK



CBED directors John Makhele, Nthato Motlana, Bobby Makwella and Sam Mucfhe. Pic: ANDRIES MCINENKA

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Black economic upliftment comes under the spotlight

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Businessman Bobby Makwetla said well-known black organisations such as the National Council of African Women, "which is as old the ANC", the liquor group Ukhamba, the Black Housewives' League and the South African Soccer Association, were examples of black economic upliftment.

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SOVETO DEATH TOLL GOES UP

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Stop the senseless killings

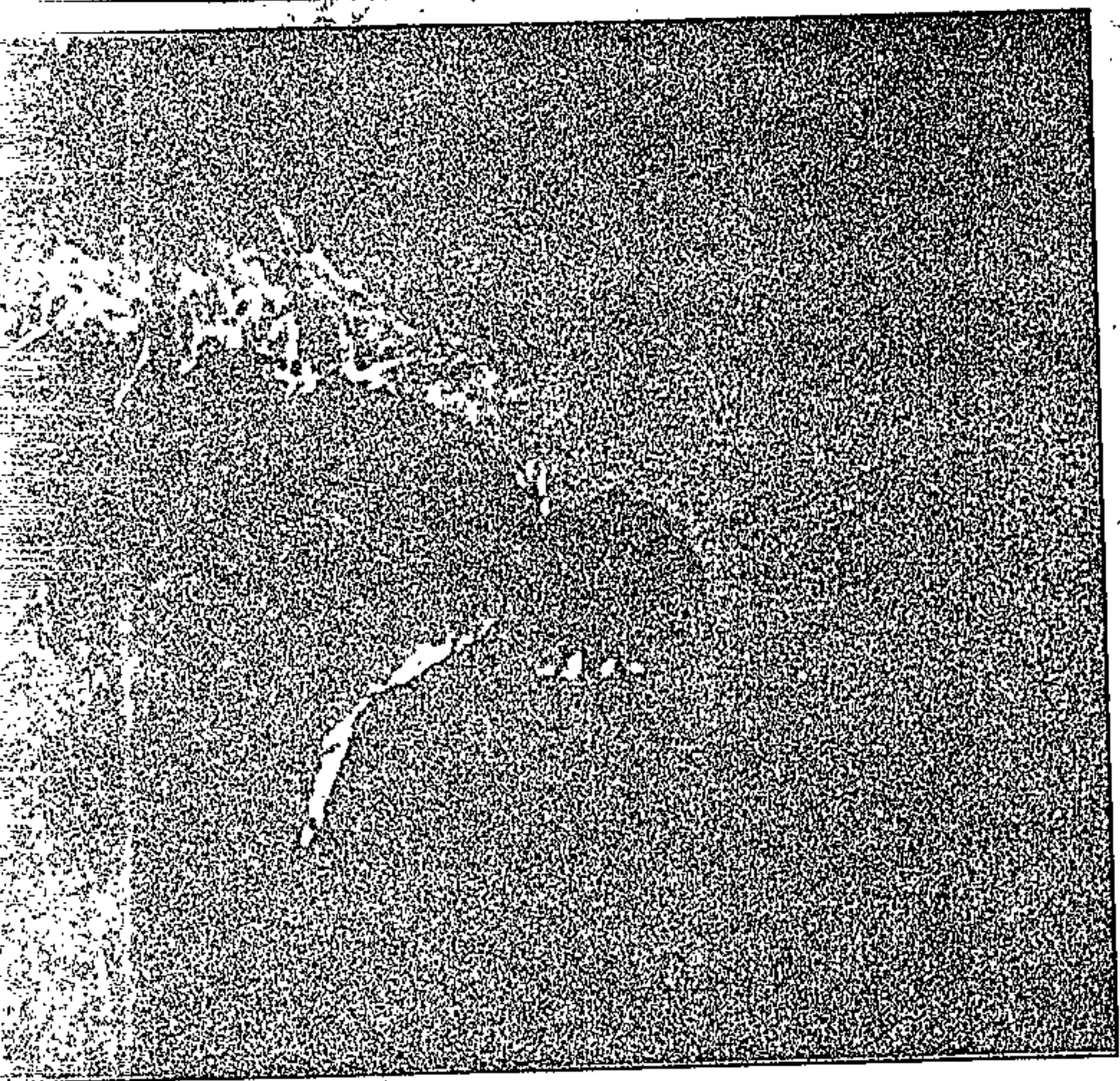
Dear Dr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi

I AM taking the unusual step of writing you an open letter following the senseless and unnecessary carnage that has gripped our country.

Firstly, may I bring to your attention that by the time I sat down to write this letter a total of 191 people had been reported killed on the East Rand and Soweto and more than 1 000 injured.

While still writing, a report came through that several houses had been burnt down in Soweto, a councillor killed in Pinetown and a truckload of people armed to the teeth were being deployed at one of the hostels.

Until late last night our phones did not stop ringing as angry callers ac-



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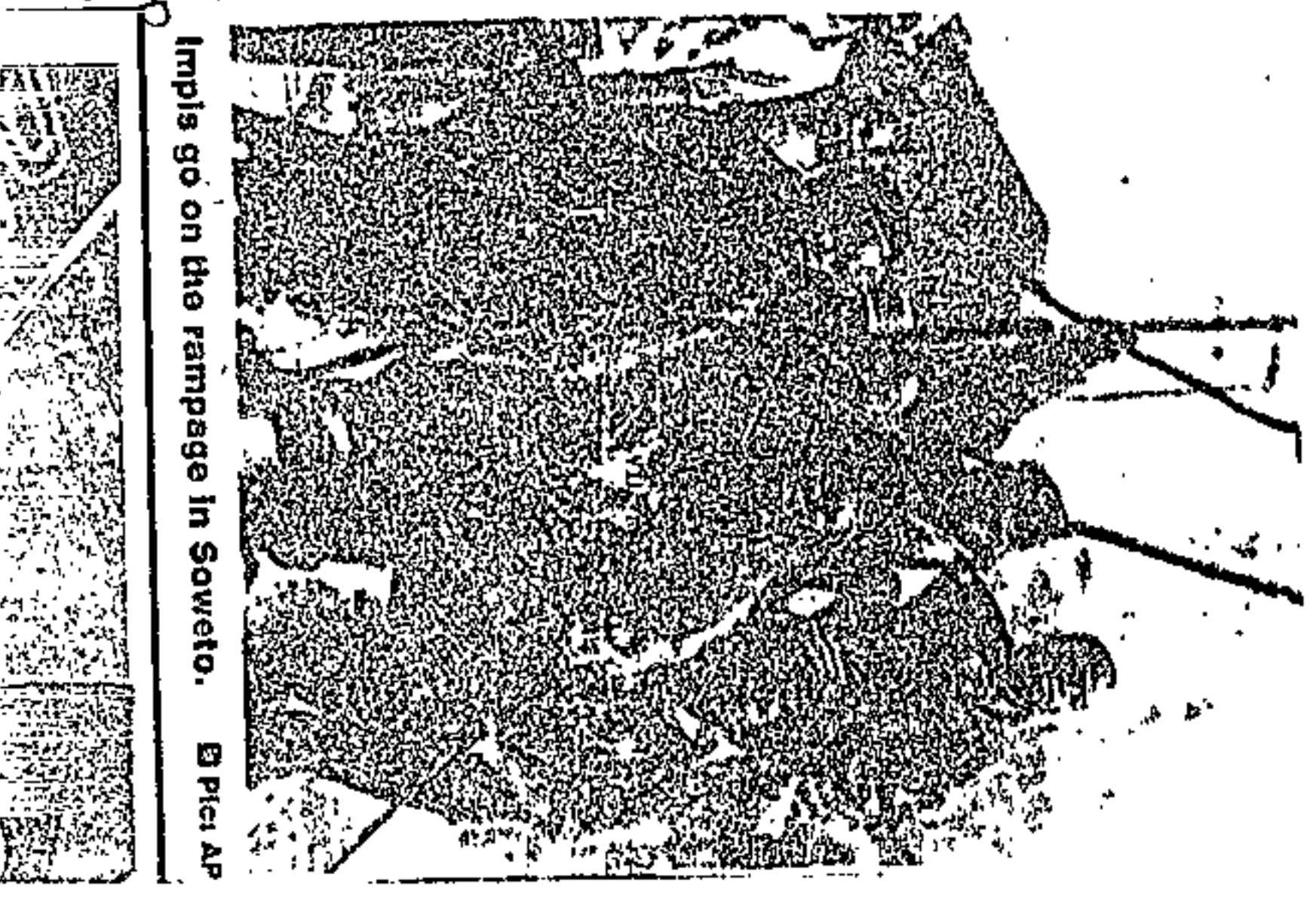
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In another development yesterday, a Soweto councillor was killed by a mob outside his home in Pimville. Councillor TA Nkiri's throat was slit and he was robbed of his firearm.

The SAP, reinforced by the SADF yesterday, was sharply criticised for alleged partiality.

Residents claimed police often ignored heavily armed Inkatha impis - sometimes escorting them - while systematically disarming residents.

Police have dispelled the criticism, saying they were doing their best to end the violence. "Police cannot be everywhere every time," a police spokesman said.

Most of the "Zulu" attacks take place after dark, when houses close to the hostels are burnt, damaged and looted - mainly for food. In the daytime, the heavily-armed men gather in the hostel premises, apparently planning the next move.

Although details of most of the deaths in Soweto have been sketchy, police liaison officer for the area, Col Tienie Halgryn, said most of those killed, mainly men, had been "hacked to death".

Groups of youths stopped and searched taxis for Inkatha members trying to flee the township. Those found with red headbands were dragged out, assaulted and set alight.

Various organisations called for peace, saying there could be no winners in the violence.

South African Council of Churches president Khoza Mgojo called on leaders of the warring parties to meet and end the "horrendous" violence and killings, Sapa reports. It was regrettable, he said, that some people saw the violence as ethnic rather than political.

The Ministers United for Christian Co-Responsibility submitted a petition to police, complaining about police partiality and harshness. They called for calm and the prevention of further deaths.

The ANC issued a statement describing the violence as "beastly" and called for calm.

Azapo condemned the "meaningless loss of black lives".



Impis go on the rampage in Soweto.

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...suffering from AIDS or carrying the virus, has been admitted to Cape Town's Somerset Hospital after starting to bleed.

The man is former Robben Island prisoner Zamuxolo Nojoko, reliable sources said.

A hospital spokesman confirmed this week that he had been admitted to Somerset, adding his condition was stable. The hospital declined to confirm he was suffering from AIDS.

The SA Prisons Service, however, confirmed seven security prisoners "who have been identified as HIV positive" had been transferred to Pollsmoor from Robben Island.

Asked about Nojoko's condition, the department said it was not its policy to give details about individual prisoners "as the medical treatment of prisoners is regarded as a private matter between the prisoner, his family, and his doctor".

A relief worker, who visited the group of seven at Pollsmoor last week, said they looked healthy.

The group, who are said to be held in the hospital section of the prison, received visits in May from ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and

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Do not blame Inkatha

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However, most commentators on the violence have so far tended not to be constructive. They have tended to blame Inkatha. The fact is that once people are preoccupied with who is right and who is wrong they are unlikely to generate creative ideas as to how the tragedy could be resolved.

The Rev Sizwe Mbabane's observations are no different from a babble of commentaries we have had so far. Quite rightly he calls for an end to speaking in tongues as regards the violence, but I would have expected him as a man of the cloth to have gone further.

The Inkatha rally in Sebokeng did not precede the violence as he claims. The fact is that supporters of the ANC and the UDF violently assaulted members of Inkatha before the rally in an effort to stop them from attending.

I would say the conflict in the Transvaal is much more complicated than it is made out to be. It is well known that throughout the country Inkatha is being attacked by ANC/UDF and Cosatu supporters. Yet people try to look for other reasons as to why there is violence.

Inkatha does not condone violence. What

In the shocking violence which began in the East Rand this week and spread to Soweto, at least 191 people died and more than 1 000 were injured. On this page a variety of organisations and individuals probe the reasons for the carnage.

is important now is for us all to stop the violence from spreading.

One other fact which has not been addressed by the leaders of various organisations is the issue of ethnicity in the Transvaal conflict.

There is ample evidence that a lot of the violence emanates from the Xhosa/Zulu feud. Anti-Zulu pamphlets have been distributed and anti-Zulu statements made by the ANC, calling for the dismantling of the so-called KwaZulu bantustan. The implications of this sort of statement are ominous.

In my view there is nothing wrong with ethnicity as long as people do not abuse it. Throughout the world Germans are proud to be Germans, the British are proud to be British. Nobody has accused these people of "tribalism" even though the South African government has abused ethnicity in its efforts to divide and rule blacks.

At the same time it is wrong to pretend ethnicity does not exist. It is understandable to me how Zulus feel when ANC leaders call KwaZulu a "bantustan" as though KwaZulu was a construct of the homelands policy. KwaZulu was established as a sovereign kingdom long before the advent of what is

now called the Republic of South Africa

Secondly, it must anger Zulus to see the hypocrisy of ANC leadership calling for the dismantling of KwaZulu on the one hand when on the other they are served with tea and afforded the best of Xhosa hospitality from within the Chambers of the "Bunga" in the Transkei and the Ciskei.

It is inaccurate to refer to the Zulu people as Inkatha because Inkatha is a political party which people join on a voluntary basis.

However people must understand that Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi is not suddenly going to cease to be senior traditional adviser to the Zulu King.

When will people learn that, to insult symbols of Zulu unity and Zulu pride, which both the Zulu King and Buthelezi are, amounts to insulting the Zulu people?

Stop insulting Zulus and Zulus will not fight anybody. On the other hand, unless Inkatha and the ANC are reconciled, violence will always be ominously present. That is why it is so important for Mandela to meet Buthelezi because these are the only people who can bring sanity back.

Butchering must stop

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The ANC says:

THE ANC this week made an plea for violence across the country to halt, saying people were butchering each other "like beasts".

A formal statement by the organisation blamed "misguided individuals" who had infiltrated the communities and hostels for urging people to fight.

"They spread rumours that one section of the

community is planning to attack another. They have taken it upon themselves to divide us along ethnic lines. They urge one language group to fight another."

The ANC statement came hours after State President FW de Klerk met ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela in Pretoria to discuss the violence which claimed more than 191 lives this week.

The ANC statement

said people had political differences "but this should be the basis for our unity, not for violent conflict among the people".

Buthelezi says:

I AM concerned at the violence taking place in the Transvaal.

The investigations authorised by me have revealed the following:

■ Most of the squatters at Phola Park are members or supporters of the ANC. Most hostel dwellers are members or supporters of Inkatha.

■ Approximately two months ago Cosatu called for a consumer boycott at Alberton. Inkatha was not involved in the boycott. This resulted in members or supporters of Cosatu accusing Inkatha members of delaying the struggle and tension began to develop.

■ On Sunday August 12, 1990, an Inkatha meeting was held at the George Goch Stadium in Johannesburg. At midday, some of the squatters at Phola Park insulted and attacked members of Inkatha at Thokoza hostel who were not at the meeting.

■ The attacks were repulsed by Inkatha members, but squatters again attacked the hostel on August 13, 14 and 15, despite a peace meeting on the afternoon of August 14 at which it was decided the violence would stop.

I wish to reiterate that Inkatha has always been committed to peaceful and democratic principles. We have always opposed the use of violence.

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During a war one does not sleep

By SANDILE MEMELA

EAST Rand residents dare not sleep in order to stay alive.

Such is the intensity of the war on the East Rand where, in just three days, South Africa counted the dead bodies of over 140 people in the fiercest black on black conflict to date.

Hundreds of people were left homeless as their houses went up in flames in the past week.

Hostel inmates and squatters in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus were awakened to the sound of gunfire and screams as Zulu and Xhosa factions battled it out in the early hours of the morning.

The areas resembled battle zones as thousands of residents fought to save their possessions from burning shacks and houses.

A hostel inmate remarked that those who still had blankets and beds were very fortunate.

Residents told *City Press* they had hardly slept since last Sunday when squabbles over political allegiances flared up into tribal war.

Ntombekhaya Makhaya, 28, of Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong, said as she was preparing to go to work on Monday she had heard the sound of gunfire.

"I instantly knew there was trouble as the area had been tense since Sunday. Throughout the week I have

had very little sleep and this is taking its toll."

Makhaya said she could not go to work as she had to protect her possessions.

Bigman Ndlazi, 40, of Block 6 in Thokoza hostel, said since the violence erupted he dozed off with his clothes on because he had to guard his spaza shop in the hostel complex.

"There is war and one cannot even close one's eyes for a moment. The sound of gunfire and screams has become a way of life," said Ndlazi.

Wilson Ndawonde, 27, of Natal said people were not sure what had caused the violence.

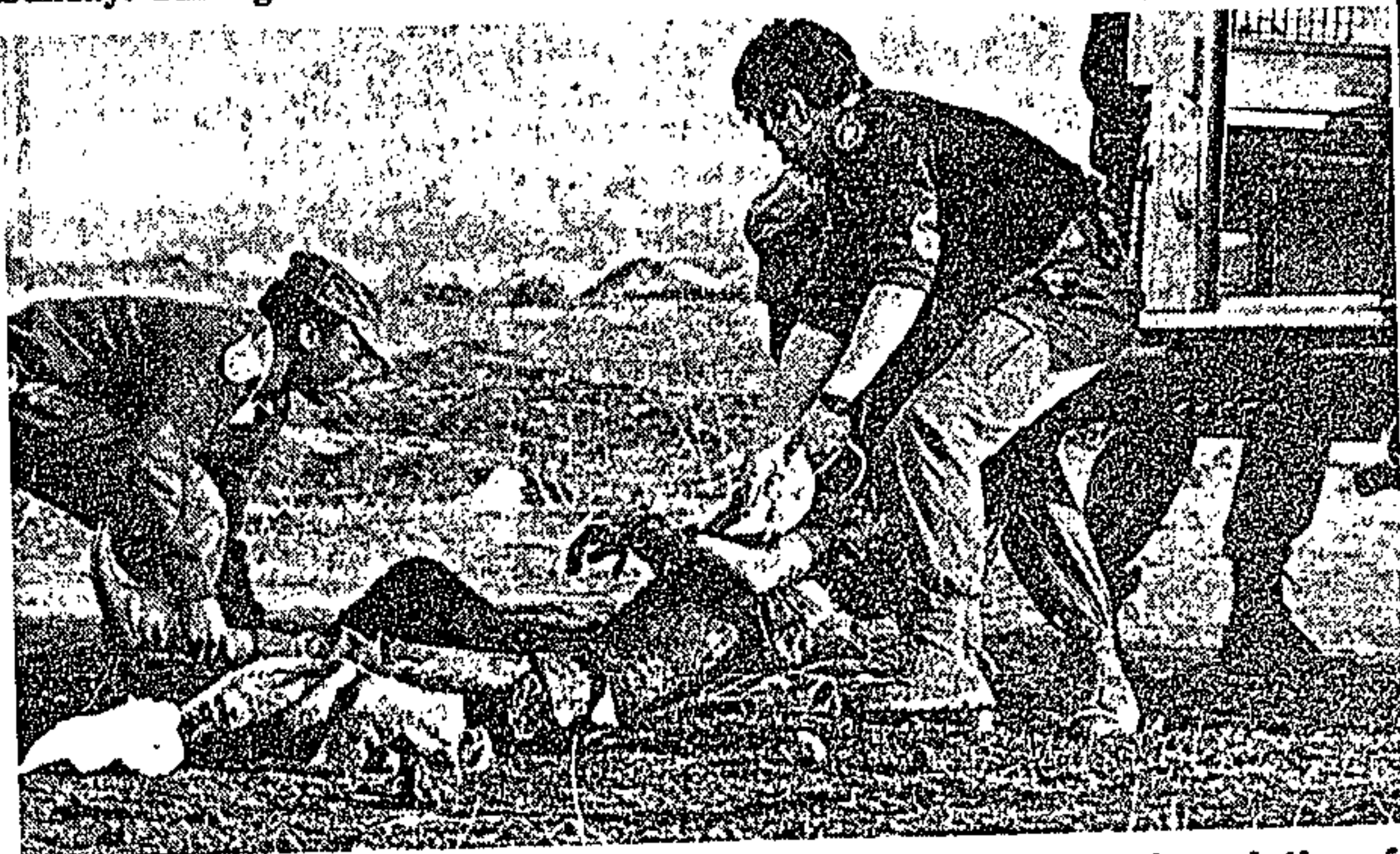
"We have formed ourselves into units who guard throughout the night," said Ndawonde.

Not so lucky were his room-mates Sipho Nzuza, 22, and Mphumuzo Tshabalala, 20, both from Mahlabathini. They were attacked shortly after 6am when an alleged Xhosa faction attacked the hostel.

"We were woken from our sleep by gunfire. As we dashed for safety a heavily armed group of Xhosa men attacked us," said Nzuza.

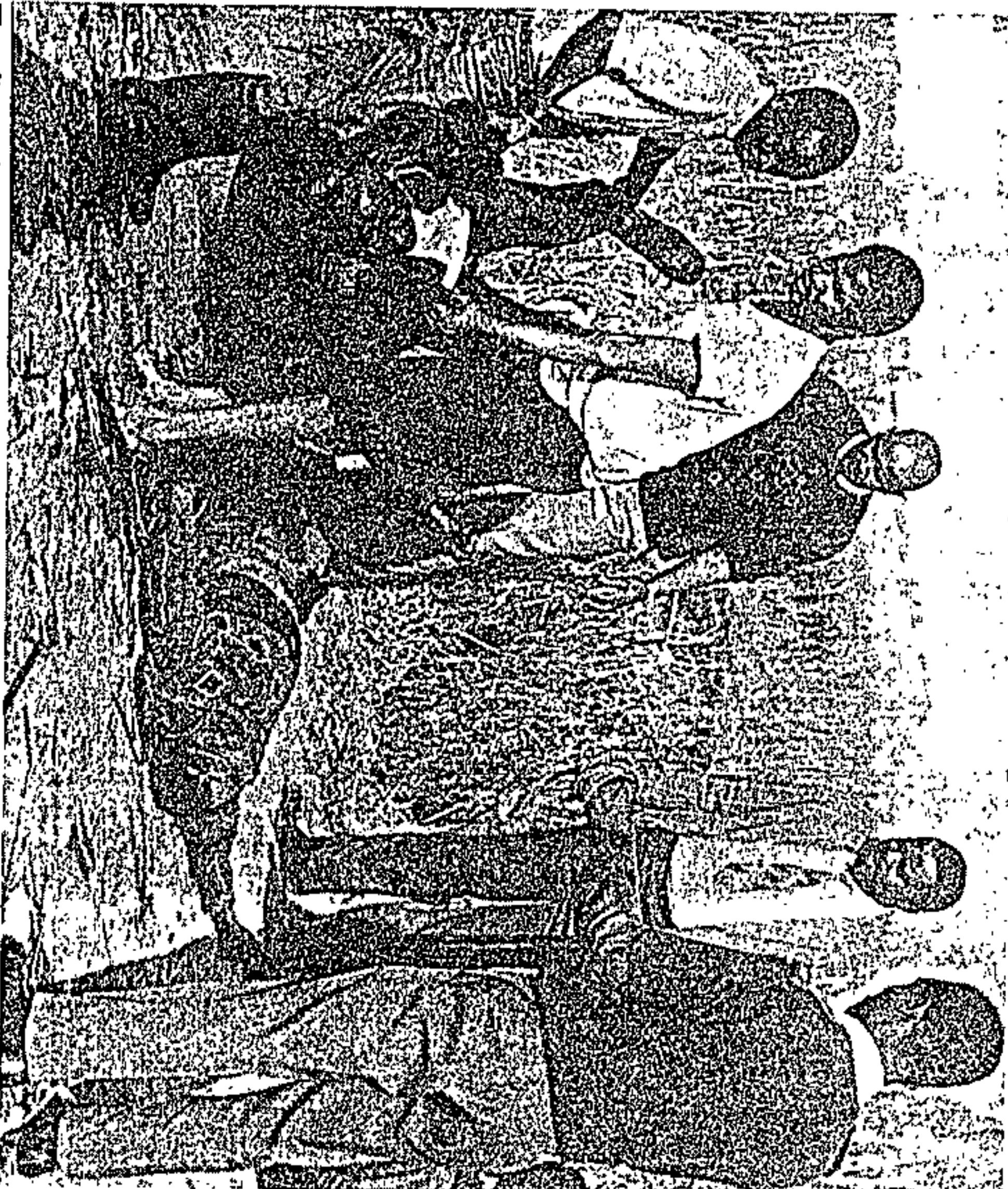
Nzuza suffered a gash on his head from a knobkerie and his friend Tshabalala was stabbed in a shoulder.

"This experience has taught us not to spend too many hours sleeping while this war is going on," said Tshabalala.



Tragic end to another life ... police drag the body of another victim of the East Rand conflict towards their waiting van.

THOKOZA: ANARCHY AND CARNAGE



The aftermath... Residents help remove bodies found near Phola Park.

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East Rand fighting cools

By SANDILE MEMELA

FIGHTING on the East Rand has abated after leaving more than 140 dead - but the fear remains.

A large contingent of police and military personnel poured into the strife-torn area late this week to disarm members of Zulu and Xhosa factions after heavy battles in Thokoza, Kaitleng and Vosloorus.

But hundreds of residents still fear for their lives and have little hope peace and normality will return to the area.

This is despite the fact police and army patrols have been intensified. A large contingent could be seen monitoring the situation from a distance.

A truck-load of assegais, knives, pangas, sharpened pipes, pistols, AK-47 assault rifles and explosives was confiscated during the raid.

Police PRO Capt Eugene Opperman said police would be in the area as long as was necessary. Residents, some bearing fresh wounds and scars after bloody battles, told City Press they had no future after their arms were confiscated.

Sipho Nzuza from Mahlabatini, in Natal, insists he is not an Inkatha member, although he speaks Zulu. He has head injuries inflicted during skirmishes in the Thokoza hostel on Wednesday morning.

Cops confiscate arms, but residents have little hope the matter is settled

"There is no future for me here. I have become vulnerable to attack by Xhosas after I was disarmed. We now live in fear and suspect Xhosas can do as they please with us because our weapons have all been confiscated," Nzuza said.

Scores of hostel-dwellers in the Zulu-dominated Thokoza hostel suffered from insufficient sleep. They have not been to work since the fighting started and children have not been to school.

Groups of youths could be seen milling around in the streets while others helped their parents move their belongings to safety in nearby townships.

Many hostel-dwellers said staying in Thokoza hostel would be like signing their death certificates.

Mphumzo Tshabalala, 20, from Natal, bitterly complained about the confiscation of his weapons.

"I now consider myself a dead man. What am I expected to do if I get attacked?" he asked. Opperman told reporters the police had em-

barked on a campaign to disarm all warring forces. "It is not true that we only disarm members of a particular faction. This accusation has always been levelled against the police.

"We have embarked on a campaign to disarm all warring factions in the area," he said.

In the veld outside Phola Park more than 300 armed Xhosa-speaking men were surrounded by police and soldiers who confiscated their weapons.

The men had gathered to discuss how they could get into Thokoza hostel to retrieve their belongings.

Themba Mpumlwana, from Cala in the Transkei, told City Press it would be hard for him to get back his belongings.

"This area is a war zone. How are we expected to retrieve our possessions when we have been disarmed? The police should have left us alone to settle the matter in our own way," said Mpumlwana.

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Shop to help 70 pupils

By LULAMA LUTI

IN a bid to help black matric pupils further their studies, a leading clothing chain has announced a bursary scheme to benefit 70 pupils annually from next year.

Announcing the move at a Kempton Park function last week, the editor of the Sales House *Club Magazine*, Carol Fynn, said the firm decided to increase the number of its bursaries after receiving more than 4 500 applications for five bursaries.

Soweto matric pupils Victor Nyamate and Leroy Ngobe were all smiles when they received the first R10 000 cheque on behalf of five pupils.

Nyamate and Ngobe said they would use the money on extra lessons to prepare for exams.

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Horror of man's death by fire

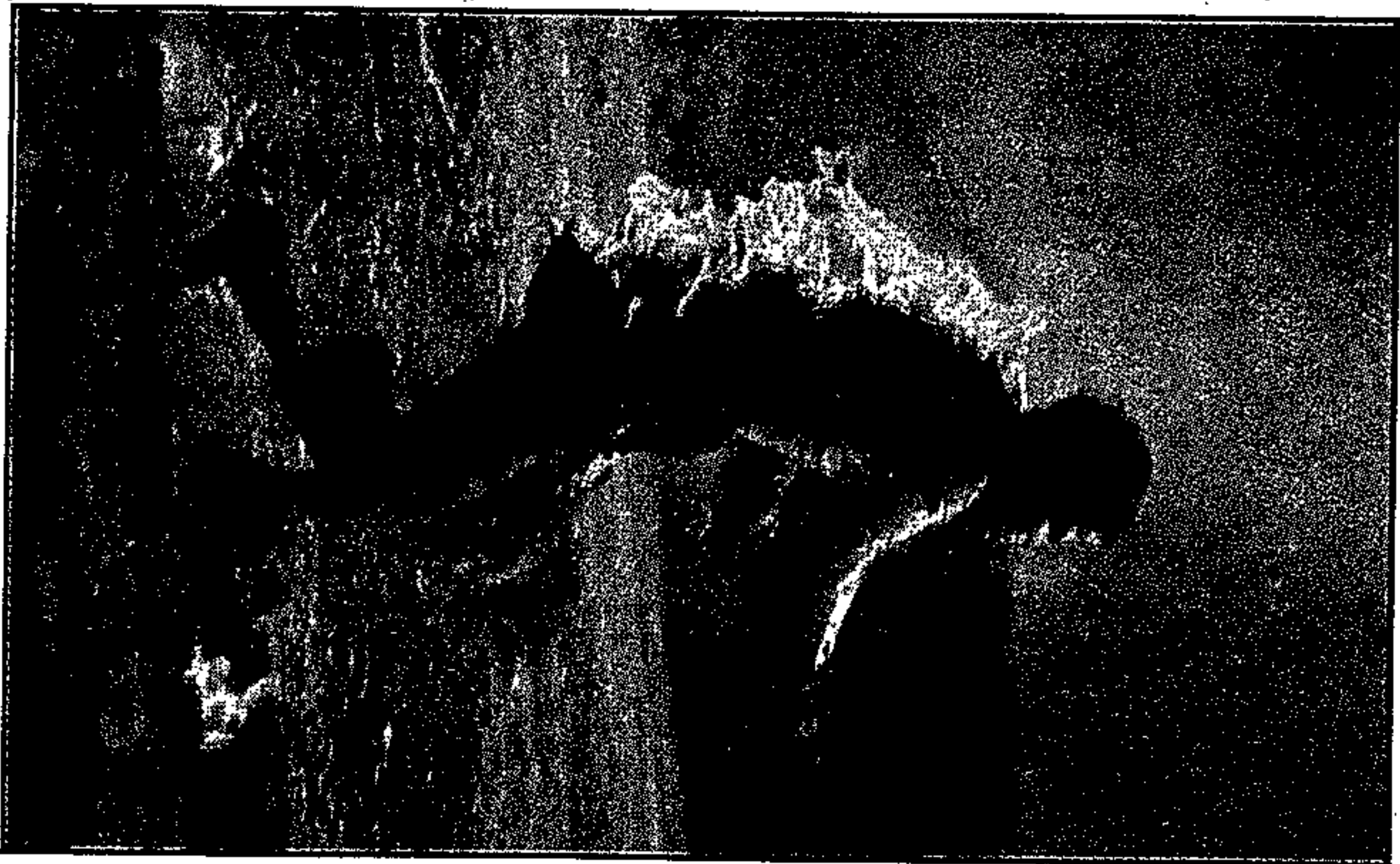
HORRIFIED journalists saw a group of youths douse Stanford Chiya, of Umzimkhulu in the Transkei, with petrol and set him alight in Thokoza this week.

Newsmen rushed to Chiya and extinguished the fire. Bleeding, he writhed on the ground, his clothes burnt off his body, skin peeling away.

A journalist described the incident as "horrific and barbaric".

Scores of policemen arrived and took up combat positions facing a nearby house while others helped the man into a police van and took him to hospital.

He died on Thursday. — Sapa



To his death . . . Terror victim Stanford Chiya is set alight by youths, but he still tries to flee.



A blazing Stanford. Chiya stumbles (above) and makes a last bid to rise to his feet. But his strength has been sapped. Resigned to his fate, he sinks to the ground (right), devouring flames spread across his clothing and to most parts of his torso.



Volley of shots - then silence

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

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A NIGHT of terror in which two activists were killed during a shoot-out with security police was relived in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

The activists, Jackson Skhosana and another known only as Sonwabo, were killed after shots were fired at the police as they entered a home in Zondi.

Lt Stephen Jacobs of the Soweto security branch was giving evidence in the trial of Charles Bongani.

Zwane, 22, who is facing 38 charges - 11 of murder, 22 of attempted

murder, four of possession of firearms and ammunition and one of arson. He has pleaded not guilty before Judge Vermooten and two assessors.

According to Jacobs, after Zwane was arrested he had pointed out the house in Zondi where the two men were staying. As police got out of their vehicles near the house, shots were fired at them.

He said the police fired back and used hand-grenades. When they opened the room they found the bodies of the two dead men.

The judge accepted a confession made by Zwane as evidence, and rejected claims that

he was tortured to make it.

Evidence before the court was that Zwane and two others went to a shebeen in Orlando East on December 26, 1988. They were armed with AK-47 rifles and hand-grenades. One of them knocked on the door and Zwane fired through a window.

Five people died and six were injured.

Those who died were Bonginkosi Sithole, John Mbebe, Themba Malindi, Zanele Zulu and Siphiwe Sithole.

The six injured were Vusi Buthelezi, Fanny Khumalo, Samuel Raditlhalo, Duduzile Zulu, Phithizela Thotobolo and shebeen owner Joel Ma-

bule.

On January 20, 1989 in Meadowlands, Zwane allegedly shot dead Jabulani Mngoma, Maxango Tshabalala and Masango Nkumamba, and allegedly attempted to murder Mbulelo Kapu.

Two days later he and others attacked Dudu Chili's house in Orlando West. Her niece Tinkie Maria Msomi was killed and her other niece Ntombenhle Msomi and her daughter Barbara were seriously injured.

On April 1 they allegedly attempted to murder 13 people by hurling a hand-grenade into a house in Orlando West after Zwane had been involved in an argument with another man.

The case continues tomorrow.

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibiyi, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg.



Rev Sizwe Mbabane... life is more precious than politics and organisations.

Patterns in the latest violence point to a solution

THE current violence taking the lives of many people in the PWV area follows certain patterns. These patterns are the clue to the possible solution.

As long as people hedge around and speak in tongues about the conflict, there will be no way of ending the violence.

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It would help if our Press found out what is really happening in the hostels.

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If this is true, it is no small wonder that police allow Inkatha impis to roam the streets with their dangerous weapons.

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The scene is Jabulani hostel this week. Heavily armed police stand in front of the Zulu residents. **PICT: EVANS MBOWENI**



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'A game of dice sparked violence'

By ELIAS MALULEKE.

THIS week's war on the East Rand had its roots in a game of dice in the Crossroads squatter camp of Katlehong on the East Rand two weeks ago.

During a gambling argument a Zulu-speaking man was stabbed to death by a Xhosa, *City Press* was told by residents this week.

This led to retaliations, which eventually exploded into widespread violence on the East Rand in which more than 140 people died.

While some see it as a faction fight between

Zulus and Xhosas, others see it as a political war between Inkatha and ANC supporters. Many simply don't understand the senseless violence.

This week the violence exploded at the Thokoza hostels and spread to the nearby Phola Park squatter camp and hostels in the townships of Katlehong, and Vosloorus.

Zulus holed up in hostels virtually under their control, this week refused to discuss the gambling incident.

They said: "Tell the Xhosas to ask Mandela for help because we are going to drive them back to the Cape."

Residents in an overcrowded refugee camp near Katlehong railway station told *City Press* the background to the violence.

Velaphi Mathanda, 38, leader of a Crossroads Xhosa clan, said the trouble was started by a Xhosa who stabbed a Zulu to death during a gambling session in Crossroads two weeks ago.

"That Sunday several Zulus attacked and killed the Xhosa man who allegedly killed their man," said Mathanda.

By Friday last week, there were skirmishes between Zulus and Xhosas in Crossroads over the two killings and tension was rising as rumours spread that Zulus were planning to attack the Xhosas in the camp.

"We met the Zulus on Saturday and arranged a meeting for Sunday in a bid to bury the hatchet. We agreed on a truce that day."

"However, the following day Zulus held a meeting at the railway station. When we attended Zulus said Xhosas

should return to the Cape Colony and started shooting at us, killing three."

He said the two groups clashed, but the Zulus were forced to retreat, taking the battle into hostels and Phola Park near Alberton.

Said Xhosa leader Ntuli Jeff: "The fighting worsened in Phola Park but there was a lull at Crossroads and at the hostels on Monday."

Jeff briefed an ANC delegation led by Cyril Jantjies, co-ordinator of the ANC on the East Rand, in the refugee camp on Wednesday morning.

Jeff said on Tuesday morning there were rumours that Zulus were going to attack Crossroads and Xhosas prepared themselves for the attack.

He said Xhosas later decided to attack the Lindelani hostel in Mot-samayi Section on the border of Katlehong and killed nine Zulus.

The fleeing Zulus went to the Qwesini hostel in Katlehong for reinforcements.

Jeff said at 5am on Wednesday they heard Inkatha members chanting "Mandela suka endleleni" (Mandela get off the road).

"They caught us off guard and we were overpowered. Most came by train and some in trucks."

Jeff said the attackers used an assortment of weapons, including shotguns and rifles.

Jantjies said the ANC would launch an investigation to determine why it took police a long time to intervene.

Sapa reports that the ANC and its allies denied the fighting was a

tribal conflict.

The blame was placed squarely at the door of Inkatha.

However, residents at Thokoza hostel told *City Press* relations between Zulu-dominated Thokoza hostel inmates and Xhosa-speaking squatters in nearby Phola Park became strained after several corpses were discovered in a nearby park over the past two weeks.

In Crossroads residents said Zulus had grown tired of being ridiculed and called stupid because of Inkatha's follies.

For many, being Zulu-speaking has become synonymous with being a member of Inkatha.

Heavily armed factions had evolved and were formed along tribal lines, residents said.

Khalanyoni hostel was declared Zulu territory, and Phola Park Xhosa territory, they said.

An inmate at Khalanyoni hostel, Wilson Ndawonde, 27, from Natal, said he had no idea why people were fighting in the area.

"All I know is that Xhosas are attacking Zulus for being Inkatha members. I find this surprising because although I am Zulu, I do not even know what Inkatha is all about."

Jabulani Ngobese, 42, from Nquthu said rumours had been circulating that Zulus were to be attacked because they were unwilling to join the ANC.

"I do not understand all this as I am an ordinary person who has come to earn a living to support my family who are at home. I do not like being labelled an Inkatha member just because I am Zulu."

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My alarm clock's

... and Petrus was about to take it home to his family

By ELIAS MALULEKE

BLOED Street taxi-rank cleaner Petrus Keetse praised Lady Luck when he picked up an "alarm clock" in a Pretoria dust-bin last Saturday.

An hour later he changed his mind and thanked the Lord he was still alive.

The Pretoria municipal employee said he was unaware the clock he found at peak hour at the busy taxi rank was a deadly bomb.

He said he had planned a short holiday and was looking forward to showing it to his family in Pietersburg.

Keetse, 43, said if the bomb had not been defused by police, he would have taken it to Mamelodi.

He said he was cleaning the taxi rank at about 8.15am when he found a "neat bag" in a bin near a filling station. The garage is at the inter-

section of Boom, Prinsloo and Bloed streets and is used mainly by taxis. Commuters also queue there for taxis.

Keetse said: "When I opened the bag there was an alarm clock attached by adhesive tape to a small battery and two coloured plastic tubes. Tiny wires were connected to the clock, battery and tubes."

He said the tubes were like "maChangaan wots" (polony). He returned the clock and its attachments to the bag and stored the parcel in his changeroom before going back to work.

The changeroom is part of a small public toilet building at the taxi rank's entrance in Bloed Street.

This area is always crowded in peak hours and many hawkers ply their trade there.

Ninety minutes after his "lucky find", a bomb went off a few metres from the toilets. The bomb had exploded in a dustbin in front of a popular fast food outlet.

The 400g bomb rocked the takeaway shop and surrounding stores, sending glass, people and debris flying. Thirteen people were injured, three seriously.

As wailing sirens signalled the arrival of police and ambulances, Keetse ran back into the changeroom for safety, unaware he had a time-bomb for company.

hurry and followed him to a group of policemen to whom we reported the clock's presence."

Police confirmed the alarm clock was a bomb containing 400g of commercial explosive.

The bomb would have caused far more damage than the first because it was in a more confined and crowded place, police said.

Keetse's supervisor Frans Mothlopi said he noticed at once the clock was a bomb.

"The wiring and the circumstances under which Petrus found it made it obvious it was a bomb," said Mothlopi.

Keetse said he had learnt a deadly lesson, but a good one.

"From now on I am not going to take anything from a dustbin, not even a cold drink bottle," he said with a hollow laugh.

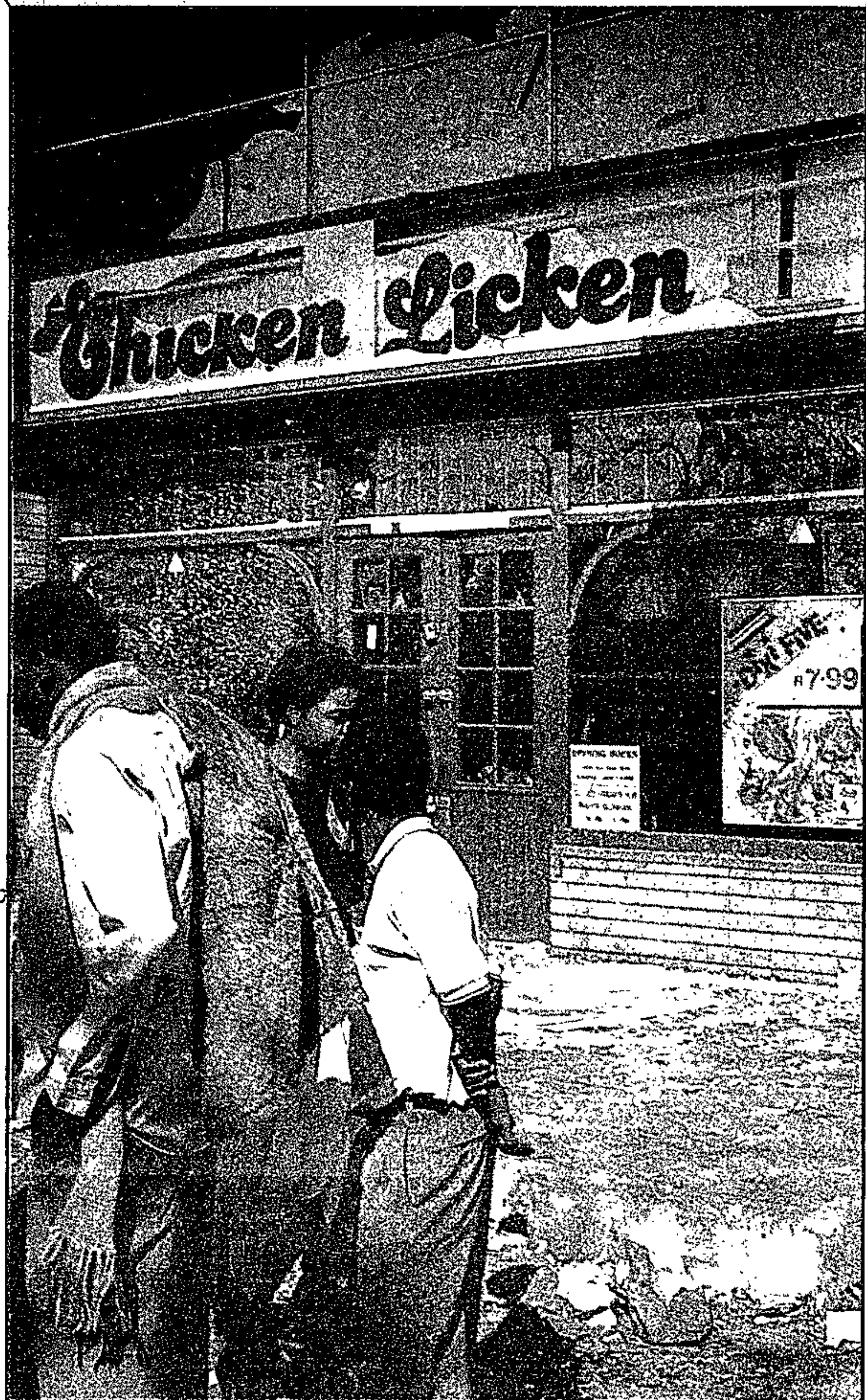


Brush with death ... Petrus Keetse points out where he discovered the lethal device.



Frans Mothlopi, who raised the alarm.

a bomb!



Terror in Blood Street . . . horrified survivors and bystanders gape at the carnage after the first bomb exploded.

■ PICS: ELIAS MALULEKE

Face to face with rampaging 'red' menace

By NAT DISEKO

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A RED peril with a difference came to Soweto this week.

Early on Thursday morning, people on their way to work were set upon by vicious hordes of Zulu-speaking

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migrant workers who live in hostels in the townships.

The attackers wore red headbands and other red clothing.

At the end of the day, the police confirmed that 14 people had been killed and 129 injured.

Commuting by train between the city and the township has become perilous.

I came face to face with this red menace at the Merafe hostel on Thursday morning. With horrified fascination I watched a big body of Zulu tribesmen, armed to the teeth with knobkieries, pangas, pickaxe handles, spears and guns.

They were doing a fearsome, frenzied war dance, chanting, jumping and stamping. I heard one utter a bloodcurdling shriek in Zulu "Igazi lami liyabila" (my blood is on the boil).

It was now mid-morning and the bloodcurdling chanting and singing was to go on until lunch hour.

Earlier in the morning, most Soweto schools were deserted after word had gone around that an attack by Zulu impis was imminent.

As the morning wore on, the tension increased.

On one side, grim-faced residents of Central Western Jabavu were massed, facing the hostel Zulus. The battlelines were drawn.

In the middle were the police, keeping the two sides apart. The residents, unlike the impi, were not displaying weapons.

The SAP had thrown razor-wire around a section of the hostel perimeter, while on the southern side smoke billowed from a section of the hostel that had been set alight. At one stage, the Zulus started to move. Police lobbed teargas canisters at them and they retreated to continue with their war dance inside the hostel perimeter. Then the residents were teargassed.

Youths and all able-bodied men were to be mustered later in the day to keep a night-long vigil to defend the township against possible attack and to escort workers to the railway station in the morning.



A man wields an axe during the fighting between hostel dwellers and nearby residents.

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Police bar the way of "red peril" Zulus as they keep fighting factions apart in Soweto.

■ PICS: EVANS MBOWENI

Women in plea for protection

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE gruesome murder of a 72-year-old Mapetla granny, allegedly by hostel inmates — caused women in the area to march to Soweto police headquarters on Friday to demand police protection against hostel inmates.

Granny Lenah Modibedi is among 53 people reported to have died since Thursday in the Soweto fighting between hostel inmates and residents.

She was hacked to death with pangas in her yard by several men who came from the Mapetla hostel opposite her home at about 3am on Friday.

The men — wearing red headbands — were carrying out sporadic attacks on homes in the area.

Other members of the Modibedi family were also attacked and fled.

The homes of several other residents were attacked. Some were set on fire and others had windows smashed. The Mapetla women also complained about police involvement in the two days of all-out warfare between hostel inmates and residents.

They claimed residents were unprotected while the police seemed to be on the side of the hostel residents.

The women demanded to speak to the Soweto regional commissioner of police but were referred to Brig J Malan, who told them to submit written affidavits listing their complaints and promised to investigate their claims.

Since Thursday night, when fighting erupted between the hostel people and nearby residents, families in Mapetla, Nancefield, Meadowlands and Dube have been continuous targets of hostel warriors, singing war songs as they advanced.

Residents told police that when they advanced on the hostel men they were dispersed with teargas, while the men in the hostel, who were more vicious, were being restrained verbally.

The police were accused of giving the hostel men a chance to attack residents

72-year-old granny is hacked to death by 'warriors'

living near the hostel by moving off the scene after midnight, leaving the families without protection.

As rampaging Zulu impis moved around attacking residents, attempts were made by resident youths to take revenge.

On Friday morning the bodies of two youths were found near Merafe-Naledi railway line.

A man, believed to be of Zulu origin, was also stabbed to death and set alight by youths in Mapetla.

Jacob Sekhutsoanyane was first attacked and wounded in the head by youths but escaped to the hostel where he was staying.

He ran into one of the dormitories but was not recognised. Thinking he was a resident, hostel inmates hacked him with pangas and stabbed him with an assegai, killing him.

In Dube, rampaging Zulu impis in red headbands attacked several families after breaking down their doors.

Pius Mbetse and his wife Grace were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital on Thursday night after they had been hacked with pangas by hostel men. Their 18-year-old son Clive, who had also been attacked, was treated for head injuries and discharged on Friday morning.

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Lawyers in bid to free Sharpeville 6

By CHARLES MOGALE

A LEGAL wrangle is looming between lawyers for the Sharpeville Six and prison authorities over their classification as common-law criminals.

Lawyer A Soman, representing the five men and one woman, said representations would be made for them to benefit from the pact between the government and the ANC regarding the release of political prisoners.

The six, convicted for the killing of Vaal councillor Jacob Dlamini on September 3, 1984, are Mojalefa Sefatsa, Theresa Ramashamola, Malebo Mokoena, Oupa Diniso, Duma Khumalo and Francis Mokoena.

Although no evidence linked them to the killing of Dlamini, Judge AJ Human invoked the highly controversial "common purpose" doctrine in sentencing them to death in 1985.

But they were reprieved to serve prison terms ranging between 18 and 25 years following local and international pressure on former State President PW Botha.

Key state witness Joseph Manete, who gave evidence in camera, wrote an

open letter to Botha, confessing his testimony was false. Manete said he had testified under duress after he was assaulted by security police.

Said Soman: "It is our belief their conviction stems from actions which took place in a political atmosphere, and we will make representations to get them among the political prisoners who will be released soon."

Reginah Sefatsa, wife of first accused Mojalefa, said the families of the six were concerned that were being held with common-law criminals.

She said: "I am baffled how things have suddenly changed. Throughout the trial the case had a political flavour, and it was accepted as such. Otherwise, why were the security police involved in the investigation of the case? Why were they held under security legislation if the crime was not political? How they landed in criminal cells I cannot tell, but I know they are not happy and I am not happy."

Media liaison officer of the South African Prisons Service Capt M Bergen said the fact a person had been sentenced in a political trial did not automatically imply he would be classified as a security prisoner.

Jackrolling menace spreads to Tembisa

By ELIAS MALULEKE

The menace of "jackrolling" has now spread from Soweto to Tembisa and so many shebeens and stockvels have been attacked by the armed gangs that most of their customers now stay away for fear of becoming victims.

Tembisa residents are being robbed of jewellery, leather coats and money by the gangs, who use fast cars and raid the shebeens, stokvels and business people's homes armed with guns and knives. Women have also been "jackrolled" and gang-raped by the thugs.

Those who resist are viciously attacked. One man, who asked not to be named, was left toothless after thugs smashed his gold-trimmed teeth with a brick to retrieve the precious metal.

Apart from wearing the stolen jewellery, police believe, the thugs are selling their loot to unscrupulous shops and jewellery manufacturers, where the gold is melted.

Mmakwena Taetsane, a shebeen queen in Masimong Section, said five thugs burst into her house and forced her customers to lie on the floor. One of the thugs fired a shot on the floor and demanded money, jewellery and leather coats," she said.

After stripping the customers of their valuables, including watches and leather-trimmed jerseys, Taetsane was forced into her bedroom, which was ransacked and her valuables stolen.

"They took money, all my leather coats, dresses and pants, jewellery and cigarettes before fleeing."

She said she and other shebeen owners were now suffering because their clients had drifted away for fear of being robbed.

A local businessman, who declined to be named, said the thugs woke up her family late at night and demanded jewellery at gunpoint before fleeing with their leather clothes.

Vusi Matseke said he was stabbed in the neck with a knife when he tried to resist the thugs who stormed a shebeen early this month. "They forced us to lie down and calmly stripped other patrons, taking their jewel-

lery, money and leather coats. When I tried to resist I was stabbed in the neck," said Matseke.

A pregnant woman says she was abducted last week after jackrollers raided a shebeen for jewellery. They took her to a house in Senaone, Soweto, where she was gang-raped. "I managed to flee from the house early in the morning and reported the matter to the police." She said she recognised one of her abductors as a local Tembisa youth.

Police confirmed the incidents and said they were investigating.



Mmakwena Taetsane ... robbed by jackrollers.
Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE

Women bridge gulf

By LULAMA LUTHI

BLACK and white women met for three nights last week at Roodepan School in Parktown, Johannesburg, in an attempt to transcend social and academic differences.

"We owe it to womanhood," they said.

The series of discussions, *Women in Focus*, About 5 000 women

were detained in the last five years, often under the worst conditions, because they came from lower classes of society, she said.

"They are often harassed and humiliated and sometimes have to strip naked when 'body searches' are conducted, which is an insult to their womanhood. They have no facilities for child care and have no access to medical treatment."

"Mother of Soweto" Dr Ellen Khuzwayo, vividly painted a picture of "township poverty".

Citing Orlando township as an example, Khuzwayo said poverty in the townships was a way of life.

"People live in dilapidated houses, with piles of rubbish virtually on every street corner. Running sewerage systems producing rivulets down the streets."

"In winter the townships are clouded in thick smoke and in summer households are infested with flies."

"Education has reached a crisis with children being a law unto themselves. The meagre wages their parents earn have left a negative image on them. Disparities in the provision of welfare is also another cause for concern."

However, she was optimistic that with all the talk about a new South Africa, poverty in the townships would be addressed.

Leading Wits academic and educationist Linda Chisholm said education should help shape the society's positive perception of women.

'We have to unite because we owe it to womanhood'

She said there was a need for teachers to get rid of the attitude that made girls undermine their self-esteem.

"A radical overhaul of the education system will not be achieved outside a democratic South Africa. And all of us need to take part in it."

Congress of South African Writers member Orenna Krut said the fact there were more women writers than ever before was a political victory as they had been left out in the cold for too long.

She said literature could rescue "the voices that have been lost through suppression by apartheid".

Sharing with the audience moments from her childhood - put together

in a poetry book titled *Black as I am*, Zinzi

Black as I am, Zinzi Mandela, daughter of ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela, said her poems were written out of anger as a black child deprived of a childhood by a brutal government.

"I found solace in the poems. They depict things as I saw them, raw and naked," she said.

Zinzi said the poetry also filled the silence of being deprived of both parents, a longing which friends, relatives and comrades could not satisfy.

Director of Seriti sa Sechaba, a publishing house run by women, Dinah Lefakane said history had an inconsistent imbalance and friction among men and women, with the one always striving to dominate the other.

She said as a women's publishing house they had often been labelled anti-struggle, divisive and separatist but they had not been daunted by such remarks.

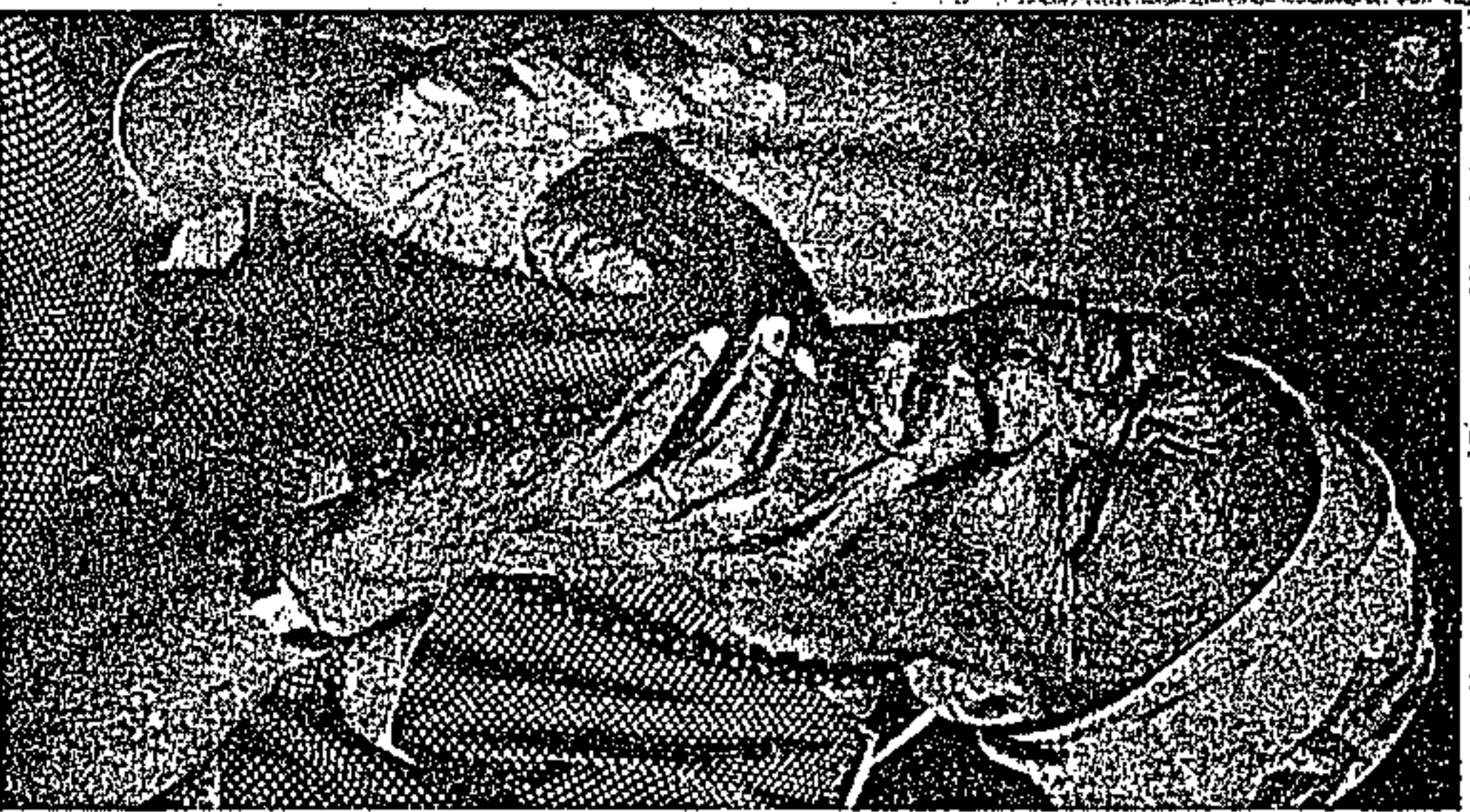
"I believe this is a ploy to keep us where we are," she said.

Lefakane said if women's publishing houses had the power and financial resources they would reach even greater heights.

Rounding off the discussions with poems by acclaimed writer Maya Angelou, award-winning actress and poet Geina Mkhophle paid tribute to great South African women who had sacrificed everything to let others live decently.



Zinzi Mandela... wrote poems out of anger generated by a brutal government.



"Mother of Soweto" Dr Ellen Khuzwayo... "poverty in the townships is a way of life."

Two killed in taxi battle involving grenade and AK-47

Crime Reporter

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Two people were killed and two wounded in Soweto last night when shots were fired with an AK-47 rifle and a grenade was thrown in a taxi battle, police said.

The mini-war erupted at the Baragwanath taxi rank at 5.40 pm. It represented a dangerous trend in criminal activity — the increased availability to criminal elements of sophisticated weaponry, said Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-

Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

He said a woman and a man were injured and admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

The names of the victims were not available last night and no arrests have been made.

The violence was apparently linked to a dispute over route rights. It appears that a taxi driver had used a route he should not have.

The incident was not linked to the township conflict.

Death toll soars to 331 as battles spread on East Rand

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Township war erupts again

By Craig Kotze
and Gien Elsas

Township war again erupted on the East Rand last night and this morning, leaving at least another 36 people dead as the conflict spread to even more townships.

Renewed fighting has also been reported in Kagiso on the West Rand, where three people were killed and another four injured last night in a rampage by men armed with assegais and guns.

The latest East Rand fighting brings the weekend death toll in the area to at least 79 and pushes up known deaths in a week of fighting to 243, police said.

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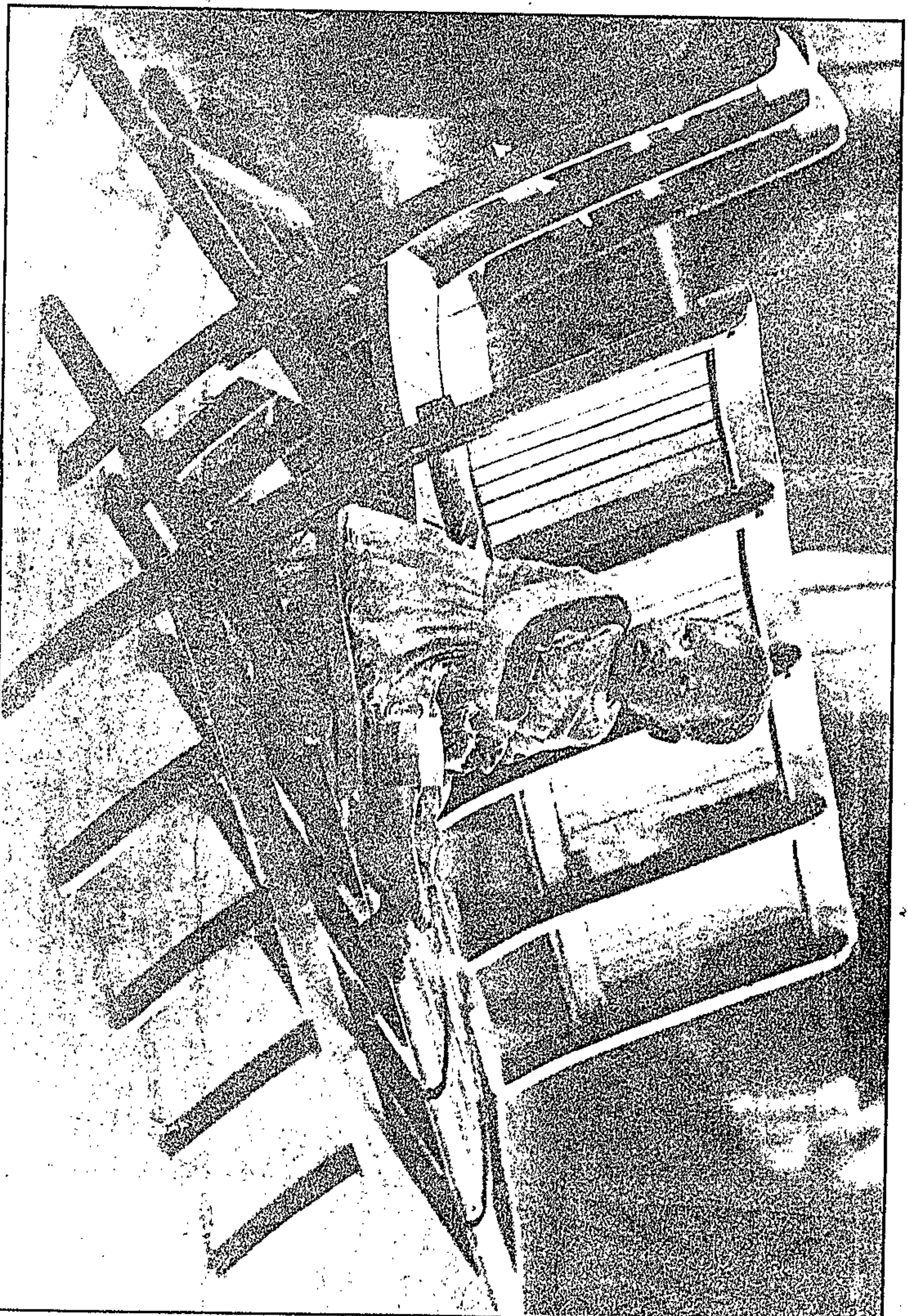
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As the death toll in the East Rand townships continues to rise, thousands of refugees are seeking shelter in churches and church halls. This child is one of many who, with their mothers, escaped the violence at Phola Park squatter camp at the weekend.

Picture by John Hogg.

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"There is renewed fighting all
over these areas. It is carrying on
as we speak," said East Rand po-
lice spokesman Lieutenant Ida van
Zweel at the time of going to press.

Fighting, apparently between
Xhosas and Zulus, was still raging
in KwaThema, where police said 21
people died last night and today.

In Tokhoza, where the bloody
conflict began a week ago, feuding
Zulus and Xhosas left 28 men dead
in a major clash on Saturday night.

A West Rand police spokesman
said a group of men, armed with
guns and spears, attacked people in
Kagiso 1 at 8.00 last night. The
bodies of three men were found in
Munsie and Domo streets.

Four people sustained gunshot
and stab wounds in the attack.

In sharp contrast, it was relati-
vely quiet in Soweto today, al-
though police were still picking up
bodies, said police spokesman Cap-
tain Joseph Ngobeni.

No incidents had been reported
since about 10.00 last night.

Frantic attempts to arrange
peace talks, initiated by police,
have so far not borne fruit in Sowe-
to. "Soweto is like a powder keg at
the moment," said police spokes-
man Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie
Halgryn.

A "necklacing" was reported at
Phiri in Soweto.

After a meeting with Soweto
church people, the general secre-
tary of the SA Council of Churches,
the Rev Frank Chikane, said an ur-
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with Law and Order Minister
Adriaan Vlok and possibly with
President de Klerk.

● Soweto women to appeal to Vlok
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Car bomb taxi driver assaulted then killed'

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

The murdered Pretoria taxi driver whose vehicle was found packed with bombs at a private city parking lot a fortnight ago was assaulted before being shot dead, a relative claims.

David "Kimberley" Shongwe (33) was buried yesterday after a funeral service at the Mlambo Hall in Saulsville.

According to a relative, Mr Shongwe was apparently assaulted by his captors before he was fatally wounded. His body had black marks around the eyes and an open wound on the side of the body.

Police earlier reported that Mr Shongwe had a bullet wound in the head behind his ear.

The relative also confirmed that a second postmortem examination had been conducted

by a private pathologist on Thursday and Friday. The report would be submitted to the family lawyers, she said.

Speakers at the funeral service, attended by hundreds, expressed their shock at the mysterious death of the man they described as law-abiding and as someone who had no political affiliations.

Mr Shongwe was captain and trainer of the NSL-affiliated regional second division club, Helicopters. His teammates wept as speakers paid a last tribute.

Mr Shongwe died on July 28, hours after the taxi he was driving was found parked inside the Hallmark parking area packed with explosives.

No arrests have been made in connection with his death and the discovery of the explosives.

Pamphlet disowned

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Staff Reporter

The ANC yesterday vehemently denied distributing in Soweto a pamphlet bearing the organisation's emblem and calling for the "destruction of all Zulus".

An ANC spokesman told The Star last night the pamphlet was the work of *agents provocateur*, as many members of the ANC were Zulu.

The spokesman said it could have been inspired by Winnie Mandela's words when she said there might be a return to the armed struggle if the township killing continued.

He added that a campaign was about to be launched to incorporate migrant labourers in hostels into the community, or to turn hostels into family units.

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'Missing' schoolbooks discovered

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

While some classes at a Witbank township school have been taught without a single maths textbook throughout this year, hundreds of the required books have been found at the Department of Education and Training's Witbank office.

Maths books and other urgently needed textbooks were discovered by members of the Witbank Teachers' Union (Witu) who are now into the third week of a sit-in in 32 schools.

The sit-in has brought education to a standstill for about 30 000 pupils in the Witbank and Ogies area.

A chronic shortage of textbooks is at the top of the list of grievances cited by the 450 township teachers taking part in the sit-in.

Witu has said it will continue its action until the DET director-general agrees to meet it.

Report on 'armed struggle' threat

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Political Staff

The continued carnage in the townships and the Government's failure to abolish the hostel system might force the ANC to seriously reconsider the suspension of the armed struggle, according to a newspaper report quoting Winnie Mandela.

Mrs Mandela was yesterday reported as having accused the police of collusion with Inkatha in the violence which has left more than 350 people dead in Soweto and the East Rand in a week.

She was speaking at

the launch of the ANC's Orlando West branch.

The ANC, Mrs Mandela is reported to have said, had evidence that the township hostels were full of Inkatha members bussed in to reinforce Inkatha.

Contacted by The Star at her home yesterday, Mrs Mandela refused to comment, referring questions to the ANC office in Johannesburg.

ANC spokesman Joel Netshitendzi said the ANC hoped that a situation forcing it to revert to the armed struggle would not arise.

the "continuous propaganda allegations" that the strife was

to apportion blame but rather to help in ending the violence.

Allegations are lies — Vlok

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has denied allegations that the police were involved in the ongoing carnage in the townships or that they were siding with any of the warring groups.

He issued a strongly worded statement in Pretoria yesterday in response to allegations of police involvement by Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa after the Pretoria talks.

Major-General Holomisa released a statement to this effect — after the meeting between top South African Government Ministers, himself and KwaZulu leader Chief Mango-

uthu Buthelezi — without consulting the other parties.

Mr Vlok said General Holomisa's allegations were "second-hand" and contained no concrete evidence.

"The time has now arrived to insist that such serious allegations are backed by evidence. Unless this is done, one must accept that they are lies and that the sole aim in making such statements is to alienate the police."

Mr Vlok urged all political leaders to use their influence to induce their followers not to become involved in violence but rather to give their full cooperation to the police in their efforts to end the violence.



David Ndlovu of Soweto ... attacked by a group of men after argument over a woman.



John Mazibuko (30) ... believed to have been attacked because of his Zulu accent, although he was born in Johannesburg.

By Musa Mapisa

Victims of the war between Inkatha and ANC supporters, which has claimed hundreds of lives since Reef townships erupted last week, say they are innocent people who have been mistakenly identified with political organisations to which they do not belong.

Others say common thugs are taking advantage of the chaos and attacking and robbing people.

The Star spoke to township-violence victims at Baragwanath Hospital yesterday.

Dumisani Shabalala of Mapetla said he was walking in Naledi when he was approached by a group of people armed with pangas, picks, garden forks and iron rods. They accused him of being an Inkatha supporter.

"I think they mistook me for an Inkatha supporter because of the tribal marks on my face," said Mr Shabalala.



Jabulani Mdlalose (22) of Orlando East was attacked and robbed by thugs who pretended to be Inkatha supporters. Patrick Manaki (left) was pushed out of a moving train by armed men.

● Pictures by Ken Oosterbroek.

Victims of 343 violence: We are innocent

The group attacked him. He tried to run away but fell.

"When an ambulance arrived to pick me up, a group of youths approached the ambulance demanding that the men release me so that they could necklace me, but the men refused," Mr Shabalala said.

Another victim, Jabulani Mdlalose (22) of Orlando East, said he was going to visit his girlfriend on Monday when three men intercepted him.

The men accused him of speaking ill of Zulu people.

"I told them that I was Zulu myself — so how could I speak ill of Zulus? I could see that they were neither Inkatha sup-

porters nor Comrades.

Mr Mdlalose said the men then demanded money.

"Before I could respond, one of them stabbed me twice in the back. They took R4 from my pocket and fled," Mr Mdlalose told The Star.

Another victim, an old man in the trauma unit, told The Star he was still confused about what had happened to him.

A nurse in the ward said he had not spoken to anybody since he arrived at the hospital.

"I was relaxing and having a drink at a shebeen in Zola when a man entered and asked to talk to me outside," John Mazibuko told The Star.

Outside was a group of armed men who attacked him with pangas.

"I cannot think of any reason for the attack besides that I speak with a heavy Zulu accent which I learnt at home," said Mr Mazibuko, who was born and grew up in Soweto.

Workers blame hospital strike for death of Tembisa woman

By Abel Mabelane and
Brendan Templeton

A Tembisa woman, Elizabeth Maringa, is alleged to have died in the strife-torn township's hospital without being seen by a doctor when white personnel went on strike yesterday.

The strike action was in retaliation to the forced removal of Chief Matron JN Beukes from the hospital premises by a group of toyi-toying workers on Monday.

Health services at the hospital were reported to have been disrupted as white staff stood in groups without attending to incoming patients.

Mrs Beukes was accused by workers of having an arrogant,

provocative and racist attitude towards them.

A spokesman for the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) said that after the chief matron had been removed, superintendent JPC Fleringer decided to withdraw the services of his white staff.

Nehawu condemned the superintendent's behaviour of withdrawing the services of the white personnel.

Pressure

A statement signed by "concerned workers" at the hospital criticised the doctors' and pharmacists' actions and accused them of acting against their oath.

Violence between warring factions in Tembisa meant the casualty ward was under severe pressure and patients were waiting in vain for help, the workers said.

"This behaviour will endanger the lives of patients and may set a precedent to some superintendents of racist hospitals," a Nehawu spokesman said.

"We are appealing to the TPA and SA Medical and Dental Council to intervene and hope that an inquiry will be launched should any deaths be incurred due to the action," the statement said.

Dr Fleringer could not be reached for comment and TPA officials refused to comment.

Mandela and Buthelezi 'could be included'

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ANC-Inkatha talks soon

By Peter Fabricius and
Esmaré van der Merwe

High-level African National Congress and Inkatha delegations — possibly including ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — will meet soon in a bid to end the spiralling Transvaal and Natal township violence.

President de Klerk said in a statement yesterday he had been informed that the delegations would try to establish dialogue between the two movements at leadership level in a bid to end the violence.

And the ANC yesterday confirmed that it was starting discussions with a view to high-level talks with Inkatha.

The talks would not necessarily involve Mr Mandela, but this had not been excluded, executive member Pallo Jordan told a press briefing in Johannesburg.

Chief Buthelezi could also be included, he said.

Mr de Klerk said he had received the news of the meeting after his in-depth discussions with Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi about the violence in Natal and on the Witwatersrand — "in which the ANC and Inkatha accuse each other of playing the leading role".

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"It should result in definite steps and a plan of action to bring to an end the unnecessary conflict at a time when all responsible leaders have declared their commitment to peaceful solutions.

Outcome awaited

"I am awaiting the outcome of this meeting."

Mr de Klerk said that in his meetings with Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi he had repeated his "deep concern about the violence and I insisted that the violence be brought to an end through strong leadership from all sides.

"I believe both leaders share my concern and agree on the need for peace to be fully restored."

Mr de Klerk said that in the meantime the Government was giving attention to additional measures to curb the violence and to restore law and order.

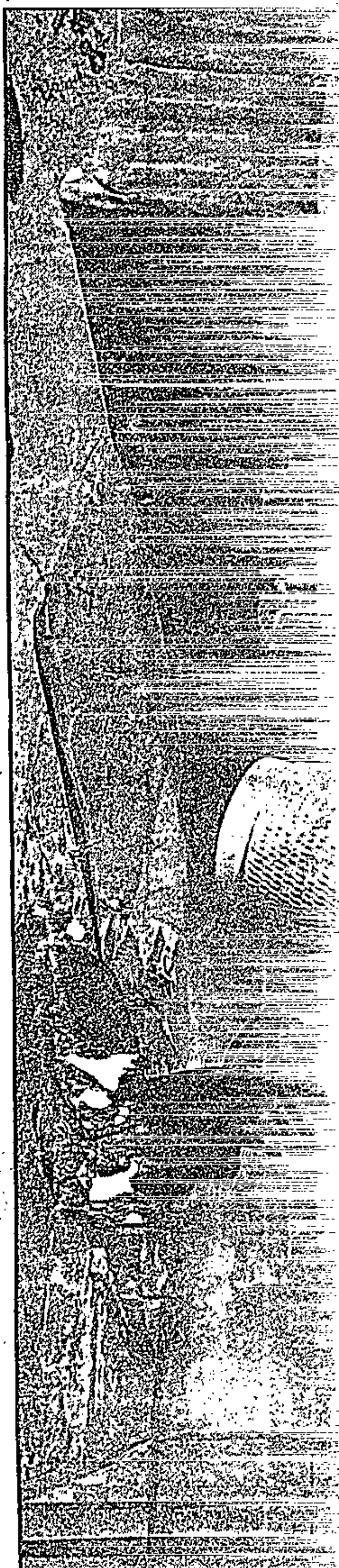
He added: "I also strongly reject the persistent efforts from some quarters to blame the present spate of violence on the police.

"Similarly unfounded allegations of partisanship on the part of the police should come to an end."

In later comment, Mr de Klerk said the meeting of the Inkatha-ANC high-level delegations was not taking place at his initiative.

The ANC said yesterday its initiative to establish the high-level talks with Inkatha would be undertaken by a high-powered four-person ANC commission on violence set up last month.

This is one of several initiatives launched recently by the ANC and its allies to restore peace in the townships.



Kagiso flashpoint ... with the township in flames in a day of bloodletting that pushed up the death toll on the East Rand to 361, a Kagiso resident, near Lewisham Hostel, removes his belongings and joins hundreds of other fleeing residents.

Mob attacks police station

Staff Reporters

The focal point today in the Reef township conflict — in which at least 510 people have died — is Kagiso on the West Rand as a mob attacked the police station and police reinforcements were sent to the township.

No immediate reports of casualties had been received at the time of going to press.

A police spokesman said shots were fired during the attack, which started at about 7.30 am.

"It is not known at this stage which group is attacking the police," the spokesman said.

The attack comes after 27 people died and at least 20 were injured in violence in Kagiso and Chamdor, near Krugersdorp, yesterday.

Today's attack in Kagiso is the second against a police installation. Yesterday, the SAP Operations Room in Vosloorus on the East Rand was attacked twice.

For the first time since the fighting erupted last Monday, East Rand and Soweto police reported a quiet night and said at the time of going to press today that the death toll had not risen.

There was heavy fighting in Chamdor and Kagiso yesterday and last night.

And in Vosloorus, 42 bodies were found, bringing the total death toll on the East Rand to 361, said police spokesman Lieutenant Ida van Zweel.

Soweto police confirmed that 122 people had died there by last night.

Parts of Kagiso were in flames yesterday with houses and police vehicles burning.

Hundreds of Kagiso 1 residents had fled their homes by 7 pm, fearing further attacks by Inkatha supporters from Lewisham hostel.

Police fired birdshot at a crowd after a 13-year-old girl threw a petrol bomb at policemen at about 6 pm. She and 10 other people were injured in the skirmishes.

Police said that yesterday afternoon they persuaded hundreds of armed Inkatha warriors intent on attacking a group of young "comrades" down the road to return to the Lewisham hostel.

Comrades ran riot through the township yesterday, burning down council property and houses where Inkatha people stayed.

At Vosloorus, 37 bodies were discovered after bloody clashes. A further five were found last night.

A petrol bomb was hurled at a police Casspir, and two AK-47 rifles were left behind by the mob that attacked the Vosloorus police station.

Two people were found dead in Tembisa last night.

A policeman was killed and another injured in Soweto when a grenade was thrown into a police van. A man was arrested.

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Zambia refinery shut down

LUSAKA — Zambia's main state-owned refinery was shut down as oil supplies from the Gulf dried up, officials said yesterday.

Workers were sent home when the plant at Ndola closed on Tuesday, refinery spokesman Salvatore Miele said.

He said Zambia might begin rationing fuel soon.

Panic buying has worsened the domestic fuel shortage.

Last Sunday, the government increased petrol prices by about 50 percent.

Uganda's Energy Minister, Richard Kaijuka, told parliament on Tuesday that prices of all petroleum products would rise by up to 17 percent immediately.

US crude soared above \$30 a barrel yesterday to its highest levels in nearly five years. — Sapa-AP.

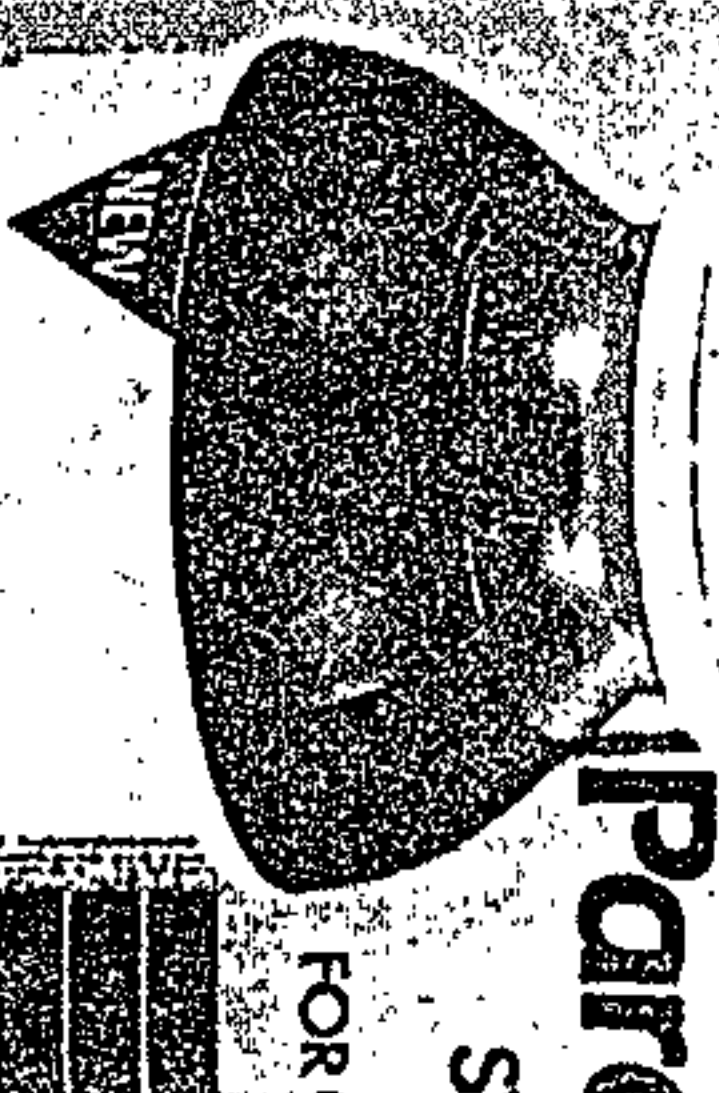
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Inside the dismal hostels of death

Privacy is unknown, electricity and hot running water are luxuries. Grown men crammed into bare brick bungalows hundreds of kilometres from their family and friends. These are the township hostels where tribal clashes have left more than 450 dead in the past week. Star reporter STAN HLOPHE and photographer HERBERT MABUZA visited Diepkloof hostel and found men living like animals.

Who are the hostel inmates, the men who live in these low brick bungalows with concrete bunks for beds?

They are migrant labourers from various homelands who come to the cities to find work and live in the hostels because accommodation is scarce. Many have lived there since the days of influx control.

They cannot bring their wives and children with them.

The bungalows at the Diepkloof hostel are filthy and cold. Heaps of rubbish litter the floors. There are no heating systems.

Rows of concrete bunks pass for beds, personal belongings tucked under them or hung on walls.

There is no kitchen or dining hall. Cooking is done in dark corners and passages on pressure stoves. Candles and paraffin are used for light.

Cracked

There is no hot water. There are times when there is no water at all.

There are few communal ablution facilities comprising a water point and toilets.

Floors are bare, walls cracked and windows broken.

Life at the hostel is one of boredom and loneliness. Recreation facilities are non-existent. For many, drinking alcohol is their only form of consolation, and various concoctions are brewed.

These are the conditions which are conducive to violence and faction fighting.

The Central Waterstrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) has pledged more than R20 million to convert the uninhabitable conditions into

family units. But that dream is still far away.

Joseph Khuzwayo, a hostel inmate who hails from Kwa-Maphumulo in Greytown, says the Diepkloof hostel has been relatively quiet save for minor incidents of arson.

Mr Khuzwayo, who has two wives, described the inmates at the hostel as being "worse off than wild animals."

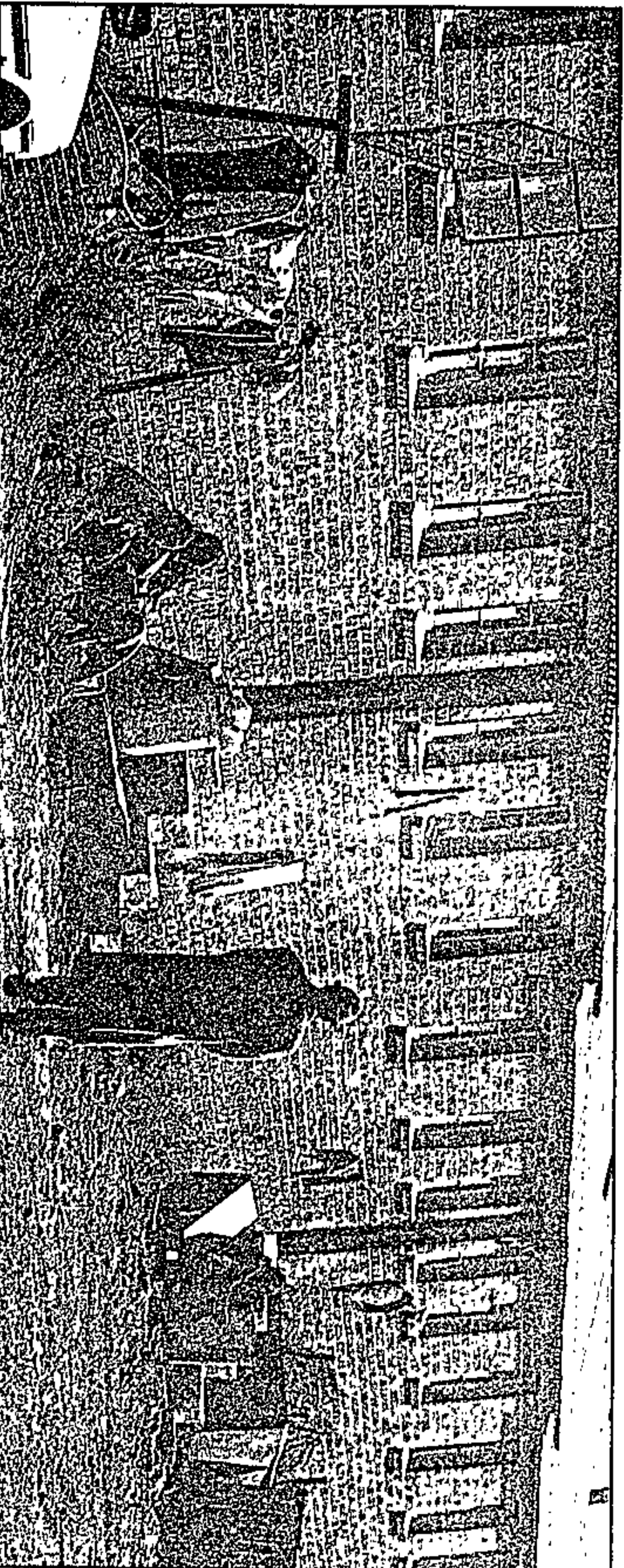
He is proud to be a Zulu but condemns the recent violence, which he said was senseless and barbaric and was a result of apartheid's "rule and divide" policy.

He said inmates' relationships with other nationalities was cordial until the current wave of violence.

"The present violence is taking us back to square one. But the Government has to carry the blame. They created this system which turned normal men into wild animals."

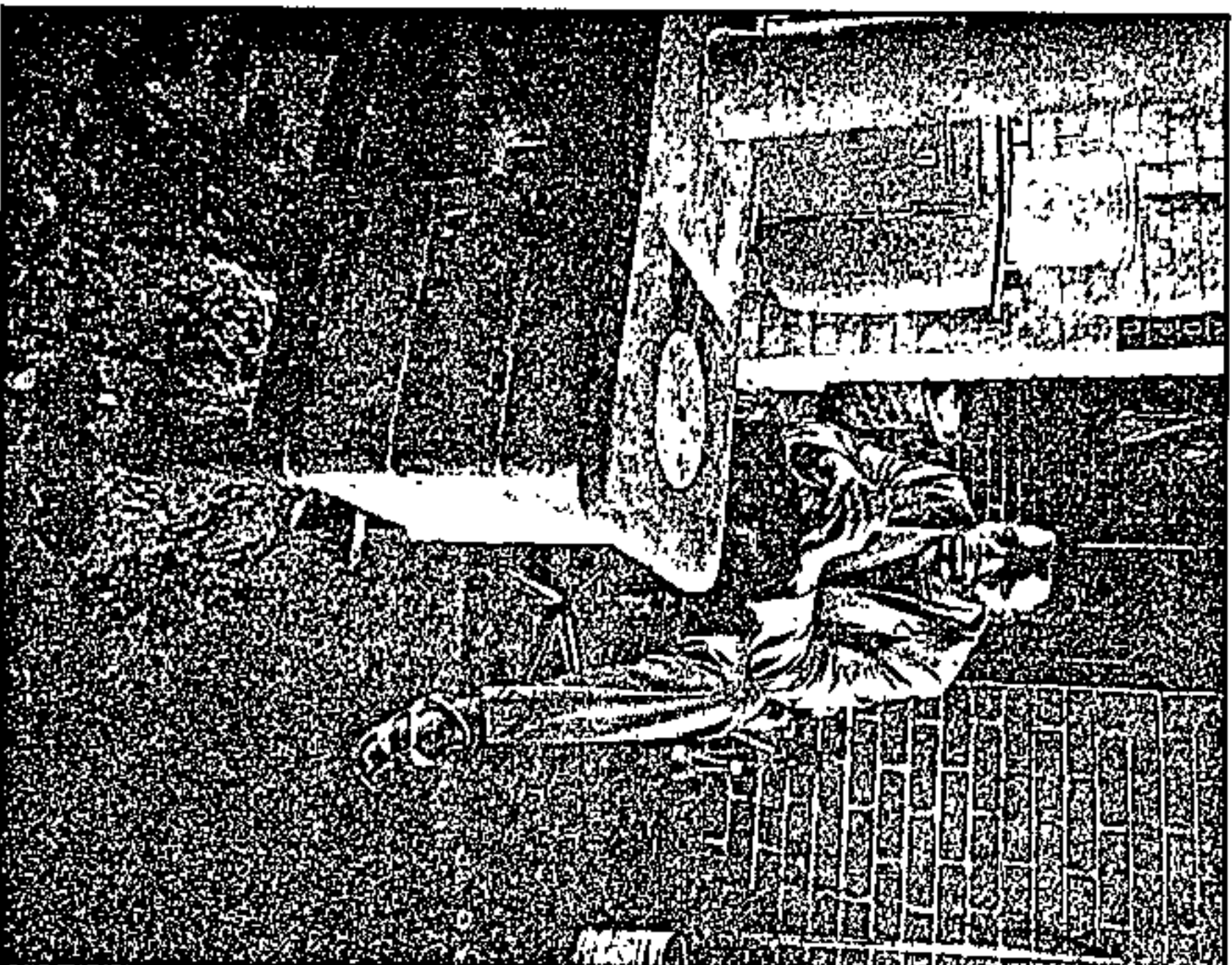
"Where on earth have you seen 20 men living in one room? There is no privacy here. No peace, of mind and rest of the soul. We are like lost people. We are still alive because of God's will."

Otherwise no human being can live under such horrible conditions. The crime rate is very high and faction fights are rife. Now there is this senseless wave of violence. It is uncalculated for and takes us back to the

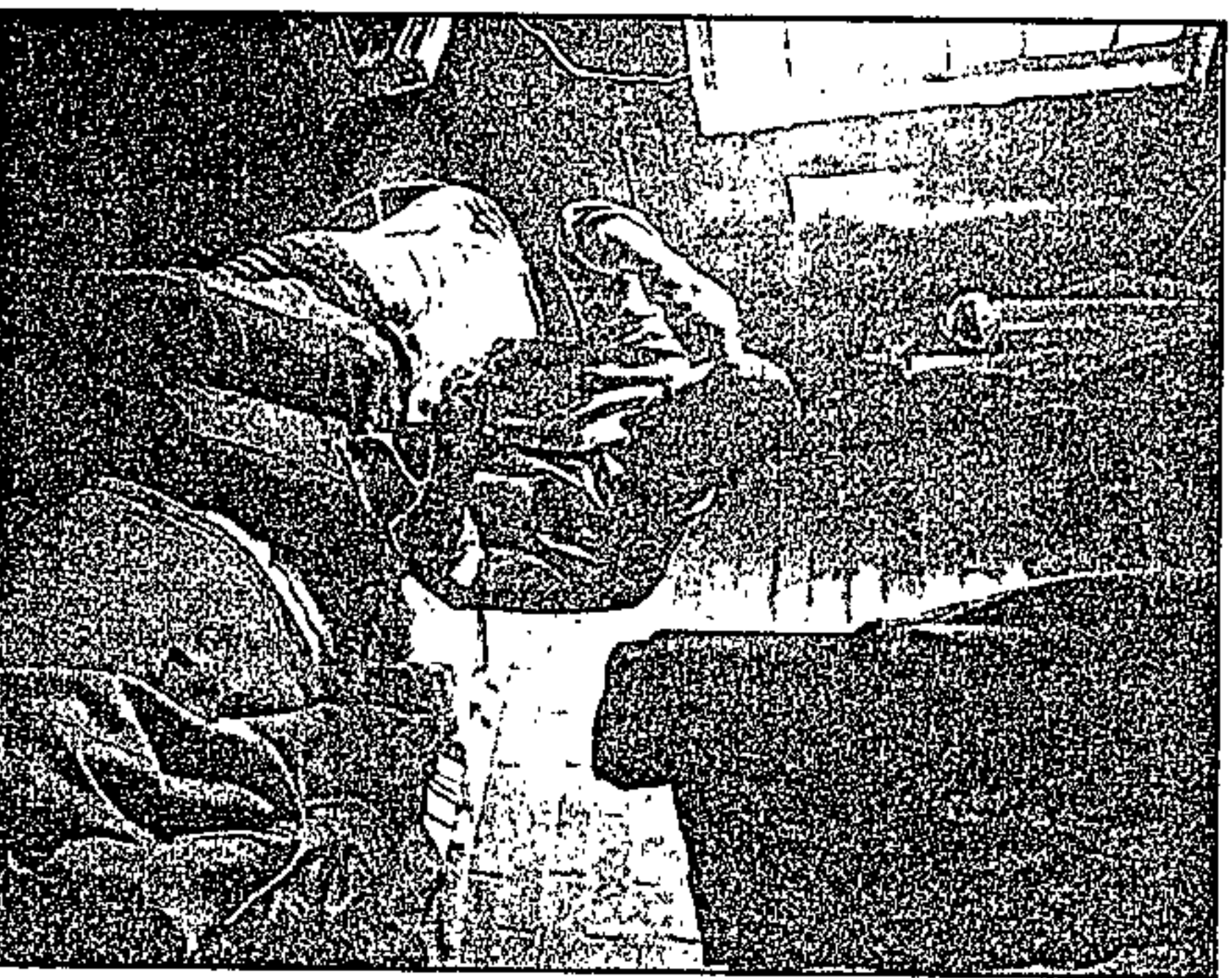


Bleak outlook... piles of rubbish litter the street outside Diepkloof hostel in Soweto.

● Pictures by Herbert Mabuzza.



Cold comfort... A Diepkloof inmate sits next to the only stove in his hollow-brick bungalow.



A hostel inmate sits on a make-shift concrete bed with his personal belongings hanging above him.

paid for rent, conditions should be improved. He said the Diepkloof inmates had never joined a rent boycott, unlike their counterparts in Soweto.

"But we are living under worse conditions. People here

"We've no alternative but to remain here as we can't afford higher rent in the township or in high-rise buildings in town. We are also human beings and the Government must do something."

"He says the cops come in

Politics not their business, but they suffer just as much

Life in the townships has become a nightmare for thousands of residents who don't care much for politics but have been caught up in the ongoing carnage. Political Reporter ESMARE VAN DER MERWE spoke to some women in Soweto, the country's largest township, which is simmering after days of vicious fighting.

They hurry home from work, hastily perform domestic chores, and then switch off the lights long before bedtime. Then the waiting begins. Will this be a quiet night?

Tammy (a pseudonym, for safety's sake), a close friend, says I should not come visiting. Things have quietened down a little, but one never knows... She has a glamorous adverting job, studies at night for an economics degree. She doesn't go to classes any more.

"You can cut the silence out there with a knife," she says. The worst week of violence in the township seems to have passed. Every day when she gets home, her mother lists the number of friends and neighbours who have been injured, and at least two murdered.

I suggest that the family move in with me for a while. She declines, then adds: "Maybe just my baby and the woman who looks after her. I mean, my child deserves to live. She has seen so little of life."

Rebecca, an office worker with two teenage children, witnessed a necklacing the other night. She saw them put a tyre around the man's hips, heard the youngsters say: "Your torch will burn until everyone sees the light. We will not tolerate this."

He was burnt alive while the onlookers watched in deadly silence. Afterwards, she asked them why they did it. One responded: "I'm not Inkatha, and I'm not ANC. I'm a resident. And we will burn them until they stop attacking us."

And then there is Thandi, non-political, a beautician in love with life. She tells a string of horror stories, then sighs: "Oh well, let's talk about something else. We're so used to this."

A friend down the street is a Zulu, she says. He has been ordered to join an impi. He had to oblige or else...

"He says the cops come in the middle of the night to wake them up and go to war."

Stories about police involvement keep cropping up when you speak to residents. These women don't want to take sides. They're confused about the politics behind the violence. But they all believe the police are involved.

Tammy insists that the police confiscate weapons from ANC supporters and then dish them out to Inkatha warriors.

And then there is the story told about the while policemen who went into a hostel to beat the violence erupted. Told the Zulu workers the ANC had vowed to annihilate them, then handed out weapons with the order: "Go out and attack. You're a proud Zulu nation."

Zeni gets furious when people claim the faction fighting is tribal.

"I have lived in this township all my life. I go to shebeens, parties, the movies. I have many friends from all tribes. Life in Soweto has never been tribal. People are people in Soweto."

Rebecca feels uneasy about the present calm. A teacher friend says pupils are planning counter-attacks.

"They know that if they do it now, the cops will come down on them like 10 tons of bricks. They're patiently waiting for the cops to leave. They say they will level every hostel with the ground."

"When will this ever stop?" Joyce, a shebeener, heard chilling screams outside ringtones after sending her oldest grandchild to the corner shop.

"I rushed out. I was not with worry. I ran towards the incoming group of Comrades, screaming for my grandchild. It is strange how one forgets about personal danger when your loved ones are involved."

Tonight, they will switch off the lights again. They'll listen to the far-off sounds of war. And pray it doesn't come closer.

More than 200 000 live in hostels in PWV

By Claire Robertson,
Pretoria Bureau

The controversial hostel housing system, blamed for much of the current Reef violence, exists in all but three of the 25 townships that make up the East and West Rand. 23/8/90

The 56 hostels in those and four Pretoria townships house just more than 200 000 people.

They live either in vast complexes such as Diepmeadow's two, which together sleep 29 000; or in a single 80-bed dormitory such as that at Impumlelo near Devon on the East Rand.

Of the 29 townships canvassed in an attempt to gauge the extent of the hostel system, only the municipalities of Botleng near Delmas, Tsakane

near Brakpan and Evaton near Vanderbijlpark do not run hostels, though an Evaton spokesman said "We use Sebokeng's".

The hostel violence, which has claimed more than 400 lives recently, has renewed calls for an end to the "single-sex" housing system, a legacy of the migrant labour system.

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council this

week approved a plan to convert the huge Meadowlands complex from a dwelling for 23 000 single men into family flats housing 20 000 people.

But Reef township officials, asked about similar plans, stressed that hostels "fulfilled a real need".

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Reef war:

hospital crisis

By Helen Grange

Hospitals near strife-torn townships on the Reef are bedding people on the floors as more and more bloodied victims of the Inkatha-ANC violence pour in.

Casualty wards at Tembisa, Natalspruit and the Far East hospitals have been packed to capacity in the last week and doctors have been working overtime to cope with the influx of patients.

Tembisa Hospital, which was disrupted by a work stoppage by white staffers on Tuesday, has also had to deal with scores of patients transferred from Natalspruit Hospital.

"We have put the orthopaedic (bone injuries) patients on the floor to accommodate the other casualties," said Dr Izak Joubert, superintendent of Tembisa Hospital.

A group of representatives of the TPA visited the hospital yesterday to discuss problems.

Tembisa Hospital has admitted more than 20 dead-on-arrival victims since Sunday, most of whom died of bullet wounds.

"Bullet wounds are very common," said Dr Joubert.

A doctor at Natalspruit said the hospital could deal with only 1 000 patients a day.

"What do we do with 200 more? We are putting them on the floors."

The doctor said injuries were mostly the result of bullets.

"We had one patient with an axe through his head. And there have been patients attacked with pangas. These injuries look the worst," he said.

At the Far East Rand Hospital near Springs, the casualty section has quietened down.

The senior surgeon at Baragwanath Hospital, Dr Bernard Rabinowitz, said that last Friday he had seen between 90 and 100 patients as a result of the bloodshed.

Strike caused two deaths'

By Brendan Templeton

At least two Tembisa women are alleged to have died without being seen by doctors when white staff at the strife-torn township's hospital downed tools on Tuesday.

They were identified as Maria Makoena and Elizabeth Maringa.

Sources were adamant that white doctors, pharmacists, and administration staff at the hospital held a sit-in between 7 am and noon, leaving only a doctor in the casualty ward and an

anaesthetist in the theatre.

But Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday denied claims that the women died due to strike action and dismissed claims of a sit-in as "rumours".

The strike action was allegedly held in retaliation to the forced removal of the Chief Matron JN Beukes from the premises by toyi-toying workers on Monday.

Black and white workers were due to meet today to discuss the situation at the hospital, a hospital source said.

Govt warned of electricity cut-off threat during violence

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

As violence continues through the Reef, a new flashpoint looms: the August 31 rent boycott deadline when millions of township residents face the possibility of having their electricity cut off.

The Government announced in July that bridging finance for the payment of bulk supply services would be "curtailed" at the end of this month to local authorities where payments were late.

But yesterday the Black Sash's Transvaal region chairman, Judith Hawarden, warned that the deadline for the 50 boycotting townships in the Transvaal was coming at an extremely volatile time.

"The Black Sash is deeply concerned about the killings in the townships and any action which could exacerbate the situation.

"We urge Government authorities to take advice on this matter from the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and civic associations," she said.

Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman, Piet Wilken said a delegation would meet the Soweto People's Delegation and the three local authorities of greater Soweto in an attempt to reach agreement.

Agreement

In return for a commitment to start paying rent again, the SPD has demanded that the TPA write off the R516 million arrears, transfer houses to the people of Soweto, upgrade services, introduce an affordable service charge, and create a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto.

It is widely believed that if an agreement is reached between the TPA and the SPD, other

boycotting communities will accept similar settlements.

According to the TPA, of the R428 million budgeted for bridging finance for 1990/91, only R99 million is left.

The total amount owed in rent and services arrears by the 50 local authorities in the affected areas is R800 million.

Asked if the TPA would be responsible for instructing local authorities to switch off township electricity, Mr Wilken said this was not the TPA's task.

"This responsibility will lie with the local authorities."

● Schoongezicht coloured township at Witbank, which was plunged into darkness during a three-month rent and services boycott, has had its electricity switched on again. A council spokesman said it had agreed to restore power to residents who had paid arrears or promised to pay them off.

Hospital strike intimidation denied

Pretoria Correspondent

"Patients die daily, whether there is a strike or not," a witness has told the Cillie Commission into the causes and consequences of a strike at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

Senior clerk Jeffrey Mothoa was giving evidence yesterday on events leading to and during the strike in April, which allegedly caused the deaths of 23

premature babies.

J Wessels, for the Transvaal Provincial Administration, had asked Mr Mothoa if he had considered that patients might die as a result of the strike.

Mr Mothoa said he had been rebuked by H Swanepoel, a senior administration clerk, for not wearing a tie to work.

Mr Swanepoel and his superior, A J Boshoff, have been ac-

cused of being racists. He was later "punished" by Mr Swanepoel by being transferred to the filing room.

Mr Mothoa also said he ignored Mr Swanepoel's instructions concerning the files of renal unit patients.

He said he had assisted in organising workers to join the strike but denied there had been intimidation.



Police use a water cannon to disperse youths while on their way to put out a blaze at a municipal yard in Kagiso on the West Rand. Seven bakkies were burnt out after youths threw petrol bombs at the yard yesterday. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Police deny helping Inkatha

By Stan Hlophe

Allegations of police violence in Soweto were made yesterday by an official of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

Booyens Mashego, Numsa's organiser and South African Youth Congress (Sayco) Soweto branch co-ordinator, visited The Star yesterday with spent cartridges and rubber bullets to substantiate his claims.

Mr Mashego said police had, on Monday night in Tladi squat-

ter camp, shot dead three men who were warding off Inkatha supporters from Merafe hostel after they had earlier burnt down several houses in the Mapetla and Naledi area.

He claimed that when residents counter-attacked they were prevented from doing so by the police, who dispersed them with teargas and rubber bullets and allowed Inkatha to attack them.

Asked whether a complaint had been lodged with the po-

lice, Mr Mashego said the community had decided against reporting to the police as it had lost confidence in them. Instead, he said the union and Sayco would brief their lawyers.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, Soweto police liaison officer, denied the police were taking sides.

He advised Mr Mashego or any victim to come forward with evidence to lay a charge at any police station.

Buthelezi, Holomisa in row over 'invasion'

ULUNDI — KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday claimed he had reliable information that members of the Transkei Defence Force had made incursions into Natal and KwaZulu townships to assist Comrades in their war against Inkatha.

The allegation was immediately denied by Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa, who challenged Chief Buthelezi to produce his evidence.

"If he has any proof of such an invasion, then he is duty bound to officially inform not only his own government but also the South African Government, who can then contact the Transkei government."

Collusion

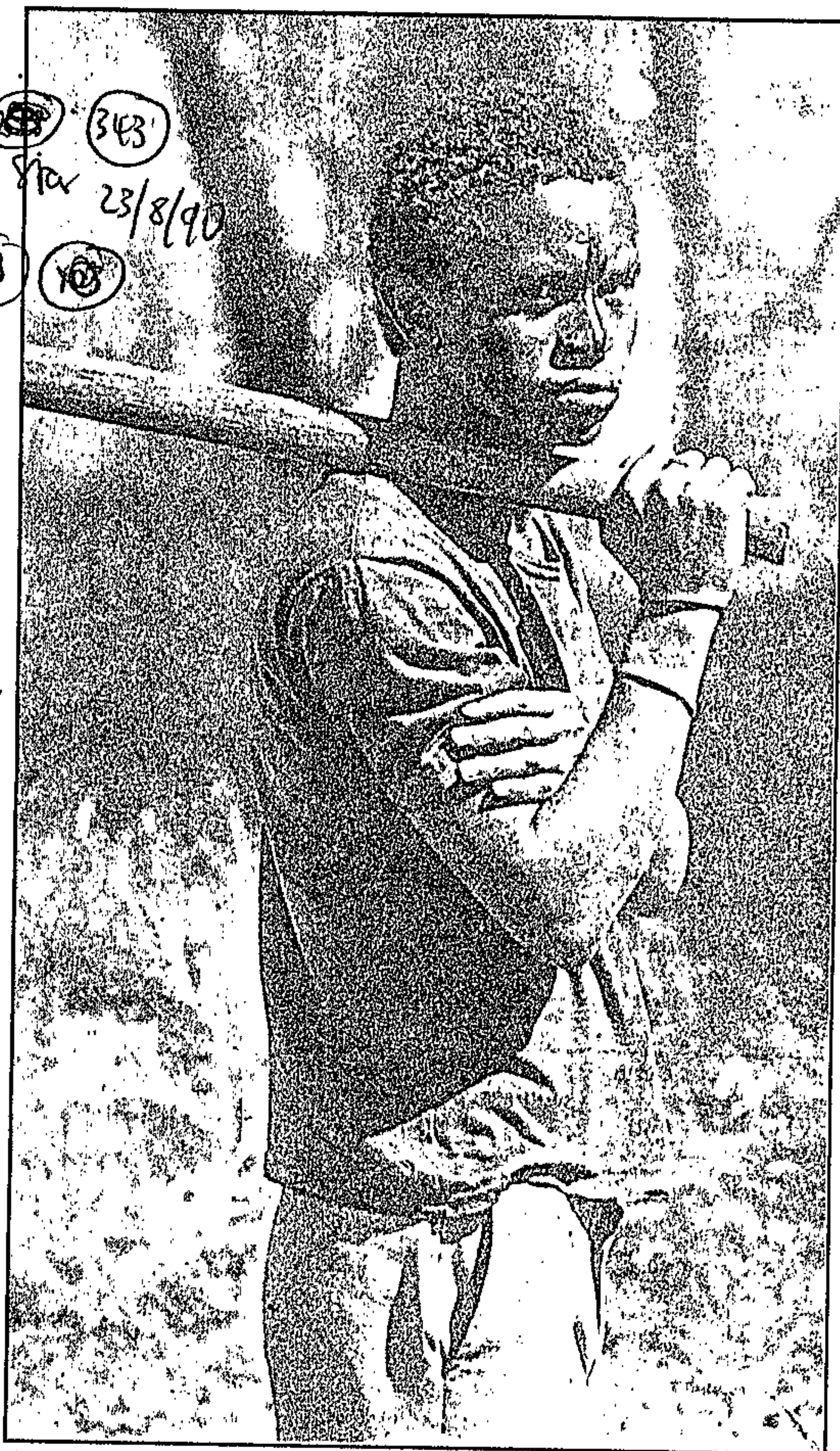
Chief Buthelezi is reported to have said at Ulundi that he was obliged to divulge information on the invasion in the light of the allegations made public by General Holomisa on Tuesday of collusion between the SAP and Inkatha impis in the strife-torn East Rand townships.

Chief Buthelezi said he had confronted General Holomisa about the role of Transkei Defence Force members during their Pretoria meeting on Tuesday and that he had not denied the allegations.

General Holomisa last night denied Chief Buthelezi's claim that during the Pretoria meeting on Tuesday he had not denied allegations concerning the role of the Transkei Defence Force.

"When I wished to challenge Buthelezi's allegations, Mr Pik Botha intervened and I was told I need only note the document."

General Holomisa reiterated that his objections, recommendations and suggestions had been ignored and that a statement prepared before the meeting had been issued instead as a joint statement to the press.



This young Comrade, armed with a club and adorned with home-made war paint, took to the streets in Kagiso yesterday.



One of two ambulances set alight at the Kagiso municipal workshop yesterday.

Man's narrow escape from chanting impi

By Montshiwa Moroke

The life of a middle-aged man from Kagiso 1, Krugersdorp, yesterday hung precariously between three young policemen and a crowd of about 100 men, chanting a battle cry.

Andries Lebeko (57) had apparently been on his way to the home of a relative when he was attacked by unknown assailants.

When reporters from The Star arrived on the scene he was lying under a wheelbarrow. A large Inkatha impi came up the road.

Minutes later the chanting group stood face-to-face with three policemen armed with shotguns and handguns.

The impi carried sticks, home-made axes, spears, assegais and possibly firearms.

One of the policemen said to The Star reporters: "Please move away. These men want to attack that man lying there."

I looked on helplessly at the man and felt a chill of fear. But the policemen beckoned to the men to get back, and they did.

Last night a Leratong hospital spokesman said Mr Lebeko had been admitted and was not on the danger list.

'Township stress' inhibits productivity

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By Shareen Singh

Conflict between management and workers is aggravated in South Africa by township stress, therefore employers need to play a constructive role in reducing its adverse impact on the workplace.

Stress

Speaking at a seminar organised by human resources consultants, Mandate, consultant Jacqueline Duke said township stress manifested itself in the workplace in counter-productive ways and employers can no longer ignore community-based issues.

A survey conducted by Ms Duke covering 16 townships in the PWV area, using a sample of 231 workers, revealed a number of stress factors in township life.

Apart from the extremely high levels of stress due to the unrest, other factors such as inadequate housing, the education crisis, eviction, fear of violence and theft and lack of sleep are factors contributing to stress levels.

Accommodation problems stood out as the highest stress factor. Fifty percent of those surveyed were unable to find a place to live and 65 percent had problems with water, sanitation and electricity.

Townships are often far from work demanding long travelling hours. Research by the HSRC showed that 80 percent of the black workforce travel on average two-and-a-half hours daily between work and home.

These factors adversely affect work perfor-

mance and contribute to the low levels of productivity evident in South Africa, Ms Duke says.

The research showed that community experiences are important determinants of work-related attitudes. Extreme life stress has been found to be related to work alienation and hence poor organisational commitment.

These manifest themselves in the workplace in the form of reduced job satisfaction.

Unrest

Political unrest impacts on the workplace in the form of absenteeism and lateness. It also creates anxiety about shift work and returning to the townships late at night.

Labour-management conflict is increased, resulting in higher levels

of worker militancy and polarised racial attitudes and racial antagonism on the shop floor.

Political aspirations, economic disparities, racial differences and the education system and broader socio-political conditions are presented to management as shop-floor demands.

Hence, employers faced with more than just the old shop-floor ethic should see it as imperative to recognise township issues, their impact on the workplace and develop a strategic management style in addressing the issues.

The message is clear, Ms Duke says: "South African organisations seeking to manage their businesses effectively and increase worker productivity and commitment, need to address community issues."

Reef death toll now exceeds 1976 unrest

By Helen Grange

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Pinnacle

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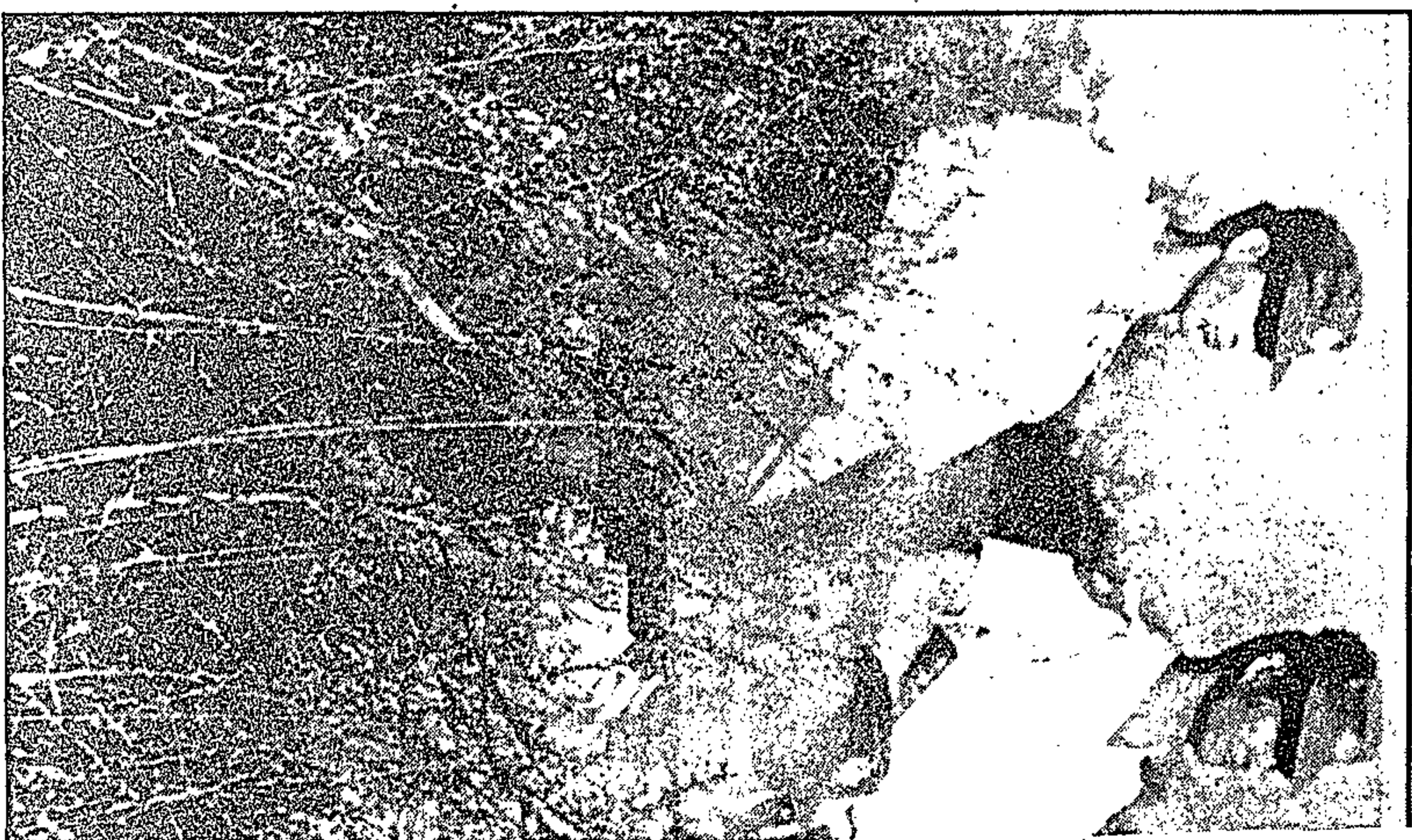
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Crackdown on people carrying weapons

'Mini emergency areas' plan

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Political Correspondent
and Staff Reporters

The Government is considering imposing "mini states of emergency" in the worst-hit black townships, in an effort to curb the spiralling violence.

Informed sources believe the troubled townships may be declared "unrest areas" under Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Act, giving authorities extremely wide powers to clamp down on unrest.

This was disclosed as State President F W de Klerk announced in Pretoria that Law and Minister Adriaan Vlok would today introduce regulations which would effectively mean the arrest of anyone carrying firearms in unrest areas.

"We are this weekend also taking other decisions to overcome the unrest problem," he said.

Although Mr de Klerk gave no details, Mr Vlok is expected to issue an order under the Dangerous Weapons Act giving the authorities wide powers to confiscate dangerous weapons, including firearms, in the troubled areas.

Discretion

A Johannesburg lawyer said: "The powers (of the Minister of Law and Order) in promulgating regulations in an unrest area appear to be as wide as those of the State President in a general state of emergency."

He said the unrest area legislation allowed the Minister to declare such an area for three months, extended at his discretion for periods of three months at a time.



A tearful prayer ... a woman sobs as she and others pray for peace in Kagiso, near Krugersdorp. Yesterday Kagiso was the hot spot in the townships war, with police engaged in running battles with mobs.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Tension wreaks financial havoc

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Killings 'incredibly difficult to stop'



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Amid signs that the violence is starting to abate, more Citizen Force troops have been called up in support of police to quell the Reef township fighting which has so far claimed more than 500 lives.

Today, the situation was described by police spokesman as quiet but tense on the West Rand, calm on the East Rand and quiet in Soweto.

The charred remains of a person were found on a mine dump near the Kagiso police station during the night.

This brings the total number of dead in the township to 32, with 33 injured.

Groups were gathering in the township's streets this morning but were being kept apart by a large contingent of police, who have thrown a ring of barbed wire around Kagiso Drive hostel to prevent more fighting.

Isolated

On the East Rand, 11 people died yesterday, through the night and this morning, bringing the total death toll in 11 days of fighting in the area to 351, police said.

"These seem to have been isolated incidents," said an East Rand police spokesman today.

"It is calm this morning and it really seems the violence is starting to decrease," the police spokesman added.

Soweto's death toll rose to 123 today after a body was found at the Nancefield hostel.

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Tutu visits Tokoza's trouble-torn streets

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By Patrick Laurence

Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday visited Tokoza, the scene of some of the fiercest fighting in the violence which has claimed the lives of more than 500 people in the cluster of townships around Johannesburg.

Minutes before the prelate entered the squatter camp at Tokoza — a pro-ANC stronghold which has been repeatedly targeted by pro-Inkatha hostel inmates — shots were fired in or near one of the adjacent but deserted hostels.

The Star, which was trying to trace Archbishop Tutu in the labyrinthine tangle of roads and shacks, asked two policemen whether they had seen him.

One of the policemen replied incredulously: "Bishop Tutu! You won't find him here. People are shooting here."

Archbishop Tutu, however, was not much more than 500 m away. Surrounded by women and children, he was making

his first stop at the camp.

Later he spoke to a large number of armed men gathered on the edge of the camp. He told them he had come as an "apostle of peace" to show solidarity with them in their plight.

Some of the men responded with cries of "Panzi Inkatha — Down with Inkatha." They urged Archbishop Tutu to remove the police, saying they were ready to take on Inkatha. "Inkatha is nothing," one man said. "Just get rid of the police."

Deserted

Both at Tokoza and a makeshift refugee centre for women and children, Archbishop Tutu and his fellow churchmen, who included the general secretary and the president of the South African Council of Churches, heard complaints that the police sided with pro-Inkatha migrant workers from the hostels.

Later Archbishop Tutu, who cut short a visit to Canada because of the township conflict,

visited a deserted hostel. A fire was still burning in one of the hostel rooms. Smoke poured out of the broken windows and the blackened walls exuded heat.

One of the purposes of the visit to Tokoza was for Archbishop Tutu and his companions, the Rev Frank Chikane and Dr Xhoza Mgojo, to gain first-hand knowledge of the situation in preparation for planned talks with President de Klerk.

Addressing journalists, Dr Mgojo, who comes from Natal, said: "There seems to be the same pattern of police involvement." Judging from what was said, the police were encouraging the violence, he remarked.

Mr Chikane made the same point: "The people say the problem is not Inkatha. The people say the problem is the police."

"The people" referred to by the clergymen did not include Zulu migrant workers from the hostels. Their conversations were with people in the squatter camp and with refugees from it.

Killings 'incredibly difficult to stop'

By Helen Grange

The cycle of violence that has started in the Transvaal townships may take months to subside, Lloyd Vogelmann, director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, has said.

Speculating on the future pattern of the most concentrated violence in South Africa since World War 2, Mr Vogelmann yesterday said the killings would now be "incredibly diffi-

cult" to stop. "With the death toll at over 500, there are literally thousands of people who have been affected. The repercussions of such an outburst are enormous.

"There is enormous resentment and a desire for retribution. A lull in the conflict only means that people are reorganising strategies for further battle," he said.

Mr Vogelmann warned that should the violence subside

soon, it would mean only that the next phase of conflict would happen sooner.

"The tragedy of Natal is that police were not seen to be exercising law and order. In situations like this it is essential for police to act fairly," said Mr Vogelmann.

He added that the conflict raging in Witwatersrand townships therefore needed urgent resolution through the judicial system.



Fearful residents show they are unarmed as they walk towards a police patrol outside Kagiso hostel yesterday afternoon.

Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Innocent victim of police dismissal

By Musa Mapisa

him water," Kumalo said.

Among the tragedies that occurred in Kagiso township yesterday was the shooting of a middle-aged woman and a youth.

Iris Nzimani was shot dead while sitting on a sofa inside her house when police fired bird-shot at a group of youths in the street outside.

A photographer from The Star, Alf Kumalo, saw a policeman firing at a fleeing youth, after which he shouted: "Ek het hom gekry" (I've caught him).

"The policeman started kicking the wounded boy and chasing away a woman who tried to give

While waiting for an ambulance, another policeman gave the injured youth, Alfred Xegwana, first-aid treatment.

The name tag on the policeman's jacket was Merrick. The vehicle in which he travelled had the registration number BFS327T.

A Pretoria police spokesman last night said: "It appears to be the norm these days for people to make affidavits to lawyers, journalists etc, but not to the police who finally investigate the allegations.

"It is absolutely essen-

tial that such affidavits are made to the police as soon as possible after the alleged occurrence in order that a speedy and thorough investigation be launched. After all, one of the duties imposed upon the SAP by law is to investigate any offence or alleged offence under section 5(C) of the Police Act.

"The complainant is advised to furnish his information in affidavit form to his nearest police station immediately.

"The SAP will not condone any unlawful actions by its members and we wish to thoroughly investigate these allegations."

Soweto rent boycott

TPA defends its press campaign

The Transvaal Provincial Administration last night defended recent newspaper advertisements calling on Soweto residents to end a five-year rent and service charges boycott, which it placed after talks with the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) broke down.

An advertisement at the centre of the dispute appeared on Tuesday and showed a full-page

black-and-white photograph of three armed and unidentified people carrying a brick and what looked like two pangas raised above their heads. It was headlined "If everyone agreed with the boycott, what do they need those sticks and stones for?"

The SPD said the advertisement "identified our leadership as 'intimidators' running the

rents and service charges boycott down the throats of our people".

Olaus van Zyl, MEC for local government, denied the claim in a press statement. "The advertisement related to intimidation and whoever

Mr van Zyl said, "It did not relate to the Soweto People's Delegation or Johannesburg City Council for water.

This meeting will take place four days before the TPA has said it will stop paying Eskom for electricity, and Johannesburg City Council for water.

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

ERMELO — Police have arrested two men in connection with the shooting and killing of two pallbearers during an ambush on an African National Congress funeral procession in unrest-torn Wesselton township on Saturday.

ANC Eastern Transvaal executive member Jackson Mthembu, who was at the funeral of student David Sibonyani (16), alleged the murderers belonged to an Inkatha-supporting faction called the Black Cats, who had held a funeral only hours before the ANC.

Mr Mthembu hit out at police for not maintaining a peace-keeping force on the funeral route when it was known that two rival factions were burying their dead that day. The police replied that they were present in the township but it was impossible for them to be stationed along the whole route.

The Rev Thabang Tshenase said the procession of about 3 000 had been fired on, ap-

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Laborious solution
is a multi-faceted
approach to many
divergent problems

THE thick blankets of smoke which hang over most Reef townships in the early evening, particularly when it's cold, create the impression that the townships are on fire. This week they were.

As the death toll from 11 days of bitter fighting in the streets of apartheid's satellite cities rose above 500, the search for answers grew more desperate. Behind the news commentaries and various analyses a single overriding question dominated all discussion: Why?

The answers were almost as numerous as the death toll yet none seemed entirely satisfactory. Perhaps it is time to try a different approach and examine the events of the past two or so weeks in a wider context, free of the constraints brought about by the widely held belief that South Africa is somehow different from anywhere else.

In order to achieve that end it is necessary to retreat into the abstract and view South Africa not as something unique but as just another society in transition. This does not imply that South Africa has no unique features, it clearly has, but it shares much with societies which have been transformed in the past and with those which will undergo fundamental change in the future.

Nor is this approach necessarily cold, calculating and detached. When more than 500 people die in the space of just 10 days, often under gruesome circumstances, it is simply not possible for the average human mind to fully absorb the implications of those deaths on an individual basis. For the average human mind the death of one person is a tragedy, the death of 500 is no more than a statistic.

The literature produced by dozens of social scientists, based on their studies of societies in transition and data going back over 30 or 40 years, highlights two important features:

● First, that societies in transition are characterised by instability and a greater or lesser degree of violence;

● Second, that the focus of unrest and violence is multifaceted, in other words there is no single cause of this instability.

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This is not the time or place to go into the specifics of this literature but its message is clear. What is happening in South Africa today has happened in dozens of other transitional societies and it will happen again almost as certainly as mixing hydrogen and oxygen in the correct proportions will produce water.

This theory of transitional societies has identified several elements which contribute to political instability and social unrest. Among the more important of these elements are rapid social change, high levels of expectation which cannot be met in the short term and thus produce frustration; socio-economic conditions; the competition for political power; the competition for other resources; class conflict; tribal/ethnic/religious cleavages; rapid urbanisation and societal alienation or a lack of a sense of belonging.

Many of these fundamental elements of instability are inter-linked and obviously some would be more important than others depending on the precise nature of the society itself and the mode of transition.

In order to make the propositions of the theory more clear it is necessary at this point to find a concrete example. Consider an actual society in which the ruling elite decided that the political system had to be reformed or face violent overthrow. The leaders thus instituted political and socio-economic reforms which created the conditions for a society in transition. Previously restricted political activity was tolerated and popular leaders allowed to mobilise support.

Popular resistance increased and rival groups began competing for political power and for other resources such as employment, housing and other social benefits. The sudden and dramatic lifting of decades of repression produced a Jack-in-the-Box effect as people moved to prevent the reimposition of previous conditions.

Ethnic rivalries began to emerge which led to a series of violent clashes. High expectations of rapid social transforma-



PEACE MARCH: As Kagiso burned, women marched on the local police station where they prayed for an end to the

tion were not met and two weeks of pitched battles in the streets of major cities left hundreds of people dead.

South Africa? No, Romania, December 1989.

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Under such conditions the violence of the past two weeks in South Africa can be explained and understood. There is no one answer, be it Nelson Mandela meeting Chief Buthelezi, socio-economic upliftment, mediation, or force. The bottom line is that the solution lies in a multi-faceted approach to divergent problems.

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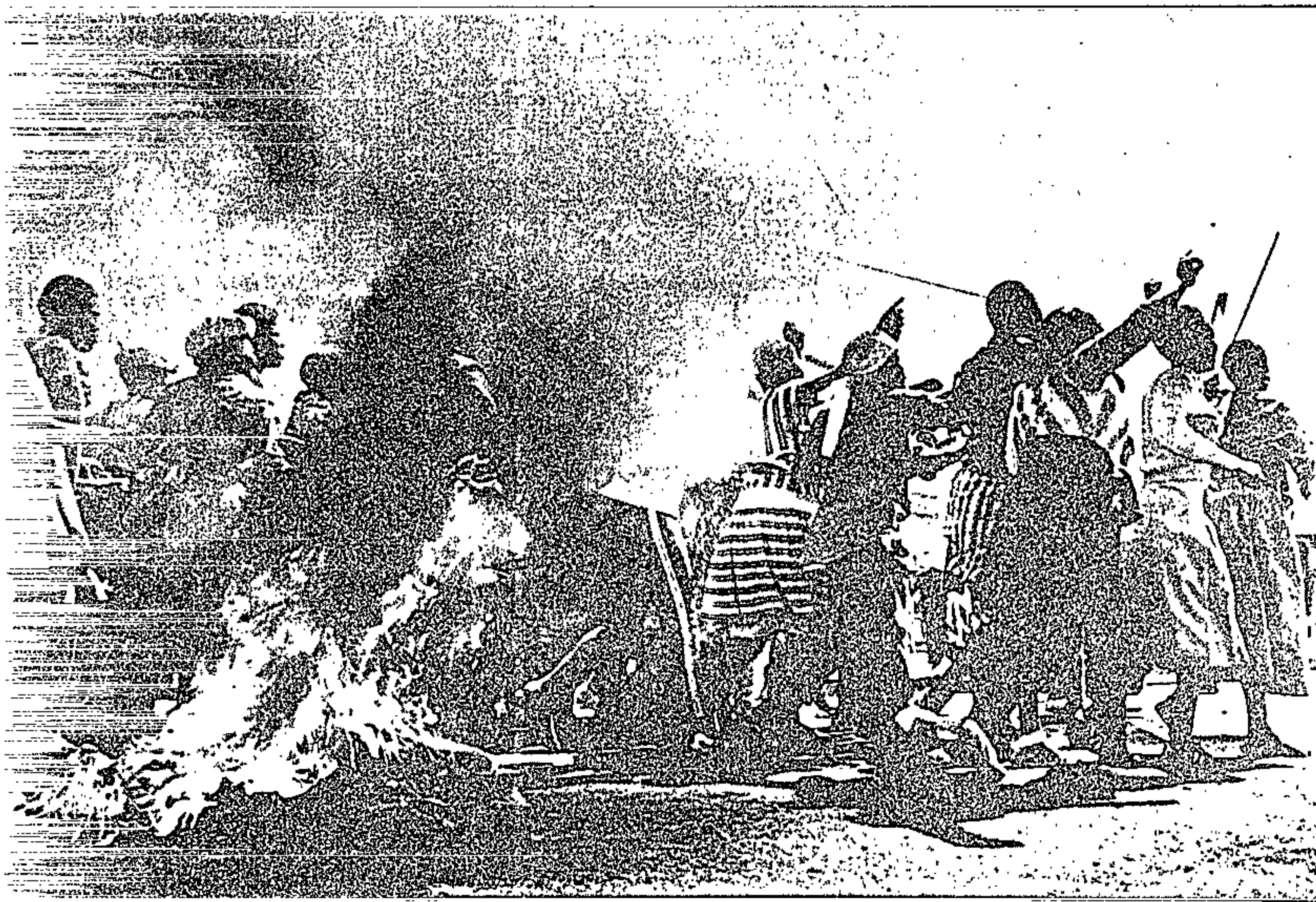
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Photograph: Ken Oosterbrook.

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around come to my place because the "madoda" comes home. And most of the people who come to my 'gumba' are Xhosas. We have a really good time. Now, who knows, they might not come this year in December."

The simple fears expressed by Newane are echoed in many places around Hillbrow.

Gibson Tshabalala runs the "Little Soweto" shebeen in the teeming multiracial high-rise suburb and is well aware of the explosive climate in his illicit drinking house.

"Things have been pretty hairy here over the past two weeks. People come here and when they are drunk, they become vulgar and might say some tribalistic things.

"So, I have decided to put into action my plan of 'first tribal word, first out'.

"I have kicked out about six people in the last two weeks. I don't want any stuff here that is going to cause major problems. People in Hillbrow are not even affected by the violence. It is all in their minds," says Tshabalala.

Like Newane, he is aware of his tribal affiliation, which is Zulu.

"In a situation where people are fighting because of their tribe, I cannot forget my culture. But only God knows when we will get rid of this thing."

Fears

"I just want my business to continue without interference. If a Zulu comes here and messes around with my customers, he is out. The same goes for anyone else. I don't want Kagiso in my shebeen," avows Tshabalala.

Newane and Tshabalala are both Zulu by tribe, but by location have managed to escape the vortex of violence. But the fears remain — regardless of where one lives. — Sapa.

Winning unwanted awards

Greenpiece

JAMES CLARKE



ENVIRONMENTAL activists in the United States are turning their attention to manufacturers who produce throw-away articles and excessive packaging.

They have hit Kodak — the corporation which coined the slogan: "Leave nothing but footprints" — for producing throw-away cameras. (South Africa is spared this sort of rubbish — Kodak boycotts us).

Kodak's throw-away camera has won the US environmentalists' Wastemaker Award.

And Coca Cola has won a similar award for Minute Maid, packed in non-recyclable boxes swathed in indestructible plastic.

The corporations have been asked by a coalition of green groups to take the products off the market.

A Sapa-AP report earlier this year quoted an environmentalist saying: "Madison Avenue advertising agencies have taught us that when we see these products, we should think 'convenience'. Our mission is to teach consumers that when they see these products, they should think 'waste and destruction of the environment'."

Colgate-Palmolive, which has also been awarded a Wastemaker Award for excessive packaging around its Fab "one-shot detergent", is now redesigning the packaging and eliminating two components. It will also use recycled board.

Shelf space

And the end product will take up only half the shelf space.

The thought occurs to me: it will also take up only half the space in transport terms thereby achieving a saving in fuel and cutting pollution.

● A "Consumers Against Pollution" has formed in Grahamstown (Box 498, Grahamstown 6140). One of their objectives is to cut down on excessive packaging and some members, while still in the supermarket, strip away what they consider to be excessive packaging.

I am frequently getting letters from readers complaining that supermarkets will not take back their plastic bags for re-use. Supermarkets say it is unhygienic. Fine, but surely they can accept them back for recycling?

I believe that, in time, public opinion will cause supermarkets to do what is done in Britain — make shoppers bring their own shopping bags.

Incidentally, an American who has been staying with me, said on his return from Zimbabwe: "My gosh that country is clean compared with yours!"

It's partly because Zimbabwe does not allow drink cans or throw-away bottles.

10 killed in sporadic clashes

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STAFF REPORTER

TEN people were killed in sporadic outbreaks of faction fighting on the East and West Rand yesterday — but the tide of violence that has claimed well over 500 lives in 12 days is ebbing slightly, police say.

Most of yesterday's deaths occurred in sporadic incidents on the East Rand.

There were outbreaks of fighting in Kagiso on the West Rand, but by last night no deaths had been reported in the area. Several houses were petrol bombed and a factory was torched.

Heavily armed police reinforcements, regular troops and Citizen Force units continued moving into Witwatersrand townships last night.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said residents would be disarmed "where humanly possible" in accordance

with the new mini-emergency regulations banning the carrying of a wide range of weapons. House-to-house searches were also on the cards.

In Kagiso, the body of a person burnt to death was found at a mine dump in the early hours of Friday, bringing the death toll in the township to 32 since Tuesday.

Appeals for peace by visiting Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, fell on deaf ears.

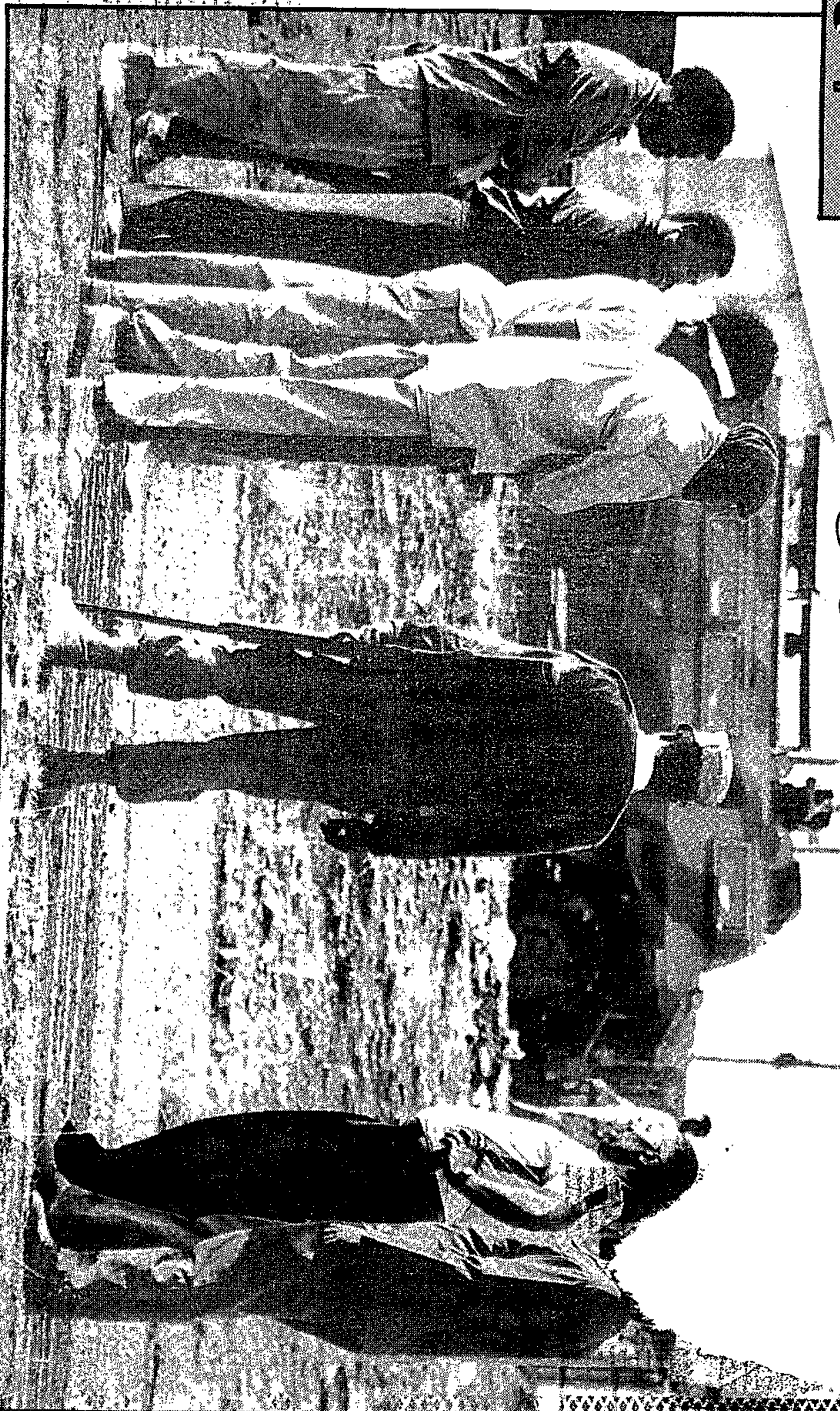
Sapa reports the mob marched on the hostel and hurled stones moments after the clergymen returned from a prayer meeting for residents. Police fired teargas to disperse the mob. No injuries were reported.

NEWS

Breathing space

CEASEFIRE: Brief peace came unexpectedly to war-torn Kagiso this week when rival factions downed weapons and met for talks on the middle of a dusty soccer field. Police mediated. The talks came within an hour of a fierce attack on Inkatha inmates in Hostel Two by about 1 000 crudely armed Kagiso residents. Police fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse the fighting factions. Angry residents retaliated, hurling stones and petrol bombs. The violence ebbed after Kagiso resident Mtanya Dyasi undertook to disperse residents if police could arrange a meeting with Inkatha representatives. In the hours that followed two six-man delegations agreed that although they wanted peace this would be impossible until top-level talks took place between the ANC and Inkatha. In the meantime, police needed to control the area between the hostel and the surrounding houses.

● Story and picture:
KEN OOSTERBROEK



Alleged intruder shot dead at Bara Hospital

By Montshiwa Moroke

An alleged intruder in the grounds of Baragwanath Hospital was shot dead by a policeman last week.

A Soweto police spokesman yesterday said four other men fled after the policeman fired several shots in the same incident.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the incident occurred at about 11.30 pm last Wednesday, when a policeman on duty at the hospital heard glass breaking.

"He went to investigate and noticed four men next to

a car and another inside. When the policeman approached, one of the men stormed at him with a kerrie. The policeman was forced to fire several shots," Captain Ngobeni said.

Hospital spokesman Anette Clear said there had been complaints over the years of vehicles belonging to hospital staff being stolen or tampered with.

"We have security, but it's impossible to have guards everywhere. We've 173 acres of land," Mrs Clear said.

The dead man has still to be identified.

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Churches aid victims of KwaThema clashes

By SANDILE MEMELA

ALL seven churches in KwaThema have become refuges and are receiving help from the Witwatersrand Council of Churches after violent clashes in the local hostel left at least 56 dead.

Hundreds of KwaThema hostel inmates sought food and shelter at the churches.

Father Dominic Baldwin, of the Roman Catholic Church, and Pastor Mandla Maphalala, of the Victory Fellowship independent church in KwaThema, Springs, said their churches had been turned into makeshift homes.

For the two churchmen, caring for the throngs of Xhosa-speaking migrant labourers who turned to their churches for help and guidance was part of their responsibilities.

Hundreds of men queued for food while others rested on church pews, trying to forget the bloodshed they had seen.

Baldwin told *City Press* that normally about 200 people attended the two services held in his church.

"But with these upheavals a service has become a day-long exercise that sometimes stretches to the early hours of the morning.

"The response from individuals and companies has been fantastic. If people can continue to express this sympathy and care, the tragedy that is our South African situation will be changed soon," he said.

Maphalala told *City Press* his church was accommodating about 450 men.

"We welcome the straining of our facilities. Through our compassion we hope to encourage



Relief workers at a local church feed homeless hostel inmates at KwaThema. Many say they have not eaten so well for years.

By PICS: ANDRIES MCINEKA

others to help the needy and show concern."

Many of the hostel inmates sheltering at the churches this week said they had enjoyed their first decent meal in many years.

The migrant labour system has resulted in thousands of hostel inmates preparing their own meals in primitive conditions

and most of them have been living on tinned food.

Hostel inmates who had gathered at the seven churches in KwaThema told *City Press* they welcomed the relief from eating half-cooked meals they had prepared themselves.

Hundreds formed queues anxious to devour meals prepared by women parishioners recruited by Baldwin.

The food was donated by local residents and concerned companies approached for help by the KwaThema Civic Association.

Baldwin said many residents had donated food.

Despite their harrowing experiences, the Xhosa-speaking inmates admitted that eating clean bread, nourishing soup, pap and large chunks of meat was a far cry from meals prepared over paraffin stoves in the hostels.

Vuyani Ngxokweni, 46, from Mzimkhulu in the Transkei, told *City Press* that in the eight years he has been on the Reef, he had been eating canned food.

"I have tried to learn to cook pap and prepare meat, but this has proved a fruitless exercise. As a man I have enjoyed food

prepared by women," said Ngxokweni.

Thembinkosi Busakwe, 31, from Ciskei, said he had been doing his own cooking for the past six years as the law forbade the presence of his wife in the hostel.

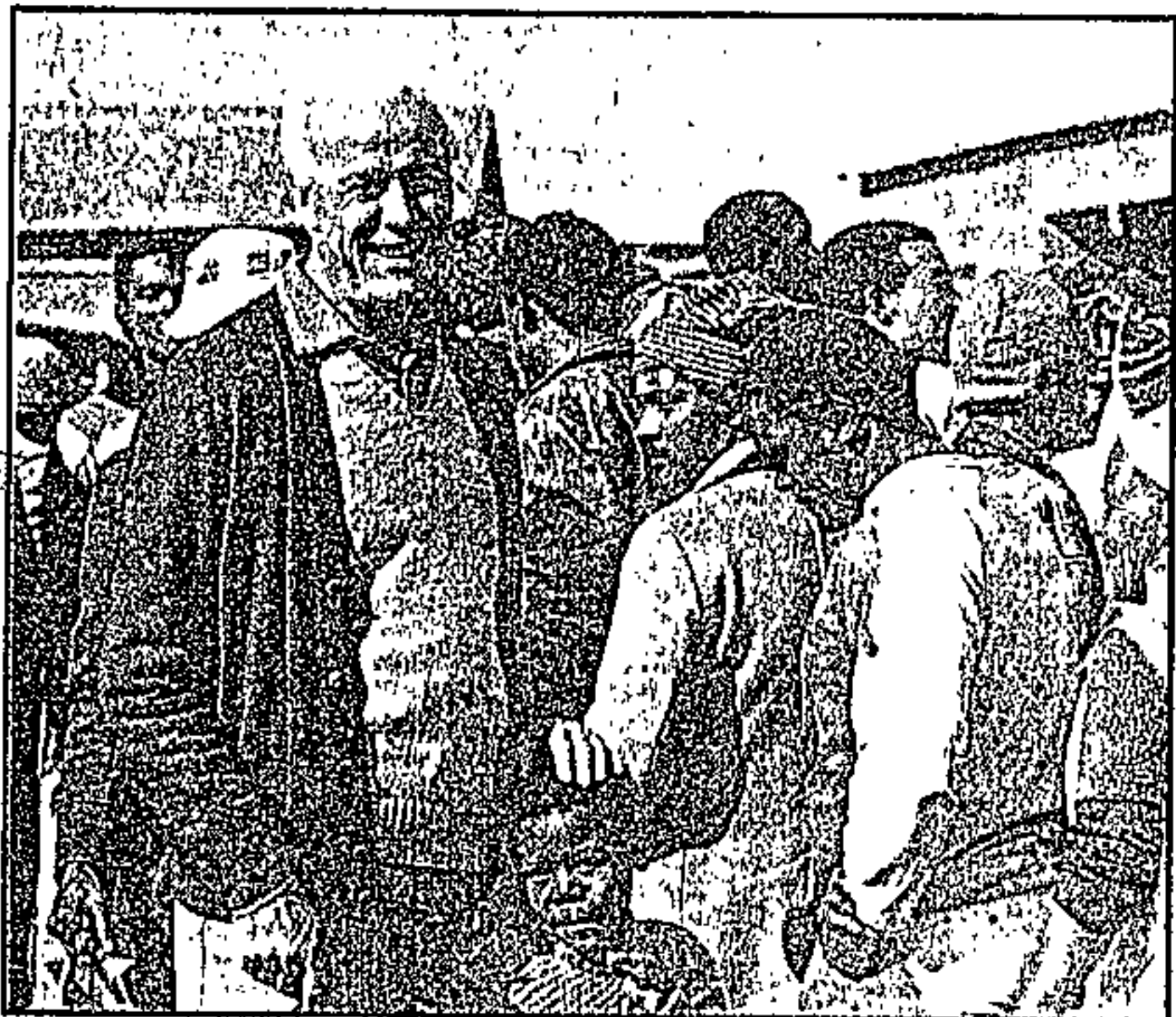
"In my loneliness I have painfully remembered my wife's cooking. These decent meals have provided a welcome relief from the food I have been forced to prepare for myself," said Busakwe.

The refugees said in most cases electrical facilities in the hostels were out of order and no one had bothered to fix them.

"This has forced us to buy gas stoves and paraffin stoves from our meagre wages," said Busakwe.

Loyiso Mbekweni expressed anger at the hostel system and criticised it for forcing migrant workers to do their own house chores when they could easily have been allowed to live with their families.

"We hope that after all this fighting hostels will be turned into family flats. We are eager to be reunited with our wives in places of our choice and to enjoy decent meals like other people in the country," said Mbekweni.



Father Dominic Baldwin talks to the homeless.

Rent arrears reprieve for Soweto residents



IN HAND: Mrs Arendse, back with principal Ilian Cubeka, and the creche children.
 ANDREW INGRAM

Gifts stream in for embattled Guguletu creche

By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

GIFTS are streaming in for the embattled Guguletu creche whose 102 children were forced to sleep on the cement floor after thieves broke in and stole their blankets and food.

Thieves broke into the creche through a newly sealed window and took educational toys and carpets and damaged the stove while trying to remove it.

A report in The Argus on the burglary and the plight of the children at St Mary Magdalene Church in NY3 brought an immediate response.

Mrs Ivy Arendse of Wynberg gave groceries and blankets worth R1 000.

"When I saw the story I decided to act immediately. There was an obvious need. It's important to look after the children," Mrs Arendse said.

She also promised to get an electrician to...

JOHANNESBURG. — The Transvaal Provincial Administration, Soweto People's Delegation and the Greater Soweto Councils have agreed in principle to write off R516-million in rent and services arrears and to introduce a flat rate of R23 a household for rent only.

This follows a 15-hour meeting yesterday — the sixth since July — between the five bodies at the administration's Johannesburg regional offices.

The parties agreed to introduce a flat rate of R55 a household for rent for September only.

From October 1 an interim service charge of R23, plus electricity on metered consumption of 12c a unit, subject to discounts, will be applicable. This will apply until new affordable tariffs have been established in consultation with a joint technical committee appointed by the principal bodies.

The tentative agreement would be referred to various parties' constituencies for ratification and another meeting has been scheduled for September 24 for the formal agreement.

In another development the Conservative Party-controlled town council of Carolina in the Eastern Transvaal has restored power and water supplies to Sibolela after the TPA decided to pay the black township's outstanding bill of R25 000.

Sibolela had been without water and electricity since Tuesday after the town council cut the services, declaring the move a financial decision that had nothing to do with politics.

Today is D-Day for up to 50 rent boycotting townships throughout the Transvaal where millions of residents now risk having their electricity and in some cases water and sewerage systems disconnected.

In July the government announced it would stop bridging finance to boycotting townships from today.

The rent boycott crisis spotlight moves to Witbank where the white town council's bulk services account with Kwaguqa township (population 115 000) falls due today.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Witbank town council said no action would be taken against Kwaguqa before Monday. He said the council was not considering cutting the township's water supply at this stage. Kwaguqa residents have been boycotting rents and services since March.

Earlier this year the Witbank town council switched off the power supply to Schoongezicht coloured township for three months after ratepayers stopped payments. The Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

lodging in a backyard tin hut with her husband and children.

She was also the front runner when

"This just goes to show how much this senseless war has divided our families, friends and relatives," she added.

Impis ambush Daveyton priest

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By SANDILE MEMELA

A DAVEYTON priest narrowly escaped death this week when he was ambushed by a group of armed Impis on his way to work at dawn one morning.

Rev Phillip Mathebula, of Christ the King Church, told City Press that at 5.20am he was suddenly attacked by a group of blanket-clad men who were wielding an assortment of weapons — including assegais, knobkieries and pangas.

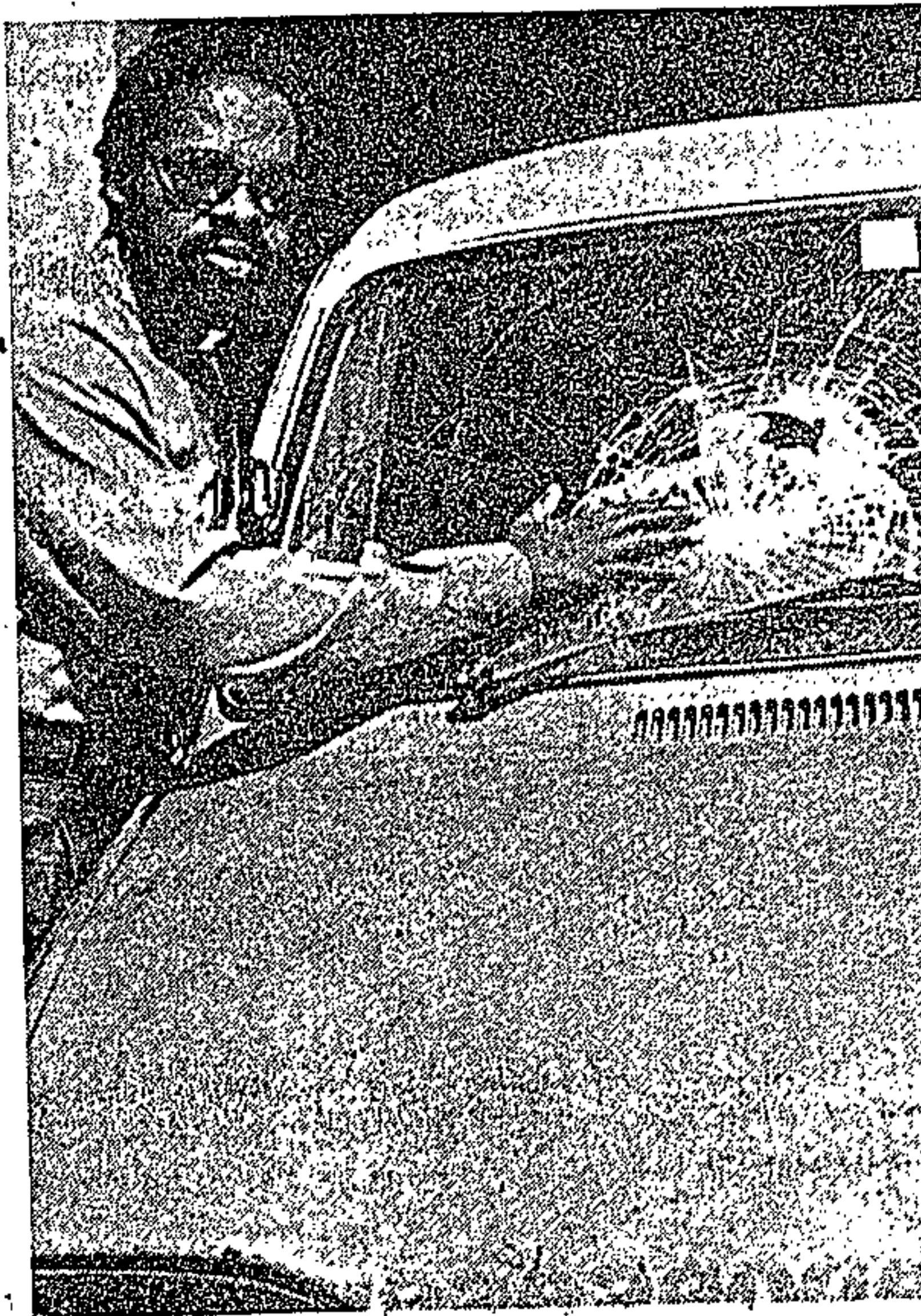
Mathebula said the group of more than 50 men were apparently lying in wait for residents who were on their way to work, to assault them.

This followed a wave of violence across the Reef which has left more than 500 people dead in the past two weeks.

Daveyton has experienced violent skirmishes between residents and hostel dwellers since last weekend.

The windows of Mathebula's yellow VW station wagon were shattered, and he had deep cuts on his lower lips. He needed 10 stitches inside his lips and five outside.

"I believe my religious collar saved me and



Rev Phillip Mathebula points to his smashed windscreen. Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

somehow forced the men to restrain themselves," said Mathebula, who called on the leaders of the ANC and Inkatha to get together and urgently address the issue.

He said he regretted the outbreak of uncontrollable violence at a time when South Africa

was on the threshold of a new dawn.

"All along residents and hostel dwellers have lived together as brothers and sisters. One cannot understand why such a tragedy has to befall us just when we are on the brink of entering a new age," said Mathebula.

This is it, shout Kagiso killers as they open fire

By ELIAS MALULEKE

TWO people were shot dead and two others injured under mysterious circumstances this week when five gunmen opened fire on a surprised group of residents digging a trench at a house in Kagiso's Extension 8.

Samuel Adams, Chimi "Chicks" Maponyane, Bethuel Ramathapa and Steve Padi, close neighbours, were digging a trench for an electric cable at the home of a friend when the five men came to them shouting: "Senkujalo" (this is it) before opening fire.

They were allegedly shot several times by their assailants who were armed with more than two guns each.

Adams, 33, and Maponyane, 35, died instantly. The others were hurt.

According to witness Barbara Matsena, the attackers came strolling from a forest, a route used by workers at the nearby manganese mine.

"There was nothing suspicious about them, but suddenly there was this shooting and I saw my neighbours stagger and run," she said.

Matsena said as Adams staggered with his hands raised high, the gunmen fired a volley of shots at him. When he fell, one kicked him, firing two more shots into his head.

She saw two other men falling as they were shot trying to flee. The gunmen stole clothes off a washing line before disappearing into the forest.

Steve Padi, wounded in a hand, said all he could remember was the gunmen shouting: "This is it!", before they shot.

Another man lucky to be alive is Albert "Pepsi" Nkosi, a City Press librarian who minutes earlier was helping his neighbours dig the trench.

Police have made no arrests yet.

Meanwhile, hostel dwellers in Kagiso have refused to vacate their hostel, as demanded by residents.

Police separated hostel dwellers and a delegation of residents with barbed

wire on Friday afternoon.

The Inkatha supporters, led by Joshua Ndaba, said they would only decide to move out after meeting their leaders from Ulundi - who are soon to visit the hostel.

Ndaba said they would not be forced out of the hostel "like dogs" - as they also paid rent.

"We have the right to stay in the hostel because we pay rent like township residents," he said.

Kagiso deputy mayor IM Sengoara said in 1985 his council made a resolution to phase out the hos-

tel and hostel dwellers were informed.

"You are not getting out like dogs because you had five years' notice," he said.

More than 65 people have died in Kagiso since violence started there on Tuesday.

Although police have cordoned off the hostel with barbed wire and kept a 24-hour watch since Thursday, sporadic fighting continued on Friday.

On Saturday streets were still impassable with huge barricades and burning tyres.



Samuel Adams ... killed while digging trench.

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Cops blasted in bomb attack

By SOPHIE TEMA

A MAN believed to be a trained guerrilla was arrested in Soweto following a hand-grenade attack on three policemen near the Nancefield Hostel this week.

Const S Mchunu was killed in the attack while Sgt R Ntsila was injured and admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital where he is reported to be in a critical condition.

Sgt Dire, who was the driver of the patrol car in which they were sitting, managed to leap away and escaped unhurt.

Police spokesman Lt G Mariemuthoo of Soweto police headquarters said the car was parked near the hostel at about 3am when two men approached it.

The attackers hurled a Russian-made grenade against the windscreen, which blasted the roof and seats to smithereens.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said police were also investigating an incident in which a municipal policeman was shot and killed by the SAP in Orlando East this week.

Halgryn claimed the dead municipal policeman was in a

group of about 100 people who attacked the SAP by hurling stones and firing shots at them.

He said police returned fire and killed a man.

Police found a pistol and empty shells next to the body, which was not in uniform.

The spokesman said investigations revealed the dead man was a municipal policeman who was off-duty during the shooting and the weapon found next to his body was not a service pistol.

The serial number of the pistol was filed off and police are investigating.

ACHBISHOP
Desmond Tutu cut his overseas visit short in order to help stop the bloody conflict in the townships.

Shortly after his arrival from Canada this week, Tutu visited Thokoza, scene of fierce fighting.

He also visited Soweto and other trouble-torn areas where more than 514 people have so far been reported killed.

At the same time, the ANC announced that its deputy president Nelson Mandela - undoubtedly the leader of the majority of black people in this country - is to pay a follow-up visit this week to Norway, Libya and Algeria.

The ANC said on his return Mandela will travel to the Western Cape to meet a cross-section of rural communities and then take a brief holiday before resuming duties.

Surely, something is not right here. Why did the ANC not advise Mandela to postpone his trip until the situation here at home has normalised?

We know Mandela alone cannot wave a magic wand and normalise things in the townships. We also know that his meeting with Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi - important as it may be - will not bring instant results.

MY WAY

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Mandela must stay



However, it is foolhardy for a leader of Mandela's stature to leave his country when it is on fire.

One would have thought the ANC had a better understanding of what it means to look towards leadership in times of crisis.

Recently, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda had to cut his holiday short when unrest erupted in Lusaka after demonstrations against food price increases.

Mandela may not be president, but to many of us, he is president-in-waiting. Besides that, Mandela's followers are dying in their hundreds.

The situation in the country is far from normal, and the ANC is aware of

this. At a Press briefing this week, ANC information head Pallo Jordan painted a grim picture of the unrest and attributed the escalation of violence to a third force.

Since unrest started, we have been receiving disturbing reports of police complicity in the conflict. It is increasingly difficult for victims to come out with concrete evidence about these allegations, hence the outright denials of the police.

Reports of a hard-core vigilante group which uses sophisticated machinery gives rise to speculation that the civil war is no longer a simple one between Xhosas and Zulus or between hostel dwellers and townships' residents. It is common

knowledge in the townships that not all policemen are capable of handling a volatile situation without being seen to be taking sides.

A white woman called Pamela who spends most of her leisure time in Soweto with friends told me her experience in Orlando East on Thursday night left her with no doubt that certain people linked with the police were bent on destabilising the situation.

"Orlando was as quiet as a grave and all of a sudden, there was this white Skyline moving from one street to another making an announcement in three languages that people should arm themselves because the Zulus were about to attack," she said. She is convinced the

people inside the car were linked to the police. These reports come in daily to newspapers. Inquiries to the police are always met with: "We will investigate if the person comes to us", or "we are now used to such unfounded allegations".

The ANC has received many such allegations and is conducting its own investigation. Given this scenario, why still allow Mandela to travel abroad and leave Rome burning?

Another disturbing point is the joint monitoring group which is comprised of the ANC and Cosatu.

It would have been much better to have a cross-section of political groups monitor the situation. Past experience shows that in times like this, vigilantes become more vicious.

There are still many unsolved murder cases dating back to the period 1984 to 1986. Take for example the mystery which still surrounds the death of Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribiero who were gunned down during unrest at their home in Pretoria.

One can only hope that after operating outside the country for 30 years, the ANC is now aware that certain elements can reverse whatever political gains have been made.

'Deaf' council hit by rent boycott

By DAN DHLAMINI

KANANA township, which is R900 000 in the red due to rent arrears, has been hit by a massive rent boycott.

Despite numerous advertisements in newspapers, and on television and radio by the Transvaal Provincial Administration calling on township residents to pay rent, residents of Kanana, near Orkney in the Western Transvaal this week resolved to not pay rent until their demands were met.

Kanana People's Delegation spokesman Mpho Mentoer said residents began the rent boycott after councillors failed to address their grievances.

Mentoer said residents had asked the council to stabilise fluctuating rent and service charges, but the request fell on deaf ears.

Other demands included:

- That all rent arrears be waived because nobody could afford to pay the high amounts;
- That the council stop handing rent defaulters to lawyers in town;
- That pensioners and the disabled be exempted from paying rent;
- That the R42 rent and the R250 for sites at Mandela Park were too high; and

■ That bad roads be repaired.

Kanana Town Council spokesman Steve Cornelius said arrears could not be cancelled.

Cornelius said the Klerksdorp Town Council was already R900 000 in the red and should the rent boycott by the 40 000 residents continue for two months, everything would grind to a halt.

He said the council was, however, prepared to talk to boycott organisers in a bid to resolve the matter.

"If people do not pay, then their water and electricity supply will be cut and refuse removal will be stopped."

Mentoer said the Kanana People's Delegation would no longer talk to the council because it was inefficient, but would liaise directly with the TPA.

Meanwhile the Ipelengeng Town Council near Schweizer-Reneke, a Conservative Party-controlled town in the Western Transvaal, has given squatters until August 28 to leave council land on which they have erected shacks.

Ipelengeng Civic Association chairman Jerry Maine told *City Press* that squatters would not move.

He said police had earlier demolished some of the shacks, which was denied by Western Transvaal police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden.

Tutu peace mission to meet government

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BY ELIAS MAULEKE

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu is to lead a high-powered delegation of church ministers to meet State President F.W. de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in his ongoing "peace mission" to end the carnage in black townships on the Reef.

Tutu this week led a church delegation that collected affidavits and statements from residents concerning the violence. Serious allegations have been made against the police who are accused of siding with Inkatha supporters and of "shooting residents".

The church delegation is to talk to De Klerk and Vlok about these issues when they meet and will try to find "more acceptable means" to end the violence.

On Friday Tutu met the deputy district commissioner of police in Krugersdorp to discuss the allegations and ask for police impartiality.

Tutu said the deputy commissioner gave an undertaking that police would disarm all people on both sides.

No date has yet been arranged for the meeting with the government, but Tutu hopes it will be held this week.

Tutu's spirited mission to end the violence - which started a fortnight ago as a Zulu-Xhosa war before it turned into widespread fighting between township residents and Zulus in hostels - began on Thursday.

Accompanying Tutu were South African Council of Churches president Bishop Khoza Mgojo, SACC general secretary Rev Frank Chikane, Bishop David Beegle, Bishop Peter Storey and Bishop Duncan Buchanan.

Some residents welcomed the delegation warmly and sang praises to Tutu, while others turned the "peace mission" into a rowdy affair as they vented their anger and frustration.

At one stage Tutu and Chikane were shouted down by a rowdy crowd in Kagiso which chanted: "No more peace, we want arms!"

The delegation started at the flashpoint of violence in the East Rand's Phola Park squatter camp, a filthy, overcrowded piece of ground in Thokoza township.

From there they went to Katlehong, Soweto and Kagiso in Krugersdorp.

In all the affected areas, residents said there would not be a solution until all Zulus in their areas were forced out of hostels and the police restrained.

"Police are helping Inkatha by disarming and shooting us and not taking action against the Zulu imps," said residents.

The violence, which has claimed more than 514 lives, was concentrated in Kagiso and Vosloorus this week.

In spite of being surrounded by crowds of angry people who brandished pangas, knives and other self-made weapons, Tutu did not flinch in his call for peace and urged residents to stop the "black-on-black" violence.

For the sake of their liberation.

"By fighting and engaging in violent acts we give others the excuse to say we are not yet ready to govern ourselves," Tutu said.

He said the church was not in a position to condone violence of any nature.

"We have engaged the government and forced them to the negotiating table through peaceful means. Our liberation is near, but these violent acts make other people laugh at us and we cannot continue this way.

"Let us negotiate a new non-racial South Africa and not destroy the prospect of peace with violence," said Tutu.

Tutu said he has personally been trying to get ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi around a table since April without success.

"It is a matter of urgency that the two leaders meet, but it will be disastrous to hold a meeting under the present circumstances."

In a scathing attack on the police, Mgojo, who is from the embattled Maritzburg area in Natal, said after seeing for himself and hearing the personal accounts of people affected by the violence, he was convinced police were aiding Inkatha supporters in the violence.

"It is what they are doing in Natal and their (police) involvement is deep. We want to tell the government they should be promoting law and order but that its agents are promoting violence," said Mgojo.

The government has refuted allegations that the police are aiding Zulus, and Vlok has demanded "concrete evidence on these allegations".

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The future of hostels in the balance today

By SANDILE MEMELA

ANC-aligned organisations will hold a mass meeting in KwaThema, Springs, today, to discuss the thorny issue of the removal of hostels from the area.

East Rand ANC co-ordinator Cyril Jantjies told *City Press* today was D-Day for the hostel inmates to leave.

"There is a good reason for all hostel inmates to evacuate the hostel as this will restore peace and normality to the area."

Jantjies said there were strong suspicions that elements in the hostels were bent on waging a violent campaign against residents to sabotage talks between the government and the ANC.

KwaThema residents have demanded the complete destruction of the hostel system.

The past two weeks have seen a rift develop between civic leaderships and residents in KwaThema, Kagiso and Tokoza over strategies to restore peace and normality to the trouble-torn areas.

Various community or-

ganisations in KwaThema as well as local town councils, representatives of hostel inmates and police agreed on Thursday the hostel must be evacuated.

"At present there is not much we can say about the demolishing of the hostel. We all agree that that evacuation is one means of getting calm and normality," Jantjies said.

He added police and SADF soldiers have agreed to cordon off the area and help evacuate the remaining inmates to other areas. A rigid system of monitoring the movement of Zulu impis inside the hostel has been set up.

Earlier this week the KwaThema Civic Association's plan to peacefully resettle Zulu impis trapped inside the hostel to another area, was vociferously challenged by a 10 000-strong crowd at the local stadium.

Residents demanded the hostel be demolished to restore normality to community life which was disrupted by the strife which has left at

least 56 dead in KwaThema.

Residents in the area have had little sleep as a result of running battles with Zulu impis in the saga of violence which has left more than 500 dead on the Reef.

And, a week ago a 15 000-strong crowd walked out of a mass meeting over dissatisfaction with Tokoza civic association chairman Sam Ntuli's plea that police help be sought to remove Zulu impis from the hostels.

His idea of granting peaceful concessions to trapped Zulu impis was rejected at the rally.

"We cannot afford to have hostels in our areas as they have been the launching pads for people who want to wage war against peace-loving black people in the country," a resident said.

But, Jantjies said his organisation could not decide the fate of the hostels.

"We cannot give word that the hostels be razed as they do not belong to us. That would only put

us into trouble with the law," he added.

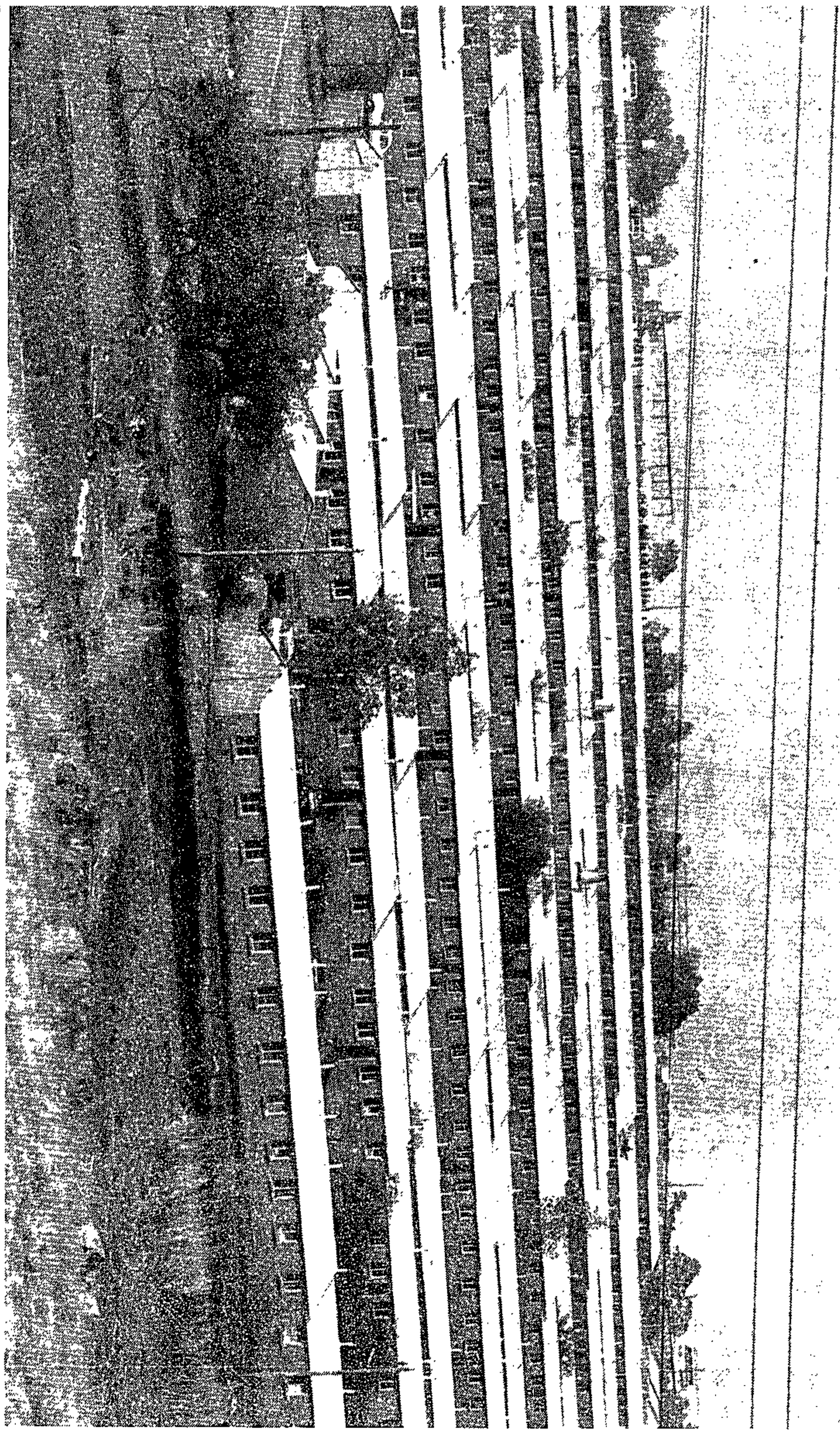
The migratory labour system has created 31 hostels housing close to 125 000 people in Soweto and East Rand townships.

The Urban Areas Act, which was repealed in 1986, was responsible for breaking up millions of families and forcing married men to be bachelors for 11 months every year.

The migrant labourers are thus isolated from both their families and township communities - which have shunned them.

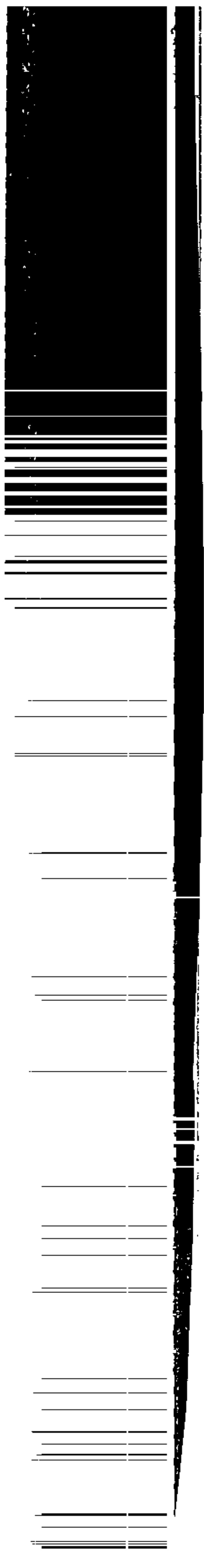
Though influx control has been withdrawn, hostel dwellers remain under the uninhabitable conditions created by it. The past two weeks have seen their frustrations explode into violence.

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horrry problem . . . just one group of the many hostels which township residents demand should be razed.

■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI





Archbishop Desmond Tutu ... 'I haven't slept either'.

PI: TLADIKHUELE

Fighting leaves many destitute

By ELIAS MALULEKE

BLACK townships hit by the two-week-old violence between Zulus and residents in the East and West Rand resemble the embattled Natal townships where refugee camps are a way of life.

Squatters, hostel inmates and township residents made homeless by the violence in Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Soweto and Kagiso are now refugees being housed in church halls, community halls, police stations and with relatives. Hardest hit are some who spend cold nights in the veld.

In addition, many of them have been absent from work since the fights started in their areas and some have lost their jobs.

According to church leaders, many of them have been left destitute after having their homes looted and burnt down.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu

said it was vital that violence should be stopped to enable people to lead normal lives in their homes with their families and to return to work.

"Although some of us still have our houses, we cannot sleep or eat because we share your suffering. We know you cannot sleep, eat and go to work because you are not in your homes," he said in Kagiso this week.

Most of the refugee camps have communal facilities, particularly the church halls and the makeshift camps, but for the refugees it is better than being in the violence-stricken areas.

"I want to return and rebuild my house in Crossroads but I am afraid because the Zulus can attack us again," said grief-stricken Dolly Mavaso in a church hall in Katlehong.

The refugees live on handouts and depend on soup kitchens for their survival. They sleep on the floor and have a card-

board box or two where they keep their only possessions, mostly old clothes and sometimes food parcels.

Social worker Sally Petersen said the life of refugees was nothing compared to the anguish of not knowing whether a loved one was still alive or dead.

"Many people are missing and many people requests help daily to find children, parents, husbands, wives and relatives."

Presently, Petersen is looking after more than 950 refugees at the JD Thomas Hall in Eden Park - a coloured township near the strife-torn Phola Park in Thokoza.

She said the way refugees were living was not conducive to a healthy, normal life where children could be brought up decently.

"This type of life break up families and induces a lack of self-respect to those who lead it," Petersen said.

To ensure that nothing happens to the refugees at the hall, and to be a witness should something happen to them at night, Petersen has left her family and the comfort of her house to live among them.

"Most of them wander around like dazed people, not believing this has happened to them and the others leave the hall in the morning and come back at night," she said.

Petersen said the refugees were being well cared for by local residents and a retired nursing sister. They receive food and clothing donations from companies and individuals.

When the church delegation led by Tutu visited the refugee camp this week, Petersen told them that staying at the hall was not a problem to the local community as it had given its wholehearted support to the refugees, the question was how long the fighting would last.

Soweto stayaway call for mass burial of victims

By SOPHIE TEMA and
CHARLES MOGALE

A STAYAWAY has been called for tomorrow to observe the mass burials of Soweto victims who died in the recent violence.

The Reef death toll stood at 514 yesterday.

Two more bodies were found on the East Rand yesterday morning. A badly burnt body was found in Vosloorus and the body of a person who had been shot was found in Daveyton.

A four-year-old Kagiso child was hospitalised in a serious condition on Friday after being hit on the head with an axe when rival groups clashed, police said.

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) in conjunction with other organisations has called on residents to stay away from work to mark the untimely deaths of those killed in the strife-torn townships.

Eight of the victims will be buried tomorrow and five today, while five were buried yesterday.

The SA Council of Churches (SACC) has called for a national week of prayer for peace. It said the week would begin with a day of prayer and fasting tomorrow and end on Friday.

Organisers of the stayaway told City Press it had been called in the name of residents' demands that:

- Police should stop collaborating with Inkatha.
- All those who carry and were in possession of dangerous weapons be disarmed.
- The dismantling of hostels for conversion into family units.
- The rejection of the notion of "traditional weapons" which have caused the misery.
- The unreserved condemnation of those who were the aggressors must be made known.

Tomorrow's burial service for the victims will be held at the Jabulani amphitheatre from 10am until 12, when the procession will proceed to the Avalon cemetery.

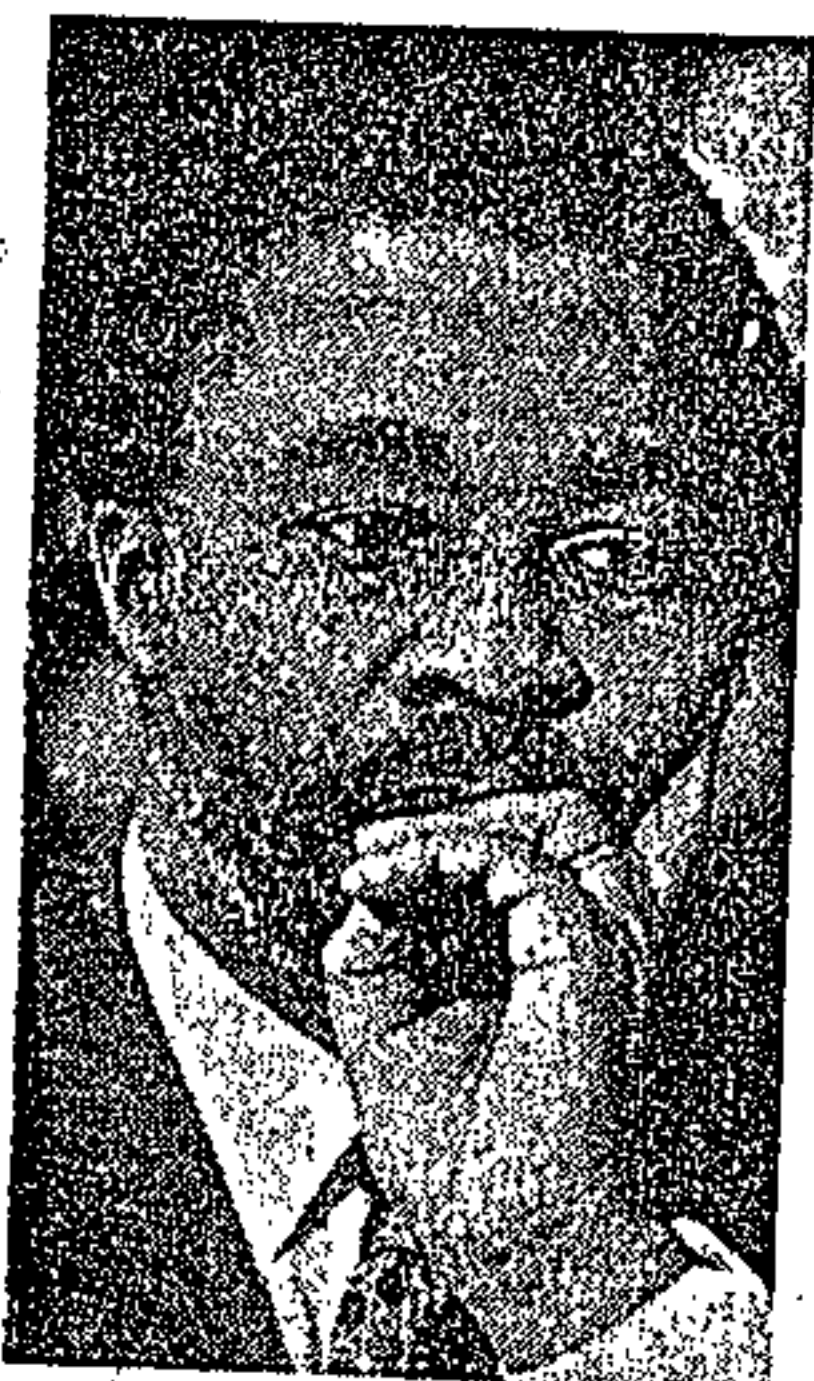
The SCA said Soweto undertakers had offered the bereaved families free coffins, hearses, family coaches and graves.

Families who had already bought coffins and paid for burial expenses would be refunded.

Orlando East residents were rudely interrupted from their sleep this week by men shouting through a loudhailer driving from street to street advising them to arm themselves.

Black-on-black warfare had not reached Orlando and residents believed the men, driving a white Nissan Skyline, were "agents of apartheid" trying to spread the conflict.

They ignored the war call.



Thabo Mbeki: "Nobody should be left out"

ANC offers olive branch

THE ANC has offered the olive branch to rival black political organisations by 'mooting' equal status for all during the process of drawing up a new constitution.

The conciliatory gesture came during a speech to a Five Freedoms Forum conference on Friday by ANC foreign affairs director Thabo Mbeki.

He stressed that rival political organisations not party to current talks with government were wel-

come to put forward their suggestions.

Mbeki said: "These (rival organisations) must enjoy equal weight in the debate aimed at defining the national consensus, which is a critical element in the common effort to arrive at a new reality of justice and peace."

"It must be our task to encourage all other organised formations, whether political or not, to contribute their views and those of their members so that, as far as possible, nobody is left out of the process of developing the national consensus."

"The constitution-making process should not be held back while efforts are made to solve problems ancillary or incidental to this process."

On security, he said: "There is no reason for anybody within the present security forces to oppose change in the

belief that such change will create a situation in which their lives and livelihood will be threatened.

"Rather, they should look forward to the situation when, perhaps for the first time, they would be accepted by all our people as part of a truly national security force."

On the economy, he slated the huge outcry over the question of nationalisation and said it was necessary for the country to have an economic system in which every citizen enjoyed a decent and rising standard of living.

He said: "The time is upon us when the country as whole has to make every effort to end the 'poor black problem'. Private enterprise, the free market and other social instruments will have to play their role in the common effort to address this burning question." - Sapa

Death of Kliptown

By SOPHIE TEMA

KLIPTOWN, which basked in glory as home to the signing of The Freedom Charter 35 years ago, has been declared a slum.

Despite its reputation as one of the most famous sites in modern African history, demolition work has begun in the Johannesburg township.

Its people now face the gloomy prospect of resettlement.

In Kliptown's Freedom Square on June 25, 1955, black leaders gathered to formally adopt the Freedom Charter as a blueprint for the new South Africa, to ensure all adult citizens were enfranchised and had basic human rights.

It was once one of South Africa's most cosmopolitan townships, but today houses and buildings are ramshackle and the bulldozers have moved in, changing the face of a township that was once populated by every race group in South Africa.

Authorities say the township has deteriorated over the years and inadequate housing, deficient facilities, overcrowding and lack of sanitary necessities have led to its downfall.

However, residents blame government and say it has used the policy of "divide and rule" to ensure the phasing out of Kliptown. One of its oldest residents is Annie Tarr, 90, who has lived in the same house for 65

Bulldozers rumble into historic site

years.

She said: "I have lived here almost all my life and I cannot imagine moving from here to a strange place and settling among strange people."

The house in which she lives is completely dilapidated, the ceilings are caving in and the corrugated iron roof is damaged, causing the house to flood on rainy days.

The disappearance of Kliptown will also cause misery for hundreds of shopowners and street vendors.

It was here where blacks were first given the opportunity to own stalls and to trade as hawkers, with very little harassment from the authorities.

Every Saturday crowds from all over Soweto gathered in the area to browse and hunt for bargains ranging from foodstuffs to clothing and one could buy anything from a pen to the most expensive crockery.

People who once lived in this area still have highly emotional memories and they are saddened as shacks are demolished and

residents relocated.

They are concerned that within the next five to 10 years, Kliptown will no longer exist - not even the name - as the area will probably be incorporated into the coloured township of Eldorado Park.

Although there are still a few solid houses left in the township, that were built and owned by white and Coloured families who have long since moved elsewhere, it has undoubtedly become a slum.

Many of the houses are in a state of complete deterioration and

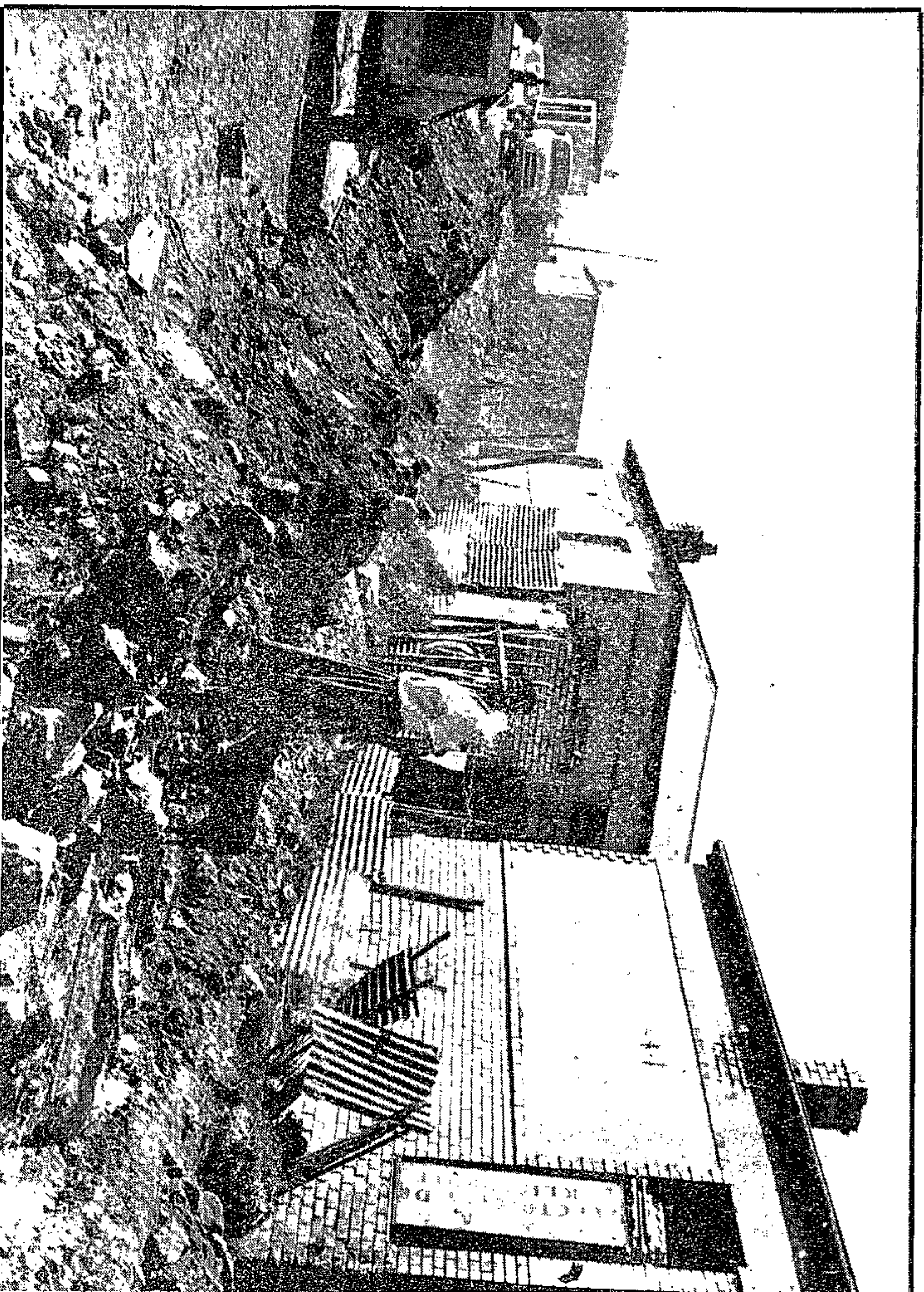
The term "house" is a misnomer, for the majority of shelters in which residents are accommodated are shacks or in ruins.

Most of the houses are controlled by the House of Representatives and are rented by families, some whom have been on council-housing waiting lists for many years.

Although there are several schools in the area, some researchers claim many children in Kliptown do not attend school.

There are others whose births were never registered, who are the offspring of black and coloured couples. They do not qualify for registration as coloureds in terms of the Population Registration Act.

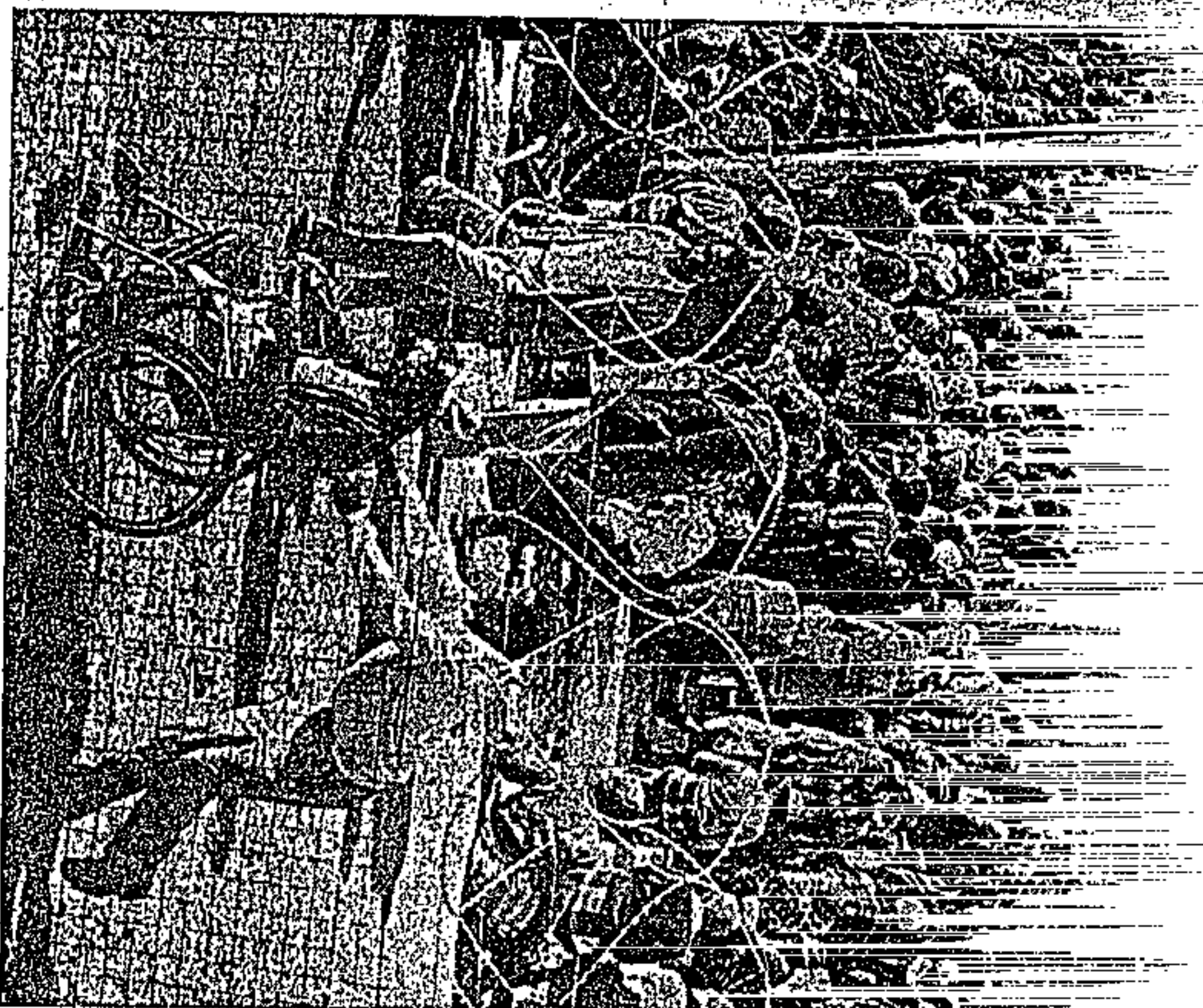
There are only about 10 families left in Tamatielei, which formed part of Kliptown many years ago, and Paddavlei has already been incorporated into the modern Eldorado Park Extension.



The end . . . a Kliptown resident stands near houses being demolished to allow for a freeway.

Photo: EVANS MBOWENI

cl/m 26/8/90 (343) **People to suffer, even in the twilight years**



Desperate for cash to eke out another month's existence, frail pensioners wait patiently outside the Diepmeadow pay-out point in Soweto.

OR the cynically minded, the photograph taken of a sign somewhere in the Eastern Cape reading, "Slow - Aged Bantu Crossing", seems to sum up the absurd situation of black pensioners in South Africa. They have to travel so often between payout points and various offices, that they have become a traffic hazard.

A Black Sash report compiled by Mary Brown earlier this year paints an astonishing picture of bureaucratic bungling and neglect which probably causes ageing black people, after long lives of poverty, to wait for the years beyond 60 with extreme apprehension.

The queues outside pension offices are places of anxiety and death - like the one in Durban where three people died in a period of five months last year. One man was left in the sun for two hours before his body was removed. No shelter or seating had been provided.

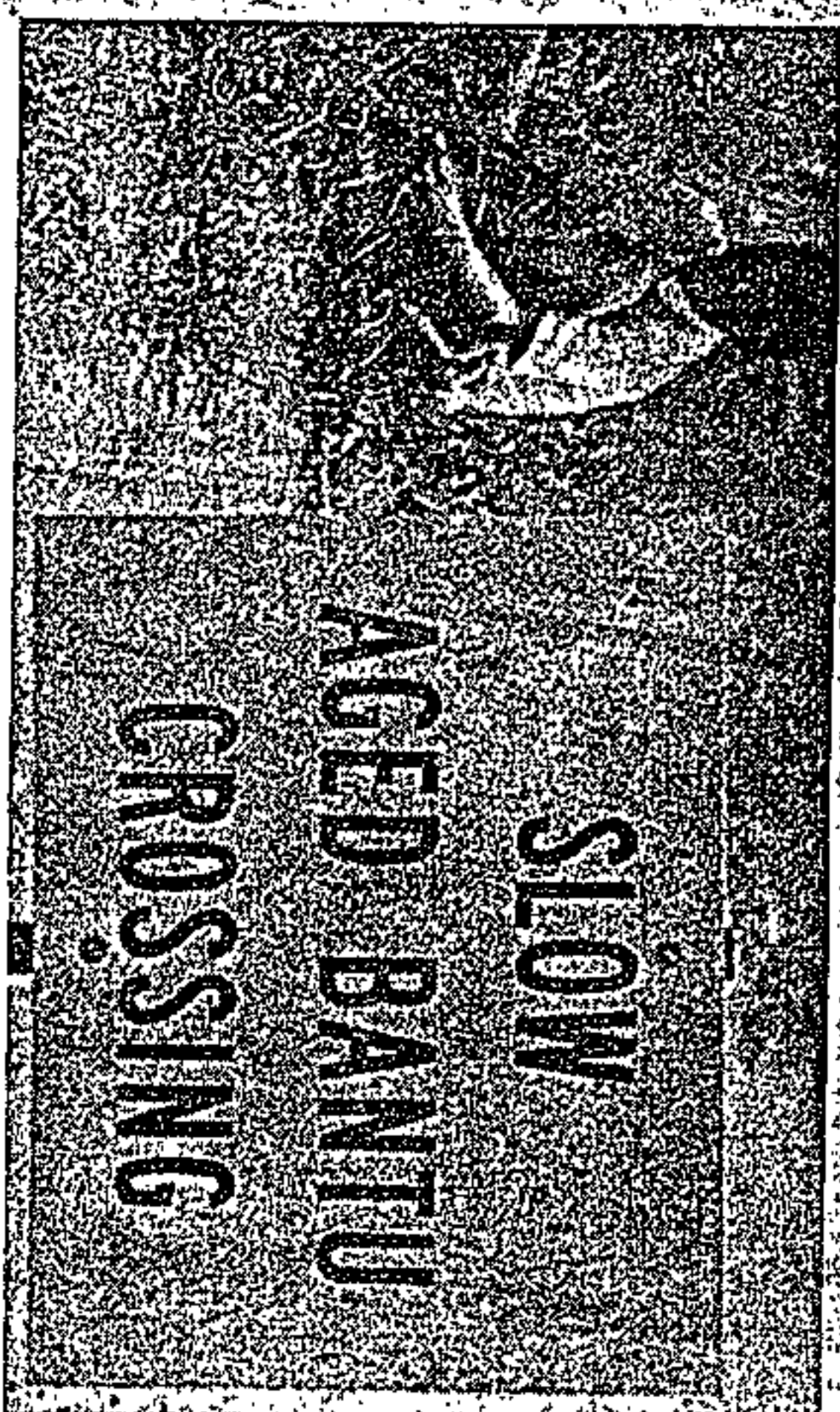
"At present the attitude of the State towards many black pensioners and disabled people seems to characterise them as parasites - people who just live off the system. This comes through in the attitude of officials, the delay in money received, and in the handling of queries," writes Brown.

"Often the official attitude does not convey the State pension as a legal right but as a gift, contrary to the terms of the Social Pension Act." Merely applying for a pension is like lining up for an arduous obstacle course. You might be at the wrong office, with dire consequences. In one of the numerous examples provided by Brown, a woman who fled from the unrest in Natal to Johannesburg, was told to go back to Maritzburg and request a transfer of her pension there.

You might be there at the wrong time, and you might need your ID book, or you might not. An ID is not a legal requirement for a new pension application, officials admit, yet clerks continue to make it a prerequisite, according to Brown.

But getting an identity document is not as simple as it sounds. In a typical example, a 65-year-old unemployed man from Tembisa had to wait three months before he could collect his pension, although it had been ready from the start. Then he was wrongly sent to the Johannesburg offices, where he was told his wife also had to get an identity document.

And when you do at last get your ID, you might find a mistake has been made - the wrong age, for instance. You sometimes have to provide proof of



This sign in the Eastern Cape epitomises the plight of ageing black South Africans and the patronising attitude of officials towards them. **■ PIC: RAYMOND MARITTE**

A Black Sash report paints a grim picture of how elderly blacks struggle to get the pensions their families depend on. Following is a shortened article from the *Idasa* magazine *Democracy/Action*.

residence - also not a legal requirement. People who live in hostels are regarded with suspicion - they might be "foreigners" - and are sent to rural areas or to the homelands for applications, requiring extra money and time for transport.

Rectifying these and similar bungles can take years. In one case, a Cape Town woman received her pension almost three years after her initial application because somebody had neglected to send her fingerprints to the head office in Pretoria.

But once you have passed these hurdles, you still have to prove your age. In Warmbaths, the local pension officer sent all applicants away, saying that they were all young enough to find work. It took an urgent court order to stop the practice.

After this, pensioners still have to pass a means test. People who earn more than about R140 a month get no pension. Pensions are paid on a sliding scale: if you earn less than R44 a month you get the full pension of R175. In Natal the policy is that pensioners do

not qualify for the first five years after they reach pensionable age if they earn R20 or more, but after that they may earn up to R240 and still qualify for a pension.

A cruel feature is that officials are prepared to grant only a portion of back payments in case of bureaucratic delays. After seven interventions on his behalf by the Black Sash, one pensioner received R450 when he was entitled to R4158.

The pensions earned by elderly black people are often the biggest sources of income in their households.

Brown quotes a common example from Wilson and Ramphele's book on poverty in South Africa: "Mrs Cornilius, 65, is head of a nine-member household. She is a widow receiving an old age pension of R83 a month. She is the sole breadwinner. Her only son works away from Calitzdorp and makes no contribution to the household. There are six grandchildren, all attending school. Her daughter, 29, is at home waiting for the start of the fruit season to get some casual work. "A total of R17,83 is set aside for rent, electricity, water and sanitation each month. Only R65,17 is left to pay fuel, food and other household expenses - little more than R7 a person."

Brown observes: "Black pensioners are vulnerable in that they do not have any access to power or decision-making in this system."

"In the face of this lack of power and resulting poverty and frustration, many pensioners become apathetic and hopeless."

Migrants speak out!

By SOPHIE TEMA

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SIX years ago it seemed the government had decided to phase out the single-sex hostels for some 700 000 migrant workers. But this never happened.

The controversial hostel system, mostly for single men from the rural areas, has long been condemned because it isolated hostel dwellers from the rest of the community.

Last year it appeared the government was taking steps to end the system and convert the hostels into family units.

At Dobsonville and Meadowlands an attempt was made to do this. But, most hostels are still as they were.

This week hostel inmates – trapped in bloody clashes between Zulus and Xhosas – spoke of the realities of hostel life.

Ndabasukile Nkongolo, a Xhosa from Mount Ayliffe, described life in Block N21 in a KwaThema hostel.

Speaking from the KwaThema Roman Catholic Church, where some hostel dwellers have been given refuge after fleeing their hostels, Nkongolo said: "We were not Zulus, Xhosas, Sothos or Shangaans – we were united.

"Although we were living as 'married bachelors' we made the best of the worst. We never suspected anybody could influence us against one another in the hostel," he said.

"We never spoke politics. Our discussions were about our families that we had left back home.

"Then suddenly things changed and I

got the shock of my life three weeks ago when I returned to the hostel and suddenly noticed a spirit of unpleasantness.

"A few days later a meeting of all Xhosas was called. This is when I realised there was division in our ranks.

"We then heard a rumour the Zulus had sneaked in weapons and guns to kill the Xhosas. I treated the rumour with contempt because I did not see weapons or guns. Things started to hot up and it was said the Xhosas were to be attacked. I was told the rumour had been reported to the KwaThema Civic Association.

Elliot Mrwetyana, who also comes from Transkei, said: "The rumour became a reality when a group of Zulus attacked us.

"We could not stand back and we tried as hard as we could to defend ourselves.

"The police were called in and we thought they would stop both groups from fighting. But instead they seemed to be helping the Zulus.

"One of our chiefs was busy trying to persuade us to run away and not continue fighting when I saw a white policeman shoot him in both legs."

The chief, only known by his tribal name, Majola, is now in hospital.

Mrwetyana said: "I do not want to live in a hostel any more."

"I may only go back if the government allows (Transkei leader) Bantu Holomisa to deploy his army in this area. We will then be safe."

Hold DET responsible for school results, says union

By Karen Stander,
Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training (DET) should be held responsible for the school exam results this year, according to the Soweto branch of the National Education Union of South Africa.

Neusa Soweto chairman Matakanye Matekanye said the DET had deliberately ignored the demands of teachers and students, such as the supply of books and learning material.

Protest

At the branch's first annual conference last week, teachers, students and parents were urged to work collectively to create a situation of stability.

● Three student organisations

have called for students to embark on a week of action to protest against violence.

The South African National Students Congress, the National Union of South African Students and the Congress of South African Students said in a joint statement that the action would include pickets, mass meetings and marches to police stations.

Demands would include that the police "stop assisting Inkatha" and that Inkatha vigilantes be disarmed.

The students would also demand the disbanding of the homelands, the hostel system and the KwaZulu education department; the establishment of a single education department; and that exams be postponed.

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Apartheid the cause of Reef violence - chiefs

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Traditional chiefs, the ANC and its allies yesterday blamed the recent bloodshed in Reef townships, which has claimed more than 500 lives, on apartheid and the enforcement of the bantustan system.

The chiefs, under the banner of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) and led by Prince Mcwayizeni Zulu of KwaZulu, initiated the weekend tour of the troubled areas in a bid to bring an end to the violence.

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu represented the organisation at various peace rallies on the East Rand.

The traditional chiefs from Natal and Transkei held sepa-

rate meetings with hostel dwellers on the East Rand.

Chief D Magudlwa of Transkei told a crowd of about 3 000 hostel dwellers in Sebokeng that the bantustan system had created the killing fields by denying people their full South African citizenship.

Chief Magudlwa, who led the delegation in Sebokeng, accused the police of being partial in the violence.

Mr Sisulu, in a separate peace rally held in Katlehong, told a crowd of more than 5 000 that the violence was a direct result of apartheid policies which divided people along tribal basis.

Mr Sisulu also addressed a crowd of stick-carrying squatters at Phola Park, Tokoza.

Unite and stop East Rand killings, say black leaders

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Traditional leaders yesterday called on residents and hostel dwellers on the East Rand, where violent conflict has left hundreds dead and many injured, to unite and stop the killing.

Speaking at a press conference organised by the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa), Chief Nonganyana Mwelo explained that the weekend visit by chiefs from Natal and Transkei was an attempt to speak to people jointly in an effort to restore peace and calm in the Transvaal.

"The killing must stop. It serves only the interests of the enemy, not the cause of freedom in our country," said Chief Mwelo.

He stressed that Contralesa was not affiliated to any political party.

He said ANC and Inkatha supporters as well as other concerned parties should initiate peace talks at grassroots level because "high-level talks will not solve the crisis."

Chief Mwelo stressed, however, that the recent violence was not a Zulu-Xhosa conflict, but had its roots in the system of apartheid and the policy of destabilisation perpetrated by the Government.

He added that Contralesa took strong exception to the refusal of the Government to allow the chiefs access to certain hostels.

The role of the police was to serve the community and not to fan the flames of conflict, he said.

Press cries: Where's Mandela?

By Esmaré van der Merwe
and Star Bureau

Nelson Mandela was the subject of severe media criticism yesterday, both locally and abroad, for leaving the country at a time of bitter township conflict.

The ANC deputy president left the country on Saturday for Norway, where he will today address a conference on "The Anatomy of Hate", and follow up with visits to Libya and Algeria.

While most British commentators have concentrated their fire on Inkatha's role in the conflict, there have been increased doubts raised about Mr Mandela's own response.

The (London) Sunday Times yesterday said that by boarding a plane for Norway, "Mr Mandela was virtually admitting his inability to halt the killing".

The newspaper's South African correspondent, Ross Dunn, wrote that Mr Mandela's dream of bringing peace to the country "lay in tatters".

In Johannesburg, City Press editor Khulu Sibiyi said the ANC should have advised Mr Mandela to postpone his trip until the situation at home had been normalised.

Magic wand

Under the headline "Mandela must stay", he wrote: "We know Mandela alone cannot wave a magic wand and normalise things in the townships."

"However, it is foolhardy for a leader of Mandela's stature to leave his country when it is on fire. One would have thought the ANC had a better understanding of what it means to look towards leadership in times of crisis."

He compared Mr Mandela to Archbishop Desmond Tutu who recently cut short an overseas trip to help stop the bloody conflict in the townships and personally visited trouble spots in an effort to bring calm.

Durban's Sunday Tribune described Mr Mandela's decision to go overseas again — only weeks after returning from a six-week international tour — as "mystifying".

It commented: "Mr Mandela should be standing right here, shoulder to shoulder with Mr F W de Klerk and Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, putting an end to the hate that is convulsing the townships of the Transvaal and Natal."

In London's Sunday Telegraph, columnist Christopher Booker said the violence was destroying the "fairytale version" about South Africa's recovery.

"More than ever, South Africa has been shown up as what it has always been: a loose confederation of warring tribes, some black, some white, some neither."

Fairytale

He "tested that the only solution would be co-operation between all groups, but said that "if there is one group which now seems more determined than any other, to disqualify itself from helping to bring about such a solution, it is the ANC — behind its decent but weak front-man, Nelson Mandela. The fairytale is being stood on its head."

In an editorial examining the township violence and efforts to curb it, the Sunday Star made a passing remark about Mr Mandela's latest overseas trip.

Criticising the ANC leader for refusing to meet Chief Buthelezi to resolve the mini-war between the rival groups, it said Mr Mandela had left at a time when his "backyard is burning".

On departure from Jan Smuts on Saturday, Mr Mandela told journalists that he was not concerned about leaving the country at such a critical moment.

He said pressing matters such as the violence were being addressed by the ANC as an organisation and not individuals.

He had important engagements to fulfil overseas and had cancelled his holiday last week to personally deal with the violence.

ANC spokesmen could not be reached last night to comment on the criticism.

Townships

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quiet but toll climbs to 516

Crime Reporter

A 20-year-old man was shot dead at a Vosloorus hostel this morning in the only unrest-incident reported earlier today in war-ravaged Reef townships, bringing the death toll in almost two weeks of fighting to 516.

The latest victim's body was found at 2.20 am outside the East Rand township hostel.

He had been shot dead with an AK-47 rifle, police said.

"The action taken by the security forces, both police and army, to restore peace to the townships has been very successful. The affected areas are quiet today," said Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe.

He said security forces continued intensive patrols after 27 Reef and Vaal Triangle townships were declared unrest areas.

**Govt announcement on
inquiry expected soon**

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The Government will make an announcement this week about the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters on March 26.

A spokesman for President de Klerk — who has had the report for some time — said he was not sure if the announcement would be the release of the report or commentary on it. — Political Staff.

Soweto mourns its victims

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At least 15 000 Soweto residents attended the funeral yesterday of eight Soweto "comrades" killed in the recent violence that struck the township.

Thousands of township residents stayed away from work to mark the day of mourning.

A Putco spokesman said only 422 out of 974 buses operated on the Reef yesterday, and the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) reported a severe decline in taxi operations. Transnet trains from black townships carried few passengers.

At Jabulani stadium in the morning, ANC officials and church leaders said the police and the "apartheid regime" were to blame for the violence.

"It is a very strange thing that black people almost everywhere in the world suffer. Just when you have this complexion you attract suffering. Why should we be the victims of

such vicious violence?" an impassioned Archbishop Desmond Tutu asked.

He said: "We want to say to Mr de Klerk that the evidence against the police is overwhelming. The police have not been impartial ... We need a new police force that is acceptable to the people."

ANC leader Walter Sisulu said the last mile of the struggle depended on black unity:

"The struggle can only be won by determination, discipline and loyalty. Who dares to say the ANC is fighting the Zulus? We are fighting the apartheid regime."

● The Azanian People's Organisation has accused student organisations of "planned theatrics" for organising a week of protests against the violence.

Gomolemo Mokae, Transvaal vice-president, said invaluable study time had already been lost.

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Inkatha states view

By Patrick Laurence

An attempt by the African National Congress and its allies to turn Sebokeng into a "no-go" area for Inkatha triggered the 10-day township war which left more than 500 people dead, Themba Khosa of Inkatha said yesterday.

Inkatha supporters on their way to a rally in Sebokeng had been abused and stoned by ANC loyalists outside the stadium at Sebokeng on July 22, the date which marked the start of the "Transvaal war" between Inkatha and the ANC, Mr Khosa told journalists.

Later, after the rally and after a bus carrying Inkatha supporters was forced to retreat by stone-throwing youths, Inkatha's followers were escorted away from the stadium by police but were ambushed outside the hostels, he added.

A major battle ensued and, before the fighting died down, at least 22 people had been killed.

From that day onwards, violence flared in townships around Johannesburg, coming to a terrifying climax in 10 days on August 13 and abating only after a massive

police clampdown.

Mr Khosa was one of three Inkatha officials who gave journalists Inkatha's perspective on the violence in the hope of correcting what they believe has been an unfair portrayal of Inkatha as the primary aggressor.

He cited the appearance of pamphlets under an ANC logo, denigrating Zulus as pro-Government stooges, as another factor which had fuelled the violence.

Told that the ANC had disowned the pamphlets as bogus, Mr Khoza replied that the ANC disavowal had come too late and too discreetly.

The fact that most of the major battles had been fought near the entrances to Inkatha strongholds in the townships proved that their role had been defensive, Mr Khosa reckoned.

While offering the Inkatha perspective, the main purpose of the envoys was to convey a call for peace and tolerance to people of the strife-torn Transvaal townships from Chief Buthelezi.

The message was taken directly into the townships and hostels at the weekend by a strong delegation of high-ranking Zulu chiefs.

Service cut-offs in doubt

By Therese Anders

Eskom and the Rand Water Board have announced they will not immediately be suspending electricity and water supplies.

The announcement comes four days before the nationwide rent boycott crisis is due to come to a head.

However, The Star has been told that some black local authorities have been warned that supplies will be stopped on Friday for non-payment of accounts.

● Witbank Town Council has given notification to KwaGuqa of an electricity cut on August 31 for non-payment.

● Ermelo's Conservative Party town council says Wesselton township's water supply would be suspended by September 15.

● Benoni's town clerk said that despite payment problems with Daveyton and Wattville, "we won't be cutting them off. That's not Benoni's style".

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Battle-weary township dwellers pick up pieces

By Dawn Barkhuizen

Eight death certificates were piled on the desk of the Kagiso funeral parlour yesterday — at least three times as many as there are most days.

The eight dead are all victims of the last two weeks of hell that has seen at least 515 people die when townships throughout the Witwatersrand flared up into war.

But the war seems to have died down as suddenly as it came.

Apart from the death certificates, the odd burnt-out car, the gutted houses and the fact that nearly every window in Kagiso 1 has been smashed, life in Kagiso — on the surface at least — seems pretty much back to normal.

And police report that the East Rand, the scene of several bloody clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents, is quiet.

Late yesterday afternoon small children were playing with carts, eating oranges and skipping over the piles of rocks that once formed roadblocks throughout Kagiso.

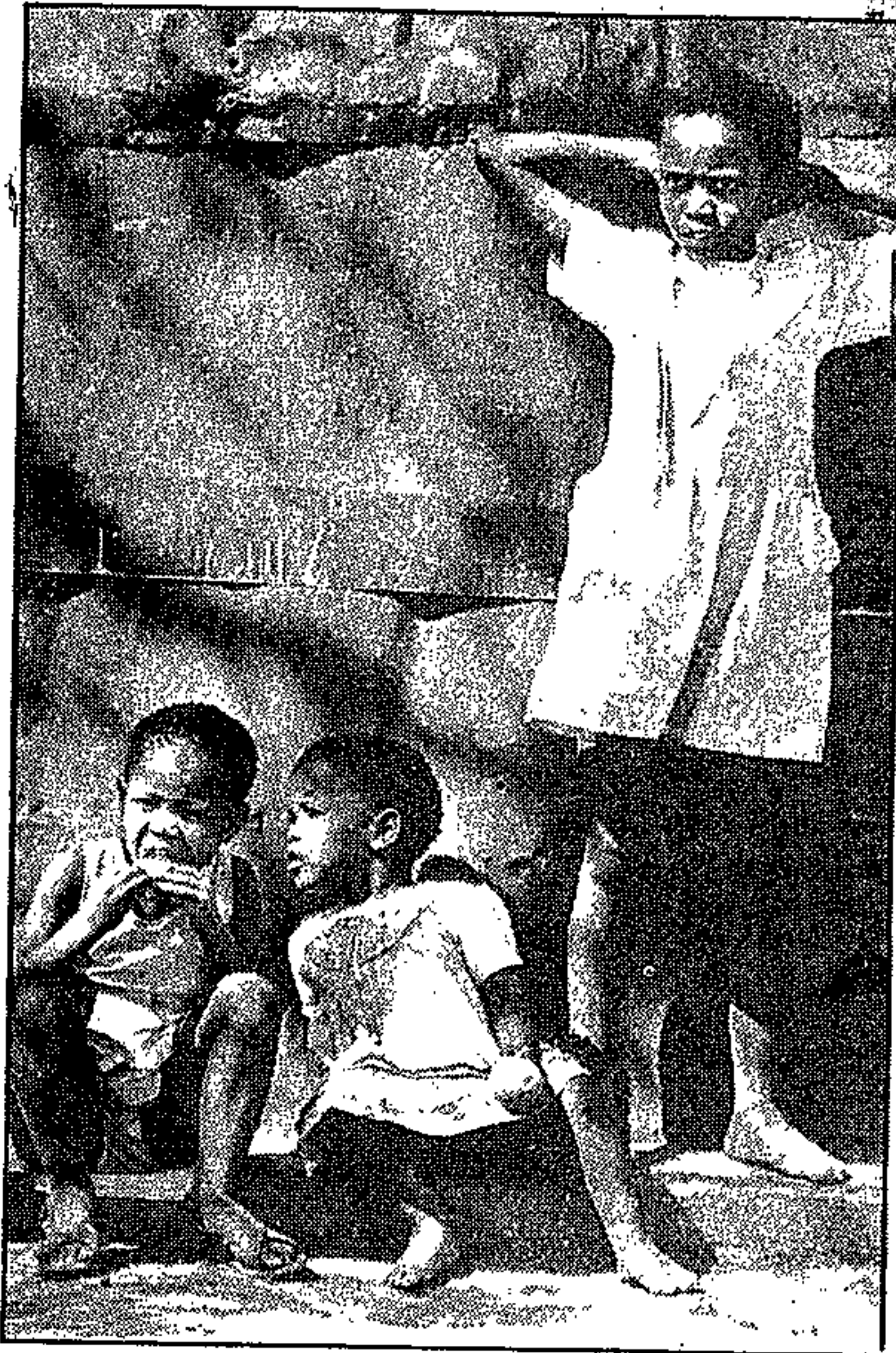
Residents were shouting to one another across garden fences and strolling in the streets, apparently oblivious of the lone SADF patrol.

The only area unusually quiet was the street bordering the Kagiso hostel.

Opposite the hostel, under the watchful eyes of self-styled hostel sentries, Paulos Mochine was packing the remains of his furniture on to a van and moving them out.

His house has been petrol-bombed twice. The glass melted, the paint blistered on the walls, the contents were destroyed and his children barely got out with their lives.

"I am afraid, but I do not know what to do. I have been here for 30 years. There has never been trouble like this before. People keep talking about Xhosas and Zulus and ANC and Inkatha,



Children living near the Inkatha stronghold of Jabulani hostel, in Jabavu, Soweto, are taken to safer houses at night as violence continues.

but I am a Tswana. I am not a political man. I have lost everything. I do not understand why."

Teargas

In central western Soweto, where the unrest death toll stood at 126 yesterday afternoon, the only evidence of the shooting, the teargas, the stones and the bodies of last week were broken, boarded-up windows.

At Jabulani hostel, police were posted at the entrance. About 20 hostel dwellers sat at the gate. Others paced along the fence, watchful and reluctant to talk.

A young blond policeman said: "Last week was bad, but it's quieter now."

Township residents with homes bordering on the hostel were yesterday still planning to move out for the night.

One resident, David Sitabela (42), said that by the time Taeolo Street exploded into violence a week ago, he had already sent his wife and children away.

He had been alone in the house when the stones started raining on to the roof. He tried to squeeze behind a small cupboard and claw his way up the wall to hide.

Now he still stays at home alone every night. There are holes in the roof, and the windows are smashed. His television is gone and so is his peace of mind.

"At night you shut your mouth, take your weapons and look after your house. I would run, but where do I go? I was born here. This was my parents' house."

Paulina Seoma says: "The trouble is not as bad as it was a few days ago, but when it gets dark the men from the hostel still shout across the railway line: 'Seyeza! Seyeza! Ningalale! Seyeza!' (We are coming! We are coming! Do not sleep! We are coming!)"

Her daughter Disebo says: "No we do not want those men. We must burn the hostels. We must burn them."

Disebo is just 13.

More houses next to Soweto soon

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DEVELOPMENT is to begin soon on the first pocket of land earmarked as part of a major black urbanisation project in the PWV area, according to Transvaal MEC for Housing Mr John Mavuso.

Serviced sites on the 2 000ha area west of Soweto should be ready for occupation by December, he told a seminar on black housing at Unisa yesterday.

The land is part of several PWV areas identified by an urbanisation task force two years ago. The areas largely comprise expansion of and links between existing townships.

The other areas were still the subject of detailed geological investigations "to

Sowetan Correspondent

confirm the urbanisation potential of probable areas", a process which could take longer than a year and cost "several hundred thousands of rands", he said.

The area west of Soweto had been identified as the greatest priority.

As to further development, Mavuso said that "in the short term at least, most black urban development may be expected to take place on the East Rand".

Mavuso said with additional funds made available by the Government this year, the Transvaal Provincial Administration was "poised to buy and develop over 9 000 hectares of land towards the end of March 1991".



JOHN MAVUSO

Pupils go to class

Pupils at some East Rand schools resumed lessons yesterday after boycotting classes on Monday in protest against the hostel violence killings. ^{29/8/70}

A spokesman of the Department of Education and Training, D J Steenkamp, said attendance was near normal in Tembisa, Daveyton and Wattville.

Mr. Steenkamp said there were no pupils at the secondary schools in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus, adding that attendance at the primary schools was less than 50 per cent. — East Rand Bureau.

Consumer boycott starts today in Parys

By Thabo Leshilo

A consumer boycott to protest against alleged police harassment and high rent in Tumahole, near Parys in the Free State, is scheduled to begin today.

Tumahole Civic Association (TCA) spokesman Vuyo Dabi said the boycott was called after the police and the Parys Town Council (PTC) had failed to respond to township residents' grievances.

Mr Dabi said the boycott, which affects only white businesses, would last until residents' demands had been met.

Among their demands are affordable housing and a monthly rent of R18,50 a month.

PTC secretary Jacob Versfeld said he did not understand why the boycott had been called, because Tumahole was outside the PTC's jurisdiction.

He explained that Tumahole had its own local authority which was responsible for the levying of tariffs.

The PTC only sold services to Tumahole, Mr Versfeld explained.

Mr Dabi said Parys town clerk Joop Ferreira had visited him on Monday to arrange a meeting to be held later that day to discuss the boycott.

The meeting could not take place because Mr Dabi needed to consult other members of the civic body. The meeting might be held next week.

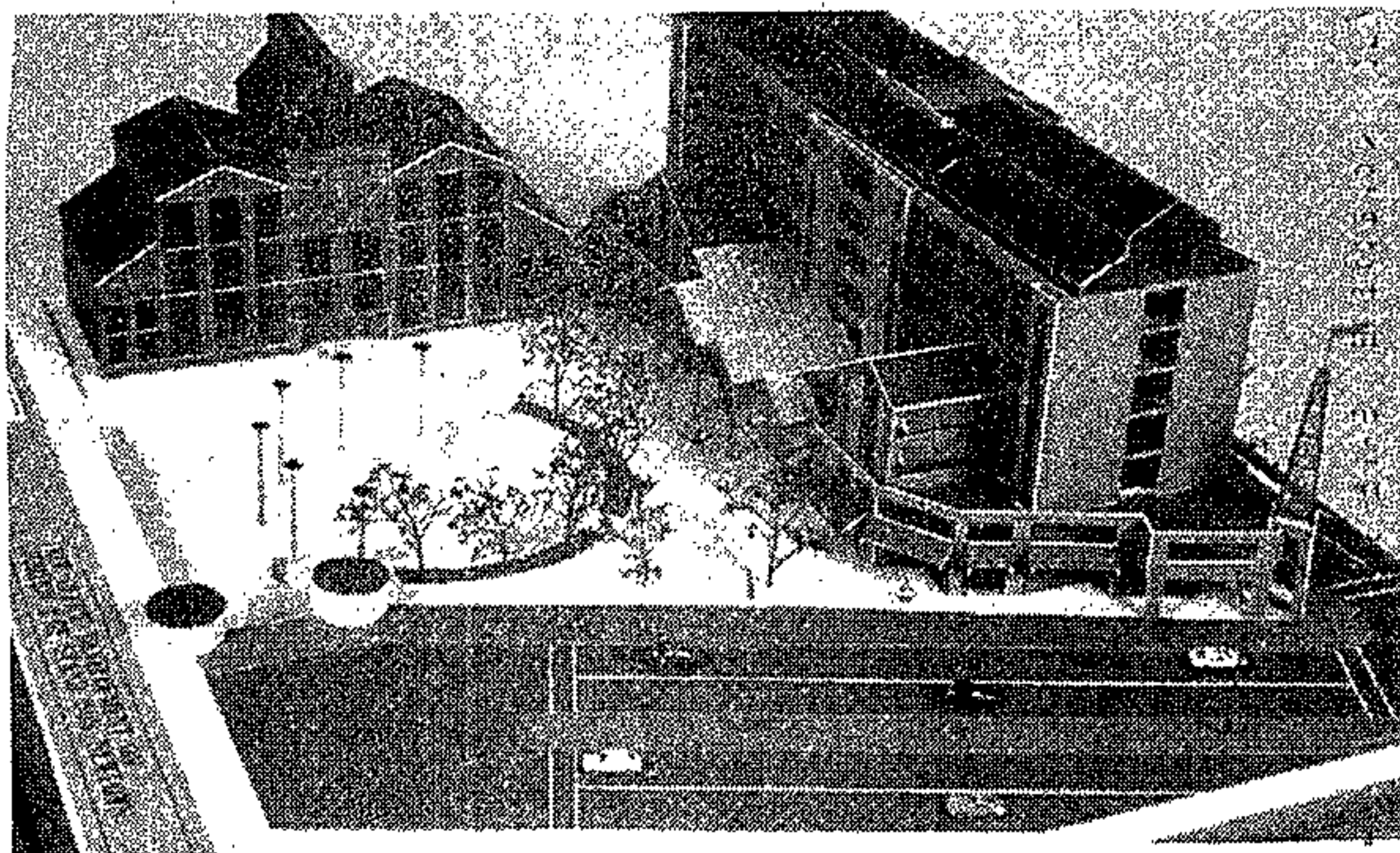
Rejected

The secretary of the Tumahole Town Committee, Gert Prinsloo, denied that the committee had failed to respond to residents' demands, adding that he had responded to demands from the TCA on Friday.

He added that police conduct was not a matter to be dealt with by the town committee.

A spokesman for police headquarters in Pretoria, Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen, said the SAP rejected harassment. She referred The Star to the Free State police for comment on the TCA's allegations against the police in Tumahole.

The Free State police could not be reached at the time of going to press.



A model of the proposed development of Newtown's Turbine Square with West Street in the foreground. The picture shows the old boiler house on the left and the new office block on the right. The development will contain 20 000m² of retail and 12 000m² of office space. Construction is due to begin early in 1991.

'People house themselves best'

ARCHITECT Bannie Britz is strongly opposed to the popular concept that housing has to be built for people.

"That is nonsense. You have to address communities, not build housing for people. It is the legacy of apartheid that black housing is thought of as separate from the city. 6/0am 29/8/90

"In Soweto there are nearly 2-million people without community facilities or job creation opportunities."

Britz argues that in the end people house themselves best and every income group will resolve the issue differently.

He says it has been found that when they have access to available resources and are free to use them in their own way, people and their community-based organisations can build up to five times more than their governments with the same funds, and to similar or better standards.

"If a government tries to build houses for the people it is effectively pouring money into a bottomless pit," he says.

Britz Scholes Abramowitch has been appointed to design three community centres as part of the multi-million rand upgrading of the Soweto CBD. 343

These should function as support systems, Britz says, not as something imposed from outside.

One of the problems in architecture today, he says, is that the architect is often out of touch with the user.

"You can only start building if you are in a dialogue with the user."

He says Soweto should be a number of decentralised municipalities within a greater Johannesburg municipality.

While it is necessary that Johannesburg City Council retain responsibility for certain centralised functions, the suburbs should decide for themselves on local issues that affect them directly.

"It is a sort of federal model for municipalities. It works in Berlin and to some extent in London," Britz says.

CP cuts township services

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Carolina mayor Dr Sarel Bloem said the decision to switch off had been a question of economics, not politics.

The big switch-off of services to black townships has begun, with Carolina's Conservative Party council cutting water, water-borne sewage and electricity to Silobela yesterday.

The situation in Silobela, where residents claim there has never been a rent boycott, was described by residents last night as extremely tense.

Last night the ANC condemned the action, saying it was a violation of an agreement between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the ANC and civic associations.

● Sebokeng and Boipatong have been granted yet another reprieve before their electricity supply is cut off.

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By Claire Robertson,
Pretoria Bureau

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Teachers go back

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Teachers and pupils at schools under the Department of Education and Training in Witbank returned to classes yesterday after a settlement between local education officials and the teachers' union. The teachers had been on a sit-in for three weeks to highlight grievances.

Vaal blackout

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One Conservative Party-controlled Transvaal town has cut off power supplies to the local township and another two towns are to follow.

On Tuesday the Carolina town council cut electricity, water and water-borne sewage to Selobela township and a Belfast town council spokesman said his municipality would cut off supplies on September 4.

There were also reports that the Alberton town council might do the same. Reports that the Bronkhorstspuit town council will also cut supplies were denied by that council.

The independent president of the CP-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA), Mr Johan van der Merwe, blamed the actions on a white ratepayer backlash.

He said many Transvaal town councils were facing a ratepayers' boycott of rates

and service charges if township residents did not pay theirs.

Mr Van de Merwe said many municipalities not controlled by the CP would have to consider similar steps to those taken by Carolina and Belfast.

Cabinet decision

United Municipalities of SA (UMSA) president Mr Tom Boya said he was confident President FW de Klerk would be sympathetic towards an UMSA appeal that black local authorities be given an extra three months' grace in which to meet their outstanding rent and service bills.

Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa) president Mr Phillip Nhlapo said: "Mr De Klerk said in July the cabinet would meet and make a decision during August. Now the white councils are cutting off electricity even before the cabinet decision is known."

However, TPA spokesman Mr Piet Wilkens said Mr De Klerk had, in fact, said

bridging finance would be terminated at the end of August.

He said the R313 million the administration had set aside for bridging finance had dried up in four months and only R99m was left.

Eskom spokesman Ms Lactitia van Staden said Eskom had not cut off electricity supplies to any council.

Representatives of the Mass Democratic Movement in the Eastern Transvaal will meet today to develop a strategy in response to the switch-off of services by the Carolina council.

"We have no choice but to meet their action with some sort of action," said ANC regional chairman Mr Jackson Mthembu.

He described the situation in Selobela (Carolina) as tense, saying residents were being refused permission to draw water from a nearby dam by authorities.

Meanwhile, Carolina mayor Dr Sarel Bloem said the decision to switch off the services had been a question of economics, not politics. — Sapa

Housing policy needs overhauling - Steyn

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A DRASTIC overhaul of the Government's housing policy was needed for financial incentives to succeed, Mr Jan Steyn, the chairman of the Independent Development Trust, suggested, this week.

Steyn outlined his proposals on housing policy for a new South Africa at a conference in Johannesburg.

"Government housing policy is not well-adapted to current circumstances. Fewer than a quarter of new black households in need of state assistance actually receive it."

"While there has been some progress in creating the conditions for financial institutions to lend smaller parcels, much

remains to be done," Steyn told the conference.

Meanwhile, the Central Witwatersrand Services Council has announced plans in converting the giant Meadowlands hostel over three years into family dwelling units housing 20 000.

The cost will be R28 million (excluding escalation), of which R3 million has been recommended for phase one of the project.

Units varying in size from 46 square meters to 85 square meters will consist of three or four rooms each.

The WSRCS is also taking steps to assist in improving fire fighting within the region.

Handling of Reef unrest corpses a disgrace, says DP

By Esmaré van der Merwe

The Democratic Party has criticised the Government for the way in which corpses of Reef unrest victims are being handled.

"The inhuman attitude of the authorities is a scandalous disgrace," DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal said last night.

He said he would telephone Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok this morning to demand that urgent steps be taken to put the bodies in mortuaries.

A storm of protest has followed media reports of partly

decomposed bodies which had been left in the backyard of the Germiston government mortuary for more than a week.

Police spokesmen last night refused to comment on accusations that police were "simply too lazy" to transport the bodies of unrest victims to mortuaries where storage room was available.

A police spokesman reiterated an earlier statement that the storage of bodies on the Reef had caused serious problems.

"Police are doing everything possible to trace the next of kin so that bodies can be identified.

CP action brings violence warning

Chaos as lights and water cut

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By Therese Anders,
Stan Hlophe and Sapa

There was chaos in the eastern Transvaal township of Silobela yesterday after the cutting of water, sewerage and electricity services on Tuesday by Carolina's Conservative Party council.

And, as more black towns were threatened with services being cut off within days, there were signs that the issue of arrears payments is rapidly blowing up into a major political confrontation between the black political organisations on the one side and white local authorities and the Government on the other.

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Last night the ANC issued a strongly worded warning to Carolina's CP-led council.

ANC eastern Transvaal region secretary Joe Nkuna said: "We condemn the action of the CP town council. They are making a serious mistake because we are considering serious action to protect our people if the situation doesn't change immediately."

● Hardly 48 hours after the Carolina council cut services to Silobela, Belfast's CP-controlled town council has given the residents of Siyathuthuka an ultimatum to pay up or be cut off on September 4.

Town clerk Mr P Strydom said the council was not in the financial position to pay Siyathuthuka's account to Eskom.

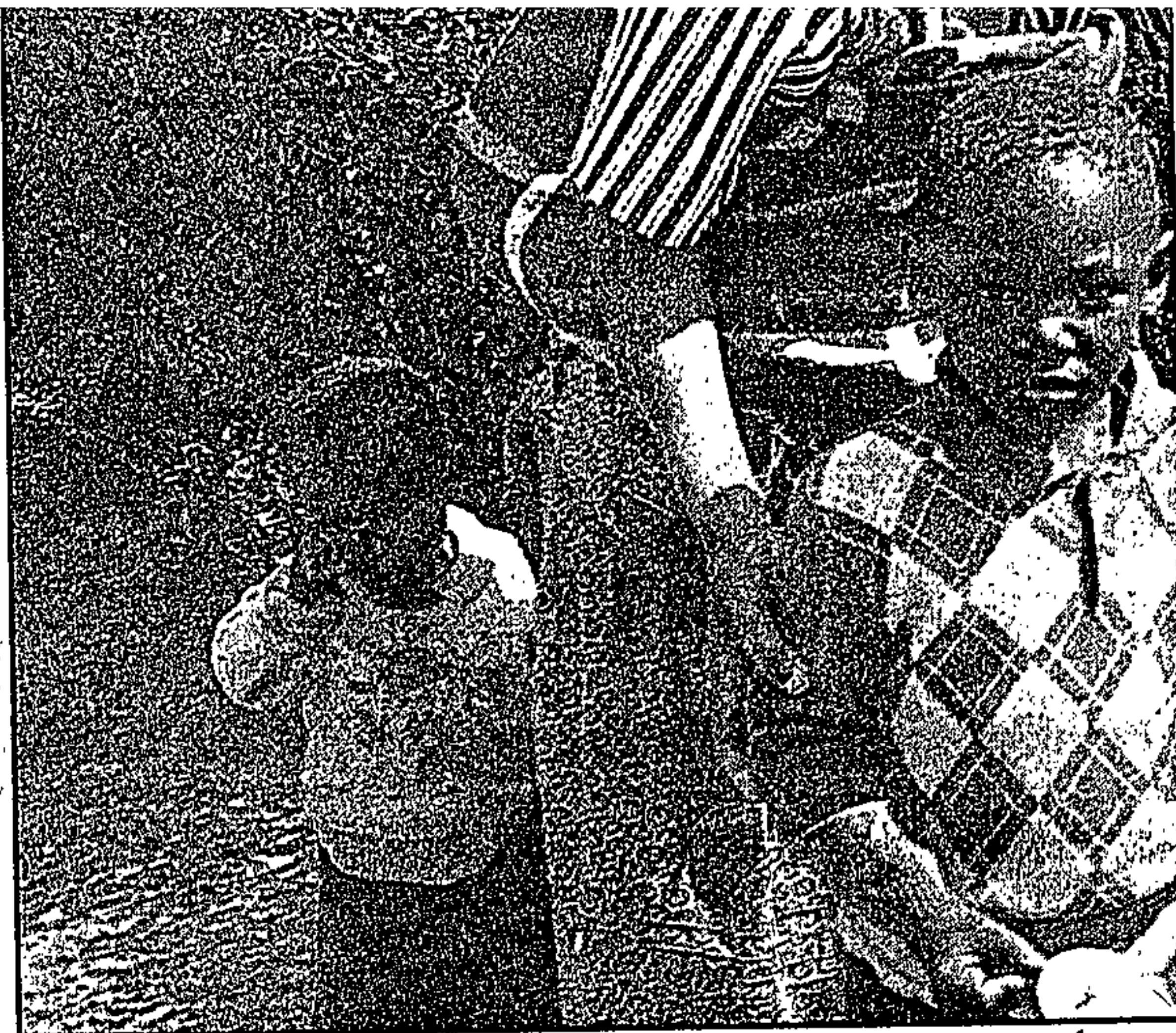
● Good progress was made at talks between the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation on ending the rent and service-charges boycott in Soweto, the TPA said.

Discussions, in which the councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville are also taking part, will resume today.

According to the TPA's Piet Wilken, the TPA has run out of funds and unless some revenue is forthcoming by the end of August, they would have to cut the services.

Civic Association spokesmen warned the TPA that, if it carried out its threats, it would have to bear the blame for the full-scale violence which would erupt.

This warning was echoed by United Municipalities of South Africa president Tom Boya, who appealed to President de Klerk to intervene.



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Jani bomb was 'a bid to ruin TerreBlanche'

By Cathy Stagg and Craig Kotze
One of two rightwingers allegedly responsible for the bomb blast last year outside former Sunday Times columnist Jani Allan's Sandton home has been charged in the Rand Supreme Court.

Fanie Goosen (29) of Vereeniging appeared briefly yesterday in connection with the blast and the murder and robbery of a taxi driver, Potoko Franzar Makgalemele, who was first stabbed then shot.

Mr Goosen will remain in custody until his case resumes on September 11. The second man, Cornelius Johannes Lottering (34), is being sought by police in the far Northern Transvaal.

Described as one of South Africa's most wanted men and an alleged member of the self-styled extremist right-wing "Order of Death", Mr Lottering escaped from police custody in Johannesburg along with Mr Goosen and other prisoners in March. Mr Goosen was

re-arrested on the farm Swarwater near the Botswana border.

Police are following up information that Mr Lottering is hiding out on farms in the Pietersburg and the Ellisras areas.

According to the charge sheet the two men committed murder, two counts of robbery, two counts of malicious damage to property, attempted intimidation and the unlawful possession of a firearm.

The two men are said to have "illegally caused an explosion" on July 14 last year against the wall of a block of flats named "The Birches" in Sandton.

Ms Allan, who has subsequently moved to London, was a resident.

The explosion was said to have been an attempt to threaten or force her to generate news reports which would contribute to ruining the expected nomination of AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche as a candidate for the September 1989 general elections.

Arrests a 'cheek' — ANC

Staff Reporters

The ANC yesterday described as "a damn cheek" the arrest and charging of three senior Cosatu officials, after they complained to the police that an alleged police spy had been caught red-handed.

ANC publicity chief Pallo Jordan was responding to the arrest of Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo,

assistant general secretary Sydney Mufamadi and distribution official Baba Schalk during a police raid on the Cosatu head office in Johannesburg on Tuesday.

The three officials, who were charged with kidnapping and robbery, briefly appeared in court yesterday and the case was postponed. Bail of R1 500 each was extended.

Fierce debate over the role of hostels

Although many fingers have been pointed at the hostel system as a major contributing factor to the recent township carnage, mining houses have insisted that they stay.

In the wake of recent violence which has claimed more than 500 lives, calls have been made by ANC and church leaders for the hostel network to be destroyed and for hostel dwellers to be given property in the townships so that they can become integrated members of the community.

But according to the country's mining houses, the need for the hostel system remains, although the original intention of hostel dwellings — to entrench the National Party's for-

mer influx control policy — is no longer valid.

"Hostels will remain a feature of mining life as long as there are single labourers seeking temporary work," says Adrian du Plessis, spokesman for Anglo American.

And as long as there is legislation stipulating that migrant workers and their families may not be housed within South Africa, the hostel system will serve a purpose, according to Gemmin chief executive, management resources, At du Plessis.

For local mineworkers seeking a way out of the hostels, however, the mining houses have offered an alternative.

All have embarked on a subsidised home ownership scheme

In the wake of the recent ethnic violence between hostel dwellers and township residents, calls have been made to do away with the hostel system. But the likelihood of single men's hostels becoming a dinosaur in labour history is remote. **HELEN GRANGE** reports.

in an effort to give workers the choice of being reunited with their families and living close to work.

Subsidised housing bonds are on offer and, according to Mr du Plessis, a number of black miners are exercising this choice.

"We have committed ourselves to promoting home ownership among the miners, and part of the fruits will be the population of the hostels. We are hoping that through this

programme, conditions in hostel life will improve," Mr du Plessis said.

However, according to National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) spokesman Jerry Majatladi, the housing scheme is only within reach of black middle management and does not benefit lower-income miners.

"The plan is elitist because they are building houses that most miners can't afford. Why can't the mining houses establish mining villages for blacks

as they did for white miners — on mine property?

"These villages could be racially integrated. They could also build flats where people who choose to bring their families could do so," Mr Majatladi said.

He added that as far as the NUM was concerned, hostels or compounds — "institutions deliberately created by capital in collusion with the State to control and cheapen black labour" — should be destroyed completely.

"The compounds are a social disaster — not only in terms of separating breadwinners from families, but in terms of the psychological strains placed on workers in them."

Mr Majatladi claimed the

hostel system also denied the dwellers the right to expression and also entrenched tribalism.

"In some hostels even today, mine management has tribal leaders called 'indunas' elected to administer. Hostel violence, in the majority of cases, is instigated by management's insistence on these methods."

The system also made it impossible for the union to organise workers because union leaders had to ask permission from mine management to enter hostel premises.

"Hostel dwellers are controlled by management to the extent that they become aliens in their own country. They cannot enjoy the same privileges that the community around them does," Mr Majatladi said.

But despite the concession by mining houses that the hostel system imposes hardships on workers, they believe the answer is not to destroy the system but rather to improve the conditions.

"As far as ethnicity is concerned, we do not encourage it in the hostels. We have taken a deliberate decision to integrate them," Mr du Plessis said.

"And we believe that, by depopulating the hostels of miners who will become homeowners, the conditions for those workers who wish not to settle will improve."

The hostel system is now a subject of fierce debate between the NUM and mining houses.

Mortuary horror: inquiry

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Crime Reporter

An internal investigation has now been launched by Witwatersrand police into the situation where rotting corpses were discovered in the open air at the Boksburg mortuary by Transkeian relatives.

Police said bodies were at all times handled with the "greatest respect possible" under difficult circumstances.

"The situation has now to a large extent been normalised at the relevant mortuary," said Captain Eugene Opperman, Witwatersrand police spokesman.

Yesterday 93 bodies were moved to the Diepkloof mortuary.

Captain Opperman said an abnormal situation developed at the Boksburg mortuary after the recent unrest, in which about 516 people were killed.

Bodies were found by police in an already-decomposing state and were placed in the open, but out of the public gaze, to facilitate identification by relatives.

"Police arranged with private funeral parlours to take 100 bodies. Parlours did not want to take bodies that were not in body bags. Only a small number of body bags were obtained.

"On August 27, a number of bodies were waiting to be transported to private parlours when mortuary staff received a telephone call from someone claiming to be from the Transkei consulate.

"He requested that the bodies not be removed because he was bringing people in an attempt to identify the bodies. To assist these people, the bodies were laid out in the courtyard of the mortuary," said Captain Opperman.

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Attack victim in serious condition

'Health must be ensured'

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In terms of the Health Act governing the duties and powers of local authorities, municipalities which cut water and sewerage to townships could be breaking the law if unsanitary conditions develop (215)

A spokesman for the Johannesburg Health Department said a medical officer of health was responsible for ensuring the health of the population in his district. This meant the provision of adequate water and sewerage.

On Tuesday, Carolina's Conservative Party town council cut water, waterborne sewerage and

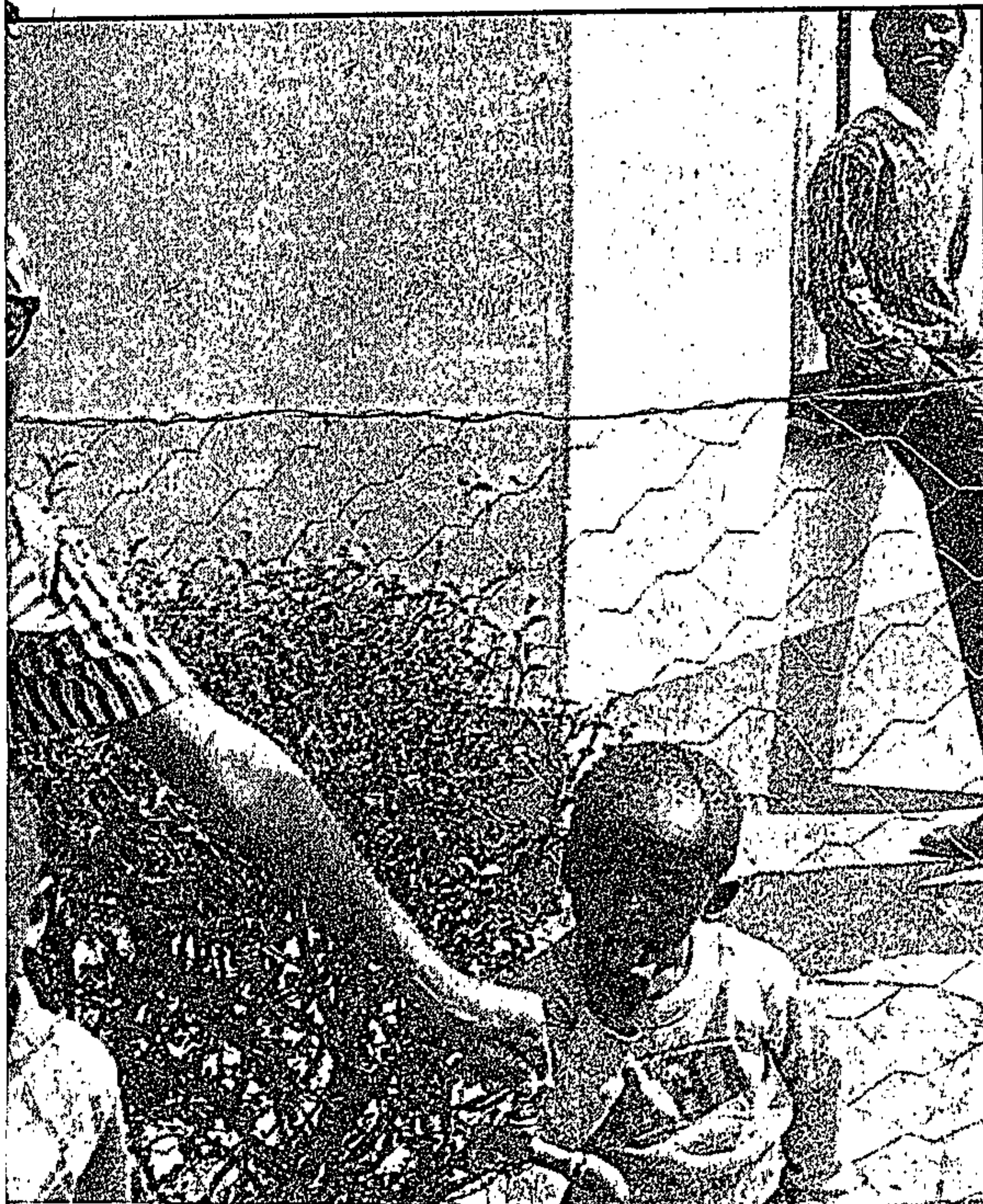
electricity to the Silobela township because it was R25 000 in arrears.

Section 20 of the Local Authorities Health Act requires councils to maintain their districts at all times in a hygienic and clean condition.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's director of liaison services, Piet Wilkens, said consumers had been warned of cuts if they did not pay their bills.

"Our bridging finance to assist boycott-hit black local authorities to pay their accounts and salaries is running out."

Mr Wilkens said he was sorry to hear that Carolina had cut services — "but people must pay for what they get".



Rent Cuts Straws

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JOHANNESBURG. — As troops went into the blacked-out township of Silobela yesterday, the government warned that more Transvaal townships could face power and water cuts.

The township's power and water was cut off this week by the Conservative Party-controlled Carolina Town Council, and two other Transvaal town councils warned they would do the same.

A police spokesman said riot squads and army units moved into Silobela after "people gathered in groups" to demonstrate against authorities.

In the latest developments in the growing rent-boy-cott crisis in Transvaal townships yesterday:

● The Minister of Provincial Planning, Mr Herrus Kriel, warned that other townships could also suffer blackouts because the government had run out of money to provide them with the bridging finance which pays for water, power and other supplies. But Mr Kriel said the government would not follow

Carolina's example.

● In Soweto, residents and authorities were last night working on a plan to end the rent boycott.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers and a member of the Soweto residents' negotiation team, said: "We're working on a draft agreement."

● Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) authorities yesterday undertook to pay the outstanding R22 298 for Silobela's water and electricity supplies. Carolina's mayor, Mr Sarel Bloem, said last night, adding he had ordered that the supplies be reconnected.

Meanwhile community structures in Silobela have instructed lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) to intervene in the action taken by the town council.

LHR national director Mr Brian Curran said in his opinion the council had acted unlawfully.

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Kriel said: "The fact is that the government simply does not have funds to continue to provide bridging finance and that the onus to pay for these services rests with the consumers themselves."

He said the decision not to continue bridging finance was taken after lengthy consultations with the leaders and communities involved, and after repeated reminders of the consequences of non-payment.

He added he hoped this move would not add to the violence in reef towns.

The cutting of services would not be implemented in "one shot" but would be done in phases, depending on the situation in the townships.

The government would ensure that essential services would not be affected, he said.

According to Section 20 of the Health Act, all local authorities must take reasonable steps to render services that prevent communicable diseases and promote health.

He said the government had made R632 million available in bridging finance for all the black local authorities in the country to balance their books.

Reacting to Mr Kriel's statement, United Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president Mr Tom Boya predicted widespread township chaos if the TPA went through with its decision to restrict township electricity and water supplies.

He said Mr Kriel's announcement was likely to jeopardise negotiations on future local government structures.

In Soweto, negotiators were yesterday putting together a draft agreement that will precede a formal accord ending a devastating five-year-old rent boycott in Soweto.

"We're working on a draft agreement, putting final elements together," said Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, a member of the residents' negotiating team.

The talks, that began in the morning had been tough, he conceded.

During a tea break yesterday afternoon, members of the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) which also includes Mrs Albertina Sisulu, met in a separate room for what appeared to be final consultations. Participants in the talks remained evasive, although spokesmen gave solid indications there had been a breakthrough.

The meeting brought together officials of the Soweto City Council, Dobsonville Town Council, Diepkemaduw, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the SPD.

—Sapa

Consultants plan future for Mamelodi

Sowetan 31/8/90

THE Regional Services Councils has appointed an independent company to devise a plan which will address the needs of the Mamelodi community.

The firm will consult with community organisations, including the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress.

The plan, which is aimed at "leading Mamelodi into the year 2000", was announced by Mr Johan Walters, director of the company conducting the survey, at the Mamelodi City Council monthly meeting yesterday.

Housing

He said issues such as education, housing, land, infrastructure and job creation opportunities and many others were being looked into to get a clear indication of what the people's needs were.

Walters told the meeting that 28 organisations were to be consulted in this regard.

By ALINAH DUBE

These will include self help groups, associations involving church ministers, squatters, youth, taxis, traders, educationists and the liberation movement.

"We have to consult with these people and explain to them what our objective is because we need both their support and participation.

"We feel that the needs of a community can only be addressed fully by bringing all concerned parties around the table to discuss and decide jointly," said Walters.

A "perspective report" on the survey will be submitted to the council for consideration in preparation for a development summit which is scheduled to be held next year, he said.

Mr Simon Mokone, the local mayor, welcomed the move and said it was a step in the right direction.

FEATURE

Women become warriors in township conflict



In the forefront . . . women, armed with a variety of weapons, prepare to fight. A university expert says the breakdown in family structures means women have taken on the male 'duties' of protecting and defending.

● Pictures by Ken Osterbroek.

... Monica Nicolson

During the township violence of the past few weeks it was not unusual to see aggressive women marching down dusty streets, brandishing pitchforks, pangas and knobkerries, hurling stones and petrol bombs through windows and singing provocative war songs.

Township women have not only become more politicised, they have become militant and willing to fight like men, according to people who witnessed recent battles.

"We are taking up spears and guns and moving into the front line against the enemy," said Black Housewives' League vice-chairman Andronica August, who has close contact with the conflict.

"It's our children who are being killed, our homes that are being burnt down, so even if we don't want to, we have to take sides and fight out of necessity. Giving emotional support to our husbands and sons is not enough any more," she said.

Forced

A Soweto shebeen queen who identified herself only as Irene said that many women in the township did not have husbands and were sole supporters and protectors of their children.



War dancing . . .

singing militant songs, women/whip up their emotions while the men sit beside a burning barricade.

he said women had been forced to take the role of the fighter, to stand up and defend themselves, as men would no longer do it for them.

If someone tries to rob or hurt me, I will fight like hell and with everything I've got until the kill me," she said.

Black Sash worker, who wanted to be known only as Mita, lives across the road from a Soeto hostel where many of the township's bloodiest battles took place.

After witnessing death

literally on her doorstep, Mita called on women to stand up and fight for their children's safety against what she perceived as attacks by police and Inkatha.

She claimed that last month Inkatha supporters told her they were out to kill her children.

"As a mother, I will stand up and fight to the very end. We need to help our men because they are slow and women are quick and more alert," she said.

Along with many women The Star spoke

to, she was willing to sacrifice her life for peace and believed the only way was to burn down the hostels and send all Inkatha workers back to KwaZulu.

Women became engaged in violence only as a desperate last solution, according to the director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Research Project on Violence, Lloyd Vogelman.

"Many feel that unless they destroy the enemy, their lives and those of their family would be seriously jeopardised," he said.

Mr Vogelman said with the breakdown of family structures, women were elevated to the head of the household and their duties included protecting and defending — not a normal traditional role for black women.

However, he pointed out that women did not instigate the violence and it was not common for women to get involved in active combat fighting.

"It shows how widespread the fighting has become that women have joined in. Women

have taken the law into their own hands because they believe there is no judicial retribution," he said.

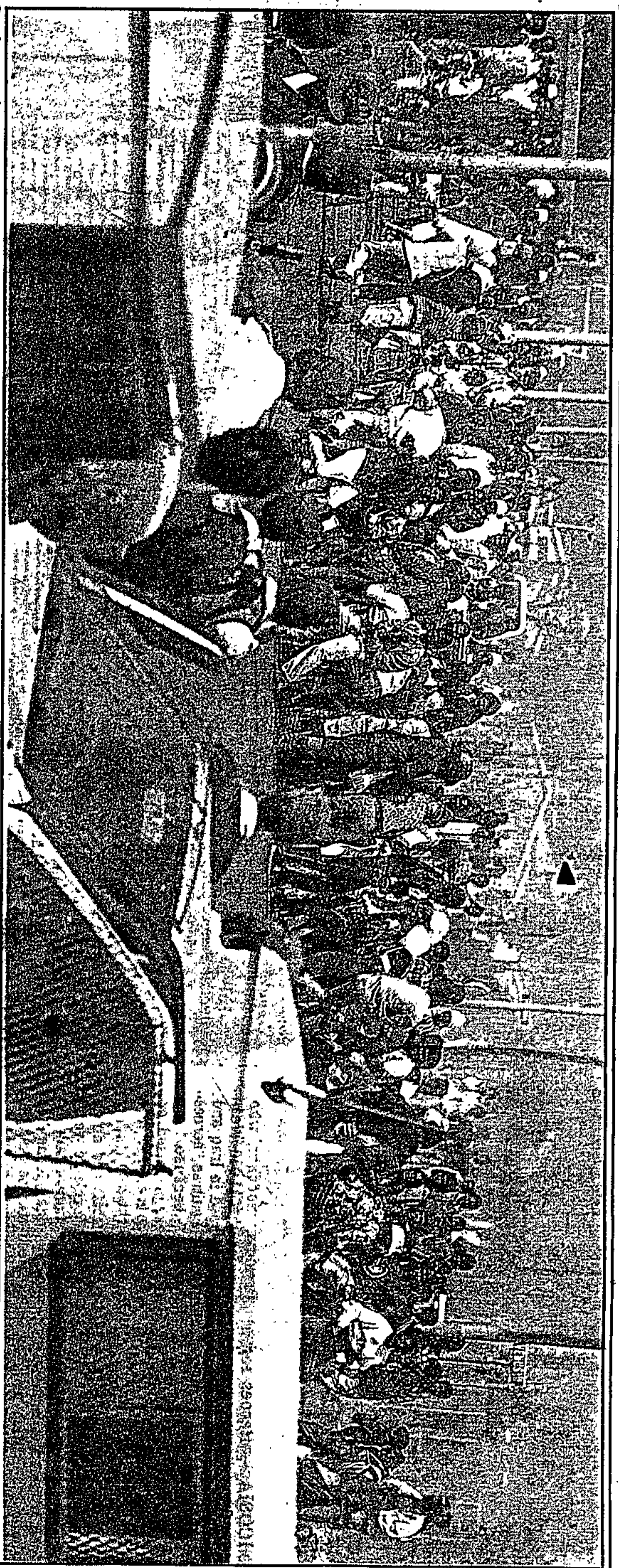
Earlier this month, Winnie Mandela urged supporters at the ANC's Women's League in Sebokeng not to fight against Zulus as that would be playing into the hands of the Government, who she said were conniving with Inkatha to attack blacks.

However, she added that if the need arose, ANC women would fight Inkatha to defend their children.

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NEWS



On the march . . . A teargas canister is shot over the heads of a crowd of marchers in Ennerdale yesterday after they were ordered by police to disperse. ● Picture by Ken Osterbroek.



In Carolina's Silobela township a drink of water has meant a 2 km walk since the CP-controlled council cut services. Last night, the restored the services following pressure from the Transvaal Provincial Administration and threats of court action. ● Picture by Alf K

Soweto rent boycott to end

Staff Reporters

Soweto's four-year rent and services boycott is set to end on September 24 after an agreement in principle last night between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and the Greater Soweto councils to write off R516 million in arrears.

After a 15-hour meeting it was decided that township residents will pay a uniform tariff of R55 for September and from October an interim service charge of R23 a household plus electricity on metered consumption of 12c a unit.

This rate will apply until new affordable tariffs have been established in consultation with a joint technical committee appointed by the principal bodies.

The Soweto agreement comes in the wake of the announcement by Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel that the Government would cut bridging finance today.

This could see the termination of electricity and possibly water and

sewerage services to at least 50 rent-boycotting townships throughout the Transvaal.

Mr Kriel said at a press conference in Pretoria that the Government had simply run out of money.

"This is not a political decision but a financial one," he said, adding he hoped this would not lead to renewed township violence. He said electricity would first be cut, followed by refuse removal. Water would only be reduced or cut off at certain times of the day but essential services such as hospitals would not be affected.

Vulnerable

The towns most vulnerable to power cuts — having received the largest-bridging finance payments last year — include Alexandra, north of Johannesburg (R10,7 million); Diepmeadow (R49 million); Dobsonville (R11 million); Lekoa (R12 million); Daveyton (R4 million); Tokhoza (R4 million) and Atteridgeville (R9 million).

Most of these needy townships

also showed a massive budget deficit for the 1989/90 financial year.

Mr Kriel said R428 million was budgeted for bridging finances in the Transvaal during the present financial year ending in March 1991. Only R99 million remained.

Eskom management was meeting this morning to decide what action to take on power cuts.

● Carolina's Conservative Party-controlled council yesterday reconnected electricity and water to Silobela township.

The council bowed to pressure from the TPA and Lawyers for Human Rights, which threatened to bring urgent Supreme Court interdicts against the local authority.

Last night residents reported that their services had been restored at 6 pm.

Belfast Town Council, which threatened to cut off services on Tuesday, has extended its deadline.

The Soweto agreement will be referred to various parties' constituencies for ratification and another meeting has been scheduled for September 24 for the formal agreement.

We won't pay, say angry residents

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By Louise Burgers

Residents of Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, are threatening to boycott all accounts sent out by the local authority if their grievances about high and faulty accounts for water and lights are not addressed.

Yesterday residents clashed repeatedly with a large contingent of police when they demonstrated outside the civic centre and attempted to march on the local police station.

Residents also embarked on a work stayaway after police took action against marchers late on Wednesday.

Eyewitnesses said police used birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse crowds.

SAP liaison officer, Captain Pieter van Deventer, confirmed

that police baton-charged and teargassed residents, but denied birdshot and rubber bullets were used. Four people were arrested.

A member of the Ennerdale Civic Association, Howard Sauls, said police used birdshot against residents again yesterday, injuring one man.

Bleeding

Mr Sauls said: "I was standing two metres away from the man who was hit. A crowd had gathered at the entrance to the town. Police told the people to disperse.

"Teargas was fired and then I heard a shot and a man scream. He was bleeding from his left side."

Ennerdale residents say they have been fighting a nine-year battle to stop accounts from rising steeply every year. Angry residents claim the council is overcharging for water and electricity.

An average family of four or five pays between R300 and R500 for electricity and water each month — an exorbitant amount, residents believe.

Earlier at a meeting attended by about 1 000 people, the Ennerdale Civic Association called for the resignation of the management committee and the sensitive handling of faulty accounts. Residents threatened to boycott all accounts sent out by the local authority until the situation was settled.

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Service cuts in 50 townships?

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JOHANNESBURG. — Up to 50 townships refusing to pay for water, electricity and rent over allegations of inferior service face a cut-off of utilities from yesterday if they decline to resume payments.

While authorities have said services will not be cut out of hand, some communities in the Free State and Northern Cape could face a blackout early next month if existing accounts are not paid within the next week.

Informed sources in Cape Town said yesterday that non-payment of rents and services in the whole of the Cape Province was not "as problematic" as in the other provinces.

Soweto on Thursday called off a five-year rent boycott after talks with officials, but other townships housing more than 2,5 million people have been refusing to settle with the white-run authorities supplying their services.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Hernus Kriel formally opened the way for mass cut-offs on Thursday when he said the government would stop all bridging finance to local authorities for the provision of services to non-paying communities.

Almost all Free State and Northern Cape municipalities are now negotiating with black local authorities to resolve the confrontation over this issue.

Townships have alleged they

receive services inferior to those supplied to white areas, and administered by officials insensitive to the urgent needs of many poor and neglected townships.

Meanwhile representatives from several associations including the ANC recommended yesterday that the rent and service-payment boycott in the Eastern Transvaal should be lifted.

The Witbank meeting, between representatives from, among others, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the ANC, civic associations and the United Municipalities of South Africa created a representative working group to address these problems in the Eastern Transvaal. — UPI, Sapa and Political Staff

SEBOKENG: JUDGE BLAMES POLICE

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Out-of-control cops caused shootings

CP Reporter

A JUDGE has slated policemen involved in the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 this year and recommended that the Attorney-General investigate prosecutions against several of them.

Judge RJ Goldstone found in his commission report no order was given to police to shoot in an incident at the Sebokeng police station where five people were killed and 161 injured after a UDF march to present a memorandum to the police.

On the same day seven more people were killed and more than a hundred others injured in scattered incidents during unrest in the Lekoa townships.

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Peace pact in Natal's killing fields

A PEACE pact signed yesterday has ended the carnage in the killing fields of the Natal north coast.

The Lower Umfolozi Regional Peace Accord was the brainchild of the Zululand Chamber of Industries and was signed by Inkatha, the ANC, Cosatu, the mayors of Esikhwini, Ngwenelazane and Enseleni plus security forces in the area.

Empanjeni and Richards Bay, reports Sapa.

The ANC said: "Local leaders of the people feel strongly that this commitment to peace principles will lead to real peace in the area and they believe

not be disrupted by political activity

Problems experienced by refugees must be urgently addressed with a view to their rehabilitation and return home.

Organisations must not abuse the youth for violent purposes.

Dangerous weapons should not be carried in public and the possession of illegal weapons is condemned.

Residents should be guided by local leadership and runouts by outside forces which incite people to violence must be stamped out.

A joint peace rally will be held soon, the ANC

Funeral of violence victims

CP Reporters

TWENTY-SIX people killed in the Reef violence will be buried at a mass funeral in Kagiso today.

The Kagiso Crisis Committee has appealed to residents to identify bodies still at the mortuary.

At least 45 people were killed in Kagiso during the violence which erupted on the Reef about three weeks ago.

Meanwhile, police have been criticised after rotting bodies were found "dumped" in the back yards of two mortuaries on the East Rand. Police said the large number of dead had led to an abnormal situation and undertakers had refused to take away bodies not in body

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He however did not find evidence of criminal conduct on Du Plooy's part.

"The taking of human life and causing of injuries by policemen, where it is without justification, is a matter of utmost gravity," the judge said.

The ANC said in a Press statement yesterday the commission findings demonstrated "indiscipline, callousness and readiness to shoot on the part of the police". If the ANC had not postponed the Groote Schuur talks an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash, the statement said.

Goldstone said the way in which special constables loaded their guns without receiving orders was "a matter of grave concern", and he suggested that the use of special constables during unrest be reconsidered by the authorities.

In a Press release yesterday Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in future special constables would as far as possible not be used for riots and crowd control.

He said the actions of certain policemen would be referred to the Attorney-General and steps had already been taken to adapt the training of riot police.

Goldstone also criticised the organisers of the march, saying they had informed the authorities about it at short notice and the march had been organised in a haphazard way.

Although no order was given to shoot, a policeman fired a shot. "That was followed by a chain reaction in which a large number of policemen fired in the direction of the crowd."

The judge found that Const S van Rhyn fired the first shot intentionally.

Of the 161 people known to have been shot at this incident, 84 were shot from behind.

Of a total of 11 incidents in which people died or were injured, the report devotes most attention to the Sebokeng march in which 50 000 people took part.

Du Plooy had set up the 47-member Reaction Unit "police line" near the Sebokeng police station because he thought the people wanted to march to Vereeniging.

The report says Du Plooy had erred because he did not call for reinforcements, there appeared to be a lack of coordination and discipline among his men, and he did not liaise with the Sebokeng police station commander Col OP Mazibuko.

Du Plooy was situated away from his men and was not able to communicate effectively with them.

Twenty-two members of the Reaction Unit were special constables.

The judge rejected as false police evidence that members of the crowd were carrying pangas and iron pipes.

At the time of the shooting the crowd was between 30m and 40m from the police line.

Not more than five stones were thrown at the police. The behaviour of the crowd might have warranted the use of teargas but only after a proper warning to disperse.

Goldstone recommended that the conduct of the policemen who shot at the crowd be referred to the Attorney-General. "They shot without an order to do so."

He also recommended that the case of Sgt R Van Huyssteen and Constable JJPA Geldenhuys in connection with the fatal shooting of five people in other incidents be referred to the Attorney-General.

He recommended that the fatal shooting of Mahlomala David Khaile near the Evaton Service Station be referred to the Attorney-General.



Songbirds in a nest of their own ... Mara Louw and her daughter the first time in Mthobeli Mutloatse's latest musical *Baby G* Theatre on September 17 with the evergreen Afro-fusion

Sello joins *City Press* Abc



JOURNALIST Sekola Sello has been appointed *City Press* political editor.

Sello, 38, was formerly assistant editor at *Drum* magazine. He started his career as a sports reporter with *The World* and later with *Transvaal Post*.

He is a former sports editor of the *The Voice*. Sello studied African Politics and Development Administration through Unisa.

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Computer 'kills off' thousands of pensioners

By SOPHIE TEMA

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THOUSANDS of elderly black people are deprived of their pensions every month – because a computer has declared them dead.

A 79-year-old Soweto woman, Violet Maqubela, is among several pensioners who have been battling for the pension which was stopped because she was believed to have died.

A spokeswoman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration Pensions Department said: "We have had thousands of complaints from people who have been 'killed by the computer'.

"But if these people come forward and claim their money we do our best to see to it they are paid their outstanding pensions."

This week, Maqubela said she had been battling since February 1989 for her pension, which she did not receive during December 1988 and January 1989.

She said: "I was requested to submit an affidavit that I received no pension for the two months, but until now I have had no response."

Veteran civic leader George Xorile said his pension was approved in November 1989. He was promised he would be paid arrears of R510 for the period September 27 to November 30 and R150 for December 1989.

In January this year he found there was no money for him and was told his pension had been deposited in a building society. The account number he was given belonged to someone else.

"Then I went to Albert Street to the pensions department and only after one of the officials had taken me to the bank was a new account opened for me. A sum of R660 was deposited but subsequently I did not receive my pension for February, March and April.

"When I went back I was told to submit my ID numbers and an affidavit stating I had not received my pension for three months. In May I was paid for only one month and until now I have not received payment for the three outstanding months."

Leah Elizabeth Baqwa had her pension cut off for 14 months.

After she had made several representations to the TPA Pensions Department she received only R750 for the months that she had not been paid. Baqwa says she is still owed R1 350.

Council to upgrade ranks

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THE Diep/Meadow City Council is to invite black and white building construction companies to tender for the upgrading of the bus and taxi ranks opposite the Baragwanath Hospital next year, writes Joshua Raboroko. *Sowetan 3/9/90*

The council has decided to demolish the rank as well as part of the shops at a

cost exceeding R4-million in an attempt to stop fighting among taxi drivers and owners and to improve the congestion in the area.

The council's engineer, Mr Patrick Gunn, said they invited a consulting company, Scott and De Waal, to do a feasibility study for them.

Charge all police linked to Sebokeng shootings — ANC

By Patrick Laurence

The African National Congress has called for the prosecution of all policemen involved in the shooting of protest marchers in Sebokeng and its neighbouring townships on March 26.

Its call came yesterday in response to the findings of the Goldstone Commission — released at the weekend — that there was complete lack of discipline and control of the police and that the firing of live ammunition had not been ordered and was unjustified.

While Mr Justice Richard Goldstone was sharply critical of several policemen on duty at Sebokeng that day, including, and in some ways especially, the commanding officer of the police line, Captain WJ du Plooy, the organisers of the march did not escape censure.

In its reaction yesterday, the ANC said: "The ANC notes the issues raised by the Goldstone report regarding organisation, co-ordination and marshalling of marches, and we strive constantly to improve our performance..."

Mr Justice Goldstone said in his report: "The march at Sebokeng was not properly and effectively organised. Confusion helped create in the police line a nervousness and a feeling of being threatened."

Earlier in his report the judge criticised the organisers, the ANC-aligned UDF, for giving the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves

"insufficient time to properly cancel the march".

He added: "Organisations responsible for such mass action should give serious consideration to adequate planning in organisation and control, and thus reduce the risks occasioned by confusion..."

A summary of the main points from the ANC's reaction and, for elucidation, appropriate findings from Mr Justice Goldstone's report, are:

- The ANC did not recognise the right of the Government to proscribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate".

- The Goldstone Commission found that the crowd, which was 50 000-strong, was not armed with pangas and iron pipes and that, at the most, five stones had been thrown.

Disregard

- "It is clear from the commission report that all police officers, from Captain du Plooy down to the men in his command, acted in violation of standard police procedures and wilfully chose to disregard Colonel (Othniel) Mazibuko, the senior officer in the area."

Mr Justice Goldstone said of Captain du Plooy: "He failed to inform Colonel Mazibuko, his senior, of his presence in Sebokeng. He did not even inform him of his presence in the vicinity of Colonel Mazibuko's own police station."

- The ANC said: "The shooting was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let

alone ammunition that was so deadly."

The Goldstone Commission concluded that the shooting was unjustified and that the "force used was quite immoderate and disproportionate".

- The ANC said: "We fully expect that all police personnel involved in this incident will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Pending such legal proceedings, the policemen identified should immediately be suspended from duty."

Mr Justice Goldstone said: "... the conduct of policemen who shot live ammunition into the crowd merits the attention of the Attorney-General." He was specifically critical of three policemen: Sergeant R van Huysteen (whose bullets killed four people), Constable J J J P A Geldenhuys and Warrant Officer K J I Csajaghy, a security policeman of 12 years' standing who was guilty of "blatant mendacity".

- The ANC said: "It is clear that had the ANC not taken the steps it did, including the postponement of the Groote Schuur talks, an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash which would have covered up the crime committed against our people."

In his reaction to the Goldstone Commission report, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok noted that, while some individual policemen had been criticised, "the judge voiced no essential criticism against the force as a whole, except in as much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".

Nerves on edge during Star 3/9/90 343 tense night in Tokoza

By Julianne du Toit

"I nearly shot you," the parabat laughed with relief when we climbed from the car outside Tokoza hostel number three.

Everyone in Tokoza was nervous last night.

At Phola Park a crowd of blanketed men armed with knobkerries and sharpened poles surrounded The Star car when it stopped. The peering men relaxed when they saw white faces, but only for a moment.

"Here come the guns," they said fearfully when machinegun fire sounded in the distance and tracer bullets flew skywards.

"Why don't you bring guns and leave them with us? Just one," begged one of them, a member of the Phola Park Defence Committee.

Vice-president of the

committee, Prince Mhlambi, complained that the soldiers had disarmed them, but not the hostel dwellers.

"How can we defend ourselves? Why don't they take their weapons?" he asked angrily.

Josephine Nyandeni, with a baby on her back, ran back to her crippled son when she heard the machineguns.

Her three other children, along with all their belongings, had been waiting for her on the pavement near the hostels.

She was looking for someone who would take them in after they fled from Phola Park.

Mrs Nyandeni said they were scared after hostel dwellers had chased and killed a Phola Park resident. Vusi (23) in a wheelchair would be a "sitting duck" if they came again, she said.

Gruesome trail of death from bullets and pangas in townships

Gang murders at random

Staff Reporters

Calm returned to the war-torn East Rand townships today following a weekend of carnage which left 23 people dead and many injured.

A group of men armed with guns and other weapons left a trail of death in Tembisa and Tokoza on Saturday night when they drove through both townships in a minibus, shooting and hacking to death at least 12 bystanders and injuring others.

SAP liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Captain Eugene Opperman, said that during the carnage the gang had stopped at several places, got out of the vehicle and attacked fleeing pedestrians.

He said the police were investigating the possibility that the group wanted to whip up residents' emotions to disrupt the funeral of 19 people who were buried in Kagiso on the West Rand yesterday.

By early today, the situation was reported calm but very tense as police patrolled the townships, mainly in the hostel areas. No reports of any further attacks had been received, according to a police spokesman.

Clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents flared up in a tense Tokoza yesterday, leaving at least nine people dead. Police units moved into the area and used teargas to disperse rival groups.

'Usual story'

A platoon commander at Tokoza's number three hostel told The Star last night that hostel residents had "kidnapped" Tokoza residents, brought them back to the hostel and killed them.

He would not say how many had been killed in this way.

When asked why this had not been stopped, he shrugged and said: "What can you do? We're always too late."

He said the hostel dwellers left the hostel individually, armed with "traditional weapons" — the "usual story" — and had formed a group further on.

Captain Opperman said the police had no information about where the bodies were found.

Phola Park defence committee spokesman Prince Mhlambi last night told The Star a squatter resident had been shot and hacked when he fled into a deserted hostel yesterday morning. His body was found in a toilet.

Two more people died at the weekend in renewed fighting at Vosloorus on the East Rand. The bodies, along with two AK-47 rifles and ammunition, were found near a hostel in the township.

The fighting follows last month's worst yet upsurge of violence in Reef townships in which well over 500 people died and thousands were injured.

- In Johannesburg, two armed groups clashed at a hostel in Jeppe. Casualty figures are not known.

- In Natal, a father and his son were burnt to death after being set alight at a township near Durban. Two more men were injured in separate shooting incidents in the province.

- In the Free State, police used teargas to disperse a crowd at Kroonstad after barricades were erected in a township.

- Kagiso residents mourn victims

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Two die in Soweto shooting

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Two men died and two were injured in a shooting at Baragwanath Hospital's taxi rank at 6 pm yesterday.

According to eyewitness reports, the attack was carried out by five men travelling in a Nissan minibus, a police spokesman said.

The full registration of the vehicle is unknown, but the first three

letters are believed to be NRR.

The police do not think the killings were related to other attacks in East Rand townships at the weekend.

The injured were admitted to hospital where their condition was said to be stable. The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released. — Sapa.



Final farewell... a Numsa flag spans a hearse as thousands of people gather yesterday to bury 19 Kagiso residents, killed during violence in Transvaal townships last month. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Star 3/1/90 Azapo speaker shouted down at Kagiso burial

Thousands of mourners in cold and rainy weather yesterday buried 19 Kagiso residents, killed during the violence which swept through the West Rand township last month.

The funeral service was peaceful, although marshals battled to control the large crowd gathered in the small local stadium.

Tension could have erupted into violence when a police video team walked through the crowd and started filming proceedings. People started throwing stones and hurling verbal abuse, and a policeman pulled out his service revolver.

Further confrontation was avoided when ANC marshals removed the policemen from the area. The only other signs

of police surveillance were three police vans driving past and a helicopter, which briefly circled above the stadium.

The Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) today accused the ANC of political thuggery after a speaker representing the organisation was shouted down while addressing mourners at the funeral.

Azapo deputy president Nchauphe Mokoape, in a statement released to Sapa, condemned "the unruliness of the ANC and its affiliates during the funeral".

He said Azapo speaker Dan Matsosane was "hounded and harassed" by people wearing ANC colours and SA Communist Party T-shirts when he attempted to address the large crowd from the stage.

He was forced to leave the platform, despite ANC appeals for the crowd to be tolerant.

When a Kagiso councillor tried to speak, people jeered, chanted and sang until he too left the platform.

Also, Azapo banners displayed at the funeral were "torn by knife-wielding thugs", Mr Mokoape said.

"We in Azapo are truly disgusted. Is this a glimpse of the new non-racial, democratic South Africa for which the ANC says it is working?" he asked.

Azapo had always welcomed ANC speakers on its platforms without any difficulty.

"We were shocked that the unruly element of the ANC would not even listen to the im-

passioned pleas of their leadership," Mr Mokoape said.

"We are worried that there may be an undisciplined element within the ANC who are not only creating problems for other organisations, but who may also become an uncontrollable monster for them," the statement said.

A claim by SA Council of Churches general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, that police knew about and planned last month's Inkatha attack on ANC members, was enthusiastically received by the mourners.

Mr Chikane said the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's findings into the Sebokeng shootings showed that police were colluding with the enemy and "murdering our people in cold blood".

"The commission showed police had no need to kill those people in Sebokeng. When we accused the police of doing so, they said we were lying."

"The majority of police are trained to murder us and are given guns to shoot us to protect the white minority."

"Police must be re-trained and re-educated so they can be part of the new South Africa."

SA Youth Congress president Peter Mokaba alleged that police and vigilantes had killed ANC comrades.

He called on youths to swell the ranks of Umkhonto we Sizwe so that the ANC could resort to armed action if the Government refused to negotiate.

— Staff Reporter and Sapa.

Meeting with victims likely

FW in surprise visit to Soweto

President de Klerk is paying his first visit to Soweto today as State President, to get direct information about the township violence and show sympathy for the victims.

He is accompanied by members of his Cabinet.

It is his first visit to any black township since his inauguration as State President a year ago this month.

The Government will be anxious to see how well Mr de Klerk is received in the heart of black South Africa.

The visit could be an important test of his standing in the black community since his decisive reforms of February 2.

Opinion polls have indicated Mr de Klerk personally may enjoy the support of about 22 percent of blacks, trailing only ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela with 58 percent.

The Government has kept details of the visit extremely secret, mainly for security reasons.

It is understood Mr de Klerk and his Ministers flew in by helicopter about 9 am today and were due to return about midday.

No itinerary was released in advance. But sources indicated he would visit hospitals to meet victims of the township warfare.

Hostels

He is also expected to visit hostels, to see for himself the living conditions of migrant workers.

The hostels have been at the centre of the township fighting with mostly Zulu Inkatha-supporting single hostel-dwellers pitted against ANC-supporting permanent township residents.

The ANC and others have blamed the hostel system for much of the violence and have often appealed to the Government to do something about it.

At the weekend Mr de Klerk responded by ordering National Health Minister Rina Venter to investigate hostel conditions.

He said the Government be-

**By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent**

lieved it was "in the interests of healthy family life that accommodation should essentially be provided on a family basis".

Dr Venter would examine the possibility of converting hostels into suitable family units where possible.

In the same statement Mr de Klerk voiced his "deep concern" about the township killing and extended his sympathy and that of the Government to all the victims of the township violence and their families.

Today's visit was a concrete expression of that sympathy, Government sources said.

"But he also just wants to see what's going on out there," an official said.

It is also possible that Mr de Klerk may be visiting schools, which have been the centre of much conflict and tension.

Soweto was chosen both because it is the symbol of urban black South Africa and also because it has witnessed some of the recent wave of township fighting. It was not known early today if Mr de Klerk would visit ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela, who lives in Soweto.

Government officials said they thought not. However, it seems unlikely Mr de Klerk would not have informed his trusted counterpart that he would be visiting his "turf".

Mr de Klerk is the second head of state to visit Soweto. His predecessor P W Botha did so shortly after becoming Prime Minister.

Barend feels Right's wrath

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Police and rightwingers were last night involved in several scuffles when about 300 khaki-clad demonstrators attempted to disrupt a meeting addressed by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis in Wolmaranstad's town hall.

Police armed with batons charged the crowd outside the hall. Several policemen, one a colonel, were assaulted.

Mr du Plessis was several times forced to stop speaking.

His address was delayed for more than an hour as police tried to clear the hall of the rightwingers. Sneez powder was thrown during the confrontation.



Agassi takes off his sweat-soaked shirt after he defeated Jay Berger in the fourth round in Flushing Meadow yesterday.

© Picture by Reuter.

on the menu

anything like that had been planned. But they could have stopped it immediately," she said.

Manager Eugene Spies said the restaurant owners were sorry about the incident and had apologized to parents for the embarrassment caused.

"As a family restaurant, strip-teases are not acceptable to us.

"Unfortunately we did not know they had planned to strip. We definitely wouldn't have allowed it."

Reporter's brother

shot dead

Staff Reporters

Renewed fighting broke out on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle early today following the killing of at least 10 people in townships last night.

Zulu bands have been accused of attacking residents of several townships, including Vosloorus and Katlehong on the East Rand and Sebokeng in the Vaal area.

The Star's boxing writer, Arthur Molisiwa, described today how his brother Jerry was killed in cold blood at 9.30 last night as he sat with his wife Lala and a friend watching TV in their Vosloorus home opposite a hostel.

"The mob started stoning the house and when they broke the windows, Jerry phoned the police who arrived in an armoured vehicle. The attackers dispersed but returned, smashed the burglar bars and attempted to set the house alight.

"While attempting to douse the flames with water, Jerry was shot in the chest and stomach and his terrified wife ran for her life, still under fire as she made her escape in the dark. Panic-stricken, she dislocated her knee as she scaled fences in her frantic efforts to escape the mob. She was treated in the Natalspruit Hospital.

"About R10 000 damage has been done to their house which is covered inside with blood. The whole Sotho section of the town is in shambles," said Mr Molisiwa.

Civic Association spokesman Keith Montsitsi said a crowd of about 700 drove the hostel inmates back to their compound.

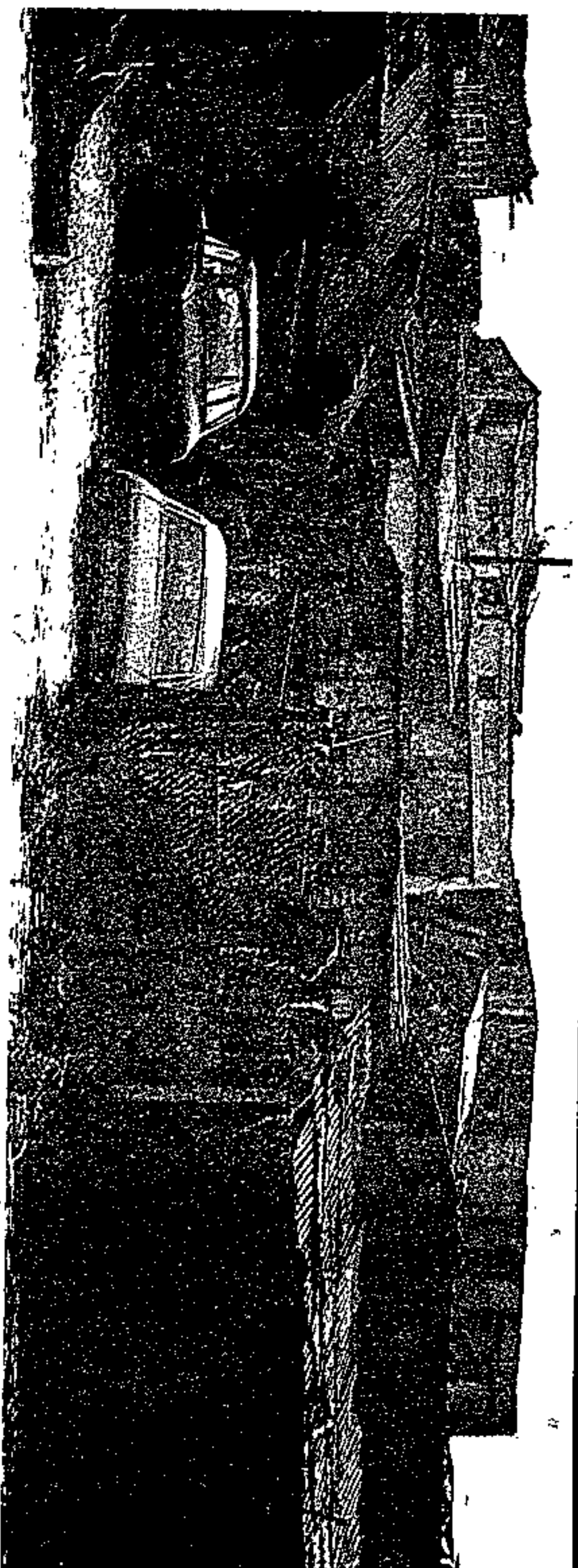
"More than 20 houses were damaged, others burnt to the ground," he said.

Fighting was stopped by soldiers who fired shots in the air.

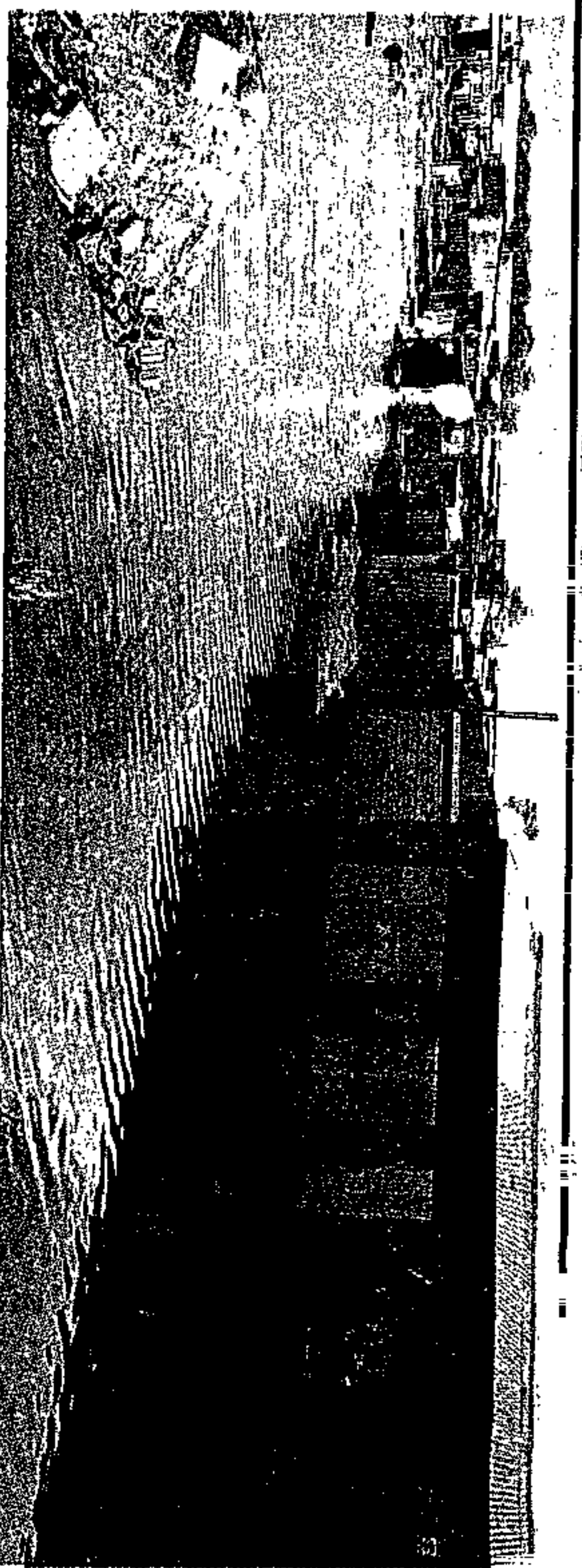
A Vaal Triangle police spokesman said today that renewed fighting had broken out in Sebokeng today. The fighting, mainly between Zulus and Xhosas, began at about 3 am.

Police and Defence Force reinforcements have been moved into the area.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, confirmed eight of last night's 10 deaths.



FLOODED CARS: These cars in Section One, Crossroads, have been in water for the past two months after the heavy rain.



INACCESSIBLE: Some shacks in Section One, Crossroads, have become inaccessible because of the floods.

Pictures: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

Crossroads residents flee floods

By **EDWARD MOLONYANE**
Staff Reporter

CROSSROADS residents who have had to abandon their homes after they were flooded by heavy rain will have to wait until the upgrading of the squatter camp — or a drought — before they get any relief.

Hardest hit in the floods has been Section One and a number of privately owned houses on either side of Old Klipfontein Road adjoining Lansdowne Road.

Parts of the area have been under water since April.

About 142mm of rain fell during that month, a Weather Bureau spokesman said. The figure for June was 110mm and the second most rainy month was July when 124,3mm were

recorded with August relatively drier with 43,8mm. The two areas are still lying in knee-deep, green, stagnant pools.

Mr Ricky Schelhase, Crossroads town clerk, said the flooding had taken place for a number of years.

However, the Crossroads town committee did "not have enough equipment" and had enlisted the South African Defence Force to assist.

Around August

"But because of lack of drainage and the high water level in the area it means that the water cannot be pumped away.

"Extensive work needs to be done here but because of the pending upgrading of the area the authorities are reluctant to spend money," said Mr Schelhase. He could not say when

the upgrading would take place.

According to one resident, Mr Stanley Tshwili, who was also forced to leave his home in Section One because of the flooding in the past two months, the area was flooded annually during winter. But the water normally dried up around August, he said.

The flooded shacks are the only structures left because most homes have been razed in the continuing fighting in the squatter camp.

The flooding has also affected a number of privately owned properties on the left hand side of Old Klipfontein Road, which has become inaccessible.

The authorities have attempted to pump out the water but this was abandoned when violence broke out in Crossroads recently, he said.

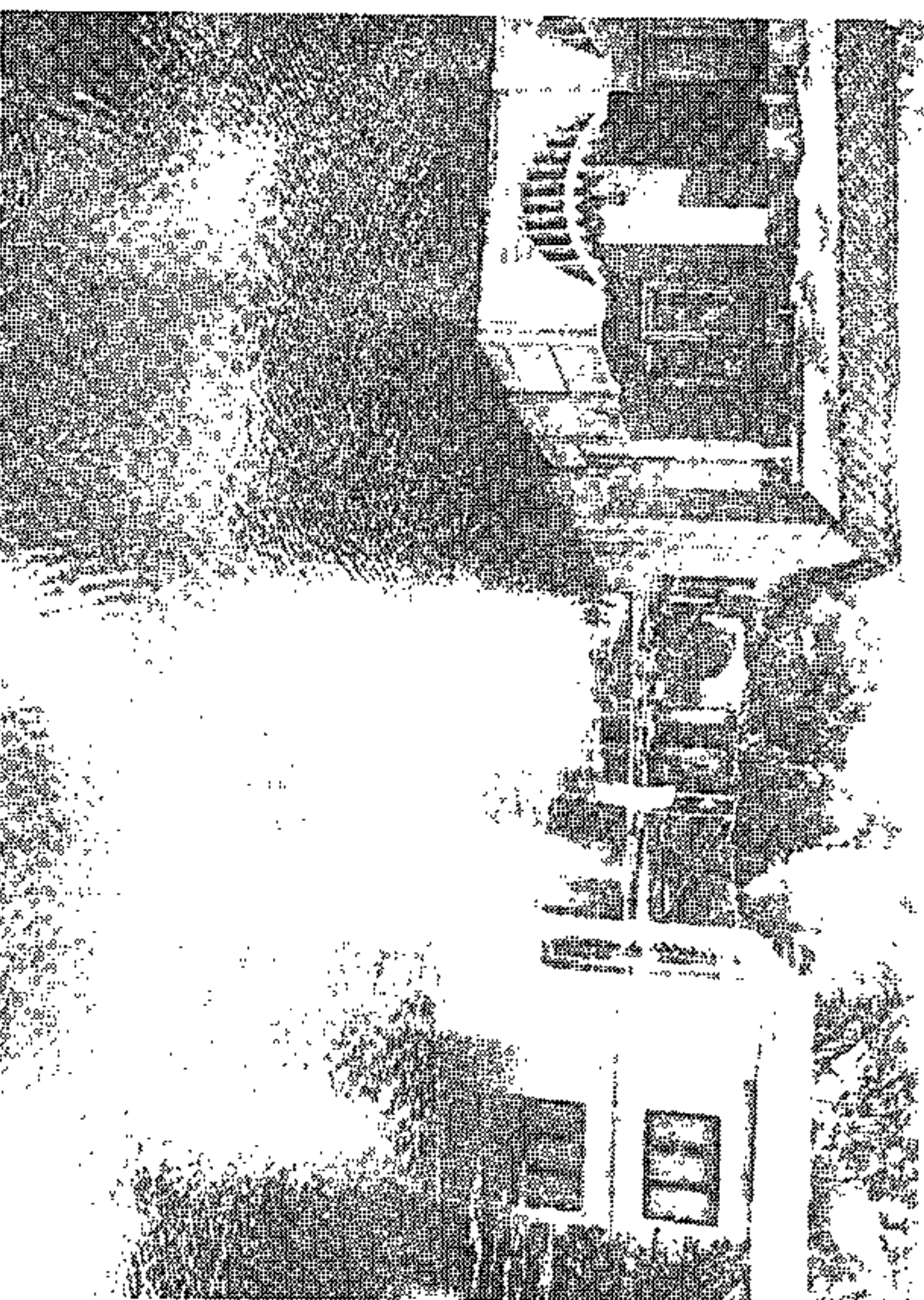
Sodden, but arson goes on

FLOODED and soggy, Crossroads might be — but that isn't deterring arsonists on both sides of the feuding factions from torching shacks in the area.

The past month has been characterised by the worst destruction of homes in months, leading to scores of residents taking refuge at a school.

The hardest-hit in the torching of shacks has been the camp's mayor, Mr John-son Ngxobogwana's stronghold of Section One.

In the past month, more than 40 shacks have been burned to the ground and six people killed.



DESERTED HOUSES: Because of the low water level the authorities have been unable to drain the water in Crossroads.

Mandela hints at multiparty government

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela hinted yesterday that the country's first non-racial government would consist of various political parties, even if the ANC obtained an outright majority.

He was addressing a press conference in Soweto two days after returning to South Africa from an overseas trip.

Mr Mandela said some arrangement was likely to be made after the first non-racial election "so that a new government will be representative of all political opinions in order for all people to be confident that they are adequately repre-

sented".

Asked to comment on statements by Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Gerrit Viljoen that negotiations on a new constitution could start early next year, Mr Mandela said the ANC wanted to reach a settlement as soon as possible. Negotiations might even take place before the end of the year.

Mr Mandela said the next stage of talks between the Government and the ANC should be to determine who would draw up a new constitution. A formula needed to be found whereby the Government did not control the process of constitution-making.

Star 4/9/90 343 Mr Mandela said he had cut short a planned 31-day holiday and returned to try to resolve the outbreak of violence on the Reef last month.

Upon his return from his intended holiday, he had been briefed about alleged police misconduct. He had subsequently telephoned Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, who had come to Soweto that night for a meeting with the community leaders.

On Sunday, he added, he had personally phoned Mr Vlok to ensure that riot police be ordered out of funeral meetings in Kagiso.

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Sharpeville's power to be cut off today

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The power supply to Sharpeville township in the Vaal Triangle will be cut off from today, and in Katlehong on the East Rand, refuse collection has been suspended because the town council cannot pay its bills.

In other East Rand townships, plans are afoot to limit refuse removal to once every two weeks to try to cut costs.

Vereeniging management committee chairman M L Milani yesterday announced the power cut to Sharpeville, which becomes the second Transvaal town — after Silobela township near Carolina in the eastern Transvaal — to have its power cut.

The power cut in Sharpeville, where residents have boycotted rent since 1984, will affect at least 6 000 homes.

Dr Milani said the Vereeniging council was owed about R900 000 for electricity supply, and attempts to recover the money had been unsuccessful.

Reconnected

"We have held discussions with the ANC, Cosatu, the SACP, the Lekoa council, the TPA and the local civic association on the matter but we have made no headway."

Dr Milani said it cost the council R460 000 a month to supply power to Sharpeville. The council could no longer afford to foot the bill.

He said that even if residents started paying their electricity bills now, it would take about three weeks to have power reconnected.

In Elvaton, the Vaal Civic Association's local chairman Thembiso Radebe told residents at a meeting that the rent boycott would continue in the Vaal regardless of what happened in other black townships.

He said the slogan "Asinamali" (we have no money) was still relevant — six years after it was adopted.

Hilda Stewart, marketing director of a refuse collection company, Multi-Waste, said the company had been informed by the Katlehong Town Council that there was no money to pay it and it was therefore cancelling the contract, which still had seven years to run.

Mrs Stewart said her company removed up to 200 tons of refuse a day from Katlehong and she feared that the uncollected rubbish could become a major health hazard.

A source from Katlehong said the collection of refuse had merely been suspended.

Vosloorus acting town clerk Andries Vrey said the Vosloorus Town Council decided yesterday to limit refuse removal to once every two weeks to try to cut costs.

● The Soweto Town Council will hold another round of talks with the Transvaal Provincial Administration on September 24 regarding the end of the rent boycott. Arrears amounting to R516 million have been written off.

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'Black RSC' key to arrears crisis?

By CHRIS BATEMAN

UNLESS the government centralised black local authorities in a single body and created alternative revenue sources, the arrears problem on Peninsula services (estimated at well over R10m) would reach crisis proportions, Khayelitsha town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said yesterday.

Khayelitsha's Lingeletu West Town Council is running at a loss of R3 291 563 since its inception in 1984. Ikapa Town Council, responsible for Langa, Nyanga, New Crossroads, KTC and Guguletu, is running at a loss of more than R7 million. Figures for Old Crossroads were not available yesterday.

The three areas are separate administrative entities.

Warnings

Asked what could be done to reduce the deficit, Mr Lawrence said there was "nothing", apart from cutting off electricity to payment defaulters after several warnings.

"We have no established rev-

Sharpeville still switched on

VEREENIGING. — Vereeniging town clerk Mr D P Steyn said Monday's planned electricity cut-off at Sharpeville had not been implemented.

He said the Vereeniging Town Council, the Lekoa Town Council and Eskom were meeting to try to defuse the situation in Sharpeville where residents have boycotted rents and service charges since 1984.

Water and power to the township were to have been cut off on Monday, but after meetings this was delayed for 24 hours.

Mr Steyn said supplies would not be cut off before a final decision had been reached, possibly later yesterday. — Sapa

enue basis except for service charges and rentals — there has to be an economic basis which we're not even near to at present," he warned.

He appealed for a system "such as the Regional Services Council" which he said would immedi-

ately cut down on administrative costs and give bargaining power when dealing with bulk suppliers of services.

"We also need some form of tax basis to generate revenue. A regional form of local government would enable us to tax the haves and distribute what is available on a more equitable basis among the have-nots," he said.

The backlog was becoming "critical" and unless a centralised system was instituted, major government subsidisation would have to continue.

Backlog

Recently promulgated sub-economic tariffs for services which would be put into immediate effect in Khayelitsha were expected to generate some R400 000 a month. Before this the township's 300 000 residents paid only for electricity. The Khayelitsha backlog (non-payment) on electricity alone up to the end of June was R922 966.

A spokesman for the CPA said that the backlog in rent and services charges in Western Cape black townships was R13 989 325.

● The total for the Cape was R86 903 574.

A-G may probe Sebokeng police

By Helen Grange

Several policemen singled out by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry as being involved in the "unjustifiable" Sebokeng shootings may soon have to answer for their deeds to the Attorney-General.

Mr Justice Goldstone recommended that the actions of all policemen who fired live ammunition that day — as well as the conduct of Sergeant Rudgerd van Huysteen, Constable Jurie Geldenhuys and Constable Jacobus Horn — be investigated by the Attorney-General.

First on the list will be Constable Sean van Rhyn, member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit. He was the man who admitted firing the first shot that led to a chain reaction of shots

by a police line-up at Sebokeng on March 26.

Eleven people died in Sebokeng that day at the hands of riot policemen.

Constable van Rhyn told the commission he had been afraid and accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper teargas rifle.

Sergeant van Huysteen, also in the police line-up, shot one person he had identified as an

"agitator" in the crowd of about 1 000 people.

In a second incident, he and Constable Geldenhuys were together when they confronted groups looting and burning shops. The two policemen told Mr Justice Goldstone they had tried to arrest fleeing looters who had tried to hide in a hostel. They said they had then been stormed by a nearby crowd

armed with pangas and sticks.

The men claimed they were being attacked when they opened fire. In this incident, Sergeant van Huysteen had been responsible for three deaths and Constable Geldenhuys for one.

Another man who may have to face further legal inquiries is Warrant Officer K J I Csa-jaghy, who Mr Justice Goldstone said had made a false statement that the crowd had stormed the police.

Warrant Officer Csa-jaghy admitted to the commission that he had not seen the shootings on March 26, but had been told a version of events at a later stage.

He had given this version in his sworn statement.

Claims may total R3-m

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Civil claims of between R2 million and R3 million may be brought against the Government following the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's finding that police action in the Sebokeng shooting on March 26 was unjusti-

fiable, a lawyer acting on behalf of many of the families said yesterday.

James Sutherland of the Johannesburg-based firm Bell, Dewar and Hall said this figure was relatively low because many of the 85 injured people had suffered minor injuries and four of the 12 dead had no family or dependants.

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Viva Comrade FW, shout

By Dawn Barkhuizen

President de Klerk received a positive welcome from surprised Soweto residents when he made a two-hour whistle-stop tour of the township yesterday. F W de Klerk, Viva! shouted youths with clenched fists.

"He is our comrade. We want this man for our leader," an excited shopper at the Chiawelo Business Centre told The Star.

"I think he's just great. I'd choose him any day," said one woman joining the throng to shake the President's hand. From 10-year-old Jabulani Mangomezulu at the Winnie Ngwekazi Primary School, Pimville, came the solid pronouncement: "He is a wise guy. My father says so."

There were sombre moments, however, when a grim-faced Mr de Klerk made his way over fetid puddles and through tiny, crammed living quarters at the Nancefield hostel, a trouble spot during township violence.

The President said later, at the end of his visit to Soweto, that the hostel conditions were unacceptable. The Government would have to seriously consider turning hostels into family housing. At one point in the tour, after inspecting a communal toilet in a section of the hostel, he ex-

pressed shock at the conditions and the stench.

Improvements could be made, he said, reiterating an earlier announcement that Minister of National Health, Dr Rina Venter, would co-ordinate a proper investigation of hostel problems in South Africa.

The tour came four days after the President had called for membership of the NP to be opened to all races. It was his first visit to Soweto in his capacity as State President.

Addressing a press conference at the Protea police station, Mr de Klerk said: "The experience was spontaneous. Almost nobody was told before hand. This was not a press release exercise. I wanted to appreciate conditions in Soweto myself and to experience the problems at first hand."

The President made an urgent plea for an end to township violence. "It must come to an end. If we allow strife to continue, the end will be a crisis for everybody."

"I call on all leaders to stand up and take co-responsibility in making all our people safe and creating a normal society. Let us give the process of negotiations a chance. Let us give the leaders time and room to work out a solution."



FW pops in... President de Klerk received a charming welcome when he briefly visited the Winnie Ngwekazi Primary School in Pimville during his whistle-stop tour of Soweto yesterday.

Picture by Sean Woe

Witness describes how troops fired

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Len Kumalo, senior photographer of Sowetan newspaper, yesterday described how 11 Sebokeng hostel dwellers were shot dead when an SADF patrol opened fire shortly after 9 am.

He had just fetched his young daughter from school in Vereeniging as he feared there would be trouble with transport later in the day.

"As I was driving back from the school with my daughter, the SADF patrol overtook me near the hostel and stopped. The soldiers got off their trucks, took up positions and cocked their guns. I thought maybe they wanted to scare the people.

"The people came towards them waving their hands, saying 'Peace, we are not fighting'. Some of them even sat down.

"All of a sudden there was shooting. Many of the people ran. Some of the people fell," he said.

Kumalo said when it was all over, there were 11 bodies, some

outside and some inside the building in the hostel compound.

He said he heard reports of an SADF Hippo driving over one of the people who had been shot. A registration number of the vehicle was passed on to him.

But the Ministry of Law and Order, in a statement, has questioned the timing of the incident.

The statement read: "A number of people were killed during a shooting incident in Sebokeng on Tuesday.

Visited

"The office of the Regional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand has already issued a detailed statement regarding the incident.

"The Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of the SA Police visited the scene shortly after the incident.

"This office is aware of a Sapa report in which a Sowetan photographer, Mr N Kumalo, described

how he allegedly witnessed the shooting of 11 people outside a Sebokeng hostel 'shortly before 4 am'.

"This allegation is in direct contrast to the statements made by the SADF and SAP members who were present, as well as numerous other eyewitnesses who allegedly saw the small SADF patrol come under attack at 9.20 am, more than five hours after the 'incident' witnessed by Mr Kumalo.

"The SA Police will therefore immediately arrange for Kumalo to be interviewed by a senior officer and an affidavit taken to substantiate his allegations, since he claims to be an eyewitness to the incident."

Mr Kumalo's original statement, issued by Sapa, mentioned the time as being 4 am. This story was retracted and the time corrected to read 9 am. This would be consistent with the time mentioned in the original police report. — Staff Reporter-Sapa.



After the shooting . . . a clash between SADF troops and a crowd in Sebokeng yesterday left 11 people in the crowd shot dead and many wounded.

● Picture by Len Kumalo.

Killings: Army slated

Staff Reporters

The SA Defence Force has appointed a board of inquiry into the killing of 11 people by troops in Sebokeng yesterday, amid calls for a judicial commission of inquiry.

The 11 township residents were shot dead during a confrontation between a 5 000-strong crowd and a contingent of SADF troops called in for support by police.

Today both the African National Congress and the Democratic Party said a judicial inquiry must be held. A military probe would not satisfy them.

While saying today that a military board of inquiry had been appointed, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said no further statement would be issued at this stage.

Today ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said Nelson Mandela had

called for a judicial inquiry. The SADF could not investigate itself.

DP co-leader Zach de Beer said of the military probe:

"In the light of the recent Goldstone inquiry (which sharply criticised police for the shooting of protesters in the township earlier this year), this is simply not good enough.

"That inquiry showed beyond any doubt that at least in certain instances the security forces have acted improperly in suppressing unrest.

Reckless

"The public will expect a similar objective and authoritative inquiry into the latest episode."

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said the ANC was outraged by the "carnage".

He was speaking after he and other ANC executive members had seen some of the bodies of the peo-

ple who were slain — just hours before Mr Mandela met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to discuss the shootings.

Sapa reported late last night that no statement was released after the meeting, at an undisclosed venue.

Addressing journalists after meeting a police station commander and other senior police officers, Mr Mandela placed the blame for the deaths and scores of injuries squarely on Inkatha and the SADF, whose actions he described as reckless.

Mr Mandela, who was accompanied by ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu and secretary-general Alfred Nzo, said: "We examined some of the bodies and were outraged at what we saw.

"One of the people was obviously shot in the back and his head was crushed.

"These people had been shot, hit with pangas and stabbed with

spears. This was a very cruel and vicious attack.

"This comes after the findings of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry and it only confirms that the conduct of the police leaves much to be desired.

"We see no reason why live bullets were used because the lives of members of the army were not threatened," Mr Mandela said.

Today the township was quiet, following 48 hours of faction fighting and the SADF-crowd clash which left a total of at least 40 people dead.

According to a spokesman at the Sebokeng Hospital, 124 injured people had been treated during the last two days.

Seventy remained in wards and 54 had been discharged.

An Inkatha leader was among 150 arrested following yesterday's shootings. Police alleged he was found in possession of four AK-47 rifles, pistols and ammunition.

He will appear in the Vereeniging court within 48 hours, along with the 150 hostel dwellers arrested in connection with the murder of four local residents.

The four murders are said to have sparked the confrontation which led to SADF troops shooting dead 11 township residents among a mob outside the hostel, home to migrant Zulu workers.

Threatened

On the East Rand, peace returned last night with only a few reported incidents of gun shots and arson after faction fighting which left three dead on Monday.

A strong police contingent patrolled the township last night.

Taxis were operating as usual this morning and travelling into the townships to fetch commuters. However, the Putco buses were still stopping on the outskirts of troubled townships.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said no more bodies or injured people have been reported, and the death toll for the Witwatersrand townships since Sunday night remained at 40.

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Witnesses describe snipers in balaclavas

Whites seen amid township killers

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By Dawn Barkhuizen and Musa Mapisa

Armed whites took part in a pre-dawn attack on a Sebokeng hostel where the SADF later shot dead 11 people, witnesses claim.

According to hostel residents and victims at Sebokeng Hospital, there were two separate incidents in which people died on Tuesday morning.

The first began at about 2.30 am when men moved from block to block. It was among this group that the white men were seen.

Fighting continued for several hours until police are said to have stepped in to prevent fleeing hostel residents from regrouping and launching a counter-attack.

Fleeing

The second incident took place at about 9 am when an SADF back-up unit formed a line across the road outside the hostel and fired teargas, residents said.

Hostel residents told The Star yesterday that they had seen:

- Armed whites on a roof in Block 4, sniping at fleeing men.

- A white man standing on the shoulders of another to climb on to a dormitory roof.

- Balaclava-clad men with white hands clasp rifles and crouching among a group of blacks who launched an attack on Blocks H and G. The white men opened fire when the blacks rushed at the buildings shouting a war cry.

White men driving three vans that dropped a large group of black men at the hostel entrance several hours before trouble erupted. The black men then moved into the hostel grounds.

None of the whites in these incidents were seen to be in uniform.

This information was given to The Star by several individuals questioned randomly at the hostel entrance as they returned home from work yesterday.

The Sebokeng branches of the UDF, Cosatu and the ANC have also described the attack on the hostel. At a press conference yesterday a UDF spokesman said that at about 2 am a group of armed men, accompanied by white men in balaclavas, invaded Sebokeng hostel and killed 19 people.

The National Union of Metal Workers of SA (Numsa) in a statement last night also described a pre-dawn attack on the hostel. The statement said between 200 and 300 men, including white men wearing balaclavas, attacked the hostel. Hand grenades were thrown into two rooms in Hostel 3.

From his bed in the Sebokeng Hospital Lesotho national Setchaba Seboko (59) described fleeing naked after waking up to the sound of shooting at about 2.30 am. He broke his feet when jumping a wall but crawled through the void to escape. He said there were "many many people" who started shooting in Block 1, moving on to Blocks 2, 3 and 4.

Ms Lizzie Qubane (22) of the Transkei said her right leg was blown off when an object was tossed through the window and exploded in her room shortly after shooting started at about 2.30 am.

Another resident told The Star that on looking through his window he saw black men crouching with armed and balaclava-clad men with white hands. The black men started a war cry and attacked blocks H and G. The whites fired on the building.

One witness said he had seen white men with dark clothes running on a dormitory roof shooting at hostel dwellers.

Describing the 9 am incident, Johannes Tsoetsi said: "I was on my way home when I saw people outside the hostel at about 9 am and the bodies of people shot earlier."

Burning body

"Inside the hostel, police were guarding about 35 people wearing red head bands. The army grouped across the road and we sat down, trying to show peace. They fired teargas at us and when I stood up to run I was shot in the buttocks."

Sebokeng remained tense yesterday with sporadic incidents of stone-throwing. Security forces fired teargas.

A police spokesman said the death toll in the Sebokeng area is 36 to 40 yesterday after three men died in the Sebokeng Hospital.

A body was found burning in a Vosloorus rubbish container yesterday morning. Police said they did not think the death was unrelated.

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Worral 'may rejoin DP leadership race'

Political Correspondent

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Democratic Party sources said today that co-leader Dr Denis Worrall might re-enter the race for the party leadership after today's meeting of the DP national council in preparation for tomorrow's crucial national congress in Johannesburg.

Dr Worrall said today the story was "a nonsense" but would not specifically deny it. He pulled out of the leadership race a few weeks ago.

There is some unhappiness that the policy positions of the two main candidates, co-leader Zach de Beer and national chairman Tiaan van der Merwe, are not clear enough.

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A proposal is expected that the election of the leader take place after the debate on several crucial policy resolutions which will clarify the standpoints of the candidates. The real concern seems to come from conservatives who are not clear about Mr van der Merwe's view on the DP's future relationship with the ANC.

The sources say the dissatisfaction about the two present candidates might prompt Dr Worrall to re-enter the field.

The Democratic Party stands at the cross-roads, facing critical decisions about its future direction — and perhaps

its survival.

Decisions made will determine whether the party retains its independence or moves closer to the ANC or the National Party — and who leads it there.

Senior party sources believe that the choice of a leader will be decisive in determining the party's direction.

They believe Dr de Beer will be more in favour of keeping the party independent while Mr van der Merwe will be more likely to lead the DP towards some sort of pact with the ANC.

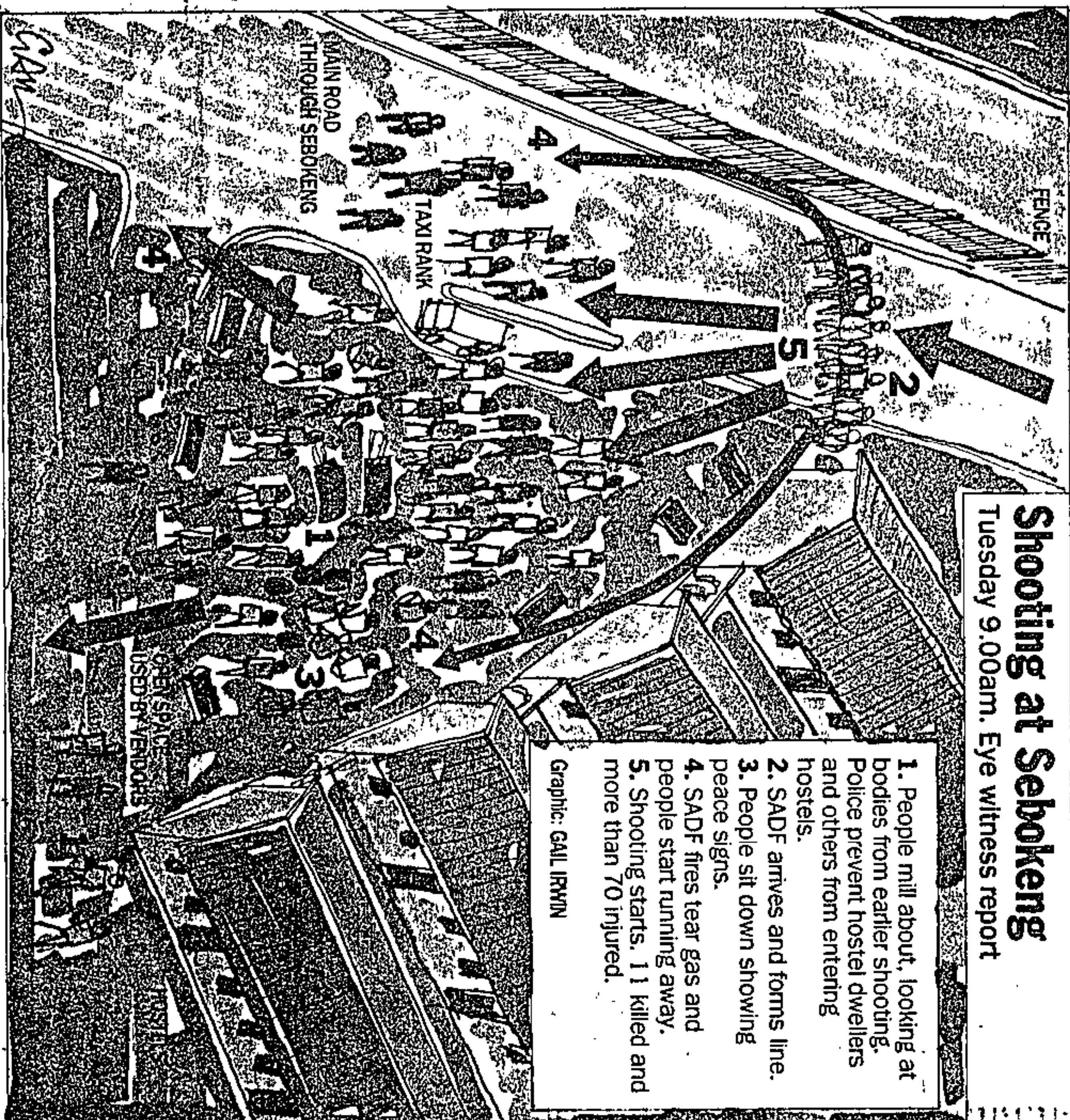
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Shooting at Sebokeng

Tuesday 9.00am. Eye witness report

1. People mill about, looking at bodies from earlier shooting. Police prevent hostel dwellers and others from entering hostels.
2. SADF arrives and forms line.
3. People sit down showing peace signs.
4. SADF fires tear gas and people start running away.
5. Shooting starts. 11 killed and more than 70 injured.

Graphic: GAIL IRWIN



Special constables in the firing line

The Goldstone Commission report into the shootings in Sebokeng criticised the presence of special constables as well as ANC marshals' control over marchers. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN** looks at the training given to these people.

Eighteen of the 30 policemen who opened fire on a group of protest marchers in Sebokeng earlier this year, killing 11 people, were special constables.

These men — referred to in the townships as "the dogs of the SAP" or kitskonstabels — were singled out for special attention in the 74-page report by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone.

He recommended that the continued use of special constables in unrest situations be re-evaluated. He found that their seven-hour *onrusdril* training course in no way equipped them with the skills needed to take part in a police line.

Judge Goldstone said the special constables who testified before the commission were "very uneducated and unimpressive".

SAP spokesman General Herman Stadler said in an interview that the period of training for special constables had been increased from eight to 10 weeks.

It was possible to learn "quite a bit about guns" in this period, he said.

No training

According to the Catholic Institute for International Relations publication, "Now Everyone is Afraid — the Changing Face of Policing in South Africa", special constables are paid wages of about R400 a month, have no benefits and need no educational qualifications.

Judge Goldstone's findings on special constables were that:

- Kitskonstabels had been included in the police line at Souda Gate, although they were not supposed to be used in police lines and, moreover, the commanding officer was not certain of the training they had received in crowd control. They had in fact received none.
- Kitskonstabels had been among the policemen in the line who loaded their shotguns — without orders.

In response to the commission's findings, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said special constables would, as far as possible, not be used for riot and crowd control in future.

Terror

A Democratic Party spokesman on law and order, Jan van Eck, said the concept of "third-class police for third-class citizens" should be ended at once.

"It is the height of irresponsibility to send poorly trained men into the most volatile areas of our country where great tact and intensive training is necessary," he said.

The Catholic Institute for International Relations publication stated: "From evidence presented in many court cases it appears special constables have replaced the security forces in most communities and have introduced a new reign of terror."

"The new policemen have little knowledge of the law and appear to think they can do what they like and get away with it."

"They have killed many people who had nothing to do with unrest or crime. One of the most common complaints is that they are drunk on duty."

- In response to the commission's criticisms of the way marches were planned and executed, the ANC said it did not recognise the right of the Government to prescribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate".

While the ANC could not be reached for comment yesterday, SA Communist Party spokesman Jeremy Cronin said it was absolutely crucial for marshals to be well trained.

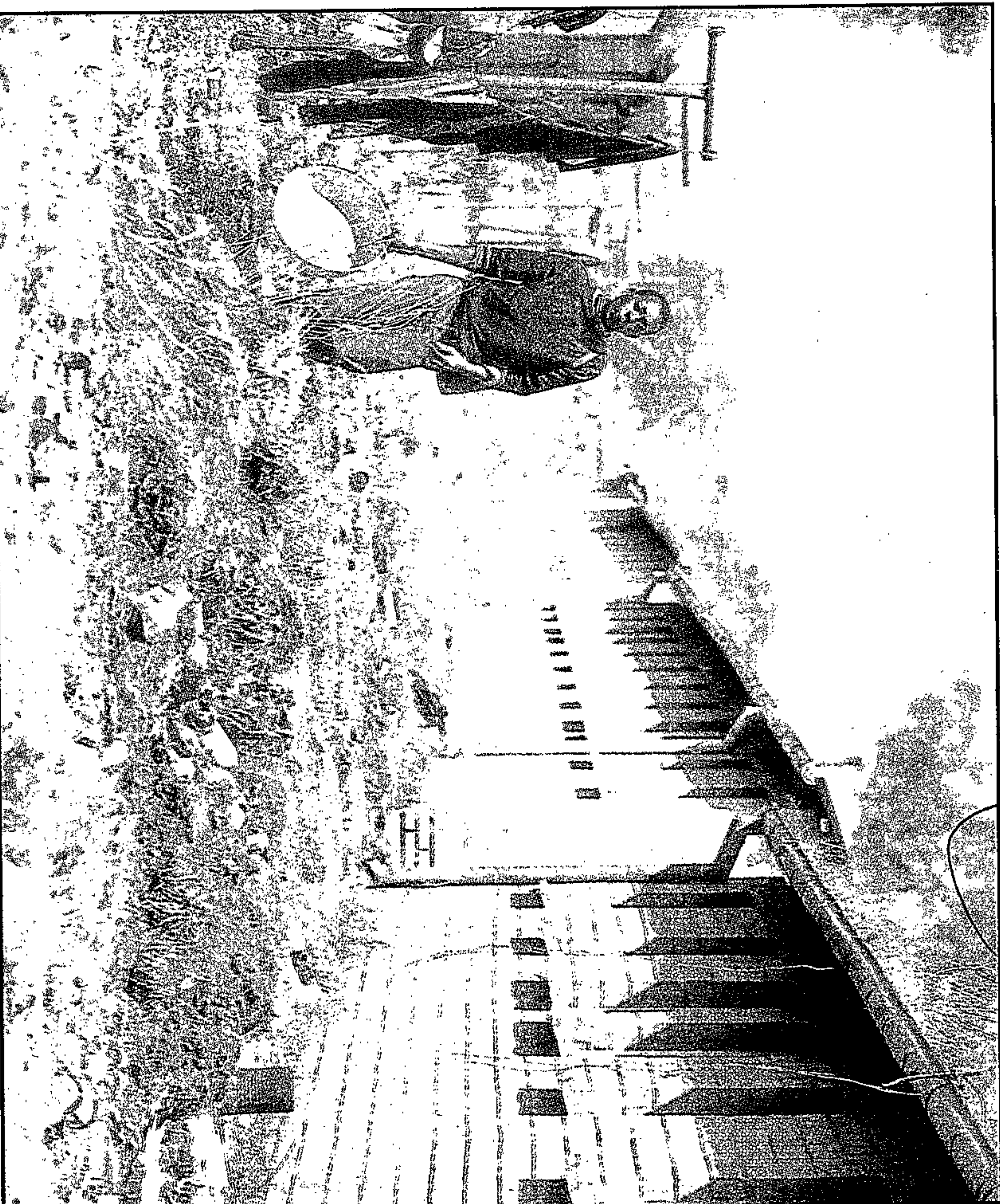
Before the July launch of the SACP at the FNB Stadium, 2 000 marshals had been trained for a month, he said.

The SACP had drawn on the experience of the ANC. Much attention had been paid to controlling admission, communication between marshals on the ground and their co-ordinators, responsibility for certain areas and response in the case of emergency, and communication with health workers.

Mr Cronin added: "It is our experience that rallies and meetings go off well when left alone, when the security forces are out of sight."

What FW saw: dark, smelly hostel fit 1

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Walking on trash . . . the grounds of the Nancefield hostel are littered with rubbish and a strong stench pervades the air night and day. Flies and rodents feast daily on the refuse, and the threat of disease is constant.

By Montshiwa Moroke

Hostels in the townships, or anywhere else in South Africa, are not home — but people are living there — President de Klerk discovered this week.

Mr de Klerk paid a surprise visit to Soweto on Tuesday, and one of the places he visited was the Nancefield hostel, which houses several thousand migrant labourers.

When he emerged from the hostel, he did not have the same happy face he had had before entering.

He did not like what he saw — something other men come home to every night after a hard day's work.

Yesterday, The Star visited the hostel to see what the President probably saw.

Welcoming us to the first buildings was a sharp stench — that we found would accompany us throughout our hour-long stay.

The smell came from heaps of uncleared rubbish, which are commonplace in the hostel grounds between and in puddles of dirty and smelly water.

Something immediately tells

Piles of rubbish, dirty water everywhere

you there is something wrong as you stand at the door. The room inside is dark. No one welcomes you with a smile.

As you enter the dingy room, you are more likely to be greeted by pots lying all over the place, and sometimes strips of meat hanging from pieces of wire suspended from the rafters. You are looking at a part of someone's supper.

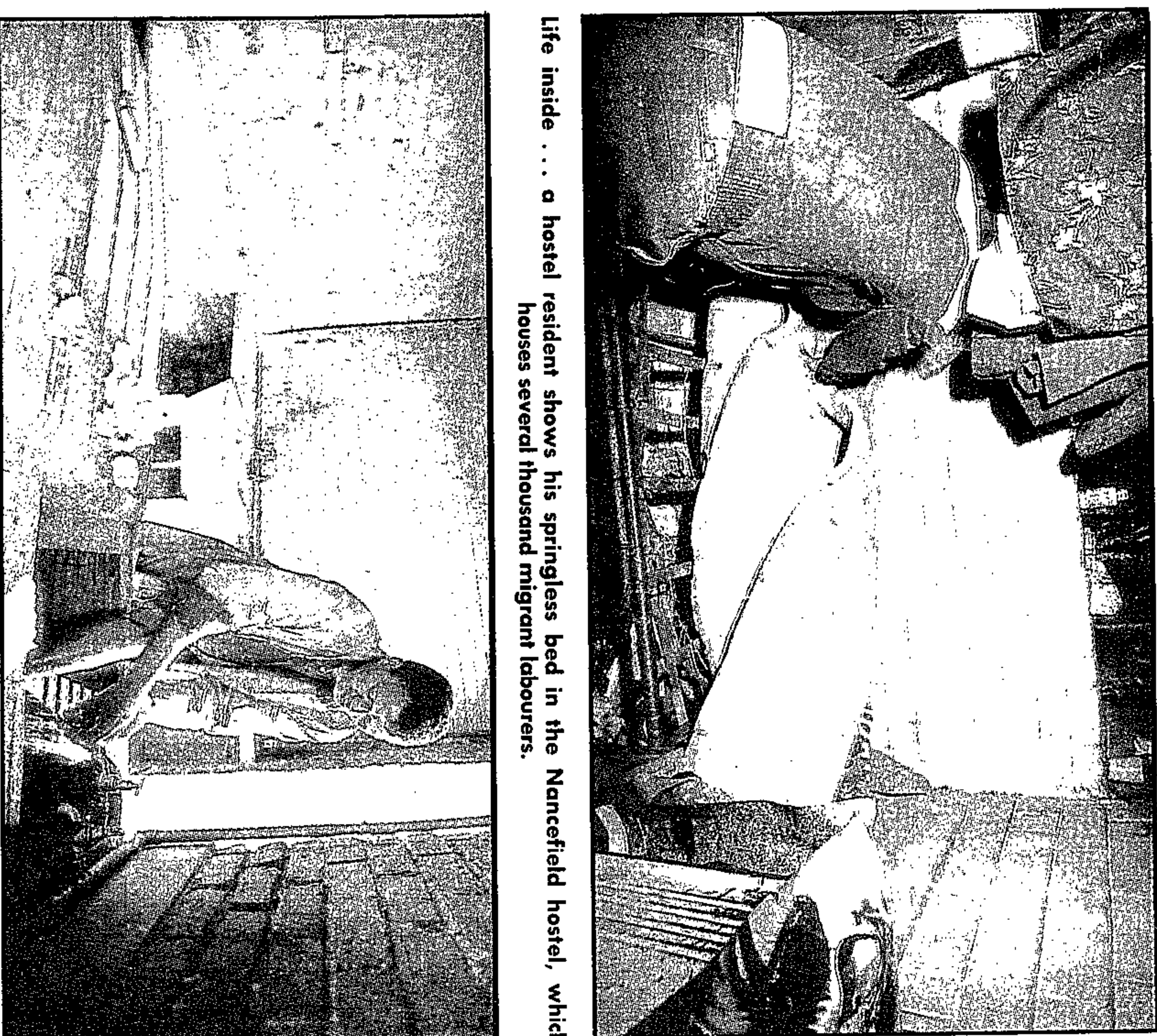
This place is called a kitchen-cum-dining room. The walls and roof are covered with

black soot from the pressure stoves, which burn every night and morning.

The bungalow has eight steel beds where eight men have to sleep for most of the year while they provide labour, often extremely cheap, to the industrial cities and towns.

There is a nauseating smell, so bad that it immediately suggests that no human being could live in it.

The lack of light only amplifies the stench.



Life inside . . . a hostel resident shows his springless bed in the Nancefield hostel, which houses several thousand migrant labourers.

Cleaning up . . . a man does his laundry at the Nancefield hostel in basins sometimes also used in preference to the cold showers. ● Pictures by Sean Woods.

The male inhabitants of these rooms are married, with children out in the "homelands" whom they cannot bring to stay with them.

To be able to acquire this narrow bed, which comes without a mattress, you first have to pay R75. Then you have to pay R12.50 (present rate) a month, including "service charges".

For comfort, the men use sponges as mattresses. There are steel lockers for hanging

clothes, but most clothes are hung on the walls or on hangers hooked on wire — rubbing shoulders with the dangling, drying meat.

There is no privacy in this place. There is a single bulb in this bungalow — in some quarters there is no electricity. The cement floors are bare and there are no curtains over the windows.

The dirty toilets — with their lined buckets — have no privacy either.

Inmates said one of their greatest problem was the lack of heated water.

"We have complained many times about the water but there is nothing else we can do because authorities do not attend to the problem," said Mabuti Mlangeni, from Bergville in Natal.

Another inmate said: "This is no place to live. We live here because there is nowhere else to stay.

"From work we cook on our primus stoves, eat and then go to bed. On weekends there is nothing to do and those who drink either go to the beerhall or to shebeens inside the hostel."

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Murder at random on Soweto's streets

Staff Reporters

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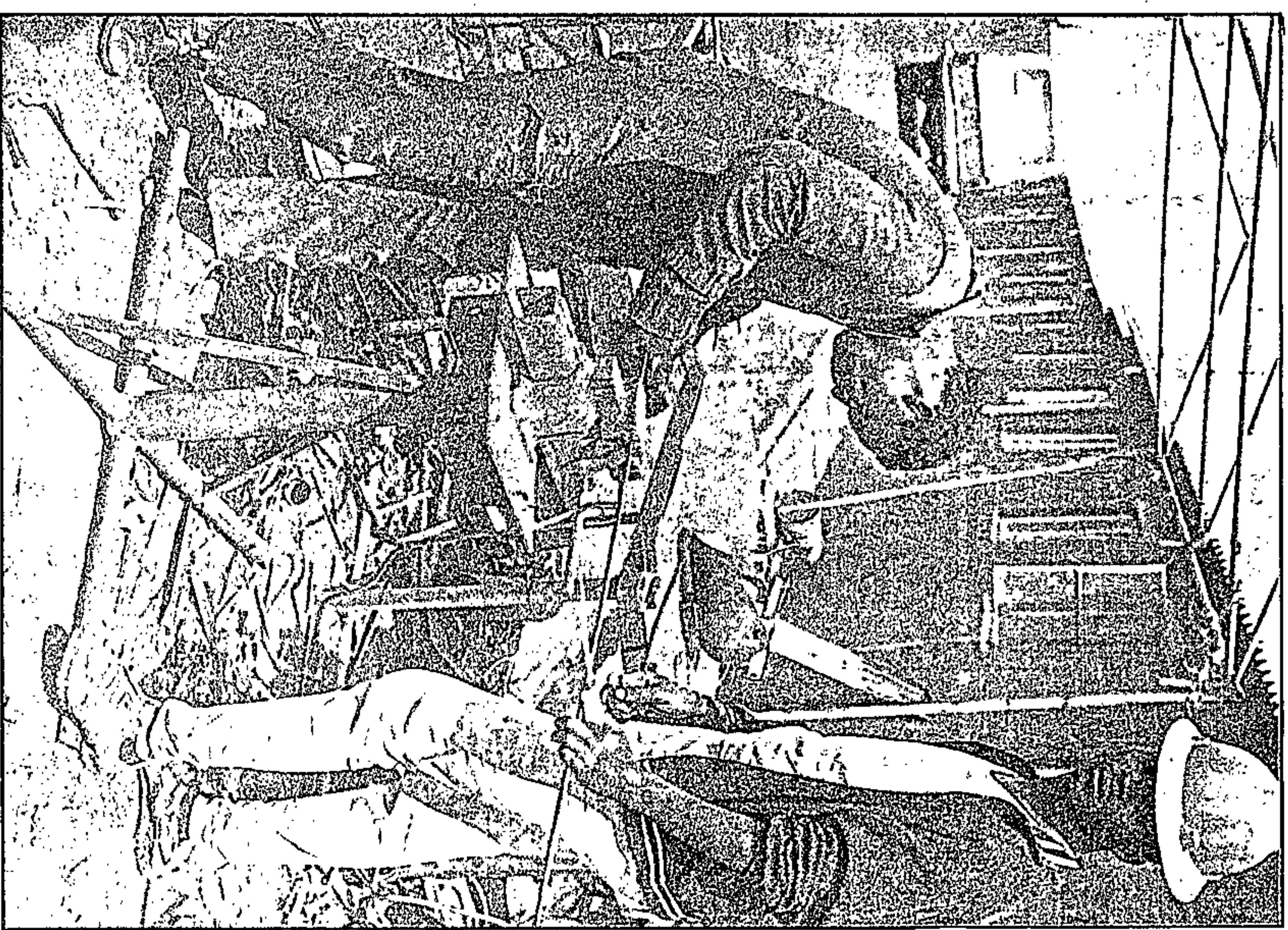
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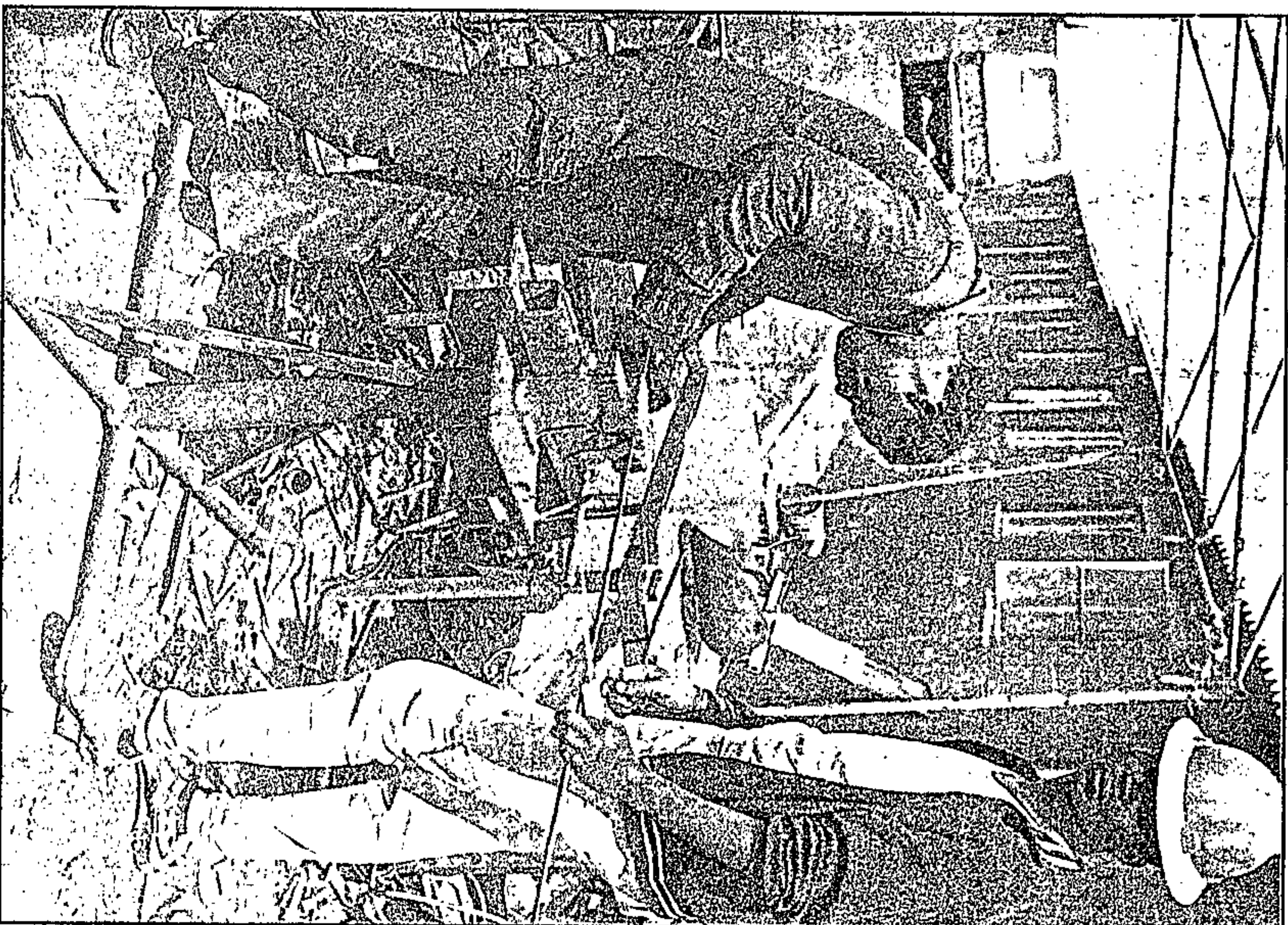
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Tutu goes⁽³⁴³⁾ to Sebokeng

By Thabo Leshilo

Archbishop Desmond Tutu and bishops of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa received a rousing welcome from residents of Sebokeng during a visit to the strife-torn township yesterday.

The churchmen had abandoned their synod, held in Lesotho, to pledge solidarity with the people of Sebokeng and pray for peace in the area.

The bishops visited Sebokeng Hostel — the scene of Tuesday's clashes which left 40 people dead — and Sebokeng Hospital.

During a church service in Zone 13, Archbishop Tutu told about 500 residents the bishops were shattered by events.

Violence drains Red Cross funds

By Shirley Woodgate

Ongoing violence in Vaal Triangle townships has depleted the resources of the already cash-strapped South African Red Cross Society (Southern Transvaal), which is appealing urgently for public support.

The latest emergency had forced Red Cross to reassess its entire operation, said director Pam Barnes, who has outlined plans to upgrade branches.

One of these plans involves the launching of Special Skills Units consisting of 65 highly trained medical assistants (volunteers and paid staff) who stabilise and transport patients to hospital.

Running costs for the 16 branches in July exceeded R300 000. Income is almost entirely from membership, legacies and donations.

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Aftermath ... two of the victims of last night's shooting lay sprawled on the platform of Jeppe station.

Picture by Stephen Davlmes.

By Guy Jepson
and Julianne du Toit

Two unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station in Johannesburg last night, killing five people and injuring at least 14 in what has been described as a motiveless and senseless attack.

Four of the dead were women. Both the gunmen and their victims were black.

"This is unreal — a terrible tragedy," Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand police liaison officer said last night.

"The attack came out of the blue.

Jeppe station carnage unreal — police

We haven't established any motive yet — the injured and dead were Zulus, Xhosas, Tsvanas, you name it. We are investigating all possible motives, including factional violence."

The attack, which occurred at about 7.10 pm when the gunmen shot wildly into a crowd waiting on the platform, sent shock-waves through Jeppetown as scores of pedestrians fled the area and nearby shopkeepers and a hotelier barred their doors.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg ambulance department said six ambulances and a disaster bus

were on the scene within minutes and the wounded were rushed to Johannesburg Hospital.

Colonel Malherbe said two men approached the crowd and opened fire with two hand guns.

Total panic

It was later established that the weapons used were 9 mm and 7.65 mm pistols. The assailants evaded police cordons set up minutes after the attack.

Police had no leads on the killers today. They are in possession of

vague descriptions of the two men.

The bodies of two women lay sprawled in a passageway inside the station building, near the entrance in John Page Drive.

Empty cartridge cases littered the floor. Four unmatched women's shoes lay at the station entrance.

Another body, a woman, lay on a nearby flight of steps leading to the station's ticket office. About 50 m down John Page Drive, police were examining two more bullet riddled bodies.

Aubrey Soal, the bartender of the Grand Station Hotel in Malp Street,

said he was in the hotel bar when he heard between 15 and 20 shots in quick succession.

"I ran downstairs into the street to find out what was happening. There was total panic. People were running in all directions."

Mike Scotten, who was also in the bar when the shooting started, said two black men drove off in a white bakkie shortly after the attack. The bakkie had been parked in Macintyre Street about 100 m from the station entrance.

Johannesburg Hospital spokesman Dr Clive Wills said 14 people had been admitted after the shooting.

"Eight of them are critical and

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five must undergo surgery," Dr Wills said. All the patients were black, but he was unable to confirm how many were male and how many female.

All 14 patients would be staying at Johannesburg Hospital overnight and would be transferred to other hospitals today, depending on how many beds were available.

When The Star visited the casualty section last night, bodies lay on stretchers with drips, oxygen masks and bandages as emergency personnel hurried around them.

Today, three of the 14 people admitted last night were still in a serious condition, a spokesman for the hospital said. One of the three, a woman shot in the stomach, was more seriously ill than the others.

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Actor sees man murdered

A Soweto actor and freelance photographer witnessed a gruesome killing of a hostel dweller near Merafe Hostel in Soweto at about 5 pm yesterday.

The victim was walking from Merafe station when he was attacked by a group of youths.

"The man ran into a nearby Mapetla township house, but was kicked out of the house. He

then ran into the hostel," the witness, who did not want to be named, told The Star last night.

The victim was seen being dragged out of the hostel, the witness said.

The group of youths, who had made a circle around the hostel dweller, hacked at him with knives and axes, then set him alight. — Staff Reporter.

Hostel raiders wreak carnage in Naledi Ext

SIX people from the same family were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital after a well-planned attack on residents of Naledi Extension which left four dead and 14 injured this week.

The attack occurred while residents of the township on the west of Soweto, known as the "wild west", were watching their favourite TV2 and TV3 programmes.

Agnes Thutloane (13) told how a group of seven men, allegedly hitmen from Merafe hostel, attacked her family after entering their home through the windows. She said a woman ran into their house, while the family was watching television, shouting that hostel dwellers had arrived.

"The men then entered and stabbed my granny, Augustina Tsibogo (55), with an "intshumentsho" (a long sharp steel instrument) in the stomach.

Axe defender

"They then hit my aunt, Josephine Tsibogo, who was hiding in the wardrobe, on the head with knobkerrie."

She said her grandfather, Josiah Tsie (60), tried to defend them with an axe but the men wrested it from him. "They then chopped him on the head. The axe stuck in his head and was removed at Baragwanath Hospital."

Lebo Molefe (9) and Nthabiseng Maphalala (10) were also injured in the 7.45 pm attack. Agnes's sister, Kefuwe Thutloane (18), tried to run but was hit several times with a knobkerrie. Agnes survived the attack by crouching behind a dressing table.

The men then attacked several other houses. One man died instantly after being shot several times. Soweto police spokesman, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, confirmed that three others died on arrival at Jabulani Police Station.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman said 14 people from Naledi were treated at the hospital.

Rabu Raletsema, whose home was also attacked, said the men were travelling in three vehicles, including a Cressida and a minibus.

THABO LESHILLO and ABBEY MAKOE

Phari Matlou (51) said he and a number of companions were in the street when they heard screams followed by the sound of gun shots. They ran into a nearby yard seeking shelter. Then two of his companions, Solomon Seema and Khambule Mpheretlhane, insisted that they jump the fence to escape from the advancing mob.

Mr Matlou said that because he had an injured knee, he decided not to jump the fence but to crawl under a car parked nearby in the yard.

From under the vehicle he watched as his friends tried to jump the fence. But it was too high for them and they were caught by the advancing mob which in a frenzied attack inflicted terrible injuries on them.

Seema was killed and Mpheretlhane injured. He is in a critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

Mrs Martha Seema, now a widow, told Saturday Star that she arrived at 9 am the next day from night duty when the news of her husband's death was broken to her. That was all she could say. She just sat there and cried.

Just opposite the Seemas' house Martha Kwena (56) was also killed.

Only an hour later men thought to be Inkatha members stoned her house and attacked Mrs Kwena. She was killed — stabbed to death by men she had earlier warned her daughter to avoid.

David Magano used to live in the house next door. His widow, Lydia (49), said they were watching TV when she was hit by a stone thrown through the window. They all ran to the kitchen for cover.

After entry was forced, she was stabbed with a spear below her shoulder but managed to run to the street, she informed Saturday Star.

But her husband (53) was not so lucky — as their daughter discovered when she saw the raiders dragging his corpse away from the combi parked in their yard.

It was
last TV
show for
family
of six

DET sit-in to go on

MEMBERS of the KwaThema branch of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) yesterday threatened to continue a sit-in in the Springs offices of the Department of Education and Training until the DET agreed to postpone black matriculation examinations.

The 25 protesters are also demanding the immediate allocation of textbooks, a first-aid kit for the sit-in participants and a halt to "harassment" of students.

They said in a statement the sit-in would continue until their demands were met.

A spokesman for the southern Transvaal branch of Cosas, Lawrence Bayana, said the sit-in had the support of his region. — Sapa.

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Police probe 'third force' allegations

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POLICE are investigating the possibility that a mysterious force is fanning township unrest in South Africa and is behind outbreaks of black-on-black violence.

This follows eye-witness allegations that whites are assisting blacks in attacks on black township and hostel residents, including a hostel attack in Sebokeng on Tuesday, and possibly the Jeppe station massacre on Thursday.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen last night said there was, however, no hard evidence of a third force, only eye-witness allegations. All possibilities were being investigated.

ANC internal head Walter Sisulu last night said "mysterious forces, not necessarily Inkatha", seemed to be at work in South Africa, its motives being to stir dissent, undermine the ANC and discredit the Government.

Violence of this nature was not only a problem for the ANC but the Government as well. He believed that forces far more extreme than Inkatha were at work.

Speaking after visiting 11 sec-

ple shot at the Jeppe station on Thursday night, Mr Sisulu said a new and disturbing pattern was beginning to emerge:

● A white minibus or minibuses had been involved in shootings in Tembisa, Thokoza, Kallenberg and Soweto, he said. Occupants had shot innocent people without provocation or reason.

● The Weekly Mail supported these allegations in a front-page story in yesterday's paper, stating that seven eye-witnesses had seen four white men wearing balacavas and long khaki coats and carrying firearms during an Inkatha attack in Sebokeng on Tuesday.

Three eye-witnesses alleged that after shooting a resident, the gunmen pulled off their balacavas, revealing that they were white. Another eye-witness said the men in balacavas did not enter the rooms, only Inkatha did, but the whites shot first.

● Jeppe station gunshot victims also told Mr Sisulu they had

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seen a white minibus. Another victim indicated that whites had been involved in the shooting. ● White men were allegedly involved in the pre-dawn Sebokeng hostel attack. Residents said they saw white men in dark clothes running on dormitory roofs and sniping at people, and balacava-clad men crouching beside a hostel and holding guns, their white hands visible.

Other events involving minibuses in the last 48 hours have been: ● A white minibus was

reportedly involved in the outbreak of violence in Soweto on Thursday night when groups of armed men, some allegedly in blue uniforms, went on the rampage, attacking residents randomly and killing at least six.

● South African Communist Party worker Geraldine Fraser said her Soweto home was raided by a group of black and white men who arrived in a white minibus and two cars. The police said they knew nothing of the raid.

Another person injured in the Jeppe station shooting has died in the Johannesburg hospital, bringing the death toll to six.

FV bowls over Soweto

By SEKOJA SELLO

IT was a low-key affair. No previous publicity, no blurring in the streets, no pomp and ceremony.

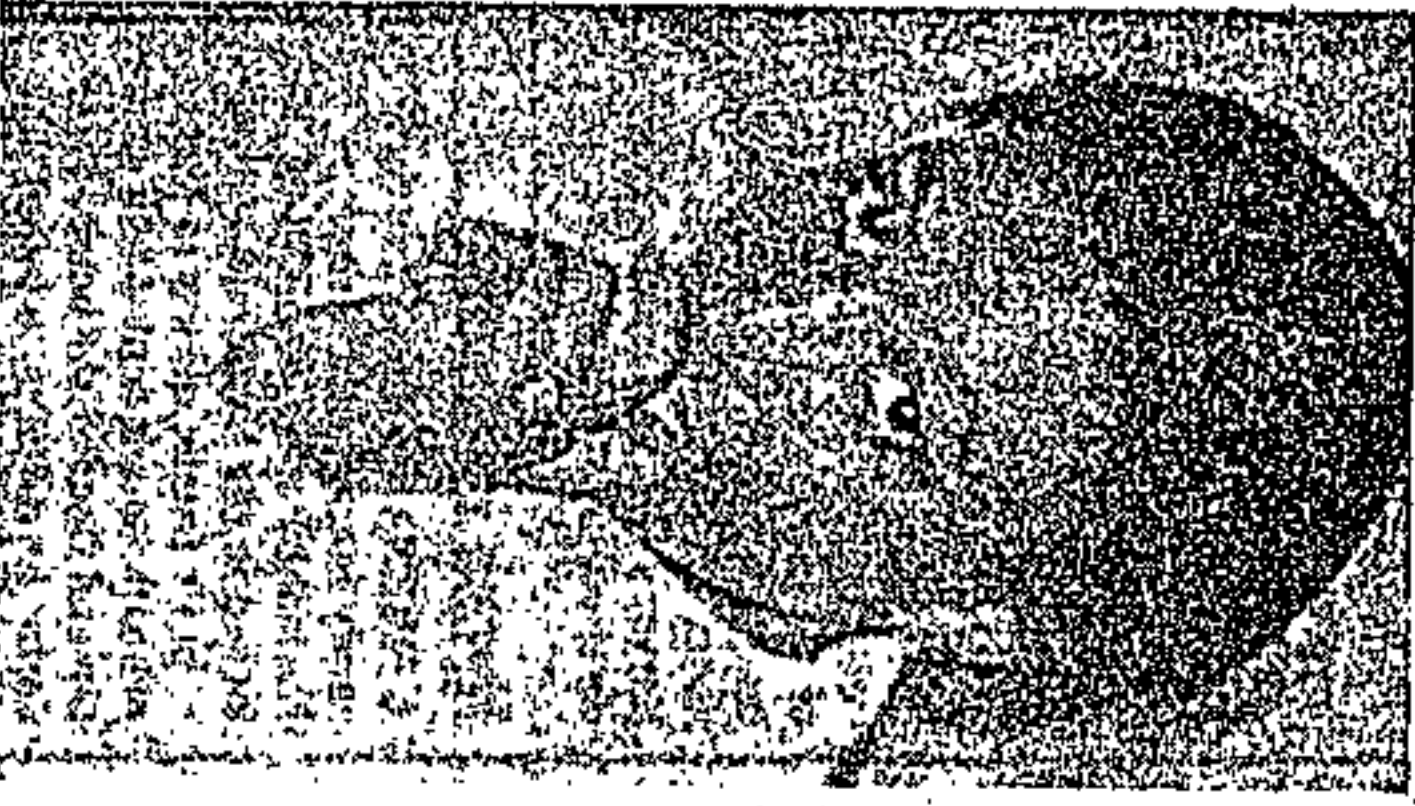
The only indication something was in the air was the presence of a few traffic officers, their cars flashing blue lights, and a small contingent of presidential security guards.

And behind the security cars were two luxury buses carrying members of the media — both local and foreign — and their paraphernalia.

This was FV de Klerk's unannounced whirlwind visit to some parts of Soweto this week. The State President's first call was at the children's section at Bargwanath hospital.

The whole hospital poured out to have a peep, touch, or just look at their important visitor. Nurses, doctors, the canteen staff, clerks, patients — just about everyone wanted to have a look at FV. Women broke into spontaneous ululating.

There was shoving and pushing when De Klerk, accompanied by his wife Merle and Minister of Health Dr Rina Venter, took off in a helicopter a few minutes later and headed westwards. This was one of Bargwanath's briefest — but without doubt happiest — moments.



Henrietta Masfokosho ... overcame me by mixed emotions.

Knock, knock. Who's there?

It's me, the State President

"Can you hear it? I never thought I would be able to see the State President in the flesh in my lifetime," a middle-aged woman remarked at Bargwanath, excited as a little girl with a packet of sweets.

While the State President looked to the air, the rest of the party followed to Winnie Ngwekazi Primary School. Children formed a guard of honour and residents in the neighbourhood converged on the school once word went out that FV was around. Everyone wanted to have a look at this man of the moment.

Irony of ironies, even our so-called township comrades were bowled over by De Klerk's charm. They cheered and waved as the State President's convoy made its way out of the school.

The security guards were now beginning to look relaxed. They might as well have stayed at home. De Klerk was in no danger.

After Winnie Ngwekazi, it was Nancefield men's hostel. This was the most depressing part of the State President's short tour. He was visibly not pleased with what he saw — the squalor and the filth hit him between the eyes. The stench from puddles of stagnant water must have added to his discomfort.

No one wanted to be at Nancefield for longer than was necessary. After a quick inspection of these single-sex quarters, our convoy hit the road again, this time to the more decent surroundings of Chawelo Extension.

The State President examined the Mangaleni shopping complex, bought a packet of cigarettes from a rather startled cashier and then went walk-about. Schoolchildren, men and women jostled each other to have a look at the VIP and hopefully shake hands with him. A few lucky ones did so.

Patients at Dr Sebele's Amos' surgery momentarily forgot they were ill and hurriedly left the consulting rooms once they were told FV was around. One observer remarked that De Klerk was safer in Soweto than in Waterkloof. Few, including his security police, would quarrel with that observation.

A knock on the door at a house in Chawelo extension. "Who is that?" Henrietta Masfokosho asked. "Can we

please come in?" came the reply. And there he was again — the State President making an unexpected visit at the Masfokos. Henrietta says she was initially startled when she saw who her visitor was but later regained her composure.

"I was overcome by mixed emotions. I was surprised and happy at the same time. If the State President wants to come next time, he will once more be welcome," beamed 21-year-old Henrietta.

Later, at a press conference at the Protea police headquarters, De Klerk said that, apart from being appalled at the living conditions at Nancefield, which he described as "unacceptable," his visit was not a public-relations exercise.

Whether this was a public-relations exercise or not, there is little doubt the State President was testing the political waters in Soweto.

And given his warm reception, his PR department must be cursing themselves that they did not make his visit an even grander affair. It would have been De Klerk's biggest public-relations coup — right in the heart of the country's political hotbed.



The State President with security men and the Press in town. Pic: EVANS MBOHWEI

'Magistrate' goes to jail

By BERENG MTIMKULU

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A MAN who acted as a "magistrate" at Alexandra township's "people's court" - Vuyo Mcetywa, 42, of Alexandra - was found guilty at the Johannesburg Regional Court this week of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The court was told that on May 9 Happyman Maxolo laid a complaint at a yard meeting in Alexandra that his niece, Eunice Moxolo, often slept out without his consent.

During the "hearing" he got furious and ultimately swore at his niece.

Maxolo was then found guilty of swearing at a "child" and Mcetywa "sentenced" him to 26 lashes with a sjambok. Livingstone Fana pleaded for mercy on behalf of the "sickly old man". Instead of Maxolo being beaten, Fana was given five heavy lashes "because he had acted as a defence counsel".

In mitigation, Advocate Mogagabe said Mcetywa showed remorse when giving evidence. His client did not know he was committing an offence. Mcetywa regarded the meeting as a tribal court.

Magistrate JJB Esterhuizen said according to the State the "courts" were illegal. He said the court had a duty to enforce law and order.

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Merafe killing sparks attacks

By SANDILE MEMELA

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A NEW wave of violence was nearly sparked in Soweto this week after a Mapetla hostel dweller was killed near Merafe station early on Thursday morning.

The retaliatory attacks which followed the killing resulted in the death of three more people and the injury of 16.

The hostel dweller was attacked while on his way to work on Thursday morning. He made his way back to the hostel, where he bled to death.

Shortly afterwards an enraged mob of hostel dwellers embarked on a revenge mission, attacking squatters in neighbouring Tladi.

Residents said the doors were broken down and scores of them were injured. Hostel dwellers also descended on unaware morning train commuters from Tladi on their way to Merafe station.

The incident was the only one to take place in Soweto this month after last month's heavy fighting which left more than 36 people dead.

Police removed people from the station out of fear violence could break out, and later undertook a crime-prevention swoop, arresting three youths and confiscating a number of petrol-bomb bottles from the squatter camp.

Residents were incensed, demanding the police disarm Zulu impis at the hostel.

"We cannot understand the police coming to disarm us when all we are trying to do is protect ourselves from rampaging impis," said resident Khanyi Sibanyoni.

Later in the day the situation was under control and the station was quiet.

Killers must be stopped, ANC warns government

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The ANC's internal head Walter Sisulu said it was clear certain forces were killing black people at random.

"It seems a certain people in white kombi or kombis is involved in shooting black people. To date, such white kombis have appeared in Tembisa, Thokoza, Katlehong and Soweto. Their occupants have shot innocent people without provocation or reason," he told Sapa.

"These forces are not necessarily Inkatha. The killings are beginning to resemble the Strydom massacre. These forces must be identified and dealt with immediately before they kill more people."

Following is a dossier of the killings:

■ Residents of Katlehong in the East Rand described how they were shot at by armed black men in blue uniforms, travelling in a Ford van driven by a white man.

■ A group of men in a minibus left a bloody trail in Tembisa and Thokoza last weekend, killing 12 people at random.

■ In Moletsane, Soweto, Catholic priest Father Emmanuel Lafont said at least four people were killed and a number of homes damaged by men travelling in a minibus.

However, Soweto police liaison officer Captain MJ Ngobeni said the people travelling in the

minibus were engaged in taxi warfare;

■ In Sebokeng, witnesses told how masked white men backed up vigilantes attacking the residents on Tuesday. Thirty-six people were killed.

Inkatha's Reef Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza was arrested in Sebokeng Hostel, allegedly heavily armed and in the company of balaclava-clad white men. Newspaper reports said seven witnesses had identified Khoza as the leader of a pre-dawn attack on residents by Inkatha "rooi-doeke" and a number of white men.

Inkatha president and KwaZulu chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi denied on his arrival from abroad this week that his organisation was behind the violence. "We do not have access to an armoury of AK-47s," he said.

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Who are these merciless angels of death clad in black leather coats?

By ELIAS MALULEKE

POLICE are still baffled by the mysterious "Wit-Wolwe" style shooting at the Jeppe Railway Station and Taxi Rank just after 7pm on Thursday - which left five dead and many injured.

Four women and a man were shot dead, while 13 men and two women were admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital in Parktown with bullet wounds - three in a serious condition.

According to the hospital's PRO Jenny Howard two men shot in the spinal cord are in a serious but stable condition. A pregnant woman who lost her baby after she was shot in the stomach is critical.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said between five and seven black men, and not two as reported earlier, armed with 9mm and 7,65mm pistols opened fire on queueing taxi commuters - but there were no further clues about the massacre.

"The police are looking into all possible links, but there is nothing concrete evidence at this stage to specifically link any particular group - or to say exactly why the shooting happened," the spokesman said.

However, he said witnesses saw the gunmen - who wore identical black pants and black leather coats - open fire before disappearing among the fleeing, panic-stricken people.

Police said after the gunmen opened a volley of shots, they shot wildly as commuters scattered in all directions. The gunmen then mingled with the fleeing people and disappeared in the dark.

When *City Press* arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, blood on the walls and the ground glowed in the dark - and the bodies of a man and a woman lay side by side on a pavement in John Page Avenue, next to the station.

Two other bodies of women lay just inside the doorway of the main entrance of the railway station - one wearing a hospital uniform.

A short distance from where they lay, the fifth body, also of a woman, was sprawled on the steps leading to the platform. Like others, she was still oozing blood.

Clothing, bags and shoes were strewn about. Police collected more than 28 spent cartridges from the station alone.

A witness of the carnage, John Dhlomo, told *City Press* he was in a nearby cafe when he heard gunshots coming from the station. When he arrived, he found "many" people lying on the ground - but police were already on the scene and ordered onlookers away.

"There must have been more than 20 people lying injured on the ground before ambulances arrived to take them to hospitals," said Dhlomo.

Victims at the Johannesburg Hospital told *City Press* the taxi rank was crowded as there was a shortage of taxis. Most people were on their way home to Soweto after work.

They did not see their assailants. They were shot from behind while they stood in the queues. Others were shot during the stampede as they tried to run away.

Mother-of-five Millicent Shange, 33, a computer operator, said she had just got off a train from Germiston and was on her way to catch a taxi to Zola when she heard gunshots.

"I then felt this stinging pain in my left leg and fell. I tried to get up - but fleeing people forced me down as they jumped over me; and I fainted," she said.

Jappie Mabholo, 38, a Pick and Pay employee in Kensington, said he was waiting at the taxi rank when he saw people with guns shooting. He could not make

out whether they were black or white. He saw people falling around him.

Benneth Ntshingila, 48, was shot in the spine from the back while he standing in the rear of a queue for taxis to Emdeni North. The father of four children also did not see who shot him.

"I just heard a loud bang similar to a firecracker and felt something hot strike me in the back before I fell down. People started screaming and I started praying," Ntshingila said.

When 28-year-old Samson Buthelezi heard gunshots, he ran - unaware he had been shot in a leg.

"I managed to run a few paces and fell down but I think I was saved by that fall - because as I landed next to a fence near the station, a man running in front of me screamed and fell down," he said.

City Press was not allowed to speak to some of the victims who were still in a serious condition.

However, most of the victims said they believed the spiralling township violence, which has claimed more than 600 lives on the Reef, may be spilling over into town.

Apart from allegations that police and the SADF are siding with Inkatha and stirring violence in the townships - claims vehemently denied by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok - the ANC, Cosatu, community organisations and residents also believe a "third force" exists and is trying to foment more violence.

A group nicknamed the "Messengers of Death" has also been driving around townships in a minibus shooting at pedestrians and, in some cases, starting a panic which culminates in further violence between hostel inmates and residents.

The "Messengers of Death" have claimed more than 30 lives since last weekend in Tembisa, Tokoza, Vosloorus and in Naledi, Soweto.

Police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman confirmed the existence of the gang.

Opperman said the gang was trying to provoke anger and cause disruptions.



He lived to tell the tale: Jappie Mabholo was waiting at the taxi rank when he saw people falling around him. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

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Tears in the ashes after grim civil war

By ELIAS MALULEKA

ROWS of gutted houses and a soaring death toll are grim reminders to PWV residents that they are at war with each other.

Kagiso on the West Rand, Mapeta in Soweto, Thokoza and Vosloorus on the East Rand and Sebokeng at the Vaal, bear testimony to the carnage.

They are the worst hit and have been the focal point of the violence.

There is no sign of community life in these ravaged areas and possessions have been reduced to ashes. The only living person City Press found in a row of gutted houses in Leeuw Street,

Kagiso One, was Ruth Molefe, 58.

Her house stands next to the local hostel and residents in the neighbourhood were easy targets for marauding "Zulus" who had crossed the street to storm the hostel and houses.

The Molefe household is just one of dozens attacked, leaving about 26 people dead during the Kagiso violence two weeks ago.

With tears in her eyes, widowed grandmother Molefe looked at her razed house. She hid in the toilet when the imps arrived.

Her voice was hushed: "Everything we had was burnt and I escaped with only the clothes I was wearing. I thank God my

children, grandchildren and I managed to escape with our lives."

Like hundreds of others, she is now staying with relatives in another section - a relatively "safe" part of the township.

Petrus Raphote, 36, of Mapeta has lost his house, furniture, the clothes of his five children, a collection of 700 LP records, a rare collection of books, artwork and other valuables.

Raphote's brother Laurence told City Press it had taken 18 years to put the record collection together. "Petrus lost many things but he gives most for his records."

Local authorities, their coffers drained by rent boycotts, say they

have no money to rebuild the gutted houses.

Katlehong town clerk Fanie Marree said his council was faced with creditors every day due to the rent boycott, which threatened to plunge the township into darkness.

He said: "The council tried to find means to help stranded families at a meeting with the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) and the Transvaal Provincial Association, but members of the KCA refused to speak to the TPA in our presence and forced the council to leave."

Marree said the council tried twice to meet the civic association in its bid to help unrest victims, but the KCA turned the

invitations down.

"It is our responsibility to help the squatters settle down but because of the rent boycott we cannot even employ contractors to look after the basic needs like garbage removal. Service structures are collapsing," he said.

Soweto Mayor Sam Mthwanzu ruled out the possibility of repairing hostels, saying the council took steps in 1988 to turn hostels into family units.

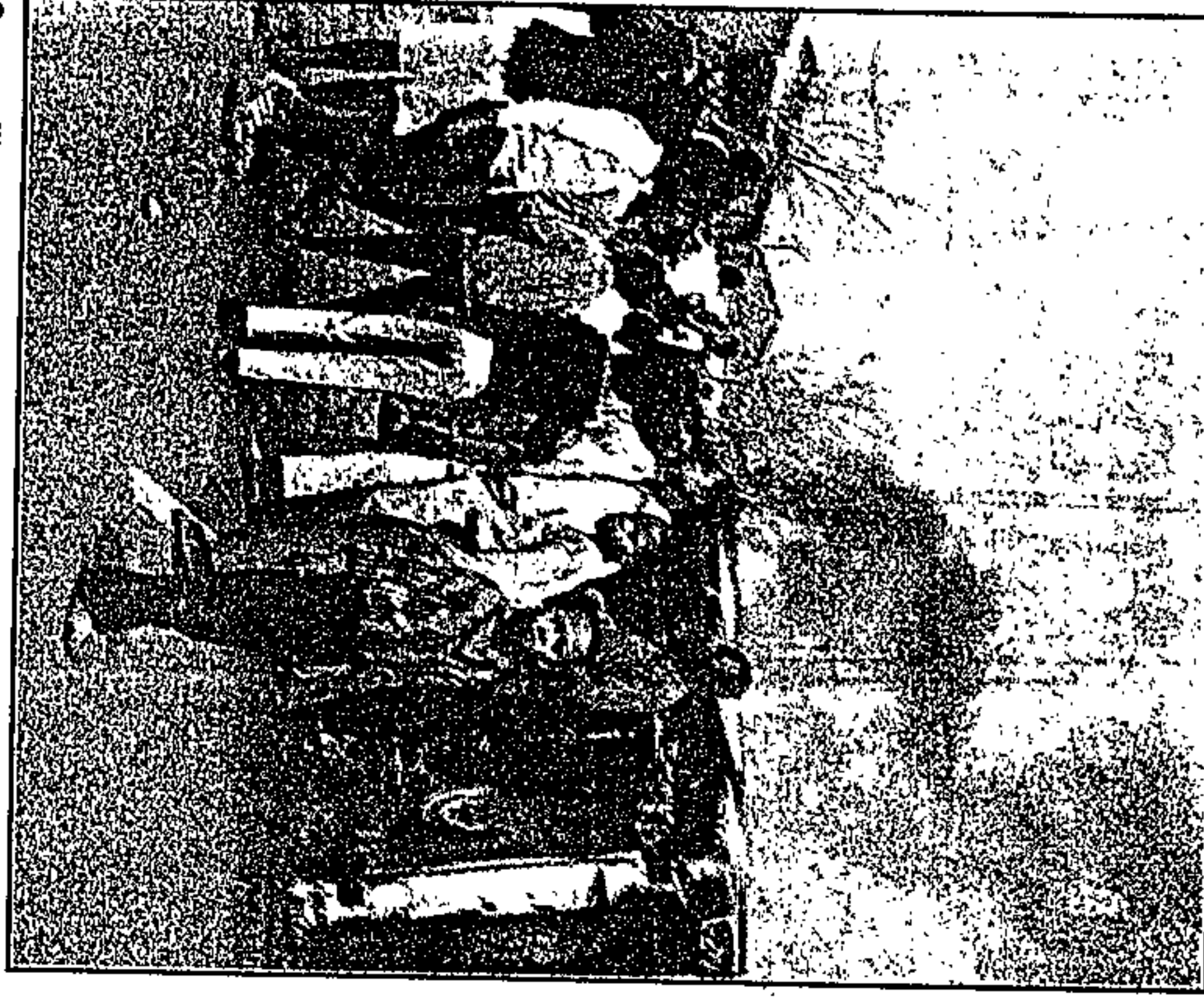
"The system of hostels is unacceptable and inhuman. We want people to lead normal and decent lives. Hostels were created to enforce the influx control laws that no longer exist."

Mthwanzu said the Soweto council was held back in its bid to change hostels into family units by the long process of allocating council funds for the family units.

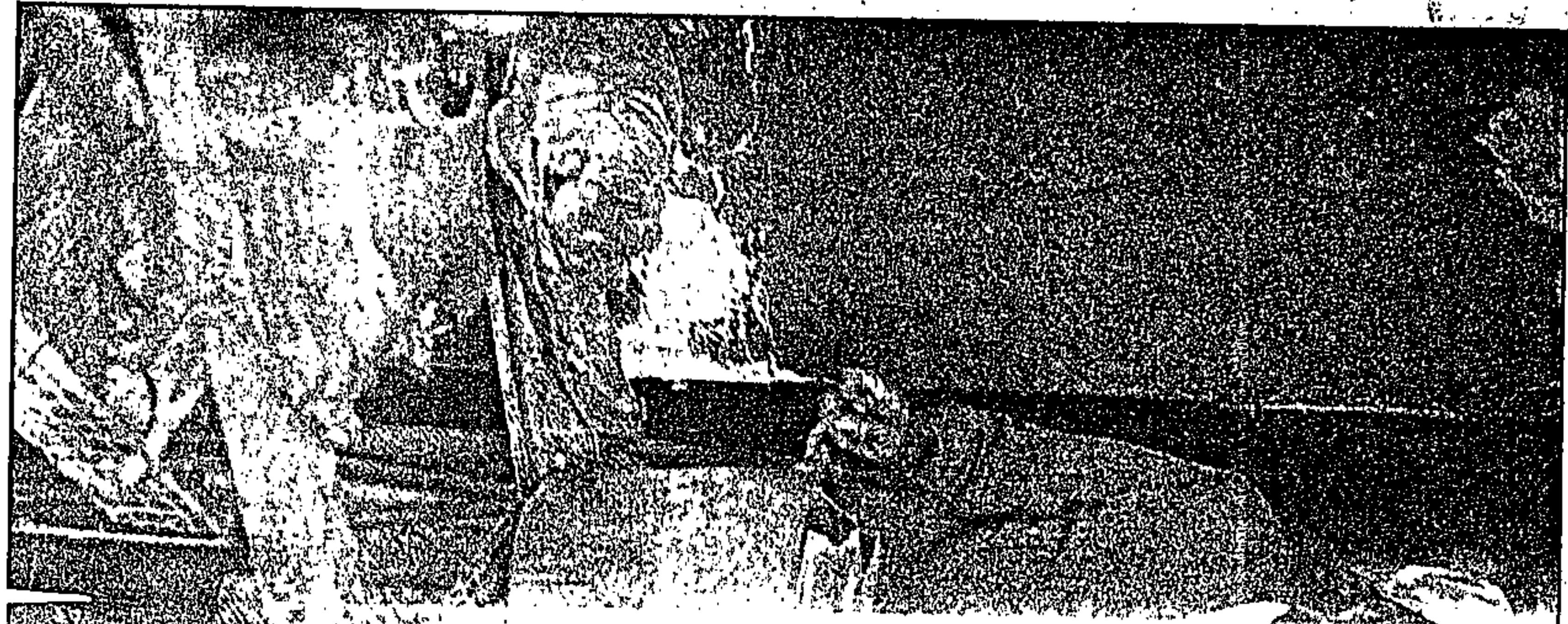
"As soon as the Regional Services Council grants our council the funds, hostels will be done away with," he said.

Vosloorus town clerk Dries Vrey said inmates of the gutted hostels would be housed at the Nguni hostel, but there was no way the council could help residents because the council had no money.

"Only people who paid their rent can be assisted because there is an insurance policy to help them," he said.



Scenes like this were common in Sebokeng as youths barricaded streets during renewed violence.



Kagiso widow Ruth Molefe sifts through all that is left of house was burnt down.

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Residents relive their horror

By SOPHIE TEMA

WHEN 23 visiting Anglican bishops and other clergymen visited Sebokeng Hostel this week, a blood-soaked blanket, shirt, shoes and pools of dried blood in a lonely street near the hostel bore witness to the violence that erupted in the area on Monday night.

They listened as residents caught in the upsurge of violence relived the horror which left 36 people dead and about 50 badly injured.

The bishops were from many parts of South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland.

Bishop Tona Mankhique of Mozambique wept as he told the congregation of St Michael's Anglican Church in Sebokeng about similar attacks on the people of his country by Renamo rebels.

He said his house had been destroyed by fire during an attack and he and his colleague Bishop Dennis Setgani Leombo had witnessed several killings of their people.

Residents said the attack on the hostel on Monday night by Inkatha supporters was the worst since violence broke out in the area two months ago.

They told the bishops of the gruesome deaths and the agonising screams as their colleagues called for help, saying they were being attacked by Inkatha members.

Two dormitories in the hostel, block 32 and Block C, were ripped apart by two blasts in which about 17 people died.

Lizzy Nxumpane had a leg damaged in the blast and it had to be amputated.

Speaking from her hospital bed, Lizzy, 22, said: "I had arrived only two days before the incident from Umtata to look for my father who lives in the hostel.

"I was asleep when I was suddenly woken up by the screams of people in the dormitory. Suddenly I felt the whole room shaking. I lost consciousness and when I came to I found myself in hospital. My leg was severed." Lizzy said her body was also full of shrapnel wounds.

Residents living near the hostel said they heard the blasts but were too scared to go out into the dark and could

Sebokeng blast victims tell churchmen of Inkatha attack

only helplessly peep through their windows.

Scores of people who accompanied the bishops on their tour were shocked to see clotted blood in the soil where some of the dead had been lying.

Nothandile Lwaibe, who had come from Idutywa to visit her husband, also sustained injuries to her legs when the room in which she had been sleeping was rocked by a blast. Her husband escaped injury, although some of the people who slept next to him had died.

She said doctors told her they might have to amputate her left leg as it had been severely mutilated in the blast.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, who visited the government mortuary hours after the bodies had been removed from the scene of the violence, described the attack on the hostel dwellers as vicious and cruel.

At a Press conference at Sebokeng on Tuesday, Mandela said when he and other members of the ANC visited the mortuary they saw the body of one man who had been shot in the back of the head.

Sello Tumelo, who lives near the hostel, said he and his wife were woken by gunshots and two heavy blasts coming from the direction of the hostel.

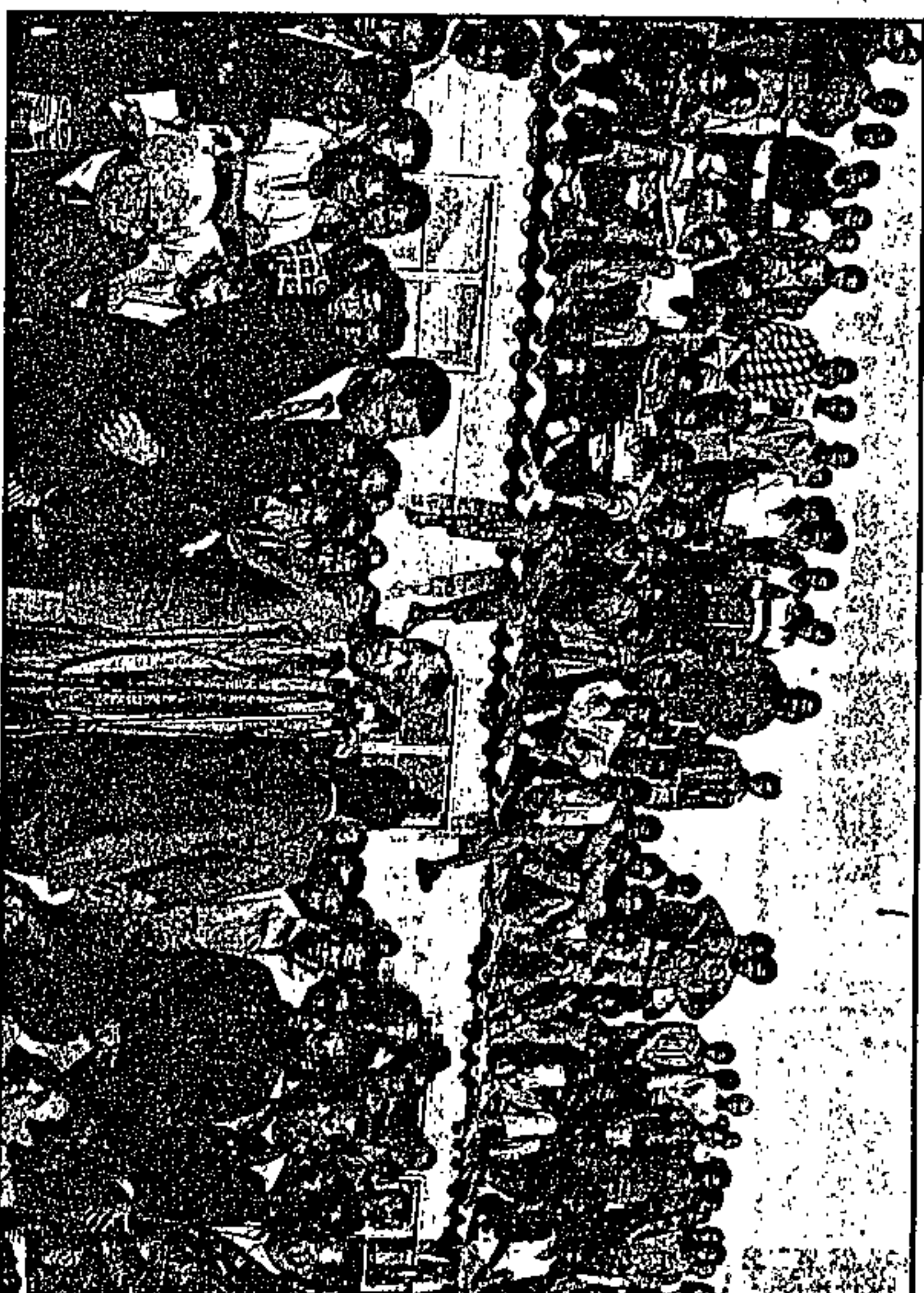
"I jumped out of bed and crept up to the window. I saw people running from the hostel towards the township. They were screaming for help, saying they were being attacked by Inkatha.

"At about six o'clock I went out of my house and in the street I saw a group of residents. We mobilised other residents and moved towards the hostel where we noticed a man known to us as the leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade handing out guns to a group of men.

"When he saw us he drove off at high speed towards the hostel in a car that had no registration plates. When we arrived at the hostel we were shocked at the number of bodies lying strewn all over the place."



her home and possessions after her
Pics: MIKE MZILENI



Nelson Mandela addresses an enthusiastic crowd at the Sebokeng Hostel this week.

'Viva Comrade President FW'

From DAWN BARKHUIZEN
Argus Correspondent
in Johannesburg

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk was given a positive welcome from surprised Soweto residents when he made a two-hour whistle-stop tour of the township yesterday.

"Viva Comrade FW de Klerk, Viva" shouted youths with clenched fists.

"He is our comrade. We want this man for our leader," an excited shopper at the Chiawelo Business Centre said.

"I think he's just great. I'd choose him any day," said one woman joining the throng to shake the State President's hand.

"He has a big job, but he is a big man," said another.

"Mr De Klerk can come to Soweto anytime and he will never be hurt here," Moses Mngweni and his friend Joseph Maswanganay agreed.

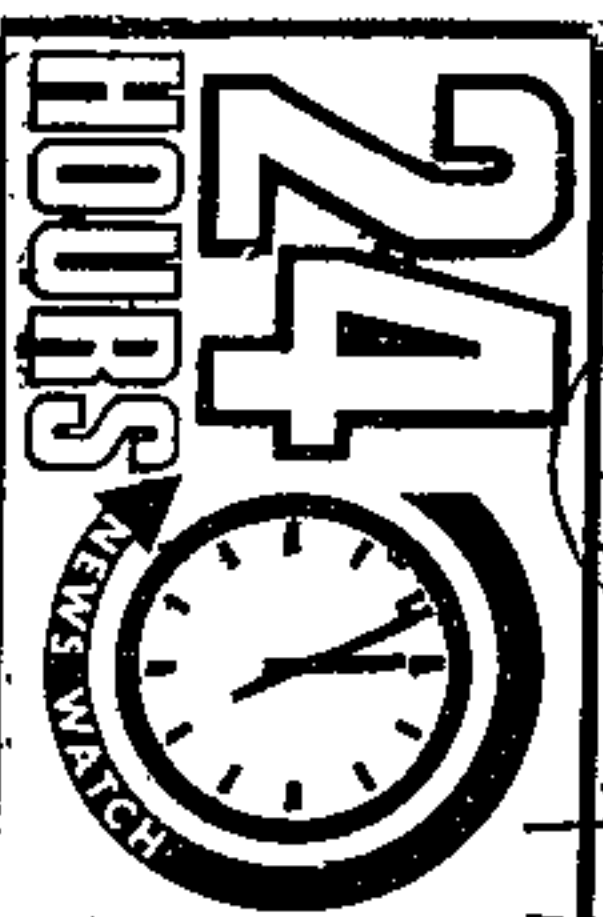
'Wise guy'

"He is wonderful," giggled a group of schoolgirls.

From 10-year-old Jabulani Mngomezulu at the Winnie Ngwekazi Primary School, Pimville, came the solid pronouncement: "He is a wise guy. My father says so."

And at Baragwanath Hospital staff began ululating when Mr De Klerk stopped briefly at the kitchen and did not stop until he left the hospital 15 minutes later.

There were sombre moments, however, when a grim-faced State President made his way over fetid puddles and through tiny,



crammed living quarters at the Nancefield Hostel, a trouble-spot during the recent wave of township violence.

The tour comes four days after the President called for membership of the National Party to be opened to all races. It is his first visit to Soweto in his capacity as State President.

Security was tight. Details of the route were released only once the tour got underway.

Addressing a press conference at the Protea police station Mr De Klerk said: "The experience was spontaneous ... almost nobody was told before hand. This was not a press relations exercise. I wanted to appraise conditions in Soweto myself and to experience first hand the problems of the community."

The President made an urgent plea for an end to township violence in South Africa.

"It must come to an end. If we allow strife to continue the end will be a crisis for everybody. I call on all leaders to stand up and take co-responsibility in making all our people safe and creating a normal society that can develop and evolve."

"I am sad about the time and money wasted when it could have been used to ad-



dress the problems that the community faces. So much needs to be done. What a pity destructive forces ... destroyed what was already here."

He said: "Let us give the process of negotiations a chance. Let us give the leaders time and room to work out a solution. What's necessary while we negotiate is for calmness to return to ordinary daily life."

The greatest challenge lay in development, the struggle against poverty and the need

to provide housing. "There was a problem with elements of the youth who had run wild," he said.

Addressing the problem of education Mr De Klerk announced that R750-million of the R3-billion special fund would be used for building 500 new schools within the next 18 months above the normal budgetary allocation.

He was returning to the Union Buildings in good spirits on the one hand because of the goodwill extended to him, but with a renewed commit-

ment to working towards an understanding between all leaders to ensure peace.

The President was accompanied by his wife, Marike, the Minister of National Health and Population Development, Dr Rina Venter, the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe and at least eight minibus loads and two helicopters of security personnel.

At the Protea Police Station, the last leg of the tour, Mr De Klerk was joined by the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok.



President De Klerk watches (left) as his wife Marike comforts an unhappy hospital patient in Soweto yesterday. Above, Mr De Klerk is shown the inside of the Nancefield Hostel in Soweto. Mrs De Klerk (below) visits a hair salon in Soweto.



Pension disappears

City Press 9/9/90 (343)

A 72-year-old woman has had her pension cut off for the past three years because of a computer error.

Since November 1987 when Agnes Dlamini's pension was suddenly withdrawn, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) repeatedly told Dlamini her records were not on the computer.

Despite several re-applications to the TPA pensions office, she remained without an income for years.

Dlamini's grandson asked *City Press* to investigate the reasons for withdrawal of her pension.

A TPA pensions department spokesman said it was not clear why Dlamini's pension had been cut off, but that it was possibly due to an error during the computerisation of records.

Last month the pension was reinstated, but no mention was made of arrears. *City Press* asked the TPA to investigate further and was assured that all outstanding money - R4 500 - would be paid without delay.

After a similar complaint from another 72-year-old pensioner, Thakane Mkwana, the TPA will pay out arrears of R1 200.

Mkwana stopped receiving her pension at the Leydenburg pension office in January. Once again, the TPA could not explain why the pension was cut off.

Holomisa repeats call for Reef violence probe

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EAST LONDON — Transkei's Major-General Bantu Holomisa on Sunday again called for a judicial inquiry into the Reef violence, amid claims of white right-wing involvement in the continuing carnage.

Armed, balaclava-clad whites — believed to be rightwingers — are reported to have been seen actively participating in clashes between hostel dwellers and township residents, he said.

General Holomisa said although reports from Transkeian citizens and diplomats monitoring the situation made no specific mention of white civilians being seen during battles, they had referred to "white policemen travelling in private vehicles together with police", and white men in civilian clothes.

He said only an impartial, well-represented judicial in-

quiry would satisfy everyone.

Police have launched an investigation into the allegations that a "third force" is linked to the violence. Up to now, it has been claimed the clashes were primarily between African National Congress and Inkatha supporters.

The ANC internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, said at the weekend that "a mysterious force, not necessarily Inkatha", appeared to be operating, posing a threat to both the ANC and the government.

General Holomisa said the inquiry he was arguing for would have to be completely open, to ensure "people are confident the Government is not hiding anything".

There could be elements, either within or outside the government's ranks, which hoped to derail the process of change. — Sapa.

Squatters hacked and shot, shacks demolished

50 more slaughtered in township violence

Staff Reporters

Township violence claimed the lives of at least 50 people at the weekend as waves of attacks on squatter camps spread across Soweto and the East Rand. Shacks were demolished and people were hacked or shot dead by marauding armed bands.

Eighteen people were murdered on the East Rand. Bodies were found by police in Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Tembisa and Evaton.

Early today, an unidentified man was shot dead by a gang of Zulus on a train between Katlehong and Germiston.

A source told The Star the man's friend fell to his death after trying to escape the gang by jumping through an open window of the moving train.

The man who was shot died instantly and his friend's body was later found next to the line.

In Soweto the death toll rose to 33 today. One of the dead was a pregnant woman.

Police said 10 hacked and bullet-riddled bodies were found early yesterday morning near the Tladi squatter camp and Merafe railway station. Another body — that of a man who had been set on fire — was discovered at Mapetla.

Ran amok

Most of the 33 Soweto deaths happened when about 100 people ran amok and attacked squatters.

Police used teargas to disperse crowds which had gathered at the squatter camp throughout yesterday. The situation was described late yesterday as tense but quiet.

A Soweto resident yesterday told The Star he had seen bodies strewn about the streets in Tladi camp, one of them a six-months pregnant woman who had been shot several times in the stomach.

Siphiwe Mhlambi, a freelance photographer living in Chiawelo Extension 3, said the SADF had held an informal meeting with residents in the area and urged them to sign a petition at Protea police station to end the killing.

After the meeting, residents had gathered to take revenge. The police arrived and dispersed the crowd of about 600 with teargas and rubber bullets, he said.

Earlier yesterday, several hundred youths with petrol bombs and an assortment of crude weapons milled around near the railway line across from the Merafe hostel. The youths complained about the presence of police at the hostel boundary and said they wanted to avenge Saturday's attack.

Several policemen later charged across a strip of open ground, firing teargas into the squatter camp. Residents accused police of giving guns to hostel dwellers and of driving attackers into the squatter camp in minibuses.

An informal meeting was addressed by South African Council of Churches general-secretary the Rev Frank Chikane yesterday.

He said he had enough evidence to "show police are killing us".

Mr Chikane appealed to residents to be careful, "otherwise you expose yourself to slaughter".

Police and hostel dwellers were a well-organised force whereas local residents were not, he said.

He urged residents to allow the police to remove the bodies of those killed on Saturday night.

"Don't throw stones at the police — it doesn't solve the problem," the church leader said.

A suggestion at the meeting that hostels be destroyed was enthusiastically received.



Wielding dustbin lids, residents of Kagiso, on the West Rand, stand behind a barricade of burning tyres.



Under attack ... a policeman armed with a 9 mm pistol and teargas gun stands ready to fire after being attacked with petrol bombs while clearing a burning barricade in Soweto.

● Picture by Associated Press.

Whites 'linked to carnage'

Incidents allegedly involving minibuses

By Heleen Grange

Suspicious are growing that whites are among armed minibus gangs roaming strife-torn Reef townships and shooting indiscriminately at innocent bystanders.

While police are probing a possible "third force" instigating violence, township residents continue to allege that whites — wearing balaclavas over blackened faces — have been shooting randomly at people from minibuses.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said police were aware of the allegations and had launched an investigation. However, no witnesses had come forward and there was no evidence linking white men to minibus gangs.

However, The Star has received two reports from Soweto to residents claiming they had seen whites in a minibus involved in recent skirmishes.

In disguise

The director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, Lloyd Vogelstein, said yesterday he had received similar reports.

A Soweto resident whose name is known to The Star said she had seen a white minibus, with no registration plate and driven by three whites, speeding through the township last week. "They were disguised with balaclavas and black paint, but their white hands were visible."

The woman added that the bodies of two white men were found in Diamond last week. This has been denied by police. ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the police were fully aware of allegations of whites in minibuses attacking people. "These are nothing more than mobile hit squads."

Other incidents allegedly involving minibuses include: ● Six people were killed in Soweto on September 6 when a

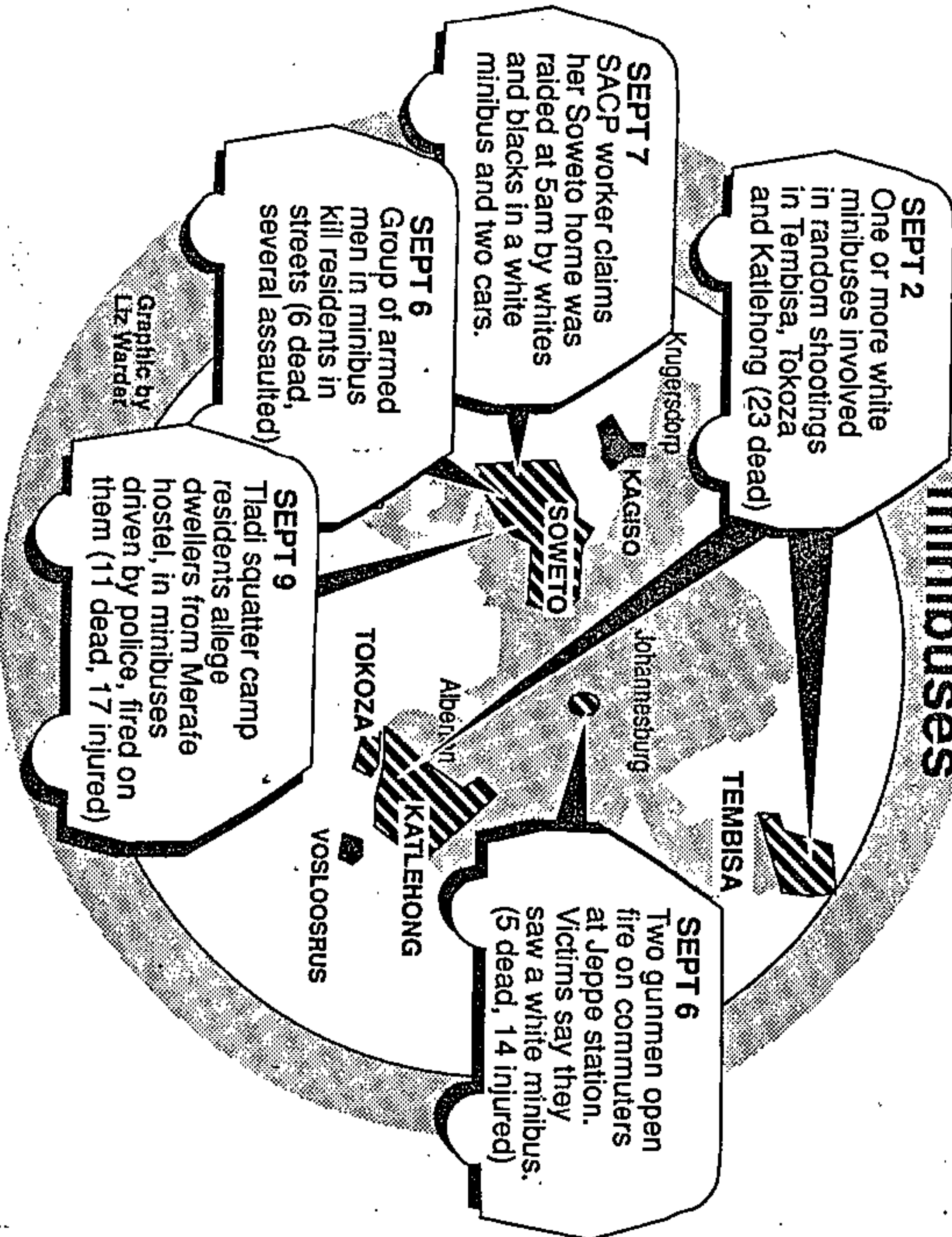
SEPT 2
One or more white minibuses involved in random shootings in Tembisa, Tokoza and Katlehong (23 dead)

SEPT 7
SACP worker claims her Soweto home was raided at 5am by whites and blacks in a white minibus and two cars.

SEPT 6
Group of armed men in minibus kill residents in streets (6 dead, several assaulted)

SEPT 9
Tladi squatter camp residents allege dwellers from Merafe hostel, in minibuses driven by police, fired on them (11 dead, 17 injured)

SEPT 6
Two gunmen open fire on commuters at Jeppe station. Victims say they saw a white minibus. (5 dead, 14 injured)



group of men in a minibus went on the rampage, randomly killing residents on the street and in their houses.

● Unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station on September 6. Witnesses said they saw a minibus in the area. One victim said whites had been involved.

● A group of men drove through Tembisa and Tokoza

townships in a minibus on September 2, shooting and hacking to death at least 12 bystanders.

● SA Communist Party worker Geraldine Prasser claimed her Soweto home was raided last Friday by a group of black and white men.

Commenting on the accumulating evidence of white interference in the violence, Mr Vogelstein said it was important for the Government to continue

to look at the possible reasons whites would get involved.

Apart from the speculation that Inkatha was attempting to elevate its political status, conservative elements within the Government and police would also benefit from the violence.

"With the townships in a state of anarchy, one result would be increased difficulty for the Government to continue

with its reform package. A number of people would be won over to the conservative groups," he said.

A number of whites also saw Inkatha as a primary ally in the fight against the ANC. It was no coincidence, for example, that the leader of Welkom's Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging, Henne Muller, had said he wanted to join Inkatha.

'The Boers are the ones finishing us'

By Moushiwa Moroke

Life for residents at the Tladi squatter camp in Soweto has become a nightmare after vigilante attacks in which 11 people were killed at the weekend.

Tladi residents yesterday told The Star of their experiences of the past four days.

"We have had enough," was how one man summed it up. "We have not slept for three nights and people have not gone to work."

"People have remained home because they are afraid to go into the streets where the police are shooting," he said.

Residents pointed out dried bloodstains where bodies had lain after the attacks. In one yard three bodies were found, including that of a boy of about 13 who had been stabbed, apparently with a spear.

Virtually everyone in this community blames the attacks on the police, particularly white policemen.

Stockings

"The Boers have finished us," one elderly woman told The Star. "It is no longer Inkatha alone which is killing us. It is the Boers. They even kill elderly people and children."

"The SAP must leave our area. It is the white cops who are shooting us at night."

All the residents in the area who were interviewed said the attacks had been carried out by white men who either pulled stockings over their faces or dabbed themselves with a black substance.

They claimed that the whites, who were armed, had been accompanied by young Zulu-speaking blacks who blew whistles and went to houses knocking and calling: "Com, com (short for 'comrade'), Open up, Inkatha is coming."

This, they said, was how they lured people out of their homes.

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**Township
switched off**

PARYS. — Water and electricity were switched off in Tuma-hole yesterday.

Council secretary Mr Joop Ferreira said Parys Town Council and the town's residents could no longer afford to shoulder the outstanding R200 000 bill.

Mr Ferreira confirmed that electricity had been turned off at 9am yesterday and water flow had been reduced to 10%.

The situation in the township is reportedly tense and the white town council has taken security precautions to prevent an outbreak of racial violence. Arrears are for July, August and September. — Sapa

● Station panga attacks ● Ambulance 'no go' areas

Orgy of killings continues

By Carina le Grange,
Shirley Woodgate
and Gien Elsas

The orgy of violence on the Reef is continuing unabated and ambulances have been withdrawn from Soweto after being stoned by mobs.

Today commuters were hacked and stabbed by panga-wielding thugs in an attack on a train between the Braamfontein and Johannesburg stations.

Overnight clashes in Katlehong on the East Rand left at least 12 dead; and roads throughout Soweto have been blocked by makeshift barricades.

At the Johannesburg station today, shocked commuters were greeted with pools and trails of blood on the stairs and platforms.

Witnesses told The Star the attack on the Soweto-Johannesburg train took place shortly after 7 am.

A gang of panga-wielding men mercilessly hacked passengers as the train pulled out of Braamfontein station on its last leg into Johannesburg.

Terrorised.

The body of a man who had been hacked to death and flung from the train was left lying under the Queen Elizabeth Bridge.

Other passengers leapt from the train to escape the attack. The number of injured is not known.

Black station workers told The Star that passengers were terrorised every day on the trains and the railways was "just not providing any security".

Today the death toll from clashes in Soweto and on the East Rand since Friday rose to 75 — a total of 41 in Soweto and 34 on the East Rand.

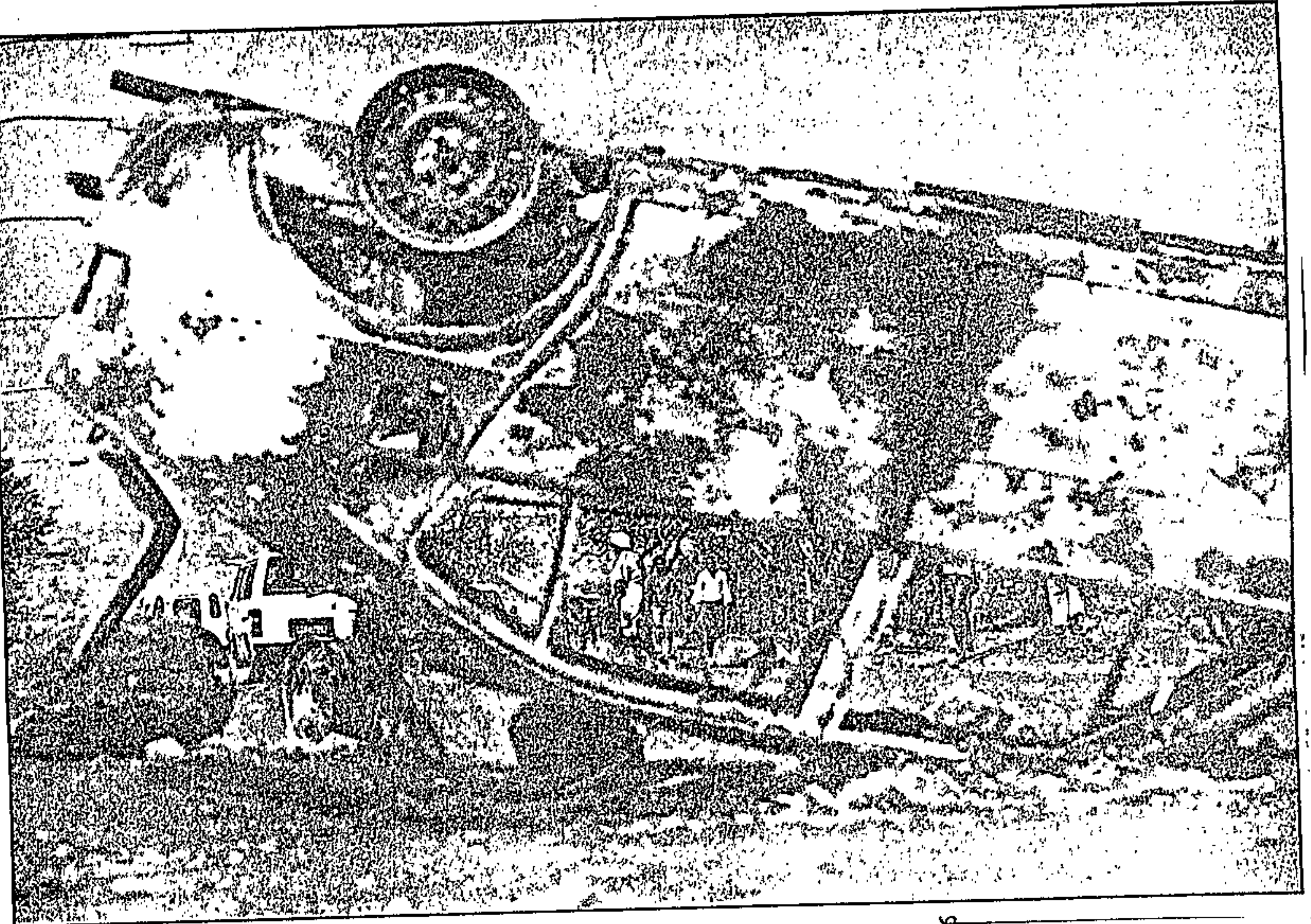
This morning Sowetans streamed to work despite barricades of rocks, burnt-out cars, rubble and tyres blocking roads.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police, said among the victims was the body of a man who had been killed and set alight last night.

Colonel Halgryn said 80 patients were being treated at Baragwanath Hospital for gunshot wounds.

A spokesman for the police on the East Rand, Captain Ida van Zwiell, said Katlehong was quiet today after last night's fighting which, she said, was between Zulus and Xhosas.

She said the warring parties



Life goes on . . . after the violence that swept the sprawling township at the weekend, Soweto residents skirt the grim debris and go about their daily work. Barricades block the streets of Central Western Jabavu to slow down expected night attacks.
● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

fired shots at each other and at police and members of the SADF. One policeman was injured.

The president of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), the Rev I E Thloloe, said among the dead were three people were killed at the Mandela Park squatter camp and four in the southern parts of Katlehong.

Mr Thloloe said parents withdrew their children from school yesterday as fierce fighting raged in Ramokonopi, Moseleki and Mnisi Sections.

In a new development, ambulances have been ordered to enter certain parts of Reef townships only under police protection, said

Johannesburg Fire and Emergency deputy director Danny Joubert.

"Ever since two ambulances were stoned and a patient being transported was attacked by a mob on August 18, we have instructed crews to wait for police protection if they are required to enter volatile areas.

Aggression

"Most of our staff live in the area and are very aware of the situation and the mood of the people in various sections," he said.

On Saturday night a group of people fighting in a street in

Johannesburg turned their aggression to ambulancemen.

Police dispersed the mob after considerable damage had been done to the vehicle's equipment.

Late last night a Johannesburg ambulance service spokesman said they had been forbidden to send ambulances to certain parts of Soweto because the vehicles were being stoned. The areas were Naledi and Tladi camps, Moletsane, Zola, Emdeni, Mapetla and Phiri.

The ambulance service was encouraging callers to go to Jabulani Fire Station to be picked up, and 50 to 60 people had been picked up this way yesterday. Some were very seriously injured.

Parys cuts power, water to township

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

The Parys Town Council yesterday cut electricity services and 90 per cent of the water supply to residents of Tumahole.

About 40 000 people are affected.

Parys town clerk Joop Ferreira yesterday said the disconnection of services was the result of township residents not having paid their bills for the past three months.

He said Tumahole owed the council about R235 000.

Stressing that the decision to cut services was not a political one, Mr Ferreira said it was strictly a business matter.

Mr Ferreira said the water supply had been reduced to 10 percent of normal flow. This would ensure sufficient water for drinking and cooking purposes.

According to Mr Ferreira, a meeting would be held on Thursday between the town council, the Tumahole Town Committee, the police and the Tumahole Civic Association to discuss the issue.

Edging towards a new SA

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Amid cries of anguish, agony and anger ringing from the turbulent townships, South Africa's main political actors, President de Klerk's governing National Party and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress, have begun to etch out their negotiating positions.

They know the violence threatens a negotiated settlement, but at the same time the murderous strife underlines the importance of negotiations as the only long-term solution to the conflict.

With what may be viewed as robust optimism, the NP and the ANC have even begun to prepare for the non-racial elections — the first on a national scale in South Africa's history — which lie beyond the negotiations.

On the negotiation front, the NP has taken a tough stand on two issues: an interim government and a constituent assembly. It will countenance neither.

The latest Cabinet Minister to spell out the Government's opposition to an interim government is Constitutional Development Minis-



Unprecedented township violence threatens to delay and even subvert the negotiating process. But pre-negotiation manoeuvres continue because the violence makes negotiation more necessary than ever, writes **PATRICK LAURENCE**.

ter Gerrit Viljoen. The present government will remain in control until a new constitution is agreed on, he says.

Mr de Klerk's invitation to all parties, no matter how small, to join the negotiating process pre-empts calls for a constituent assembly.

The parties he named specifically at the NP's Free State congress are interesting and instructive: the right-wing Conservative Party, the opposition parties in the coloured and Indian chambers of Parliament, the National Forum, a loose organisation of black township councillors, and Sofasonke, the ruling party in Soweto's town council. They have one key feature in common: their support is minuscule.

As they are essentially conservative organisations, it is fairly certain they will support Mr de Klerk

in his opposition to the notions of an interim government and a constituent assembly. But the ANC may be able to woo some of the black organisations to its side, a stratagem which it has used to deprive the Government of the assured support of tribal leaders.

The ANC is pressing hard for both an interim government and elections for a constituent assembly. They are key components of its opening position. Its commitment to them dates back the Harare Declaration of August 1989.

The OAU-endorsed declaration wants a transitional administration, not the "apartheid regime", to supervise the drawing up of a new constitution. It does not refer directly to a constituent assembly. There is, however, mention of the need to negotiate a "mechanism for

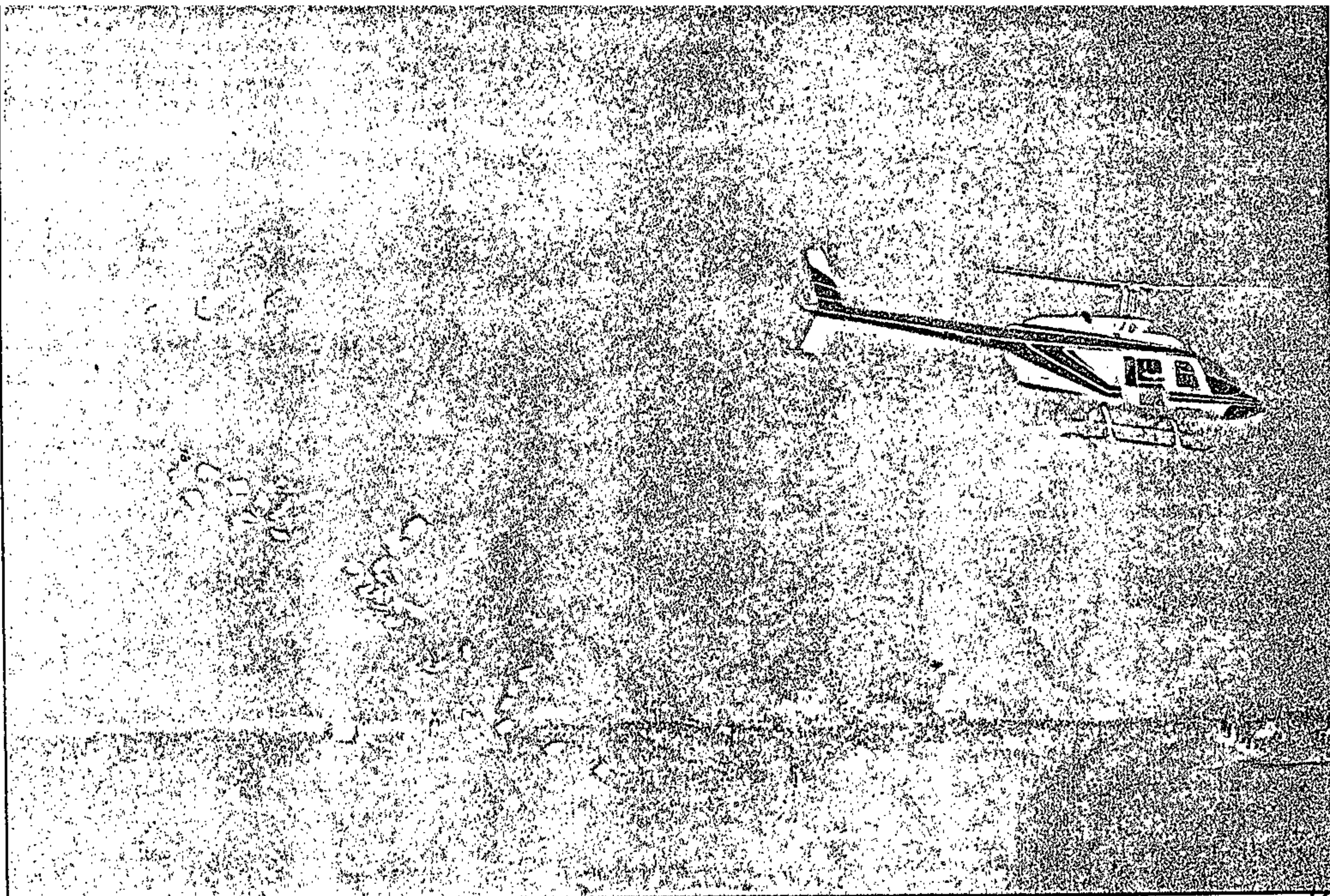
drawing up a new constitution". The ANC's preference is for a constituent assembly.

If the Government succeeds in persuading the Pan-Africanist Congress to join the negotiating table, it will have attracted another strongly anti-ANC force to the discussions. But it will have to pay a price: the PAC is adamantly committed to elections for a constituent assembly.

Dr Viljoen is wont to describe negotiations as a process of give and take.

In the past few days, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis, second-ranking NP leader after Mr de Klerk, has spoken of a post-negotiation Cabinet being representative of all political parties in the new Parliament. Mr Mandela, too, has spoken recently of a post-negotiation government being representative of all parties.

Juxtaposition of their speeches raises the intriguing prospect that the NP and the ANC may be fairly close to agreement on what they have to give and what they can take.



Warning from above . . . a helicopter drops leaflets stating that electricity will be cut off in Tokoza and Katlehong, on the East Rand, at 7 am tomorrow because of the rent and service charge boycott. **Picture by Herbert Mabuza.**

Hotel workers, policeman die in ambushes

Staff Reporters

Three Carlton Hotel workers were shot dead early today and a policeman was slain as AK-47 gunmen ambushed vehicles in Soweto.

The killings brought the death toll on the Reef since Friday to 120.

The three hotel workers were killed, and four others seriously injured, when their mini-bus taxi came under a hail of AK-47 fire at about 1 am near the Nancefield hostel.

Police believe the killers mistook the yellow minibus they were travelling in for a police vehicle.

The ambush was the second in Soweto last night: at 10.45 pm two police vehicles lured to Diepkloof were sprayed with AK-47 bullets, leaving a 22-year-old policeman dead and three of his colleagues wounded, one seriously.

The hotel workers, transported by a contractor assigned to take workers home safely after dark, came under a hail of fire without warning.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the bus was driving along Main Road close to the Boxing Academy when the gunmen opened fire. Three people died instantly.

The four injured were hauled from the blood-soaked minibus and taken by ambulance to the Baragwanath Hospital. All are said to be in a serious condition.



Death bus . . . this yellow minibus, transporting hotel workers home, was ambushed when it was apparently mistaken for a police vehicle. **Picture by Jacob Rykliff.**

They are Orphilia Tekane and Gladys Dlomo of Emdeni, and Gabriel Gele and Phineas Mxomolo, both of Zondi.

The names of the dead have not yet been released.

The policemen, members of the Flying Squad, were ambushed just outside the Diepkloof squatter camp.

Lieutenant-Colonel Halgryn said the Soweto Flying Squad was called to the camp in Zone 3, Diepkloof, by residents who claimed there was a gunman on the loose in the area.

When the two police cars arrived, the young policemen were

told the gunman had gone.

They turned into a side street where their vehicles were riddled with AK-47 fire.

The policeman did not have time to return fire.

Constable Dewald Liebenberg (22) of Alberton was fatally wounded in the attack and died on his way to Baragwanath Hospital. He was not married.

Most seriously injured of the three was Constable Mark Abramowitz (24), who underwent an emergency operation at the Garden City Clinic early today. He had been shot in both hips and legs.

Constable Francois Langeveld

(22) was shot in the right thigh and Constable T H Khumalo was shot four times — in the right calf, left knee, left side and right hand.

Both men are in the Milpark Hospital and their condition has been described as not serious.

The ambush came as fighting continued to take a massive toll in Reef townships.

Last night the East Rand became the latest flashpoint, with fighting in Tembisa, Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong.

Since midnight last night, 21 people have died in East Rand townships, police told The Star this morning, bringing the death toll since Friday to 120.

Twelve died in Tembisa; four in Vosloorus; four in Thokoza and one in Katlehong.

The Phola Park squatter camp was ablaze last night after a group of people from nearby Vosloorus set dozens of houses on fire. A strong police contingent was on the scene.

Groups of Zulus were "running amok with AK-47 rifles" in Vosloorus last night, firing shots wildly, an eyewitness claimed in a telephone interview with Sapa.

Vosloorus Civic Association publicity secretary Keith Montsitsi said there was a powercut just after 6 pm. "There are no lights and people are really scared."

He said residents had earlier erected barricades to keep potential attackers at bay.

Switch-off catches residents unawares

By Musa Mapisa 343

The disconnection of water and electricity in Tumahole township near Parys on Monday has changed the lifestyle of the 40 000 residents.

Parys Town Clerk Joop Ferreira said the disconnection had come about because residents had not paid their bills for three months.

Buckets

The township now owed the council about R235 000.

Mr Ferreira said the decision to cut services was strictly a business matter, not a political one.

Women who had forgotten to store water before leaving for work

yesterday were seen in the afternoon moving in streets with buckets on their heads.

After touring the township, The Star team stopped at a supermarket to buy cold drinks. They were warm.

The stench of rotting meat hung heavily in the air.

One customer was buying candles, while a small boy struggled out of the shop with a five-litre container of paraffin.

Some residents, like the Modise family, were using gas for cooking and lighting.

Music could be heard from their home. It came from a battery-operated hi-fi set.

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E Rand power cuts loom

By Therese Anders
and Abel Mabelane

The electricity supply will be cut off in Tokoza and Katlehong tomorrow, according to notices issued to residents yesterday.

Pamphlets warning of the power cuts in the township were dropped by helicopter.

The notice said: "As a result of your five-month rent and service charge boycott, it has become inevitable that the provision of essential services by the council can no longer be rendered. The funds of Katlehong are now exhausted."

Tokoza administrator Gert Muller said power would be cut at 7 am tomorrow. He said Tokoza owed the Alberton City Council R1,5 million in electricity bills.

Mr Muller said the Alberton City Council had agreed that

power would be restored if residents could pay the average daily usage of power.

He said various community organisations such as the ANC, the civic association, the taxi association and the local chamber of commerce had been invited to a meeting with the council today in an attempt to avert the power cut.

● According to ANC regional secretary Joe Nkuna, many eastern Transvaal township residents are loath to begin paying their service accounts because of councillors' previous records of corruption.

Mr Nkuna has urged the Transvaal Provincial Administration to step in quickly and appoint administrators in all townships throughout the eastern Transvaal.

He was commenting on why many township residents were

still not paying, although the rent and services boycott was called off on August 31.

All service payments are to be made before September 17, yet The Star has been told that in KwaGuqa (Witbank), Mhluzi (Middelburg) and Wesselton (Ermelo) there has been little or no response.

In KwaGuqa, the TPA appointed three councillors as administrators several months ago.

It has subsequently been discovered that these were illegal in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act.

● The Mamelodi People's Delegation and the local city council are due to meet tomorrow to discuss the rent issue in the township.

Suggestions from both parties will be submitted to the TPA for consideration.

● The Kimberley City Council has announced that water and electricity services to the nearby Galeshewe township will be cut from September 18, prompting township mayor Taolo Bosvark to appeal to residents to start paying their rentals and service charges arrears.

Mr Bosvark said residents had been boycotting rent and services charges since March this year, and they now owed about R6 million to Kimberley Town Council.

He said it was not his council's intention to cut services, but since the suppliers were intent on doing this there was nothing the council could do.

If residents started paying by September 18, they might be able to convince the town council not to proceed with a switch-off, the mayor said.

Violence: blacks don't know cause

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Black South Africans in the main do not know the cause of the ongoing violence in the Witwatersrand area, while whites feel the conflict is largely ethnically based, according to a Human Sciences Research Council survey released yesterday.

Significantly, a slightly smaller percentage of blacks said they viewed a lack of communication and understanding among themselves as the main cause of the violence.

Asked what should be done to stop the killing, most blacks called for negotiations, while, in answer to the same question, whites said they did not know.

The survey, conducted among 845 respondents — 424 blacks and 421 whites — was carried out telephonically by the MarkData organisation of the HSRC.

The respondents all had a minimum qualification of matric and were resident in the PWV area, the Cape Peninsula, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

Of the whites, 27 percent believed the conflict stemmed from ethnic differences, "and more specifically differences between Xhosa and Zulu".

Some 25 percent of blacks said they did not know the reasons for the violence and 21 percent believed the cause to be "lack of communication and mutual understanding between the groups". — Sapa.

10 hurt, civic centre torched in Ennerdale

By Helen Grange
and Stan Hlophe

At least 10 people were injured, one critically, in clashes between policemen and residents of Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, yesterday.

Police fired rubber bullets and teargas at groups of stone-throwing residents after an illegal march to the Ennerdale Civic Centre, which was set alight just before midday.

Residents decided to march on the centre to physically remove members of the local management committee after receiving a "negative" response from the committee to complaints of allegedly exorbitant electricity and water charges.

Destroyed

In the ensuing skirmishes with the police, at least two children, aged four and six, were injured. A man shot in the head with a rubber bullet was referred to hospital by a local surgeon.

Millions of rands worth of computer equipment in the civic centre was destroyed and an asbestos unit across the road was gutted. Windows were smashed in the nearby Olin Park shopping centre, and a surgeon's rooms in Olin Park

were teargassed.

According to Ennerdale and Surroundings Civic Association (ESCA) spokesman Aubrey September, the demands made by residents in their petition included a flat rent of R50; affordable services charges; arrears be written off; special tariffs for pensioners and the resignation of the management committee.

Hundreds of residents stayed away from work in response to a call by ESCA to protest against the high service rates. A rally was held at the Ennerdale stadium. Schools and shops were closed.

By late yesterday, police were still dispersing groups with teargas. A burning barricade had been set up at the township entrance.

Local surgeon Dr Moosa Peer said no ambulances were coming in to the area and injured were being taken to hospital by taxi. He said the injured he had treated had all suffered buckshot wounds.

The SAP liaison officer in the Vaal, Captain Piet van Deventer, said police had used teargas and birdshot to disperse the stone-throwing crowd. Three policemen were injured and a fire engine that arrived to extinguish the blaze at the civic centre was stoned and left the area, he added.



Risking their lives in the line of duty... Simon Mashumu (left) and Emmanuel Tunzi, two ambulancemen who have faced hostile crowds and have been stoned while rescuing the wounded during the wave of violence sweeping Soweto.

© Picture by Etienne Rothbart.

By Joe Openshaw

Danger rides day and night with Johannesburg ambulance teams who brave angry and hostile mobs to bring out the wounded victims of violence in Soweto.

Often in the last two months, ambulancemen have had to run the gauntlet of stoning and mob fury when trying to rescue seriously injured victims.

In some instances they have been turned back after their lives were threatened.

The tremendous pressure these men are under has not daunted them, in spite of rumours rife among township residents that ambulances are

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being used to bring in members of Inkatha and the police.

Danie Joubert, deputy head of Johannesburg's fire and emergency services, said: "Our men stationed at Jabulani have to assess the situation when answering a call, and if they think their lives are at stake they call for a police escort."

Thomas Mabuso (39), station

officer at Jabulani, said his teams were not keen on police protection because some perceive the police as being associated with Inkatha.

"We have to be tactful with angry crowds. We try to explain in the heat of the moment that we are carrying out our humanitarian duty and don't take sides. It's not easy," he said.

He described how one team had to be rescued by police after the crowd stopped their ambulance, opened the back and started assaulting two wounded men on stretchers.

"They stoned the ambulance and broke the windows," said Mr Mabuso.

Whistling in the dark

heralds

brutal death

By Shirley Woodgate

"Whistling in the dark" has taken on a sinister new meaning for thousands of terrified residents of black townships on the Reef.

Residents claim the thin whistle, accompanied by the Zulu war cry, "Shaya" (meaning "attack"), is the way attackers keep in touch as they invade the townships under cover of dark.

Last night it was the turn of householders in the Mokwana section of the war-torn East Rand township of Katlehong.

This is the story told by "Mary", a woman who, fearing reprisals, asked that her real name be concealed:

"The Zulus came for us just after 7 pm when we heard whistling in the dark and the chants of 'Shaya'.

" They went from house to house, chopping down wooden front doors with pangas, smashing windows and burning cars.

'Friends'

"Sometimes when they come they greet the inmates with calls of 'Open up, comrade, we are your friends', then beat them up, but mostly they bash their way in.

"If there are men in the houses they attack them, if there are no men they attack the women and children with pangas and sjamboks because they say our men have run away.

"It was pitch black outside last night when they hacked my neighbour to death.

"They target children between 13 and 21, so my teenagers have been sent like refugees to Rustenberg, and last night I and my two remaining youngsters listened in terror to the mayhem next door, to the sounds of murder which could be our fate at any moment.

"They say the attack will come again tonight. What can we do? We are scared and alone. I do not want to die tonight."

By Dawn Barkhuizen

"A man was lying dead in the street like a dog. His head was cracked open like an egg, he had been burnt and shot."

"A little further were two bodies under a blanket. Around the corner was a woman who had been shot in the leg, her companion was dead. Under some newspaper in a burnt-out car there was a skeleton."

"The windows in most houses were broken. The TVs and radios were gone. People were crying in the streets, some said they wanted guns. On one corner a group of kids were making petrol bombs."

An eyewitness account from Beirut?

No, from Katlehong township, East Rand, September 11 1990, 8 am.

Some call it anarchy, others say it's civil war

At least 26 people were killed when rival bands attacked one another with axes, spears and knives, hacking and stabbing victims in the township on Monday night.

The violence continued unabated yesterday when trouble erupted in a train in central Johannesburg. One man was hacked to death and several injured when men with machetes rampaged through carriages

Chopped up

The dead man was thrown from a train. His body had been chopped up, police said. A wounded man was found shot on the train. More injured peo-

ple found their own way to hospital.

Iny Tokoza, 300 women were marching on the police station, demanding that troops remain in the townships overnight.

In Ennerdale, drunken residents returning from a rally yesterday went on the rampage and burnt down the civic centre, gutted buildings and fought with police.

People die nightly in the townships of the West and East Rand and in Soweto. The situation is increasingly fluid and volatile, despite threats and appeals for peace from the Government, political organisations and church organisations.

The death toll has risen to an estimated 650 over the last month. It is higher than that of the 32-month-old Palestinian uprising in Israel's occupied territories.

As the killing becomes more and more indiscriminate, the potential for anarchy increases, predicts Lloyd Vogelmann, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand.

"For every day that the killing continues, for every day that there are more victims, the potential for anarchy increases. Unless this is stemmed within the next three weeks, I believe we will be faced with full-blown anarchy reminiscent

of Natal," he said.

A spokesman for the International Red Cross said that while the fighting was still localised and the townships not totally ungovernable, the situation had all the makings of a civil war.

Control

"Our workers leave the townships at night because it is too dangerous to continue working, but during the day we are still able to make contact with all the various sides. Were the situation anarchic we would not be able to do even that."

SAP spokesman General Herman Stadler said: "In certain townships, people are taking

the law into their own hands, but there is still control to a large extent. Even in the violence-stricken areas, people have still been going to work and doing their daily tasks."

Asked why the Government did not send in massive reinforcements, the general said: "The violence fluctuates, but is not continuous."

"One never knows where it is going to happen. If it gets worse we will send in the army, but we cannot keep a continuous large force in every area. We can only take our guidance from daily events."

"The police cannot solve the problem. We can put a lid on it, we can contain it, but the people must want to stop it. The leaders must come forward and stop it."

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the resolution of the political stalemate.

"It should, in similar measure, help stop the prevailing sectarian violence."

He also said the ANC and PAC should seek unity and common ground, especially since the emergence of a "third force" in the fighting.

He said it was clear the third force now existed.

DURBAN — The chairman of the Transkei Military Council, Major-General Bantu Holomisa has called upon the international community to help stamp out violence in South Africa.

At a memorial service in Umtata yesterday for victims of violence, he said the international community had always taken a constructive interest in

Hostel dweller burnt, youth (17) shot dead

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By Stan Hlophe
and Thabo Leshilo

A Merafe Hostel dweller died after being stoned and set alight by a group of people in Mapetla, Soweto, yesterday.

A Soweto freelance photographer, Jackson Mhlambi, said the hostel dweller was on his way to nearby shops when a mob attacked him.

● A youth was shot at his friend's home in Zola 2 by police. Residents said the youth, Mzwandile Stanley Makhubo (17), was shot by police patrolling the area.

Anna Mokoena said she heard shots and when she went to investigate she saw the bleeding Mzwandile being chased by police.

"He dragged me by the skirt trying to shield himself from the bullets. It was too late as the police fired more rounds and Mzwandile collapsed and died in the kitchen."

His mother, Emily Makhubo, who was summoned from work, was in a state of shock. The body was removed by

police four hours later.

● According to Colonel Tienie Halgryn, Soweto police liaison officer, four people, one dressed in a camouflage uniform, fired shots at the Zola municipal offices.

Residents of the area put up barricades and when police arrived on the scene they threw

petrol bombs and stones at the police who used teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

● A man died on Tuesday night when police allegedly fired on residents at the Mandela Village squatter camp in Diepkloof Zone 3.

Police said 54 people had been killed in Soweto since the weekend.

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**The economy
is bleeding too**

By Helen Grange

As the "small" trade slowly dies in Reef townships because of violence, large businesses — plagued by persistent stayaway action — are considering cutting back their workforces.

The prolonged bloodshed has begun to affect the economy seriously, say business sources.

Township businessmen report drops in trade and shortages. Yesterday no milk, bread or newspapers were delivered to areas in the East Rand townships of Tembisa, Tokoza and Kaitleng. Transport came to a halt.

A worried Joseph Mathibe, manager of Tokoza Open Market, said: "I have almost no groceries in my shop, very little milk, bread and sugar. I am opposite a Zulu hostel, so only Zulus come into the shop."

Police hunt for

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random city street killers

By Guy Jepson

Four unidentified black men driving a minibus unleashed a wave of terror in central Johannesburg last night, randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians, killing three people and wounding at least eight.

Police launched an intensive manhunt but no arrests had been made by this morning.

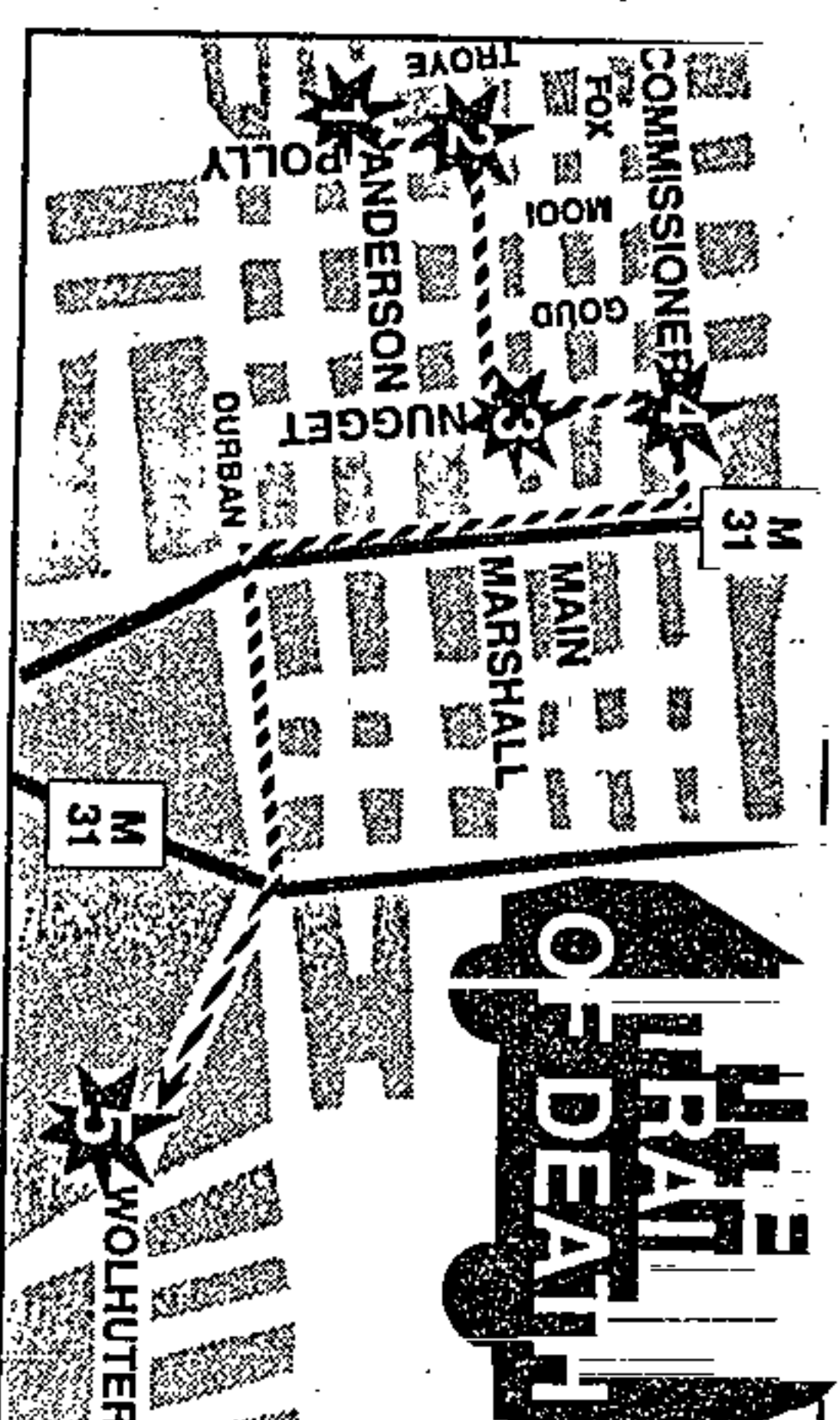
Jacob Motsipe, who was injured at the Polly Street taxi rank, described the attack to The Star while lying on his back in an ambulance, waiting to be taken to Johannesburg Hospital.

"I was waiting for a taxi to take me to Chiawelo Station. There was a big crowd of people standing here waiting," Mr Motsipe said.

"Then these guys just started shooting at us. Everyone started panicking and running away."

The series of apparently motiveless attacks shocked police and emergency services personnel who followed the trail of destruction left by the gunmen who used AK-47 rifles.

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Today a Johannesburg Hospital spokesman said a woman shot in the stomach had undergone surgery last night. She was in a stable condition today.

A man wounded in a knee was "doing very well", the spokesman said. A third person had been discharged after treatment.

A spokesman for Hillbrow Hospital said two of the injured, a man and a woman, had been admitted to theatre for emergency surgery.

Both were in a serious condition. The other three, all males, were being treated in casualty and would probably be discharged later today.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, today described last night's three murders as motiveless and senseless.

"It appears on the surface to be faction-type shootings. But, it is highly unlikely that all those killed and wounded had anything in common. It was just senseless, random shooting," he said.

Police have pieced together the sequence of brutal shootings which the gunmen carried out.

③ The first attack took place at a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg at about 7.30 pm when the gunmen, driving a red and white minibus opened fire with AK-47 assault rifles on a crowd of commuters waiting to catch taxis to Soweto. Two men died instantly and two other men were injured.

④ The attackers then drove down Polly Street, left their vehicle and fired on a security guard outside a building between Marshall and Main streets, wounding him in both feet.

He managed to return their fire, injuring one of his assailants in the stomach. The man's accomplices helped him back into the minibus and they drove off.

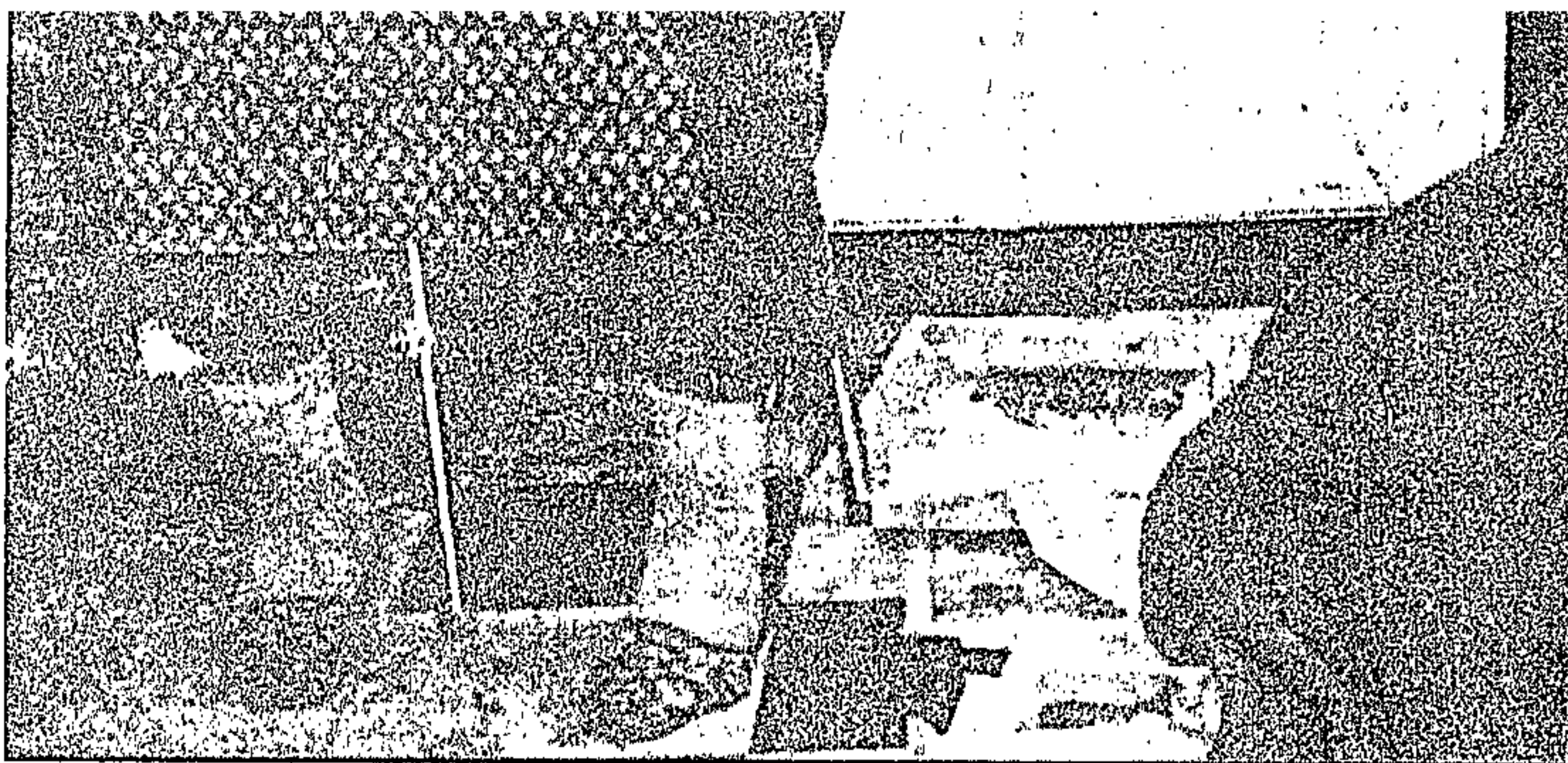
⑤ They stopped again on the corner of Nugget and Marshall streets and shot at and wounded another pedestrian in the legs. They shot another pedestrian, again in both legs, on the corner of Nugget and Commissioner streets.

⑥ The gunmen then drove out of the city centre. They found their last victim at the Wolhuter Men's Hostel in Wolhuter Street, Jeppestown. A man standing at the hostel entrance was gunned down. He died instantly.

Mr Hennie Bekker, MP for Jeppe, today offered R1 000 reward for information leading to the capture of the gunmen.

Mr Bekker, whose constituency includes Johannesburg's central business district where the gunmen went on the rampage, expressed his condolences to the next-of-kin of the victims of "this senseless deed".

He called on city businessmen to set up a standing reward for the capture of such killers, similar to the standing reward offered by banks for the arrest and conviction of bank robbers.



Tears for the victims ... a woman mourns over the blanket-shrouded corpse of a man killed in an Inkatha attack in Vosloorus. ● Picture by Stephen Davimes.

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By Monica Nicolson
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Domestic air fares to rise a second time in next few days

By John Miller

Fares on all South African domestic flights are to be increased by at least eight percent in the next few days — a second increase following one 43 days ago.

The latest increase comes after the rise on August 1 of 12 percent on economy fares and 17 percent on business class fares, and is a result of the crisis in the Gulf and the subsequent rise in jet fuel prices.

At a recent, hastily called meeting of all IATA members held in Switzerland at the end of last month, the 82 members, including South African Airways, agreed to increase international air fares by between five and eight percent.

However, these proposed rises by the representatives will first have to be submitted to governments for

ratification. A spokesman for the association said this normally took between 45 and 60 days.

The secretary of the Airline Association of South Africa, Des Collins, said last night all members would probably follow suit and increase their fares by between six and nine percent within days.

Emotive

"I think air fares are quite an emotive issue, but that it is no different to the motor industry or any other because we are all facing the same problems and inflation rate.

"Our fare increases in the industry are exchange rate-related because every mortal thing we buy, including fuel, has to be paid for in US dollars."

Cancer: experts give diet warning

LONDON — For people with cancer, a high-calorie diet of potato chips and beefburgers may be more effective than vegetables and lentils, British dieticians say.

They were reacting to an earlier report that care given by a Bristol cancer help centre, which included a vegetarian diet, might shorten patients' lives.

"Cancer patients wishing to follow vegetarian, vegan or macrobiotic diets should be made aware of possible nutritional inadequacies," warned the dieticians.

A cancer dietician at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London said it was possible that people on a strict vegetarian diet might lose weight. This could complicate surgical or other therapy by increasing the chances of infection. — The Star Bureau.

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When he walked a short distance away from his colleagues he was shot in the back. His shotgun was stolen.

Colonel Halgryn said several police officers' homes had been broken into and items of uniform were stolen yesterday.

He said youths had been seen at at least three of the homes that had been burgled in the Tladi district.

He said the theft of police uniforms appeared to be part of a new strategy to sow confusion and place further blame for violence on the police.

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Katlehong power off today

JOHANNESBURG. — The Katlehong Town Council has confirmed that electricity will be switched off today.

Council spokesman Mr Fanie Maree said a time had not been confirmed. Pamphlets distributed by helicopter to residents on Tuesday apparently put the cut-off time at 7am, however.

The council is R4 million in arrears in its Eskom electricity account, and also owes about R1,5 million to the Rand Water Board because of a rent and service-payment boycott extending back to April 1, he said.

By yesterday afternoon the situation was extremely tense in the township.

"Every road is blocked off," said Mr Maree. "You can hardly get into the area. None of our employees have turned up for work."

The Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) has refused to meet councillors on the issue because, it says, they are not representative of the community.

Hospitals and police stations would not have their power cut. It would also be unfair to cut the electricity in the Katlehong hostels, Mr Maree indicated, because accounts had been paid.

● Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports noted that electricity will also be switched off in Thokoza today. — Sapa

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Minibus carrying Carlton
Hotel staff attacked outside

40 dead through residents', gang and police action.

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Nic Rhodie, head of the Centre for Conflict Analysis, said the significance of this call had

Now blackouts add to their woes

PATRICK LAURENCE and ABEL MABELANE

visited Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday in the aftermath of another burst of fighting and as electricity to the townships was being cut off. An official acknowledged that the townships were becoming ungovernable.

The voice crackled over the walkie-talkie: "We are under attack. They are attacking with petrol bombs and stones."

The commander of a police Casspir had radioed in to report that they were low on diesel. Their mission was to cut electricity off from the more than 22 000 houses in Katlehong.

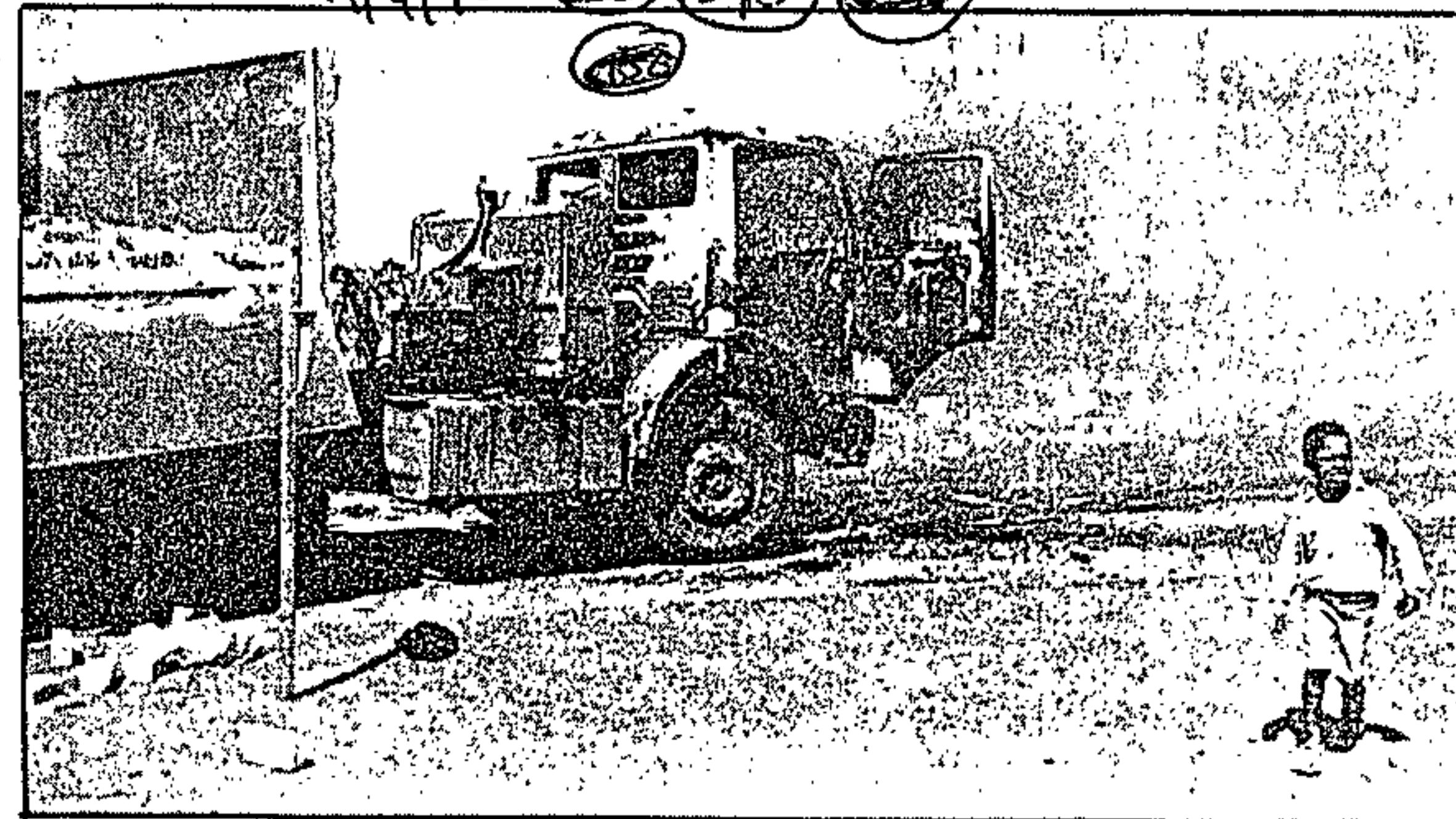
It was deeply resented by Katlehong's residents, some of whom felt angry enough to bombard the Casspir with Molotov cocktails and rocks at the risk of being shot.

The commander wanted to know whether there was diesel at the Katlehong Town Council headquarters.

Town clerk Fanie Mare responded calmly to the commander's question. He picked up one of three telephones and spoke to a town council official. Diesel was clearly in low supply.

Mr Mare spoke into the walkie-talkie, advising the commander to try his luck in neighbouring Vosloorus. But, he hastened to assure the police officer, he would make a plan if Vosloorus could not help.

The decision to cut off electricity had been taken in an



A young boy runs from the burnt-out wreck of a truck during recent mayhem at Vosloorus on the East Rand. ● Picture: Herbert Mabuza.

attempt to persuade Katlehong residents to pay their bills for electricity and refuse removal.

The town council bought electricity from Eskom. It was unable to pay because of the refusal by householders to meet their bills. The town council owed Eskom R4 million. Its debt for refuse removal stood at R500 000.

Trouble

Mr Mare calmly recited the facts of the situation. The cigarette in his hand was the only visible concession to the strain of trying to administer a township without funds and in the midst of sustained and repeated violence in its streets.

Katlehong, with an official population of about half a million and situated on the outskirts of Germiston, was seemingly quiet for the mo-

ment. It is, however, one of the main trouble spots in the violence sweeping townships around Johannesburg.

The signs of violence which were devastating Katlehong were everywhere: boulders lay across its streets, reminders of the barricades that had made the township impassable only the day before; soldiers manned roadblocks at entrances to the township; burnt-out cars added a surreal dimension to the urban landscape; and Katlehong residents, wary of strangers, kept to themselves.

Mr Mare admitted frankly that it was a bad time to cut electricity. "It will definitely cause an increase in the crime rate," he said. Streetlights, once thought to be the answer to township violence, were not excluded from the cut-off.

But, Mr Mare argued, if the

town council waited longer, the situation would become worse — they would have to cut off electricity totally instead of keeping it flowing to indispensable services, such as those provided at the Natalspruit Hospital.

The office of the Tokoza administrator was dim. Electricity had already been cut off, even to his office.

Squeezed

The administrator, Gert Muller, told a similar tale. Tokoza bought its electricity from the Alberton Town Council. Tokoza's bill now stood at R1,5 million. Alberton, which was being squeezed by Eskom, was demanding payment. Tokoza could not afford to allow the debt to grow.

Last-minute negotiations between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr

Muller and the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) had failed to end the deadlock. The TCA had offered a flat payment of R30 a month from each household in return for a decision to write off the accumulated debt and to reconnect electricity supplies.

Local-government chief director J J van der Walt rejected the proposal outright. He mentioned a compromise figure of R70 a month in return for raising a bridging loan to cover the R1,5 billion debt and reconnecting the electricity.

No agreement was reached, however, and the electricity supply was cut. It made little difference to the squatters of Phola Park, on the edge of Tokoza, who don't have electricity.

Their minds were on more fundamental matters: their lives and, after that, their possessions. A long stream of people moved steadily out of Phola Park to friends in Tokoza.

They had been raided the night before by "Inkatha". People had been killed and shacks burnt down. They alleged that "Inkatha" — a reference to Zulu migrant workers in hostels in Tokoza — were assisted by police.

They had no faith in the police, yelling "Inkatha! Inkatha!" at a Casspir as it approached. "Only God saves us here," a man said. "Inkatha is using rifles and we only have sticks."

In Katlehong and Tokoza, sewerage pipes were blocked and sewage spilt into the streets sporadically.

"The townships are becoming ungovernable," an official remarked after he had been assured of anonymity.

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Staff Reporter

Steps to bring the present violence under control would be announced next week, President de Klerk said in a mid-night statement following last night's Johannesburg train carnage.

Mr de Klerk said the steps would supplement comprehensive measures already taken.

He said the "violent events of the past week, in which many people lost their lives, have

Steps next week to control violence — FW

brought our country to an unfortunate turning point".

The latest wave of violence, unrest, arson and damage to property could not be tolerated in any civilised country.

"The offenders, whoever they may be, will be firmly dealt with.

"At the same time the Government will not allow the country to degenerate into an-

archy, whatever the cost."

Mr de Klerk said he again appealed to all leaders and the public to give the Government and the security forces their full support to counter crime.

"Accusations will achieve nothing. There are forces which do not wish peaceful negotiations to succeed.

"All those desiring peace must stand together to identify

and counter these forces."

He said those responsible (for the violence) were greatly mistaken if they believed the Government's search for a peaceful solution was a password to lawlessness, unrest and murder.

"The new South Africa, which is the goal of all sincere South Africans, is being threatened by present events. The Government is determined to ensure

stability and to carry out the process of renewal which has been initiated, within a safe and secure South Africa," he said.

● Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee said in Cape Town that some measures to bring the situation under control had been initiated earlier this week but details had not yet been announced. More details were expected to be announced today.

He said the Government would announce further comprehensive steps soon.

He declined to indicate what these would be, but it appeared they would include measures to expedite judicial processes, including court appearances as well as additional measures involving the police and the Defence Force.

Mr Coetsee and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok were today conferring with top officials in Pretoria.

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A brave prayer for peace

By Abel Mushi

Anton Lamola wept.

The Zulu hostel dweller who, with his colleagues at Merafe Hostel, had been ostracised by local residents since the conflict in the townships escalated, was so overcome when a group of women came to pray that tears rolled down his cheeks.

In a move aimed at contributing towards resolving the violence in the country, about 50 members of the Inter-denominational Women's Prayer League yesterday entered the "males only" Merafe hostel in Soweto, then shook hands and prayed with Inkatha men.

The women dared to go in "in pursuit of national peace".

Their leader, Masechaba Mabaso, spoke to security police who were monitoring the situation and stepped on to the grounds to seek permission from senior Inkatha men.

Mrs Mabaso, a prominent religious leader, returned to her flock and confirmed that the men would see them.

As the group walked gingerly towards the hostel entrance, more than 200 Inkatha men, some of whom carried sticks, began to assemble at a spot where they had held a brief meeting with a male delegate of religious leaders headed by the Rev Frank Chikane, secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

Mrs Mabaso told them: "We have held prayer services at hospitals, mortuaries and squatter camps. We have buried the dead and visited bereaved families all over the townships but we haven't as yet met you. You too belong to us and it is time we came together as one and stopped the fight."

Visibly overcome by emotion, Anton Lamola, one of the Inkatha leaders in the hostel, expressed his "kindest thankfulness" to the women for treating them "like people" as opposed to what was the trend in the townships, where they were regarded "as animals".

Everyone was asked to pray for peace, then Mrs Mabaso bade the men farewell.

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Electricity restored in 2 townships

By Claire Robertson
and Abel Mabelane

Hastily convened meetings between residents and local authorities led to the partial — and temporary — restoration of electricity in two blacked-out East Rand townships yesterday.

At one of the meetings the Tokoza Civic Association was given until 5 pm today to find more than R2 million — or the blackout begun in the township yesterday would continue.

Electricity to Tokoza and violence-wracked Katlehong had been cut yesterday in an effort to force residents to resume rent and service payments.

Guarantee

In an unprecedented agreement reached between Tokoza local authorities and residents yesterday, it was settled that power would be restored between 8 pm last night and 5 pm today — when Alberton City Council, the bulk supplier of electricity to Tokoza, wants either a guarantee or a cash cheque for R2,2 million, the amount owed to it.

Eskom has offered to pay for today's power to Tokoza, East Rand regional director of the Transvaal Provincial Administration Piet du Toit said today.

At the Tokoza meeting between a delegation of the Civic

Association, members of the Tokoza council and representatives of the TPA yesterday, it was also agreed that residents would be asked to resume rent payments at R60 a month.

Power was cut in Katlehong and only partially restored today, according to witnesses and local church officials.

In some parts of the township the towering high mast lights were also affected by the cuts.

The partial restoration of power in Katlehong followed a meeting between the local African National Congress branch and the Germiston Chamber of Commerce yesterday, after which the Chamber approached Eskom to have street lighting in the township restored.

Katlehong ANC spokeswoman Bertha Gzowa said the ANC had left the matter in the hands of the Chamber and was hoping that full electricity would be restored by today.

The President of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, the Rev IE Thloloe today condemned the black-out in the violent township as showing a "total disregard for the safety and welfare of the people of Katlehong".

One Tokoza resident contacted by Sapa yesterday greeted the restoration of power last night with the words: "Now we can see who is killing us."

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NEWS



Diepkloof police station is attacked

A group of people attacked the Diepkloof police station with AK-47 rifle fire and a hand grenade last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police, said a number of people gathered outside the police station. A hand grenade ex-

ploded outside and shots were fired with several AK-47 rifles at the building.

The policemen manning the station returned fire and the crowd and gunmen fled. Damage to the building was minimal and no one was injured. — West Rand Bureau.

Life goes on . . . Phola Park mother Evelina Mgwedlani feeds her seven-month-old child, Gusha, surrounded by the ruins of her shanty home and watched by her son Thabo (4). © Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

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More killed in Soweto and on East Rand

By Monica Nicolson
and Thabo Leshilo

After several days and nights of carnage on the Reef, townships were reported to be quieter last night — but police said residents were tense and violence could erupt again at any moment.

Four people were found stabbed to death yesterday afternoon, bringing the Soweto death toll to 67 since the beginning of September.

One of the men was a policeman who was stabbed to death outside the Merafe station.

He was the fourth policeman to have died in violent attacks in the past two days. Constable Dewald Liebenberg was shot in Diepkloof on Wednesday, Constable D Dlamini was shot at point-blank range outside the Dube railway station that evening, and Constable J Fokane was shot at the Sinoane municipal offices hours later.

Vincent Nthoroane (32) was allegedly gunned down by police at his home in Diepkloof Zone 3 yesterday. Police were said to be looking for his nephew.

Police also allegedly shot dead Naledi Extension socialite and former shebeen king Cybril "Gomma Gomma" Montsitsi in his yard on Wednesday night.

A terrified Soweto woman telephoned The Star at about 7 pm yesterday to say her neighbours were being attacked. "The men are chopping the house down, stealing things and opening all the taps so that water is flooding everywhere," she said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said eight bodies were found in Tokoza yesterday and one in Vosloorus, bringing the number of deaths in the area to 100 since Monday.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe has strongly rejected allegations that whites were fanning the bloody clashes on the Reef. He challenged anyone making such allegations to make a statement to the police.

Excluding those murdered at Denver station last night, the official death toll on the Reef since the beginning of last month now stands at at least 735.

26 die and 100 injured on Soweto-bound train as Reef slaughter continues

Squatters hacked and shot, shacks demolished

50 more slaughtered
in township violence

● Station panga attacks ● Ambulance 'no go' areas

Orgy of killings continues

A week of violence . . . The Star's front-page headlines
on Monday (left), Tuesday (above) and yesterday (right).

Minibus gang guns down 11 pedestrians

Police hunt for
random city street killers



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The carriages of death



Train gang may be street killer

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wholesale slaughter on the Naledi-bound train filtered through.

A section of the M2 highway was closed off as emergency services personnel battled to get the injured out of the scene.

Last night the Denver Station platform was coated with blood.

Bodies lay in the train and along the platform — some trembling, some motionless. One man lay propped up against a pillar. His chest was shiny with blood.

Emergency personnel had to step over bodies strewn on the ground.

It was impossible to tell how many were dead and how many unconscious. Some had blood-soaked rags or jackets over their faces. One or two moaned softly, only their eyes moving as they watched ambulance men carrying other injured on stretchers, drips attached to bleeding patients.

Security police blocked off Main Reef Road and riot gear police surrounded Denver Station after more shots were heard from there.

They refused to let anyone close to the area or to say if any more people had been killed in that incident.

An intensive manhunt was launched, but no arrests had been made, said Witwatersrand



Violent death . . . the body of a victim lies on Denver station platform last night.

Police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester.

She said "a large group of blacks" who boarded the train at Jeppe station launched an attack on passengers as the train passed George Goch Station, using firearms, pangas and sharp instruments.

"Many passengers fled their attackers by jumping of the train between George Goch and Denver Stations."

Johannesburg director of public safety John Pearce, holding an Uzi sub-machine gun in one hand and a walkie-talkie in the other, was on the scene

at Denver Station.

He co-ordinated emergency personnel, which included three helicopters, a disaster bus and "every ambulance available".

Ambulances were loaded and helicopters hovered overhead waiting to land.

A total of 57 injured were sent to the Hillbrow, Johannesburg, South Rand and Baragwanath Hospitals.

Dozens underwent surgery. Eighteen were discharged after treatment. Other victims received first aid at Denver Station. Early today several patients were still in a serious

condition, and at least two of them were critical.

Two of the 29 patients treated and admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital died after emergency surgery, a spokesman said early today.

Their deaths took the death toll to 26.

Injuries ranged from lacerations, fractures, stab wounds to gunshot wounds.

Acting superintendent of Hillbrow Hospital, J Norman-Smith, said today 11 patients were admitted to the emergency surgical unit last night and

three patients were in a serious condition.

Eight more patients were referred from the hospital's casualty section to the Johannesburg hospital.

Another 15 were treated last night and discharged, Dr Norman-Smith said.

A South Rand Hospital spokesman said two patients were admitted and were in "a stable condition" this morning. She said one, a pregnant woman, who had jumped from the moving train, had sustained lacerations while the man had undergone surgery.

In Wednesday's killing spree, which is now being linked to last night's carnage, four unidentified men in a minibus unleashed a wave of terror starting at about 7.30 pm in the Johannesburg city centre.

Randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians with AK-47s as they travelled down Polly Street towards Marshall and Nugget streets to the Wolhuter mens' hostile in Jeppestown, they killed three people and wounded at least 17.

ANC deputy chief Nelson Mandela blamed "hit squads."

"We certainly have instances where people have been paid . . . it is quite clear that Inkatha has not got the capacity to organise this type of attack.

"There is no doubt that the people are very angry. I have never seen them as angry as they are. They are demanding to be armed and we are going to find it very difficult to resist that demand and you know the implications of that," he said.

President F W de Klerk said: "Those responsible are greatly mistaken if they believe that the Government's search for a peaceful solution is a passport to lawlessness, unrest and murder."

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said: "This was a blatant attack on innocent passengers.

"I can't call it faction fighting — anyone could have been on the train."

● Picture by Associated Press.

The cold facts of Reef carnage

By HELEN GRANGE

For just more than a month, black townships throughout the Reef have been racked by brutal killings, fear and tragedy. The death count yesterday stood at more than 700 — over 100 more than the final official death toll of 550 four months after the Soweto uprising of 1976.

Although township violence was escalating countrywide throughout this year — peaking at the end of July/beginning of August with a sudden outbreak of Inkatha-ANC fighting in Sebokeng and Kagiso on the West Rand — bloodshed on the Reef began in earnest when the East Rand township of Tokoza erupted into faction war.

A Zulu man was found dead by police in the township on August 12. That night and the next morning, mayhem struck as hostel-dwellers and squatters from Pholo Park engaged in battle, leaving at least 20 dead.

Police at the time described the Tokoza situation as "quite serious". Mini-states of emergency, imposed on several townships, have since emphasised the growing weight of the problem.

By August 14, the violence had spread to the other East Rand townships of Katlehong and Vosloorus. Crossroads squatter camp near Katlehong was in flames and charred bodies were being removed from the gutted shacks.

By this time, police were expecting an outbreak of violence in Soweto. An ominous illegal gathering outside Jabulani hostel was reported, with angry township residents seen threaten-

ing the hostel-dwellers. Claims were being made that Inkatha supporters were threatening commuters as they boarded trains.

Well over 140 people had now lost their lives in the East Rand.

By August 17, the first 17 casualties of Inkatha-ANC clashes in Soweto were reported. At Merafe hostel, hundreds of Inkatha warriors massed together, chanting and dancing, brandishing assegais, shields and other home-made weapons.

Newspapers were now carrying front-page editorials calling for a stop to the carnage. Horrific pictures of burning bodies and homeless refugees covered the front pages.

In spite of these calls, the death toll kept rising, and by August 18 the official death count for Tokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Soweto was 191.

By August 22 the violence had spread to two more East Rand townships, Tembisa and Daveyton. In the West Rand township of Kagiso, Lewisham hostel was the focus of vicious attacks, and residents were claiming that Inkatha imps were being bused in by police.

The death toll had now soared to at least 510.

Clampdown

The Government decided to impose mini-states of emergency on 19 magisterial districts affected in a massive security clampdown. Hostels were searched and weapons confiscated.

Over the weekend August 24-25, Reef townships were relatively quiet, but warnings that a resurgence of violence was not far off only increased anxiety.

On August 27, eight of the first Soweto violence victims were buried.

On the first weekend of September, the predicted happened. Police found 23 bodies in Tokoza and Tembisa after occupants of a minibus drove around shooting and stabbing residents.

On September 4 bloody battles raged in Sebokeng, where 36 people were killed, allegedly at the hands of the SADF. Reports were made that armed whites took part in a pre-dawn attack on a Sebokeng hostel before the killings.

On September 6 five people were killed and 14 injured in an attack at Jeppe station in Johannesburg. It seemed a senseless and motiveless attack on civilians.

Last weekend saw another 50 killed in further attacks on squatter camps in Soweto and the East Rand townships. People were hacked or shot dead by marauding armed bands, and thousands of shacks were demolished.

Yesterday, after another four days of carnage, the official death toll stood at over 700 and rising...

As township violence spirals out of control, millions of South Africans are asking: "How can the violence be stopped?" Political Reporter **ESMARÉ VAN DER MERWE** asked some experts for their proposals.

South Africa's political leaders must shift their ideological differences into the background and join forces to stop the carnage in Natal and Reef townships which has claimed hundreds of lives, politicians and analysts believe.

This is about as far as the consensus goes, and the one solution is rendered virtually impossible by deep-rooted ideological differences and, particularly on the Reef, confusion about the bloody clashes.

Those who believe the violence to be a straightforward battle for power between the ANC and Inkatha have called for a meeting between Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to facilitate a truce.

However, there is a general fear that such a meeting would no longer restore peace because the conflict has spread beyond ideological boundaries and that many exacerbating factors have since come into play. Those include:

- Widespread claims of police partiality and the existence of a "third force".
- Fear psychosis among township residents whereby attacks and counter-attacks are often launched following rumours of pending attacks by opposing forces.
- Revenge attacks.
- Ethnicity.
- Unemployment and appalling socio-economic conditions.
- Criminal behaviour.

The ANC and Inkatha are said to be involved in efforts to facilitate a meeting between top officials which, ANC sources said, should include Chief Buthelezi but not Mr Mandela. A meeting between the two leaders should only follow later.

ANC southern Natal con-

Stop making police the ur

By SHIRLEY WOODGATE

Until the root causes of the violence are solved by those involved in the township fighting, the police cannot end the unrest.

They can merely keep the lid on the boiling pot of unrest, says SAP public relations chief Major-General Herman Stadler.

Responding to allegations of partiality, conniving and incompetence, he said that while the police could act to contain violence, the force was unable to put an end to it.

KAGISO

AUG 6
Hostel attack in Kagiso leaves 12 dead, 16 injured. (unofficial 30).

SOWETO

SEPT 8-9
33 dead
SEPT 10
7 dead
SEPT 11-12-13
7 dead

SEPT 9
Tladi squatter camp residents allege dwellers from Merafe hostel, in minibuses driven by police, fired on them (32 dead)

SEPT 11
Police vehicle ambushed near Diepkloof squatter camp (1 dead)

SEPT 12
Minibus carrying Carlton Hotel staff attacked outside Nancefield hostel (3 dead)

JOHANNESBURG

SEPT 6
Two gunmen open fire on commuters at Jeppe station. (6 dead, 14 injured)

SEPT 12
Four gunmen in minibus go on terror from the Polly Street taxi at the men's hostel in Wolhuter (3 dead, at least 8 wounded)



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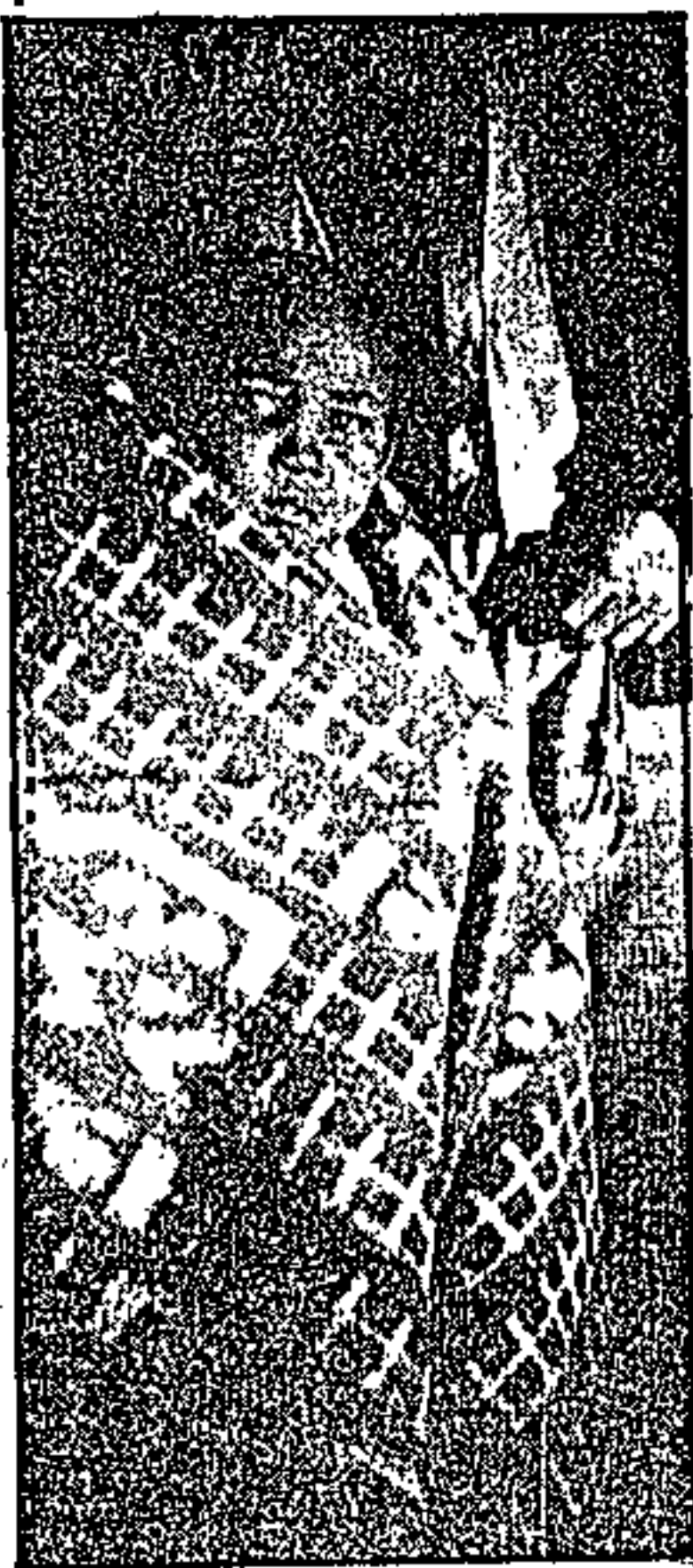
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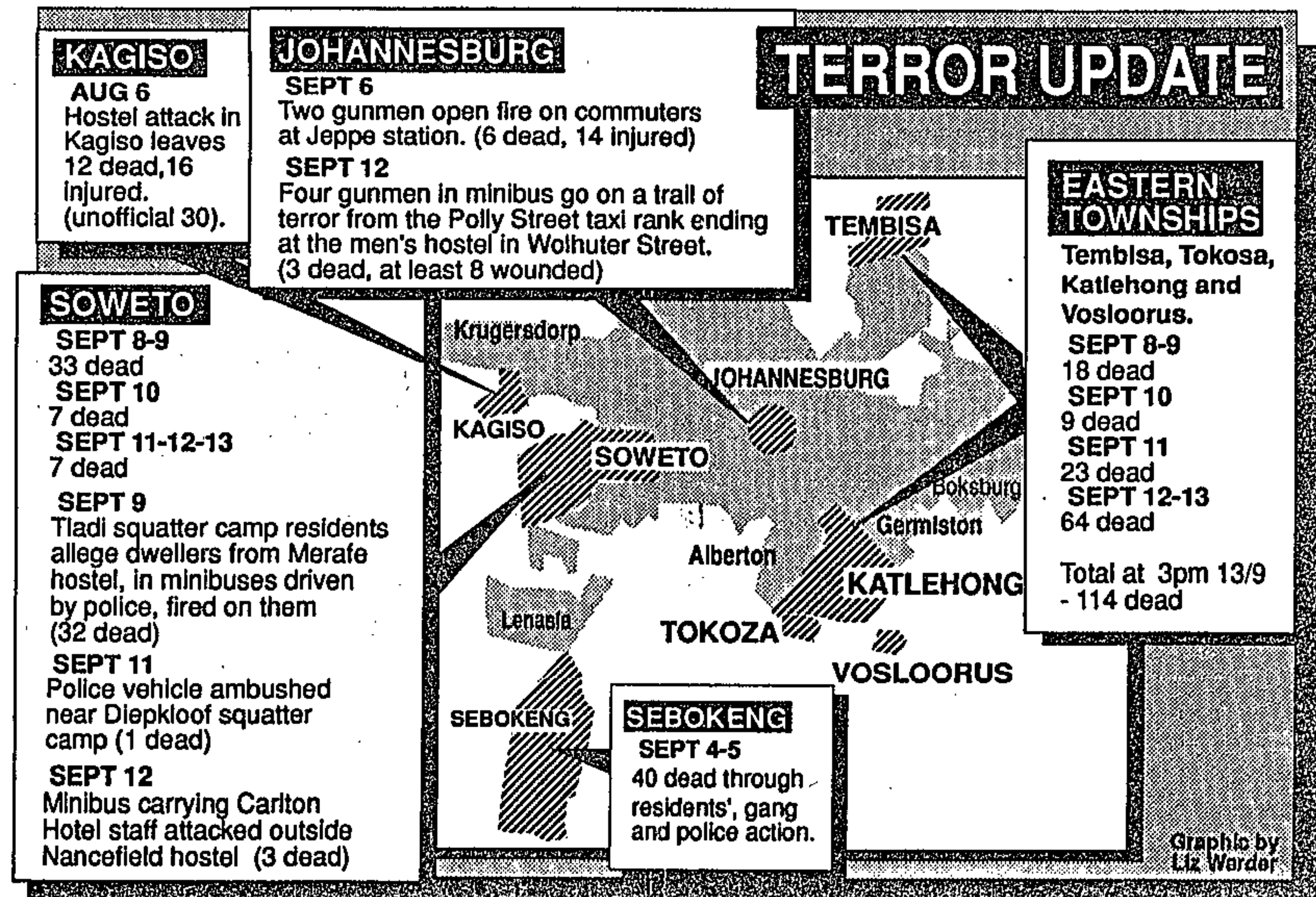


Confused and frightened, children like the one above have been caught in the midst of the violence.

Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

BACKGROUND

requires burying of hatchet



tely causes rifts between various organisations because it wants to portray the country as consisting of various minority groups," Mr Nefolovhodwe said.

Deeply suspicious of elements within the security forces which are being used to destabilise the situation, the ANC has proposed the establishment of central command structures to exercise control over the security forces.

It has also proposed the establishment of liaison and monitoring mechanisms in unrest areas. This call has received wide support.

Former Inkatha leader Oscar Dhlomo, now of the Institute for Multiparty Democracy, believes leaders such as Mr de Klerk, Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelezi should draw up a code of conduct to guide the actions of the security forces.

Mr Mandela's call on the Government this week to use the SADF to quell the violence has been widely criticised.

Political commentator Jan de Plessis warned this week that the use of military force to solve a political problem could lead to civil war.

Nic Rhoadie, head of the Centre for Conflict Analysis, said the significance of this call had not yet been grasped. In effect, the use of military force would make Mr Mandela an accomplice to murder if people died because of SAP or SADF activities.

Various black organisations have also criticised Mr Mandela on this score. In the words of Azapo's Mr Nefolovhodwe: "It is naive to call on the people who cause the violence to maintain law and order. The campaign to get the security forces out of the townships was launched precisely because they were killing our people."

While there is a growing fear that the country's political leaders are no longer in control of the situation, other peace efforts are being planned.

Government representatives and traditional chiefs from KwaZulu and Transkei will this weekend hold joint rallies in Reef townships in an effort to defuse tension between Zulus and Xhosas.

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ganisation are. He should stand up and say enough is enough.

"On the other hand, Mr de Klerk has only made half-hearted efforts because he does not want to alienate Chief Buthelezi. He should give him an ultimatum by putting financial pressure on him.

"Then there is a growing suspicion that some elements in the police, the defence force and even some politicians do not want to find solutions because it is a good propaganda tool - particularly overseas - to portray the violence as black-on-black."

From the Black Consciousness Movement came a different suggestion.

Azapo general secretary Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said the organisation had in March - before the Natal violence spilt over to the Reef - suggested a conference among all "liberation movements" to stop the violence and map out joint strategies for the future.

Neither the Government nor Inkatha should be involved in peace initiatives because apartheid was the cause of the violence and "Gatsha has been built by the State as a pawn to do its dirty work", he said.

"It is apartheid and nothing else that is causing the violence. We had the experience when the UDF and Azapo were said to have been at war. The State was behind it. It delibera-

ing police the unrest scapegoat, says general

"We can only urge those who are involved to stop making the police the scapegoat for their problems and to try to solve the real issues at hand," he added.

"It would appear that double standards are being applied by our detractors.

"First the police are called on to leave the townships and police action is condemned.

"The next moment, calls are made for the full might of the security forces to be used to curb the violence.

"Should this be done, we are certain a hue and cry will be raised by the very people who

have been requesting security force action."

Reacting to what he claimed to be "the concerted, well-orchestrated propaganda onslaught" against the force, General Stadler assured the public of total impartiality in dealing with township unrest.

The attack on the SAP now appeared to be getting out of hand and a sharp increase in the sustained attack had been noticeable since August 6 this year, he said.

"We do not deny there have been isolated incidents in which individual policemen have

overstepped the mark, but we neither condoned nor tolerate this.

"It should be noted that this is not unique to the SAP and we believe it is also unfair for anyone to condemn the entire force for exceptions to the rule," he said.

The spiral of violence now sweeping the country was placing an increasing burden on the resources of the SAP, and the killing of policemen had now become an almost daily occurrence.

"Despite this deteriorating situation in our own backyard,

the propaganda is continuing," he said.

"Allegations being levelled against the police are viewed in a serious light, so much so that an experienced team of detectives under the leadership of a senior general has been appointed to investigate these claims.

"The police do not want to conceal the truth and we therefore have no qualms about such an investigation.

But at this stage, despite intensive research into various allegations, we have found no concrete confirmation to sub-

stantiate them," the general said.

Turning to the role of the media, he said that while the press and television had a duty to inform the public, their duty also extended to acting responsibly.

"The repeated publication of unsubstantiated allegations against the SAP cannot be considered responsible and cannot be to anyone's benefit.

"A false perception is being created which can lead to a wedge being driven between the police and the public," he added.

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**DEPARTEMENT VAN BINNELANDSE
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No. 2148

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**WET OP VREEMDELINGE, 1937
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NGQIYAZA**

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**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND
PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**

No. 2143

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CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS EDGING INTO POWER

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Township civic associations representing several million Reef residents will meet this weekend to forge closer ties.

The meeting on September 15 in Johannesburg, hosted by the UDF, will launch the Southern Transvaal region of civic associations as a prelude to the formation of a national civic association early next year. Delegates will attend from 97 "civics" across the Reef and will elect a 15-member executive body.

Regional civics are already established in Border and the northern Transvaal.

In effect, the move should be seen as the ANC-UDF establishing local government structures as future alternatives to existing local authorities, now struggling to survive. The local authorities, which face deficits of tens of billions of rand as a consequence of a four-year rent boycott and a five-month rates boycott, have had bridging finance turned off by the Transvaal Provincial Administration. This in turn is leading to supply switch-offs in some townships and deteriorating health conditions as sewage

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removal is not effected in some areas. All the authorities are on their knees.

Titus Mafolo, UDF publicity secretary, said the rents and rates crisis had revealed the need for a national civic association. "While the TPA is negotiating as a provincial structure we have been negotiating as individual civics. There has been no cohesion in terms of approach," Mafolo pointed out that not only would the bargaining position of civics be strengthened from within a national forum, but situations such as boycotts could "be resolved more amicably and quicker by a national structure."

Late last week, the UDF again approached Minister of Planning & Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel for an answer to a suggestion when they met with him three weeks ago that the UDF should serve on the National Land Commission. However, Kriel is abroad until September 17.

The initial meeting with Kriel took place after a UDF decision — since rescinded — that squatters should occupy vacant property. Mafolo said the UDF wanted to sit on the land commission to know best which land was available for informal settlement and to promote cohesion between communities and civic organisations with government land policies. He said that last week's destruction of shacks at Dobsonville was indicative of the poor communication between government and local authorities.

Charlene Smith

the station yesterday.

● Photograph: Sean Woods.

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'Court' said to punish teachers

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ABBEY MAKOE

THE National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) has been accused by some Soweto teachers and principals of running "people's courts" and victimising teachers who are not members of the union.

According to teachers interviewed by Saturday Star, the "courts" have been in operation for the past four months. Most of the teachers who have been tried and sentenced were staff from primary schools.

Apology

Those who have so far appeared were not members of the union.

In one case, Mrs Johanna Shabangu (not her real name) a head teacher, claimed she was suspended from duty for 12 days in July for being in "contempt of court". Mrs Shabangu said she was reinstated after she had appealed and written a letter of apology.

She would not say what charges she faced at the "trial".

A letter of apology, written to the Neusa, emerged as the minimum punishment the "accused" have been subjected to.

Saturday Star is in possession of some of the letters written by some of the people's court victims.

Proceedings are usually held

Claims 'baloney' says union's boss

at Leitsibolo Combined School in Tladi, Soweto. Classrooms are used as court rooms. The "court" sat on Mondays and Thursdays after 2 pm.

A teacher, who has been in the profession for 17 years, said she was informed during a "hearing" that she was a stumbling block in the struggle, and that she was not fit to be a member of Neusa.

Saturday Star team witnessed the whole staff of Naledi's Mara Higher Primary including the headmaster enter Leitsibolo school yard to be tried. The charge against them was that they had closed their school for the winter vacations, thus violating Neusa's call for the schools not to be closed. Their case has since been indefinitely postponed.

Mud-slingers

Approached with the allegations, Mr Curtis Nkondo president of Neusa said: "I dismiss all these allegations as absolute baloney."

He said when people want to discredit an organisation they will come up with all sorts of strange stories. "This has happened to many organisations, I



DISMISSIVE: Curtis Nkondo says the allegations about kangaroo courts are "absolute baloney".

can actually say all, and Neusa is not an exception.

Asked about the self-confessed victims, Mr Nkondo said there were no victims because there was no punishment meted out to them.

"They are merely mud-slingers bent on throwing the mud at Neusa and remain with their dirty hands", he said. "Why

didn't they phone me? This is a smear campaign," he claimed.

On the teachers' lack of discipline Mr Nkondo explained: "Teachers must abide by the policy of the organisation, which is to teach".

The Neusa president also lashed out at the Saturday Star: "For all these months your newspaper is the only one that has the information. It seems you're only interested in publishing stories without investigating them."

The Johannesburg regional director of the Department of Education and Training, Mr Peet Struwig, said it was difficult for the department to intervene.

He explained: "The victims are so intimidated that they seldom come forward to make statements."

'Catch 22'

Mr Struwig said the another problem was that Neusa held the courts after school hours and hence had put the DET in a "Catch 22 situation".

He revealed that the information about teachers being tried and sentenced only came to his attention for the first time eight weeks ago.

Mr Struwig cautioned: "The relationship between the employer and the employee must not be forgotten. Conditions of work are determined by acts and regulations."

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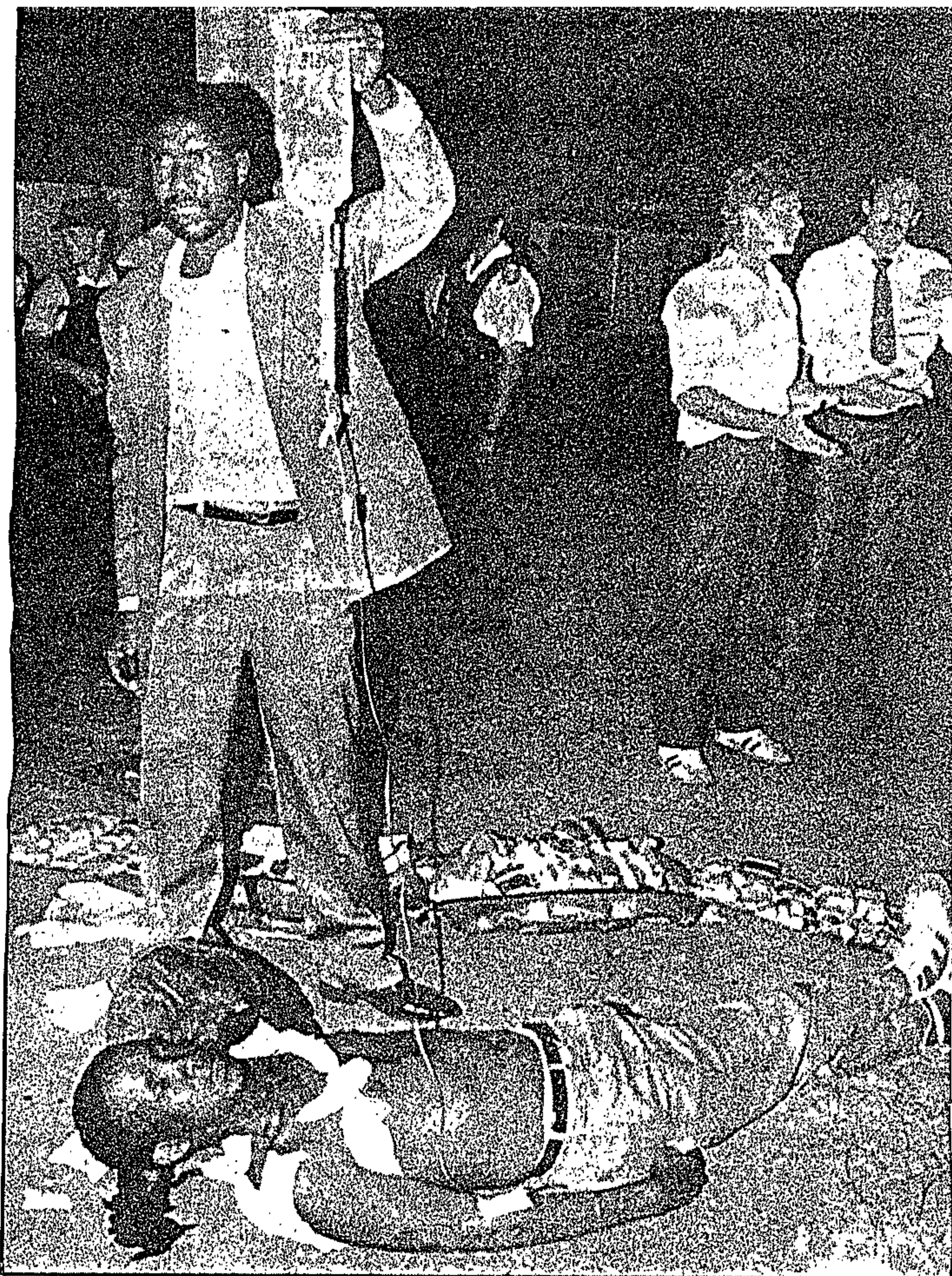
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HELPING HAND: A man holds a saline drip for a commuter wounded when a gang, wielding knives and guns, attacked fellow passengers on a Johannesburg train on Thursday night.

Church leaders tour Soweto battle-zones

CHURCH leaders concerned about ongoing township violence this week held a prayer service in Soweto before conducting a tour of various trouble spots.

The exercise was part of a broader initiative to highlight the violence for people unfamiliar with the extent of suffering in the townships.

The churches involved were the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Dutch reformed, Methodist, African Methodist, Episcopal and the Apostolic Faith.

The first trouble spot visited was the Tladi squatter camp, where 11 people were recently killed. Here, Catholic Bishop Reginald Orsmond conducted a prayer service.

The next stop was at the home of a Mr Mlangeni, who was allegedly killed with his son.

About 500 m away, Rev Gideon Makhanya stopped journalists and other visitors. He said: "This is a house of the Nonyane family, where a five-year-old baby was

ABBEY MAKOE

chopped with a panga. The mother was also chopped and shot. They are still in hospital."

The group moved on to the Merafe hostel in Mapetla, also the scene of violent clashes between local residents and hostel dwellers.

Things almost turned sour when the apparent leader of the inmates, Anton Lamola, accused the Rev Frank Chikane of passing biased judgement on the violence.

"It is you (Mr) Chikane who called for the total destruction of our hostel on the TV," Mr Lamola charged. Mr Chikane at

times battled to explain that he was a church leader whose main concern was to stop unnecessary killing.

The group and Mr Lamola agreed to organise a peace meeting later during the week.

The church team was taken inside the hostel. Mr Lamola called his mates and asked them to gather and join in prayer,

as requested by the church leaders.

Looking comfortable and relaxed, hostel residents sang a hymn and then jubilantly sang "Nkosi Sikelel' Afrika".

Addressing a press conference after the tour, Mr Chikane expressed hope that as long as there was understanding, it was still possible to end the violence.

Why the youth rebel — experts

A LARGE portion of South Africa's youth is enmeshed in a cycle of violence created by a violent adult society, a breakdown in family life, and a lack of authority and old-fashioned "respect".

Mrs Heather Regenass, national marketing manager of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), told Saturday Star: "We live in one of the most violent societies in the world, and we have perpetuated a sub-culture of violence in our youth."

She said South African youth are subjected to violence in their homes, in the streets of their neighbourhoods and cities, on television and in movies, and in their schools where corporal punishment ("it just perpetuates violence") is frequently the favoured method of reprimanding wrong-doers.

"Violence and death are facts of life for many South African children," she said, adding that this was particularly true among black youth.

"We have bred a cycle of violence in children who do not know how to interact and how to maintain control.

Many inarticulate

"They do not know how to accept responsibility for their actions and frequently seek authority among their peers, with gangs and gang leaders elevated to positions of status and power."

Mrs Regenass said many South African children do not know how to express their feelings.

"A person who is inarticulate about his or her feelings will often resort to violence as an outlet of expression," she said.

"No one is inherently

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around to teach children basic life skills".

● Marna Slabbert, a South African criminologist, believes the current wave of violence could be related to recent large-scale changes in the country, and more especially to major changes in politics and the resultant creation of expectations.

Dr Slabbert expressed this view during an interview on SABC's Radio Today yesterday morning.

Dr Slabbert said feelings of disillusionment among the country's black youth have turned into hatred, with a lack of respect for people and property.

Asked why the violence was occurring between members of the black community — instead of attacks against whites — Dr Slabbert said, "One often finds gangs are not concerned about politics.

"It also has a lot to do with urban living, economic depression and the factors of township life," she said.

She said there were many levels on which one must work to find a solution.

"The first thing is for the authorities to try to

violent — society creates problem children."

Part of the solution, she believes, would be to teach all children how to interact, how to maintain control, how to be responsible for their actions, "the sort of things parents taught us in the days when parents were

curo the violence. But that won't solve the problem — it will only get us to a more peaceful situation. After that a lot of factors will have to be looked at, starting with urban blacks and more particularly the youth, who are extremely bitter."

When township violence reaches into the home

VIOLENCE — you can read about it, talk and argue about it. But until it disrupts your family life, as it did mine this week, you will never know what thousands of residents on the Reef and Natal have gone through.

A week ago, after colleague Arthur Molisiwa lost his brother Jerry under a hail of bullets in Vosloorus, I saw the pain that masked his face.

The smile he so effectively used to charm everyone in the office had disappeared.

The sadness in his eyes was more than I could take and that was when it really hit me.

I asked myself, what is happening to our country? Last Sunday morning, when I

left with my softball team for Carletonville where we were to play friendly games against teams in that area, little did I realise that it would be the last time I would be home in four days.

While in Carletonville my pager beeped with the message that would disrupt the bright spring Sunday we had been enjoying: "POLICE SHOOTING PEOPLE IN NALEDI TOWN-SHIP..."

I lost concentration and after the games, we headed straight home, worried about the welfare of our families.

We arrived in Soweto and the first thing I did was to phone home.

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My mother answered. "Where are you calling from," she inquired. "Dube," I replied.

"Just stay where you are. The way things are this side you won't be able to reach home. The streets are barricaded and police are firing... I don't know whether it's teargas or bullets," said my mother.

I slept with a friend on Sunday night and tried getting home on Monday morning. I couldn't.

I couldn't go to work. I had no clean clothes, and I was still in my softball shorts and vest.

I called the office and explained my plight. For the rest

of the day I tried getting into Soweto, without success.

The telephone became the only lifeline to my family who were barricaded in a township under siege.

My heart went out to those poor people without phones.

The worst moment was on Monday night. I was speaking to my mother.

"My son," she said in a hushed tone. "They are at our gate... they are firing, the whole township is dark, there are no lights."

As she said this to me I could distinctly hear the sound of gunfire. Up to five shots. "Hello, hello," I shouted into the mouthpiece; my mother was not there...

I felt a shiver go down my spine. I hung up not knowing what to do. After a few minutes I called again. My father answered. My mother was in deep shock, she could not talk. That night we kept a vigil over the phone, calling each other every 10 minutes.

Nothing happened to my family, but I still felt the urge to be with them during those terrible times.

I hadn't done it in many years, but I found myself closing my eyes and saying short prayers.

It's been said before, but I'd like to add my little voice to those of community and church leaders: STOP IT. We have too many orphans and widows already.

ing the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves

was completely. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let

much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".

Vlok refuses Witbank inquiry

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has refused a judicial inquiry into an unrest incident in Witbank this year.

Four people in a group of mostly women and children who were fleeing the township, died after being shot by police. Hundreds more were injured.

Witbank community groups, the Catholic Church and trade unions have alleged that most of the injured and those killed — including a baby who died while strapped to its mother's back — had pellet wounds.

In a letter to the Minister of

Justice, the groups say witnesses claim the police shot at residents "without the slightest provocation".

The incident took place in Witbank's KwaGuqa township on March 12 while large crowds were fleeing after rumours that hostel dwellers were about to attack residents.

Clashes

Earlier in the day six people had died in clashes.

The groups asked Mr Vlok to appoint an independent judicial commission of inquiry "to investigate the conduct of the police in the Witbank unrest, par-

ticularly in regard to the shootings".

The lawyer acting for the families and local organisations said independent post-mortems had been held on the bodies of the deceased.

These had shown all four had been hit by pellets in the back.

In his reply on August 27, Mr Vlok said the incident was still being investigated.

"On completion, the dockets will be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision.

"I regret that I cannot accede to your request for a judicial inquiry."

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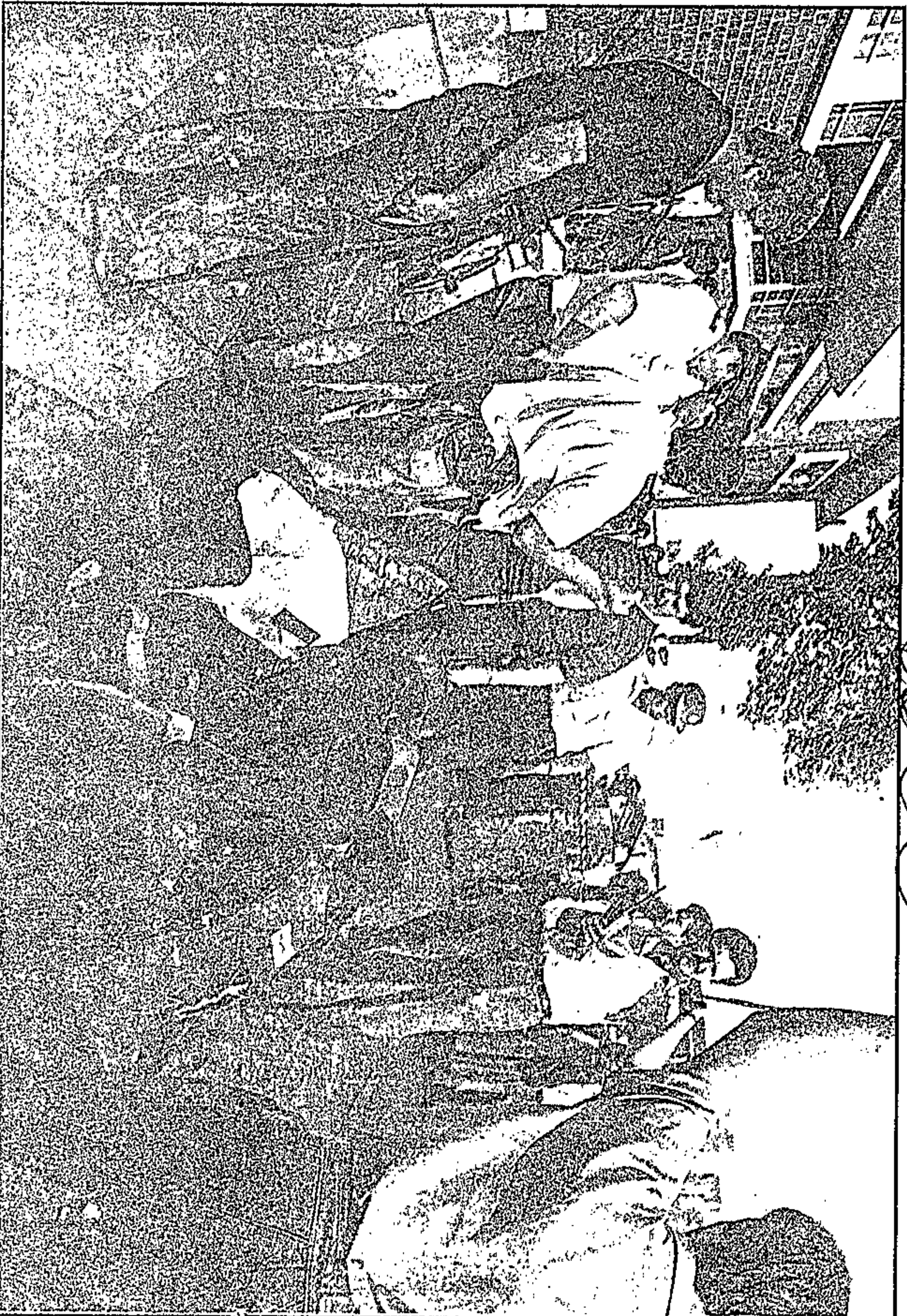
AS more violence on trains in Johannesburg broke out yesterday, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela announced that President de Klerk had finally conceded the existence of a sinister "third force" manipulating the Reef violence.

After urgent talks with Mr de Klerk in Pretoria, Mr Mandela told a press conference in Johannesburg that the President was now convinced that the Reef carnage was no longer a clash between black and black, Inkatha and the ANC, or Zulus and Xhosas, but that "some hidden hand" was at play which intended to destabilise the peace process.

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A new 'Renamo'

"The efficient manner in which they execute their crimes indicates that we are not dealing with amateurs. What we have here are the beginnings of a Renamo movement."

He welcomed Mr de Klerk's admission that some sinister hand was behind the violence as a significant departure from the position previously taken by the Government.

He had no reason to believe that Mr de Klerk would not carry out the new security plan.

If Mr de Klerk had indicated to him why he "had changed his mind so sharply" on the reasons for the violence, he would not discuss it with the press.

In a short statement, the President's office said the two leaders had discussed the serious situation on the Witwatersrand, Thursday's senseless killings and the prevailing violence in general.

"The State President stressed that the Government intended to take strong and comprehensive action to curb the violence and that additional measures had already been taken to this end."

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Jews cheer Mandela after speech at temple

AN address by ANC leader Nelson Mandela to the Jewish community went unhindered at Johannesburg's Temple Shalom last night — in spite of circulated pamphlets expressing outrage that a "power-hungry despot" be allowed to speak at a temple.

Wearing a yarmulka, Mr Mandela quickly addressed the issue which has led to widespread controversy among Jews — his embrace of Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader Mr Yassar Arafat.

He told the congregation that the fact that the United Nations had on two occasions met Arafat in Geneva was indicative of the man's support.

"If Zionism means to deny Palestinians the right to freedom and self expression, then it must be strongly condemned. But if Zionism means freedom, liberty and the right to expression, then it is a healthy move-

HELEN GRANGE

ment... "Peace in the Middle East depends on Palestinians and Israelis accepting each other's right to existence."

Mr Mandela said that blacks identified strongly with Jews on the question of racial intolerance.

At the end of his address, Mr Mandela was cheered warmly.

Early yesterday, pamphlets from an organisation calling itself "People for Racial Peace and Harmony in Africa" were distributed, claiming Mr Mandela had embarked on a wave of terror against all disagreeing blacks.

He was getting ready to "out-Nazi the old Nats" and he "kisses the cheeks of Arafat and Gadafi", the pamphlet said. "How dare he be invited to speak in a holy place?" it added.

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The Death Train — No 9436

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My ride began at the Johannesburg station where the train, dubbed "Jikeleza" by commuters, pulled in at exactly 5 pm.

Black train commuters, usually packed on the platforms in their hundreds during peak hour,



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Police deny they buried nine bodies

By Monica Nicolson

Police strongly denied allegations that they buried bodies at a Vosloorus cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed that nine bodies had been buried in a paupers funeral but said police had only been on the scene to help and protect.

The confusion arose when local residents saw police vans carrying the dead people to the cemetery and police standing by while the bodies were buried.

"The bodies were driven to the cemetery in mortuary vans belonging to police because they had died during the unrest and were unidentified.

"We helped carry the bodies to the graves and stood by protecting the local authority employees while they did their work. But, we had absolutely no part in burying the bodies. It is not our job and the SAP never bury people," he said.

Naude backs Govt 'Iron Fist' moves

Prominent cleric Dr Beyers Naude said last night that Operation "Iron Fist" was necessary to curb and possibly end the violence in South Africa.

Speaking in an interview on SABC-TV, Dr Naude said: "We need such steps in order to ensure peace is restored to our country."

A common commitment to deal with the violence was essential from the African National Congress and Inkatha, Dr Naude said.

However, the deep conflict and tensions in Natal would not be resolved "on its own" by a meeting between the leaders of the two

organisations.

"The meeting of the two leaders (Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi) on its own will definitely not resolve the problem at the present moment."

Dr Naude said the strongest root of the problem of violence was the policy of apartheid which had been built up over the years.

"The whole situation of unemployment, lack of housing and social conditions has to be addressed to bring us to peace."

He said all structures and systems of injustice should be studied and removed. — Sapa.

Why the youth rebel experts

A LARGE portion of South Africa's youth is enmeshed in a cycle of violence created by a violent adult society, a breakdown in family life, and a lack of authority and old-fashioned "respect".

Mrs Heather Regenass, national marketing manager of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), told Saturday Star: "We live in one of the most violent societies in the world, and we have perpetuated a sub-culture of violence in our youth."

She said South African youth are subjected to violence in their homes, in the streets of their neighbourhoods and cities, on television and in movies, and in their schools where corporal punishment ("it just perpetuates violence") is frequently the favoured method of reprimanding wrong-doers.

"Violence and death are facts of life for many South African children," she said, adding that this was particularly true among black youth.

"We have bred a cycle of violence in children who do not know how to interact and how to maintain control."

Many inarticulate

"They do not know how to accept responsibility for their actions and frequently seek authority among their peers, with gangs and gang leaders elevated to positions of status and power."

Mrs Regenass said many South African children do not know how to express their feelings.

"A person who is inarticulate about his or her feelings will often resort to violence as an outlet of expression," she said.

"No one is inherently violent — society creates problem children."

Part of the solution, she believes, would be to teach all children how to interact, how to maintain control, how to be responsible for their actions, "the sort of things parents taught us in the days when parents were

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around to teach children basic life skills".

● Marna Slabbert, a South African criminologist, believes the current wave of violence could be related to recent large-scale changes in the country, and more especially to major changes in politics and the resultant creation of expectations.

Dr Slabbert expressed this view during an interview on SABC's Radio Today yesterday morning.

Dr Slabbert said feelings of disillusionment among the country's black youth have turned into hatred, with a lack of respect for people and property.

Asked why the violence was occurring between members of the black community — instead of attacks against whites — Dr Slabbert said, "One often finds gangs are not concerned about politics."

"It also has a lot to do with urban living, economic depression and the factors of township life," she said.

She said there were many levels on which one must work to find a solution.

"The first thing is for the authorities to try to curb the violence. But that won't solve the problem — it will only get us to a more peaceful situation. After that a lot of factors will have to be looked at, starting with urban blacks and more particularly the youth, who are extremely bitter."

Sowetans reject night clamp

MOST Soweto residents last night dismissed the drastic seven-hour curfew, to be introduced on Tuesday, as an unnecessary measure which would interfere with their social lives.

However, there were those who felt the curfew, which is part of the SAP's Operation Iron Fist to curb the township violence, was needed and would save lives in the troubled townships.

The Government announced that from Tuesday a curfew confining residents to their homes between 9 pm and 4 am would take effect.

Miss Hazel Tshabalala of Pimville scoffed at the curfew: "Just when the violence has subsided the police implement their barbaric measures. It took more than 800 deaths to make them take steps."

TJ Mokoena, a teacher from Meadowlands, said he wanted the violence to stop "whether the Government introduces Iron Fist or other tough measures". "If it goes unchecked it will mean total destruction, not only for the politicians, but for us all."

Joyce Moloi said the permits which people were supposed to carry after 9 pm did not accommodate residents who would be attending night vigils in the township.

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Jacob Tshabangu, a Katlehong schoolteacher, was among the few who favoured the curfew. "I've lost a brother during the violence. I know the curfew will disrupt the social lives of many people but at least a few precious lives will be saved."

A-Volloorus resident who chose to remain unanimous said: "I know that people will go all out and criticise Iron Fist. But before it was introduced no one, not even the ANC, took steps to ensure the people's safety."

Said Herman More of Dube: "The only thing I want to say about Operation Iron Fist is that it will keep everyone indoors, thereby saving our lives."

A Sebokeng resident whose house neighbours a hostel last night telephoned Saturday Star to appeal for a curfew in his area.

Reluctant to reveal his name in fear for his safety, the man said: "Our area has been one of the worst hit. We are terrified. Surely we should have a curfew here. We want anything to stop this terrible violence."



TAXI WAR: Covered bodies and gutted minibuses mark where three taxi drivers were shot dead in Soweto and three others wounded.

Three die as youths shoot six taxi drivers

THREE taxi drivers were killed and another three injured when they were shot and their cars set alight in Soweto yesterday morning.

A Soweto police spokesman said a band of five youths armed with 9 mm and 7,65 mm handguns opened fire at a taxi rank opposite the Diepkloof Hostel.

The taxi owners were standing next to their vehicles waiting for passengers to arrive when they were attacked.

The three drivers died instantly. When Saturday Star arrived on the scene, relatives were busy identifying the dead drivers. The two drivers I saw had bullet wounds in their heads.

Damage to the three minibuses and a fourth, which was partially burnt, was estimated at R300 000.

Police said the attackers escaped in a taxi belonging to one of the injured taxi owners.

Witnesses managed to take the first three letters of the registration number of the Nissan E20 minibus. The letters are LWZ.

Ambulances from Baragwanath Hospital rushed to the scene to ferry the injured to hospital. Police arrived soon afterwards.

No arrests have yet been made.

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Zulu King blames ANC for violence

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TRANSKEI President Tutor Ndamase and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini, accompanied by traditional chiefs and Cabinet Ministers, will tomorrow hold joint rallies on the East Rand and in Soweto in an effort to restore peace in the war-torn Reef townships.

A Transkei embassy spokesman in Pretoria said the first rally would be held at the Tokoza stadium from 10 am to noon and the second at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Similar peace rallies would be held in the Vaal Triangle and on the East Rand on Monday — the first at the Sebokeng soccer field from 10 am to noon and the second in the Springs township of KwaThema from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Propaganda

The decision by Zulu and Xhosa leaders to visit the Reef was taken at a meeting in Durban late last month where the two delegations called on political parties to stop making ethnic groups the target of political propaganda and urged Zulus and Xhosas to "purge their minds and hearts of ethnic animosities".

King Zwelethini this week told a meeting of Zulu chiefs that he held the ANC and its allies — the UDF, Cosatu and the SACP — responsible for the violence which had flared in KwaZulu, Natal and the Transvaal.

Despite several attempts by KwaZulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and himself to hold discussions with ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, he had up to now not had the time for such a meeting.

Therefore he and traditional leaders from Transkei and Ciskei would visit the Reef to plea for peace.

"My message will be that people should put a stop to the violence. I will even say they should not engage in counter-violence if being provoked," he said.

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chiefs to plead for peace

Tokoza gets power cut reprieve

AN emergency payment by Alberton industrialists has averted the disconnection of the power supply to the township of Tokoza.

Electricity was to have been cut off at 5 pm yesterday because of arrears owed to the supplier, the Alberton Town Council.

In talks between the Tokoza Civic Association and the Alberton council, chaired by senior Transvaal Provincial Administration official Jan van der Walt, it was agreed that the deadline for disconnection be extended until September 24.

The Alberton Industries Asso-

ciation has arranged for its members and others to pay R100 000 to the council to cover the cost of electricity until September 24.

The civic association has reportedly agreed to advise its members in the township to start paying for municipal services and electricity immediately.

The interim payment is to be R70 per month for houses wired for electrical supply, and R10 in the case of other houses.

Further negotiations will also take place with a view to identifying affordable charges and deal-

ing with the community's grievances. The intention is to introduce new tariffs at the end of November.

● Electricity to the East Rand township of Vosloorus was apparently switched off from 6 pm to 8 pm last night.

Vosloorus residents telephoned Saturday Star last night, concerned that attacks would occur in the township during the power cut.

Natalspruit and Spruitview were without electricity from Thursday.

Sebokeng man stoned, necklaced by crowd

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VEREENIGING — A 30-year-old Sebokeng man was stoned by a group of about 500 people before being "necklaced" in neighbouring Evaton yesterday afternoon.

The victim has been identified as John Hlekiso, of Zone 7, Sebokeng. According to police the incident happened after a

group of about 500 attacked and stoned Mr Hlekiso in Milner Street.

The group then put a tyre around his neck, doused it with paraffin, and set fire to the tyre.

A police spokesman said the possibility was being investigated that the crowd acted in retaliation after Mr Hlekiso allegedly stabbed to death his girlfriend.

Sacob to meet about upsurge in SA unrest

THE South African Chamber of Business (Sacob) is to hold a top level meeting of business leaders in Johannesburg on Monday to discuss the unprecedented levels of violence in the country.

Sacob, expressing its deep anxiety at the continued and escalating violence, urged political, business and community leaders to take "all possible steps to help restore stability".

"Sacob is concerned about the significant human and economic costs of the current violence in urban areas and deeply regrets the loss of life and injury that has occurred," Sacob's director general, Raymond Parsons, said in a statement.

"There are also serious implications for growth, employment and investor confidence in South Africa," he warned, adding that the spiralling violence also had a negative impact on the climate for political negotiation.

Sacob appealed to all parties involved to cease acts of violence to enable law-abiding citizens to pursue their normal activities without disruption.

"Sacob shares the view that it would still be helpful if Mr Nelson Mandela, deputy president of the ANC, and Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi, as head of Inkatha, would meet as soon as possible to discuss the level of violence in South Africa." — Sapa.

Reef township war is costing Putco millions

15/9/90 SHAREEN SINGH

PUTCO services in war-torn townships are being severely affected and the company is losing millions, says the company's managing director, Jack Visser.

Putco had not yet pulled out of the affected townships but if the situation continued and became "highly dangerous and intolerable", the company would have to reconsider its business strategy, Dr Visser said.

Losses in July amounted to R2 million and figures for August are expected to be much higher as the violence escalates.

The hardest hit area is Vosloorus, where Putco has reduced its services by pulling out 35 buses. Services in other townships have been disrupted.

Inconvenience

When major attacks take place, passengers are picked up outside the township. This is a major inconvenience for commuters.

In Vosloorus, Tokoza and Katlehong, buses have been operating outside the townships since last week.

Passenger intake during the past three weeks has dropped by 50 percent in Vosloorus, 30 percent in the Evaton and Orange Farm region and 20 percent in Soweto.

Three buses have been completely burnt out in the Soweto-Dobsonville area in the past three weeks and one in Vosloorus. Forty have been damaged since violence started.

Although one driver was recovering after being shot while driving a company car, drivers had not yet complained about servicing the townships, Dr Visser said.

Crisis looms for 90 000 Soweto pupils

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AN educational crisis of astronomical proportions is looming in Soweto for about 90 000 non-matric pupils, many of whom have been taught only between 10 and 50 percent of the year's curriculum because of school boycotts and chalk-downs by teachers.

Solution

The regional chief director of the Department of Education and Training (DET) in Johannesburg, L P Moletsane, warned that reports and promotions based on internal examinations would have "no legal value" unless evaluated by DET officials, who were currently barred from Soweto schools.

Mr Moletsane said a joint initiative was being launched by his department to "address this enor-

Schools closed to inspectors

mous problem and join hands with everyone involved to work hard to reach a positive, practical solution".

There are 70 000 secondary school pupils in Soweto, of whom 8 000 are in matric. In the primary schools, about 30 000 pupils are affected by the problem, Mr Moletsane told Sapa.

However, the DET's efforts were hampered by what he termed "a Soweto teacher organisation", which was denying his officials access to Soweto schools. Official procedures had been suspended by a process of coercion, he noted.

Mr Moletsane said meetings had been held with various organisations, which had been urged to ad-

here to the "standing procedures" and allow the department's estimated 40 inspectors back into the schools, but without success.

These inspectors were now preparing matric study guides for the forthcoming matric examinations, he explained.

Mr Moletsane warned that "unless official evaluation is exercised, the resulting school reports will have no legal value. Promotion hangs in the balance. Many parents have expressed their extreme anxiety over the present state of affairs".

Expectations

"The possible logistical problems caused by failure rates will be exacerbated by the expectations of young pupils who have been taught to oppose any form of authority and control," he warned.

"The 'pass one, pass all' campaign in 1984 has been cited as the main reason for the poor 1989 matric results," Mr Moletsane went on to say.

He added: "This year no one wants to see a repeat of that campaign." — Sapa.

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TONY FOLLOWS IN HIS DAD'S FOOTSTEPS

Couple re-tie knot in dusty Serowe

In Southern Africa's wedding of the year Anthony Khama, son of the late Sir Seretse Khama, married his white British African wife, Margaret le Roux, in Rustenburg, for the second time yesterday, in the sweltering heat of Serowe.



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Mandela said the ANC rejected the government's demand that all leaders in the political structures set up by the government — like homeland leaders — be involved in negotiations.

This would mean the ANC and other anti-apartheid movements would be in the minority which would only increase the problem.

The ANC leader also called on the international community to continue to isolate South Africa and to maintain economic sanctions.

This sentiment was supported by the OAU chairman, Ugandan President Yeweri Museveni, who also called for sanctions until apartheid was dismantled.

Museveni said while some modest developments had taken place in South Africa it did not mean a fundamental shift in the policy of apartheid.

He called on anti-apartheid movements inside South Africa to forge a "common strategy" in the struggle against apartheid. Inter-factional fighting "can only be ex-

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□ NEGOTIATION BREAKTHROUGH

Delicate talks solve rent boycott

Special Correspondent

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VERY few people knew how delicate the negotiations were which led to the solving of the rent boycott in Greater Soweto – or what the consequences could be.

The local authority and the ANC-orientated Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) have agreed to co-operate after nearly five years of boycott action.

Just three months ago members of the SPD and councillors of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville did not even talk to each other. Now they are co-operating with the Transvaal Provincial Administration in an effort to solve Soweto's problems. Decisions are being taken by the five groups based on investigations done by a Joint Technical Committee (JTC) which they have appointed.

The great breakthrough is that for the first time Soweto leaders have accepted that people have to pay for services while local black councils and regional service councils are being recognised.

Leaders like Albertina Sisulu, Ellen Kuzwayo and Cyril Ramaphosa – who were considered to be too radical to negotiate with – now support the new proposals and are presently explaining it to the street committees in Soweto. The groups are expected to sign the final agreement on September 24.

For September an all-inclusive tariff of R35 per home is payable. From October an interim service fee of R23 a month will apply, plus 12 cents per unit for electricity consumed, with discount on a sliding scale for low usage of electricity. A working group of the Joint Technical Committee is to make proposals on realistic and affordable tariffs.

Electricity meters were destroyed on a large scale during the boycott action. In cases where accounts were delivered, the figures were often untrustworthy. Without control over costs, the use of electricity jumped sky-high and the average household was con-

suming up to four times more than a similar household in Johannesburg.

Meanwhile, the meters have been repaired and a computer system installed in the TPA's Johannesburg offices to handle bills for the three councils of Greater Soweto and Alexandra.

An important factor in the agreement is that representatives of the Soweto Civic Association will accompany meter readers on test readings. During the boycott action some of the meter readers were murdered.

Soweto residents will now have to be disciplined in their use of electricity. For years electrical heaters have been used day and night, and the plates of stoves turned on to heat homes.

Electricity will now have to be used according to need and ability to pay, which should bring about savings for the councils. Eskom has been approached to launch an information campaign in this regard.

Bills to the value of R116 million as well as an amount of R399 million were written off on August 31 this year. The term "bridging finance" is misleading because these amounts are never repaid.

Instead of paying instalments on amounts in arrears, each household in Soweto will also pay an additional levy of R3 per month which will be used to form a community fund under the control of an independent trust in which all five parties will be represented.

The finance obtained through the new payment system will only cover about a quarter of Soweto's running expenditure. This is considered to be a first step to make inhabitants used to paying for services and the amount will be gradually increased.

The Soweto Council's running costs for each household averages R256 a month. With the new tariff the monthly deficit for each household will be R196.

The money for the deficit will have to be partially financed by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, the TPA and the government.

In Johannesburg, 70 percent of the income comes

from property tax and profit on payments for electricity by the private sector – as well as 11 percent from public bodies. The people in Johannesburg would be paying very high tariffs if the business sector – which is supposed to serve the complete metropolis – did not make a contribution.

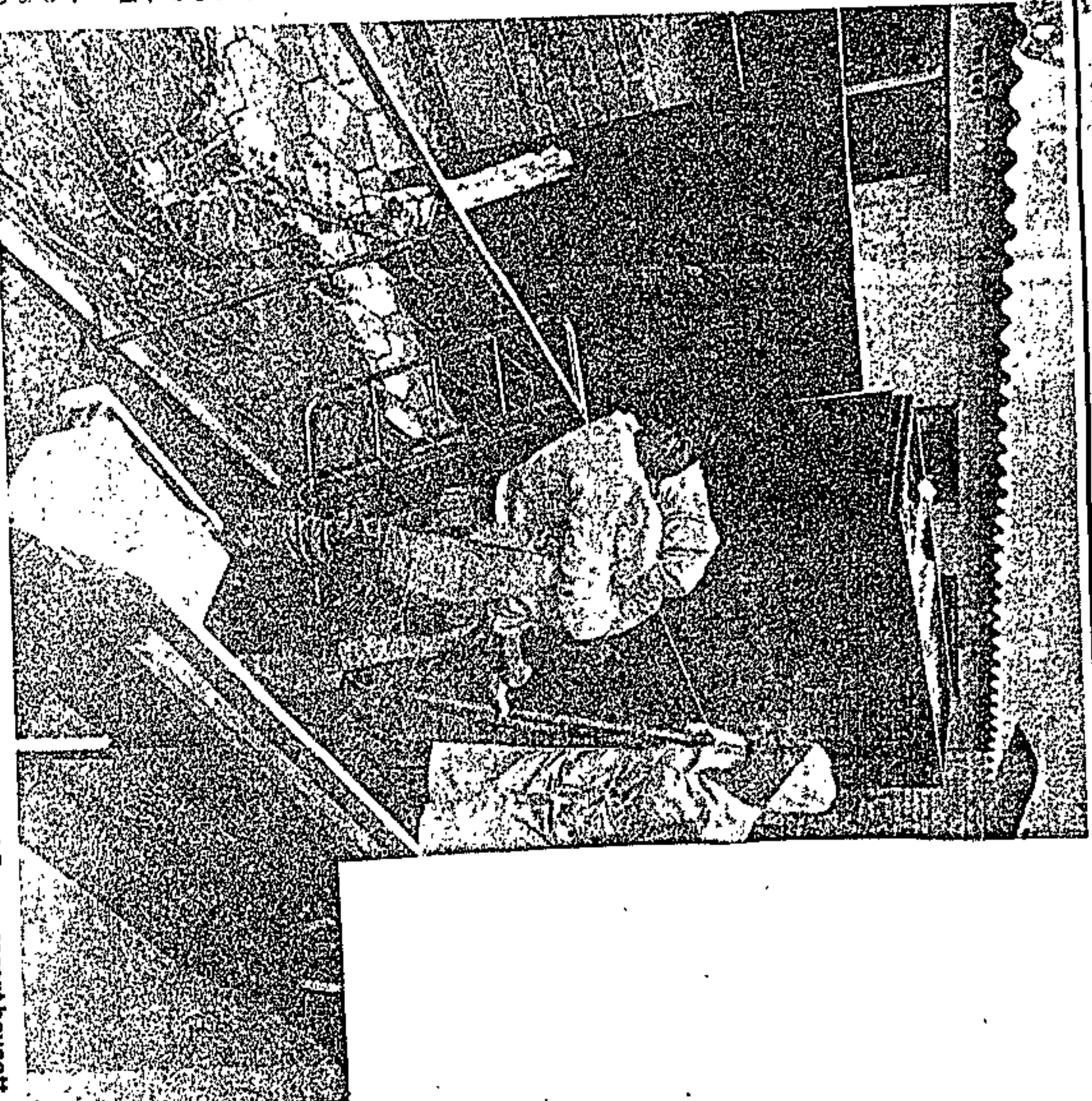
A joint source of income already exists in the form of regional services council levies. About 85 percent is already being paid by businesses in Johannesburg, and 77 percent of these amounts are being spent on improving infrastructure in the areas of black councils.

The five groups plan to form a Metropolitan Chamber to serve as an interim consultative forum with the aim of conducting research on proposals for non-racist and democratic approaches towards policy within the metropolitan area. The Johannesburg City Council will be invited to serve in the Chamber as the sixth institution.

The Joint Technical Committee will once again be instituted under the Metropolitan Chamber. Working groups will do research on a variety of important issues, including problems of financing local management, possibilities of a joint fiscal basis for the metropolitan area, transfer of houses to tenants, and the upgrading of hostels, services and infrastructure.

What would be the position of the TPA in this process? Firstly, it has become clear the image of the TPA has improved among black people as a result of the negotiations under the leadership of Olaus van Zyl, MEC, and the conduct of Fanie Ferreira, MEC, who chaired the meetings. Further, the TPA recently "saved" the black township at Carolina when the CP controlled town council threatened to cut off water and electricity.

These negotiations form the framework for successful negotiations elsewhere in the region. While the boycott had been a political action in the past, it has now become a local issue. Many problems still have to be addressed, but they can be overcome through negotiations.



Elections stalled... this could have been a possible scenario if the almost five-year rent boycott was not solved. Residents will now gradually be made used to paying for their services.

My nightmare of hacking, screaming and death

by THABO HLATSHWAYO

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AT about 6.30pm on Tuesday, Marimba Gardens in Vosloorus was plunged into darkness, but there's nothing sinister about this daily occurrence.

Two hours later, as I was preparing to go to bed, there was a knock on the door. A neighbour came to tell us the "Zulus" were about to attack.

I was duty-bound to join him and others to set up barricades. Sporadic machine-gun fire could be heard nearby, but this has also become a way of life in Vosloorus.

We discussed our plan in case of attack but we were helpless. None of us knew what to do. We resigned ourselves to a bloody fate.

The attack did not materialise but in the morning, people going to work were stopped

at the entrance to the township because the "Zulus" were about to mount an attack. I asked myself: "How could they attack in broad daylight?"

I decided to visit a friend who owned a car to ask him to take my family to Soweto. Before I reached his place, I met fleeing youths carrying petrol bombs. They were fleeing the "Zulus".

In the ensuing chaos, I ran into the nearest house. Inside, everyone huddled in silence. A few minutes later I saw a white minibus approach from which people were firing in the direction of the fleeing youths.

I was panic-stricken when I thought about my wife and 17-month-old daughter who were alone in the house. I wanted to get out and return home but was afraid to do so.

Twenty minutes passed before I could gather enough courage to go outside. I got

home safely but the house was locked and there was nobody there. I heard my wife call me. She was next door.

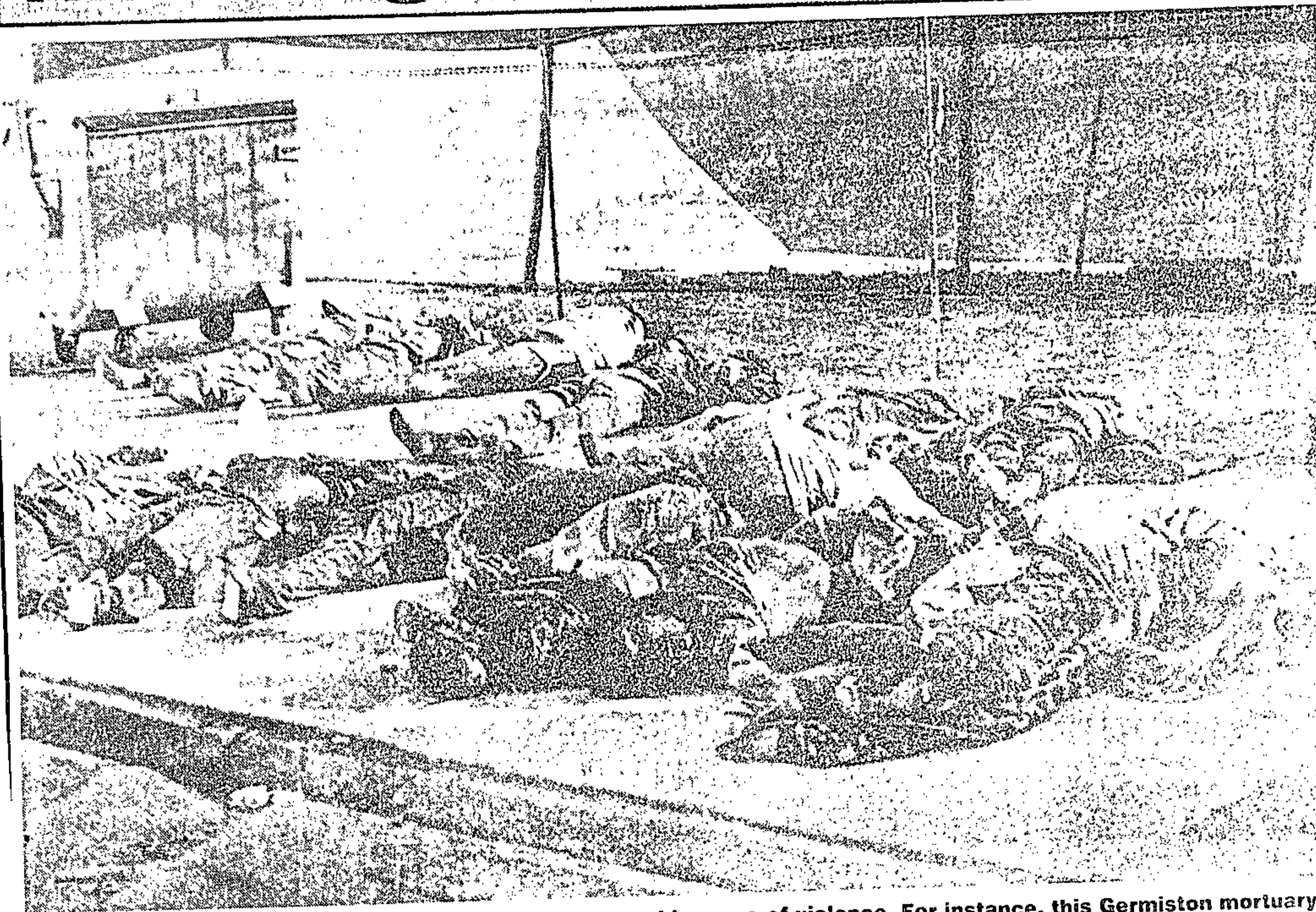
She told me the youths I had seen were being chased by the "Zulus". Some had jumped over our garden fence to escape.

Men chasing them wore red headbands and were armed with an assortment of pangas and spears.

Two youths were cornered just 200 metres down the road and were stabbed and hacked with pangas. I believe one was dead, the other near death. In another street, three more bodies were found - they had been shot dead.

When nightfall came, fears increased that the "Zulus" might return. But the night was peaceful. The electricity was turned on again - but no one dared switch on their lights.

The rotting victims of a rotten war



Mortuaries on the Reef were already full before this week's surge of violence. For instance, this Germiston mortuary is overflowing and bodies have been dumped in an open backyard where they have rotted under the scorching sun. These victims of violence are mainly from the East Rand.

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Streets looked like surgeries after attacks

MEDICAL drip needles and surgical gloves littered the entrance to Jeppe station on Friday in the aftermath of mindless bloodshed which left at least 17 people injured after they were pushed off or jumped from two trains between Jeppe and Ellis Park stations.

The incidents occurred shortly after 4pm and four more people were thrown from a train near Ellis Park two hours later.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe confirmed that six people had been found injured in the vicinity of the Ellis Park station and nine near Jeppe station.

Three people were treated inside the station entrance and on the pavement outside Jeppe station before they were transferred to Hillbrow Hospital.

Six of the injured at Ellis Park were also taken to hospital.

A Hillbrow Hospital spokesman said he had no details.

Heavily armed police, who were later joined by traffic officers, paramedics, the Defence Force and Spoornet security officers, cordoned off the Jeppe station area for more than an hour and commuters seemed to prefer taking buses or taxis home rather than trains.

Long queues formed at bus stops and taxi ranks while the railway platforms – patrolled by security force representatives armed with machine pistols, shotguns and rifles – were almost devoid of commuters.

A woman suffering suspected fractures and severe lacerations to her face lay with her feet in the gutter outside the entrance to Jeppe station as paramedics held a drip and treated her for almost an hour before she was taken to hospital.

Crowds watching the platforms from the streets thinned out and the barricades were lifted. The area returned to normal shortly after 6pm.

Of the 17 injured, nine people were taken to Hillbrow Hospital where four were treated and discharged, a hospital spokesman said later.

The remaining five were still in casualty but were reported to have no serious injuries.

All were treated for cuts, grazes and fractures consistent with falling from the trains. – Sapa

The ugly face of mass murder...



A mysterious "third force" at work? A commuter and a loaf of bread that never reached home.



A rescue worker wheels a victim of the train massacre to a waiting ambulance at Denver station.

'Amen, so be it, their last prayer

By SOPHIE TENA

"AMEN, SO BE IT" were the last words two women who had been praying uttered on Thursday before they and 24 other passengers were massacred by a gang of armed men who entered train No 36 - better known as "Jikeleza".

The killers boarded the 5.10pm train from Johannesburg to Naledi at George Goch station. Witnesses said they were armed with pangas, spears and guns.

As soon as the train started moving, the gang began attacking passengers indiscriminately. Of the 26 people killed, most were women who were shot and stabbed. And, said police, of the over 100 injured, most got hurt when they jumped from the train trying to get away from the killers.

A grisly sight greeted waiting commuters when the train arrived at Denver station. Next to one of the bodies - that of a woman - lay a Bible and next to another was a loaf of bread.

A Tladi woman, Martha Mthembu, said a group of women were holding a prayer meeting on the train.

"Suddenly I heard people screaming and I opened my eyes when I felt a heavy thump on my head. I fell on to another woman and other people fell and they were lying on top of me.

"They were screaming and crying, running from the killers while others jumped out of the train windows.

"I then saw a man with a gun in his hand and a woman who was sitting on the seat opposite me was screaming hysterically as he shot her. I saw blood coming from her stomach. Another man from the gang walked up to her and stabbed her several times - until she stopped screaming.

"One of my friends whom I only know as Matloporo, died on the platform after I noticed that he had been battling for breath and gasping."

Elizabeth Leroka, who has a gaping wound in her forehead, said she and other frenzied passengers were cornered by three of the killers after trying to escape. She said she saw the three killers stab a man with what looked like a spear - before they hacked him with pangas.

Traffic police threw a tight cordon around the Denver station, while paramedics in a helicopter and several ambulances ferried the injured to hospital.

Train services shunned

THE number of suburban train passengers dropped significantly on Friday morning on the Reef, following the second attack on peak-hour commuters in just over a week of bloody carnage on carriages and station platforms.

Spoornet spokesman Jacques Penaar said that on average there were 40 percent less passengers in trains running in and out of Soweto, Kaitleng, Thokoza, Vosloorus and Kagiso.

Tembisa, another flashpoint of conflict, was not affected, said Penaar.

In just over seven days, 26 people were killed in a Soweto-bound train on Thursday night and three other people died when gunmen fired at commuters at Jeppe station.

Meanwhile, the decline in train passengers is not helping minibus taxi operators.

Taximen, according to a spokesman for the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association, Fanyam Siburi, are on average losing two operating hours a day, because they fear doing business before dawn and after dusk due to the ongoing violence.

Siburi said in some of the affected areas, taxi operators who lived in the hostels were forced to stop operating altogether because of tensions between local residents and hostel dwellers.

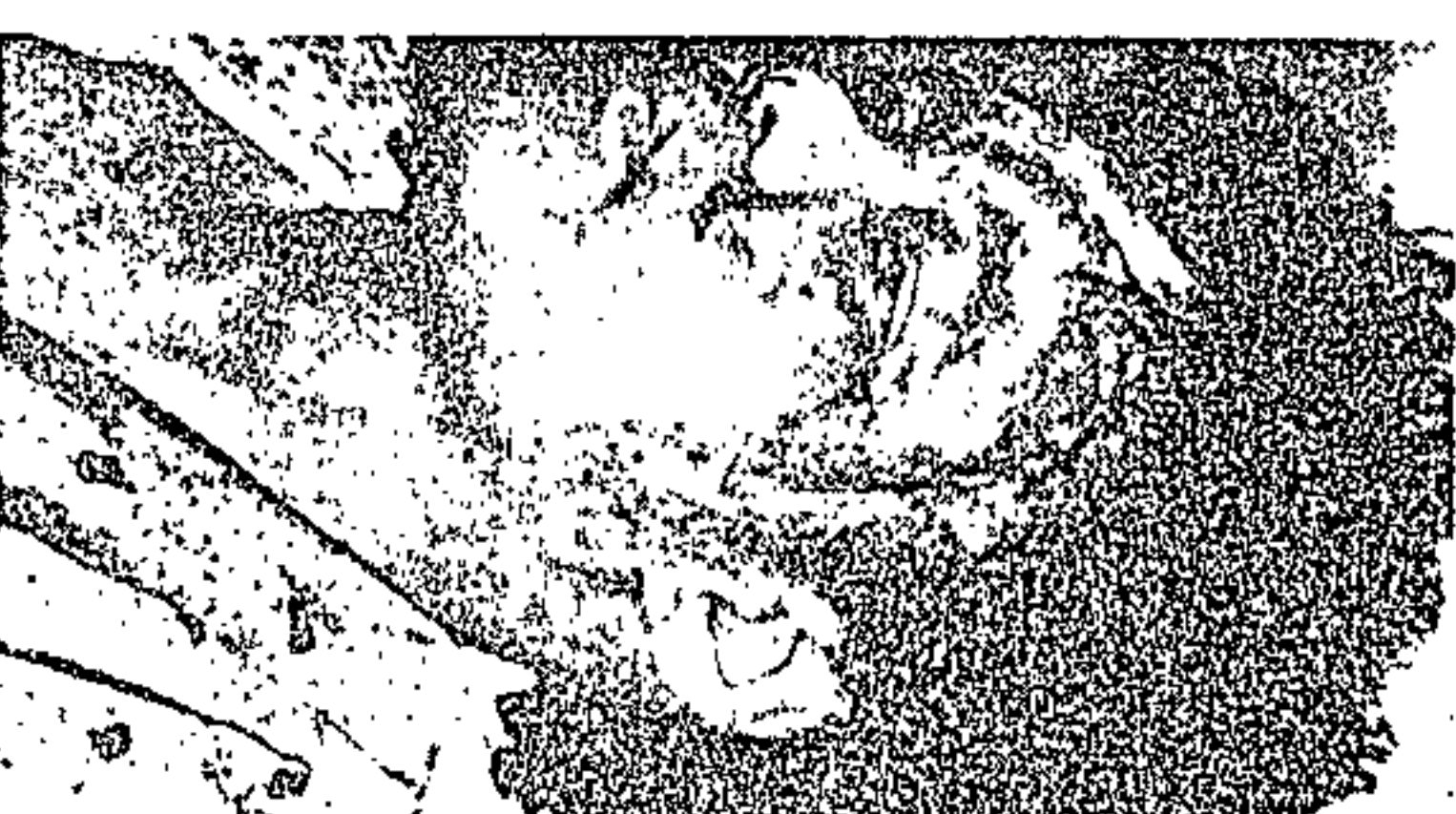
"In several places such as Kaitleng, Vosloorus and Thokoza, taximen can only risk operating from the outskirts of the townships," he said. - Sapa



The horror which left the country reeling with shock. ■ Pict. EVANS MBOWENI



Martha Mthembu... heard people screaming as she was praying.



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Bodies of women – who moments earlier held a prayer meeting – litter a blood-spattered train coach after the killing spree.



Rescue workers and a victim alongside the train of death at Denver station. The killers escaped arrest. ■ PIC: EVANS MBOWENI

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Curfews, 'copters razor wire, searches

By SEKOLA SELLO and
SANDILE MHEMELA

THE SAP yesterday proposed tough new measures to quell spiralling violence on the Reef.

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- The condoning off of hostels and squatter camps with razor wire.
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- Mounting light machineguns on armoured vehicles.
- The full police helicopter force will be deployed for air observation and marking of crowds "with coloured water or some other substance".
- Police and SADF troops will be de-

ployed on trains, at stations and at roadblocks.

■ Police, assisted by the SADF, will be allowed to close off certain areas in townships for house-to-house searches. No restrictions will be imposed on journalists.

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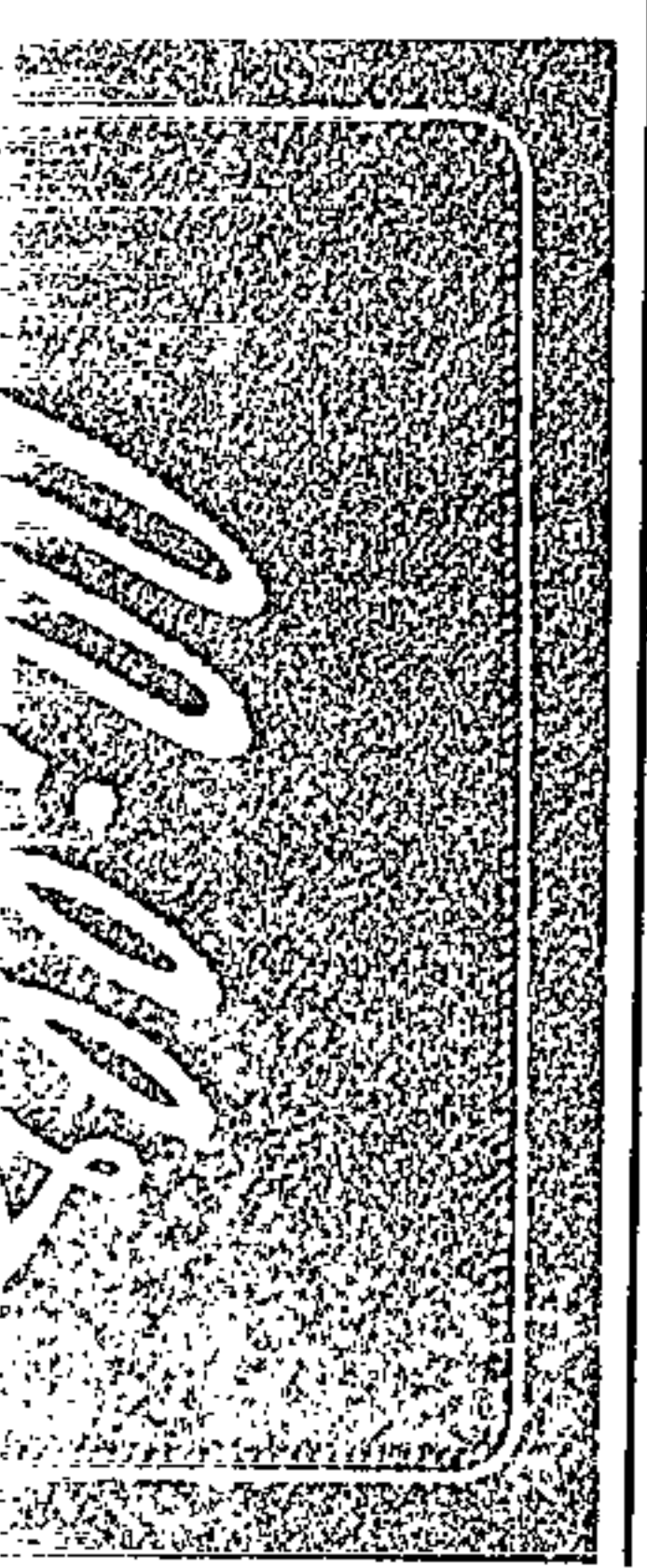
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Referring to machineguns mounted on vehicles to stop attacks on police, he said only individuals would be fired on, not crowds.



1 The accused... Soweto residents attack a man accused of being an Inkatha spy.



2 A man takes his last walk... after dragging the bleeding man along the ground he is led away and repeatedly stoned, stabbed and beaten.

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The new measures follow concern in township circles that a new and more dangerous breed of killers - they may be hired assassins - could be on the loose on the Reef.

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He said: "The government no longer believes the clash is between black and black. Inkatha and the ANC or Zulu and Xhosa but that there is a hidden hand behind it which must be tracked down."

Some people believe that in some cases, ultra-Right extremists have been directly responsible for the attacks, particularly those against shackdwellers near Merfate station in Soweto.

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Urgent meeting to end violence

AZAPO has called for an urgent meeting of top leaders and prominent individuals to look into the Reef violence.

The meeting has been arranged for Wednesday at the Funder Centre, Soweto, starting at 9am.

The meeting aims to draw up a plan of action to end the violence.

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Major organisations, including the ANC, PAC, Nactu, Cosatu, SACC, SA Catholic Bishops' Conference and Sabta have been invited.

Meanwhile, traditional leaders of the Zulus and Xhosas yesterday met behind closed doors at the Union Building in Pretoria in their first major move to reconcile warring township factions.



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Five gunned down as taxi war looms

FIVE people died in two dawn attacks on taxi ranks in Soweto on Friday and police are investigating a link between the two incidents.

Four men have been arrested in connection with a 5.30am attack on the Orlando East taxi rank which killed two and injured two, police said.

Three taxis were totally gutted outside a Diepkloof hostel where unknown attackers shot three people dead at about 5.45am.

Also, two drivers and a passenger were admitted to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment.

Residents of a nearby hostel said a red kombi was involved in the attack. These witnesses said they were scared to give more information.

One of the victims, bleeding heavily from both hands and with a bullet wound in a leg, said one attacker tried to shoot him and then told another to finish him off with an axe. His hands were severely cut fending off the blows.

He said he was sitting in a taxi on his way to work when he heard shooting. People started running away.

He heard a man say: "Let's burn the hostel." He managed to get out of the taxi and saw four attackers in front

of him. He pretended to be dead while he lay outside the taxi.

Another victim, a taxi driver, was sitting in his vehicle when he saw someone pointing a gun at him. He was shot in the head.

Police said the five attackers, who fled, were armed with 9mm and 7.65mm handguns.

The attacks may have been triggered by rivalry between opposing Pretoria and Baragwanath taxi organisations.

As the result of the killings, many commuters were stranded at taxi ranks late on Friday as scores of taxi drivers

were reluctant to work late into the night for fear of more attacks.

Commuters at the main taxi rank in Commissioner Street queued for more than two hours waiting for taxis.

Sabta president James Ngcoya called for calm and peace on the eve of the organisation's annual conference starting at Sun City on Tuesday.

In Cape Town townships, taxi ranks were deserted again on Friday as a taxi war continued.

Trains from Khayelitsha were overflowing and people fought to enter coaches at Nyanga station. — Sapa



Death of the innocents... In the aftermath of two dawn attacks on Diepkloof and Orlando East taxi ranks with guns and axes this week, bodies lie in crumpled heaps next to gutted taxis.

Joy as Vosloorus hostel crashes down

By ELIAS MALULEKE and Sapa

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VOSLOORUS residents rejoiced this week when the local hostel was partially demolished, but their joy was short-lived as their electricity was disconnected on Friday night, plunging the East Rand township into darkness.

Local civic association publicity secretary Keith Montsisi said it was not known why the electricity was disconnected at about 6pm.

He confirmed township residents had embarked on a rent and services boycott in May, but maintained they should have been informed of any "switch-off".

Montsisi informed the Pretoria police after the electricity was disconnected and told them there were no patrols in the town-

ship. "I was concerned about what might happen in the darkness following what happened on Tuesday."

Pretoria police liaison officer Maj Steve Senegal said: "There is definitely a police presence in the area."

On Friday the Vosloorus council told police the electricity would be reconnected that night.

Residents were woken on Wednesday morning by bulldozers moving in to demolish the hostel. Vosloorus is the second township to demolish hostels after Tsakane, whose hostels were pulled down in 1985 after a bitter battle between hostel inmates and township residents.

Kagiso in the West Rand is also about to demolish its hostels fol-

lowing the council's resolution to resettle the inmates at Durban Deep Mines in Roodepoort.

The Vosloorus demolition comes after women marched to the council offices and demanded the hostel be demolished immediately. The council initially turned down their request, saying inmates had until September 21 to occupy the hostel.

Vosloorus councillor Sydwel Mofokeng said the inmates would be temporarily housed at the Nguni hostel, which has already been partly demolished to make way for family units.

However, a shortage of funds means there is still a long wait before hostels are phased out for residents of Soweto, Katlehong, and Thokoza.

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Trains: 'Ensure our safety or ...'

Commuter fury as boycott looms

By CHARLES MOGALE

COMMUTERS have threatened to stop using trains unless strict measures are taken to ensure their safety following cold-blooded attacks on innocent people travelling to and from work.

At least 32 people were killed and several hundred injured in less than two weeks when unknown persons attacked commuters on trains.

The first incident was at Jeppe station last Thursday when a group of men opened fire on innocent passengers, killing six and injuring 12 people.

On Thursday, in the worst carnage seen on suburban trains, 26 people were hacked to death and more than 100 wounded when a heavily armed gang attacked commuters on a train at Denver station.

On Friday, about 15 people were thrown or jumped off trains shortly after Spoornet announced its decision to beef up security on trains.

In a snap survey by *City Press* this week, 11 commuters said they would consider other means of transport rather than leave themselves open to attack.

However, the South African Rail Commuter Corporation

(SARCC) has promised to beef up security on trains and stations in collaboration with the SAP.

Commuters questioned attacks on people inside trains "when it is so difficult for anybody who has not got a ticket to get on to a train".

Teacher Irene Molaba, whose nephew was injured when he fell from a moving train when it was attacked in Denver on Thursday, said: "We were surprised nobody seemed to have any inkling that the attacks were about to take place. How did the culprits get past the gates unnoticed?"

An SARCC spokesman said "everything humanly possible" was being done to ensure the safety of train passengers.

"We are very concerned and it is very difficult for us to contain a problem on a train which is moving from one point to another.

"You will understand it is not easy to locate the problem. However, we are doing everything we can to make the trains safe and we appeal to commuters to help us identify the culprits and bring them to book," he said.

SARCC marketing general manager Dr Koos Meyer said security on trains and at stations

would be increased with the addition of personnel.

Meyer sent his condolences to bereaved families and wished those who were injured a speedy recovery.

He said: "We call on all rail passengers to remain calm and observant in these situations of violence."

Steps have already been taken to protect passengers on suburban trains after consultations among officials of Spoornet, the SAP and the SADF.

According to Spoornet spokesman Jacques Pienaar, the measures include the following:

- Apart from security officials who have already been deployed at stations and on trains, additional people will be employed to assist in ensuring the safety of passengers for an undetermined period;

- Spoornet officials will co-operate with the SAP and police presence will be increased; and
- Operational centres will remain functioning to enhance co-operation between security forces and Spoornet.

A police spokesman confirmed measures had been taken to prevent incidents of violence on trains.

He refused to divulge any information, saying this could put the plans in jeopardy.



Neckbrace and broken bones . . . This innocent train passenger was one of many who were thrown from moving trains this week after a series of horror attacks. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Evaton mayor flees after attacks

By CHARLES MOGALE

EVATON mayor Sam Rabotapi has apparently fled the township following the gutting of his home, motor vehicles and garage.

Rabotapi's property has been the target of several attacks since the outbreak of township violence on September 3, 1984, which led to widespread rent boycotts.

On that day, his home in Craddock Road, Evaton, was looted by a mob and razed. His deputy in the council, Dutch Leburu Diphoko, was killed by a mob which tried unsuccessfully to burn down his Adams Road home.

Residents went on the rampage, killing another two councillors in the Vaal when an anti-rent-increase march went out of control. They were

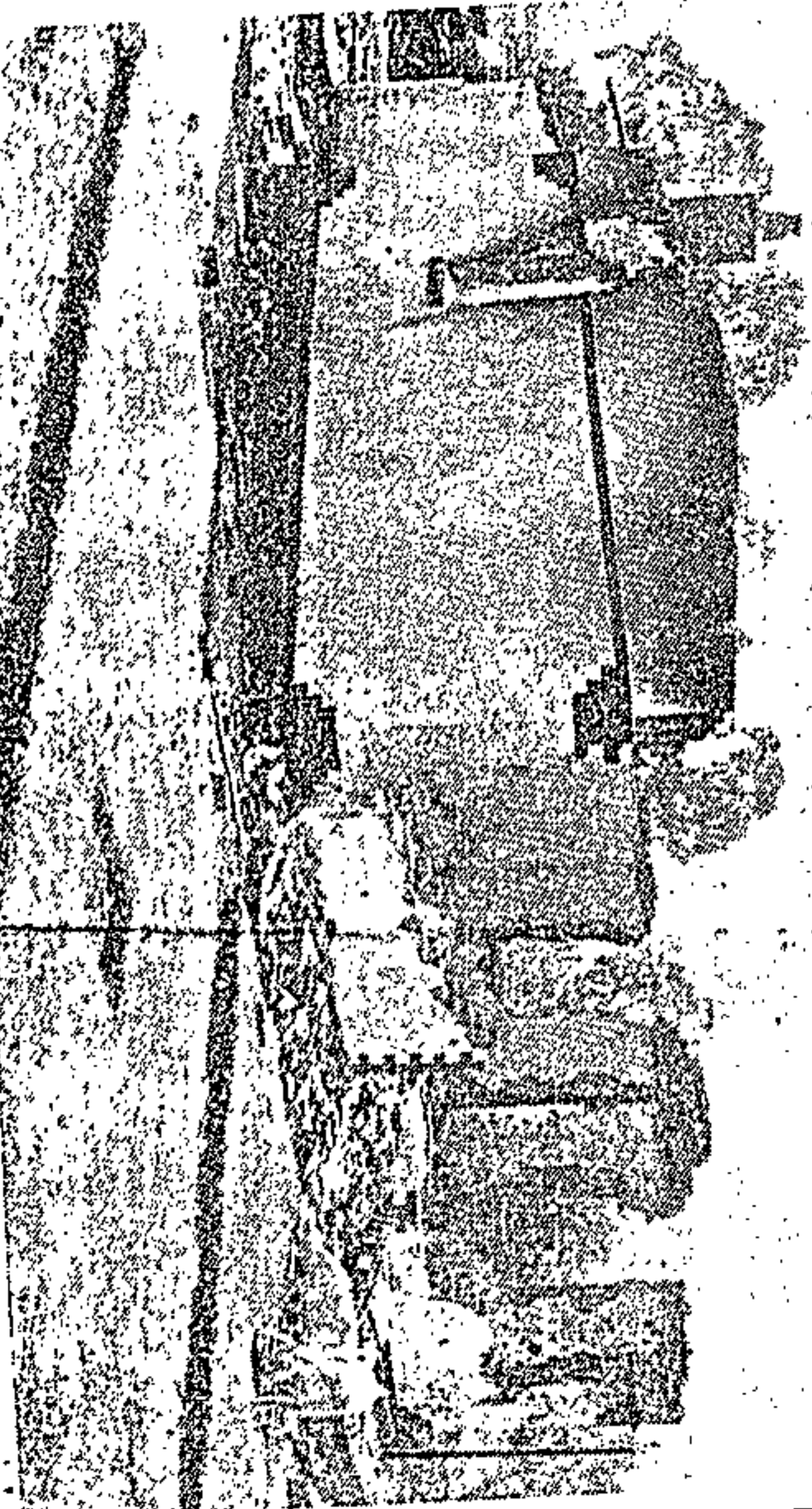
Caesar Motjeane and Lekoa deputy mayor Jacob Dlamini. The then Lekoa mayor, Esau Mahlasi, had a narrow escape when he fled his home for the Sebokeng police station. Businesses were attacked indiscriminately, but most affected were those belonging to councillors.

Since then, Rabotapi's garage in Adams Road has been stoned and burnt at least three times. Last week the remaining house on his plot was burnt down along with his garage in Zone 14, Sebokeng.

Attempts to reach the mayor were unsuccessful this week. There was nobody at his plot, and young urchins were playing in the shell that was his garage. Council office staff said Rabotapi was out.

Neighbours who re-

All the property of Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi has been destroyed.



fused to identify themselves said the mayor had fled the township.

"For the sake of his safety, he should rather step down before something serious happens to him or his family. I have never seen anyone being targeted so often," said a neighbour.

ANC has right to self-

defence

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THE ANC had not forfeited its right to self-defence when it suspended the armed struggle, and would not stand by and allow "our people" to be mowed down like dogs, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela told hundreds of people who packed a synagogue in Johannesburg on Friday night.

He also warned there was a "real and terrifying prospect of a full-scale civil war" breaking out.

"An offensive unprecedented in ferocity has been launched against our people," Mandela charged. "Ordinary civilians, at home, at work and in the streets are made targets of brutal and savage attacks."

"There is no doubt in my mind - and all the evidence conclusively supports this - that the police and sectors of the government are working with a variety of vigilante forces, including Inkatha."

"If the strongest measures are not taken against the perpetrators of this violence, including elements within the South African Police force, we will be forced to reconsider our present strategy," he said in reference to the ongoing killings on the Witwatersrand.

"On the eve of real negotiations, forces determined to wreck the peace process have implemented a strategy of destabilisation which has resulted in the very real and terrifying prospect of full-scale civil war breaking out."

Mandela said eye-witnesses from many townships stated "unequivocally" that whites, with their faces and hands blackened, had been part of groups of attackers recently.

"This is not a new phenomenon in Southern Africa. It has been an integral part of the destabilisation policy perpetrated against Angola and Mozambique."

Turning to the sometimes controversial issue of the ANC's policy towards Israel, and Zionism in particu-

Mandela warns of prospect of full scale civil war

lar, Mandela, who was invited to address Johannesburg's Jewish community, slammed inaccurate reports attributed to him in the world media.

He told about 1 000 people packing the Temple Shalom in the Highlands North suburb: "If Zionism means the right of the Jewish people to live in secure boundaries, to have their own State, to contribute to world peace, and peace in the (Middle East) region, to live in a manner that affords them the right to fully express their culture, traditions and religion, then we consider Zionism a healthy movement."

However, "If Zionism means the right of Israel to seize territory and deny the Palestinian people their right of self-determination and suppress by brute force their right to self-expression, then we condemn Zionism in the strongest terms."

He added it must also be understood that the enemies of Israel were not the ANC's enemies.

"Our stand on the question of relations between Israel and the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organisation) is that it is a matter which must be settled by peaceful methods, as is the view of the world community."

By refusing to speak to the PLO, the Israeli government was isolating itself, Mandela added. - Sapa.

Social friction fans flames

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SOCIAL friction between streetwise black youths and traditionalist Zulus is worsening the bloody struggle for political ascendancy in South Africa's townships, say analysts.

Black groups, trying to influence negotiations on ending white rule, have ignited a powder keg of tensions between tribally minded Zulu migrant workers and township residents of all tribes used to modern big city ways.

More than 800 people have died in violence between Johannesburg's township dwellers, often including urban Zulus, and the 125 000 migrants living in 31 men-only hostels dotted around the city.

Magazine columnist Nomavenda Mathlane, a Zulu Soweto resident, wrote: "If the truth be known it is that many

of us in Soweto — and particularly the people who speak English and have good jobs — have considered ourselves 'upper-class Zulus' and we see Inkatha as 'lower-class Zulus'."

Residents loyal to the ANC say they are fighting poorly educated but aggressive migrant workmen manipulated by the Zulu Inkatha movement of Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who, they say, is trying to shoot his way into negotiations on reform.

University of Zululand analyst Herbert Vilikazi said adult migrant workers "were turned off, puzzled and infuriated by the impatient, impetuous tactics of youth, in a manner totally outside the traditional code governing relations between young and old". — Sapa-
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Survivors tell of mindless ki

By ELIAS MALULEKE

SURVIVORS of the latest township massacres told this week of their narrow escapes from death. But most were mourning the loss of loved ones.

Three families were wiped out on the East Rand as the carnage entered its sixth week in Reef townships and spread to taxi ranks and suburban trains in Johannesburg.

Many others were maimed by gangs when renewed fighting erupted in Kaitlhomg, Phola Park squatter camp in Thokoza, Vosloorus and Soweto.

In Kaitlhomg, two families were wiped out on Monday after

Kwesini hostel dwellers and stormed into five sections in the township including Dikathole, Khumalo, Mosilik, Mokwena and Ramokonopi, killing more than 20 people.

One survivor of the killing spree, Alphesus Hajane, 50, a self-employed motor mechanic in Mosilik Section, said a Zulu impi killed his mother Se-mole, 70; his wife Leah, 48; brother Frans Hajane, 38; and 18-year-old son Johannes.

Hajane said the "chanting impi" started hacking and setting fire to cars outside the house and then stoned it, fired shots and forced their way in. The family heard gunshots

outside and a mob chanting. "My mother, wife and younger brother ran into one bedroom. I ran into the other bedroom with my two daughters and hid under the bed."

Hajane jumped out of the bedroom window and hid in the backyard. His 16-year-old daughter Rosina said that while she was under the bed with her sister Gladys, 5, she heard her mother move to the front door and tell their attackers there were no men in the house.

"I heard shots being fired, then came screams from the bedroom as the shooting continued and at the same time other men ransacked and destroyed furniture," Said Rosina.

Not far from Hajane's home, the sole survivor of a family of five, Sheila Mongela, 20, is grieving for her two sisters who died during the attack and her critically wounded parents are lying in Leratong Hospital.

In Vosloorus, a family of five was almost wiped out on Tuesday night when a Zulu impi charged into the Sotho section. Three members of the Segole family in Mokgako street were killed in the house and two amazingly escaped.

The attackers killed Ezekiel Segole, 50, his two sons Brian, 26, and Kelo, 22. His wife Sessy and their daughter Maria escaped by hiding in a toilet.



Grieving but lucky to be alive, Rosina and Gladys Hajane. Four of their family were killed.

Pupils in court over protest

By DAN DHLAMINI

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ONE hundred and fifteen pupils – all members of the Congress of South African Students – were this week arrested in separate incidents in Potchefstroom.

The first group of 36, including Potchefstroom branch president Jimmy Masindi and Cosas members from Stilfontein, Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp, appeared before Magistrate E Schutte charged with trespassing at the Department of Education and Training offices.

Their appearance in court follows an alleged sit-in at the DET Diamond Field region's Teemaneng Building on Monday.

The accused were not asked to plead and the magistrate postponed the case to November 8.

Eight of the youths aged between 13 and 16 were released into the custody of

their parents and others are out on R100 bail each.

While the first group's hearing was in session 79 other pupils – also Cosas members – were arrested on Thursday at the DET's offices.

They have been charged under the Internal Security Act.

The state alleges that the group gathered illegally at the DET's offices in Potchefstroom.

Chief prosecutor E Nortje said the matter had been referred to the Attorney-General for a ruling.

The 79 pupils appeared before the same magistrate, who adjourned their case to November 13 pending the Attorney-General's ruling.

They were each granted R300 bail and those who were under age were released into their parents' custody.

'Rocky 2' intervenes, saves day!

ELIAS MALULEKE

A BLACK policeman from Vosloorus on the East Rand has earned himself the nickname "Rocky 2" - after Lt Gregory Rockman of Cape Town - because he intervened between white police and residents in an explosive situation.

Sgt Hosea Mogashoa of the SAP in Vosloorus became the hero of the residents this week for possibly stopping a bloodbath in the township.

His mainly white colleagues were attempting to disperse a crowd of about 5 000 who had gathered near the Sotho hostel to witness its demolition on Tuesday - when he stepped in and appealed to police not to use force.

The crowd had earlier been told by a delegation of women that the hostel would be demolished by 2pm.

Earlier, Vosloorus mayor MM Sinukula told *City Press* it was not true the Sotho hostel would be demolished that afternoon.

"We told them the hostel dwellers had been given until the 21st of this month to vacate the hostel."

City Press was at the scene as the crowd started to swell from 130pm while black policemen monitored the situation.

As 2.30pm approached, heavily armed white policemen arrived in Casspirs - and took up positions to disperse the crowd.

However, Mogashoa stepped in and said there was no need to use force against residents. He was supported by several of his black colleagues.

Mogashoa was heard remarking: "People want the hostel down. They want peace and want to sleep peacefully because they are tired of shedding tears for their dead - the killings must stop."

Members of the crowd roared with approval and there were chants of "Rocky! Rocky!" - an apparent reference to Rockman - from the youths.

During the chaos, a white police lieutenant came forward, wanting to know why the police were not taking action against the residents.

Mogashoa came forward to explain, but was told the crowd had only five minutes in which to disperse.

Mogashoa objected and pointed out five minutes was not enough for such a large crowd to disperse.

He told the lieutenant the black policemen at the scene would personally disperse the crowd - and appealed to white policemen not to interfere.

Mogashoa then appealed to the crowd to disperse before action was taken against them.

"Please return to your homes before more blood is spilled," he said, giving the crowd directions and urging them on.

The crowd heeded his appeal and started to move off the streets - and gradually dispersed into their yards. No teargas was fired.

City Press has established that Mogashoa, a married father of three, has constantly been informing the station commander about the danger of hostels - and asked that hostels be demolished to avoid further deaths.

He has even gone to the extent of asking for a Casspir for use by off-duty black police volunteers - to patrol the streets without pay. This has not been done.

Approached at his home for comment, the police sergeant said he had been told that his conduct at the hostel would be investigated.

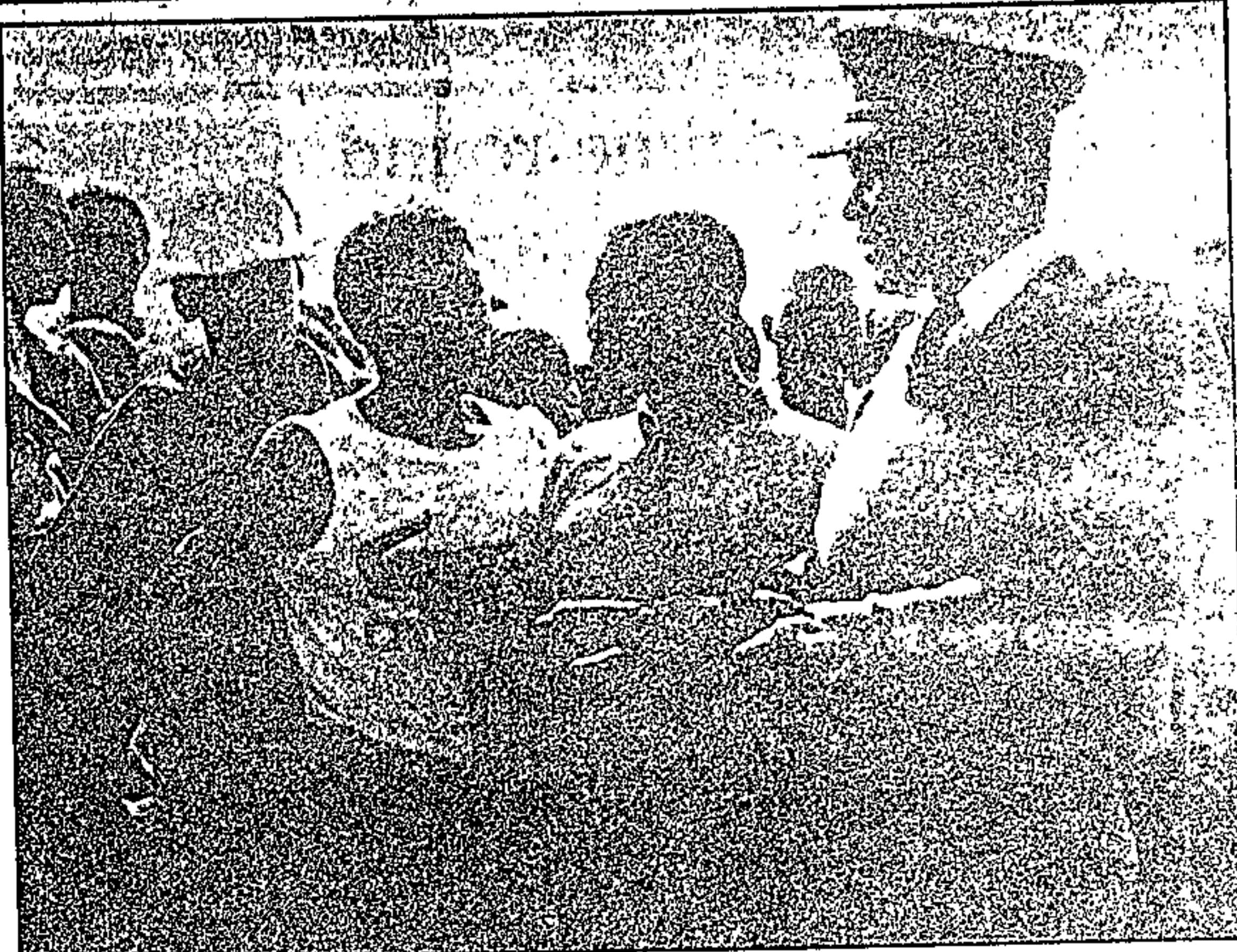
"If the department wants to take action against me, they can, but I am only a human being. I am here to serve the community and I must assist them where possible."

Major RA Crewe of the SAP division of public relations in Pretoria denied as "false" allegations that black policemen prevented their white colleagues from using force to disperse an illegal gathering in Vosloorus on Tuesday.

Asked about possible disciplinary action against black Vosloorus policemen, Crewe said disciplinary action was taken against members from time to time, but this was a "departmental" matter.

Crewe denied as "false" that black policemen had asked for a Casspir to patrol the township while off-duty.

He said a Casspir was in fact dispatched to patrol the streets after information was received that certain houses might be attacked.



Sgt Hosea Mogashoa defuses a tense crowd in Vosloorus this week... "I'm only a human being. I'm here to serve the community and must assist them where possible," he said after hearing he might face disciplinary action for his effort to prevent violence.

By Pici TLADI KHUELE

Reasons for killings no longer clear

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ANC is to urgently review options

By SEKOLA SELLO,
Political Editor

THE killings sweeping through most of the country's black residential areas, particularly on the Reef, have brought the country perilously close to a civil war - eclipsing the horrors of some of the world's worst trouble-spots.

The violence has taken on the dimensions of Lebanon, the Argentine of the 1970s, Northern Ireland and the recent bloodletting in Liberia - all rolled into one.

What is frightening, is that instead of abating, the violence is getting worse.

When inter-organisational fighting started in the townships around Durban and Mariburg, the divisions were clear. The protagonists were Inkatha on the one hand, and the Cosatu/UDF alliance on the other. Even the causes of the conflict seemed clear enough. This was supposed to be an ideological war, while some analysts said it was also a fight over scarce resources.

When the fighting started on the Reef in recent weeks, first in the Vaal triangle township of Sebokeng, it was assumed this was a continuation or "importation" of the ongoing fighting between Inkatha and the Cosatu/UDF alliance.

It was believed that

leave them. There were many solutions.

While prospects for peace seemed to be increasing, the fighting suddenly went beyond the townships.

Blacks are now being being attacked at railway stations in the city. They are being attacked on trains on their way home from work.

At least 30 people have died after being attacked at the Jeppe and Denver stations.

They are also being attacked at taxi ranks in town as they prepare to go home. Some taxis have been ambushed in the dead of the night.

This spate of killings - in which hundreds have been killed in just two weeks - shows the fighting is no longer tribal, ideological or even between township residents and hostel dwellers. The killings are now indiscriminate.

Explaining the reasons for the escalation of violence, director of the Project for the Study of Violence at Wits University, Lloyd Vogelmann, said this could be a combination of several factors.

He said whereas in the past the violence seemed "well planned and well orchestrated," today the picture had changed.

Vogelmann said the latest killings could indicate there was a "third force"

emerging, made up of ultra rightists - and possibly some elements within the security forces who shared their sympathies.

Vogelmann said although it was difficult to say some members of the security forces were involved in the killings, the fact the Law and Order Minister felt it necessary last year to make a ruling forbidding police from belonging to party political organisations, showed some members could be ultra rightists.

"I don't think this ruling has eliminated such elements in the forces."

Adding a more ominous note to the latest killings, Vogelmann said given the poverty in the townships, it was possible this "third force" could exploit the situation by "hiring black mercenaries to kill for money".

It would be naive to discount such a possibility, he said. "People in the townships are poor and brutalised. If they can rob for money, what is there to stop them from being employed to kill fellow blacks? This is a real possibility."

Vogelmann said it would be in the interests of the ultra rightists to create a climate of anarchy in the country. "If there is too much violence, (State President) De Klerk will be forced to halt his reform initiatives. This is

what the ultra rightists want. Such anarchy would also put paid to negotiations."

According to Vogelmann, a climate of total anarchy could also precipitate a coup. "I am not saying this is going to happen, but a coup could be an outcome of anarchy."

Two of South Africa's leading clerics, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of the Anglican Church, and Dr Stanley Mogoba, head of the Methodist Church, also conceded a "third force" could exist which was fanning trouble in the townships.

If indeed there are now mercenaries involved in the conflict, Reef townships could soon be worse than Lebanon - where random and senseless killings are a daily occurrence.

The ANC's National Executive Committee is to hold an emergency meeting early next week to focus specifically on the endemic violence. The NEC is also to review the prevailing situation - and to look at strategic and tactical options in the light of current circumstances.

This terse statement does not indicate whether some of the options to be reviewed would entail pulling out of the ongoing talks-about-talks and reverting to the armed struggle.

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Youths go on rampage after body exhumed

By DAN DHLAMINI

A PAUPER'S funeral was halted and the man's body exhumed this week after residents of Ikageng near Potchefstroom suspected his death was a cover-up.

After the incident, youths in the township went on the rampage, setting vehicles alight and stoning schools and councillors' homes.

The dead man was Charlie Olifant, of 836 Masilo Street, Khuma Township, Stilfontein. Residents told *City Press* their suspicions were roused when they saw a coffin being buried secretly.

They said it reminded them of the disappearance without trace of Ikageng activist Boiki Tlhapi, who allegedly went missing on March 20, 1986, while in the custody of Stilfontein police — who have since said Tlhapi was detained and later released and that he was wanted in connection with another case.

Olifant's sister, Francina Olifant, told *City Press* she was shocked when called to the scene because she had not seen her brother for three months and was not aware he was dead.

James Nkenke, who identified the body after it was exhumed, said he saw undertakers offloading the coffin into an open grave. Council workers were busy covering the grave when residents arrived to find out who was being buried.

"I immediately recognised Olifant because we once worked together. His bloody clothes and his wallet were inside the coffin," said Nkenke.

Youths took the coffin to the council offices where it stood in the sun for about four hours while their representatives sorted the matter out with police.

A spokesman for the youths said a second post mortem examination would be arranged, as they suspected the wound on Olifant's forehead may have been caused by a bullet.

Avbob manager J van Vuuren said he received the corpse from the police and was told the dead man's family could not afford to bury him.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden said Olifant was knocked down by a car on August 30 on the Potchefstroom-Johannesburg road. His injuries — a fractured skull and fractured legs — were consistent with those resulting from a road accident.

Van Heerden said Olifant's next-of-kin were notified about his death, but told police they could not afford funeral expenses.

This was denied by the dead man's sister. "They should have informed my mother, Angeline Matikwane, who would in turn have told us about Olifant's death. Burial wouldn't have been a hassle."

Similar incidents occurred at Khut-song township in Carletonville and at Ventersdorp's Tshing township this year when residents ran amok after halting paupers' funerals of unclaimed bodies.

Ikageng Child and Family Welfare Society chairman Constance Molusi said despite the lack of finance, her organisation always tried to help destitute families.

"We cannot allow our people to be buried like animals. I call on black communities throughout South Africa to help families which cannot afford to bury their dead," said Molusi. Funerals had been turned into expensive ventures with the result that some families shied away from burying their dead.



Francina Olifant, on crutches, watches as her brother's coffin is opened.

A plan to make hostels livable

Most people agree that the hostel system must go, but what happens to the men who stay there? Two young architects have designed a plan to convert the hostels into family units, reports LOUISE BURGERS.

Bruce Wotherspoon and Henk Stutterheim were approached by a developer two years ago to investigate changes to the living conditions at hostels in Kagiso.

"The idea was to transform the hostels into family living units and settled communities," Mr. Wotherspoon said.

The architects investigated a hostel complex housing almost 6 000 men.

"We found eight to 15 men living in compartments with no privacy. They were dark and cold with inadequate facilities," he said.

Most of their ideas were accepted by the Kagiso local authority and are being implemented in the township.

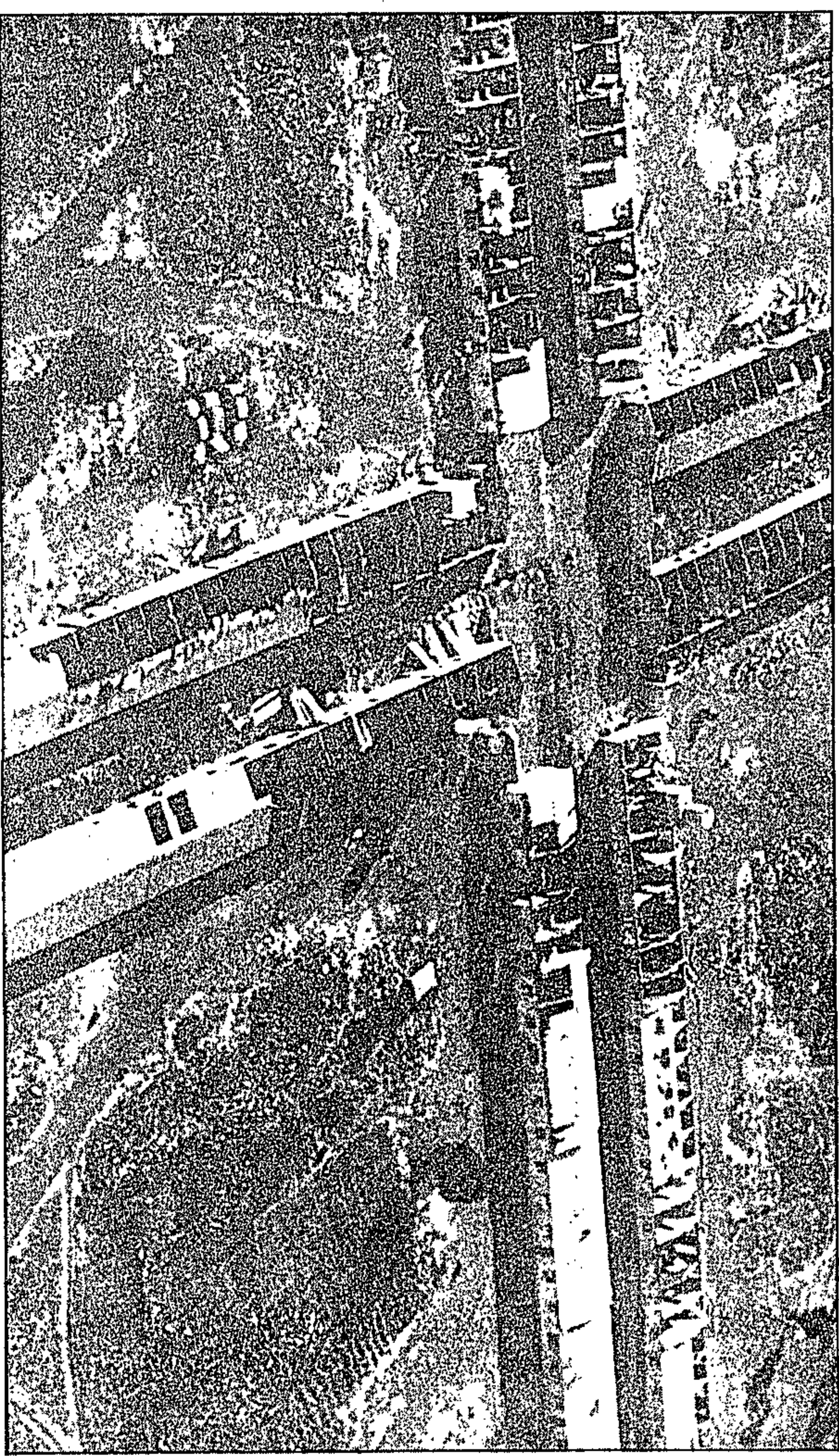
They came up with a plan to use land adjacent to the hostels to build a form of cluster housing and semi-detached houses from inexpensive materials.

Once the units were completed, it was envisaged that hostel dwellers would move into the new units and that the empty portions of the hostels would be modified and linked to the new settlement.

The vacant compartments in the hostels would then be converted into family living units using the existing structures and designed so as to fit in with the surrounding cluster houses.

Mr Wotherspoon and Mr Stutterheim designed a plan for an urban settlement and proposed that small business development be encouraged and recreation facilities be provided.

"The redevelopment of the hostels has to be phased in because of the high concentration



Township hostels of violence and misery ... Now two architects have come up with a plan to use hostels to build cluster housing.

of people," Mr Wotherspoon said.

"For each family unit in the hostel, one has to move eight to 15 people. We recommended that more land be found, preferably next to the hostels.

"The units, each on small stands, would be along the lines of semi-detached units, with small blocks of flats comprising four to six units.

"Roads outside the units would be paved and constructed in such a way as to make it difficult for vehicles to travel at speed. Each street would have a playground.

"We looked at how to integrate hostel dwellers with township communities.

"To create facilities for the community, we recommended that the opportunity for small businesses be encouraged and that older, disused buildings in the area be used as workshops to generate self-employment."

Hostel dwellers who were unemployed could be used as builders.

The architects would not advise the total demolition of the hostels and the establishment of highrise blocks of flats.

"Flats are out of place in the

township environment and would not assist in integrating people within the community. They generate too many social problems and it is a great adjustment for people from rural communities to adapt to the claustrophobic environment of a highrise home," Mr Wotherspoon said.

Three types of hostel dwellers were identified:

- The migrant worker who is not looking to settle in the city.
- Those with urban aspirations who cannot afford to live in the township; they aspire to in-

tegrate with the community.

• Those too insecure in their employment to think about integrating into the community. It was found that only half the rents paid for in the hostels were being paid for by employers.

"Many hostel dwellers are single and could be accommodated in studio flats which could also contain a family.

"Some units could be sold privately to companies who would subsidise employees. Flats could be sold on sectional title."

• Picture by Etienne Rothbart.

Once the project was started in an area, development would be ongoing.

"The State and the private sector have to get involved in the provision of housing."

Mr Wotherspoon admitted their scheme would not be feasible in all hostels. Sociologists would have to assess the implications of new structures in township communities.

"We have to understand what we are doing. There must be other input to provide a balanced system," Mr Wotherspoon said.

70 000 at rallies hear calls for tolerance and patience

Zulu, Xhosa leaders' peace bid

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By Musa Mapisa

About 70 000 people yesterday flocked to Reef peace rallies at which traditional leaders called for an end to violence and for political parties to exercise tolerance, patience and vision.

The two joint Zulu-Xhosa rallies held in Tokoza Stadium near Alberton and Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto were addressed by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and Paramount Chief Tutu Ndamase, the Transkeian President.

Thousands of Zulus with red head-bands and carrying an assortment of weapons streamed through Tokoza's streets, dancing and singing on their way to the rally while ululating women lined the roads.

Chief Ndamase said the Tokoza rally was not a political meeting but rather an effort by traditional leaders to stop the violence by blacks against blacks.

"We are here not to say who started the violence, who is guilty and who is not guilty, but to say let there be peace among blacks," Chief Ndamase said.

He called on blacks to fight apartheid and not to allow themselves to be used to kill other blacks. He pleaded for black people to embrace each other as brothers and not to take up arms against each other — for the sake of their children, wives and land.

It would be said if the affairs of the country were to be decided by a single political party, Chief Ndamase added. He called on the Government to ensure that people felt safe in their homes.

He commended President F W de Klerk for the steps he had taken to dismantle apartheid. King Zwelithini told the Tokoza rally he had come to the Reef to put out the fires of violence.

"I have come to tell my father's people that I, as King of Zulus, will not tolerate violence perpetrated in the name of KwaZulu," he said.

The monarch said he differed with the people who called for the destruction of hostels, as this would not solve the problem.

"The township residents have co-existed peacefully with the hostel dwellers for many years," he said.



Joint effort . . . KwaZulu's King Goodwill Zwelithini (left) and Transkei President Paramount Chief Tutu Ndamase at the rally.

He said the cause of the fighting was the political mobilisation of people for certain purposes where hostel dwellers and Inkatha members were excluded but were required to conform.

The Alberton consumer boycott was an example, he said.

King Zwelithini and Paramount Chief Ndamase ended the rally by shaking hands.

At the Jabulani Amphitheatre rally, King Zwelithini and Chief Ndamase repeated the appeals for peace they had made at Tokoza.

Plea to media

The king emphasised the importance of respect for political differences. "It is wrong to launch personal attacks against leaders and attempting to shame them before the world," he said.

He appealed strongly to the media to stop reporting events in such a way that it would encourage the violence and to stop blaming only one group for the violence.

Other traditional leaders who were present were Paramount Chief Mopeli of QwaQwa, Chief N.J. Mhlangu of KwaNdebele, Princess Stella Sigcau, the former Transkeian Prime Minister, and Prince Ngcobo, a Pan Africanist Congress member stationed in London.

Police report that sporadic incidents of stone-throwing broke out

when large numbers of Zulu men marched back to their hostels after the peace rally.

Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said a Zulu man who had wandered off from his group was knocked unconscious in White City when he was hit on the head with a stone. He was also stabbed in the chest and seriously wounded. He is being treated at Baragwanath.

Several minor incidents also occurred on the march to and from the stadium. The large police contingent present had dispersed groups before any major incidents.

A man was set on fire but rescued and taken to hospital at an incident after the Jabulani peace rally. Freelance photographer John Kumalo said he saw a large group of armed Inkatha supporters leave the stadium.

One dawdled behind and was confronted by youths. Other township residents tried to stop the confrontation, saying: "There should be peace." But the youths replied: "These people kill us."

They then beat up the man and someone threw a petrol bomb against his head. Two men doused the flames. The police arrived and an ambulance took him away.

Colonel Halgryn said he heard several gunshots when people left the stadium, adding: "I think they were just shooting into the air."



Praying for peace . . . An Inkatha supporter at Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto yesterday.

● Pictures by Pat Hagan

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Residents flock to pay service charges

By Therese Anders
and Abel Mabelane

WITBANK — KwaGuqa residents yesterday streamed to municipal offices to make their first services payment in more than six months.

In terms of an agreement on Friday between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Witbank Civic Association and the KwaGuqa Town Council, residents are to pay a flat rate for this month only.

The rate for houses with electricity is R30; those without electricity R10; and squatters and hostel dwellers R5.

Witbank Civic Association publicity secretary Dominic Mdluli said the electricity payment would not be enough to meet the township's September account with the Witbank Town Council. The balance would be provided as bridging finance from the TPA.

Mr Mdluli hailed the agreement as a major victory.

"The people in the township are very happy," he said.

From next month the tariff for squatters will be between R15 and R20, down from the pre-boycott rate of R45.

Pensioners will now pay only for electricity, and will no longer pay rent or service charges.

Residents in permanent houses will, from October, pay R21 a month for township services and 8,66c a unit for electricity. A resident from each zone will accompany meter readers to check the readings.

Economical

In another development, the Alberton Industrialists Association has paid the Alberton City Council R100 000 to keep the power supply in Tokoza going while an economical rental is being worked out, Tokoza administrator Gert Muller said at the weekend.

Power was cut by the Alber-

ton municipality on Thursday as a result of the rent boycott by the residents.

Mr Muller said the R100 000 was paid on Friday and the TPA had agreed to pay the difference if there was a shortfall.

He said it was agreed at a meeting held between the civic association, the council, the TPA and industrialists that residents had to start paying R70 a month to the Alberton council.

Mr Muller said the TPA had appointed Nigel Mandy to serve as mediator between the Tokoza council and the local civic association.

He said it was agreed that residents must start paying the R70 during September and October. Between now and the end of next month, the parties would negotiate an economical rent for the township.

Mr Muller said the civic association had been told to inform Tokoza residents to start paying the R70 before or by Friday this week.

Atteridgeville to continue boycott

By McKeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

Atteridgeville residents yesterday resolved to continue the rent boycott until the local council resigns.

A mass meeting convened by the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) and attended by hundreds of residents rejected the freezing of rent arrears in the area and demanded that they be written off.

Speakers from various area committees of Asro expressed their constituency's decision to demand the immediate resignation of the councillors. The residents

unanimously resolved to continue with the rent boycott which started in April this year.

The areas' representatives said residents were not even prepared to pay the flat rate because the local council was guilty of misusing funds.

"Our case is different from that of Soweto and other areas where a flat rate had been suggested, because their councils did not misuse any funds as was the case in Atteridgeville," said one speaker.

The residents also rejected a decision that Asro take part in the planned joint committees with the council.

But they mandated Asro to continue to negotiate with the council so that they could "educate councillors and show them their faults".

One speaker said the council had early this year been found guilty of gross mismanagement by the Kriel Commission of Inquiry, which recommended to the Transvaal Provincial Administration that the council be disbanded.

They also called on the Government to build affordable houses for the people and demanded a single tax base for the whole of Pretoria.

Asro is to meet the local council tomorrow.

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'Iron Fist' measures to curb Reef violence

Staff Reporter

Operation Iron Fist took shape at the weekend as the measures were announced on Saturday, and some were put into action.

Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner of Police, Major-General Gerrit Erasmus, when announcing the measures to curb violence, said: "If Nelson Mandela wants an iron fist, he will get an iron fist."

The steps are:

- A dusk-to-dawn curfew in Soweto and all other Reef townships affected by violence.
- Commuters leaving before the curfew is lifted will be issued special permits.
- Hostels and squatter camps are to be cordoned off with razor wire, and access to hostels will be limited to specific gates.
- Patrol vehicles will be issued with light machine-guns to prevent attacks on police by people armed with AK-47s.
- Dye will be used by police helicopters during township patrols to mark troublemakers from the air.
- SAP and SADF personnel will be stationed at suburban railway stations, and search points will be set up.
- Reservists and reinforcements will be brought in from other areas to boost the numbers of police on township duty.
- In a show of force, military force will comb houses and hostels for weapons.

Roadblocks were set up in townships in the Witwatersrand area from Friday night and at least three men were arrested.



Minister Adrian Vlok

Vlok 'averts possible large clash' in Tokoza

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By Gily Jepsen

Police say that Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok and Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe averted a possible large-scale confrontation yesterday when they addressed about 2 000 heavily armed Phola Park residents who had gathered 2 km from the Tokoza Stadium.

Inside the stadium thousands of people, the majority of them armed Inkatha supporters, were being addressed by the Zulu king, Goodwill

Zwellimni Ka Bhekuzulu, and Transkei president and paramount chief, Tutor Ndumase.

Mr Vlok, General van der Merwe and Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet were flying over the troubled East Rand township in a police helicopter when they noticed the crowd marching on the stadium.

Mr Vlok ordered the pilot to land near the gathering, Brigadier Mellet said last night.

"We approached the crowd, who

were very hostile. Mr Vlok addressed the crowd, urging them to sit down. Although the Phola Park residents refused to be disarmed, they listened attentively to Mr Vlok who urged them to wait until he could negotiate with President Ndumase, who agreed to address them," the brigadier said.

The crowd left the area chanting "Viva Vlok, Viva SAP", Brigadier Mellet said. But Sapa reports that a panga-wielding man shouted: "SAP, go away."

Sporadic violence as Reef unrest eases

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Reef townships, the scene of bloody battles last week, were relatively quiet at the weekend except for isolated incidents of violence.

A Carletonville woman was killed and her two companions were seriously injured when the police van in which they were travelling was attacked at a barricade in Soweto on Friday night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the unidentified woman and the two men had been looking for a police station in Moroka. They did not know the area and apparently lost their way.

A police van came to their assistance and the three were offered a lift to the police station. On their

way to the station, they drove into a barricade which had been put across the road. The three policemen inside the van climbed out to clear the road.

Suddenly a group of people started shooting at the police van with AK-47 rifles, killing the woman and seriously injuring the two men, who were taken to Baragwanath Hospital. The policemen outside the van were not injured in the incident.

Colonel Halgryn said the charred remains of a man were found at Jabulani station at 8 am on Saturday. It appeared that the man had been murdered and set alight.

On the East Rand, two unidentified men were burnt to death when

a group attacked them with petrol bombs and stones in separate incidents in Tokoza on Saturday.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said yesterday that a man was arrested in Katlehong for being in possession of a petrol bomb.

In Edenvale, six people were injured in separate incidents of assault at the weekend, an ambulance spokesman said.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announced at the weekend that more than 100 people had appeared in courts across the Reef in connection with the continuing violence.

Three men — found with an AK-47 assault rifle, an ammunition

magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition — were arrested on Saturday night at a police roadblock near Jabulani in Soweto, Pretoria police liaison officer Major Steve Senekal said yesterday.

The men are apparently the first known suspects arrested since police on Saturday declared "Iron Fist" measures aimed at curbing the township carnage.

The three men, who were travelling in a Mazda 323, were being questioned in connection with the weapons, Major Senekal said.

With the memory of Thursday's horror train attack and the ongoing violence still fresh in the mind of the public, the police described the past weekend as one of the quietest in weeks.

Township classes are deserted

East Rand Bureau

Hundreds of Daveyton pupils went home yesterday morning after classes were disrupted, Department of Education and Training spokesman M Steen-

kamp said.

He said there was extensive absenteeism at the Mabande High School in Ogies following the murder of one of the pupils. There was no schooling in the Vos-

loorus, Katlehong and Tokoza areas because of the township violence.

Tembisa principals were allegedly forced out of their schools by members of the National Education Union of SA.



Soweto mass killer gets death 9 times

By Cathý Stagg

A 22-year-old Soweto man, who had "utter contempt for human life", was sentenced to death nine times in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Charles Bongani Zwane was convicted of nine murders, eight counts of attempted murder, arson and the unlawful possession of an AK-47 assault rifle and ammunition.

Attacked

Mr Justice D O Vermooten, who heard the case with two assessors, also sentenced Zwane to an effective 22 years' jail.

The judge said Zwane had gone to "spy out the land" the night before he and a "foreign-trained terrorist", one Sonwabu, attacked a shebeen in Orlando East on the evening of December 26.

It was submitted that there

was a political motive for the crimes.

The judge said that if two policemen, who were in the shebeen, had been called outside — instead of the two attackers firing 64 bullets in cold blood at the 50 people inside — this submission might have been possible to understand.

In the second attack, on January 20 last year, three municipal policemen were found outside a Meadowlands shopping centre. Two of them, and a passerby, were murdered.

The motive in the third incident, on February 22, was revenge. Dudu Chili's son had allegedly killed a Mandela United Football Club member, so Zwane and Sonwabu threw petrol and petrol bombs at her house and Sonwabu fired with an AK-47. A 13-year-old girl died and two young women were badly burnt.

The judge said the court rejected the submission that Zwane was "a victim of a disin-

tegrating social fabric".

Zwane came from a solid family background, he was intelligent and was in Std 9, and earned a salary as a youth club leader. He was a founder member of the Soweto Youth Congress and organised boycotts and stayaways.

The judge said Zwane's conviction and suspended sentence for possessing an AK-47 had made no impression on him because six weeks later he embarked on his first attack.

Approval

The judge found it an aggravating factor that Zwane showed no remorse.

Before passing the death sentence, Zwane was asked if he wanted to say anything. "I did not kill anyone," he said.

After the death sentence was pronounced there were grunts of approval from the gallery. Zwane's girlfriend, holding their eight-month-old baby, cried loudly.

Stemming the mayhem

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The merciless orgy of violence that has erupted in certain Transvaal townships bears many of the characteristics of the 1984-86 uprisings — only it is more vicious and it is killing more people.

Ironically, the massacres and mayhem have reached new levels of intensity in the immediate wake of the August 2 Pretoria Minute. In the six weeks since then, when the African National Congress (but not the Pan Africanist Congress) announced the suspension of its armed struggle, more than 700 people have lost their lives — and thousands have been seriously injured.

Most of the barbaric blood-letting has been at the hands of butchering bands of thugs who have hacked, stabbed and shot their opponents with crude weapons and guns. A good deal of the violence has become increasingly indiscriminate — directed at random against innocent commuters and pedestrians.

More widely, the scale of the slaughter is beginning to jeopardise negotiations between the Government and the ANC as protagonists trade political accusations of irresponsibility, partiality and complicity in the violence.

Behind the grisly carnage lies a cocktail of "tribal", ideological and economic factors. At one level, conflict is sparked off by mutual fears between two groupings — one apparently dominated by (mainly) Zulu supporters of Inkatha, in tandem with politically conservative hostel dwellers; the other aligned with radical urbanised residents whose loyalties lie with the ANC/SA Communist Party/United Democratic Front/Congress of SA Trade Unions alliance.

What is certain, however, is that many of those involved perceive the conflict in ethnic terms.

"We are the Zulus and we are fighting the Xhosas" — or vice versa — are refrains frequently reported by journalists. This kind of ethnic consciousness seems to be

DR SIMON BAYNHAM, chief researcher in political and strategic studies at the Africa Institute of South Africa, considers the causes and cures of the Reef township war.



especially prevalent in the hostels which have traditionally been Inkatha strongholds.

The increasingly volatile situation has been fuelled by grim living conditions inside the burgeoning squatter camps, by a dangerous dearth of employment and education opportunities and by the militant criminality of the nothing-to-lose dispossessed as traditional patterns of civic culture and authority fragment and collapse.

Against this backdrop of political bitterness and socio-economic grievances come competing claims of complicity and bias directed at the security forces.

As with cancer, it is relatively easy to diagnose the causes but much trickier to suggest cures. There are, however, a number of specific proposals that deserve detailed consideration. Most of these relate to the role and deployment of the security forces:

- Strict adherence to the principle of minimum force. (This should not be misunderstood to mean that maximum force should never be used). To date, riot-control techniques have often been unnecessarily heavy-handed.

- Years of political neglect have rendered the SA Police undermanned, underpaid and grossly over-stretched. There is an urgent requirement, for a rapid expansion of the police — especially black police — over and above the belated measures to expand the force and improve conditions of service announced by the Government in

June. This would eventually permit the SAP to focus on its primary role: tackling "ordinary" crime which is running at an all-time high.

- Consideration might also be devoted to decentralising police authority so that local communities could have a greater say regarding the role, methods and composition of these forces.

- Linked to the above points is a need for the SAP to be depoliticised and sensitised to the rights and requirements of all SA's citizens. There is an imperative for the SAP to become visibly identified with the process of reform (rather than reaction) if its name is to become synonymous with its motto: *Servamus et servimus* (To protect and to serve).

- The creation of an entirely new paramilitary riot force, one independent of both the military and police, should be examined. Such bodies are common in the European democracies. This would enable the SAP (and the Defence Force) to cultivate an image of serving the interest of all members of the community, thus divorcing it from those duties that have given the SAP a stigma as enforcers of apartheid laws and internal order.

- In the aftermath of the Goldstone Commission, there have been fresh demands for an open inquiry into the SADF Sebokeng shooting (which left 11 dead) and other incidents. Unless this happens, the security forces will remain wide open to unsubstantiated allegations regarding their behaviour and discipline.

- In the above respect, a permanent judicial commission could be established to investigate the violence — as suggested to President de Klerk by an Anglican church delegation on September 10. The clerics also argued that independent monitors (including judges, lawyers and community and church leaders) accompany security forces acting in unrest situations.

- Also of crucial importance is the requirement to speed up the judicial process, so that court cases are dealt with quickly, and to implement measures which will address the material and educational grievances that lie behind so much of the turmoil. In both respects, the Government has already initiated a number of specific steps, but these will take time to percolate through the strata of bureaucratic red tape to have any effect.

- Penultimately, there is an urgent imperative for the ANC and Inkatha to co-operate in stemming the bloodshed. For this to happen, there must be a willingness on the part of all legitimate leaders to participate in a process of reconciliation to stop blaming one another and to discipline their respective constituents.

The catalyst for this should be a meeting between Mr Mandela and Chief Buthelesi — a meeting that must mark the end of provocative speeches by khaki-clad men (and women) of the radical Right and Left.

- Finally, non-partisan security force action in the townships must be immediately stepped up (at least in the short term), as now called for by the ANC. If this requires a massive show of force from the SADF, then so be it. For unless the current levels of localised anarchy are checked and drastically reduced, many more South Africans — and especially black South Africans — will be staring a savage state of nature in the face where, in Thomas Hobbes's immortal lines, life is "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short".

Still no queues to pay rent

Star 18/9/90 (343)
By Montshiwa Moroke

Most Soweto residents have not yet started paying rent in spite of an agreement in principle between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and the Greater Soweto councils to end the rent boycott.

This was revealed by a check at the townships' administration offices yesterday.

After a 15-hour meeting in Pretoria on August 30 it was decided that township residents would pay a uniform tariff of R55 for September and from October an interim service charge of R23 a household plus electricity on metered consumption of 12c a unit.

The Soweto agreement was to have been referred to various parties' constituencies for ratification and another meeting has been scheduled for September 24 for formal agreement.

Comments from sources ranged

from "no change at all" to "a slight improvement" compared to the period before the latest developments.

It appears to council sources that residents have adopted a "wait and see" attitude before they decide to pay because there had not been any formal agreement between the three parties.

The other assumption is that people have not fully grasped the implications of what was discussed at the talks and are perhaps waiting for a mass consensus on whether to pay.

The rent boycott was started in June 1986 after the Government's declaration of the state of emergency. The state of emergency was revoked in June this year.

There are still no queues at rent office.

The mayor of Soweto, Samuel Mkhwanazi, said: "We are keeping our fingers crossed."

Soweto's elderly may lose out

Star 19/9/90

By Montshiwa Moroke
Soweto tenants who continued to pay their rent during the four-year boycott, are waiting to see what the attitude of the authorities is going to be towards them.

Those who appear to have been mostly affected are the pensioners and conservative residents.

They continued to pay, in spite of warnings by civic organisations not to do so, because they were afraid of losing their homes when the council started evicting defaulters.

A council administration source confirmed that the only people who had been

consistent with their payments were the pensioners.

Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo said it was the council's view that residents should be compensated for the risks they took in the face of serious threats to their lives and property.

He said that when the matter was raised at last month's meeting between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), Greater Soweto councils and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), discussion was totally rejected by the SPD.

"As far as negotiation with the SPD is concerned,

those who were paying their rent during the boycott have lost out. They did not want even to consider the matter.

"For the sake of peace we let the matter rest. If the issue should come up again it will be dealt with by councils outside negotiations with the SPD," Mr Khumala said.

A spokesman for TPA said the matter had been discussed with the other parties.

"We have to wait until Monday when the signing of the formal agreement takes place. Then, you will have to get all five standpoints on how they are going to address the matter."

'Armed whites seen in township'

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By Winnie Graham

Six armed white men travelling in two cars were seen by a Catholic priest in Moleletsane, Soweto, at 5.40 pm on Saturday.

Father Dermot Mills, parish priest at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Meadow-

lands, said he saw rifles jutting from the windows. He asked the men who they were. "They responded by asking who I was," he said.

The cars had registrations PFC394T and KCM890T — later said by the police to be false.

Peace summit snags as main players stay away

By SEKOLA SELLO
Political Editor

THE mini peace summit convened by the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) in Soweto this week to address the countrywide violence in black residential areas took off like a lead balloon.

Two of the major factors in the violence – the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party – did not take part in the talks, which involved several political organisations, trade unions, church organisations and prominent black individuals.

One observer at the meeting likened the absence of both the ANC and Inkatha to a wedding taking place without the bride and bridegroom.

While the ANC sent an apology for failing to attend, ostensibly because the meeting coincided with the organisation's emergency National Executive Committee indaba, Inkatha was excluded from these initial talks because, in the words of Azapo president Dr Itumeleng Jerry Mosala, their inclusion at this stage was "a sensitive issue".

The meeting made a number of recommendations and resolutions aimed at stemming the tide of violence which in a matter of weeks has claimed about 800 lives on the Reef. Among these was the need for political tolerance in the black community and a call to movements and organisations to establish immediate truces.

It was also resolved, as a long-term measure, to broaden this week's consultation to include other organisations. This is interpreted as indicating Inkatha could be included in future talks. Asked



Azapo president Dr Itumeleng Jerry Mosala . . . What is wrong with meeting Buthelezi? ■ PIC: TLADI KHUELE

about this possibility, Mosala said it has not been decided whether to include or exclude Inkatha.

However, it is known that Azapo is in favour of Inkatha being involved in peace

talks. Even a few days prior to the mini peace summit, Mosala stated on SATV that Inkatha's president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, was "no worse a homeland leader than Transkei's General Bantu Holomisa". He charged that if some liberation movements – an oblique reference to the ANC – could "soil their hands by meeting Transkei's leader, what is wrong in meeting Buthelezi?"

The Azapo initiative, hailed by many as a bold move to bring together various black organisations, even if Inkatha was excluded, held the promise that if the ideologically disparate factions could get together to form a working relationship, then prospects of peace are nearer.

But the absence of the ANC has put a damper on this. The fact one of the ANC's powerful allies, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, also did not attend, further diminishes the possibility of the Azapo initiative achieving the desired results.

The PAC, which had earlier accepted the invitation to take part in the talks, did not attend and the reasons for their absence were not given.

However, it is believed the PAC decided at the eleventh hour not to attend because of the feeling that it would not serve any purpose if the ANC and Inkatha, the two organisations they see as being primarily involved in the current violence, did not attend.

Despite the setback caused by the absence of the PAC, ANC, Cosatu and Inkatha, the convenors are far from disappointed and are going ahead with the peace initiatives. A similar meeting is planned for within 14 days.

ANC executive extends emergency talks on violence

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The ANC has unexpectedly extended until today an emergency meeting of its full national executive committee (NEC) to discuss complications in the

peace process. *Star 20/9/90*

The meeting in Johannesburg was called to discuss the ANC's position following differences of opinion with the Government over the handling of the recent violence on the Reef.

Its outcome could crucially

affect the negotiation process in view of the war of words between the ANC and the Government on the stringent steps — codenamed Operation Iron Fist — to curb the violence.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said earlier this week

that if the Government did not display the will to take emphatic steps to stop the township violence, the NEC would have to "take a decision that will reverse almost everything that was done since May this year".

He also said the ANC would not abandon the peace talks.

Govt beefs up 'Iron Fist' plan

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

The Cabinet has ratified the police's "iron fist" security plan and announced a package of new measures to combat and probe township violence.

Measures include an independent ombudsman to investigate allegations of abuse of power by Government, and special investigative units to probe incidents of violence.

Speaking at a press conference last night after an all-day Cabinet meeting at the Union Buildings in Pretoria, President de Klerk said security action alone was not enough to stop the "senseless, cruel and repulsive killing of innocent people on trains and in public places".

He announced that:

● Special "expeditious" investigation units under attorneys-general or their deputies would speedily probe the worst incidents of violence — including the train massacres at Denver and Jeppe, the Sebokeng deaths on September 3 and 4 when army troops fired on protesters, the ambush on police in Soweto last week and any other incidents identified by the Minister of Justice.

● Inquests headed by judges would where necessary investigate township killings.

● All individuals and organisations possessing illegal arms, arms caches or ammunition would be given immunity against prosecution until October 1 to surrender their arms to the police or license their weapons.

In an apparent reference to the

ANC, he stressed that no organisation could have recourse to "other negotiations" as an excuse not to surrender its arms.

● Rewards of up to R100 000 would be offered for information leading to the discovery of arms and arms caches.

● An "independent, highly respected" person could be appointed to probe allegations of misuse of power by the Government.

● Further actions — including possible commissions of inquiry — could be taken after initial probes by the special investigative units or the independent ombudsman.

● "Mechanisms of communication" would be appointed at all levels to deal with community grievances

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and defuse explosive situations.

Mr de Klerk said there had been some misunderstanding about the "iron fist" measures as announced by the police, which was receiving the attention of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Vlok said the Cabinet had approved two of the most controversial measures, the night curfew and the mounting of light machine-guns on Casspir armoured vehicles in the townships.

Before implementing the curfew, police intended allowing employ-

ers to take steps to ensure it caused the least inconvenience possible.

On the use of machine-guns, Mr Vlok repeated Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe's statement that police would not be able to counter AK-47 attacks using ordinary weapons. He stressed machine-guns would not be used in ordinary unrest.

On the measures announced yesterday Mr de Klerk referred to several legislative procedures in the pipeline aimed at facilitating the investigation of violence and abuse of power.

As an interim mea-

sure, special investigation units would be appointed to conduct investigations without delay. In addition, inquests would be instituted as soon as possible.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee would decide if they should be conducted by a judge, as allowed by recent legislation. Following reports by the investigation units and inquests, the Government would consider further action.

The independent person probing allegations of Government abuse would conduct investigations in the "grey area" where no specific incident had been identified.

Thousands off work to attend mass funeral

By Shareen Singh
and Brendan Templeton

Thousands of workers from Soweto stayed at home today to attend a mass funeral for victims of the recent violence.

The stayaway was called by the Soweto Civic Association, Sayco, Cosas, Cosatu and the Federation of Transvaal Women to bury 12 people killed in the township during the past few weeks.

Impartial

Three demands were put forward by the organisations:

- The demolishing of the hostel system and creation of proper housing.
- The police and the army must be impartial.
- Warlords must be arrested and charged.

The organisations called on the youth and students to act

with responsibility and exercise discipline.

No incidents of violence were reported this morning. A police spokesman said the effect of the stayaway was minimal but transport companies operating in townships reported a significant reduction in passengers.

Putco was operating normal services, but buses were half empty, a company spokesman said.

The South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) said most taxis were not operating in Soweto as drivers responded to the call for a stayaway.

A few taxi drivers went into the townships at their own risk, a Sabta spokesman said.

There were long queues at taxi ranks and most people went back home after waiting for about two hours, he said.

Spoornet management said they were trying to assess the extent of the stayaway at the time of going to press.

Mandela warns as Soweto mourns

By Helen Grange

Soweto came to a near standstill yesterday to attend what may have been the country's biggest funeral in decades.

Well over 50 000 people gathered inside and outside the Jabulani amphitheatre to mourn the death of 12 of the people killed during the six weeks of bloodshed that has racked Reef townships.

Many relatives collapsed with grief during the ceremony. The crowd sang and waved ANC and SACP flags while a police helicopter circled above.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, who made a surprise

appearance at the funeral service, arrived to a rousing welcome.

He was accompanied by ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise, and Jackie Selebi, a youth leader and member of the ANC's national executive committee (NEC).

He told the hushed gathering that there was a growing demand from the people to be armed. He said the ANC regarded the demand as reasonable and the organisation would in future find it difficult to refuse.

"We are facing a bleak future and security forces are going to

continue to shoot our people.

"We warn the State President and the Government that, if they continue to drag their feet and listen only to the point of view of whites and do not listen to us, they have a tragedy coming in this country."

Mr Mandela said the ANC would appeal to its members for discipline.

He had been asked by the press to appeal for peace and to ask his followers to stop fighting.

Father Emmanuel Lafont, who has been fasting for nearly two weeks, told the gathering that a new climate of reflection and understanding had come about in Soweto since last

Thursday.

"Our people are more conscious, organised and less fearful. God has given us new strength, wisdom and unity."

"We must organise and plan in advance. We must create defensive mechanisms to defend ourselves and our organisations at all levels — in the streets stations, on trains and in shops," he said.

Soweto residents, some holding their fists high and others supplying water to exhausted people going on foot, lined the streets as the procession moved slowly to Avalon cemetery.

The dead were finally buried late in the afternoon as relatives wept at their gravesides.

SAP: minibuses killings linked

By Monica Nicolson

Police have good reason to suspect that many of the recent murders involving gunmen in minibuses are linked.

A pattern is emerging where men armed with AK-47s randomly roam the busy streets in a white minibus before picking out crowded gathering-points to gun down people.

CID chief Lieutenant General Alwyn Conradie confirmed in a statement on Wednesday that the fatal shooting of three men and the death of a shopkeeper, Maria de Abrasius, were linked.

In both incidents, the victims were shot by gunmen in a white minibus travelling down Nugget Street, central Johannesburg, in the early evening of September 12.

Other similar shootings include various incidents where men in minibuses have driven through Tembisa, Tokoza, Katlehong and Soweto, firing random shots at passersby.

Police have pieced together the sequence of similar brutal shootings.

On September 6, six people were killed in Soweto by gun-

men in a minibus. Hours later, six more people were killed at Jeppe station.

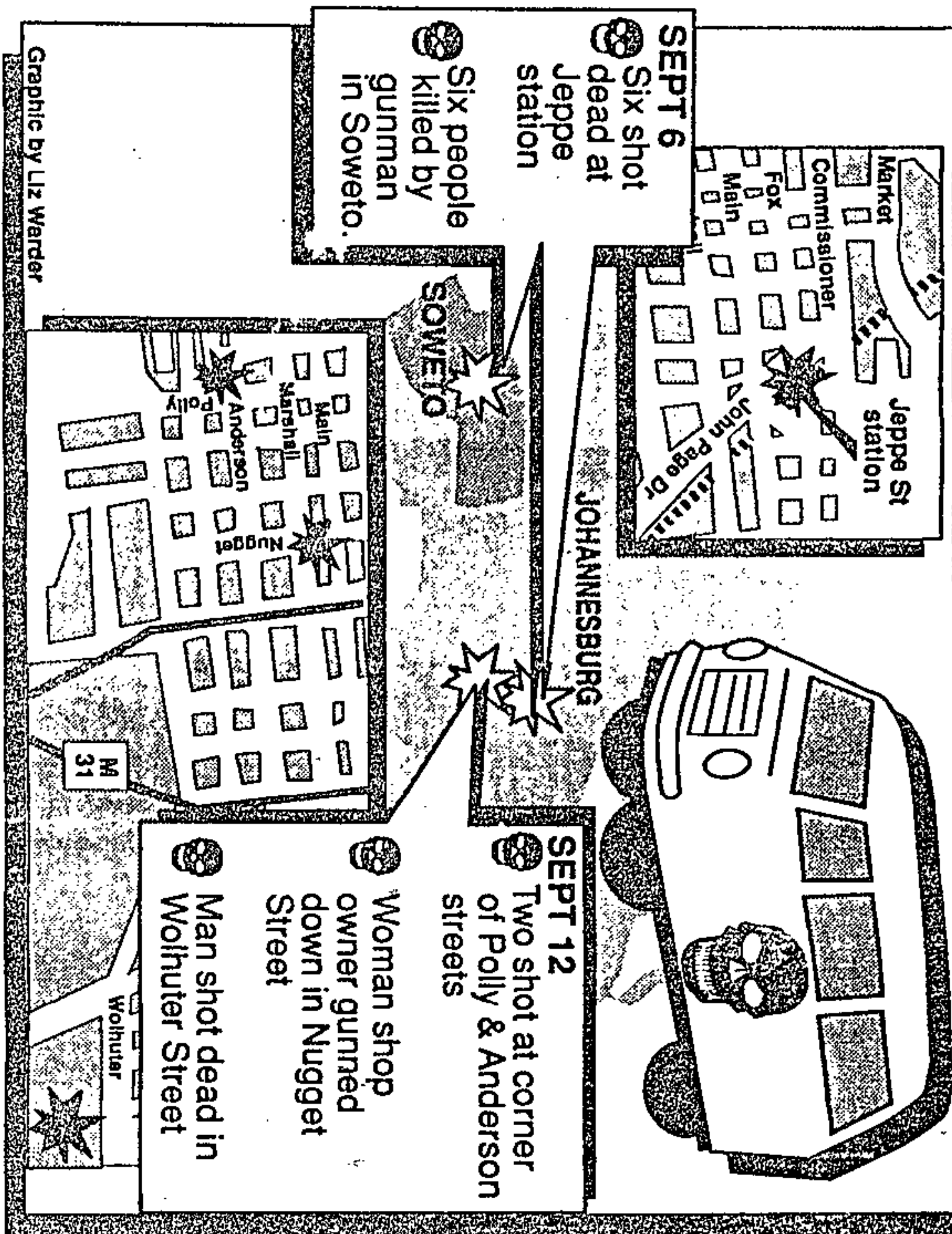
Two more men died on September 12 when gunmen opened fire on a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg. Their vehicle was then seen travelling to Wolhuter Street and the men shot a man dead outside the Wolhuter men's hostel in Jeppestown.

Many people, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, believe these mindless murders of innocent people by mobile hit squads point to a sinister plot by well co-ordinated and organised gangs.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe strongly denied that the shootings were well orchestrated or carefully planned.

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Gang in white minibuses implicated in killings:



Graphic by Liz Warden

'Train security not sufficient'

By Thabo Leshilo

Security arrangements to protect train commuters on the Reef in the wake of recent attacks in which they have been shot, stabbed and hurled from moving coaches still leaves much to be desired, according to a survey by The Star.

A train trip by The Star this week revealed that the only place at which Soweto commuters feel relatively safe was at stations such as Inhlazane, Metate and Ikwezi, where there is a visible presence of armed guards.

A spokesman for Spoornet said there was security on trains, but referred The Star to the police for specifics.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said police were patrolling the trains but he would not elaborate.

Passengers are warned to look out for a new breed of train crooks taking advantage of commuters' fears in the wake of recent attacks.

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Staff Reporter

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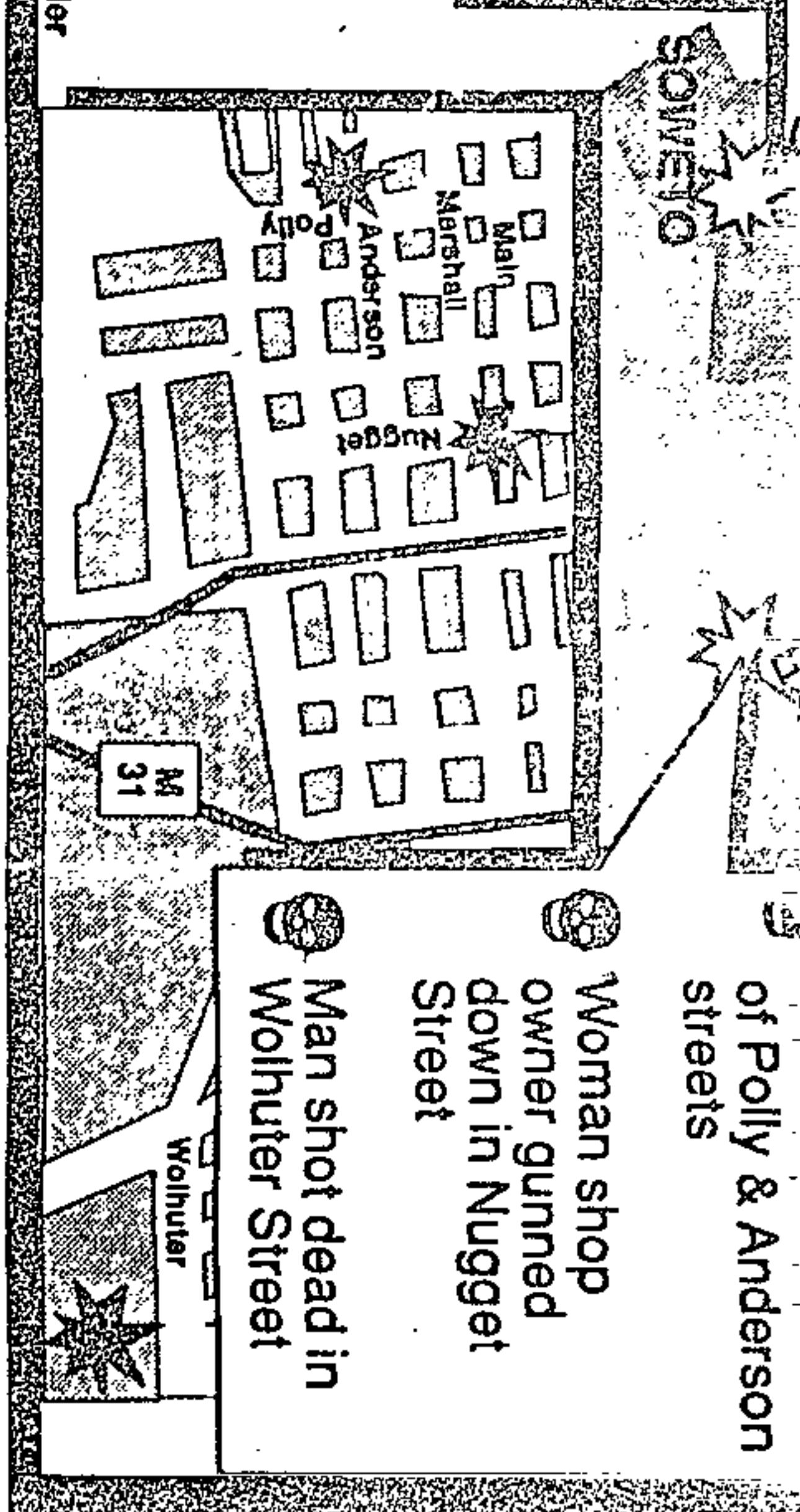
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Six people killed by gunman in Soweto.

Graphic by Liz Warder



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They prayed for an end to violence and for peace in the country, "at the scene of the start of the merciless killings", said Mr Buchanan.

The prayer meeting, organised by the priest of Belgravia parish, the Reverend Andrew Dotchin, was prohibited by the acting chief magistrate on Wednesday.

Mr Buchanan told the police there that they would only pray for five minutes and the meeting would be very "low-key", and police gave their consent for it to go ahead.

Three truckloads of soldiers left the scene only minutes before the meeting started,

"Take from this country the need for bloodshed. Purge this place of the murder and evil, and claim it for Yourself," prayed Mr Buchanan.



At the scene of slaughter . . . the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, Duncan Buchanan (centre), and other priests prayed for an end to violence last night at Jeppe Station.

'Iron Fist' under way

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Staff Reporters

The first steps of Operation Iron Fist were taken in Soweto yesterday.

Stringent security measures to curb fighting started with the sealing-off of a Soweto hostel with razor wire.

The hunt for the killers carried on while "Iron Fist" began at the Merafe hostel, where many incidents of violence have taken place.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the erection of razor wire barricades around the Merafe and several other hostels was one of the measures announced recently by the police to bring peace and stability back to the area.

The aim of the razor wire barricades was twofold: to protect the hostel dwellers from attack and to prevent them from attacking other residents.

There will be only one entrance to and from the hostel, which will be manned continuously by the police as well as several foot patrols.

A few days later he was aflame

By Glen Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

A Soweto man, who told The Star he was upset by the attitude of some Church leaders who visited Reef townships last week, was the same man who appeared in photographs days later being flacked, stabbed and burnt alive.

Last week The Star conducted an interview with Linder Tshabalala, who was upset by the action of church and other leaders after a visit to the area by church dignitaries.

A few days later South Africa was shocked by pictures of Mr Tshabalala being attacked, stabbed and set alight.

Mr Tshabalala had described himself in the interview as an apolitical resident who just wanted fairness and a chance to get on with his life in peace.

His brother said he was horrified at the way Mr Tshabalala had died as he had not been involved in any unrest.

Mr Tshabalala was an eye-witness during a visit by church leaders to Soweto last Tuesday.

He told The Star: "I am upset and horrified by what I experienced and now wonder if our leaders, church and otherwise, really do want to find a solution to our crisis or if they are just pawns dancing to the tune demanded by their particular audience at any given time."

"I was here when the unrest

in Soweto started. I read various articles and letters and saw television interviews in which different parties and organisations were held responsible for the unrest in Soweto.

"After it was announced in the media last week that the SAP was put in charge of the unrest areas, there was suddenly an increase in violence in these areas all over the Witwatersrand. In the meantime the Minister of Law and Order held discussions with several leaders in Soweto. After this, more accusations were flung at the feet of the SAP.

"The police in Soweto have undertaken several projects to help the community — from soup for the pensioners on pension day to the starting of a band for the youth. These are all projects aimed to improve the quality of our lives and they show me that the police are serious about their tasks and responsibilities," he said.

"Our State President jumped the queue and took the initiative by visiting Soweto. He was open and honest during discussions and admitted that the only force able to stop the disorder and install law and order was the police. Despite his visit, renewed violence broke out.

"I regard myself as an impartial resident and I, and many others, agree that the senseless murder of an innocent Zulu man who was on his way to work last Thursday was



1 Death sentence . . . Linder Tshabalala, accused of being a Zulu supporter of Inkatha, is pulled across a railway line by a group of ANC supporters.

the cause of the violence.

"Suddenly the residents living in the western areas of the township grabbed the opportunity and made the police the scapegoats for the violence.

"Church leaders climbed on the bandwagon and tried to defend what leaders like Nelson Mandela, Sisulu and others were saying by carrying out Christian visits to the area.

"Yesterday the Reverend Frank Chikane and his following visited the township. They went to the Tladi squatter

camp without the SAP. Then the honourable reverend wanted to visit the Merafe hostel.

"The police were asked to meet them on the way as they felt it was unsafe to go there without police protection. Two unarmed police officers accompanied the reverend through the hostel I was there.

"Rev Chikane prayed for the hostel residents and moved across the road where he spoke to a group of youths. They asked him questions, especially concerning the police.

"The reverend actually replied fairly positively concerning his police escort and the police role in the township. He thanked the police in front of us for escorting him at the hostel and on his way to and from the hostel.

"Less than a half an hour passed and the reverend, his following and I went to the same church where the morning's activities had started.

"Several speakers addressed the dignitaries and church representatives. They stated the



2 Stabbed . . . An assailant stabs him in the head.



3 Second assault . . . Already bleeding from a number of wounds, he is systematically beaten, stoned and assaulted.

4 He is finally killed by being set alight with petrol. Pictures by Sebastian Balic.



South Africa's class

RIGHT-WING commentators in Britain and South Africa, having feasted long and well on the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, are now turning their attention to South Africa, seeking still further opportunities to gorge themselves on righteous vindication.

All this violence in the townships shows that we were right all along, they say. Those white liberals have been exposed for what they are; dreamers deluded by their vision of a South Africa in which all races live in harmony. But, say the right-wingers, they never understood Africa the way we do.

We have always known that to understand Africa you must understand tribalism, they say. The historic conflict between the Zulus and the Xhosas is what the slaughter of the last five weeks has been all about. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Inkatha's Zulu leader, has always understood this, the right-wingers believe. Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader who fraternises with communists, imagined that tribalism could be swept under the carpet and a non-racial unitary nation — as the slogan goes — forged. How naive Mandela and his white liberal acolytes have been.

Thus do they gloat. If only life in general, and in South Africa in particular, were so amenable to armchair definition.

To refute the "tribalism" argument is so simple that it is almost embarrassing. The violence in the townships around Johannesburg has been an extension of the violence in Natal province, where some 4 000 people have died in the last five years. Those killing each other in Natal are all Zulus — Zulus who support the African National Congress and Zulus who support Inkatha.

Further undermining the notion of the Zulu tribe as a monolith led by one formidable leader, is the fact that when Mr Mandela, a Xhosa chieftain, appeared at a rally in Durban after his release from prison, 100 000 Zulus paid homage.

In Soweto, to name but one of the battlegrounds of recent weeks, Zulu residents make up approximately 40 percent of the population. They have been on the receiving end of the Inkatha hostel-dwellers' knives just as much as the Xhosas, Sothos, Shangaans and all the rest. Zulus have been patrolling streets of Soweto at night to defend their homes against attack by Inkatha warriors.

So if tribalism is not the problem, what is?

In essence, of course, it is about power — on this all would agree. The Government and the ANC thought that together they could hammer out the shape of post-apartheid South Africa and, in the process, end up sharing

Apartheid's right-wing apologists believe township violence is fuelled by tribalism. JOHN CARLIN finds envy and resentment behind the battle.



SOWETO PATROL: The police, says the writer, have blatantly taken sides with hostel dwellers and made a mockery of their PR man

power between themselves. Chief Buthelezi, who has long cherished a vision of himself as an equal — at least — of Mr Mandela's, was not happy about this. Nor was the white right wing.

Violence, as in Natal, is the most effective instrument of political persuasion that Inkatha possesses. And again, as in Natal, the right-wing security forces — time-warped in the P W Botha era — saw a pleasing confluence of interests. The details of who schemed what and when have not yet been revealed. But that, in general terms, is the politics of what is going on.

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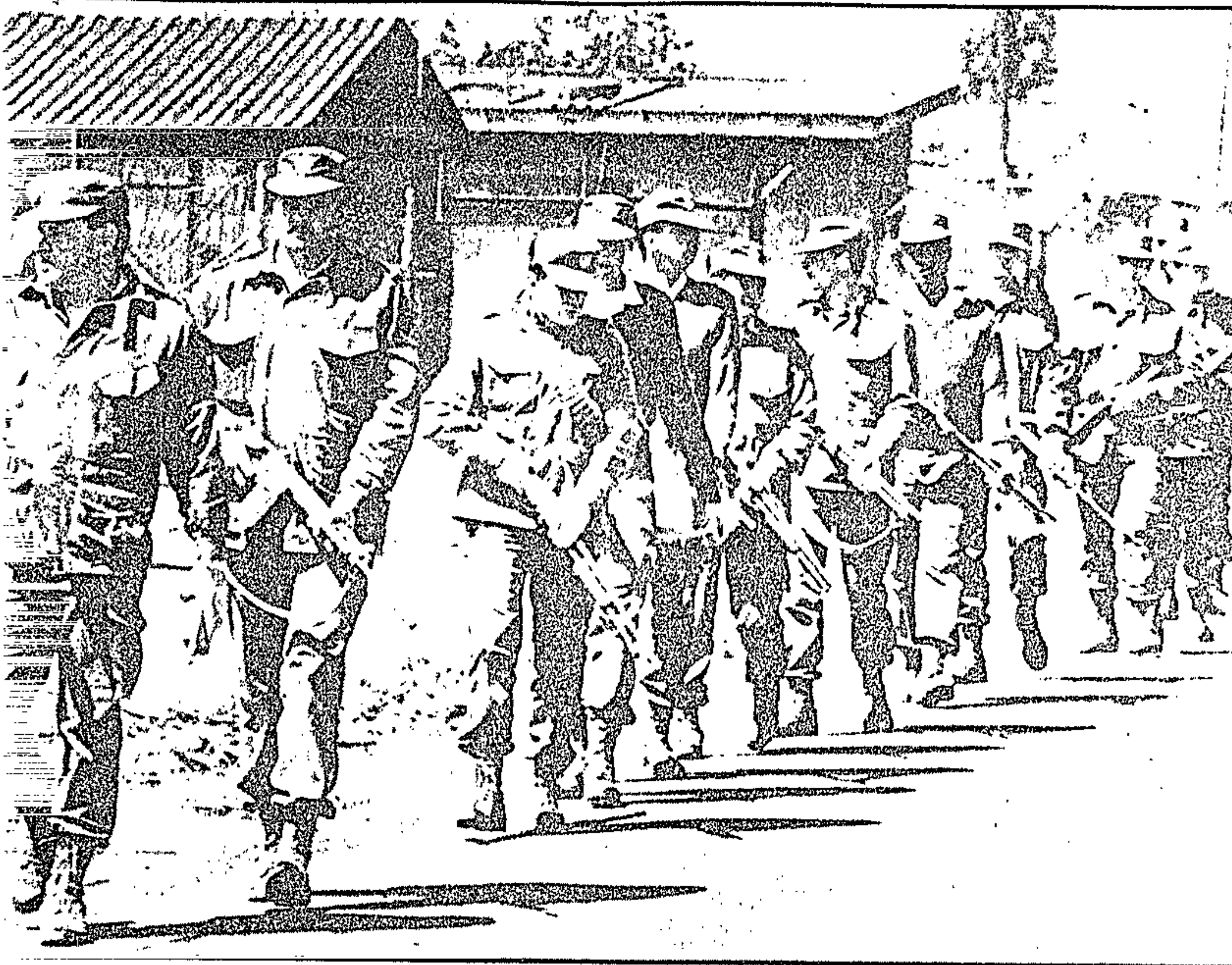
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Africa's class war

South Africa's right-wing apologists believe township violence is fuelled by classism. JOHN CARLIN finds envy and resentment behind the bloodshed.



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Both are lawyers by training. Both are men of peace who, until the middle of last month, were able to nurture the dream that together, in an environment in keeping with the solemnity of the courtroom, they would be able to pen the constitution of "the new South Africa" — a term each loves to employ.

Everything was on course. They already had clear in their minds the broad outline of the political system they wanted. Bargaining and compromise would resolve the details. The danger always was that they would be setting about their task far above the heads of their respective constituencies. Blithely — as is clear in retrospect — they thought they could wipe the slate clean. They thought they could factor out the country's history, the decades-old accumulation of hate and prejudice, of poverty and injustice.

They have been awakened rudely from the dream. Potholes were expected on the road of change. Some bloodshed, too. But nothing on this scale. What the violence has done is expose the gap between the two leaders and their respective constituencies, the organisations from which they believe they derive their power.

The police force, the security establishment on which government builds its authority, is not dancing to Mr de Klerk's tune. They don't want "the just new South Africa in which discrimination on the basis of race is a thing of the past". The question did not arise while the country was relatively at peace. But now one must ask, is Mr de Klerk in control? Is he in touch?

The same goes for Mr Mandela and the National Executive Committee of the ANC, the organisation's top leadership body, most of whose members are now home after long exiles. What capacity has Mr Mandela to restrain the angry township youth? The problem at hand requires shrewd thinking, not fighting fire with fire. To do battle with Chief Buthelezi on his own terms — the youth ask for weapons and the ANC threatens to provide them — is a recipe for disaster.

There has to be a clever way to deal with the chief, but the ANC leadership lacks the lines of communication to convey such a message to its militants. To look at the ANC now is to see a head without a body, or rather a body which is not responding to the dictates of the head.

Mr Mandela's problem and Mr de Klerk's are essentially the same. The class issue again comes into the picture. The two men are educated patricians, men of reason, pragmatists aware of the limits of the politically possible. But that is not the way in which politics have been conducted in South Africa. Not until now. The white policeman in the township offers a faithful and not-too-extreme political expression of much of white South Africa, and probably a majority of Afrikaners. The youthful militant has a monopoly on the energy of ANC liberation politics. Politics is about confrontations, about raw emotions.

All of this indicates that today the Inkatha leadership and the right-wing leadership are more in tune with their people than the ANC or the Government. Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk face a political challenge now the likes of which they never anticipated. If they fail to rise to it, the new South Africa, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu said last week, is "for the birds". — The Independent, London.

ANC sees curfew as licence to hunt people

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STAFF REPORTERS

THE African National Congress last night rejected out of hand the impending curfew slapped on strife-torn Witwatersrand, saying it gave police "license to hunt people as if they are game".

The measure, announced by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday, is part of "Operation Iron Fist", the police effort to stop township violence.

The steps have met with mixed reaction from township residents.

The Democratic Party's spokesman on law and order, Denis Worrall, welcomed the measures, saying drastic steps were required to rectify a drastic situation.

"While a curfew limits the movement of law-abiding citizens, it is a measure to keep the instigators off the streets," he said.

Violence subsided markedly this week following joint appeals for peace by King Goodwill Zwelithini Ka Bhhekuzulu and Paramount Chief Tutor Ndamase, the Transkeian President, last Sunday.

The new Iron Fist regulations — to be imposed in Vosloorus, Tokoza, Katlehong, Soweto, Meadowlands, Diepkloof and Dobsonville — restrict residents to their homes from 9 pm to 4 am from Tuesday.

Employees can be exempted if they carry written proof from employers that the curfew will interfere with their work. However, police may arrest people without a warrant and detain them for 12 hours to verify the validity of their documents.

Anyone convicted of breaking the curfew may face a maximum fine of R1 000 or six months imprisonment.

In a strongly worded statement, the ANC said: "The 12-hour detention without trial on mere suspicion or opinion of a police officer is a return

to the most barbaric form of repression. The curfew will have the effect of lessening the capacity of the people to hold meetings, build organisation and defend themselves from vigilantes. It gives licence to the police to hunt people as if they are game."

The curfew was not "aimed at the perpetrators of violence, but at the communities", the ANC said.

"We would not be surprised if the result of these measures is the outbreak of large-scale vigilante attacks on communities that we experienced at the beginning of the violence in the Transvaal."

Soweto community leader Sister Bernadette Ncube said: "This is like carrying a pass all over again. Just imagine the potential harassment".

Soweto teacher, Mr T J Mokoena, said: "I just want it (the violence) to stop. Whether the Government introduced Iron Fist, or any other tough measure, it must be stopped."

In Vosloorus women living in houses neighbouring a hostel welcomed the curfew if it would "cool down the horrible violence".

Soweto telecommunication technician Muzi Shongwe said the curfew was unreasonable and would not work. "The police won't stop the violence with this curfew. They can only worsen their poor relationship with township residents," he said.

A National Union of Mineworkers spokesman Jerry Majatladi said thousands of workers would be affected by a "recipe for disaster" that amounted to a serious violation of basic human rights.

National Taverners' Association chairman Lucky Michaels said while a curfew might assist in curbing violence, it would badly affect township business. "It will kill the shebeens, which represent 70 percent of the liquor industry and 90 percent of township trading," he said.

Addressing a plenary session of the President's Council yesterday, Mr Vlok said that from June 1 to September 10 this year, 110 incidents of terrorism occurred. Of these, 82 acts were committed by suspected radical leftists and 28 by rightists. This was a sharp increase compared with the 77 incidents which occurred between January 1 and May 31 this year.

Hostel men reject fence

By SOPHIE TEMA

INMATES of the Mapetla Hostel objected loudly this week when they were fenced in with razor wire. "We are not animals, so why must we be caged in?" they said.

Soweto divisional commissioner of police, Gen J Swart, had to be called in when inmates complained about the razor wire placed around their premises as a protective measure.

Police Liaison officer, Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn, explained that fencing was one of the measures taken by the police in Soweto to stop violence between hostel dwellers and residents in the townships and to bring peace and stability to the area.

But an angry hostel spokesman asked newsmen: "Why must we be fenced in. Why don't the police fence in those people across the road who are the ones who have been causing all the trouble?"

"Why treat us as if we are not part of South Africa? Are we the scabby sheep of the community? We feel we are being discriminated against simply because we live in a hostel."

After a long discussion with some of his colleagues, a hostel spokesman complained to police that township people

were treating them with contempt.

"Right now, we keep to ourselves in the hostel, but we are being provoked by the people from the townships because whenever they go past they hurl insults at us. They also sing derogatory songs about us," he said.

"We will not tolerate this type of behaviour from people who come looking for unnecessary trouble."

Halgryn said: "The razor fence was placed around the Mapetla Hostel firstly to pre-

vent hostel dwellers from going into the area to attack residents, and also to protect hostel dwellers from being attacked.

"There will only be one entrance to the hostel. It will be controlled by the SAP."

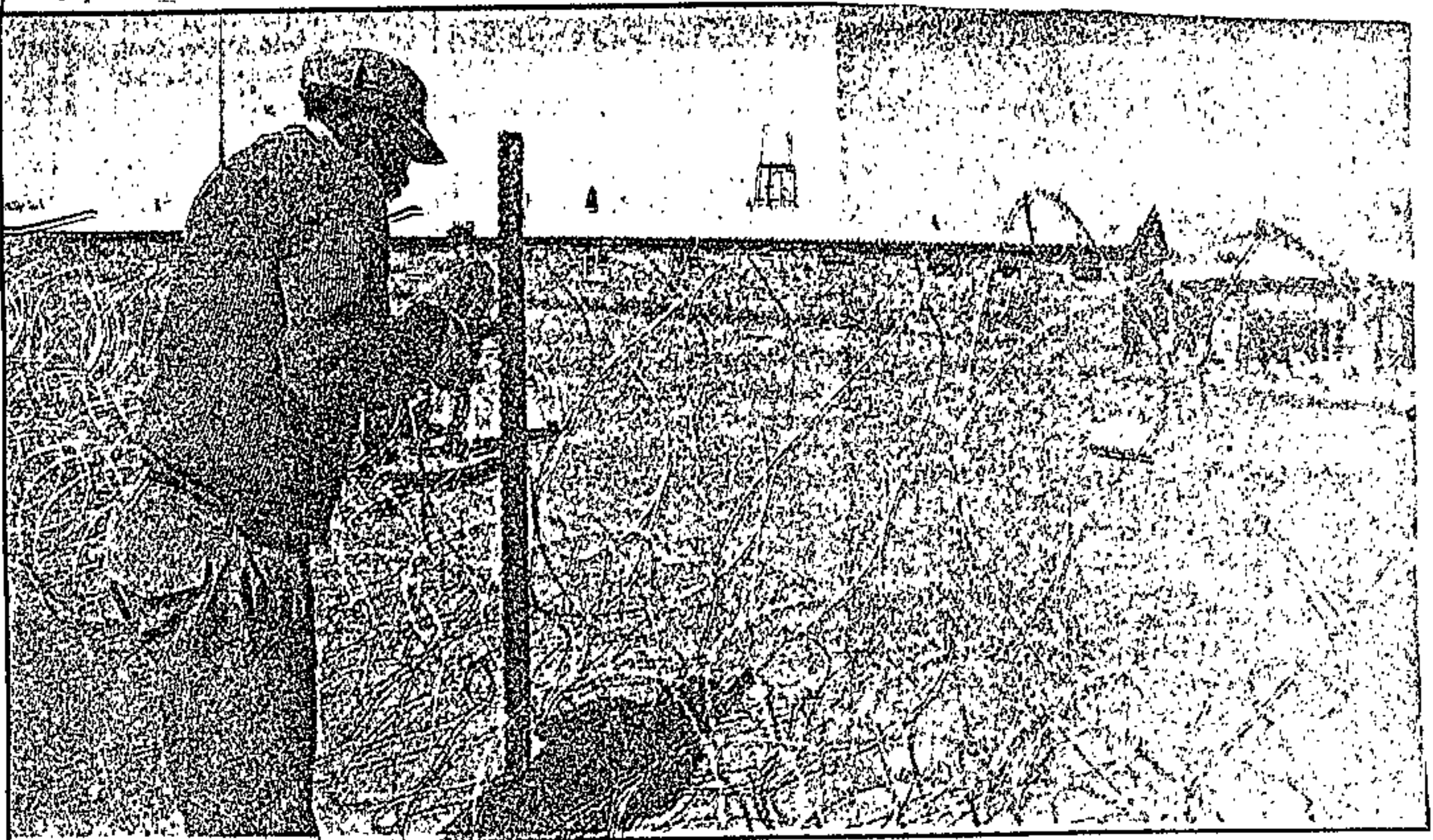
Halgryn said the SAP decided to start with the Mapetla Hostel where trouble started.

An "Operation Clean-up" was also conducted in townships on Friday to clear the roads on which barricades were erected during the violence.

Azapo meeting

THE Soweto branch of Azapo will hold an emergency meeting of its members today from 2pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Pimville Zone 3.

The meeting will focus on Azapo's National Council and on the peace initiative mounted to stop violence on the Reef.



Mapetla Hostel inmates said of the razor fence: We're not animals — so why cage us in? Pict TLADI KHUELE

ANC: Defend yourselves!

By SOPHIE TEMA

RESIDENTS must defend themselves against elements that stir up violence in the townships and kill innocent people, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said this week.

Mandela was speaking at Soweto's Jabulani amphitheatre where a service was held for the mass burial of 12 people killed in the recent violence.

More than 15 000 people attended the service.

Other members in the ANC delegation were Walter Sisulu, Rev Frank Chikane, NEC member Jack Selebi and MK commander Joe Modise.

Mandela expressed his sympathy for the bereaved families and said their sacrifices were not in vain.

He said measures implemented by the government to quell the violence were actually aimed at disarming the liberation movements and black people, while whites were being armed.

Those buried on Thursday were Abram Mlangeni, Benny and Martin Maboa, Mapule Motswana, Benjamin Ramatlolo, Sabata Mkhanya, Mickey Nyame, Solomon Seema, Elias Theola, Lessy Mosetlhe, David Motseme and Benjamin Khanye.

Pamphlets distributed outside the stadium called for the dismantling of the hostel system, impartiality of the police and army, and the arrest and prosecution of warlords.

Inkatha steps in to block Kagiso hostel demolition

By ELIAS MALULEKE

INKATHA is seeking an urgent interdict against the Kagiso Council over moves to demolish a hostel to make way for family units.

Deputy mayor M. Sengoera said the council had been prevented from demolishing the hostel by the interdict notice issued by lawyers acting for Inkatha leader Themba Khoza.

The council decided on the demolition last month following violence between residents and Inkatha supporters in hostels.

Sengoera said the notice was issued early this month when the council was due to demolish the hostel. Khoza has since been arrested under Section 29.

"Most of the legally registered hostel tenants had already left and were staying at the Durban Deep mine hostel near Roodepoort when Inkatha lawyers

issued the notice to restrain the council. At the moment the hostel is occupied by unemployed illegals," Sengoera said.

He said while the council was negotiating with Inkatha lawyers, the government had been drawn into the issue and was discussing its implications with the ANC and Inkatha.

"We will wait for the final decision from the government but will continue upgrading the Extension 10 hostel into family units because the project was started before the violence," he added.

In the East Rand townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus, steps have already been taken to demolish the hostels and the issue is being tabled in the Tembisa and Daveyton council meetings this month.

Thokoza town clerk H.A. Combrinck said most hostels were beyond repair following attacks during the unrest and only three remained standing.

hard hit by after-dark ban

CP Reporters

THE 9pm-to-4am curfew coming into force in Reef townships this Tuesday has been slated outright for the choking effect it will have on township social life - while the ANC bluntly said it will give police a licence to "hunt people like game".

The ANC, which described the curfew as "a return to the most barbaric form of repression", said in a statement the measure was not aimed at the perpetrators of violence, but at communities.

The curfew would lessen the capacity of people to hold meetings, build organisations and defend themselves against vigilantes, said the ANC.

The curfew - under which people can be fined R1 000 or jailed for six months - will be imposed in Soweto, Diepsmeadow, Dobsonville and in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus, Thokoza and Kaitleng. Residents of these areas will have to stay indoors on "residential sites" from 9pm to 4am from Tuesday - for an indefinite period.

However, a notice in Friday's *Government Gazette* said the curfew would not apply to people who could furnish "written proof" from their employers that they needed to travel during the curfew.

Security force members would also be "authorised to exercise discretion" when people furnish "sufficient reasons" for breaking the curfew.

Police in Pretoria told *City Press* security forces would have to follow the law "as gazetted on Friday" - which did not allow for exemption of self-employed people, cinema and theatregoers.

The curfew has been slated outright by representatives of the entertainment, sport, liquor and transport industries.

National Taverners' Association secretary Ray Mollison said the curfew would ruin many lucrative township shebeens.

"Our business is mostly conducted at night. The curfew is going to cripple us," said Mollison.

However, Sidwell Duda, assistant director of Club 707 - one of Soweto's leading nightspots - said: "I don't think

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Curfew will choke towns

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the curfew will affect our business that much." He said patrons came to the club at 6pm, and only left the following morning at 6am.

■ A dismayed taxi driver at Baragwanath - one of the country's biggest taxi ranks - said authorities should meet taxi associations to thrash out a plan because the curfew would affect hundreds of township residents, especially those working late hours.

Taxi drivers who did trips to neighbouring countries would be hard hit, he added.

The South African Black Taxi Association

was not available for comment.

■ Anxious theatregoers are also in a fix because they wanted to see Motloli Motloatse's long-awaited play *Baby come Duze*, which opens officially on Tuesday night at Johannesburg's Market Theatre. But publisher-playwright Mutloatse has assured patrons "the show will go on".

Another disturbed man who called *City Press* yesterday was music-and-beauty-contest promoter Leonard Sithole, who said he'd been inundated with phone calls from worried socialites who were plan-

ning to attend his Brenda Fassie concert at Soweto's Eyethu Cinema on Friday.

"This curfew will ruin me," lamented Sithole, whose promoting company rose to fame with its staging of the popular "Miss Soweto" and "Miss Black South Africa" beauty contests.

■ A dismayed Abdul Bhamjee, the National Soccer League PRO, said the curfew would seriously affect the normal running of the NSL league programme.

"It will affect night games as well as training schedules of certain teams," Bhamjee said.

The SADF will probe the blast.

Accord for rent boycott agreement

Express 23/9/90
THE signing of an accord to ratify an agreement ending the rent-and-service-charges boycott will take place in Soweto tomorrow. (343) (12/11/90)

The accord will include the writing-off of arrears, the establishment of a metropolitan chamber to investigate the setting of regional, non-racial and democratic approaches, the creation of the Greater Soweto People's Trust and the creation of a joint technical committee in which the Johannesburg City Council will be invited to take part.

Express 23/9/90 'Third force' ANC dissidents - Vlok

ALTHOUGH the matter was "still being investigated", it had been argued that the so-called third force in the violence might be a dissident group within the ANC, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said on Friday. (343) (12/11/90)

Addressing the NP-dominated President's Council, Vlok said the "most worrying" aspect was that the moderate faction of the ANC leadership apparently did not know about this as it had "lost control of the militant youth who were in favour of this dissident faction".

However, he said police had so far found no proof of the existence of the so-called third force.

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Massacre suspect freed

By CHARLES MOGALE

A MAN suspected of leading a gang that massacred commuters on a Johannesburg train earlier this month, was released from police custody because witnesses were afraid to identify him.

Twenty-six people died and 100 were injured on September 13 when a gang went through the train attacking commuters.

According to police, the suspect was released because witnesses refused to identify him before the expiry of the 48-hour period within which suspects must appear in court.

Police refused to name the witnesses who were "afraid" to identify the suspect, and would not hold the man under security legislation - leading to widespread accusations that the police did not want to arrest the culprits.

An identification parade had been organised at the Brixton police station, but only one of the witnesses called had turned up.

"The others did not come. Even the one who came refused to identify the man when he realised he was the only one," said Brig Bliekies Blignaut of the SAP detectives' directorate.

Defending the police action in releasing the suspect instead of holding him under security legislation, Blignaut said: "We should move away from security detention. Being a detective, I don't think we should

Witnesses afraid to point him out

think along those lines. Let us keep it as a plain crime."

Asked why the witnesses could not be disguised at an identification parade, Blignaut said: "We accept your suggestion. Maybe our original approach was not as good as it should have been. If the witnesses come forward, we can arrange that. We are also offering them protection from reprisals."

He refused to identify the witnesses. "If we are offering them protection, we will not release their identities."

The suspect could still be rearrested if the witnesses came forward, he said.

Witnesses interested in identifying suspects are asked to call Brig Blignaut at (011) 23-4750, Ext 241.

SOPHIE TEMA reports that Transnet managing director Anton Moolman said Spoornet would do everything it could to ensure the safety of commuters.

He said the Rail Commuter Corporation, the SAP, the SADF and Spoornet had decided there would be constant policing at stations. The groups agreed that Spoornet's security services should be reinforced. "Because of the tragic occurrence, the

maximum number of security personnel have been deployed in sensitive areas, but due to the size of commuter services it will be impossible to ensure adequate security on all trains at all times," Moolman said.

"Where Spoornet is responsible for the safety of passengers on mainline and long distance trains, commuters will be safe."

However, security men deployed to curb the violence at the stations have been described as ill-trained and a threat to the peace themselves. According to a weekly newspaper report, the security men were armed and given instructions to shoot to kill.

This week police found seven mutilated bodies near the line between Riverlea and New Canada stations. It is believed they jumped off the train after a false alarm was raised inside the train.

Police said they made the gruesome discovery after an anonymous tip-off. The bodies have not yet been identified. Public relations officer for the Witwatersrand Police, Captain Eugene Opperman, said: "It is unfortunate that people have to die so brutally, but we do not exclude the probability that somebody could have planned this action."

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Nightmare ride

This one is just for you Dad, says Thobela

By PULE MOKHINE

NEWLY-crowned World Boxing Organisation junior-lightweight champion Dingaan Thobela says he has dedicated his title to his number one fan - his father.

Thobela, nicknamed the "Rose of Soweto", became the first local to win the WBO title when he beat Mauricio Aceves of Mexico on points in Texas, USA, last Saturday.

Thobela told *City Press* at his 24th birthday celebration at a Soweto nightclub this week that his father, Godfrey, had always encouraged him in his boxing career.

"Since I started boxing, my father has been giving me moral support and I feel I owe him a lot," said Thobela.

When he was still an amateur, his father - a Soweto pannelbeater - bought him boxing magazines to help him improve his boxing knowledge.

He is the second son in a family of eight children - four sisters and four brothers.

His mother died last year and he is presently staying in an outside room at his grandparents' house in Chiawelo.

"I'm planning to buy a house for my family and to unveil a tombstone for my mother because I believe I'm what I am because of these people," he said.

Thobela said if all went according to plan, he would pursue his studies next year.

He was among the unlucky students expelled last year from the Soweto Teachers' Training College after failing their first-year courses.

"I would like to see myself educated before I decide to hang up my gloves and while I'm still the champion," he said.

Asked about his marriage plans, he said he would consider getting married within the next two years.



Dingaan Thobela celebrates his 24th birthday and his WBO victory with his biggest fan, his father Godfrey

Thugs hijack bus, abandon paraplegics at graveyard

By CHARLES MOGALE

A TRIP by a group of disabled Sowetans turned into a nightmare this week when their minibus was hijacked by gun-toting thugs who left them stranded at a graveyard.

"They drove us to the graveyard, threw us out with our wheelchairs, and told us to find our own way home," paraplegic Boniswa Mkhumbeni, 30, said this week.

Still visibly shaken after their ordeal, the group - all employees of Soweto's Self Help Association of Paraplegics (Shap) - related how the gang pounced on them just before sunset on Monday evening.

Driver Fanie Gambu, 29, who has an artificial leg, had just stopped the minibus to offload colleague Mkhumbeni when three youths shoved a gun through the window of the minibus, and demanded the keys.

"I protested and tried to explain that the vehicle was used by disabled people, but they were aggressive and would not listen. They threw me out and drove off with the three women and one child in the car," Gambu said.

He hobbled to the nearest house and asked to use the telephone to call the police.

"They told me to go to the police station," Gambu said.

Meanwhile, the disabled passengers in the minibus were ordered to close their eyes as the vehicle drove off. It stopped at the Doornkop Cemetery and the passengers were thrown out with their wheelchairs. They were told to find their own way home, and had to travel up to 5km in the dark to get home.

"I was scared, I feared more for the safety of my child who was sleeping innocently through it all," said Mkhumbeni, clutching her 18-month-old baby Sifiso.

Tiro Fako, 34, and Sophie Molomo, 22, both wheelchair-bound, said they also believed their last moments had come.

"The men said we were lucky to have escaped in the morning. It was clear they had been tailing us for some time," Fako said.

Shap director Friday Mavuso lashed out at the police for showing lack of enthusiasm in apprehending the hijackers. Shortly after the hold-up, he said, children who witnessed the incident gave the name and address of the leader.

"I personally gave the name and address to a policeman at the Dobsonville police station, and suggested his home be raided. I was given the assur-



Fun in the sun is not the only ambition

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Friday Mavuso: police did very little to help.

ride for disabled



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was stopped by the flying squad, and related the incident to them.

"They immediately accompanied me to the home of the suspect. There we were told he had died three weeks ago, but they persisted with the investigations until they established from his friends that he was alive.

"He had been seen driving the vehicle. At least those white chaps showed commitment to their duty," Gambu said.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieut G Marimuthu confirmed the incident and said an early arrest was expected. The police were on the track of a suspect, and his home had been raided, without success.

Cop acquitted of theft

By DAN DHLAMINI

A KLERKSDORP cop who was alleged to have broken into an abattoir and stolen three sheep carcasses was this week given the benefit of the doubt and discharged.

The State alleged that Det Const Paul Noppe 26, committed the crime on January 28.

In his defence, Noppe, who appeared before Klerksdorp magistrate LP Virtue, told the court he had seen people

carrying carcasses and when they saw him they dropped them along the railway line and fled. That was how they came into his possession.

In acquitting him, magistrate Virtue said Noppe acted suspiciously on that day but he could not convict him on suspicion and gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Noppe, who had been carrying his service revolver in the dock, smiled after his acquittal and left the court in the company of his lawyer.

Kids bank on Aquanaut

IF Aquanaut wins the R750 000 OK Gold Bowl at Turffontein on Saturday - and he is the new favourite at odds of 4-1 - Othandweni Children's Home in Soweto will get R20 000. And if it doesn't, the home still cannot lose.

When 20 members of the media were invited to draw a horse for the big race, and name a charity to collect the winnings, City Press drew Aquanaut

and nominated Othandweni to pick up the prize money.

R20 000 goes to the winner, R15 000 to the second, R6 000 third, R4 000 fourth and R2 500 fifth.

The rest of the 20 runners each qualify for R1 000.

Cape Town's Aquanaut, trained by Mark Watters and ridden by Mark Khan,

was previously quoted at 7-1.

The seven-year-old has won the big race at Turffontein twice - in 1987 and 1988 - and looks sure to again see out the tough 3 200m race. The main obstacle is that Aquanaut carries topweight of 58kg.

Out of 41 runs, Aquanaut has had 13 wins and 12 places for R1 171 577 in stakes.



Friday Mavuso: police did very little to help.



Boniswa Mkumbeni: feared for her child.

PICKING UP THE

THE SMOKE has drifted away and the bloodstains have gone in war-ravaged Phola Park - the large squatter camp which was the focal point of the recent Reef violence.

Now it is coming to life again as people leave their hiding places and return to rebuild their lives and their homes.

Peace also returned to trouble-torn Katlehong and Thokoza this week after the "Iron Fist" operation was introduced to curb the violence that has wrecked black communities.

Police in Casspirs were positioned along the main road that goes past Phola Park. The adjacent Thokoza hostel was unusually quiet as most Zulu residents have left the complex. All that is left are rows of dormitories with blackened walls and shattered windows.

At Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong, most shack dwellers have packed up their belongings to start a new life elsewhere.

Scores of Phola Park refugees, however, have

Violence victims rebuilding their shattered lives

By SOPHIE TEMA and SANDILE MENELE

now returned to pick up the pieces.

Weeks of fierce battles, in which more than 100 people were killed, have devastated the settlement.

Throngs of squatters fled at the height of the pitched battles and sought refuge. Over 1 000 terrified women and children streamed to the nearby Eden Park Catholic Church.

But this week it was

"Operation reconstruction" and men and women could be seen pushing wheelbarrows loaded with possessions they had salvaged - all they have left to rebuild their homes.

For most, the savage battles between hostel dwellers and residents will forever leave sad memories.

Many had loved ones killed in the violence and their shacks and belongings were burnt. More than 400 families no longer have homes to return to. Their only possessions are the clothes they have on.

Burnt-out shacks and devastated hostel dormitories are testimony to the vicious fighting.

But now Phola Park, which resembled a ghost town, is bursting into life again as hundreds of residents begin cleaning up as a start to bringing community life back to normal.

The dusty, pot-holed streets are crowded with people carrying bundles on their heads and pushing wheelbarrow loads of furniture and other belongings.

A Xhosa-speaking woman, Nomonde Nomundi from the Transkei, said: "I hope this is the return to genuine normality. We are sick and tired of the war which has disrupted our lives and made it difficult for us to raise our children."

The sudden burst of life at Phola Park this week was starkly contrasted by Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong.

Scores of people there had come to rescue what remained of their shacks. The once bustling camp is now a wasteland with most shacks razed or stripped by their owners.

The single main street is almost empty of people and an atmosphere of fear prevails, the few residents casting suspicious looks at strangers travelling in cars.

This week, several people were seen dismantling parts of the hostel roof to put up new shacks for their families in the area.

Catholic Church social worker Hilary Wiles said while some victims of the violence were beginning to put the past behind them, others had to face the fact some members of their families were missing.

She said some parents still did not know where their children were and wives did not know where to find their husbands. They lost track of each other during the fighting.

Clara Masondo is one of them. A mother of nine children, she was among the hundreds who fled Phola Park last week and moved into the church. The next day she heard that her husband Leonard and two other men had been killed, and her son-in-law admitted to Natal hospital with a gunshot wound.

"My husband and I were the only breadwinners and we struggled together to bring up our children," she said. "I am now on my own. I will have to rebuild our damaged shack on my own."

Her husband was buried this week. Sympathetic neighbours and a local funeral undertaker arranged Masondo's burial. Koos Mhlambi is another Phola Park casualty. He went back to the area this week to start life from scratch.

"My shack was eaten up by fire," he said. "I couldn't salvage anything from the inferno. The flames were just too much." Mhlambi worked for over five years to put together a home. He lost it all in just three minutes.

Christine Sebezo managed to save her shack from destruction. Then she went out of her way to help those who could not save theirs. She organised a group of women and they formed a working committee to look after the squatter families who have been living at the Catholic church.

She helps with the running of a clinic for squatter children, together with church sisters.

"Having to cook and look after these families is



A lone man in an almost deserted street. Joseph Kondlo wheels his few

hard work, but I put my mind, body and soul into this project and I enjoy every moment of it," she said.

Fred Mdlatse, walking on crutches and lucky to be alive, was part of the group that streamed back to Phola Park. He recalled the night he was attacked by a group of men he believes were Zulus. He was in his shack listening to music when a group burst in and, without a word, attacked him.

"I was defenceless. I realised their mission was to kill me and all I could think of was to feign death." He believes that saved him.

After the attack he tried to get up and realised he could not lift one leg. He started screaming and neighbours came in and took him to hospital.

At the height of the Phola Park attack, four-year-old Thulani Mavimbela searched for the puppy his father Alfred had given him a week before. Scooping it up he fled with his parents.

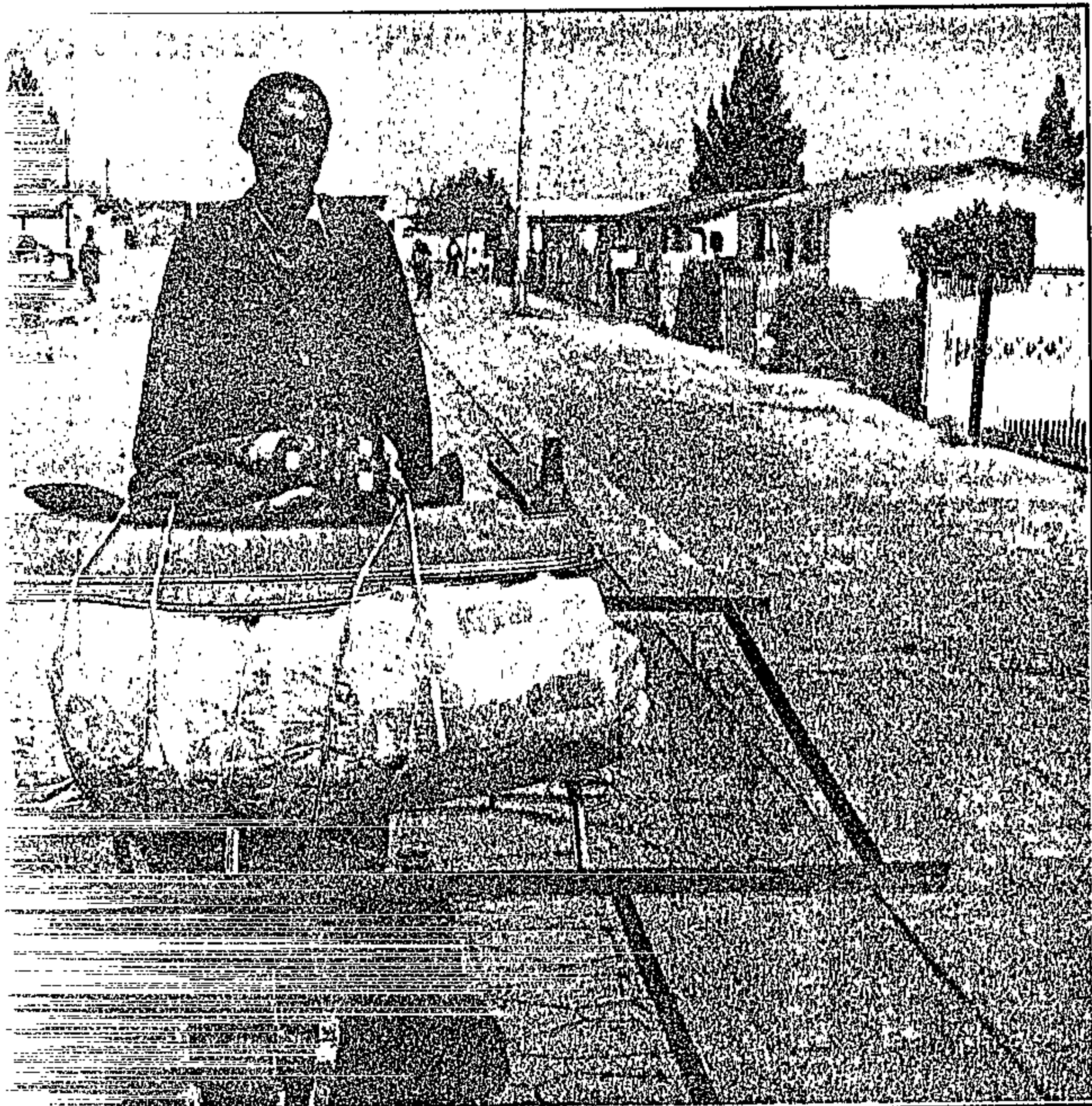
This week they could all return safely to Phola Park.



Sarah Vilakazi and her family start rebuilding their

Pictures by ANDRIES MCINEKA

THE PIECES



...wheels his few belongings back to Phola Park.



...family start rebuilding their home.



A Roman Catholic nun comforts twins Siphon and Simphiwe who were rescued from the attack on Phola Park squatter camp.

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Helen Suzman . . . social upliftment needed.

White right blamed for the violence

Suzman says 'hooligans' could be hired to create instability

VETERAN apartheid foe Helen Suzman on Friday blamed South Africa's white right and hired black hooligans for the township violence that has claimed 760 lives on the Reef since August 12.

"I think it's easy enough to rent a mob, to hire hooligans . . . who will do anything if they are paid to do it," Suzman said in a discussion broadcast by Radio South Africa.

Suzman retired from Parliament last year after almost 40 years of opposition to apartheid and human rights abuses by the government.

She was participating in a panel discussion on the causes and implications of township unrest and killings.

Suzman said the destabilisation and injustices caused by apartheid were the root causes of the violence. "If we had set out to create an unstable society we could hardly have done better."

But she said the wave of violence suppressed for the past five days by the government's "Operation Iron Fist" clampdown was being fueled by cynical elements committed to chaos.

"It seems to me that it is being orchestrated. There are people who have a real interest in maintaining confusion and violence. It could be far right or the far, far left. I'm not sure which it is, but I'm more inclined to think it's the far right."

Suzman added: "They (the far right) are people who have had power and who are absolutely against the reform initiative of State President FW de Klerk."

"They are determined to keep the country as ungovernable as possible so that if and when he does have a referendum of the white voters in this country, they will have had the wits scared out of them by all the violence."

De Klerk has promised to consult the white electorate before he finalises the outcome of negotiations with leaders of the country's 26 million blacks on a transition to democracy.

Suzman cited reports of gangs, possibly led by whites, who have stirred up simmering hostilities between residents of township hostels and people from surrounding houses.

In one of the worst single incidents, 26 people were shot and killed by black gangs who boarded trains jammed with black commuters.

"It can't be too difficult to get a gang of men together, give them guns, say you'll pay them and put them on a train and tell them to kill people," she said.

Suzman said a properly trained and impartial police force was essential in the short term to end the violence.

A crash programme of social upliftment, including the provision of houses and schools, would be necessary in the longer term to maintain peace. — Sapa-Reuter

It is imperative to reflect on the solutions we should embark on now that the situation in our townships has stabilised somewhat – after unprecedented violence claimed more than 740 lives leaving thousands injured and many homeless.

The Azanian People's Organisation, concerned about the lack of initiative from those directly involved with the violence, set the ball rolling this week by calling for an emergency peace summit.

The response was poor. The ANC said they had prior commitments. The PAC did not see any need to attend if the ANC was absent, and Inkatha, the focal point, was not even invited.

Undaunted by this hiccup, Azapo is planning another summit in two weeks' time. On that occasion they hope all parties will attend, including Inkatha.

Judging by the latest developments, this summit may also hit a snag. After a three-day meet-

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ing last week, the ANC announced their own plans.

They are exploring the possibility of inviting homeland leaders – and Inkatha – to a peace meeting. Is Nelson Mandela's hand of friendship to Mangosuthu Buthelezi a sign of better things to come – or is it simply another political ploy?

It is difficult to say. But one thing that is unfolding, is that extra-parliamentary organisations have come to realise the importance of Buthelezi's Inkatha as a necessary player if peace is to be at-

tained.

But one has to give credit to Azapo for their courage and commitment. They have at least showed concern about the need to resolve our complex situation. Despite their limited resources, they were able to get 82 delegates to the meeting.

People were able to speak freely about the need for discipline, especially among our youth.

The focus was not only on the causes of violence, as delegates also discussed how these problems could be solved.

I was impressed by the secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Rev Frank Chikane, who spoke at length about the lack of discipline and leadership among our youth.

Rev Chikane was with the church leaders who went to speak to hostel dwellers during the height of unrest. His first-hand encounter with violence placed him in a better position to give a clear analysis of what happened.

Rev Chikane is presently investigating allegations of a "third force". I'm sure all of us are waiting for

the outcome.

Whatever decision the ANC is likely to take following the now strained relationship with government, it should filter down to the ground level. Uncertainty about the future is the cause of restlessness.

That goes for Azapo, the PAC and Inkatha as well. Their leaders cannot take decisions without the support of their constituencies.

President FW de Klerk's reform policies are also hitting a wall, because he too has not explained fully to his constituency the path he has taken. His people, especially in the platteland, accuse him of selling whites down the road.

With the government now flexing its muscles, black political organisations, more than ever before, need to form a unifying front.

What a pleasure it would be to hear leaders of the ANC, PAC, Azapo and Inkatha speaking with one voice – the voice of all the people.

More pregnant Aids victims

By SANDILE MEMELA

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THE number of pregnant women in Soweto identified as being carriers of the Aids virus has increased tenfold from one in 2 000 during April 1987 to one in 200 during the same month of 1989, Dr Peter Mabe of Baragwanath Hospital said this week.

Speaking at the Tribute Forum at a Johannesburg hotel, Dr Mabe said it was time township people abandoned their casual attitude to Aids, which was already rampant among blacks.

"We still have people identified as Aids carriers who refuse to accept the truth of their plight. This spells great danger for our populace in the townships," said Dr Mabe.

Guest speaker Dr Dennis Sifris said between 10 million and 50 million people throughout the world would be affected by the disease in the next 10 years.

"It is time black people dismissed the idea that Aids is a white disease or that it was invented by the AWB to wipe them off the face of the earth," said Dr Sifris.

"The epidemic of fear and misinformation has spread faster than the Aids epidemic. The media can correct this by giving facts about Aids to reduce fear," he said.

"People can have the virus and still not be affected by the disease. HIV becomes active only after some time – and it is only then that the victim will develop symptoms," said Dr Sifris.

Aids could only be transmitted by sexual intercourse, blood contact and to an unborn child.

Information was the best defence against Aids. "The more people know about the disease the less they will fear it," said Dr Sifris.

People needed to be told the facts about the disease so they could avoid death through ignorance.

■ There had been a phenomenal increase in the number of newborn babies infected with the Aids virus, says Hoosen Coovadia, head of the Natal University Medical School Paediatrics Department. Over 30 babies born in one hospital had the Aids virus and 14 of them had died, presumably from Aids. The cases were not followed up when the mothers went home.

Attempts were being made to set up a special clinic for intensive investigation and monitoring of such cases.

Sabta calls for safety and an end to violence

By CHARLES MOGALE

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SAFETY was the password as the taxi industry took a look at itself during the Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) annual general meeting at Sun City this week.

The safety ratings of minibus taxis reached rock-bottom last Christmas season when they were blamed for a large percentage of the road deaths. Taxi owners have also been criticised for mindless violence against rival operators, and for ignoring pleas to negotiate their differences in a civilised manner.

"We have been told by researchers and respected commentators – most recently Dr Ellen Khuzwayo – that the overall image of black taxi drivers leaves much to be desired," said Sabta president James Ngcoya.

"These adverse perceptions are serious ones which will have to be addressed as a matter of urgency – especially those relating to safety. As people responsible for the lives of the passengers in our care, safety must be our top priority at all times."

Ngcoya called for the elevation of standards to those of airline pilots. Drivers, he said, must be well-trained, efficient, responsible and respected.

He also appealed for peace, saying it was the responsibility of all South Africans to work for it.

"Without peace, everything we do, everything we plan for, is worth nothing. I do not have to be a politician and Sabta does not have to be a political party to recognise that.

"How can we condone killings and maimings by mindless mobs – let alone by members of our association on fellow taximen?" Ngcoya asked.

Keynote speaker, journalist Joe Thloloe, called for unity among oppressed people, and said this did not mean belonging to one organisation.

"Unity does not mean that we should all wear the same uniforms and recite the same grey slogans. It means we all need to be committed to liberation and the good of the South African nation and humanity," Thloloe said.

SOME call it the calm before the storm and others believe the thorny transitional period - which was to be expected anyway - has finally come and gone.

The police strongly believe the situation is now under control since the introduction of the Iron Fist measures. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said residents had called, saying they could sleep peacefully for the first time in weeks.

Whatever the contradictions, it is a big relief to most that the situation in our areas is finally back to normal. What remains to be done by the community is to pick up the pieces, and rebuild our lost pride.

We should not wait until the curfew is lifted before we embark on a programme of action. While the possibility of another violent flare-up cannot be ruled out because the main causes have not been addressed, the time has come to seek unity in action.

We are already seeing signs pointing towards this elusive goal. Political foes, who in the past would not even be seen to be talking to each other, are today brave

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enough to appear together on public platforms.

A few weeks ago, at a private function held at advocate Dikgang Mosenke's Pretoria house, PAC general secretary Benny Alexander came face-to-face for the first time with ANC foreign affairs director Thabo Mbeki.

These two powerful politicians had never met before. It took Mosenke to bring them together. After friendly exchanges they both realised what kept them apart in the first place was sheer political idiocy.

The second largest trade union federation, Nactu, this week had both ANC general

secretary Alfred Nzo and Alexander as guest speakers.

Although not aligned to any political movement, Nactu is known for its strong leanings towards Africanism. It was a commendable step indeed for Nactu to invite both the ANC and the PAC to their congress.

The meeting which will take place this Thursday between the ANC and homeland leaders is another sign of maturity among our people.

Through exchanges and discussions we will be able to see our way through. Calling other people collaborators and sellouts, as was the case with homeland leaders and

councillors, is not the solution and no strategy for unity.

I bet whatever negative thoughts Benny and Thabo had about each other do not exist any longer. But had the two appeared on a debate in front of the cameras, they would have torn each other to pieces trying to score political points.

That time will come. But for now, let us iron out our differences in private and also encourage our followers that to differ on strategy does not necessarily mean we are enemies.

Father Mlungisi Ntsele, head of the South African Council of Churches' hunger

and relief department, is concerned about the mass paupers' burials given to our people.

A number of bodies which remain unclaimed in government mortuaries will also be given given paupers' burials.

Ntsele believes the black community should avert further paupers' burials by community-based action.

Here are some of Ntsele's proposals:

- An ad hoc committee must be formed to bring local congregations together,
- These congregations must adopt a body or bodies for a decent funeral; and
- Any donations, towards the burials or assistance for orphans would be put in trust.

This is precisely what I mean by unity in action.

Unconfirmed figures revealed that there are more than 80 unclaimed bodies at Diepkloof mortuary, and more than 300 at Germiston. It is therefore important for the black community to look seriously into Ntsele's proposal.

Our culture demands we bury our dead in a decent manner.

Battle-scarred squatters show dogged determination



Victim of violence ... Many refugees from strife-torn Phola Park on the East Rand do not have enough food and are too scared to return to their burnt-out shacks.

While the Witwatersrand township conflict might be over, the fight for survival for thousands continues. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN** looks at the plight of some of the victims of the violence.

In devastated Phola Park on the East Rand, the sound of a car backfiring sends skinny squatter children screaming, diving under the nearest scrap of rubbish to hide from the terror.

The sight of a drunken woman reeling down the road at sunset makes their mothers run, together in one big dusty group. The lone silhouette is too keen a reminder of the faceless men who recently burnt their houses and killed their husbands and sons.

On Friday night a fleeting rumour that "Inkatha" was coming back to finish them off sent those who had made a tentative return to the devastated squatter village running back to the relative safety of Eden Park's Catholic Church.

The attack never came, but the fear was as real as that on the night that handgrenades demolished their pathetic tin houses and turned the dust bowl they call home into a blazing funeral pyre.

Weeping

The sad truth is that while the conflict that devastated large portions of the Witwatersrand's townships may be over, the fight for survival continues for thousands of people.

While many are slowly filtering back to ravaged areas or finding accommodation with friends, thousands simply do not have the means or the courage to return.

You can see some of them if you look between the nappies hanging from the Catholic Church fence in Eden Park, sitting dazed and weeping in the sun.

It is here that the largest group of victims of the Witwatersrand township violence remain, too poor, too scared and too traumatised to walk back to the piles of stinking rubbish and burnt-out shacks in nearby Phola Park.

Magdeline Molefi was separated from her six children on the night of the attack. Now that she has gathered them under her huge dirty skirt, she is too terrified to move from the church yard.

Clara Masonda lost her husband in a hail of automatic gunfire the same night. Now she has nowhere to go.

Along with hundreds of others — a week ago there were thousands — they sleep in the open in the church yard or under kitchen tables or dustbin bags.

Alberton Town Council refused to give them access to the large hall over the road, according to social worker Hilary Wiles.

Thousands throughout the Witwatersrand have precious little food and rely almost entirely on emergency rations.

Malnutrition is rife — in Phola Park it is the most concentrated that Operation Hunger executive director Ina Perlman has seen in any urban area.

Of the few who were employed, many lost their jobs after weeks of bitter fighting kept them off work.

Many cannot rebuild their houses. There is precious little left to resurrect the tin shanties. Ms Wiles estimates that about 1 500 of the 3 500 shacks in Phola Park alone have been flattened.

The squatters cannot even cook. Paraffin stoves went up in flames, as did clothes, blankets and passbooks.

The most remarkable thing about the refugees, however, and particularly those of Phola Park, is not their misery or suffering or terror.

It is their resilience and their dogged determination to cling to the remnants of the harsh life they once had.

An outsider cannot fathom why anyone would want to return to this endless rubbish dump — to the burnt-out shells of one-room shanties jammed one on top of the other, the heaps of rubbish in dusty streets, the lack of water, lights and sewerage.

There is scant comfort from the lone Casspir with the word "Judas" daubed on its side that patrols the streets.

Explains Samuel Mongani: "I come from Transkei. I am here for two years. I have no job, but at least I can try to find one. I can keep my family and I can try to make something here. In Transkei we were more poor. There was nothing."

or going to press.

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Formal end to rent boycott

Staff Reporter

Soweto's four-year rent and services boycott is set to end today with the historic signing of the Greater Soweto Accord ratifying an agreement reached last month to write off the R516 million in rent arrears.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and the Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow local councils will all sign the accord.

One of the most important decisions to be

reached will be the establishment of a metropolitan chamber by the five signatories.

The Johannesburg City Council will be invited to join the chamber and look at new models for local government and investigate the possibility of a common tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto.

The Soweto agreement comes in the wake of a decision by the province to cut bridging finance to black councils. MEC Fanie Ferreira will chair the meeting.

Councils try to head off power cuts

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Mamelodi City Council, which has until today to pay the R3,5 million it owes Pretoria City Council, has urged local residents to pay their rent and service charges promptly to avoid power cuts.

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Notices

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Residents of Daveyton's lower-income area of Etwatwa are excluded from the R70 charge. They will only have to pay R50 per month for services.

The agreement represents a compromise on the part of the Daveyton council. It entered the meeting with the demand that some residents, like those living in the township's new extensions, pay R130 per month for services. — Pretoria Bureau-Sapa.

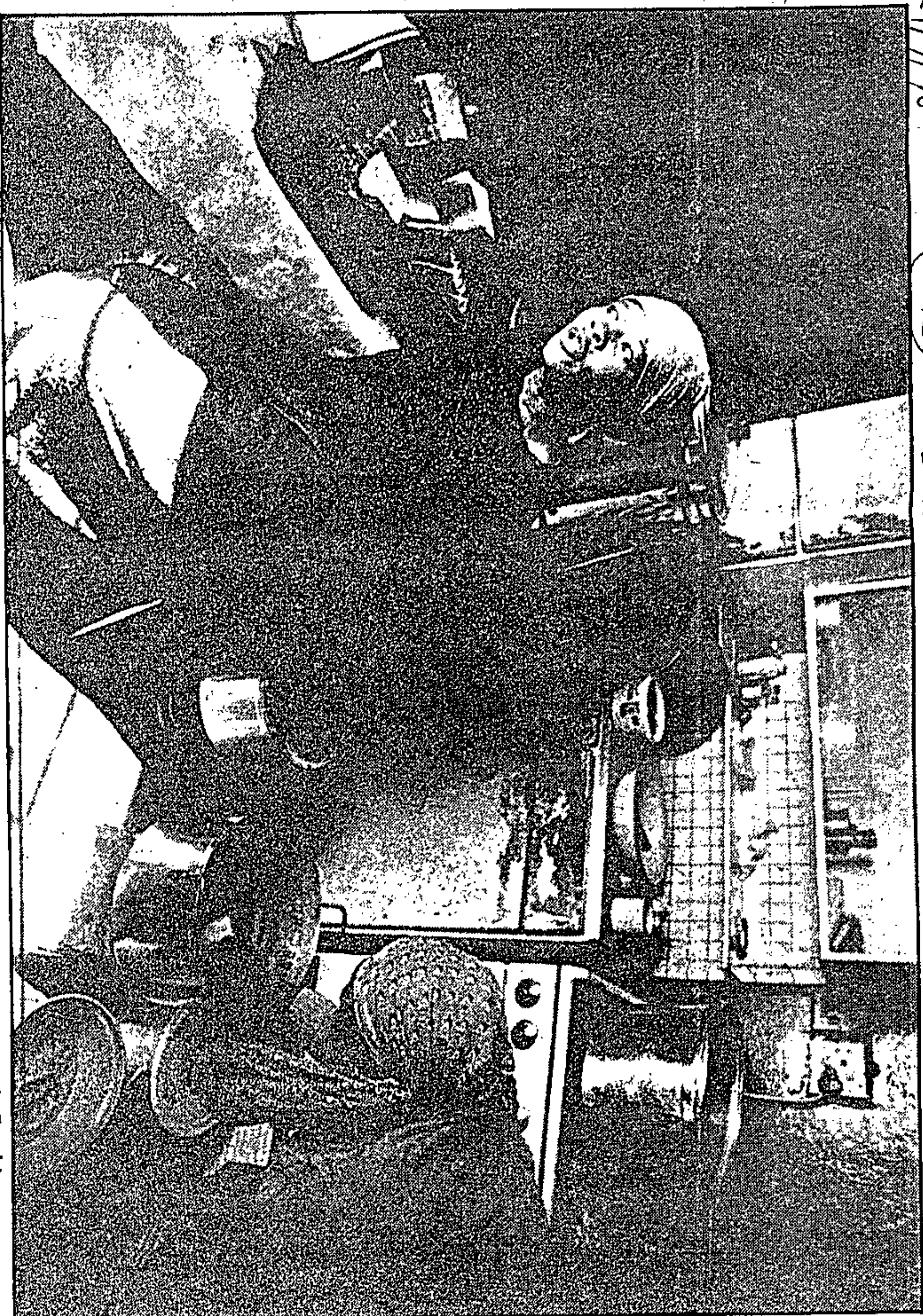
Battling without power

By Thabo Leshilo

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A few kilometres away, in Xubeni section, The Star team met a mother of three, Linah Ndubani, returning from Oakmore station where she had gone to collect water in a



Life goes on... Annah Soko uses three pressure cookers to cope with her chores after electricity was cut in Tembisa.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

Official trips abroad to be queried

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

Questions will be asked at the Johannesburg City Council's monthly meeting tomorrow about its planned spending of

accompanied by two secretaries — at a total cost of R110 000. Every Johannesburg mayor has the opportunity to travel abroad when in office and can choose between Eu-

involved with housing problems to attend the conference to find out how other countries coped with their problems.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson, city

Mr Davidson said criticism of the trips was unjustified — officials travelled business class to save money, and the budget for overseas trips by council officials had been cut to

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"It's surprising how we take things for granted, but miss them immediately we stop having them. Then their importance dawns on you like never before."

This was Anna Soko's reaction to the "big switch-off" after parts of Tembisa on the East Rand were plunged into darkness when the town council cut off electricity.

The council also cut off the water supply elsewhere in the township.

Mrs Soko (37), mother of five and spaza shop owner, said the power cut had disrupted her family's life.

When The Star visited her home she was cooking potatoes on a paraffin stove before going to sell food at local schools.

"I now have to wake up, at 3 am — two hours earlier — to be able to cook the food that I sell, before boiling water for the children's bath and breakfast," she said.

Mrs Soko said electricity in her section had been cut off without notice on Friday.

She was losing income because perishable food got spoilt and customers were not buying her cooldrinks because they

were warm.

A few kilometres away, in Xubeni section, The Star team met a mother of three, Linah Ndubani, returning from Oakmore station where she had gone to collect water in a 20 litre container. She was unable to get the water because the queue was too long.

Ms Ndubani (31) had her youngest child on her back and was carrying a parcel of clothing she intended to wash at a house near the station.

"It's tough in Tembisa," she remarked.

She said the water supply had been cut off last Monday.

"I don't know why they trouble us like this."

Asked how she had coped since Monday, she replied that her only option was to wake up and go and collect water at the station about 1 km away.

"I go to the station in the morning and at 2 pm. Sometimes, like today, I return with nothing because of the long queues."

When approached, town clerk Anton Relihan refused to comment and referred The Star to the township mayor. The mayor could not be reached at the time of going to press.

Mortuary like scene from a horror movie

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By Thabo Leshilo

The Sepedi saying that a human being is not like a dog whose body can just be thrown away to rot, might as well be amended, a visit to the Government Mortuary in Diepkloof, Soweto revealed yesterday.

The bodies of many victims of the recent Reef conflict, which have been kept at the mortuary, end up being buried as paupers.

When The Star visited Diepkloof yesterday, more than a 100 people from Tembisa, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Tokoza had come in an attempt to identify their relatives and prevent paupers' funerals.

Joyce Mbatha (42) had come all the way from Empangeni, Natal, to identify her son, Siphile Ishmael Mbatha (20).

Siphile went missing after he and fellow hostel dwellers

went out during a fight with Tokoza residents.

Although his death has not been confirmed, Mrs Mbatha harboured no illusions that her son was still alive.

She has been visiting the mortuary since last Monday and has seen dozens of bodies — but none was that of her son.

She said that although the trips were costing her a fortune, she was prepared to pay until her son's corpse had been found and buried decently.

The mortuary storeroom looked like a scene from a horror movie yesterday.

Bodies were lying on the floor, one on top of the other.

Most had turned black from decomposition. Many had gaping hack wounds and gouged-out eyes, making identification difficult.

Township plans hit by boycotts

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Multimillion-rand township development projects are being shelved in Transvaal areas afflicted by payment boycotts as the funds allocated for these projects are used to pay for essential services.

The projects expected to be affected include electrification programmes, the upgrading of stormwater facilities and the erection of buildings such as community centres.

Essential

The funds earmarked for these projects by regional services councils (RSCs) are in many cases to be used as bridging finance to pay for essential services such as water, sewerage and waste removal.

The relocation of RSC funds has been given the blessing of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, but the TPA has stipulated that no RSC money is to be used for settling township electricity accounts.

This means that while boycotting townships no longer face the threat of having their water supply cut, they could still have power blackouts.

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said defaulting townships were now R30 million in arrears to the electricity giant.

He stressed that Eskom would not be suspending supplies to any of the more than 20 defaulting townships until all avenues had been exhausted. Eskom was now holding discussions with 15 townships in a bid to resolve payment problems, he said.

The TPA said the supply of clean water and sewage removal were absolutely essential services in all communities.

"In order to ensure that these indispensable services are rendered and that the bulk suppliers — these are in many cases the adjacent white local authorities — are paid, high-level discussions were held on the possible rescheduling of funds with RSCs.

"At this stage the only possible alternative is that local authorities with a cash-flow problem should approach RSCs with the request that capital projects earmarked for such local authorities be suspended, and that those funds be used to pay bulk suppliers for their services."

Slabbert pleads for an SA Untag

How can one expect past agents of violence to become non-partisan peacekeepers? Idasa executive director Dr Van Zyl Slabbert (right) proposes a domestic equivalent of Untag.

Idasa executive director Dr Van Zyl Slabbert has made an urgent plea for a South African equivalent of Untag, the United Nations Transition Assistance Group, to maintain law and order while political organisations negotiate a new constitution.

In an interview in Johannesburg, he said none of the country's existing "agents of violence" — including the SA Defence Force, the SA Police and the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe — had the legitimacy to maintain stability during the difficult process that lay ahead.

Stability

The current crisis of violence had the very real potential of derailing the peace process. "You cannot negotiate effectively — you cannot even try to normalise the situation — if you don't seriously address the problem of stability."

"One cannot just ignore the past. You can't pretend that you're negotiating in an entirely fresh situation. You have a history which comes into this process of negotiation."

The process itself, Dr Slabbert said, was an attempt to negotiate away white minority domination and find an acceptable constitutional alternative.

"In these circumstances, who is going to maintain stability while the parties negotiate?"

"We haven't got an Untag that can say to the different sectors: 'We will provide the stability. You sort out the poli-

tics," he said.

"In the South African context you have to develop a domestic equivalent of Untag because we certainly haven't got international agents that can provide us with that."

The overriding question now, however, was "how do you develop a domestic equivalent of Untag in a situation where we've come out of polarised confrontation between the different groups that are opposing each other?"

"What, of course, has happened, was that at the end of the 1980s we'd reached a state of deadlock — the country was coming to a standstill and we couldn't move," he said.

"Now, with this movement to a negotiated transition, you suddenly have a situation where the regime or the Government has opened up political space and said to people that they want to negotiate."

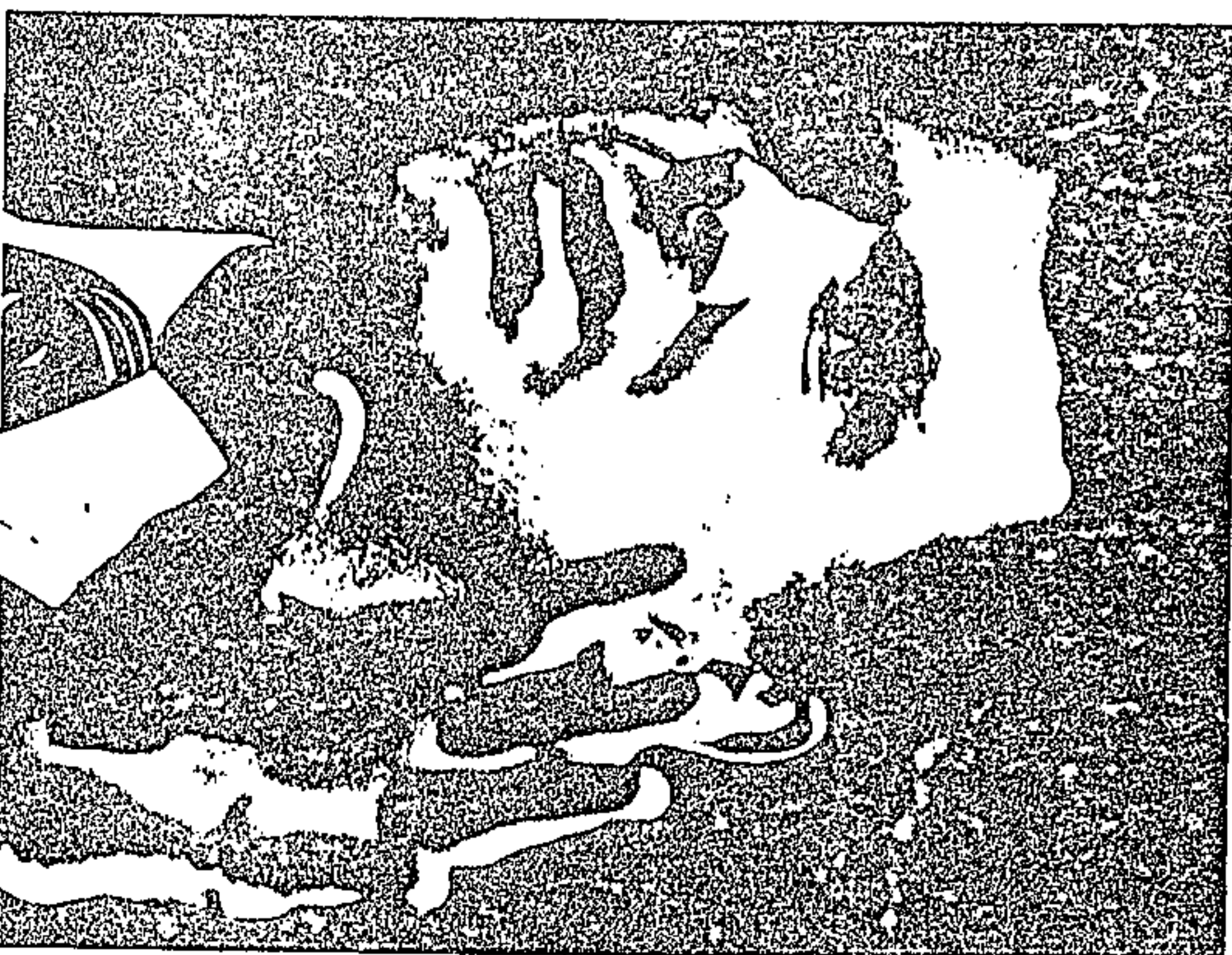
"But you can't just ignore the past," Dr Slabbert stressed.

"I draw a very clear distinction between what I call constitutional and unconstitutional agents of violence."

"Constitutional agents of violence in any country will be the defence force, the police force. They're constitutionally legalised to be instruments of violence. In the South African sense we have a crisis of constitutional legitimacy. And that crisis relates also to the agents of violence — the SADF and SAP."

But they were faced with the impossible task of coming from a past that had been polarised politically, and now had to present themselves as non-partisan agents of violence. It was precisely that dilemma which had to be resolved.

"In exactly the same way you can't say that Mr. Vigilantes, 'wildoekes', Apla (the PAC military wing) have no past. They also bring their past into this process of change. They



are unconstitutional agents of violence — they haven't got the legitimacy of the system."

The biggest dilemma facing South Africa in the immediate future was how to marginalise what Dr Slabbert called "rogue violence" and reach a new situation of stability where all parties were responsible for stability could maintain law and order.

While the ANC had accused elements within the SAP and SADF of destabilising the peace process, senior members of the Government — last week it was Minister of Constitutional Development Dr Gerrit Viljoen and Law and Order Minister

Adriaan Vlok — maintained there were elements in the ANC intent on destabilisation.

"Against the already very volatile situation, these different agents of violence — whether constitutional or unconstitutional — do not trust one another, and that aggravates the situation."

What was immediately necessary was for the different parties to first agree on how they were to create a situation of non-partisan stability.

"In other words, how do you sort out those people who are responsible for maintaining law and order?" Dr Slabbert said. "It doesn't help to blame one another. It doesn't help to

blame one another. It doesn't help to question one another's motives or intentions, because the more you do that, the more you simply highlight the inability to agree on what kind of stability there must be."

"And if you can't agree on that, then it's just self-delusion to think you can seriously begin to discuss how to develop a new constitution or a new civil service, or how to negotiate anything in the economy, or housing, or education."

"If the major players avoid coming to terms with this crisis, it has the potential for derailing the discussions."

"Let me put it to you quite bluntly: Last year this time a young constable in the SAP could more or less be quite sure of promotion if he killed (MK chief of staff) Chris Hani on sight. Now it is expected of him to protect Hani when he comes for talks at the Pretoria Union Buildings or Tynhuys in Cape Town."

Suspicion

"Last year this time a young cadre within the ANC's resistance movement (MK) would be expected to kill agents of the SAP and the SADF. It was de-liberate policy."

"Now it's expected of him to calm down and wait for people to negotiate transition."

"So, you have a history of suspicion. You have a history of mistrust. You have a history of deliberate hostile action towards one another. You can't pretend that that has suddenly evaporated, because you've suddenly discovered the word 'negotiation'," he said.

The problem had to be addressed immediately. "You have to say: Let us first talk about the fact that we've had these hostile attitudes to one another. Let us agree how to solve that, and then move ahead." — Sapa.

Tvl black councils collapse

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A quarter of the Transvaal's 82 black councils has collapsed and 133 councillors have resigned since the beginning of the year.

In the 23 townships unable to form quorums, administrators have taken their place.

The councils without quorums include large urban townships such as Tsakane, Tokoza and KwaGuqa.

Many councillors cited intimidation as the reason for their resignations.

Provincial Administration director of liaison services Piet Wilken has denied that the black local authority system was collapsing.

He said by-elections would continue, except where violence prevented them. — Highveld Bureau.

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Lights go out in two townships

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Pretoria Bureau

Electricity supplies to Mamelodi and Atteridgeville, adjoining Pretoria, were cut off at 4 am this morning.

No notice of the decision was given to 500 000 people living in the area.

The bulk supplier, the Pretoria City Council, decided last night that as the townships owed it about R6,5 million for electricity, and had had three months in which to pay the arrears, there was no alternative but to cut off supplies.

The large Kalafong Hospital in Atteridgeville was not expected to be affected by today's switch-off, but clinics in both areas are likely to be without electricity.

Pretoria's management committee chairman James Leach said of the proposed power cut: "This is merely a suspension. We are not following to the letter the contract between ourselves and Mamelodi and Atteridgeville, which called for a cut-off of supplies in the event of default."

He said representatives of the two townships would be attending talks today in a bid to resolve the situation. The council would maintain an "open door" policy.

Unrest cases against 100 dropped

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Charges have been dropped against 100 of the 137 people arrested during violence in Sebokeng earlier this month, Attorney-General for the Transvaal D B Brunette announced today.

Forty-three people died and 137 were arrested following fighting which erupted at hostels at Sebokeng on the nights of September 3 and 4, said Mr Brunette.

He said in a statement that 137 people had already appeared in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court.

"After having studied the evidence which came to the fore during the investigation, I have decided to withdraw the cases against 100 of the accused due to a lack of evidence.

"The other 37 accused will in due course be tried in the district and regional court on charges ranging from attempted murder to unlawful possession of dangerous weapons and firearms."

Mr Brunette said available evidence did not connect any of the

accused with the deaths of people in the township bloodshed.

In the light of this an inquest was necessary to establish the causes of death and/or the liability in the case of those who had died during the unrest at Sebokeng.

"As a result of the particular circumstances of the case, I intend recommending to the Minister of Justice that a judge be appointed to hold the inquests in respect of the deaths," Mr Brunette said. — Sapa.

4 policemen hurt in Soweto attacks

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Four Soweto policemen were wounded, one of them seriously, in attacks on the police in the township last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the police in Soweto, said that in one of the attacks a policeman was seriously injured when three armed men attacked him and robbed him of his pistol.

And in a later attack, three policemen were wounded when a police van came under fire, the lieutenant-colonel said.

All the injured are being treated in the Baragwanath Hospital. — Staff Reporter.



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Power back in Pretoria townships

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Power has been "temporarily" restored to Mamelodi and Atteridgeville by the Pretoria City Council after an urgent meeting between its management committee, the two councils and the Pretoria Regional Services Council.

A deadline for settling the issue has been set for October 12, following the meeting at Munitoria yesterday.

The parties said in a joint statement that the meeting was requested by the city councils after the power cuts, because of non-payment by the two towns of their accounts for bulk electricity supplies from Pretoria.

Financial assistance

During the meeting an appeal was made to the Pretoria RSC for financial assistance by way of a loan to the city councils of Mamelodi and Atteridgeville to meet their commitments.

Mr Piet Delport, chairman of the Pretoria RSC, said a loan could only be considered if all consumers paid their accounts, to enable the councils to meet their commitments.

Special efforts would also have to be made to collect arrear monies and to secure future payments.

The statement said that as a result of the meeting, the Pretoria City Council was convinced that a settlement could be reached.

Pending a final agreement by not later than October 12, the council was prepared to temporarily restore the electricity supply "with immediate effect".

"Should an agreement not be reached, the electricity supply will be cut off indefinitely and the city councils of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi and their inhabitants are therefore aware well in advance of the consequences of such a drastic step," the statement said.

Owed R8,6 million

At the Pretoria City Council's monthly meeting yesterday, management committee chairman Mr James Leach asked the council to condone the management committee's cutting of power to the two townships.

He said that, "strictly speaking", the full council should have taken the decision.

The council also delegated future action to the management committee.

Mr Leach told the meeting that the two towns owed the Pretoria City Council more than R8,6-million for electricity, water and sewerage services.

A relieved Mr Velaphi Mathebula, Atteridgeville's Mayor, said he was happy that power has been restored in the township.

Although this was a temporary reprieve, they hoped to reach an agreement on the issue before the deadline expires.

Sliding towards the vortex

The accelerating slide into endemic violence in South Africa is beginning to follow the same pattern as it did elsewhere in Africa, notably in Angola.

Angola drifted into a vortex of civil conflict in which it has remained trapped for the past 15 years.

South Africa still has a chance to avoid getting into the same predicament. The parallels are becoming ominous, however.

In South Africa, what is referred to as "the struggle" began as a means of overthrowing white minority rule.

In Angola the initial objective was to overthrow Portuguese rule. As in South Africa, a multiplicity of "liberation movements" was formed to promote the struggle.

Once the objective of ousting the Portuguese had been achieved in Angola, the liberation movements began to fight among themselves for a new objective: political power in the "liberated" Angola.

Having obtained weapons to fight the Portuguese, they turned the same weapons on each other.

Destructive

The struggle for power became more violent and more destructive than the fight for liberation had ever been.

It has caused deaths whose numbers exceeds several times over the number of deaths in the conflict with Portugal.

It has virtually destroyed what was still a relatively healthy economy at the time of Portugal's withdrawal. And as is almost inevitable when violence is employed to gain political power, that power has not been achieved, certainly not in a form that can be exercised.

While the MPLA has been able to form a government and gain recognition in the OAU and the UN, it has not been able to govern effectively or to end the fighting.

The civil war in Angola has not been won by any party; it has proved unwinnable.

GERALD L'ANGE, Editor of The Star's Africa News Service, warns that South Africa is not learning from the mistakes of its neighbours. The fighting that follows "liberation" is far worse than the war itself.

As a result, the two main contestants are now beginning to move hesitantly towards negotiating a political settlement. This is a painful and difficult process because there is inevitably deeper animosity between the parties after years of civil war than before the war started.

Attitudes have become entrenched by conflict and glued by blood. The parties are trying to change them only because the suffering and damage of the war have become intolerable and because no other option is visible.

If they succeed in negotiating a solution they will have to work on restoring the damage done to their country by the war.

Politically, they will then be back to square one, back where they started when the Portuguese pulled out and gave Angola its independence. Economically, their country will be many years further back beyond square one.

In sum, they will be worse off than they were at independence and this is all they have got from the resort to violence.

If ever proof were required that disputes cannot be permanently resolved through violence, then it is surely to be found in Angola today.

The Angolan example is not the only one starkly visible to the factions in South Africa as they, too, apparently begin to drift into the vortex of violence.

Right next door in Mozambique is an example that is perhaps even more graphic in its horror, its destruction, its misery, its waste and its utter pointlessness.

Politically, the Mozambican example is not as clear as the Angolan one in that one of the warring parties, Renamo, has shady origins in Rhodesia, whereas the Frelimo government came from a liberation movement forged in the struggle to

overthrow the Portuguese.

But political credentials are in the end unimportant in an internecine struggle, especially when it gets as vicious as the one in Mozambique. What is important is whether the struggle can be won and whether the price that must be paid is worth it.

In Mozambique, as in Angola, it has become clear there can be no winner on the battlefield, if the term battle can be applied to the bestial methods employed by Renamo rebels. And it is doubtful that the price to be paid for whatever emerges from the conflicts will be considered worthwhile by those who will have to pay it — the descendants of today's combatants.

Some might argue that Zimbabwe provides proof that violence can succeed.

Certainly the government in power was formed from a liberation movement whose armed struggle began a process that led to the capitulation of white domination.

Quick victory

But in Zimbabwe the opponents of white domination did not then turn on each other in a civil war for power. They started to, but the contest was won so quickly by Robert Mugabe's Zanu (PF) that it did little damage to the infrastructure.

Some would claim it was in any case not Mr Mugabe's former guerrillas who won the contest but the threat of aerial attack by the (white-manned) air force against the armoured vehicles of Joshua Nkomo's Zlpra army as it moved on Bulawayo shortly after independence was proclaimed.

Had the separate armies of Zanu and Zapu ever started fighting one another as the liberation movements in Angola did, Zimbabwe

might well have gone the same way.

South Africa is closer to the Angolan example than the Zimbabwean one, because of the multiplicity of political groups adamantly opposed to one another.

The overwhelming weight of evidence from the Zimbabwean and other conflicts shows that once political antagonists acquire sophisticated weapons and start using them against each other, the resulting conflict will almost certainly escalate to a point where it becomes extremely difficult to stop.

There appears to be a real danger that the lessons that are so clearly apparent from the profusion of such examples are not being learned in South Africa.

When African National Congress vice-president Nelson Mandela suggests, as he did recently, that armed groups might be organised to protect ANC members from attack in the townships, alarm bells ought to start ringing loudly and furiously everywhere.

A liberation struggle waged from foreign bases against the Government is one thing.

It is quite another matter when factions within South Africa are given arms to protect themselves against other factions or forces.

From there it is only a short step to the same whirlpool that sucked in Angola.

What makes the Angolan conflict especially tragic is that the parties were not really fighting for disparate ideologies and beliefs.

Politically, they were not far apart. At independence, the MPLA was not a committed Marxist-Leninist party.

It became so only after turning to the Soviet Union for arms.

At this stage neither are the black political movements in South Africa widely divided by ideological barriers. Their differences can still be reconciled.

If they start fighting each other with modern weapons, however, they — and the rest of the country — may be on the way to the whirlpool.

Waste-Tech has been awarded a five year contract by the East Rand Regional Services Council to manage three waste transfer stations and remove compacted garbage from the stations to disposal sites.

Waste from the townships of Tokoza, Vosloorus, Katlehong, Kwathema, and Tsakane will be delivered to the transfer stations where it will be compacted into 25 cubic metre containers and taken to the disposal sites.

Waste-Tech expects to remove about 200 000 tons of refuse each year, making the contract the biggest of its kind in the country.

The contract will also provide a boost to private refuse collection companies operating in the townships. They will collect the garbage and deliver it to the transfer stations.

In addition to operating the transfer stations on behalf of the East Rand Regional Services Council, Waste-Tech will supply

Township waste is analysed, monitored

the transport to haul the waste from the stations to the waste disposal sites.

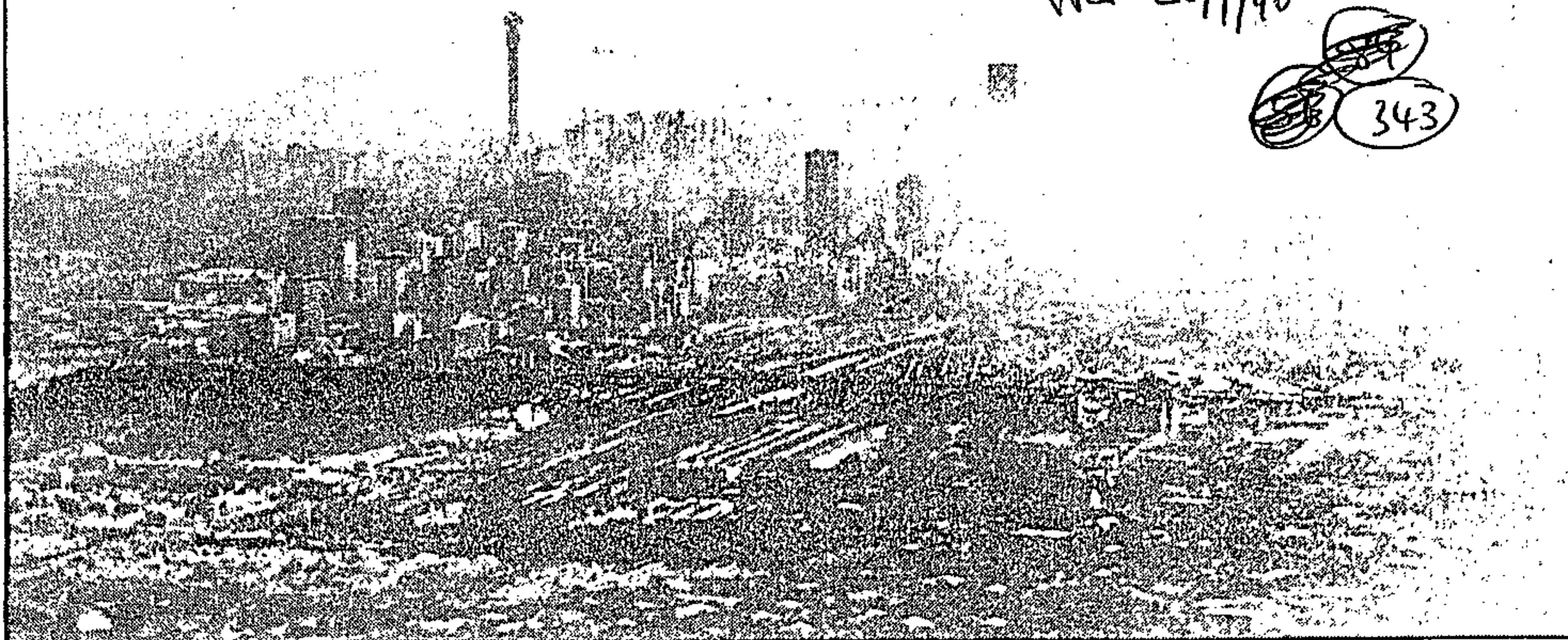
South Africa's waste industry is managed mainly by the municipalities and to a lesser extent by some 20 private companies. Waste-Tech is the largest and claims to be the only one capable of handling and disposing of the

large-scale industrial and domestic waste nationwide.

The company controls a number of Class-2 domestic waste landfill sites around the country and is responsible for the management of four of South Africa's Class-1 hazardous waste landfills.

The company has a fleet of about 150 vehicles, which include waste trucks, street sweepers, industrial cleaning equipment, landfill compactors, bulldozers and earthmovers. It has sophisticated treatment plants on the Reef and in the Western and Eastern Cape for the treatment of toxic and other hazardous waste.

The company also operates one of the country's most advanced laboratories where the analysis of wastes and the monitoring of waste sites is carried out in order to ensure the highest standards of technical control and to prevent any environmental pollution and damage.



Waste over the city . . . Smog and smoke fill Johannesburg's skies at 7 am on a supposedly clear summer's day. This scene was captured even before factories started belching fumes into the atmosphere.

Highveld 'one of most polluted areas in the world'

The Eastern Transvaal Highveld has been assessed as one of the most polluted areas in the world - with Eskom taking the rap for the bulk of the pollution.

However, Eskom communications services manager Andre van Heerden notes that there are eight major power stations which fall into the small area tested and that usually the level of pollution in the area is well within international standards.

"Depending on the conditions at the time the level of pollutants may vary considerably with, for example, the contribution from industry.

"The test results which showed the high level of pollution were taken during a peak period. These results were then compared to figures for the whole of West Germany rather than a heavily industrialized area.

"Eskom is now trying to change the perception that these reports created," says Mr van Heerden.

The Eskom approach is based on priorities, he says.

The levels of pollution in the townships, mainly because of coal and wood fired stoves, is two-and-a-half times the levels on the Eastern Transvaal Highveld.

In addition the pollution contains a high level of solids as, unlike the emissions from the power stations, these are not removed.

During the winter, temperature inversions trap the smog over the townships and expose the inhabitants to high levels of pollution.

The rain in South Africa is already more acid than that usually found in other parts of the world and this has caused local plant life to have a higher adaption to acid rain.

To remove the sulphur dioxide from the power station emissions would require fitting the power stations with scrubbers at an estimated cost of R1 billion per power station.

Thus, to fit scrubbers to the eight main stations in the Eastern Transvaal Highveld would cost around R8 billion.

On the other hand he estimates that the cost of providing electricity to almost every township in South Africa would cost around R6 billion and there would not be a resulting increase in the cost of power.

"By doing this we would be making a greater contribution to cutting pollution for a larger number of people.

"The electrification of the townships is.

therefore, a higher priority and we will address this first.

"Once this has been done then we would look at the Eastern Transvaal Highveld again," says Mr van Heerden.

Power stations create a lot of ash during their operations and the bulk of this goes out through the smoke stack. However, Eskom has fitted precipitators to all its power station.

These are large electrically charged plates. The ash stick to the plates and 90 percent to 99 percent of the ash is removed.

Eskom has recently spent another R100 million installing sulphur trioxide injections systems which increase the efficiency of the ash extraction process.

Eskom uses a lower grade of coal than anywhere else in the world - this produces about 40 percent by-volume of ash.

The ash is finding commercial application as both a cement extender and for making bricks.

However, at this stage the bulk of the ash is dumped.

A disposal site will have its topsoil and seeds removed and the ash is placed on the site and then covered with the top soil and the area reseeded.

Talks on township payment under way

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Negotiations are under way between the Province and civic associations to end rent and service-charge boycotts in Tokoza and Katlehong.

The chairman of the mediation team, Nigel Mandy, said about one-third of Tokoza residents had already come forward to pay for electricity this week.

In Katlehong — where Eskom is owed R5 million — Mr Mandy said the civic association had expressed willingness to resume payments.

They have offered R30 a house, whether it has an electricity connection or not," he said.

Eskom has given the Katlehong Town Council until October 8 to repay a substantial part of its debt or it would be forced to "take action".

Katlehong mayor Gideon Molotsi said pamphlets calling on residents to abandon the rent boycott would be distributed.

He said that if there was no response from residents, the power cut would be enforced on October 8.

We want an independent administrator, say Sowetans

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By ELSABE WESSELS

THE Soweto Civic Association (SCA) this week called for the appointment of independent administrators to run Reef townships until a new local government constitution has been established.

The demand was made by SCA secretary Pat Lephunya following the signing of the historic accord between the Soweto People's Delegation — the negotiating arm of the SCA — and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, (TPA) on Monday. (43) (343)

"Such administrators will be responsible for running the townships from day to day while the new structure is put in place," Lephunya said.

The accord paves the way for an irrevocable process of change to third tier government in the Central Witwatersrand.

The implementation of the guidelines set out in the accord will affect the redefinition of local government borders in the region and secure the complete elimination of apartheid at that level.

Lephunya this week described the signing of the accord as a victory for the SCA. The programme of action it stipulates echoes the demands of Sowetans since they embarked on a mass rent boycott in June 1986, he said, underlining the significance of the accord. "Through the establishment of a Joint Metropolitan Chamber we have secured a structural mechanism to address and solve the problems of apartheid local government.

"The Chamber will begin to redress the legacies of the past, and the leaders delegated to it will draft the new constitution."

The new single metropolitan area would include Johannesburg, greater Soweto, Roodepoort, Sandton, Alexandra, Eldorado Park, Lenasia and Marlboro Gardens. It is envisaged that delegates from all these local government bodies will be represented on the Chamber.

Another major victory claimed by the SCA is the transference of houses to Soweto residents. Lephunya said the handing over of housing stock to the people recognised the permanence of blacks in South Africa's cities.

He envisaged that the accord would fundamentally impact on the restructuring of local government countrywide.

Grumbles, but curfew curbs violence

FOUR days after the seven-hour curfew was introduced in riot-ridden townships, violence in the township had significantly declined. In some areas there was no violence at all, police said.

Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen of the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said township residents, especially on the East Rand, had responded positively to the restrictions in the curfew regulations.

"Everything went on well despite an isolated incident in which three policemen were shot at in Soweto on Wednesday night," Lieutenant Barkhuizen said, adding that no violent acts have been reported from the East Rand townships.

Detention warning

She said residents who defied the curfew would be treated according to regulations as gazetted by the Government. "Those found in violation of curfew regulations will be detained for 12 hours by the police officers concerned," she warned.

However, many people in the affected townships were outraged at the Government's declaration of the curfew.

A large number interviewed by the Saturday Star complained that "the curfew has restricted our freedom of movement, more so that during summer 9 pm was still early".

Soweto police, however, were grateful that the curfew was serving its purpose.

Lieutenant G Mariemuthoo told Saturday Star: "We're happy at the co-operation

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shown by the communities of Soweto. We'd like to thank them, it has been excellent so far".

Mr Peggy Senne, president of the National Taverners' Association (NTA), said NTA members' operations were hard-hit by the curfew. Mr Senne, whose tavern supplies local shebeens in bulk, claimed that by last night he was able to calculate his loss in turnover at R20 000.

"This curfew is a terrible blow to the NTA", he added.

Another taverner, Poplas Morudi, said she used to close at 1 am on weekdays. Since Tuesday she has been locking her gates at 8 30 pm.

"I'm convinced that if I could lose R6 000 in profits within four days of the curfew, then I'm heading for the bad times."

A shebeen owner, Grace Skate, said she used to make R250 a day to support her three children. Since curfew, she claimed, she was reaching her target mark by luck.

Market theatre director Barney Simon, commenting on how his company was affected by the curfew, said: "We've always attuned ourselves to the times, and we're also used to sailing in stormy seas — remember, we started the Market theatre in June 1976.

"Instead, we are more concerned about the sufferings of the people of Soweto than our own hardships".

There were two current productions at

the theatre which enjoyed black audience plus the Kippies Music Bar, he said.

Mr Simon also stressed that he was personally concerned about the curfew first as a South African and not specifically as a theatre director.

Esther Kunene broke the curfew after being informed that her daughter was in labour. Her newly born grandson has been named "Curfew".

But other people believed the curfew could not have come at a better time.

A policeman's wife said she welcomed the curfew. "It has helped in that the children will now be indoors and the beer drinkers will not move in the streets late at night."

The rate of crime will definitely decrease, and incidents like murders committed in the heat of the night might also become things of the past, she believed.

Money saved

Soweto pensioner Mmatebi Gumede said because of restricted drinking time, young men would no longer waste money on alcohol, and this was a good thing.

● Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto has experienced a drastic decrease in patient admissions since Iron Fist began.

A spokeswoman, Mrs Annette Clear, said 750 of the hospital's 3400 beds were empty, a situation previously virtually unheard of. The number of patients admitted with gunshot wounds had dropped from 239 in the first two weeks of this month to 49 in the past two weeks.

Four die in Reef violence

VIOLENCE flared up again on the Reef yesterday after a week of relative quiet.

Armed gangs struck five times on the Reef yesterday, killing four people.

Three people were killed in an attack on a Soweto taxi rank and a woman was killed in an armed robbery on the West Rand.

Dobsonville city councillor David Mmesi is in a critical condition at the Leratong Hospital after he and his wife were shot, at close range, by three unknown men.

Soweto Police spokesman Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo said the couple were walking home when the incident occurred.

"They were confronted by three armed men who shot Mr Mmesi in the head and his wife in the stomach," he said.

Stable

Mrs Mmesi's condition was described as stable.

Mystery surrounds the reasons for a shooting yesterday at a Soweto taxi rank in which three people were killed and three were seriously injured when unknown gunmen unleashed a hail of gunfire on waiting taxis and passengers at 6.00 am.

Late last night police could not say whether the incident was simply a taxi-battle, the work of criminals, or an assassination similar to those that occurred during the recent wave of violence on the Reef.

Lieutenant samy Mariemuthoo said unknown persons, who seemed to have come on foot, opened fire without warning on passengers and five taxis waiting at the Baragwanath-Johannesburg taxi rank.

AK-47 rifles were among the weapons used.

The body of one man was found at the scene. Two more were certified dead on arrival at hospital.

The survivors are in hospital fighting for their lives.



SHOT DOWN: Dobsonville city councillor David Mmesi is in a critical condition after he and his wife were shot by three unknown men.

Armed gangs spread terror

STAFF REPORTERS

Police have noted that there is a continuing feud between the Baragwanath-Johannesburg and Baragwanath-Pretoria taxi groups.

No arrests have been made, Lieutenant Mariemuthoo said.

On the East Rand there were three attacks by gangs who got away with more than R200 000. In one incident five gun-wielding men robbed a Wadeville woman of cash and cheques amounting to R179 413. The men escaped in a white Nissan bakkie, KFX-093T.

In Alberton, three men, one armed with an AK-47, held up and robbed an Alrode factory owner of R13 640 at 11.20 am. The three drove off in a yellow Ford Granada, registration GGR346T.

In Springs two men were injured — one a farm owner and the other a farm labourer — by three men brandishing

guns and knives. They escaped in the farmer's yellow Chevair BBY214T with cash and cheques worth R13 400.

Police report a 21-year-old woman was shot dead by a robber armed with a 9 mm pistol and R25 000 in cash was stolen from the offices of LTA building and construction company at Oberholzer, on the far West Rand, yesterday morning.

South African Police liaison in Pretoria said four men entered the building through open doors at about 9.30 am.

Two of the men locked up eight of the workers in the tearoom and stood guard with an AK-47 rifle. The other two went to the top floor where they held up Ms Venita Jacobs with a 9 mm pistol. They then took R25 000 from a steel cabinet and fired a shot which struck the woman in the upper chest.

A man was injured during a shoot-out between police and a group of suspected robbers in Selby, Johannesburg, yesterday, according to Witwatersrand SA Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

Shoot-out

The shoot-out ensued after one of the alleged robbers started firing at three members of the SAP's robbery reaction unit — who had unspectacularly stopped their vehicle next to the robbers' get-away-car.

Before police could return fire, the suspects had jumped back into their car and sped off. They stopped about 200 m down the road and continued shooting at police, who returned fire.

The gunmen jumped into a big water drain pipe next to the road, but one of them, who had apparently been shot three times during the shoot-out, was caught by a police dog.

The wounded suspect was being treated under police guard at the Hillbrow Hospital and police had retrieved a stolen briefcase, the police spokesman added.

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Former mayor pleads for peace after being mob target

By CHARLES MOGALE

FORMER Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi has appealed to his "invisible enemies" to bury the hatchet and talk.

Mahlatsi has been a regular target of angry mobs since September 3, 1984, when he chaired the council which sparked off the countrywide rent boycotts by announcing rent increases in the area.

An anti-rent march which led to several deaths and millions of rands in damages, was followed by similar actions throughout the country.

Mahlatsi said he is baffled at the regularity with which his property gets attacked "every time there is fighting".

His house was razed in 1984, and since then his garage in Sebokeng Zone 14 was burnt down twice when violent clashes erupted in the township.

"I am not a member of Inkatha, the ANC, the SAP or the SADF. There has never been even the slightest suggestion that I could be a member of these organisations. So it amazes me that whenever there are clashes between these parties, I have to be attacked."

"I certainly do not think the ANC or Inkatha are involved in these attacks. My feeling now is that other businessmen driven by petty jealousy could be behind it, exploiting situations to strike against me."

He sleeps peacefully, he said, and prays every night. He also drives alone around the town-



Esau Mahlatsi ... property a target of "invisible enemies".

ship, and needs no guard. When we pointed to a revolver on top of the TV a few paces from him, he chuckled: "That is why I am not even carrying it on me."

"I am a Christian, and I know I have harmed nobody. However, if anybody thinks I have done something that upset them, I invite them to come and talk to me."

Did he have any regrets about increasing the rents in 1984, and thus setting a "countrywide precedent of rent boycotts?"

"No. There was not even a rent increase in the Vaal. We had merely suggested it, and we were waiting for input from other people. Those who took action did so on a supposition of something that had not happened."

"Even then, I believe we could have talked it out, although now I think we should let bygones be bygones. Some people think I am a tough person, but I am basically an easy-going guy. I take time to make decisions, but when I do, I stick to them," he said.

"I would appreciate it if people could forget the past. Even to my enemies, I am appealing to them to come forward and let us talk things out."