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Appeal to save life of Wit ^{Argus} Wolf to ^{11/6/89} be lodged ³⁴⁴

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — An appeal to save the life of mass-murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom is to be lodged tomorrow or on Monday in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

It follows eight death sentences imposed by Mr Justice Louis Harms last week.

Mr Wim Cornelius said today that papers would be lodged with the Supreme Court either tomorrow or on Monday.

Lawyers have two weeks from sentencing in which to appeal against the verdict.

DOCUMENTATION

He disclosed that the documentation had already been drawn up.

"If the court turns down the application to appeal then we intend to follow all legal avenues to obtain an appeal.

"This will include petitioning the Chief Justice," Mr Cornelius said.

Strydom, 23, a former policeman who claimed to head a rightwing terror group called the Wit Wolwe, was sentenced last Thursday for killing eight people and attempting to murder 16 during rampages through central Pretoria and at the Weiler's Farm squatter camp at De Deur last November.

All his victims were black.

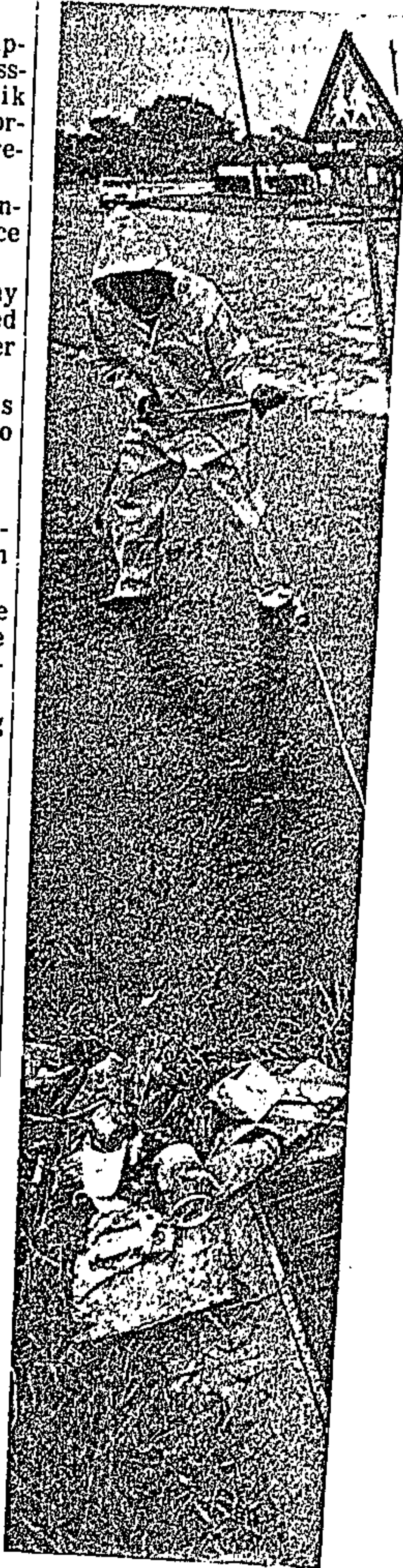
In a sensational nine-day trial, Strydom claimed he was "fighting the enemy" on South Africa's behalf, and that he regarded himself as "a soldier of God and the Fatherland".

Psychiatrists found that he was normal.

He was also sentenced to an effective 30 years' imprisonment for attempted murder and pointing a weapon.

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Tutu pleads for Strydom's life

Star 11/6/89 Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in Durban yesterday he forgave recently convicted mass murderer Barend Strydom and called for a reprieve of his death sentence.

"I forgive him for what he has done. It is not easy, but this is what we are called to do. If we cannot forgive, what hope is there for this country?" he said.

Opening the Anglican Provincial Synod at St Thomas's Church in Durban last night, Archbishop Tutu called for the reprieve of Strydom and the Upington 14, the abolition of the death penalty and an amnesty for all those on Death Row.

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President Bush... due to talk to Mrs Thatcher today.

SA may be on agenda when Thatcher meets Bush

Star The Star Bureau

LONDON — Southern Africa could be on the agenda as US President George Bush and Mrs Thatcher get down to intensive talks at Downing Street today.

Observers say the agenda is reasonably open, although a priority will obviously be discussion of developments at this week's crucial Nato summit. The Middle East question is also expected to surface.

The superpowers are being urged to take their co-operation on Angola and Namibia one step further and combine on an initiative to resolve the problems of other countries in the region,

notably Mozambique and South Africa.

Mrs Thatcher believes her anti-sanctions stance has given her vital leverage with Pretoria, a point she will be keen to underline to President Bush.

Mr Bush flew into London last night for a whistle-stop visit to Britain, his first as President.

He had come from a meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Mainz, where he called on the Soviets to tear down the Berlin Wall and end what he described as the "tragic division" of Europe.

"That wall stands as a monument to the failure of Communism," he told a cheering crowd.

Tiddles the trout routs piranhas

The Star Bureau

LONDON — Tiddles the rainbow trout has been sent away from an aquarium after leaping nearly a metre into a neighbouring tank and gobbling up six man-eating piranhas at a cost of about R240.

Staff at the aquarium in Watchet, Somerset, assumed that Tiddles was fighting for his life against the 17 piranhas in the tank and frantically scooped him out. But the 3,6 kg fish wasn't even scratched by his savage opponents.

Restrictions

The Star is being produced under the severe restrictions of the emergency regulations.

Editor-in-Chief of The Star refuses to divulge sources

The security police are demanding the name of a highly placed source who provided statistics for an economic article in The Sunday Star.

The Editor-in-Chief of The Star, refused to name the source and has been reminded that he may be summonsed to appear before a magistrate for interrogation in secret.

Failure to answer questions under a section 205 subpoena could result in his being jailed until the matter is resolved.

This possibility follows the use of section 205 against the editor of Business Day who was forced to answer questions (and was refused a public hearing) after he had attacked

the Minister of Law and Order, and accused the SAP of incompetence.

"These cases are a gross misuse of a legal mechanism which, in itself, is a dubious instrument," The Star's Editor-in-Chief said today. "There is no way we can reveal our source. In any case, he is a highly placed, responsible citizen who is doing his job — legally."

"But all of us need to challenge the increasing abuse of power by government departments."

"The abuse of power, including the misuse of section 205, has become so prevalent that the State no longer seems to understand the implications of its actions," he said.

The latest case arises out of two Sunday Star finance reports that are nearly four months old.

One report criticised the Minister of Economic Affairs draft Bill on minerals.

The second report was an authoritative article revealing how South African minerals were boosting an ailing economy and "adding gloss to South Africa's 1989 economic prospects".

But police told a Sunday Star finance reporter that some of the statistics in the second article had not been put before the Minister of Economic Affairs before they were published.

"To hell with the Minister," responded an irate Sunday Star financial reporter (in rather more blunt Afrikaans).

He had incorrectly been approached at his home at night by the police.

The Editor-in-Chief asked to see the police when they visited the reporter the next day and informed them that the reporter had nothing to do with the article; that they should not have approached him but his superiors; and that The Star would under no circumstances reveal the source.

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any longer. Bury us together. The child noticed that table. It read: "We can't wait for you. Bury us together."

Tension after killing

Killing 
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Nofemela.

As Dala collapsed, the men fled.

Ngwane, still confined to bed following a leg injury from the assassination attempt on his life, said he was awoken by the sound of gunfire and thought somebody was shooting at his house.

"I thought they had come for me again. As I reached for my crutches, the door burst open and Nofemela ran inside to tell me Dala had been shot.

"We rushed outside and found him lying in a pool of blood, already dead," said Ngwane.

The community's outrage at the killing was evident at a vigil at his home on Monday evening, at which mourners scrutinised every stranger.

Khayelitsha community leaders have called on the Minister of Law and Order to take appropriate action against the homeguards.

Mr Archibald Nyandeni, a former associate of Hoza, said the homeguards were acting "like people with a licence to kill".

"The government must act immediately and disarm them," he said.

By DOCTORSON TSHABALALA

TENSIONS in Khayelitsha reached a new high this week when a prominent official of the Committee of Ten was assassinated by an alleged hit squad.

Mr Zolani Dala, 33-year-old treasurer of the Committee of Ten, was shot at point-blank range shortly after 10pm on Sunday.

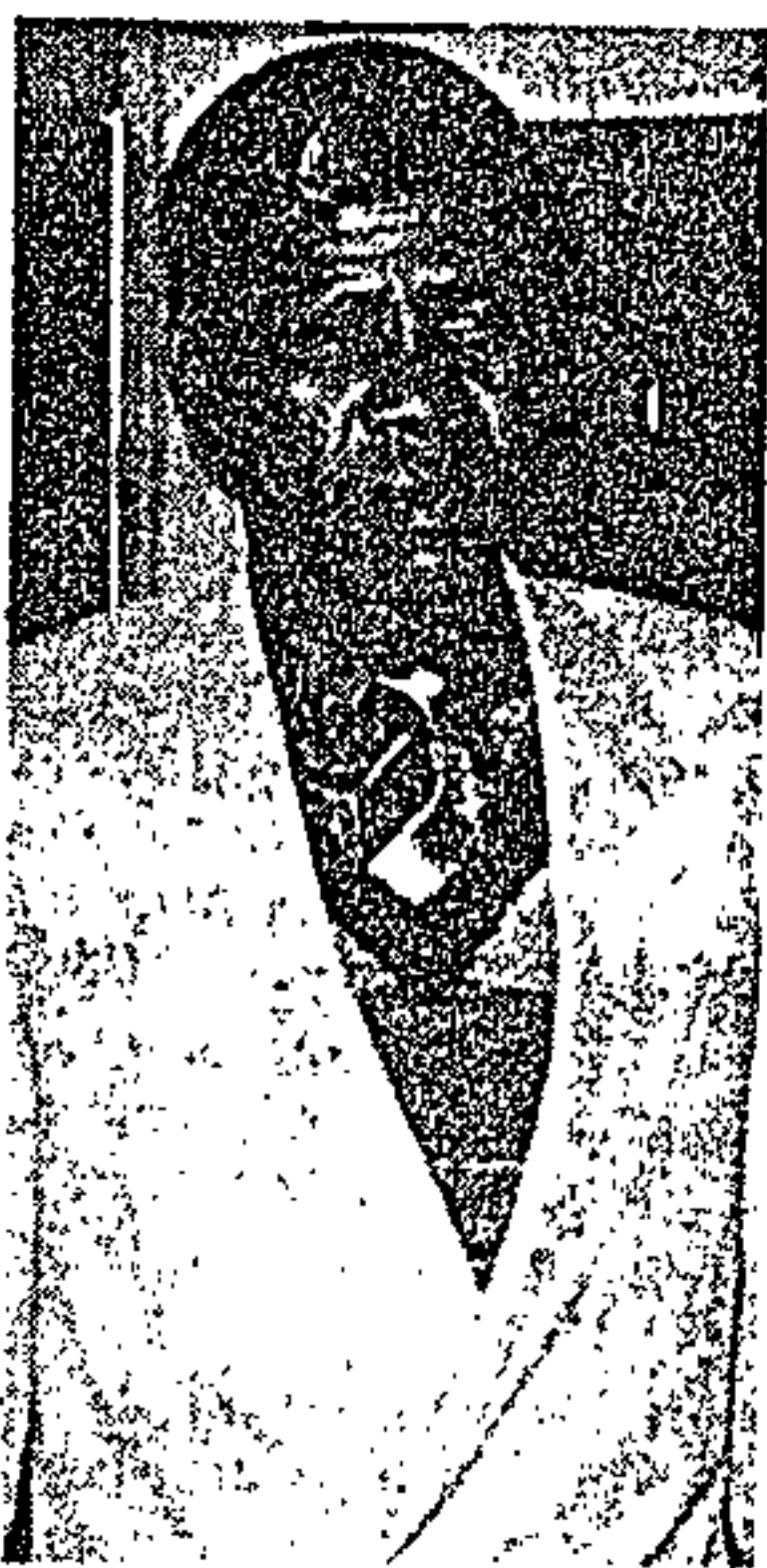
The shooting took place near the home of Committee of Ten chairperson and community leader, Mr Thomas Ngwane, who survived an attempt on his own life on March 5.

A man was due to appear in the Mitchells Plain magistrate court this week on a charge of murder.

Recognised killers

Local leaders as well as residents have connected the murder to the growing power struggle between the Committee of Ten, an affiliate of the Khayelitsha Joint Action Committee, and the homeguards of Lingeletu mayor Mali Hoza.

Mr Phindile Nofemela, a neighbour of the slain man and a witness to the killing, said he had made a statement to the police stating that he had recognised the killers as members of Hoza's homeguards.



Mali Hoza

He said he and Dala were returning home late on Sunday night when they were accosted by three balaclava-clad men near the home of their leader, Ngwane.

The men, who had been seen stalking the street earlier on, approached them and called Dala by name. They asked Dala what he and Nofemela were doing in the street at that time of night.

"But before Dala could answer, one of them produced a gun and fired three shots at him," said

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A WAVE of industrial unrest has hit the Western Cape with more than 2 000 workers on strike at several factories.

In the most recent strike action, hundreds of militant strikers did the toyi-

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toyi through the gates of the Everite factory at Brackenfell after about 700 workers downed tools on Monday morning over a national wage dispute.

The workers, members of the Construction and Al-

'DISTRICT 6' MAKES A

10 years for murder

A WOMAN wept in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday after two white youths were sentenced to ten years each for the murder of her child.

Mrs Maria Pitso said she had wished the two youths, Timothy Lee Bedingfield (20) and Shane John Mitchell (18) had been sentenced to death, not because of their colour but because they had killed her son, Ronnie (8), a schoolboy at a farm school in Honeydew.

In summing up before

By **MANDLA**
NDLAZI

sentence, Mr Justice Roux said he had considered all the points raised by the defence team in mitigation of sentence. He said he also took into consideration their age and circumstances that led to the crime they committed. He also considered their family background.

They were part of a group of school children who played truant on October 12 1987 and had

a picnic at Swartkops. They both had alcohol and dagga on that day.

They drove home in a Land Rover along Muldersdrift Road in Honeydew. It was decided much against the other pupils in the vehicle to throw stones at pedestrians. Mitchell threw a pavement stone at Ronne, hitting him on the head and fracturing his skull. Bedingfield watched Mitchell throw the stone and did nothing to stop him.

Two jailed for paying brick death of boy

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two young men who committed the "outrageous" crime of murdering an eight-year-old schoolboy were each sentenced to 10 years imprisonment yesterday.

Passing sentence in the Rand Supreme Court, Mr Justice Roux said a group of young schoolchildren were walking home, totally innocently. They had not provoked Shane John Mitchell or Timothy Lee Beddingfield, they had merely at-

tracted their attention.

"Mothers and fathers have every right to expect that children can walk home in the faith that they would not be bludgeoned down as this child was," the judge said, referring to Ronnie Pitso, 8.

Ronnie was walking home from school with a group of friends on October 12, 1987, when the accused and a group of their friends drove past.

The teenagers had played truant, been on a picnic where

alcohol and dagga were used, and some of them had picked up stones to throw at pedestrians.

Mitchell threw a 2kg hexagonal paving brick which hit Ronnie, cracking his skull in two places. Ronnie died of brain damage.

Beddingfield was convicted on the grounds of common purpose. There was a plan to stone pedestrians and he did nothing to stop Mitchell, who hurled the missile like a discus, the

judge found, while Beddingfield also had a stone in his hand.

They were convicted of murder with extenuating circumstances on May 8. Sentencing was delayed for reports from social workers and clinical psychologists.

Regarding the accused's personal circumstances, the judge said they were both young. Mitchell, now 18, was a month short of his 17th birthday at the time of the crime. Beddingfield, now 20, was three days short of 19.

Gang of 2 000 on rampage through streets

By MZIMKULU MALUNGA
and Weekly Mail Reporter

RESIDENTS of Tembisa say police stood and watched on Wednesday afternoon as an armed gang of about 2 000 hostel dwellers raided houses, attacking families and destroying furniture and other belongings.

The fighting has left several people injured and four in hospital. Eyewitnesses could not confirm earlier reports of three deaths resulting from the battle.

Over 200 families of the Vusimuzi section (also known as Nicaragua) spent Wednesday night in the cold as fighting continued between families and the migrant labourers whose accommodation they share.

The clashes were the first in a continuing housing crisis in this East Rand township which has seen residents move into four-roomed hostels along with the migrant labourers officially housed there.

Distraught residents told of tensions building over the last three weeks between hostel dwellers and residents over the issue.

A resident told the *Weekly Mail* of growing tensions in the area following the deaths of three people after the migrants fought amongst themselves over girlfriends.

"We complained to them about the fighting and killings but nothing happened.

"We decided to take steps to stop this by going from house to house on Monday and Tuesday asking several women who were not resident in Nicaragua to leave," he said.

Another resident said the hostel dwellers held a meeting on Wednesday where they decided to evict the residents.

"We decided to send a delegation to discuss the problem with the dwellers' representatives. But the next I heard was gunshot and people screaming. We had to flee for our lives," he said.

"We regrouped later at a nearby garage and watched. I saw my furniture, my clothes, everything going up in flames," he said, despairingly.

Another resident said "Police came later and told us that they were instructed not to intervene. In fact, they told us that their captain had said they should help the hostel dwellers remove our property since we were occupying the houses illegally."

It was still tense in "Nicaragua" yesterday. Terrified residents gathered at a garage just outside the area while vanloads of members of the South African Defence Force and municipal police moved in and out of the township.

As we moved into the area we saw abandoned mattresses and clothing scattered next to Zonki dry cleaners. Deep inside the township, destitute men and women were trying to collect the remnants of their belongings.

When approached for comment, East Rand police spokesman Willie Meyer referred us to the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria. But according to Captain R Bloomberg in Pretoria no report of the incident had yet been received.

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have been restricted in terms of the
Emergency regulations

Strydom appeal 'any day now'

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AN application for leave to appeal against "Wit Wolf" Barend Strydom's death sentence on eight murder charges would be lodged any day now, a spokesman at the offices of his advocate, Mr Johann Engelbrecht, said yesterday.

She said papers had already been typed, and were ready to be lodged in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

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tenced to death last week on eight counts of murder, arising from the assassination of seven blacks and an Asian in Pretoria and at De Deur in November last year.

Strydom's attorney, Mr Wim Cornelius, said all legal avenues would be followed if necessary.

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country."

Strydom told Mr Justice Louis Harms — who also chairs the Harms Commission — that he would repeat his actions if afforded an opportunity.

Strydom's father, Nic, a former policeman, like his son, told the court he had not made his mind up yet whether blacks were humans or animals, and that he had books stating they were animals.

Strydom will turn 24 on July 15. — Sapa.

Wit Wolf to lodge appeal

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Opinion

IT IS my belief that the Government has to accept responsibility for the large number of acts of right-wing terror against civil rights campaigners over the past 10 or more years.

Dr David Webster's assassination is merely the last in a long list of unsolved acts of terror.

If one compares this with the speed with which dozens of left-wing "terrorists" are arrested, held under Section 21 and then brought to court, then one cannot but come to the conclusion that the Government is less than enthusiastic in trying to have justice done — when the attacks come from the Right.

In reply to a letter of mine, in which I reported a campaign of terror and intimidation which is being waged against Reverend Aubrey Beukes of the NG Sendingkerk in Upington for his role in highlighting the plight of the Upington 26 accused, Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, says inter alia:

"It would seem as if The Reverend Beukes has, through his actions in organising so-called prayer services and publicity for the 25

Upington murderers, brought upon himself the wrath of the community and that this could possibly have led to this retribution against him."

I find the tone of this reply indeed chilling and deeply disturbing since Mr Vlok is actually saying that human rights activists such as David Webster, Neil Aggett and Aubrey Beukes must expect this sort of right-wing retribution if they are involved in actions aimed at alleviating the plight of the victims of apartheid.

Secrecy

Fundamental to its policy of repression the State has evolved one of the most severe censorship systems invented anywhere in the world.

In terms of security legislation and, specifically, the media emergency regulations, South Africa has been blanketed by a cloud of secrecy which has made it impossible for the media to report on the details and extent of security force repression and violence.

The result has been devastating in that, while the black communities

Political causes of SA's violence must be exposed to white voters

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Extract from a recent academic freedom lecture by JAN VAN ECK, MP for Claremont, delivered at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg

have only been too painfully aware of what has been done to them, the white community has been largely unaware and uninformed.

This has again resulted in them being unable to understand why the black communities have resorted to counter-violence.

And because of a lack of understanding and a complete lack of information about the factors that have caused this counter-violence, black counter-violence has increased white fears even further, something which has again led to support for further security force action among whites.

So, instead of the message coming through that it is the political system and the way it is being foisted on the majority that is causing the conflict, the white electorate is being made to believe that more of the same medicine, i.e. security force violence, will end the turmoil.

This will continue for as long as our white electorate remains as uninformed as it is at present.

Those of us who have access to resources and information and who

have the ability to communicate factual information about the South African situation should actively start exposing the facts about the violence, the role of the State and its agents, and the bitterness about the exclusion of the majority from the political process...

It has also become clear that threats by the Government to act against newspapers, individuals and institutions, that contravene the media restrictions, have resulted in large scale self-censorship being applied.

I believe that much more information about our situation could indeed see the light if more determined attempts were made to find loopholes.

If white South Africans are going to become a force in bringing about a true democracy, then we who operate in the white community — whether we be politicians or academics — should embark on an extensive campaign of making the white voter a better informed and therefore a more responsive voter to the demands of the majority.

I believe that it should be the main thrust of such a programme of information that the present violence that pervades every sector of our community has very specific political causes, and that this spiral of violence will not end until the present constitution is scrapped and replaced with a truly democratic one.

Once the political cause of the violence has been clearly established in the mind of the average voter, only then will he be susceptible to proposals for a new democratic constitution.

Jet 'mystery' SA man 'will appeal'

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DAR ES SALAAM — A South African sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in Tanzania for carrying explosives on to a Soviet jet and injuring a crew member, says he will appeal, the *Daily News* reported yesterday.

Bradley Richard Stacey, alias Hodges, pleaded guilty on Thursday to charges of taking explosives aboard an Aeroflot jet en route from Luanda, Angola, to Dar es Salaam and injuring a crew member, Vladimir Tahazon, two weeks ago.

High Court Judge Nasoro Mnzavas sentenced Stacey to a 15-year prison term on each charge. The sentences are to run concurrently, meaning Stacey (30) would serve only 15 years.

Sentencing closed

In passing judgment, Mr Mnzavas said he could not "close my eyes to the fact that offences of this nature are alarming, rampant in the whole world".

The explosives Stacey was accused of having included land mines, blocks of TNT, detonators and hand grenades.

The sentencing, which was closed to the public and journalists, left the May 18 incident aboard the state-owned jet shrouded in mystery.

State Attorney Johnson Mwanika said the court should be emptied "because of the circumstances that led to the arrangement (guilty plea) and the condition of the accused".

Stacey's nationality and home town were not indicated in the charge sheet, although police and court officials have identified him as a South African. — Associated Press.

Thatcher rattles her Cabinet

PETER GREGSON

LONDON — Prime Minister Mrs Margaret Thatcher has sent shivers through Britain's ruling Conservative Party by indicating she is planning a substantial cabinet reshuffle.

In an interview this week, she said she hated having to axe her ministers, but it was necessary from time to time to bring in new blood.

Sparking a spate of media speculation, she also signalled that not even the two heavyweights of her cabinet, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Chancellor of the Exchequer Mr Nigel Lawson, were sacrosanct.

In the interview with the *Glasgow Herald* published on Thursday, Mrs Thatcher said she was horrified by some of the reshuffle theories she had read in the press and said they deeply hurt the ministers involved and their families.

But, when asked about such speculation centring on Sir Geoffrey and Mr Lawson, who lives next door to the Prime Minister at 11 Downing Street, she did not rule out changes among her key ministers.

"Nigel is a very good neighbour of mine and a very good chancellor. Geoffrey is a very good foreign secretary," she replied, but



HOWE: exasperating. LAWSON: under fire.

added: "I'm not going any further."

Both Mr Lawson and Sir Geoffrey have been in their present posts since 1983.

In the past 18 months, Mrs Thatcher and her chancellor have been at odds over monetary policy and relations have not always been easy with the foreign secretary. "Sir Geoffrey exasperates her and she irritates him," said one official.

But in Conservative Party terms, the pair are virtually unsackable. Sir Geoffrey is enormously popular and to move him unwillingly, given that he loves the Foreign Office and would only want to give it up to succeed Mrs Thatcher, would damage her own

standing with the Conservative rank-and-file. Mr Lawson has been under fire in recent months as the economy faltered and inflation rose steeply while sterling nose-dived.

Sir Geoffrey strengthened his hand by his negotiations at this week's North Atlantic Treaty Organisation summit which reached a compromise between London and Bonn over short-range nuclear forces that allowed both Mrs Thatcher and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to claim victory.

Mrs Thatcher usually shuffles her ministerial team in September and the favourite summer time talk in political circles is what will happen in the annual game of musical chairs around the cabinet table.

Mrs Thatcher has indicated that the next shuffle may again be in September, but she has made clear the time is ripe for some new and younger faces around the table at the regular Thursday cabinet meeting.

Most of the current speculation features Energy Secretary Cecil Parkinson, restored to the cabinet in 1987 four years after resigning over involvement in a sex scandal, as a likely successor to either Sir Geoffrey or Mr Lawson. — Reuter.

Pressure stays in search for killers

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HUMAN rights activists have pledged not to let up on pressuring the police to find Dr David Webster's assassins.

It is five weeks since Dr Webster was gunned down outside his house.

And despite the release of detailed identikits by the police there seems to have been no further progress in the case.

Scepticism

Yesterday, Five Freedoms Forum chairman Mr Mike Olivier was sceptical about how seriously the investigation was being taken by the police.

"I am sure they don't have to look too far to find killers who use such sophisticated assassination techniques," he said.

His organisation — of which Dr Webster was a former executive member — would not allow the matter to rest in the police files as had happened with past mysterious hit squad attacks.

Police yesterday remained tight-lipped about the progress of their investigations.

Asked to comment on the release of new identikits of the alleged assassins because further witnesses had apparently

PAT DEVEREAUX

come forward, Captain R A Kruger said police will attempt to improve on the existing identikits.

The investigating officers were hoping alterations from additional witnesses will be better than the identikits already available.

"And if it is deemed to be in the interests of the investigation, the new identikits will immediately be released," said Captain Kruger.

This week a booklet of Dr Webster's article entitled "Repression and the State of Emergency" written with his lover, Ms Maggie Friedman, was published.

The booklet, dedicated to Dr Webster, outlines "a steady tempo of kidnappings and assassinations of anti-apartheid activists".

61 cases

According to figures compiled by the Human Rights Commission and by Webster himself, 61 anti-apartheid activists have been assassinated inside South Africa since 1978.

In 60 of these cases no one had been arrested or charged.

Firejack's arson

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

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Low-profile activist

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Picture: ANNE LAING



PROTEST... Matie students on their way to deliver notes objecting to the expulsion of Ms Leslee Durr (front, wearing blue top and pants) and bans on Nusas and BSOS.

By MALCOLM FRIED
 and SYBRAND MOSTERT

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Brigadier Mellet said the next thing police knew of Mr Stacey, a former Durban campus economic history honours student, was when he joined the ANC for "transit training" in Botswana in 1986.

Stacey had been a low-profile political activist and ostensibly fled the country to avoid military training.

A former fellow student of Stacey and present Durban SRC campus projects officer, Mr Steven Collins, said that Stacey kept to himself except for "showing interest when Nusas started talking to the ANC".

"He was a lefty on campus. Few people knew him. The passport found had an East German visa — some detonators were also found after the fire," he claimed.

Brigadier Mellet was unable to confirm this.

He said police believed that Stacey and a colleague — yet to stand trial — wanted to hijack the plane with 174 ANC members on board to South Africa "to escape the ANC hierarchy and come home".

Mr Vlok had recently announced that any ANC members who renounced violence could return and that every case would "be judged on merit".

Brigadier Mellet listed several ANC grievances which he said were obtained from captured cadres to support the police belief that the hijack was "to return home".

● Stacey was jailed for 15 years by Tanzania's High Court on Thursday after pleading guilty to charges of endangering the lives of passengers, placing dangerous explosives and assaulting a crew member during a flight from Angola to Tanzania. A second accused will appear next week.

Mother's cry against violence

By CHARIS PERKINS

A DRAMATIC Sunday Times photograph of a mixed couple lying on a mortuary slab has inspired a hard-hitting novel.

When a Johannesburg mother of four opened her paper one lazy Sunday morning three-and-a-half years ago, the stark photograph took her breath away. The victims of an unidentified death squad, a young woman and her coloured husband, lay side-by-side on a cement floor.

Their bodies were half-covered by a blanket and their bloodstained clothes were in disarray.

The picture stunned 50-year-old Jenny Hobbs and inspired her to write her first novel — *Thoughts in a Makeshift Mortuary*.

"The photograph stopped me in my tracks. I looked at it and thought that could be my daughter lying there," she said.

"I cut it out of the paper and kept returning to examine it. I couldn't get it out of my mind."

"One day I sat down and started putting down the scene in the mortuary on paper."

"The book just developed from there. I am fiercely anti-violence, and my book is a cry against it."

Jenny has dedicated her novel to the slain woman who inspired it — Jackie Quin, a gentle Maseru teacher who got caught in political cross-fire in December 1985.

An unidentified death squad burst into Jackie's Maseru home in Lesotho one evening during a party.



JENNY HOBBS

They shot Jackie, her coloured husband, Leon Meyer, and their five guests. Only the couple's baby, Phoenix, was spared.

Thoughts in a Makeshift Mortuary has close parallels. It is about an ordinary English-speaking South African family who become entangled in political violence.



Sunday Times picture of the dead couple recalls death squad killings

A young white woman marries a coloured ANC activist. They are both slain by unknown gunmen in Lesotho. Only their baby daughter survives.

Jenny Hobbs deliberately avoided finding out more about Jackie before she started writing, but she wrote to Jackie's parents and asked if she could dedicate it to their daughter.

"They agreed because they hope the book will help people to remember Jackie."

"I have sent them a copy but they have not read it. They say they cannot face the pain, but will put it away for little Phoenix to read when she grows up."

This is Jenny's first novel. A mother of four daughters, she has been a freelance journalist for 16 years. She won acclaim with her *Blossom Broadbeam* (from Bezuidenhout Valley) column which ran in *Darling* magazine for many years.

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Terrible fears in Natal on eve of protest

S'BU MNGADI reports from Durban

TOWNSHIPS and villages in Natal's troubled Midlands are fraught with tension as tomorrow's three-day protest by the Cosatu/UDF alliance in Maritzburg draws closer.

So tense is the atmosphere, that a slight provocation could trigger the bloodiest fighting the province's four years of political violence has seen.

The protest was called in the wake of this week's death from 50 percent burns of Numsa shopsteward Jabu Ndlovu in hospital after a gun and arson attack on her Imbali, Maritzburg home last week.

Her husband Jabulani and their daughter Nobuhle, 13, died in the attack. Her nephew, Thabane, 24, was seriously injured.

Also infuriating residents of the region was the attack on two women on Friday night, by a group of men armed with guns patrolling Maritzburg's Slangspuit village. Both women were injured.

Meanwhile, the much-heralded peace talks between the Cosatu/UDF group and Inkatha have been suspended following an impasse over the venue for the talks. Neither party is prepared to budge.

Inkatha wants its rivals to come to its Ulundi headquarters, while the two allies prefer a neutral venue.

Unless one group makes a turn-about and compromises, there remains little or no hope that the peace talks will materialise in the near future.

Barely 24 hours after Cosatu and its second largest affiliate, Numsa, decided to protest against the continuing carnage, underground structures swung into operation to ensure a "disciplined protest".

Amid accusations that law and order has collapsed, the security forces were equally visibly active in many townships throughout the province.

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Terrible fears for Natal

Before being shot, Ndlovu saw her killers face to face.

She made a sworn statement to lawyers identifying one of her attackers as an Imbali warlord.

More than 1 300 people have been killed in the province this year. About 6 000 homes have been destroyed, leaving close to 100 000 people homeless during the past two years.

Responding to a UDF-Cosatu letter on their objections to Ulundi as a venue, Inkatha's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi invited UDF and Cosatu leaders, Archie Gumede and Elijah Barayi, to address the Inkatha Central Committee on the need for a different venue.

Buthelezi has also introduced a new dimension to the conflict — his legitimacy in the eyes of Nelson Mandela.

He recently read a letter to a gathering at KwaMakhutha written by Mandela, and said:

"It is the first time in the 26 years in which Dr Mandela has been incarcerated that he has written from prison to make a demand on his countrymen which is more than a demand through his own organisation — the ANC."

Meanwhile, the complaints adjudication board — set up through a peace accord by Inkatha and Cosatu — has been rendered useless.

So far, it has issued one report in which it reprimanded Inkatha for breach of the accord.

The final straw came a fortnight ago when a witness testifying about the murder of an Imbali activist was himself killed.

An Inkatha member has since appeared in court in connection with the death.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok recently ignored all documented evidence of police complicity in the violence and rejected calls for a commission of inquiry into the violence and the alleged misconduct of security forces.

Instead Vlok accused the UDF/Cosatu alliance of perpetrating the violence, promising to use an "iron fist".

There's no silencing Meer

By S'BU MNGADI

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FATIMA Meer is one writer who refuses to be silenced, even by the most draconian media regulations.

While the country reels under the state of emergency, which prohibits reporting on much action against the current situation, the Sarie-clad professor of sociology at Natal University and her team of researchers and contributors believe something can be done to document the atrocities that take place under the blackened curtain of the emergency.

In his overview of the 274-page volume of interpretive essays and record of events covering flashpoints in the country between 1985 and 1988, *Resistance in the Townships*, sociologist Paulus Zulu says an understanding of the nature and operations of the South African State are necessary to appreciate the strife that not only brought challenges to the State but also tore the black community apart.

"The State turned to reform as a means to appease international pressure and to contain internal opposition."

Describing the anatomy of "black-on-black violence", he says peaceful protests by black people had met with armed soldiers and police and the number of casualties was alarmingly high.

New book records

violence behind the emergency curtain

In retaliation, people turned against the nearest representatives of the State - town councillors, police and other government functionaries.

"As attacks and counter-attacks continue, anarchy sets in and there has been some fighting among opposition groupings themselves, although many have alleged that the State is not exonerated from instigating or encouraging such conflicts," says Zulu.

Journalist Barney Mthomboti writes: "While the causes of violence can always be traced to the disadvantaged position of blacks, the immediate causes of the resistance differed from area to area.

"In the face of unbending and inflexible authority, violence had to come."

The grim record started with the death of 15-year-old Emma Sathekge under the wheels of a police vehicle in

Atteridgeville, Pretoria, on February 13, 1984.

The 1984-85 countrywide resistance plunged the country into its worst crisis since the nationalists came to power 41 years ago and set about applying their apartheid policies. Not a single South African was left unaffected, directly or indirectly, by the violence as the country's black townships exploded.

"The constitution, hailed only a few years ago as breaking new and exciting ground for SA, has become apartheid's Waterloo. Endorsed by the overwhelming majority of the white community, it has alienated the vast majority of the country's people.

"The country is fragmented today," concludes Mthomboti.

When the state of emergency was first declared the media were paralysed. Gradually, recovering a little from the

shock of severe State censorship, the media made halting attempts to continue to document the disastrous effects.

Behind the screen of law and order, community leaders were being detained, assassinated, attacked and assaulted - and children were being killed. The thousands who escaped death fled their homes to tell horror stories to a disbelieving public.

Explaining the predicament of the youth, Inkatha Institute director Gavin Woods says: "The many harsh circumstances in the lives of township youth make it clear that, even without political ideologies, there would be enough anger, frustration and aggression to produce violent behaviour.

"General behaviour traits show how the young gravitate toward group formation where they take on group identity and purpose. This is common to ghetto life anywhere in the world. Young black groups or gang formations are a significant reality of South African society."

The destructive consequences were often the appalling news of past years.

Meer's book also looks at the Western Cape, where mosques have become venues for political meetings, and the rise of Jihad (Holly War) against apartheid, a freedom struggle that includes the entire body of the oppressed.



Emotions of the time... Crowds of mourners at the funeral of 15-year-old Emma Sathekge, whose death in Atteridgeville in 1984 marked the start of a countrywide spiral of violence.

Geldenhuis home hit by second blast

By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

The Randfontein home of MP Dr Boy Geldenhuis was damaged by an explosion for the second time in a month in the early hours yesterday.

A West Rand police spokesman said Dr Geldenhuis, his wife, Callie, and his daughters, Priscilla (12) and Vasti (10), were at their Helikon Park home when the explosion ripped the front door out of its frame.

Dr Geldenhuis, nominated National Party MP, said he was watching television at the time of the blast. The rest of the family were asleep.

He believed the latest attack was carried out by a person who "could not handle political matters as a normal person would. I cannot see that a group of people would launch an attack against my family. I think this is the work of a single person."

The house was first rocked by a blast on Sunday May 7 and, according to the police, commercial explosives were used.

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Dr Geldenhuis said commercial explosives were also used in yesterday's attack.

Friends of the family were yesterday busy repairing some of the damage.

After the first blast the family decided to install a security fence and gates. These will be installed today.

Dr Geldenhuis will contest Brentwood on the East Rand on September 6 and was to have moved into a flat in the constituency for his election campaign.

"I have decided I cannot leave my wife and family so I will have to travel to Brentwood every day," he said.

The Conservative Party MP for Randfontein, Dr Corné Mulder, has reacted strongly to news of the explosion.

He said: "I strongly condemn this senseless deed and feel sorry for people who believe they can resolve their problems in this manner."

Second bomb at home of Nat MP

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Randfontein home of senior Nationalist MP Mr Boy Geldenhuys has been damaged by a bomb for the second time in a month.

Mr Geldenhuys, his wife and two children were asleep and escaped unhurt when the blast ripped open the front door, dislodged a window frame and smashed window panes at his home.

The explosion occurred about 1.30am yesterday and is identical to an attack carried out on May 7 in which commercial explosives were also placed outside the front door.

Mr Geldenhuys is the NP's senior information director.

Yesterday he said he was "anxious" that police arrest the culprit.

"My family is not taking this second attack well. My wife is disillusioned and my two children are getting panicky. It is a total mystery.

"Why am I being picked out the second time round for a political statement? I think the attack was carried out by a crank like Strydom and I am anxious that police arrest him soon," Mr Geldenhuys said.

He was referring to a man he saw drive slowly past his home last month while he was washing his car. From his description, police compiled an identikit but have been unsuccessful in tracing him.

Mr Geldenhuys added that he thought the attack was either "politically related or motivated".



Men vanished at time of violence, says police colonel

From PAT CANDIDO, Argus Bureau
PORT ELIZABETH. — People went missing in 1985 and 1986 during violent clashes between the United Democratic Front and the Azanian People's Organisation, the Supreme Court has been told.

Colonel Eric Strydom, former head of the Eastern Cape Murder and Robbery Squad, said Mr Qaqawuli Godolozzi, Mr Sipho Hashe and Mr Champion Galela had disappeared at this time.

Colonel Strydom was testifying in an application by Mrs BN Godolozzi asking the Minister of Law and Order and the commanding officer of the Alexandria police station to produce her missing son.

Mr Godolozzi, president of the restricted Port Elizabeth Black Civic Association, secretary-general Mr Hashe and organising secretary Mr Galela disappeared under mysterious circumstances on May 8 1985.

On way to airport

They were believed to be on their way to see a member of the British Embassy at the HF Verwoerd Airport when they disappeared.

Families of some missing people had traced relatives to the mortuary, Colonel Strydom said. Missing people had often been assaulted and set alight.

He said he had told Mrs Hashe she should check the mortuary.

Colonel Strydom said he had issued instructions that Mr Hashe be arrested and questioned about an incident in which police had been attacked by a group of guards at the Hashe home.

Police had found petrol bombs and other dangerous weapons there.

Colonel Strydom said he had not met Mr Hashe. When he met Mrs Hashe she had told him her husband was missing.

He denied telling her that her husband's body was at the mortuary or that police had identified him by his legs.

Murder investigation

He said he did not know the three men, because his squad had nothing to do with political cases.

He knew Mr Henry Fazzie, regional president of the UDF, and the vice-president, Mr Edgar Ngoyi. He said his staff was investigating a case of murder against Mr Ngoyi.

On May 21 1985 the divisional commissioner and commanding officers were told at a meeting to investigate whether Mr Godolozzi, Mr Hashe and Mr Galela had been taken into custody.

He had personally checked the registers and could not find their names.

The hearing continues.

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Strydom in bid to beat gallows

'Wolf' to ask for leave to appeal today

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Barend Hendrik Strydom, the 23-year-old assassin who was sentenced to death eight times in the Pretoria Supreme Court, today applies for leave to appeal against the sentences.

Mr Justice Louis Harms found there were no mitigating circumstances when he sentenced Strydom 10 days ago.

In papers being presented to the Supreme Court today, Strydom's defence team, led by Mr Johan Engelbrecht, says it does not accept that there were no mitigating circumstances regarding the psychiatry and psychological aspects of evidence led during the sensational nine-day trial.

Former policeman

Lawyers acting for Strydom, now on death row in Pretoria Central Prison, are to lodge papers at 9 am today.

They are applying for leave to appeal against the sentences imposed on Strydom, a former policeman, who last November went on a rampage of death through the streets of Pretoria and at Weiler's Farm squatter camp at De Deur, south of Johannesburg.

He shot dead eight people — seven in central Pretoria on November 15 — and attempted to murder 16 others. He was also charged with pointing a fire-arm.

For the charges of attempted murder and of pointing a fire-arm, Strydom was sentenced to an effective 30 years' imprisonment.

In addition to the eight people killed, Strydom wounded 16. All the victims were black.

It is not yet known when the review of sentence will be held, but it could take several days or weeks.

During Strydom's trial the courtroom was filled to capacity, mostly with survivors of the Strijdom Square massacre and members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB). The latter initially attended court wearing AWB insignia. Strydom himself wore, for some days, insignia of the Aquila bodyguard movement, attached to the AWB.

A self-styled leader of a right-wing terrorist group called the "Wit Wolwe", Strydom described himself as "a soldier of God and the Fatherland".

Evidence indicated that Strydom, described by State psychiatrists as "normal" and by defence witnesses as "on the borderline", had decided to start a Third War of Independence (in South Africa) against blacks.

He and his father, Mr Nic Strydom of Heidelberg, indicated in evidence that blacks were "not people but animals". When his father said this during evidence in mitigation, Strydom nodded his head in approval.

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Breakthrough in Natal peace talks deadlock — Anglicans

By CARMEL RICKARD,

Durban

A MAJOR breakthrough is imminent for the Natal peace talks, deadlocked over the question of a venue.

A senior delegation from both sides in the conflict have agreed "in principle" to meet and were yesterday trying to finalise a venue and a date for a meeting between Inkatha, the Congress of South African Unions and the United Democratic Front.

This week the Anglican synod, meeting in Durban, approved a motion that Inkatha's president, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, be asked to receive a delegation to discuss peace initiatives with him.

Buthelezi, who is an Anglican, agreed and a team including four bishops flew to Ulundi the next day for discussions.

Buthelezi's prepared memorandum did not indicate that any breakthrough might be possible. In the text he reiterated his refusal to leave Ulundi for talks with the UDF and Cosatu.

He said the rejection (of Ulundi as a venue) by Cosatu/UDF was "a political statement ... totally incompatible with a genuine desire for peace".

Despite this stand, which seemed an unpromising start for any breakthrough, the delegation returned to the synod with three possibilities which emerged during discussions and which could see a start to the long-awaited peace talks.

Natal's Bishop Michael Nuttall said there were two opposing positions on the venue question and the delegation "found it impossible to resolve this deadlock".

He said, however, that during discussions Buthelezi had agreed "to ask one or two of his colleagues to meet at any agreed venue with UDF/Cosatu to have an initial meeting".

The UDF and Cosatu are particularly interested in this proposal and Cosatu's general secretary, Jay Naidoo, said yesterday: "We welcome the fact that a senior delegation of Inkatha has agreed to meet us at a neutral venue."

"We have been meeting urgently and we will be finalising details together with Inkatha about the precise venue and date of such a meeting."

The other two possibilities outlined by Nuttall were that Buthelezi and his cabinet had indicated their readiness to meet alternately at different venues such as Ulundi and the Cosatu headquarters and that they also indicated their hope that a meeting would take place between the presidents of the African National Congress, the UDF, Cosatu and Inkatha to look for "a consensus and a plan for a peace initiative in Natal".

Nuttall said kwaZulu recognised and accepted that such a meeting would have to be at a mutually acceptable venue outside the country.

These three possibilities were discussed with representatives from Cosatu and the UDF during a full briefing on the bishops' visit to Ulundi.

In addition to authorising a delegation to visit Ulundi, the synod also approved a second way of dealing with the violence.

Delegates regretted the government's refusal to agree that a commission of inquiry be set up to establish the causes of the violence.

In view of the government's refusal Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mandated to consult other church leaders about setting up a church-backed independent commission headed by a lawyer to investigate and make recommendations.

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**Church
leader
'exposed
to poison'**

JOHANNESBURG. —
The Rev Frank Chikane, SA Council of Churches general secretary, had been contaminated by a poisonous compound causing him to be hospitalised on several occasions locally and in the United States.

This was revealed in a statement from Mr Chikane, who is currently in the US, and physician attending to him there.

The physician said he had been exposed to some form of "organophosphate anticholinesterase or pharmacologically similar compound".

According to a Johannesburg doctor, organophosphates are found in pesticides and are poisonous.

There has been widespread concern regarding Mr Chikane's illness, believed previously to have been a pancreas infection.

In the statement Mr Chikane said that since April he had been hospitalised four times following "four strange episodes of sudden illness".

The symptoms included vomiting, blurred vision, hyperventilation and loss of consciousness.

Confirmation on exposure to the toxic compound would be made on further tests, the statement said.

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POISON RIDDLE

CLOTHES belonging to the Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, have been found by laboratory technicians at the University of Wisconsin to contain traces of agricultural poison.

Dr Alan Boesak has claimed Mr Chikane was deliberately poisoned.

After Mr Chikane's return to South Africa from Wisconsin next week the SACC executive will decide whether to lay charges.

Dr Boesak said yesterday: "It is difficult because we don't know where the poisoning happened. It must have been done here in South Africa, because that's where he first fell ill. You would become ill within hours if you wore clothes contaminated with this poison."

There had been evidence from the US that suggested Mr Chikane's illness had been a result of an attempt on his life.

Mr Chikane had been admitted to hospital four times in six weeks and had once been put on a respirator when his heart stopped briefly.

Dr Boesak said it was absurd to suggest that Mr Chikane had been accidentally poisoned because his lifestyle in recent weeks would not have exposed him to the toxin.

"The poisoning marks a chilling escalation."

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tion of the war on those who fight against apartheid and injustice."

Mr Chikane is in Madison, Wisconsin where he was visiting his wife, who is at university there.

He is being treated by Dr Daniel Smith, assistant professor of medicine at Wisconsin University.

South African police have promised to investigate the alleged poisoning if a statement is submitted to them. — Weekend Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

'Plot to poison' Chikane

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Chang fulfils dream as youngest finalist

PARIS. — Seventeen-year-old American Michael Chang defeated Soviet Andrei Chesnokov yesterday to become the youngest-ever finalist at the \$4.5 million (R12m) French Open.

"It's definitely a dream," said Chang, the number 15 seed and number 19 in the world.

Chang, who conquered world number one Ivan Lendl earlier this week, is also the first American since John McEnroe in 1984 to reach the men's final at Roland Garros Stadium. No American has won the French crown since Tony Trabert in 1955.

His opponent in Sunday's final will be Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the number three seed who downed second-seeded Boris Becker 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-2 in a match-up of last year's Wimbledon final.

Chang completely outgunned Chesnokov in the first set, as the Soviet,

ranked 27th in the world, looked nervous and slow.

The youngster from Placentia, California, said of his achievement in becoming the youngest ever to reach the French final: "It makes me feel really good inside. It's just something special I'll always have with me."

Spaniard Jose Higuera, who has been coaching Chang on clay this year, said that the teenager had the hallmarks of a great player.

"He has the mind of a champion. I think that is the basis of his success, together with his game," said Higuera, himself a semi-finalist here in 1982 and 1983.

"Champions raise their game for the occasion and that is what he does. I don't think he has got weaknesses," said Higuera. — UPI and Sapa-Renteria

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JOHANNESBURG. — The mysterious poisoning of Rev Frank Chikane was a plot to kill the general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, it was claimed here yesterday.

The president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Dr Allan Boesak, called it "a deliberate attack ... to eliminate enemies of apartheid".

Doctors from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where Mr Chikane is visiting his wife, have diagnosed his illness as a disease caused by a poison commonly used in insecticides, according to SACC president Dr Manas Buthelezi.

Dr Boesak and Dr Buthelezi gave details of the poisoning at a news conference yesterday.

Mr Chikane, 38, said the first incident of illness occurred on his way to Namibia on April 23.

"I started to vomit and was showing signs of weakness," he said in a statement.

He was taken to hospital in Ondangwa and transferred to a Johannesburg clinic, where he was discharged four days later.

Mr Chikane left for the US on May 10 as part of a church delegation to see President George Bush and fell ill within 24 hours of his arrival. He was discharged within a week but had to be re-admitted twice.

The assistant professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Dr Daniel Smith, said an exogenous toxin was considered when Mr Chikane's illness was being diagnosed because "there were derangements of the function of multiple organ systems during the acute episodes".

An evaluation "revealed that except during the acute illness he is in excellent physical health".

Toxin in clothes

Dr Buthelezi said the toxin was traced to Mr Chikane's clothing.

"Medical experts are of the opinion that, had he died, the nature of the poison would have made it impossible to determine the cause of his death.

"Without proof, we are not in a position to level accusations."

But against a background of escalating attacks by the government and right-wing extremists on the church, Dr Buthelezi added: "We are entitled to question the validity of accidental contamination and ask instead whether it was not a deliberate attempt to assassinate our general secretary."

Police spokesman Lieutenant Peet Bothma said he was aware of the allegations and said the case would be investigated if formally brought to the attention of the police.

Dr Max Coleman, of the Human Rights Commission, said the attempt on Mr Chikane's life nearly added him to the list of 120 political assassinations, every one unsolved.

A soft-spoken activist, Mr Chikane has been detained by police a number of times. In July last year, a hand grenade was found in the mailbox of his mother's home in Soweto and police subsequently raided his home.

The New Nation said the poisoning recalled the case of former Daily Dispatch editor Mr Donald Woods whose five-year-old daughter received a T-shirt in the post which was saturated with an acid-based substance causing her to scream with pain and leaving her skin stained for two days. — Sapa, UPI and Own Correspondent.

Mum appeals to suspect in Rive murder

Crime Reporter

THE mother of one of the men linked by detectives to the murder of author Dr Richard Rive has issued an urgent plea to her 22-year-old son, Mr Donald Aploon, to surrender to the police.

"He must give himself up before anything happens to him," Mrs Maureen Aploon said yesterday. Police have issued warrants of arrest for Mr Aploon of Bonteheuwel and his 17-year-old companion Mr Suleiman Turner of Mitchells Plain.

The pair are thought to be heading towards the Witwatersrand, possibly Johannesburg, after aban-

Prof's murder theory in cot deaths

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S'BU MNGADI reports from Durban

VIOLENCE-TORN Natal's elusive peace talks have finally been scheduled for Wednesday in Durban.

The exploratory talks have been arranged thanks to this week's visit to Ulundi by an Anglican Church delegation which broke the impasse over a mutually acceptable venue for the talks.

However, underlying the agreement "in principle" is political point-scoring by Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the Cosatu/UDF alliance.

Buthelezi had been adamant that the parties meet at the KwaZulu capital of Ulundi while the rival Cosatu/UDF alliance felt the Inkatha headquarters were not neutral.

Buthelezi finally conceded to Durban as a venue, saying he would delegate "one or two" of his lieutenants. The Cosatu/UDF alliance has also committed a delegation.

Inkatha is keeping mum about its delegation but it will probably be led by Inkatha second-in-command.

Gwala leaves for UK

CP Reporter

Veteran ANC leader, Harry Gwala, left for medical treatment in Britain on Friday.

Gwala, has been suffering from motor neuron, resulting in the malfunctioning of parts of his body.

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By DESMOND BLOW

A DEVOUT Catholic former businessman, John Perreria, 59, crossed himself several times in the Witbank Circuit

The killer in your cupboard!

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THE killer poison suspected to have been used in an attempt to murder the Rev Frank Chikane, general secretary of the SA Council of Churches, can be bought over the counter in South Africa.

It is found in a wide variety of household products — including dog shampoo and flea powder.

These products contain anticholinesterase, an organophosphate, which can be lethal if inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin in sufficient quantities.

Leading Johannesburg toxicologists said yesterday that the poison inhibited the enzyme cholinesterase and lowered the blood cell count, giving rise to symptoms similar to those exhibited by Mr Chikane.

"Labels on dog shampoos warn pet owners to wear gloves and wash the dog off immediately after shampooing it," said one toxicologist.

"But pet products contain the organophosphate only in very small quantities.

"More lethal levels can be found in a chemical used to spray vines. I have seen a man die after taking a teaspoonful of it to avoid going to work," he said.

Mr Chikane became seriously ill in the United States after coming into contact



FRANK CHIKANE

By MANDLA TYALA

with the toxic pesticide which, his associates believe, was placed in his baggage before he left South Africa.

He is now being treated at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison.

Mr Chikane arrived in the US on May 11 for a meeting with President George Bush, but fell ill the next day. Doctors believe the poison was absorbed through his skin after he put on a change of clothes from his suitcase.

The cleric suffered a simi-

lar illness in April while visiting Namibia with an SACC delegation. He was rushed to hospital when he started vomiting and had to remain there four days.

When Mr Chikane again fell ill in the US, the symptoms were even worse.

Although his condition improved temporarily on three occasions, each time he had to be rushed back to hospital when he lost consciousness.

Two South African toxicol-

Pesticide is suspected in Chikane 'death plot'

ogists agree with doctors treating Mr Chikane in the US that the symptoms pointed to organophosphate poisoning.

Said one: "We don't have all the facts, but it is difficult to see how Mr Chikane could have come into contact with the substance.

"If it was in powder form, he would have seen it on his clothes. If it was in liquid form then he would have smelt it — the substance is usually mixed with a volatile petrol-like substance that gives off an awful smell."

A special test is likely to be

ordered to prove whether Mr Chikane was poisoned by the substance.

Some church leaders suspect that the failed attempt on Mr Chikane's life may have been part of an escalating campaign against high-profile critics of apartheid.

Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said this week that anti-apartheid activists — already the targets of gunmen and bombers — now had to look out for "more subtle dangers".

SACC president Dr Manas Buthelezi said his staff initially attributed Mr Chikane's mysterious illness to stress and overwork.

Frightening

"But by a process of elimination and controlled observation, his clothing has been identified as the source of the toxin. The questions and implications this raises are both frightening and disturbing," said Dr Buthelezi.

"In the absence of proof, we are not in a position to level accusations.

"However, against a background of escalating attacks on churches that continue to fight for justice and truth, we are entitled to question the validity of accidental contamination and to ask instead whether it was not a deliberate attempt to assassinate our general secretary."

● Patricia Cheney reports from Washington that one of the world's leading toxicologists doubts that Mr Chikane could have been poisoned by clothes contaminated with a toxic pesticide.

Professor A Heyndrickx, of Ghent University in Belgium said toxins were generally "quite volatile" and thus evaporated quickly.

Women flee city flatland in fear of burglars and raniets



Webster's pal lives in fear

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When the induna did this, I realised that he had identified me as David's friend and that my life would be in danger."

Ngubane said the man spoke with a strong Afrikaans accent, had dark brown hair with a bald patch and a moustache.

"Van Niekerk" was accompanied by two black men from a nearby settlement. They later said the man had given them a different story while they were showing him the way. The men said he had asked for

"the village where David's friend Amos lived" and if they could show him the place.

Ngubane told the two men of the mistake they had made by bringing the man to KwaDhapha and he showed them a copy of the newspaper indentikits. They both recognised the man off the identikits.

Ngubane said "Van Niekerk" told them that "he was an inyanga and interested in the place. But when he arrived at the camp and saw bones (the remains of a memorial for Webster) on the ground he asked a lot of funny questions."

"He asked the induna if David's wife had cried a lot at the memorial. Then he asked if he could come and stay at KwaDhapha with us. The induna told him that he couldn't make an immediate decision and that he (Van Niekerk), should come back at a later date. Van Niekerk agreed.

Alleged killer is gunning for me, he says

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FLASHBACK: Hearn has Sugar Ray against the ropes in their 1981 bout. Sugar Ray won the fight which was for the welterweight title.

AMOS Ngubane, close friend of slain human rights activist, David Webster, fears that an attempt may be made on his life.

This was after a man answering to the description of David's killer came to his village looking for him.

The suspected killer, a white man who spoke with a strong Afrikaans accent, told villagers he was Van Niekerk and wanted to be taken to the village "where Amos, David's friend lived".

Ngubane lives in the Kosi Bay area of Natal.

Ngubane, who delivered a moving speech at the funeral of the man he had known since 1975, described in KwaZulu at the weekend events of the day on May 25, when he says he came face to face with the suspected killer.

"We were in a meeting at the school in KwaDapha when the man who resembled the middle one of the three identikits that appeared on the front page of newspapers arrived at our village and asked to speak with the induna,"



By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

said Ngubane.

"Everybody was there when he told the induna that he was Mr van Niekerk from Wits University and that he had worked with David (Webster). He said he was interested to see where and how David had lived and wanted to live with us too."

"The induna turned to me and asked me if I knew the man as I knew most of the people whom David had worked with."

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Possible suspect seen at Webster's research base

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A man who resembles the identikit of one of the suspects in the killing of anti-apartheid activist and leading social anthropologist, Dr David Webster, has been seen at Dr Webster's house and research base at Banga Nek in Zululand.

Mr Amos Ngubane, Dr Webster's research assistant, said he had returned to Banga Nek on May 23 after Dr Webster's funeral. The community had held a meeting in the Banga Nek School on May 25. During the meeting a white man calling himself Mr Van Niekerk had arrived and asked to speak to the induna.

Mr Van Niekerk said he had been Dr Webster's colleague at Wits University, and wanted to stay at the Banga Nek home and continue the research.

Mr Ngubane said many of the people present had recognised the man from an identikit released by the police soon after Dr Webster's death.

The induna told the man he would have to consult community members before he could give him permission and Mr Van Niekerk said he would return in June.

Mr Ngubane said they had followed the man back to the lake, where three other white men were waiting for him in a black and red rubber dinghy.

A spokesman for the University of Zululand said Wits had denied all knowledge of a staff member in the anthropology department called Mr Van Niekerk.

The Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit in Johannesburg said they were investigating the reports.

Some support Strydom others just empathise

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There is a group of white South Africans who would give unqualified support to convicted Pretoria mass killer Barend Hendrik Strydom.

This is the view of Pretoria sociologist Professor Janice Grobbelaar, who has been researching right-wing politics for three years.

She estimated there would be a few hundred outright supporters of Strydom. They were likely to be found on the fringes of the far right — where there were even churches who contended blacks could not go to heaven.

There was a far bigger group who would not support Strydom's killing spree on November 15 1988, but who would empathise with what had driven him to that point.

It is however, impossible to quantify the support as no reliable membership figures exist, even for the most accessible of these groups: the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

Professor Grobbelaar said she believed the killings — Strydom smiled as he shot his victims at point-blank range — would be regarded as barbaric and be unacceptable to most middle-class Afrikaners, including the bulk of the right wing.

But on the far right, while there was a general abhorrence for the deed, there was an understanding as to why it had been carried out. Many people in this category would be unlikely to hold Strydom solely responsible for his actions — instead they would blame the State for threatening the Afrikaner people so fundamentally, she said.

This support will be assessed more accurately once the Boerestaat Party submits its petition for Strydom's reprieve.

Leader Mr Robert van Tonder this week said between 1 000 and 2 000 petitions with room for 50 names were in circulation and there was a demand for more.

The petition was launched a week ago on the grounds that the Government had created "desperate conditions in which boere find themselves" and that it was not Strydom who should have stood in the dock but "the State President and his whole Cabinet".

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche echoed these views when he labelled Strydom as "an unfortunate man" who had "acted entirely of his own volition ... but I can understand the immense frustration someone like him feels

Eight times killer Barend Hendrik Strydom received open support during his murder trial in Pretoria last month. Now a petition has been launched to secure his reprieve. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN** reports on the extent of his support.

when his security and all he holds dear are threatened".

Professor Grobbelaar said: "The National Party promises of reform together with the resurgence of black liberation politics has pressured white Afrikaners as never before."

She said groups on the right believed their God-given task of preserving the volk was being threatened and that the survival of the white Afrikaner people was at stake. They believed Afrikanerdom would not survive a majority government.

Loss of control

"Fifty percent of Afrikaners in the Transvaal perceive the tricameral parliament as being an instrument of reform. Although people do not believe that the NP want to hand over to black people, they believe NP policy will result in a loss of white control and privilege," she said.

As South Africa was seen as moving towards a non-racial society, the chances of extreme action similar to that of Strydom became greater. There was also a growing number of people who believed some form of radical partition was the only real solution.

During his trial Strydom told the court he had helped the AWB, the Herstigte Nasionale Party and the CP during the 1983 referendum. "I felt at this time that the moment had come that a young man such as myself, a young man with dreams of a future, could not see a future," he said.

"Strydom's actions can be viewed as the extreme, ultimate and logical consequence of Afrikaner nationalism as it has developed throughout the 20th century via its socio-political instrument, apartheid. His actions seem to be largely bound up with the exclusive preservation of the volk and not the result of personal striving," the professor said.

Three jailed in Harare for attacks on ANC premises

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MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — Three former members of the Rhodesian security forces were gaoled on Friday for 40 years each for helping SA commandos attack ANC premises in Harare in May 1986.

The raid on the ANC offices and on an ANC house in Ashdown Park caused no casualties because of a mysterious prior warning, believed to have come from Western intelligence services.

In a surprise move, Mr Justice Ibrahim did not impose the death penalty on Kevin John Woods, 36, Michael Anthony Smith, 35, and Barry Desmond Bawden, 31, raising local human rights activists' hopes that SA may take a similar more lenient view of political criminals.

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However, Woods and Smith are already under sentence of death for their part in the murder last year of a civilian during the bombing of an ANC house in Trenance, Bulawayo.

The judge said the three Zimbabweans had each proved himself a 'menace to society' and rejected pleas their activities had been directed against the ANC and not against their own country's security and sovereignty.

He accepted in mitigation that the three men only acted as drivers, or provided logistical back up, for the SA commandos who perpetrated the actual bombings. None of them was captured.

He rejected leave to appeal, saying the sentence might have "erred on the side of leniency".

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Plea on Chikane poisoning

JOHANNESBURG. — The deputy detective chief, Major-General Jaap Joubert, has called on anyone with information on the attempt to poison the Rev Frank Chikane to come forward.

Last week it was alleged that insecticide poison had been used in an attempt to kill Mr Chikane, the general-secretary of the Council of Churches.

General Joubert was reacting to allegations by Human Rights Commission spokesman Dr Max Coleman that if the minister of law and order wanted to find out who was responsible for attacks on anti-apartheid activists, he should "begin by looking in the ranks of his own police force".

General Joubert said he hoped Dr Coleman had substantiation for his allegations, as they were

"of a very serious nature".

"If he has any information in this regard, I would value it if he would come forward with it," General Joubert said.

"He has, however, made these allegations before, and though the police have invited him many times to bring any evidence to us, he has never reacted.

"I would like personally to invite him to come and see me if he has any information."

Dr Coleman made the remark while addressing a press conference dealing with the alleged poisoning of Mr Chikane.

Mr Chikane has claimed from his hospital bed in America that he was the victim of a possible poisoning attack.

Mr Chikane has recovered since he first became ill and is

apparently on the road to full recovery.

Dr Hafer Mohammed, a doctor called in by the SACC, said the source of the poison had been traced to his clothes. "Since he has not worn the clothes, he has not been sick," the doctor said.

Dr Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, said as far as he is concerned, Mr Chikane had been "deliberately poisoned".

A doctor at Johannesburg Hospital's poison information centre said at the weekend that it would be possible for a person to become extremely ill, or possibly die, if his clothing was contaminated by pesticides or weed killers containing organophosphate anticholinesterase, such as that found in Mr Chikane's clothing.

Matie home stoned

By CHARL de VILLIERS

STONES and bottles have been thrown through windows of the home of a Matie student leader who was expelled from the university two weeks ago.

Ms Leslee Durr has barricaded her home with mattresses and asked for police protection after the attacks started on Friday night.

Threatening messages have also been thrown through the windows and since Thursday she has received threatening phone calls.

Ms Durr was expelled for ignoring a university council ban on protest marches. Last week she instituted legal proceedings for her reinstatement.

'Just the start'

Since Friday night there have been at least five attacks on her home. Early on Saturday morning a stone thrown through a bedroom window narrowly missed a house-mate, Ms Jeanne Mostert, 21.

A note, written in Afrikaans and attached to the stone, warned Ms Durr off the campus, saying "And this is just the start", Ms Durr said.

Ms Mostert made a complaint to the police afterwards. Ms Durr and another house-mate, Ms Margie Burger, said last night.

A message was left on the answering machine warning Ms Durr not to appear on campus without protection and two notes, saying "You are isolating your university" and "You are closing the doors to change" were thrown into the house, Ms Durr said.

After one of the attacks two men on bicycles were seen riding away from the house.

Ms Durr said she did not intend to move out of the house.

Boland police spokesman Lieutenant J. Steyn said early today that she could find no record of any complaints relating to the incidents.

● A spokesman for a group called Action Against Racism said yesterday that Stellenbosch University residences were likely to remain segregated until at least the September election.

Mr Pieter Hamorsma, one of five students who delivered a 1531-signature "open residences" petition to the home of President P W Botha on Saturday, said yesterday that at least part of the responsibility for opening the hostels lay with the government.

He thought it was highly unlikely that Mr Botha would respond to the petition at all. There had been no response by late yesterday.

Today copies of the petition will be delivered to the offices of the Minister of National Education, Mr F W de Klerk, the Minister of Education and Culture (House of Assembly), Mr Piet Clase, and the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Mr Gerrit Viljoen.

Segregation of residences was the issue against which Ms Durr was campaigning when she was expelled.

● On Saturday when the university rector, Professor Mike de Vries, and students emerged from a meeting, an amplified tape recording (or imitation) of Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche castigating "Cape liberals" blared from one of the residences.

Webster: Four men questioned

JOHANNESBURG. — Four men, one of them a Potchefstroom University post-graduate student, were questioned and later released by detectives on Sunday in connection with the murder of anti-apartheid campaigner Dr David Webster.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said a Mr Van Niekerk, a post-graduate anthropology student, had made inquiries at Dr Webster's Zululand home in May.

Colonel Malherbe said that on Sunday, Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives traced and questioned Mr Van Niekerk, his stepfather and two friends.

“Van Niekerk is a student at the University of Potchefstroom who knew Webster. He went to Zululand to book Webster's house for research work in the area,” Colonel Malherbe said.

He said that contrary to some newspaper reports, none of the men fitted the descriptions of any of the three police identikits out on circulation.

He added that detectives had also questioned local residents at Banga's Nek in the Thongaland district in Zululand, after they reported seeing a person fitting the description of one of the three suspects.

Webster killing lead

POLICE have "traced" the man who made inquiries at the KwaDapha, Zululand home of assassinated anthropologist David Webster's friend Amos Ngubane.

Police public relations officer for the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, said yesterday that the police had made contact with the man called Mr Van Niekerk.

"The man is a student at the University of Portchefstroom and knew Webster. He had gone to Zululand to make a booking for the house in order to carry out research work in the area," Malherbe said.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad unit detectives questioned villagers in KwaDapha after reports that the man

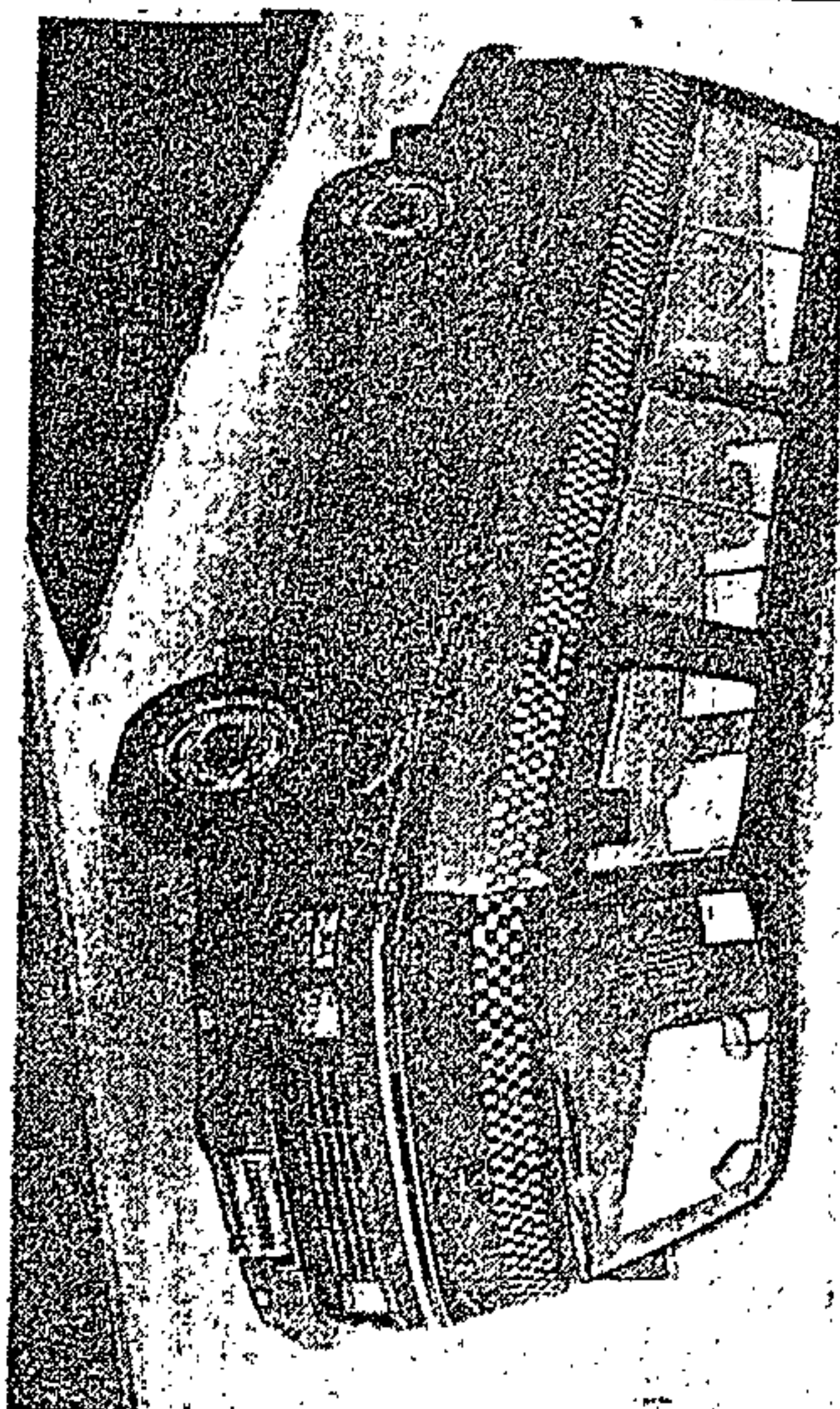
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had called at the village.

However, Professor Hammond-Took, head of the anthropology department at Wits yesterday said he had no knowledge of anyone named Van Niekerk in his department.

When Van Niekerk addressed the community at KwaDapha, he said he was from Wits. Other people who were close to Webster at the university also denied knowledge of any Van Niekerk.

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The Name Blox prize Nissan taxibus worth R44 000. Hurry and enter the Name Blox competition. See Thursday's *Sowetan*.

Dube bank robbed

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REPORTER

THE First National Bank to re-enter the bank and branch situated in Dube, near Johannesburg, was robbed of about R800 000 last night.

Two senior bank officials, who are the principal key holders, were attacked by several men as they left the branch and were forced

Film team warned

BEIJING — Chinese police detained, questioned and later released a British film team yesterday after warning them to observe national laws.

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Strydom's bid to obtain leave to appeal postponed

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The bid by mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom to obtain leave to appeal against eight death sentences has been postponed by a day.

Strydom (23) was to have applied to the Pretoria Supreme Court today but the date has been changed until tomorrow.

Strydom was found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Mr Justice Louis Harms of murdering eight people and of the attempted murder of a further 16 during an orgy of violence in central Pretoria and at the Weiler's Farm squatter camp near De Deur in November last year.

NO LINKS ²⁴⁴ POLICE

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ANY reported links between the murder of activist Dr David Webster and men who visited his Zululand home after his death were "wild rumours", Johannesburg police said yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe said the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad had sent detectives to Zululand to follow up any possible leads.

Rumours

"Any links between the men and Webster's death are wild rumours," Malherbe said.

He said the detectives had traced a Potchefstroom University anthropology postgraduate student — a Mr van Niekerk — and three men who were with him at the time.

"At no time were Van Niekerk or any of the

three men who accompanied him on the visit considered to be suspects and none of them matched identikits issued by the police.

"Van Niekerk does not figure in the investigation and his visit to Zululand was a mere coincidence," he said.



Dr David Webster . . . murderers still at large.

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about peace?*



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By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban
MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has become the stumbling block to the Natal peace talks.

This week, on the eve of promising talks to end the carnage that has claimed over 1 000 lives, he disrupted the process by tightening restrictions on some of the peace negotiators.

He effectively house arrested United Democratic Front leaders Archie Gumede and Azhar Cachalia, both of whom were certain to be involved in peace talks.

Seven times
Vlok has acted
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This is the seventh time he has acted at a crucial moment in peace moves — and every time he has disrupted the process.

According to UDF and Cosatu lawyers, previous incidents in which Vlok has acted at crucial moments include:

● November 1987, when UDF leaders were detained while reporting back on proposals that

UDF and Cosatu meet Inkatha in Pietermaritzburg;

● February 1988, when UDF and Cosatu leaders were again detained while peace talks were continuing;

● Just weeks later the UDF and Cosatu were restricted while a proposal for a national meeting with Inkatha was being considered;

● Last year, when MP Peter Gastrow tried to persuade Vlok to ease restrictions on some key figures so that talks could take place, Vlok wrote to him that the UDF consisted of "revolutionaries";

● In April this year, immediately after Cosatu and the UDF announced they were prepared to meet Inkatha and a group of "convenors", Vlok made a hard-hitting speech threatening an "iron fist" approach, putting the blame for the violence on the UDF and Cosatu and exonerating Inkatha supporters;

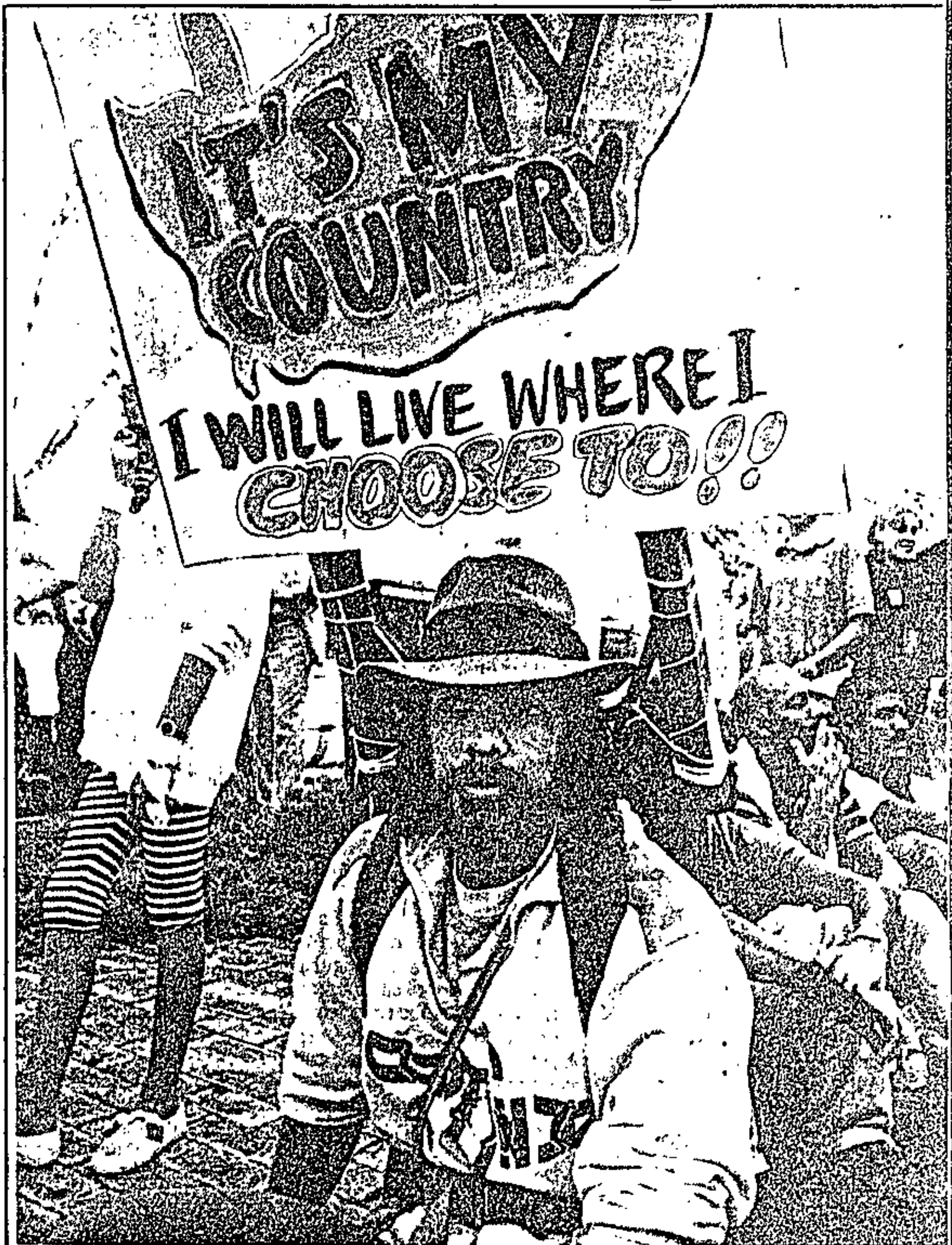
● Last September Inkatha and Cosatu set up a complaints adjudication board to arbitrate in disputes between them. The board failed, partly because restrictions on UDF leaders made it difficult for them to be party to the agreement.

Now observers are accusing Vlok of deliberately acting to prevent peace for political reasons.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu told Vlok himself in

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Walking to freedom — One of the 2 000 people who showed resistance to the Group Areas Act in the "Open City Walk Against the Group Areas" in Cape Town this week. David Kramer's performance helped them on their way

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Vlok and the Natal talks

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a telephone conversation this week that if he did not lift the restrictions on negotiators, he would regard any further protestations that Vlok was committed to peace as "so many lies".

Tutu alleged that while church leaders had spent more than 18 months trying to get the two sides to end the conflict between them, the government had consistently "acted to hinder the process, never to help it".

Pierre Cronjé, Democratic Party MP for Greytown said Vlok was afraid of a peace pact because "it will undermine the propaganda of a total onslaught."

"Vlok is systematically undermining negotiated peace in Natal by arbitrary restriction and detention of leaders who have committed no crimes. While this is happening, murderers of more than 1 000 people are still at large," he said.

Another MP, Peter Gastrow accused Vlok of "once more trying to sabotage the promising Natal peace talks."

"It forms part of a by-now well established pattern whereby the state intervenes each time it seems peace talks may get off the ground."

Similar allegations have been made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

Vlok's response, through an official of his staff, Leon Mellett, has been to deny there is anything exceptional about the restrictions on Gumede, saying he is "one of more than 500" people served with such orders.

Mellett also denied that police action would undermine talks, saying discussions last September resulted in an increased level of violence.

Vlok's only concern, he said, was to bring peace to the region.

In addition to his previous crippling restrictions, Gumede, a president of

the United Democratic Front, Archie Gumede, has been barred from leaving his home between 8pm and 5am.

Gumede would be a key member of any team to discuss ending violence in Natal; he has already played a crucial role in pushing for talks and in pre-talks negotiations.

Already Gumede was barred from participating in any activities of the United Democratic Front or the Release Mandela Committee; from addressing any gathering at which 10 or more people were present or from giving interviews or preparing material for publication.

The additional curbs, signed by Vlok on June 9, mean Gumede will be unable to participate in discussions outside Durban — Ulundi or Johannesburg, for example, both venues being considered by the "mass democratic movement" and Inkatha — since he might not get back in time.

Even meetings taking place in Durban would be barred to him should they take place at night.

Cachalia, the UDF treasurer, has experienced the same treatment at the hands of Vlok: his existing restrictions were re-imposed with the addition of a house arrest clause effectively preventing him from taking part in peace talks.

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi called for the restrictions to be lifted. "I believe that the undue and immoral interference in the development of black democracy, which the South African government has specialised in aggravates the conflict in black society about tactics and strategy."

"The government is creating a situation in which the best side cannot win and the best values cannot be upheld," he said in a press statement.

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R50 000³⁴⁶ for Webster^{15/6/89} killers³⁴⁴

JOHANNESBURG. — The total reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Dr David Webster is nearing the R50 000 mark, with pledges from various parties pouring in daily, a representative of the Academic Staff Association at the University of the Witwatersrand, Dr Alan Mabin, said yesterday.

He said that pledges to the Union of Democratic University Staff Association (Udusa) had risen to R25 000 yesterday morning, which, added to the rewards offered by the police and Wits, amounted to nearly R50 000.

Udusa pledge forms offering to pay R100 as a reward can be obtained by writing to: Hon Treasurer, Udusa, Wits, 2050, or by phoning (011) 716-2864. — Sapa

No-bail plea in trial of squatter boss

DISGRACED Inkatha Central Committee member Thomas Mandla Shabalala, already facing murder and attempted murder charges in the supreme court, could have his bail revoked following an urgent court order against him.

Shabalala is due to appear in the Durban Supreme Court in August on a number of serious charges, along with his former lieutenant, Emmanuel Khanyile.

Khanyile is already on death row after his conviction for the massacre of seven kwaMashu schoolchildren, murdered at a cemetery and their bodies dumped into a ditch.

Although not an accused in that

Four youngsters allegedly beaten on the instructions of Thomas Shabalala fear they may be attacked if the former Inkatha man goes free before his murder trial. CARMEL RICKARD reports

case, Shabalala's name was mentioned several times in evidence, with the judge commenting on the dubious role he had apparently played.

His pending supreme court appearance is in connection with the death of a high school pupil, Bheki Gcabashe, last year.

Shabalala was released on bail of

R500 in the Gcabashe case, coupled with strict conditions including an order not to attend any gathering apart from meetings connected to his business. He runs a complex network of businesses from his headquarters in the vast shackland of Lindelani outside Durban.

Evidence given in the schoolboy massacre case was that he was in charge of a number of armed *amabutho*, described in court as "community policemen", who "run" Lindelani.

Shabalala has been implicated in a number of incidents of violence, and was eventually suspended from the

Inkatha Central Committee last year, the only ICC member to be acted against in this way.

Allegations about Shabalala were back before the court last week when four kwaMashu high school pupils were granted an urgent application against him, his son and two other people from Lindelani.

The boys, who cannot be named as they are under age, alleged they were taken from their homes close to midnight on May 22 by a large number of armed men, among whom they identified several Inkatha members.

They claim they were taken to Shabalala's headquarters where more armed people were crowded into an office. They discussed what should be done to the boys, whom they alleged were members of the "comrades" and, according to the boys' statements, "some of the group said (they) should be crucified like Jesus".

They were then assaulted for many hours, during which various people including Shabalala, a prominent councillor from kwaMashu and members of the kwaZulu Police, all entered the room. Some joined in the assaults, others taunted and threatened them.

One boy said that at about 8am he was taken to another office and told to wait for instructions from Shabalala. When he arrived he allegedly said the group of abducted boys were "comrades" that "needed to be killed."

The beatings continued, in one case until midnight the next night.

One boy claimed that on the second night after his abduction, he was still held captive when someone came in and said an SADF hippo was "coming to Shabalala's premises".

"I was told to run away," he said.

However, he collapsed on the way home and was found the next day.

His family then raised enough money to hire a vehicle to take him to the polyclinic for treatment.

All four boys said they were no longer staying at home as they feared for their lives. They said their assailants warned them that they would be dealt with if they did not become Inkatha members and attend regular meetings three times a week.

Following these allegations, made in the urgent application by the boys, lawyers acting for them have written to the attorney general, enclosing a copy of the court papers and requesting that he consider cancelling Shabalala's bail.

If this were to happen, Shabalala, one of the most powerful figures in Durban's enormous informal settlements, will be held in jail until his supreme court trial in August.

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Chikane tests: 'Toxin' present

JOHANNESBURG. — The results of further tests on the Rev Frank Chikane, general-secretary of the South African Council of Churches, received on June 9, show p-Nitrophenol was present in Mr Chikane's urine during his last hospitalization, Dr Daniel J Smith, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, said in a medical report released at the weekend.

The report, released in Johannesburg by the (SACC) yesterday, said the presence of p-Nitrophenol, a breakdown product of many organophosphate anticholinesterases, along with the results of previous reported tests, provided strong evidence Mr Chikane had been exposed to an organophos-

phate, an allegedly exogenous toxic substance.

Last week, Dr Smith said while the findings then were very suggestive of exposure to an organophosphate anticholinesterases or pharmaceutically similar compound, exposure to the compound would only be confirmed with further tests, then underway.

Police have removed all items Mr Chikane brought from South Africa and will submit them to further tests.

The FBI has been involved in the investigation, according to the SACC.

Mr Chikane will receive an honorary doctorate in theology from the State University Groningen in the Netherlands tomorrow for his "outstanding contribution in the development of an authentic contextual theology for South Africa", the SACC said yesterday. — Sapa

Wolf fights for life

MASS killer Barend Hendrik Strydom's application to appeal against his eight death sentences has been postponed by one day.

The legal battle to save his life will start today in the Pretoria Supreme Court when an application to appeal against his death sentences will be heard. **344**

The former policeman and Afrikaner Weerstand Beweeging member was sentenced to death eight times.

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'Wit Wolf' application to appeal is refused

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PRETORIA. — Leave to appeal for "Wit Wolf" leader Barend Strydom, 23, who was sentenced to death on eight counts of murder last month, was turned down in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Louis Harms turned down Strydom's appeal in a five-minute judgment, on grounds it had no prospect of success in the Appeal Court.

The appeal follows a sensational nine-day trial resulting from Strydom's wild shooting spree in central Pretoria on November 15 last year, in which he shot dead seven people and injured 15 people. He had also shot dead a woman and injured another at a squatter camp in De Deur earlier.

Mr Justice Harms based his argument on the case of R V Baloi (1949), where it was argued that the mere possibility that another court might come to a different conclusion was not sufficient to justify the granting of leave to appeal.

Petition

Mr Justice Harms, who earlier in the trial described Strydom as an "assassin", said he had turned down the application on grounds that the court had found no mitigating circumstances.

The defence now have 21 days to petition the Chief Justice to grant leave to appeal. Should they fail their application, their last legal recourse is to petition the State President, Mr P W Botha, for clemency.

Strydom told the court during his trial he believed the State President — whom he at once stage threatened to assassinate — would grant him clemency.

Mr Johann Engelbrecht, for Strydom, said the court had erred in not finding that the influence and exposure of the accused to the far right views of his father and the milieu in which he moved, had not constituted mitigating circumstances. — Sapa

Hooligans terrorise tourists

By SIMON ANDREW 344

RACIAL tension flared in Rustenburg last night when white rightwingers vandalised eight cars belonging to black guests at a local hotel. The words "Wit

Wolf" were scratched into the paintwork of one car.

The vandalism occurred two days after AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche declared his intention to stand for Parliament in the Bushveld town.

The tourists were from Lesotho.

"We had just arrived and were standing in the foyer of the Cashone Hotel when three men began insulting us in Afrikaans," said one visitor, Mr Sikender Raidan.

"They then went outside and vandalised all eight of our vehicles. After scratching the words 'Wit Wolf' into the paintwork of a Mercedes, they kicked the number plates off all the other cars and just scratched them.

"I can't imagine what these people have against us — except the colour of our skins."

Police confirmed they were investigating.

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POLICE SEIZE 'AWB' ITEMS IN UK RAID

Own Correspondent

LONDON — Racist material, some of it relating to the AWB, is being examined by British police after an early morning raid on a London shop run by a fascist right-wing movement. 8/10/89

The store, Cutdown, in Soho's Ridinghouse Street, was searched at the weekend by Marylebone Police Station detectives equipped with warrants.

They left with videos, tapes, books, clothing and documents. Possible charges under the Public Order Act are pending against the shop's managers, National Front splinter group Blood and Honour.

Cutdown has, over the past weeks, been selling — mainly to skinhead customers — a popular line of "Hang Nelson Mandela" T-shirts which depict the jailed ANC leader with a noose around his neck.

Others, priced at about R24, have the words "South Africa" and the distinctive swastika-like AWB emblem across the front. Some bear the slogan "AWB — We Do This For You".

Assistants in the shop said the shirts and AWB buttons were being made in Britain and were exported to the US and Europe, where they are sold in specialist shops dealing in Nazi memorabilia.

The AWB in SA has repeatedly denied involvement with Blood and Honour, which is regarded in the UK as a fanatical extremist group.

SFW to appeal against decision on Ben Nevis

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery (SFW) is to apply for leave to appeal against a Natal Supreme Court Order prohibiting them from distributing one of their products, Ben Nevis whisky liqueur.

A company spokesman said that the application for leave to appeal would take "a day or two" to lodge. Once a decision was made, they would decide how to proceed.

Consumers would be able to purchase Ben Nevis until the application had been heard and decided.

An application to interdict the distributors, Stellenbosch Winetrust, Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery Ltd, and Aroma Liquors (a bottlestore), was brought by Scotch whisky-maker Long John International Ltd.

In the Durban Supreme Court on Wednesday, Mr Justice Booysen ruled that the name Ben Nevis and term "Scotch whisky" could not be used for any spirit not made in Scotland. Ben Nevis was found to be a blend of Scotch and Cape-made whiskies. Mr Justice Booysen decided that it was neither a Scotch nor a liqueur.

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

Deaths from September 1987 to June 18:.....	795
Deaths reported by police yesterday:.....	0
TOTAL:.....	795

Tourists' cars hit by 'Wit Wolf' vandals

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EIGHT cars belonging to Lesotho tourists staying at a Rustenburg hotel were vandalised at the weekend by suspected right-wingers.

beweging leader Mr Eugene Terreblanche announced only two days earlier that he intends standing for Parliament in Rustenburg.

Police are investigating charges of malicious damage to property.

The words "Wit Wolf" were scratched on the paintwork of one of the vehicles, a Mercedes.

Western Transvaal police spokesman captain Ben van Heerden confirmed detectives were investigating the incident which happened outside the Cashane Hotel in Steen Street after an argument broke out between three white men and the Lesotho tourists.

The whites had apparently insulted the visitors. Vandals also kicked off the numberplates of the cars and scratched their paintwork.

Afrikaner Weerstand-

Strydom appeal

Sowetan 19/6/89
MASS killer Barend Hendrik Strydom was refused leave to appeal against eight death sentences imposed on him by Mr Justice Louis Harms last month.

The 23-year-old former policeman, who murdered eight people and attempted to murder a further 16 in an orgy of violence in Pretoria and at a squatter camp last November, was not in the Pretoria Supreme Court to hear the appeal bid.

The hearing was only attended by counsel for both parties.

Mr Johan Engelbrecht, the leader of the defence team, told Mr Justice Harms that there were reasonable grounds that another court would have reached a different finding on the matter.

Opposing, Mr Paul Fick SC, the state advocate, said there were no reasonable grounds and that the death sentence was no reason for appealing, nor were their grounds to believe that another court would have reached a different finding.

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We will investigate this poisoning ourselves – SACC

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The South African Council of Churches will institute an independent investigation into the apparent attempt to poison its general-secretary, the Reverend Frank Chikane.

The initiative, announced yesterday at a Johannesburg press conference attended by Mr Chikane, has won the immediate support of major anti-apartheid, church and labour organisations.

Mr Chikane returned at the weekend from the United States where he was admitted to hospital on three occasions and medical tests revealed "strong evidence" he had been poisoned by exposure to an organophosphate.

SACC assistant general-secretary Ms Brigalia Bam indicated that although the poisoning of Mr Chikane had prompted the idea of an independent probe, it would embrace other "seemingly orchestrated and systematic attacks" on persons and organisations opposing apartheid.

"The apparent inability of the State's investigative machinery to bring to book any of those who are guilty of attacks against the opponents of the system of apartheid has convinced us that if justice is to be done on this and previous attacks we have to conduct our own investigations," a statement by the SACC read.

"We do this fully aware that in past

incidents such as the people's investigation into the assassination hit list of prominent anti-apartheid activists in 1985, the police have moved in and commandeered the information collected with no follow-up on the leads uncovered by the people."

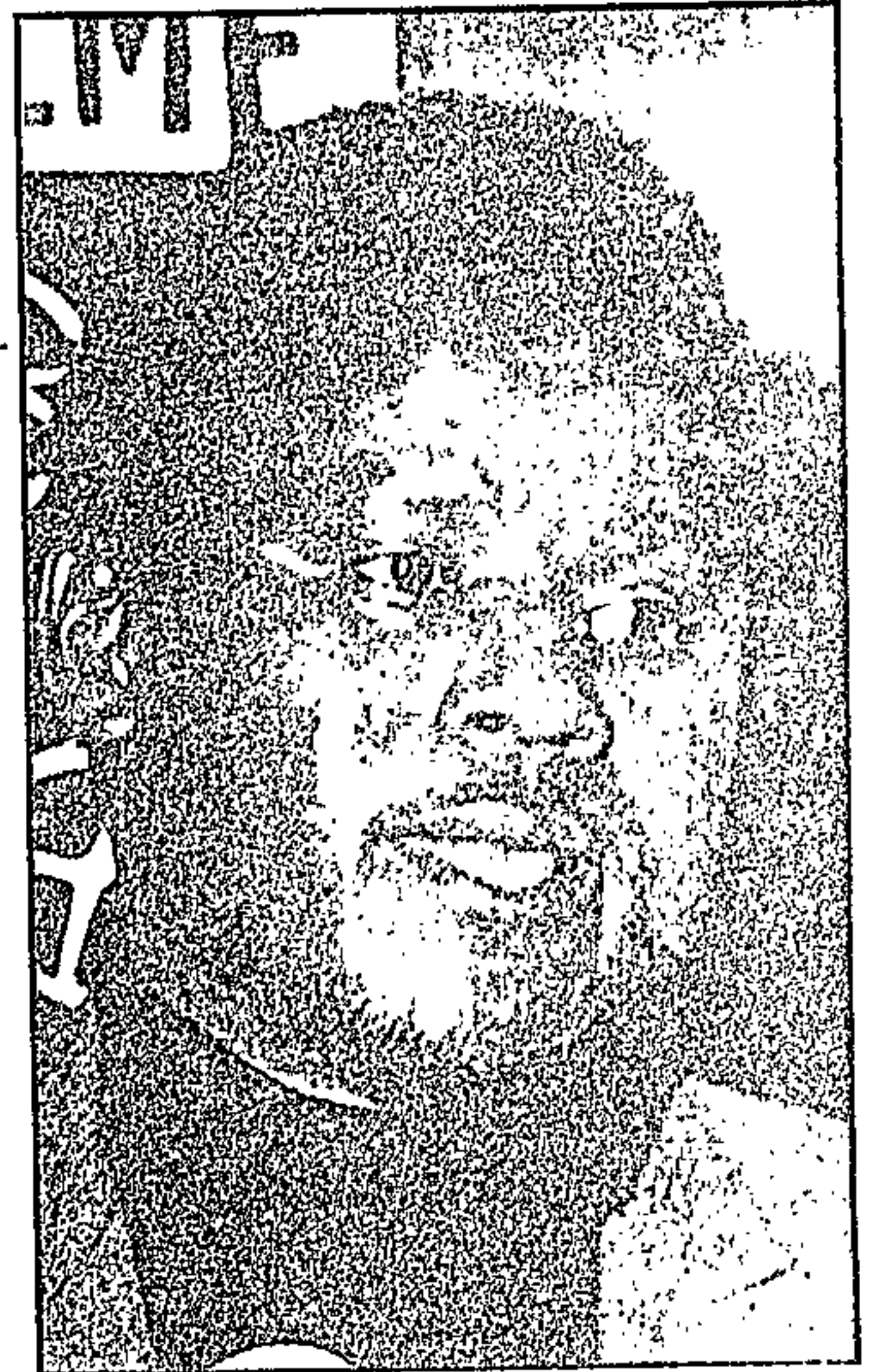
Mr Chikane said it was his firm belief he had been poisoned but that this had to be proved scientifically by a team of experts.

He was consulting lawyers to decide what action to take.

Mr Chikane said it was necessary to correct the impression given in a Sunday newspaper that US police had abandoned the investigation. Tests to establish whether the poison had been contained in his baggage were continuing but only very specialised agencies with knowledge of chemical warfare were able to conduct these.

The SACC has written to the newspaper in question pointing out that the results of tests on Mr Chikane's clothing were still awaited and the FBI's final decision whether to take on the case or not would depend on evidence of a "cross-border crime".

Representatives of Cosatu, the Mass Democratic Movement, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Institute for Contextual Theology, the Human Rights Commission and the Black Sash attended the press conference to express support for an independent inquiry.



The Rev Frank Chikane: poisoning prompted idea of an independent probe.

Those who talk to ANC risk Nelspruit blacklist

AKG 20/6/89
The Argus Correspondent

NELSPRUIT. — South Africans who have met the African National Congress as well as those planning to will end up on a "blacklist" being drawn up by some Nelspruit residents.

This was decided at a weekend meeting of 10 sparked by the news that 120 white South Africans, the biggest group yet, would be leaving soon for Lusaka and a conference with the ANC.

"Some of us felt a blacklist for the odd person who had already visited Lusaka should have already have been made, but this massive delega-

tion convinced everybody," group member Mr Ben van Schalkwyk said.

Now the group is determined to hold regular meetings and take appropriate action against the "traitors". What action is still to be decided.

However it was decided that while nobody would be confronted violently or physical harm caused to them, everything possible would be done to exclude them from all community life.

It was announced last week that 120 South Africans would visit Lusaka next month for a conference with the ANC.

The talks would be attended by about 40 ANC members and funded by the United States, Canadian, Dutch, Danish and Swiss governments.

This has also angered the group, which feels some sort of government action should have been taken.

SACC to probe Chikane poisoning

JOHANNESBURG. — A top-level investigation comprising international and South African specialists is expected to be launched soon by the South African Council of Churches into the mysterious poisoning of its general-secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane.

More details about the composition of the investigation team will be released next week, SACC speakers said at a press conference here yesterday.

According to the SACC, Mr Chikane was poisoned. He first fell ill on April 23 in Namibia and again when he travelled to America.

The investigation will also look into "the seemingly orchestrated and systematic attack on persons, organisations and their property who oppose the system of apartheid in South Africa", the SACC said.

The police force came under attack at the press conference for its failure to bring the perpetrators of these acts to justice or to solve the attacks on and "disappearances" of known activists.

Other organisations who pledged their support include Cosatu, the Human Rights Commission, the National Medical and Dental Association, the Black Sash, the Institute for Contextual Theology and the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference.

An SACC statement said: "The apparent inability of the state's investigative machinery to bring to book any of those who are guilty of attacks against the opponents of the system of apartheid has convinced us that if justice is to be done we have to conduct our own investigations.

"In spite of all the incidents that have led us to lose confidence in the state's ability and/or willingness to investigate crimes committed against its opponents, we hope that this time the state's investigative machinery will prove us wrong by co-operating with us in our investigation." — Sapa

SACC disputes finding on spray at venue

Sowetan 2.11.87

By THEMBA
MOLEFE

THE South African Council of Churches has called on the police to address it following an official statement that the substance sprayed at its conference venue was an irritant acid which was not toxic.

A spokesman of the Johannesburg Fire Department on Tuesday said the substance sprayed inside the chapel of St Barnabas by unknown intruders on Sunday night had no cyanide content.

General secretary of the SACC, the Rev Frank Chikane, described the statement as a cover-up. He said St Barnabas principal, Mr Michael Corke, yesterday re-affirmed preliminary tests done by the head of the science department confirming a cyanide base in the substance.

"The issue is not what the substance is but that it was sprayed at our conference venue and by people who should be brought to book, just as those who attempted to poison me recently," Chikane said.

A senior official of the

SACC, Mr Saki Maxozoma, said the SACC differed with the fire department's finding and regarded it as an attempt to defuse the situation.

"This is a political blunder on the part of those who did it particularly after the incident has received

worldwide coverage," Maxozoma said.

Liaison officer for the Witwatersrand police, Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, said he did not wish to comment on the findings of another department.

The police were awaiting the results of their own forensic tests and would contact the SACC on the issue if the need arose, he said.

ANC for Natal peace talks?

THE African National Congress (ANC) may participate in further Natal peace talks.

Delegates from Inkatha and the Congress of South African Trade Unions/United Democratic Front met on Monday at Durban's Royal Hotel for preliminary talks aimed at ending the violence which has claimed over 2 000 lives in the last four years.

The delegates are reportedly taking back to their organisations a proposal that further talks should include the ANC and be held at a venue outside the country.

The five-hour Royal Hotel meeting ended on an optimistic note despite the death of more than two dozen

people in the Kwazulu/Natal area the previous weekend.

In a joint statement, the organisations said they wished to reiterate the call made by their leaders for an end to the "senseless violence" which is "tearing our communities apart".

They appealed for an end to vicious propaganda about each other and committed themselves to a programme of action to end the violence.

"We believe that all our efforts must be directed towards uniting our people in a way which could decisively strike a blow against apartheid and not our people", the statement said.

While the government was not rep-

resented, it was not far from delegates' minds.

Included in the joint statement was a sideways swipe by the organisations which said they would "expose and isolate all those elements that we believe are actually engaged in this campaign of promoting violence among our people".

The statement also agreed on the importance of freedom of association, expression and residence.

The delegates were Alec Erwin and Jay Naidoo of Cosatu, and Murphy Morobe, Dr Diliza Mji and Sipho Gcabashe of the UDF.

Inkatha was represented by Dr Oscar Dhlomo, Dr Frank Mdlalose, Musa Zondi, Ngobizwe Nkeheli and Velaphi Ndlovu.

Strikes hit post offices

ABOUT 1 000 postal workers in Transkei stopped work this week in the latest of a wave of sporadic strikes that have hit post offices around South Africa recently.

The strike has closed the main post office in Umtata, and has severely affected work at four post offices in the "homeland".

The striking workers belong to the Transkei Post Office Workers' Association. Floyd Mashele, vice-president of Cosatu's Post and Telecommunication Workers' Association, said the strike was a protest against the transfer of unionists to remote post offices in the "homeland".

He said union was receiving reports that the strike was rolling into other depots in the territory.

On Tuesday 145 striking workers at Umtata post office were charged with being a "public nuisance", said Mashele. Security police were searching for leaders of Trapowa, he added.

Transkei's Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, GSK Nota, confirmed the strike had been sparked by the transfer of Noklulanga Dlokweni, an executive member of Trapowa, to Butterworth.

About 100 workers at the Pretoria post office struck on Tuesday after it was announced that the vice-chairman of the Potwa's Pretoria branch would be transferred to a township depot.

About 75 workers at the Kempton Park post office returned to work.

Hope follows peace meeting

By CARMEL RICKARD

ANOTHER round of Natal talks, said to be critical to peace efforts in the region, is to begin in Durban this afternoon.

It is the second meeting this week of senior leaders from Inkatha on the one hand and the United Democratic Front and the Congress of SA Trade Unions on the other, aimed at finding a way to halt the rising death toll in the Natal sectarian violence.

The same delegates are to represent the two sides and they will meet in the same Durban hotel as on Monday, when talks lasted more than five hours.

Both sides were apparently pleased at the progress made during Monday's talks — described as conducted in "the most constructive spirit" — and they expressed the hope that they would be able to set up a joint initiative to bring an end to the violence.

Monday's talks began against the background of renewed conflict: the police unrest report for the previous 24 hours listed nine people killed in the Durban and Pietermaritzburg townships, as well as several injuries and other violent incidents.

Among the nine were three people killed shortly before last Sunday's peace rally in kwaMashu addressed by Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

However, unrest monitors believe that as the two sides begin to halt the violence between supporters of Inkatha and of the UDF/Cosatu, it could

expose the identity of the vigilantes who are blamed for most of the current killings — and their backers.

There is now a growing belief in some quarters that these vigilantes may not be associated with either side and could either be working independently, or at the prompting or with the tacit support of another force.

It seems the parties involved in the talks have a similar belief: their joint statement committed the participants to beginning the process of exposing and isolating "all those elements that we believe are actually engaged in this campaign of promoting violence amongst our people".

And a senior member of one delegation said he believed the killings were "too ferocious and sustained" to be the work of Cosatu/UDF and Inkatha alone.

Regional director of the Democratic Party, Roy Ainslie, said that so far this year, 187 people had died in the Durban townships: 40 in January, 30 in February, 29 in March, 47 in April, and 31 in May. The June toll had been 10 to date.

In the first five months of last year 58 people were killed, compared with 177 over the same period this year.

Ainslie said 1989 had seen the additional problem of violence spreading to rural areas like Nyuswa and Ndwedwe, which had previously not been involved

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Cops bust whites at protest swim

AN AWB member, a National Party campaign organiser and a group of whites were arrested yesterday after an attempt to disrupt a protest swim at the Hillbrow swimming pool.

Police arrested the group who were blocking the entrance to the indoor swimming pool where Democratic Party city councillors for Johannesburg, led a handful of black people for a swim.

"There is no law which prevents black people from using the facility. They were merely exercising their rights as citizens of Johannesburg," Councillor Carl Steyn said.

"The police action was commendable and if this was the way they were going to serve as keepers of the peace in future then there is hope for South Africa after all," he said.

The disrupters were taken away and police are investigating charges

against them, said Mr Tony Leon, leader of the DP in Johannesburg's council.

By ISMAIL
LAGARDIEN

Steyn's wife, on Wednesday night received a threatening phone call. "The man told me that if we brought 'kaffirs' to use the Hillbrow pool, blood would flow," Mrs Steyn said at the pool-side yesterday.

Minutes later she was in the heated pool with black people having a jolly good swim. Emerging from the water, Mr Haroon Laher raised his forearm, looked at it disappointedly, and said: "Gee, I didn't turn white..."

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ANC office
bomb blast
injures three

LUSAKA — A bomb exploded in a African National Congress welfare office in Lusaka yesterday, injuring three ANC members, one seriously.

It was the third in a series of explosions in the Zambian capital.

The victims in yesterday's blast in Lilanda township had leg injuries and were taken to hospital. One might have to have a leg amputated.

The Lilanda explosion caused extensive damage to the office, shattering its windows and roof.

The ANC has its headquarters in Lusaka. — Sapa-Reuter

BETTER BE EARLY WHEN YOU ARE INVITED!!
AND GET YOUR SHARE

Early pigs get the cake

The Argus Foreign Service 16/6/89

LONDON. — There were squeals of delight from two uninvited guests who made an early start on the food at a wedding in Gloucestershire.

By the time the official guests arrived, pigs Alison and Andy had munched their way through a three-tier wedding cake prepared for the marriage of Anne-Marie Powell, 21, and Simon Damsell, 24, at Swithin's Church in the village of Leonard Stanley.

The cake, made by the bride's grandmother, was left in the church kitchen. Alison and Andy got in through an open door after escaping from their pen.

"I managed to knock up a quick replacement but it was not the same," said the tearful bride, who fortunately happened to be a professional cook.

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Mixed-race Hillbrow swim shows blacks can use council pools - DP

Arrests after AWB protest

By Kaiser Nyatumba

A group of AWB supporters, some claiming to be NP members, who tried to stop blacks entering the Hillbrow Indoor Swimming Pool to join some Democratic Party councillors in a swim to "test the water", were arrested and later released yesterday.

The group, waving AWB flags and chanting, blocked the entrance and refused to let blacks in. They handed out pamphlets depicting blacks as "negative" and "sub-human," and whites as "positive, human, creators".

Police physically removed them and put them in two vans.

Witwatersrand police media liaison officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, said five AWB members, aged between 19 and 65, were released "on their own responsibility". The case had been referred to the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand.

After the altercation, about 50 people, including members of the DP, the Black Sash, the Five Freedoms Forum and the public, some of them black, swam in the pool.

One of the protesters, Mr G Pitout, secretary of Johannesburg NP councillor Mrs Desiree Simpson, said they were there to make sure blacks did not swim in the pool.

Protest

"I am here to protest as a Hillbrow resident," Mr Pitout told the press. "The DP are not considering the white voters of Hillbrow. They are agitating the people by swimming here."

Some members of the group identified themselves as National Party supporters in the Hillbrow area who were angry with the Government for not being consulted about Hillbrow's future.

DP councillor for Orange Grove, Mr Clive Gilbert, was involved in a heated argument with the AWB protesters before their arrest.

The swim was meant to demonstrate that the council had never taken any resolution or motion, or passed any by-law, prohibiting blacks from using municipal swimming pools, said Mr Tony Leon, leader of the DP in the council.

He commended the police for taking the protesters away.

Mr Gilbert told The Star he did not believe the protesters were Hillbrow residents.

● An Indian man, who identified himself as Haroun, had members of the press and fellow swimmers worried when he appeared to be drowning. Press photographer Mr Allen van der Linde and a lifesaver jumped into the water to carry him to the pool's shallow end.



Leader of the Democratic Party in the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Tony Leon, surrounded by supporters of the multiracial swim at the Hillbrow swimming pool. ● Picture by John Hogg.

Plan to 'spring SA agents'

SOWETAN Reporter

HARARE — A group called the "White Reaction Movement" was behind the daring plan to spring South African agents from a Zimbabwe prison last year, according to the confession of a member of the raiding party, Denis Charles Behan.

Behan, a 40-year-old former Rhodesian SAS soldier, born in Britain, was working as a security manager at the Sandton Sun Hotel near Johannesburg in April last year when he was first approached by a friend about a plan to rescue the men, some of whom have since been convicted of bombing ANC properties in Zimbabwe.

Details of the plan which went wrong are contained in the statement admitted as evidence in his trial in the High Court in Harare.

In a dramatic turn he changed his plea to guilty to committing an act of terrorism or sabotage, but denied responsibility for actions that took place after his arrest.

A child was shot and injured and a helicopter was damaged during the aborted raid.

The change of plea followed the refusal by Botswana police officers, whom Behan said had tortured him, to give evidence unless he were subpoenaed.

Behan's lawyer said an arrangement had been reached with the prosecutor and it was agreed that the issue of his treatment in Botswana would not be pressed as it was of no further relevance to the court.

The defence was no longer challenging the confession, which Behan had earlier said was obtained as a result of torture in Botswana when he was arrested there after escaping from the police at a Zimbabwe border post.

His confession refers to meetings in West Germany

where the scheme to free the men was put to him by two men he named as Jeff and Alan.

He had been offered R8 000 with his fare paid to Frankfurt when he was first asked if he was interested in "some work".

It was at the Europe Hotel in Mainz that Alan told him the job was to break some white people out of a Zimbabwe prison. He agreed to do it.

He was then introduced to Jeff who said he was representing people called the White Reaction Movement. The money for the operation would be put up by "lot of rich Zimbabwean businessmen who had a lot of money there and could do nothing with it."

Behan said that eventually after more telephone calls from Alan and meetings in South Africa with Jeff, two other men, Jim Maguire and Michael Cormac, had agreed to take part.

The trial continues.

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vandals break in, deface NP office

JANET HEARD

THE National Party office in Heidelberg was broken into and defaced by right-wing supporters this week, shortly after an AWB meeting was held in the town hall.

NP candidate for the Nigel constituency, Mr Craig Williamson, who is also a member of the Presidents Council, said vandals broke down the door and placed AWB stickers on the windows and over the NP sign.

A picture of a gorilla and a black person was stuck on the window, which read: "What is the difference?" The answer under the gorilla read: "This one is better-looking and does not have Aids."

The vandals left a leaflet which attacked the NP and the DP.

Unification

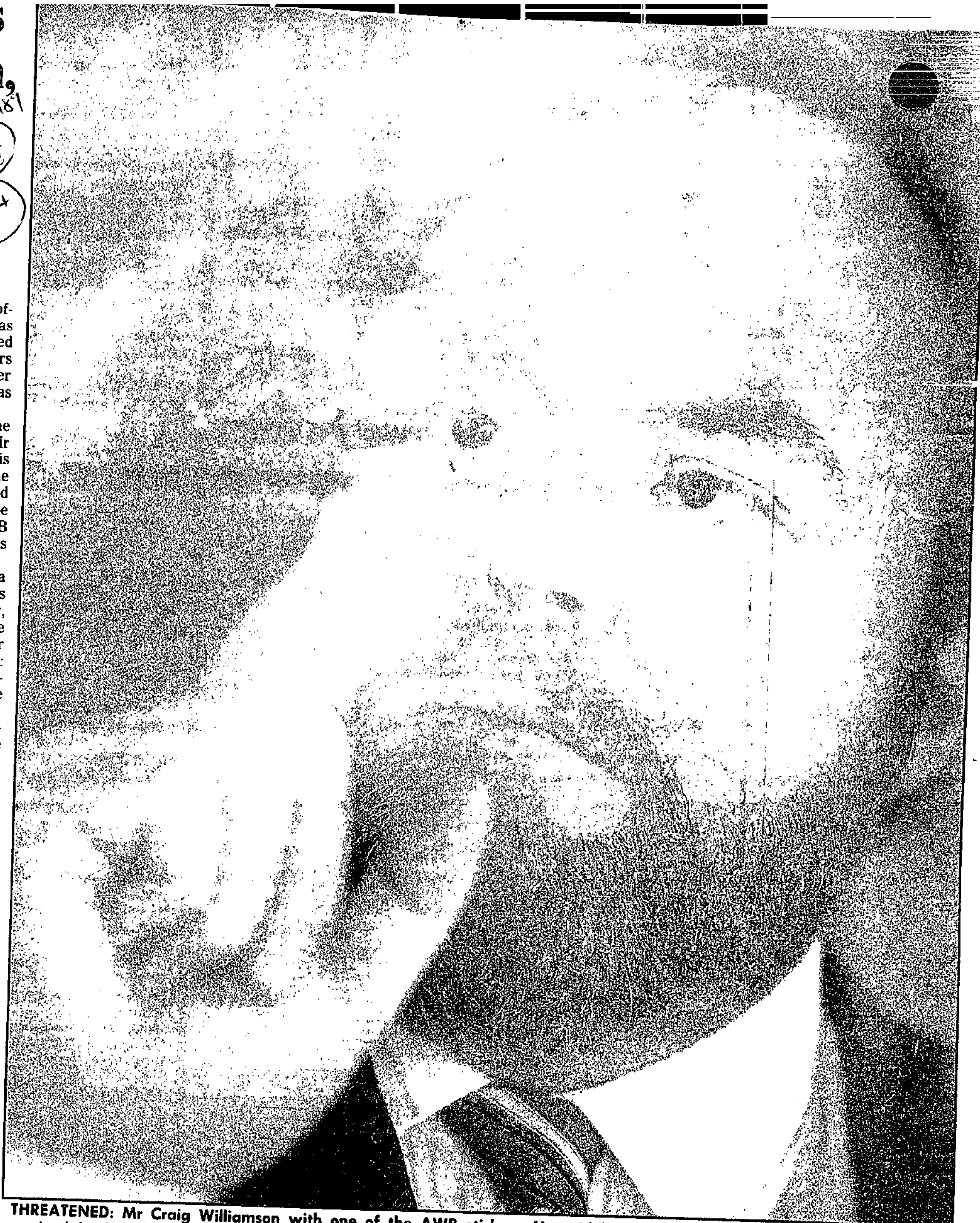
The leaflet, in English, said the AWB was committed to the unification of the Afrikaner under one right-wing party and, until that unity was achieved, the AWB would contest seats in the coming elections.

The Heidelberg-Nigel area, a CP stronghold, has had various reports of right-wing attacks in the run-up to the September general elections.

"There is strong support for the AWB in Heidelberg, where the organisation was founded," Mr Williamson said.

He said other NP office-bearers had recently received death threats, and a house in Sharon Park was burnt down by vandals who claimed to be members of the AWB. The house was occupied by blacks during renovations.

Police are investigating the attack on the NP office.



THREATENED: Mr Craig Williamson with one of the AWB stickers. He said he and other NP office-bearers had recently received death threats.

● Photograph: Ken Oosterbroek.

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Silence follows police probe into Webster assassination

By GAVIN EVANS

FIVE weeks after David Webster's assassination, police remain tight-lipped on the progress of their investigation, while human rights activists have challenged them to produce results.

Police investigating officer Colonel Floris Mostert said on Wednesday that his men were "still investigating the whole thing", but could not comment further "as this could have a bearing on the outcome".

Earlier, one of his colleagues, Colonel Chris Earle, said there were "definitely no positive clues", but insisted his team were "trying their best".

Human Rights Commission representative Dr Max Coleman expressed scepticism about how seriously the investigation was being taken by police and challenged them to show evidence of their efforts. "We are starting to feel that this investigation is going the way of all the others in the past. After an initial flurry of police action everything has gone silent."

"It is disturbing that 33 days after his death, there seems to be a complete halt in progress towards solving his murder," Coleman said.

He expressed surprise that police were remaining silent despite newspaper reports that new witnesses had been found and a claim by convicted mass murderer Barend Strydom that the "Wit Wolwe" were behind Webster's assassination.

A recent *Vrye Weekblad* report said that a new eye-witness had come forward with fresh information on the identity of the killers which suggested that the original identikits were inaccurate.

Colonel Mostert said police would alter the existing identikits "if necessary". He refused to comment further.

Vrye Weekblad reporter Jacques



A grief-stricken Maggie Friedman, girlfriend of assassinated David Webster, at a detainees teaparty held to commemorate him

Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

Pauw was also handed a letter by Strydom in which he claimed the Wit Wolwe were responsible for Dr Webster's assassination. The police have discounted claims that the Wit Wolwe exist.

Pressure on DP to shun ANC meeting

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Pressure is being put on Democratic Party members not to take part in the Five Freedoms Forum conference in Zambia at which the role of whites in a future South Africa is to be discussed with the African National Congress.

FFF and DP sources confirmed that some DP members have already withdrawn from the all-white South African delegation of about 120 people.

Among the DP members who will probably still travel to Lusaka on Thursday for the three-day conference with about 40 ANC members is Mrs Helen Suzman.

Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck's name was "still on the list", an FFF spokesman said. However, a senior DP source said the party's executive had requested Mr van Eck not to attend the conference, sponsored by the American, Canadian, Dutch, Swedish and Danish governments. Mr van Eck could not be reached for comment.

The DP source said while the party supported negotiation with the ANC, it was not in favour of "going on someone else's visit with people who do not necessarily share our political agenda".

Turned down

He said most DP MPs and the three co-leaders, Dr Zac de Beer, Dr Denis Worrall and Mr Wynand Malan, had turned down invitations to join the largest white delegation yet to meet the ANC.

"We will make our own visit in due course. Although no definite decisions have been taken, I will not be surprised if it happens next year."

The FFF spokesman said about 20 DP members

would attend the conference, to be held from Thursday to Sunday.

Of those, about 12 were DP officials such as MPs, candidates for the September election, city councillors and constituency organisers.

Ten prominent Nelspruit citizens in the process of compiling a blacklist of the "120 ANC worshippers" do not accept Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's announcement that the government will be closely watching them.

Angered by the government's "unwillingness or inability" to stop the tour, group member Mr Ben van Schalkwyk said: "By visiting the ANC and speaking to them these 120 white South African 'traitors' are indirectly becoming partners in the maiming and killing of innocent people."

What was expected of the government, Mr van Schalkwyk said, was that these people should not only be watched but that their names should be made public in order that they be stigmatised and ostracised.

"We want the government to know that South Africans who will be exercising their democratic vote are not taking this matter lightly," he warned.

Broederstroom 3: Evidence in mitigation

Current situation vital in ANC trial

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

The manner in which historians and the South African Government view the current political situation and the African National Congress will form part of the evidence when the Broederstroom Three terrorism trial resumes today.

The Pretoria Regional Court heard last week that political events in South Africa, particularly since 1976, could have led to three white self-confessed ANC members reaching their decision to join the organisation.

The three — Damian de Lange, Iain Robertson

and Susan Donnelly (nee Westcott) — pleaded and were, last week, found guilty on various charges of terrorism. De Lange was also found guilty on two charges of arson.

De Lange and Robertson have both told the court, in papers handed in by their defence attorneys, they are members of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the military wing of the ANC.

Professor Colin Bundy, Professor of History at the University of Cape Town and at the University of the Western Cape, told the court last week when giving evidence in mitigation on behalf the accused, that "the era in which they grew up" needed to be taken into consideration.

He said that during that period the ANC had began a climb to legitimacy among the people of South Africa while the legitimacy of the Government was dwindling.

Professor Bundy described the era as showing a "distinctive political character", and added that in this time South African society "expressed an interlocking set of acute problems ... and so long-lasting that one could accurately characterise it as ... a multifaceted historical and social crisis".

Professor Bundy, regarded as the top expert on the African National Congress and who has been a leading figure in the anti-apartheid struggle, was asked by the State for an adjournment in order to prepare his cross-examination.

It is expected that the State will this week also call an expert witness on the ANC.

The trial arises out of a raid made by the police on a remote farmhouse in the Broederstroom area, south-west of Pretoria, on May 8 last year. The three accused and a fourth man, Mr Hugh Lugg, were arrested. Mr Lugg has not been seen since the arrests were made.

They were alleged to be members of an ANC "specialised terror unit". De Lange was said by the State to be the unit leader, Robertson the political commissar, and Donnelly the communications officer.

Initially, the three accused were charged not only with terrorism but also with attempted murder and charges relating to explosives, arms and ammunition, and damage to property.

Park worker faces probe over demo

A Johannesburg City Council employee, Mr Leonard Veenendal, will appear before a council disciplinary hearing to answer allegations that he took part in a AWB protest at the Hillbrow swimming pool last week.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said Mr Veenendal, who worked for the Parks Department but was not the superintendent of the pool, had been summoned on Friday by his head, Mr Paul Loubser, to discuss the matter.

"If he was on duty at the time of the alleged incident I'm afraid he has big problems."

"The town clerk is setting up a disciplinary hearing which is the normal procedure... His trade union also has a say in the matter which will be handled so that all parties are fairly treated." — Municipal Reporter.

Apartheid protest

POLICE are investigating charges against right-wing protestors arrested at last week's protest swim at the Hillbrow Swimming Pool.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe of the Police public relations division confirmed that "the docket has been submitted to the Attorney-General to decide whether or not the State will prosecute."

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Police probe poison spray, clothes link

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are probing a possible link between the poisoning of a South African Council of Churches (SACC) meeting venue in Johannesburg at the weekend and the contamination of the Rev Frank Chikane's clothing.

And in another development, the SACC executive committee is to send a letter to President George Bush of America appealing for help with the testing of Mr Chikane's clothing.

Forty-six people were taken to the Coronation Hospital for treatment after they inhaled a toxic and acrid-smelling substance sprayed in a chapel at the St Barnabas College in Bosmont at the weekend, police said.

Tests

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe said detectives had opened a malicious damage to property docket.

He said police had found no forced entry into the contaminated area and it appeared that access was gained through an unlocked door.

The substance would be tested forensically by the SAP and by the Johannesburg Fire Department.

However, a preliminary investigation carried out by the school's science section indicated the urine-like substance was a cyanide-based weed killer or insecticide, said the headmaster, Mr Michael Corke.

Mr Corke said he suspected that right-wingers were responsible for the vandalism and disruption of the SACC

meeting, but Colonel Malherbe would not comment on this.

Reacting to the incident, Mr Chikane said: "Whoever did this confirms the determination to harm us. It angered a lot of people — it is a place of prayer and that is where they put poison, simply because the church preaches about justice."

The SACC was to hold its annual meeting at the college yesterday, with Mr Chikane as its guest speaker.

"As a result of allegations in America that Mr Chikane's clothing was contaminated with some poisonous substance and the fact that he was to be the guest speaker at St Barnabas, we will investigate the possibility of a link between the two incidents," said Colonel Malherbe.

The incident received international media coverage as West German Labour Minister Mr Norbert Blum was visiting St Barnabas today with the West German ambassador.

Another venue

The meeting had to be held at another venue.

Mr Blum told the SACC delegation that as Christians they had to strive for the equality of man before God.

The Minister said he was committed to opposing apartheid and the violation of human rights.

However, he said he did not believe that global economic sanctions would force the South African government to the negotiating table. "Sanctions will hurt the very people they are intended to help," he said.

Police study 'Witwolf letter'

POLICE are studying a letter allegedly written by members of the Witwolve supporting condemned murderer Barend Strydom and calling on Afrikaners to eliminate members of the ANC and other left-wing organisations.

Police said the letter, which was sent to the Cape Times last week, was being studied by forensic detectives and that the matter was regarded as "serious".

The typed letter, written in Afrikaans, was headed "Voice of the Witwolve" and referred to a group calling itself the "Barend Strydom revenge commando".

It said the heads of eliminated communists would become stones in a monument to white South Africa.

THE Sowetan this week received a pamphlet titled "The voice of the Wit Wolwe" which praises condemned mass killer, Barend Strydom

Praise for Barend

and what he stood for. The unsigned pamphlet is written in Afrikaans and states that

"more deaths should follow, more heads should roll." (344) It urges its supporters

to take revenge (wraak). "A head of an eliminated communist is an additional brick on the monument of white South Africa."

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'Black Wolf' goes berserk, stabs five

Own Correspondent
PORT ELIZABETH — A berserk knife man, who allegedly called himself a "Black Wolf", ran amok in a Uitenhage shopping centre and stabbed five people before he was overpowered and arrested.

Among those stabbed were members of a women's club and a 14-year-old schoolgirl. Although at least two of the man's victims were stabbed in the neck, and one in the body, none was seriously injured. All were taken to hospital where their wounds were stitched up.

Police said the incident occurred about noon on Saturday at a centre where members of the Ladies' Club of the Lions Organisation were selling hoovers and rolls to the public. One of the injured is Mrs Sue Palmer, 45, president of the club. She was stabbed in the hand. Another of the injured, Mrs Joan Prinsloo, 57, of Scanlon Street, Uitenhage, was stabbed in the arm.

Her husband Mr Joe Prinsloo was stabbed in the neck. Mr Prinsloo only noticed later, however, that he had been stabbed when he saw he was bleeding from a wound in his neck.

Mrs Prinsloo said things were normal in the centre, with people queuing at the tables to buy rolls, when suddenly "everything went mad". People were running around screaming and shouting, she said. The next moment a young black man ran past the tables, stabbing people as he went.

"It all happened very quickly. He stabbed a man who was waiting to be served at my table, in the neck. The man slumped onto my cash box, blood spurting from his neck."

This man was later identified as Mr Johannes Hendrik Gouw, 45, of Bezuidenhout Street, Uitenhage.

Fourteen-year-old Anneke Jooste was stabbed in her side.

"Chaos broke out. There was blood everywhere. People were screaming and milling around. Someone even threw a bun at the man in an attempt to stop him," Mrs Prinsloo said.

Mrs Palmer, of Hibiscus Drive, said she was standing behind a table serving customers when she heard a commotion.

"People were yelling. The next moment a young black man was on top of me. He had a knife and lunged at me, wounding me in my hand. He then ran further, stabbing at people as he went," Mrs Palmer said.

An eyewitness told police the man had shouted that he was a "Black Wolf". Police said the knife man was chased by a young man in military uniform, who kicked the knife out of his hands and overpowered him. He was then handed to the police.

A 25-year-old man is expected to appear in court soon on several counts of attempted murder.

'Stink bomb' substance at SACC venue

PRETORIA. — The substance sprayed on the floor at St Barnabas College — where the South African Council of Churches was due to have held a meeting yesterday — was "often used in the manufacture of stink bombs used in practical jokes," the SA Police Public Relations Division said last night.

On Monday, 39 college staff members received hospital treatment as a result of headaches and vomiting after contact with the substance.

A police spokesman said the SAP forensic laboratory analysed samples and found it a genetical substance.

The spokesman said it was a mixture of organic acids and that it had a repulsive smell and caused a mild skin irritation.

No trace of poisonous substances such as organic phosphates, insecticides, pesticides or cyanide were present in the samples.

"No murder or attempted murder can be associated with the genetic substance", he added.

The substance was also analysed for the Brixton and Johannesburg Fire Departments and identified as Pentanoic acid.

Saarchem commercial manager Mr Gary Wrede yesterday said Pentanoic acid was used in the manufacture of perfumes and flavourings.

He added that a dose of 3,7g was sufficient to kill a human being.

The police spokesman said SAP investigations were continuing — Sapa and Own Correspondent



Tests show *Soviet* acid 28/6/89 'not toxic'

THE substance sprayed at a venue where the South African Council of Churches was due to have held a meeting on Monday, is an irritant acid but is not toxic, a Johannesburg Fire Department spokesman said yesterday.

The substance had absolutely no cyanide content, said the spokesman.

Suspected right-wingers broke into the St Barnabas College in Bosmont at the weekend and sprayed the substance over the floor, fittings and walls of a chapel in an attempt to disrupt the SACC meeting.

Inhale

About 46 workers were taken to the Coronation hospital after they inhaled the fumes but were later discharged.

The fire department spokesman said tests had revealed the substance was a combination of three "vinegar-like" acids, including butanoic acid and hexanoic acid.

"These three were used in combination. They are bad-smelling and slightly corrosive acids which irritate the respiratory tract but do not cause any lasting damage," he said.

The acids were used in certain foodstuffs and in the manufacturing of perfumes.

No cyanide

"We can categorically state that there was no cyanide whatsoever in the substance," he added.

Police are investigating if the incident is linked to the contamination by an alleged toxic substance of the clothing of the Rev Frank Chikane recently.

Chikane was to have been a guest speaker at the meeting.

Witwatersrand police spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe said on Monday SAP forensic experts would also test the substance sprayed at St Barnabas.

Azapo bomb threat

THE Azanian People's Organisation received a bomb threat from a woman caller yesterday. They suspect the caller to be white. *Sowetan 28/6/84*

Mr Vuyo Kapa answered a telephone call and was told by an agitated woman that the offices in Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, "should expect something big and it is going to be a bomb."

Mr Jackie Hlapolosa, who was also in the office at the time, said they took the threat seriously as buildings housing anti-Government groups such as Cosatu and the SACC in Johannesburg, Wilgerspruit Fellowship Centre in Roodepoort and the SACBC in Pretoria had been bombed.

area."

The union's claims were followed by reports that a young man had been severely assaulted by a police patrol in Mphohmeni, a township near Pietermaritzburg, on June 16. After being arrested and taken to a nearby police station, the boy was released and all charges dropped. He has drawn up an affidavit with the details and is considering laying charges.

The Mpophomeni interdict was granted last month after the court heard evidence that police had failed to intervene while the township was being attacked by vigilantes and that police officers had themselves participated in assaults on residents.

In Imbali, a township at the centre of the conflict in Pietermaritzburg, reports are rife of police patrols that pick young men up in the streets and take them to a local football stadium where they are made to lie on the ground before being sjambokked. City lawyers say they have documented at least five such incidents.

KwaZulu police have confirmed they are investigating reports that white men, dressed in civilian clothing and driving unmarked cars, were involved in fighting which left nine people dead in the Durban township of kwaMashu after a peace rally



Colleagues carry the coffin of trade unionist Jabu Ndlovu. His funeral saw strong police action, which has allegedly worsened tensions in Pietermaritzburg

Picture: ARON MAZEL PPC

called last weekend by the Zulu nationalist movement, Inkatha.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan

Each of these episodes in the Natal violence took place after lawyers for the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) released a dossier containing details of 29 incidents in which police and Inkatha warlords allegedly co-operated in the shooting, detention, interrogation and harassment of township residents.

After the dossier had been released, the Department of Law and Order issued a statement saying each of the incidents would be investigated and people who made claims about police collaboration with Inkatha would be asked to give evidence. General Henric de Witt said police were investigating the possibility that Cosatu, by publishing the dossier, had violated restrictions imposed on it under the Emergency.

But the theme of the dossier is echoed by the statistics, gathered by researchers at Natal University's Centre for Adult Education, which show that of the identified incidents of violence in 1987, 368 were initiated by Inkatha members while 113 were sparked by members of the United Democratic Front or Cosatu. Yet during the last State of Emergency the vast majority of those detained were linked to either Cosatu or the UDF.

The lawlessness in Natal's townships led to a march last week by some 50 women from Mpumalanga on the local police station. The mothers demanded to see the station commander to complain that members of his riot unit had been living with Inkatha members and took part in attacks on UDF supporters.

The women also claimed members of the riot police had participated in petrol bomb attacks on houses in the township and that innocent people had been sjambokked and assaulted by members of the unit.

Police denied the allegation about petrol-bombing as being "so far-fetched it does even warrant comment". They said police in Mpumalanga were not allowed to reside with private residents and that the unit had not even been issued with sjamboks. Since they started working in Mpumalanga, no assault charges had been filed against the police, the statement added.



Prayer rally ... 'Warlord' David Ntombela with supporters in Edendale this week **Picture: CLINT ZASMAN**

A MILLION people live in the burgeoning shantytowns on the perimeter of Durban, which sprawl for kilometres over the undulating valleys and hills to the north of the city.

The settlement has almost no basic social services, except for water which can be bought at points along the main road or collected from the rivers when they are flowing. Three years ago the unemployment rate stood at 45 percent and is now believed to be much higher.

Much of the land, destined to be incorporated into the kwaZulu "homeland", has been owned in freehold by African and Indian landlords for decades. Since the 1950s, when people were removed from the nearby settlement of Cato Manor and settled in Inanda, there has been no formal system of local government.

A major obstacle to peace is the continued activities of "war-lords". A "warlord" is one who commands a group of vigilantes, extracts tribute in the form of taxes and special levies from residents and rule over an area from residents and rules over an area authorities.

Two groups fall under the category of "warlord" — "shacklords" who

**A powerful local man appoints himself lord of the shack dwellers, allocates plots and extracts taxes. Soon he becomes a 'warlord'.
By THANDEKA QGUBULE and EDDIE KOCH**

rule the mushrooming informal settlements around Durban and "strongmen" who control sections of the formal townships around Pietermaritzburg.

Different sets of conditions seem to generate the two types of "warlords" found in Natal.

In the informal settlements, the practice of colonising unpopulated areas has emerged. This is either done by landowners or a powerful man who settles on the land, establishes an "army" of unemployed people and designates the area his own.

He appoints himself lord of the shack dwellers, allocates plots, charges rent and extracts taxes. He is able to evict "tenants" who refuse to meet these conditions

In Inanda, for example, they collect

a variety of taxes from residents — a monthly land tax of R5, an Inkatha joining fee of R5, a road fee of R7 and another R7 for a bridge to be built. The "tenants" also pay R5 for the maintenance of the "shacklord's army". Sometimes a levy of R5 is collected for the legal defence of a "warlord".

Weaker "slumlords" are also invaded by stronger "shacklords". In Inanda the "shacklord" of a section called Mshayazafe attacked a neighbouring area called Piesangs, forcing the residents to flee or accept his rule.

In formal townships a symbiotic relationship appears to have developed between vigilantes, local councillors and *indunas*. Many "warlords" rose through local government structures particularly community councils.

But vigilante groups existed before the war. Called *Oqonda* — meaning to make straight — the vigilantes were used by community councillors to "straighten out" criminal elements.

As the nationwide protest of 1984/85 spread to Natal, the vigilantes began to comb the townships for any political activists.

Some "warlords" were recruited from the ranks of common criminals,

according to a highly placed source in the kwaZulu administration.

There are also reports of businessmen who became vigilantes after their shops were boycotted. Ex-policemen have also become "warlords".

One of the most notorious "warlords" in Edendale, Schizo Zuma, was a taxi driver before the conflict in Natal.

In 1986 he was allegedly involved in an attack by young "comrades" on the home of "warlord" Abdul Aweta. The "comrades" were defeated and Zuma crossed the floor. He was then used to reinstate pro-Inkatha chiefs in Vulindlela, a semi-rural area near Edendale, who had been attacked by "comrades" in 1987, according to the source in the kwaZulu administration.

Natal University academics Mike Morris and Ian Edwards, who are coordinating a research project on the economic and social roots of the conflict in Natal, say that the shacklords are akin to "small feudal lords who are perpetually trying to extend the size and area of their fiefdoms."

"Frequently one shacklord will send their troops to take over the shacks of another shacklord."

THE NATAL PEACE TALKS ARE FINALLY UNDER WAY. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF PROBLEMS NEGOTIATORS FACE...

IN a dingy fast-food outlet, across the road from the terminus in Pietermaritzburg where people wait for buses to the city's black townships, a 10-year-old boy slips a silver coin into a video machine called "Vigilante".

Before the game begins, messages flash on to the screen explaining that thugs have made off with a blonde beauty called Madonna and that it is the duty of the player to rescue her. "Law and order has broken down," says the machine. "The police cannot stop the thugs. You must defend the people's turf."

Just a 20-minute bus ride away, in the sprawling settlements that straddle the war-ravaged Edendale valley, the ethics of a video game become the grim reality of township life.

Despite the fact that more than 1 300 people have died in a civil war that has raged in Pietermaritzburg's black communities since 1987, only a handful of killers have been convicted — even though notorious "warlords" who rule many of the settlements have been implicated in affidavits by scores of eye-witnesses.

The response of the police has fre-

Where real life imitates the

A video game, favourite of township children, chillingly echoes real life: 'Police cannot stop the thugs. You must defend the people's turf'. Despite the fact that 1 300 hundred have died in Natal's violence, very few killers have been convicted. EDDIE KOCH reports

quently been to call for more witnesses to come forward with evidence. But in at least two cases, such people have been gunned down after giving their account of a murder to the courts or other authorities.

Over the past two years it has become a belief in the townships that members of the police collaborate with the "warlords" in their attacks on young militants and trade unionists.

Learning to fight from a machine

By THANDEKA GOUBULE

TEN-YEAR-OLD Mkhululi grips the knobs of the video machine called Vigilante with excitement and becomes engrossed in the game. Mkhululi, whose name means "Liberator", plays the game because "I want to know how to fight when there is a need to", he says.

Mkhululi comes from Mpophomeni, near Howick in Natal. This is the township in which the Sarmco strikers reside and it has been subjected to repeated raids by vigilantes from the neighbouring area of kwaShiit.

"In Mpophomeni we fight. Here in the game there is only one person against the entire mob but in Mpophomeni there are many of us. Those who die, die and those who live, live," he says while delivering a series of punches and karate kicks to thugs that appear on the screen.

Mkhululi, who is spending the school holidays in Pietermaritzburg with his mother, a domestic worker in the city, says he is familiar with war and with torture.

He keeps losing the game to a particular tough guy and fetching another 20c to play again. He says the tough guy reminds him of a very fierce vigilante in Mpophomeni.

When they fight in Mpophomeni there is only one chance to live. Yet in the game there are numerous opportunities to resurrect oneself.

In Mpophomeni small children fought big men, he says. The hero of the screen is a little chap in blue jeans who takes on all the heavies in town.

Mkhululi returns to the machine, this time to win. As he knocks down each of his opponents, words flash onto the screen: "Law and order has failed. But the vigilantes have won. Vigilantes now rule the city".

He who drinks the 'comrades' water must be a comrade

THE crack of a bullet fired into the air by the occupant of a shack in Inanda is a sharp reminder that the congested shantytown on the outskirts of Durban is one of the most volatile flash-points in Natal's civil conflict.

"They are just checking to see that their *amaqwasha* (home-made rifles) are working properly. It's also a warning that they are ready to attack at any time," said a resident of the area, who calls himself Joe.

More than 100 people have been killed in Inanda since the beginning of 1987 and the Piesangs area has been the site of particularly intense fighting this year.

Until recently Joe and his family lived in Piesangs Two — a buffer zone between a shanty district known as Shayazafe ("beat until he dies"), inhabited mainly by Inkatha supporters, and a section of Inanda called Newtown A, where United Democratic Front sympathisers have a stronghold.

The story of how the family came to be identified as "comrades" and driven out of their homes by "othelweni" (vigilantes) from Shayazafe provides a graphic instance of how local conflicts over scarce resources in the informal settlements have become embroiled in internecine clashes between rival political groups.

Tensions developed with the creation, in 1982, of a site-and-service scheme at Newtown in Inanda. There the Urban Foundation, a private development agency, provided residents with toilets and water supplies and assisted them in building their own houses.

Black businessmen, professionals and factory workers, who could af-

A clash over a set of disputed taps led to an attack on 'Joe' and his family, reports EDDIE KOCH

ford to pay for the sites and houses, tended to move into the site-and-service scheme. As a result, some areas in Newtown came to be dominated by members of Cosatu trade unions and militant youth and scholars. Many of the shackdwellers, on the other hand, tried to bolster their authority through allegiance to the kwaZulu government and Inkatha.

The endemic instability of the shantytowns was compounded by rivalry between house-owners and shackdwellers over Newtown's superior resources — and these social tensions became increasingly embroiled in the wider political conflict between Inkatha and the UDF/Cosatu.

Heather Hughes, a researcher at the University of Natal, reports that early this year landlords, or "shacklords", heightened the conflict by telling their tenants they could take over houses in Newtown if they attacked "troublemakers" and UDF/Cosatu supporters who lived there.

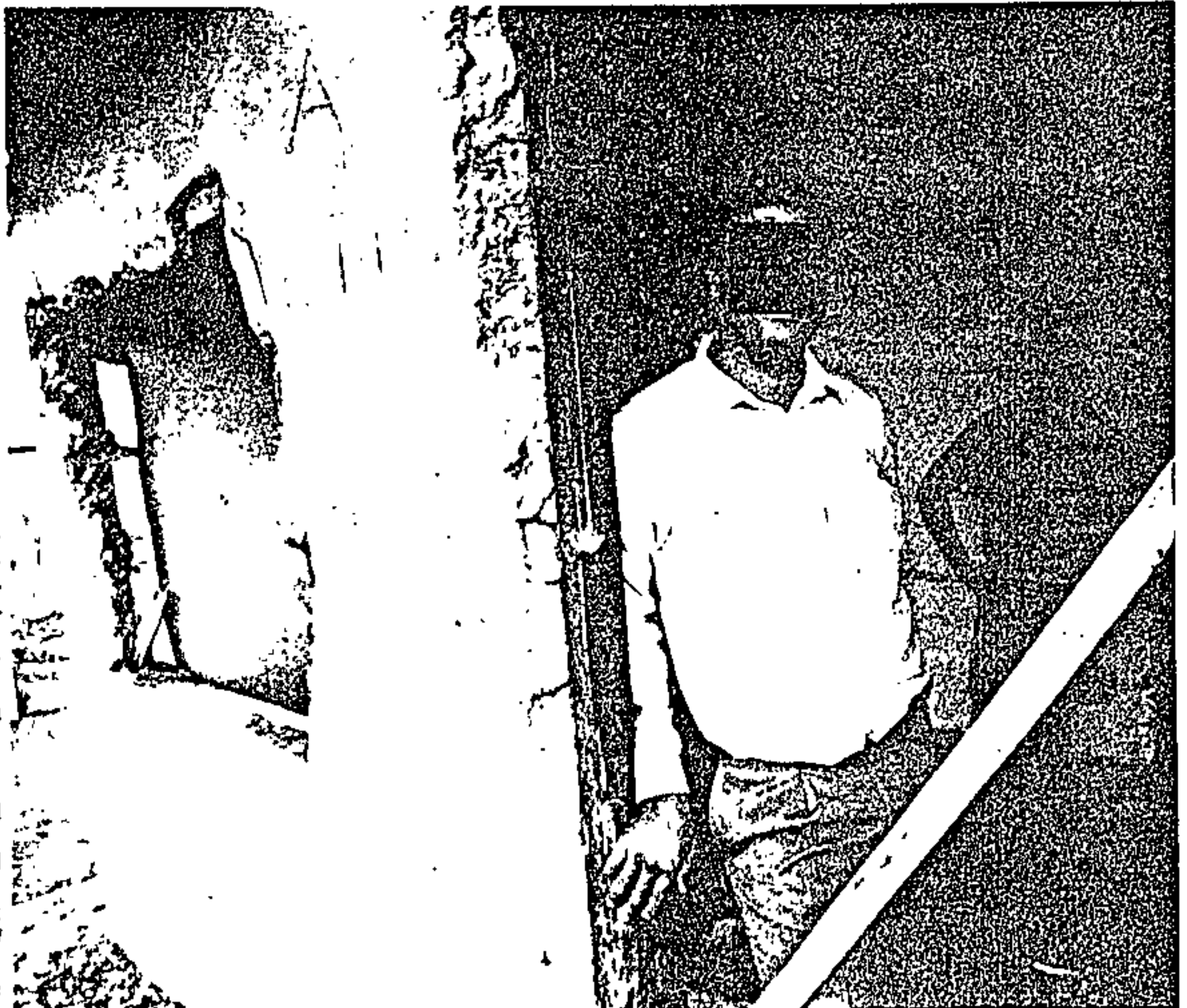
"For shackdwellers this must have seemed the easiest — or only — way to acquire decent housing. 'It is a fight between the haves and the have-nots,' one resident explained. There was then retaliation by the 'haves' who closed off access to bus stops, water points, the clinic and even schools (in Newtown) against those from the shanties," says Hughes in

At the funeral early this month of trade unionist Jabu Ndlovu, who died of third-degree burns after her home had been torched by right-wing vigilantes, police allegedly sjambokked mourners and then stopped a bus and

ordered the occupants to alight in an area controlled by warlords. As a result two young men were allegedly stabbed and treated in hospital.

"Police action at the funeral has once again exacerbated tension in

Pietermaritzburg," said the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa). "Numsa repeats the call that an urgent independent commission of inquiry into police conduct is essential to restoring peace and legality in the



Homeless ... Joe in the house that was burnt down after he drank from the 'comrades' water

Picture: PETER BENNET

an article published in the latest Black Sash newsletter.

Joe's family, who lived in a shanty area adjoining Newtown, then made an agreement with the township residents which allowed them to continue using the water. As a result, they were attacked one night by vigilantes from Shayazafe and hounded out of their homes.

"They said if we were using the taps of the 'comrades' then we must have been 'comrades' all along," said Joe.

As a result of the attack, his family has been forced to take refuge in Newtown A. They now align themselves with UDF supporters in the area — and in this way a local tiff over access to water has become embroiled in, and exacerbated by, the broader polarisation between Inkatha and the UDF/Cosatu.

Now the gunshots that echo around the valleys of Inanda on most days symbolise the simmering state of civil war that exists between residents of Newtown A and Shayazafe.

"The struggle for resources is a major factor in the fighting here," says Democratic Party MP Peter Gastrow. "It is a powder-keg situation if one community is cut off by another from critical resources."

Any agreement for lasting peace in Natal will clearly have to find ways to limit the way in which political differences have precipitated social tensions in the informal settlements around Durban into uncontained civil war.

A PEACE BREAKTHROUGH COULD BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AWAY

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

FOLLOWING historic peace talks between representatives of Natal's warring groups, a significant breakthrough appears just an announcement away.

Participants in the peace talks are remaining tight lipped about what happened during their discussions, but there is no doubt that both sides are working urgently towards an "off-shore" meeting between Inkatha, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the United Democratic Front and the African National Congress.

Last week's two meetings were intended to pave the way for a joint peace initiative, and a lot of ground-

work had to be done — the two sides had apparently conflicting peace programmes, for example, and there is still the question of a venue for talks.

However, the decision to hold a second round of talks within a week was promising, as was the fact that the participants from the two sides were unchanged.

The statement issued at the end of the second meeting was even less informative than the one which followed the first, but it noted that both

sides had "now agreed on the format and contents of a joint report" which would be finalised and submitted to the organisations and presidents of the two sides.

This appears to mean that the two proposals for a peace initiative have been reconciled, although this compromise still has to be approved by the organisations.

A key player at this stage remains Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He is anxious that peace talks take place in Ulundi, but is also keen for discussions with the ANC, and he could decide that it was worth trading one off against the other.

Buthelezi has refused to be present at talks not held in Ulundi but he nevertheless tested the atmosphere of last week's talks in absentia, with a tough statement entitled "We must do the right thing now".

His eight-page memorandum was read to the first meeting and was subsequently released to the media.

The tone was hardly conciliatory, with harsh innuendos about the hidden agendas of Cosatu and the UDF and a demand for their "vicious vendettas" against Inkatha to stop.

Despite any disquiet this may have caused, delegates returned four days later to continue their discussions.



Faithful followers ... Inkatha supporters at a prayer rally in Edendale on Sunday

Picture: CLINT ZASMAN

Sight of pig's head offends city Muslims

Staff Reporter

The grisly sight of a pig's head stuck to a wall filled members of Pageview's 15th Street Mosque with revulsion today.

Pork is prohibited in the Muslim religion and the impact of the vandalism was heightened as today is the Muslim Sabbath.

Mr. Mohamed Vaid, a spokesman for the congregation, said there could have been two motives for the insult.

A controversy had been raging over the sale of Halal foods in supermarkets, and many Indian Muslims had been moving into Pageview and neighbouring suburbs in spite of restrictions under the Group Areas Act. (Halal foods are specially prepared to be "clean" under Muslim law.)

"Fortunately, we found it before the day's first prayers at about 11.30 am," said Mr. Vaid. "It was a terrible thing for someone to do — a grave insult."

A charge of crimen injuria has been laid with the Brixton police.

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Teargas: Officer guilty 344

KLERKSDORP. — A Stilfontein traffic officer who, while wearing a mask, threw a teargas canister into a hotel in which numerous blacks were present, was yesterday found guilty in the Regional Court here of illegal possession of teargas. Johannes Bernardus van Rooyen, 37, was fined R750 (or three months' imprisonment). He was acquitted on a charge of malicious damage to property.

Pig's head in mosque

STimes
21 May 1978 By BOETI ESHAK (344)

A CHARGE of crimen injuria has been laid with the police after the discovery of a pig's head at a mosque.

Worshippers arriving for morning prayers were stunned to find a pig's head on the wall of the 15th Street Mosque, Pageview, Johannesburg.

Mr Mohamed Amin Vaid, who lives near the mosque, said the head was placed next to

the wall where the muezzin gives his call to prayers.

"We have no doubt this was the work of rightwingers. They profess to be Christians and then do something like this. They are only showing their mentality by stooping this low," he said.

"It's unthinkable that any Muslim would deface a Christian church." Mr Vaid said the congregation viewed the incident as an attack on the Indians still living in Pageview,

"compounded with the recent halaal issue".

Another worshipper said they would not be intimidated, nor would they abandon the mosque.

This was not the first attack on the mosque. Windows have regularly been broken and early this year the words "Mohamed eats pork" were sprayed on the wall.

Guards

"We have requested the police to institute regular patrols around the two mosques in Pageview," Mr Vaid said.

"We are also considering hiring security guards to watch over the mosques."

A police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand confirmed the incident and said police were investigating a charge of crimen injuria.

● In May, pig's heads were found in mosques in Ermelo, Lenasia and Middelburg.

ing Craven on Saturday old Michael Friedman of Durban, who died last month in Addington

tomorrow he is expected to have a bone transplant to replace a fractured vertebra.

Eskom plans to provide millions with electricity

By Winnie Graham

A multibillion-rand project to provide electricity to 22 million people (two-thirds of the population) by the turn of the century has been initiated by Eskom.

If plans go according to schedule, half will have power within five years.

This project could affect people living in 2,5 million homes in South Africa.

The first scheme, launched in the Cape with 14 industrialists as shareholders, is serving its first 220 customers.

Mr John Bradbury, Eskom's reticulation market development manager, said that the establishment of 14 other supply entities were "in various stages of negotiation".

PROVIDING POWER

"South Africa has a population of 33 million, of whom 11 million have electricity in their homes, he said. "Providing power to the remaining 22 million was not conceived as a charitable venture. To succeed, the project must be viable."

Eskom, he said, hoped to involve both the private sector and customers as partners in financing the project and supplying power to the people.

The cost of providing power to 2,5 million homes, using traditional methods, was estimated at between R10 billion and R12 billion.

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Bomb blasts ANC house in Lusaka

LUSAKA — Several people were yesterday admitted to hospital after a bomb exploded outside a house occupied by black South African exiles, eyewitnesses said.

No one was believed killed, said a neighbour in the Lusaka suburb of Kamanga.

The neighbour said the explosion left a 2 m crater in the pavement adjoining the house in which the exiles lived, demolished part of a wall and a boundary fence and damaged nearby houses.

It was not immediately known if South Africans were among the unspecified number of people injured. Police released no details of the blast.

Last month, the African National Congress (ANC) accused the South African Government of mounting a new sabotage campaign against its members and facilities in Zambia.

Three Lusaka-based ANC officials were injured in a series of blasts at ANC offices in June.

One person died near the ANC headquarters building in Lusaka when explosives he was carrying blew up, police said on June 22 — Associated Press.

Monitors link drop in Natal deaths to peace drive

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By CARMEL RICKARD

IN what unrest monitors believe is a spin-off from the Natal peace initiative, fewer people are dying in political violence in the province than at any stage this year.

As part of the peace push, some township residents are setting up one-to-one talks, while both Inkatha and the United Democratic Front/Congress of South African Trade Unions alliance are preparing for important, although still separate, meetings focusing on peace this weekend.

Delegates from the two sides held unpublicised talks on Tuesday, the third round of discussions since the launch of a joint preliminary peace initiative. An "off shore" meeting between the three parties and the African National Congress is also on the cards.

On Sunday, the UDF and Cosatu are to hold a peace rally in Edendale, to report back on the talks so far.

This follows a similar Cosatu/UDF rally last weekend at Curries Fountain in Durban, and an Inkatha rally in Edendale two weeks ago. Inkatha will also focus on the peace initiative in Ulundi this weekend during the organisation's annual conference.

Monitors in Pietermaritzburg said there had definitely been a drop in levels of violence in Natal.

They said the only exception was Mphophomeni, where residents had been involved in several clashes with people from kwaShifu.

"It is difficult to say definitively that the lull is being caused by the peace talks," said one. "There has sometimes been a cyclical drop in the violence, almost as if the two sides are exhausted and need a break. Then it picks up again."

"But the signs seem to indicate that the talks and the new climate they have produced are the cause."

In January, February and March this year, an average of about 60 people died each month.

In April this dropped to 39, in May to 36, and in June to 16, although the latter is a provisional total.

Durban statistics show a similar trend. In June, the Democratic Party's unrest monitoring group recorded nine deaths, the lowest monthly total this year. In January and April, for example, 40 and 47 deaths were reported respectively.

Individual "comrades" and members of Inkatha in some Durban townships have also been having face-to-face discussions on peace, while there have been overtures to set up similar talks in some Pietermaritzburg townships.

'Wolwe attacked union member'

FOUR whites allegedly attacked SA Chemical Workers' Union (Sacwu) member Stanford Mazikwana, 52, who died at Baragwanath Hospital on July 1, according to a union statement yesterday.

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According to the statement, Sacwu member David Mapuna said he saw "four white boys" assaulting Mazikwana on the morning of Saturday July 1, in Iondale, a white suburb east of Johannesburg. 8104 777187

"When they saw me, two of them advanced towards me. I heard them saying: 'Wolwe slaan dood.'"

Mapuna said a passing motorist helped him escape. Mazikwana was apparently taken to the nearest hospital and then transferred to Baragwanath, where he died the same day. The matter was reported to Edenvale police station.

SAP East Rand Division spokesman Col Danie Koen confirmed an assault on Stanford Mazikwana was being investigated. Information was that several whites were involved.

The union statement claimed that right-wing intimidation was rife in the area, and two other incidents had been reported to the police.

Col Koen could not comment until he had dates, but said available information was being investigated.

Sacwu called on its members to remain peaceful while police investigated the matter. — Sapa.

'Wit Wolwe' kill union man on the East Rand

A MEMBER of the SA Chemical Workers' Union was attacked and killed in Kempton Park last weekend allegedly by four white men who shouted: "Wolwe slaan dood", Sacwu claimed yesterday.

Mr Stanford Mazikwana (52), an AECI employee, died at Baragwanath Hospital on July 1 shortly after the attack.

An East Rand police spokesman yesterday confirmed the incident, saying police had information that "Mazikwana was killed by a group of whites" last Saturday.

Police have opened a murder docket following the incident.

Sacwu said a union member who witnessed the attack heard the four shout "Wolwe slaan dood", as they assaulted Mazikwana.

"When they (white men) saw me, two of them rushed towards me but I ran as fast as I could until I

got a lift from a passing motorist," the witness told Sacwu.

The four allegedly disappeared into the nearby veld, leaving Mazikwana seriously injured.

Sacwu said the witness and the motorist noted the registration of the assailants' car.

A number of AECI employees have been attacked by white vigilantes in the area over the past month, according to the union.

"Our members who are employed by AECI now fear for their safety following the spate of attacks on their colleagues," the union said.

An AECI spokesman said the company deplored any form of violence and that management would investigate the incident.

Mazikwana, a migrant labourer, will be buried in the Transkei on July 15.

Worker dies after assault by 'wolves'

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JOHANNESBURG. — A South African Chemical Workers' Union member died in hospital this week after four white men allegedly physically attacked him saying "Wolwe slaan dood".

In a statement issued yesterday, SACWU said that Mr Stanford Mazikwana, 52, died at Baragwanath Hospital on July 1.

Mr David Mapuna allegedly saw "four white boys" assaulting Mr Mazikwana on the morning of Saturday, July 1 in Iondale, east of Johannesburg.

"When they saw me, two of them advanced towards me. I heard them saying 'Wolwe slaan dood'."

Mr Mapuna said he escaped by waving down a passing motorist. When they returned to the scene they noted down the number of the white youths' car.

It was then that they realised who the victim was, the statement said. Mr Mazikwane was taken to hospital but died the same day.

The 5 000-strong Modderfontein branch of SACWU, to which Mr Mazikwana belonged, subsequently sent a delegation to SACWU head office, saying that right-wing intimidation had

been occurring in the area for some time.

A Mr Kaiser Maila and a Mr Mazelele Momo were also allegedly assaulted and the incidents had been reported to Edenvale police station but "nothing happened".

SACWU general secretary Mr Humphrey Ndaba said the situation was extremely tense.

SAP East Rand Division spokesman Colonel Danie Koen said the assault on Mr Mazikwana was being investigated and their information was that four whites had been involved.

He said he could not comment on the other two alleged assaults until dates were supplied but the information available was being investigated.

AECI group communications manager Mr Mike Blizzard said the company knew nothing about the alleged incidents as yet, but they were being investigated.

A company statement expressed condolences to the family of Mr Mazikwana, described as "a valued employee of Modderfontein Factory since September 1973".

SACWU has called on its members to remain peaceful while police investigate the matter. — Sapa

BOLD UNITY PLAN

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By S'BU MNGADI

PLANS for a bold new united force against apartheid, between Inkatha and the ANC, were made public this week.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi revealed for the first time on Friday an as yet unpublished document which he claims could "lead to a new powerful united force in South African politics".

This document – the result of a series of Natal peace talks between Inkatha and UDF/Cosatu alliance – has been prepared for a proposed meeting soon between Buthelezi, ANC president Oliver Tambo and UDF/Cosatu leaders.

Addressing Inkatha's National Council, Buthelezi said future historians would trace a new political era and the final collapse of apartheid to the document.

As a result of this "blueprint" the UDF's Archie Gumede, Cosatu's Elijah Barayi, Tambo and the Inkatha leader will meet late this month.

Buthelezi has suggested Europe or the US as a venue but the UDF/Cosatu leaders want Lusaka or Harare.

He disclosed parts of the document – annoying the UDF and Cosatu who say he breached confidence.

Cosatu/UDF will only be revealing the document at Cosatu's congress in

Inkatha, UDF, ANC to talk for peace

Johannesburg next weekend.

Two committees – a permanent consultative committee and a joint peace committee, will then be appointed to organise a peace conference scheduled for August.

However, Buthelezi sounded a word of caution that he did not want to fail Inkatha by turning it "into a lame duck which could be shot and destroyed to satisfy the political hunger of the UDF, Cosatu and the ANC."

Central to his scepticism is that the monopoly of leadership Inkatha has enjoyed in Natal/KwaZulu will have to be curtailed.

UDF acting publicity secretary Murphy Morobe told a peace rally at Durban's Currie's Fountain last weekend that, although the UDF and Cosatu wanted peace, they were not surrendering to apartheid.

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Pamphlet banned

By SHAUN HARRIS

A BANNED rightwing pamphlet smearing Indian families who have moved into a whites-only area has been defended by the mysterious figure who compiled it.

Mr Michael Moore is named as the author of the pamphlet attacking Indians who have moved into Westville, near Durban.

The pamphlet, banned in Friday's Government Gazette, has already been dropped off at many homes in wealthy Westville by a distribution company.

Entitled The Facts in a Nutshell, it is a searing attack on Indians and black people, claiming that if they move into white areas, health hazards, uncontrolled breeding and rampant violence will result.

But Mr Moore said yesterday he was "amazed" by the banning of his pamphlet.

Describing himself as the "unofficial acting chairman" of the Westville Action Committee, a fringe anti-mixed-areas group, he said he stood by the sentiments expressed in the pamphlet.

Union claims workers were attacked by SAP

Star 11/7/89
By Mike Siluma, Labour Reporter

About 19 workers were injured, one seriously, when police took action against workers locked out of Dunlop Industrial Products' Benoni factory yesterday, says the Chemical Workers' Industrial Union (CWIU).

A union statement claimed that the police, called by management, had dispersed about 500 workers outside the factory gates by beating them with sjamboks. Nineteen workers were injured and one was taken to hospital.

The CWIU said the "illegal" lock-out appeared to be connected to a dispute over worker demands for the dismissal of a white worker who allegedly assaulted a union shop steward. Management allegedly refused to take disciplinary action against the white worker.

"CWIU members believe this to be racist and discriminatory treatment as many black workers have been subjected to tough disciplinary action for much lesser crimes," said the union.

Comment from Dunlop and the police was unavailable at the time of going to press.

● The union said a strike by about 150 members at Gillette (SA) in Springs had entered its second week. The dispute centred on the alleged unfair dismissal of a shop steward.

Gillette managing director Mr John Ford said only 50 workers were on strike and that the dismissal of the shop steward last October had not been unfair. Mr Ford alleged that strikers had been threatening people on company premises.

2 Sash workers get threats

Star 11/7/89. By Dawn Barkhuizen

Death threats from an anonymous "Wit Wolf" have been received by Black Sash workers in the southern Cape.

Mrs Lu Harding of Knysna and Mrs Jill Dugmore of George recently received letters saying "Death awaits you next" signed by and depicting a "Wit Wolf".

Both letters were postmarked Mossel Bay.

The women are active Black Sash workers and have been involved in the fight against the relocation of squatters of Lawaakamp, George.

Mrs Harding will report the matter to the police today.

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Identity crisis

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City police
picked on
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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

A Johannesburg man claims Johannesburg Municipality security personnel, one with an AWB sticker on his file, arrested him and three friends for drinking alcohol while picnicking at Wemmer Pan at the weekend — but ignored most whites doing the same.

"It was a racist incident and very humiliating. They took us to the Booysens police station and we had to pay R30 admission of guilt fines for drinking in public," said an enraged Mr Dean Ebdon of Hillbrow.

"These guys arrested two white men just to show they weren't picking on us — but their families were ignored."

Brigadier Jan Visser, Johannesburg's director of security, yesterday denied there had been a "racial incident" or that white offenders had been ignored by the officers.

He said two whites and two coloureds had been arrested

"Other whites were not arrested because they were children," he added. He denied that there was an AWB sticker on one of his men's files.

Service for victim

Sacwun 12/7/89

A MEMORIAL service for an AECI employee allegedly killed by a group of whites in Kempton Park a fortnight ago, is to be held at the company's Modderfontein plant today.

The service for Mr Stanford Mazikwana (52), a member of the SA Chemical Workers' Union (Sacwu), will be held at the AECI hall at 5.30pm.

A Sacwu spokesman

said messages of condolences from international and local organisations would be read at the service. (344) (55)

Mazikwana died at Baragwanath Hospital on July 1, the same day he was allegedly attacked by four white men who shouted: "Wolwe slaan dood."

He will be buried in the Transkei this coming weekend.



DURBAN. — The proposed "Big Four" Natal peace talks in August in London between the ANC, UDF, Cosatu and Inkatha may be postponed because kwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi is already committed elsewhere.

A highranking Inkatha delegate to the peace talks confirmed that Buthelezi will find it difficult to attend the negotiations between August 14 and 24.

Cosatu general secretary and peace talks delegate Jay Naidoo said Buthelezi, Oliver Tambo, Elijah Barayi, Albertina Sisulu and Archie Gumede would meet overseas to plan a peace conference. "to thrash out a joint process on how any agreement can be monitored on the ground and enforced by the organisations which have agreed to it."

Peace talks delegates, Dr Oscar Dhlomo of Inkatha and Dr Diliza Mji of the UDF, have cautioned that optimistic press coverage of their negotiations has raised people's hopes too high.

Both men downplayed their peace talks as "exploratory" after separately

'Big four' peace talks face delay

briefing the new and influential American Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Mr Herman Cohen, in Durban this week.

● Sipho Gcabashe, the only Pietermaritzburg participant in the Cosatu/UDF negotiating team, referring to two recent incidents, says he believes someone may be trying to sabotage the peace talks.

Four men, one of them wearing a balaclava, were looking for Gcabashe, a Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu) organiser, at his office while he was at last week's negotiations with Inkatha in Durban.

On June 28, Gcabashe said, he had to do a dangerous U-turn to avoid a confrontation with two mystery drivers on the road from Ashdown to Pietermaritzburg.

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party of the future and if we want to be taken seriously, then we've got to lay the foundations. We must show black South Africans and the international community that there are whites who share their point of view about the future of this country. It is that factor more than the outcome of the election that determines that we should fight on as broad a front as possible," says Worrall.

He adds the DP's aim is to give as many (whites) as possible the opportunity to vote for the party. "If that leads in some cases to seats going to the CP, then so be it." ■

INKATHA-ANC TALKS

London calling

While traffic to and from Lusaka has been reaching congestion point of late, Mangosuthu Buthelezi — like his veteran white counterpart P W Botha — has shown you don't have to travel to Zambia to talk to the ANC.

The promised peace indaba between the KwaZulu and Inkatha leader and ANC president Oliver Tambo seemed an even more unlikely occurrence a few months ago than last week's monumental Tuynhuys meeting. But after what seemed an almost unbridgeable split between the leaders, a London meeting is on — and tracing events back, Mandela can clearly be seen as a catalyst of the easing relations between the organisations which, apart from their common goal of black liberation, have precious little else in common.

The letter the jailed ANC leader sent to Buthelezi earlier this year from the Victor Verster prison showed Mandela's concern at the political violence tearing Natal apart; and expressed a wish for improved relations

between Buthelezi and Tambo, as well as the ANC and Inkatha, to be restored. This provided common ground for the meeting, probably due to take place within the month.

At the same time as Buthelezi was publicly quoting the letter to mass peace rallies, the ANC's department of information and publicity issued its most direct statement on the Natal violence, saying the organisation would participate in whatever way possible to try to end the killing.

With Mandela acting as the link, the way was cleared for the first meeting between the external wing of the ANC and Inkatha in more than 10 years.

Although both sides have made it clear, the subject of the meeting will be joint proposals formulated in earlier meetings between Inkatha, Cosatu and the UDF, to implement a ground level strategy to bring peace to the region — psychologically the meeting will be a major boost for black unity. For the first time the country's four leading, mainly black political groups will act with common purpose, presenting a united front that was inconceivable at the height of the internecine violence in Natal.

And if they can meet once, pushing aside ideological differences and old antagonisms, why not again? The thought of Inkatha working hand-in-hand with its more radical counterparts, backed by the ANC, in a combined onslaught on apartheid is a formidable one.

Past clashes and political differences between the organisations have well-suited proponents of classic divide-and-rule strategies. While SA, and the world at large, has looked on in horror at the ghastly bloodletting in the Maritzburg townships, it has provided smug comfort for those arguing against black rule. If those same black leaders can now end the violence and, given their vast political differ-

ences, turn their combined efforts on advancing black unity, the effect could be devastating.

Buthelezi certainly sees the importance of unity — he has been making that call for years, indicating he was prepared to meet Tambo — and now it seems the ANC, as part of a new dual external/internal strategy (which might even include tacit backing for participation in elections), have realised it too.

With this in mind, some of the chief minister's statements at Ulundi last Friday do seem to have more substance than the usual rhetoric. When he talks about "an era in which black politics is given a completely different face" and says he observes the ANC, UDF and Cosatu "reappraising their attitudes towards Inkatha as part of the reappraisal of the South African situation," it fits in with the general perception of a fast flowing, loosening political climate.

Significantly, Buthelezi indicated in a remark towards the end of his presidential address last Friday that Inkatha's co-operation might not be limited to the ANC and the Natal violence problem. Looking beyond the elections, he said if F W de Klerk "took meaningful steps towards the politics of negotiation" his movement would have no objection but to "throw its full weight behind any developments which were positive."

Just how far this support would go is difficult to gauge, and a lot might depend on the London meeting. Even more depends on the release of Mandela, a consistent call Buthelezi has been making for years. The prize for government could be the full support of KwaZulu in future — vital if F W de Klerk is serious about black participation in parliament.

If the London meeting is successful, and leads to the breaking of the logjam in black politics, it does not seem too unlikely that other groups like the UDF and Cosatu could be drawn into the negotiating process if the government sets the right conditions — which would include unbanning many individuals and organisations.

If not, it could face the joint resistance of a unified black front led by Buthelezi and Tambo. That sort of opposition would make the rightwing a very pale comparison. ■

Protest aimed at far Right mother

Pretoria Correspondent

A plea of not guilty has been noted by a Pretoria Regional Court magistrate for the Roodepoort mother who demonstrated outside the Pretoria Supreme Court on the day mass murderer Barend Strydom was sentenced to death. *SAW 14/1/78*

Mrs Sandra Lucia Ewer (28), pleaded guilty yesterday to demonstrating within a 500 m radius of a court building.

A plea of not guilty was noted by magistrate Mr J A Venter as he felt that in her plea explanation, Mrs Ewer did not plead

guilty to all aspects of the charge.

Mrs Ewer said she did not realise that only one person could be responsible for a demonstration. She said she did not know there was a law against demonstrating within 500 m of a court building, but if she had known she would have demonstrated outside the radius.

Mrs Ewer said her action — holding up a placard in front of police and press — was not aimed at the State, but at the far Right.

During the week of May 22

this year, by way of the press, she said she was continuously exposed to the far Right organisations and their support of mass murderer Strydom. Their actions were in contrast to her moral and religious convictions.

Mrs Ewer said she felt the far Right was using the trial as a political platform for their racial principles.

In her actions, Mrs Ewer said she hoped the world would see that not all Afrikaners supported murderers.

Mrs Ewer was warned to appear in court on October 16

television tomorrow.

Blaze at NUM offices

ERMELO police have opened an arson docket after a fire broke out and caused about R20 000 damage to the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) offices early yesterday morning.

ANC to play role in Natal peace

Leaders set for August meeting in London

By S'BU MNGADI

A SECRET UDF, Cosatu and Inkatha document makes provision for the participation of the ANC in the peace process for war-torn Natal.

The ANC, banned 28 years ago, is also expected to participate in long-term programmes to resettle the more than 100 000 people displaced by the violence.

The new political era in the struggle for liberation, as envisaged in the document, will see Inkatha accepted back into the fold of the mass democratic movement after a decade in the political wilderness.

The document is scheduled to be examined at a historic meeting of the four presidents of the ANC, Cosatu, the UDF and Inkatha in London at the end of this month.

Its contents were, according to an undertaking by all parties, to be kept secret until the London meeting took place.

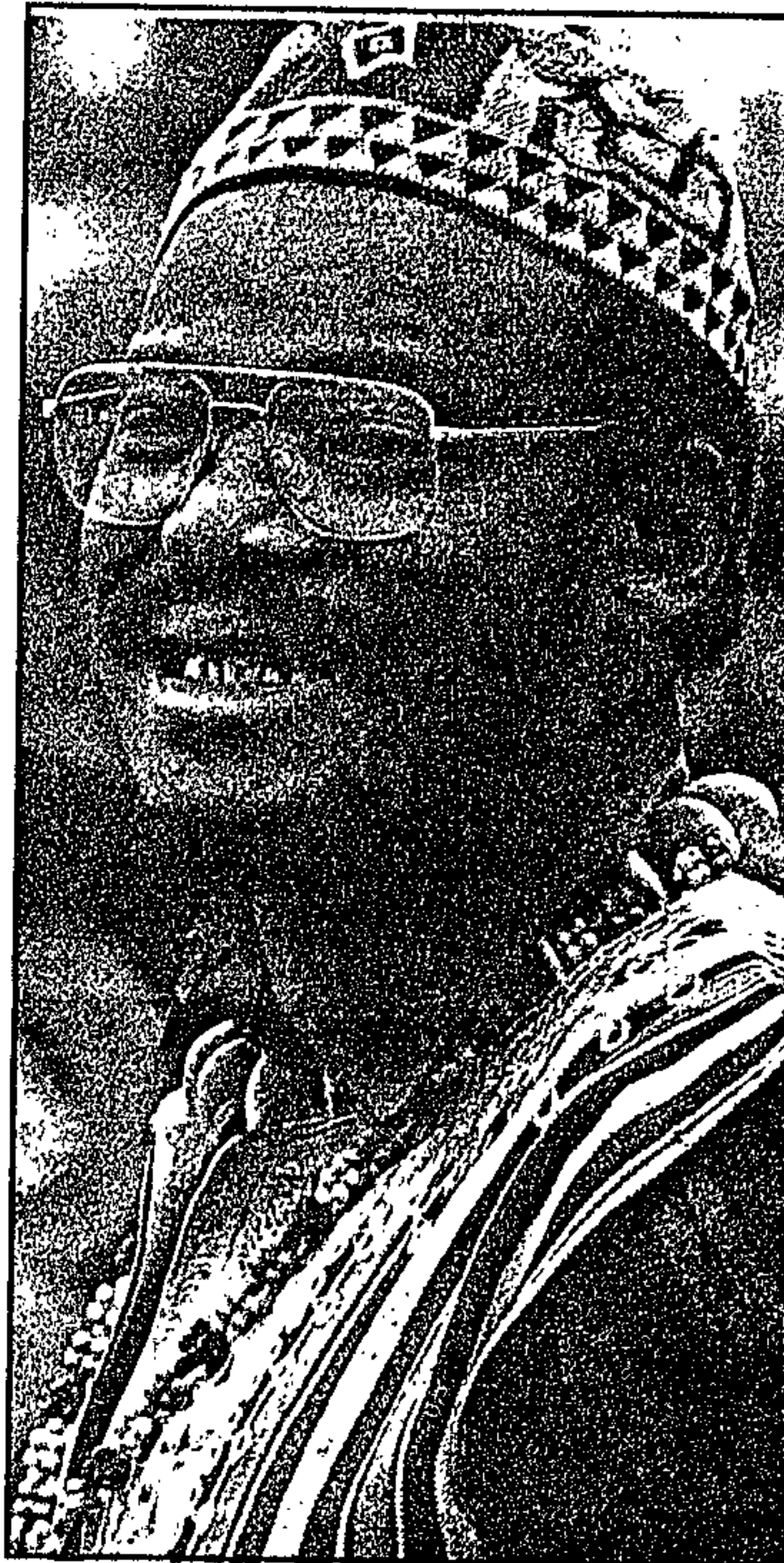
However, Inkatha president and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi last weekend disclosed excerpts of the document, annoying the Cosatu-UDF alliance which saw this as a breach of confidence.

City Press can now disclose that the report proposes, among other things, that the ANC, Cosatu, the UDF and Inkatha launch a scheme to resettle and compensate the displaced people.

Each organisation will send a ten-man delegation to the London meeting.

The meeting will consider the establishment of a semi-permanent consultative committee whose function will be to explore and address divisive issues as they arise so as to minimise the possibilities of future clashes.

It will also appoint a committee charged with



Mangosuthu Buthelezi... will not allow ANC, UDF and Cosatu to exploit Natal peace plan.

implementing and monitoring the peace.

The breakthrough in the Natal stalemate has been applauded by world leaders, including US Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Herman Cohen, who met separate delegations from the UDF and Inkatha in Durban this week.

Central to the peace process will be a peace conference which could take place at the end of August.

The first phase of the conference will be spent in a closed meeting of the Cosatu, UDF and Inkatha delegations - each

with 250 delegates.

The second phase will be open to delegations from the churches, organised commerce and industry, professional bodies and observers.

The last session will be open to the media for the presidents of the three organisations to report on the proceedings of the conference.

A schedule of joint peace rallies will also be announced.

Among other items on the agenda will be:

■ To consider the practical implementation of the peace process and to exchange views on the role

the two factions can play in that process; and

■ The appointment of an organising committee to deal with the practical organisation of the conference.

The first task of the committee will be to organise joint peace rallies. The first rally is expected to take place in Durban on the weekend following the peace conference.

The peace process will be discussed and explained at subsequent peace rallies. The document also recommends that accusations and counter-accusations be discouraged.

The rallies will be followed by the establishment of joint peace committees to be drawn from local members and supporters of the UDF, Cosatu and Inkatha. These committees will monitor the implementation of the peace process and report directly to the joint peace committee appointed at the London meeting.

The report recognises that a mutually agreed mechanism to enforce the implementation of the peace process be devised.

The organisations also undertook to launch a publicity campaign to promote peace.

All parties agree that violent clashes "will delay the achievement of the goal of liberation". To prevent a recurrence of such clashes in future, the report says, the meeting of the four presidents should give consideration to the future political co-existence of the four organisations.

Buthelezi has, however, sounded a word of caution. He said he did not want to fail Inkatha by allowing the UDF, the ANC and Cosatu to exploit the peace process "as a trojan horse" they could use "to travel into our areas of vulnerability".

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A BOMB has exploded outside the apartment of Sunday Times columnist Jani Allan. She fears it may be part of a campaign of violent intimidation.

The Sunday Times can disclose that several attempts have been made to harass Miss Allan in the past few weeks, including telephoned death threats and unidentified prowlers outside her flat.

One anonymous caller said: "Unless Terre Blanche stands down, your life will be over on Monday."

The Sunday Times can also reveal that Miss Allan has been pestered by AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche. On June 26 Mr Terre Blanche — who had apparently been drinking — hammered on her door shortly after midnight and pleaded noisily to be let in.

Miss Allan observed him through the security peephole but gave no sign she was inside.

Mr Terre Blanche continued hammering and pleading for some hours. Then he fell silent.

The next morning at 8.30 Miss Allan and her maid found him, dressed in his customary khaki, sprawled in the passage. He was asleep and snoring.

Neighbours had presumably been required to step over him on their way to work. Miss Allan herself left the premises.

Subsequently lawyers representing Miss Allan wrote to Mr Terre Blanche threatening action if he did not leave her alone. They said she did not wish to make a public issue of the matter.

Tapes

Miss Allan's lawyers are also in possession of a number of tape recordings of telephone calls from a man — all of them made late at night.

In the latest incident, a bomb went off in the early hours of Friday morning. It had apparently been attached to the wall of the apartment next door to Miss Allan's. But police said there was no evidence of any connection with the AWB or other rightwing organisations.

However, shortly before the explosion two men in khaki hammered on the door of Miss Allan's flat. She did not open the door, but through the peephole spotted two figures whom she could not identify.

Yesterday a police spokesman said: "We have no reason to believe this was the work of extremists on either the left or the right."

"We are investigating every possibility, but there is no evidence to suggest the explosion is linked either to Miss Allan or the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging."

Miss Allan, who lives in a luxury Sandton complex, heard "a massive blast" at about 3am on Friday.

Shortly before, she had been awakened by the hammering on her door. "After going back to bed, I heard someone prowling outside and thumping on the windows," she said yesterday.

Terrified

"I was terrified and lay dead still, hardly daring to breathe, with my cat Sylvester beside me. Then, about 10 minutes later, I heard the bang."

"I simply lay there until morning. Then I rushed to the office to tell my superiors about the scary events."

Police confirmed that a "small quantity of commercial explosive" was detonated against a wall between two flats early on Friday. No one was hurt and damage was limited to a few broken windows.

Miss Allan, whose weekly column about personalities has one of the widest readerships in South Africa, was plunged into public controversy late last year after ac-



JANI ALLAN ... saw men in khaki Picture: JAMES SOULLIER

companying Mr Terre Blanche on an assignment to the Paardekraal Monument in Krugersdorp.

People living nearby alleged Mr Terre Blanche had forced the gate at the monument and claimed that shots had been fired.

Police were summoned and Mr Terre Blanche subsequently appeared in court on charges of malicious damage to property and crimen injuria. After a trial lasting six days, the charges were dropped.

Although Miss Allan was subpoenaed to give evidence, she was not called to give her version of the events.

After first interviewing Mr Terre Blanche early in 1988, Miss Allan wrote a number of articles on the AWB.

Friday's explosion at the Sandton complex came just hours before Mr Terre Blanche announced he was withdrawing as an independent candidate in Rustenburg in the September general election.

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Police raid 'racist' shop in London

By JEREMY BROOKS

THE owners of a "racist" London shop selling pro-AWB T-shirts have been evicted from their premises as police investigate possible charges against them under the Public Order Act.

Andrew Benjamin, 23, the registered tenant at "Cut-down", was served with an eviction notice by a Bloomsbury court last week.

The small shop in Riding-house Street, which once attracted crowds of leather-jacketed youths wearing Nazi insignia, is now locked and barred. It has had to move twice following problems with landlords.

The court was told that it had acted as a "magnet" for marauding gangs of skin-heads.

Black students at a nearby college say they have been threatened in the streets, and nurses at a black hospital around the corner have accused the shop tenants of stirring up race hatred.

Confiscated

Last month Cutdown was raided by a Marylebone police team in the early morning. They carried search warrants and left with videos, tapes, records, books and clothes.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said on Friday that the confiscated material was still being examined.

The shop had for weeks been selling, mainly to skin-head customers, a popular line of "Hang Nelson Mandela" T-shirts which show the face of the imprisoned ANC leader with a noose around his neck.

The Sunday Times was told that the shirts and AWB buttons are being made in Britain and exported to America and Europe.

Most of the customers belong to the "Blood and Honour" cult, the leader of which — nicknamed "Mr Nasty" — is a skinhead bodybuilder, 30-year-old Ian Stuart.

Stuart's colleague, Andrew Benjamin, hides a secret from the customers to whom he sells his swastika badges.

He is Jewish — but his association with Cutdown has led to his banning from the Mill Hill Synagogue and outrage from his immediate family.

This week his brother Michael, 27, said: "I'm a brother of Andrew but it's an accident of birth. I am disgusted and ashamed."

Stuart served six months' imprisonment three years ago for an attack on a Nigerian in central London.

The AWB in South Africa has repeatedly denied involvement with "Blood and Honour". A spokesman said the AWB flag given to Stuart must have been sent privately by a supporter.

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AWB rejects 'plot' against Terre'Blanche

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The executive committee of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has rejected allegations that Mr Eugene Terre'blanche spent a night outside columnist Ms Jani Allan's flat, as a "plot" against the movement's leader.

In a statement issued in Pretoria today, the executive committee said it rejected the weekend press reports "with contempt".

"It is quite clear that this is a plot planned with the aim of forcing the leader not to stand in Rustenburg," the statement said.

It said the AWB leader had been guarded "day and night" since his car accident earlier this year, and that he no longer drove his car.

The AWB chief of finance and administration, Mr Thys Smit, said the committee would not be meeting to discuss the latest allegations.

Withdrew candidacy

Commenting on reports that a bomb which exploded outside Ms Allan's flat on Friday was intended to force the AWB leader to withdraw his candidacy, the executive committee said Mr Terre'Blanche had withdrawn his candidacy on Thursday.

The executive committee was reacting to reports, confirmed by Ms Allan, that Mr Terre'Blanche had slept outside her flat on the night of



Jani Allan



Mr Terre'Blanche

June 26 after pleading for hours to be let in.

The AWB leader and Ms Allan were linked earlier this year after an incident at Paardekraal monument when the police were called in after shots were allegedly fired.

"Social problems"

"The news of his withdrawal was given to the media on Thursday.

Meanwhile, suspended AWB member Mr Dries Alberts has called for Mr Terre'Blanche's resignation following the reports.

"This incident only confirms my protest about his social problems.

"The time has come for Mr Terre'Blanche to reconsider his position as the leader of the AWB," Mr Alberts said.

Mr Alberts was suspended in January after calling for a commission of inquiry into the Paardekraal incident and the financial position of the movement.

Mr Smit today said the AWB had always been in the red, "a fact which was not new".

Mr Manie Maritz, who was taken back into the fold a month ago at a meeting in Bapsfontein, said Mr Terre'Blanche had enough problems and he was not prepared to "hammer" a man with problems.

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Aubrey Beukes isn't like the old Dominee

Somebody down there doesn't love Dominee Aubrey Beukes, the Cape divinity graduate who came to minister to the coloured people of Uppington in 1982.

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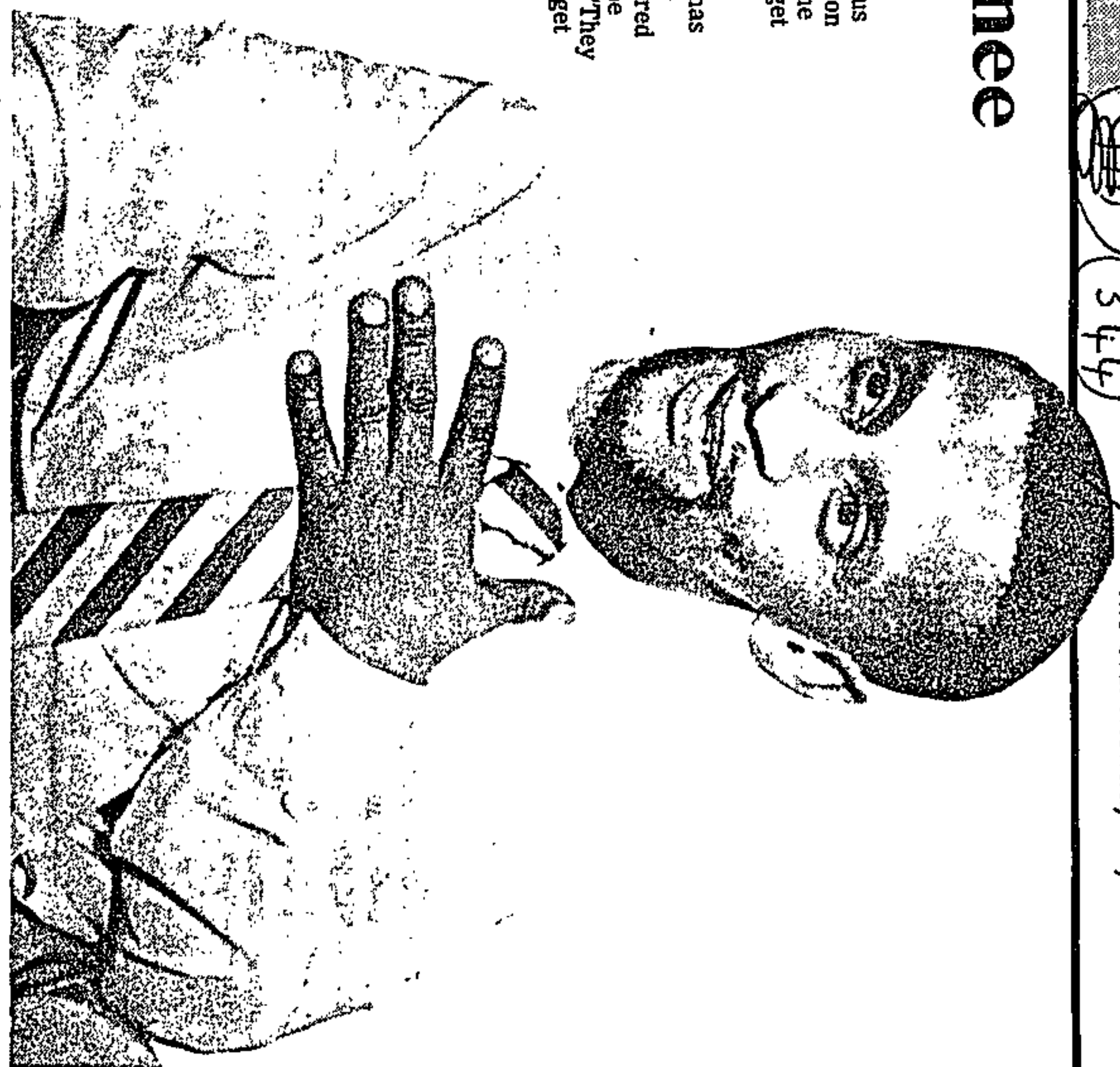
sophisticated, he believes, to come directly from his own community. "Forget about the wit wolve," he says darkly. "What about the blou wolve?" His reference is unmistakable. It's to the SA Police.

Aubrey Beukes is 32, married with two children. He is slight and intense, and wears a bokbaard. He is minister of the NG Sendingkerk. The diningroom of his modest home has been hijacked for a study, complete with copying machine, telephone and unruly bookcases. On the wall is a well-known prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to

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Ds Aubrey Beukes . . . His enemies depict him as the devil, and have desecrated the path to his church. He takes it all as a compliment.

'No sign that Jani Allan was target of explosion'

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By Craig Kotze.
Crime Reporter

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Investigations had revealed no indication that *Sunday Times* columnist Jani Allan was the target of a small blast at a Sandton flat last week, a police spokesman said last night.

Allan is said to be in fear of a violent intimidation campaign after she revealed yesterday that Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche slept outside her door on the night of June 26.

She said he had pleaded to be admitted but she had ignored him.

Allan also said she had been harassed by prowlers at night, the latest incident occurring shortly before the blast.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Opperman said last night that police could not say whether any person or extremist organisation — whether on the Left or on the Right — could be linked to the blast near Allan's ground-floor flat on Friday morning.

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But, he said: "Each and every possibility will be investigated, as will allegations made by certain people regarding this issue."

Lieutenant Opperman stressed that Allan was not under police guard but said police would check on the blast area during routine patrols.

The blast, at 4.30 am, caused little damage.

Police established that a small quantity of commercial explosives had been used and said the incident was not terror-related.

Mr TerreBlanche and Allan made headlines earlier this year after the Paardekraal Monument incident, which sparked a revolt in senior AWB ranks.

Yesterday's revelations, coupled with his recent admission that the AWB was R60 000 in debt, have left Mr TerreBlanche fighting for his political life.

Neither Allan nor Mr TerreBlanche could be contacted for comment yesterday.

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SABOTAGE PROBED AFTER BLAST AT COLUMNIST'S FLAT

DANIEL SIMON

SECURITY police are investigating sabotage after an explosive device blew up outside Sunday Times columnist Jani Allan's flat early on Friday.

No one was injured by the blast, believed to be caused by commercial explosives. Slight damage was caused to nearby windows.

A Police Directorate spokesman yesterday said he could not comment at this stage on whether police suspected any particular political group.

Since the attack, the Sunday Times has hired a private security firm to give Allan 24-hour protection.

The Sunday Times yesterday reported that Allan had recently received telephonic death threats and had been harassed by late-night prowlers.

Allan said that shortly before the 3 am blast, two khaki-clad men arrived at her flat and pounded on the door. She spotted them through a peephole but did not open the door.

Allan also said that AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche arrived — apparently drunk — at her flat on June 26.

He "hammered on her door" and pleaded to be let in for several hours.

At 8.30am the following morning she found Terre'Blanche asleep outside in the passageway, she said.

Terre'Blanche could not be contacted for comment.

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A tireless worker for the accused

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Dominee Aubrey Beukes

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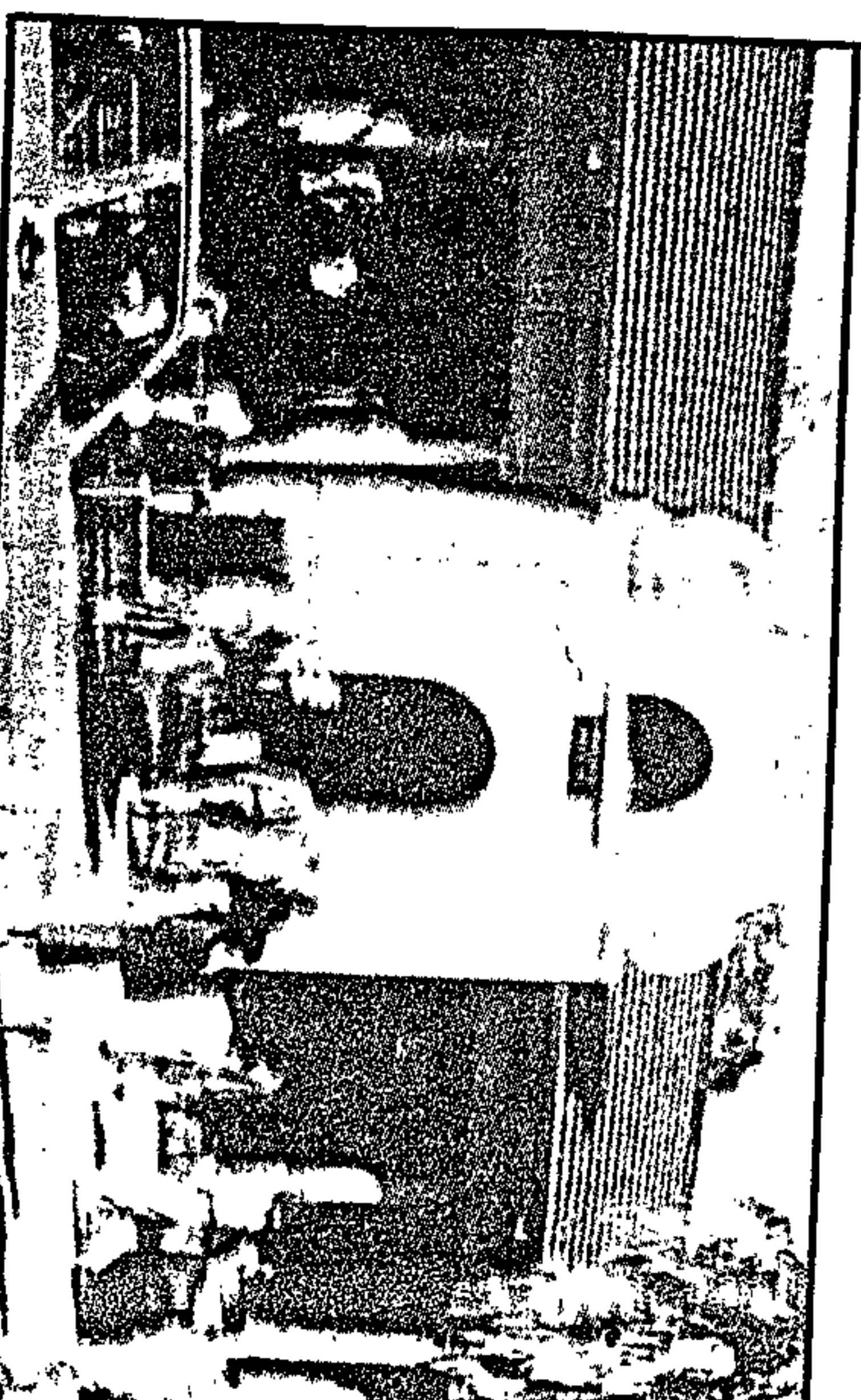
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The courthouse at Uppington

Jani blast: Sabotage investigated

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Security police are investigating a charge of sabotage after an explosive device, believed to consist of commercial explosives, blew up outside the Sandton apartment of Sunday Times columnist Ms Jani Allan early on Friday morning. No one was injured by the blast, but slight damage was caused to nearby windows.

Police spokesman Lt Eugene Opperman said yesterday that police had not yet been able to unearth any clues which suggest that the blast, which was caused by a small amount of commercial explosives, had been aimed at the columnist, according to an SABC TV report.

Since the attack, the Sunday Times have hired the services of a private security firm to give Ms Allan 24-hour protection.

The Sunday Times yesterday reported that several attempts had been made to harass Ms Allan in recent weeks.

In its report, the newspaper said the harassment included telephoned death threats and unidentified late-night prowlers.

Regarding the explosion, Ms Allan disclosed that shortly before the 3am blast, two men dressed in khaki arrived at her flat and pounded on the door.

Ms Allan, who did not open the door, said she spotted the two men when she looked through the peephole.

She also said that AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche arrived in an apparent drunken state at her flat on June 26. She said Mr Terre'Blanche "hammered on her door" and pleaded to be let in for several hours.

Ms Allan added that at 8.30am the following day, she found Mr Terre'Blanche sprawled out and sleeping outside in the passageway. Mr Terre'Blanche was unable to be contacted for comment.

Asked to comment on the latest Terre'Blanche incident, suspended AWB senior member Mr Manie Maritz yesterday said it was not a "criminal offence" to sleep in a passageway.

"I think Terre'Blanche has got a few problems. I do not like to kick a man when he is down," he said.

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range and Norman Chandler

Tenants of the luxury flat complex where newspaper columnist Jani Allan says she has been harassed by AWB leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, said yesterday they had seen him "sneaking in the bushes outside the complex on a few occasions".

Allan revealed at the weekend that Mr TerreBlanche had slept on her doormat when she refused to admit him and that on Friday morning there had been a blast at the complex.

Neighbours interviewed yesterday said that on one occasion, about six months ago, Mr TerreBlanche was removed from the complex by a security guard.

Tenants are angered by Allan's failure to report the "violent intimidation campaign" against her to security officials at the complex. "Why didn't she tell security about the harassment? We are all in danger here," said one.

The six-month-old baby of another tenant, three floors above Allan's flat, was covered in shattered glass after the blast.

"Miss Allan never enquired about any of us afterwards," said the baby's mother.

The explosives were placed on the outside wall of the flat below Allan's. Police say there is no indication Allan was the target of the blast.

Allan's weekend revelations about Mr TerreBlanche were yesterday formally rejected "with contempt" by the AWB, which called them a plot against the organisation and its leader.

In a statement, the AWB's executive committee rejected the allegation that Mr TerreBlanche spent the night outside Allan's flat, saying the AWB leader was guarded "day and night".

The AWB said the bomb was reported to have exploded early on Friday, after the announcement that Mr TerreBlanche would not stand for Parliament.

FFF posters tipped down

DOZENS of posters advertising tomorrow night's Five Freedom's Forum (FFF) report-back meeting on its recent talks with the ANC in Lusaka were ripped down from lam-posts in city suburbs within hours of being put up at the weekend. FFF spokeswoman Ms Beverley Roos said about 40 posters had been cut down in the City Bowl area.

Posters were also removed in Sea Point, Mowbray and Rosebank.

NP is to fight Pinelands

Political Staff

THE National Party last night named a Cape Town businessman, Mr Johan van der Burgh, as its candidate in the safe Democratic Party seat of Pinelands.

This was announced last night by the acting leader of the NP in the Cape, Dr Dawie de Villiers.

However, no decision has yet been taken on whether the NP will field candidates in three other safe DP seats in the Peninsula — Claremont, Constantia and Groote Schuur.

At this stage, it is unlikely that the NP will decide to contest these seats. A decision to put up candidates in these constituencies could still be taken when its Cape congress and the NP's head committee in the province

meet in Somerset West at the end of this week, but this seems improbable. Mr Van der Burgh, a political campaigner in the days of the old United Party and former New Republic Party, is to take on the sitting DP MP for Pinelands, Mr Jasper Walsh.

In the May 1987 election, Mr Walsh had a 2 422 majority over the NP.

Mr Van der Burgh, a product of Bishops and the University of Cape Town, has interests in business and industry in the Cape and Transvaal and serves on the boards of various private and public companies.

Pinelands had never been an NP seat and since 1974 the PFP had won the seat by increasing majorities in succeeding elections.

(Report by Barry Streek, 122 St George's St, Cape Town)



Mr Van der Burgh

Venda tense after man's body is found

PIETERSBURG. — Venda remained tense yesterday following the discovery on Sunday of the body of an ex-detainee who mysteriously disappeared from his home at the weekend.

Deputy Chief Police Commissioner Major-General N J Leshi confirmed yesterday that Mr Mitwa Muthewana had been found dead west of Tshakuma village on Sunday.

"The body was complete — no parts were missing," General Leshi said.

The disappearance of Mr Muthewana sparked off a widespread manhunt by youths who barricaded roads and searched cars at the weekend. It was widely believed the dead man may have been executed for ritual purposes.

Mr Muthewana was a neighbour of the teacher, Mr Mokosi Mavhina, whose death last year resulted in a three-day work stay-away which culminated in the resignation of a cabinet minister. — Sapa

Vandals deface new DP offices

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Vandals defaced the outside of the new offices of the Democratic Party in Three Rivers East a few hours after the party had moved in.

Yellow spray-paint was used to deface the front windows and door of the offices with the names of DP and ANC members.

A DP spokesman said the incident was typical of the sort of thing they could expect before the election. The matter had been reported to the police.

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White Wolf II in fatal attack

ALAN FINE

TWO prominent Numsa leaders in Uitenhage were the victims this week of a fatal firebomb attack and a death threat respectively by an individual styling himself White Wolf II, the union said yesterday.

The brother of Goodyear shop steward chairman Joe Sapotela was killed when Sapotela's home was firebombed with a chemical substance at 1am yesterday, said Numsa official Gavin Hartford.

Hartford said Numsa deplored the attack which could be linked to the 20-day-old strike at the plant over the terms of Goodyear's disinvestment from SA.

He said the strike itself had been orderly, disciplined and non-violent, and the attack had hardened feelings among workers who were now seeking resolution of the

dispute through mediation.

Newly elected Cosatu vice-president and senior Numsa shop steward at Volkswagen John Gomomo, meanwhile, received the threatening, typed, "White Wolf II" note this week on his return to the Uitenhage plant after the Cosatu congress.

The writer said the motive for wanting to assassinate Gomomo was his objective of "labour unrest and hate towards white people". A copy of the note and envelope, postmarked in Uitenhage, was supplied to Business Day.

A statement from the VW shop stewards' council said it viewed the letter in a serious light.

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Mr Usuf Lorgat (right) with his nephew, Hanif Cassim, at the extensively damaged house of his brother in Azaadville, near Krugersdorp.

● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Azaadville shock at West Rand bombing

By Stan Hlophe

The vice chairman of Azaadville Management Committee, Mr Hassan Varachia, condemned the bomb blast at the West Rand home of a colleague.

Mr Varachia said the management committee was "very disappointed" about the attack, which almost destroyed the home of Mr Hassan Lorgat.

Five houses nearby had their windows, ceiling, and lights shattered by the blast, which was heard up to about 10 km away. A big hole in the ground where the device was planted was found in front of the Lorgat home.

No one was injured in the 12.15 am attack.

Mr Lorgat and his family were flung from their beds by the blast.

When The Star arrived at the scene, members of the West Rand uniformed and security police were investigating.

"My wife and children are still reeling from the shock. After the blast I went out to investigate and saw something burning," Mr Lorgat said.

"I did not see anybody or hear a car driving away. It is a miracle that nobody was hurt."

Mr Varachia said there was no reason for the blast because his committee was apolitical and merely serving the interests of the Azaadville community.

"We have nothing to do with the politics of this country. We hope those responsible for such a callous act will realise their actions are worthless."

Firebomb kills Numsa leader

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JOHANNESBURG. — One prominent National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) leader was killed in a firebomb attack and another received a death threat from an individual styling himself White Wolf II, a spokesman for the union said yesterday.

The brother of Goodyear shop steward chairman Mr Joe Sapotela was killed when Mr Sapotela's home was firebombed with a chemical substance at 1am yesterday, Numsa official Mr Gavin Hartford said.

Newly-elected Cosatu vice-president and senior Numsa shop steward at Volkswagen Mr John Gomomo received the threat, signed "White Wolf II", this week.

Church team to probe mystery murders, bombings

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Council of Churches has announced the formation of an independent board to investigate attacks on anti-apartheid groups and activists.

The SACC said yesterday that the investigations into "informal repression" were prompted by the increasing number of attacks on anti-apartheid organisations and a lack of faith in the ability and the apparent unwillingness of the police to arrest the lawbreakers.

This step follows yet another arson attack on a trade unionist's home. Mr "Ace" Sopotela, brother of a National Union of Metalworkers shop steward, died after his home at Kwanobuhle, near Uitenhage, was firebombed this week.

The SACC said: "Many people are convinced that most of the recent acts of sabotage and assassination, including the bombings of Cosatu House, Khotso House and Khanya House, are a result of action aimed at curtailing the activities of resistance organisations."

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More recently, the statement said, events had occurred involving well-known anti-apartheid figures, including the murder of Dr David Webster and the alleged poisoning of the general secretary of the SACC, the Rev Frank Chikane.

The statement said many of these incidents were reported to police, but in most cases no prosecutions resulted.

Anti-apartheid activists disappeared and were killed, offices were firebombed and whole buildings made uninhabitable through explosives.

The failure by the police to prosecute those responsible was a cause for great concern, the statement said.

"Unless urgent action is taken there is a strong possibility that such attacks upon the persons and property of anti-apartheid organisations will continue and increase over the next few years."

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Youngest brother tells court he killed guards

Vereeniging Bureau

The youngest of the four Van Straaten brothers, who have all been charged with the murders of two Vereeniging security guards, described on Wednesday how he had repeatedly stabbed one of the guards before hitting the other on the head and neck and then stabbing him.

Mr Dawid Petrus van Straaten (21) of George Street, Vereeniging, told the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court he had used a sharp instrument resembling a chisel to stab the two men.

This was revealed in his plea of explanation after he had admitted guilt on two counts of murder before the magistrate, Mrs Christa Massyn.

He told the court it had not been his idea to kill the pair and that he had been under the influence of alcohol at the time.

However, he admitted being aware of what was happening and said he realised the men could have died as a result of his actions.

His three elder brothers are also facing two charges of murder. Mr Willem Jacobus van Straaten (31) of no fixed address and Mr Andre van Straaten (28) of Pine Avenue, Ferndale, Randburg, pleaded not guilty to

both counts.

The fourth brother, Mr Gideon van Straaten (23), also of George Street, Vereeniging, admitted guilt on the first murder charge but pleaded not guilty to the second charge. The court, however, entered pleas of not guilty on both counts.

It is being alleged that the two security guards, Mr Wanton Matshoba (35) and Mr Cyprian Qheliso (19), who were both employed by Thompson's security, were overpowered and murdered on the night of June 18 while they were on duty at a transport company in Duncanville. Both allegedly died of stab wounds and head injuries.

Mr Dawid van Straaten admitted killing both security guards. He said he stabbed Mr Matshoba after an argument.

Asked by the magistrate how many times he had stabbed Mr Matshoba, the accused replied: "About eight or nine times, mostly in his upper torso."

The other three accused all admitted being present at the scene of the alleged crimes.

The prosecution opposed bail for Willem and Dawid van Straaten. Bail was set at R10 000 each for Andre and Gideon van Straaten.

The case was postponed to August 31.

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Backing for threatened union leader

FOREIGN NEWS SERVICE

GENEVA — The International Metalworkers' Federation has pledged its "full support and encouragement" to Mr John Gomomo, co-ordinator of the SA Volkswagen Stewards' Council, who is reported to have received death threats from so-called "Wit Wolwe" terrorist group.

The federation's general-secretary Marcello Malentacchi expressed "anger and outrage" yesterday at what he called a "crude and cowardly attempt at intimidation of a fine, committed and conscientious trade unionist".

He called on the South African police and authorities to protect Mr Gomomo and his family and allow him to continue his work.

The Metalworkers' Federation co-ordinates the activities of metal-working unions in 70 countries and has 13 million members.

Inquest into ANC death: Finding expected today

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Staff Reporter

A WYNBERG magistrate will today make a finding at the inquest of Mr Ashley Kriel, the ANC guerilla shot dead by Warrant Officer Jeff Benzien during a struggle at a Hazendal house on July 9, 1987.

Earlier evidence was that WO Benzien and Sergeant Anthony Abels went to a house in Hazendal disguised as sanitation officers. Mr Kriel answered the door with a towel and jersey over his hands. It became apparent that he had a gun.

A struggle ensued outside the house and WO Benzien wrested the gun from Mr Kriel and knocked him on the forehead with the gun. Mr Kriel appeared to be unconscious but as Sgt Abels placed one handcuff on his wrist he sat up and grabbed at the gun which WO Benzien was holding.

During a second struggle, WO Ben-

zien said he got the impression that Mr Kriel was trying to get into the house and he jumped on to his back to try to stop him. A shot went off and WO Benzien shot Mr Kriel in the back.

In his address to the court yesterday Mr Jeremy Gauntlett, for the Kriel family, said: "All that can remain is either an accident or a decision to shoot. There is no forensic evidence which supports the former to the exclusion of the latter. Indeed, the ballistics evidence is of a heavy trigger pull."

Mr P de Bruyn, for the Minister of Law and Order, said: "Benzien's version should be accepted and it is significant that he was thoroughly examined about a struggle which took place for a few seconds a few years ago."

Mr G Hoffmann was the magistrate. Professor T G Schwär was the assessor. Mr P Mostert led the evidence.

NEWS

SACC has a right to probe violence — SAP

PAT DEVEREAUX

WEBSTER WAIGH

IT IS the South African Council of Churches' democratic right to form an independent board to investigate matters such as "informal repression", said police yesterday.

This followed the SACC's announcement that it had appointed an independent board to investigate attacks directed at anti-apartheid organisations and individuals, including assassinations and bombings.

However, the SAP's General H D Stadler said that he would advise the SACC board — should they find any substantial evidence — to liaise with General Jaap Joubert, who had been appointed by Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok to head investigations of this type.

The assassination of Dr David Webster, the poisoning of the Rev Frank Chikane, the bombings of

Khotso House and the headquarters of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and the attack on the Southern African Bishops Conference's Khanya House in Pretoria are among the major unsolved cases which the SACC board plans to investigate.

Other cases of informal repression which will be probed are petrol bombings, arson attacks on homes, vandalism and the destruction of office equipment.

The decision to form an investigative board was prompted by "escalating informal repression and a lack of faith in the ability and apparent unwillingness of the

IT HAS been 83 days since Wit's lecturer Dr David Webster was gunned down outside his Johannesburg home. Police this week said there had been no breakthroughs in their investigation into his assassination. It was confirmed that the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad would be continuing its investigation.

South African Police to apprehend the perpetrators of these crimes", said the SACC in a statement.

In response, General Stadler said: "The police are not shirking their responsibility. The success of any investigation depends on the availability of information and witnesses. A high premium has been placed by the police on investigations which the SACC

lists — so much so that Mr Vlok appointed a very senior officer to personally supervise and direct these investigations.

"A further step was taken to facilitate the free flow of information by establishing a special telephone number for anonymous informers," he added.

● Cosatu second vice-president and senior Volkswagen shop steward John Gomomo was

warned this week in a letter from an individual calling himself "Wit Wolf No 2" that he would be assassinated because of his union activities.

This is the latest in a series of threats made against workers since members of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) began their campaign for national negotiations in the industry.

Workers at all the motor vehicle manufacturers have held regular lunchtime placard demonstrations for the past few weeks in support of the demand for national negotiations.

The frequency of the threats, which are seen as part of a broader campaign of harassment, have increased since the demonstrations started.

The letter from the "Wit Wolf 2" to Gomomo says: "You are being watched by members of a group who are sick and tired of your disgusted (sic) behaviour. Labour unrest and hate towards white people is your only object and that has to end unless you wish to call our bluff."

It goes on to warn Gomomo that he would "meet with an unfortunate accident if he did not change his attitude".

VW workers say they are taking the threat seriously.

The VW case is not the first of its kind. Just two weeks ago whites reportedly calling themselves Wit Wolfe attacked and killed a member of the South African Chemical Workers Union. Police have said that investigations have revealed that no such group as the Wit Wolfe exists.

Jani Allan takes up London post

By Dan Side

Controversial *Sunday Times* columnist Miss Jani Allan left Jan Smuts Airport yesterday for the newspaper's London bureau.

Her editor, Mr Tertius Myburgh, last night said her departure was not connected with her well-publicised association with Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche.

This month an explosive device went off near Miss Allan's Sandton flat.

Mr Myburgh said last night Miss Allan was "just assigned" to the bureau and no definite limit had been set for her visit.

"Jani travels overseas a lot during the year," said Mr Myburgh. "That's what she is doing now."

"She has gone to London and she will file her column from there. We don't know exactly the duration of her visit, but we don't think she will be away for very long."

Flats blast mystery unsolved

SW 25/7/89
No breakthrough has been made in the investigation into the mysterious blast outside the Sandton flat of *Sunday Times* columnist Miss Jani Allan.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Eugene Opperman said yesterday investigations were continuing. (344)

It was not known who planted the device — made of commercial explosives — or the motive.

Police have dismissed the theory that Miss Allan, who left for Britain on assignment on Sunday, was the target. — Crime Reporter.

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Suspect held after church leader's death

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The Argus Correspondent
DURBAN. — Round-the-clock investigations have led to the arrest of a suspect after the shooting death of the Reverend Londa Shembe, leader of the 500 000-strong Nazareth Baptist Church, in April this year.

Major Charl du Toit, police public relations officer for Port Natal, confirmed today that a man had been arrested in Gingindlovu by members of the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit.

Mr Shembe, 45, was shot dead when two unknown gunmen burst into his home at 4am on April 7. The men entered through an open window and threatened Mr Shembe's wife Patricia before shooting him.

INKATHA, UDF LINKS

It was the second attempt on the life of the religious leader, who was very popular with his community. In 1980 Mr Shembe survived an assassination attempt.

Through his church, Mr Shembe maintained links with both Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

Major Leonard Knipe, head of the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit, said detectives had

made the breakthrough after receiving information. A man was arrested on the Natal North Coast.

Meanwhile, detectives from the unit have arrested four suspects after a R77 000 armed hold-up at the Natal Provincial Administration social pension office in Umgeni Road last week.

Police said the suspects were arrested in Clermont and Umhlangeni and that police had taken possession of R14 000 in cash as well as goods allegedly bought with the stolen money.

SACC TO PROBE ATTACKS

THE executive committee of the South African Council of Churches has announced the formation of an independent board to investigate attacks on anti-apartheid groups and activists. *Swetlan 26/7/84*

The SACC said yesterday the investigations into "informal repression" were prompted by the increasing number of attacks on anti-apartheid organisations and a lack of faith in the ability and the apparent unwillingness of the South African Police to bring the perpetrators of these crimes to book. (344)

This step follows yet another arson attack on a trade unionist's home. Mr "Ace" Sopotela, brother of a National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) shop steward died after his home at KwaNobuhle, near Uitenhage, was firebombed this week.

"Many people are convinced that most of the recent acts of sabotage and assassinations, aimed at curtailing activities of resistance organisations," said the SACC.

Whites beat up shoppers in Vaal

TWO black shoppers claim they were assaulted and locked in a room for three hours after they objected to a racist remark made by a white teenage employee at the OK Bazaar in Vereeniging at the weekend.

Mr Aubrey Motsoari (35), a teacher in Sebokeng, and his friend Mr Moeketsi Matsabu (31), a salesman, were allegedly beaten up by the security manager and a group of whites on Sunday. They said they were locked inside a small "detention room" whose entrance had the words, "Cawusa members, think before you strike" and "Viva ANC, Viva PAC".

A white woman employee, whom they identified as Marie, and who was allegedly among the group who assaulted them, shouted that they should not forget the Wit Wolwe were still alive.

The men have briefed their attorney, Mr Molefi Ramotsehoa, who said civil action would be considered after a criminal hearing had been finalised.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Matsabu said the assault followed an incident which involved his wife, Mrs Manana Matsabu, and the white boy aged about 13.

The boy had allegedly addressed Matsabu's wife in a derogatory manner and when he objected the boy retorted in Afrikaans: "Do you want me to call her Missus — *Mevrou*."

Marie, who came to the scene later, allegedly said the boy was right as he could not be expected to call a "kaffir" woman a *mevrou*. The security manager, Mr P Rocher, later called Mat-

sabu to discuss the matter in an office but allegedly started assaulting Matsabu on the way. Some white OK employees allegedly joined in the assault. Motsoari was also beaten up as he went to Matsabu's rescue.

OK Bazaar spokesman, Mr Ian Harrison, confirmed the incident which he said had racial overtones. The boy, Harrison said, was a casual employee and had offended Mrs Matsabu when he said "hey you" to her when she asked for an extra bag for her groceries.

He said the fighting began after an unknown man attacked Rocher as he was leading Matsabu to his office. Harrison identified "Marie" as a member of the security staff whose full names were Marie Willemse.

Harrison said Matsabu was free to go to the shop to discuss the matter with the manager.

He said it was not OK's policy to allow its employees to treat customers shoddily and that it did not tolerate such behaviour. The boy would not be dismissed but would be taken for training.

ANC accused of supplies racket

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

African National Congress commanders and leaders are allegedly selling off supplies intended for insurgents inside South Africa and provided by Scandinavian countries, according to the South Africa Police.

Police said this information had been gleaned from various ANC defectors during questioning by the security forces.

According to the SAP public relations directorate, the defectors say the supplies were being seized by key ANC personnel and then sold for hard cash.

A ready market is said to exist on the black market in countries such as Zambia for these goods. Cash is then said to be pocketed by the ANC black marketeers, the sources said.

Clothing is said to form a large part of this illicit trade.

The defectors, according to the SAP, claim the selling off of the goods intended for insurgents in South Africa has caused considerable tension within the ANC in Lusaka.

2 men seen running from Alex clinic fire

Staff Reporters

Alexandra Health Clinic's nurses' hostel in Wynberg was badly damaged by fire early today after a security guard and staff heard two explosions and saw two men, one of them white, running from the scene.

Staff did not get a clear view of the second man.

While doctors and nurses suspect the fire was caused by a petrol bomb, the police and fire brigade said it was caused by an electrical fault.

Nurses were slightly injured as they battled to escape the blaze through broken windows.

Dr Tim Wilson, head of the clinic, said there was no immediate evidence of a petrol bomb, but a security guard heard two explosions and saw the two men running from the scene.

In nearby Alexandra only 15 minutes later, the flat of Alexandra Youth Congress (AYCO) president, Mr Paul Mashadile, was damaged in a petrol bomb attack. A plastic petrol container was found at the scene.

Police and fire department officials who were called to investigate the clinic blaze said they suspected the fire was caused by an electrical fault.



Heroes of the Alex Health Clinic fire
Mr William Boleyi (left), Mr Nimrod Panya and Mr Solomon Mda.

"The security guard said he heard an explosion, saw people running away, and thought a petrol bomb had been thrown. But we found no traces of anything to support this," said a fire department spokesman.

The explosion heard could have been glass shattering from heat, he said.

"The fire damaged the sitting room and spread to the kitchen area. The bedrooms were not damaged and fortunately the security guard managed to wake the nurses in time," he added.

Sister Eugene Ngwekazi said she heard strange noises in the building at about 3.30 am.

"When I opened my door the passage was full of smoke. With my neighbour we crawled through the smoke towards the front door.

"Although I am still shocked I am lucky I wasn't injured. Most of the other nurses had to get out of the building through windows and were badly cut," she said.

The flat of the president of the Alexandra Youth Congress (AYCO), Mr Paul Mashadile, was petrol-bombed at about 4 am today.

No-one was injured in the attack but considerable damage was caused.

Mr Mashadile told The Star he was asleep when a loud bang woke him.

The room was ablaze and he rushed to the next bedroom to wake his flatmate, Mr Jacob Mtshali, general secretary of AYCO.

"We both rushed to the front door. We doused the flames with water and managed to get out," he said.

Mr Mashadile said they found a 2 litre petrol container outside.

They are both restricted in terms of emergency regulations and confined to the flat between 6 pm and 6 am.

Ambulancemen beaten by whites

ABOUT 100 employees of the Brixton Ambulance Department in Johannesburg have been refusing to work night duty since Monday after two of their colleagues were allegedly assaulted by whites while going to work.

Those injured are Mr E Ngakane and Mr N Komeni.

They were allegedly assaulted by whites near Mayfair station while going to work.

The alleged beatings took place on different days.

The workers are employed as ambulance drivers and paramedics by the Johannesburg City

By MZIKAYISE
EDOM

Council. (344) A spokesman for the council yesterday said they were investigating the allegations.

The workers claim that since 1987 the council provided transport to take them to work and back

home, but this was stopped a month ago. No reasons were given.

A committee representing the workers met the council this week and another meeting will be held next week.

A committee spokesman said the council has promised to look into their grievances.

Natal peace talks:

One step closer

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TALKS between the presidents of Natal's warring groups came a step closer this week with the fourth round of discussions between peace negotiators in Durban.

Representatives of the United Democratic Front, Inkatha and the Congress of South African Trade Unions met at an undisclosed venue for talks on the proposed meeting between the leaders of these three organisations and the African National Congress.

They subsequently issued a statement saying they also discussed recent violence in Mpumalanga where 25 people died and they expressed their "deep outrage" at the killings.

They urged members of all three organisations to give their leaders a chance to implement the peace process, and warned their members to be on guard against "being manipulated by our common enemy" into attacking each other.

Unionists bombed, receive death threats

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Prominent trade unionists in Uitenhage have been the victims of firebomb attacks which have left one dead. Several others have been threatened with death in the past week.

Mr Andile Sapotela, brother of Goodyear shop steward chairman Mr Joe Sapotela, was killed when Mr Sapotela's home was firebombed with a chemical substance at 1am on Thursday, a National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa official said.

A spokesman for Numsa said yesterday that the vice-president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions and Numsa official Mr John Gomomo and Numsa local co-ordinator Mr Jurie Harries had received death threats last week from "White Wolf No 11".

At least four other leading Numsa personalities also received letters threatening them with death.

Numsa said in a statement that the killing and the threats could be linked to the 20-day-old strike at the plant over the terms of Goodyear's disinvestment and were part of organised attack on worker leaders and their organisations.

Nurses' home, activist's flat 'fire-bombed'

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Nurses' Home at the Alexandra Health Centre in Wynberg was petrol-bombed early yesterday morning.

"At least seven of the eight nurses sleeping inside the house were injured," the director of the Health Centre, Dr Tim Wilson, said.

"The explosion occurred about 3.45am and witnesses saw two men running away. The building is badly damaged and the roof was burned out."

However, a police spokesman said "it appeared that the explosion was caused by a short-circuit". The Alexandra homes of two people confined to their homes between 6pm and 6am, in terms of restriction orders imposed by the Minister of Law and Order, were petrol-bombed early yesterday morning, a Human Rights Commission spokesman said.

However, police said there was only one attack. "Mr Paul Mashile (detained 12/6/86, released 15/12/88) and Mr Jacob Mshali (detained 17/6/86, released 9/3/88) were both known to be at home at the time of the attacks," an HRC statement said.

A police spokesman confirmed an attack on Mr Mshali's flat. — Sapa

Six women held in Cradock

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and nine people, including six women, were arrested in unrest-related incidents, police said yesterday.

The daily unrest report said police found the body of a man in Shongweni, Natal. He had been stabbed. Six women were arrested after a group of pupils stoned a municipal vehicle in Lingelihle, Cradock. Police used quirts to disperse the group.

A police vehicle was stoned at Bohlokong, Bethlehem, by a group of people. One person received slight injuries, and three men were arrested. — Sapa



PETROL-BOMBED . . . Nurses remove clothes from a health centre in Alexandra township. The centre was hit by a petrol bomb early yesterday.

Picture: REUTER

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**SA exiles' house
in bomb attack**

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LUSAKA. Several

people were hospitalised yesterday after a bomb exploded outside a house occupied by black South African exiles, eyewitnesses said.

A neighbour, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the explosion left a two-metre-deep crater in the sidewalk adjoining the house of the exiles.

Police released no details. — Sapa-AP

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday said they viewed the distribution of "Wit Wolwe" pamphlets on the West Rand in a serious light and would not hesitate to clamp down heavily on those responsible.

In a statement, police said the pamphlets, which were distributed mainly in Randfontein last week, called on whites to deprive other race groups of their rights and privileges.

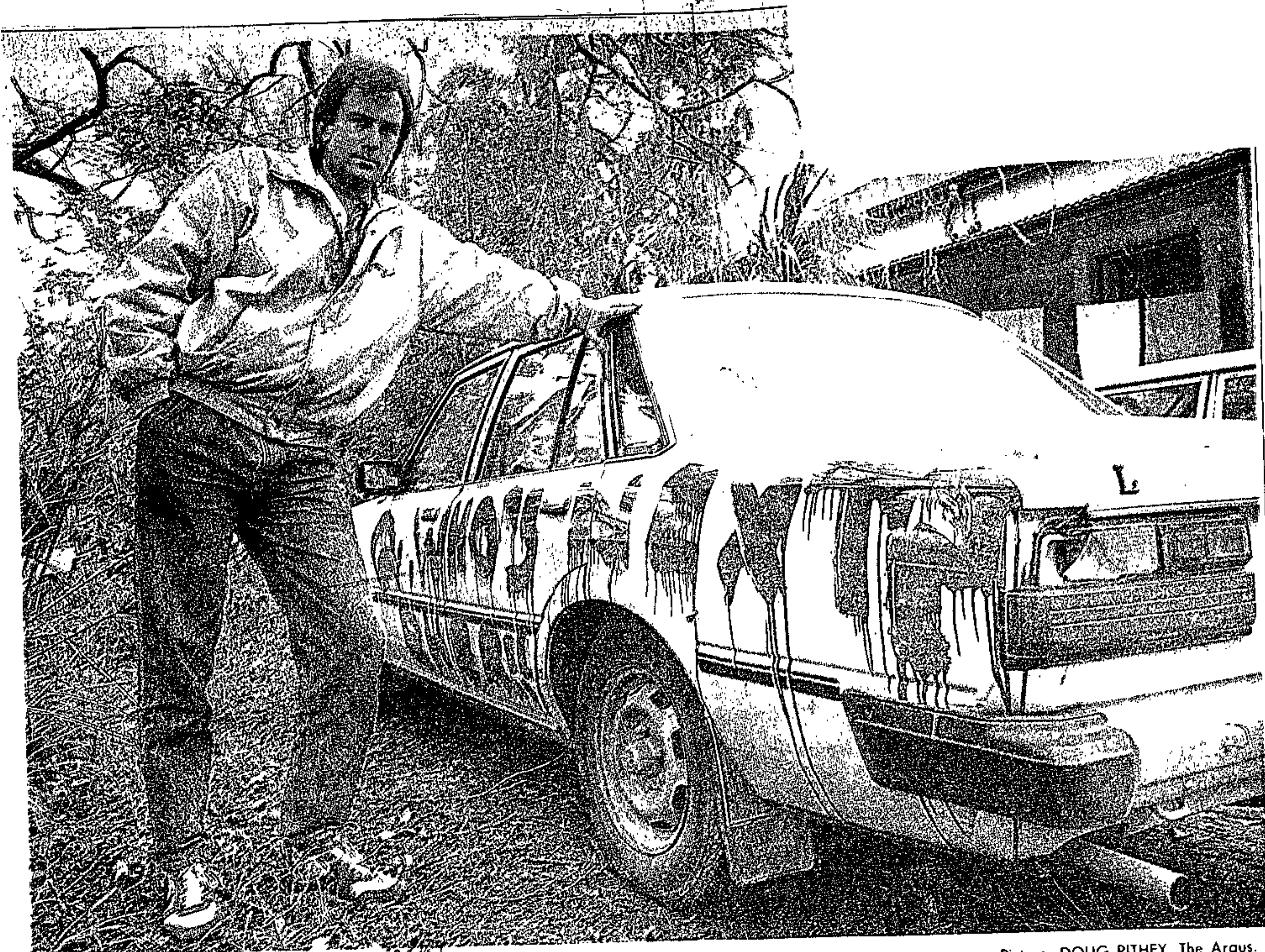
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Pamphlets viewed in serious light

not hesitate to act against people who took the law into their own hands.

"We appeal to members of the public to come forward with any information which will lead to the identities of those responsible." —

Sapa



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

VANDALISED: Stellenbosch student leader Mr Mark Behr next to his car which was splashed with red slogans warning him that he was "next to be done away with".

'You're next,' vandals warn Matie leader

By SHARON SOROUR
Tygerberg Bureau

VANDALS have written slogans in red paint on the car of prominent Stellenbosch University student leader Mr Mark Behr warning that he would be "done away with".

Mr Behr, a member of the Students' Representative Council and the Nusas executive,

discovered the slogans yesterday.

One, bearing the message "Who's next?" and the reply (with his surname incorrectly spelt) "Bher!!", covered the left side of his car. The other slogan "Weg met Behr" was daubed on the car's roof.

The car was parked in the driveway at the home of Nusas

president Leslee Durr, expelled and then reinstated by the university last term after a protest march on campus against residence racism.

An outraged Mr Behr said it was difficult to say whether the vandalism was the result of "reactionary rightwing students" or if it was "sanctioned by some one else".

"It is infuriating, especially as it has occurred previously and the cost is more than R2 000.

"There are obviously people in Stellenbosch who do not like me, mainly for political reasons," he said.

He would be available to stand for a second SRC term.

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NATAL VIOLENCE

New perspectives

The worst weekend of township violence yet experienced in Natal — at least 22 people were killed recently in a series of attacks and counter-attacks at Mpumalanga, midway between Durban and Maritzburg — has alarmed monitoring agencies.

They had been detecting a steady drop in the number of reported incidents since serious peace talks got under way two months ago.

Temporary aberration

But there are hopes that the clashes at Mpumalanga were only a temporary aberration, and that the discernible easing of political tensions between Inkatha, Cosatu and the UDF will continue.

The organisations concerned are holding "peace rallies" in an effort to filter down the results of meetings held between the respective leaders.

And it is reliably understood that a landmark meeting between Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC president Oliver Tambo will take place in London towards the end of August.

Mpumalanga's bloody weekend coincided with the release of the findings of a two-year study headed by researcher Gavin Woods, director of the Inkatha Institute, which, despite its links with that organisation, has clearly established its academic independence.

Woods, concerned that the causes of the violence are being oversimplified as an ideological struggle for supremacy between Inkatha and the UDF, has constructed a diagrammatic model attempting to show the

other dynamics at work.

This includes social, political and economic factors, and how black youths in the townships (whom he finds to be responsible for 90% of the violence) respond in different ways to these factors.

"The simple but now entrenched perception (of an Inkatha-UDF struggle) has in itself become a serious problem, in that it obscures the many fundamental causes of violence.

"If these were recognised and then addressed, perhaps much could be done to diffuse the townships," he argues.

When Mpumalanga erupted, the Inkatha Institute immediately dispatched researchers to the area, and Woods reports some interesting findings.

While not denying that the conflict took the traditional form of attack and counter-attack between people broadly identified

with each of the political groups, he says closer questioning revealed "that the conflict could not be pinned down as being structurally political. It was initially Inkatha-dominated areas which were attacked, and when we questioned some of the attackers they said they were trying to get rid of what they called the sellouts.

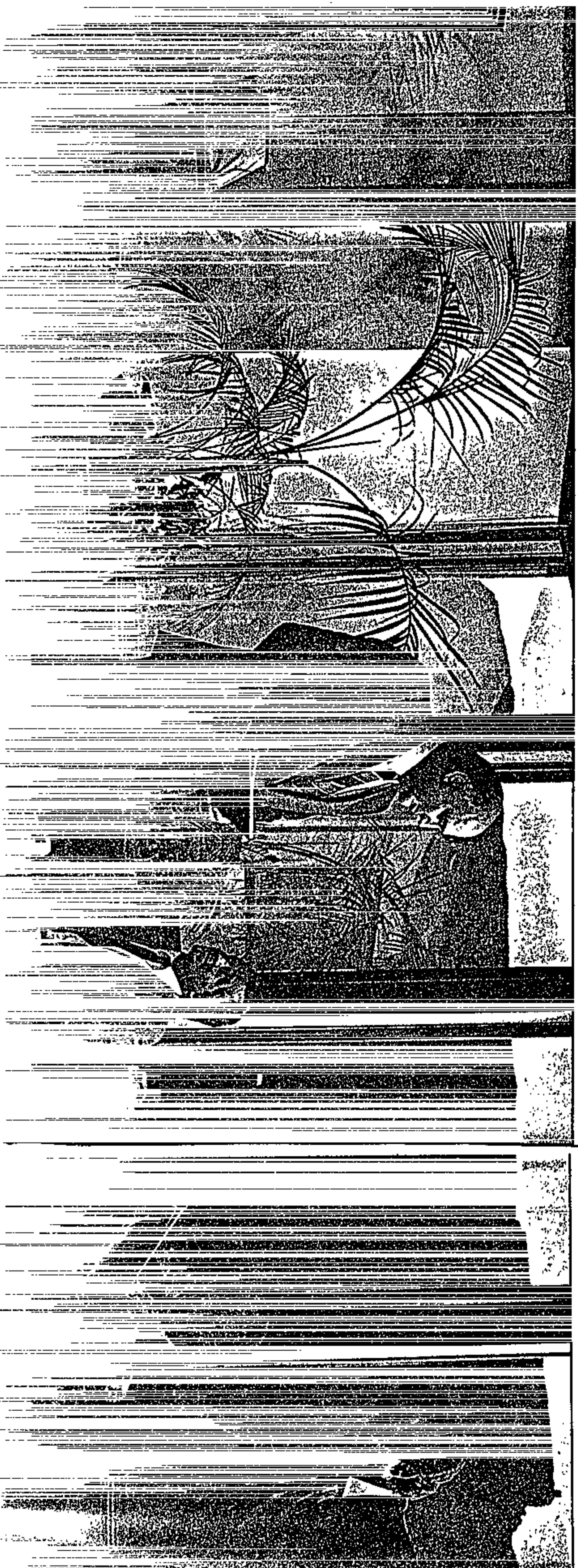
No political agenda

"However, closer questioning showed they could not explain what they meant by sellouts — in fact, on both sides it was clear those involved were not tied to political group thinking, they had no political agenda."

Woods's findings are now being circulated to several interested parties, and while peace initiatives continue, it should add a different perspective to the debate on the causes of the Natal violence.

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Grenades hurled into poet's home

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The Argus Correspondent

TWO handgrenades were hurled into the Soweto home of anti-apartheid activist and poet Mr Mzwakhe Mbuli at 11.30pm last night, damaging the kitchen and bedroom but leaving no one injured.

At the time of the attack, Mr Mbuli's wife Nomsa, his eight-year-old daughter Thandeka and her friend Thabisile were in the house.

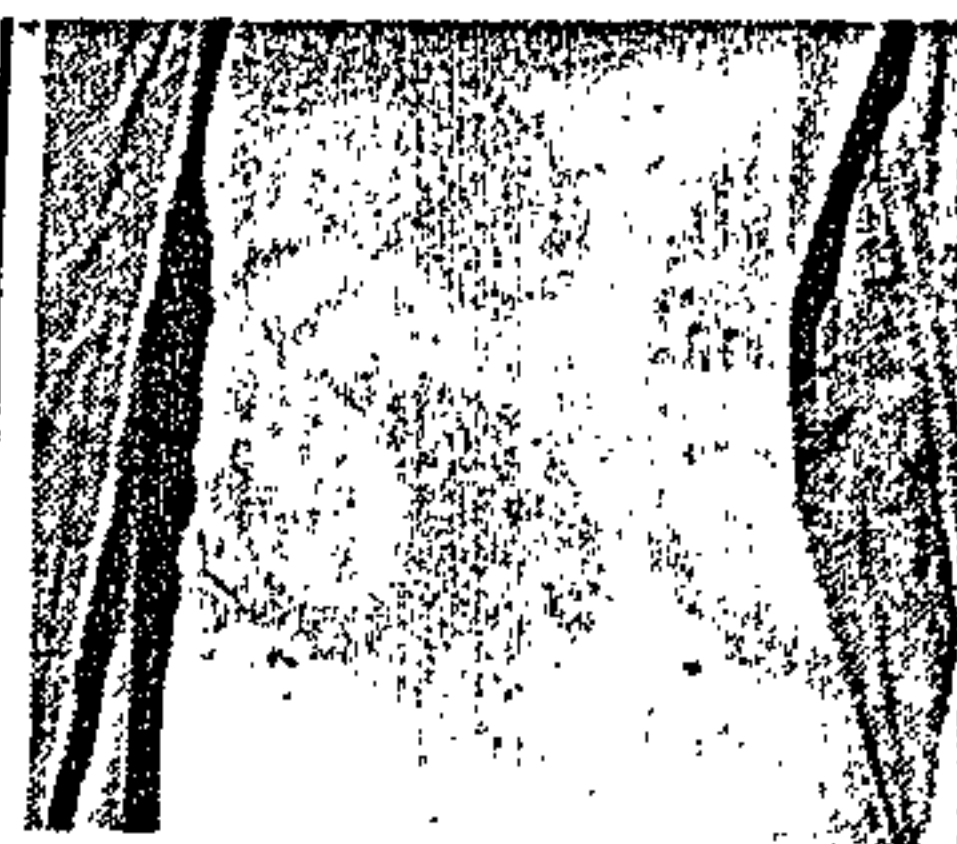
Mr Mbuli is in Maritzburg on business.

"TERRIFIED"

Mrs Mbuli said she was watching TV with her daughter's friend when two very loud bangs shook the house.

Mrs Mbuli told The Argus: "I saw smoke coming from the main bedroom which filled the house. I was terrified and confused, and waited for about 10 minutes.

"I phoned my neighbour to check if there was anybody outside. I phoned the Rev Frank Chikane, the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches. He came immediately and contacted the police who found two grenade pins in the yard."



RELEASED ... Mr Johnny de Lange, Cape Town Magistrate's Court, released. With him is his lawyer.

Mr. de Lange 8/8/87
**Snags for 2
Yengeni
trial lawyers**

Supreme Court Reporter

A DEFENCE lawyer in the Yengeni terrorism trial yesterday told the court of circumstances affecting two members of the defence team.

Mr D P de Villiers, SC, told the court yesterday morning that he wished to place on record the circumstances under which two members of the defence team, Mr Johnny de Lange and Mr Pius Langa, had been affected.

Mr De Lange had been detained by police during an incident on Saturday and Mr Langa's house had been shot at last Thursday night.

Mr Justice Selikowitz said: "I am shocked to hear that Mr Langa's house had been attacked. If that attack had anything to do with his appearance in this court I'm appalled that it happened and certainly cannot conceive of any justification whatsoever for such behaviour."

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Vandals hit M Plain school

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporter

VANDALS have struck at a Mitchell's Plain high school, leaving a trail of destruction and graffiti which read "Viva SAP".

Teachers at Glendale Senior Secondary School said today that hundreds of rands of damage had been caused when vandals hit the school yesterday. The vandals had not stolen anything, ignoring a tape-recorder in the secretary's office.

However, pamphlets advertising a joint meeting between Mitchell's Plain teachers and pupils were removed.

A slogan which had read "Viva UDF" was changed with black spray to read "Viva SAP".

The damage was discovered by the school's security guard when he reported for duty late yesterday, but the place was still in disarray when The Argus visited Glendale today.

Ten doors, including the one at the principal's office, were extensively damaged in the administration section of the school and will have to be replaced; sports gear was strewn over the staff room, and sections of the ceiling had been ripped open.

Sapa reports that the police confirmed that schoolchildren erected barricades and staged placard demonstrations at schools in the Peninsula yesterday.

In an "interim" unrest report, police reported stone-throwing incidents and a petrol-bomb attack. They said a school principal was slightly injured in stone-throwing.

"In three cases, police used tearsmeoke to disperse unruly mobs," the report said.

Today's police unrest report said stones were thrown at police in Sidwell, Port Elizabeth. A policeman was slightly hurt and a police vehicle damaged. Quirts were used.

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PROBE LAUNCH

Attacks on anti-apartheid organisations to be spotlighted

By THEMBA MOLEFE

A HIGH-powered independent board of investigators to probe the assassinations and attacks on anti-apartheid activists has been launched.

The 12-member board includes Professor Laure Ackermann, a former judge who is now a professor of human rights law at the University of Stellenbosch, South African Council of Churches general secretary the Rev

Frank Chikane, executive director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa, Dr Alex Boraine, and two human rights lawyers, Mr Brian Curtin and Mr Peter Harris.

Repression, Harris' law firm will co-ordinate the legal aspects of the investigation.

Pointing out that the board was not a commission of inquiry, interim chairman Mrs Sheena Duncan said at a Press conference that investigations would focus on

specific attacks such as the bombing of Cosatu House, Khotso House and Khanya House.

Some of the more recent attacks include the murder of Dr David Webster and the poisoning of Chikane.

The board said in its founding statement: "The socio-political crisis in this country has resulted in, among other things, an

escalation of violence, particularly upon those groupings perceived as resistance or opposition groupings.

"Many people are convinced that most of the recent acts of sabotage and assassination are a result of action aimed at curtailing the activities of resistance organisations."

Sabotage

It said the nature of attacks consisted of arson by means of fire bombing, grenades or the simple use of petrol or other inflammable liquids.

"There has been vandalism such as the destruction of premises, the smashing of equipment, including telex machines, computers, printing presses, telephone switchboards, intercoms and security surveillance systems.

"Thefts have occurred of documents, including records and financial

statements. Such thefts also include T-shirts, badges, track suits and any property or documentation relating to particular activities or campaigns.

"Less common incidents include the use of weapons and explosives, in some cases of a military type. There have also been incidents of individual handgrenade attacks on dwellings of offi-

cials and organisations."

Noting that many of the incidents had been reported to the South African Police, the board said that in the overwhelming majority of cases no criminal prosecution had resulted.

The board said the investigation would involve in-depth research and collection of data and evidence relating to such attacks. This could then give rise to a commission of inquiry.

Wolwe terror on East Rand

Sowetan 10/8/89 (344)

By LEN MASEKO

At least six AECI employees have been attacked - one fatally - in Modderfontein near Kempton Park allegedly by white vigilantes stalking the East Rand industrial area in recent weeks.

One worker, Mr Stanford Mazikwana, was attacked and killed allegedly by four white youths who shouted: "Wolwe slaan dood."

He was attacked metres from AECI's Modderfontein factory on July 1.

Police have opened a murder docket following the incident.

Another AECI employee, Mr Jackson Mojapelo, was allegedly assaulted by six white men while on his way to a company compound in the area a week ago.

A migrant labourer, Mojapelo said he was accosted by six white youths who, for no apparent reason, punched and kicked him.

"The youths tried to push me into a nearby stream but were stopped by a white passerby who ordered them to stop assaulting me," Mojapelo said.

The AECI worker was treated for minor injuries

at a local hospital.

The "unwarranted" attacks have angered the SA Chemical Workers Union (Sacwu) and AECI management, who have expressed concern for the safety of the company's black employees in the area.

Police had not yet responded to a *Sowetan* enquiry at the time of going to press.

Sacwu official Mr Humphrey Ndaba said: "Our members now fear for their safety following the attack on their colleagues".

The company said in

statement: "AECI which operates the Modderfontein factory is extremely concerned at the unwarranted attacks that have taken place recently on a number of its black employees.

"These attacks have taken place outside the factory but within the greater Modderfontein municipal area over which neither the company nor its security force has any jurisdiction."

AECI management said it had been assured by Kempton Park police that the complaints from AECI employees were receiving urgent attention.

Cops held for Rand thefts

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JOHANNESBURG. — East Rand police were investigating whether a shebeen owner, murdered during a robbery, was linked to the arrest of four white policemen yesterday on three charges of armed robbery of shebeen owners on the Witwatersrand.

The four policemen were allegedly involved in attacks on black shebeen owners in Tembisa, Heidelberg, Krugersdorp and Vanderbijl Park, police said yesterday.

Some of the robberies, involving more than R100 000, had been committed by men in police uniforms, who had told shebeen owners they were looking for firearms, police said.

Members of the East Rand murder

and robbery squad arrested the four alleged robbers in connection with a series of robberies against shebeen owners across the Reef.

During the robberies the gang, often in police uniform, threatened their victims with references to the leader of the so-called Wit Wolwe (White Wolves), Barend Strydom, who is on death row after being convicted of the murder of eight black people.

The gang allegedly hinted that they were members of the "Wolwe", according to a Sapa report. The policemen were automatically suspended.

All the suspects are expected to appear in court tomorrow. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

SA 'cannot afford' to teach all

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Staff Reporter

South Africa cannot afford to educate fully all its children, the deputy director-general of National Health and Population Development, Dr Boet Schoeman said at a literacy symposium in Welkom yesterday.

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Own Correspondent

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'Wit Wolwe' pamphlet sent to union boss

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Staff Reporter 344

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The pamphlet glorified convicted mass killer Barend Strydom and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB). It warned the Mass Democratic Movement that other Barend Strydoms would take care of them if they continued with their defiance campaign.

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AWB is on standby

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THE leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, has placed his supporters on stand-by for "any eventuality" following the resignation of President P W Botha.

In a statement issued in Pretoria yesterday, Terre'Blanche and the organisation's executive

committee said: "The far leftwing has now finally taken over the National Party and the government."

The AWB said it viewed the sudden resignation of President Botha as a sign of intolerance which was typical of liberalism.

"His resignation only

means one thing - and that is that F W de Klerk intends to swing to the left after the September election," the statement said. According to the statement, De Klerk wanted to show the world that the NP wanted to align itself with the leftwing.

(Report by: Esther Waugh, 216 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria).

SOWETO residents, concerned by the escalating number of schoolgirl rapes, "jack-rolling" attacks and robberies at shebeens in the township, have called several meetings to address the problem.

A meeting at Orlando East's DOCC on Saturday was one of many held in Soweto over the past two weeks to organise residents against gangs terrorising the area.

Last week Pimville residents took a "vote of no confidence" in the police, saying they were meeting to take action.

Director of Adult Education at Funda Centre, the Reverend Lebamang Sebidi in an interview said there had been much talk about gangs but no-one had yet been apprehended.

Crime has become so commonplace, Sowetans say they are being forced to protect themselves.

"Jack-rolling" describes methods used by gangsters who cruise the township streets at night looking for cars, money and sex.

They stop cars, rob passengers and abduct and rape women. The women are often dropped off at their homes the following morning and their parents given a chilling warning — when the gang calls again the women should be at home ... or else.

In the latest "jack-rolling" incident, a Soweto man, Clement Mongalo, 24, was shot dead at the weekend and his girlfriend abducted and gang-raped after a group ambushed their car in Meadowlands.

The gangsters abduct and rape young girls, then drop them at home with a chilling warning: when they next call, the girls must be at home ... or else

The rape victim said she and Mongalo were driving through Meadowlands at 11pm, when the gang in a minibus forced them off the road. They demanded the couple leave the car and when Mongalo refused, he was shot dead.

The woman was dragged into their car — where she found several

other women — who were then gang-raped near Ikwezi.

The mere mention of the word "jack-roll" sends panic through the community and is synonymous with the activities of the dreaded amaJapan gang.

AmaJapan originated in Dobsonville, but the gang's violent activities have spread to Pimville, Klipspruit and other parts of Soweto.

Other gangs are springing up throughout Soweto, modelling themselves on amaJapan.

It is not known how many gangs there are in the township, or how many members they have, but most gangs have about 30 members.

They use stolen cars in their attacks — often targetted at shebeens — where schoolgirls are "jack-rolled" and shebeen owners and patrons robbed.

Several Soweto shebeens have been closed after such attacks.

Outside the popular Meadowlands nightspot, Banda's, hangs a "closed" sign after the owner was attacked, shot and robbed by a gang in May.

Some residents believe even the police are scared of the gangs.

One witness said he saw a police van chase a member of amaJapan in Dobsonville. Suddenly the gangster turned on the police, swore at them and left.

"Strange things happen here," said Sebidi. "There has been talk here for a long time but no-one has been apprehended yet."

Soweto police representative Major N Hartwell said as long as residents failed to report incidents of gang violence there was nothing the police could do.

"We have heard of these things but we cannot act on theories. People must come forward and report these things," Hartwell said.

"Soweto is a big area and we depend on the residents for help. We have established services like radio control and the flying squad especially to help them."

A speaker at the DOCC meeting said the government and Department of Education and Training in particular, were to blame for the climate of violence.

People at the meeting agreed the DET was not the only player to blame, but claimed that gangs had mushroomed this year after DET refused to readmit students who failed Std 10 last year or did not meet the age restrictions for readmission.

A Senaoane principal said some youngsters organised themselves into gangs out of frustration and started attacking teachers and principals.

South African Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane expressed concern of "this new phenomenon which is clearly a result of the breakdown of community structures by state repression since the declaration of the State of Emergency and the inherent inability and the apparent reluctance of the state to deal with the situation".

The 'jack-roll' gangs which terrorise Soweto

Gang violence is spreading through Soweto, and the most frightening hoodlums are the 'jack-rollers' who abduct young women and gang-rape them. VINCENT MASHEGO reports

The SACC urged Soweto residents — particularly students — to exercise restraint in dealing with the situation and said it was considering calling for a conference of the people of Soweto to formulate action.

Another meeting, at Immaculata High School in Diepkloof, discussed the suspension of classes at the school.

School authorities stopped classes after pupils marched on a Diepkloof house, assaulted a

woman and damaged a vehicle in apparent retaliation for the rape of a schoolgirl and a panga attack on another.

In a statement last week, a Soweto community organisation said attempts by students to address the problems of thuggery, gangsterism, and the molesting of female students "is commendable ... however, it is important to be disciplined in our approach".

Sebidi said hooliganism and lawlessness in

schools was an indication that the government had lost its legitimacy.

"The children have lost control and rightly or wrongly they associate the teacher with the government."

"While other nations are busy with education that seeks curricular relevance, we are still battling with racist education," Sebidi added.

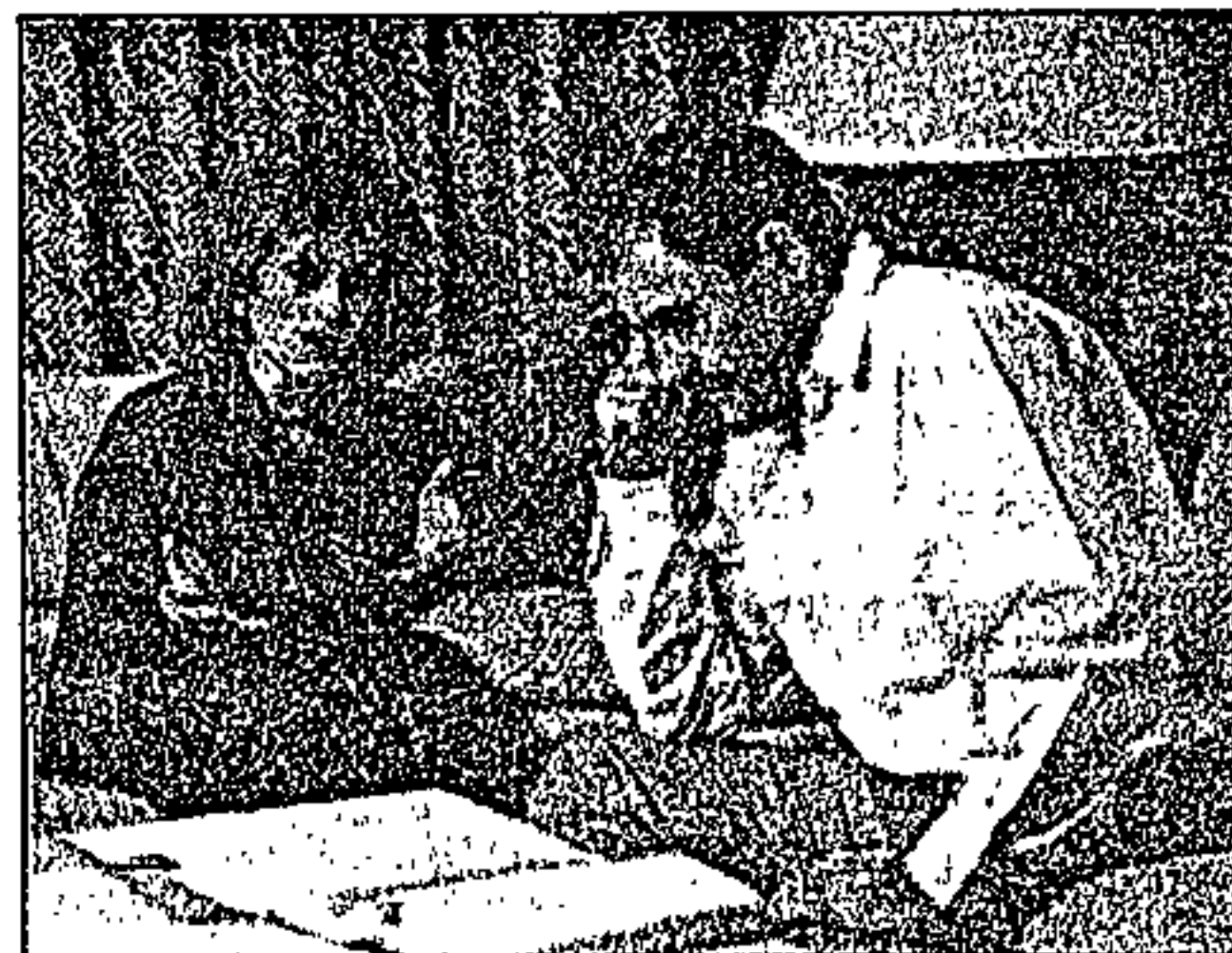
Meanwhile, the principal of Orlando West High, Serame Lekgetho, blamed some of his colleagues for student rebelliousness by not allowing for flexibility in implementing DET regulations.

"I allow for discretion in some cases and with the rapport we have established with students and the SRC, we only have deviations like arriving at school late and not wearing uniforms, which are normal."

Lekgetho said parents could help by "keeping their side of the bargain" in disciplining children.

However, Sebidi said, whatever parents could do was limited and unco-ordinated because of restrictions on meetings.

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Threat to Mazwai

THE senior assistant editor of *Sowetan*, Mr Thami Mazwai, received a threatening letter at his Soweto home on Wednesday purportedly written by the Wit Wolwe.

In the letter which carried the logo; "Lank Lewe Barend Strydom; Vegter Vir Die Witras," the Wolwe lashed out at what it called the "communist press propaganda," the defiance campaign and the Mass Democratic Movement.

In a stern warning the movement said in Afrikaans that blacks should stay far from their fatherland.

Mazwai said he took the threat very seriously because many people had fallen victims of such acts in the past.

"However, I cannot react to faceless people who enjoy support from high places," he said.

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Matie leader

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By JOCELYN MAKER
Weekend Argus
Reporter 344

THREE of the four shots fired at Stellenbosch University Nusas member Mark Behr would have killed him if he had not fallen flat on his desk.

As the first bullet smashed into a cupboard about 2 cm from his head, he realised had to do something quickly to save his life.

"I was sitting at my desk at about eight last night writing a letter to one of my lecturers who is studying in America. I had music playing quite loudly and did not hear anything outside."

Mr Behr said his profile was facing his study window at his Devon Valley cottage where the shooting took place.

Crawled

"My reading lamp was on and the curtains were drawn. The first shot struck a cupboard about 2 cm from my head. I fell forward across my desk and lay very still. Further shots were fired, centering around the place where the first one had struck."

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Matie leader escapes shots

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"If I had not fallen on to my desk they would most certainly have hit me."

For the next few agonising minutes he kept down, hoping that who ever had fired the shots had thought he had been hit.

"Then I crawled on the floor beneath the level of the window so that no one would see me and I managed to get to the telephone."

He called a fellow Nusas member, Mr Daniel Malan, who phoned the police immediately.

"I was terrified while it was happening and afterwards felt this mixture of anguish and fury."

"I have become in the eyes of many Afrikaners a symbol of a changing Stellenbosch campus which has traditionally been the bastion of Afrikaans nationalism."

In this context, he said he had become a target for those who opposed moves towards a democratic South Africa.

Weekend Argus was alerted to the attack when a man with a heavy Afrikaans accent phoned the newsdesk at 8.43pm and said: "I have just shot Mark Behr."

'Wit Wolf' claims he fired at Matie student leader

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POLICE have found four spent cartridges near the home of a student leader.

Four shots were fired at Mr Mark Behr, a member of the Stellenbosch Students' Representative Council, as he sat at his desk on Friday night.

Shortly afterwards a man calling himself a "Wit Wolf" rang a Cape newspaper saying he had fired the shots.

Mr Behr said yesterday: "I was writing a letter when the first shot was fired through my bedroom window. It just missed my head.

"I fell forward on to the desk and heard three more shots. I managed to crawl to

By JANICE HILLIER

the phone and asked a friend to call the police."

He said the shots had penetrated a cupboard and had lodged in the wall behind.

"Some people view me as a symbol of change at Stellenbosch, which I think is unfair," he added.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Denise Benson confirmed the incident, but said no arrests had been made.

Yesterday Dr Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, director of Idasa, said: "It's very disturbing that criminal thugs wander around killing or trying to kill people.

"If the Government does not act swiftly to stamp out such thuggery, we'll drift into a kind of savagery and brutality where death squads and self-appointed executioners become the norm."

In a statement yesterday, Nusas said the attempt on Mr Behr's life was part of a pattern of attacks on the lives of anti-apartheid activists.

● A fortnight ago vandals daubed Mr Behr's car with paint while it was parked in the driveway of the home of Miss Leslee Durr, the Maties' Nusas president who was expelled and then reinstated by the university last term.

Behr may quit SRC election following shooting attempt

By SHARON SOROUR
Tygerberg Bureau

STELLENBOSCH University student leader Mr Mark Behr is considering withdrawing his candidacy from the Students' Representative Council elections next month after an attempt on his life on Saturday.

Although he would have to redefine his role in student politics, Mr Behr said there was "no way" he would give up his political activities that opposed and challenged the status quo.

Four shots were fired at Mr Behr, a member of the SRC and Nusas, through a closed window at his Devon Valley home in Stellenbosch on Saturday night, missing him narrowly.

He said the incident forced him to "reassess one thousand things".

At this stage, I am strongly considering withdrawing my SRC nomination and not taking part in the September 31 elections."

Statements of support condemning the shooting streamed in yesterday from national and international quarters, including the Idasa (Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa) director, Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, SRC presidents of Wits, Cape Town, Rhodes, Durban and Maritzburg universities, West German parliamentarians and the British Union of Students.

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The statements expressed their "unconditional support" for Mr Behr's political activities and condemned the action against him.

He also received messages of support from Mr Jan van Eck,

Democratic Party MP for Claremont, and Mr Peter Gastrow, DP candidate for Berea, Durban.

South Africa would drift into a land of savagery and brutality with death squads and self-appointed executioners becoming the norm if the government did not "stamp out such thuggery", Dr Van Zyl Slabbert said.

In a statement slating the shooting attempt on Mr Behr, he said it was very disturbing that "thugs can wander around killing or shooting at individuals in cold blood".

Eventually, the government itself would become a target and not only "so-called leftists and dissidents", Dr Slabbert said.

(Report by S Sorour, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)



Police appeal for help in Webster killing case

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Investigations into the assassination of anti-apartheid activist Dr David Webster have run into a "cul-de-sac" and police have appealed for the co-operation of his friends, colleagues and associates.

The appeal was made yesterday by the SAP's deputy CID chief, Major-General Jaap Joubert, who is in overall charge of the investigation.

He said investigations would have made progress had Dr Webster's friends, colleagues and associates been more forthcoming with information and had co-operated fully with the police.

Dr Webster was gunned down outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home on May 1.

"We find there is a lack of trust in this matter and it would be of great help if they had the frankness (vrymoedigheid) to come and talk to me," General Joubert said.

He said detectives needed as much information as possible from associates of Dr Webster to establish a pattern which could provide clues.

"In any murder case one can do more if a motive has been established or if a pattern has been established. Dr Webster's friends can tell us whether he was followed or if they had noticed anything funny or whether he had told them something. There could also be a con-

cealed motive behind his killing," said General Joubert.

No motive had yet been established for Dr Webster's murder, General Joubert said. It could also not necessarily be said that Dr Webster had been murdered for political reasons as he was not a high-profile political personality.

General Joubert said investigations were continuing and information already at the disposal of the police was being assessed again.

"Attention is being given to what information we have already received, but this has lead to a cul-de-sac. No arrests have been made and no arrests are in the offing for the immediate future.

"Dr Webster's colleagues, friends and associates must

feel free to contact me and the information given will be treated with the necessary confidentiality.

"There is no need for suspicion. I can give the assurance that this murder investigation will be conducted as openly as any other," said General Joubert.

Anyone with information can contact General Joubert at (011) 310 1911.

Behr stands down, but is not put off course

Staff Reporter *344*
MATIE student leader Mr Mark Behr — who survived an assassination attempt at the weekend — announced yesterday that he would not stand for re-election to the SRC.

Mr Behr, a Nusas member, also denied reports that he would be leaving South Africa.

Four shots which narrowly missed his head were fired through a bedroom window at Mr Behr on August 18 while he was studying at his desk. No arrests have been made.

"No measure of intimidation would put me or the MDM (with which I associate myself fully) off course," he told 3 000 students at an SRC election meeting.

He said the blame for the shots fired at him "also lies at the feet of those responsible for creating apartheid and those sitting in the audience doing nothing to rid SA of the system tearing our country and her people apart".

Ballistics man

on Behr case

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Crime Reporter *(344)*

A POLICE ballistics expert from Pretoria has joined the investigation into the attempted murder of Stellenbosch University Nusas member Mr Mark Behr, 25.

Four shots were fired at Mr Behr last Friday while he was studying in his Devon Valley cottage. The bullets missed him by centimetres.

Minutes after the shooting a man calling himself a Wit Wolf claimed by telephone that he had killed Mr Behr. Two weeks before the shooting, death threats had been painted on Mr Behr's car.

Shootings, bombings: Clergyman and family in hiding after death threa

Defiance backlast

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Shootings, petrol-bombings and death threats marked the start of a defiance campaign against apartheid in public transport here today.

The "Wit Wolwe" claimed responsibility for several violent incidents. These include:

- Twelve shots were fired last night at the house of an organiser of the Stand for the Truth campaign, the Rev Ivor Jenkins, sending him and his family into hiding.

- Seven shots were fired into the house in Queenswood of Mr Louis Bredenkamp, a member of several extra-parliamentary organisations in Pretoria.

- A petrol-bomb attack at the Colbyn home of Miss Alet Schoon, 21, a member of the Students for a Democratic Society. A car was burnt out.

- Half-bricks were hurled at the Laudium house of Transvaal Indian Congress executive committee member Mr A R Dawood.

Intimate knowledge

Mr Jenkins telephoned the Pretoria News today and said a man claiming to be "Mr De la Rey" and the new leader of the Wit Wolwe left a message on his telephone answering machine, threatening to kill him.

An earlier call revealed that the caller had intimate knowledge of Mr Jenkins's family, including where his son Kevin went to school and where his wife worked.

Pamphlets attached to two stones were thrown through the window of his home on Saturday evening.

Signed "Wit Wolwe," the documents read: "... a circus well may seem peaceful and quite but we are promising you trouble ... Blood River is holy and while no other action can be prepared for it, this week we will get very close.

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Pamphlet found

In the incident at Miss Schoon's house on Saturday night a pamphlet was found similar to that found at Mr Jenkins's house.

Two white men were seen leaving in a grey car.

Two half-bricks were thrown at Mr Dawood's house on Saturday night while he read the newspaper.

The first landed in his dining-room a metre from where he sat.

Mr Bredenkamp said his house was attacked shortly before midnight last night when seven shots were fired into his lounge. He said his son Louis, who took part in the bus defiance campaign, was sleeping in the lounge and the shots narrowly missed him. Mr Bredenkamp intended calling a meeting with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to discuss intimidation.

"This used to happen on Zimbabean farms, but not in towns. In Pretoria we are not safe in our houses," he said.

The defiance campaign got off to a quiet start in Pretoria North today amid a heavy police presence. Municipal transport officials were in attendance.

A spokesman for the campaign said people who were scheduled to board buses at a Pretoria North bus terminal, on the corner of Rachel de Beer and Danie Theron streets, had apparently been prevented from leaving Medunsa.

They were to have travelled to Pretoria North in minibuses, but police apparently searched all vehicles leaving Medunsa, checking for pamphlets and preventing those intending to use white buses from reaching Pretoria North.

Among those present at the Pretoria North terminal were journalists, a member of the Australian Embassy and a member of the Black Sash.

(Report by E Waugh, E Janssen, D Lamprecht, I Clover, C Reilly, P Vosloo and B van Rooyen, 216 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria)

WIT WOLWE

VIOLENCE

Shootings, bombings as campaign starts in Pretoria



A black man waits to board a white bus in Pretoria yesterday morning.

INCIDENTS of shootings, petrol bombings and threats against the lives of organisers marked the start of the defiance campaign in Pretoria against apartheid in public transport.

Although the campaign got off to a quiet start at white bus stops early yesterday, violent incidents which marred the campaign - and for which the "Wit Wolwe" claimed responsibility, included:

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Wit Wolwe

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Congress executive committee member Mr A R Dawood

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In the incident at the Colbyn house of Miss Schoon on Saturday night a pamphlet similar to the one found at Jenkins' house was found.

Two white men were seen leaving in a grey car.

The Laudium house of Dawood was attacked with two half bricks on Saturday night while he was reading the newspaper. One brick missed him by a metre.

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Police in Natal arranged peace talks

Inkatha and UDF lay down weapons

DURBAN — In the most significant peace move yet in the Natal/kwaZulu political violence, UDF and Inkatha fighters from the Valley of Death at Shongweni have laid down their weapons after two years of bitter conflict.

The reconciliation bid was arranged largely by the South African Police.

About 700 people gathered at a school in Shongweni on Sunday to witness leaders of the two groups announce that they wanted to work for peace and rebuild the devastated valley.

Abandoned homes

People cheered as Mr Thulani Zulu, acknowledged UDF leader, and the chairman of the local Inkatha branch, Mr Victor Sibisi, shook hands and embraced to signal the end of hostilities.

They then shook hands with Captain Ray Harrauld of the SAP, who played a major role in bringing the two sides together.

Brigadier Gerrit Viljoen, in charge of combating unrest in Natal and kwaZulu, gave the peace process his full backing.

There have been various estimates of the num-

ber of deaths in the valley, but they begin with 150 killed in the fighting.

Last year, 1 800 pupils enrolled at the three schools in the area. This year they are all closed — but now there is hope.

A river running through the valley divided Inkatha territory from that occupied by the UDF.

About 17 000 of the 40 000 inhabitants have fled from the violence as refugees, leaving hundreds of houses empty and looted.

The SAP recently moved into an abandoned school and set up a strongpoint.

Captain Harrauld arranged for the UDF and Inkatha to hold their own meetings, and met the leaders. The outcome was Sunday's peace.

People said they did not want the SAP to leave the area. UDF members praised the SAP for being unbiased in their work.

Captain Harrauld told the meeting the only way to restore order "was to get the people together" and talk.

An SADF officer said it was there to ensure the peace initiative continued.

Inkatha and UDF people at the peace meeting said they had never seen the two sides together peacefully before. — Sapa.

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3 held for boarding 'whites-only' bus

PRETORIA. — Three black men who tried to catch a "whites-only" bus here yesterday afternoon in the latest phase of the defiance campaign against apartheid facilities were arrested.

The three would-be passengers were removed from the first step of a bus they had boarded in Church Street.

They were placed in one of a number of police vehicles lining the street.

Police said they would be charged with "conspiracy".

The three were the only black men from a group who had attempted to board segregated buses at six different points throughout the day.

Earlier protesters had been stopped from boarding buses by police blocking their path and transport officials who drove buses away — leaving white passengers stranded.

Two press photographers were also briefly held. Officials from the Australian, British, Canadian, French, Swedish and US embassies were present.

Men to be charged with 'conspiracy'

No violent incidents were reported during the protest, but several members of the campaign said they had received death threats from a right-wing group.

The protest began at 7.30am in the densely-populated suburb of Sunnyside when Mr Phascha Ramakopa stepped forward with a ticket at the doors of a "whites-only" bus.

He was accompanied by another two protesters.

The driver allowed some of the white passengers at the stop to board but closed the doors in Mr Ramakopa's face on the instructions of a bus inspector.

The bus then drove off, leaving other white passengers behind.

"I just tried to get onto the bus and they closed the door," Mr Ramakopa said.

Later 10 policemen arrived and blocked the doors of the buses, allowing whites through but obstructing blacks.

Although the bus campaign got off to a quiet start, there were several violent incidents on the eve of the campaign for which the "Wit Wolwe" claimed responsibility.

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— Sapa and UPI

Tests show Chikane's clothes were poisoned

JOHANNESBURG. — Tests in the United States of the clothing of anti-apartheid cleric the Rev Frank Chikane have established beyond doubt that the clothing had been poisoned, resulting in his illness while on tour overseas.

The tests, conducted at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, proved the clothing had been smeared with a toxic organo-phosphate, the South African Council of Churches said in a statement.

"A recent report from the university has confirmed beyond doubt the organo-phosphate poisoning of the Rev Frank Chikane," it said.

Police here said they would open an investigation after Mr Chikane had made a statement to them.

Mr Chikane has made the statement, which says that in the six months before the poisoning he was not near any farm, chemical factory or war zone where such chemicals could have been in use.

"I can state that if people had access to my luggage at Jan Smuts Airport or the Windhoek airport, it is possible that the substance could have contaminated my clothes at those points," it says. — Sapa

ANC committed to Natal talks

30/4/89 The Star Bureau

LONDON — The ANC is committed to re-starting Natal peace initiatives, according to a spokesman of the organisation.

He said talks between ANC leader Mr Oliver Tambo and Inkatha head, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, scheduled for August in London, failed to materialise because Dr Buthelezi insisted on laying down preconditions which had "marginalised" Cosatu and the UDF. *STM*

"Regrettably, Chief Buthelezi had started to make certain demands even before the meeting.

"He said he must receive an invitation from the president of the ANC and (that) the two must work out a date and venue. This became unacceptable (because) he was seeking the isolation of the UDF and Cosatu."

The spokesman said the ANC was going to "work out out how to resume that process again".

"It is necessary to move

forward. We hope everyone involved will do everything possible to co-operate. Every organisation interested in peace in Natal must be able to come together to talk peace."

● The ANC has denied that it has been ousted from Zambia, and says it is moving most of its complement to Tanzania where it has been promised land.

The ANC said it was having to rent property in Lusaka and this was becoming too expensive.



Buthelezi . . . laid down preconditions.

The speech that could not be made

An extract from the speech which Dr ZACH DE BEER, co-leader of the Democratic Party, would have delivered at the University of the Witwatersrand yesterday had the meeting not been disrupted.

“THE party I represent stands for universal adult suffrage with-in a negotiated constitution. It stands for open schools, hospitals and other public amenities. It stands for the repeal of the Group Areas Act, the separate Amenities Act and the Population Registration Act.

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“It stands for the abolition of the tricameral parliament, in favour of one single central parliament for all South Africans, with a federal structure providing similar non-racial parliaments at State or provincial level. It is on that basis that I seek support here.

“I know there is a view amongst certain members of the university that it is better not to participate in elections for the tricameral parliament. Indeed in 1987, when there was an election for the white parliament only, it was boycotted by certain democratic citizens at Wits and elsewhere.

“It is likely that boycott was decisive in the loss of the Hillbrow constituency by the PFP to the National Party.



Dr Zach de Beer

undesirable institution such as the tricameral parliament comes into existence, the question whether to boycott or to participate arises. In 1984, the PFP members of parliament had to consider whether to continue as such or not.

“The decision was to continue, and in my judgement at least, that decision has been vindicated by events. I’ve no doubt that these members have been vindicated.

House of Delegates election.

“Well, this was a difficult decision, but at the end of the day the fact was that a lot of good members of our party wanted to participate, and there was no justification for the party leadership forbidding them to do so — anyhow not if we were going to participate on the widest possible scale in the House of Assembly.

The second reason for my decision is that I am already in a position to express my views on the subject.

political weapon by anyone. Now I think I am right in saying that the MDM has denied that its plans any violence — so what I said cannot be interpreted as criticism of the organisation.

“For the record, let me repeat that I believe that all hospitals should be open to patients of all races.

“I associate myself firmly with my colleague Wynand Malan, who was quoted by Saturday’s ‘Citizen’ as saying: ‘The DP recognises the right of the Mass Democratic Movement to protest against the injustices under which the majority of our people suffer. Such protest is justified because the protesters don’t have the right to vote, nor is there presently an initiative to open negotiations towards bringing this about.’

Fears

“I should like to use this occasion to appeal to all in this country who believe in democracy and freedom to help one another, to work together for peaceful change as soon as it can be achieved.

“I am sure that the National Party will use the election to bring about a change in the government.

Four die in Natal attacks

DURBAN — Four people had been killed in Natal since Sunday, police reported yesterday.

A two-year-old child, Mduduzi Hlophe, was burned to death yesterday when a house was attacked and set alight at Lindelani, north of Durban.

In another incident, a KwaMashu high school pupil, Bongekile Nana Sibiyi, was stabbed to death on Tuesday.

And Khulumile Dlamini, 48, and Paulos Mbanjwa, 62, were shot and killed by unknown people in Mpumalanga, between Maritzburg and Durban, on Monday.

KwaZulu policeman,

Constable Jabulani Masondo, 28, was stabbed to death in Umlazi, south of Durban on Sunday.

No arrests were made.

Meanwhile, more than 700 suspects were arrested in the past two weeks in a crime blitz in Durban and its surrounding areas.

Police said yesterday the operation, which was continuing, had netted suspects in connection with murder, rape, possession of drugs and other offences.

Police said: "A total of 715 people have been arrested. A number have appeared in court and some have paid admission of guilt fines." — Sapa.

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 to January 1989:	668
February 1989 — August 29 1989:	204
Past 24 hours' official toll:	0
TOTAL:	872

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Electric shock

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Scores of families in Vosloorus on the East Rand claim they are being charged exorbitant service charges of up to R400 a month.

The residents have rejected the bills and the council is switching off their lights if they fail to pay.

The families claim that water and electricity metres were not being

By MZIKAYISE
EDOM

checked regularly. The council has rejected their allegations.

The mayor of Vosloorus, Mr Douglas Montsheng, said most of the people who were claiming that their bills were high were in arrears with their site rent and service charges.

"Some of these people are in arrears for more than four months," said Montsheng.

He said other cases were genuine. Montsheng said: "These are the cases we are presently investigating. We have discovered in some instances that metres were not properly read and in such events, we refund the affected people."

Unionist bashed

Sowetan 1/9/89
A trade union organiser claimed he was punched and chased away by a Boksburg employer with whom he was to have had a meeting to discuss a labour dispute on Monday.

Mr Philemon Ntombela, organiser with the Steel Engineering and

By LEN MASEKO

Allied Workers Union of South Africa (Seawusa), said he was assaulted by three whites - including the company's director, a Mr Poena van Zyl - on the premises of JP Welding in Boksburg North.

But Van Zyl yesterday

denied having assaulted the Seawusa official, saying he had only reprimanded him for "coming late to the meeting".

Ntombela said his assailants told him that they did not want any trade union meddling in the company's affairs.

Bomb blast in Athlone hurts 2

Staff Reporter

A BOMB exploded in the office of the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work in Athlone about 8.30 last night, just minutes after a meeting of the Cape Youth Congress had been held there.

Two people were hurt in the blast.

The foundation's office is 120 metres from the Athlone Civic Centre, where a polling booth for next week's election has been set up.

Residents in the area reported that the blast shook their homes; one resident said she "thought it was an earthquake, even the glasses were falling from the table".

Police cordoned off the blast scene, on the corner of Klapperbos and Springbok streets, as emergency rescue personnel, including the Metro squad and police bomb and reaction units, converged on scene within minutes.

It is not clear whether the two injured, who were not identified and received light cuts to their hands, were passersby or among stragglers from the Cayco meeting, which followed an earlier meeting by the Western Cape Foundation for Community Work.

Scores of people flocked to the area after the blast. A police spokesman confirmed the blast but referred further inquiries to police headquarters in Pretoria.

State of emergency

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Police name three hurt in Athlone bombing

THREE men are believed to have been injured in a bomb blast at Athlone, five people have been killed in Natal and more than 30 activists have been arrested as violence continues across the country.

Police have named three men they believe were injured in the bomb blast which damaged a hall at the Athlone offices of the Foundation for Community Work.

They are Mr Godfrey Blignaut, 20, Mr Clarence Coetzee, 24, and possibly a Mr Wallace Stevens, who has not been traced.

The blast last night blew holes in the hall's wall and roof, broke windows and damaged adjoining buildings.

Police said today they believed the explosion was caused by a limpet mine.

BULLET-RIDDLED

In their daily unrest report, the police said the bullet-riddled bodies of five men were discovered yesterday morning at Haza, near Howick in Natal, after a gunfight at a house.

Arsonists at the Botleng township near Delmas torched six classrooms of a primary school.

But the epicentre of the unrest remained townships around Cape Town where widespread stonings, burning barricades and extensive police action were reported.

At Zwelethemba, near Worcester, police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse stone-throwers and protesters. A special constable was stabbed and the crowd set him alight. The authorities said he was in a serious condition in hospital.

In the centre of Cape Town police arrested 22 people who were protesting at the offices of the Cape Provincial Administration.

WIDESPREAD

The authorities said five youths were taken into custody during widespread violence in Elsies River, Ravensmead, Kraaifontein, Hanover Park, Athlone, Mitchell's Plain and Belville.

Police said the violence consisted of stone-throwing, burning road barricades, hurling petrol bombs and clashes.

In most cases the authorities used tearsmoke, rubber bullets or birdshot to disperse protesters.

several vehicles were damaged.

In the Ngolozzi township near Durban two men were burnt after a petrol-bomb was hurled into a house.

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Police name three men injured by Athlone bomb

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And at Wits University police said they arrested a 14-year-old boy after clashes between the authorities and students, whose earlier defiance meeting was banned.

"In one incident a large group of students gathered on the steps of the Great Hall. They ignored warnings to disperse and began stoning the police. An officer and three members of the force were injured," said the authorities.

"Police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse the mob.

"On five further occasions police used a limited amount of tearsmoke to disperse groups who refused to disperse voluntarily."

Police swooped on several gatherings in Johannesburg and Cape Town and scores of people were arrested. Some were released later.

GATHERINGS

The Ministry of Law and Order said a number of people had been detained throughout the country.

But spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the detentions were part of an "ongoing crackdown" against those who broke their restriction orders and not a new wave of arrests and detentions.

In Johannesburg 11 officials of the Congress of South African Trade Unions were arrested while protesting about "police action" against the federation's general secretary, Mr Jay Naidoo, whose house and office were searched.

In a statement last night Cosatu said the arrests were part of a general wave of repression and State violence and the State was unable to contain the mood of defiance and resistance to the general election.

Witwatersrand police commissioner Brigadier G N Erasmus has banned until next Thursday all meetings organised by the Riverlea Human Rights Committee, the Transvaal Anti-Presidents Committee and the Standing for Truth campaign.

In other incidents yesterday:

- Coloured pupils from at least five Johannesburg high schools stayed away from school to protest against the election, bringing the total out of classes to about 4 500.

- About 400 pupils, including some from Lenasia, held a peaceful protest meeting at St Barnabas College in Bosmont.

- Several hundred students attended a lunchtime End Conscription Campaign meeting at the University of Cape Town.

- In Pretoria 10 members of the Standing for the Truth campaign appeared in a Pretoria Regional Court after they tried to board buses at Church Square on Wednesday.

A spokesman for the Ministers' Council in the House of Representatives said there were problems at schools in Paarl and Wellington, but they were doing their utmost to return conditions to normal.

From Durban it was reported that bomb experts were examining the damage to a bus following an explosion in Phoenix, north of Durban. — Staff Reporters and Sapa.

Attack by 'Wit Wolwe' alleged

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POLICE have opened a docket of attempted murder after alleged "Wit Wolwe" fired at least two shots at the home of a theologian whose daughter was recently arrested in the bus defiance campaign.

No one was injured in the 9.40pm attack at the home on the corner of 10th and Mackenzie streets in Menlo Park Pretoria, on Sunday night.

The attack came after Miss Helena Saayman (22), daughter of the Reverend W A Saayman, had earlier received a death threat.

Miss Saayman, who was arrested on Wednesday along with nine other bus defiers, said yesterday an anonymous person had called to say "Die Wit Wolwe sal jou binnekort kry" (The Wit Wolwe will get you soon).

"I did not tell anyone

Police open murder docket

as I quietly thought the caller may have been a young policeman joking.

"But now it's not a joke anymore - especially after my mother saw two middle-aged men slowly driving past and taking a good look at our home early yesterday," Miss Saayman said.

The shotgun rounds shattered a window of the main bedroom and several pellets were lodged in the wall.

Police spent about two hours investigating the incident at the home on Saturday night.

Miss Saayman said the attack would not scare her off and the campaign

against apartheid would continue as planned.

• The "Wit Wolwe" claimed responsibility for several violent incidents, aimed at people involved in the bus defiance campaign, in Pretoria last week.

At the start of the bus defiance campaign two city activists, Mr Louis Bredenkamp and the Reverend Ivor Jenkins, received death threats - one from a man, a Mr de la Rey, who claimed to be the new leader of the "Wit Wolwe".

Last weekend nine shots were fired at Bredenkamp's home while 12 shots hit the home of Jenkins.

Pamphlets, signed by the "Wit Wolwe" were left at the two houses.

By STEPHEN WROTESLEY
Weekend Argus News Editor

EVER since 1948, the implementation of unpopular legislation has fallen on the shoulders of the police force. And the manner of that implementation has usually been decided by the Commissioner of Police, a political appointment.

But for decades there has been the ongoing argument about the roles of the Minister of Police — and more recently Law and Order — and the force itself.

Does the dog wag the tail or the tail wag the dog?

Most ministers have picked tough, no quarter given commissioners — in recent years from the ranks of the security branch. The appointment of these men has resulted in no quarter given purges of the ranks of extra-parliamentary groupings.

Ministers, too, have tended to be uncompromising. Mr John Vorster, who was Minister of Justice and Police from 1961 until his appointment as Prime Minister after the assassination of Dr Hendrik Verwoerd in 1966 proclaimed after five years in the position that 453 people had been banned.

The bannings would only have taken place on information from his commissioner.

Mr Vorster was responsible for expanding the security police and tightening South Africa's borders.

He was in charge when Pogo, the military wing of the PAC, was crushed. But he also witnessed the rise of Umkhonto We Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC.

His commissioner was responsible for the serving of 90 day detention orders and oversaw the strict implementation of the Immorality Act which saw 2 427 people charged in three years.

In contrast, the subsequent minister, Mr Petrus Pelser, was "softly spoken and mild mannered".

During his tenure in the ministry, there was a "significant" drop in the number of prisoners serving sentences in terms of security laws.

Then after Mr Pelser's death came the appointment of Mr Jimmy Kruger, another bellicose minister. While he was in charge, the police crushed the Soweto unrest, numerous organisations and the newspaper The World were banned.

Steve Biko died, an event which left him "cold".

Significantly, he appointed the head of the security branch, General Mike Geldenhuys, as his commissioner in 1978.

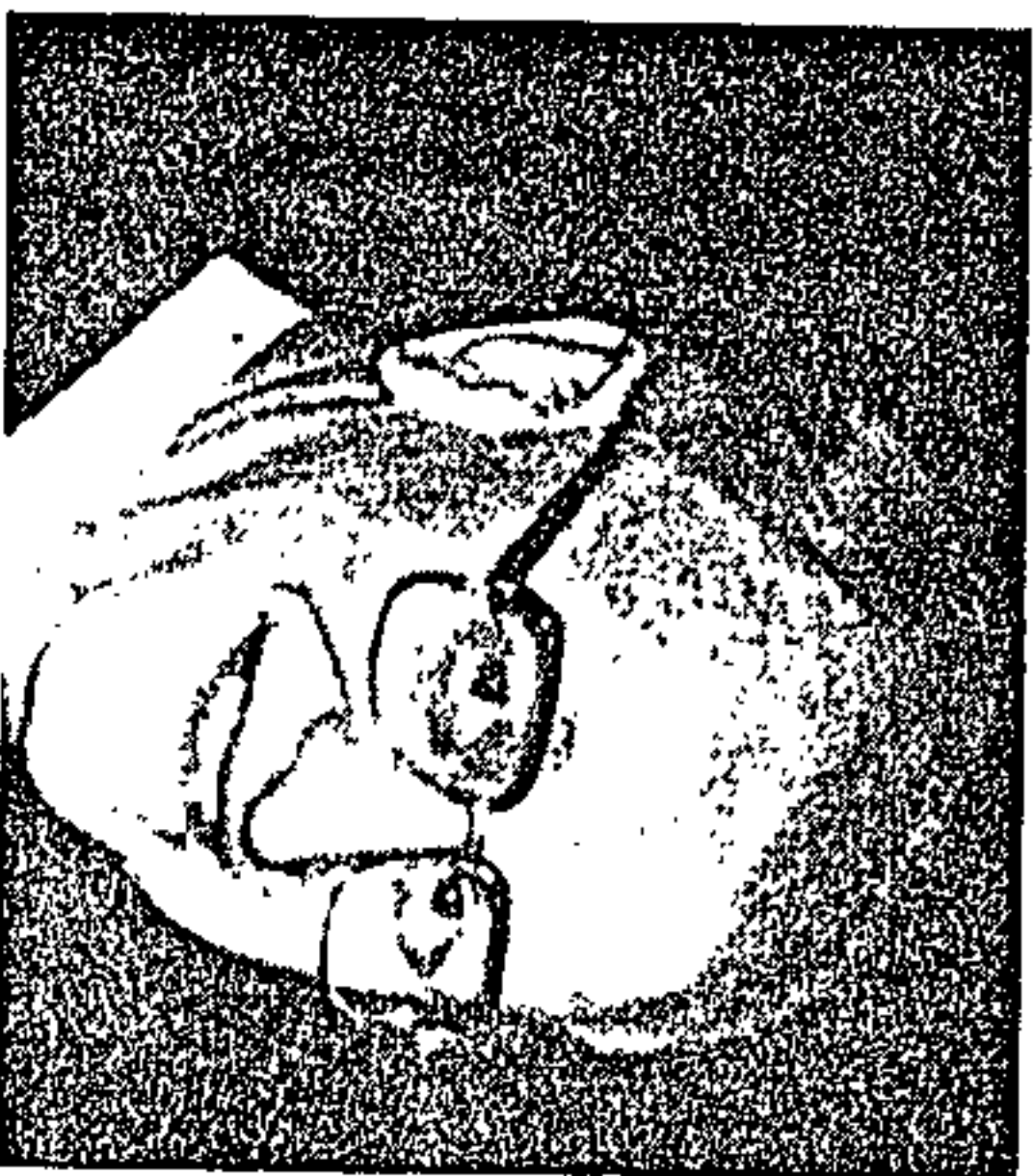
General Geldenhuys's background was steeped in the activities of policemen fighting the total onslaught.

Community policing took a backwards step as the force stepped in boots and all.

For close on four years the two clamped down on extra parliamentary opposition, crushing the resurgence of unrest in 1980.

General Geldenhuys had spent most of his ca-

DOES DOG WAG TAIL OR TAIL WAG DOG?



Mr John Vorster ... vowed to improve police image.



Mr Louis le Grange ... state of emergency imposed.

reer in the security branch and a brief period with the Bureau for State Security.

When Mr Kruger was replaced by another hawk, Mr Louis le Grange, General Geldenhuys was to stay on. And when he left, another security branch chief, General Johan Coetzee, was appointed commissioner.

Mr Le Grange was at the helm during the Uitenhage shootings, allegations of police brutality during the combating of unrest the mid-80s and the imposition of the state of emergency.

In General Coetzee, Mr Le Grange had a policeman with 29 years service as a member of the security branch.

He had run undercover operators such as General Ludi and Major Craig Williamson. General Coetzee was to stay on as commis-

sioner for nine months after Mr Le Grange was replaced by Mr Adrian Vlok as minister.

Mr Vlok, who vowed to improve the image of the police and promote the sense that policemen were there to "protect and serve", especially in black townships then chose General Henne de Witt, a "policeman's policeman" to promote his line of thinking.

General de Witt, interestingly, had not had a career intertwined with security. He was not steeped in the concept of "swart gear" and "all the world is against us". He was not fine-tuned to the concept of reds under the beds.

He was basically a uniformed administrative officer more interested in criminal policing than security policing.

He backed the state of emergency but said at the same time that having the powers vested in

him in terms of the emergency was "quite a responsibility".

"When I joined the force we only fought crime."

The image of the police force had been tarnished with the combating of unrest, he said.

He tried, like Mr Vlok, to make people appreciate the value of the police force and not to resent it.

Combating crime, rather than political activism, was at the forefront of his mind.

At the same time, the implementation of police policy at regional level depended on who was appointed chief by the commissioner.

Under Mr Le Grange and General Coetzee, strong-arm police chief Brigadier Chris Swart was appointed as Divisional commissioner of police in the Western Cape.

The controversial policeman was responsible for the ban on the display of "any viewpoint of a political nature" in January 1986 — a ban that was lifted hours later by Mr Le Grange after a public outcry.

Months later, as Mr Le Grange was shuffled out of the cabinet by Mr P W Botha, Brigadier Swart was promoted and transferred out of the Cape house.

He was replaced by Brigadier (later General) Ronnie van der Westhuizen — an unusual move as Brigadier van der Westhuizen was a career detective. But his very appointment might have reflected Mr Vlok's belief in the fact that a policeman's task was to fight crime.

When Brigadier van der Westhuizen was moved to Pretoria, Mr Jan van Eck, (then independent MP for Claremont) said he had "set a wonderful example as a policeman".

His replacement was Brigadier Roy During, who took the attitude that "the police are in the unenviable position that sometimes laws are passed that are distasteful to certain sections and we have to enforce them".

"We are the scapegoats," he said.

But with the regionalisation of the police force and with only a few months left of General de Witt's tenure as Commissioner of Police, Brigadier During was moved and General Flip Fourie, formerly of Boland division, appointed as regional commissioner.

GENERAL de Witt is on his way out — he retires at the end of this year.

Already his probable successor, General Johan van der Merwe, another chief of the security branch, has stood in for him.

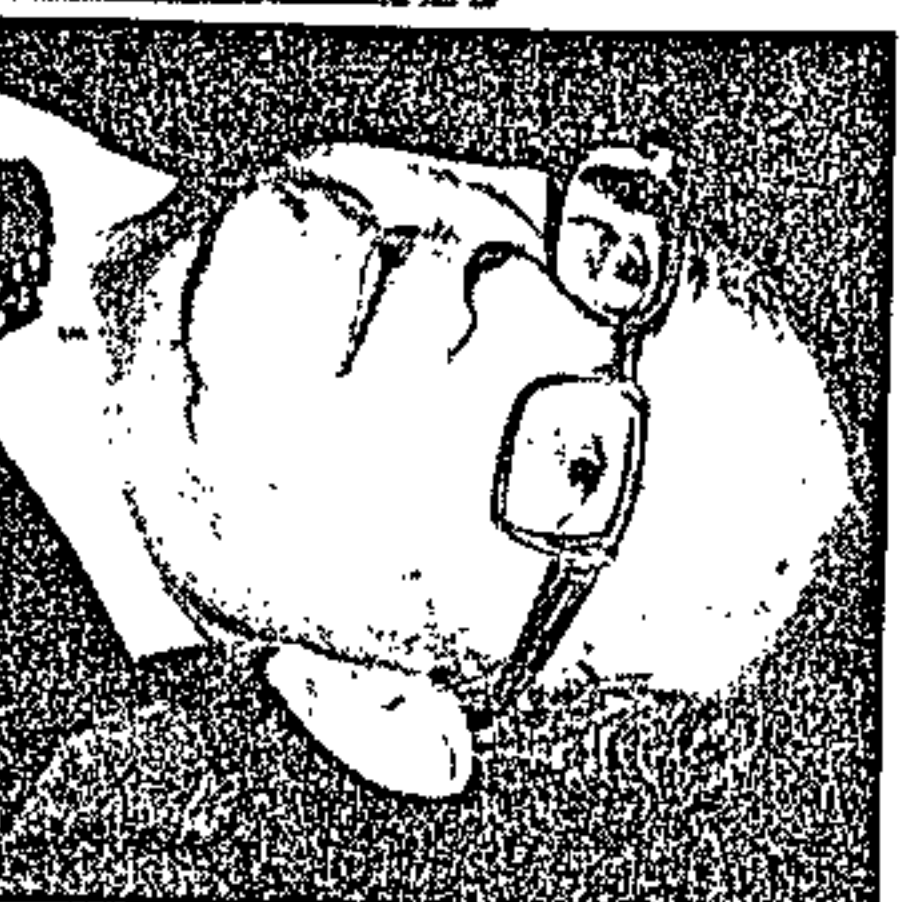
At the same time, there has been a hardening of police attitudes. The forcible breaking up of protests at Strand and in Cape Town and the events on election night which prompted Lieutenant Gregory Rockman to label members of the riot unit as "brutal" are just three examples.

It has been Brigadier Fourie who has been at the centre of the row over police strong-arm tactics.

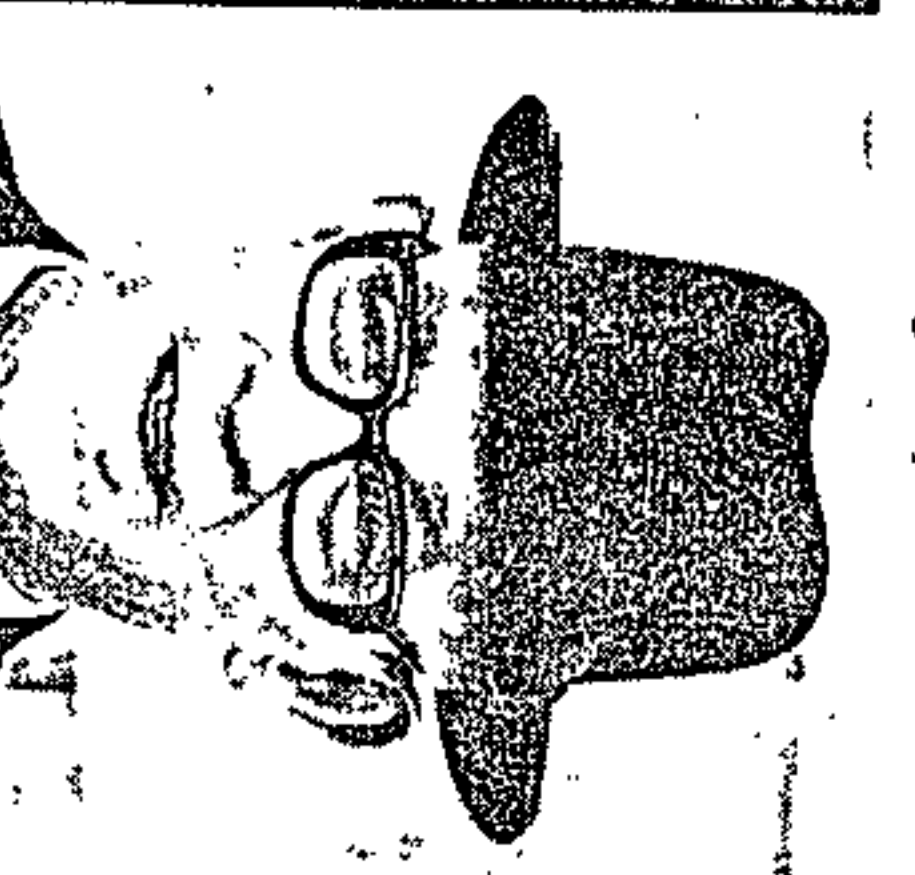
It would seem that police commanders around the country sense there will be change of attitude at the top when General de Witt re-



Mr John Vorster ... tightened borders.



Mr Jimmy Kruger ... bellicose.



Mr Petrus Pelser ... mild

Tenders for Khotso House

THE South African Council of Churches said tenders had been called for the rebuilding of Khotso House, the SACC headquarters in Johannesburg wrecked by a large bomb a year ago.

The reconstruction should be completed by May next year, making re-occupation of the

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building possible by June.

The SACC said in a statement it had not been informed lately of any progress in police investigations into the bombing.

"We note with interest that when the Wit Wolwe claimed responsibility for the bombing of Khotso House the police were

quick to deny the existence of the right-wing group. *344*

"A year later the Wit Wolwe are terrorising church people such as Dean Robin Briggs, the Reverend Ivor Jenkins and Bruce Reed. - Sapa.

Gardens Youth members terrorised

Staff Reporter

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A CAMPAIGN of terror — including stone-throwing and racist, threatening letters — is being waged against members of the Gardens Youth Congress (Gayco).

Early yesterday, a rock crashed through the bedroom window of Gayco member and University of the Western Cape student Mr David de Jong's Woodstock home, and stone-throwers later smashed a second window.

Mr De Jong said he had been

working in his bedroom about 1.30am when a rock was thrown through the window. It landed on the bed.

Police were called and the area was inspected. Nothing was found. At 9am another rock was hurled at the house and a second window was broken.

When Mr De Jong went outside, the street was deserted.

Eight days earlier, vandals smashed the front windscreen of his car, which was parked in Walmer Road outside his house.

Another Gayco member, Mr Julien Snitcher, was sent a "racist" letter which was "obviously from a rightwing terror group", Mr De Jong said.

The letter described Mr Snitcher as a "filthy Jew" and a "rat" who ought to be "hung by the scruff of his neck".

The writer said he hoped he had not insulted God by comparing Mr Snitcher to one of "God's four-legged creatures".

Police are investigating.

'Viva Rockman' salute to a policeman hero

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By MICHAEL DOMAN
False Bay Bureau

CRIES of "Viva Rockman!" rang out in the Mitchell's Plain Town Centre on Saturday during a placard protest by 300 people — a salute by anti-apartheid groupings to policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman in a manner usually reserved for heroes of the civil rights movement.

The unusual praise for a policeman was prompted by Lieutenant Rockman's criticism of the "brutality" of riot police action at a demonstration in the Town Centre last Tuesday.

Saturday's protestors — some with posters urging other policemen to speak up — eventually marched towards the nearby Mitchell's Plain police station, where, after speaking to an officer, they dispersed peacefully.

Which goes to prove a point Lieutenant Rockman has made — that there is such a thing as peaceful protest.

The cheerful third-in-command at the Mitchell's Plain police station points out that this was proved to regional police commissioner Major-General Philippus Fourie, who was a witness at a peaceful demonstration by lawyers outside St George's Cathedral last week.

Lieutenant Rockman's blaming of "the wild dogs" of the riot police for unrest in Mitchell's Plain has garnered him lots of support from colleagues, and scores of congratulatory telephone calls and telegrams local and overseas.

"Heads of states" have contacted him, he says, but declines to expand.

Without being racist, he says the riot police's handling of demonstrations is bound to erupt because many members of riot squads are white.

"They are outsiders coming in. They don't understand our problems. White heartbeats are not the same.

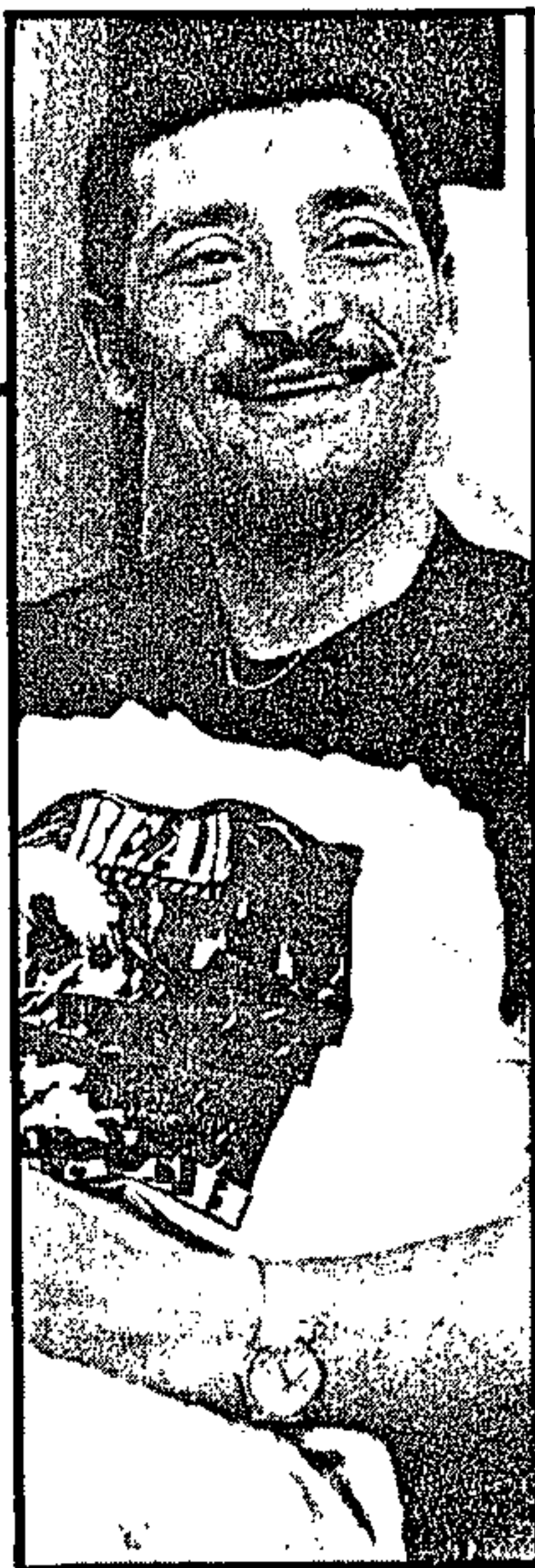
"They already have biased views when they come in. They treat people as bunches of 'hotnots'.

"But we are not prepared to take it any more — neither the community nor me."

Father-of-two Lieutenant Rockman does not stand for violence — from either side of the political argument.

"Violence creates violence. I strongly condemn the actions of people who kill or stone. But then I have an understanding of why these things happen.

"If police action had been correct from day one, we



Lieutenant Rockman ... "I have said what I've said because of my Christian morals."

wouldn't have the present end result."

He has not carried a firearm in the last four years, since becoming a warrant officer. During this time he has worked as a detective in Soweto and as a peacemaker between Mitchell's Plain gangs.

He advocates dialogue, preferring the olive branch tactic to the use of weapons.

"It is high time we stopped making regulations, regulations and more regulations. How can I know what you feel without talking to you? The government must wake up."

Office number E11 at the Mitchell's Plain police station is a mere three metres by four metres and most of its space is taken up by government issue desks and blue vinyl chairs.

It is home to Lieutenant Rockman and witnesses heavy traffic from local residents who lay complaints with him about assaults and damage to houses caused dur-

Threat of death for lieutenant from 'Wit Wolf'

A man claiming to be a policeman and a member of the extremist right-wing Wit Wolwe has issued a death threat to Lieutenant Rockman.

Lieutenant Rockman said that at about 3.30pm yesterday he received a telephone call at the Mitchell's Plain police station from a man with a "strong Afrikaner voice".

"I answered him in English, and he asked if I spoke Afrikaans, and whether we could speak in just one language.

"He said he was a member of the Wit Wolwe. He said: 'I am a white Afrikaner and I am going to slaughter you in front of your house'."

Lieutenant Rockman said the man called him a "F..... Hottentot" and a "Spineless bastard".

"You could hear that he was furious," said Lieutenant Rockman.

The call left him shaken, he said. "It's not that I'm scared — I'm just ashamed that

there are still people who think like this.

"This is not going to stop me. Nobody is going to stop me."

"I am not afraid of them."

He would now just "Pray harder and ask the Lord to guide me".

"I expect this thing to take momentum this week," he said. "I expect to receive more threats and maybe some attempts."

Although he had not so far carried a firearm, he was now thinking of wearing one for self-protection and would make "Other plans".

On September 5 the riot squad broke up a Defiance Campaign demonstration by students at the Town Centre, and it was after witnessing the manner in which this was done that Lieutenant Rockman first publicly criticised the activities of the unit.

He said yesterday he had since received numerous telegrams and calls from all over South Africa congratulating him on his stand.

ing police action, or want him to make arrangements for them to pay off their rent arrears.

"I urge people who were ill-treated or had unlawful acts perpetrated on them to telephone me."

He has a reputation for being a superb go-between in conflict situations. Witness his solving of problems between most Mitchell's Plain gangs and then even helping to find jobs for gang members.

He has smoothed the path for neighbourhood watches and a proposed business watch in the Town Centre. And sorted out hitches relating to the free operation of hawkers and taxis in Mitchell's Plain.

At 1.72m tall and 68kg, Lieutenant Rockman does not fit everyone's stereotype of a policeman. He is aware that he has stirred a hornet's nest in police circles.

"But I know that lots of policeman support my views

and I will continue to make my voice heard. Even if there are threats on my life or to my family I will carry on.

"I have said what I've said because of my Christian morals. It is expected of me to speak the truth. I appeal to policemen who feel the same way to speak up, whether publicly or internally."

Lieutenant Rockman, who must plead guilty to mixing a bit of social work with his police duties, says he visualises a "Disneyland-type" police station for Mitchell's Plain.

"It will be a place where everybody is friendly and polite to visitors and the members of the public. It will be a place people will want to come to because they know they will get good treatment."

Since speaking out, Lieutenant Rockman says, he has experienced a feeling of freedom. People he meets come up to him and shake his hand and he says he can see joy and relief in their eyes.

A colleague, asked for an opinion on his public stance, says: "It's tremendous."

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Death threat to Rockman

POLICE Lieutenant Gregory Rockman, who criticised the riot squad for "excessive violence" during unrest, says he has been threatened by a man claiming to be a "Wit Wolf".

Lt Rockman said the man phoned him, swore at him and threatened to kill him.

Lt Rockman said the man called him "a f... Hotnot".

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● A security officer at Mitchells Plain Town Centre, a large shopping centre, said that on Saturday morning about 30 students staged a demonstration with placards reading "Rockman is our hero".

Bystanders and shoppers who joined them in dancing and sing-

ing swelled to about 300, the officer said.

● A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said he "did not know at this stage" whether a decision had been made for Lt Rockman to meet the Minister of Law and Order but that a decision would be made "within the next day or so".

Lt Rockman made international headlines when he criticised the "excessive violence" of the riot squad. — Staff Reporter and Sapa

Staff Reporter

Madondo killing trial set

The Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —
The seven people who allegedly murdered a former member of the Mandela United Soccer Club earlier this year were told by a magistrate that their trial would begin in the Rand Supreme Court on February 1 next year.

The five men, one woman and a youth allegedly murdered Mr Maxwell Madondo on February 13 this year by assaulting him with stones, sticks and pangas.

Mr Madondo died of cerebral injuries.

It was alleged that Mr Madondo and a friend had been taken by one of

the accused to a house where he had been assaulted.

He was then taken to the open veld in Orlando where he was left to die.

The accused are: Mr Lerodoti Ikaneng, 22, Mr Mpeka Cili, 22, Mr Isaac Masebuko, 23, Mr Sandilo Blanket, 22, Mr Sibusiso Chili, 25, Mrs Dudu Chili, 47, and a 17-year-old youth.

Cops hold 3 suspected of UN bombing

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From KEVIN JACOBS

WINDHOEK. — Police investigators have declined to identify three white suspected terrorists arrested in southern Namibia after driving from South Africa possibly to launch a second attack on United Nations facilities.

Police rushed the three suspects — two South Africans and a West German national — through a brief court appearance in Outjo yesterday in connection with a fatal bombing attack on the town's UN office on August 10.

No charges were put to them.

Investigators obtained a court order from magistrate Mr Cassie Carstens forbidding identification of the suspects until the next court hearing on September 28, claiming that disclosure of their names would impede the police probe.

A Namibian national employed by a private security company and posted at the Untag district office was killed in the pre-dawn assault when attackers hurled grenades and fired automatic weapons at the building.

The lightning-fast attack was also directed at nearby barracks housing soldiers of a Kenyan infantry battalion assigned to the multinational supervisory force but none of the sol-

diers were hurt.

UN officials suspected the attackers may have targeted a nearby arsenal of stored weapons taken from soldiers of the demobilised SWA Territory Force.

UN investigators led by Mr Cedric Thornberry, a senior aide to Untag chief Mr Martti Ahtisaari, said at the time that the incident showed evidence of expert planning and execution.

Witnesses said the attackers drove a white car crudely marked with large UN initials. They escaped from a police road-block some hours after the assault, which Mr Ahtisaari denounced as terrorism.

Police spokesman Chief Inspector Kierie du Rand yesterday said the suspects were arrested on Friday at Rietvlei in southern Namibia, apparently driving from South Africa.

He said investigators acted on information provided by police in Tzaneen in the Eastern Transvaal, and in the Lebowa homeland. Inspector Du Rand declined to say whether the men were affiliated to known right-wing organisations in South Africa.

Untag spokesman Mr Fred Eckhard said UN officials were told of the arrests, but he declined to comment further "on something that is sub judice".

'Intimidators' now use adverts

87-1319189 By Sue Olswang

An intimidation campaign against the director of Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), Mr Brian Currin, recently entered a second phase when an unknown person placed advertisements in at least two major newspapers offering his Irene home for sale.

Mr Currin has no intention of leaving and has not offered his home for sale.

Claiming that he has been subjected to deliberate harassment over a period of time, including threats from people claiming to belong to the extreme right-wing group, the "Wit Wolwe", Mr Currin has vowed to determine who used his name and address to place the false advertisements.

Mr Currin said until now he had decided not to give his intimidators the satisfaction of receiving publicity for their efforts, and apart from reporting previous incidents of intimidation to the police, he had kept everything "low-key".

However, he said the situation changed on Saturday when he started

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IRENE (Pretoria). 4 bedrooms, with all amenities. Parking space for 4 cars. No Agents. R130 000. Urgent sale. Tel. (012) 667-2064 home

One of the advertisements offering the Irene house of the director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, for sale.

receiving telephone calls from people interested in buying his house — advertised in the *Pretoria News* and *The Star* as an "urgent sale".

Mr Keith Holt, *The Star's* advertising manager, and Mr Charles Humphris, advertising manager for *Pretoria News*, said the advertisements had been taken in good faith, and were compiled according to the newspapers' regulations.

Both advertising managers gave Mr Currin the assurance that steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence.

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court here has refused the application of self-styled "Wit Wolf" Barend Strydom for leave to appeal against eight death sentences.

The sentences were imposed after Strydom was found guilty of killing seven people and injuring 16 in a shooting spree in Strijdom Square, Pretoria, on November 15

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last year. He was also found guilty of killing Miss Martha Mosekili, who was shot at a squatter camp at De Deur on November 9.

Those who died in the Strijdom Square shooting were Mr Piet

Mpetsi, Mrs Catherine Mokwena, Mr Samuel Mathipa, Mrs Selina Nguna, Mr David Tlometšana, Mr Johannes Mnisi and Mr Satar Abdool Carrim.

Strydom was convicted by Mr Justice L T C Harms in the Transvaal Supreme Court. He was sentenced on May 25, 1989. On June 15, 1989 the trial judge refused him leave to appeal. — Sapa



Mr Anton Lubowski

I heard the shots that killed Anton Lubowski

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From BRENDAN SEERY

Argus Africa News Service
WINDHOEK. — I heard the shots. The sound carried clearly to our flat across the Klein Windhoek valley, only a kilometre away from Anton Lubowski's house in Luxury Hill.

I dismissed the noise, though, as a car backfire.

I did not know that a man — a father of two children for whom I had high regard as a human being — was being slaughtered.

Anton Lubowski was never very popular among the whites of "South West". Way back in 1984, long before it became the fashion for the closet liberals, he had declared himself for Swapo.

The Stellenbosch-trained lawyer, sometime Matie rugby player, Round Tabler and (at one time) lieutenant in the SADF Signals Corps, had received more death threats than he cared to count over the years.

As the man who appeared, publicly at least, as the lone "white Swapo", he made significant behind-the-scenes progress in convincing sceptical business and other community leaders that Swapo was not the ogre South Africa's propaganda had made it out to be.

He was the affable link man between Swapo's exiled leadership and visiting Namibian businessmen and academics, as well as sundry curious journalists.

On my two visits to Lusaka in 1987 and last year, I noted that Anton and the organisation's president, Sam Nujoma, appeared to be very close. More like political father and son than boss and underling. Anton, likewise, seemed at times mesmerised by Sam's undoubted charisma.

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I remember sharing a meal with him and his Swapo colleagues at the restaurant at the top of the Intercontinental Hotel in Lusaka. He thought it hilarious that we (including his comrades in the struggle against the "Boer regime") found the imported SAB Castle Lagers nectar in comparison to the Zambian brew.

I remember also sharing an SAA flight to Frankfurt with Anton and his young, energetic family. He and wife Gaby split only a few months ago, and the tragic events last night will be the second shock in the lives of his son Almo, 10, and daughter Nadia, nine.

Whatever Anton Lubowski was, he was not a blood-thirsty killer, and he did not deserve to be gunned down on a Namibian spring evening.

● Anton Lubowski, 37, an advocate, was the deputy head of Swapo's election directorate and the first white man born in Namibia to join the organisation.

Police said he was killed with an automatic rifle and that the killer had left the scene immediately. Late last night they were still searching for clues.

The murder has shocked Swapo members who said they had recently had a number of death threats over the telephone by callers claiming to be "Wit Wolwe".

Mr Lubowski was murdered a few hours after Swapo and seven other political parties signed a code of conduct banning violence and intimidation in the run-up to the November elections.

The code was signed under the chairmanship of United Nations special representative for Namibia, Mr Marti Ahtisaari.

Strydom to ask De Klerk for clemency

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Convicted mass murderer Barend Strydom was visited by his parents on death row today as desperate efforts were being made to save him from the hangman's noose.

Pretoria attorney Mr Wim Cornelius, who was part of Strydom's defence team during the headline-grabbing trial of the self-styled leader of the Wit Wolwe, confirmed he was to register an appeal for clemency to Acting State President F W de Klerk today.

He said he had received a mandate to do so after the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein yesterday refused Strydom leave to appeal against eight death sentences.

PETITION DRIVE

Leader of the right-wing Boerevolkstaat Party Mr Robert van Tonder, who has been spearheading a petition drive to save Strydom from the gallows, said the campaign would intensify.

If anything, the appeal ruling would mean more public support for Strydom, he said.

Mr Van Tonder would not speculate on how successful the campaign had been but said he would call for the return of petition forms in a few week's time: "Obviously we want this to go as far afield as possible."

Strydom's mother, Mrs Daphne Strydom, said she had received the news of the Appeal Court ruling "very well".

"My husband and I were ready for bad news." But they had every hope that efforts to save her son's life would be successful.

Lubowski family meets in parents' city home

Staff Reporter

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GRIEVING relatives of assassinated Windhoek advocate and top Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski gathered at the Cape Town home of his parents today.

Mr Lubowski's father and mother, Mr Wilfrid and Mrs Molly Lubowski, live in Tamboerskloof.

His younger sister, Mrs Annaliese Beukman, lives next door and his elder sister, Mrs Joleen du Plessis, flew from Johannesburg.

This morning they were waiting for Mr Lubowski's former wife Gaby, of Hout Bay, to join them.

Mr Lubowski's children — a son Almo who turns 12 on Friday, and daughter Nadia, 10 — live with Mrs Lubowski in Hout Bay and attend Tamboerskloof Primary School.

Mrs Beukman said her father and her husband, an attorney, were flying to Windhoek at noon today. The rest of the family would probably join them tomorrow.

Top Swapoman is assassinated

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By YAZEED FAKIER and ANDRE KOOPMAN

MR Anton Lubowski, a leading Namibian advocate and a senior white member of Swapo, was last night gunned down in front of his home in the Windhoek suburb known as "luxury hill".

Confirming the killing, police spokesman Chief Inspector Kierie du Rand said Mr Lubowski — who recently appeared as defence counsel in the "Upington 14" trial — was shot in the head.

Police are looking for a red VW Golf.

According to eyewitnesses and neighbours, Mr Lubowski, 37, was shot nine times about 8.40pm with a semi-automatic rifle outside his Sanderberg Street home.

He had apparently walked up to his front gate and was inserting a magnetic card to de-activate a security system when shots were fired from a bush about 10 metres from his gate.

The Swapo shadow minister of internal affairs had wounds to his body and a gaping wound in his head.

The red car was seen speeding from the vicinity at the time of the shooting. Roadblocks have been set up in the area, police said.

The shooting took place on the eve of the arrival in Namibia of Swapo leader Mr Sam Nujoma.



Mr Lubowski

A KWA-THEMA resident told the *Sowetan* that a number of white men in Springs claiming to be police and owing loyalty to the Wit Wolwe, were making life difficult for blacks in town at night.

An East Rand police spokesman, a Lieutenant van Zwiol, said police had no record of alleged incidents in Springs and appealed to residents to lay formal complaints so that police could investigate.

According to the letter of complaint, the author and his friends left a local hotel at about 10pm.

Outside the hotel, they were confronted by white men in a vehicle similar to that used by the police.

The man, who preferred to remain anonymous, said the men identified themselves verbally as policemen before they were punched and kicked.

An identity card fell from one of the assailants.

Wit Wolwe attack group

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The card identified the person as belonging to the Wit Wolwe, whose self styled leader, Barend Strydom, is on death row.

The card said the "wolves" were licenced to kill, drink and to f....

The card apparently belongs to a white security employee of the Springs Town Council.

The head of the public relation department of the council, Mr Frans Swart, said the identity card was most probably forged.

Wit Wolwe claim Lubowski killing

WINDHOEK - The Wit Wolwe extreme rightwing terrorist group yesterday claimed responsibility for the cold-blooded assassination of senior South West Africa People's Organisation politburo member Anton Lubowski on Tuesday night.

The editor of the pro-Swapo daily newspaper *Namibian*, Mrs Gwen Lister, said yesterday morning that she received two telephone calls from a man claiming the "Wit Wolwe" had been responsible for the assassination of Lubowski.

"Lubowski was number two, you are number three," the caller said.

It is believed Swapo leader, Sam Nujoma, who is returning to Namibia today after 30 years in exile, is number one on the

hit list of the terrorist group.

Lister said Lubowski, she and a Windhoek advocate, Dave Smuts, had received similar calls in the past two weeks.

The *Namibian* newspaper was the target of an arson attack last year for which the Wit Wolwe also claimed responsibility.

In the second mysterious call to Lister yesterday, the caller said: "The Wit Wolwe will get you."

Lister said she had already informed the police of the two calls, adding that she believed there was a strong possibility that an unspoken rightwing conspiracy existed in Namibia which was committed to violence.

Meanwhile, South African Foreign Minister, Pik Botha, in a statement, described the death of Lubowski as "regrettable".

Botha said Lubowski's assassination was a "senseless act, especially

taking into account that the conflict and the turbulence had been going on for so many years and we are now moving peacefully to independence in the territory."

According to police, Lubowski (37) was killed about 8.40pm with a Soviet-made AK47 automatic rifle while making his way from his car to the gate of his home in the suburb of Luxury Hills, Windhoek.

His head was found to have several bullet wounds. Lubowski was the first white to join Swapo.

Security is stepped up for return of Nujoma

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From KEVIN JACOBS

WINDHOEK. — Swapo leader Mr Sam Nujoma is set to come home today after nearly 30 years of exile, amid an unprecedented security net triggered by the suspected right-wing murder of his only senior white official.

Sapa-Reuter reports that 60-year-old Mr Nujoma, on his return trip to Namibia, stopped over in Zaire yesterday, and met President Mobutu Sese Seko in Kinshasa to thank him for his



Mr Sam Nujoma

role in the Namibian independence process.

Party managers said they would not hold up 60-year-old Mr Nujoma's scheduled midday homecoming, despite fears that he could be an assassin's target.

Nervous UN officials and SWA police chiefs yesterday planned a joint airport operation intended to whisk Mr Nujoma away from an Untag-controlled concourse, and tightened a protective clamp that bars reporters and camera crews from the tarmac.

But the security screen ends at the airport gates, where a mass of Swapo supporters were expected to gather from dawn, encouraged by a labour union call to quit work for the day and a Swapo call to welcome Mr Nujoma as "a conquering hero".

Administrator-general Mr Louis Pienaar promised a tight guard on Mr Nujoma's safety and said additional officers were being drafted into the capital.

The killing on Tuesday night of Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski triggered an angry reaction from party leaders and condemnation from administrator-general Mr Louis Pienaar, Untag chief Mr Martti Ahtisaari and Western government envoys.

Mr Ahtisaari, who heads up efforts to create and maintain a peaceful atmosphere for elections in November, slammed the murder as "a barbaric act of terrorism".

"I wish to assure Namibians that their desire for a peaceful transition to independence can not, and

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LHR director is threatened 344

PRETORIA. — The director of Lawyers for Human Rights has received a number of threats, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (Nadel) said yesterday.

Mr Brian Currin is an opponent of the death penalty and has advocated the suspension of all executions and "political trials", as well as the granting of prisoner-of-war status to cadres of the ANC.

Nadel said in a statement that Mr Currin would not be dissuaded by the threats, which were not specified. —

World reacts Cape Times 14/9/89 to killing of Swapo man



AFTERMATH... Two police officers inspect the site where the Swapo deputy head of administration, Mr Anton Lubowski, was shot dead on Tuesday night. Universal condemnation and calls for the killers to be brought to justice have followed the assassination, and security throughout Namibia is being strengthened in the run-up to the November elections.

Picture: REUTERS

NEW YORK. — Governments and organisations from around the world have reacted with unanimous condemnation to the assassination of Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski, who was killed outside his home in Windhoek on Tuesday.

Mr Lubowski had been named as a possible justice minister when Namibia becomes independent next year.

UN Secretary-General Dr Javier Peres de Cuellar appealed "in the strongest terms to all those concerned" to avoid any action which could lead to further violence.

He said he had asked the administrator-general in Namibia "to do everything possible to ensure the safety and security of all political parties".

In London a Foreign Office spokesman said: "The British government strongly condemns the murder. We wish to see Mr Lubowski's killers brought to justice."

The United States liaison office in Windhoek condemned what it described as a "coward-

ly assassination".
"The murder of Mr Lubowski strikes a blow against not just one political party, but against the process of peaceful reconciliation which alone can bring Namibia to democratic independence," the Oslo said in a statement.

In Windhoek, the UN special representative, Mr Martti Ahtisaari, said Mr Lubowski's death had shattered the peace that responsible Namibians were working so hard to preserve.

The Society of Advocates of Namibia said it deplored the reprehensible and cold-blooded murder of a colleague.

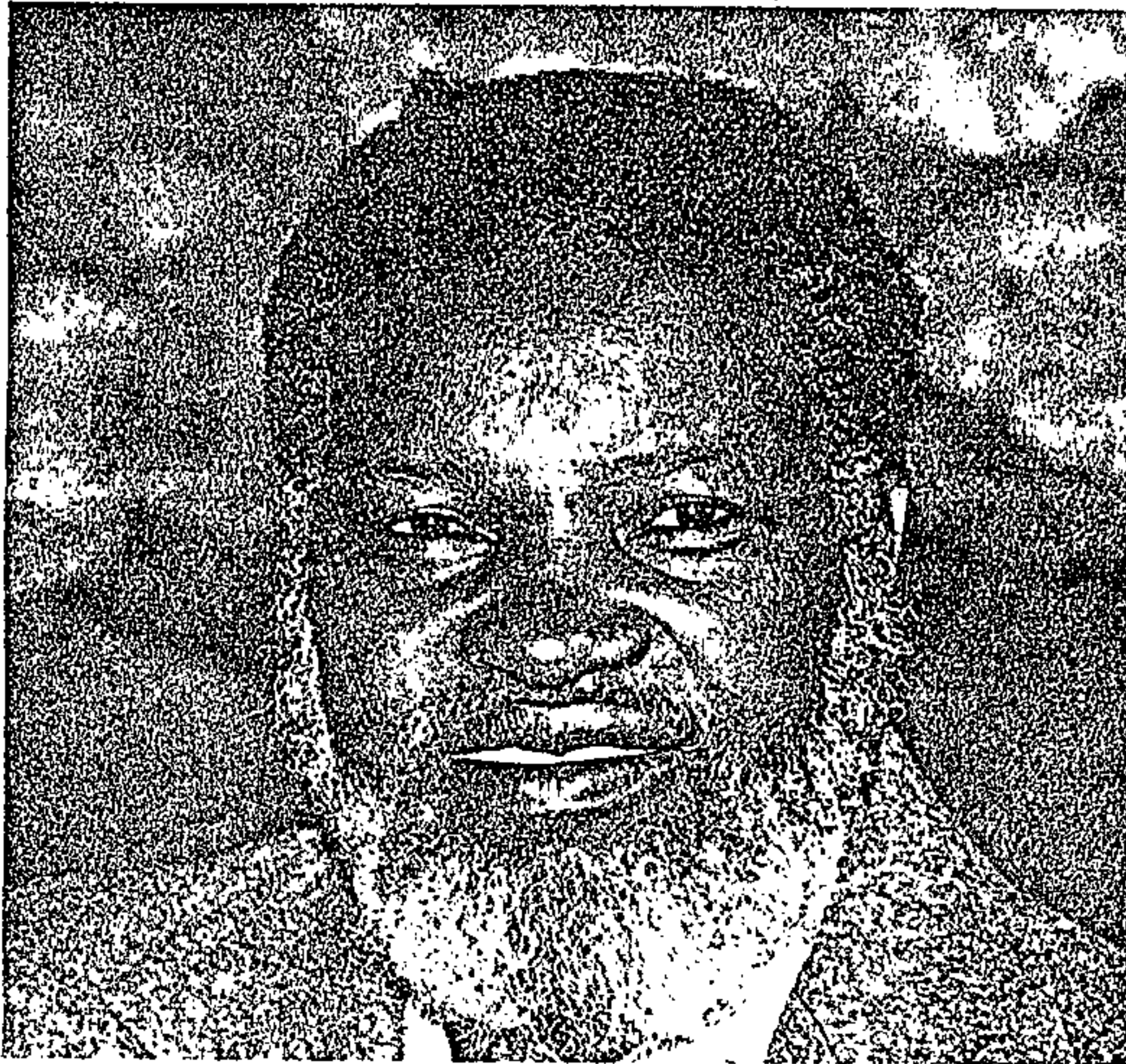
"As a jurist and a member of this society since 1980, Anton has unflinchingly striven towards the promotion of justice, human rights and the preservation of the independence of our courts," the society said.

In Cape Town, the SA Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, described the death of Mr Lubowski as most regrettable and extended his sympathy to the bereaved family. — Sapa-
Reuter-AP and Own Correspondent

Man held for killing as Namibia awaits Nujoma's arrival

Lubowski arrest

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OUT OF EXILE: Veteran Namibian nationalist and leader of Swapo Mr Sam Nujoma returns home today after more than 30 years in exile.

From KEN VERNON and BRENDAN SEERY
Argus Africa News Service

WINDHOEK. — Police in Windhoek have arrested a 50-year-old white man in connection with the murder of Swapo leader Anton Lubowski, who was gunned down outside his Windhoek home on Tuesday night.

The arrest came on the eve of the return to Namibia of Swapo leader Sam Nujoma, the one-time Owambo herdboys who is likely to become the country's first president, after almost 30 years in exile.

Death threats against Mr Nujoma, including posters and graffiti, have already appeared on Windhoek streets and Administrator-General Mr Louis Pienaar has promised full police protection for him and other Swapo leaders due to fly into Windhoek today. Swapo and the police have already met to discuss security arrangements.

The police press liaison officer in Windhoek, Chief Inspector Kelrie du Rand, said the man was arrested in Windhoek last night by Colonel "Jambo" Smit of the Windhoek CID.

He said the man was an Irish passport holder, but could not say with certainty he was Irish. "It is possible that the passport is a forgery."

Police are empowered to hold the man for questioning for up to 48 hours, after which he must be charged or released.

Inspector Du Rand could not say whether the man would be charged, or if any other arrests in connection with Mr Lubowski's murder were imminent.

However, he did say the man would not be appearing in court "this week".

Veteran nationalist Mr Nujoma, 61, is expected to be met by large and enthusiastic crowds at Windhoek airport, following Swapo's call on the workers of Namibia, and the capital in particular, to declare today a "national holiday" and give the "Old Man" a "hero's welcome".

However, security around the airport, and along the whole 46km route to the city, will be tight. Only bona fide airline passengers and journalists will be allowed inside the airport perimeter, and the police will have a strong contingent on duty both at the airport and along the route into town.

The Swapo leader must be in Namibia by tomorrow at the latest, because voter registration for the November election closes then. Mr Nujoma will have to register to be able to stand for the Constituent Assembly which will be elected in the UN-supervised polls.

But Mr Lubowski's death will probably have hit him hard, not only in the light of the death threats levelled at him, but because he was said to be very close to the 37-year-old lawyer who risked the anger of his community by becoming, in 1984, the first white Namibian to openly join Swapo.



Mr Anton Lubowski

Mourning Lubowski a tragic target

By KEVIN JACOBS

WINDHOEK. — If Anton Lubowski's killer was trying to exorcise a fear of the future in a Swapo-dominated Namibia, the gunman got the wrong man.

If commitment marked any of his passions, the 37-year-old advocate was a committed Namibian

— not a South-Western. Born to white privilege and comfort, he stood far from commitment to socialism, and even further from radical Marxism.

"He was certainly no doctrinaire disciple of any of the particular isms," a close friend said yesterday.

As Swapo's first white member, and more recently its sole senior white official, Mr Lubowski stood taller in status and notoriety in Namibia's intense politics of what-comes-next than even his two-metre frame allowed. His death

drew reaction from not only around the world and opposition spokesmen, but also the South African government.

Friends and colleagues said he was never far from threats since he publicly declared himself a Swapo member in 1984, on return to Windhoek from a meeting with exiled Swapo leader Mr Sam Nujoma and other leaders of the then guerrilla organisation.

Born of an Afrikaner mother and German-descended father, Mr Lubowski spent childhood years on the family's farm near Aus in southern Namibia before attending school in Windhoek. Later, with law degrees from Stellenbosch and Cape Town university, he returned to Windhoek as a junior lawyer at a firm handling most sensitive human-rights or Swapo-linked cases. "My perception at the time was that he was becoming more than simply legally concerned

with the cases that he was dealing with, and that he was beginning to respond to the political implications," said businessman Mr Bill Ullman, a friend of Mr Lubowski since 1978.

"As so often is the case in politics, his was a gradual involvement.

"We talked a lot about what his involvement with Swapo implied for his own political philosophy and what he hoped for, for the future of this country," Mr Ullman said.

"He was fully aware of all the failed African social experiments and had no intention or desire to perpetuate those systems in this country. He was not a utopian.

"He saw himself as a very privileged Namibian with all the opportunity he had been given.

"His vision of the country was simply that he thought it was possible under a restructured political system to provide those opportunities

he had benefited from to others who had been denied them simply because of their skin colour."

Colleagues said Mr Lubowski had begun recently to study economic systems and economic law, an area of Swapo policy that always looked thin if held up to the light.

He also headed up Namlaw, a privately funded lawyers' research group delving into Namibia's legal structure to target weaknesses and draft a replacement legal code for application under a future Swapo government.

Friends recall Mr Lubowski as a social enthusiast, building a broad circle around him without seeing barriers in other's political beliefs.

"Because we socialised with him so often we almost took him for granted," said former Windhoek newspaper editor Ms Jean Sutherland.

land. "One wishes almost, in retrospect, that we had talked a little more."

Mr Lubowski's gregarious nature and handsome appearance — square-jawed and curly-haired — prompted whispered criticism of a carpet-bagger, riding with the Swapo flag as an opportunist.

"Many people thought he was a political playboy," Ms Sutherland said.

"But when the trade unions were being formed and he had been given the Swapo mandate to restart them, when they were meeting in drab little rooms in the community centre in Katutura, Anton would be there explaining patiently and in detail all night.

"Those were the little things that no one else saw of him."

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**'Wolwe' send
death threat**

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GRAHAMSTOWN. A pamphlet attributed to the ultra-right-wing "Wit Wolwe" movement, which threatens to kill people taking part in the Mass Democratic Movement's defiance campaign, has been issued in Grahamstown.

It stated the MDM's defiance campaign was a communist plot against the country, and said the Wit Wolwe's solution to this was to ensure that people taking part in the campaign "end up in mortuaries". — Sapa

murder riddle

By JAYNE LA MONT: London

ITALIAN police are desperately trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the gunning down of a black migrant worker who claimed to be a political refugee from South Africa.

The seemingly motiveless murder of the man known as Jerry Essan Masllo has been likened to the notorious "night rides" by the Ku Klux Klan and has led to a political storm in Italy.

Several top-ranking government officials, including Deputy Prime Minister Claudio Martelli, attended the funeral which was broadcast live on television. However, almost a month after the murder, in which two other blacks were wounded, police attempts to positively identify the dead man are being bogged down by a faked identity document he was carrying.

Fake ID stumps Italian police probe

Gunmen

The shootings took place in the small town of Villa Literna in Caserta province, east of Naples, on August 24.

Masked gunmen burst in on a group of migrant tomato pickers late at night.

Masllo was shot dead. Two other Africans, a 29-year-old Kenyan and a 24-year-old Zambian were wounded. A Sudanese was pistol-whipped.

Three men have been arrested.

Initial information indicated Masllo, 29, was born in Umtata in December 1959. He claimed to have fled South Africa on March 6 1988 after his father and daughter were killed in "an anti-apartheid demonstration". He arrived in Italy on March 21 1988.

This was confirmed by Amnesty International's Rome office which helped get him to Italy. The United Nations formally gave him refugee status.

According to a church group which got him the tomato-picking job, he was working as a casual labourer while awaiting permission to resettle in Canada.

Racism

Shortly before his death Masllo was interviewed on state television for a report on immigrants. He said he had fled racism in South Africa only to face it again in Italy.

He said: "Everywhere, and in this country too, I have seen that with my colour of skin you are treated like an animal."

In accordance with international procedure, the South African Embassy in Rome was immediately notified of the murder.

But the South African Department of Home Affairs had no record of him.

The mystery deepened when embassy officials examined the police murder file.

Among the documents was

a card issued on February 18 1985 to a "student" called "Jerry Essan Masllo".

The card said it was issued in "Oumtata" by "The South African YMCA Members Union".

The address given was "185 Berske Fard St, Marke, Oumtata, (SA)".

A photocopy of the card — the only identification found on Mr Masllo — was faxed to Johannesburg for verification by the YMCA.

Denied

The embassy said: "According to the YMCA it does not issue such a card and certainly not with the words South African YMCA Members Union."

"The secretary-general of the YMCA denied outright that it was a YMCA card."

Reacting to this information, an Italian police officer told the Sunday Times Masllo was probably not a South African refugee.

An Interior Ministry official in Rome said: "We think now that he belonged to one of Pretoria's neighbouring states."

The political storm, however, has not died. Many see the death as the latest episode of overt hostility towards the thousands of African immigrants who work in menial jobs such as street peddling or as manual labourers.

Last year residents of Villa Literno, where the murder took place, drew up a petition against construction of housing for the estimated 4000 seasonal workers — mainly migrant tomato pickers — who are flown in to the farming area each year.

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Nujoma on hit list

LONDON - Swapo leader Sam Nujoma and Gwen Lister, editor of the *Namibian*, may be on a hit list which included Anton Lubowski, according to a newspaper report here.

The *Observer's* Alister Sparks quotes a source, who did not want to be identified for fear of reprisals, as having said that the arrival of Mr Nujoma in Namibia had finally led white extremists to accept that the independence plans were "for real".

"For the last two

weeks I have heard them talk about making a last-ditch stand. They've been talking about getting Nujoma, Lubowski, Lister and others. I have seen a hit list," said the source.

An anonymous caller this week phoned the *Namibian* to claim responsibility for the assassination of Lubowski on behalf of the 'Wit Wolf'. *Source 18/9/89*

The caller also said Lister was on "our list" and named other left-wing whites as potential targets. *344*

The unnamed source quoted by Sparks said both Afrikaner and German extremists in Namibia had close contacts with the police force. "They have all the information and weapons they need - automatic weapons, landmines and

RPG rockets, you name it - and they have the expertise to use them," he said. *Q227*

Meanwhile, the *Sunday Telegraph* reports that former Swapo detainees are questioning Swapo's version of a person who challenged Mr Nujoma died. Officially, Swapo's popular Defence Secretary Peter Nanyemba died when his jeep crashed into a petrol tanker on April 1 1983.

But the newspaper quotes Yvonne Maseko, a former detainee, as saying: "Nanyemba was the only Politburo member to resist the wave of torture and killings". And she alleges: "People in the security told us they had been instructed to loosen the steering and other screws and nuts on Nanyemba's vehicle."

Lubowski suspect in court today

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WINDHOEK. — A suspected hired killer faces a murder charge today in connection with the shooting last week of white Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski.

Police say the suspect, unofficially named as 50-year-old Belfast-born Mr Donald Acheson, will be charged with the killing when he appears before a Windhoek magistrate.

Police spokesman Chief Inspector Kierie du Rand said investigators had made no further arrests by late yesterday, but it is known that at least one other suspect is being sought.

Mr Lubowski, a 37-year-old advocate and Swapo's only senior white Namibian official, was hit several times in the body and head by bursts fired from an AK-47 automatic rifle last Thursday night. He died on the pavement outside his split-level home in Windhoek's Luxury Hills area.

Acting on information provided by neighbours, police put out an alert for a red car seen driving off after the shooting.

Newspapers in Dublin said Mr Acheson is a mercenary with links to a Protestant paramilitary force in Northern Ireland.

The police refused to comment on speculation in Windhoek newspapers that Mr Acheson has links with Loyalist paramilitary groups. They said merely that Mr Acheson was travelling on an Eire passport, which had only a handful of entry stamps.

These indicated Mr Acheson had been in Namibia for only two days before Mr Lubowski was shot dead and that he had spent the previous two weeks in Cape Town and Swaziland. The stamps did not apparently indi-

1 000 mourners at memorial service

WINDHOEK. — About 1 000 people attended a memorial service for Mr Lubowski on Saturday at the Ephesians Evangelical Lutheran Church in Windhoek's Katutura township.

Swapo officials said the service was intended for relatives and friends of the slain lawyer and that a Swapo-managed political memorial meeting would be held later.

Many people in the crowd, that spilled outside the church, wore Swapo's blue, red and green colours.

Mr Theo-Ben Gurirab, Swapo's foreign affairs spokesman, lauded Mr Lubowski as a passionate campaigner for freedom and equal rights for all Namibians. "He symbolised that new breed of Namibian, for whom race or skin colour was just an accident of history," he told the congregation.

cate whether Mr Acheson resides in Southern Africa or in Ireland.

The Namibian, a pro-Swapo newspaper, quoted Irish police sources to back their claim that Mr Acheson is a known Loyalist paramilitary based in Belfast, now freelancing as a mercenary.

Earlier this year, a diplomatic row erupted between London and Pretoria when French agents caught South African diplomats in a Paris hotel room trying to buy blowpipe missile components from Ulster Protestant paramilitaries. — Own Correspondent and Daily Telegraph

Right-wing groups to hold rallies in Pretoria

The right-wing Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) are planning to hold rallies in Pretoria on Saturday.

BVB secretary Mr Jan Groenewald said the movement's march would protest against the "violation of folk symbols by demonstrators" and would also give its support to the police "in their

struggle to maintain law and order".

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche yesterday announced plans for a mass rally in Church Square to protest against the "misuse" of traditional Afrikaner monuments and properties by people who "intended them to disappear in a so-called new South Africa".

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AWB to hold mass rally ³⁴⁴ *Sowetan* 18/9/89.

THE AWB yesterday announced plans for a mass rally on Church Square, Pretoria, next Saturday to protest against the "misuse of Afrikaner monuments."

The organisation's leader, Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, said the gathering was being organised in protest against the misuse of traditional Afrikaner monuments and properties by people who "intended them to disappear in a so-called new South Africa."

TerreBlanche said his organisation would apply today for permission to hold the gathering.

Organisations involved in the rally would be representative of all white conservatives in South Africa, said Mr TerreBlanche.

A 1 000 people, mainly blacks, held a lively but peaceful protest meeting on Church Square last week.

The only police action taken occurred when a few white men who confronted black protesters, were restrained.

Police led them away to cheers from the crowd.
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Wits SRC head's car bombed 344

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Wits SRC president Mr Anton Roskam's car was completely destroyed after it was fire-bombed outside his Bellevue East home about 3am early yesterday.

Mr Roskam, who has been Wits SRC president for only 2½ weeks, said he had been asleep in the house during the incident and had been woken by neighbours, who said they had heard a vehicle arrive outside his home.

Soon afterwards Mr Roskam's car went up in flames and the vehicle the neighbours had heard sped off.

Firemen doused the flames.

Mr Roskam said the incident was politically motivated and followed a pattern of attacks against anti-apartheid student activists.

Killer faces terror probe

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Mass killer Barend Hendrik Strydom is to face yet another right-wing terror probe after his appeal against eight death sentences failed recently.

Strydom is a suspect in the Khanya House arson attack on the headquarters of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference last year but investigations were suspended because of his appeal application.

The investigating officer said yesterday Strydom would again be interviewed regarding the attack.

However he stressed that no charges could yet be formulated against Strydom, who boasted he carried out the attack on Khanya House.

Women plan protest march in Pretoria

By Jovial Rantao

While two far-right organisations hold rallies in Pretoria on Saturday, members of Women Against Repression (WAR) will march to the Union Buildings to protest against the violence of apartheid.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) has announced that it will hold a rally at 10 am. The Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB), founded by former senior AWB men, said it would meet in Church Square at noon.

Giving details of the planned women's march at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, a WAR spokesman, Sister Bernard Ncube, who is also president of the Federation of Transvaal Women, said: "We will march with dignity and discipline, and hope that members of the AWB will match our dignity and discipline in the quest we have for peace in South Africa."

Sapa reports that the defiance campaign moves to Natal this week with protest marches in Maritzburg on Thursday and in Durban on Friday.

The Durban march, scheduled for 1.30 pm on Friday, will be led by Archbishop Denis Hurley to the city hall.

Inkatha scuttles Natal peace bid

AFTER months of attempted peace talks between representatives of warring groups in Natal, further negotiations have been called off by Inkatha.

With unrest monitors talking of "highest ever death rates" for August and September, the once-promising peace initiative is now at a standstill.

This decision was contained in one of a number of resolutions relating to current peace efforts, passed by the Inkatha Central Committee last week-end.

The resolution said in effect that talks were off until it was certain they would work.

Other resolutions passed by the ICC indicate further factors behind Inkatha's decision to quit talking:

●The fact that the African National Congress has not yet replied to a letter from Inkatha leader Mangosu-

By CARMEL RICKARD
Durban

thu Buthelezi about dates for the planned top-level peace meeting between the ANC, Inkatha, the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions;

●Dissatisfaction over the size and number of delegations to be involved in the talks: Inkatha claims Cosatu/ANC/UDF should be one delegation as they are "one political thing";

●An anonymous document, discredited by the UDF and Cosatu, which is derogatory about Buthelezi and the peace effort;

●Remarks allegedly made by the ANC's Thabo Mbeki in June which are derogatory of Buthelezi;

●The fact that violence is continu-

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Inkatha calls off Natal peace talks

ing despite the talks; and

●The fact that the UDF and Cosatu have been involved in "marches and initiatives" without consulting Inkatha.

Representatives of the UDF and Cosatu reacted "with grave concern" to Inkatha's decision to quit further talks. They have met virtually every day this week to formulate a response and a major statement is expected on Monday.

The UDF's Diliza Mji also said he and the others on the peace negotiating team were disappointed with the development since the peace talks had been going well with a lot of progress made.

Inkatha's position on talks is confusing — at the same time as deciding to halt further talks "until we can meet with prospects of making progress", the organisation has con-

tinued making counter-proposals about the composition of the top-level talks between Inkatha, the UDF, Cosatu and the ANC, saying these proposals were made so as not to "jeopardise prospects of the summit peace meeting which has been suggested".

Although Inkatha appears have left doors open for the talks to be rescued even at this stage, one of the issues raised by the organisation puts the UDF and Cosatu in a "Catch 22" position. The resolution calling off future talks appears, in effect, to say that if the violence stops, the talks will go ahead, whereas the other side argues that the talks are necessary precisely because of the continuing violence.

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Mercenary mystery

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THE mystery surrounding the reputed Irish mercenary held in connection with the killing of senior Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski deepened yesterday when police revealed that they were hunting a possible accomplice.

Police yesterday failed to put the 50-year-old suspect in court as planned and are now holding him under immigration law to allow them more time to round up evidence.

A senior SWA Police officer said the man, believed to be a Belfast-born Irishman named in reports here and in Ireland as Donald Acheson, may be taken to South Africa as a suspected illegal immigrant before facing charges in Namibia.

Police have described the suspect as "a hard man" who has given them no leads in their probe. "He is a mysterious character," an officer said.

It is believed that he spent much of the past 20 years in Southern Africa, some of the time serving in Grey's Scouts, a mounted unit in the former Rhodesian military.

But in London, British and Irish security services said they may have made a positive identification of the man bearing the name Donald Acheson, 50, who uses an Irish passport.

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Sources said there was some doubt whether Acheson was the man's real name. Mr Lubowski, a 37-year-old advocate and the only senior white official in Swapo, was shot dead by a gunman outside his Windhoek home last Tuesday night.

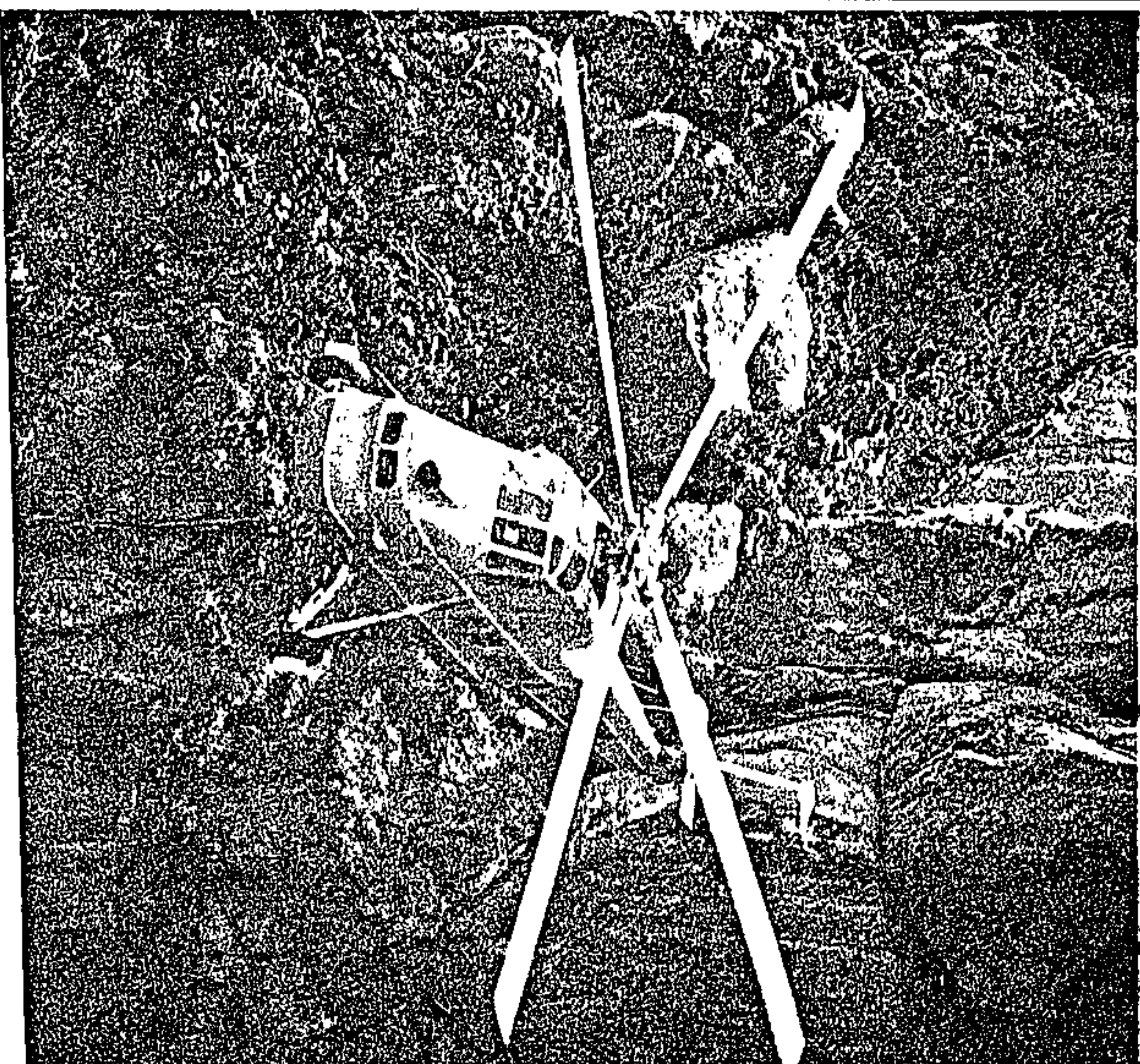
CID chief Colonel Jumbo Smit said yesterday the murder weapon had not been found. Because a long list of restrictive and discriminatory laws, among them security statutes such as the Terrorism Act that allowed indefinite detention, have been scrapped by the administrator-general of Namibia, Mr Louis Pienaar, under the UN-guided independence plan, the Irish suspect is being held under immigration law.

Under normal criminal procedures, police have to charge or release the Irish suspect within 48 hours, but immigration law allows detention of a suspect for up to two weeks.

Swapo has reacted to the possible extradition to South Africa of "Acheson", labelling the move a "South African 'whitewash'".

"This case must not under any circumstances disappear into the South African orbit to be covered up," a spokesman said yesterday.

Huge haul of car wrecks airlifted off Chapman's Peak



'Luxury saloons' among the junk

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 22 car wrecks were yesterday lifted off scenic Chapman's Peak Drive by a helicopter in an attempt to clear up the mountainside.

The haul included cars from the 60s and luxury German saloons. At two spots — Chapman's Peak and near Llandudno — three cars were found on top of each other.

The four-hour operation was conducted by Court Helicopters in conjunction with the Cape Provincial Administration's department of nature conservation.

In the only mishap one car crashed into the sea after it was lifted by the helicopter.

The helicopter used in the operation — a 30-year-old Sikorsky "workhorse" — lowered nature conservation officials onto the slopes of the mountain where the wrecks were hooked up to the helicopter's winch.

After lifting each wreck, the helicopter dropped the wrecks in a parking lot where scrap metal dealers later collected the rusted hulks.

The costs of the operation was in the region of R20 000 for the use of the helicopter alone, Court Helicopters spokesman Mr John Pocock said.

He said the cost of the fuel used would be carried by the helicopter company.

The idea to remove the wrecks originated after he flew some US tourists

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7th Ciskei cop appears for Idasa man's murder

Own Correspondent

BISHO. — A seventh Ciskei policeman was charged yesterday with the murder of Mr Eric Mntonga, an Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (Idasa) executive who died on July 24, 1987, in police custody in the Ciskei.

Yesterday Warrant Officer Zamekile Bojana, 31, a witness who had been warned as an accomplice in an earlier trial of six policemen charged with Mr Mntonga's murder, pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court to the murder.

WO Bojana also pleaded not guilty to two charges of perjury. He was released on R500 bail.

Yesterday the investigating officer, Brigadier Fikile Zibi, told the court WO Bojana made two

statements to him, the first on September 11 last year and the second on September 28. He said WO Bojana phoned him on the second occasion before making the statement, saying he wished to add some details he had forgotten when making his first statement.

In the statement WO Bojana said when he arrived at the Mdantsane offices of the police security branch on July 24, 1987, he found Major Potwana and WOs Hlulani, Swelindawo and Ncandana in an office with Mr Mntonga.

He said he had noticed a piece of rubber tube in the office, and that Mr Mntonga was sitting with his back against the wall.

He said he had noticed Mr Mntonga was not well and he could see that he had been suffocated with a tube. When he returned from another office, he found Major Potwana suffocating Mr Mntonga with a tube. He said Major Potwana had asked him (WO Bojana) why he was going in and out of the office, and told him to hold Mr Mntonga's feet.

WO Bojana said in his statement that Mr Mntonga's hands had been tied with a piece of cloth, and when the tube was taken off Mr Mntonga's head, he noticed that Mr Mntonga was dead.

He said he then went to the toilet where he met Major Potwana and told him that he was going to report the matter to the police elite unit head office.

When he left he went to report the matter to Major-General Zandisile Ncwanya, who had

been the deputy head of the elite unit.

When he told the general about Mr Mntonga's death, Maj-Gen Ncwanya told him that it was "minus one problem", and sent him off to buy cigarettes.

Another state witness, Detective Warrant Officer Zukile Bawuti, told the court he, WO Swelindawo and WO Hlulani had taken Mr Mntonga to the police station.

Under cross-examination WO Bawuti said he did not know who had been in charge of the operation, but he remembered that the senior officers were Captain Mfundisi, Major Potwana and Lieutenant Tsotisa.

He said WOs Hlulani, Ncandana and Swelindawo were present when Mr Mntonga was taken into the security offices.

Another police state witness, WO Mzwamadoda Michael Tabata of Whittlesea, said he had been stationed in Mdantsane on the day Mr Mntonga died and that he had seen Mr Mntonga for the first time when he entered the security offices.

Mr Mntonga had no visible injuries on him, he added.

In an earlier trial, the six police officers, two of them generals, were sentenced to several years of imprisonment in connection with the death of Mr Mntonga.

WO Bojana had initially been charged with WO Swelindawo, but charges against WO Swelindawo were withdrawn because of his health. The trial continues today.

SA suspects freed?

From KEVIN JACOBS

WINDHOEK. — Namibian police may have freed two unnamed white South Africans arrested in connection with a fatal attack on a United Nations office, in a further twist to the mystery shrouding two suspected right-wing killings.

Police probing the latest case — the murder of advocate and Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski — have been unable to pin the killing on a 50-year-old Irish suspect.

Both murders involve foreign suspects, tying investigators up in detective work that reaches to South Africa, Swaziland, West Germany and Ireland.

In the first incident, police probing a fatal August 10 attack on a UN district centre at Outjo arrested a West German national and two white South Africans.

The night attack with automatic rifles and hand-grenades killed a black Namibian security guard.

Windhoek advocate Mr Lubowski was killed by an unidentified gunman in the

New twist to two killings

second attack on September 12, and within 24 hours police detained an Irish citizen as a suspect.

Mr Lubowski, 37, Swapo's most senior white official, died in a hail of AK-47 bullets outside his Windhoek home.

Despite conflicting police reports, officials yesterday said investigators had freed the two white suspects in the Outjo case and were holding only the German national.

The suspected white terrorists were arrested on September 8 at Rietvlei in southern Namibia, apparently driving back to the territory with plans of further attacks.

At a brief court hearing on September 11, police obtained a court order forbidding identification of the three men till a

further scheduled hearing on Friday.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Leon Rust said in response to an initial inquiry that he believed the South Africans had been freed, but later said all three suspects were still being held and were set to appear in court in Outjo on Friday.

However, diplomatic sources insisted that only the West German was still being held under pending charges and that the South Africans had been freed without their identities being made public.

The German suspect has not asked for access to consular officials.

Police investigating the Lubowski killing are still holding a 50-year-old Irishman unofficially identified as Belfast-born Mr Donald Acheson, but have been unable to pin a murder charge on him.

Senior officers are certain he was involved but are still hunting at least one other suspect and have failed so far to find the automatic rifle used in the slaying.

With insufficient evidence to bring a charge, police are holding the suspect under immigration law to avoid having to release him.

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DP candidate convinced fire was 'deliberate'

By SHARON SOROUR

Tygerberg Bureau

PAARL Democratic Party candidate Mr Graham Retief is being harassed by an anonymous telephone caller after a fire on his farm destroying a packing shed, causing damage of more than R300 000.

Mr Retief believes a "pattern" of harassment is developing. He began receiving the anonymous phone calls this week at his farm, Uitkyk, in Noorder-Paarl.

"On Monday there were no fewer than nine calls. The caller hangs up without saying anything," he said.

The cause of the fire which destroyed the packing shed two weeks ago is unknown. Arson has not been ruled out.

Arson suspected

"I suspect it is arson," he said. "A short circuit seems unlikely."

Packing material for export grapes, 40 000 cartons, the entire

packing system, an uninsured motorboat and office equipment including a computer were destroyed in the fire, which began in the early hours of the morning.

Mr Retief's 18-year-old wine collection also went up in flames.

"I have been collecting wine since 1971 and about 120 cases of wine were destroyed in the fire," he said.

Mr Retief, who is also chairman of the Paarl Democratic Forum — a non-racial organisation promoting a non-racial democracy — has been subject to various forms of intimidation. His car tyres were slashed "some time ago".

"There is definitely a pattern forming after the fire and the phone calls but nothing is definite at this stage," he said.

Police have offered a R5 000 reward for information on the cause of the fire.

50 000 due to march in opposing protests

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

Fifty thousand people are expected to take to the streets of Pretoria for three marches on Saturday amid confusion over whether or not special permission has to be obtained for the protests.

They will represent both left-wing and right-wing groups.

The Ministry of Law and Order says permission has to be obtained, some organisers say they will not be applying, while the Ministry of Justice is considering one group's application.

Last night, the leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, warned that left-wing marchers "should work out their route very carefully and not cross ours."

● March number one is that of "Women Against Repression". Mrs Erma Xenopolous, co-chairman of Women for Peace, said today the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, as well as the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had been informed about it.

No request had been made for permission as "a peaceful protest is a democratic right and does not require permission."

● March number two is that of the AWB on Church Square against what it calls the "desecration of volks monuments". The protest will be followed by a march on police stations.

The AWB has applied to the Department of Justice for permission to hold their gathering and the application is "being considered," a spokesman said today.

● March number three, is by the Blanke Bevydingsbeweging, also on Church Square.

Lubowski murder probe floundering

Own Correspondent

WINDHOEK. — Swapo party officials are planning a public memorial rally for slain lawyer Mr Anton Lubowski as police investigators try to wear down a stonewalling Irishman held as the suspected gunman.

Mr Lubowski, 37, Swapo's most senior white official and a prominent advocate who built up a reputation for defending human rights, was killed outside his Windhoek home on September 12 by bursts of gunfire from an AK-47 automatic rifle.

He was cremated at a private ceremony on Tuesday.

Police investigators say a 50-year-old Irish national arrested within 24 hours of the killing gave them too little to justify a murder charge, but added that he is now being detained under immigration laws.

The suspect, unofficially named as Belfast native Donald Acheson, does not require a visa as an Irish national, but a recently amended immigration law allows his detention if he has committed a crime in South Africa.

Police sources say Acheson, who has moved around Southern Africa for about 20 years, committed thefts in South Africa.

In an apparently unrelated case, police say three men will come to court tomorrow in Outjo to face charges linked to a fatal August 10 attack on an Untag district office in the town.

Three men using automatic rifles and hand grenades attacked the office after dark, killing a black Namibian working as a private security guard.

Diplomatic sources this week said police had freed two white South Africans held as suspects, and were detaining only a West German national arrested with the other two on September 8.

The suspects remained unidentified under a court order obtained by police. Suspicion of their release was widespread among officials and diplomats, but Untag police sources said yesterday that all three were still in police custody.

Nujoma loses to rugby

WINDHOEK. — When Mr Sam Nujoma came up against rugby, rugby won. Swapo has postponed a political rally to avoid clashing with a Currie Cup rugby fixture.

Swapo has held up this Saturday as the date of Mr Nujoma's first public platform after his homecoming from 30 years in exile. The venue: The Windhoek athletics stadium, right nextdoor to South-West Stadium — where a Currie Cup match between SWA and OFS is scheduled for Saturday.

Swapo agreed to postpone Mr Nujoma's rally till Sunday.

Deaths, arson

and 'witchcraft' as peace hopes fade

THE herbalist's body already repeatedly stabbed, was burning fiercely when the nine-year-old child came upon it.

Instinctively the child moved closer, trying to blow out the flames as if they were candles. When he was burnt on the face, he tried to beat out the flames with his hands.

The unnamed child was taken to hospital for treatment to his injuries.

This incident, which took place in Nutuzuma's E section on August 21, is one of the more poignant in the crop of death, injuries and arson over the last month.

The herbalist, 45-year-old Bhekuyise Mpungose, was stabbed to death by a group of "com-tsotsis", who suspected he had given them "bad" herbs.

Mpungose gave the youths medicine to protect them, but it failed when one of the "com-tsotsis" was shot and killed by police.

The others in the gang held Mpungose responsible for their friend's death. They stabbed him in his house, and then dragged his body outside where it was set alight.

Mpungose is just one of at least several people killed for alleged involvement in "witchcraft" in the last few months. Residents said most of these killings were carried out by "com-tsotsis".

But even these murders are only a small part of the growing death toll as Natal's death rate climbs steadily once again.

Both residents and unrest monitors report increased violence from all groups involved, while progress towards peace in the province seems to have slowed substantially.

Following several rounds of peace talks between officials of the two sides in the conflict, it was agreed that discussions between the leaders of all parties involved — the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Inkatha and the African National Congress — should be held as soon as possible.

Originally it was believed an announcement about these talks would be made early in August.

However, there has been no such announcement and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has written to ANC leader Oliver Tambo mentioning dates in October or November as the earliest possible opportunities for such a meeting.

Tambo's illness has also raised problems about a date for the meeting, and it could be some time before it eventually takes place.

In the meantime the pro-peace atmosphere built up during May appears to have dissipated.

From almost every area there have been reports of renewed killings, arson, injuries and intimidation involv-

Natal's peace hopes, so high a few weeks ago, have receded amid a spate of murders, arson and 'witchcraft' accusations.
CARMEL RICKARD reports

ing supporters of Inkatha, the UDF, "vigilantes", and gangs like the ama-Sinyoras, the Consulates and the "com-tsotsis".

Figures bear this out — from 47 in April, the death toll in the Durban area dropped to an all time low of nine in June, but soared again in July to a record high of 57 with indications that August will also be a bad month, well over 30.

An alarming new trend in Durban, one that is long established in Pietermaritzburg, is for the violence to spill over into city transport points.

Fighting at Ndwedwe has moved to town with two people killed and attacks at the men's hostel and at transport points including Dalton Road.

Pinetown bus and taxi ranks have been the scene of several similar "overflows" of violence from Molweni.

In one such incident a man whose name is being withheld by unrest monitors, was walking to the rank in Pinetown. He saw a red Golf and as he walked past noticed a man inside with a gun who fired a shot into his side.

Another growing problem is the lack of follow-through by the officials involved in the peace talks.

Youth at Inanda and in parts of Nutuzuma, for example, have repeatedly asked that senior leaders from both sides come to address them.

In Shongweni the peace agreement reached last month was facilitated by the police, rather than by either of the two sides.

And in Pietermaritzburg, where a request was made for a community meeting in the Mvundlweni area, the request was turned down by a local KwaZulu official, Chief Shayabantu Zondi.

The chief, who came in for sharp criticism from the joint complaints adjudication board, was asked by one of the Cosatu delegates to the peace talks, to call the meeting to discuss the continuous harassment of the Zondi family (no relation to the chief) and, mostly recently, the murder of three more members of the family.

However, the chief refused to call such a meeting, saying he had made his own investigations and had discovered that the police had arrested three suspects.

Faced with such response, members of the communities are increasingly asking what the purpose of the peace talks is, and whether senior leaders, like Chief Zondi, are in fact committed to helping facilitate peace.

Cosatu-Vlok case judgment reserved

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Judgment has been reserved in the application brought by Mr Jay Naidoo and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) against the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and a Johannesburg magistrate.

The application was heard by Mr Justice Roux in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Wim Trengove SC submitted that search warrants, used by the police when they searched Mr Naidoo's home and Cosatu's offices on August 31, were invalid and that everything done as a result of them was therefore unlawful.

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Even if the warrants were valid, it was submitted, the police were not entitled to use the occasion to make a video and photographic survey of the inside and outside of Mr Naidoo's home.

Mr Hans Bornman, who appeared for the minister, submitted the warrants were valid. But even if there was something technically wrong with them, the police were entitled to act without a warrant in terms of the

emergency regulations, he submitted.

Mr Naidoo is the general secretary of Cosatu.

In an affidavit, he said about 10 policemen under the command of Captain C A Zeelie of the Security Branch arrived at his home.

His attorney, Mr Peter Harris, arrived about 45 minutes later and told Captain Zeelie the search warrant was invalid but the policeman insisted on proceeding with the search.

ATTACKS

Mr Naidoo said he was particularly concerned about the video recordings and photographs taken during the search because there had been attacks on people or property belonging to organisations opposed to government policies.

Mr Naidoo said if the widely held suspicion that elements of the police might be involved in attacks was true, the videos could be seen by such people and might be used to plan an attack on him or his home.

He said he did not know what the police had done with the video recordings and photographs and was afraid they might be copied and fall into the wrong hands.

Bodyguards assigned to Swapo's senior officials

Own Correspondent

WINDHOEK — Swapo has assigned armed bodyguards to senior officials in a security scare worsened by the killing of Mr Anton Lubowski and mysterious gunfire aimed at political offices set up by the former guerillas.

Party leaders accuse the rival Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) of seeking to provoke a violent reaction from Swapo that would justify a tough response by police.

"We are being provoked so that those who are ready to shoot at us can shoot at us," election campaign manager Mr Hage Geingob said yesterday.

Swapo would raise the issue today when party leader Mr Sam Nujoma met Administrator-General Mr Louis Pienaar, he said.

Yesterday Mr Nujoma spent an hour with visiting Anglican Church leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and he

planned to meet Untag boss Mr Martti Ahtisaari today.

Trained Swapo specialists have been formed into a registered security company and have been licensed to carry arms.

"I do not know how long we can restrain our followers. There is a limit to patience," Mr Geingob said.

He said Swapo's guards "know how to shoot" but said the party was reluctant to escalate political violence.

"We did not come back to re-wage the war of liberation. We are not going to have a free and fair election if people are shooting left and right. There are too many guns in this small place."

Mr Geingob said unknown gunmen fired seven shots at Swapo's regional office in Windhoek early yesterday morning, the second such attack in five days.

No one was hurt in either incident.



GO WELL, COMRADE LUBOWSKI . . . Namibian National Students' Organisation speaker Ms Enid Keramen salutes slain senior Swapo member Mr Anton Lubowski at a memorial meeting in St George's Cathedral Hall last night, attended by more than 800 people.

Picture: OBED ZILWA

MDM disowns anti-Inkatha document

By CARMEL RICKARD

AN anonymous pamphlet, potentially harmful to the Natal peace talks, has been disowned by all sections of the mass democratic movement in the region.

A copy of the document, in the possession of the *Weekly Mail*, outlines ways in which the current peace talks can be used against Inkatha, and to the advantage of the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

The document is headed "Cosatu/UDF/Inkatha peace talks: Guidelines for Comrades" and a hand-written note at the end of the typed pamphlet says it is from the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg.

Senior members of MDM organisations have denied any knowledge of the pamphlet. Last night Diliza Mji, an MDM representative at the peace talks, said he and the organisations he represented "categorically denied the document was official. We disclaim it completely," he said.

"It is definitely not an official Cosatu/UDF document. We have closely questioned leading members in the region, all of whom deny any knowledge of it," he said.

The pamphlet clearly seeks to exploits a difficulty which Inkatha claims has arisen — that some "young comrades" believe Cosatu and the UDF have "sold them out" by engaging in the peace talks.

To counteract this, the document says that "comrades" should be told that the Cosatu/UDF alliance had identified "talks as a more effective strategy ... This is just another form of the onslaught against Inkatha," the pamphlet says.

The section of the pamphlet that has most alarmed MDM leadership suggests that if "certain Inkatha members" did not respond to friendly overtures, "selective violence" should be used against them.

HALTED!

Black arrests as rightwing hold protests

BY CHARLES MOGALE and SOL MORATHI

RACIAL tensions soared in Pretoria yesterday as police aborted a planned march by Women Against Repression (WAR) while two extreme rightwing rallies were allowed to take place.

By late yesterday, about 200 people were believed to be arrested.

Scores of blacks watching rightwingers from the wall surrounding Church Square were driven away in police vans.

Later, as the newly-formed Boere Vryheidsbeweging's rally was in progress, blacks were not allowed to come within a block of Church Square.

According to Sapa unrest flared, with at least one blood-spattered black being spotted in police custody at the corner of Bloed and Van der Walt Streets.

Dozens of police vehicles flocked to the scene and arrested scores of

people, among them journalists.

Throughout the morning, blacks were chased away from Church Square by police and armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members.

A policeman told a City Press team: "Bly ver van die plein af." (Keep away from the square.)

A number of blacks wearing T-shirts with anti-apartheid slogans were taken into custody by police near the square.

Late yesterday, WAR officials said about 200 people had been arrested. They are expected to appear in court tomorrow.

Inside the square, rightwingers sang and applauded AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and waved placards. One read: "Bevry Strydom, Hang Mandela."

Armed AWB Aquilla bodyguards attempted to storm curious blacks. The men, who said they wanted to chase away "the baboons", were held back by the police.

An AWB organiser whipped up his audience when he ordered that blacks be removed from walls surrounding the square.

From the early morning, the streets were teeming with armed police redirecting blacks to other routes to avoid the square.

In Schoeman Street, where the WAR march to the Union Buildings was due to start, cordons were set up and access to the St Alban's Anglican Church was refused.

Police roadblocks were set up at several points leading into the city, and buses carrying WAR members and supporters, among them Nelson Mandela's wife Winnie, were not allowed into town.

WAR refused to apply for permission to march.

An urgent interdict on Friday prohibited the march.

Yesterday small groups of the women were dispersed by police and some taken away in police vans.

The Union Buildings were also sealed off.

WAR spokesman Zoni Tshongweni yesterday condemned police action and the detention of blacks.

She said: "This action proves FW de Klerk is not a man of his word and can never be that. He is playing into the hands of the rightwing."

Police said they believed they had averted a serious confrontation by turning back buses with people trying to get into the city.

S'BU MNGADI reports thousands of people took to the streets in Durban and Maritzburg this week.

In Durban, more than 10 000 people marched on the Durban City Hall on Friday.

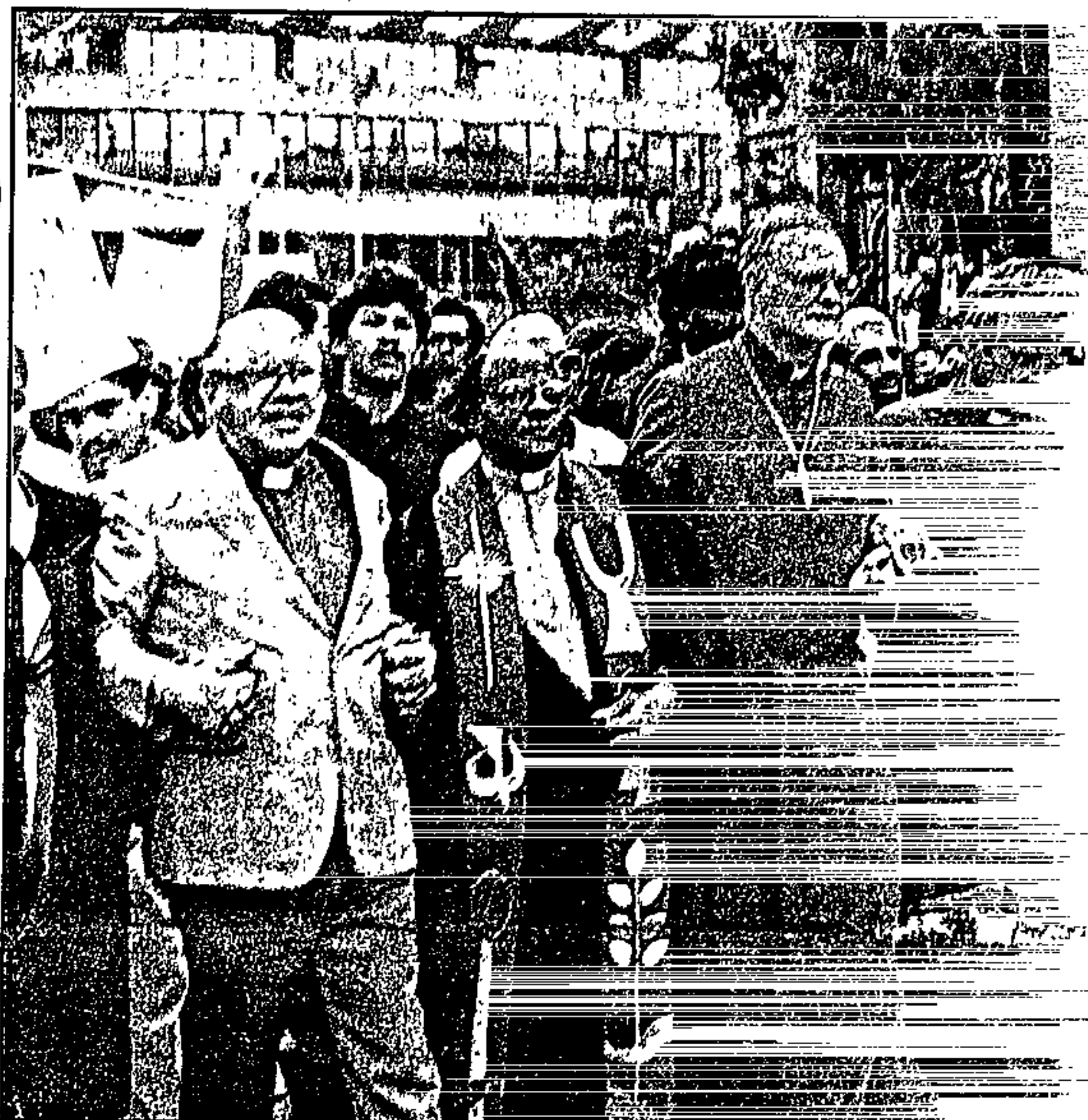
The march was led by Archbishop Denis Hurley, Bishop Stanley Mogoba, UDF co-president Archie Gumede, Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo, Bishop Michael Nuttall, Mewa Ramgobin and others.

Two ANC flags were hoisted on the city council's flagpoles. The pillars of the city hall were draped with a 10 metre ANC flag.

On Wednesday thousands of people marched through central Maritzburg.

Policemen photographed and videotaped the crowd from vantage points.

The march culminated in the official launch of the MDM's boycott of white shops and businesses in protest against the Labour Relations Act. The boycott will last until October 6.



Clergy leading a march of thousands to the Durban City Hall on Friday. Thousands marched

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CITY LATE

139 due to appear today

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

A total of 139 people are to appear in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court today in the wake of Saturday's violence at Church Square, the Union Buildings and in Church and Bloed streets.

They include members of the Women Against Repression coalition of 29 groups — organisers of a march on the Union Buildings which was banned — along with journalists, photographers, trade unionists, activists and members of the public.

All those arrested were released on their own recognizances on Saturday after their particulars were taken.

The incidents arose during a protest rally by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), the Afrikaner Volkswag, the Boerestaat Party and the Vereniging van Oranjewerkers.

Speakers who took the rostrum at 9.45 am told "people who were not the Boerevolk" to leave the square.

AWB khaki-clad members hustled blacks off the grass verges, saying that the organisation had "hired the whole of Church Square". There was also swearing at the black spectators.

Whites who remonstrated with the right-wingers were told to mind their own business and white men were then seen to physically attack some blacks.

As Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, the leader of the AWB, was addressing the rally of about 200 supporters and nearly 1 000 spectators, police reinforcements were called for as fighting spilled down Church Street.

At 11 am police instructed the AWB to stop the rally.

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Bank fire due to SA links'

ROME. — An unknown anti-apartheid group calling itself the "Huey P. Newton-A Lubowsky cell" said it set fire to a branch here of Italy's largest bank, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL), yesterday.

After an anonymous tip-off, police found a note from the "Huey P. Newton-A Lubowsky cell" which said the attack was a protest against Italian

economic links with South Africa. Police are studying the claim.

Police said arsonists smashed windows, poured in an inflammable liquid and set it alight, burning documents and files at the bank.

Mr Anton Lubowsky, a leading white member of Swapo, was shot dead this month in Windhoek. — Sapa-Reuter

Mass killer Strydom getting engaged

Pretoria mass killer Barend Hendrik Strydom is getting engaged on Death Row to a University of Pretoria student on Saturday. *Star 27/9/89*

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The friend said the couple was well

suited and Strydom (23), who only sees six visitors, including Miss Rautenbach, was dependent on her. — Pretoria Correspondent. (344)

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Karin's engagement to death-row prisoner an 'act of faith'

Girlfriend of Wit Wolf tells why

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Detectives check if pilots spent time in bar

The Argus Foreign Service

NEW YORK. — Investigators are checking reports that the pilot and co-pilot of the USAir Boeing 737 that crashed at La Guardia Airport last week spent several hours in a bar near the airport before their ill-fated take-off.

Detectives are looking for the bartender who was on duty before the aborted take-off and crash.

The plane, which was virtually new, landed on the pilings of a jetty only metres from the end of the runway from which it was taking off, killing two passengers and injuring several.

It is regarded as the classic example of the plane crash that should not have happened — pilot blunder that is so far unexplained.

PICTURE LINEUP

If the bartender picks out pilot Michael Martin and co-pilot Constantine Kleissas from a picture lineup, he will be asked if — and what — he served them on the night of the crash.

Investigators said yesterday they also wanted some answers from Mr Eric Trendal, a passenger on the ill-fated flight, who triggered the search for the bartender.

Immediately after the crash, Mr Trendal told authorities he had been "bouncing" with the pilot, co-pilot and another man.

Mr Trendal said they had been at the bar of a hotel at the airport for several hours and had left just before the plane's scheduled take-off.

Investigators said they believed "bouncing" meant "drinking — or bar-hopping" — but they wanted to hear Mr Trendal's definition.

Mr Trendal, however, who is said to be a personal friend of the pilot, is no longer talking. Prosecutors say that if he does not co-operate he will be subpoenaed to appear before a grand jury that began probing the crash yesterday.

According to a detective, investigators believe the two pilots may have spent as many as five hours of their six-hour lay-over at La Guardia Airport in airport bars.

Gold \$366,30

GOLD opened at \$366.30 in London today, against \$368.25 at the close yesterday and \$366.25 in New York. In Johannesburg the rand traded at R2.7318 to the dollar (36.60 US cents), against R2.7138 (36.84) at yesterday's close. — Business Staff.

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The weather
Fine and mild

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SWEETHEART: Karin Rautenbach ... lots in common with Barend Strydom.

It's a topless storm in a court D-cup

The Argus Foreign Service

NEW YORK. — If men can go topless in public, so can women — and to deny them that right is unlawful, contends a group of New York women fighting for "topless equality."

The topless affair went public with the court appearance of eight of 10 women arrested for baring their tops on a beach at Lake Ontario, in upper New York state.

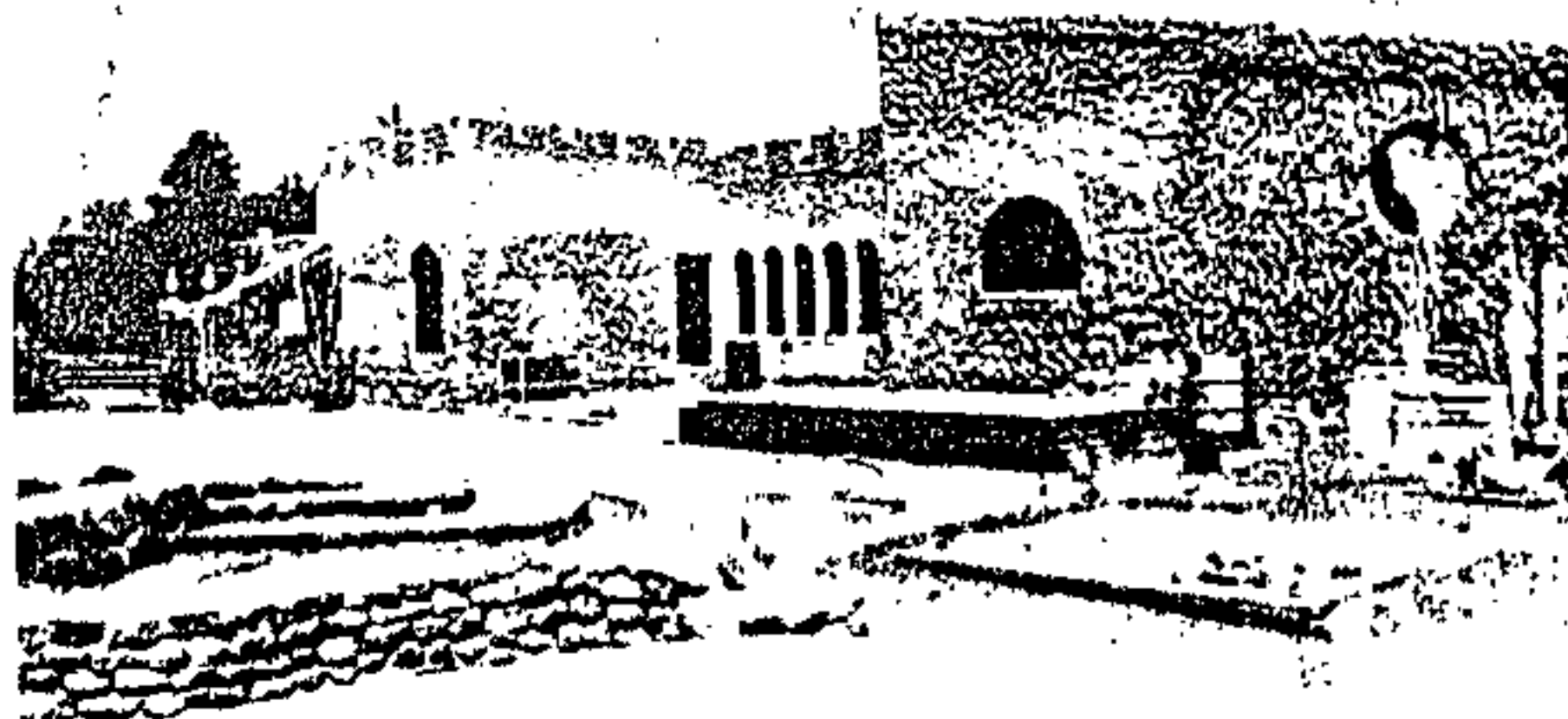
While attending a topless picnic they refused to don their shirts when asked to do so by a state trooper.

Miss Jeffrey Wicks, an attorney for a defendant, who appeared in court well wrapped up against the cold, said: "They are only here today because they are women, doing everyday simple things that men are allowed to do every day."

Topfree Equality picnics have been held since 1986, when several of the same women were arrested for going topless. The charges were dismissed when a judge ruled that the topless picnic had been an expression of free speech.

Press curbs

In terms of the emergency regulations reports, comment and pictures may be restricted.



BOER COLOURS: The Rautenbach's fort-like homestead near Hartbeespoort Dam with the Vierkleur in front.

Thrifty Shopper Argus guide today

PLAN your purchases with The Argus Thrifty Shopper inside today. In addition to the usual Classified Section, there are 14 pages of shopping and commercial ideas inside a special Thrifty Shopper cover. It's in The Argus today.



DIY summer ideas

WELCOME the summer with bright outdoor ideas in today's issue of DIY and Home Improvements. Patios and braai areas can add to your living space and summer fun.

'A terrible day' for the wrong girl

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — She might be a Rautenbach but she certainly has no connection with mass murderer Barend Strydom.

Speaking from her commune which she shares with fellow students, Karin Rautenbach said yesterday was a terrible day.

"Many students thought I was the one who got engaged to Strydom. It started as a prank — until the Press started to look for me."

Sitting under jacaranda trees in her backyard, Karin was happy that the truth had emerged.

"I am glad the people realise it is not me. I do not know the Strydoms nor do I have any connections with right-wing politics or organisations."

"After all the trouble, I hope students would believe me that I do not have anything to do with Strydom."

She said the support she received from her friends was wonderful. "Without them the day would have been harder. I am glad this is all over."

From VALERIE BOJE and ERIC JANSSEN
The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Karin Rautenbach's decision to become engaged to Wit Wolf Barend Strydom was not taken lightly.

Although reluctant to divulge details of her engagement to mass killer Strydom, a shy Miss Rautenbach, 22, said it was a "case of faith, (geelofsak)" and she stood by Barend "all the way".

"I don't want to say anything about our plans until Saturday" — the day the couple plan to get engaged — "but I can tell you that we have discussed it at great length," she said yesterday.

Although the two will become engaged on death row on the weekend, no permission has yet been granted for the couple to be married.

No definite wedding date

Miss Rautenbach said staff of the South African Prisons Service would do a series of interviews before taking a final decision. Theoretically the service could prohibit the marriage. No definite wedding date had been set.

"Apparently social workers at the prison must first see us and determine whether or not we are really serious about the idea. On completion of their report we will hear whether it has been given the go ahead."

"We will also wait to see if State President De Klerk grants Barend a reprieve. But if he has to hang, it's all part of our "volk" struggle," she said.

Miss Rautenbach had just returned from a visit to Strydom in his cell on death row when she gave the interview at her modest Sunnyside flat.

She is a pretty brunette with light blonde streaks in her hair and was wearing a casual brown blouse and faded jeans yesterday. She speaks of Strydom with warmth and tenderness.

"Barend is fine and very positive. His morale is high, and he views his imprisonment as a 'volksak'," she said.

Residents in the block of flats where Miss Rautenbach lives described her as "shy and quiet", saying she mostly kept to herself.

"I noticed that her male friend had not been visiting lately and for the rest we did not see much of her," said a resident.

However, she could not remember whether the "male friend" who had visited regularly quite a while ago had been Strydom.

Karin's mother, Mrs Trudie Rautenbach, said Strydom was a "fine 'boer' boy full of character," and she blessed her daughter's engagement to him.

Mrs Rautenbach said the two families knew each other, and Karin had known 24-year-old Strydom for years and "had many things in common" with him.

According to Mrs Rautenbach Karin realised the situation was difficult but she had no dreamy illusions.

Mrs Rautenbach expressed concern at the media attention her daughter was receiving, and said Karin had done "very well" in her studies and should be allowed to prepare for her final examinations undisturbed because her future depended on her results.

The Strydoms are to arrange an engagement ring for Karin and both sets of parents would be waiting excitedly outside Pretoria Central Prison while the young couple committed themselves to each other inside.

The Rautenbachs run a dog kennel and breeding centre business from their fort-like home near Hartbeespoort Dam. In the garden a monument with the Vierkleur flying high commemorates "the boer fighters".

Strydom was sentenced to death eight times following the killing of a woman at De Deur, and a shooting spree on Pretoria's Strydom Square. His application for leave to appeal was turned down recently.

He has now petitioned the President.

Etna's fiery display

CATANIA (Sicily). — Volcanic Mount Etna has been active again, lighting the night with fountains of lava from the south-east crater. — Sapa-AP.

110 houses a month ³⁴³ for Tsakane

Sowetan 28/9/89

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

VERBRI Projects has started building 10500 new houses estimated to cost about R9-m in Tsakane on the East Rand.

The first 100 houses have been completed and some of the occupants have moved in, said the company's managing director, Mr Awię Britz.

He said his company was hoping to build at least 110 houses per month. Britz said the houses were for people in the middle- and upper-income groups. There are 25 different housing plans to choose from.

All houses, selling for between R26000 and R60000, would be provided with a sink, electric stove and floor covering specified by the home buyer.

Tarred roads

The company has hired 350 bricklayers, tilers, plasterers and other tradesmen on subcontracts. There is also a team of 50 specialists - including architects, engineers and town planners.

The township would also be provided with tarred roads, electricity, sewerage and stormwater drainage.

Britz said his company had also made provision for the building of schools, churches, creches, business sites, clinics, parks, community and sports centres.

"The demand for housing in the area is astounding. We have decided to step up production to meet the demand," said Britz.

Women broke law, say police

South African 28/9/89 344-23

THE two rightwing organisations which held an open-air protest meeting in Pretoria last week had the legal right to do so but the women who were dispersed while marching on the Union Buildings acted unlawfully, police have said.

In a statement this week the head of the South African Police Directorate for Public relations, General Herman Stadler, said: "In view of conflicting and in some cases, very negative reporting concerning the actions of the SAP on Saturday, September 23 in Pretoria...

"Existing laws of the land determine that any open-air procession or

By THEMBA MOLEFE

gathering is illegal unless prior permission has been obtained from the chief magistrate of the area concerned.

"Several processions and gatherings for which the necessary authority was obtained have been held in the recent past. As such gatherings are thus legal, the SAP will monitor them to ensure that there are no transgressions of the law.

"Should the persons involved conduct themselves in a criminal manner, either during or after the gathering, the police have a duty to act."

Referring to a recent march in justifying police action Stadler said: "For example, an authorised peaceful march in Pietermaritzburg recently degenerated when vehicles were damaged, shop windows smashed and some of the shops looted."

Authority

He said the Department of Justice had the authority to approve any gathering or procession and not the SAP.

Commenting specifically on the ill-fated march organised by Women Against Repression, Stadler said: "Any person is at liberty to make an application for the holding of a gathering or procession. This was told repeatedly to the organisers of the proposed march on Saturday, both personally and via media.

"However, they persistently refused to seek such permission."

Stadler said the holding of the march without authority would have been unlawful.

"The possibility that there would be confrontation should the march proceed, as the organisers clearly indicated was their intention, was so great that an application for an interdict was made to the Supreme Court to prevent the organisers from continuing with their plans.

Mass murderer Strydom engaged

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MASS killer Barend Hendrik Strydom is getting engaged on Death Row to a University of Pretoria student on Saturday.

His blonde fiancée, Miss Karen Rautenbach (22), is described by a family friend, who wanted to remain anonymous, as "sincere, quiet and even reserved."

The friend said the couple was well-suited and Strydom (23), who only sees six visitors, including Miss Rautenbach, was dependent on her.

Miss Rautenbach visits her husband-to-be twice a week.

According to the friend, Miss Rautenbach and Strydom shared the same political and religious beliefs and also came from the same "Boere" backgrounds.

The friend said the Rautenbach and Strydom families have known each other for years having met through rightwing politics.

She is understood to be involved in rightwing

youth organisations.

Strydom's father, Mr Nic Strydom, also confirmed yesterday that his son was planning on getting engaged to Miss Rautenbach.

Although Mr Strydom said she was a student at the University of Pretoria, he said her parents lived outside the city.

Asked whether his son was happy about the engagement, Strydom said his son was getting engaged and one should

be able to make one's own deductions.

He did not know when his son asked Miss Rautenbach to get married adding that the couple has not yet decided on a wedding date.

Mr Strydom said the couple has known each other for years and Miss Rautenbach sometimes attended Strydom's court case in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

According to Mr Strydom, his son was "well, healthy and has a high morale."

UN may take up 'AWB link' with SA

By Jon Qwelane
The Star's Africa News Service

WINDHOEK — United Nations officials in Namibia have been surprised by the revelation of an AWB link to the attack on the UN office at Outjo, and may make representations to the South African authorities about it.

Officials of the UN monitoring force, Untag, were today studying news reports before deciding whether to take the matter up with the Administrator-General, Mr Louis Pienaar.

Police confirmed here today that a sixth man has been arrested in connection with last month's grenade and machinegun attack on the UN regional headquarters, in which a guard was killed.

The identity of the man was not disclosed, and police said he was still being held in South Africa and would probably be handed over to them next week.

The arrest has heightened speculation that the "AWB connection" in the attack on UN offices may be greater than at first imagined.

AWB LEADER

One of the four men already in police custody is Mr Leonard Veenendal of Southdale, Johannesburg, who is AWB leader in Johannesburg. He has been "missing" from his job as a swimming pool supervisor since last week.

Last July he led AWB members in a demonstration to stop a multiracial "swim-in" at the Hillbrow pool, where he worked. He was subsequently transferred to a southern suburbs pool.

The Administrator-General's office confirmed the arrest of a sixth man, but refused to speculate or confirm any political links of any of the

men already in custody.

Mr Craig Barker (21) of Cape Town was released yesterday after he appeared in the Outjo Magistrate's Court with fellow Capetonian Mr Arthur Archer (28), West German Mr Horst Klenz (32), Mr Darrel Stopforth (22) of Rosettenville in Johannesburg, and Mr Veenendal. Mr Stopforth is also thought to be a member of the AWB, but this could not be confirmed. All charges against Mr Barker were dropped.

The arrests are a sequel to one of the most intensive manhunts yet carried out by the Namibian police.

The men will appear in court again on October 11.

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Parents may attend Strydom wedding

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The parents of mass-killer Barend Hendrik Strydom and his fiancée-to-be, Miss Karin Rautenbach, would be allowed to attend the couple's wedding if prison authorities permit it to go ahead.

However, Strydom still needs permission from the prison authorities.

According to a spokesman for the Prisons Service, such a wedding would take place in a "suitable place" in the prison.

Attendance would be restricted to the couple, the minister, the parents

or guardians, two witnesses and members of the Prisons Service.

Refreshments would be permitted but it is understood that there would be no alcohol.

Thereafter the newlyweds might apparently spend 40 minutes together in the presence of prisons officials.

However, it appears that no contact visits are allowed during the engagement.

A friend of the Strydom and Rautenbach families, who wished to remain anonymous, said Miss Rauten-

bach had visited Strydom twice a week and saw him yesterday.

A spokesman for the Prisons Service said Death Row prisoners might receive an unlimited number of visits, but only two visitors at one time.

Mrs Trudie Rautenbach said the couple would become engaged tomorrow as planned. Their families would wait outside if they could not go in.

She regretted that she could not divulge further details about the couple's plans as the families were negotiating with a "big newspaper."

AWB man in court over Namib attack

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THE AWB's reputed leader in Johannesburg has been arrested in Namibia in connection with a grenade and machine-gun attack on the United Nations offices at Outjo, northern Namibia.

Five of six men arrested in connection with the attack appeared in court at the town yesterday.

Among them was Mr Leonard Veenendal, 23, a Johannesburg municipal swimming pool supervisor, of 2A Webb Street, Southdale, Johannesburg, who has been identified as the "AWB leader in Johannesburg".

The men were not asked to plead and the case was postponed till October 11.

One of the suspects, Mr Craig Bark-

er, 21, a South African citizen whose address was not known, was released.

The other three are Mr Horst Klenz, 52, a West German citizen, and South Africans Mr Arthur Archer, 28, and Mr Darryl Stopforth, 22.

A private security firm guard, Mr David Hoaseb, 22, died in a phosphorous grenade and machine-gun attack at Outjo on August 10.

Police arrested Mr Klenz, Mr Archer and Mr Barker at Rietfontein in southern Namibia.

The head of the Windhoek Criminal Investigation Department, Brigadier Tommie Thomasse, told Sapa yesterday that a sixth man had been arrested and that the investigation was continuing. — Sapa

arms on Thursday afternoon, police said yesterday. *Capl T. M. J. 20/9/89 (18) 344*

E Cape priest flees home

AN Eastern Cape priest fled his Stutterheim home on Thursday night after armed men, allegedly suspected security policemen, were seen "creeping around" his home. Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for an urgent inquiry into harassment of Father Lulama Ntshingwa and a guarantee of his safety.

Taxi man gunned down in Orlando East

By SOPHIE TENA

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VIOLENCE rocked black taxi ranks again on Friday night when Johannesburg Taxi Association (JTA) member Thomas Kgetsi was shot at close range by unknown gunmen in Orlando East.

Kgetsi, of Diepkloof, died on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

Johannes Kgetsi said the family was told that his brother was flagged down by a group of people he thought were passengers. When he stopped, the killers opened fire.

After the killers fled, he was helped by people who lived nearby.

JTA officials have called on police and the government to intervene in the simmering taxi war, which has claimed dozens of lives.

Kgetsi's killing comes two weeks after taxi driver Elliot Kunene died in a similar shooting near Pheteni Station.

JTA official Alfred Mtimkulu died in a hail of heavy-calibre automatic pistol fire in an Orlando East ambush two years ago.

Last week the Southern African Long Distance Taxi Association (Saldia) identified violence and corruption as the biggest problems among taxi-operators.

Police hunt gang of gunmen after AK-47 attack

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Police were yesterday hunting about seven gunmen who shot dead a man and seriously injured another at a house in Krugersdorp's Lancaster Mining Town at the weekend.

The gang apparently fired 11 shots at the occupants of the house after being refused refuge, police said.

Both victims were over 18. Police have not yet released their names.

Police said the group of gunmen arrived at the premises at 9 pm on Saturday and demanded a place to sleep for the night.

When this was refused they opened fire with AK-47 rifles and fled.

Security police picked up 11 empty AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

SUSPECTS

A man was stabbed to death in Howick, Natal, in another incident reported in a weekend SAP unrest report. Three suspects were arrested in connection with the killing.

In Shongweni, Natal, six houses and a vehicle were set alight by a mob and shots were fired at security force members. They retaliated but no injuries were reported, police said.

AWB sect 'willing to fight and die'

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interview on September 16 — a week before Mr Veenendaal's arrest — the rightwinger claimed.

● That the Wit Wolwe did, in fact, exist.

● That some members of Aquila were prepared to carry out "kamikaze" missions if ordered to assassinate political figures, and then commit suicide.

● That controversial AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche did not know about the underground movement within his organisation, and that he was regarded by the militants merely as a figurehead.

● That there had been a purge within Aquila after a confrontation between the "Intelligentsia" and the "war-

rriors". This had resulted in 266 AWB members resigning on the same day in mid-July.

● That a faction within the AWB, calling themselves the Israelites, believed that if they died for their cause they would go "straight to heaven".

Control

Mr Kuus said that he was the plan for what was called a counter-revolution to gain control of the old Boer republics of Transvaal and the Free State, which a high-ranking AWB man, who has subsequently resigned, revealed to me.

According to his informant, a racial incident would

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be used as a pretext for launching the operation — codenamed "Red Christ-mas".

Successful teams of heavily armed men would step in, ostensibly to restore order, until up to 2,000 were involved.

The whole plan was based on a belief that 20 per cent of the SA Police would refuse an order to open fire on them, said Mr Kuus.

The plan, he was told, would be put into operation "some time before Christmas".

The informant told Mr Kuus that the AWB leader had no knowledge of the plot.

He said the militants believed Terre Blanche had lost his guts after the recent

adverse publicity about his personal life.

Mr Kuus said his initial impression of Leonard Veenendaal was that he was "one of the beer, bulldust and bullet brigade".

But as I got to know him better, I realised he was in a "readily earnest" mood.

He showed me a pile of photocopies of a picture of a wolf's head on them.

When I asked him what they meant, and he said "obviously, Wolves".

He said that there had been no proof at Barend Strydom's trial that such a group existed. He just smiled and said: "Believe me, they exist."

Mr Veenendaal, the former supervisor of the Hilbroy in-

door swimming pool, first came to public attention when he led an AWB demonstration against the Democratic Party's "swim-in" at the pool last June.

His employer, the Johannesburg municipality, later transferred him to a public swimming pool in Johannesburg's southern suburbs.

Sedation

This week, Mr Veenendaal's English-speaking young wife Tracy was under sedation and she and her daughter Lesley, four, were staying with friends.

Mrs Veenendaal has apparently been instructed by the Johannesburg branch of the AWB not to speak to report-

ers about her husband.

Mr Kuus said Mr Veenendaal told him with pride that Mr Terre Blanche's nickname for him was "my little fanatic" and that he was earmarked to take over command of Aquila.

This weekend Mr Veenendaal told the Sunday Times he knew Mr Veenendaal "very well" but could not place the other men arrested in Namibia.

However, one of them, Craig Barker, 21, is Mr Veenendaal's brother-in-law, and another, Darryl Stopforth, 22, has frequently been photographed at Mr Veenendaal's side at AWB gatherings.

Mr Stopforth was also one of the men who carried Mr Terre Blanche shoulder-high

from the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court after the AWB leader's acquittal on charges of malicious damage to property and criminal injury in May.

Mr Terre Blanche said he did not know whether the arrested men were all AWB members and denied emphatically that his movement was "involved in what's happened in South-West".

"The AWB neither sanctioned nor carried out an operation of this kind," he said.

Arrests

Charges against Mr Barker were dropped this week, but Mr Veenendaal, Mr Stopforth, Johan Coetzee, Arthur Archer and Horst Klenz will appear in court in Otiwarango on October 11 in connection with the Outjo attack.

Chief Inspector Human said on Friday that the investigation was still in progress and that further arrests could be made this week.

Peter Kenny reports from Windhoek that the United Nations Transitional Assistance Group has tightened security since the attack on its Outjo office and death threats to key officials.

Some UN officials have moved to new residences.

Terre Blanche and his men go west

THE Pretoria headquarters of the AWB is standing empty. Two weeks ago the leader, Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, and his staff moved out of the office in the Willie Marais Building in Waterkloof.

The AWB's new headquarters is in the Western Transvaal home town of the Terre Blanche family, Ventersdorp.

Phone calls to the Pretoria office are redirected by telephonists to two numbers in Ventersdorp.

"ET packed his bags and moved out about two weeks ago," said a woman in an adjoining office in the Waterkloof building. Residents of the

plush suburb have frequently complained that the AWB's visible presence in the area posed a security risk, but the owner of the building, HNP founder member Mr Willie Marais, ignored their pleas for eviction.

Defections

Earlier the AWB was virtually compelled by pressure to move out of offices in Sunnyside. The premises were virtually gutted by fire soon afterwards.

Observers said the AWB's move from Pretoria was an indication that its support was on the wane.

In contrast to the huge crowds of chanting supporters who flocked to meetings at the Pretoria City Hall and the controversial Skilpad Hall in earlier times, fewer than 500 people turned out for last weekend's rightwing protest ral-

ly on Pretoria's Church Square.

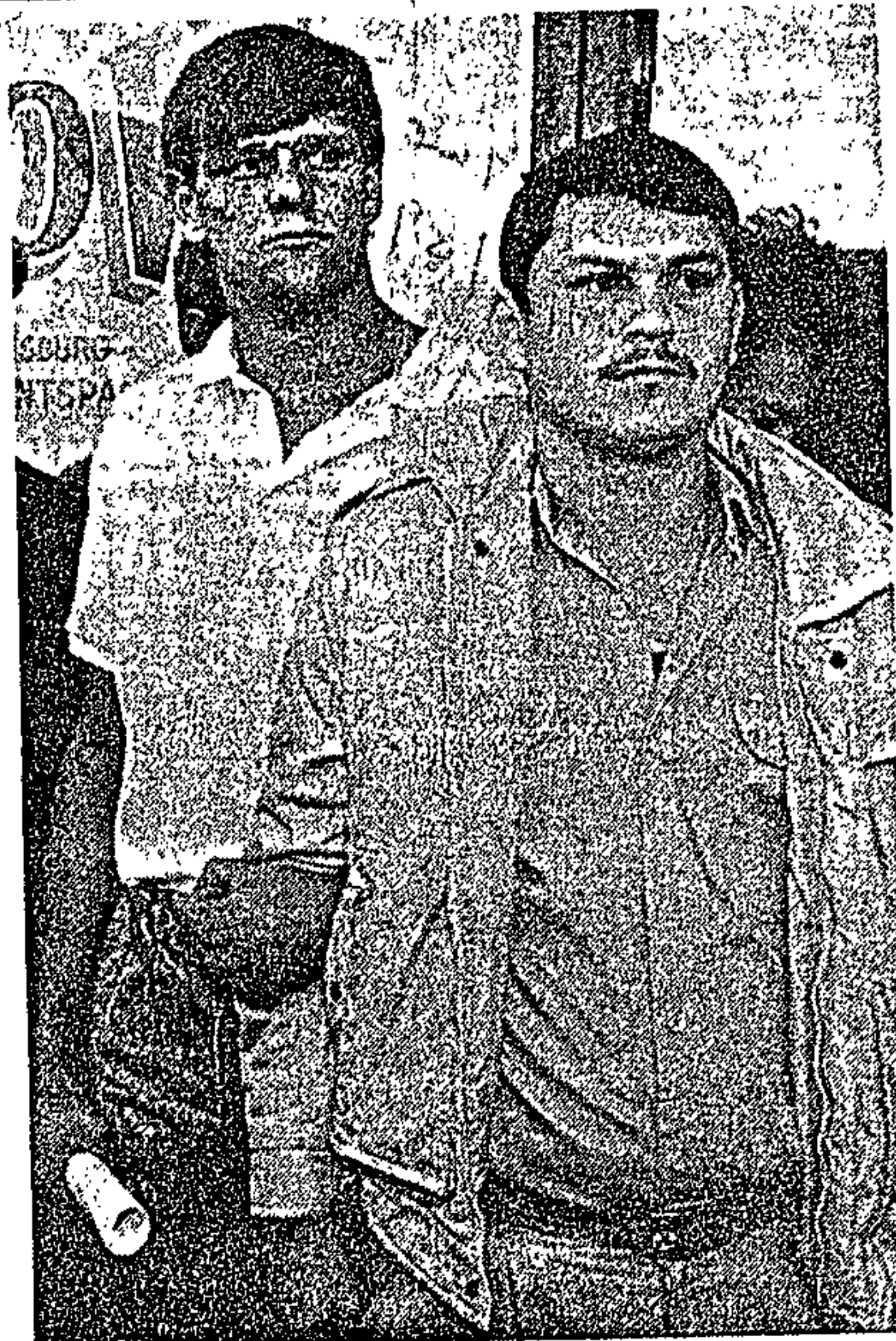
Adverse publicity about Mr Terre Blanche's private life has seen the departure from AWB ranks of several of his top men, including the deputy leader, Mr Jan Groenewald, advocate Chris Beyers, Mr Willie Olivier — former private secretary to Dr Verwoerd — publicity chief Mr Dries Alberts and Mr Manie Maritz.

The latest defection, two weeks ago, came from ex-journalist Mr Chris Beetge, who was editor of the AWB newsletter, Sweepslag.

However, Mr Terre Blanche claimed this weekend that he had relieved Mr Beetge of his duties.

He said the move to Ventersdorp was a "practical and administrative" one, and formed part of a decentralisation plan.

By DE WET POTGIETER



Johannesburg AWB leader Leonard Veenendal and Darrel Stopforth at an anti-black demonstration

I'm Wolwe leader - caller

By Craig Kotze

Police are investigating a claim by an anonymous telephone caller to a Pretoria newspaper saying that he is the new leader of the "Wit Wolwe" movement.

The self-styled leader of the Wit Wolwe, mass murderer and rightwing terrorist Barend Hendrik Strydom, is on death row for killing eight blacks in Strijdom Square, Pretoria, and at a squatter camp near Vereeniging last year.

A spokesman for the SAP Public Relations Directorate, Lieutenant-Colonel Eddie Everson, yesterday confirmed that police were investigating the call to a Pretoria newspaper last week.

A white man called the news-

paper and said he was now the leader of the Wit Wolwe, an organisation which police said at the time of Strydom's arrest was non-existent.

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Colonel Everson refused to identify the newspaper, but The Star has learnt it was the *Pretoria News*, a sister publication of The Star.

Police have consistently said the "Wit Wolwe" is a non-existent organisation with only one member — Barend Strydom — but since his arrest a wave of right-wing attacks and threats, even as far afield as Namibia, have been claimed to be carried out by people who said they were from the organisation.

AWB not above law

— police

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Crime Reporter

Police have taken note of claims of the existence of an AWB suicide squad but would act against radicalism and terrorism wherever it was found, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary to the Minister of Law and Order, was reacting to a Sunday press report that the AWB had formed a suicide squad, of which arrested Johannesburg AWB leader Mr Leonard Veenendal knew about.

Mr Veenendal has been arrested in connection with a handgrenade and machine-gun attack on United Nations offices in Outjo, Namibia, last month. A man was killed in the attack.

Brigadier Mellet said yesterday police were prepared to act against all forms of radicalism, terrorism and crime.

Ex-detainee shot on way home in Alex

JOHANNESBURG. — Former detainee Mr Buti van der Merwe was shot and wounded by unknown gunmen on his way to his home in Alexandra on Friday, the SA Council of Churches said yesterday.

An SACC statement said Mr Van der Merwe, an activist in Alexandra and a member of the SACC, was fighting for his life in a Johannesburg hospital after being shot five times.

The SACC said the attack was another attempt to silence the dissenting voices of members of the anti-apartheid movement.

"This attack has all the signs of a group or groups of assassins that are studying movements and activities of apartheid opponents, especially the predictable movements of restricted activists," the SACC said. — Sapa

Riot police 'like a pack of wild dogs'



Accused . . . Lieutenant David Johan Roos (left) and Major Charles Roger Brazelle.

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Riot policemen with quirts and batons "fell over each others' feet in their eagerness to attack like a pack of wild dogs", Mitchell's Plain policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman yesterday told the Wynberg Regional Court.

He was giving evidence in the case in which Major Charles Roger Brazelle and Lieutenant David Johan Roos have pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault.

Lieutenant Rockman told the court that while the riot police attacked people Major Brazelle sat in a police van nearby: "He was sitting all the time in the vehicle, like a big lord in the vehicle."

He also said Major Brazelle swore at him and threatened to lock him up under emergency rules.

At the start of yesterday's hearing State prosecutor Mr T J Prins read out the charge before a courtroom crowded with journalists, senior policemen, riot squad police and members of the public.

The two policemen were asked to plead to the charge that on September 5, at Mitchell's Plain town centre, they gave orders that their men should use quirts and batons in an unlawful manner.

Major Brazelle was regional officer commanding Western Province Number 10 riot control unit and Lieutenant Roos was commander of Platoon 3 of the unit at the time, the court heard.

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Natal killings prompt calls for inquiry

POLITICAL killings devastated the Natal midlands this week, and unrest monitoring groups are predicting that September will produce the highest death rate yet in more than two years of violence in the region.

This week also brought growing calls for a commission of inquiry into the Natal violence.

Among those urging an inquiry is prominent Natal chief, Mhlabunzima Maphumulo, who said yesterday he hoped to see the state president as soon as possible to renew his call for an inquiry.

Maphumulo was speaking at a news

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

conference called by the United Democratic Front and the Congress of SA Trade Unions to respond to Inkatha's moratorium on further peace talks. The conference followed a week of murder, arson and pitched battles.

A joint statement issued by UDF and Cosatu said it was imperative that a peace process be initiated with or without Inkatha, alleging that Inkatha's leadership was using peace talks not to end the violence but to "establish a national political position".

The statement also gave a history of attempts to initiate a peace process over the last two years and claimed that Inkatha had been responsible every time these attempts broke down.

Speakers at the news conference included women from Mpumalanga, the area worst hit with eight deaths in three days this week. The township saw a massive display of hostility on Monday as opposing "armies" totalling about 800 armed men squared up to resolve the situation.

Violence began on Saturday night when a wedding party at the home of

a "comrade" was attacked.

Guests in the wedding tent were shot and several were hurt. The following day the comrades allegedly retaliated, and on Monday morning the "armies" came out.

Among the calls for urgent action this week were members of the Mpumalanga business community who said the situation was now "intolerable".

The violence has been affecting business in the area and shopowners said the sharp fall-off in customers was making it difficult to meet bank repayments.

Democratic Party regional director Roy Ainslie said the DP had received many calls from residents who urged that the army be brought in to stop the fighting, as they no longer had faith in the riot police.

Ainslie said the August death rate in the Durban townships was 47 and he expected September to be the worst recorded by his unrest monitoring unit since they began their work over two years ago.

He said Maphumulo's call for an inquiry was a good idea which deserved support.

According to Maphumulo, de Klerk was "a new man with new ideas" and his ideas had to be tested.

"We want him to reconsider the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry," he said, "as well as the withdrawal of special constables and the riot unit from our trouble-torn areas."

"We want the local police stations to do the policing of those areas instead of the riot unit. If a need arises then the SADF should be called in."

"The inquiry should be about the causes of the violence, the involvement of the police and the total breakdown of government structures like courts which are failing to stop this violence."

Other calls for an inquiry came from DP officials and MPs in the area who are to meet top ranking police officers on Monday.

The MPs have also written to the ministers of justice and of law and order as well as the state president about an incident in which riot police allegedly "ran out of control" in Richmond last week.

Police have been investigating formal complaints made by a party of ministers and students who witnessed the incident, but the MPs said this "was just not good enough."

"We want to know how such things happen and what is the chain of command which would permit it," said Greytown MP Pierre Cronje.

Buthelezi promises to probe Inkatha's police recruitment

ALLEGED recruitment drives by Inkatha came under the spotlight this week with an investigation into recruitment among KwaZulu Police, and a row over whether teachers have been told to "join Inkatha or quit their jobs".

Last week a Natal Supreme Court judge said he was concerned about allegations made during a murder trial that new members of the KZP were told during their training that they should join the Inkatha movement.

The judge said it was important that the police should not be biased toward either side in the continuing Inkatha/United Democratic Front conflict, and asked that the minister of police in KwaZulu should "earnestly" consider his comments and investigate the situation.

This week the chief minister of KwaZulu, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who is also minister of police and president of Inkatha, issued a statement clarifying his approach.

He said he was aware of the "serious nature" of the allegations and gave the assurance that the matter was being fully investigated.

Buthelezi said in the interim he wanted to stress that he had always said the KZP should act impartially and that they had done so.

"Members of the KZP have arrested members of Inkatha when necessary as well as anyone else, on a totally impartial basis and in the pursuit of their normal duties," he said.

A report is to be issued when the investigation into the allegations has been completed.

There have also been serious allegations stating that senior members of the KwaZulu government addressed teachers in Durban and told them if

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

they did not join Inkatha they would lose their jobs.

In particular it was alleged that KwaZulu MP Winnington Sabelo said: "Be warned that we have been instructed by Umlandi to move from school to school compiling lists of all teachers ... the lists will uncover all those who are not part of us."

Education and Culture minister Oscar Dhlomo said the threat would be "clearly in conflict with the policies of the Department and the ... cabinet" and that he had asked those who allegedly made the remarks to clarify what they had said.

Sabelo, together with a number of other officials, subsequently issued a statement saying they held a series of meetings with teachers "to motivate education personnel to maintain a high morale particularly in the forthcoming end of the year examination period".

"As an aspect of this motivation the (Umlazi members of the Legislative Assembly) invited teachers to join Inkatha, so that they may in turn be able to organise Inkatha Youth Brigades in the schools."

Sabelo said it was well known that the Department of Education and Culture encouraged the establishment of the Youth Brigade in schools, and that a strong IYB presence in the schools would help the schools "to withstand the disruption that is planned by certain organisations."

"The absence of Inkatha Youth creates a convenient vacuum for those organisations which want to see a collapse of KwaZulu education."



Mangosuthu Buthelezi ... The matter is being investigated

Sabelo said he was misquoted and that it was untrue teachers were ever threatened "to sign up or else". He said he was at great pains to emphasise that membership of Inkatha was "absolutely voluntary".

Allegations of recruitment drives in which people are threatened with serious repercussions if they do not sign up as members of Inkatha have surfaced repeatedly in Natal's violence-stricken townships. However, these allegations have been denied time and again by Inkatha officials.

"Loyalty pledges" to Inkatha and KwaZulu's administration have also been a contentious issue particularly among professionals, and at one stage was blamed for the shortage of doctors in the KwaZulu health service.

Group to visit Natal 'killing fields' soon

By S'BU MNGADI

President FW de Klerk.

AMBASSADORS, clergy, business people and newspaper editors will visit the "killing fields" of Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale on Tuesday.

The Cosatu-UDF alliance yesterday said they had arranged the tour to give them first-hand accounts of the devastating effects of violence in the region.

Since last Saturday more than 30 people died in fierce fighting in Mpumalanga.

Local business people this week dubbed the area "Beirut".

This prompted the president of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo, and Democratic Party MPs, to renew their calls for a commission of inquiry.

Maphumulo is also seeking a meeting with

The group will visit both Cosatu-UDF and Inkatha "territories" and seek interviews with leaders of warring factions.

"They will interview residents who have been directly affected by the violence and are living in fear of their lives," said a Cosatu-UDF statement.

The alliance announced on Thursday it was "imperative a peace process be initiated with or without Inkatha".

The alliance claim Kwazulu Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi and the Inkatha Central Committee (ICC) wanted to use attempts at peace talks over two years to establish a national political position.

A fortnight ago, Inkatha stopped peace talks with the UDF and Cosatu "until there is a prospect of success".

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Top-level attempts to end violence

THREE top level attempts at intervention into Natal's political violence were made this week.

On Monday the new deputy minister of justice, Pietermaritzburg advocate Danie Schütte, met with Inkatha leaders, members of the police and other officials in his office.

Afterwards Inkatha representative V V Mvelase said everyone was sick of the violence and that it was necessary for the police to take action against troublemakers from whichever side they came, and bring them to court.

This was followed on Tuesday by a visit to Mpumalanga by a party of 20 prominent Natal figures who had talks with both sides in the conflict.

Later they said it is essential that top-level and local peace initiatives continue at the same time and that neither could work without the other.

They said people from both sides expressed a deep desire for peace and that a local peace attempt with five representatives from each side had been about to take off when the current wave of violence hit the township.

However, the group felt the initiative was promising and "needed support and space to operate".

They said people expressed the need for efficient, professional and neutral policing, and it "was not clear this was always the case".

A third top-level meeting dealing with Natal violence took place at police headquarters in Durban on Tuesday when six Democratic Party MP's met with senior police officers including the regional commissioner of police in Natal, Major General Johann van Niekerk.

Afterwards Democratic Party MP Peter Gastrow said the police had given the MP's their view on the conflict and violence in Natal.

Both sides agreed it would be helpful if the MP's had good lines of communication with police.

Lubowski killing: No charge against suspect

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Own Correspondent

WINDHOEK. — Police investigators holding an Irish national under indefinite detention provisions as a suspect in the murder of lawyer and Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski are still unable to press charges a month after the killing.

It was not clear yesterday whether the Irish government has arranged for diplomatic access or legal representation for the suspect.

Within 24 hours of the killing of Mr Lubowski on September 12 police arrested a 50-year-old Irish citizen iden-

tified as Mr Donald Acheson, a native of Belfast, who apparently has spent the past 20 years in Southern Africa, some of them in the former Rhodesian military.

But the suspect clammed up under interrogation — monitored by Untag policemen — and with a case based only on circumstantial evidence, police were unable to arraign him on a murder charge.

Investigators have still not found the murder weapon, believed to be a Soviet-made AK-47, nor have they traced a suspected accomplice.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Blast rocks home of top UDF member

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A bomb exploded at the Dakerton home of UDF and Transvaal Indian Congress executive member Dr Ram Bulbulia at 4.15am today, causing damage estimated at R20 000.

He said the bomb shattered about 19 windows and damaged a door frame and his air-conditioning system.

Dr Bulbulia, his wife and three children were at home.

"It was a tremendous shock but fortunately no one was injured. The blast was very big," he said.

Dr Bulbulia said the family had heard voices outside their house before the explosion.

The language spoken was English.

"I feel this attack may have been politically motivated," Dr Bulbulia said.

He added that no one saw the bombers. "It was too dark to see, although they apparently used cars to get away," he said.

Police were on the scene this morning.

Press curbs

In terms of the emergency regulations reports, comment and pictures may be restricted.

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'Russian' factions battle it out in Free State

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The police have confirmed that eight of the group have been arrested.

Two are in a critical condition and under guard in hospital.

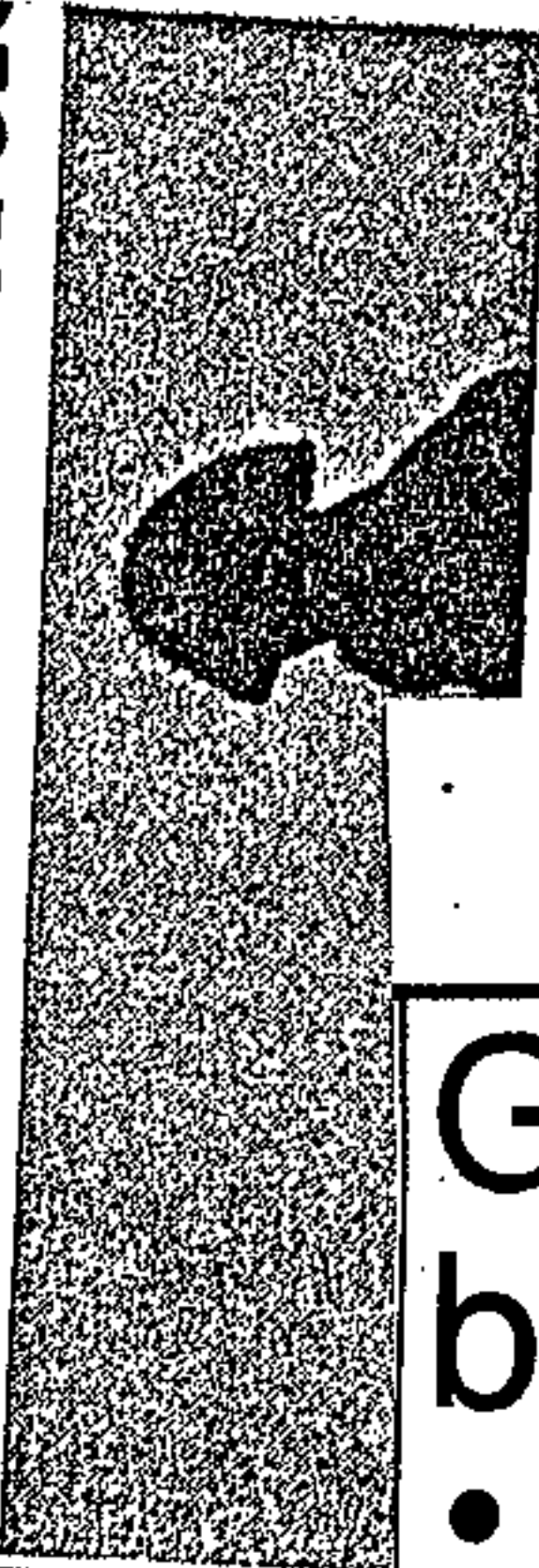
Fear has gripped the Thabong township as the residents who refused to be identified spoke of bodies being strewn in

their yards and streets. Unconfirmed reports said up to 12 people were killed.

Sowetan discovered that the faction fighting by "Russians" had escalated in several Free State townships with more of

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London's most heroic



Gangs battle

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the Russians arriving in the Northern Free State from as far as Johannesburg.

The police public relations officer for the Northern Free State, Major Johan Fouche, said according to investigations a nine millimetre pistol was confiscated after two black policemen shot it out with about 50 of the blanketed men at about 4 am on Sunday.

This was after police discovered the five bodies of men who had gun and stab wounds.

Both police and residents say one of the men had his brains blown when he was shot at close range. Another man is in a critical condition in hospital after sustaining 27 stab wounds. He was also shot in the leg.

Fouche said it seemed two groups of the "Russians" - one from Odendaalsrus and Thabong and the other from Virginia and Ethiopia farms - met head on in Thabong.

They had planned an ambush against one another.

Fouche said a special police unit had been set up to investigate and counter the "Russian" menace in the Northern Free State.

Veld blaze kills 6

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They are Mr Samuel Nthole, Cana, Mr Mahlomola Motlhaping and Mr Andries Matome. They suffered first degree burns.

Speaking with difficulty, Motlhaping said: "I do not know if my brother Peter survived the blaze. He was with us."

He said 11 workers from Shaleng, near Pampierstad in the Northern Cape were trapped for hours in the blaze on the Free State fruit farm. He said he watched helplessly as some of his colleagues died in the raging fire.

"Some of them died while sitting. They were obviously tired," he said. Motlhaping said the fire started at an adjacent farm at about 11.45am and by 2 pm the flames were as high as the trees surrounding the farm.

Sacks

He said their employer had ordered the workers on to a van and armed them with sacks to go and put out the fire.

"We were taken to hospital - a distance of more than 60km - in an open van by our 'induna.' I think more people died in that fire," he said.

He identified those who died as: Dipono Sekgampiri Tshabale, James Thooba, Kakora Daddy Sekgoro, Michael Takes Letsolo, Tiza Diteko Barnard and Cingane Kgatlhame.

Motlhaping said the farmer had not visited them in hospital by yesterday and their relatives in the Northern Cape were not aware of what had happened.



Motlhaping in hospital ... watched helplessly as colleagues died.

VELD BLAZE CLAIMS 6 LIVES

Hear 1000 voice choir

An exciting choral evening to be held at the Standard Bank Arena on Sunday, October 22, will close the Nation Building Week. A 1 000 voice choir accompanied by an orchestra will render four songs including the National anthem, Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika. Tickets are available from Computicket at R2 each. For those in Pretoria and the East Rand they are obtainable at Putco ticket outlets at R5 each. This includes entrance and transport fee.

By THEMBA MOLEFE

AT least six farm workers were burnt to death in a veld fire which swept through two farms near Parys in the Orange Free State this week.

Four of them died on arrival at the Boitumelo Hospital in Kroonstad.

Three of the five survivors spoke to *Sowetan* from their hospital beds yesterday.

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Finalists in Sowetan Baby Club competition - See page 4

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By MZIKAYI

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Doctor found 'in pool of blood'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Albertina Sisulu told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that she found political activist Dr Abu-Baker Asvat lying in a pool of blood in his consulting rooms shortly after hearing a gunshot.

Mrs Sisulu, the wife of ANC veteran Mr Walter Sisulu, was Dr Asvat's nurse and receptionist at his Rockville, Soweto, surgery on January 27 this year when he was shot.

Mrs Sisulu was giving evidence in the trial of Mr Zakhele Mbatha, 21, and Mr Thulani Shelela Dlamini, 20, who have both pleaded not guilty to murdering Dr Asvat and to two charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances, two charges of illegal possession of a firearm and two charges of unlawful possession of ammunition.

Mrs Sisulu told the court she heard Dr Asvat attending to a patient.

"I didn't see them enter his consulting rooms. Shortly after that I heard a gunshot followed by a scream. It was the doctor's voice."

Shortly afterwards she entered the consulting rooms, where she saw the doctor "lying in a pool of blood".

The case continues.



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We killed Mxenge, ^{MC63} says ^{20/10/89} Death Row policeman

The Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A security police assassination squad killed Mr Griffith Mxenge, a civil rights lawyer who was brutally murdered in 1981, a policeman and member of the alleged assassination team has said in an affidavit.

The policeman, Butana Almond Nofemela, is on Death Row and was due to be hanged today. His affidavit was submitted to the Attorney General of the Transvaal, who passed it on to Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee. This led to an 11th-hour stay of execution to enable the authorities to investigate his allegations.

Nofemela's affidavit names the policemen who commanded the squad as well as the men who allegedly helped him carry out the killing of Mr Mxenge and several suspected members of the African National Congress.

He said in his affidavit: "In 1981 I was appointed a member of the security branch's assassination squad and I served under Captain who was my commanding officer."

Eliminated

He alleged: "Some time during late 1981 I was briefed by Brigadier and Captain at Pretoria to eliminate a certain Durban attorney, Griffiths Mxenge. I was told by these superiors that Mxenge was to be eliminated for his activities within the African National Congress."

The affidavit goes on to describe how the murder squad travelled to Durban, where Mr Mxenge lived, and how he, Nofemela, was instructed to kill Mr Mxenge with a knife after poisoning the Mxenge's dogs.

The squad then

Brothers shot at 'Freedom' hostel

A MAN was shot dead and another seriously injured in the Nyanga "Freedom-Square" hostels.

Enoch Dolweni, 29, died instantly when he was shot three times in the stomach, according to his younger brother, Oswald Dolweni, 18, who survived the shootings.

Oswald said from his hospital bed that he was trying to rescue his brother from two gunmen when he was shot.

"We were walking back home when suddenly I heard gun shots and saw my brother collapsing at my side.

"I saw two men, one carrying a gun, walking towards my brother, probably wanting to finish him off. When I tried to rescue him, I was shot in the stomach."

Mr Wilson Dolweni, 60, expressed his grief over the death of his son.

"I don't know exactly what happened. I am still shocked," he said.

Enoch is unemployed and Oswald was in Standard 9 at Tiervlei High School.



Oswald Dolweni: Saw his brother shot dead

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Last-minute stay granted to ex-cop

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

A FORMER security policemen who was to have been hanged today was yesterday granted a last-minute stay of execution by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee.

According to Johannesburg advocate Mr Jules Browde, SC, the stay of execution was granted after Butana Almond Nofemela said in an affidavit that he had committed atrocities leading to the killing of various activists under the instruction and direction of senior members of the security branch of the police. A Justice Ministry spokesman confirmed the stay last night.

LHR: Probe death row cop's 'hit squad' claims

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) have called on Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into allegations made by death row prisoner Butane Almond Nofemela regarding involvement by the security police in "extra-judicial killings".

And, in another development, Democratic Party spokesman on justice Mr Dave Dalling said that accusations of the kind made by former security policeman Nofemela regarding the 1981 slaying of Durban political trial attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge "cannot be swept under the carpet".

Nofemela was granted a stay of execution on Thursday night by Mr Coetsee following an application by LHR.

Nofemela said he committed the Mxenge murder and other atrocities — including seven murders — leading to the killing of other political activists, under the instruction and direction of senior members of the security branch.

LHR acting national director Mr Peter Mothle said due to the urgency of the matter the minister was requested to appoint the commission by November 3 this year.

Should Mr Coetsee decide against constituting such a commission, the organisation would appoint an independent institution to investigate the allegations, he said.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, said the accusations would be investigated "thoroughly".

Acheson hunger striking, says ^{AGU} mystery ^{25/10/89} caller ~~344~~

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WINDHOEK. — Irish national Mr Donald Acheson is still in a police cell six weeks after he was picked up for questioning in connection with the assassination of white Swapo stalwart Mr Anton Lubowski, but police have vigorously denied they are deliberately ignoring clues and anonymous tip-offs.

Police liaison officer Chief Inspector Kierie du Rand has also denied reports in a Windhoek newspaper that Mr Acheson is on a hunger strike to protest his innocence.

The Windhoek Observer reported that it had received an anonymous phone call from a man claiming to have spent time with Mr Acheson in a cell in Windhoek central prison.

The caller claimed he believed Mr Acheson was innocent of allegations that he was involved in the killing of Mr Lubowski.

DENIED ACCESS

The newspaper reported its informant as saying that Mr Acheson had been denied access to either a doctor or a lawyer since he was held, under immigration regulations, a few days after Mr Lubowski's killing on September 13.

Mr Acheson had been on a hunger strike for more than nine days, the caller told the newspaper.

The informant claimed Mr Acheson had told him he had been taken by detectives of the SWA Police to Johannesburg, where he was interrogated by the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad and the United States' FBI and CIA.

The caller told the Windhoek Observer that Mr Acheson had further claimed that police had taken him to the Osiri interrogation centre near Otjiwarongo and left him alone in a police vehicle in which the keys were left in the ignition. The caller said Mr Acheson told him he believed the incident was a trap for him.

The Windhoek Observer also quoted its informant as claiming that he personally knew who was involved in the killing of Mr Lubowski and he "alluded" to the killing of South African political activist Dr David Webster.

The man said he was leaving for South Africa and promised to inform the paper in writing who killed Mr Lubowski.

Police in Windhoek have so far not reacted to the allegations.

was a police version. —
Sapa

Mxenge: ^{CH 17/4/89} Death row ^{3 KC} request ^{26/10/89}

JOHANNESBURG. —
Lawyers acting for the Mxenge family have asked the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, for permission to see death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela about the 1981 murder of Durban lawyer Mr Griffiths Mlungisa Mxenge.

Mr Coetsee granted Nofemela a stay of execution, after he said he wanted to reveal facts about his past activities as a member of the security police, including his role in the murder of Mr Mxenge.

Nofemela is on death row for the murder of an elderly farmer in the Brits area. He was due to hang on Friday last week.

The lawyers have also asked the minister for a copy of the affidavit on which Nofemela based his plea for a stay of execution. They will ask the Attorney-General of Natal, Mr Mike Imber, to reopen the inquest into Mr Mxenge's death.

Four years after Mr Mxenge's death, his wife was also murdered. —
Sapa

MDM leader's house bombed after threats

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The luxury Overport home of Professor Jerry Coovadia, prominent member of the Mass Democratic Movement, was bombed early today, 10 days after an anonymous telephone caller threatened: "We are going to bomb you from here to Boksburg."

The explosion, which rocked the double-storey View Street house and blew a large hole in the front living-room wall, is believed to have been caused by a limpet mine. Damage is estimated at several thousand rands.

Professor Coovadia said the family were jolted awake by the blast at 3:20am. No one was injured.

The life of Professor Coovadia, 47, a lecturer at the medical school of the University of Natal and an executive member of the Natal Indian Congress, was threatened soon after he addressed thousands of protest marchers outside Durban's City Hall in September.

And today's blast came 10 days after his wife, Dr Zubie Hamed, was told by a telephone caller: "Listen very carefully. We are going to bomb you from here to Boksburg."

SA clues in Lubowski killing

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The Argus Correspondent

WALVIS BAY. — Namibian police are following up leads in South Africa in connection with the assassination of white Swapo leader Mr Anton Lubowski outside his Windhoek home, said Administrator-General Mr Louis Pienaar.

And detectives still suspected that Irishman Mr Donald Acheson was linked to Mr Lubowski's killing and that police were still holding him, Mr Pienaar said after a briefing for military correspondents in Walvis Bay.

Mr Lubowski, one of the first whites to join Swapo, was gunned down on September 12 outside his Klein Windhoek home.

Police said his killers planned the assassination well and professionally and shot him in the head to make sure he was dead. Up to 20 shots were fired at him with an AK-47 rifle.

Mr Donald Acheson, 50, was arrested soon afterwards but has up till now apparently refused to speak to police or tell them anything.

"We still suspect this Irishman was involved in the Lubowski killing and he is still in custody. He is being held as a prohibited immigrant at the moment."

"We are following up leads in South Africa and Namibia on the Lubowski killing," said Mr Pienaar, who declined to comment further.

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344 No link found between Asvat murder and 'football team'

Police Investigators found no connection between the murder of a Soweto doctor and the 'Mandela football team'.

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

FEARS of a possible connection between Dr Abu Baker Asvat's death, Winnie Mandela's "football team" and the killing of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei were addressed this week in the Rand Supreme Court.

Zakhele Mbatha and Thulani Nicholas Dlamini are appearing on seven charges including the murder of Asvat and last year's robbery of a store in Natal. They have pleaded not guilty.

Speculation about a connection with the "football team" began soon after Asvat, the Azanian People's Organisation health secretariat member, was gunned down in his Soweto surgery on January 27 this year.

Seipei's body was found in January this year — he went missing in December. Nine men allegedly belonging to the "football team" have been charged with Seipei's murder.

This week evidence was led in court that the Mandela "football team" coach, Jerry Richardson, was at the surgery on the day Asvat was killed.

Investigating officer Major H Heslinga told the court that Richardson's name had appeared on the list of patients on January 27.

He said: "The possibility of a connection between this murder and the Seipei murder and the Mandela Football Club was investigated. No connection was found."

Mbatha denied "having any dealings with a person called Jerry Richardson" and said he had "never heard of the Mandela Football Team".

Dlamini admitted there was "such a person (as Jerry Richardson) in the prison cell" but "he did not know him before that".

A *Weekly Mail* report earlier this year alleged that Richardson had been moved to solitary confinement in the Johannesburg Prison following his assault of a man charged with Asvat's murder.

Jannie van der Merwe, for the state, said in his closing argument yesterday that Mbatha should be convicted on the basis of his direct participation in Asvat's murder.

Dlamini should be convicted on the basis of common purpose since the state had proved he was in the room at the time the shots were fired, Van der Merwe said.

Meanwhile judgement in the trial-within-a-trial, where defence counsel Wayne Hutchinson challenged the admissibility of Mbatha's statement claiming "it was given under duress", was passed this week.

Mr Justice Solomón ruled the statement admissible in evidence saying he did not accept Mbatha's allegations that police assaulted and electrocuted him.

In the statement made to Lieutenant FG Page on February 19 Mbatha said he and a friend, Johannes, went to rob Asvat's surgery. He said he shot Asvat twice and took R135.

Mbatha said that on the day of the killing he had gone to the doctor's rooms, given his particulars and then left to buy cigarettes. When he returned he was told the "doctor had been shot".

Mbatha admitted he had given Sisulu a false name and address.

Mbatha denied that "Johannes" was his co-accused, Dlamini. The name "Johannes" appears in Mbatha's statement to Page and is listed as Dlamini's first name on the indictment.

Dlamini said "the police assaulted me at Brixton police station and said I must say I was with Johannes".

Dlamini's statement has not been led before the court as evidence.

Brigadier in 'hit squad' affidavit quits

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A police brigadier mentioned in an affidavit by a Death Row prisoner, alleging police "hit squad" involvement in the murder of a prominent Durban activist, has retired — but police say it has nothing to do with a top-level probe into the killing.

Brigadier Willem Schoon, 58, retired with effect from October 31, police confirmed.

He and a police captain, also no longer in the force, were mentioned in an affidavit by Death Row prisoner Butana Nofomela in which Nofomela alleged he was part of a hit squad which murdered Mr Griffiths Mxenge in Durban in 1981.

Nofomela is a former member of the Security Police.

The police's CID chief, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, and the Attorney-General of the Free State, Mr T McNally, have been appointed to investigate Nofomela's claims.

They have already interviewed Nofomela on Death Row and will report to Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee when their investigation is completed.

A police Public Relations Directorate spokesman in Pretoria said today that Brigadier Schoon's retirement was due and that he had in fact been entitled to retire three years ago but had decided to stay on.

"He could have chosen to retire three years ago, but decided to stay on. He had reached retirement age," said the spokesman.

Questions regarding Brigadier Schoon's retirement in the wake of Nofomela's allegations have been raised, but police public relations chief Major-General Herman Stadler is on record as saying Brigadier Schoon was not serving in Durban at the time of Mr Mxenge's murder.

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One man charged with murdering activist Stompie

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The Argus Correspondent.

JOHANNESBURG. — Of the nine people arrested in connection with the death of activist Stompie Seipei earlier this year, only Mr Vusi Richardson, a former coach of the Mandela United Soccer Club, has been charged with the murder of the 14-year-old boy.

Mr Richardson, 41, of Orlando West, was told in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday that his trial would start in the Rand Supreme Court on February 12.

Seven other accused will stand trial in Protea Magistrate's Court on eight charges each, including kidnapping and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Their hearings were postponed to March 5.

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The ninth accused, Mr Guybon Khubeka, 25, will stand trial on only one charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. His trial will begin in Protea Magistrate's Court on April 29.

Mr Richardson will be tried on four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, one count of attempted murder and the count of murdering Stompie.

According to the indictment, Mr Richardson went with other people to the house of a Methodist clergyman, the Rev Paul Verryn, where Stompie and three men lived.

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Stompie and the men, Mr Kenneth Kgase, Mr Barend Mono and Mr Gabriel Mekgane, were allegedly kidnapped, taken to the house of Mrs Winnie Mandela and severely assaulted.

Mr Richardson allegedly took Stompie away from the Mandela house on January 1 this year. The boy was not seen alive again.

His decomposed body was found in the veld near Noordgesicht on January 6.

The eight people who are to stand trial in Protea Magistrate's Court were each granted bail of R500. Mr Richardson is in custody.

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State blamed for shot at TIC official

JOHANNESBURG. — The Transvaal Indian Congress yesterday condemned an alleged second attempt on the life of Dr Rashid Bulbulia, vice-chairman of the East Rand Branch of the TIC.

A spokesman for the congress said Dr Bulbulia was travelling from his home in Springs to Lenasia yesterday when he heard a loud bang and a hole was smashed in his windscreen.

He thought a stone had broken the glass and realised he had been shot at only when he got home and examined the hole.

He called the police.

Springs liaison officer Lt J van Zweek confirmed that the incident had been reported to the police and was being investigated.

She said police had found "an unknown object" lodged in the

windscreen of Dr Bulbulia's car.

"This attack comes less than a month after a limpet mine attack on Dr Bulbulia's house in Bakerton, Springs," the TIC spokesman said.

"The TIC believes the apartheid regime has launched a systematic campaign against prominent activists belonging to the Transvaal and Natal Indian congresses," he said. — Sapa

Idasa murder: Six ex-officers appeal

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BISHO. — An appeal by six former Ciskeian security policemen against conviction and sentence for their part in the death of the co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa (Idasa) is being heard by the Bisho Appeal Court.

Mr Eric Mntonga, 35, died in the Mdantsane security police offices on July 24 1987 and his body, with 25 injuries, was found the next day alongside a dirt road on the outskirts of King William's Town.

Sentenced to a total of 23 years in imprisonment early this year were the second in command of the Ciskei Elite Unit, General Witness Nganwya, the head of the security police, Major-General Mountain Ngcanga, Colonel Mabanja Mbajeni, Major Mpikiseli Potwana and Warrant Officers Tembikosi Hlulani and Tamsanqua Mcandana, all of Mdantsane.

The accused were convicted by Ciskei's Chief Justice, Mr Justice Benjamin Pickard.

Last August a seventh policeman, Zamekile Bojana, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment after being found guilty of involvement in the murder of Mr Mntonga. — Sapa.

Self-censoring

Many speakers at the launch of a project for a *Black Who's Who* emphasised that the political or ideological standpoints of those who might be included would not disqualify them.

The proposed book is the first in a nine-volume project, funded by the private sector and advertisements, and planned to culmi-

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nate in a consolidated national *Black Who's Who*. Selection will be decided by an independent editorial board made up *inter alia* of leading academics, politicians, community leaders and journalists.

However, with deep rifts in the black community — particularly in Kwa-Natal, the region chosen for the first *Black Who's Who* — this commitment to objectivity is probably hopeless.

Firstly, there is an inbuilt leaning towards the *status quo* in the make-up of the editorial board. Headed by Perfect Malimela, CE of Malimela & Associates consultancy (which does work for the KwaZulu-Natal Indaba), the board consists of a nonracial group of undisputed leaders in a wide range of fields.

The problem is they all come from what can be regarded as mainstream organisations or professions, some of them from the structures radical black leaders condemn as

being part of what they see as The System.



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The Indaba was doubtless aware of this and tried to rectify it in appointing the board but, by all accounts, was not successful.

The *FM* knows of at least two people, both from organisations several steps to the left of anybody on the editorial board, who declined invitations to sit on it.

Just as the Indaba process itself fell victim to boycott politics (with both the ANC and UDF refusing to participate), so could this project.

There is also the perception, probably false but still held by many people, that the Indaba is inextricably linked to the KwaZulu government and, more importantly, to Inkatha.

With the conflict between Inkatha and the UDF-Cosatu grouping once again intensifying this perception is going to make the task of the editorial board invidious.

To its credit the Indaba is determined to push on with what will doubtless be a valuable project of identifying and providing details on black leaders. If the balance of the envisaged 3 000 names in the first publication does not please everyone the fault will be more with wider political issues than the Indaba.

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LOEMFONTEIN. — The former mayor of Welkom, Mr Gus Gouws, testified in Welkom Magistrate's Court that he twice heard the word "traitor" when he was tarred and feathered earlier this year.

Mr Gouws was giving evidence in the trial of seven members of the Afrikaner-Weerstandsbeweging, who have pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal injuria and intentional damage to property.

They are Mr Stephen Terblanche of Theunissen, Mr Daniel Ackerman of Senekal, Mr Dirk Ackerman of Brandfort, Mr Andries Kriel of Bloemspruit, Mr Jacques Botha, Mr Hermanus Crause and Mr Petrus Nel, all of Welkom.

Mr Gouws said that, in his capacity

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as mayor, he had started a multiracial marathon for the handicapped in Welkom on May 13, 1989.

Just after the marathon started he was attacked from behind. He was shocked and tried to get away.

Liquid ran into his eyes and he felt humiliated. He still felt humiliated.

Mr Gouws told the court he was not injured in the incident but his eyes became swollen and his mohair suit was "destroyed".

He said he attached a political connotation to the attack because he had

exercised a casting vote in the city council, which resulted in the failure of a Conservative Party proposal that a black taxi rank should be moved.

He had met the leader of the CP caucus and said he could not support the proposal. "I had the city's interests at heart. The rank is in an area with large black buying power."

Defence counsel put it to Mr Gouws that he had promised to move the rank and had not done so. "You had the deciding vote. You are a great promiser, but you collapsed and therefore you are a traitor," he said.

A traitor was a person who betrayed his own blood, who acted dismally, played into the hands of the enemy and betrayed his friend and country. "Traitors" were shot in the Free State in earlier times, he said.

Security officer Mr Armand van Heerden testified that he grabbed Mr Terblanche from behind when Mr Gouws was squirted with tar. Mr Botha, Mr Crause and Mr Nel were standing round Mr Gouws at the time.

The trial was adjourned to December 7. — Sapa

Home and car of Westcott parents are vandalised

PRETORIA. — The parents of Susan Westcott, one of the "Broederstroom 3" sentenced yesterday in the Magistrate's Court here, were the victims of an attack on Thursday night, which temporarily trapped them inside their Pretoria flat yesterday.

When the Westcotts tried to leave their residence yesterday morning on their way to court, they discovered that during the night they had been sealed into the flat.

A resinous substance had been inserted into the locks of the flat door and the security gate, said a spokesman from the Broederstroom Support Committee, who declined to be named.

"After 45 minutes and with considerable difficulty, the Westcotts managed to free themselves," he said.

They then discovered that the same substance had been put into the locks and exhaust of their vehicle. Two of the car's tyres had also been let down.

The committee said it believed the attack was meant to "intimidate and to prevent" the Westcotts from attending court, where their daughter was sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment. — Sapa

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Many outraged at service for 'Wit Wolf' Strydom

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Angry members of the public expressed their outrage at a service organised to "commemorate" the Strijdom Square shootings while extra-parliamentary groups have said that people should have freedom of expression.

Many callers telephoned the Pretoria News (sister paper to The Argus) to express their dismay at the happenings, saying they were "despicable" and "callous".

One from as far afield as Cape Town said: "I just think it's despicable — I think these people need help."

Commenting on last night's service for mass killer Barend Hendrik Strydom, the director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, said meetings should not be banned in terms of the emergency regulations, but rather in terms of their substance.

Police last night arrested 15 people who attended an illegal meeting in Alexandria.

Dr Max Coleman of the Human Rights Commission said: "The Pretoria gathering was to commemorate an act which clearly violated human rights while the gathering in Alexandria was organised for the purpose of fighting for human rights."

Commenting on the difference in handling of the two meetings a police spokesman said: "Each individual officer has the discrimination of how to act to avoid violence."

Right-wingers mark day of 'Wit Wolf' bloodbath

PRETORIA. — Police last night swooped on a service for convicted mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom held at the scene of last year's massacre, Strijdom Square.

It was exactly a year ago that the former policeman and "Wit Wolf" leader shot dead seven people at or near the square.

Supporters of the killer raised their right arms in nazi-style salutes, chanting "free Barend Strydom" on the spot where Strydom grinned as he gunned

down passers-by with a pistol.

Police declared last night's service illegal, but refrained from acting when the 20-odd people at the gathering started singing "Prys die Heer".

Right-winger Mr Piet "Skier" Rudolph, a former Pretoria city councillor, told about 20 policemen: "This is a free country. The days of us being shunted around by the police are gone."

"They do not have enough people here to catch us."

Strydom's father, Mr Nic Strydom, then asked Mr Rudolph to pray quickly, before the police acted.

Mr Rudolph asked Jesus to accept Strydom as one of the heroes the Afrikaner nation wanted to dedicate to Him.

The group, vastly outnumbered by local and foreign media people, then sang "Prys die Heer" and "Die Lied van Jong Suid Afrika".

Most of them dispersed when police moved in with two dogs, though a num-

ber refused to budge and remained on the square for some time, closely watched by police from Van der Walt Street.

Meanwhile, Strydom's fiancée, Ms Karin Raubenbach, 22, declined to discuss reports that she was to marry him soon.

Strydom has been denied leave to appeal after he was sentenced to death on eight counts of murder. All that can save him from the gallows is a presidential reprieve. — Sapa

'Ex-cop'^{CMT} says he^{Tort} was a^{17/11/84} hit man³⁴⁴

JOHANNESBURG. — A man claiming to be a former police captain says he planned and took part in various murders allegedly committed by a special unit based near Pretoria.

During an interview in Mauritius and published by Vrye Weekblad, Mr Dirk Coetzee said the squad's hit list included:

- The murder of anti-apartheid activist and lawyer Griffiths Mxenge in Durban in 1981.

- The murder of South African Communist Party leader Joe Slovo's wife Ruth First by letter bomb in Maputo in 1982.

- The murder of ANC member Patrick Makau and his child in Swaziland in 1980.

- The attempted murder of ANC military wing leader Chris Hani in Lesotho. — Sapa

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for African Affairs, Dr Chester Crocker, here.

Cops deny Webster link

PRETORIA. — Rumours that Donald Acheson — a suspect in a Namibian assassination — had appeared in a Johannesburg court yesterday in connection with the assassination of Dr David Webster, were devoid of all truth, police said here yesterday.

Cop who fled tells of 'hit list'

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PRETORIA. — The police opened its Vlakplaas base outside Pretoria to the media yesterday in a bid to defuse allegations that a sinister death squad operated from there.

The allegations were made by former police Captain Johannes Dirk Coetzee in an interview with Vrye Weekblad after he was named by a death row prisoner and former policeman, Butana Almond Nofomela, as the head of the secret police death squad.

Capt Coetzee fled the country this week. He alleged in the interview that several anti-apartheid activists — including Ms Ruth First and Mr Griffiths Mxenge — had been murdered by the squad.

The SAP also announced that a top-level investigation into the allegations would be made by the Attorney-General of the Free State, Mr T P McNally, and the CID chief in the country, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie.

In a statement, Major-General Herman Stadler, head of the SAP Public Relations Division, said the two would lead the investigation into Capt Coetzee's claims, which he denounced as "untested and wild allegations from a foreign country where he cannot be questioned".

But the row took on international proportions yesterday as the chairman of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, Labour MP Mr Robert Hughes, called on Britain to close the SA embassy and issue arrest warrants for two men allegedly behind the 1982 bombing of the ANC's London headquarters.

Mr Hughes said that Capt Coetzee's allegation that the explosives for the attack were smuggled through the SA diplomatic pouch was more than enough proof of the Pretoria government's "direct involvement in state-sponsored international terrorism".

A senior diplomat at South Africa House said that besides denying Capt Coetzee's allegation about the diplomatic pouch as "completely unfounded", it was referring all inquiries to the police in Pretoria.

In the interview with Vrye Weekblad, Capt Coetzee said that he was told about the attack on the ANC HQ, in which one man was injured and the building



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Ex-capt Dirk Coetzee
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destroyed, by Mr Peter Caselton, whom he claimed carried out the bombing.

Mr Caselton, a British subject of Rhodesian birth, was jailed for four years in December 1982 for burgling the London offices of ANC, Swapo and the PAC, but was not charged for the bombing.

Later a South African diplomat was declared persona non grata for his part in the burglaries and other alleged espionage activities.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that if evidence was provided to support allegations of improper activities by foreign powers in Britain, these would be investigated.

In the interview conducted in Mauritius, where Capt Coetzee is now hiding, he said that he had decided to "clear my conscience" and start a new life in exile.

"I was in the heart of the whore. I know the deepest secrets of this unit which is above the law. I am myself guilty or at least accomplice to several murders we had to carry out."

Coetzee said his unit, operating underground with foreign weapons and explosive devices, included former members of the ANC.

"The purpose of the unit was to track down and stop ANC guerrillas who had infiltrated South Africa," he said. "This unit also was used to murder and eliminate political opponents of the police and the government. I know all the secrets of this unit which is above the law."

He said he was summoned in 1981 to Durban by Brigadier H van der Hoven, then head of security in Natal, where he received orders to murder Mr Mxenge, a suspected conduit for funds to ANC cadres, and make it look like a robbery.

Capt Coetzee alleged a killing had taken place on the orders of police Brig Willem Schoon. Brig Schoon, 58, a security branch officer, stepped down last month.

Capt Coetzee claims he left the hit squad in 1982 and received an early pension in 1986 after being diagnosed as a diabetic.

But Major-General Stadler said yesterday that Capt Coetzee was discharged from the force on medical grounds after a disciplinary hearing at which he was charged with irregularities relating to "giving out information contrary to the rules and regulations."

Maj-Gen Stadler said a psychiatrist who testified reported that Coetzee had severe diabetes which had affected his judgment.

● The Democratic Party yesterday called for the immediate appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry and the suspension of top police officers.

The SACC said in a statement it had repeatedly called on the police to include themselves in whatever investigations they conducted into attacks on anti-apartheid activists and their property. — Sapa, UPI, Political Staff and Own Correspondents

Coetzee: Weekblad replies to police

JOHANNESBURG. — The Vrye Weekblad yesterday challenged the police public relations directorate on the newspaper's report of an alleged police hit squad.

The newspaper said police attempts to discredit the captain were "completely false."

Weekblad editor Mr Max du Preez said police comment that Capt Dirk Coetzee was suspended or dishonourably discharged was not true.

"He left the force on early retirement for medical reasons and has kept his rank. All documentation in this regard is in the possession of Vrye Weekblad."

He said it was clear police were trying to undermine the credibility of Capt Coetzee, "instead of dealing with the information he supplied in such detail."

Mr du Preez disputed the police statement that it seemed strange that Capt Coetzee had made "wild allegations" from a foreign country (the interview was conducted in Mauritius).

where he could not be questioned.

"Coetzee, having been a commander of a police death squad that assassinated opponents, felt that his life would have been in danger had he spoken out while still in the country," he said, adding that the newspaper had agreed with this after hearing the former policeman's evidence.

Capt Coetzee had also given Weekblad the assurance that he was willing to testify his claims in any country in the world other than South Africa.

He rejected the police claim that it had been "irresponsible" to identify Vlakplaas, which police on Friday admitted was a camp to train ANC defectors and then send them on missions. Capt Coetzee said the defectors, known as "Askaris", were integral members of assassination teams.

"The police know, and the fact was reported in our stories, that several Askaris have escaped and gone back to the ANC. It is thus clear that at least the ANC knew the exact location of Vlakplaas," Mr du Preez said. — Sapa

Hit squad: Ex-member 'very glad'

Political Staff

THE former security policeman Butana Almond Nofomela, who was saved from the gallows after he made allegations about a police death squad, was "very glad" that his former commander, Captain Dirk Coetzee, had confirmed his claims, Nofomela's lawyer said yesterday.

Attorney Mr Shucks Sefanyetso visited Nofomela in prison yesterday to inform him about the publication of Captain Coetzee's allegations.

Nofomela had been very concerned that no one would come forward to support his affidavits, Mr Sefanyetso said.

Squad commander sent phone tapping report to Slabbert

CAPTAIN Dirk Coetzee, the former commander of an alleged police death squad, said he left the police force after he was charged departmentally for sending a report on telephone tapping to the former leader of the opposition Dr Van Zyl Slabbert.

He sent the report to Dr Slabbert after he found out that the police were listening to his own telephone, Captain Coetzee told Vrye Weekblad.

Last night, Dr Slabbert said he could not remember whether Captain Coetzee had supplied him with a report on telephone tapping.

"But I definitely did receive something on my desk saying that my telephone was being tapped and I raised the matter in Parliament, but the then minister, Dr Lapa Munnik, refused to say anything. Dr Slabbert also confirmed that he had asked the PFP's spokesman on law and order, Mr Tian van der Merwe, to speak to Captain Coetzee."

Mr Van der Merwe said he flew to Johannesburg to see Captain Coetzee where he was given details of how telephone tapping was done as well as "how the legal restraints were completely ignored."

Nothing sinister about Vlakplaas base, say police

PRETORIA. — Major-General Herman Stadler, head of the SAP's public relations division, told a group of visiting journalists that "there is nothing sinister" about the police's Vlakplaas base.

The farm serves as a training and operational base for former "turned" members of the ANC and PAC who are now members of an SAP anti-terrorist unit, he said.

Maj-Gen Stadler denied the former ANC members were trained to kill terrorists, saying it was not the SAP's policy to kill people, but to arrest them and bring them to trial.

He said Vlakplaas was the "main structure" where former terrorists — some of whom had been captured and others who had given themselves over to the police voluntarily — were kept.

They formed an "anti-terror unit which is being used to trace ANC people in South Africa."

The base could house up to 30 unit members at a time, and they were free to come and go. Some of the members lived outside with their families, he said. — Sapa

'Coetzee told me years ago,' says DP leader

Political Correspondent

DEMOCRATIC PARTY national chairman Mr Tian van der Merwe yesterday disclosed that Captain Dirk Coetzee had told him a number of years ago about the police hit squad activities now sensationally alleged.

Mr Van der Merwe said: "I found Capt Coetzee an obviously intelligent person...and was convinced that what he told me was substantially correct."

He had suggested to Capt Coetzee at the time that it would be helpful to obtain his allegations in writing "but nothing came of that."

Mr Van der Merwe told Sapa that evidence of a hit squad acting within the security bureaucracy was becoming overwhelming and the matter could no longer be dodged by the government.

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Furore over police 'hit squad'

CAPTAIN Dirk Coetzee, the former security policeman who has made sensational claims about an alleged South African Police "death squad", has been tracked down to a Mauritius hotel where he is staying while a storm rages in South Africa and abroad over his claims.

The furore grew late yesterday when a senior Democratic Party MP, Mr Tian van der Merwe, said he had met Captain Coetzee and believed at least some of the allegations to be "substantially correct".

Meanwhile, the police have ordered a top level inquiry into the allegations.

Judicial commission

Evidence of a police killer squad, which targeted opponents of the government, was "becoming overwhelming," Mr Van der Merwe said, and the government could no longer dodge the matter and could no longer delay appointing a judicial commission to investigate the allegations.

"The inability of the police over

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a very long period to successfully investigate acts of terror obviously emanating from sources other than the political left and aimed largely at critics and opponents of the government has left me in very little doubt that such acts of terrorism and killings enjoy support at some official levels at least," Mr van der Merwe said.

In an interview with the Afrikaans weekly newspaper Vrye Weekblad, Captain Coetzee admitted that he had headed a murder squad which carried out killings and attacks against ANC targets in South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Britain, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

He claimed his unit had been responsible for the murder of exiled ANC member Ruth First in 1982 and assassination attempts on other ANC leaders.

He also implicated a number of prominent serving policemen, and former policemen, among them a

former Commissioner of Police, but none of them was available for comment yesterday.

Captain Coetzee's allegations follow similar claims made by another former security policeman, now a Death Row prisoner, Butana Almond Nofomela. He said he had personally participated in a hit squad operation to assassinate Durban lawyer and ANC activist Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Lawyers for Human Rights managed to secure a stay of execution for him last month on the basis of his claims and a two-man team, the Attorney General of the Free State, Mr P T McNally, and Pretoria CID chief, General Alwyn Conradie, was appointed to investigate Nofomela's allegations.

In a reaction to Captain Coetzee's allegations yesterday, police for the first time showed the Press over the base from which the hit squad allegedly operated.

And police sources claimed that he had been tried within the department for five separate offences while still an officer in the force.

Offences allegedly noted against the former security policeman included: Attempting to bring 150 000 American dollars illegally into the country to evade taxation; giving a false statement under oath; illegally obtaining official information to which he was not entitled; illegally releasing official information to which he was not entitled, to outsiders.

But last night Vrye Weekblad editor, Mr Max du Preez, hit back at the police response to Captain Coetzee's allegations and said the statement that the assertion that Captain Coetzee was suspended or dishonourably discharged was not correct. He had left the force on early retirement for medical reasons.

Captain Coetzee had no criminal record, Mr Du Preez said.

As reaction to the allegations began to snowball, English Labour MP and chairman of Britain's Anti-apartheid Movement, Mr Robert Hughes, as well as local lawyers and human rights organisations called for an "open" judicial commission to be instituted without delay.

"No surprise"

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) said of Captain Coetzee's allegations last night: "It comes as no surprise to us."

"We have repeatedly called for the police to include themselves in whatever investigations they may conduct on attacks on anti-apartheid activists and their property."

According to the Weekend Argus correspondent on Mauritius, a man of the same name as Captain Coetzee is staying at the La Croix du Sud Hotel with his wife and child. He has been there since last Sunday.

It seems certain Captain Coetzee and the hotel resident are one and the same man.

Pressure mounts for 'hit squad' inquiry

Political Staff

FREE State Attorney-General Mr T N McNally said today he might recommend that a new commission of inquiry be set up to investigate the "death squad" claims of ex-police captain Dirk Coetzee.

He also confirmed that his own commission of inquiry into political assassinations would be assessing fresh information, arising from Captain Coetzee's allegations, which had a bearing on the claims of death-row prisoner Butana Nofomela.

"This information will definitely form part of our inquiry," he said.

Mr McNally said: "There is some very relevant material because, among other things, the killing of Durban lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, is mentioned."



Captain Coetzee

Mr McNally said that on Wednesday he would be receiving a visit by a delegation of human rights lawyers, including Professor John Dugard, director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University, Professor Laurie Ackermann, head of human rights law at Stellenbosch University and Mr Brian Currin, director of Lawyers for Human Rights.

Pressure

Asked if he would recommend that a new inquiry be set up, Mr McNally said: "We have not been asked to make recommendations, but nothing would stop us from doing so. We will consider it."

President De Klerk has called for a report from Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok as pressure increased on the government today to have a judicial inquiry into the allegations.

Mr Tian van der Merwe, MP, law and order spokesman of the Democratic Party, has demanded that the inquiry be done by a judge, helped by special investigators as it would be difficult for police to do it.

Tough team needed

Mr McNally is being assisted by CID chief Lieutenant General Alwyn Conradie.

Mr Van der Merwe said the matter was extremely serious and it should be investigated by an appropriate team with an appropriate investigating method.

It should be a judicial commission by a judge assisted by a tough and independent team of investigators.

If even half of the allegations made were true it could not be expected that the investigative work could be done exclusively by senior police officers.

Mr Van der Merwe said it was also important that the inquiry be held in public and that the evidence should be presented publicly as soon as possible.

If the allegations were true it must be assumed that the lives of people involved in evidence in this case could be threatened.

He wanted to warn against efforts to discredit Captain Coetzee.

Captain Coetzee, Mr Van der Merwe said, was not the accused in the matter and it would only be settled through a proper investigation into the

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'Hit Squad' row grows

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allegations and also into the large number of political assassinations and cases of terrorism against opponents of the government in the past few years.

Meanwhile in Port Louis, Mauritius, authorities have ended an inquiry into the presence on the island of Captain Coetzee. It is thought that the former SAP officer left at the weekend for Europe, probably Italy, reports the Argus Africa News Service.

The presence of Captain Coetzee on Mauritius caused a political storm with the local press dubbing him the "anti-apartheid butcher".

"The case is now closed," one of the chief investigators said yesterday.

An official statement is expected to be made today after passport and immigration officials check out the embarkation cards of all passengers leaving.

RECORDED ARRIVAL

"A systematic verification of all departing dates will be made and only then will a final report be made," a spokesman said.

On Saturday Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth was briefed on the inquiry and ordered a "close monitoring" of the situation.

It is understood a special team was ordered to shadow Captain Coetzee on the island.

A police spokesman said no action had been taken against the former SAP member because he had committed no crimes in Mauritius.

According to immigration officials a Mr Dirk Coetzee arrived here in the company of a Mr Christopher Pauw earlier this month. He was given a one week visa. ● See page 11.

New 'proof' on hit squads

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JOHANNESBURG. — New affidavits containing further allegations by Butana Almond Nofomela about police hit squads, and substantiating evidence, will be presented to the commission investigating earlier claims of political assassinations.

According to legal sources, "proof" of some of Nofomela's allegations will be put before the commission.
 Death row prisoner Nofomela has welcomed allegations about the "death squads" made last week by ex-captain Dirk Coetzee.
 And a third former policeman admitted at the weekend to being a member of a police hit squad.

The Sunday press reported that former Constable David "Spyker" Tshikalange claimed before fleeing the country that he was one of three men instructed by Mr Coetzee to kill human rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, who was stabbed to death in Durban in 1981.
 But former security police chief General John Coetzee and ex-spy Mr Craig Williamson vehemently denied that assassinations formed

part of official police work.
 Both served in the police in the 1979-to-1982 period to which Mr Coetzee's allegations refer, and were named by him in connection with the allegations published in Vrye Weekblad on Friday.
 "If Coetzee was involved in political murders, he was acting as part of a rogue unit and not as a police officer," Mr Williamson said.

Mr Williamson said access to diplomatic bags was under the rigid control of the Department of Foreign Affairs and SAP access was "very difficult".

Police 'had proof'

But he denied knowledge of the alleged assassinations. "It behoves our civilised legal system that the police should gather evidence, arrest the accused, and bring him before court," General Coetzee said.

He said the "turned" ANC members housed at Vlakplaas farm near Pretoria — from among whose numbers Mr Coetzee alleged the hit squad was drawn — were used purely to identify infiltrators. Coetzee's claims regarding the assassination of Ruth First in Mozambique were incorrect.

Mr Coetzee said that the parcel bomb which killed her was contained in a UN High Commission for Refugees envelope. "We know specifically that the envelope was not a UNHCR one," Mr Williamson said. He said the police remained interested in discovering who had killed her.

Meanwhile the Democratic Party has called for the urgent establishment of a judicial commission of inquiry into death squad allegations.

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should be brought back to face charges," Mr Williamson said.

On Friday Nofomela was shown a copy of Vrye Weekblad in which Mr Coetzee, who has left South Africa, claimed his unit was responsible for the assassination of anti-apartheid activists and bomb attacks on ANC offices.

Legal sources said when Nofomela saw the article he responded: "This is the man I have been talking about." He was pleased about Mr Coetzee's disclosures as they confirmed the contents of his affidavit.

In a first affidavit handed to Lawyers for Human Rights last month Nofomela named Mr Coetzee as his commanding officer in the field.

Sources refused at the weekend to reveal the nature of the "proof" said to substantiate the allegations.

In a further development, Lawyers for Human Rights and the family of assassinated couple Mr Griffiths and Mrs Victoria Mxenge are to bring separate urgent Supreme Court applications for a stay of execution for Nofomela.

The LHR is seeking a re-opening of the case against Nofomela, who was convicted of murdering a farmer.

Mr Bheka Shezi, the Mxenges' former legal partner, said he would sue Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and the alleged assassination squad for R2.5 million on behalf of the Mxenges' three orphaned children who now live in Ciskei.

Mr Shezi said Nofomela's evidence was also needed for an inquest into the deaths of four Chesterville Youth Organisation members who were killed in 1986.

'Taking on the state'

The director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, said further affidavits on these events would be placed before the commission headed by Free State attorney general Mr T P McNally.

Mr Currin is a member of the independent board of inquiry into informal repression, set up by the SA Council of Churches. The board will meet the commission this week.

Mr Currin, who represented Mr Coetzee in an SAP internal disciplinary hearing in 1985/1986, described Mr Coetzee as an "intelligent and ambitious man".

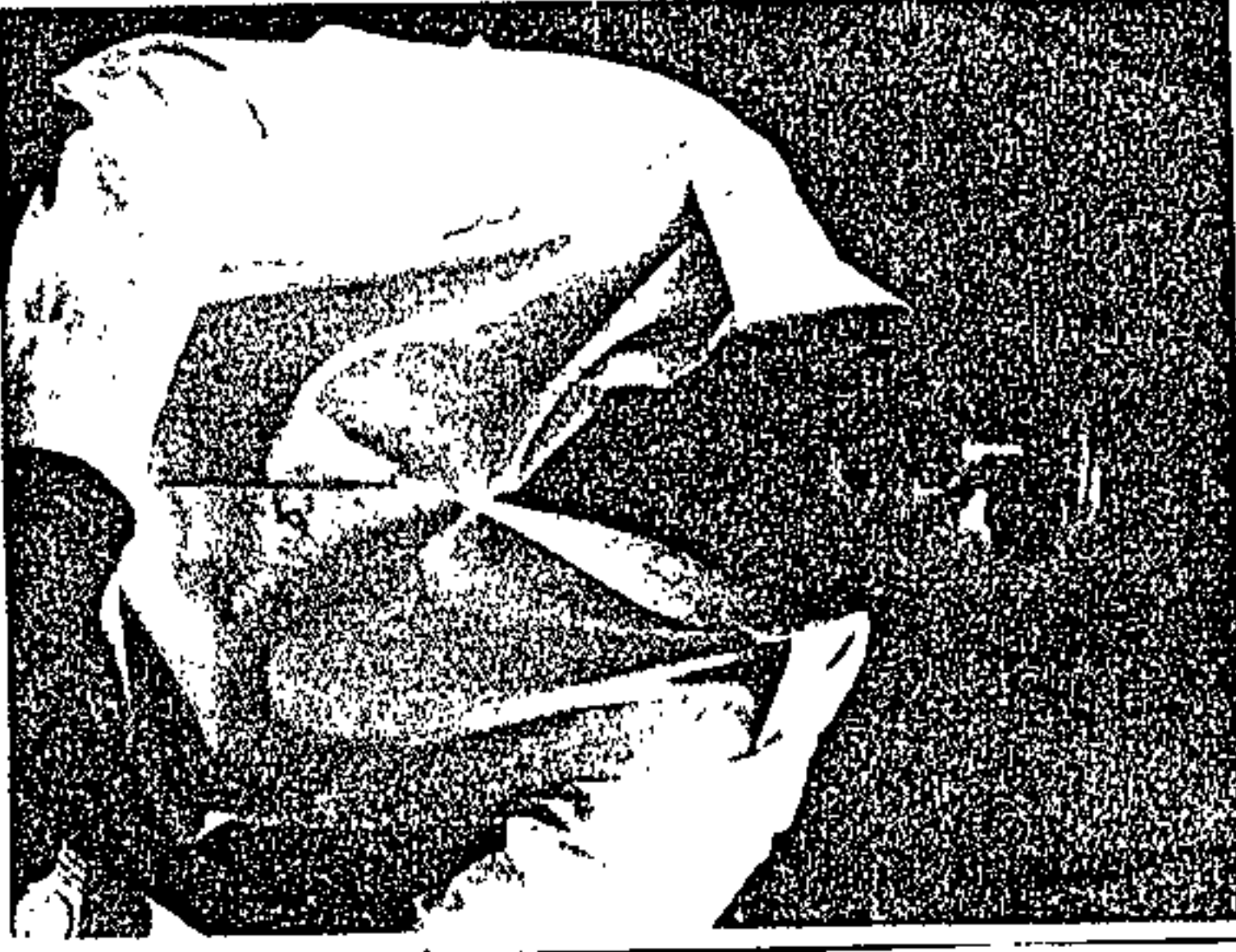
Mr Coetzee had made serious allegations against the police, some of which were published by the media. He was found guilty. After a settlement Mr Coetzee was re-instated on condition he would resign on medical grounds.

Asked why he had represented Mr Coetzee at the hearing, Mr Currin said Mr Coetzee "had heard I was used to taking on the state fairly vigorously".

Mr Williamson elaborated on the police's role regarding the ANC. "Obviously there is a war going on, and where legitimate ANC targets are identified action is taken," he said.

But, he added, as far as he knew none of the incidents disclosed by Mr Coetzee were official operations. Official security force operations in neighbouring states "were usually admitted and were directed towards senior members of Umkhonto we Sizwe", Mr Williamson said.

General Coetzee conceded that one incident described by Mr Coetzee could be true: "I won't say (Mr Coetzee's allegation) ... that ANC activist Joe Pillay was brought back to South Africa from Swaziland by us to stand trial is untrue. Our courts do not have to inquire into how an accused was physically brought before it."



ALLEGATIONS... Ex-captain Dirk Coetzee, whose allegations of a police hit squad have caused a furore.
 Picture: VRYE WEEKBLAD

'Top secret' Askaris figured in Yengeni trial

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Staff Reporter

REFERENCE to the existence of a unit known as Askaris — former ANC guerrillas who were taken by police to a farm outside Pretoria where they were "turned" — was first made in the Supreme Court in May this year, in the terrorism trial of Mr Tony Yengeni and 13 others.

Further reference to the group also surfaced during the inquiry into the refusal of ANC member Mr Bongani Jonas to testify for the state in the Yengeni trial.

Jonas said he had been recruited into the unit, whose existence was confirmed in revelations by former security policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee.

After the lengthy inquiry, Mr Justice S Selikowitz found that Jonas, 31, did not have just excuse for his refusal to testify and on November 3 sentenced him to three years imprisonment.

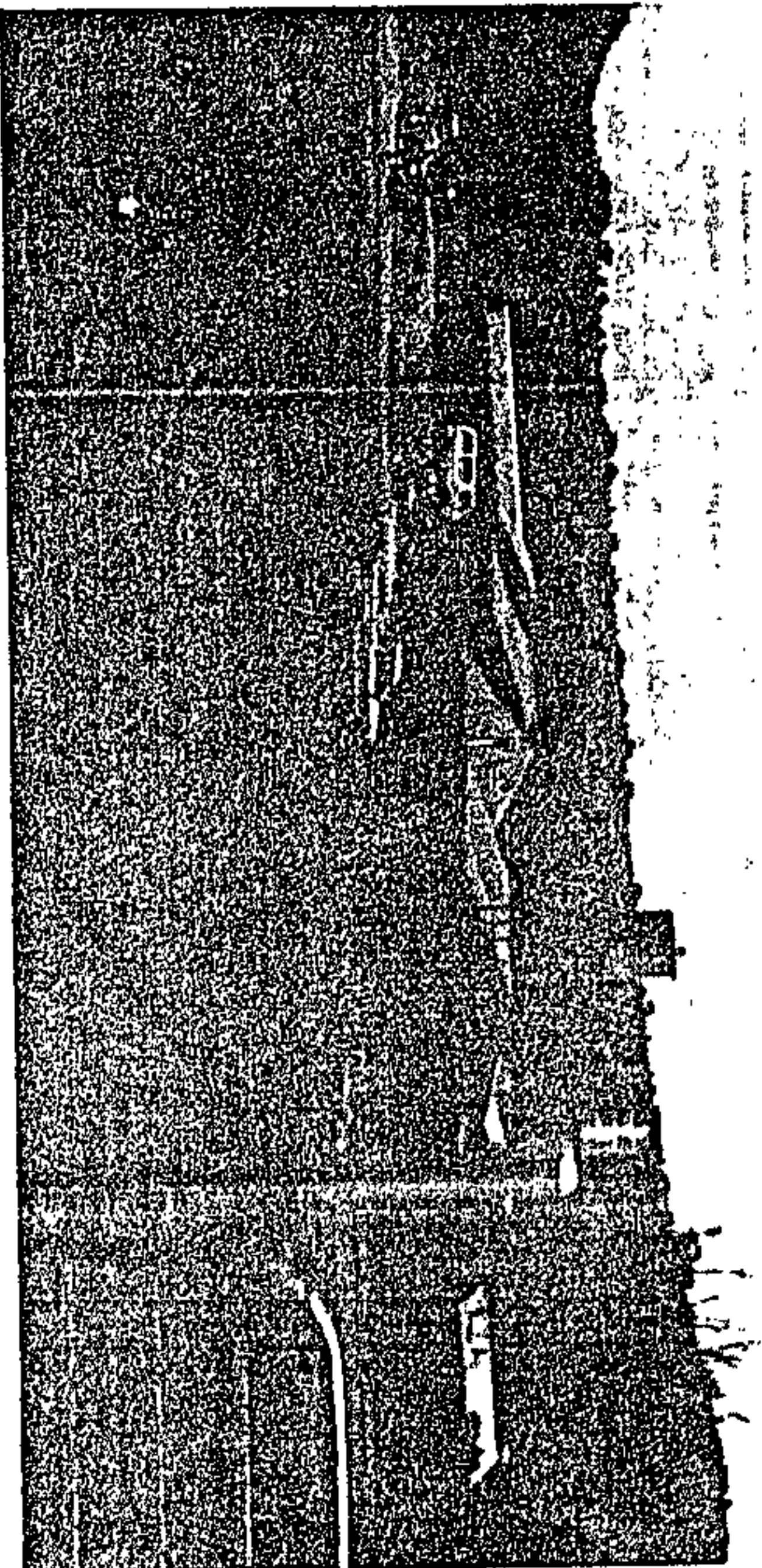
When asked about the group and its modus operandi, security policemen in both cases pleaded privilege in terms of state security or said the group was "top secret" and that nothing could be revealed about it because it could be dangerous.

During the Yengeni trial on May 11, when Mr D P de Villiers, QC, cross-examined Captain Rudolph William Liebenberg, head of the Peninsula Terrorist Detection Unit, about the "A-team", he said he knew only that it was "a television programme".

Told that the group was sometimes known as the Askari group, he pleaded privilege and said he needed an adjournment to consult with state prosecutors and his superiors.

Asked the same question by Mr De Villiers, after a short adjournment, Capt Liebenberg replied that no group was officially known by that name but that he had heard the word used for a unit consisting of "rehabilitated terrorists".

He denied having been present when Mr Yengeni's co-accused, Mr Mitheteli Titana, was told by a policeman named Neville that he and other black policemen were members of the "A-Team" or that he



ASKARI BASE ... Viakplaas, the farm near Pretoria which ex-captain Dirk Coetzee says served as the base for the Askaris — "turned" ANC members who worked for the alleged SAP death squad.

had heard Neville say to Mr Titana they were "Transvaal boere" and that he (Titana) was in a "precarious position" and could be killed at any time.

During the Jonas inquiry on June 1, Jonas said he had agreed to join the "A-Team", which he said was composed of former ANC members whose work was

"to kill their former ANC colleagues".

Jonas said he had first learnt about the "A-Team" from members of two operating units, one in Pretoria and another in East London. A third was to be formed in Cape Town and he was to be recruited into it.

He got to know "A-Team" members, who took him to Athlone, Lansdowne and Bonteheuwel at night and told him they were "the Gestapo". Their work was "to go around townships acting on information from the security police...and kill former ANC colleagues".

Jonas said the Askari members had told him they had shot a suspected ANC guerrilla in Guguletu in September last year and another in Port Elizabeth.

On September 13, when the inquiry continued, Sergeant Matamela Musimeke, of security police headquarters in Pretoria — the man who shot Jonas during his arrest — admitted in reply to a question by Mr Dullah Omar, Jonas's counsel, that a group of former rehabilitated ANC and PAC guerrillas were now members of the police.

Asked how large the group was, he said he could not disclose that in court and that one of his superiors should be called. He could not say anything about the group because it was "top secret".

He could not make anything public, Sgt Musimeke said, adding that it would be dangerous to the group. He had "moved around" the country with the group and could not say anything about its activities.

Told by Mr Omar that his instructions were that part of the activities of the rehabilitated group was to "eliminate" members of Umkhonto we Sizwe — the military wing of the ANC, Sgt Musimeke said when these members were arrested they were taken to court.

Asked if it was not part of the group's work to eliminate ANC guerrillas, Sgt Musimeke replied: "If possible we can eliminate them."

He had never heard of the group referred to as Askari or "A-Team", he said.

Under-cross examination Sgt Musimeke said rehabilitated persons were regarded as traitors and became "special targets". They did not live under their own names and a large part of their lives was spent giving evidence in terrorism and treason trials all over the country.

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AG queries 34 shootings by guard

EAST LONDON. — The attorney-general of the Eastern Cape, Dr J D'Oliveira, is to inspect documents of cases involving the deaths of 34 burglary suspects shot dead by security guard Mr Sybrand Louis van Schoor.

Dr D'Oliveira said yesterday he had asked for the documents because of a "general build-up" of concern since reports about Mr Van Schoor's record of deaths first made headlines earlier this year.

The case records he has requested include inquests into 26 deaths in which Mr Van Schoor's actions were found to be legal in terms of Section 49 (2) of the Criminal Procedures Act, which allows an "arrestor" to shoot dead a suspected "Schedule One offender" who is trying to escape. — Sapa



POISONED STUDENT... Mr Siphiso Mtimkulu, the poisoned student leader who disappeared mysteriously in April, 1982. In this picture, taken in December 1981, he is seen with former PFP MPC Mrs Di Bishop, and her husband Mr Brian Bishop, who has since died.

Rebel captain sheds light on missing man

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By YAZEED FAKIER

EX-CAPTAIN Dirk Coetzee may have finally solved the eight-year-old riddle of a Port Elizabeth student leader crippled by mysterious thallium poisoning and who subsequently disappeared without trace.

In his interview in Vrye Weekblad, detailing the activities of an alleged SAP "death squad", Mr Coetzee said he also knew of an incident where a suspected ANC member being held in Port Elizabeth was given poison.

According to the newspaper: "He did, however, not take in all the poison and was paralysed (verlam) and his hair started falling out.

"He was eventually admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital where doctors discovered that he had been poisoned.

"One day he just disappeared on the way to hospital, along with his wheelchair."

It is eight years and one month since October 20, 1981, when Port Elizabeth student leader Mr Siphiso Mtimkulu, 21, was released from five months' solitary confinement under Section 6 of the Terrorism Act.

The same day Mr Mtimkulu, a prominent member of the banned Congress of South African Students, started to complain of pains in his feet and stomach. Two days later he was in a wheelchair, unable to walk.

First admitted to Livingstone Hospital, he was later transferred to Groote Schuur Hospital on November 3, 1981.

Medical tests showed he was poisoned by thallium, a rare and cumula-

tive poison outlawed in most Western countries.

Colourless, odourless and tasteless, it has been described as a "homicide's dream" and has a grim history of use in suicides and murders.

Questioned by Professor Frances Ames, head of the hospital's department of neurology, and a Groote Schuur physician, Dr F Majoos, the student's parents, Mr and Mrs S Mtimkulu, were adamant that no one had been allowed to visit their son in detention.

They had also been told they could not send him any food as he was well fed in prison.

After a hospital visit to Mr Mtimkulu on November 21, 1981, former PFP spokesman on human rights, Mrs Helen Suzman, found him to be "obviously very sick and extremely confused" and called on the Minister of Police to immediately order "the most stringent" investigation into the poisoning.

Mr Mtimkulu was meanwhile nursed back to relative health, but still could not walk.

He returned home in mid-January, 1982, and was due to return to Groote Schuur for the first of his three-monthly check-ups when he disappeared from Livingstone Hospital on April 12, 1982 — shortly after having lodged a R150 000 claim against the Minister of Police for alleged poisoning.

Mr Topsy Madaka, a friend, who had taken him to the hospital also went missing.

Neither has been seen since.

MP wants wider probe into police actions

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A LABOUR Party MP, Mr Peter Mopp, whose house was shot up about 10 years ago, said yesterday a far broader, public inquiry than was taking place at present was now necessary following publication of allegations about police actions.

"After all the statements that have been made recently, including those of Captain Dirk Coetzee and General Johann Coetzee, the

public demands that these allegations be tested publicly by a judicial commission of inquiry.

"It seems these actions were part of a general campaign of intimidation and extermination against opponents of apartheid," Mr Mopp, the MP for Border, said.

"My home in East London was shot up. I established who did it but was threatened with arrest and with being charged under

the Criminal Procedure Act.

"I was taken to the CID and I gave them the number plate of the car that was used.

"Warrant Officer James van Wyk was assigned to the case, but when it was established this was a police vehicle, he was taken off the case.

"My information at the time was that two members of the security police were involved."

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Spent cartridge shells from an automatic weapon and a Makarov pistol kept by death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela have been handed to investigators probing claims of an alleged police death squad.

According to the Free State attorney-general, Mr T McNally, who is involved in the investigation of claims by Nofomela, ex-police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee and former constable Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalange, the shells were handed in by Lawyers for Human Rights.

Mr McNally is a member of the two-man inquiry with CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie. He said the ballistic evidence had been passed on to the investigating team by lawyers who had tracked down the bullets on instruction from Nofomela.

The inquiry was appointed some weeks ago by the Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee and the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, who has also been asked to submit a report on the alleged squad to President F W de Klerk.

Mr McNally said other evidence had been received but the only formal requests for interviews had been from LHR and the Independent Board of

Riddle of missing man solved?

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Inquiry into Informal Repression. They would meet with the investigators in Bloemfontein tomorrow.

In further developments, police public relations chief Major-General Herman Stadler disputed weekend assertions by ex-spy Mr Craig Williamson that the police had certain detailed knowledge about the letter bomb killing of Ms Ruth First in Mozambique in 1982.

He said yesterday the police had not investigated the First killing.

He was responding to Mr Williamson's statement that the police had proof the bomb which killed First was not contained in a UN High Commission for Refugees envelope as alleged by Mr Coetzee.

But Mr Williamson yesterday reiterated his claims and said he had referred allegations against him to his attorneys.

He was planning legal action against Vrye Weekblad — which first reported Mr Coetzee's claims — "and anyone else my attorneys suggest appropriate."

Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez welcomed the news. "We would welcome any court case so that we can get this matter before the courts," he said.

Attention has also focused on the inquest into the deaths of four Chesterville Youth Organisation activists who were shot dead with an AK-47 on June 20,

1986. At the time the killing was attributed to UDF/Finkatha rivalry, but revelations made by Nofomela in as yet unseen affidavits appear to link six alleged assassination squad members.

And yesterday the possibility emerged of an MNR link to death squad activities in Swaziland in the early 1980s.

Press reports for the 1979 to 1982 period to which Mr Coetzee's allegations refer confirm that a number of the incidents he said were carried out by an SAP death squad did indeed occur.

It is understood Nofomela — who first made the death squad allegations three weeks ago — has said MNR personnel were sometimes housed at the Vlakplaas farm at which the death squad was allegedly based.

However Gen Stadler yesterday denied this.

Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said last night no consideration had been given to suspending those policemen named in allegations by Nofomela and Mr Coetzee. "People should be considered innocent until proven guilty of these wild allegations," he said.

Meanwhile Brigadier Willem Schoon, named by Mr Coetzee as a senior officer involved in the death squads, said yesterday he was unhappy about the allegations.

"I am not feeling good about the issue but at least I am here to answer questions while everyone else has run away." He refused to answer further questions.

Death-squad notes handed to commission

Political Staff

A FULL transcript of the Vrye Weekblad's interview with ex-police captain Dirk Coetzee, in which he makes detailed allegations about police "death squads," has been handed to the two-man commission investigating political assassinations.

Free State Attorney-General Mr T N McNally — assisted by CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie — said the commission had attempted yesterday to contact Captain Coetzee for a statement.

"INFORMATION"

"We were not successful, but in the interim we have got a copy of the information he gave to Vrye Weekblad."

"Once we have sifted through that we'll be able to assess whether to continue trying to get hold of him."

Mr McNally also confirmed that "certain ballistic" material — spent cartridge shells from an automatic weapon and a Makarov pistol kept by Death Row prisoner Butana Nofomela — had been handed to the commission by the Lawyers for Human Rights organisation.

Nofomela has alleged that he was a member of a police death squad.

The commission is keen to gather relevant information. Mr McNally said anyone who believed they had information which might have a bearing on the investigation should submit it, either in the form of an affidavit or a letter.

CALL

Meanwhile, human-rights groups in the Eastern Cape have joined a call for an independent, judicial inquiry into the allegations that police death squads exist.

Mr Rory Riordan, director of the Port Elizabeth-based Human Rights Trust, said yesterday it was widely believed that "a politically motivated group which is highly organised and experienced" was behind the deaths and disappearance of activists in the area.

Since 1982, 10 East Cape anti-apartheid activists have been killed by "unknown persons," disappeared without trace or survived assassination attempts.

Mr Riordan's view was supported yesterday by Black Sash workers, human-rights lawyers, the Eastern Cape division of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative in South Africa, and Port Elizabeth anti-apartheid activist Mr Ronnie Watson, who survived an attempt on his life in a Gaborone hotel in 1987.

"CIRCUMSTANCES"

Mr Riordan said: "At least four people have been murdered here and others have disappeared in circumstances that point to hit-squad activity."

"What has always been hearsay is now becoming circumstantial evidence and appears to be moving to hard fact. Plainly, the police cannot be relied on to investigate such claims involving, as they do, allegations of involvement up to the level of general. The issue must be handled with the utmost urgency by judicial commission made up of Appellate Division judges."

'Death squad' policeman named in liquor racket

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Customs and Excise has confirmed that former Pretoria liquor king Mr Johnny Bala paid R1,2-million in penalties and duties after a probe into a liquor-smuggling racket in which "death squad" policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee has been implicated.

However, Customs and Excise commissioner Mr Daan Colesky said today he could not comment on the alleged involvement of Captain Coetzee.

He said a secrecy clause in the Customs and Excise Act prevented him from releasing information on any person that had or might be subject to an investigation.

This did not apply to Mr Bala, who had disclosed details of his offence to the Press, he said.

Captain Coetzee's wife, Karen, said today that the "mud-slinging" against her husband had started in earnest.

"We expected mud to be thrown and Dirk warned me to prepare myself for it. Maybe that's why I feel so calm now," said Mrs Coetzee, in reaction to claims that her husband was involved in a whisky-smuggling racket in Swaziland.

"RIDICULOUS" CLAIMS

She said she "utterly rejected" the "ridiculous" claims made by Mr Bala.

"My husband always spoke of Johnny with the highest regard," she said. "He admired him as a businessman and I am shocked and hurt by these false accusations.

"If my husband was smuggling whisky and luxury cars, he would not have needed to approach Johnny for a loan," she said, referring to the money Mr Bala claimed Captain Coetzee extorted from him so that his wife could open a boutique.

Mrs Coetzee said she had always dreamed of running a boutique and her husband had approached Mr Bala for a loan, which was to be repaid with interest.

She "strongly denied" her husband had pressured or threatened Mr Bala into giving him the money, which was a formal loan of R86 000 and not R150 000 as reported.

But Mr Bala questioned why any businessman would give any woman R150 000 "out of the blue".

"I was bankrolled by Coetzee and was forced to pay R150 000 to help set Coetzee's wife up in a boutique in Menlo Park. I didn't want to do it but at that time I had no option. I only got involved because of the threats made by Coetzee. I can prove that I paid to set up the shop and the customs and excise penalties I had to pay," he said.

"ROGUE POLICEMAN"

In an interview Mr Bala claimed Captain Coetzee was a "rogue policeman" who set up a huge whisky-smuggling operation in Swaziland.

Mr Bala said Captain Coetzee had got him involved in the operation after Captain Coetzee had been transferred from the security police to the narcotics bureau.

"It eventually led to me having to pay R1,2-million in penalties to Customs and Excise," he said.

Mr Bala said Captain Coetzee came to see him several times soon after he was transferred to the narcotic bureau.

"I only listened to him because he was head of the narcotics bureau and I was in the liquor business," he said.

Mr Bala said Captain Coetzee mentioned a smuggling operation involving whisky being sent to Swaziland and then into Mozambique and prawns being brought back.

Mr Bala said that after eight months the operation was the subject of a big customs and excise investigation which ultimately led to him having to pay the R1,2-million in penalties.

He said several months after the liquor racket blew up Captain Coetzee again came to see him and demanded money and threatened to get him (Mr Bala) into trouble if the money was not forthcoming.

"He said his wife needed to be set up in business and I was eventually forced to pay R150 000 to set up the business. But the business ran into trouble and I lost my money," he said.

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Churches to give hit squad's evidence

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. The police "death squad" saga took a new turn today when a high-powered South African Council of Churches delegation flew to Bloemfontein to present independent, corroborating evidence in support of allegations made by a self-declared member of the squad.

The delegation was in possession of a report which sets out to substantiate some of the details contained in statements signed by Butana Almond Nofomela, the death row prisoner whose "confessions", made in the shadow of the gallows, rekindled suspicions of the existence of state-sponsored assassins.

The report, compiled by the SACC Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, will today be handed to the Free State Attorney-General, Mr T P McNally, by a four-man delegation of top lawyers consisting of Professor John Dugard, Professor Lawrie Ackermann, Mr Peter Harris and Mr Brian Currin.

Nofomela's allegations

Mr McNally, assisted by a senior SAP officer, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, was appointed to investigate Nofomela's allegations.

It is claimed that the SACC report includes independent verification of at least two points made by Nofomela.

In his October 19 affidavit, Nofomela referred to the brother of an "ANC terrorist" who, he said, was a victim of the police assassination unit. The brother worked as a security guard at a building society in Krugersdorp.

Investigators for the SACC board are understood to have established this as true and that, after going to lunch one day, the guard disappeared.

Nofomela told how one of his co-assassins accidentally shot himself in the foot during a mission and had to be taken to hospital in Ermelo.

Subsequent investigation by the SACC team established that a man of that name was indeed treated for an injured foot at the hospital.

Stay of execution

After Nofomela's first affidavit of October 19, he has subsequently made a second statement and the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, ordered a stay of execution pending an investigation.

The fear in extra-parliamentary opposition circles was that the McNally inquiry might conclude that Nofomela's allegations were unfounded and that he, one of the star witnesses, might then be summarily executed. Their hope is that the SACC report may eliminate that risk by establishing that there is still a great deal to probe.

Meanwhile, police have denied that former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad commander Brigadier Krappie Engelbrecht, who has been mentioned in the alleged police hit squad furore, was a member of the security branch or an explosives expert.

Brigadier Engelbrecht (then a colonel) was mentioned in Captain Dirk Coetzee's claims of involvement in a police hit squad which assassinated various ANC fighters and human rights activist Dr Griffiths Mxenge.

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Poison, bombs, bullets and kidnapping...

POISON, bombs, bullets and kidnapping are some of the methods used in what appears to have been a secret war conducted against anti-apartheid activists in neighbouring countries over a period of years.

The attackers have been ruthless and in some cases have hit the wrong targets and killed the wrong people, as was the case in 1987 when a well-known Mozambican businessman was shot dead in his flat, which was near to an ANC house in Maputo.

The activities of the death squads in neighbouring countries have ranged from Angola — where parcel bombs have been the favourite method — to Swaziland and Maputo, where black and white groups have been seen kidnapping and shooting people.

Some of the attacks which have never been explained are:

MOZAMBIQUE:

● May 23 1980 — A vehicle packed with explosives found outside the Polana Hotel. The car, a Peugeot, had crossed from the border post of Ressano Garcia.

● August 17 1982 — South African activist Ruth First killed by a letter bomb at her office at Maputo University.

● December 7 1983 — Two South African refugees seriously injured when an explosion damaged a house in the Xipamanine suburb of Maputo.

● April 21 1986 — A car bomb badly damages two blocks of flats, injuring 49 people. Mozambican police said they were convinced the bomb was intended for the ANC offices but was abandoned when the driver could not find the target.

● May 29 1987 — Unidentified attackers carried out a raid in the Polana area of Maputo, killing Antonio Pateguana, director of the Mozambican entertainment company, his wife, Suzana de Souza and a night watchman. Joao Chavane.

It is believed the attackers wanted to strike at a nearby house used by South Africans but hit the wrong target.

A house used by the ANC to store clothes for refugees and the home of a Tanzanian businessman were also raided.

● April 5 1987 — South African journalist and ANC member Gibson Ncube died in hospital in Maputo after having been poisoned a week earlier.

● April 7 1988 — A car bomb maimed South African lawyer and ANC member Albie Sachs outside his Maputo flat, across the road from the South African trade mission.

● December 25 1988 — ANC offices in Maputo burgled. Several items and documents stolen.

Investigations into the activities in South Africa of the alleged SAP hit squad may help to throw light on the mysterious death and attempted assassination of numbers of anti-apartheid activists in neighbouring countries.

JOAO SANTA RITA of the Argus Africa News Service reports that there have been a number of attacks in these countries for which no government or organisations has admitted responsibility.

SWAZILAND:

● In 1984 a police station at Bhunya was attacked and four ANC members being held there were freed.

The ANC denied that it had taken part in the raid and said the men had been kidnapped by South African agents posing as ANC members.

● June 1 1986 — The ANC said in Lusaka that one of its members, Thomas Shongwe, was kidnapped in Swaziland.

● June 2 1986 — Two men and a woman, said by Swazi police to be ANC members, found shot dead outside Mbabane in "a professional killing" in which armour-piercing ammunition was used. The three were identified as Pansu Smith, Sipho Diamini and Busi Majola.

● August 3 1986 — Two people injured when unidentified raiders stole files about refugees from the offices of Ephesus House in Manzini.

The house of an administrator of a Canadian aid organisation which specialises in helping refugees was also burgled.



● August 1986 — A group of men raided a rural police station where an ANC activist was being held by Swazi police and freed him. The ANC denied involvement and the ANC member has not been heard from since.

● October 6 1986 — Another raid on Ephesus House in Manzini. Security guards said they saw white and black men in two cars carrying files from the building.

The raiders fired at pursuing guards as they drove out of Manzini.

● December 7 1986 — Five people kidnapped in a bungled raid. A 15-year-old boy was shot dead, one of those abducted died later.

Two Swiss nationals and two Swazis released later and South Africa was forced to accept responsibility. At-

tackers identified as blacks and whites.

● December 1986 — Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim kidnapped from a house near Mbabane. He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment by a Pretoria Court in January 1989 for treason.

● May 1987 — The ANC said from Lusaka that a Mrs Sheila Nyanda was kidnapped from her home near Mbabane.

● May 10 1987 — Three people found shot dead in a car in a suburb of Mbabane.

Swazi police named them as Tutu Nkwanyane, a South African law student at the University of Swaziland, Mildred Msomi, a Swazi student and Theophilus Dlodlo also known as Viva, an ANC member.

● July 11 1987 — Three shot dead as they drove away from Swaziland's airport in a taxi. Two of the victims had arrived from Maputo and were met by a woman.

A car with Transvaal number plates pulled alongside the taxi and the driver was ordered to stop. The three taxi passengers were then shot dead but the driver was unhurt.

One of the victims was later identified as commander of the Transvaal section of Umkhonto We Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC.

● February 12 1989 — Two men and a woman found shot dead in their car in a remote forestry area in northwestern Swaziland.

The car was packed with automatic rifles, grenades and explosives, Swazi police said. The three were said to have South African passports. Their names were never disclosed by the police.

ZIMBABWE:

In Zimbabwe the mysterious attacks started immediately after independence in 1981. Some were aimed at Zimbabwean military installations, like the Thornhill air base, others at anti-apartheid activists.

● August 1981 — The ANC's representative in Harare, Joe Gqabi, shot dead in the driveway of his home in Harare.

● May 1987 — A booby-trapped TV set exploded in a Harare flat, killing the wife of an ANC activist. The TV had apparently been given to an ANC man in Maputo who

did not use it and passed it on to Harare.

A South African man, Mr Lesley Letsie, is still being held in Zimbabwe in connection with the incident. According to the Zimbabwean authorities he has claimed to work for South African Military Intelligence.

● October 1987 — Anti-apartheid activist Jeremy Brickhill and his wife were injured when a bomb exploded in a car parked close to their own as they walked towards it at a shopping centre.

BOTSWANA:

In Botswana there have also been a number of unsolved attacks, some of them of a military nature:

● June 15 1986 — A house in Gaborone attacked and a 26 year old woman from Lobatse, Mrs Matsela Polokelo, a 12 year old boy and a man, Mr Paul Rantao, were injured. Attackers said to be wearing balaclavas.

● January 2 1987 — A house near the border attacked and a 72-year-old man killed. Attackers said to have entered the country from Bophuthatswana.

● April 9 1987 — Three people killed and two injured in an explosion in a house in Gaborone.

● May 22 1987 — A British citizen living in South Africa, Steve Brunett, arrested after trying to kill anti-apartheid activist Ronnie Watson. Brunett sentenced to five years in jail.

● December 14 1988 — Attack against the village of



Ditlaharapeng during which several houses were hit. One woman killed.

● December 28 1988 — A 14-year-old boy killed when a bomb exploded next to a house in Gaborone.

ANGOLA:

In Angola South African anti-apartheid activist Jeanette Schoon and her daughter were killed in 1984 by a letter bomb apparently addressed to her husband, Marius Schoon.

In Lesotho nine people were killed on December 20 1985 in a raid by unidentified men. Several of those killed were reported to be ANC members.

More recently a man who had been arrested by the Lesotho police after being injured was shot dead in his hospital bed.

He was reported to have been an ANC member.

New ^{CAL} death ^{7/1/81} squad ^{22/11/81} evidence ³⁴⁴ today

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — New evidence claiming that death squads operated against South African activists here and in surrounding countries up until two years ago will be presented to the two-man investigating team into death squads in Bloemfontein today, sources said.

It is believed that the two-man inquiry, comprising Free State attorney-general Mr T McNally and CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, will be presented today with evidence and allegations about further assassinations, locations and more alleged assassination squad members.

The evidence has been collected from the affidavits of Butana Nofomela, 32, the self-confessed hit-squad member whose original affidavit began the death squad probe. Nofomela was granted a stay of execution based on this affidavit.

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression and Lawyers for Human Rights have probed Nofomela's claims and have said they have evidence supporting his allegations.

In another disclosure it has been alleged that police removed clothes and possessions from Nofomela's family home near Brits after he was convicted of the murder of a Brits farmer. Family members did not know why this happened.

Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellett said this was possibly for forensic testing. However, it would be almost impossible to confirm. "We handled more than two million criminal cases last year," he said.

Brig Mellett yesterday refused press access to the more than 20 policemen named by Nofomela and former captain Mr Dirk Coetzee as having had direct or indirect links with the alleged hit squad.

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Brig Schoon's vehicle.

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'A MEMORY' ... Sikumbuzo, the eight-year-old son of missing PE student leader Mr Sipiwo Mtimkulu.

Picture: OBED ZILWA

Poisoned PE man 'did not just disappear' — Bishop

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

PORT ELIZABETH student leader Mr Sipiwo Mtimkulu, who vanished without trace in April 1982 after being crippled by mysterious thallium poisoning, was too disabled to have disappeared voluntarily, former MPC Mrs Di Bishop said yesterday.

"I have absolutely no doubt that he did not just disappear. In my view, being in that condition, he could not have disappeared voluntarily," she said.

Mrs Bishop, who was the PFP MPC for Gardens, also said: "I just hope that through the revelations, it will be possible to find out what happened to Sipiwo's body."

"His parents have been in agony since he disappeared and it is their deepest desire to lay him to rest."

His parents live in Zwide township here, but his son, Sikumbuzo, whose name means "a memory" and who was born three months before his father disappeared, lives in Guguletu with his mother, Ms Buyiswa Hlazo.

Mrs Bishop said the family had been

trying unsuccessfully to get maintenance for his son.

Mr Mtimkulu, who was detained for five months in solitary confinement in terms of the Terrorism Act, started to complain of pains in his feet and stomach on the day of his release on October 20, 1981. Two days later he was unable to walk.

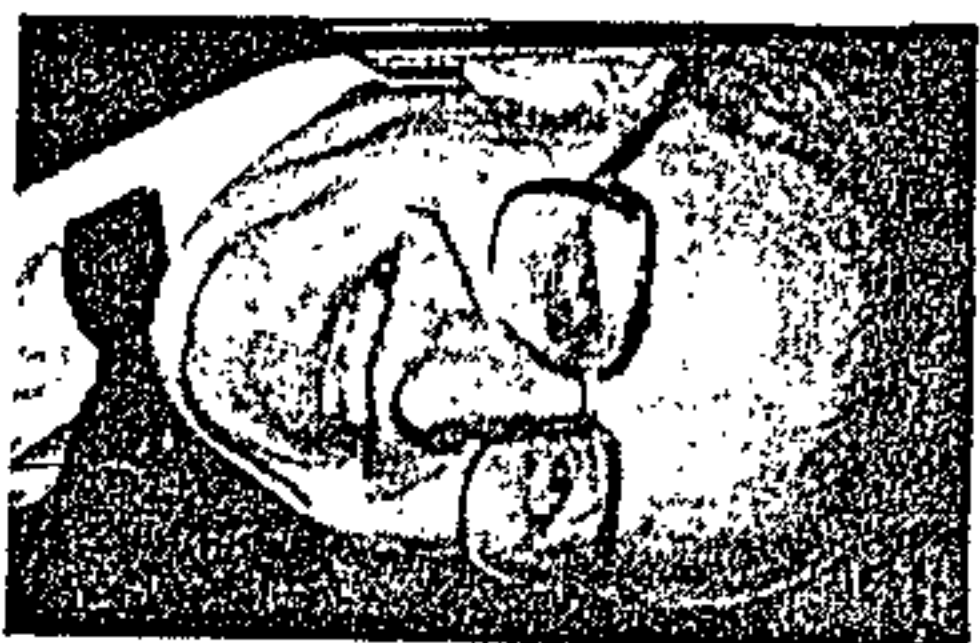
Medical tests showed he was poisoned by thallium, a rare and cumulative poison outlawed in most Western countries.

Mrs Bishop, who with her late husband Brian spent many hours with Mr Mtimkulu while he was being treated in Groote Schuur Hospital, said that he was able to walk on crutches when he returned home in January 1982 soon after his son's birth.

"But he was still in constant and severe pain and his legs were very weak."

Arrangements were being made by Livingstone Hospital here for him to return to Groote Schuur when he disappeared.

"There is no doubt in our minds that Sipiwo wanted to follow through with his treatment," Mrs Bishop said.



Mr Vlok

Schoon: SAP deny allegations

PRETORIA. — The SAP yesterday denied that Brigadier Willem Schoon retired from the force because of allegations made against him by alleged former police assassination squad member Butana Almond Nofomela from his cell in death row.

"Brigadier Schoon had already made written application on July 31 this year to go on pension on October 31," Major-General Herman Stadler of the Department of Public Relations said in reply to requests about claims made by Nofomela and by Captain Dirk Coetzee.

"These facts are well known among Brig Schoon's colleagues and it was a pity that they had not been established from the police before the allegations about his retirement were published."

General Stadler also denied claims that Brig "Kraapies" Engelbrecht was an explosives specialist who had previously been attached to the security branch.

"Brig Engelbrecht has never undergone a course on the handling of explosives and was never connected to the security branch," he said. — Sapa

FW still waiting for Vlok's report

PRETORIA. — President F W de Klerk is still awaiting a report from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, on the "hit squad" allegations which have been making headlines since Friday.

Mr De Klerk announced on Monday that he had called for the report and he would decide once he had received it whether he felt it necessary to issue a statement.

However, there appears to be a difference of opinion between the president's office and the law and order ministry as to what Mr De Klerk requested.

One spokesman for the president

said it was his understanding that Mr De Klerk had requested an urgent report from Mr Vlok on the matter.

But Mr Vlok's spokesman, Brigadier Leon Melleit, said the minister would only be able to report to Mr De Klerk once he had received the results of the McNally investigation. It was his understanding that it was this that Mr De Klerk had asked for.

Mr T P McNally, attorney-general of the Free State, said he hoped to complete his investigations into Butana Nofomela's allegations that he was a member of an SAP "hit squad" by the end of the month. — Sapa, Own Correspondent



Mr Coetzee

'Brigadier given slain man's tape'

JOHANNESBURG. — A radio-tape that had been stolen from murdered civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge's car had subsequently been installed in a police brigadier's car, according to alleged former SAP assassination squad member Butana Nofomela.

He alleged this in an affidavit he submitted to the Pretoria Supreme Court for a stay of execution.

Nofomela, 32, made the sworn statement on death row hours before he was to be executed.

He said he decided to reveal the alleged existence of the death squad after he realised on death row that he had been "betrayed" by his superior officers, who had promised to help in getting him freed.

Nofomela said after he received his notice of execution on October 12, two security policemen visited him and told him that it had been decided that he should "take the pain".

He then sent a message to Lawyers for Human Rights to obtain a statement from him and a stay of execution.

Nofomela said he and three other assassination squad members — Brian Ngulunga, David Tshikalange and Joseph Mamase-

Police told death row assassin: 'Take the pain'

Iela — had been briefed by Captain Dirk Coetzee — who is currently hiding in Europe — and a Brigadier Schoon to eliminate lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

This was one of about nine assassinations he had been involved in, Nofomela said.

Mr Mxenge had been executed for his "activities within the African National Congress". All the other victims had also been ANC members.

Some of the assassinations took place in Swaziland, one in Botswana, one in Maseru and one in Krugersdorp.

Nofomela said the Krugersdorp victim, a United Building Society security guard, was the brother of an ANC guerrilla.

The missions had been performed under different security branch officers, who always acted under Brig Schoon.

Nofomela added: "I am instructed that due to a shortage of time, I cannot here furnish details of these other missions."

He introduced his affidavit: "I am a 32-year-old male presently under sentence of death. My execution is scheduled for tomorrow morning, October 20, 1989, at 07h00."

After his four-man squad ambushed Mr Mxenge in Durban, they took him to the Umlazi stadium, where they stabbed him to death.

Captain Coetzee drove Mr Mxenge's car to the Piet Retief police station, where they were met by men in plain clothes. They drove the car to the home of one of these men, where they stripped the car before setting it alight in a plantation near the Swazi border.

The items from the car were placed in Captain Coetzee's service bakkie in Piet Retief.

In Nofomela's presence, Captain Coetzee later instructed a sergeant to install the radio-tape and booster from Mr Mxenge's car in Brig Schoon's service vehicle.

"After my return from one week's leave, (the sergeant) remarked to me informally that the radio-tape had been installed in Brig Schoon's vehicle."

He added in the affidavit that Captain Coetzee had handed each of the four hitmen R1 000, saying it was "from Brig Schoon for successfully eliminating Mxenge". — Sapa

Policeman denies ordering murder

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Brigadier J R van der Hoven, named by former police captain Dirk Coetzee as the officer who ordered the killing of attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge in Durban in November 1982, yesterday strenuously denied the charge.

Brig Van der Hoven, now retired in Middelburg, was head of the security police in Durban at the time. He said he recalled Mr Mxenge as a prominent person but refused to say whether Mr Mxenge had been suspected by security police of being the ANC member through whom the organisation channelled funds into South Africa, as stated by Mr Coetzee.

Brig Van der Hoven said that when a local division of the security police "believes there are terrorists in the vicinity, you just ask the Pretoria headquarters" to send an anti-terrorist unit team.

"What (the team) does and how they do it has nothing to do with the local commander," he said. He added that it was impossible for the local commander to call for any particular anti-terrorist squad member, so Mr Coetzee's claim that he (Brig Van der Hoven) had called him out to do the job was false.

Brig Van der Hoven refused to answer further questions, saying he expected an inquiry and not that a reporter should "interrogate" him.

Rhino Fund case to be heard in Pretoria?

Court Reporter

CHARGES may be dropped in Cape Town against the man who allegedly tried to donate a R1 million stolen cheque to the Rhino Fund last month.

This may be done so that the fraud charge can be heard in Pretoria along with three other counts of allegedly using the same stolen cheque book.

Defence attorney Mr Jack Kudo argued in the Cape Town Regional Court yesterday that it would be unfair for Mr Theunis Jacobus Saureman, 34, of unknown address, to be tried for the same crime twice.

The hearing was adjourned till next week for a decision on the matter.

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'Hit squad' captain's bugging claim

By KAREN STANDER
Staff Reporter

A DETAILED account by "hit squad leader" Captain Dirk Coetzee of the alleged circumstances leading to his suspension from the police — and ultimately to his dramatic allegations of assassinations and kidnappings — is described in a report written by the policeman five years ago.

The report was sent to Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, then Leader of the Opposition, and resulted in questions being asked in Parliament about illegal telephone tapping by police.

In the document, Captain Coetzee claims that an affidavit he drew up on illegal telephone tapping was seized in a raid on the home of the former private secretary of former Minister Mr Fanie Botha and this led to Captain Coetzee's suspension.

Captain Coetzee said he met the minister's secretary, Mr Frans Whelpton, in 1983 when they were fellow-students in

special Latin classes. From 1984, they became close friends.

He learned from a colleague in the security police that a special investigation into the resignation of Minister Botha included the tapping of telephone conversations. Captain Coetzee gathered that this included Mr Whelpton's telephone conversations.

"Security risk"

He was concerned that he was friendly with a "security risk" and went to see a senior officer in the security branch in the Northern Transvaal.

The officer confirmed that the investigation was in connection with the resignation of Minister Botha and consisted of the tapping of telephone conversations between Mr Whelpton and Brigadier Jan Blaauw.

The officer told him criminal charges were being investigated against Mr Whelpton and concerned the allocation of diamond concessions to Brigadier Blaauw by Minister Botha. Captain Coetzee said the officer assured him that Mr

Affidavit tells of suspension lead-up

Whelpton was not a security risk.

His suspicion that telephones were being tapped illegally was confirmed when it became apparent that other policemen knew of his association with Mr Whelpton.

Captain Coetzee asked a friend in the post office to check whether his and Mr Whelpton's telephones were bugged. The technician confirmed bugs on all three of Mr Whelpton's home telephones, but could not confirm that Captain Coetzee's telephone was tapped.

"Privately and confidentially, I handed an affidavit on the matter to Mr Whelpton with the aim of exposing this injustice in the public interest and because of the dangers involved."

"The understanding was that Mr Whelpton would hand over the statement to the Attorney-

General or another high legal authority."

On October 4 1984, Captain Coetzee used his home phone to call a colleague about a key and a photocopy machine. He also phoned a friend in the post office.

When he visited this friend that evening to examine the registers in which tapped telephones were recorded, his friend was upset and told him that a colleague in the post office had told him that the police had that day become aware of Captain Coetzee's plans.

He decided to abandon his plans and later heard that senior police officers had called in the colleague whom he had telephoned and asked about the key and the photocopy machine.

Captain Coetzee said he was away on holiday for a week and when he returned he

learned from neighbours that two men had tried to break into his flat.

A few days later, he noticed two senior police officers following him on foot as well as a car which undoubtedly belonged to the police, said Captain Coetzee.

On November 21, police raided Mr Whelpton's home as well as the office of his attorney. Captain Coetzee's affidavit on telephone tapping was seized.

On December 3, two officers arrived at Captain Coetzee's flat and asked him to accompany them to the commissioner's office. He asked if he was being arrested and, when told it was voluntary, he refused to go.

The following day, Captain Coetzee received a message to contact his station commander who told him that he had been suspended, without pay or benefits, with effect from the previous day.

According to Mr Brian Currin, director of Lawyers for Human Rights, he defended Captain Coetzee at a later disciplinary hearing at which the former policeman was tried by

police for five separate offences.

Captain Coetzee resigned in 1986 on humanitarian and medical grounds after he was confronted with the choice of that or a dishonourable discharge.

Found guilty

He was tried for attempting to bring \$150 000 illegally into the country to avoid taxation, giving false evidence under oath, and illegally obtaining and releasing classified police information.

He was found guilty on all offences, but was not discharged.

An agreement was reached in terms of which a temporary suspension against him was withdrawn and he was reinstated. He was allowed to keep his rank and draw a pension after resigning on medical grounds. Captain Coetzee is a diabetic.

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Prof Dugard said he doubted whether the inquiry could complete its work by the end of the month if it conducted in-depth investigations into all these areas.

Mr Maponye's father Joseph said yesterday he had not been approached by representatives of the government inquiry for information.

He said the son killed in the Ster Land explosion had left SA during 1976. He had not seen him again until 1985 when the son had visited the family home for five minutes to explain his allegiance to the ANC.

He said a security policeman had visited him after Japie's disappearance and told him Japie had left the country. Mr Maponye did not believe him "because Japie was not political" and had begun searching for him.

The report also claimed that the same police major allegedly responsible for the Maponye shooting had arranged for the shooting of four Chesterville youths in mid- or late-1985. Nofomela alleged the youths were lured to a meeting with police posing as UDF members. Although Nofomela was not present, he claimed to have heard the shots. The same policemen named by Nofomela as having been involved in this incident have submitted statements to the inquest into the so-called Chesterville shootings.

Business Day visited the homes of two alleged Soshanguve hit squad members named by Nofomela. One, according to his wife, was away for two weeks on police business, while the other fled when approached by a reporter.

In an earlier interview in Brits, Nofomela's mother Elsie recalled her son receiving R1 000 from the police. In his affidavit the night before he was due to be executed for the murder of a Brits farmer, Nofomela said he and three others were given R1 000 each for the murder of Durban lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Mrs Nofomela could not say why her son had received the money.

"I am a mother and am heartbroken over what's happened to my son. He is the oldest child and his salary was needed. My husband earns very little as a construction worker," she said. "He used to come home once a week every month when he was working at Vlakplaas. His friend David Tshikalange would visit often."

Tshikalange, who was also cited in Nofomela's affidavit as an accomplice to Mr Mxenge's murder, recently fled the country.

"Almond never told me about his work except that he had an important position and it involved terrorists," Mrs Nofomela said.

The first time she had met former police captain Dirk Coetzee was at the Pretoria Supreme Court during her son's trial.

"Almond was very happy to see him. They embraced and he introduced Coetzee to me as his captain.

"Before my son was due to be hanged he sent a message requesting that I contact him and a Captain De Kock I had heard him mention before. There were only four hours in which he could have met them. But the police held them back and sent others," she said.

Evidence: Major shot guard at Vlakplaas

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Krugersdorp building society guard was shot in the head by a security police major after interrogation at the police's farm Vlakplaas, a new report on police death squads alleged yesterday.

The report, which deals with allegations made by death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela, was presented by four civil rights lawyers and academics to Free State attorney-general Mr T McNally and CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie in Bloemfontein yesterday.

A member of the SA Council of Churches-appointed Independent Board of Investigation into Informal Repression (IBIIR), Professor John Durgard, last night told the Cape Times that he implicitly believed the claims as "there is just too much corroborating evidence for the allegations to be fabricated".

"It cannot be coincidence that incidents that were reported a number of years ago are now being explained in detail," he said.

The Vlakplaas incident, the report said, occurred when the man, Mr Japie Maponye, was arrested for questioning in connection with his brother, who was suspected of having shot a policeman at De Wildt near Pretoria. He was taken to Vlakplaas and, after it became clear he knew nothing of his brother's activities, the report alleged the security police major shot him through the head with a silenced pistol, saying he "had to be got rid of".

It is alleged in the present Delmas terrorism trial that the brother, Odirile, was killed when a limpet mine he was apparently planning to use exploded outside Ster Land, Pretoria, in May 1988.

Wits University's Prof Dugard, one of the four IBIIR representatives who travelled to Bloemfontein yesterday, said the group had been courteously received.

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SAP views hit squad charges seriously, says general

JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Police viewed the allegations of a sanctioned police "hit squad" in a serious light and had launched an investigation into the allegations aired in the press since last Friday, SAP head of public relations, General Herman Stadler, said in an interview on SATV last night.

He said the investigation was intended "to get to the kernel of the matter".

The hit squad allegations were serious and showed the police in a bad light, he said.

A number of policemen had already given statements to the official commission of inquiry.

General Stadler said he had no argument with the credentials of the members of the commission of inquiry now sitting in Bloemfontein.

He ruled out another, independent, commission being ordered by President F W de Klerk.

"We have said no terrorist groups were launched from Vlakplaas (a rehabilitation camp for former ANC members outside Pretoria)."

If any irregularities were brought to light by the commission, "appropriate action will be taken".

He said it was possible a situation could have existed where policemen were acting without the knowledge of their commanding officers. — Sapa

Mxenge family demand full judicial inquiry

JOHANNESBURG. — The Mxenge family are unhappy about the inquiry into the death of Mr Griffiths Mxenge being conducted by the Attorney-General of the Orange Free State and believe that nothing short of a full judicial inquiry will be acceptable.

Dr Sumbatha Mxenge, the brother of the human rights lawyer who was murdered in Durban in 1981, said from Port Elizabeth yesterday that the inquiry into the claims made by former policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee was not being handled adequately.

"We (the Mxenge family) were shocked to hear that the investigation is almost complete and ready to be handed to (Mr Adriaan) Vlok (Minis-

ter of Law and Order). We have not even been asked to give any evidence which we might have, to the inquiry."

Dr Mxenge said the family was also unhappy about the fact that a policeman (CID head Lieutenant Alwyn Conradie) was taking part in the inquiry.

"We can't understand how a policeman can investigate allegations that the police were involved in assassinations."

He said he wanted justice to be done and the only way to ensure this was to appoint a commission of inquiry with a Supreme Court judge as chairman, so the findings could be independent.

"I would hope that the law will take its course, and any attempts at a cover-up will be resisted by (Mr F W) De

Klerk in the spirit of renewal and reform," Dr Mxenge said in a statement.

There was nothing more the family could do to force the government to appoint a judicial inquiry, but he hoped that the public pressure would grow to the point where the government had no alternative.

In his revelations, Capt Coetzee has supported claims made by Death Row prisoner, Almond Nofomela, that Mr Griffiths Mxenge had been killed by a police hit squad in a way that it would appear to have been a robbery.

Mr Mxenge's wife, Victoria, also a human rights lawyer, was shot dead in Durban four years later, but neither Capt Coetzee nor Nofomela give details of her slaying.

Released ANC men to help end Natal violence

AFRICAN National Congress leaders in and out of jail are likely to help mediate an end to the violence in Natal which has resulted in the death of more than 2 000 people.

Jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela is to hold talks with at least nine Natal community leaders this week, in a move seen as linked to finding a way of getting peace talks back on course.

And at a rally last weekend Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini and kwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi urged the newly released ANC leaders to accept an invitation for talks around reconciliation.

Former ANC secretary general Walter Sisulu responded immediately, saying he would regard such talks as "very important" and that he

Hopes are high that the released ANC leaders can help end the Natal peace-talks stalemate, reports CARMEL RICKARD

would discuss the call for talks with his colleagues.

"I will certainly see that we exchange views among ourselves about such a call, because I attach importance to it," he said.

The new initiatives follow the breakdown of peace talks between Inkatha, the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions. In the wake of the failure of the talks, the death rate soared.

Members of the group have first-hand experi-

ence of the causes of the breakdown — one was a member of the five person UDF/Cosatu delegation to the peace talks and others were involved in an advisory role.

Commenting on the reasons for the meeting, members of the group said they believed Mandela sensed an "urgent need for communication in relation to Natal violence."

"The need for contact (on the issue) appears to be realised by him as well as by us."

One of the nine, Farouk Meer of the Natal Indian Congress, said they had heard some time ago an invitation was likely, but the firm invitation was received only last week. Four will see Mandela on Monday and five on Thursday.

In each case the visit is likely to last up to five hours.

On Monday, Meer and Gerry Coovadia of the NIC, Diliza Mji of the National Medical and Dental Association, and UDF president Archie Gumede will visit Mandela.

On Thursday the delegation will consist of Billy Nair, Mewa Ramgobin and George Sewpersadh of the NIC, UDF national chairman Curnick Ndlovu and Louis Skweyiya of the Institute of Black Research.

Two other people were also invited by Mandela but they are not in the country.

Meer said there was an open agenda. He expected they would discuss national political issues, Natal and the prospects for peace.

"We anticipate talking about the peace initiative, why it has broken down and what can be done to re-start it."

Violence is the theme at 'spurned' king's rally

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

NATAL violence was also on the agenda at the weekend "convention" called by Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, only the second such rally of his 10-year reign.

He told more than 70 000 people in Durban that he and the Zulu people had been "spurned" because the ANC leaders had not contacted him since the release, despite the fact that no one had done more to secure their release than kwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He said he and "the Zulu people" were excluded from welcome home celebrations.

However he went on to invite the ANC leaders to talks on negotiations and reconciliation with himself and Buthelezi.

The chief minister's speech echoed the king's call for talks saying it was "really important" that former ANC Secretary General Sisulu and other ANC leaders meet him and the king.

Talks would be about "peace between black and black, and unity in putting South Africa first".

In his conciliatory response, Sisulu said he was sure no snub was intended; the rally had been open to anyone who wished to attend.

He also said he and his recently freed colleagues had received "personal letters" from Buthelezi. He expected each of them would reply personally to the letters; only pressure of work following his release had prevented him from answering.

But while the possibility of another peace initiative is on the cards, new battle lines have been drawn over the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa).

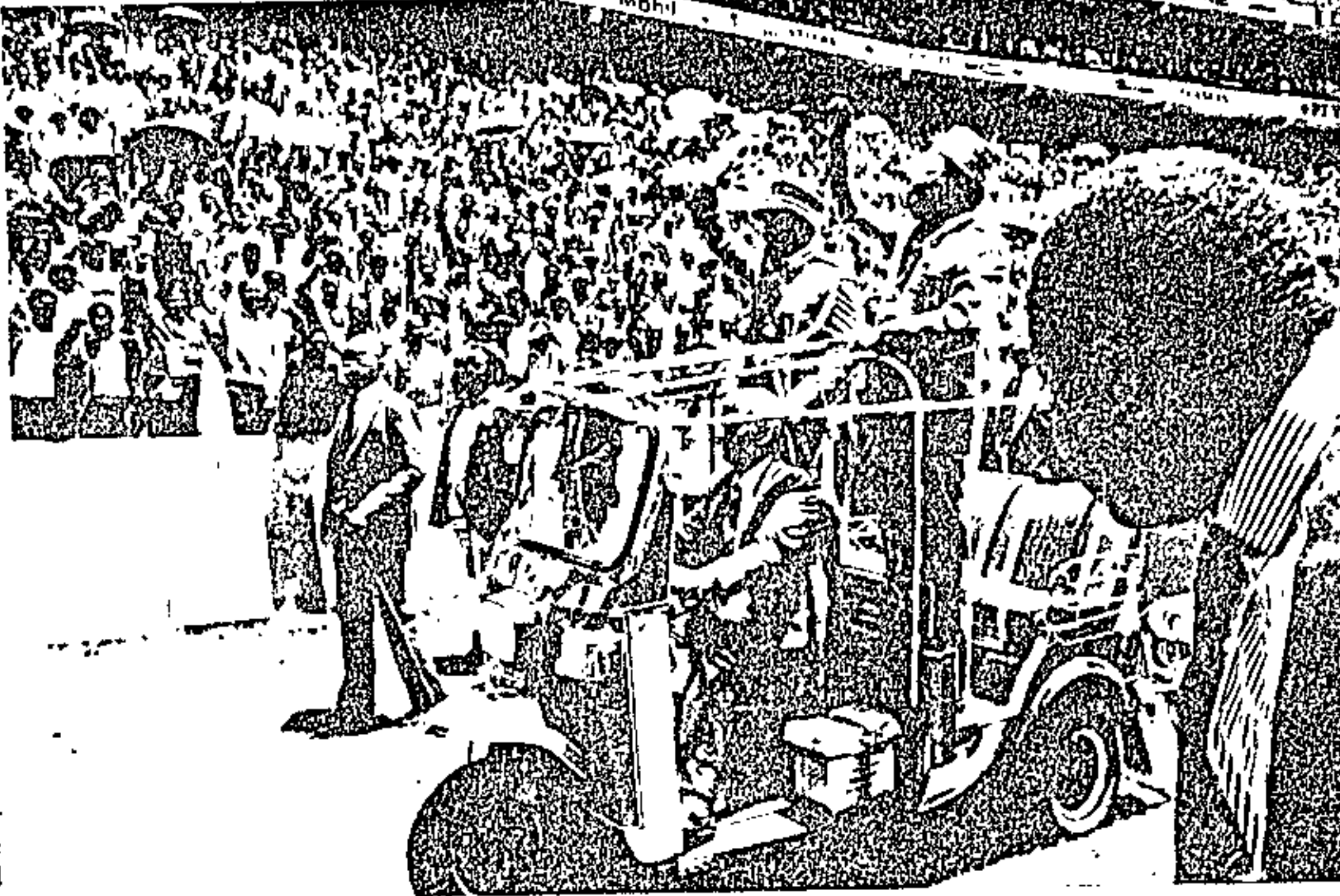
The organisation, aligned with the Mass Democratic Movement, came in for a severe tongue lashing from the king and Buthelezi.

This week, the king, with a delegation from kwaZulu, met a delegation from Ciskei. In a joint statement after the meeting they described Contralesa as "a divisive force, attempting to drag divisive party politics into the traditional authority structure where consensus is vital for stability and progress".

Contralesa was also described as "an unwelcome newcomer to black politics".

The king told the Ciskei delegation, "I see this thing called Contralesa as dangerous. It is no more than a divisive play to set black brother against black brother and certainly in kwaZulu to set the people against their (chiefs) and to set (chiefs) against each other."

Contralesa plans to hold a rally in Pietermaritzburg early next month, to be addressed by Sisulu and his colleagues. Already it has become a focus of tension, with threats attached to attending — or not attending. Sisulu will need all his reputed skills in diplomacy and negotiation to ensure



Lapping up the cheers ... King Goodwill Zwelithini and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi ride around the rally stadium

the rally does not scuttle promising new moves towards reviving peace talks.

Since the "convention" a number of Natal areas have reported a marked increase in violence and tension.

Residents of Ntuzuma said people in Lindelani, stronghold of Inkatha heavyweight Thomas Mandla Shabalala, had warned them they would "deal with them" when they returned from the rally.

Many residents spent the day moving their furniture to homes further in Ntuzuma for safety. After the Lindelani people returned, they grouped, apparently for attack, but were dispersed by security forces.

Similar reports have come from kwaMashu and Mpumalanga, where there have been a number of deaths, injuries and damaged homes in the days since the rally.

Some residents have blamed the speeches made at the rallies, saying

they could be interpreted by local Inkatha supporters as encouraging hostility towards members of the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

The speeches of both the king and Buthelezi urged unity and condemned Natal's continued political violence.

However, they also contained some sharp references to the ANC, the UDF and Cosatu which drew roars of approval from the huge crowd.

PAC leader at rally a 'political cockroach'

By CHRISTINA SCOTT,

THE Pan Africanist Congress has called the self-proclaimed exiled "PAC leader" who addressed King Goodwill Zwelithini's rally in Durban last Sunday a "political cockroach".

But tribal aristocrat and north London accountant Prince Velekhaya Shange has shrugged off the PAC's stance against negotiating a hand-over of state power.

The exiled leader, who entered the country legally last week on a Danish passport after 27 years of exile, envisages by February next year a sea of conference tents to shelter the negotiators, stretching from Blood River to Isandlwana battlefield in kwaZulu.

He denied the proposal fronted a manoeuvre by kwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi. It was Buthelezi who invited Shange to make a surprise appearance at last Sunday's rally.

He and Benny Alexander, aide to PAC president Zeph Mothopeng and a leader of the new Pan Africanist Movement, have held a slanging match against each other since the rally.

Alexander denounced Shange as "nothing, a madman, a scum, a political cockroach". — Durbanews

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WHILE 'PEACE TALKS' AND NEGOTIATIONS DOMINATE THE POLITICAL SCENE, THE LABOUR FRONT IS TORN BY UNPRECEDENTED VIOLENCE

A bloody war breaks out on the labour front

South African strikes have often been bitter and brutal, but never quite as bitter as this month, when tensions have exploded into open war, including shootings, stabbings, petrol bombs and burning to death. **EDDIE KOCH reports**

WHEN police gun down workers inside trade union offices ... when a man is set alight for "scabbing" on strikers ... then something must be amiss in the country's system of industrial relations.

Violence has always been a feature of labour action in South Africa. On the mines, it is commonplace for private paramilitary units and police to take action against striking workers. And, as in most countries, labourers who keep machines running during a stoppage are traditionally targets of brutal retribution by union members.

But the current strike wave, in which up to 45 000 beer workers and railmen have been out for more than a month, has been accompanied by at least a dozen deaths and violence of such ferocity that sectors of industry have literally been turned war zones.

On Tuesday evening a sacked railway worker was shot dead by police after he clashed with a ticket controller at the Langlaagte station near Johannesburg.

This followed an incident on Monday at a station in Durban where 15 workers were injured after police opened fire on a group of striking railwaymen. The official version says police were fired on by an "unknown" gunman in the crowd. The union says the police attacked without provocation.

On the same day a white ticket collector ran from Johannesburg station in flames after being set alight by a mob. He is being treated for serious burns. Two other men escaped.

Last week police opened fire with revolvers and shotguns inside the offices of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) in Germiston. One of two workers seriously injured in the shooting has since

died in hospital. Police say they acted on reports that the strikers were making petrol bombs. Lawyers for the union have denied this.

In the South African Breweries (SAB) strike, at least nine workers have died. Most of the victims were casual labourers who had been attacked by enraged strikers. Others were union members killed by Soweto shebeen owners opposed to the call for a consumer boycott of beer.

What is the cause of all this?

In each of the strike-bound industries there are particular factors that aggravate conflict. On the railways, the most immediate cause of tension is a long-standing animosity between police and members of the South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (SARHU).

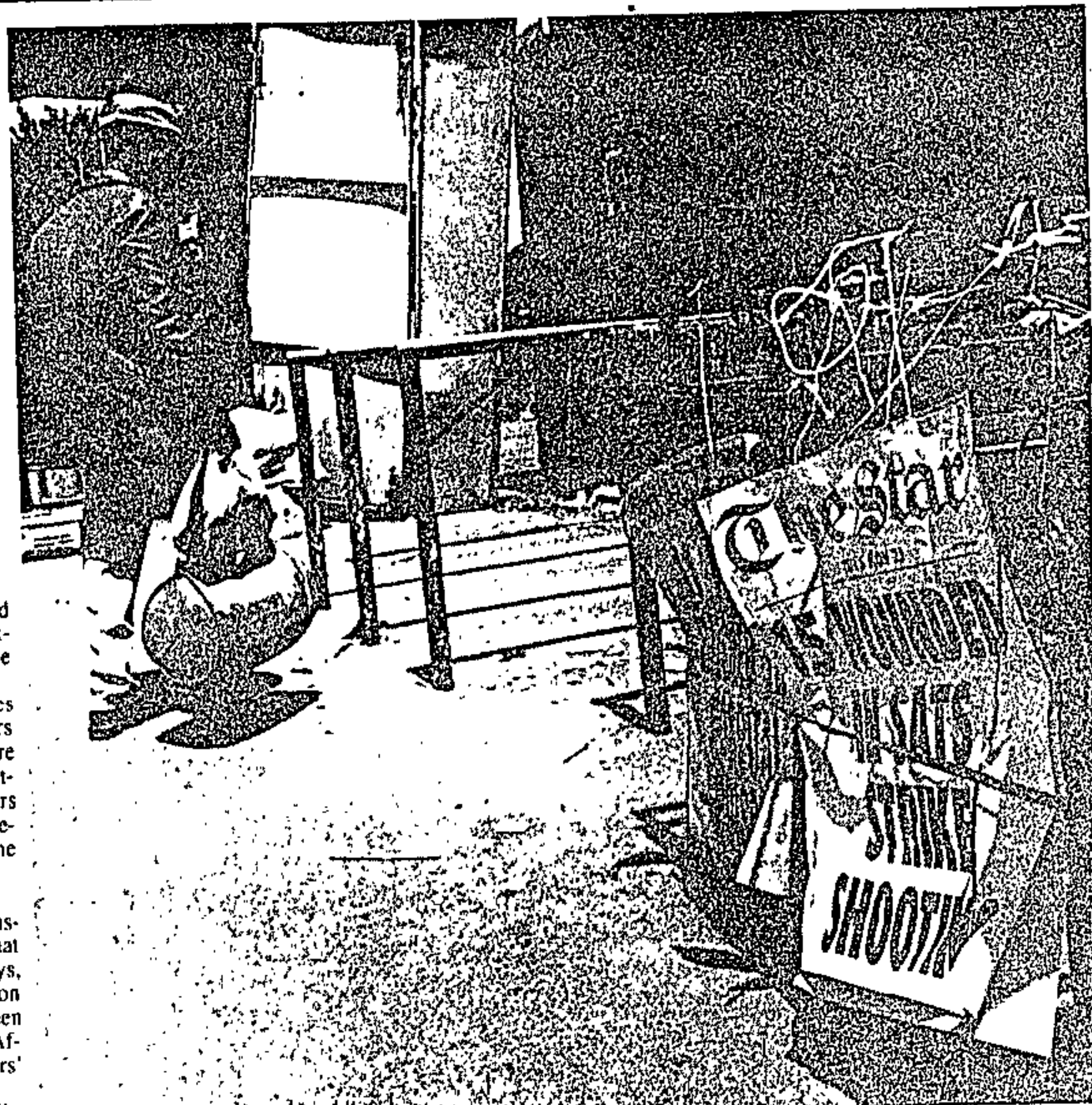
During the marathon railway strike of 1987, a police raid on the Germiston offices of SARHU set in motion a cycle of repression and worker resistance that culminated in a military-style siege of Cosatu House in Johannesburg, where hundreds of unionists were detained and assaulted.

Authoritarian methods of running the railway stations have also whipped up public hostility to officials of the South African Transport Services (SATS) during the strike.

Last week an armed ticket collector shot an innocent bystander in Johannesburg while firing at two men who had not paid for their train ride. SARHU general secretary Martin Sebakwane says plain-clothes police are being used to replace ticket collectors who are on strike. The *Weekly Mail* this week saw shotgun-wielding municipal police manning a number of railway stations on the Reef.

This is the context in which the horrific attack on the white railway official took place this week: for the mob it was, no doubt, seen as an act of vengeance.

Then there is the frustration felt by SARHU members who, for more than



Signs of violence are everywhere ... but this commuter strolls through

three years, have been negotiating for the recognition of their union without success. While the government talks of negotiating a political settlement, it has failed to achieve this with its own employees. The irony cannot be lost on black railway workers.

In the beer industry, SAB has a monopoly and this makes it difficult for legitimate strike action to affect production. Asked for his view on why the wage dispute was so violent, SAB public relations officer Adrian Botha said: "Maybe its because they (the strikers) have come to realise that industrial action cannot stop us from producing and selling more beer now than we were last year."

Shop stewards of the Food and Allied Workers' Union (FAWU), at a recent press conference in Johannesburg, also focused on SAB's monopoly over beer production to explain the bitterness of the dispute.

"They (management) know they can do what they like. From the start they have not been serious about talking about our demands. They sommer

want to show us who's the boss," said a worker from Cape Town.

While the company rejects allegations of intransigence in wage talks, there is a widespread belief among Fawu members that, if SAB did not provoke the strike, the company is using it to roll back inroads that the union has made over the years into managerial control on the factory floor.

The company denies it had anything to do with a police raid on a hostel near Tembisa near Johannesburg last week, in which workers were injured and there is little evidence to back the union's claim that the company collaborated with the police.

But there are signs of collusion between SAB and other government departments to undermine the strike. A company memorandum, leaked to the *Weekly Mail*, says contingency plans drawn up to ensure delivery of supplies included the use of drivers from the fire department and ambulance services.

The difficulties of organising a boy-

cott in townships, where there are no sources of supply other than SAB, also explain the violence.

Says Botha: "Basically they want shebeen owners, some of whom earn far less than they do, to cut their throats by not selling beer."

The ineffectiveness of the boycott could have prompted workers to vent their anger on casual labourers as well as shebeen owners.

Some Cosatu officials privately acknowledge that the beer boycott has been imposed from the top down and this lack of consultation has helped turn the strategy into an explosive issue in the townships.

These aggravating factors, specific to each of the strikes, operate in South Africa's broader political context. And here there is a basic paradox at play.

While the government now allows peaceful forms of political protest, such as street marches and mass rallies, businessmen are vigorously blocking the avenues in which where the labour movement can express its

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SAB workers show their muscle ... but are traders as enthusiastic?

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JOE MAKHALIMA, owner of a small store in Soweto, describes himself as an avid supporter of worker struggles. Although he keeps informed by reading about strikes in newspapers, he can usually go about his business without being affected by the troubles in far-away factories.

The latest upsurge of labour unrest is different. With industrial disputes under way in both the railway services and the beer industry, township residents are being asked to support simultaneous consumer boycotts that reach deep into their daily experiences.

Black consumers have been asked to stop drinking beer while thousands of commuters are riding the trains to work and back without paying their fares. This has prompted a heated debate in shebeens and crowded commuter trains that criss-cross the Reef. "The call to support Sarwhu ... the beer boycott affects the well-being of people who make a living from selling beer," said Mak-

Who's hurt: the big guys or the little

halima.

"If you say people should not buy train tickets, surely they will support you. But if you say an old pensioner, who lives on selling beer, should stop selling then what you are saying is that she must die. How do you expect to get support that way?"

But during one of the impromptu debating sessions that take place every day in crowded train compartments, a different line was pushed.

"They (the train and beer boycotts) are the same thing. In the struggle you need to sacrifice. Those who claim they live on beer sales should stop for a while and sell non-SAB products. That is the price they

have to pay for liberation."

A young activist, who wanted to remain anonymous, felt differently. "We can't afford an action that divides our community... Who is the target? The SAB or the old lady who feeds and sends her children to school on money from beer?"

There are indications that the coexistence of two boycotts, each with different prospects of success, will be debated in a more formal way by organised labour.

At a press conference in Johannesburg last week, Fawu officials insisted that, as far as they know, the beer boycott was continuing.

However, they acknowledged a need to consult with civic groups as well as the National Taverners' Association, which represents black bottle-store owners about the tactic.

"After that we will report back to the trade union structures and reassess the question of a boycott," said Fawu national organiser Raigin Naicker.

Phil Molefe and Eddie Koch

(coming) year it will be the LRA."

The political flux reshaping South African politics has thrown up many anomalies. One of these is that businessmen, many of whom are opponents of apartheid, can now look to the government for methods to defuse the conflict raging in their factories.

Until this happens, and the labour laws are amended to facilitate rather than stifle legitimate forms of industrial protest, Naidoo's grim prediction will continue to come true.

Film them, then fire them

By EDDIE KOCH

PRIVATE security firms and police action were common features of industrial disputes this year, says a report by the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa).

In an analysis of strikes at Numsa factories on the Witwatersrand between May and October, the union claims violence has been employed against strikers even by companies that have had a long-standing relationship with the union.

"The videotaping of strikes by security firms is clearly one of the 'services' offered — 'identify your agitators, dismiss and then selectively re-employ'," says Numsa.

"Outside consultants are also being employed to manage the situation. Lawyers are mushrooming at exorbitant costs to exploit the advantages of the Labour Relations Act particularly the provisions which allow for the interdicting of strikers."

Mass dismissals and selective re-employment, often on condition that workers agree to obligatory overtime, was another key trend identified by the union in its analysis of management's handling of strike action.

"Companies are also becoming better equipped to handle strikes particularly the big concerns like Barlows who are able to transfer production very quickly from plant to plant."

Numsa says the trends confirm the union's analysis of the way metal companies have reacted to shrinking markets for their products. "Capital has had to turn inwards instead — towards increasing productivity in the workplace," the report says. "This process would ... involve capital intensification/

retrenchments and efforts by management to increase the ambit of unfettered decision making over the labour process."

The analysis is confirmed by strike trends in the industry, says Numsa. The report notes that disputes over discipline in the factory, trade union recognition and retrenchment together accounted for 62 percent of all strikes at Numsa factories on the Witwatersrand between May and October this year. Wage disputes accounted for the remaining 38 percent of strikes.

The statistics show a relatively high success rate for the union during strikes over wages (53 percent) and dismissals (51 percent) but a high loss rate in strikes over retrenchment (27 percent) and recognition (33 percent).

"It is noteworthy that 10 years after Wicahn recognition disputes should feature so highly. This is indicative of the extreme backwardness of employers in large sections of industry," says the report.

Less than two percent of all strikes complied with the Labour Relations Act. "This suggests that in as far as the Act is intended to order and regulate conflict it is a complete failure."

The union explains the high rate of strike action over dismissals as the result of a lack of confidence among workers that disciplinary disputes will be handled by the industrial court within a reasonable time frame.

"For these members it makes sense to confront the issue at the time and point of origin."

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Inkatha evicts whites from Natal township

By CARMEL RICKARD

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WHITE people living in Imbali in the hope that their presence will reduce violence in the strife-torn township were last night instructed to leave the area by a kwaZulu MP.

David Ntombela, MP for Vulindlela, said the whites were biased towards the United Democratic Front (UDF) and had not announced themselves to the councillors in charge of the Pietermaritzburg township.

"If I go to stay in Scotsville (a nearby white suburb), the local councillor must know," said Ntombela.

If the police did not order the whites out "we know what steps we will take... we will go to the Minister of Law and Order to ask that he take measures to stop the whites from taking sides."

"If white families were to stay with Inkatha, the UDF would complain too," he said. "What is worrying me is that UDF people will attack Inkatha homes. When these Inkatha homeowners chase them afterwards, the whites will say that Inkatha is chasing the UDF."

Democratic Party MP Pierre Cronje said he was disappointed with Ntombela's response: "If people preach non-racialism, they should practice it."

Asked to comment, Inkatha secretary general Oscar Dhlomo said that although he did not know the full story, he feared that if the visitors were perceived to be comforting only UDF families, their presence would create new problems.

Although Inkatha believed in non-racialism, there was suspicion amongst residents that the whites were biased towards the UDF.

Brigadier denies 'hit squad' claims

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Brigadier J R van der Hoven, the former head of the security police in Durban, has denied the allegation that he ordered the killing of Durban civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Now on pension and living in the Middelburg suburb of Kankonkop, Brigadier Van der Hoven was responding yesterday to claims by former police Captain Dirk Coetzee.

Captain Coetzee claimed Brigadier Van der Hoven had wanted Mr Mxenge eliminated because the police knew the ANC were using the lawyer to channel funds but could not prove it.

He also claimed the Durban security police chief wanted the killing to look like a robbery "because the police did not want another Biko incident".

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Brigadier Van der Hoven said he would not comment any further on the allegations as the matter was sub judice.

He refused to say whether he had been contacted by the two-man inquiry into the "hit squad" disclosures.

However he commented that he had believed the inquiry team "were capable men".

Brigadier Van der Hoven confirmed he had been head of the security police in Durban at the time of Mr Mxenge's death. Before that he was based in Middelburg.

Asked if the past week had been difficult for him, Brigadier Van der Hoven said it would have been if he were guilty "but as I'm not guilty I have nothing to worry about".

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He said he had been retired for two-and-a-half years and wanted to be left in peace.

● Sapa reports from Gaborone that a South African national, believed by Botswana security officers to be a member of Pretoria's alleged "police hit squad", is to appear in the Gaborone High Court on a number of charges, including one of attempted murder.

The date of his appearance still has to be set.

The man was arrested in Gaborone last July after a shooting incident at a home in Broadhurst during the last week of June.

Ex-mayor: ^{CMT Times 24/11/88} Police chief ^{(25) (344)} threatened me

EAST LONDON. — A former security policeman and mayor of East London, Mr Donald Card, has claimed the former Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, threatened him after he had said police had been involved in the Donald Woods "poison T-shirt" affair in 1978.

Mr Card, an East London city councillor, said he was prepared to give evidence on the incident to the commission investigating claims of a police hit squad.

General Coetzee could not be contacted for comment on Mr Card's allegations.

The alleged threat, which Mr Card said was made at security police headquarters in East London, was first mentioned in a civil court case in 1983.

Mr Card claimed he had angered the security police, for whom he had worked until 1970, when he investigated the incident where one of Donald Woods' children was injured after putting on a T-shirt which had been sent to the family.

The T-shirt had contained a chemical, minhydrin, he said, and his investigation had shown police involvement. — Sapa

Death row cop could back ^{CMT Times 24/11/88} police hit squad claims ^{(25) (344)}

JOHANNESBURG. — Butana Almond Nofomela, the death row prisoner and self-confessed former South African Police murder squad member, told his lawyers where to find evidence at his home to corroborate his claims, including ammunition for a Soviet-made gun.

The ammunition and other evidence found at his home included Makarov or Tokarev pistol bullets which had been submitted for forensic tests by Lawyers for Human Rights, according to the report of the Independent Board of Investigation into Informal Repression (IBIIR) which was handed on Wednesday to the official committee probing hit squad claims.

Other corroborating evidence mentioned in the IBIIR report included the discovery at Nofomela's home of a passport in the name of Kenneth Kaiser Sepeng and hubcaps apparent-

ly belonging to a car stolen from UDF activist Mr Hoffman Galeng.

Although a passport-size photograph of Nofomela was found detached from the travel document, when fitted into the passport it matched the government stamp in the passport. Significantly, the passport contains a Swaziland entry stamp dated May 31, 1986, but no exit stamp.

Mr Galeng told investigators the hubcaps found at Nofomela's home were the same as those from his stolen vehicle, which was later found burnt.

Nofomela said his orders at the time were either to kidnap Mr Galeng or steal his car. The latter crime was opted for when Mr Galeng failed to appear.

The IBIIR report made no mention of how the ammunition could be linked to hit squad activities but Nofomela's self-confessed commander, former police captain Mr

Dirk Coetzee, in an interview with the Vrye Weekblad said Makarov pistols among other weapons were used to murder government opponents.

The report was presented to the official investigators by Professor John Dugard, Mr Peter Harris and Mr Brian Currin, head of the Lawyers for Human Rights group.

Nofomela, convicted and sentenced to death for a murder apparently unrelated to the alleged hit squad's activities, was granted an 11th-hour stay of execution on October 19 so his claims could be investigated.

Mr T P McNally, the Free State attorney-general, and a senior policeman were appointed by the government to investigate the claims, but calls have intensified for a judicial commission of inquiry into the matter since Mr Coetzee's revelations.

President F W de Klerk has demanded a full report from Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok. — Sapa

Death squads: New calls for commission of inquiry

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

NEW calls for a judicial commission of inquiry into the allegations about a secret police hit squad were made yesterday by the leader of the Labour Party, Mr Allan Hendrickse, and the Democratic Party's justice spokesman, Mr David Dalling.

In a letter to President FW de Klerk, Mr Hendrickse says that "an internal report at this stage will not placate the anger in certain quarters, nor the condemnation of the international world".

He added that he appreciated that Mr De Klerk was giving attention to the matter and had asked for a report from Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

In his statement, Mr Dalling said the mounting allegations against the police demanded a far more serious response from the government than a bureaucratic inquiry.

"Without casting aspersions on any of the people involved, it is wrong in principle for a police officer to investigate the police," he said.

The present inquiry being held into death squad allegations by former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee were reminiscent of the bureaucratic investigations appointed by the then-prime minister Mr John Vorster when the information scandal first surfaced, he said.

Only a full judicial commission of inquiry would carry the public confidence in this matter.

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GABORONE. — A South African, whom Botswana security officers claim is a member of Pretoria's alleged police hit squad, is to appear in the Gaborone High Court on a number of charges, including one of attempted murder, the Botswana Press Agency reports.

The date of Mr Nalile Charles Mabu's appearance still has to be set.

The deputy head of Botswana's CID, Mr Timon Katlholo, said yesterday Mr Mabu was arrested in Gaborone last July after a shooting incident at a home in Broadhurst during the last week of June. A Botswana citizen was injured at the time.

Mr Katlholo disclosed Mr Mabu's arrest in an interview on the activities of an alleged SA hit squad in Botswana.

Mr Katlholo said Mr Mabu left Botswana for SA after the shooting incident. He came back to Botswana on July 1 — allegedly to continue his activities as an "SA agent".

He was arrested a day after his arrival.

Mr Katlholo said Mr Mabu was once arrested and convicted for unlawful possession of arms and sentenced to five years in prison. He was then deported from Botswana.

Mr Katlholo also mentioned the case of Theodore Hermanson and Johannes Basson as instances of alleged SA "hit squads" operating in Botswana.

It was said during their trial the two SA "commandos" had been sent to Botswana by their superiors in Pretoria to either kill or capture a SA national.

An SAP spokesman, approached for comment on the Botswana allegations, said he had no knowledge of the incident.

He added if the Botswana authorities had any information they should forward it to the SAP. The authorities would then be able to act on it and pass it on to the McNally Commission of inquiry investigating allegations of a police death squad. — Sapa.

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Asvat killers: Appeal denied

JOHANNESBURG. —
The two convicted murderers of anti-apartheid activist Dr Abu Baker Asvat, who were sentenced to death earlier this month, were yesterday refused leave to appeal in the Rand Supreme Court.

Zakhele Mbatha's application for leave to appeal against his sentence claimed he was immature at the time of the killing, while Thulani Dlamini made the application against his conviction claiming he had not been properly identified by witnesses.

— Sapa

Whites attack blacks in bar

JOHANNESBURG. — A group of right-wingers attacked black customers at a hotel in Roodepoort, west of Johannesburg, on Friday, terrified the owner into closing on Saturday and threatened to shoot him if he continued to serve blacks.

Mr Robert Quartier, who bought the De La Rey Hotel five weeks ago, said he was taking the threats seriously.

"I informed my regulars that I intended turning one of my pubs into a multiracial bar as I could not make enough money from white trade only," he said.

About 9pm on Friday, the day he began serving black customers, nine white men had come in. "One grabbed me by the collar and asked what I was doing. He told me it was against the law to serve blacks and I was in CP country."

Mr Quartier said one of the men left and about half-an-hour later he returned with seven other men.

"They switched off the juke box and told the blacks to get out. They shouted AWB slogans," he said, adding that the men had thrown out the black customers and assaulted them.

"They told me never to let blacks in again or they would shoot me," he said.

On Saturday afternoon a man entered the bar and asked the barmaid whether the bar would open that evening. When she said it would open, he said he would be returning with AWB members to wreck the pub. "My barmaid ran away, forcing me to close the bar." — Sapa

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A FULL-SCALE judicial commission manned by an international jurist and legal experts should be launched to investigate death squad allegations, the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) said yesterday.

All those implicated in the activities of the death squad should be charged or made to account for their complicity, the MDM said in a statement.

It called on all local and international democratic forces to support it in pressuring the government to take seven steps.

These included charging those responsible, the appointment of an independent judicial inquiry, "the dismantling of the State Security Council/Joint Management Committee system, the National

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MDM wants full-scale 'hit squad' probe

Intelligence Service and the Security Police", full compensation for victims of state terrorism, the implementation of punitive measures by states on whose territories illegal acts had been committed, an inquiry into international collaboration with South African death squads and pressure to stop all collaboration by Western agencies with "apartheid security forces".

"We believe that wide-ranging

and drastic action is necessary to put an end to these apartheid crimes," the MDM said.

"We are deeply concerned that, if this is not done, a few individuals will be made scapegoats, while the biggest criminals — those in command — will be able to continue 'business as usual'."

It said most South Africans did not see the judiciary as being independent from the apartheid state.

The commission should also have full power to subpoena relevant state records and witnesses, the State President had to waive restrictions which prevented information being given on the grounds of "state security" and no limitations should be placed on access to witnesses.

'Death squads' : General to sue for R500 000

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JOHANNESBURG. — A police general is claiming R500 000 damages and an apology from the Vrye Weekblad for a report on the alleged SAP death squads.

Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling, a deputy commissioner and head of the police forensic laboratories, claims the report defamed him.

The claim relates to allegations made by former captain Mr Dirk Coetzee, who claimed in an interview in Vrye Weekblad that he led a police death squad.

Police spokesman Major Marius Bonthuys said last night that General Neethling had sent a letter yesterday to the editor of the Vrye Weekblad, Mr Max du Preez. General Neethling

claimed that as a result of the report he had been "seriously damnified" and his career placed in jeopardy.

General Neethling said the article was published without any justification.

"Furthermore, as a result of the article and accompanying photograph, the general claims to be unable to travel in the Republic of South Africa or surrounding countries or abroad as his life is in danger," Maj Bonthuys said.

"General Neethling, who has a wife and children, says his family have also been seriously affected by the article."

Maj Bonthuys said General Neethling estimated the damage suffered by him to be at least R500 000. He not only demanded payment of this amount but also an immediate apology and retraction, to be given the same publicity and in the same format as the alleged defamatory article.

If the claim was not satisfied within seven days, General Neethling intended taking action against the editor of the Vrye Weekblad, the author of the article, Jacques Pauw, and the printers and publishers of the newspaper, Maj Bonthuys said.

Mr Pauw said last night he was unaware of the civil claim. This could be because the letter was addressed to the editor, who was in Paris.

"We obviously foresaw that we could be sued as we made some very serious allegations," said Mr Pauw.

"We stand by what was said in the article and will definitely not print a retraction. We'll fight it in court if we have to."

● In Mbabane former Swazi commissioner of police Mr Titus Msibi and the present assistant commissioner, Mr Stanley Bhembe, have threatened to take legal action against the New Nation for an alleged defamatory report at the weekend concerning the alleged SAP hit squads. — Sapa

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Justice Minister studies hit-squads report

PRESIDENT De Klerk is expected to be handed a report on allegations about police "hit squads" and the Cabinet could be briefed at its weekly meeting in Pretoria today.

The report, drawn up by the Attorney-General of the Free State, Mr Tim McNally, and CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, has been handed to the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, who studied it overnight.

Mr McNally confirmed today that the "detailed" report was handed to Mr Coetsee yesterday. "It took just over a month. I'm glad it's done," he said.

Mr McNally declined to discuss the report or even say how many pages it ran to. It is said to be bulky.

"STRONG ACTION"

Mr Coetsee said he would deal further with the matter during the day.

Mr De Klerk had said earlier that no stone would be left unturned to get to the full truth and so far as was necessary, strong action would be taken.

Meanwhile the provincial standing committee of the Anglican Church has called for a judicial commission of inquiry comprising at least three judges and advocates "from different backgrounds" to investigate reports of death squads.

The committee, which includes representatives of Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland, is the top executive body of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa.

According to a Press statement from the church, the committee was "distressed and horrified by reports of death-squad activities."

It "calls upon the government to close immediately Vlakplaas (near Pretoria, where death squads are reportedly based) and any similar centres."

The mouthpiece of the Ned Geref Kerk, Die Kerkbode, has also expressed serious concern over the allegations.

Its editorial column in the latest edition reads: "Murder remains murder, irrespective of any good intentions there might have been or who was involved."

"If people have the right to start taking into their own hands — if they dare to decide who should die because they are a threat to the community, and if they act without ever having to answer to the existing legal structures in the country, society is in reality exposed to the whims of an uncontrollable dictatorship. This must never happen."

"DARK PLACE"

"The responsibility of those who must ensure that justice is upheld and who must apply the law is especially great in an emergency situation such as we have already experienced for some time."

"Their deeds must also pass the sharp probe of the law. If this does not happen, society has become a very dark place. And eventually we must all — servants of justice and citizens of the land — know that we will answer to God for our actions."

● The editor of Vrye Weekblad, Mr Max du Preez, whose newspaper faces lawsuits over police death-squad allegations, has referred the matter to his lawyers.

Interviewed in Paris where he is a delegate to the conference on South Africa, Mr Du Preez said he thought he should not comment other than to say the matter had been referred to his lawyers.

"That is probably the wisest course. Although there is much I am tempted to say, at this stage I don't want to make life difficult for the lawyers," he said. — Political Correspondent, Staff Reporter, Argus Foreign Service and Sapa.

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FW to get 'hit' report

Probe of 'death squads'

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Staff Reporter

A WINDHOEK heart patient had four "false alarms" before finally receiving a heart that has given her a new lease on life.

Mrs Verina Schulte, 44, on Monday night became Groote Schuur Hospital's 30th heart transplant patient this year.

A jubilant Mr Wilfried Schulte, her husband, yesterday told the Cape Times the transplant was the culmination of months of waiting and much trauma.

Mrs Schulte has been waiting for a transplant since June but each of the hearts previously made available were incompatible, her husband said.

"Once when she returned to Windhoek for a much needed week-long holiday," said Mr Schulte, "she was contacted by Groote Schuur on the night of her arrival and told to return immediately as a heart had become available for her."

After a desperate dash back by Lear jet, Mrs Schulte was disappointed to find that the heart was no longer in a condition for transplant.

Mr Schulte described his wife as an "incredibly friendly and positive person" who seldom let her ill health get the better of her, yet the continuous waiting and disappointment had begun to depress her spirits.

"A hospital social worker telephoned me in Windhoek and urged me

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ABOVE: Mr Wilfried Schulte drinks a toast to his wife's heart-transplant operation.
BELOW: Mrs Verina Schulte.

to visit her this week," said Mr Schulte, "and I arrived here on Saturday not knowing she'd be in theatre so soon."

He said Mrs Schulte had felt unwell on Monday and that they'd gone into Rondebosch for a light meal. While walking down Main Road they received a bleep from the doctors at Groote Schuur who asked her to come in immediately as a heart was waiting.

Mr Schulte was sent home and telephoned at 1.15am with the news that the operation had been successfully completed.

She was in good spirits yesterday and had spoken to Mr Schulte only six hours after surgery.

"I know she'll be alright now," he said.



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THE McNally report into alleged police hit squads was handed to the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, yesterday.

This was confirmed last night by the attorney-general of the Free State, Mr Tim McNally, who said he and his co-investigator, CID chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, had made several "findings".

His confirmation followed President FW de Klerk's surprise statement yesterday that "a report" on the alleged death squad was expected "within days".

The report, which is understood to be detailed, concerns the allegations made by the commander of one of the squads, ex-captain Dirk Coetzee, and two of its members, Butana Almond Nofomela, a prisoner on death row, and Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalange.

Mr McNally said last night that the investigation had begun "around October 20" and had been "somewhat different to my normal duties".

'Hard work'

He said the probe had been "hard work but not particularly arduous", adding, "the important thing is that the work has been done and the report handed over".

He declined to discuss the contents of the report. President De Klerk's statement yesterday, given in a speech at the Police College in Pretoria, indicated that the McNally report was either very close to completion or had already been completed.

In his speech, President De Klerk said the report would enable the government to make "a sensible and well-considered decision on further action".

Mr De Klerk said: "I want to give the assurance that no stone will be left unturned to establish the full truth."

Earlier in the speech, he emphasised that the government would at all times maintain a prepared army and police force.

President De Klerk also criticised "efforts to drag the whole police force through the mud".

● The Kerkbode said in its latest issue that it was essential the question of hit squads be thoroughly investigated.

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

MORE than two years ago a bomb blast exploded at the newly-opened Community House in Salt River, Cape Town, causing serious damage to the building, which houses a number of anti-apartheid organisations.

Four months earlier, in April 1987, Cosatu House in Johannesburg was rocked by two explosions which shattered its foundations and rendered it unsafe for occupation.

Then, in September last year, Khotso House, the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches in Johannesburg, was so badly damaged by yet another bomb blast that it had to be evacuated.

Although the police immediately appointed top-level investigation teams to track down those responsi-

Many blasts still unsolved

ble no one has ever been arrested, let alone convicted, for these attacks — and others on anti-apartheid organisations.

The list of unsolved bomb and arson attacks on buildings throughout South Africa is now extensive.

At the end of last year the Human Rights Commission published an "incomplete" list of attacks on 103 individuals and properties.

The recent allegations of alleged hit squads have focused attention on the unsolved killings of some 49 activists but the fact that the police have been unable to solve the bomb and arson attacks on buildings and

individuals is as disturbing.

In October last year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, appointed a senior officer, General Jaap Joubert, to investigate the acts of violence at Cosatu House, Khotso House and Khanya House, the headquarters of the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference in Pretoria.

Mr Vlok said then that these incidents caused concern and everything possible would be done to arrest those responsible.

His liaison officer, Brigadier Leon Mellet, added: "I have no doubt that in the end we will catch

them and it's going to be very interesting to see who they are and whom they represent."

But still no one has been arrested or charged.

In May this year, the Democratic Party MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Seal, asked Mr Vlok in parliament whether anyone had been detained, arrested, charged or convicted for the attacks on Cosatu House, Khotso House, Khanya House, Community House, the offices of Grassroots newspaper in 1985, the office of the SA Council of Higher Education (Sached) in Grahamstown in May 1988, the office of

the Community Resources and Information Centre (Cric) in Hillbrow in April 1988, the office of the Release Mandela Campaign in Johannesburg in March 1986, the Cosatu offices in Nelspruit in May 1987, the Cosatu offices in Kimberley in October 1987, the SA Allied Workers Union building in East London in May 1987 and the Cosatu offices in East London in November 1988.

The question had not been answered by the time parliament adjourned.

Anti-apartheid organisations are convinced that right-wing groups have been responsible, although the police have not accepted this publicly.

If a thorough investigation into the death squad allegations is ordered, this may lead to some answers about the bomb attacks.



Mr Mervyn Malan

SA agents will come after me — 11/11/89 ex-Recce runaway

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Foreign Service

LONDON. — Mr Mervyn Malan, former Recce commando applying for political asylum in Holland, has spoken of his fears that South African agents will "come after me".

"If they came for me in Swaziland they can come for me here," said Mr Malan in a telephone interview from Amsterdam. "They do it to other people."

Mr Malan stood by the allegations he made about South African special forces to Anti-Apartheid News in Amsterdam and repeated his claim that he was related to Defence Minister General Magnus Malan. "I was adopted by his uncle," he said.

CRIMINAL RECORD

He admitted a criminal record but put that down to having spent years in an environment where he was taught that illegal activity was acceptable. "I was taught that by the South African government ... it took a while for me to get it out of my system."

"As soon as I got back into civilian life I thought I could carry on behaving as I had before."

Asked if it was true that he had, in 1987, been given a four-year suspended sentence for housebreaking and theft, he replied that he and a friend were drunk one night and broke into a company guest house because they knew it had a bar.

His drunk driving arrest followed drinking a bottle of whisky and another conviction arose after he set alight the car of his wife's lover.

Mr Malan was a lance-corporal in a Recce commando at Phalaborwa from July 1983 to April 1985.

"GRENADES"

He claims he resigned after an incident in Angola in which women, old people and children in a truck were attacked with "phosphur grenades". He moved to Swaziland in August 1988 to avoid a call-up.

Mr Malan fled to Holland from Swaziland last December after former Recce colleagues came to his house. "I don't know what they wanted but I had avoided a call-up, so when they came to the front door I got out the back."

● The Dutch Justice Department has confirmed an application from Mr Malan for political asylum. He has been granted a temporary visa.



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FW promises tough action on hit squads

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — President F W de Klerk has promised that anyone implicated in the McNally report for taking part in police hit-squad activities will be prosecuted.

Speaking at the Johannesburg Press Club "Newsmaker of the Year" function last night, Mr De Klerk said the government was studying the report.

A further announcement on the next government step would be made early next week.

Receiving the newsmaker award, Mr De Klerk said speculation that he would announce the lifting of media regulations last night had been unfounded.

Serious allegations

However, he gave the assurance that the government was paying "urgent attention" to the possible lifting of the media regulations in terms of the state of emergency or aspects of them.

Speaking on widely published allegations of police hit squads, he said the allegations made by death-row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela had been very serious and would be investigated properly.

Criminal offences would not be tolerated by the government whether they were committed by politicians, the police or the public. Crime should be curbed with integrity.

The government would seriously consider charging in court policemen guilty of hit-squad actions.

● The Argus Foreign Service in Washington quotes White House Press spokesman Mr Marlin Fitzwater as saying that changes proposed by President De Klerk were encouraging, but it was still too early to make a final judgment about them.

"We hope they (the South Africans) are moving toward an end to apartheid. But, I think it is too early to have a final judgment.

US visit unlikely

"We want to wait and see the actions, to see if they live up to the words and see how far he (Mr de Klerk) is willing to go," he said.

Meanwhile, United States sources have indicated that a visit to America by President De Klerk is not on the cards for the foreseeable future.

Although impressed by many of Mr De Klerk's recent announcements and actions, the administration is wary of the political repercussions of such a visit, particularly in view of recent allegations of police death squads murdering South African opposition activists.

Eleven assassinated in SA 'this year'

ELEVEN people have been assassinated in SA this year and there have been attempts on the lives of 28 other political activists, according to a new Human Rights Commission (HRC) report.

Since 1984, there have been at least five disappearances, 45 assassinations, 160 attempted assassinations and 68 incidents of harassment. The HRC says these records are incomplete.

The report says the sheer volume and sophistication of hit-squad actions since 1984 "is a clear indication of the widespread existence and activity of well-organised units or hit squads".

It says: "A high degree of expertise is evident with skills in the use of explosives, weapons, incendiary materials, chemicals, lock-picking devices, etc. Abundant resources include equipment, materials and access to information not generally available to the public.

"Speculation as to the base for such an

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operation inevitably leads to state security structures, particularly the security police, which would also explain the virtually complete absence of success on the part of the police in solving these numerous mysteries."

The HRC report says hit squads apparently seek to intimidate or eliminate political activists or cripple their organisations. In addition to bricks, shots, petrol bombs and teargas canisters being thrown at the homes of activists, their organisations are either fire-bombed, bombed or burgled with records and office equipments and computers being stolen.

"Partial records show 79 attacks and 29 burglaries in the last five years (13 attacks and nine burglaries during 1989). In addition, nine places of worship have been attacked and four graves desecrated."

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Accused tells of doctor's killing

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A statement describing the fatal shooting of a Soweto doctor made by one of the men accused of his murder, has been read out in the Johannesburg Supreme Court.

Mr Zakhele Nhlekisana Cyril Mbatha, 21, said in the statement that he and Mr Thulani Shelela Johannes Nicholas Dlamini, 20, had gone to Dr Abu Asvat's rooms planning to steal money, and that he had shot the doctor during a struggle.

Major Hendrik Heslinga, the investigating officer in the case, yesterday told the court he had not found any connection between the death of Dr Asvat and the death of teenager Stompie Seipei.

Mr Jerry Richardson, from "a soccer team", had been to the doctor's rooms that day but this was only for consultation on an operation he was to have, Major Heslinga said.

Mr Mbatha and Mr Dlamini have pleaded not guilty to murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances (two charges) and illegal possession of a firearm (two charges) and ammunition (two charges).

Mr Mbatha's statement was declared admissible after a trial-within-a-trial where Mr Mbatha claimed he was beaten up by police and forced to make the confession.

In it, he said he had gained entry to Dr Asvat's inner consulting room, protected by an electronic security gate, by pretending to be ill. He said he had drawn a gun given to him by Mr Dlamini and demanded money.

Dr Asvat had reacted by "jumping at" him and he had shot Dr Asvat in the leg and in the chest during the ensuing fight.

Mr Dlamini had then entered the room and ransacked it, looking for money.

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NATAL VIOLENCE

No rural ride

Natal's political war has shifted from big townships to rural areas in one of the bloodiest weeks yet seen.

"I hate saying it, but it's almost as if the fight has been decided in the townships," says Roy Ainslie, head of the DP unrest monitoring group.

Deaths are still being counted but it seems that more people have died in the past few weeks than at any other time since monitoring started 30 months ago.

Though a tense truce seems to have been reached in Mpumalanga, flashpoint of last week's conflict where scores died, Ainslie believes the violence has not abated and will probably continue during Christmas.

This week the conflict shifted to other rural areas, including Inchanga and Cato Ridge. Business felt the full effect of the fighting on Monday when the region's industrial hub of Hammarsdale, Pinetown and New Germany had an almost total stayaway.

The protest, which has forced many companies to extend production time up to a week into the traditional Christmas holidays, was called to mourn those killed at Mpumalanga; to protest at alleged police complicity in the violence; and to force organised commerce and industry to do more to try to stop the fighting.

Ainslie says the rise in violence, which he traces to the collapse of peace talks between Inkatha and Cosatu-UDF groups towards the middle of the year, is for all the old reasons, only now they are more intense.

These include increased rivalry between Inkatha and the UDF; economic conditions which have led to the collapse of supporting services and the social fabric; the "ambivalent role of the security forces;" and the unchallenged actions of vigilante groups and hit squads in the rural townships.

A new and complicating factor is the Congress of Traditional Leaders, a tribally based movement gaining support and incorporating its followers into the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM). This congress draws from the same support base and is in direct competition with Inkatha, particularly in rural areas.

A number of statements by Inkatha's central committee, and a recent mass rally in Durban, which appealed to Zulu tradition and criticised the MDM for excluding the Zulu King and Chief Minister from rallies (*Current Affairs*, November 24), seems to have raised inflamed feelings.

DP MP Pierre Cronje sees a more immediate spark, however, to last week's violence in Mpumalanga. He puts it down to the deaths of two policemen, killed by three house-breaking suspects in the neighbouring industrial area of Hammarsdale two weeks ago. "They were killed in what was purely a criminal incident but a new cycle started with that. They (police) just sailed into UDF

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areas in Mpumalanga in full, bloody force. I started getting calls from the township saying police had taken over."

It appears that vigilante groups and traditional *impis* took advantage of the situation and moved in behind the police. There have been consistent reports of the SAP siding with Inkatha in the past but this time they were detailed in more than 30 affidavits presented to the Supreme Court in Durban.

Some of the allegations are horrific. They include accounts by mothers of their children, one aged six, being shot dead.

This week lawyers were preparing civil claims against the SAP which could amount to more than R10m. Apart from the deaths, up to 1 800 homes were destroyed in the latest violence.

Police were moving out of the township this week as the SADF moved in — a move supported by many residents, who say the army takes a more neutral position.

Cronje also found himself subjected to alleged police violence at the weekend when he intervened between police and people attending a rally organised by the tribal congress in Edendale outside Maritzburg.

He has laid charges against a policeman. ■

Inquest rules out questions on police unit

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Piet Retief inquest magistrate was told yesterday an application would be made to a higher court to review two findings she made relating to Pretoria Police C1 Unit and the existence of an alleged assassination squad.

The inquest is into the death of four ANC members — one man and three women — who were killed in a police ambush on June 8, 1988.

Magistrate Ms Helen Wilkens yesterday refused to allow cross-examination of Warrant Officer Frederick Pienaar — head of the Piet Retief security police — about the C1 Unit which is alleged to have operated an assassination squad.

WO Pienaar said Major Eugene de Kock, a C1 Unit member, was in charge of the police operation in which the shooting occurred shortly after the deceased entered South Africa from Swaziland last year.

"From our instruction the people 'deceased', who came into SA were unarmed and were killed unnecessarily," the advocate for the families of the three women, Mr Marumo Moerane, said.

He contended that if the operation was the work of a "hit squad", then the four ANC members had been assassinated.

The magistrate postponed the hearing until May 8, 1990, after Mr Yacoob and Mr Moerane refused to continue cross-examination of WO Pienaar, saying they reserved the right to question at a later stage.

'Secret Information' on Webster, Lubowski killings

Argus Correspondent
in Pretoria

DURING questioning of the former police sergeant, Mr Ferdie Barnard, who is being held in terms of the Internal Security Act regarding the murders of Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski and slain activist Dr David Webster, police

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learned that he was monitoring a well-known activist closely linked to Dr Webster. This was revealed in an affidavit by a police officer handed to the Pretoria Supreme Court last week when his father, Mr P J Barnard of Nylostroom, brought an urgent application for his son's release.

Mr Barnard brought the application against the Minister of Law and Order, the

Commissioner of Police and the Divisional Commander of the Witwatersrand police, who opposed the application.

The Commanding Officer of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit, Brigadier Floris Mostert, said in his affidavit that the police had reason to believe Mr Barnard was withholding information, including that of Dr Webster's murder, from the police.

In his affidavit Brig Mostert said the arrest of Mr Donald Archeson in connection with Mr Lubowski's killing led the police to Mr Barnard.

The application was withdrawn on Tuesday by agreement between the parties after it was postponed last Friday.

In his affidavit, Mr Barnard said his son, who was an assurance representative prior to his arrest, was being held at Johannesburg's Brix-

ton Murder and Robbery Unit.

He said during the middle of October he had heard from his son that the police were looking for him.

Mr Barnard said the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit inquired from him and his other sons about the whereabouts of Mr Ferdie Barnard.

He said after discussing the matter with his son, Mr Barnard recommended that he report to the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit.

"I learned from him that he was questioned over a period of two days by members of the SAP attached to the Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit."

In a subsequent discussion his son told him that he was questioned regarding his possible involvement with the murders of Mr Lubowski and Dr Webster.

"On October 31, 1989 at approximately 5.30 pm I was

telephoned by my above mentioned son's girlfriend and told that three men in private clothes removed my son from his house. According to what she told me, he was removed summarily without been given an opportunity to take any clothes or toiletries with him."

Secret information

In his affidavit Brig Mostert said he was one of the investigating officers in the case of Dr Webster's murder and has already obtained a considerable amount of information.

"I have to respectfully emphasise that the nature of my investigation is extremely sensitive and the secret keeping of the information I possess, is of great importance. Under the circumstances I am unfortunately not in the position to place all the facts before this honourable court. I am, however, satisfied that

the information I possess, is reliable information.

"I can, however, mention that during my investigation it became apparent that a link existed between the above mentioned murders and other incidents and as a result my investigation is even more sensitive of nature.

"In the event of me divulging particulars of my information, the possible danger exists that my sources would be revealed, and as important, that those responsible for the murders and other malpractices would be warned, which would result in serious damage to the police investigation.

"After the assassination of Anton Lubowski a Donald Archeson was arrested as a suspect by the police in Namibia. As a matter of fact close cooperation existed then between the SAP and the police of Namibia, and this still ex-

ists. After the arrest of Archeson the police investigation also led to the detainee (Mr Barnard) and I am fully informed by the Namibian police in this regard.

"As a result of this information, as well as other information I have already obtained, I am of the opinion that the detainee possesses valuable information, including with regard to the Webster murder and the detainee, on my request, subjected himself voluntarily to questioning.

"As a result of answers the detainee gave during questioning and as a result of further information obtained thereafter, it became clear to me that the detainee was withholding valuable information regarding the Webster murder from the police.

"In particular I ascertained from police files that the detainee and another person were arrested on June 9, 1989

as suspects in an attempted robbery. During a subsequent investigation it became clear that the detainee was not busy with an attempt to rob, but that he monitored the movements of a well-known activist, who was closely linked to Webster.

"As a result of all these clues, I had reason to suspect that the detainee had valuable information regarding the above mentioned crimes but was withholding this from the SAP."

Although the investigation was still in an early stage Brig Mostert said the police have obtained valuable information during questioning.

He said he had reason to suspect that Mr Barnard had more information which he was withholding from the police.

"In my opinion his continued detention is necessary," he said.

Ferdie Barnard was 'good detective who went wrong'

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By CRAIG KOTZE, Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg

FERDIE Barnard, 31, the man being held in connection with the Webster and Lubowski slayings, was a top detective with great charisma before he turned rogue and murdered two drug addicts on the West Rand five years ago, former colleagues said today.

Big and muscular and an avid sportsman, he was very popular with his colleagues and subordinates in the West Rand CID, despite being considered something of a "loner" who did not drink often.

He was also recognised as a very good detective who solved a string of housebreakings at chemists in the area — the very cases which led him

to set up two addicts and shoot them dead after instigating them to break into a chemist.

But unlike infamous rogue policemen like Captain Andre Stander and former East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad commander Captain Jack le Grange, the former drug squad sergeant was not originally motivated by personal gain in his crimes.

Good rugby player

"He took the law into his own hands. I think it was a case of him not believing the law dealt adequately with drug abusers and pushers," said one officer who knew him.

From a police family — his father,

retired Lieutenant-Colonel Piet Barnard, was the Roodepoort CID chief — he was a very good rugby player while still in the SAP.

He played in the West Rand SAP first team and for Roodepoort and Krugersdorp city.

"Ferdie was a very good detective. The fact that he was put on the chemist cases when the West Rand was being plagued by an epidemic of pharmacy break-ins for drugs was proof of that.

"He made the breakthroughs and we've never had a similar problem since. Unfortunately he went off the rails and that could not be tolerated," said one policeman.

Webster killing: More arrests expected

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The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Detectives are probing a right-wing murder gang suspected of carrying out a string of cold-blooded killings and attacks on left-wingers, including the murders of lecturer Dr David Webster and Swapo lawyer Mr Anton Lubowski.

More arrests are expected soon by a special team of detectives under command of deputy CID chief Major-General Jaap Joubert.

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Three people are believed to have carried out the Webster and Lubowski assassinations.

Detectives have uncovered information indicating the existence of the extremist group, which specialises in assassinations of left-wing activists.

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It emerged yesterday that the arrest of Mr Donald Acheson, now being held in Windhoek in connection with Mr Lubowski's murder, led to Mr Barnard's detention.

A Namibian police spokesman said yesterday that the status of Irishman Mr Acheson, 51, was unchanged. He is still in custody.

Yesterday police confirmed they were holding Mr Barnard, a former drug squad sergeant, who has two convictions for murder, one for attempted murder, and three for theft.

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sassinations, which led to allegations of "hit squad" murders, were similar. Both were shot dead outside their homes by killers in cars.

Mr Barnard, a former West Rand drug squad detective, is being held in Johannesburg under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. Under that section he can be held indefinitely.

Mr Barnard resigned from the SAP on December 10, 1984 — the day he was convicted of murdering two drug dealers, attempted murder, and theft. He received an effective six-year jail sentence.

Meanwhile, friends and relatives of Dr Webster have welcomed the news that the police are holding a suspect.

"SUCH A RELIEF"

Former wife of Dr Webster, Mrs Glenda Webster, said it was a relief that South Africa was finally "learning the truth about its profane administration."

"It would be such a relief for us all if all the truth finally boiled out. After all that's what David was working towards."

Mrs Webster said she had phoned Dr Webster's brother, Gavin, who lives in England and he too had expressed similar sentiments.

Dr Webster's lover, Ms Maggie Friedman who was with him when he was killed, said: "I feel a sort of disquiet that they might stop investigating now that they have got somebody. It sounds like a huge apparatus behind it all and I wonder if they will be allowed to investigate without someone higher up intervening."

An executive member of the Wits branch of the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations, Mr Derek Young, said UduSA welcomed the development.

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Right-wing murder gangs being probed

Police net closes in on political killers



Mr Barnard ...
detained.

By Craig Kotze

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Convicted

Mr Barnard resigned from the SAP on December 10 1984 — the day he was convicted of murdering two drug dealers, attempted murder, and three theft charges. He received an effective six-year jail sentence. He was on parole when he was detained.

In October 1984 Mr Barnard and another police sergeant were charged with the murder of drug addicts Mr Peter Ward (19) and Mr Edward Joffe (19), who had been set up to rob a pharmacist in Wilro Park, Roodepoort.

A third drug addict, Mr Edward Symons (29), was also shot dead in a car in Roodepoort.

Namibian police said detectives investigating the Lubowski murder in Windhoek had taken note of Mr Barnard's detention and would go to Johannesburg to question him if necessary.

News of Mr Barnard's arrest came to light yesterday after it was learnt his father, Mr P J Barnard of Nylstroom had made an urgent application to the Pretoria Supreme Court for his release.

The application was contested, then later withdrawn after his father, a former lieutenant-colonel in the West Rand SAP, visited him in detention.

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Unrest flares as observers look on - and they accuse police

By CASSANDRA MOODLEY

A SENIOR delegation of visitors and observers watched this week as conflict erupted in Mpumalanga, Natal, leaving 18 dead.

Afterwards, the observers, including senior attorneys, accused the South African Police of negligence, and even complicity, in the violence. They, and a number of residents, have signed affidavits accusing police of taking part in the massacre.

"There appeared to be a total breakdown of law and order and the SAP appeared to be involved in the commission of offences, by participation and omission," a turning Richard Lyster of the Legal Resources Centre in Durban said.

Roy Ainslie of the Democratic Party unrest monitoring committee added: "As a result of what I witnessed today it appeared that the SAP are contributing to the breakdown of law and order by openly siding with one of the groups in the conflict."

Not only did Ainslie see evidence of this, but he quoted kwaZulu Police members making similar accusations against their SAP colleagues.

Lyster, in his affidavit, told how on Tuesday he saw a group of about 100 to 120 men armed with knobkerries, bush knives, pangas and sticks move along a road, entering houses while a Hippo vehicle drove in the vicinity of the group. Lyster added Ainslie had told him shots had been coming from the group.

The policeman in charge of the Hippo confirmed he "had instructions not to disarm the group", the lawyer said.

Allegations made by residents in affidavits implicate the police in allowing vigilante groups to attack Mpumalanga residents, shoot-

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While delegation watches, more unrest flares

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ing at residents, looting their homes and showing partiality to Inkatha supporters.

And yesterday the township was sealed off by the police.

Fighting broke out in the district early this week when a group of men allegedly stormed houses, setting them alight, and firing shots.

The Democratic Party unrest monitoring committee member, Roy Ainslie, said on Wednesday night the death toll in the Natal township stood at 18. However several families from the area had since called the DP's offices looking for missing relatives.

The Pietermaritzburg township has been plagued by internecine violence between United Democratic Front supporters and Inkatha members since 1987.

Some of the allegations made this week include:

● That SAP members armed with a "large gun" shot a young boy in the leg on Monday night and then threatened residents who tried to help him.

This happened after a house was petrol bombed while police and "kitskonstabels" stood watching and mingling with a group of armed men carrying sticks, knobkerries, bush knives and spears.

According to another affidavit, a group of white policemen and kitskonstabels fired with long, pump action shot guns at random at youths on the streets.

● That kitskonstabels and white policemen in a Hippo watched while "Inkatha people set my house alight" on Monday.

● At 12.30 pm on Monday a "group of white policemen with uniformed special constables opened fire on my house with pump action shot guns," said a resident in another affidavit. Special constables entered the house taking clothing and other possessions. They were then helped by a group of black men carrying sticks, bush knives and assegais.

Other affidavits indicate that police collusion with Inkatha was evident earlier than this week.

A Mpumalanga resident related in a sworn statement how, in April last year, a white policeman told him "the Inkatha group had attacked the incorrect house" when he reported that they had bombed his house. "The Mpumalanga police station commander, 'Smith', said he was a member of Inkatha and there was no room for UDF members in Mpumalanga.

"Neither he nor the policeman who took the statement from me appeared to show any concern or interest in the matter I had reported to them.

"He also told me that the police knew of the Inkatha gangs that attacked the houses and the people in Mpumalanga. He said that often there were members of

the police who took part in the attacks."

● Another woman reported that her house was searched and stoned by three white policemen in October. When she reported the incident a group of white policemen visited her and informed her that "Mpumalanga was reserved for Inkatha people, and all others have to leave". He did not care where she and her family went to — "that was not his problem" — but she should "make sure she left immediately".

The same woman two weeks ago, on November 20, witnessed three white policemen shooting a young boy. "After he was shot another group of men, armed with sticks and pangas, attacked and killed him in the presence of police," she said.

Ainslie also said he witnessed police on Tuesday "taking no action against gangs who swarmed into houses".

Lyster said Unit Three of the township, where almost all the violence and arson took place, is known to be inhabited by UDF supporters. Lyster believed from talking to people that the police were determined to undermine and harass people in this area to force them to leave the township in order to make way for supporters of Inkatha.

Ainslie added a kwaZulu policeman, a Colonel Dube, seemed to lack authority in the presence of the SAP. "Other kwaZulu police members told me that they

were being prevented from taking action by the SAP. They made serious allegations concerning the SAP. They said that the SAP had attacked and looted houses together with the vigilantes. They said that on Monday a SAP Hippo had transported vigilantes from Section 4 to attack Section 3."

SAP liaison officer for Natal, Lieutenant Colonel Charl du Toit, said police had shot dead three people this week after they were attacked. He said police had a video to confirm that residents had fired shots at police.

Du Toit said police were shot at 10 times by residents on Tuesday.

Concerning the allegations made in the affidavits, Du Toit maintained the "SAP did follow ups, dispersed crowds and arrested agitators. We are there for law and order. We are unbiased at all times".

Furthermore, he said, people who had such complaints should come to the police.

Natal police spokesman Colonel JG Lourens said the LRC had submitted affidavits to him. "These documents have been handed to the uniform branch for investigation," he added.

Concerned organisations such as the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) have set up an independent commission of inquiry, headed by Durban senior advocate RS Douglas, to investigate the causes of the violence.

Lubowski, Webster Killings:

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

IN a dramatic breakthrough, police have detained a former West Rand police sergeant in connection with the killing of Dr David Webster in Johannesburg and Mr Anton Lubowski in Windhoek.

Police yesterday expected further arrests but would not comment on reports that they have uncovered a special assassination squad which planned the murders.

The Cape Times can reveal the name of the 31-year-old former drug squad detective who has been in detention for several weeks.

He is ex-sergeant Ferdinand Barnard, who was jailed for nine years on December 10, 1984, for murdering two drug addicts after leading them into a trap, for attempting to murder a third drug addict and for stealing three cars.

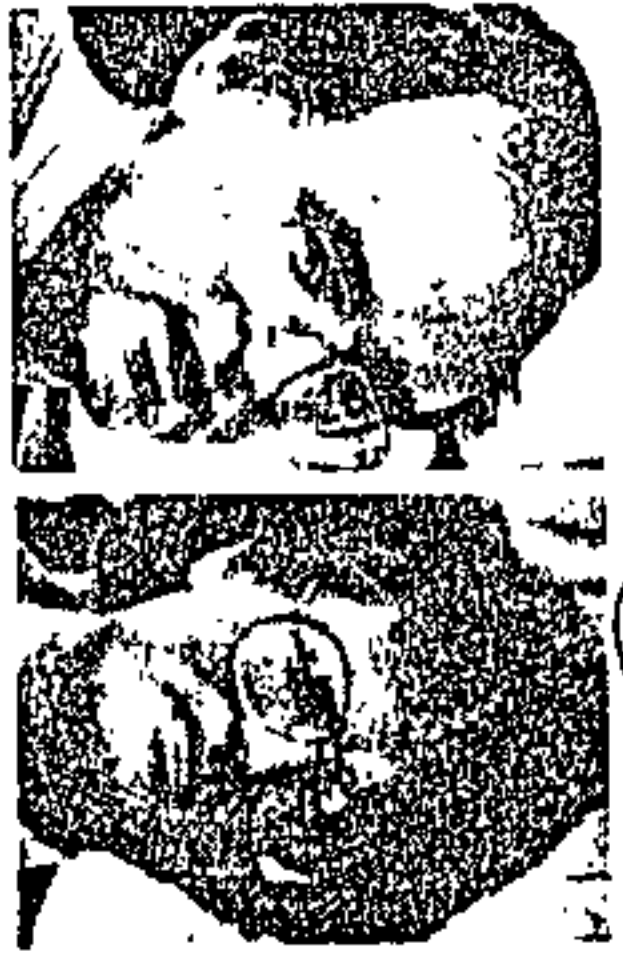
The sentence was to be served concurrently with sentences of 11 years for other crimes.

In his evidence at the time, Barnard told the court: "I have seen girls of 14 and 15 who have run away from home filthy and out of control lying on top of each other among blacks and coloureds. Girls of 13 are sent into black townships as white slaves in the drug trade."

Barnard was released on parole last year after serving four years.

The full police statement issued in Pretoria after a report about the detention had appeared in a Transvaal newspaper, read: "A 31-year-old white man is being held in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act in connection with the murders of Messrs David Webster and Anton Lubowski."

"The man was a sergeant in the South African Police but took his discharge in 1984 already when he was sentenced on various charges, inter alia, murder, attempted murder and theft. He was attached to the narcotics bureau on the West Rand."



Webster Lubowski

"The person has been in detention for some time. The police did not wish to announce his detention because this would have jeopardised an investigation which still had to be launched."

"The arrest was made known to the media from other sources. The possibility that further arrests may still be made, despite the release of this information, is not excluded."

The arrest of Irish passport-holder Mr Donald Acheson in Windhoek after Mr Lubowski's death, and the fact that Mr Acheson was then twice questioned in Johannesburg by murder and robbery detectives, fuelled speculation that the killings of Dr Webster and Mr Lubowski were linked.

However, at the time police said they had nothing to link Mr Acheson with Dr Webster's murder.

The news of Barnard's detention only came to light yesterday after his father, a retired former major in the police force, applied for his release in the Pretoria Supreme Court on Wednesday.

The application for his release was refused and Mr Justice Krieger ruled that the police affidavit on the issue not be made public.

A police spokesman said yesterday the detention of the suspect had nothing to do with allegations of police hit squads made by three former policemen, ex-captain Mr Dirk Coetzee, death row prisoner Butana Almond Ntemela and Mr David "Spyker" Tshikilange.

Barnard was detained some weeks ago after the police searched his Johannesburg home. Mr Lubowski, 37, whose children and former wife live in Cape Town, was gunned down on September 12 by a burst of fire from a Soviet-made AK-47 automatic rifle as he got out of his car and walked to the gate of his home in a wealthy suburb of Windhoek.

Dr Webster, 44, a University of the Witwatersrand social anthropology lecturer, was shot and killed outside his home in Trevelyan, Johannesburg, at 10.20am on May 1.

A senior Namibian policeman, probing the Lubowski killing, returned to Windhoek yesterday after questioning Barnard in Johannesburg.

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Killings prove hit squads exist — HRC

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Eleven people have been assassinated in South Africa this year and there have been attempts on the lives of 28 other political activists, according to a new report by the Human Rights Commission.

Over the past five years there have been at least five disappearances, 45 assassinations, 160 attempted assassinations and 68 incidents of harassment. The HRC admits that these records are incomplete.

The report says the sheer volume and sophistication of such actions during the past five years "is a clear indication of the

widespread existence and activity of well-organised units or hit squads.

"A high degree of expertise is evident, with skills in the use of explosives, weapons, incendiary materials, chemicals and lock-picking devices. Abundant resources include equipment, materials and access to information not generally available to the public.

"Speculation as to the base for such an operation inevitably leads to state security structures, particularly the security police, which would also explain the virtually complete lack of success on the part of the police in solving these numerous mys-

teries."

The HRC report notes that hit squads apparently seek to intimidate or eliminate political activists or cripple their organisations. In addition to bricks, shots, petrol bombs and teargas canisters thrown at the homes of activists, their organisations are either fire-bombed, bombed or burgled, with records, office equipment and computers being stolen.

"Partial records show 79 attacks and 29 burglaries in the last five years (13 attacks and nine burglaries during 1989). In addition, nine places of worship have been attacked and four graves desecrated."

No Z-squads 'Lang Hendr

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"I CAN today tell you here, not for your records but I can tell you, I have enough men to commit murder if I tell them kill ... I don't care who the prey is. These are the type of men that I have ..."

These words were said by General Hendrick van den Bergh and recorded as evidence before the Erasmus Commission which investigated the Information Scandal more than 10 years ago.

Later General van den Bergh denied he had used them. He said what he meant to convey was that, under his command, were men so loyal they would kill for him. This he meant figuratively.

The 75-year-old general at his Nootgedacht, Bapsfontein farm, this week slated the Erasmus Commission, and said he knew nothing of Z-squads, alleged to have been police killer squads at the time by journalist and self-confessed BOSS agent Mr Gordon Winter.

Asked his views on the latest police hit-squad allegations made by former security policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee, Death Row prisoner Butana Nofomela and Mr David Tshikalange implicating senior police officials, he said:

"Being on a farm I never get newspapers. The first I heard of this was when I attended the police parade this week and State President F W de Klerk spoke of receiving the McNally report.

"I left the police force in 1968, 21 years ago. In my day we would never have dreamt of creating hit squads and resorting to assassinations. That would be war and it would have been declared as such.

"The Rivonia crowd (Mandela, Mbeki and others), we took them to court and none of them were murdered. But today I am so far removed from the Government I don't know what is going on," said the man once described as Prime Minister Mr John Vorster's chief security adviser.

Strongly opposed

Still bitter about his experience before the Erasmus Commission, General van den Bergh has strongly opposed a commission of inquiry investigating the recent hit squad allegations. He said: "What does an Attorney-General know about police investigations? They can only listen to evidence and make judgments.

"For example, you could never hand over the unsolved Dr Robert Smit murder case (a National Party candidate who was killed with his wife Jeanne-Cora in Springs in November 1977) to an attorney-general

CLUES to hit-squad activity within the South African security forces appear to have existed at least since 1963 when the shadowy Z-squad was said to have been formed by Republican Intelligence, the forerunner of the Bureau of State Security. The Z-squad's aims, according to former BOSS agents, included eliminating South Africa's enemies considered to be a danger to the state. Two men at the top of South Africa's formidable security apparatus during that period and who are now retired, former BOSS chief General Hendrik van den Bergh and the feared former security branch chief interrogator, Brigadier Theuns "Rooi Rus" Swanepoel, spoke to PAT DEVEREAUX this week.

to investigate as he would not know how to go about it.

"A senior detective should be doing the investigating and, if it involves the whole police force, then sack them all. Even a judge would lose his impartiality if he did the investigating himself."

Replying to a query about the present state of South Africa's security apparatus, he said: "Things have changed. I can't say that they are better or worse. But I still cannot for a moment believe they would get down to such a rotten thing as hit squads."

He quickly added: "But I am not saying individuals in the police force are not capable of such things."

Implicated

Asked if he knew any of the men implicated in the McNally report, he said: "I knew former police commissioner General Johan Coetzee. He was a lieutenant when I was general and I don't think he would get involved in anything like that."

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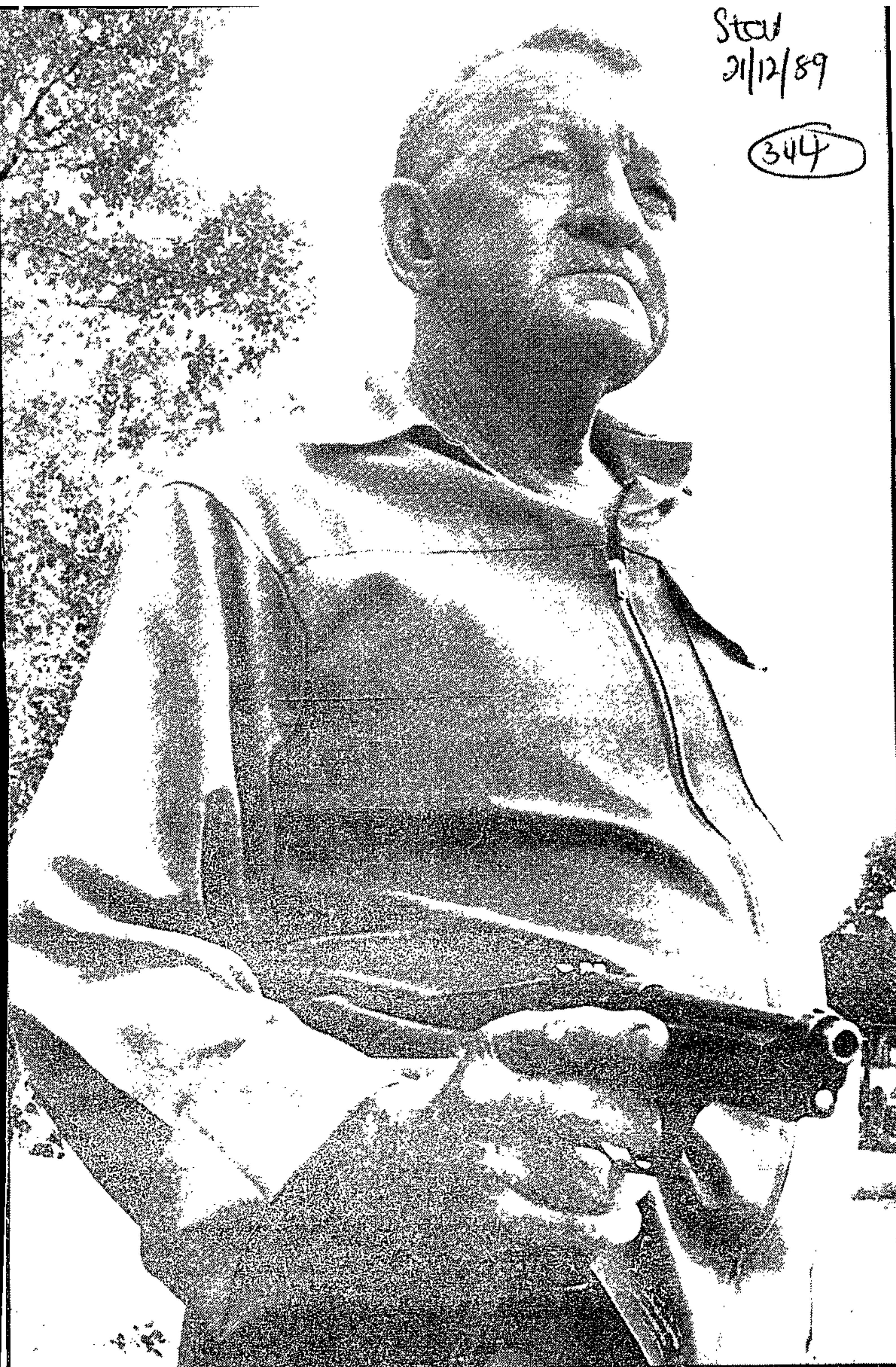
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ROOI RUS: Over the barrel of a gun — that is the only way former security police chief interrogator Briandier Swanenael meets his enemies.

Violence often necessary — 'Rooi Rus'

ONE of the most feared policemen and chief Security Branch interrogator during the 1960s, 61-year-old Brigadier "Rooi Rus" Theuns Swanepoel, does not mince words. He has a simple answer to talking to the ANC and that is — he won't, not unless it is "over the barrel of a gun."

In a pre-election interview two years ago he told a journalist: "People always ask me how many terrorists I have killed. I never think about it because it was my professional duty."

'Politicians stopped me'

He added: "Politicians in Parliament stopped me from what I should have done. They prevented me from wiping out those Swapo and ANC bastards and if I can get into Parliament I will once again give the security forces the power to do what they were

trained for — to kill them."

Now a seemingly mellow man — a water diver on his farm Katima Mulilo, near Cullinan, the former SWA Koevoet unit founder, Brigadier "Rooi Rus", spoke this week about the recent hit squad allegations. "War is war. The police have a duty to perform. We lost plenty of wonderful young men — black and white — who died for their convictions."

"We cannot demand that our security forces stop when they are in hot pursuit. They must follow the bugger and wipe out the situation."

Asked what he thought of the McNally Commission of Inquiry into hit squad allegations he said: "If an allegation is made they must bring people in. I know all the senior officers in the police force. I don't believe there are hit squads. I put the blame on the media for sensationalism. But I would be prepared to testify before a commission."

"However, neither the State President, nor politicians nor even the courts will set things right in the police force. Only the police can clean out their own house."

On the political climate in general, he warned that the State President was moving too fast and could spark emotions.

Protest marches

"These protest marches all over the country shouldn't be permitted because anything can set off riots. We're not living in a lawless situation and the police should use as much violence as necessary to quell the situation," said the man who led a 58-strong task force into Soweto during the 1976 student uprising and gave the order to open fire on the crowds on June 16.

Vlok expects more arrests in 'death squad' probe

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By TOS WENZEL Political Correspondent
POLICE breakthroughs had been made into groups involved in crimes with political motives and further arrests would soon be made, according to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

He said today the police had been working day and night in the past few months in an effort to solve crimes which apparently had political motives.

A team of detectives under the leadership of Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, the CID chief, was busy with an investigation into all aspects of allegations so that the matters could be placed before court as soon as possible.

Mr Vlok's announcement came after the detention of two former police sergeants, Mr Ferdie Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, and the arrest of an Irish passport holder, Mr Donald AScheson, in investigations connected with the assassinations of Dr David Webster in Johannesburg and Mr Anton Lubowski in Windhoek.

Today Mr Vlok called on the media to co-operate and not to obstruct an investigation which had entailed great effort and sacrifices. He regretted that the publication of pictures of Mr Botha and Mr Barnard had destroyed the possibility of important evidence which would have emerged from an identification parade.



Mr Adriaan Vlok

ANC suspect killed after crossing Swaziland border

By Therese Anders,
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The recent shock disclosures about the SAP's alleged death squad and the role of its alleged commander, Major Eugene de Kock, have been particularly painful for Durban couple Mr Leo and Mrs Neela Naidu.

According to evidence given in court by Major de Kock, their third child, Surendra (23), known to all as Lenny, was killed by the controversial security police officer.

Major de Kock has told a Piet Retief Inquest Court that he was returning fire when he shot Mr Lenny Naidu in the side with his Uzzi sub-machinegun on a lonely road near the Swaziland border on June 8 last year.

However, counsel for the families have handed in affidavits that Mr Naidu and his three women companions, all ANC suspects who had illegally crossed over from Swaziland, were unarmed when ambushed by Major de Kock and his team.

Mr and Mrs Naidu are unable to comment on Major de Kock's evidence as the inquest is not yet complete.

Last week they spoke for the first time about how they learnt of their son's death.

The phone rang just before 9 o'clock on June 21 last year. My 18-year-old matric daughter picked it up, then she began cry-

Our son was a pacifist, says shot man's family

ing. I ran to her and she sobbed that a man had told her Lenny was shot," Durban salesman Mr Naidu said.

"I picked up the phone and a man said in halting English 'Lenny was shot in a skirmish in Lusaka and you'll hear about it a little later' — then the line went dead."

After a tearful and troubled night, the Naidus contacted their lawyer, Miss Daya Pillay.

The lawyer recalled hearing a news bulletin a few days previously that an Asian male had been killed during a shoot-out with police near Piet Retief.

She telephoned the Piet Retief

Police Station and was told there was an Asian male body in the mortuary which the parents could see if they wished. They set out that day.

Mrs Naidu said: "We were shown a mortuary drawer in which four naked bodies had been stacked alternately head to toe. It was obvious the refrigeration was not working properly as there was the most unbearable stench."

"We were told the top body might be our son, but it was difficult for us to tell because it was so badly decomposed. By now it was 15 days since they say he died."

"The body looked nothing like the Lenny we knew, so we told them it wasn't our son and drove back to Durban."

But that night nigging doubts began and the couple returned to Piet Retief the next morning. This time an attendant moved the corpse's head, revealing Lenny's distinctive birth mark on his neck.

"It was a shattering moment for us," remembers Mrs Naidu. She recalled the last words her son said to her before he disappeared on September 26 1986, the last time they saw or heard from him. "He said I must continue to be a strong lady and I must always remember that he had done nothing wrong."

Mr and Mrs Naidu described their son as sensitive, loving and a pacifist.

"They say their home was a non-political one and they never heard of their son having any political involvement."

"But he was deeply distressed by apartheid and the suffering it caused."

Mrs Naidu says a special Government Gazette banned speeches at her son's funeral.

When Major de Kock gave evidence about killing her son he said he had prayed the suspect would not die.

Says Mrs Naidu: "And while Major de Kock was speaking I too was praying ... praying he would tell the truth and praying for justice."



Hit squad file to be handed in soon

By Kaizer Nyatumba

A dossier on the brutal murder of human rights lawyers Mr Griffith Mxenge and his wife, Victoria, was expected to be handed to the Attorney-General of Natal soon.

The dossier arises from the investigations of Free State Attorney-General Mr Tim McNally and the chief of the CID, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, into the alleged existence of a police hit squad which is said to have assassinated the

Mxenges and African National Congress insurgents.

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Upon receiving the dossier, the Attorney-General of Natal will decide what steps to take.

Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela was the first to claim in an affidavit that he was a member of a police hit squad which assassinated Mr

Mxenge in 1981. *Star 4/12/89*

Two other policemen, former Security Police captain Dirk Coetzee and Mr David Tshikalange, have since made similar allegations.

Copies of the McNally report have been sent to the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee.

Assassins: New arrests?

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By BARRY STREEK

POLICE are on the verge of a major breakthrough in their investigations into a number of right-wing groups involved in attacks on anti-apartheid activists and organisations.

Yesterday police said more arrests and detentions were imminent.

The detentions of two former police sergeants, Mr Ferdi Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, and the arrest of an Irish passport-holder, Mr Donald Acheson, in Windhoek, in connection with the assassinations of Dr David Webster and Mr Anton Lubowski, relate to the activities of only one such group.

But the police investigations involve other independent right-wing groups which they say have been responsible for a number of incidents over many years.

"We are beginning to make breakthroughs in our investigations," a police source said last night. He said the groups were well trained and organised.

The spokesman denied reports that the right-wing group, in which Mr Acheson and Mr Barnard were believed to be involved in, was linked to military intelligence.

Intelligence link?

"These groups are totally separate from the SA Police and the SA Defence Force," he said.

The Defence Force also rejected a reported confession by Mr Barnard that he had operated under the command of the Military Intelligence branch of the Defence Force.

Attorneys acting for Mr Botha, a former Transvaal rugby lock forward, said Mr Barnard had admitted to his father, Colonel PJ Barnard, that he was "a member of the Military Intelligence branch of the Defence Force" and that he had acted under the command of MI.

It is claimed that Mr Barnard joined, or linked up, with MI after his release on parole last year after serving four years in jail after being found guilty of two charges of murder, one of attempted murder and theft.

But yesterday the SADF said it had no record of Barnard being a member of the force.

The latest developments into the investigations of alleged hit squads come on the eve of a two-day special working session of the cabinet "somewhere in the Transvaal countryside" and a formal cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

One of the matters they will have to deal with this week is the McNally investigation into hit squads, following startling claims by three former policemen, death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela, ex-captain Mr Dirk Coetzee and Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalange.

The government is expected to respond by defending "authorised" actions against guerillas and distancing itself from "non-authorised" actions, such as those which have been admitted in the Nofomela/Coetzee/Tshikalange statements.

Webster and ANC

The cabinet is expected to instruct the police to investigate all unauthorised death squad activities and lay charges against those responsible.

A statement by Mr De Klerk on the hit squad and the McNally report is expected this week.

Police will also investigate claims that Dr Webster was an ANC member and at the time of his assassination was preparing a report claiming continued South African support for Renamo in Mozambique.

The Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Witt, yesterday accused the SA Council of Churches (SAAC) of being involved in a smear campaign against the police.

A member of the SACC's Board of Investigation into Informal Repression, Mrs Sheena Duncan, denied the SACC was planning a smear campaign against the police. She said the SACC was planning to hold a media conference this week to address the issue of former ANC members being held in camps like Vlakplaas, where former ANC members are trained by the police.

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Signs of deeper cancer in the police force

DEATH SQUADS are not an isolated part of an otherwise healthy police force. They come into existence within a police environment and their existence implies much about the operation of the force as a whole.

It is often forgotten the police are there to protect the public and they operate under a social mandate which accords them limited, justiciable powers to do so.

The police are always the servants of the public. They may never exceed the authority vested in them by society.

Where that society consists of diverse racial groups, the concurrent obligations of the police to different portions of society require a sensitivity to the transcending interests of society as a whole.

In addition to death squads, there have been many allegations of serious abuses by our police force, including:

- Siding with Inkatha in the Natal violence, the Witdoeke in Crossroads violence and the Mbo-kotho in the KwaNdebele unrest;
- Failing to properly investigate or act where crimes are committed against people with doubtful political attitudes;
- Brutality in a variety of situations;

Collapse

- A discrepancy in law enforcement against lawful organisations on opposing sides of the political spectrum.

Most of these allegations are supported by extensive evidence in court proceedings and considerable Press coverage. Most people will detect a ring of truth about them.

Seen as a whole, they suggest the police are being used to enforce a political policy. Seen individually they suggest a startling collapse in accountability and control.

In the face of the Government's refusal to establish a judicial commission of inquiry into these allegations, grave suspicion and distrust must now exist regarding the activities of the police.

How have the police got to this position, and how has this slide from the proper standards of policing been permitted?

It must be assumed that either the police have withheld fundamental information about their objects and true role from the higher levels of power, or the executive has been aware of the incidents described above and has condoned them.

Without being naive about the methods in which governments

Nick de Villiers

of the Legal Resources Centre, looks at the background to police hit squad allegations

operate, either option is disturbing.

The state of emergency has bloated the perception police have of their roles. This has happened in several important ways:

The state of emergency has undermined the rule of law. The duty of the court has been placed on the shoulders of the police, and the powers of the judge are exercised by a civil servant who has been trained to be suspicious and to find and punish people who he thinks are guilty.

Emergency law has placed the police above the control of the courts. This has encouraged excesses and arrogance among the police.

Secrecy

Another long-term effect has been to entrench the secrecy of the police. The media restrictions have produced a climate in which the police are in a position to censor and control the publication of their excesses.

Apart from depriving the public of the information they need to exercise proper control over the police, this has strengthened an organisational trend towards secrecy within the police force and has contributed to the isolation of the police from community accountability.

A police force cannot properly protect a political system that has no overall societal legitimacy. The policing ideal is premised on a partnership between the police force and the persons who enjoy the protection of that police force.

Central to the maintenance of the subtle balance between various interests is the notion that the police are dependent on public

support for the attainment of their mandate. The developments in policing in recent years must be painful and humiliating to all policemen of integrity.

The flip side of all this is that the police have become over-worked and demoralised. They have had to police activities that are part of proper democratic government.

Many policemen lack the respect or the support of the community and the danger of police work and poor pay do not enhance their position. Within the police organisation itself, there are indications that complaints by policemen are stifled and clogged by red tape.

The police response to criticism has been to adopt a high profile media campaign. There are police pageants, "adopt a cop" and "the police care" campaigns.

But this is merely an expensive dressing for a wound that requires a more direct treatment. The public opinion of the police will not improve until the public has confidence that they operate within their constitutional mandate.

Welcome

On a more positive note, the police have instituted a Community Relations Department to foster improved contact between communities and police. This department forms part of the police public relations exercise and aims to make policemen more aware of the public's perceptions and attitudes so they may respond in a manner appropriate to the circumstances.

This is a welcome development, but it does not mean that the police are accepting a measure of community involvement in policy formulation, or that they are subjecting themselves to democratic controls.

The minimum standards for the proper management of the police are, first, the restoration of full ministerial accountability for police action and the expenditure of State funds.

Second, there should be a highly prestigious independent body, answerable to the public, which has the authority to address police policies and supervise the investigation of complaints against policemen.

In the long term, there is no other acceptable option. Ideally, proper control and accountability should be instituted before the need arises, for it is difficult to implement them effectively once abuses have become rampant. It is doubtful whether it is still possible to do this.

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Expect more 'squad' arrests — Vlok

By Peter Fabricius and Karen Stander

Further arrests would be made soon of people involved in hit squads responsible for political assassinations and other crimes, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said today.

Several breakthroughs had been made and further arrests would be made soon.

Convicted murderer Ferdi Barnard, a suspect held by police in connection with the killings of Dr David Webster and Swapo attorney Mr Anton Lubowski, has claimed that reports of a far-right death squad were designed to "protect certain people in authority".

The attorneys for another suspect, Mr Calla Botha, said in a statement that Barnard had also confessed to his father, Colonel P J Barnard, to being under the



Rugby player and former policeman, Mr Calla Botha has also been detained.

command of Military Intelligence.

Dr Webster's former wife said last night she believed he was killed as a result of his investigation into the activities of the SA Defence Force along the Mozambique border and the link

between South Africa and Renamo.

The SADF has denied that Barnard, detained on October 31 under section 29 of the Internal Security Act in connection with the murders, was a member of the Defence Force.

In a further development, police last night confirmed officially that a second former policeman, Mr Calla Botha, is being held under section 29 in connection with their investigation into the murders.

Mr Barnard is a former West Rand drug-squad sergeant and has two convictions for murder, one for attempted murder and three for theft. Mr Botha, a former member of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, is a rugby player who represented, among others, Transvaal under-20 and the SA Police.

In his statement today, Vlok appealed to the media to co-operate with the police and not to wreck the investigation which had already cost so much sacrifice and effort.

He said he regretted that the placing of photographs of Barnard and Mr Calla Botha — two ex-policemen being held under a detention-without-trial clause of the Internal Security Act for alleged involvement in a right-wing hit squad — had destroyed the possibility of gaining valuable information from an identification parade.

"It must be kept in mind that according to all indications these crimes are being committed by a person or persons who leave no clues and that the police need all possible help and must summon all expertise to solve them."

Not a storm

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Abduction bid on UDF man

JOHANNESBURG. — Three gun-wielding men tried to abduct United Democratic Front general-secretary Mr Valli Moosa after they forced him off the road on Saturday, the Sunday Star reports.

According to a family spokesman, Mr Moosa was travelling from Kliptown to Lenasia in the afternoon when a car tried to force him off the road.

When Mr Moosa pulled over he was approached by three armed men who grabbed his keys and ordered him into their car.

Just then two motorists stopped and the men panicked. They grabbed his wallet before jumping into their car and speeding off. — Sapa

Hunt for 3 set free in ambush

By Jon Qwelane,
The Star's Africa News Service
Windhoek

A huge police manhunt is being conducted in Namibia today after two white men ambushed a police vehicle yesterday afternoon and freed three murder suspects held in connection with the attack on the UN offices in Outjo in August.

Police described the ambush as "a well-planned outside job". The suspects were freed from a police van taking them back to Outjo after a brief appearance in court in Windhoek. One of the two policemen escorting them was shot and wounded and the other was locked in the vehicle as the attackers made their escape.

The three men who were freed, described by police as "very dangerous and desperate", are Mr Leonard Veenendal of Southdale, who is leader of the AWB in Johannesburg; a close associate, Mr Darrel Stopforth; and a German-speaking man, Mr Horst Klenz, about whom little is known other than that he gave an address in Duiwelskloof, Transvaal, when arrested.

Police said today the fugitives are believed to be heading for South Africa or the South African enclave of Walvis Bay. All police in Walvis Bay and the Republic have been alerted.

Light aircraft

Immediately after the men escaped, roadblocks were set up leading to the Republic and Walvis Bay. Two light aircraft were used to search for the three escapees yesterday afternoon. Police said the roadblocks would be continued for the next few days.

According to a police spokesman, the van stopped at the roadside at Koeskoppiessouth of Otjiwarongo when the three prisoners knocked on the dividing window and indicated they wanted to relieve themselves.

When they were allowed out a green Nissan car which had apparently been waiting in the vicinity drove up and two armed white men leapt out and overpowered the two policemen.

One of the policemen, Constable R van Wyk, was shot and wounded with his own revolver. He and the other policeman, identified only as Constable Boois, were locked in the back of their vehicle, which was then driven on to a side road and abandoned.

They were released later by police who are believed to have been alerted when the police vehicle failed to arrive in Outjo.

Constable van Wyk was said today to be in a satisfactory condition in the Windhoek Hospital.

It was not immediately clear what had happened to another man charged with the three fugitives, Mr Johan Coetzee, who is a South African citizen.

Speculation was rife in Windhoek last night that a right-wing organisation had been directly involved in the ambush.

Hillbrow pool

Senior SWA police liaison officer Chief Inspector Klerie du Randt warned that the three escapees were "armed, very dangerous and desperate", and the public must not try to apprehend them, but should contact the nearest police station.

In the August bomb attack on the UN offices, a security guard was shot dead.

Mr Veenendal made headlines in July when he led a posse of khaki-clad AWB members to the Hillbrow swimming pool in Johannesburg to stop a swim-in in protest against segregated municipal facilities.

At the time he was employed by the Johannesburg City Council as a supervisor at the Hillbrow pool.



Cuddling the family puppy, Mrs Eleftheria Gyltides and children, Ilias (11) and Mary (8), who were forced to flee the country in fear of their lives earlier this year after Mrs Gyltides wished to reveal the contents of a conversation which she claims she overheard between convicted ex-policeman Robert van der Merwe and a visitor at Pretoria Central Prison. ● Picture by Alf Kumalo.

More claims of police killings submitted to State President

By Karen Stander, Janet Heard
and Anna Louw

New claims of police killings have been sent to the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, in an affidavit claiming convicted murderer and former detective Robert van der Merwe spoke about police killings to a visitor at Pretoria Central Prison's Death Row.

According to the affidavit (more details on Page 15), an East Rand woman had to flee the country with her two children after receiving death threats when attempts were made to report the overheard conversation.

The Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, has ordered an investigation into allegations made in the affidavit, which was presented to the Minister in the form of a petition, The Star learnt last night. The petition claims:

● Van der Merwe told a woman visitor he had participated in seven murders in the Germiston area.

● He spoke of two other former

ki. The second policeman, named in the petition as "Botha", is believed to be Mr Theunis Stephanus "Calla" Botha, also a former West Rand police sergeant, and Mr Barnard's co-accused in a murder trial.

Mr Barnard, the son of retired police Colonel P J Barnard, was

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jailed and later released on parole after being convicted of the murder of two drug addicts.

Mr Botha was given a suspended sentence for attempted murder.

● Mrs Eleftheria Gyltides received death threats after allegedly overhearing a conversation while visiting a prisoner, and after attempts were made to persuade a prison warden, who was present at the time, to make a report.

According to the petition sent to the State President, Van der Merwe, speaking in English to a woman identified only as Sandra, said he had been involved in seven

Asked to comment, the head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, Brigadier Floris Mostert, said that the murders Van der Merwe was referring to related to a police trap which was set up to apprehend a gang of bank robbers. Five suspects and two others were shot dead.

Brigadier Mostert said Van der Merwe was not involved in the actual shooting but had guided the detectives from a roof-top by two-way radio.

"He had nothing to do with the shooting," Brigadier Mostert said.

In January 1987, the chief magistrate of Germiston found that no one was to blame for the deaths of five of the men shot dead outside the then Barclays Bank branch in February 1986. He made no finding on the deaths of two other men.

The incident was widely reported at the time and caused controversy when police insisted that all seven men killed were robbers. However, an investigation at the time by the Sunday Star

Breakout

Three 'hit men' on the run in Namibia

By KEVIN JACOBS
and BARRY STREEK

THREE alleged right-wing "hitmen" held for a terrorist attack against the United Nations in Namibia escaped from police guards yesterday after seriously wounding a policeman with his own pistol.

And last night a senior police source linked the three escapees to the three men being held in South Africa in connection with the murders of Dr David Webster and Mr Anton Lubowski.

The escapees were due to appear in court in Outjo tomorrow to face murder and weapons-possession charges.

Accomplices

They were arrested in connection with the death of a black Namibian security guard who died in the August 10 gun-and-grenade attack on an Untag office in Outjo, the most serious assault on UN personnel in Namibia.

The three are South Africans Mr Darryl Stopforth and Mr Leonard Veenendal and German national Mr Horst Klenz.

Late last night they were on the run with two unidentified accomplices, who aided their dramatic breakout.

Police spokesmen put out conflicting reports of the escape yesterday.

Warrant Officer Leon Rust, a Windhoek police spokesman, said the three suspects overpowered two police guards during a drive from Outjo back to the capital.

They apparently had asked to relieve themselves at the roadside, then grabbed a pistol from one of the guards and fired at them. One was wounded in the back.

WO Rust told reporters the two accomplices were parked close to the spot where the police van stopped and drove off with the three freed men.

He said they escaped about 10km south of Outjo. The men had been questioned by investigating officers in the farming centre some 300km north-west of the capital.

Sapa reported a police spokesman as saying that the three were on their way from Windhoek to Outjo for a court appearance.

But UN officials said they were told by police that two men in a following vehicle fired at the police and freed the three suspects.

Police characterised the five armed suspects as dangerous. Road-

accepted.

Girl's bus ride to Cape Town for new heart

10-year-old pleads with doctors for swop — and gets it

Staff Reporter

A 10-YEAR-OLD Transkei girl has become South Africa's youngest heart-transplant patient.

Nombuyiselo Mabula of Butterworth is recovering at Groote Schuur Hospital three weeks after receiving her new heart.

Yesterday the remarkable story of how the little girl arrived in Cape Town for the operation was pieced together.

Nombuyiselo first spent some time in an East London hospital suffering from cardiomyopathy, a disease of the heart muscle. When she failed to get better she was discharged and was sent by bus to Cape Town.

It is not clear whether she was accompanied on the journey. But she did make an unescorted ambulance ride from her aunt's home in Guguletu to the Red Cross Children's Hospital.

There she presented herself to doctors and confidently asked them to give her a new heart.

Her courage, intelligence and iron-strong will to live persuaded the doctors to do just that.



HEART GIRL ... South Africa's youngest heart-transplant patient, Nombuyiselo Mabula of Butterworth in Transkei, recovering in Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday. The toys were provided by Round Table.

"We would normally not perform a complex operation of this nature on a child from such a Third World background. The follow-up is difficult and she will need to be on medication for the rest of her life," said cardiologist Dr Mike de Moor of the Children's Hospital.

"But we were so impressed with her we couldn't turn her down. When she arrived here she was very ill was suffering from severe heart failure."

After a month at the hospital she received a 12-year-old boy's heart and has since made a remarkable recovery. Two days after the operation she was transferred to a special isolation ward at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Although Nombuyiselo is by nature a happy child, she became lonely and bored in hospital. She longed to see her mother who is a

factory worker in Butterworth. When members of Round Table No 9 heard about her plight, they took up her cause.

Through their efforts she now has a wardrobe of brand-new clothes, an army of toys and is happily anticipating the arrival of her mother next week.

"Nombuyiselo will have to stay in Cape Town once she's discharged to ensure a reasonable follow-up," said Dr De Moor. "She will also need money for her education and upkeep."

A Groote Schuur spokesman yesterday said Nombuyiselo was doing "very well".

● The 51-year-old man who last month became Groote Schuur's 29th heart-transplant patient this year died yesterday morning.

Owner injured in steakhouse blast

Staff Reporter

A GORDON'S BAY restaurant owner is in a serious condition in Tygerberg Hospital after a suspected gas blast.

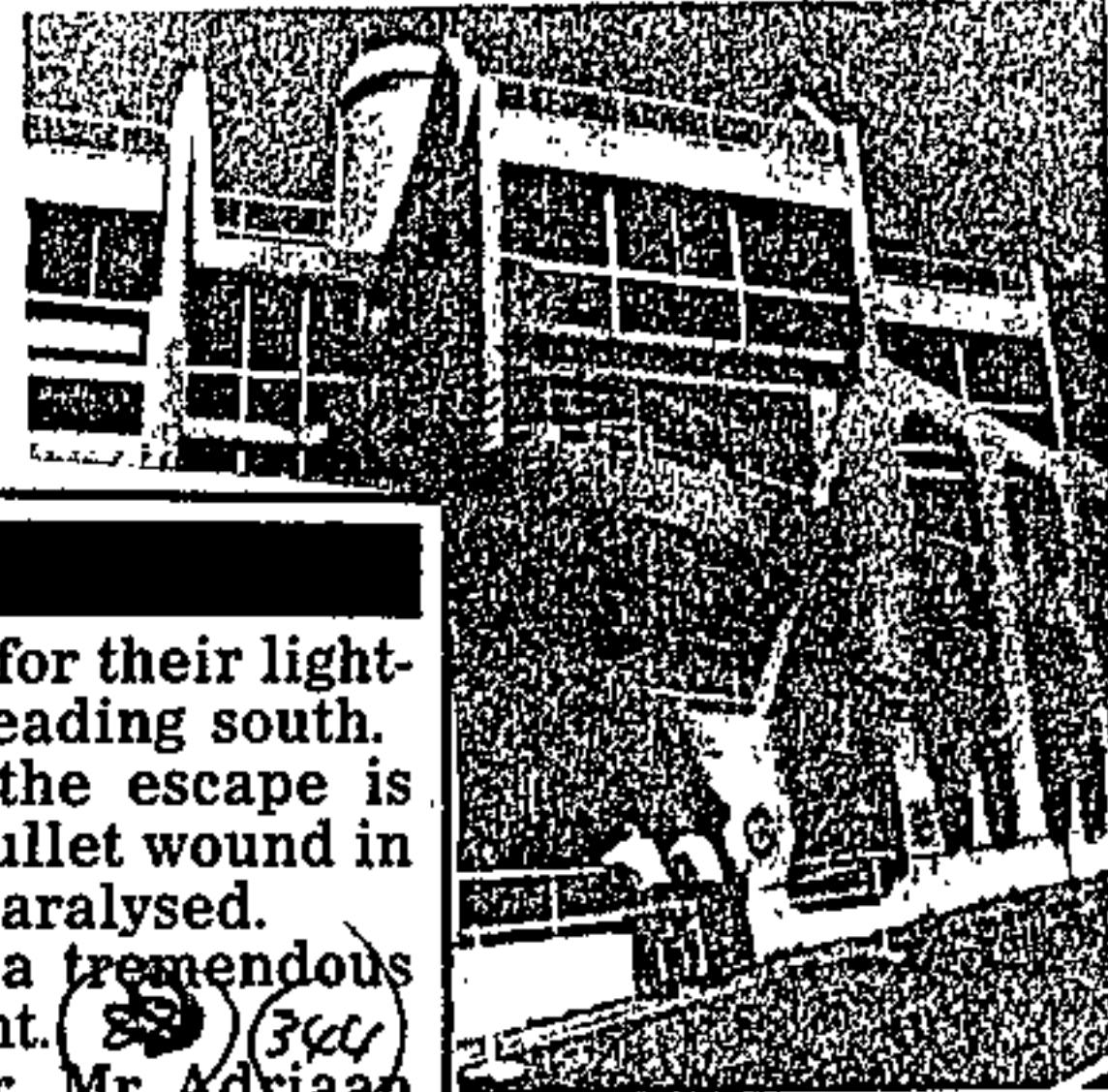
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blocks were set up in a wide search for their light-coloured Nissan — thought to be heading south.

A police constable wounded in the escape is being treated in Otjiwarongo for a bullet wound in the back and was said to be semi-paralysed.

"The escape of the three men is a tremendous blow," an SAP source said last night.

● The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said in a statement yesterday that he expected more arrests shortly in connection with the "death squads" probe.



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Research report says Wit Wolwe are 'psychological weapon' (344)

THE Wit Wolwe is probably not a formally constituted group but "a psychological weapon used against the left wing and a smokescreen to protect legal organisations", states a research report issued by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression.

The board, which recently investigated some of the allegations made by death row prisoner and self-confessed assassin Butana Nofomela, has released

CHARLENE SMITH

a research paper into South African Extreme Right-wing Organisations.

The report sketches some of the background and features of eight organisations such as the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and the Boerevryheidbeweging.

It says the Wit Wolwe might exist, but not as a separate organisation.

"Its members are in all likelihood members of the AWB and/or the BBB (Blanke Bevyrydingbeweging) and/or any of the other extremist groupings that weave in and out of one another with members, tactics, and doctrine."

The report notes extreme right-wing organisations have Afrikaner and English supporters, as well as "reactionary immigrants, in particular those from

former Portuguese colonial powers and from the UK, in particular Ireland."

It says the organisations obtain funding and moral support from similar extremist groups in countries including Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, the US, Holland, Belgium, the UK, Argentina, Chile and Paraguay.

The board doubts high-level police or SADF involvement in extremist right-wing groups.

Escape angers UN boss

From KEVIN JACOBS
WINDHOEK. — United Nations officials, angered by the escape of three right-wing terrorism suspects, have accused Namibian police of being tardy on security.

Untag chief Mr Martti Ahtisaari yesterday took a complaint directly to administrator-general Mr Louis Pienaar, telling the South African official he was dissatisfied with the minimal police guard on the white suspects charged with launching a killer attack on a rural UN office in August.

Yesterday investigators pressed an apparently failed hunt for the armed fugitives and two accomplices.

In recent weeks UN officials have expressed concern at apparently plunging morale in the territorial police force and its effect on professional law-enforcement standards.

"The UN special representative feels that the security arrangements made by the SWA Police for the transport of the prisoners were surprisingly lax," Untag spokesman Mr Fred Eckhard told reporters yesterday.

Terrorism suspects Leonard Veenendal and Darryl Stopforth of South Africa and German national Horst Klenz — described by police as armed and dangerous — overpowered two police guards on Monday afternoon as they returned from a court appearance in Otjiwarongo.

At earlier court hearings in Outjo — scene of the August 10 shootup of an Untag district office that killed a Namibian security guard — police warned reporters the suspects were dangerous. At least one of them wrestled with half a dozen officers forcing him into a police van after one appearance and reporters have remarked on their cockiness in the dock.

UN officials were surprised that only two policemen guarded the three suspects on Monday and were further astounded that the guards apparently acceded to a request by the men to be allowed to relieve themselves at the roadside.

During the stop they overpowered the policemen with the aid of two armed accomplices who had tailed the van in a private car. They escaped in both vehicles before abandoning the patrol van.

Two other South Africans arrested as suspects — Arthur Archer and Johan Coetzee — are still in custody but charges against them were dropped in exchange for them appearing as state witnesses at a Supreme Court trial.

A sixth suspect was freed at an earlier hearing.

Mr Kobus Bauernmeester, chief aide to Mr Pienaar, said the administrator-general rejected Mr Ahtisaari's criticism of the police.

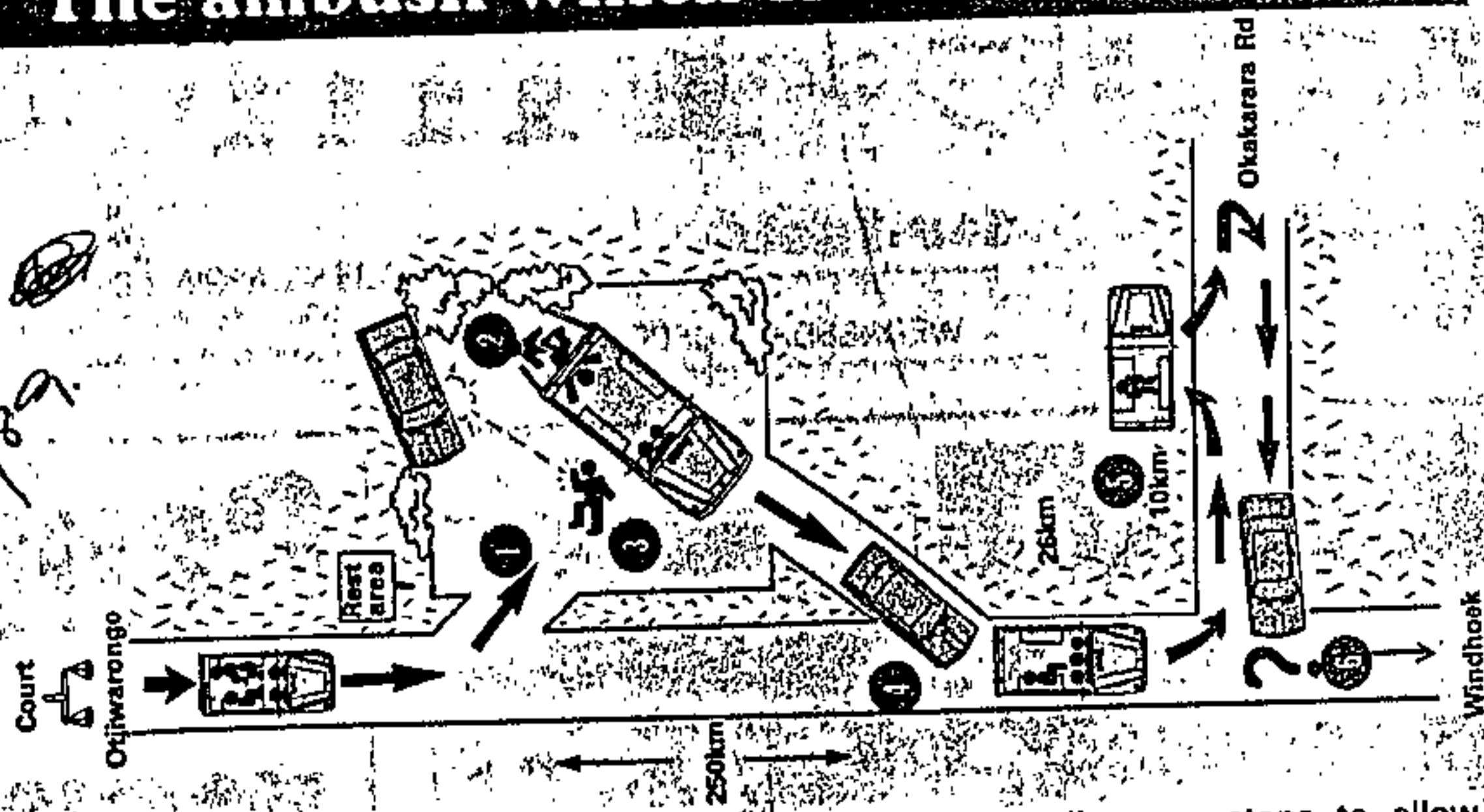
"The administrator-general regrets that he has publicly criticised the SWA Police. He has always refrained from commenting in public on unprofessional or biased conduct of Untag," Mr Bauernmeester said.

Doctors at Windhoek's State Hospital last night prepared to move wounded Constable Ricardo van Wyk to Cape Town for specialist treatment and surgery.

"He is in the intensive-care unit with injuries of the spine and chest, and also involving his oesophagus and lungs," medical superintendent Dr Andreas Obholzer said. "Arrangements are being made to have him transferred to Cape Town."

Police declined to allow reporters access to the wounded policeman or his unnamed colleague who were escorting the suspects.

The ambush which freed the 'hit men'



1. Namibian police van stops to allow prisoners to relieve themselves. (Blue-green metallic sedan with two white occupants parked nearby.)
2. Constable Boo! overpowered on letting prison trio from the back of the van. He is bundled into the van.
3. Shot fired from parked sedan, felling Constable Van Wyk.
4. Both vehicles driven off in southerly direction, abandoning Const Van Wyk who is picked up almost immediately by passing motorist and rushed to Windhoek Hospital.
5. Fugitives abandon Const Boo! in locked van and return to main road in escape car.
6. Fugitives head off in unknown direction.

Ultra right-wing fanatics — police

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FIVE MEN arrested in connection with attacks on activists were today described by police as "ultra-rightwing fanatics" — while human-rights activists expressed concern over creating a "smokescreen" by blaming all death-squad killings on neo-nazi groupings.

Major-General Hermann Stadler, chief SAP spokesman, said the five men arrested yesterday would be questioned about a range of attacks, including bomb blasts and other violent crimes.

General Stadler said that while the men would be questioned about the killing of Wits academic Dr David Webster, police had no link between the men and murder.

The five men would also be questioned on their involvement in the escape from police of three murder suspects who were freed in an ambush of a police vehicle in Namibia on Monday.

Five Transvaal arrests

General Stadler said the five new arrests were made in "various places" in the Transvaal yesterday. Names may be revealed today.

The men belonged to a "rightwing group" and were believed to have broken away from Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche's bodyguard, Aquila.

General Stadler said the men were being held in terms of the Criminal Procedures Act but would be transferred to detention in terms of the Internal Security Act.

Police earlier detained two former policemen in connection with the murder of Dr Webster in Johannesburg and Swapo advocate Mr Anton Lubowski in Windhoek. They are former West Rand drug-squad sergeant Mr Ferdie Barnard and rugby player Mr Calla Botha, formerly a member of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad.

Human-rights activist Dr Max Coleman yesterday expressed concern that the government could attempt to focus the existence of hit squads predominantly on rightwing elements.

While welcoming progress in police investigations, Dr Coleman said he had no doubt that the alleged hit squads operated both from within and outside the ranks of the police force.

He suggested there were three types of hit squads — those that operated squarely within the ranks of the police, those that operated totally outside the police force and those that were a hybrid of the two, having tenuous links with police.

He warned that "the latter two must not be used as a smokescreen" and said the ultimate goal of all investigations was to "trace the those responsible to their source, wherever it may be".

Mr Brian Currin of Lawyers for Human Rights said the government would obviously like to highlight the existence of an extreme rightwing terror group which would take the public focus off the hit-squad allegations.

"Should they try, I don't think they will succeed. There is no doubt about the magnitude of allegations and the evidence which has emerged. I think there is nothing the government can do to stop this snowballing."

In the complex allegations about hit-squad activity so far, Military Intelligence has been mentioned as linked to the alleged hit-squad killings of Dr Webster and Mr Lubowski.

● The government's reaction to a the McNally report on police hit-squad allegations is expected to be announced today.

The co-leaders of the Democratic Party, Dr Zac de Beer, Dr Denis Worrall and Mr Wynand Malan said the McNally report had been with the President for several days but that the public was still in the dark as to its findings.

They reiterated their demand for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to deal with all allegations about the conduct of the police.

They urged that the full McNally report be made available to a commission as a starting-point for its investigation and that a team of expert and independent investigators be formed to help the commission in its work. — Staff Reporters, Argus Correspondents and Political Staff.



General Stadler

AWB, BBB deny links with hit squad suspects

Staff Reporter 6/12/89

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and the Blankebeveiligingsbeweging (BBB) have "no knowledge" of the suspects being held in connection with assassinations of Mr David Webster and Mr Anton Lubowski.

This emerged yesterday from interviews with a senior AWB member and Professor Johan Schabot, former restrictee and former chairman of the BBB.

Mr Kays Smit, head of administration and finance for the AWB, and Prof Schabot

were reacting to police claims that detectives were on the point of a major breakthrough in their probe of right-wing groups.

"We don't know these people who were arrested at all and the police have not approached us at all to my knowledge," Mr Smit said yesterday.

Two former police sergeants, Mr Ferdi Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, and Irish passport holder Mr Donald Acheson are being held in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Professor Schabot said he did not know any of the trio and police had not visited any of his members.

If police did have a hit squad which murdered ANC cadres, a mitigating factor at the trial of any hit squad member would be the killings of innocent people by ANC bombs, Prof Schabot said.

He said it seemed from what had emerged of hit squad activities was that police and the army shared the view of right-wingers that the courts were not always fair.

My husband won't be that stupid, says pregnant wife

By Louise Burgers

The pregnant wife of Mr Leonard Veenendal, the Johannesburg leader of the AWB who escaped from police custody in Namibia on Monday, denied yesterday that he was part of a right-wing hit squad.

A pale Mrs Tracy Veenendal, who is expecting her second child in April, said she was "very worried" about her husband.

"I'm worried, something must have happened up there. Leonard would never do something stupid like that," she said.

She supports her husband's right-wing views and firmly believes he is innocent. She scoffed

at reports that her husband was an important link in SAP investigations into an alleged right-wing assassination team.

Mrs Veenendal and their daughter, Lindsay (3), were to have visited Mr Veenendal in jail over Christmas.

"But I changed my mind and decided to go in February to give Leonard some support during the trial."

Mrs Veenendal's brother, Mr Craig Barker, a former member of the AWB's Aquila unit, was arrested with Mr Veenendal and Mr Darryl Stopforth after the attack on the Untag offices in Namibia. He was later released and is looking after the Veenendals' Southdale home.

Hit squads arrested

By BARRY STREEK and CHRIS BATEMAN
POLICE yesterday arrested five more men in their crackdown on right-wing hit squads.

SAP public relations directorate chief Major-General Herman Stadler said in Johannesburg the men were arrested on the Witwatersrand and other areas in the Transvaal.

The men are believed to be linked to the three murder accused still on the run last night after their sensational escape in Namibia on Monday.

Those arrested yesterday are all thought to be involved with an extremist breakaway group from Aquila, the security unit of the militant Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

All are believed to be South African and some are English-speaking.

According to a source, the group had compiled a hit list which included AWB leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche and former Sunday Times columnist Ms Jani Allen. They apparently also planned to bomb a restaurant which served blacks.

The fanaticism of the well-trained splinter group was described as extreme and would "make Hitler look like a puppy".

General Stadler said the men were being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. They were in custody at various centres and were being questioned in connection with bombings and other violent incidents. Further arrests could follow.

FW may talk on hit squads

By BARRY STREEK

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk may respond today to the report of the McNally investigation into alleged police hit squads after a meeting of the cabinet in Pretoria.

Mr De Klerk has not yet said anything about the McNally report which has been with him for several days.

The cabinet has been at a special working session "somewhere in the Transvaal countryside" for the last two days to discuss future policy initiatives — and it is probable that the hit-squad allegations were discussed. However, it is expected that Mr De Klerk will only comment after an official meeting of the cabinet today.

The three co-leaders of the Democratic Party, Dr Zach de Beer, Mr Wynand Malan and Dr Denis Worrall, said in a statement yesterday that the McNally report had now been with the president since last week. "Yet the public is still in the dark."

The arrest of the five was not directly connected to the Webster/Lubowski murder investigation, he said.

"This was another group. But naturally we will question them over a whole spectrum of happenings in the past," General Stadler said.

General Stadler said a statement giving details

concerning the men could be expected today.

In Namibia yesterday, the police described the three fugitives — Mr Leonard Veenendaal, 23, Mr Darryl Stopforth, 22, and Mr Horst Klenz, 52 — as "armed, very dangerous and desperate".

Throughout Namibia, border posts were late last night sealed to the three — and to the two men who sprung them from the police in a meticulously planned ambush operation near Ojivawango.

Two aircraft and dozens of police vehicles scoured the vast territory yesterday.

In neighbouring Botswana, police commissioner Mr Simon Hirschfeld placed his security apparatus on full alert, "with a special look-out for false passports".

Inspector Nico Smith, one of two detectives investigating the fatal bombing of Untag's Outjo offices in August, said he had spent "days" interrogating the suspected trio.

According to Inspector Smith and Namibian CID chief Brigadier "Tommy" Tomasse, the trio were 10km from the Ojivawango Magistrate's Court en route to Windhoek jail when they banged on the police van cab about 3pm on Monday and indicated they wanted to relieve themselves.

The two junior constables obliged at a roadside picnic spot where a metallic blue/green sedan was inconspicuously parked. As Constable L. Boois

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opened the van's "cage" the three suspects "jumped" him and a shot rang out from the parked sedan, felling his colleague, Constable T Van Wyk.

Const Boois was bundled into the back of the van and both vehicles took off. They drove another 26km south, taking a 10km detour along a side road before making good their escape.

The seriously injured Const Van Wyk was picked up by a passing motorist. A bullet close to his spine was removed at Windhoek hospital yesterday. He is in a "stable" condition and may be flown to Cape Town for specialist treatment.

Inspector Smith said Mr Klenz, a West German who arrived in Namibia in 1985, was the strongest character and had convictions for illegal possession of weapons in his home country. A "world traveler", he was known for his right-wing sympathies, had no fixed Namibian abode and did odd jobs. He was "highly intelligent".

Mr Stopforth and Mr Veenendal are both from Johannesburg and are full members of the AWB. Mr Veenendal, a Johannesburg central AWB chairman and organiser of right-wing protests at the Hillbrow public baths in July, was an "arrogant, pompous and immature type".

Mr Stopforth, an AWB "drill" instructor and former security official with the Johannesburg Water Board, was "more gentle-natured and easily influenced", Inspector Smith said.

Senior SAP spokesmen in Walvis Bay said both border posts on the only road through town were fully alerted and on standby.

Ahtisaari surprised at 'lax' methods

Escaped suspects linked to hit squads

By Jon Qwelane,
The Star's Africa News Service

WINDHOEK — Three murder suspects, on the run in Namibia after being freed in an ambush of a police vehicle, were due to be questioned by police in connection with "hit squad" activities in South Africa.

The Star learnt this yesterday as one of the biggest hunts yet conducted in Namibia was under way for the fugitives.

Two white men ambushed a police vehicle on Monday afternoon and freed the three men accused of murder in the attack on the United Nations offices at Outjo last August.

Questioning

The attackers locked the two policemen in the back of the van, abandoned it on a side road and sped away in a car with the three prisoners: Mr Leonard Veenendal of the Johannesburg suburb of Southdale, who is leader of the AWB in Johannesburg; a close associate of his, Mr Darryl Stopforth of Rosettenville, Johannesburg; and Mr Horst Klenz, about whom little is known, except that he speaks only German and has given his address as "care of Vermaak, Duiwelskloof".

Two senior South African policemen were on their way to Namibia to question the three South Africans about a series of right-wing attacks in

South Africa when they escaped.

South African police wanted to question them about the activities of a fanatical "hit squad", said to be a breakaway movement from the AWB.

The squad even had the AWB leader, Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, on its "hit list".

Police said the fugitives were "armed, very dangerous and desperate" and warned the public not to try to apprehend them.

Police described the ambush as "a well-placed outside job".

Mr Veenendal, Mr Stopforth and Mr Klenz were arrested, together with Mr Johan Coetzee and Mr Arthur Archer, both South African citizens, after the attack on the Outjo office of the UN monitoring force, Untag.

● The United Nations special representative, Mr Martti Ahtisaari, has expressed his surprise at the "surprisingly lax" transport arrangements provided for the three escaped prisoners.

UN spokesman Mr Fred Eckhard said yesterday Mr Ahtisaari raised the matter with the Administrator-General, Mr Louis Pienaar.

● The policeman shot in the daring escape is paralysed and, though unconscious, was in a "serious but stable" condition yesterday. Constable R van Wyk was shot in the back during the escape.

He suffered serious spinal and chest injuries, and has been paralysed. He was due to be transferred to Cape Town yesterday for treatment.

Emergency op for ambushed policeman

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From JON QWELANE

Argus Africa News Service

WINDHOEK. — An emergency operation was performed late yesterday on the policeman who was paralysed by gunshot wounds after he was ambushed and two dangerous members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewiging (AWB) forcibly freed from police custody.

There has been no explanation from the police about why two junior members of the force were sent with three men who Namibia police have described as "very dangerous".

Constable R van Wyk was shot in the back, had spinal and chest injuries and lapsed into unconsciousness when he and Constable Boois were attacked by two men on a mission to "rescue" Johannesburg leader of the AWB, Mr Leonard Veenendaal, and his close associate, Mr Darryl Stopforth.

STILL ON LOOSE

Also freed in the ambush on Monday afternoon at Koedoeskoppies, about 10km south of Otjiwarongo, was German-speaking Mr Horst Klenz.

According to Warrant Officer Leon Rust, the three escapers and their two accomplices were still on the loose early today and roadblocks and the big manhunt which followed the escape were continuing.

Namibian police would not say if Mr Johan Coetzee and Mr Arthur Archer, originally charged with the escapers but now being held as potential state witnesses, would be questioned by the South African Police about "hit squad" deaths.

2 of Outjo 'bombers' ex-AWB members

Staff Reporters

CAPETONIAN Mr Keith Conroy, founder member of Aquila, the militant security wing of the AWB, yesterday positively identified two of the five alleged Untag Outjo bombers as ultra-right-wingers who broke away from Aquila.

Mr Conroy, who provides "VIP protection" for right-wing meetings in the Peninsula, said the two broke away soon after AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche became embroiled in controversy over his love life.

The breakaway members were Mr Johan Coetzee, 23, who is presently being held under Namibian security legislation, and Mr Leonard Veenendal, 26, one of three fugitives who escaped police custody in Namibia in a daring ambush near Outjiwarongo on Monday.

Mr Conroy, who said he had "pulled out" of Aquila after initiating the Johannesburg section in 1987, said he had met Mr Coetzee and Mr Veenendal once at AWB functions in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

He denied knowing Mr Arthur Archer, who is being held with Mr Coetzee, or Mr Craig Barker, who was briefly questioned and released after the Outjo attack. Both are Cape Town AWB members implicated in the controversy.

● Irish national Mr Donald Acheson, held in connection with the killing of prominent Swapo advocate Mr Anton Lubowski, has been remanded until January 10.

'Hit squads': Police name five arrested

JOHANNESBURG. — The five men arrested on Tuesday for allegedly being involved in rightwing "hit squad" activities have been named.

A spokesman for the police public relations division identified the men as Mr Fanie Goosen, 29, Mr Dawid Johannes de Beer, 38, and Mr Cornelis Johannes Loppering, 24, all of Vereeniging, Mr Hendrik Francois Binneman, 41, and Mr Cornelius Gerhardus van Zyl, 28, both of Randburg.

Weapons, including 12-bore shotguns, were seized soon after the arrest of the men, who are allegedly linked to a rightwing group.

Police said they were detained for questioning in connection with unsolved bombings and other violent acts.

The men were said to belong to a "rightwing group" and were believed to have broken away from Mr TerreBlanche's bodyguard, Aquila.

Two others, Mr Ferdinand Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, were detained on October 31 and November 30 respectively.

MARATHON MEETING

The Cabinet is understood to have decided to go ahead with prosecution of policemen involved in alleged police "hit squad" activities against political activists inside the country — but not to prosecute for actions taken by the squads outside the country against the African National Congress.

Government sources have indicated that this was decided at a marathon 12-hour meeting of the Cabinet at the Union Buildings in Pretoria which ended about 10pm yesterday.

The report by Free State Attorney-General Mr Tim McNally and Criminal Investigation Department chief Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie of their investigation into widespread police "hit-squad" allegations was discussed at length.

Sources have indicated that it is unlikely that the President will appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the "hit-squad" allegations at this stage — although he has been under great pressure to do.

Although other important policy matters were discussed at the Cabinet meeting and the special bushveld indaba which preceded it, no other big announcements are expected to flow from these discussions immediately.

The special two-day work session was devoted mostly to the government's legislative programme for next year's session of parliament.

It is understood that the media emergency regulations were not discussed. — The Argus Correspondent and Sapa.

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By BARRY STREEK

MORE arrests are imminent in the police investigations into hit squads.

The police have also discovered a large quantity of weapons, including shotguns, ammunition and explosives.

This follows the detention of three Vereeniging men, aged 29, 38 and 24, and two Randburg men, aged 40 and 28, on Tuesday in connection with various attacks.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "Further questioning is taking place and more information has come out. More arrests are imminent."

A top police team, which includes the head of the investigations, Major-General Jaap Joubert; the head of the CID, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie; the deputy head of the Security Police, Major-General Louw Erasmus, and the head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery squad, Brigadier Floris Mostert, is working day and night on the case.

It is reliably understood the

New hit squads arrests likely

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weapons confiscated this week include shotguns similar to the one used in the assassination of the University of Witwatersrand lecturer Dr David Webster.

The discovery of explosives, believed to be dynamite, is significant as explosives were used in the bombings of Cosatu House and Khotso House in Johannesburg and of Community House in Cape Town.

Explosives were also used in two bomb attacks at the home of a Nationalist MP, Dr Boy Geldenhuys, in Randfontein.

After the arrest of six people in connection with the attack on a United Nations office in Outjo, the Namibian police disclosed that their investigation had led to the discovery of a large arms cache, including handgrenades and R-4 and R-1 automatic rifles.

Three of these people who face murder and other charges — Mr Leonard Veenendal, 23; Mr Darryl Stopforth, 22, and Mr Horst Klenz, 52 — escaped from custody on Monday.

The police are convinced the three men, as well as their two outside helpers who drove them off, are linked to the five men detained in the Johannesburg area on Tuesday.

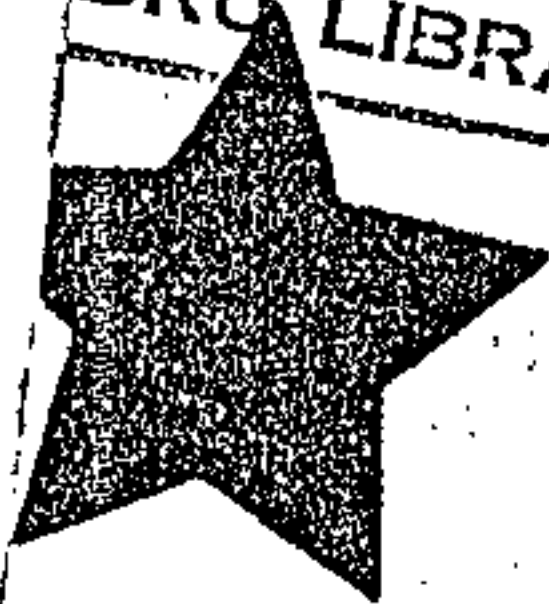
Neither the fugitives nor their helpers have been arrested yet.

Both the men detained in Johannesburg and those arrested in the Outjo attack are believed to be associated with a break-away group from Aquila, the security wing of the AWB.

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Government sources have indicated that this was decided at a 12-hour meeting of the Cabinet at the Union Buildings in Pretoria yesterday.

It is understood that the Cabinet decided a distinction would have to be drawn as it was felt prosecutions instituted against actions outside the country would fail because South African

No action against 'external hits'? 344

courts do not have jurisdiction there. The report by Free State Attorney-General Mr Tim McNally and SAP CID chief, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, on their probe of police hit squad allegations was discussed at length by the Cabinet and it is understood decisions were taken about how to handle the matter.

President de Klerk is expected to make an announcement today or tomorrow.

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Shotguns seized after five arrests

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AMONG the weapons seized shortly after the arrest on Tuesday of five men, allegedly linked to a right-wing group, were 12-bore shotguns, the same type of weapon used to assassinate Wits academic David Webster, a well-informed source said yesterday.

Police have declined to give details of the arms seized except to say they included firearms, ammunition and explosives. They also declined to identify the men.

Three of the men, aged 29, 38 and 24, were from Vereeniging and two, aged 40 and 28, were from Randburg, SAP

Public Relations Directorate chief Maj-Gen Herman Stadler said yesterday.

He said the names of the men, detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, would not be released because of further police investigation.

There could, possibly, be further arrests, he said.

The men were detained for questioning in connection with a number of unsolved bombings and other violent incidents.

Two other men, Ferdinand Barnard and Calla Botha, were detained on Oc-

MANDY JEAN WOODS

tober 31 and November 30 respectively in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act for questioning in connection with the SAP investigation into the murders of Webster (on May 1 this year) and Windhoek lawyer Anton Lubowski (on September 12 this year).

Another man, Irish national Donald Acheson, 52, was detained the day after Lubowski was killed and was arrested on November 6 and charged with Lubowski's murder.

Sapa reports that Acheson appeared briefly in the Windhoek Magistrate's

Court yesterday and his case was postponed to January 10.

From Windhoek, KEVIN JACOBS reports that a police search for three escaped right-wingers accused of a terrorist attack was boosted yesterday by a reported sighting of the fugitives.

South Africans Darryl Stopforth and Leonard Veenendaal, and German citizen Horst Kleenz, were still on the run last night, evading a widespread police net and checkpoints on main roads.

Investigators believed they had parted from their two accomplices who aided their violent escape from police guards on Monday.

"We caught them initially, so there's no reason why we shouldn't catch them again. It is just a question of time," said Inspector Nico Smit in Ojjiwarongo.

A sighting of three men fitting the descriptions of the terrorism suspects triggered concern that they could be heading for the desolate Botswana border region in the east.

Smit said a witness reported seeing the three men late on Tuesday, about 30 hours after their escape, in a four-wheel-drive bakkie north-east of Windhoek and south-east of Okavango. It was not known where they acquired the vehicle.

Three armed robbers to hand

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Police seize weapons and explosives

Rightwingers are caught with cache

By Janet Heard
and Karen Stander

A large cache of firearms, ammunition and explosives was confiscated during the arrest by police of five right-wing men held in connection with attacks on left-wing activists, police said yesterday.

Three of the men are from Vereeniging and two live in Randburg. Their names have not been released. Their ages range between 24 and 40 years.

They were described by police yesterday as ultra right-wing fanatics, while human rights activists expressed concern over a smokescreen being used to blame all death squad killings on neo-Nazi groupings.

SAP media chief Major-General Herman Stadler said the men were being held in various places under the Internal Security Act.

They had been arrested for questioning in connection with acts of terror against left-wing activists and organisations, mainly in the Johannesburg area, over the last few years.

He said it was against police policy to release the names of people held under section 29.

"The arrests are not necessarily connected to (the slaying of human rights activist, Dr David)

Webster, but for various acts of terrorism by far right-wing elements."

He said that while he had no doubt the men were responsible for acts of terror, he could not reveal specific incidents at this stage. He added that further arrests were possible.

Mr Brian Currin of Lawyers for Human Rights said the Government would obviously like to highlight the existence of an extreme right-wing terror group which would take the public focus off the hit squad allegations.

'Nothing to stop revelations'

"If the hit squads existed within the police ranks they will be revealed and I don't think anything can be done to stop it," Mr Currin said.

Dr Max Coleman of the Human Rights Commission expressed concern that the Government could attempt to focus the existence of hit squads predominantly on fanatical right-wing groups.

Dr Coleman said he had no doubt the alleged hit squads operated from within and outside the ranks of the police force.

Police said they had seized a hit-list found in the men's possession, which included the name of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche and other AWB members.

The men were said to belong to a right-wing group and were believed to have broken away from Mr TerreBlanche's bodyguard, Aquila.

Brigadier Theuns "Rooi Rus" Swanepoel, a former chief interrogator of the Security Branch and a present member of the AWB's Grootraad, would not throw any light on the possible existence of an extreme right-wing group who broke away from the AWB's military wing.

"I suppose if (AWB leader Mr Eugene) TerreBlanche is on the hit list, then I must be on it too."

He said he was only prepared to comment after the names of those people who had been detained were released.

Opposition MPs slam move on hit-squad probe

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PRESIDENT De Klerk's refusal to have a judicial inquiry into allegations about police hit squads was slammed today by opposition spokesmen.

Mr Peter Gastrow MP, a justice affairs spokesman for the Democratic Party, said the public would not have confidence that the police, in private, would investigate themselves effectively.

Mr De Klerk announced that, instead of a judicial investigation that would drag on too long, the police, with Attorneys-General, would hold investigations, and that no effort would be spared to bring the guilty to justice.

McNally report

He did not disclose the contents of the McNally report on hit-squad allegations but implied that some of the allegations might have been confirmed. He said prosecutions and judicial inquests would result from the report.

Mr Gastrow said Mr De Klerk had focused on alleged deeds and had left out of consideration allegations about hit squads.

If allegations about senior police and Defence Force officials being involved in hit squads as a matter of policy were true then the credibility of the police and Defence

Force would be severely undermined.

The suspicion about police and Defence Force involvement should not be allowed to drag on. It could be cleared up only through an open judicial commission of inquiry.

Certain aspects of the allegations could not be dealt with through police inquiries, although these were also necessary.

Aspects which needed to be cleared up in an open inquiry were the involvement of sections of the police, if any, and what could be done to restore the confidence of the public.

There was some suspicion about whether the McNally report, which had been rushed through and which was being kept secret, addressed all aspects of allegations about hit squads.

Democratic Party co-leader Dr Denis Worrall today also criticised the government for refusing to appoint a judicial inquiry.

Dr Worrall said that President De Klerk's announcement last night showed that he was treating the controversy as a criminal matter.

"It is not a criminal matter primarily. If the allegations are true it indicates this is a disease which fundamentally affects our society in the deepest and most crucial way.

"We need to have the whole

thing opened and exposed."

Dr Worrall said he did not accept Mr De Klerk's explanation that a commission of inquiry would take too long.

But since Mr De Klerk seemed committed to a police investigation the DP believed the probe should be as complete as possible before any prosecutions were begun.

He said the government was following the wrong procedure by prosecuting death-row prisoner Almond Nofomela — the alleged former member of a hit squad whose disclosures opened the whole controversy.

"It seems that Mr De Klerk is going for the messenger not the message."

● Five policemen named as members of an alleged police hit squad have been relieved of their duties, Nofomela is to be prosecuted and a warrant will be issued for the arrest of Captain Dirk Coetzee.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said last night that the Natal Attorney-General, Mr M W C Imber, planned to apply for a warrant for the arrest of former police Captain Coetzee, whose allegations about his part in a police death squad fanned much of the controversy.

Mr Coetsee said Captain Coetzee was assured of a fair trial but the government would apply for him to be extradited if he did not come forward.

FIVE top policemen have been suspended from duty pending investigations into the activities of the alleged secret hit squads.

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By BARRY STREEK

FIVE top policemen have been suspended from duty pending investigations into the activities of the alleged secret hit squads.

The suspended policemen include Major Eugene Alexander de Kock, the man who allegedly took over command of the squads from former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee.

The government said prosecutions and inquests would result from the McNally report into the hit squad allegations.

In a series of announcements last night, including a statement by President F W de Klerk, the government reacted to the claims, mainly published in the weekly

newspaper Vrye Weekblad, that police hit squads had assassinated a number of anti-apartheid death squads.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said last night the five policemen had been suspended at their own request.

Mr Vlok also said a top team of detectives had been appointed to assist Natal attorney-general Mr Mike Imber investigate the allegations made about police hit squads by a former policeman and death-row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela.

The new round of investigations include various police officers, both serving and retired.

The five suspended policemen are: Major De Kock, Captain P J van Dyk, Major J S Vermeulen, Sergeant J T Mamasele

and Constable B B E Ngqulunga.

In a series of late-night statements, the government all but admitted there was substance in the allegations.

In his statement, Mr De Klerk said he was "fully informed" about the McNally report.

"The minister of justice has given the report to various attorneys-general.

"Prosecutions and judicial inquests will result from the report and both the attorney-general and the police will continue with investigations of various persons, including several police officers, serving and retired.

"In fact, some of these police officers have requested that they be suspended while such investigations and/or legal proceedings are in progress.

"I have handed a list of alleged victims of politically-inspired assassinations to the minister of justice, which will now form part of this intensive investigation.

"Further, I have taken note that the South African Police have already made a number of other arrests that may be related to politically-inspired acts of terrorism, including possible cases of murder.

"The ministers of justice and of law and order will deal with respective functional matters. Furthermore, I have requested the relevant ministers to make use of the instruments at their disposal and to leave no stone unturned in apprehending the guilty and bringing them to justice in criminal cases in general, and in murder cases in particular," Mr De Klerk said.



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Farmers may be helping escapees

From KEVIN JACOBS

WINDHOEK. — A possible support network among white farmers is frustrating a police hunt for three suspected terrorists and has angered administrator-general Mr Louis Pienaar.

Mr Pienaar has insisted police work all-out to recapture the three white fugitives, South Africans Mr Darryl Stopforth and Mr Leonard Veenendal and German Mr Horst Klenz, accused of a murderous attack on a UN office and two accomplices who aided their escape from police guards on Monday.

One of the policemen shot during the escape is paralysed in a Windhoek hospital.

"There is concern in some quarters over assistance they have clearly received," an official said.

The fugitives were last seen on Tuesday near Okahandja, north of Windhoek, possibly heading eastwards, in a beige four-wheel-drive vehicle. The report of a sighting prompted police fears they were heading for the remote Botswana border area.

Investigators have warned that the three escaped suspects are dangerous and are armed with at least a 9mm pistol, and possibly heavier weapons.

Withdrawal of South Africa's military from Namibia has left police with no helicopter backup for manhunts in wide-open bushland.

Dipale death not suicide, says death row cop

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Butana Almond Nofomela, the death row hit squad member, has claimed that the death by hanging in 1982 of security police detainee Mr Ernest Moabe Dipale, 20, was not suicide.

Lawyers and human rights groups investigating Nofomela's allegations are probing this in the latest of a long list of shock allegations by the ex-security policeman.

A police spokesman said in Pretoria last night that this was the first he had heard of new allegations, and no comment was forthcoming as the State President had still to comment on previous allegations investigated by the McNally inquiry.

It is believed that Nofomela has instructed his attorneys that full investigations must be made of all his allegations before they are made public.

Mr Dipale died in detention at John Vorster Square three days after being detained on August 8, 1982, six months after Mr Neil Aggett, the first white to die in detention, was also found hanging from the bars of his cell at John Vorster Square.

The inquest verdict for both deaths was that they were suicides.

Three days after his detention, his father Mr Gideon Dipale was told of his son's death. He went to John Vorster Square with Ernest's aunt, "but we did not believe it. Even the strip of blanket we were shown, with which they told us he had hanged himself, was not strong enough to have held his body."

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Blazing homes ring Durban after 'Christmas war' begins

By CARMEL RICKARD
in Durban

THE "Christmas offensive" in Natal's townships has begun in earnest. The city was this week ringed with burning homes and unrest-stricken townships.

A pre-dawn raid by well-armed men from the squatter settlement of Lindelani into the neighbouring F section of Ntuzuma yesterday left five died and more than 40 homes damaged, many of them completely gutted.

Dazed refugees sat on the roadside after the raid, the lucky ones surrounded by a few goods they were able to rescue from the flames; the unlucky ones trying to be content they were still alive.

Derrick Mlambo, married last Saturday, his wedding presents still unopened in a corner of the lounge, recalled how his house was attacked in the raid.

Knowing that men are the targets of such marauding attacks, he jumped through the window and ran away.

The women in the house hid. One was dragged from under a bed and forced at gunpoint to hand over about R400. As the raiders left they helped themselves to a television and other goods.

One of the women whose goods and money was taken, has made a statement that among the people who held her up were members of the KwaZulu Police.

Brigadier Zac Buchner of the KZP said late yesterday that he had sent a senior officer to the area to find out what was going on. He had not yet heard formal allegations of KZP involvement but would ask for an investigation into the claims.

Similar reports of an upsurge in violence have come from many of the townships around Durban this week.

Unrest monitors said killings in political conflict around Durban reached the highest level ever recorded in November.

The remarkable similarity in all the attacks and the timing, seemed to indicate some kind of coordination, as though there was a "planned offensive", Democratic Party regional director Roy Ainslie said last night.

All the signs indicate the holiday season from December to January, traditionally time of the fiercest fighting, could see killing on an unprecedented scale, coupled with severe disruption in transport.

Last week 12 people were murdered in 48 hours of havoc in Mpu-malanga.

Over the week-end, the centre of violence shifted to Umsunduzi near Cato Ridge where eight died.

Survivors said the raiders were men with crude weapons from Nyabu across the river from Umsunduzi.

They were allegedly headed by men from outside the district.

They said after the youths were shot, the Nyavu men attacked the victims, stabbing and hacking their bodies, and attacking other men from the Umsunduzi hillside area.

Reports of serious violence have come from a number of areas but the consistently worst trouble spot remains Inanda, where 23 people have died since mid-November.

The next worst-hit is Kwamakhutha with 15 confirmed killings since November 19. A common target in the area is funeral vigils, and residents say almost all recent vigils have been attacked.

Another distinct new trend in almost every area is that the attackers do not simply set homes on fire anymore—they first selectively loot the targeted houses.

Many of those involved in the raids appear to be newcomers to the urban areas.

Armed vigilantes attack passengers without tickets

Scores hurt in rail violence

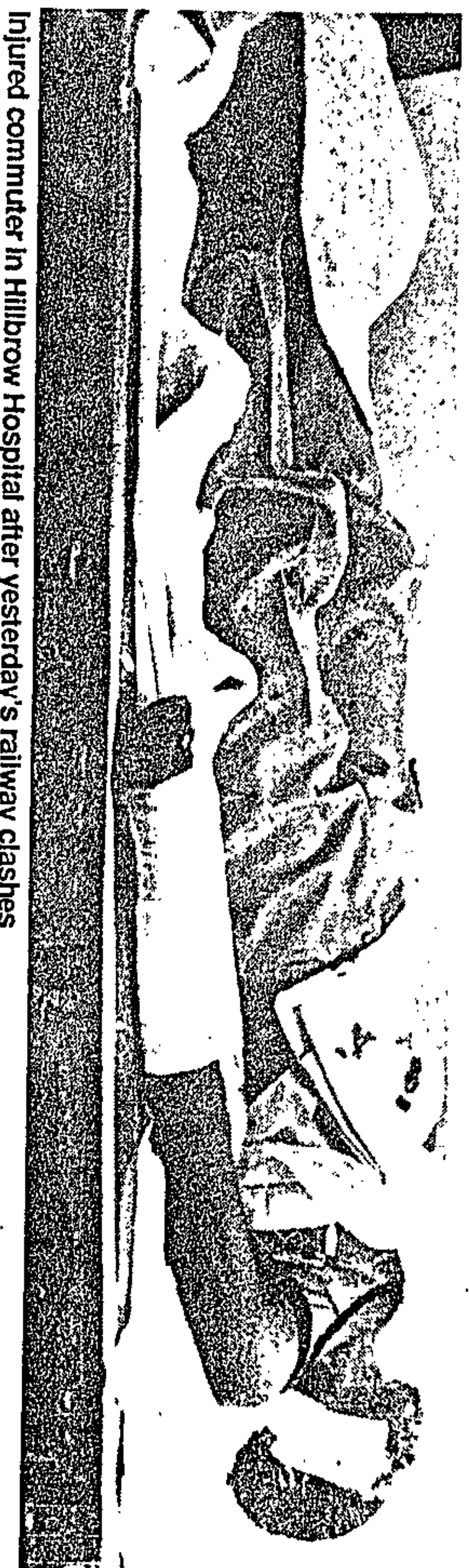
By EDDIE KOCH and MZIMKULU MALUNGA

CORES of train passengers were injured at a Johannesburg station yesterday as violence during the five-week strike by thousands of railwaymen reached a new peak.

Martin Sebakwane, general secretary of the South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (SARHU), said about 16 commuters and striking workers had to be admitted to hospital after "vigilante" groups attacked people in coaches as a train pulled into Braamfontein station.

The attack follows a week in which about 1 000 workers marched on a police station in Soweto to protest against alleged teargas attacks on train commuters by members of the South African Defence

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Injured commuter in Hillbrow Hospital after yesterday's railway clashes

Picture: GUY TILLM. Afracix

Scores injured in new railway violence

Force. The South African Transport Services warned that industrial sabotage had caused a derailment in Durban on Wednesday.

A reporter, who was hacked with a panga across the forehead at Braamfontein station, said that armed men attacked the train's passengers while ticket collectors looked on. The reporter, who asked not to be named, said the mob singled out people who did not have tickets and appeared intent on terrorising commuters into paying their fares.

"When the train pulled up to the platform, these vigilantes attacked anybody who could not show a ticket to prove they had paid for the train trip," he said. "There was a group of white ticket collectors watching the whole thing from the background."

The strike is supported by township residents who refuse to pay train fares and riding the trains for free.

A doctor at the Johannesburg Hospital told reporters that injured com-

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muters had reported the presence of uniformed ticket collectors during the operation.

"Vigilante types obviously operating on Sats property in working hours were responsible," said Sebakwane. "They appear to have been given time off to undertake violent acts. They rushed through the coaches and started indiscriminately hacking and stabbing. This is no longer an issue between the Sats and strikers. The public is now involved."

A Sats representative rejected the union version of events. He said the violence began after striking workers had pulled non-strikers into the carriages in a bid to stop them from working. The non-strikers retaliated.

Yesterday Sats obtained an interdict in the supreme court to bar striking workers from entering railway premises in Durban as well as the North and South Coasts. A similar applica-

tion in Pietermaritzburg was being heard yesterday afternoon.

Sats labour manager Jan Bredenkamp said yesterday that industrial sabotage during the dispute had reached new highs and that 11 rail trucks were derailed in Durban after the lines had been uncoupled.

On Wednesday a coach on a Reef train was torched and the driver had to make an emergency stop near the Doornfontein station.

Sats deputy director of public relations Alan Lubbe said yesterday that the parastatal was prepared to "go all the way" and fire 16 000 striking workers. So far more than 7 000 strikers have been dismissed and Sats estimates that the workers have collectively lost R12-million in wages.

But SARHU yesterday protected its members from being evicted from Sats hostels when management agreed in an out-of-court settlement to allow two workers back in to the Delmore hostel near Germiston.

The pair had filed an application in the Rand Supreme Court asking for their eviction to be declared illegal. The union's attorney, Joe Nxusani, said the settlement meant Sats could no longer evict workers without first obtaining a court order.

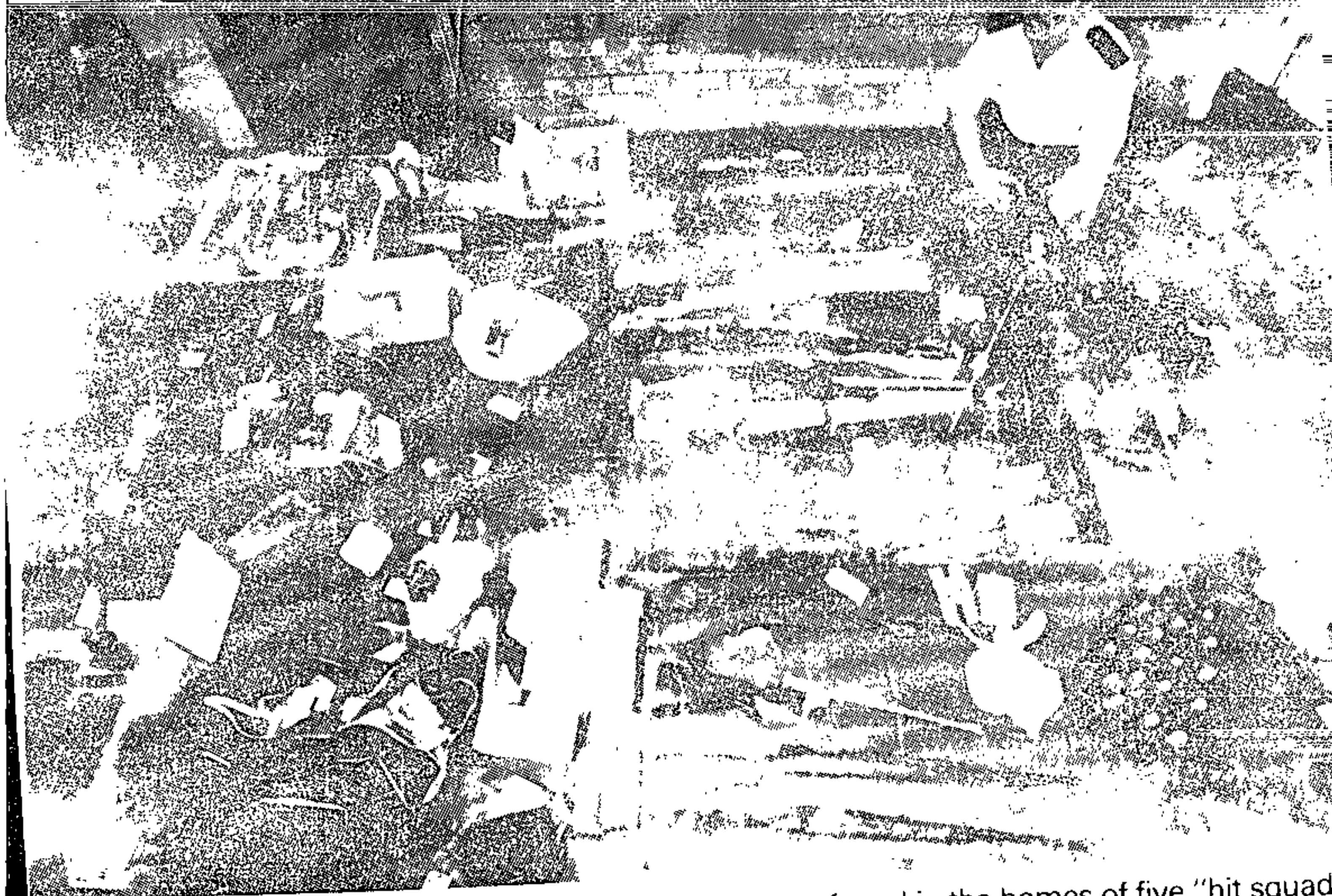
According to SARHU more than 1 000 workers have been evicted from railway hostels across the country. The strikers said they had been given only 24 hours notice to leave the premises and that police had been called in to "chase us out".

One of the applicants, Elias Mudzanani, said he had to sleep in the veld for four nights after being thrown out of Delmore hostel.

Talks between Sats and SARHU early in the week failed to resolve the strike. The management of Sats is refusing to negotiate with the union on its wage demands saying the labour organisation must first register with the government and obtain formal recognition from Sats.

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ARMS CACHE. . . The collection of arms and explosives found in the homes of five "hit squad"

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Seized arms 'SAP type'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Teargas canisters and handgrenades closely resembling SAP and SADF issue were among items seized from five different locations by police on Tuesday after they detained five men in connection with unsolved bombings and other violent incidents.

The five men, believed to be members of a right-wing splinter group, were yesterday identified by police as Mr Fanie Goosen, 29, Mr Dawid Johannes de Beer, 38, Mr Cornelis Johannes Lottering, 24, all of Vereeniging; and Mr Hendrik Francois Binneman, 41, and Mr Cornelius Gerhardus van Zyl, 28, of Randburg.

Among the weapons and equipment seized by police were several armbands marked with AWB insignia and cassettes containing speeches by AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Some of the dozen or so shot-

guns in the cache had their serial numbers filed off. One rifle carried a silencer and another a nightscope.

Other weapons seized included hunting knives, steel catapults, gelignite, two crossbows, mortar bombs and dynamite sticks.

Police said the men were detained for questioning in connection with unsolved bombings and other violent acts.

Two other men, Mr Ferdinand Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, were detained on October 31 and November 30 respectively.

The Black Sash yesterday expressed concern that responsibility for the hit squads was moving away from the real sources and that through a concerted campaign the government was pinning the blame on the political right wing.

It was gratifying, however, to see some visible police action in resolution of the crimes, the Sash said.

The SADF has apologised to

Pretoria human rights lawyer Mr Brian Currin for an incident earlier this week when two military officials were seen on a property near his home.

An SADF spokesman said yesterday the SADF had been in the vicinity of Mr Currin's home in search of a military vehicle which had allegedly been used for private purposes.

The anti-apartheid South African Council of Churches yesterday launched a campaign to expose alleged clandestine camps where captured guerillas are moulded into hit men to eliminate government opponents.

"While focus is directed at the death squads themselves, not much mention had been paid to the cries of many parents whose children are captured as guerillas of the liberation movements and never taken to court by the security forces," the Rev Bruce Evans, Anglican Bishop of Port Elizabeth, told a news conference. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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By BARRY STREEK

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At the time of his detention on October 28, 1987, Mr Ndude was employed as a co-ordinator at the Adult Learning Project. He is married to former UDF publicity secretary Mrs Hilda Ndude.

Mr Giffard lived in East London until he finished school in 1978. At the time of his arrest he was a lecturer and post-graduate student at the University of Cape Town.

The granting of bail yesterday brought to five the number of accused who are not in custody. The others are Ms Gertrude Fester, Ms Colleen Lombard and Ms Soraya Abass.

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JOHANNESBURG. —

The Media Council has upheld a complaint by the police against the Star for publishing a photograph of former policeman and alleged right-wing hit squad member Mr Ferdinand Barnard, who is being held by police in connection with murder charges.

The council found that the editor of the Star, Mr Harvey Tyson, had erred by publishing a picture of Mr Barnard. The police had requested that the photograph not be published.

The Media Council therefore upheld the police's complaint that the Star had violated paragraph 6 of the agreement between the Newspaper Press Union and the police. — Sapa

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Political Staff

AN inquest into the possible death of a Krugersdorp security guard, whose body has not been found, has been ordered by Transvaal attorney-general Mr Don Brunette.

This was contained in the statement on Thursday night by President F W de Klerk in response to the McNally report on allegations of police hit squads.

Mr De Klerk said Mr Brunette had decided to order an inquest "into the alleged murder of Mr Japie Nkele Maponya, a security guard of Krugersdorp".

This followed the claim by former policeman and death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela that Mr Maponya

Inquest ordered into a 'possible death'

was killed and his body removed.

"However, no body has been found as yet," Mr De Klerk said.

Mr Nofomela alleged in an affidavit that Mr Maponya was shot dead after interrogation by Major Eugene Alexander de Kock, one of five policemen who have been suspended.

Major De Kock, a key figure in the inquest in Piet Retief into the death of four ANC members who had allegedly crossed over the Swaziland

border, is said to have taken over command of a secret hit squad from former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee.

The Nofomela allegations about the disappearance of Mr Maponya were revealed when the South African Council of Church's independent board of investigation into informal repression submitted a report to the McNally inquiry on November 20.

Mr Maponya was arrested in Krugersdorp for questioning because it was suspected he

had information about the whereabouts of his brother Odirile, who was believed to have shot a policeman at De Wildt near Pretoria.

It has been alleged in the current Delmas terrorism trial that Mr Odirile Maponya was later killed when a limpet mine exploded at Ster City in Pretoria in May 1988.

Mr Japie Maponya was allegedly taken to the Vlakplaas police farm after his arrest.

Nofomela alleged that when it became clear that Mr Japie Maponya knew nothing about his brother's activities, an officer said he "had to be got rid of" and shot him.

These allegations will now be assessed by an inquest court.

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

PRETORIA. — President De Klerk and three Cabinet ministers were on an "order of death" list found when Dawid Johannes de Beer and four others were arrested, police have revealed.

Major-General Jaap Joubert told a Press briefing: "Among other things, there was a plan to attack these four simultaneously. That would have created chaos in the country."

Those named with President De Klerk were Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

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Police had been monitoring the five people, a rightwing splinter group of the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging (AWB).

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FW, Pik, Tutu in death squad sights

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General Joubert said two men, who he did not identify, had been trained as sharpshooters in the Northern Transvaal.

Police were investigating links between them and those who were arrested and subsequently freed in an ambush on their police escort in Namibia this week, for an attack on an Untag post at Outjo in Namibia. A guard died in the attack.

It was not clear whether the link was more than common membership of the AWB.

The police investigation was at an early stage and it was not known whether there was any connection between these men and the murderers of Dr David Webster in Johannesburg and Mr Anton Lubowski in Windhoek.

Discussing the investigations into the activities of former policeman Barnard and his connections, General Joubert said: "It is clear that we have to do with people who work in a so-

phisticated way. They have money and planning. We do not know yet exactly what we are looking at and what is behind the curtain."

Assurances

Mr Vlok, who was at the Press briefing, repeated President De Klerk's assurances that the government wanted to uncover all the illegal acts of policemen who were alleged to have murdered people.

A list of names of people on both the left and rightwing who had been murdered for political reasons had been compiled and these cases were being investigated anew.

"We want to charge the culprits," Mr Vlok said. "They must be brought before the courts to answer and be judged. I have confidence in the courts of this country."

Weekend Argus Reporter Jacquelyn Swartz writes that Mr De Klerk's decision not to appoint a judicial commission to inquire into the alleged hit squads has been described as a "tragic blunder which is going to explode in his face".

Mr Jannie Momberg, MP for Simon's Town, speaking at a Democratic Party meeting in Fish Hoek last night, said Mr De Klerk seemed not to have learnt from experience that internal commissions hardly ever delivered anything of note.

He said the questions being asked by the public at the moment would be left unanswered if only those who had been named were prosecuted, and the people behind them were not also investigated.

"Having taken the country by storm with his enlightened and reform-sounding speeches, the State President's decision must be regarded as his first major blunder," Mr Momberg said.

Cabinet hit list from George



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, the Argus.

STOP THE KILLING: Brigadier Jumbo van de Wall, left, exhorting supporters of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana to stop the killing and burning in Crossroads.

Police plea to halt violence in Crossroads

By GRAHAM LIZAMORE
Staff Reporter

POLICE called a meeting in Crossroads as part of a drive to end the spiral of violence in the sprawling squatter township — but only one of the factions turned up.

Police moved into the township after a weekend of violence when warring factions went on the rampage, leaving four dead, eight wounded and hundreds homeless.

At yesterday's meeting at the Noxolo school hall in Crossroads, the assistant regional commissioner, Brigadier Jumbo van de Wall, told about 400 supporters of controversial mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana that the police had come as friends to stop the killing and destruction of property.

Brigadier Van de Wall said the police could not take sides with anybody. They were there to uphold the law and to protect all the law-abiding people of Crossroads.

Houses burnt down

"I know the people of Crossroads to be friendly, but things have changed, people are being hurt and houses are being burnt down," he said.

He appealed to the people not to go back to the violence of 1985 and 1986.

Brigadier Van de Wall said he had brought many police to Crossroads and more were on their way from Pretoria. They would patrol Crossroads on foot to root out any troublemakers.

After Brigadier Van de Wall's speech, several people spoke out against rebel leader Mr Geoffrey Nongwe, saying they believed in peace but they had been attacked by

that only Mr Ngxobongwana's followers had accepted Brigadier Van de Wall's invitation to the meeting.

It had also been the mayor's supporters who had appealed to the police for protection.

Speakers wanted to know why Mr Nongwe had not attended the meeting.

"We would be delighted if Mr Nongwe could stand up at this meeting and explain the cause of the dispute and why he is attacking us," one speaker said.

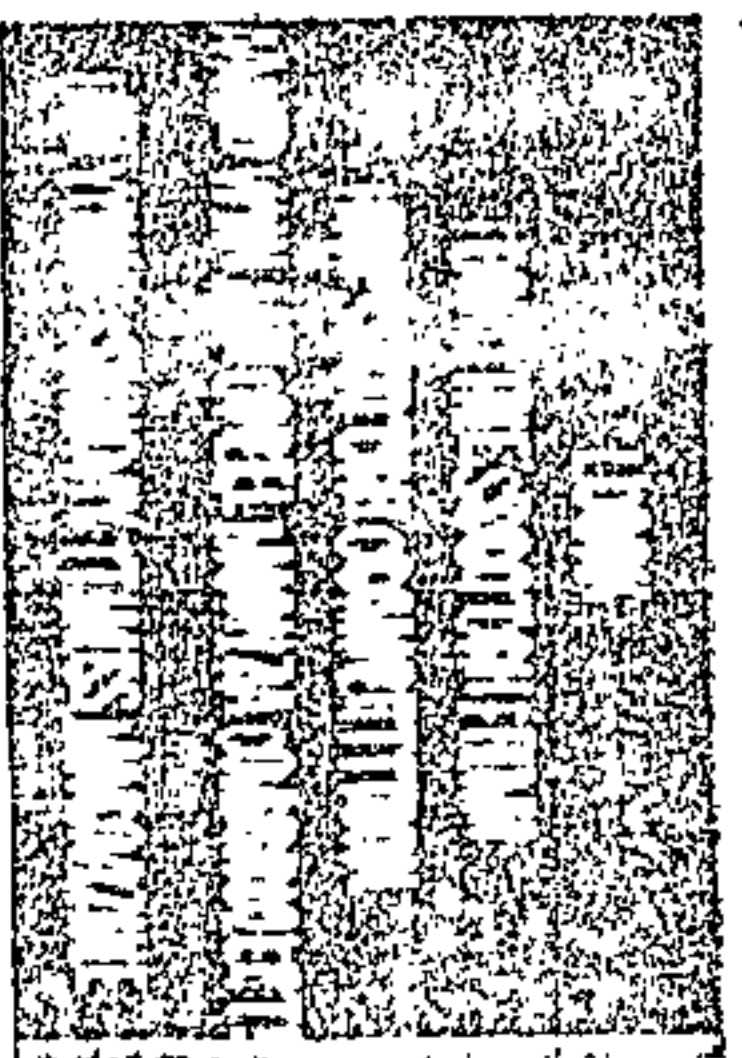
Another speaker said: "No sooner had the police asked us to attend this peace meeting than Mr Nongwe started evicting people from their homes. Why is he doing this and how long will this carry on?"

A woman said that although they believed in peace it was Mr Nongwe who was collecting followers to march into their location carrying placards. She said people and certain organisations kept abusing Mr Ngxobongwana, but they seemed to forget that he was elected by the people of Crossroads to be their leader.

"Mr Nongwe was one of our mayor's followers. The same applies to the group that has turned against him. They were all followers of his. Now they want us to speak with two tongues like a snake," she said.

Another woman said that Mr Nongwe had himself said in the past that if a person was a troublemaker he should be evicted from Crossroads. It was now his turn to be evicted. He must be out of Crossroads so that they could live in peace, she said to loud cheering and clapping.

● It was not clear yesterday what had prompted the large police presence in Crossroads, but it was learnt that Desmond Tutu had



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Pictures show two death squad suspects at mass killer Strydom's trial

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AMB HAS SECRET SUICIDE SQUAD, BOASTS ACTIVIST

HEADLINE disclosures: Sunday Times of October 1

By HERMAN JANSEN and DE WET POTGIETER

THESE pictures provide dramatic evidence of a link between the mass murderer, Wit Wolf Barend Strydom, and a sinister organisation that calls itself the Order of Death.

On the right is Dawie de Beer, named by police as leader of the order, and below is Corrie Lottering, one of his lieutenants — both photographed at Strydom's trial in Pretoria. Although Strydom acted as a lone assassin, the pictures make it clear that personal ties existed between his family and two of the five alleged Order of Death members detained this week.

On Friday senior police spokesmen said one of the main missions of the order was to assassinate President F W de Klerk and other prominent political figures. The group had been under close observation for 18 months and police possess many tape recordings of their secret meetings.

Boasts

Police decided to act when they learnt that two members had been assigned for special training as fighters. De Beer regularly atten-



EXPOSED: LEADER OF THE ORDER OF DEATH

HELD: Corrie Lottering, wearing Aquila badge

Coetzee in new call from 'near' Bop border...

By DE WET POTGIETER

DIRK COETZEE, the fugitive ex-policeman who told the world he commanded a hit squad for the SAP, telephoned the Sunday Times this week and let slip a clue to his whereabouts.

He asked a reporter to travel to Mmabatho, capital of Bophuthatswana, and then to meet him at a secret rendezvous "a short distance from there". Coetzee is, therefore, hiding either inside Bophuthatswana or is holed up in nearby Botswana.

The Sunday Times has informed SAP headquarters about the call.

The ex-cop has been on the run since he claimed in newspaper interviews that he headed a unit which assassinated SA Government opponents.

A warrant for his arrest was issued this week.

Coetzee said he was eager to make contact with another former policeman, Jett Bosigo, who he claimed was also a member of a hit squad.

He said Bosigo had worked with Almond Nofomela, the ex-policeman who exposed the existence of alleged hit squads shortly before he was to be executed for murder.

Hiding

Coetzee said Bosigo possessed "valuable information" about operations of hit squads since 1981.

In Mmabatho, Bosigo's father said his son was in hiding because he feared for his life. The father said he did not know of his son's whereabouts.

Coetzee claimed that another member of his squad, Spyker Tshikalange — who disappeared from Venda a few weeks ago — had now joined him in hiding.

Tshikalange has confessed that he took part in the assassination of human-rights lawyer Griffiths Mxenge.

During the telephone call, Coetzee sounded detached from the outside world and wanted to know the outcome of this week's boxing match between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran. He said he was keen that

Oasis

Police decided to act when they learnt that two members had been assigned for special training as snipers.

De Beer regularly attended Strydom's trial in the Pretoria Supreme Court in May this year.

He consorted Strydom's family when the ex-policeman was convicted and sentenced to death for the massacre of seven innocent blacks on Strydom Square on November 15 last year.

Until this week, De Beer, 38, was an obscure dispatch clerk at a Vereeniging steel works, Tosa.

Now he has been named by police as the leader of the group that allegedly compiled a hit list which included the names of President De Klerk, Cabinet Ministers P. W. Botha, Adrian Vlok and Magnus Malan, and church leaders Desmond Tutu and Allan Boesak.

The latest police revelations follow disclosures by the Sunday Times in October of the existence of "suicide squads" formed by dissident AWB members.

Seized

Boasts about the squads came from Leonard Veenendaal, former Johannesburg leader of the AWB, and now on the run after escaping from custody in Namibia, where he was being held in connection with the bombing of an Uniting office.

Detained with De Beer, and also held in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, are:

● Corrie Lottering, 24, who disappeared from his Vereeniging flat about six weeks ago. He was photographed at the Strydom trial sporting the insignia of Aquila, the bodyguard of AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche.

● Fanie Goosen, 29, also from Vereeniging.

● Two Randburg men, Hendrik Binneman, 41, and Cornelius van Zyl, 28. The five were detained after undercover policemen partners in crime.

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DIRK COETZEE

Warrant for his arrest

another former member of his unit, Captain Paul van Dyk — one of five policemen relieved of their duties pending completion of an investigation into hit squad allegations — should join him. Yesterday Capt van Dyk said he was not interested in any contact with Coetzee.

Dirk started these rumours, and he must fight his own battle. He now seems desperate to find partners in crime.

Hooker in hotel AIDS scare

By MATTHEW CURTIN

A HIGH-CLASS prostitute who operated outside a top conference hotel has been identified as an AIDS carrier, sparking a scare among well-off businessmen.

The black hooker is one of a group of 20 who pick up rich white clients driving Mercedes-Benzes and BMWs outside the Indaba Hotel near Johannesburg, which was sold this week by First National Bank to Karoo Hotels for R20-million.

Randburg Police spokesman Captain Enrol Wentzel said: "There is at least one identified case of AIDS among these prostitutes."

"We've noticed during investigations that it is mainly white businessmen from the North Rand, but sometimes from as far as Pretoria and Krugersdorp, who patronise these ladies."

Ruin

Randburg Police and Narcotics Bureau detectives say they have recorded the registration numbers of many of the vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances in the area.

The Indaba has hosted conferences of

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CLAIRWOOD: 30 lucky holders received a R10 555 payout from a pool of R336 772. Numbers: 7, 8, 3, 4, 6, 10.

TURFONTEIN: A net pool of R2 700 735 gave a massive dividend of R235 222 to 12 lucky punters. Combination: 6, 7, 8, 15, 12, 6.

MILNERTON: A small payout of R482 206 went to 588 ticket holders from a pool of R317 724. Numbers: 6, 12, 4, 1, 15, 5, 9, 16, 5, 7, 16.

Frost leads

DAVID FROST shares the lead on 208 with American Tim Simpson for today's final of the Million Dollar.

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Big rally

ABOUT 4 500 delegates were at yesterday's Conference for a Democratic Future.

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Christmas prize bonanza for three lucky readers



WINNERS ALL... Des Cloete, Monica Boswell and Reg du Plessis

CHRISTMAS has come early for three Sunday Times readers who share the end-of-the-year crossword bonanza prize of R500 000 this week.

Withank granny Monica Boswell, 44, Kempton Park computer engineer Reg du Plessis, 29, and Randburg

the country's top companies. Its general manager, Mr. Gerard Steneck, said: "Out of the 100 top companies, at least 95 have used our facilities."

The women are dressed in chic outfits and stand a metre apart as they wait for clients.

Two of them, a 15-year-old and a 40-year-old, said they charged R150 when a customer arrived in a Mercedes and "less if it is a cheap car". The prostitutes can earn more than R800 on a good weekend.

Local residents and the hotel management are concerned that the women are ruining the image of the area. Police investigations have also revealed that the prostitution racket has led to robberies as pimps and bookers conspire to fleece customers.

Happy

No one sent in a correct entry so the trio, each with three mistakes, share the prize.

Divorced Mrs Boswell, who works in an ice-cream parlour, said: "I won't give up work — it's my life." She plans to use the money to help all her family.

A happy father of one, Mr Cloete, also plans to help his parents. "I'll pay off both my bond and theirs."

"There will also be a new

By GWEN GILL

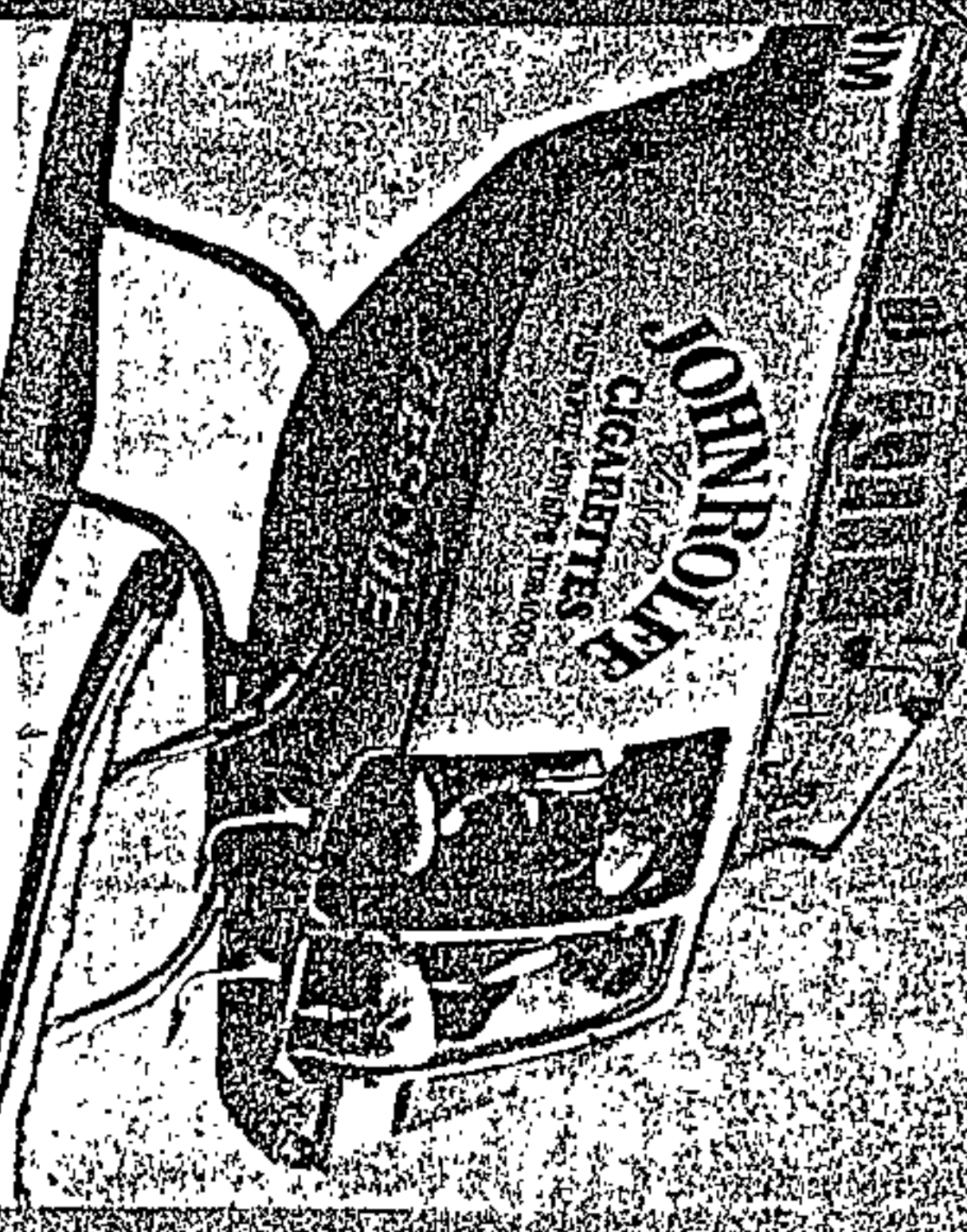
car for my wife, Sonia, and of course my two-year-old son Justin will have an ever-flowing Christmas stocking."

The third winner, regular entrant Du Plessis said some of his share would go towards fencing his holiday farm in Swartkops but his wife, Nina, nine-year-old twins Louis and Graeme and daughter Kerry, 13, would not miss out either.

The correct solution is: ACROSS: 1. Peppercorn, 6. Inch, 7. Amuse, 8. Rep, 9. Toe, 10. Inlet, 11. Sun, 15. Style, 17. New, 19. Dearth, 20. Tycoon. DOWN: 1. Point, 2. Racket, 3. Take, 4. Tiring, 5. Treat, 8. Rest, 12. Dray, 13. Desert, 14. Invent, 15. Waited, 18. Egg. The crossword competition starts its 1990 season on January 7.

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Teargas ends rightwing fracas in CP-held town

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FOR the second time in a week, gun-toting right-wingers and Reiger Park residents have clashed violently at Boksburg Lake.

Shocked eyewitnesses claimed that members of the police and the municipal traffic force openly supported yesterday's right-wing attack before it was stopped with teargas.

"A white couple who saw what was happening and passed remarks about the violence were also beaten," said one Actonville man.

By HERMAN JANSEN and GWEN GILL

ed the trouble when they wanted to braai right next to us. Others joined them, shouting slogans. Tempers flared and then the fighting started," he said.

The confrontation came four days after a group of Reiger Park picnickers, including a pregnant woman, were assaulted at the lake.

They were attacked shortly after the end of a

Conservative Party meeting in the Boksburg Town Hall.

One of yesterday's victims, Mr Richard Carelse, said several families from the same church had gone to the lake for a braai.

Kicked

"We were packing to leave when three cars and a bakkie with eight to 10 white men in the back pulled up. "Without warning, they

attacked us. It was terrifying. Two white men kicked me to the ground while a white woman urged them on.

"The children were screaming in terror, especially when one of the thugs said: 'Let's get it over with and shoot him'."

Last night, police denied they had "taken sides".

They confirmed that both incidents were being investigated and that 10 people — including two whites — had been arrested.

Teargas

"The woman was kicked by one of two women with the AWB group, and a traffic cop held the man down while they beat him with a baseball bat.

"Then, when a group of coloureds were teargassed, the police stood there laughing."

A woman radio news reporter at the scene was called "a bitch" by one of the AWB men, who also called the coloured group "scum".

Mr T J Ferreira, leader of the CP caucus in the Boksburg town council, claimed the coloureds moved into an area that about 30 AWB men and two women had chosen for a braai.

"About 12 coloureds start-

LAWYERS are re-examining the case of convicted African National Congress executive Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim, in the light of new allegations by a former hit-squad member that Ebrahim was abducted by South African security forces from Swaziland.

The new evidence may influence the appeal Ebrahim will lodge against his 20-year sentence next year, lawyers said. Mr Justice H Daniels who heard Ebrahim's treason case last year rejected Ebrahim's claim that he had been abducted by South African agents on December 15, 1986.

At the time, however, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said he could not admit or deny the allegation of the abduction of Ebrahim "except to strongly deny that any member

Lawyers move on Ebrahim case

of the SAP was involved. Butana Nofomela, the self-confessed security police assassin on death row, has made allegations about the abduction of Ebrahim, who was regional commander for Umkhonto we Sizwe. The details of the allegations are not known.

However, two other alleged members of Section C1 are known to have been involved in Ebrahim's interrogation. One was Brigadier Willem Schoon and the other a Captain Naude. — Sapa

Police probe 5 death squads

BY BARRY STREEK

THE police are now investigating the existence of five separate hit-squad operations — and four of them, all far-right, could be linked.

Reports at the weekend said the fifth group had infiltrated key sectors of society, including government departments, but last night Major-General Herman Stadler, chief of the police liaison directorate, denied that he had confirmed the existence of a new secret group.

Democratic Party co-leader and spokesman on law and order Dr Denis Worrall said the government was obviously engaged in a cover-up operation with regard to death squads.

The four hit-squad operations that have been confirmed by the police are:

● The alleged secret police squad, which was at one time under the command of ex-captain Dirk Coetzee.

● The Barnard group, for which two former police sergeants, Mr Ferdi Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, have been detained under the Internal Security Act. It in-

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cludes Irish passport-holder Mr Donald Acheson, who is under arrest in Namibia.

● The Onjo group, which was arrested in connection with the attack on an Untag office in which a security guard was killed. Three members of that group have escaped.

● The Order of Death group, five of whom were detained under the Internal Security Act in Vereeniging and Randburg last week. They have been linked to an alleged hit list on which the names of President F W de Klerk and Archbishop Tutu, among others, appeared.

General Stadler said last night the police were investigating the links between the confirmed right-wing groups.

"There does seem to be some link-up. After all, birds of a feather flock together," he said.

They had all been members of the AWB or its security wing, Aquila, and they knew of each other.

"They all apparently have very strong right-wing feelings," General Stadler said.

Dr Worrall last night questioned whether the former law and order ministers, cabinet ministers or former president Mr P W Botha knew of these hit squad activities.

"The government is clearly engaged in a cover-up operation. Aside from diverting public opinion, it has chosen to focus on the criminal dimension of the allegations alone."

He said the circumstances called for the publication of the report on hit squads by Free State attorney-general Mr Tim McNally. So far the report has been kept secret. Mr De Klerk last week reacted to the report by promising an investigation, but Dr Worrall said the State President should appoint a judicial commission of inquiry.

Death squads: Renamo link?

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By MARIUS BOSCH

A STATE witness in the Namibian murder case against three alleged right-wing terrorists who are on the run was a sergeant who recruited arms smugglers for Renamo, it was claimed yesterday.

Sergeant Johan Coetzee is being held by Namibian police as a potential witness in the case against the three who are charged with the murder of a security guard during an attack on Untag offices in Outjo.

Rapport yesterday claimed that Sergeant Coetzee was a sergeant in "the security forces" and that he had recruited 10 right-wingers to smuggle weapons to Renamo.

The officer investigating the attack on Untag offices, Inspector Nico Smith, said yesterday Sergeant Coetzee "was connected to the SADF". He did not know to what unit he belonged and said he "might have been discharged from the SADF".

Defence Force spokesman Brigadier Tim Krynanu said yesterday he could not confirm whether Sergeant Coetzee was a member of the SADF.

'Got scared'

It has been reported that Sergeant Coetzee was

expelled from the AWB in September by Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche for being "a spy for military intelligence".

The men on the run, Mr Darryl Stopforth, Mr Leonard Veenendaal and Mr Horst Klonz, along with other right-wingers, were allegedly recruited by Sergeant Coetzee, but, according to Rapport, seven of the volunteers for the Renamo mission "got scared" and the operation was called off.

In another development, South African police said they were investigating a possible link between military intelligence and an unnamed secret right-wing organisation that allegedly arranges political assassinations.

The group has reportedly infiltrated key sectors of society and aims to derail reform initiatives.

Police believe the group may have been involved in the assassination of Dr David Webster and Mr Anton Lubowski.

South African support for Renamo started in 1980 when control of the rebels passed from the then-Rhodesian Central Intelligence Organisation to the SADF's Directorate of Military Intelligence.

It has been claimed that Dr Webster might have been assassinated for his knowledge of alleged continuing SADF support for Renamo and the secret training of rebels inside South Africa.

A SADF spokesman, however, said last week that "it has been emphasised at all levels of government that the SADF does not support Renamo".

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE government has ordered an urgent and intensive investigation into a list of "alleged victims" of politically-inspired murders.

President F. W. de Klerk said on Thursday he had handed a list of alleged victims of politically-inspired assassinations to Minister of Justice Mr. Kobie Coetsee.

Mr. Coetsee said this list had been made available to the attorney-general "with a view to a special urgent investigation and report."

Neither Mr. De Klerk nor Mr. Coetsee disclosed how many names were on the list, which murders were on the list or whether it included killings both inside and outside South Africa.

However, the Commission of Human Rights has compiled a list of 49 assassinations of political activists inside the country.

A number of other people, mainly from the ANC, have been killed beyond South Africa's borders.

The list of assassinations inside S. A. includes:
1977: National Party candidate in Springs, Dr.

Commission lists 49 political

Robert Smit and his wife Jeanne-Cora.

1978: University of Natal lecturer Dr. Rick Turner in Durban.

1981: Civil rights lawyer Mr. Griffiths Mxenge in Durban.

1985: Eastern Cape activist Mr. Matthew Goniwe and three colleagues outside Port Elizabeth.

1985: Civil rights lawyer Mrs. Victoria Mxenge, wife of Mr. Griffiths Mxenge, in Durban.

1986: Mrs. Esther Masuku, mother of activist Mr. Oupa Masuku, killed when a handgrenade was thrown into her house. Mr. Masuku was seriously wounded and lost the use of his right arm.

1986: Dr. Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence, shot and killed in their home in Mamelodi.

1987: Three members of the Soweto Students Congress, in separate killings.

1988: Mr. Linda Brakvis from Heldemoed in the

Free State, killed three days after his release from detention.

1988: Mr. Sicele Godfrey Dhlomo, found dead in a field after he was detained for questioning. He was seen by friends four days after his detention.

1989: University of Witwatersrand lecturer Dr. David Webster, shot and killed outside his home in Johannesburg.

1989: Recently-released detainee and youth leader Mr. Eric Gumede in Durban.

1989: Restricted former detainee Mr. Christy Ntuli died after he had reported to the local police station in terms of his restriction order.

1989: The body of East Rand unionist Mr. Bafana Sigasa, found floating in a dam.

According to the commission, there have been eleven assassinations this year.

Various activists have disappeared. They include

al murders

Mr. Malebella Joseph Molekeng in 1977; from Port Elizabeth, Mr. Siphwe Mtinkulu, who disappeared after he was found to have thallium poisoning shortly after his release from detention; four leaders of the Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation (Pebco), and Mr. Stanza Bopape in 1988 after the police said he escaped from custody.

Those killed outside the country include former University of the North SRC president Mr. Ongopitse Tiro, who was killed in a parcel bomb in Botswana in 1974; the ANC's chief representative in Zimbabwe Mr. Joe Gqabi, killed by gunmen at his home in 1981; Mrs. Ruth First of the ANC who was killed by a parcel bomb in Maputo in 1982; Ms. Jeanette Schoon and her daughter who were killed by a parcel bomb in Angola in 1984, and the ANC's representative in Paris, Mrs. Dulcie September, who was shot dead in Paris in 1988.

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Ex-W Cape police chief to head probe

Political Staff

THE former Commissioner of Police in the Western Cape, Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, has been put in charge of the police team investigating the hit squad allegations made by ex-police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee.

The team has been appointed to assist Transvaal attorney-general Mr Don Brunette.

In a statement yesterday the police requested information on Mr Coetzee's whereabouts.

He is believed to be somewhere in Europe, though a Sunday newspaper reported over the weekend that he had phoned the newspaper from Bophuthatswana.

The contact number for anyone with information is: (012) 310-1134.

"This telephone is connected to an answering machine. A message can thus be left anonymously if so desired," the police statement said.

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Amid the public and political furore surrounding recent allegations of "hit lists" and "death squads", the families of the victims have been forgotten.

That was the conclusion reached by Port Elizabeth Anglican Bishop Bruce Evans following a recent meeting in Johannesburg, organised by the South African Council of Churches (SACC).

Bishop Evans met with parents and relatives of people who have been assassinated or have disappeared.

"While focus is directed at the death squads themselves, not much attention has been paid to the cries of many parents whose children were captured as guerillas and never taken to court by the security forces," a statement released by the meeting's participants read.

The captured guerilla is at

'Families of hit squad victims forgotten'

the mercy of his captors and can be forced to commit any act, including assassination, the statement said.

"Those that have been captured and who have subsequently joined the security forces must be put in contact with their families," they stated.

"That is the only way that there can be proof that whatever they are doing for the security forces is done voluntarily."

White men in masks tar 'n beat Indian

By GEORGE MAHABEER

AN INDIAN engineer working for a giant South African company and living in a white suburb was tarred and beaten this week by three white men.

Wearing stockings over their faces, the men booted and punched Mr Theo Phillips Krupanandan before emptying a 5-litre container of tar on him.

Mr Krupanandan's pregnant wife Shobina hid in a toilet on Thursday night when the men forced their way into the duplex at Empanjeni on the Natal North Coast.

Mr Krupanandan, 30, a projects electrical engineer and the only Indian employed by Alusaf at Richards Bay, moved into the company-owned duplex with his wife and their young son Lloyd two weeks ago.

The duplexes and flats were built by Alusaf. All the other buildings are occupied by the company's white workers.

Kicked

Mr Krupanandan said he had returned home from a company beach party shortly after 8.30pm when he heard a knock at the door.

He looked through the security peephole. In the darkness he saw people outside and thought they were neighbours.

Mr Krupanandan, a graduate of the University of Durban-Westville, said he later found that the light bulb to the entrance of the duplex had been removed.

"As soon as I opened the door the men grabbed me by the shoulder and neck and pushed me to the floor.

"They punched and kicked me and poured tar on my head and face.

"The whole incident took about a minute or two. During the time they were in my duplex they didn't utter a word," said Mr Krupanandan.

Security

The company offered Mr Krupanandan the duplex after it found he was living in unsuitable accommodation on a farm in Empanjeni.

"I knew of the consequences of moving into a white area, but I thought it was safe as all the whites who live here work for the same company.

"I am now frightened to return to the duplex, although the company has offered to step up security.

"My wife will now live with her family in Durban. My company has offered to accommodate me in a hotel."

Alusaf managing director Mr R A Barbour was not available for comment.

Captain Casper Steyn of the Empangeni police said assault and malicious damage to property dockets had been opened.

Ex-cop 'was Lubowski man's handler'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective-sergeant Mr Carl "Calla" Botha was a "handler" for Irishman Mr Donald Acheson, charged with the assassination of Windhoek lawyer Mr Anton Lubowski, according to documents before the Supreme Court yesterday.

The documents form part of an application by Mr Botha's father to secure his release. Mr Botha was arrested on November 30 in connection with the murders of Mr Lubowski and Wits academic Dr David Webster. He is being held in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Sam Maritz, the counsel for the police, who are opposing the application, defined "handler" in the context of the case as "one who facilitates murder".

"The least one can say is he (Mr Botha) had contact with Acheson," Mr Maritz told Mr Justice J C Kriegler.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad chief Brigadier Floris Mostert said in an affidavit that according to his information Mr Botha was involved in the Webster and Lubowski murders.

Information obtained after Mr Acheson's arrest and "other information" led to the arrest of former West Rand policeman Mr Ferdinand Barnard.

Information obtained after Mr Barnard's arrest revealed Mr Botha's involvement in an organisation consisting of members from all levels of society whose purpose was to demoralise or scare the public and to impose their political beliefs on people, he said.

Mr Botha had so far refused to divulge any information or co-operate with police, Brigadier Mostert said.

He said the public exposure of facts surrounding the police investigation into the murders of Dr Webster and Mr Lubowski had done irreparable damage and alerted the people police suspected of committing the murders.

For this reason, Brigadier Mostert said, he could not divulge to the court the full extent of facts available to him.

Investigations into Mr Lubowski's murder showed Mr Botha was one of Acheson's "handlers".

Judgment in the matter was reserved and Mr Justice Kriegler said he would not hand down his judgment before next Monday at the earliest.

An application by the SAP to have Botha's application held in camera — opposed by Mr Botha's counsel — was dismissed by the judge.

He will give his reasons for this when he hands down his judgment.

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Crossroads attack after 'war indaba'

By CHIARA CARTER

OPponents of controversial Crossroads leader Johnson Ngxobongwana have accused Khayelitsha town councillors of involvement in the violence which swept through the squatter camp over the past week.

Rebel Crossroads headman, Jeffrey Nongwe said Ngxobongwana's supporters had gone to Site C in Khayelitsha last week for a "war indaba".

This was followed by an attack on the "anti-mayor" faction in Crossroads last Sunday night.

At least five people died and about 200 shacks were burnt in the attack.

Nongwe is one of 14 Crossroads committee members who broke away from Ngxobongwana earlier this year after growing discontent with his rule.

Opposition to Ngxobongwana and tensions in the camp increased this month over police investigations into

alleged misappropriation of tithes which the committee collected from residents.

Ngxobongwana, who is presently travelling back to Crossroads from the Ciskei, has denied that he misused funds.

Nongwe said the rebel headmen had become "disillusioned" with Ngxobongwana. When they confronted Ngxobongwana about "unfulfilled promises", they had been threatened with assault.

Tensions increased last week when about 200 people defied the committee and attempted to march through the area in protest against Ngxobongwana.

23 people were subsequently arrested.

Several shacks were demolished after the march.

Nongwe alleged last Sunday that a yellow van was parked outside his house.

Shortly after this he heard gunshots, when he went outside he

saw that houses surrounding his home were burning.

His house was riddled with bullet holes.

Crossroads resident Primrose Cele said she had heard screams at about 8 o'clock on Sunday night.

She saw a group of men moving between the shacks, setting them alight.

Many people were left homeless and took refuge with friends or in a hall at KTC.

Holy Cross priest Father Mfanyana described the present situation as "tense and volatile".

According to civil rights lawyer Essa Moosa, there are several affidavits which claim police involvement in the violence which claimed at least five lives.

Moosa said the community intended asking the court to find Ngxobongwana in contempt of court for allegedly defying an interdict restraining him or his supporters from damaging property or

intimidating residents.

A top-level delegation including the UDF executive, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and released ANC leaders, Walter Sisulu and Ahmed Kathrada, visited Crossroads on Wednesday.

Tutu called on the authorities to institute as a "matter of urgency" an inquiry into the role played by the police in the violence.

UDF publicity secretary Cheryl Carolus said the UDF was concerned that Crossroads did not become "another Natal".

Ngxobongwana is a former Western Cape Civic Association leader who gained credibility with the authorities during the wildcat/comrade battles in Crossroads in 1986.

Observers say the ongoing controversy surrounding Ngxobongwana is a considerable embarrassment to the government policy of establishing local structures.

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Natal violence: Now it's over to the police

THE government decision to deploy extra security force members in Inanda, Ntuzuma and other Durban townships this week has been welcomed by residents — but it could prove disastrous unless the police act impartially.

The two sides involved in the fighting blame each other, so it is not surprising that Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi says the culprits are the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the African National Congress.

However, when Deputy Minister of Defence Wynand Breytenbach tells troops in the Durban townships that the violence is caused by the "onslaught" of ANC revolutionaries, the implications are more serious.

If the security forces, charged with keeping the peace in the townships, are informed by their bosses that one side in the fighting is to blame, they cannot be expected to act neutrally in policing the trouble spots.

There is also the question of whether the available evidence backs Breytenbach's theories.

Certainly in Ntuzuma and Inanda, the worst hit of the Durban townships since the beginning of the month, the visual evidence is that most of the attacks have come from the squatter settlements where vigilantes, like

The decision this week to move hundreds of policemen into the strife-torn Durban townships has been welcomed by residents. But the police must prove that they can be impartial, reports CARMEL RICKARD

modern day Vikings, sally out in pre-dawn raids to pillage, rape, loot and kill.

Their targets are houses across the invisible border in the "proper townships", where buildings are made of blocks and where electricity and water borne sewerage are available.

It is common knowledge that the raiding parties include many newcomers to the urban areas, people who arrive on the fringes of the city to look for work, without money or security, or even a piece of cardboard over their heads.

They are offered a place to stay on condition they join the raids, and as an incentive, are promised the goods they loot. The extorted money they keep, television sets and other electrical goods are sold.

In other areas where this strategy has been used, the deserted houses form a buffer strip between the two sides for a few weeks, but they are soon occupied by erstwhile "raiders",

Over 700 men shifted to Durban

OVER 700 additional security force members have been made available to deal with the unrest in Durban's northern townships. Local residents welcomed the move, saying the political temperature had immediately "cooled".

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Deputy Justice Minister Danie Schutte issued a joint statement on Wednesday night saying they had decided to strengthen the forces in Inanda and other northern townships.

When the violence escalated sharply over the weekend, 350 extra security force members were brought in.

But Vlok and Schutte said in addition to these reinforcements, another 380 were being made available with immediate effect.

They said the situation had deteriorated considerably over the last few days and

there was serious concern about the continuing unrest. That was why it was decided to bring in a second batch of reinforcements.

They said the situation was being carefully monitored and they appealed for residents to co-operate so the violence would end as soon as possible.

Residents of Inanda's Ohlange area said they welcomed the extra police in the townships and that already the situation had improved.

"We hope they stay at least a month to dampen down the violence," one woman said.

"It was cooler today because there are now many soldiers going up and down in the streets," said another.

"When they are here we do not have trouble — but they must be fair. They must stop whoever is attacking, whatever side they come from."

banishment powers of the kwaZulu government, the people blamed in scores of affidavits to lawyers and in statements to the police, continue to sanction — if not to plan — these attacks and raids.

There have also been serious allegations, taken down in statements by the South African Police as well as in affidavits by lawyers, pointing to the involvement of the kwaZulu police with the Lindelani raiders.

These claims are being investigated at top level by the KZP but it could be too late to salvage the reputation of this police force.

That is also the danger for the SAP: one of the many reasons given by unrest monitoring groups for the escalation in the violence is that all sides have lost their faith in the forces of "law and order".

Many people have suffered months — and sometimes years — while the security forces appear unable or unwilling to ensure their safety.

For their own survival, these people have learnt not to depend on the "forces of law and order".

The deployment of hundreds of extra forces in the townships presents the SAP with what could be a last opportunity to show they are capable of neutral policing.

The heroes who emerge from out of the misery

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

THE violence in Durban's townships over the last week has produced its crop of heroes.

Children risked their lives to bring their younger brothers and sisters out of the firing line; a teenage girl carried two babies out of bullet range, but was struck in the back and is now paralysed for life; a priest turned back a raiding party about to break into the church where women and babies were sheltering; another priest probably saved the lives of a party of canoeists, by placing himself between them and a crowd of heavily armed men.

Many black and white families have also proved Good Samaritans, taking in numbers of refugees and storing the furniture and clothes they were able to rescue from their homes. Church leaders have urged ministers to open their buildings to refugees and asked members of their congregations to give shelter to people made homeless by the violence.

But although the violence has



Houses like these in Mpumalanga — gutted by fire and abandoned — are an increasingly common sight as violence continues in Natal

Picture: CLINT ZASMAN

reached disaster proportions, there has been no large scale co-ordinated attempt to help the thousands of displaced people, even with the basics of food and clothing.

The death toll since the beginning of December in the Durban townships stands at about 75. About 200 homes have been destroyed, most by

fire.

Refugees continue to leave the worst-hit areas, sometimes carrying belongings they were able to bring out, sometimes with nothing more than the clothes they were wearing.

The scale of the violence is difficult to imagine — one Indian trader in the Inanda area said that on Monday

morning when he came to work he found "eight or nine" bodies around his property; in parts of Ntuzuma it takes some effort to find houses which are not damaged or destroyed — row after row of homes with all the windows broken.

The police have a difficult task, and even the additional forces sent in this

week could prove inadequate.

The night of the announcement that over 700 reinforcements had been sent in, residents said 14 houses were burnt in the Amawula area of Inanda, there were fierce attacks by the Sin-yoras in kwaMashu's K section and a number of homes in the Siyanda squatter settlement were set alight.

Secret trials link to hit squads

Political Staff

WEEKLY MAIL reported today that two Official Secrets trials in 1980-81 revealed the existence of "special forces" within the police and the military.

A secret State Security Council document, part of the court record in the two in-camera trials, was believed to have been intercepted at the time on its way to a shredder in the Directorate of Military Intelligence (DMI) psychology unit.

A soldier, Corporal Gerhard van der Werff, who worked in the unit, was tried and convicted for the interception.

In exchange for a comparatively light sentence, Mr Van der Werff gave evidence against his then lover, Mr Ben Greyling, a Wits University activist.

Mr Greyling was in custody at the time after being arrested with three other students for putting up South African Communist Party posters. Police then raided his home and found a copy of the DMI document.

Mr Greyling was tried in 1981 and acquitted on charges under the Official Secrets Act, but he and the other three students served 10 days for furthering the aims of the SACP.

Weekly Mail said it could not reveal details of the document because the trials were held in camera.

The state argued then that the document was so explosive that not even the defence lawyers should see it. After legal argument, however, they agreed to show parts of it to the defence lawyers to secure their agreement on an in-camera ruling.

Weekly Mail said it had made contact with Mr Greyling, who was granted political asylum by the United States and

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Devon, has already instructed solicitors to act if the tapes are broadcast. — Daily Telegraph

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now lives in San Francisco.

As far as he could recollect, the document taken from his home was entitled "Constitution and Functions of the Special Forces".

Mr Greyling told Weekly Mail that he had gathered information dealing with secret funding of the "special forces", who answered not to parliament but to the State Security Council.

He said "special force" staff were recruited from the ranks of the defence force, the police and other branches of

the civil service and were tested by state-run psychological units for "aggression quotients".

These were made up of factors such as a history of instability, alcoholism or divorce in the candidate's family. The presence of such factors counted in the candidate's favour, Mr Greyling claimed.

He said the secret funds were used for destabilisation, running secret operations in neighbouring states, disinformation and propaganda to raise morale in the general armed forces.

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Nofomela: I was in police squad that killed Mxenge

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Former security policeman and death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofomela, 32, admitted in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday to being a member of a special assassination squad sent to Durban to "eliminate" civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Nofomela, in leg irons, pleaded guilty before magistrate Mr G L S Holland to the murder of Mr Mxenge on November 19, 1981.

At the time he was a member of the security branch seconded to a special assassination squad under the command of Captain Dirk Coetzee, he said.

Nofomela said he and three colleagues, Brian Justice Nqulunga, David Tshikalange and Joseph Mamaselela, were instructed to "eliminate" Mr Mxenge by Brigadier Willem Schoon and Captain Coetzee.

In late 1981 they travelled to Durban where they forcibly apprehended Mr Mxenge and drove him to the Umlazi sports stadium. There they assaulted him by kicking him, punching and stabbing him to death.

Nofomela said he tendered his plea of guilty with a full understanding of the charge against him.

The magistrate said it was clear from Nofomela's statement that he admitted all the relevant elements of the charge and ordered that the proceedings be stopped and referred to the Attorney-General for his decision.

Nofomela was remanded in custody at Pretoria Central prison until February 28 next year.

Earlier defence advocate, Mr Denis Kuny, SC, said he defence wanted to know from the state whether Nofomela would be charged alone or if he would be joined by other accused at a later stage.

"Our instructions are that this offence was committed by the accused in the company of three other persons... it is important to the defence in preparing for trial to know whether anyone else is to be charged."

State advocate Mr Bruce Morrison said he was unable to give a reply as the matter was still under investigation. "This would be a decision for the Attorney-General and would depend on the outcome of investigations."

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'Death squad' man in court

IN THE DOCK ... Former security branch policeman Butana Almond Nofomela, who was yesterday charged with the murder of Durban lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, in the dock at the Maritzburg Magistrate's Court.

Nofomela was photographed while consulting with his attorney, Mr Ahmed Motale. On the extreme left is advocate Mr Denis Kuny SC. In the middle is Mr Brian Currin of Lawyers for Human Rights.

Nofomela was on death row in Pretoria for the murder of a farmer when he claimed to have been a member of a police death squad which murdered Mr Mxenge.



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Breakfast TV axes stars as audience plunges

By DOUGLAS GORDON
TV Correspondent

THE SABC's crisis-hit breakfast TV show has axed two regular hosts and is chasing radio stars to try to rescue its falling viewership.

But Radio 5's Martin Bailie and Alex Jay have both turned down big-money offers to move their morning shows to TV.

The Good Morning South Africa show, hit by plunging ratings and a dismal new format, is desperate for a strong replacement for David Hall-Green, who is quitting.

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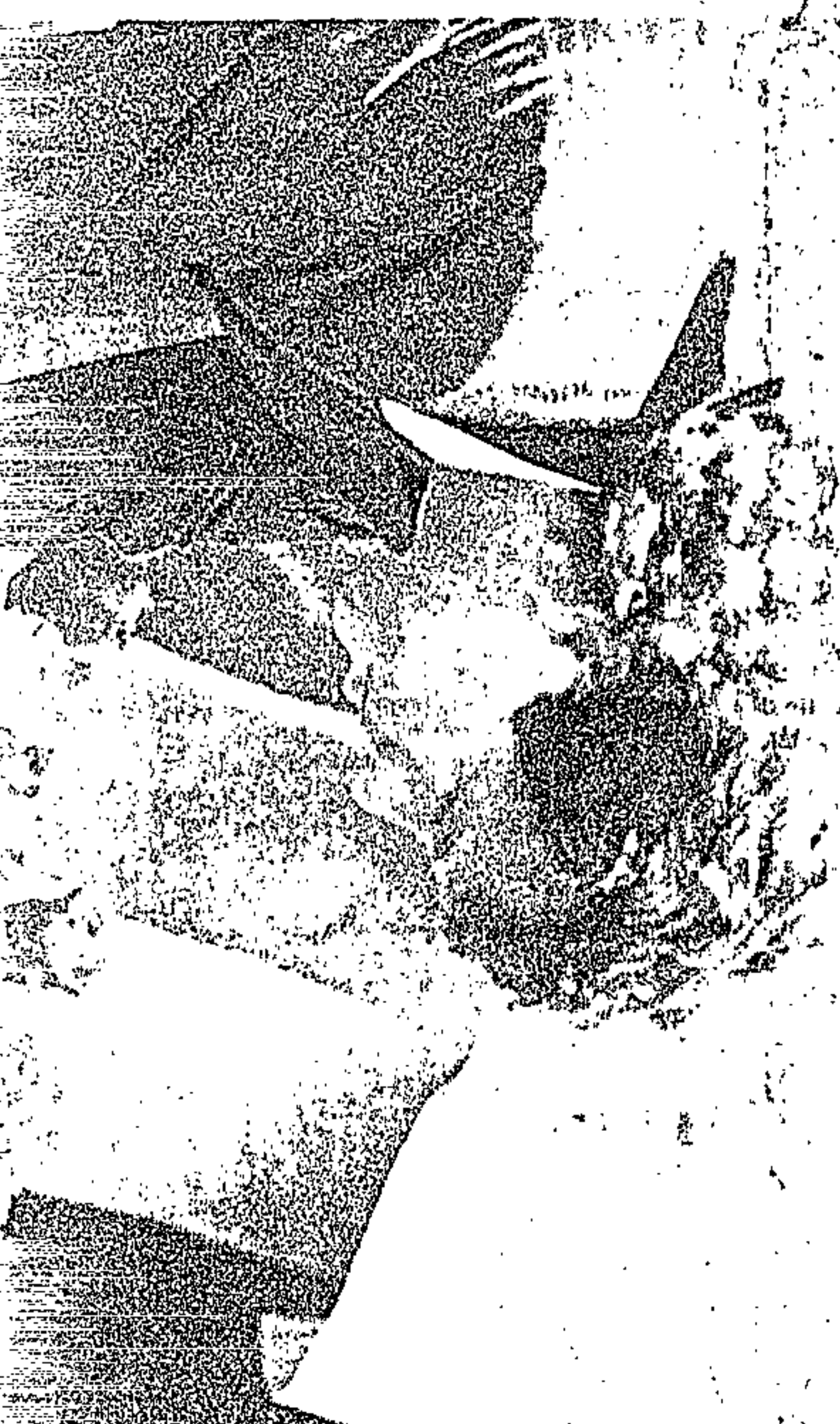
OUT go blonde Elina Botha and dashing George Mazarakis.

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RED ROSES FROM THE SAD FIANCE OF TRAGIC TANIA



TANIA VOLSCHENK: Killed in car crash



By DE WET POTGIETER

MEMBERS of the so-called Order of Death compiled a bizarre hit list that ranged from an underwater attack on the former home of President F W de Klerk to killing the rare budgie collection of HNP leader Jaap Marais.

The breakaway AWB group, allegedly led by Vereeniging dispatch clerk Davie de Beer, also had plans to slaughter Mr Eugene Terre Blanche's prize Brahman cattle, Angora goats and pedigree Doberman dogs.

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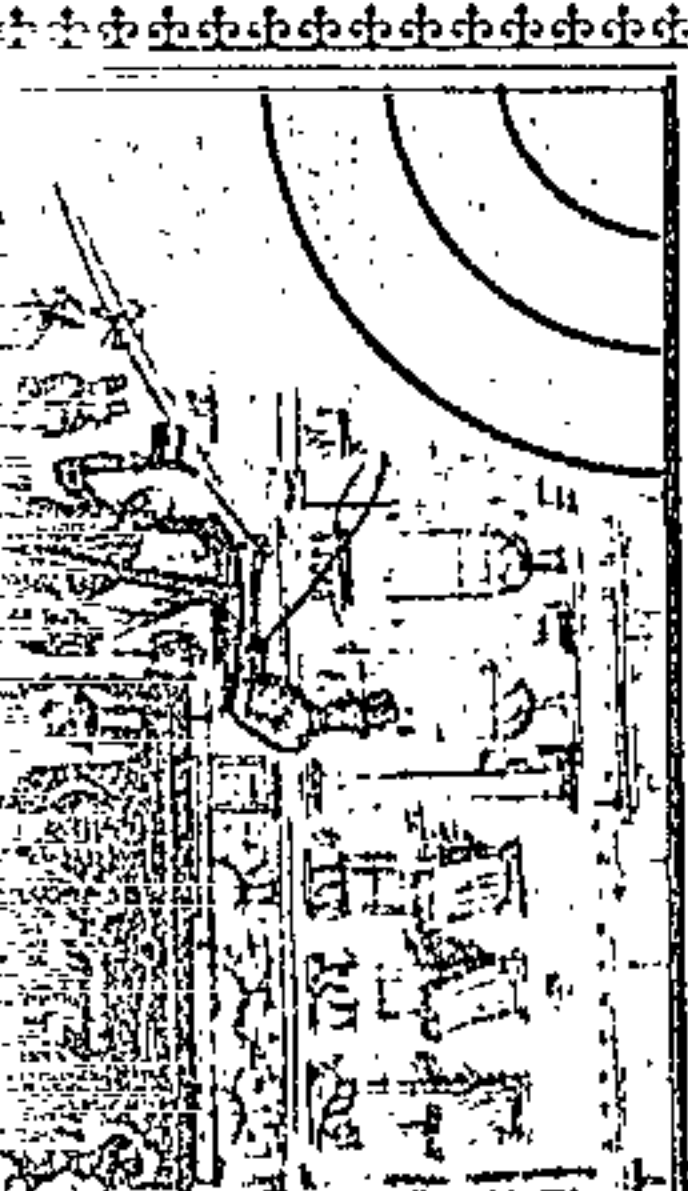


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Police are investigating the possibility that the squad was responsible for two bomb blasts in Pretoria's Indian township of Laudium, and linked to a grenade attack on a Masonic lodge in Windhoek 10 years ago.

Police are also investigating whether there was any connection between the alleged members of the Order of Death who were held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act on December 5 and an armed robbery at a Vanderbijlpark bottle store earlier this year.

The men being held are De Beer, Corrie Lottering, 24, and Fanie Goosen, 29, all of Vereeniging, and two Randburg men, Hendrik Binneman, 41, and Cornelius van Zyl, 28.

Protest

Meanwhile there were indications this week that assorted extremist groups had broken away from the AWB because of disillusionment over Mr Terre Blanche's personal conduct.

According to sources, a united front of "more than 20" AWB splinter groups planned a United Rightwing Mass Movement in the Transvaal in direct opposition to the Mass Democratic Movement. Spearheading talks to reunite the former AWB members are Professor Alkmaar

Swart, Dr Chris Jooste, Advocate Chris Beyers, Mr Jan Groenewald, Mr Willie Olivier and Mr Manie Maritz.

In the Cape, prominent AWB member Mr Keith Conroy has formed the Cape Rebels in protest against the province's exclusion from plans for a Boerestaat.

In the Free State, self-confessed eccentric Mr Eddie von Maltitz, of Ficksburg, claimed this week that he was the national leader of the "new" AWB.

He said: "Senior members of the AWB approached me to head the new movement. Afterwards, I prayed for guidance and asked God to strike me down if He did not want me to take over the leadership."

"Instead, I clearly heard God's voice saying: 'March!'"

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er spending four-and-a-half years in jail on treason charges, received a rousing welcome at Jan Smuts Airfield on Friday night.

"Terror" Lekota, public secretary of the UDF, and Molefe, the movement's general secretary, Mr Chikane, a former UDF member, Mr Tom Mota of the SA Council of Churches and Mr Geina Mota, of the Vaal Civic Association, were held aloft and chanting; jubilant 300-strong crowd after their release.

On a night of non-stop celebrations to mark their homecoming, Mr Mota said in an interview that Mr Molefe and Mr

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Mystery of hit squad cop

JOHANNESBURG. — Dirk Coetzee, who headed the alleged police hit squad that killed human rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, yesterday spoke from his place of hiding to deny reports that he was still in South Africa.

But in spite of sensational weekend press claims that he never left the country and subsequent denials, the whereabouts of the former police captain whose allegations have rocked South Africa for more than three weeks remain a mystery.

In a front-page report Rapport stated

that a "reliable source" told the paper that a "very ill, tattered and gaunt" Mr Coetzee was holed up on a farm north-west of Pretoria.

Last night he denied he was in South Africa or in bad health.

Responding to claims that he was "desperately ill", he said it was sad that elements of the media were using his diabetic condition to make the revelations about police hit squads suspect.

"I believe it forms part of an organised campaign to discredit me," he said.

He repeated his willingness to give evidence on the existence and extent of police death squads and his part in them.

"My only wish is to see that the whole truth about the groups is exposed," he said.

Mr Coetzee's press statement was received from Vrye Weekblad, which first carried his allegations and with whom he has remained in telephonic contact.

It arrived hours after Vrye Weekblad's editor, Mr Max du Preez, issued a statement on his and journalist Mr Jaques Pauw's visit yesterday to Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen and Brigadier "Kraapies" Engelbrecht, who are investigating Mr Mxenge's murder.

"The officers said they did not 'have the vaguest idea' where Coetzee was and rejected the Rapport story that he was on a farm in the Transvaal.

"They had up to that point made no effort to visit the 'farm' where Coetzee was supposed to be hiding, nor had they contacted Rapport's journalist, Johan Gagliano."

In the statement Mr Coetzee said: "I left South Africa on November 6 in the company of Vrye Weekblad reporter Jaques Pauw and carried out a series of interviews with him on Mauritius. I left a couple of days later for a destination in Europe.

"Owing to security considerations I do not wish to disclose my whereabouts, but can give the assurance that I am still in a foreign country (buiteland)."

"I am not desperately ill, tattered or fatigued.

"My psychological condition is not bad. In fact my physical and emotional condition is outstanding."

Rapport said the whereabouts of the farm are known to them but the information cannot be disclosed for security reasons. — Sapa

Dublin coffin cave-in

LONDON. — A Dublin widow's husband's coffin began falling in front of mourners at a funeral vice has been awarded damages R15 170 by a Dublin court. Mrs Fices Murphy said the mass was up for 15 minutes.

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for crimes he allegedly committed during an abortive coup in Benin in 1978, officials said.

The four mercenaries remaining in South Africa have been granted temporary residence permits. A Foreign Affairs official said he hoped the four would leave as soon as possible.

The official reiterated that Colonel Denard would not be allowed to stay in South Africa.

Meanwhile, Colonel Denard's men organised a 24-hour drinking party for themselves in the transit lounge at Jan Smuts airport while they awaited flights to Europe.

They started with tinned Russian

Kuiper out of two matches

By MICHAEL OWEN-SMITH

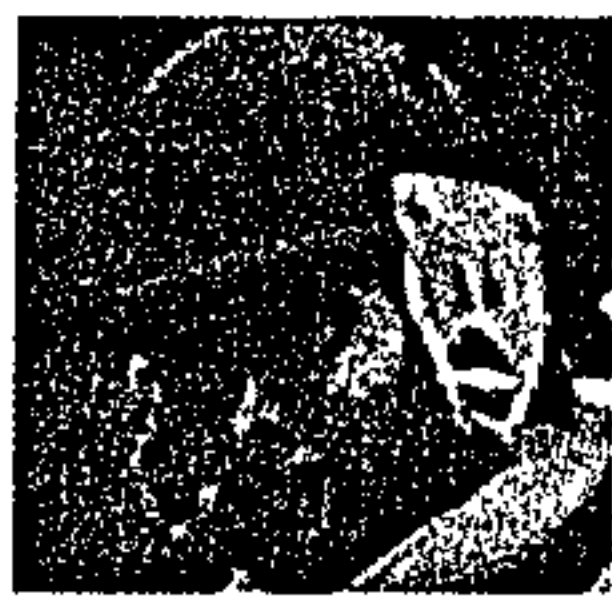
SOUTH AFRICA'S most effective one-day cricketer, Adrian Kuiper, has been laid low by an attack of viral meningitis and will miss Western Province's two important Benson and Hedges night series matches against Transvaal and Border this week.

Kuiper had to spend three days in hospital for treatment and tests before being discharged yesterday.

"Fortunately I am only suffering from a virus and not the bacterial form that can be very dangerous," he said.

Kuiper is still hoping to play in the Currie Cup programme after Christmas, but he would be unwise to rush back too soon.

This is the latest in a series of harsh blows to Western Province. It



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Hit-squad's police victim dies

Own Correspondent

WINDHOEK. — The policeman who was wounded when three right-wing "hitmen" escaped in Namibia died in a hospital here yesterday.

Constable Ricardo van Wyk, 21, was wounded in the back during the well-planned escape on December 4. South Africans Darryl Stopforth and Leonard Veenendaal and West German national Horst Klein now face a second murder charge. Just before their escape the three made a

brief court appearance in Otiwarongo for the August 10 shoot-up of a UN district office during which a security guard died.

Two weeks ago they escaped from two police guards with the aid of two unidentified accomplices, wounding Constable Van Wyk.

Doctors had planned moving the policeman to Cape Town for specialist treatment, but his serious condition and paralysis prevented the airlift.

Conservative farmers have apparently hindered a police hunt for the three fugi-

tives, whom police believe are still in Namibia.

Police officials have publicly warned that harbouring the fugitives was a criminal act, but investigators have still found their probe thwarted by an apparent network of support and concealment.

"It's a double murder charge now," SWA Police spokesman Chief Inspector Klerie du Rand said last night.

"These men are still very dangerous and desperate, and the public must be cautious

about approaching them."

Untag chief Mr Marti Ahtisaari and Administrator-General Mr Louis Pienaar damned the shoot-up of the UN office as blatant terrorism, and UN investigators said the attack showed the precision of military-trained planners.

Policemen on the case have linked up with South African investigators probing allegations of organised hit-squads seeking out left-wing activists for assassination, but no firm connections have yet been established.

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Judge frees hit squad accused

JOHANNESBURG. — A judge ordered yesterday that former policeman and alleged hit squad member Carl "Calla" Botha be set free as there is not enough evidence linking him to the secret "hit squads".

And in another development in the investigation, police announced in Pretoria that Rapport journalist Mr Johan Gagliano is to be questioned on the whereabouts of former police captain Mr Dirk Coetsee — the man who first revealed the existence of alleged police hit squads.

The Afrikaans Sunday paper published a leading report alleging that Mr Coetsee was hiding out on a farm outside Pretoria.

"We need to know where they got their information from," Colonel Vic Haynes, a liaison officer, said.

He said police did not know where Mr Coetsee was.

In the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Justice J C Kriegler issued the order releasing Mr Botha following the withdrawal of an application for leave to appeal against a successful application for his release.

A visibly pleased Mr Carl Casteling Botha sen, who brought the urgent application for his son's release, immediately began making arrangements to unite with him following the court's ruling.

Mr Botha, 28, was detained on November 30 this year, following his questioning by the police into the death of Wits activist Dr David Webster earlier this year.

Mr Justice Kriegler said that an affidavit linking Mr Botha to the alleged hit squads was "too vague". — Sapa

Lawyers welcome release of hit squad accused

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) yesterday welcomed the decision by Mr Justice J C Kriegler to order the release from detention of hit squad suspect Mr Calla Botha as a new advance for individual liberty.

Until his father's application in the Rand Supreme Court, Mr Botha had been in detention in terms of the Internal Security Act since November 30. He was detained in connection with investigations into the assassinations earlier this year of Wits University academic Mr David Webster and Swapo leader Mr Anton Lubowski.

LHR director Mr Brian Currin said newspaper reports of the judgment suggested it represented a good prece-

dent for other detainees. His impression was the judge had used an objective test to determine the validity of Mr Botha's detention in terms of the act by requiring specific evidence that the detention was justified.

In many previous such cases, the judiciary had required only that the arresting officer was acting in good faith on his own subjective terms.

"We have been arguing for such an objective test for years. Justice Kriegler, in our view correctly, was inclined to prioritise the liberty of the individual rather than the security of the state," he said.

An LHR national directorate statement said the judgment "ought to be a lesson to all South Africans — and in this instance more particularly to the conservatives".

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No place to hide

It's going to be a bleak festive season for thousands of people who used to live in the black townships north of Durban. The worst political violence in Natal in four years has been raging since the beginning of the month. Many have fled and are homeless.

The death toll since December 1 is estimated at between 90 and 120, while Roy Ainslie of the Democratic Party's monitoring group, says 400 houses have been destroyed — a conservative estimate.

Durban City Council, churchmen and other concerned groups are trying to accommodate the refugees but hundreds of families are wandering around the white suburbs trying to find shelter or sleeping in the bush. People forced to leave the townships say they have been told by vigilante groups not to return because they will find their homes burned down or occupied by somebody else.

One cause of the violence is the continuing battle for supremacy between members and supporters of Inkatha and groups affiliated to the United Democratic Front. However, both the police and the DP monitoring group report large bands of unemployed thugs taking advantage by moving in behind the fighting factions to rob and plunder.

More police have been moved into the northern townships but seem to be having little effect. With most of the men now returning, as factories close down for Christmas, things look grim. ■

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — CID deputy chief Major-General Jaap Joubert said Mr Dirk Coetzee, alleged former police death squad commander, had been traced to a relative's farm near Pretoria, but had not been found, according to a front-page report in Rapport at the weekend.

Rapport carried an exclusive interview with General Joubert, who said the elusive former captain — being sought in connection with the murder of Durban human rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge — had been traced to Sambok, the farm of an uncle, Mr E C Coetzee, near De Wildt, north of Pretoria.

The report claimed a team of policemen under former murder and robbery head Brigadier Krappies Engelbrecht had searched the farm after a report a week earlier by Rapport carrying the same allegation.

Coetzee 'traced but not found'

Mr Coetzee was not found, but Rapport carried an affirmation by General Joubert that their information on Mr Coetzee and his whereabouts had been correct.

Police public relations spokesmen in Pretoria yesterday said they had been given no further information on the matter.

Vrye Weekblad, which has maintained contact with Mr Coetzee and printed his revelations about his alleged work as a police assassination squad member, claimed in a statement last week that Mr Coetzee was not in South Africa. A spokesman said they stood by their statement.

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Youth Congress man shot dead in Guguletu

Staff Reporter

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A GUGULETU activist of the Cape Youth Congress has been shot dead by police outside his Tambo Square home.

The family of 21-year-old Mr Mnkedisi Shepherd "Toto" Kratshi have contradicted police reports that he stabbed a policeman and was shot in self-defence.

Police liaison officer Captain Gys Boonzaaier said police had been chasing suspects who had dumped a stolen vehicle. A sergeant searched the area and found Mr Kratshi, who stabbed him in the back. Before he could stab him a second time, the policeman shot him in the chest.

Mrs Gladys Kratshi said that on Tuesday night her son visited next door, returned home and went to a toilet near the house.

They heard several shots in the distance and then one nearby.

"It was the shot that killed my son," said a tearful Mrs Kratshi.

"He was a very sweet child. He didn't carry a knife."

A neighbour, Mr Timothy Mpetha, said Mr Kratshi had been there about 10 minutes before the shooting.

The family's lawyer, Mr Ebrahim Mohammed, said there would be an inquest.

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The wife of fugitive ex-SAP hit squad commander Dirk Coetzee is to meet her husband in Zimbabwe later this week when he addresses an international press conference on the existence and functions of police hit squads.

This was disclosed by Mrs Karen Coetzee from her Pretoria home yesterday.

Mrs Coetzee said she and her two children would be leaving soon to meet her husband — who is now an ANC member — when he and self-confessed hit squad member David "Spyker" Tshikalange and several former Askaris address the ANC-organised press conference in Harare later this week.

The visit will be the first physical contact Mrs Coetzee has had with her husband since he fled South Africa three months ago after disclosing the existence of police hit squads.

Asked when she and her children would leave to be reunited, Mrs Coetzee said she was "not sure".

"I am still not certain. He will telephone me and give me a time and place. But I suspect I will meet him in Harare on Wednesday or Thursday," she said.

Mrs Coetzee also said she had "mixed feelings" and had been in "shock" for a day when her husband told her he was an ANC member last Thursday evening.

"But I will support him in whatever he does."

His decision to join the ANC had not been an easy one for him as he did not support "violence".

"I will talk to him about it. He is still very fond of SA and his heart and his soul are still with the Afrikaner. He will not support their violence," she said.

Asked if she was going to follow suit and join the organisation, Mrs Coetzee said she had no plans as the thought had not crossed her mind.



Coetzee ... 'won't support violence.'



Mrs Coetzee ... 'shocked' at decision.