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Hit squad disbanded

PRETORIA — The Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) — a major player in the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically motivated violence — has been operationally disbanded, the Chief of the SA Defence Force, General Jannie Geldenhuys, said in a statement last night.

The general's statement follows an announcement made in Parliament on February 26 this year by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, that the Chief of the Defence Force had suspended all the activities of the CCB, pending the findings of judicial inquiries.

General Geldenhuys said that following the minister's announcement a process of rationalisation of the CCB was started.

"Aspects directly related to the Harms commission will be dealt with only after the judicial process has been completed," the general's statement said.

"The members of the CCB have been transferred from the Special Forces to the SA Army, where the administrative processes regarding the final disbanding will be completed."

This, General Geldenhuys said, removed doubt about the position of the CCB.

"The special forces make an exceptional contribution to safeguarding the Republic of South Africa, often under extremely difficult circumstances. General Malan referred to a few of these successes in his speech on 26 February 1990," the statement said.

General Geldenhuys said the CCB was a small part of the Special Forces and that only a small part of the CCB was implicated in alleged irregular activities. — Sapa

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'Never again'

Call for assurances as CCB disbanded



General Jannie Geldenhuys

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent and Argus Correspondents

RELIEF, scepticism — and demands for assurances that South Africa will never again have a sinister organisation of its kind — greeted the news today of the disbanding of the SADF special forces unit, the Civil Cooperation Bureau (CCB).

And, as the Harms Commission prepared to hear argument today on the CCB, calls were intensified for the broadening of the scope of the commission to include CCB activities outside the country.

Commission secretary Mr Chris Erasmus said the disbanding of the CCB would not affect the commission's work.

"The dismantling of the CCB does not fall within the commission's mandate. We are investigating acts committed by the CCB in the past, and the investigation will continue," he said.

The Chief of the Defence Force, General Jannie Geldenhuys, announced last night that the CCB — which has been prominent in the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically-motivated violence — had been operationally disbanded.

The government is now being asked to give assurances that the CCB's activities will not be conducted in another guise, and to make public details of CCB members and their activities.

Announcement welcomed

Questions have been raised about how the disbanding the unit will be monitored and what will happen to the CCB's foreign network.

Democratic Party law and order spokesman and Green Point MP Mr Tian van der Merwe welcomed the announcement as a vindication of the persistence and hard work of those concerned about "serious allegations of human rights violations, murders and manipulative actions of members of the CCB".

"I would also ask that specific assurances are given that the CCB will not be allowed to exist under any other guise."

A spokesman for the Northern Suburbs-based Campaign for a Judicial Inquiry into Hit Squads, Mr Barney Jordaan, said: "We welcome the decision and we believe it is a victory for the democratic process.

"We also want to know whether the names of members of the unit and details of the projects will be disclosed."

Mr Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, who was to start argument before the Harms Commission today on alleged acts of violence by the CCB, said the announcement was "good news". He could not comment further before consulting his principal client, the David Webster Trust.

Webster Trust spokesman Ms Maggie Friedman said the announcement did not answer questions about the CCB's clandestine activities.

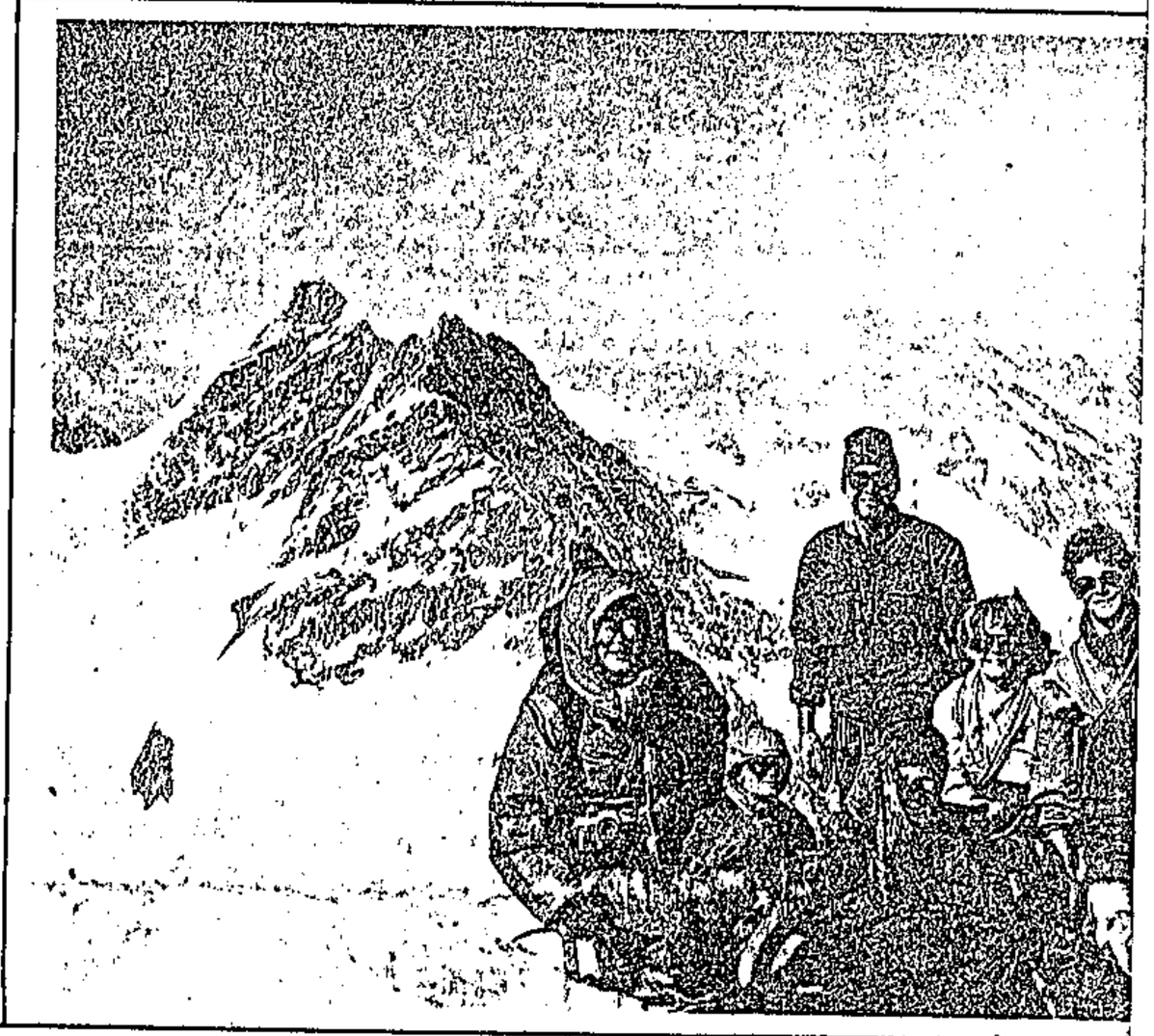
Investigated

Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) spokesman Ms Gael Neke said unless the criminal activity of all CCB members was fully investigated to the highest level, the disbanding could be an attempt "to sweep responsibility under the carpet".

African National Congress (ANC) spokesman Mr Ahmed Kathrada said the ANC hoped no other secret organisation existed which would "carry on ... clandestine activities".

United Democratic Front (UDF) acting publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe expressed reservations about the possibility that other secret organisations with similar objectives still existed.

Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) spokesman Mr Philip Dhlamini said he was not satisfied with "mere public statements". The CCB may maintain "their group under a new name in the army".



Bophuthatswana police die in attack

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four Bophuthatswana policemen were shot dead and another two were wounded by heavily-armed suspected insurgents in a hit-and-run attack in a township near Zeerust.

An AK-47 rifle, handgrenades and a RPG-7 rocket launcher and grenade were seized by police after the attack in Braklaagte township about 11.30 last night, a spokesman confirmed.

The two wounded policemen are in hospital following the attack.

A police truck was patrolling in Braklaagte and came across a white car.

Occupants of the car opened fire on the policemen, killing four at the back of the truck and wounding the driver and co-driver.

Bophuthatswana police believe the attackers were part of the same group involved in a contact with Bophuthatswana troops at the Ramatlabama border post on June 25.

Grenades were hurled at the troops and shots were fired. One suspected insurgent was killed and another was arrested.

Police baffled by the case of the KGB car ...

By HENRI du PLESSIS
Staff Reporter

POLICE are wondering whether it was a Red Plot or just road fatigue which caused a Johannesburg driver to drive off with a young policeman's personal belongings.

At the centre of the investigation is a red BMW with KGB as the first three letters of its registration number.

Constable Jurie Pieters, 24, of Kempton Park, was happy to get a lift from Johannesburg to Cape Town to enjoy a holiday with friends in the Cape, said police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz.

Constable Pieters answered an advert by a lonely motorist in a Johannesburg newspaper and drove all the way to the tollgate on the N1 at Paarl yesterday.

At the tollgate, the car stalled. Constable Pieters got out and gave it a push to get it going, only to see the driver speed off.

"We think it is possible that the man was so tired from the long trip, he drove off without thinking," Major Calitz said.

"If he did, we would like to ask him to either contact the Paarl police or to bring the policeman's belongings to the Paarl police station."

Major Calitz said the registration number as written down by the policeman could have been wrong. If not, the number plates had to be false, because the number was not registered for a BMW.

Drinkers run major cancer risk — study

The Argus Foreign Service

MADRID. — Alcoholic women have twice the chance of dying from their addiction than men and lager louts are more likely to get cancer than non-drinkers, a study has revealed.

Professor Charles S Lieber, professor of medicine and pathology at New York University and the world's top authority on boozers gave his findings at a Madrid University summer school.

"When an alcoholic woman drinks, it's just as though she injects herself with alcohol," he said. "It therefore affects not just the brain but also her foetus, if she is pregnant.

BIGGEST HEALTH PROBLEM

"A woman is much more likely to get ill from drink than a man," he emphasised.

He said that a man sipping daily 40 grams of drink — either five small beers, or three wines or two whiskies — was at serious risk.

For women the danger level is just three beers, two wines or a whisky.

"People who drink beer are much more likely to get cancer of the colon," said Dan Van Thiel of Pittsburgh University. "Alcoholism not only produces cirrhosis of the liver but also cancer of the mouth, tongue, larynx and oesophagus."

Spain, where no measures are used for spirits and where a glass normally contains quadruple a British tot, has four million alcoholics, the biggest single major health problem.

Woman killed, four hurt in harbour smash

By DALE KNEEN, Staff Reporter

A WOMAN died and four people were injured when a car hit a railway truck in Container Road, Table Bay harbour, early today.

The injured, two Chinese men and two women, were taken to Groote Schuur Hospital.

Police said the names of the injured as well as the dead woman were not available.

The public was warned not to exceed the speed limit in the harbour.

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Warnings against organisation's return 'in new guise'

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Secret CCB unit disbanded

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"The members of the CCB have been transferred from the Special Forces to the SA Army where the administrative processes regarding the final disbanding will be completed."

General Geldenhuys pointed out that the CCB was a small part of the Special Forces and that only a small part of the CCB was implicated in alleged irregular activities.

Leading organisations yesterday cautiously welcomed the CCB's "operational disbandment", with some saying they hoped it would not surface under a new guise.

One of the CCB's most vehement critics, the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), said although it was "very necessary", the simple act of disbanding the CCB was not enough.

'Under the carpet'

Unless the criminal activity of all CCB members was fully investigated to the highest level, this could be an attempt "to sweep responsibility under the carpet", according to FFF spokesman Gael Neke.

African National Congress spokesman Ahmed Kathrada said the CCB, which should never have existed in the first place, had done a lot of damage. The ANC hoped that no other secret organisation existed which would "carry on with the CCB's clandestine activities".

This sentiment was echoed by UDF acting publicity secretary Murphy Morobe.

Democratic Party spokesman on law and order Denis Worrall said: "This is good news. The Democratic Party has constantly called for the disbandment of the CCB.

"The step is in the interests of the negotiating process and the country as a whole. It is a step also — and I wish to stress this — which does increase the pressure on the ANC to end its armed struggle."

Pan Africanist Congress spokesman Philip Dhlami said the PAC would not be satisfied with "mere public statements".

He said the African masses were always suspicious of the South African Defence Force and its utterances.

It was possible that the CCB would "maintain their group under a new name in the army". — Political Staff-Sapa.

More disputes loom

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MORE than 28 000 workers countrywide are still on strike over wage disputes and, while several major strikes have been settled, at least four new disputes are looming.

More workers this week joined a marathon national strike in the liquor industry.

National Union of Wine Spirit and Allied Workers' spokesperson Mr November Nkosi said three more plants in Natal had joined the strikes, bringing the total number of strikers to 450.

Nkosi said that while the union remained prepared to meet management, no meeting had been scheduled.

Nusaw is demanding a R40 across-the-board increase while the Wine and Spirit Employers' Association has offerred R35.

Meanwhile, more than 5 000 South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Saccawu) members are on strike in support of wage demands at Metro Cash and Carry stores countrywide.

The dispute has been submitted to mediation and a company spokesperson said they hoped a solution would soon be found.

The national union of Mineworkers is still balloting about 20 000 workers on coal mines.

A Numsa spokesperson said the union had begun an 11-day strike ballot among at least 100 000 members.

Numsa has rejected Seifsa's offer of a 19 percent wage increase for labourers and 15,5 percent for artisans.

● The union is demanding 56 percent across the board.

Fourteen other unions, representing about half Seifsa's employees, have accepted the wage offer.

A strike is also looming at the giant Delta Motor Corporation in Port Elizabeth over a dispute which involves a pack pay claim of least R3-m.

The matter has already been to court and sparked unprocedural strike action earlier this month.

Forum

At stake is Numsa's year-long campaign to force Delta to agree to join the national bargaining forum, a move Delta regards as an unfair labour practice.

Meanwhile, Numsa and other motor and tyre employers remain far apart, according to Numsa spokesperson, Mr Gavin Hartford.

The union will declare a dispute if progress is not made in the next round of negotiations.

Delta is the largest private employer in Port Elizabeth with a workforce of 4 000.

Some 6 000 Southern Sun workers are still on strike.

SAB workers list demands

SOUTH African Breweries workers marched on the SAB head office in Johannesburg at the weekend.

Their demands included: a living wage for all SAB workers, an end to all racist employment ptactices, an end to union-bashing tactics, and public confirmation that SAB strikers have the right to picket and to hold sympathy strikes.

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New era of 'rooi gevaar'?

GOVERMENT allegations of a planned insurrection smacked of the "total onslaught" and "rooi gevaar" era, SA Council of Churches general secretary, the Rev Frank Chikane, says.

He said he was concerned about the "Red Plot" allegations.

"I am seriously concerned that it looks like we are returning to the old 'total strategy' and 'total onslaught' era where the 'rooi gevaar' clouded all issues and made any peace process impossible."

There would always be evidence to show people were still actively engaged in the war on both sides while obstacles to negotiations were still in place and there was no formal agreement on a ceasefire or suspension of hostilities between the government and the ANC.

"A ceasefire in a climate where all the obstacles for negotiations are cleared up is the only way to ensure that the peace process will not be derailed by whatever forces that might want to do so, from whichever quarter," Chikane said.

Webster: New evidence

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Own Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — New evidence dealing with the murder of Wits University academic Dr David Webster has been presented to the Harms Commission of Inquiry, although its chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, declined to reveal its contents.

This came to light yesterday during argument by Mr Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, acting for the Webster Trust and others, over how the commission could get to the bottom of CCB activities in SA.

Mr Justice Harms said forensic tests were carried out on the diary belonging to CCB Region 6 coordinator Mr Christo Brits.

In May the commission heard that some entries had been cut out while others bore evidence to the fact that he drew ammunition on the day before the Webster and Lubowski murders.

"We have not concluded our investigations into the Webster murder," Mr Harms said.

Defence Minister General Magnus Malan and SADF General Staff members could be blamed for devising and implementing a policy involving potential violence aimed at left-wing political organisations and people, Mr Bertelsmann said in his argument.

Members of the CCB could, by refusing to cooperate with the commission as ordered by President F W de Klerk, be tried on charges of treason, he added.

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Wit Wolf cash row

The Argus Correspondent

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PAC slams 'Wit Wolf' gift

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Calls for wider probe into CCB

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Political Correspondent

CIVIL-RIGHTS groups yesterday welcomed the disbanding of the Civil Co-operation Bureau — but said the government action did not go far enough.

The spokesman for the Campaign for a Judicial Inquiry into Hit Squads, Mr Barney Jordaan, said it was more important than ever now that the Harms Commission of Inquiry be allowed to investigate CCB activities in foreign countries.

"If this does not happen, the public will be justified in suspecting a cover-up."

The campaign wished to know how the CCB's estimated 60 offices abroad would be disbanded and what would happen to its former operatives.

The ANC also welcomed the disbanding of the CCB but insisted that operatives implicated in its activities be charged.

It also expressed concern over the appointment of the CCB's former commander, Major-General A J (Kat) Liebenberg, as head of the SADF.

'Witness' to Webster death interviewed

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The mystery of who killed leftwing activist Dr David Webster has taken a dramatic turn.

The Harms Commission into unsolved politically motivated murders was told yesterday that the chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, had interviewed a new witness to the killing on May 1 last year.

It was the first move in a bid to unravel the mystery since Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Special Investigations, Witwatersrand SAP, led evidence earlier this year that no major new information had been obtained about the killing.

Mr Justice Harms was hearing final legal argument yesterday on evidence submitted to him on the activities of the now-disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau.

He said the commission, established by President De Klerk on February 2 this year, had not concluded its investigation.

He also said that last week he sent a diary used by the CCB to police forensic laboratories for analysis.

The diary is alleged to have contained entries which could have a bearing on whether or not unnamed people had been "diarised" for various "assignments". In earlier evidence the diary was said to have had several pages removed.

"Officers of the commission are, and have been, busy with certain other issues and I will deal with those in due course," he said.

Mr Justice Harms said that he had had consultations with a possible witness on Tuesday.

"WHISPERS IN THE CORRIDORS"

"This indicates we are still seeing what we can do about the Webster matter."

He said that, if it was necessary, he would reconvene the commission specifically to look into the Webster murder.

Mr Eberhard Bertelsmann SC, who presented legal argument on behalf of the David Webster Trust and other parties, told the judge that he and members of the legal team involved "really want you to succeed" and promised to co-operate wherever possible.

Mr Bertelsmann's line of argument was on the CCB's role in alleged harassment of the leftwing — including attempted assassinations and bombings.

Mr P A "Flip" Hattingh SC, for the CCB, said in written argument that the unit could not be held accountable for the murder of Dr Webster, as alleged by witnesses to the Harms Commision and the Hiemstra Commission into alleged irregularities within the security department of the Johannesburg City Council.

Mr Hattingh said that claims made in Mr Bertelsmann's argument were groundless and he said that, if looked at in totality, they were no more than "whispers in the corridors".

He said it was not true that the CCB or its members could be involved.

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11 murders denied by Soweto man

By Cathy Stagg

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

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

No explanation

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

The charge sheet alleges Mr Zwane did the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Right's 'Rambos' slammed

JOHANNESBURG. — The continuing violence of "right-wing Rambos" could no longer be tolerated, ANC spokesman Mr Aziz Pahad told a crowd of Wits University students yesterday.

Mr Pahad also condemned the government's actions towards the SA Communist Party and suggested that either the media had been misled by the government or the govenment by the media.

"The only thing the government achieved by their new Red scare was to put Tongaat on the map," Mr Pahad said.

The alleged creation of a new Red plot by the government had caused a new obstacle to negotiations, he claimed.

He blamed the continuing violence in Natal on collusion between the government and Inkatha and said more people were being killed in Natal than Beirut. — Sapa

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Malan responsible for CCB – claim

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, was politically responsible for the activities of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau, a unit of the South African Defence Force, it was claimed before the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday.

Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, told Mr Justice Louis Harms that General Malan could not be regarded as an "innocent bystander" in regard to actions allegedly taken against left-wing activists, particularly the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), and he had, therefore, turned the SADF into an instrument of political harassment.

Actions

Mr Bertelsmann was presenting argument at the conclusion of hearings into alleged CCB activities, part of the Harms Commission inquiry into certain alleged murders.

The inquiry was established by the State President on February 2. Testimony has been taken

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from top military generals, CCB operatives and people recruited to assist the unit.

Mr Bertelsmann said: "As the responsible Minister in charge of the SADF, General Malan is clearly politically responsible for the CCB's actions."

Actions against left-wing activists, particularly the ECC, had taken root in 1986 and had a sequel in 1989 when the ECC brought a Supreme Court action against the Defence Minister before Mr Justice Selikowitz. It had been designed to end harassment of the organisation.

It had, said Mr Bertelsmann, been argued at the time that the SADF existed solely for preserving and protecting the public and the State — "if a war, rebellion or civil uprising has broken out and is threatening the Republic and its Constitution, the ordinary law of the land may be suspended and martial law may be proclaimed".

"It is clear, however, that this state of affairs, where the military becomes a law unto itself, can only be allowed in the most serious circumstances."

Mr Bertelsmann claimed that "as was demonstrated in the ECC's case, the Minister of Defence used the military to commit acts of aggression against law-abiding, peaceful fellow-citizens under the guise of military necessity.

Combat

"Instead of protecting the integrity of the Republic of South Africa and guarding all its people, the Defence Force was turned into an instrument of political harassment.

"The policy of covert aggression against the ECC was put into operation by the present Chief of the Air Force, General Jan van Loggerenberg, who at the time was Chief of Staff: Operations."

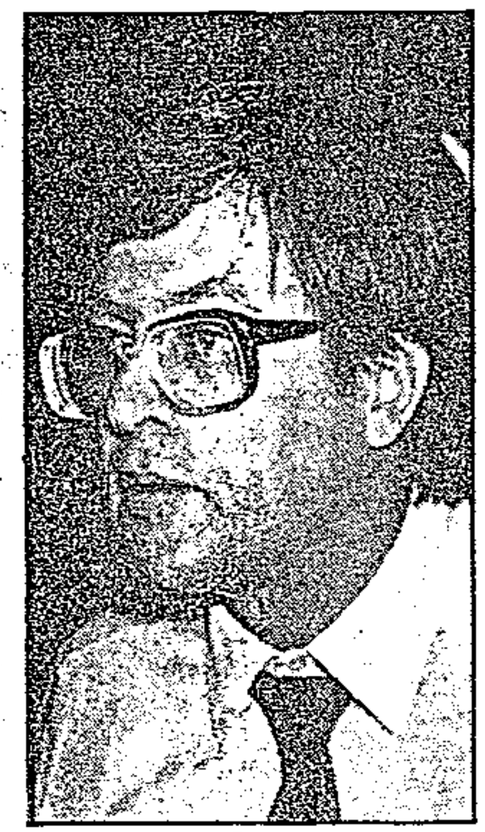
Detailing the CCB's background, Mr Bertelsmann said that since about 1979 the SADF had adopted a pro-active stand against extra-territorial bases of organisations such as the ANC, PAC and SACP.

"As the combat between the SADF and the organisations was largely unconventional, military units which were specifically trained to deal with unconventional combat were created."

South Africa followed Rhodesia in creating reconnaissance (recce) battalions from which a unit known as D40 was developed. This was followed by the Barnacle unit, and the CCB which had come into operation in 1986.

Mr Bertelsmann told the commission that in 1989 the ECC's Western Cape branch had brought a Supreme Court action, in which it claimed assaults, acts of harassment, aggression and intimidation, malicious damage to property, intimidatory telephone calls and acts of *crimen injuria*.

The Minister of Defence, General van Loggerenberg and a Brigadier de Jager had admitted to the court that the SADF had been responsible for four incidents, including distribution of sexually explicit posters and distribution of pamphlets by helicopter. The court decided that no other acts had been proved.



Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, ... scathing attack on Defence Minister and SADF.

According to an affidavit at the time, "the need for covert activities arose from the fact the ECC had seen fit to wage a propaganda campaign directe at discrediting the SADF".

General van Loggerenber had emphasised to the cour said Mr Bertelsmann, that a tions against the ECC ha formed part "of a policy devise by the Minister of Defence i terms of section 76 (1) of the De fence Act which reads: 'Th Minister may do or cause to b done all things which in hi opinion are necessary for the e ficient defence and protection the Republic or any part ther of'."

Submitted

Later, Mr Bertelsmann said had been submitted that "once is clear that the Minister adop ed a policy of active interfe ence with and aggressio against the ECC, this polic must of necessity have bee communicated to the Chief the SADF and members of th General Staff.

"It was certainly commun cated to the Chief of Staff: Ope ations and later Chief of the A Force, namely General van Lo gerenberg, and with virtual ce tainty to his successor."

Concern over CCB 'transfer'

Political Correspondent

THE SA Council of Churches (SACC) yesterday expressed its concern that the members of the disbanded Civil Cooperation Bureau (CCB) had merely been transferred from the Special Forces to the SA Defence Force (SADF).

SACC general-secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said such a shift meant "the criminal activities of the CCB may simply be transferred and be allowed to operate within the army", adding that such a transfer was tantamount to an admission by the government of responsibility for the CCB.

He said the majority of South Africans whose friends and family members had suffered at the hands of the CCB would never believe that the CCB would not continue to be active within the army.

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ARMED ATTACKS

BETWEEN January and June this year there were 138 incidents of "revolutionary terror", 197 of "sub-revolutionary" terror and 6 231 of "agitational terror" in South Africa (excluding the independent homelands).

This is according to the independent political and labour risk consultant Wim Booyse.

Revolutionary terror includes incidents such as limpet mines, commercial explosives and hand grenade attacks as well as possession of AK-47s.

Sub-revolutionary involves attacks with petrol bombs on town councillors' homes.

Agitational terror refers to incidents of intimidation aimed at disrupting the social order.

Right-wing Terror: In 1989 between 0,2 and 1,25 percent of recorded incidents could be ascribed to the right-wing. This figure rose to between four and seven percent in the first six months of 1990, with most incidents taking place over the past two months.

New facts link CCB with murders

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KITT KATZIN and STEVE McQUILLAN

MEMBERS of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) may be implicated in the Webster and Ribeiro murders, according to new information uncovered in official investigations.

The Saturday Star has established that there is a link between an affidavit given to the Harms Commission this week by an unknown potential new witness and information already in its possession.

The statement, made by a CCB member, relates to previous information and investigations by the commission's officers which, in turn, may implicate a member of the CCB in the murder of Johannesburg academic Dr David Webster.

New witness

It was announced at the commission this week that a new witness in the Webster killing had been questioned by Mr Chris Erasmus, the commission secretary, and Colonel John Wright, the investigating officer.

Although the witness was not named, the Saturday Star established that he was a member of the CCB and that his name had been referred to in earlier evidence to the commission, but had not testified.

His affidavit referred to both the murder of Dr Webster in May last year and Mamelodi doctor Mr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, in December 1986.

His evidence is being assessed by the commission and further witnesses may be subpoenaed to testify.

The contents of the affidavit apparently relate to information gathered by the commission on the possible involvement of CCB members in both murders.

Said Mr Erasmus: "The commission is deciding whether to call other witnesses in regard to the commission's new information."

Investigations show that the commission has also confiscated documents relating to the CCB's possible involvement in the Ribeiromurders.

Sources said it was significant that, while Mr P A "Flip" Hattingh SC, for the CCB, said during argument to the commission this week that there was no evidence that implicated the CCB in the Ribeiro murders, he was aware that the commission had itself uncovered certain information in this regard.

He said that he had been told officers of the commission had questioned Mr Willie van Deventer, a former CCB operator, in connection with the Ribeiro murders.

Mr Hattingh told Mr Justice Louis Harms that he would also furnish the commission with certain information.

Mr van Deventer, according to press reports, was prepared to sell his story about alleged CCB involvement in the Ribeiro murders and the assassination of Mr Peter Ntuli, former Minister of Internal Affairs in Kwa-Ndebele, who was the victim of a car bombing in June 1986, to a British television company.

At the time, he claimed the CCB was also involved in the training of 200 Inkatha warriors on the SA Defence Force payroll. Later, however, Mr van Deventer denied he had made the allegation.

However, when Mr van Deventer appeared before the commission, he refused to give evidence on the grounds that he might incriminate himself.

The Saturday Star has also established that the commission is investigating the possibility of tracing other suspects in the Ribeiro slaying.

A former Selous Scout, Mr Noel Robey, was initially implicated in the killing of the doctor and his wife. But at a preparatory hearing in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court in June 1987, he was cleared of involvement in the killings when the magistrate found there was no direct evidence linking him.

Fish safaris

The court had been told that a cream four-wheel-drive vehicle with the same registration number as Mr Robey's was seen near the scene of the murders.

Meanwhile, the Saturday Star has established that Mr Robey later left South Africa and became involved with a company offering fish safaris to tourists in Namibia. The company, called Kaliso Safaris, was based in the Caprivi.

It is believed that Mr Robey was a member of the SA Special Forces, serving in 5 Recce and was said to have links with the

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WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 460 days since the assassination of university lecturer and human rights activist Dr David Webster outside his Troyeville home. Star 4/8/90 (344)

This week in legal argument, the Harms Commission was given guidelines on the winding down of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, allegedly responsible for Dr Webster's assassination. The David Webster Trust and other interested parties recommended that the CCB should be publicly disbanded and that the CCB list all personnel. It also recommended that all its assets be liquidated.

A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr Webster's killers.

CCB link

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He disappeared from the Caprivi company this year after Kaliso was taken over by another man also believed to be connected to the Special Forces.

Commission officials yesterday declined to comment on who may be called to testify on the Ribeiro murders — one of 71 politically inspired killings being investigated.

Judge Harms said this week that investigations into the Webster and Ribeiro murders were continuing and that he would reconvene the commission if necessary.

Earlier, Mr Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, for the Webster Trust and other interested parties, recommended that further investigations should be carried out.

the NSRI boat stood by while a tug was called.

It was later towed to Hermanus harbour by another Lusitania vessel, the Arizon II.

Right-wingers appear

JOHANNESBURG. — Three alleged right-wingers, who appeared in the Regional Court here yesterday in connection with possession of explosives, were arrested after an investigation by the police into recent explosions, an SAP statement has confirmed.

"These arrests follow an extensive investigation by the police into the recent explosions which rocked the Witwatersrand and the West Rand," the statement said.

The three are Warrant Officer Pieter Bekker, 35, of the West Rand Police Unrest Unit; Mr Julius van Eeden, 27, of Discovery, Roodepoort, and Mr Gottfried Heydenreich, 27, a former policeman of Florida. — Sapa

Union leader slapped

DURBAN. — A man flew into a rage and slapped trade union leader Mr Jay Naidoo when he apparently cold-shouldered a question on nationalisation directed at Communist Party leader Mr Joe Slovo at Durban airport.

Police spokesman Lt Bala Naidoo said he believed the unnamed white man had approached Mr Slovo at Louis Botha Airport yesterday and questioned him on the ANC's nationalisation plans. He had apparently wanted to know the future of his business if the ANC came to power.

At that stage Mr Naidoo apparently moved in and told the questioner Mr Slovo would not reply.

No charge had been preferred by either party. — Sapa

Cape Times 4/8/90

Assault: Top cop appears

BISHO. — A senior Ciskei policeman, Brigadier Sikile Zidi, 43, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault, defeating the ends of justice and malicious damage to property. Brig Zidi was one of the senior officers who investigated the death of the border region co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA, Mr Eric Mntonga, three years ago. That investigation led to the conviction of six security policemen. Brig Zidi will stand trial in the Zwelitsha Regional Court on September 3. No evidence has been led and Brig Zidi was released on bail of R500. — Sapa

Winnie 'gave death order'

JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs Winnie Mandela had told her "football club" to kill two young men she regarded as "problematic" and this was why the house of their mother, ANC member Mrs Dudu Chidi, was set alight, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mrs Chidi gave evidence during the trial of Mr Charles Zwane, 22, who has pleaded not guilty to 38 charges including 11 murders, 22 attempted murders, arson and two counts each of unlawful possession of an AK-47 machinegun with ammunition.

Mrs Chidi said she had not allowed her sons to join the football club.

She said Mrs Mandela had told her her sons would be regarded as "sell-outs" if they did not join the club and had sent people to fetch them.

Mrs Chidi said the club members were Mrs Mandela's bodyguards, as she had never seen them play against another football club.

"The things they did — burning people's houses and killing people — are not what football clubs do," she said. — Sapa

Piet Skiet's world steadily growing smaller

By DE WET POTGIETER

RIGHT-WINGERS are concerned about the safety of South Africa's most wanted man, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, following recent police successes in rounding up his allies one by one.

Sources in right-wing circles supporting Rudolph's fanatic crusade, told the Sunday Times this week his biggest problem in finding safe shelter was the danger of betrayal.

"He doesn't know who to trust and it's almost impossible for him to move around freely as he used to in the beginning of his underground subversive activities," said one source.

In police circles, there is growing conviction that the Boere Pimpernel is a worried man.

A senior SAP officer said: "He has no way of knowing when a supporter might turn out to be a traitor who will turn him in for the R50 000 reward."

Captain Hendrik Viljoen, acting head of Pretoria's Murder and Robbery Squad, said on Friday the hunt for Rudolph was as intense as ever.

Claims by a young Carletonville woman that Rudolph would not allow himself to be taken alive confirm his own vow, made to the Sunday Times before he went underground, that he would rather die a martyr than go to prison.

Mary du Bruyn, who harboured Rudolph for one night shortly before the bombing of Pretoria's historic Melrose House, claimed the fugitive carried a hand grenade at all times and had told her he would blow himself up rather than face arrest.

Mrs Du Bruyn's husband, Gert, 30, and his brother, Jan, have been detained for the past 71 days in connection with the Melrose House blast.

Shortly before Rudolph was due to appear in court in connection with an attack on the Natal Building Society in Pretoria North last year, he told the Sunday Times he would go on a hunger strike if he was jailed for the offence.

Like Irish activist Bobby Sands, he said, he would fast to death.

Union wants 50 percent hike

By CHIARA CARTER (355)

CLOTHING bosses squared up to the South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (Sactwu) for a preliminary round of talks in Cape Town this week. South 1618 - 22/8/90

The talks were a "scene-setter" for annual industrial council wage negotiations in the largest industry in the Western Cape.

Sactwu is demanding an across-the-board increase of R45 — an increase of almost 50 percent.

The union has asked for a service bonus of R1 a week for each year of service, five extra days annual leave and a 40-hour working week.

While this year's negotiations are taking place at a regional level, Sactwu wants employers to agree to establish a single national clothing industrial council.

In response to Sactwu's demands, bosses are likely to plead poverty and point to the slump in the industry.

The industry has been hard hit by retrenchments this year, with thousands of workers throughout the country losing their jobs.

The union says a slack pay fund should be established to assist workers placed on short time or retrenched.

It wants basic rights about grievance, disciplinary and retrenchment procedures to be included in the main industrial council agreement.

Sactwu is also asking for an extra paid public holiday, 10 days paid leave a year for shopstewards and free overalls for workers.

The union wants employers to do away with the learning period for Category C workers and reduce all other learning periods to a year.

No time for overtime

OVERTIME is again a contentious issue among workers at South African Breweries.

Last week, the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) announced it had declared a dispute with the company about overtime.

The move followed five rounds of talks between the two parties.

A statement issued by Fawu said SAB was insisting that workers agree to contractual overtime and that a refusal to do so would constitute a form of industrial action.

"Workers do not want to be well-paid slaves. We call on SAB to pay a living wage within normal working hours," the statement said.

SAB workers have led the battle against compulsory overtime.

Last year, the Appellate Court ruled that an overtime ban during previous wage negotiations at SAB was not a strike. South 16/8 22/8/90

At the time overtime was not part of the contract at the company but, after a lengthy and bitter national strike over wages and working conditions in December last year, Fawu agreed to contractual overtime.

Status quo

SAB spokesperson Mr Adrian Botha said the company was merely seeking to maintain this status quo in the new agreement.

Botha described the dispute as "premature", saying the company was still willing to talk to the union.

He said the company needed contractual overtime. 355

"Beer is not the kind of product you can stop and start," Botha said.

He said it was unfair of Fawu to link the beer division with other SAB operations such as OK Bazaars because SAB paid "impeccable" wages.

The company is presently offering a basic minimum wage of R1 232.

While the Supreme Court has ruled a refusal to work voluntary overtime is not a strike, the industrial court still has the power to find it is an unfair labour practice.

This is the basis for an interim interdict issued by the industrial court in Cape Town last week against the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) and 11 shopstewards at Fidelity Guards.

Fidelity Guards argued that it rendered an essential service, that it was an historical custom for guards to work on Sundays and it was an unfair labour practice for the union to call meetings on a Sunday.

The company's roster system is built upon Sunday work, with workers working a six-day week and a 12-hour shift on Sunday.

The company says employing more workers would raise costs by almost 20 percent; in the cut-throat security busines, it cannot afford this.

The interdict has not yet been served and the company has suggested mediation over the issue.

Low wages paid in the security industry constitutes a serious problem for the union in fighting overtime.

At Fidelity Guards, the company offers R469 a month, while the union is demanding R550.

The two parties are presently in deadlock and the company has warned it cannot afford a strike.

Overtime is governed by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act which provides that no worker can be asked to work more than 10 hours overtime a week or three hours a day.

Industrial Council agreements and wage determinations also regulate overtime.

Unionists argue a reduction in overtime will create more jobs. But many companies argue they cannot afford such a move and in low-paid industries, workers are dependent on overtime earnings.

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Railway racism claimed

THE South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) in the Western Cape has hit out at racism at Sats/Transnet.

Sarhwu regional organiser Mr N Tilela said workers in the Philippi department were being divided on the grounds of race by an inspector who recently began work at the department.

A Sats spokesperson said the company was investigating the matter.

Car-bomb suspect shot

JOHANNESBURG. — The body of the man police sought for questioning in connection with a car bomb in a parkade in Pretoria a week ago was found with a bullet wound in the head near Brits, police said yesterday.

Mr David Shongwe's body was found on the same day the car bomb was discovered, but his identity was established only on Friday through his fingerprints, a police spokesman said.

"Mr Shongwe's body was discovered about 5pm on July 28 next to the Pelindaba Hartbeespoort Dam Road in the Brits district on the same day at about 5pm," the police spokesman said.

He added that the post-mortem, which showed the bullet wound had caused Mr Shongwe's death, also showed he had probably died on Friday July 27.

Mr Shongwe was allegedly the driver of the minibus in which the car bomb was found.

According to information received by the police, Mr Shongwe was last seen alive on July 26 about 9pm in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria.

"Mr Shongwe's last few hours are particularly important in the investigation into the planting of the car bomb," the spokesman said.

The minibus was seen parked in the Hallmark Parkade, Pretoria, on Friday July 27 and again on Saturday when it was reported to the police, who defused the 114kg bomb it contained. — Sapa

Explosions follow claim of coup plot in Namibia

Own Correspondent

WINDHOEK. — Staff at a Windhoek daily newspaper, The Namibian, last night set themselves to producing this morning's edition among the charred ruins of their office after it was destroyed by three phosphorus grenades early yesterday morning.

Editor Ms Gwen Lister said she believed the attack was politically motivated following her reporting last Monday of an alleged plot by former members of the South West Africa Territorial Forces and Koevoet to stage a coup that would topple the government.

Last night the Namibian Prime Minister, Mr Hage Geingob, supported Ms Lister's view and questioned whether the police were involved in the attack.

He remarked that "some of the police were so angry about it that they questioned Ms Lister" about her article.

The weapons used were of South African origin.

Yesterday evening the shadowy right-wing group the Wit Wolwe claimed responsibility.

Shortly after being informed of the event around 3am yesterday, Ms Lister said she was disappointed by the police who failed to provide a guard for the premises or to cordon them off.

Brigadier Siggi Eimbeck of the police said she unnecessarily "lacked trust in Home Affairs Minister Hifikipunye Pohamba's police force". A guard was unnecessary in the circumstances.

Last week he lashed out at her for "irresponsible journalism" after the article appeared.

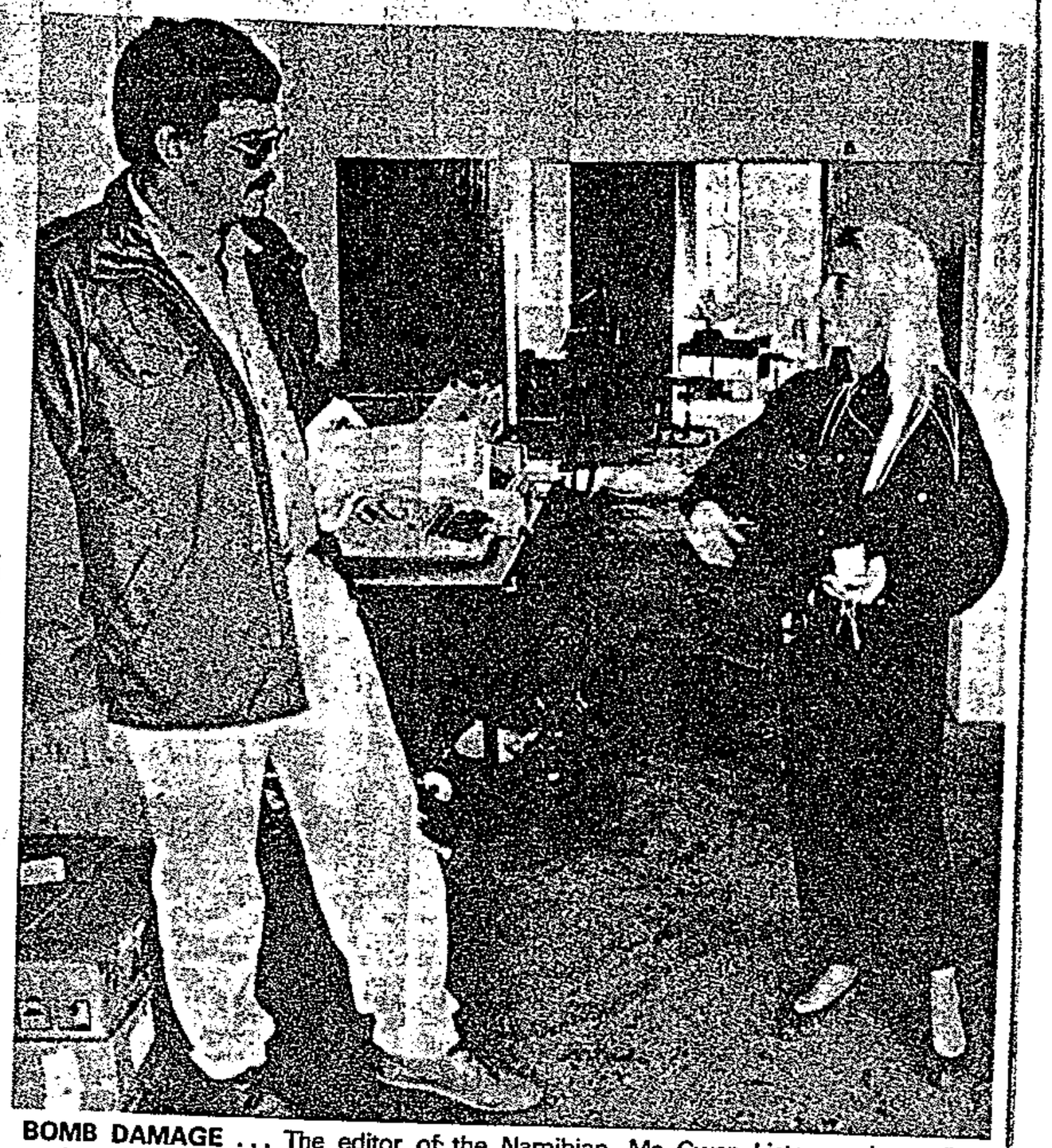
Police said neighbours heard the three explosions around 3am, then heard a car speeding from the newspaper offices.

In the partly charred main editorial office, cameras had been heaped together and burnt. Reporter Pius Dunaiski said documents including pictures of the four members of the shady South African Civil Co-Operation Bureau (CCB), wanted in Namibia for the murder of Swapo politician Anton Lubowski, appeared to have been singled out in his office and torched.

Yellow smears from the phosphorus grenades scarred the walls.

Ms Lister estimated damage to be in the thousands of rands.

In 1988 the offices of The Namibian were gutted in an arson attack at other premises.



BOMB DAMAGE ... The editor of the Namibian, Ms Gwen Lister, and a police explosives expert inspect the offices of the newspaper yesterday after three phosphorus grenades severely damaged them yesterday morning. Picture: REUTER

Shots fired at advice office worker

GRAHAMSTOWN. — An East London advice office worker escaped narrowly with his life when a shot grazed the top of his head in a busy city street on Wednesday afternoon. (344)

A journalist, Ms Louise Flanagan, escaped uninjured in the incident after the shot apparently passed over her head, ricocheted off her car roof and grazed the top of the head of Mr Jerald Hawkes. South 16/8 - 22/8/90

Flanagan, news editor at the East London News Agency and a SOUTH correspondent, said she and Hawkes jumped into the car and drove off.

Slashed

They later returned to the scene, where they found a bullet identified as having come from a 9mm gun.

It appeared as if the shot could have come from the first floor of a building across the road.

Flanagan and Hawkes laid charges with the police on Wednesday night.

Flanagan commented: "I have had my tyres slashed, the wheelbolts on my car loosened, and Wit Wolwe stickers placed on my car and house.

"It seems to be a continuation of the same sort of attack by lunatic rightwingers."

Newspaper bombed after alleging coup plot

Argus Africa News Service

WINDHOEK. — Three phosphorus grenades were lobbed into the offices of the daily newspaper, the Namibian, causing extensive damage but no injuries.

Editor Miss Gwen Lister believed the attack, using what she said were South African-made grenades, may be linked to the report of an alleged coup plot her newspaper ran last Monday.

In that report, the Namibian claimed to be in possession of documents outlining a plan in which about 500 former members of Koevoet and the South West Afica Territorial Forces would overthrow the Namibian government and assassinate key members, including President Sam Nujoma.

The government reacted cautiously, saying it viewed the allegations seriously and that police were investigating.

The grenade attack occurred at 2.30am on Sunday and Miss Lister said the editorial section of the office was "devastated". She could not yet estimate the cost of the damage but feared much of the newspaper's computer equipment had been severely affected by smoke.

She hoped to have the newspaper on the streets early today. She said that people flocked to the newspaper's offices yesterday to offer support. But she was not impressed by the co-operation of the police.

A police spokesman denied Miss Lister's allegations that the police had been less than co-operative and thorough in their investigations.

AWB threatens Indian trader

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By Theresa Anders,
Lowveld Bureau

A group of uniformed members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) allegedly harassed an Indian businessman who is involved with welfare work in the local black township at Carolina.

"Perhaps the AWB thinks I am behind the local consumer boycott," said Aboobaker Jina after the incident.

Mr Jina said he believed white Carolina shopkeepers were desperate because the two-month-long local consumer boycott was crippling their businesses.

Death

He has been getting regular death threats over the phone from Afrikaans-speaking people since the boycott began.

On Saturday about eight men, all under 40 years old, arrived outside his general store soon after he opened at 8 am. They arrived in a tow truck flying an AWB flag. After a while the men walked into his shop.

"Only one of them was visibly armed, but they were all armed to the teeth with hatred. They used abusive language to me and my staff, then walked out."

He said that soon afterwards an Afrikaans-speaking man telephoned the shop — by now packed with people — to say there was a bomb in the store.

Mr Jina said he knew most of the AWB men who had visited his store.

"They are local businessmen. And the irony is that they are running businesses from Indian-owned properties."

From The Star's Lowveld Bureau, Clyde Johnson reports that with the exception of Checkers and OK Bazaars, the consumer boycott in Nelspruit — now in week two — has had little effect.

Most businesses report trading as usual with some having better than normal business.

In a curious twist, a number of white traders — for reasons unknown — have been given permission by the ANC boycotting committee to sell to black consumers.

Rumours that they (the shopowners) have either joined the ANC or made donations to the organisation have been denied.

And, in many cases, white shopowners — though well-stocked — are refusing to supply blacks with much-needed items, telling them: "Sorry, out of stock."

CCB members could qualify for pardon

Star 7/8/90 (344)

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

Members of the SA Defence Force's Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) — accused of assassinating government foes — could qualify for pardon under the agreement reached by the Government and the ANC yesterday.

And ANC executive member Mac Maharaj and several other suspects arrested recently for alleged involvement in the ANC insurrection plot, Operation Vula, will probably walk free.

Government and police sources last night gave this interpretation of the Pretoria Minute.

Hundreds of ANC prisoners and detainees and possibly tens of thousands of ANC exiles could start streaming back almost immediatly.

The process will work in phases. The aim is to complete it in six months and no later than April 30 next year.

ANC/Government delegations at yesterday's talks accepted the final report of the joint Working Group on political offences, which was appointed at the first official talks between the ANC and the Government at Groote Schuur in May. The Working Group's report — and the names of its members — were released with the Pretoria Minute yesterday.

The Working Group is now to draw up a plan — before the end of August — for the phased release of ANC political prisoners and the granting of indemnity to offenders not in jail — such as exiles.

Target dates

Target dates have been set.

- By August 31 this year a body or bodies should be established to advise the Government on who should be pardoned or indemnified.
- The release of prisoners, which could be dealt with administratively, would start on September 1 this year.
- Indemnity from arrest, which could be dealt with by category of offence — rather than individually — would begin from October 1 and be completed by the end of the year.
- Cases to be decided individually by a specialist body would, it was hoped, be completed within six months and not later than April 30 next year.

The Working Group said the Government could begin to grant pardon and indemnity without waiting for the processes which it had set out.

"This may result in substantial results in the near future."

The Pretoria Minute says guidelines for deciding on pardon and indemnity will apply to members of "all organisations, groupings or institutions, governmental or otherwise, who committed offences on the assumption that a particular cause was being served or opposed".

Officials said the reference to "governmental" organisations meant that members of the CCB, for instance, could qualify for pardon, but this does not mean they will necessarily get it.

As with other offenders, their cases would have to be judged against criteria drawn up by the Working Group.

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HARMS COMMISSION

Ministers accountable for CCB, inquiry told

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

The Ministers of Defence and of Law and Order should have testified to the Harms Commission on the roles played by the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) and the South African Police in unsolved politically-motivated murders.

This was said in Pretoria yesterday by Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR), and other parties, when presenting legal argument to Mr Justice Louis Harms.

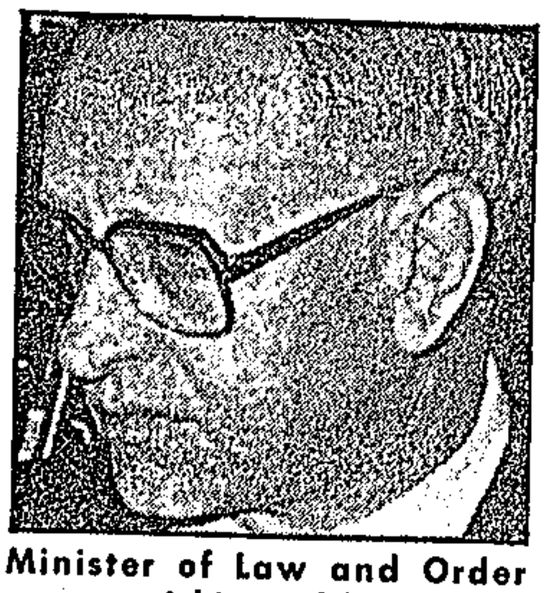
Accountable

He said Defence Minister General Magnus Malan and the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok were accountable.

He wanted to know what precise orders were given to subordinates in both departments in regard to investigation of matters concerning the commission, whether the orders were carried out, and what knowledge General Malan and Mr Vlok may have had in regard to activities in their departments.



Minister of Defence General Magnus Malan.



Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

"If they had no such knowledge, an explanation (would be necessary)," Mr Pretorius said.

General Malan should also explain why orders given by the State President and by himself that CCB documentation should be provided had not been carried out.

Mr Pretorius said the IBIIR was concerned that there had been no investigation into the rise of the CCB and the activities of the SAP in regard to what had been heard at the Harms Commission. There was public concern about this.

"To investigate only the acts of murder and violence without investigating the context and causes which gave rise to these acts, is a symptomatic and superficial investigation. Without it, the commission will find it extremely difficult to make recommendations in order to prevent the recurrence of the acts complained of," he said.

Mr Justice Harms heard that as investigations were "incomplete", there could be little hope that appropriate measures would be adopted to prevent a repetition or recurrence of murders and acts of violence.

"The continuation of politically-motivated acts of violence is some indication of the importance of the commission's findings in this regard," Mr Pretorius argued.

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'Turned' witness shot to pieces, Harms told

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA.— Dramatic evidence about how Harms Commission witness and "turned" former African National Congress cadre Brian Ngqulunga was murdered two weeks ago has been given to the commission.

He was literally shot to pieces, according to an affidavit handed to Mr Justice Louis Harms yesterday.

Security police Sergeant Daniel Wolmarans, who said he had known Constable Ngqulunga for many years, said 42 AK-47 assault rifle cartridges were found around and under the body. The murder took place on the night of July 20.

THROUGH BODIES

"He had been shot high in the back, and most of the bullets had gone clean through the body. Many had left the body via his face, which was unrecognisable," Sergeant Wolmarans said.

None of Constable Ngqulunga's personal effects had been removed from the body. These included his wristwatch, police accreditation card, two credit cards and two shop credit cards.

The affidavit said that people in the Madidi area, near Pretoria, had heard shots during the previous night and at daybreak had searched the area. They found the body in a ditch.

It was also disclosed that, eight years ago, a pamphlet containing Constable Ngqulunga's photograph had been distributed in townships.

He was one of a number of former ANC terrorists who returned to South Africa to work for the police and who gave evidence before the Harms Commission in early June after initially refusing to do so if they were identified by photographs and their addresses divulged.

Police confirmed yesterday that Constable Ngqulunga was buried secretly after Soshanguve youths prevented a public burial.

A police spokesman declined to give further details, saying: "We have previously experienced such violations at funerals. We cannot reveal when and where he was buried."

Rightwinger in court

A rightwinger, Leon van Rensberg (44) of Helderkruin Roodepoort, who allegedly contravened the Arms and Ammunitions Act appeared in a Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

He was released on bail of R5 000. The court added his name to the charge sheet of Robertsham advocate Andries Smith and John Roesch (30), who appeared in court last month after an M26 handgrenade, a Mills grenade and an instant light-flare were seized by the police. The case was postponed to August 22. — Court Reporter

Nofemela 'could not have known' he'd get back-up

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PRETORIA. — Dissident security policemen Mr Dirk Coetzee, Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalange and Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela were responsible for the death of Durban anti-apartheid lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, three advocates told the Harms Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

Mr Denis Kuny, SC, Mr Paul Pretorius and Mr Louis Skweyeya, SC, all presented argument to the commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Louis Harms, investigating politically motivated violence.

Mr Kuny, representing Lawyers for Human Rights, submitted that Death Row prisoner and former security policeman Nofemela, whose statement on allegations of a police hit squad was made hours before he was due to be hanged, did not know how much his account of the Mxenge murder would be corroborated by Coetzee, Tshikalange and other evidence.

It could not have been expected that other policemen implicated would have admitted involvement as most were still serving members of the force.

The possibility of a fabrication by the three men was unlikely as they would have to have carefully studied the inquest report and to have visited the area "with a view of using their observations in future possible proceedings".

Mr Kuny and Mr Pretorius, representing the Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, submitted that the scope of the commission was too narrow.

Mr Pretorius said there had been a failure to investigate allegations against the SAP.

Mr Pretorius said the BIIR was concerned that neither the Minister of Defence nor of Law and Order had been called to give evidence.

The commission is to hear argument from the legal teams of the Special Branch and the Minister of Law and Order when it reconvenes today. — Sapa

Evidence on witness's death

PRETORIA. — Evidence concerning the death of Special Branch Constable Brian Ngqulunga was yesterday handed in to the Harms Commission of Inquiry investigating politically motivated murders.

Free State Attorney-General Mr Tim McNally, who is assisting the commission in its inquiry, handed in an affidavit from a Special Branch Sergeant Daniel Wolmarans concerning the death of Const Ngqulunga, who had earlier given evidence to the commission.

Const Ngqulunga was implicated in various acts of violence including the 1981 murder of Durban attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge — all of which he denied.

His bullet-riddled body was found on July 21 this year in bush near the Mabopane-Marula Sun in Bophuthatswana.

Sgt Wolmarans said there had been 27 AK-47 shells near the body and 15 spent bullets were found under Const Ngqulunga's corpse.

Mr McNally also submitted an ANC document branding Const Ngqulunga as an informer. — Sapa

Coetzee's evidence 'must be disregarded'

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PRETORIA. — Disaffected security policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee was a self-confessed liar, perjurer, car thief, burglar and murderer and therefore all his evidence to the Harms Commission of Inquiry should be disregarded, Mr Mannie Witz, appearing for police Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling, said yesterday.

He concurred with advocates Mr Sam Maritz, SC, and Mr Louis Visser, SC, who appeared for the security branch and the Minister of Law and Order respectively, in disregarding the evidence of Capt Coetzee.

Mr Maritz told the commission that when Capt Coetzee, death row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tshikalange stole vehicles and burnt them, killed a diamond dealer and kidnapped a number of people, they were acting off their own bats.

He also argued that despite admissions to the killing of Durban lawyer, Mr Griffiths Mxenge, they in all probability did not commit the crime.

Mr Maritz said there was a possibility the ANC had killed Mr Mxenge as he had appeared on occasions to defend members of the PAC.

Yesterday's session concluded argument concerning allegations on the CCB and allegations of police involvement in politically motivated violence.

Mr Justice Louis Harms is expected to hand an interim report on this stage of the proceedings to the State President soon.

The commission resumes on August 20 with evidence linking the ANC to some of the more than 2 800 murders being investigated by the inquiry. — Sapa

ew talks soon

gives sign of rapid move to 'real negotiations'

Political Staff

WHILE Western governments acclaimed the peace accord between the government and the ANC yesterday, plans for a new round of talks were already under way.

The two parties are expected to begin discussing the structure of negotiations on a new constitution for South Africa within weeks and another major meeting may be held before the end of the year.

An indication of the ANC's confidence in rapid progress towards real negotiations was given yesterday by SA Communist Party chief Mr Joe Slovo, who said at a press conference in Johannesburg that Mr Nelson Mandela had told the government on Monday that "if we continue in the spirit of this meeting the armed struggle will become an irrelevancy altogether".

And on the touchy issue of the ANC demand for an an interim government, a goverment spokesman said in turn: "I think there is room for give and take on both sides to achieve a mutually acceptable solution."

According to government spokesmen, a steering committee will soon begin exploring various possibilities for structuring negotiations.

Talks will also continue with other parties in an effort to ensure that the broadest possible spectrum will be represented at the negotiating table.

The spokesman was convinced that actual negotiations could get under way early next year.

Despite the optimism on both sides there are several serious impediments.

● The ANC faces a real difficulty in getting its supporters, especially young militants, to accept the decision to suspend the armed struggle.

ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo at the press conference dismissed suggestions that the ANC had conceded more than it had gained at the Pretoria talks.

He stressed in particular that the government had now supplied the dates for the early release of prisoners and return of exiles.

But the ANC was already at pains yesterday to persuade members and associated organisations that the Pretoria agreement was not a surrender.

ANC NEC member Mr Aziz Pahad announced a campaign of information meetings and newspaper advertisements for the coming weeks.

● The government is increasingly concerned over the threat to productivity and the possibility of confrontation and violence caused by the ANC's mass mobilisation campaigns, including school boycotts and stayaways.

● Allegations of police acting outside the law is the most serious bone of contention between the ANC and the government.

A government spokesman said the allegations were being taken very seriously.

Mr Slovo said yesterday that the viability of agreements reached in Pretoria, especially the suspension of the armed struggle, would depend on a reciprocal response from the "armed forces on the other side". The approach taken by the police would in future have to alter fundamentally, he said.

A number of structures are to be set up to address issues such as allegations of police violence, squatting, education and health.

Once the structures were in place, a government spokesman said, it would make unnecessary "disruptive activity by ongoing violence and boycotts".

Mr Slovo, however, said the ANC had no intention of abandoning mass mobilisation tactics.

Mr Nzo said ANC monitoring groups set up all over the country would positively establish whether the government was conniving with the police to undermine the ANC, or whether the government had in fact lost control of the police force.

Mr Slovo, who is also the general secretary of the SA Communist Party, said he attended the Pretoria meeting only as an ANC member. "The SACP had no independent presence at the talks," he said.

Govt fears cracks in ANC unity

Political Staff

THE government fears the ANC will have difficulty selling this week's accord to the militant "hotheads" of their youth affiliates.

Yesterday the South African Youth Congress gave an indication of potential problems when it disclosed that it would form units "to defend our communities from apartheid violence and to combat the increasing crime rate".

"It is against the background of violence against the people by forces of apartheid like Inkatha warlords, vigilantes and right-wing terror groups that we wish to reiterate the fact that the suspension of armed actions does not remove from us and the people the right to defend our communities against aggressors," Sayco said in a statement.

Sayco welcomed the signing of the Pretoria Minute and said it supported the ANC's decision to suspend the armed struggle.

Cracks in the ANC unity seem due to appear among rank-and-file supporters following the accord with the government.

There were also rumblings in other closely allied organisations, such as Azapo and Cosatu, about Mr Nelson Mandela and his negotiating team "going too far".

The ANC has apparently acknowledged that it is not always in a position to "instruct" and then "discipline" its own supporters.

Cops on rampage

Marchers threatened

ORGANISERS of a legal march in Welkom tomorrow said yesterday they had received telephone threats from rightwing elements demanding they either cancel the march or face violent confrontation.

A spokesman for the Bronville Civic Association said the callers had claimed to belong to Welkom's Blanke Veiligheid movement but had refused to identify themselves.

"We call on the police to see to it that our people are protected on the day of the march," the civic association spokesman said. - *Sapa*.

Death threats to priest

AN NG Sengingkerk dominee and his family are living in fear in Bonnievale after threats were made on their lives by people they believe are rightwing residents in the Boland town. 344

Dominee Piet Steyn serves the Happy Valley community, an area which has been marked by upheaval this week following the petrol-bombing of a local shop.

He said his car windscreen was shattered, a brick was thrown through his window and a note with the message "You'll die soon" was slipped under his front door during one night two weeks ago. South 9/8-15/8/90

Last week, a woman who collected Steyn's child from a nearby creche was followed by car to his front door.

Insulting

The driver was communicating with someone through a two-way radio.

"She was frightened to death because she didn't know what the person's intentions were," Steyn said.

"I have been receiving insulting phone calls almost every day. The callers say I'm responsible for the recent violence in the town.

"I reported all this to the police but they seem reluctant to take action."

In Ashton houses of ANC supporters were petrol-bombed this week.

Residents reported that white men were patrolling the black townships in cars with Bonnievale registration numbers, openly pointing shotguns at them.



Chanting students trying to unsettle President de Klerk at the University of Pretoria yersterday.

● Picture by Peter Morey

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Rightwingers disrupt FW's speech

By Claire Robertson and Political Staff

University of Pretoria rector Danie Joubert had to intervene to subdue a rowdy right-wing group heckling President de Klerk at the university yesterday.

Professor Joubert warned one student that "steps" would be taken against him should he continue to disrupt the speech.

Students' Representative Council chairman Charles Vorster said the SRC would deal in "a fitting way" with the group of about 100 students who disrupted Mr de Klerk's lunchtime speech in the university amphitheatre.

Third-year law student Christiaan van der Merwe, who was prominent among the hecklers, said later that Professor Joubert had warned him to stop immediately.

Mr de Klerk's speech was interrupted and drowned out by chanting and singing. At one point he thanked the "little choir" and offered them lessons in protest.

"The golden rule is to show how numerous you are, not how few," he told the island of noisy dissenters.

Eventually, his irritation with the students caused him to snap at them: "If you want to show bad manners, don't do it under the *Vierkleur*."

There were chants of "KP, KP" when Mr de Klerk emphasised he would not stop negotiation.

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Thanked the 'little choir' . . . President de Klerk.

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Hunt for terrorists

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Shattered windows . . . Virginia Mgabi (above) in her flat above the scene of the blast. The car under which the bomb was placed (below).
© Pictures by Etienne Rothbart.

Bomb blast outside Mayfair hotel

By Guy Jepson and Craig Kotze

A bomb made of commercial explosives detonated early today outside a Mayfair hotel reported to be frequented by ANC supporters.

Windows of nearby buildings were shattered but no one was injured in the 2.05 am explosion.

Police confirmed the device was made of commercial explosives, usually used by rightwingers.

The bomb, apparently placed in a Peugeot station wagon, exploded outside the Norstell Royal residential hotel on the corner of Central and High streets, across the road from Grosvenor station. A second car was also damaged in the blast.

Several of the guests at the hotel are supporters of the ANC and the SA Communist Party, Mayfair residents told The Star soon after the blast.

Shattered glass littered the streets but structural damage to buildings in the vicinity appeared to be limited.

Big drop in local reported unrest

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GUTTED ... Mrs Astrid van der Merwe tells Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck yesterday of how three men had petrol-bombed her home in Ashton last week. Picture: BENNY GOOL

Crime Reporter

UNREST in the Cape Peninsula and the Boland dropped to 11 incidents on Thursday after more than 50 incidents were reported on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said bad weather and stepped-up policing had contributed to the quieter atmosphere.

Giving details on Thursday's violence, Captain Laubscher said nearly R200 000 worth of damage was caused in Ashton when the Tip Top supermarket and Onas clothing store were set alight.

Further damage estimated at R2 000 was caused when a shack in Section One, Old Crossroads, was set alight.

Police also "needed" to use teargas to disperse stone-throwers in Gympie Street, Woodstock, and Dorpsig township, Robertson, when crowds of about 50 and 200 respectively attacked police vehicles.

In Worcester, a group of about 10 youths had gathered in Robertson Road and thrown stones at passing vehicles, he said.

Meanwhile, police addressed a meeting of about 350 white Bonnievale residents on Thursday on security and the responsible use of firearms during unrest situations.

On the flipside of the racial tension in the Boland, a Robertson resident phoned the Cape Times yesterday saying she was "terrified" whites would attack her home "yet again".

School secretary Mrs Maylene van der Merwe, sister-in-law of ANC leader Mr N van der Merwe, whose Ashton home was burnt down last weekend, said her sitting-room window was smashed on Tuesday night while she and her three small children were at home alone.

She had seen a white man, whom she had seen cruising past her home with his car's headlights off three times that night, drive off in a bakkie straight after the incident, she said.

This followed an incident on Monday night when stones were thrown on to the roof of her home, which is in an isolated spot.

12 injured as bomb blast rocks Pretoria

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — About 12 people were injured when a bomb exploded outside a fast food outlet opposite a taxi rank in central Pretoria today.

Pandomonium broke loose at the Bloed Street taxi rank when a second bomb was found in a toilet about an hour after the blast.

Injured from the blast, which happened about 9.30am, were taken to the Kalafong and the H F Verwoerd hospitals.

There were no fatalities and police said they had no immediate identification of the type of explosives used or who placed the bomb.

Piet "Skiet" Rudolph

Initial suspicions have, however, focussed on the right wing and people such as the fugitive deputy leader of the Boerestaatparty, Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudloph.

Eye-witnesses described how as they fled the area they saw a man lying in front of the fast food shop near the corner of Van der Walt Street.

At least two taxis were hit by pieces of flying dustbin — believed to have contained the bomb.

A hawker, Mr Henry Sigobela, said he ran to help an injured coloured man.

"People threw stones at me because they said I was helping a white man. All I was trying to do was help a hurt man. Actually he turned out to be coloured," he said.

Taxi owner, Mr John Galube, described how a piece of the bomb penetrated the side of his taxi.

"I heard a loud bang. My taxi was rocked. I saw smoke and jumped out. I ran away. I was very frightened," he said.

Fled the area

Mr Joseph Mkhafola, a cashier at the fast food shop, said people were coming into the shop when the bomb went off. A painter, who has not yet been named, was only slightly injured when the window in the frame he was painting shattered as a result of the blast.

Police rummaged through dustbins around the area in search of the second bomb. They had started evacuating the taxis in the rank when they found the second bomb about 50m away from the first. Commuters jumped from the taxis and fled the area when they heard of it.

At least eight taxis were left abandoned at the rank as police carried the second bomb out of the enclosed toilet and defused it.

Taxi rank blast: Is right-wing to blame?

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — No one has claimed responsibility for Saturday morning's bomb blast which injured at least 13 people when it exploded in a crowded street opposite a black taxi rank.

Explosive experts defused a second — and apparently "more devastating" — bomb 30 minutes later after being alerted to it by a municipal worker.

Though police refused to speculate, both bombs were constructed out of commercial explosives and the attack is believed to be the work of extreme right-wingers.

A group calling itself the Wit Bevrydingsleër (WBL) claimed responsibility for the July 6 blast in central Johannesburg which injured at least 26 people and warned that the bomb "would not be the last".

Reports yesterday said that 11 of the people injured in Bloed Street blast are in a stable condition in Atteridgeville's Kalafong hospital. Another man is in a serious but stable condition at Pretoria's H F Verwoed Hospital.

Hunt for right wing terrorists intensifies

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The hunt for fanatical ultra-rightwing terrorists, possibly including two members of the self-styled "Order of Death", has intensified after a terror blast injured at least 13 people at a Pretoria tazi rank.

A second bomb, also made of commercial explosives, was found at a toilet at the same Bloed Street taxi rank 30 minutes after the 9.30am explosion on Saturday. Police experts defused the device.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the blast, which took place outside packed restaurants and fast food outlets. The device was placed in a mobile dustbin.

SAME GROUP

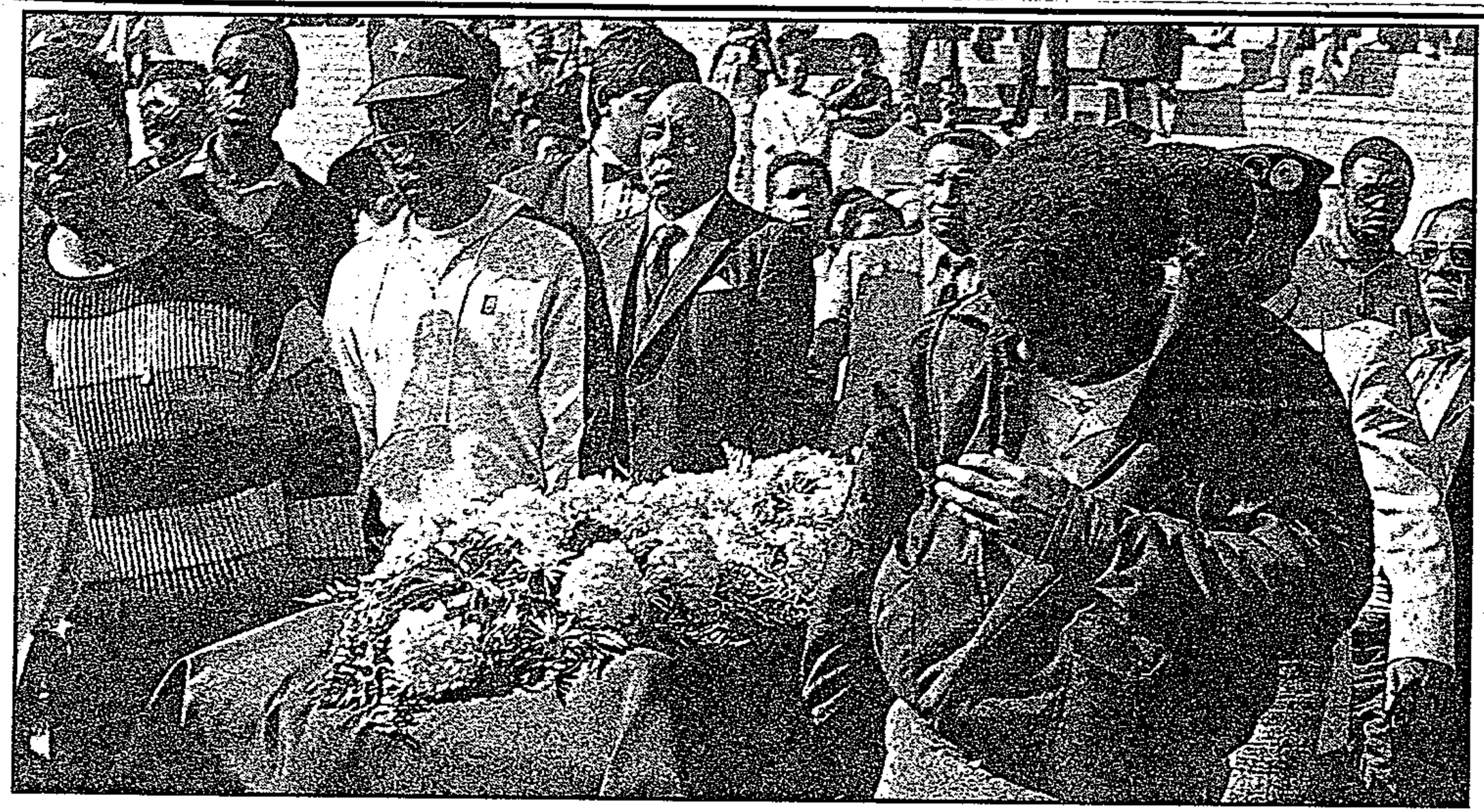
Detectives are now believed to be investigating whether the latest suspected rightwing terror attack was the work of the same group which may have bombed two Reef National Party offices and a Johannesburg taxi rank last month, injuring 28 people.

Security sources said the possibility that self-styled "Boere" revolutionary Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who has "declared war" on the government, may have been involved in the Pretoria taxi rank blast is also likely to be probed.

Among people police would like to question in connection with several Reef blasts and the latest Pretoria explosion are two hard-core far-rightwingers and alleged killers and terrorists.

They are Fanie Goosen and Cornelius Lottering.

The sources said a far-right terror attack had been expected after talks last week between the government and the ANC and the historic decision by the ANC to suspend its armed struggle.



SSRC members (1976) Dan Montsitsi (left) and Kgotso Seatlholo (right) carrying Tsietsi's coffin

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Blast victims have stabilised

ELEVEN of the 12 people injured in an explosion near a Pretoria city centre taxi-rank on Saturday are in a stable condition in Atteridgeville's Kalafong hospital.

A hospital spokesman said yesterday their condition stabilised on Saturday night.

The 12th victim, a man, is in serious but stable condition in the HF Verwoerd Hospital.

The bomb was planted in a dustbin outside a takeaway outlet and exploded at 9.15am

Police confirmed commercial explosives were used and said yesterday no further information had come to light.

They are investigating the possibility that the blast was the work of rightwing activists.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said it had not been established what kind of explosive device was used, but rightwing involvement could not be ruled out.

He confirmed a second bomb was discovered in a toilet at the Bloed Street taxi rank, about 50m from the

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Blast victims are now stabilised

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scene of the blast. Police defused the second device.

At least 20 people were injured in the rank blast, but the spokesman said the exact number of injured could not be determined as many people had run away from the scene in panic.

Saturday's bomb was detonated in a crowded street on the northern fringe of Pretoria's central business district.

The second device was found in a taxi rank toilet, across the road and about 50m from the scene of the earlier blast. Both devices were a few hundred metres from Cosatu's regional office in nearby Brown Street.

The crowded downtown business area is frequented mostly by blacks.

A spokesman for the Kalafong Hospital said 18 people were admitted, none of them in a serious position. - *Sapa*

AWB threatens more violence

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Sowetan Correspondent

LONDON -AWB leader Eugene Terre'blanche has threatened to unleash organised violence in South Africa if current talks between Pretoria and the ANC lead to an ANC-dominated government.

Interviewed on Saturday night on Channel Four television, Terre'blanche also denied his organisation was anti-democratic and racist.

"What you people don't understand is that strange people from the Transkei, an independent people, are demanding my country," he told interviewer Sheena McDonald.

"The reason for the existence of the movement is to keep the land that our ancestors fought for. The Government has no mandate to give our land to the Communist ANC.

"The AWB, representing the Boer volk, will never accept a Communist ANC government in South Africa. If my Government capitulates...that night we will start war," the khaki-clad AWB leader added.

Asked if the AWB had the means to wage such a war, Terre'blanche replied: "Don't ask me things like that. We are preparing ourselves to fight the Communists. I have started the commando system in South Africa. I know at one stage we will have to fight for our own survival and we will use any means to survive."



Eugene Terre'Blanche

We will go to war, ET tells UK viewers

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The Argus Foreign Service

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Challenged about the AWB's swastika-like emblem, Mr Terre'Blanche said unlike the nazi emblem his movement's emblem was made up of three sevens, to counter the anti-Christ's three sixes.

Police hunt rightwingers after blast

By Craig Kotze

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

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

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

Defused

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

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

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

The device was placed in a dustbin.

Detectives are now believed to be investigating whether or not the latest suspected right-wing terror attack was the work of the same group which might have bombed two Reef National Party offices and a Johannesburg taxi rank last month, injuring 28 people.

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

Mr Rudolph has declared "war" on the Government.

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

They are Fanie Goosen and Cornelius Lottering.

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

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

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

Mass action possible after taxi-rank blast

PRETORIA. — Anti-apartheid organisations yesterday pointed to a possibility of mass action against the government to protest against the bomb attack at a Pretoria taxi rank on Saturday. At least 13 people were injured in the blast.

Activists also called on the government to institute a commission of inquiry to investigate right-wing attacks.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack but activists told a press conference yesterday they believed right-wingers were responsible.

Organisations allied to the African National Congress were considering staging consumer boycotts, marches and strikes to protest the alleged right-wing attack, said a UDF spokesman.

The spokesman, Mr Siphiwe Ngwenya, called on all people committed to a peaceful settlement to "join forces with the democratic formations in pressuring the government to act accordingly" against perpertrators of "this dirty work".

The UDF was concerned about the "free operation" of the right-wing elements and their free access to arms. Mr Ngwenya urged President F W de Klerk to set up a commission of inquiry.

The call drew the support of the Pretoria Council of Churches.

The ANC also condemned the attack. "The people of South Africa will not be deterred from the chosen path of reconciliation and a non-racial South Africa," the organisation's Pretoria central branch said in a statement.

● A spokesman for Kalafong Hospital said four of the injured were still receiving treatment, while an H F Verwoerd Hospital spokesman said a person admitted there was in a satisfactory condition. — Sapa

narrow band just above the city and its suburbs, as this picture take

Government urged to probe rightwing terror

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Anti-apartheid organisations allied to the ANC have called on the government to investigate rightwing organisations following the weekend's Bloed Street bomb blast.

And they have warned that failure to act could lead to a black backlash — possibly in the form of marches and consumer boycotts.

The United Democratic Front, supported by the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the South African Youth Congress Organisation, has laid blame for the bomb at the door of the right wing.

UDF spokesman, Mr Siphiwe Ngwenya, called on President De Klerk to set up a commission of inquiry to "look seriously into the activities of the right wing".

In a statement drafted with Cosatu and released yesterday, he said the UDF was concerned about the "free operations" of the right wing and its "free access" to arms.

UDF and ANC spokesman Mr Titus Mafolo said he believed the Bloed Street bomb, like one at the Johannesburg taxi rank, was planted by the right wing to unsettle peace initiatives.

"We must ensure that they don't succeed. We must make sure they don't get a place in the future South Africa," he said.

Mr Lola Mojela of Sayco said his organisation would not allow a "certain group of lunatics" to "wage war" on its people without taking any action.

"To the right wing we say: 'The patience of our people is about to end'."

● Cosatu will present a memorandum to Mr De Klerk later this week listing attacks on its members country-wide and calling on him to intervene in accordance with the Pretoria Minute in stopping the "reign of terror".

A spokesman for the federation, Mr Neil Coleman, said the situation was at a critical stage with at least 13 people killed and more than 40 injured in Sebokeng alone in the past two weeks.

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reward offered in connection with yesterday's fatal shootings in Sebokeng.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Police in the dark after Pretoria blast

LINDEN BIRNS

POLICE yesterday still had no clues indicating who planted Saturday's taxi rank bomb in Pretoria, but were believed to be on the trail of two "Order of Death" suspects sought in connection with a spate of Witwatersrand explosions over the past two months. Bl Day 14/8/90

"All we can say about Saturday's explosion, which left 13 people injured, is that commercial explosives were used, an SAP spokesman said.

A Witwatersrand SAP spokesman said two right-wingers, Cornelius Lottering and Fanie Goosen, were being sought for questioning in connection with last month's blast at the Cyrildene home of a former right-wing detainee.

The two former AWB members belong to a right-wing terror squad, the Order of Death. Police allege the two were behind the group's plans to assassinate President F W de Klerk and cabinet ministers.

A police spokesman said they could probably answer questions arising from investigations into several Reef explosions and one at the Randburg home of another Order of Death member.

Sapa reports that anti-apartheid organisations pointed to a possibility of mass action against the state to protest against the Pretoria bomb attack. ANC-affiliated organisations were considering staging consumer boycotts, marches and strikes to protest against the alleged right-wing attack, a UDF spokesman in Pretoria said. (Star) (344

Mandela lying about talks with Right – Treurnicht

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Political Reporter

Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht has rejected Nelson Mandela's revelation of ANC negotiations with right-wing organisations as "mischievous and untruthful propaganda".

He reacted in a statement yesterday to the ANC deputy president's remarks on television on Sunday that the ANC was involving a range of political organisations in discussions, including the political Right. Mr Mandela did not name the parties.

However, it has been reported that the ANC has held talks with Afrikaner Volkswag leader Carel Boshoff and former Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging executive Chris Jooste. Both men have denied this.

Dr Treurnicht said he knew of no right-wing leader who would speak to the ANC.

Call for probe of rightists

Pretoria Correspondent

Anti-apartheid organisations allied to the ANC have called on the Government to investigate right-wing organisations following the Bloed Street, Pretoria, bomb blast on Saturday.

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Safety at taxi ranks comes into the spotlight at a meeting of the Pretoria United Taxi Association (Puta) today, following the bomb blast which occurred opposite a busy taxi rank and injured 40 people.

Chairman of Puta and the city's representative at the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta), Mr Enos Makena, said he deplored the planting of the bomb, especially at a busy taxi rank.

"The safety of our commuters comes first and we have called an emergency meeting to look into the question of safety at taxi ranks," he said.

This could include the appointment of plain-clothed security officers who would patrol taxi ranks. However he also appealed for vigilance on the part of commuters who could point out suspicious people or parcels to taxi drivers or officials.

Mr Siphiwe Ngwenya of the UDF said information received by his organisation indicated that 44 people — and not only 12 reported as hospitalised — had been injured in Saturday's blast.

He said many of those injured had run away — an explanation confirmed by Mr Lola Mojela of the SA Youth Congress Organisation, who said people may run from a bomb for fear of being associated with it.

PAC 'not the AWB of the left wing'

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By Dawn Barkhuizen

The Pan African Congress has been misrepresented in South Africa and was not the AWB of the left wing, American Chamber of Commerce executive director Wayne Mitchell said in Johannesburg yesterday.

He was speaking on his return from a consultative meeting in Harare at the weekend between representatives of American big business in South Africa and top level PAC members from both the internal and external wings.

The meeting was significant in that it was the first formal meeting between the PAC and a recognised organisation, Mr Mitchell said. It signalled the PAC's wish to move out of relative political obscurity into a more visual position.

"We found the PAC to be flexible and articulate with a clearly defined economic and political agenda.

"They have advanced views on subjects such as labour, affirmative action programmes and creating a favourable environment for foreign investment."

He noted the term "nationalisation" was not part of PAC terminology, but said the organisation rather adhered to a policy of socialisation — a mix of private and public ownership in which workers would have access to shares.

Among the topics discussed were the utilisation of human resources, taxation and economic structures.

Mr Mitchell believes the PAC has been misrepresented on the South African political stage.

"During the meeting many of the myths surrounding the PAC were exploded — specifically their anti-white stance.

"They have a genuine non-racial policy with a clear definition of "African" which embraces all people regardless of their skin colour," he said.

AWB leader 'unaware of violence on blacks'

JOHANNESBURG. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche says he does not support actions of violence against black individuals.

Speaking at Jan Smuts airport yesterday on his return from Britain, Mr Terre'Blanche said he was unaware of violence against blacks in Pretoria and Sebokeng.

A revolution in South Africa would not be triggered off by whites or right-wingers, but by "communists" who said they supported a suspension of the armed struggle but would not denounce violence.

Police were yesterday non-commital about Mr Terre'Blanche's latest threat, made on British television, to unleash organised violence in South Africa if an ANC-dominated government ANC took power.

Approached for comment on his remark that "if the government capitulates ... that night we will start the war", the spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said the AWB leader was repeating an "old statement". — Own Correspondent and Sapa

She was rushed to Kalafong Hospital [illegible]

Carry arms to work: CP tells white miners

Sowetan 15/8/90 (344)

WELKOM remained tense yesterday, in spite of a peace deal at President Steyn gold mine, as the Conservative Party called for its members to form countrywide self-defence units and for white miners to carry arms underground.

A threat was made that the CP would resort to violence if one white person died when black miners staged a march through the streets of Welkom in the heart of the Goldfields on Saturday.

White miners returned to work for last night's shift at the Number 4 Shaft at the mine, according to a spokesman for Anglo American, Mr Adrian du Plessis.

The situation in the town is expected to be high on the agenda when the CP takes an in-depth look at political events at its two-day annual Free State conference which begins in Bloemfontein today.

CP MP for Overvaal, Mr Koos van der Merwe, told a stormy right wing meeting in Welkom on Monday night that the party might soon call on members to stop protest marches by violent means should the lives of whites be threatened.

Gosforth Park racing results are on page 27

Residents 'intimidated over boycott'

JOHANNESBURG. — There are claims of widespread intimidation of black residents by some whites from Marble Hall and Grobblersdal in the Eastern Transvaal — in a bid to bust an ongoing consumer boycott in the area.

An action committee formed by the white business community is forcing black residents to buy at white businesses, according to the chairman of the boycott committee, Mr Nkobeng Maepa.

He said yesterday that the boycott was imposed on July 21 following the failure by the conservative town councils to meet demands made by the black communities.

Blacks were beaten up if they refused to buy at white businesses, Mr Maepa claimed. — Sapa

Dominee shocks town with 'ripping' sermon

Staff Reporter

A BONNIEVALE NG Kerk minister who tore out pages of the Bible referring to love and "turning the other cheek" during a sermon on Sunday, has set the farming community buzzing.

Ds Pieter Louw was speaking after reports of whites arming themselves and threatening vigilante action during last week's unrest.

His dramatic display was carefully planned and had shocked most of his sleepy Vandermerwe congregation into sitting bolt upright.

After reading Matthew verses 38 to 42, he tore each page out, crumpled them up and threw them on the ground.

"I could definitely see shock in most of their faces, but I think the message got home and they ended up very positive," he said.

Mrs Tarina Wentzel of the farm Angora said the sermon was "timely and necessary".

"Everyone I've spoken to was very impressed and positive," she said.

However, she added that she had heard of a minority who felt Mr Louw's sympathies "aren't where they're supposed to be".

Cape Times 15/8/90

ANC slates recent unrest

PRETORIA. — The recent killings at Sebokeng hostels and the Pretoria bomb on Saturday were the work of an organised killing machine of apartheid, said Dr G Mukhari from the PWV region of the African National Congress.

"We condemn therefore this killing of our people and challenge the government to leash its forces before it's too late to contain a backlash," he said in a statement issued in Pretoria. — Sapa

Violent taxi 'war' starts

CAPT Tafts 15/8/90

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A "war" has broken out here between two rival taxi factions.

There has been simmering tension between Bloemfontein's long-distance taxis and those from the Transvaal and other regions.

On Tuesday morning a minibus with Transvaal registration plates was burnt out in Bloemfontein in one of the latest incidents in the war.

The incident occurred after three minibuses were seen at a taxi rank in the city, one loaded with heavily armed people and escorting the other two.

Weapons such as pangas and knobkerries were found in the burnt-out vehicle.

In Pretoria yesterday, the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association said it was appalled at the increasing violence directed at its members and commuters and called on the police substantially to step up security at taxi ranks.

In the past three months, bombs had exploded at four taxi ranks injuring numerous people and causing extensive damage, Sabta said in a statement.

Sabta condemned "such outrageous and barbaric behaviour in the strongest terms".

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that police would continue to patrol taxi ranks as part of their normal rounds, taking special action when needed. — Sapa

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CP warns of 'even stronger resistance'

Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

BLOEMFONTEIN — Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht warned last night that rightwingers would resist black majority rule "even more strongly".

Opening the CP's annual Free State congress in the city hall, Dr Treurnicht issued a carefully worded, yet chilling warning to President de Klerk that the Right would never accept the National Party's "capitulation" to the ANC and SACP.

"If you play into the hands of the ANC, if you plan or allow hidden or blatant black majority rule, then we say we will exercise our right of resistance even more strongly," he told supporters.

Slating the ANC and SACP as terrorist organisations which were propagating violence and murder and were not interested in sharing power, he said the Government was negotiating itself out of power.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela had already admitted the Government and the ANC were co-operating in some sort of alliance. But the day would come that the ANC and other revolutionary powers would demand the surrender of power which would result in the establishment of a Marxist one-party state.

No nation with self respect would tolerate a "foreign" government, he said.

"We will continue to demand the right to govern ourselves in our own land until we gain victory. You are not dealing with a small group of settlers or colonialists. You are dealing with people who have fought wars and who have a right to this country.

"We warn the Government to stay clear of negotiations on the surrendering of white political power. Be man enough to tell the ANC that white capitulation is out of the question.

"The road ahead is one of separate government, separate freedom and separate land," he said to loud applause.

Harms probe nears end

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Harms Commission into politically motivated violence could complete its work by the end of next week, Mr Justice Louis Harms said yesterday.

He intended "not to be busy beyond September" at the latest. His commission seemed not to be "really getting any useful information".

He said the commission would resume sitting in Pretoria on Monday to hear "the general ANC matter" and evidence on the 1986 murders of Mamelodi community leaders Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro.

It also emerged yesterday that local detectives are helping the commission probe a November 1987 incident in which two pink flares were set off outside the Rosebank flat of author Ms Josette Cole, followed by a phone threat.

Ms Cole, author of a book on Old Crossroads, said yesterday that at the time she was a member of a team mediating a conflict in KTC squatter camp.

Harms Commission secretary Mr Chris Erasmus said the incident was one of several on a list given to the commission by Mr Brian Currin, director of Lawyers for Human Rights. Police had been asked to add dates and places to several of the incidents.

If the commission received any further valuable information it would "carry on sitting", he said.

Journo, ANC man shot at

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Journalist Ms Louise Flanagan and an ANC member, Mr Jerald Hawkes, were shot at in the city centre here yesterday.

Ms Flanagan said they were climbing into her bakkie when she heard a bang as an object hit the bakkie roof, ricocheted and grazed Mr Hawkes's temple. A bullet was later found at the scene.

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We will fight Mandela – CP

BLOEMFONTEIN — The freedom of the white was a God-given right and was not negotiable, said Conservative Party spokesman on constitutional development, Ferdi Hartzenberg.

"Our fatherland is a gift from God and we won't ask Mandela if we can live here or have any rights," he told the Free State CP congress yesterday.

"We say to Mandela, if he is going to fight, we will beat him ....We will lay everything on the altar to prevent the ANC ruling over us."

President de Klerk knew in his heart the CP was the true representative of whites, he said.

The Government was mistaken when it said the negotiation process was irrevocable, because the urge for freedom could never be suppressed. — Sapa.

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Cape Times 17/8/90 (34)

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

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LIVE MAN TO

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

A 36-YEAR-OLD man waiting for a heart and lung transplant in the city is to become the first living South African to donate his own heart to another recipient.

When Mr Danie Myburgh, a former agricultural sales representative from the Transvaal, receives a new set of heart and lungs from a donor, his perfectly good heart will be transplanted into a patient on stand-by at Groote Schuur Hospital.

The breakthrough operation, known as the "domino procedure" in medical terms, has been performed only in the past two years.

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R1-m radio equipment stolen in raid on navy

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent, HENRI du PLESSIS, Defence Reporter and DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter

SOPHISTICATED radio equipment understood to be worth about R1 million has been stolen in a night-time raid on the South African Navy's signal school at Red Hill in Simon's Town.

The equipment, described as ideal for combat use, was stolen from a classroom at the signal school on Sunday night.

The thieves entered through a perimeter security fence and broke into the classroom.

"WELL SELECTED"

Sources say the selection of stolen equipment indicates that the thieves had an extensive knowledge of communications equipment.

One source said: "The thieves had to have known what they wanted, because their loot was well selected."

In a brief, carefully worded statement — which took more than a day to prepare for clearance at senior level — South African Naval headquarters in Pretoria confirmed the "break-in" during the night of August 12-13.

The statement said: "The intruders apparently entered through the security perimeter fence and then broke into one of the radio classrooms where they removed radio equipment.

"The matter is being investigated by the Military Police in conjunction with the South African Police and a board of inquiry has been convened."

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NGK must accept guilt, says Heyns

STELLENBOSCH. — The NG Kerk had to accept its share of guilt for the fragmentation of South African society, Prof Johan Heyns, Moderator of the NGK, told a meeting of the Stellenbos Aktuele Aangeleenthede Kring (SAAK) yesterday.

Speaking in a panel discussion which included leader of the Afrikaner Volkswag Prof Carel Boshoff, he said South African society was highly polarised and if one added to its dynamic aggressive aspect one arrived at fragmentation.

Fragmentation typified South African society and was expressed in violence which was so widespread that the society was in the grip of a "violence psychosis".

"We seem to want to solve everything by violence, from marital problems to sport," he said.

There was political, social and religious fragmentation between all possible factions, for which the system of apartheid was directly responsible.

"The tragedy of apartheid lies in its success." It had divided society into fragments and "washed them out on to separate islands far from each other".

Reconciliation was the corrective therapy for this fragmentation. The church was compelled to seek reconciliation or it was no longer a church.

"The church has to admit its own guilt and by its own example convey the message of reconciliation."

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Hooligan display 'a scandal for Afrikaans people', says shocked FW

Own Correspondent

VRYHEID — More than 250 rowdy rightwingers who let off two teargas canisters and threw chairs at the South African Police failed to silence President de Klerk here last night in a display of political hooliganism that he described as a scandal for Afrikaans people.

Right-wing supporters from all over northern Natal and nearby parts of the Free State and Transvaal gathered at the doors of the Centenary Hall more than an hour before President de Klerk was to address his first public meeting in Natal since becoming President.

They said they were from the AWB, the Boerestaat Party, the CP and the HNP, and would prevent the meeting from taking place.

President de Klerk got up to speak at 7.29 pm, about 25 minutes after the meeting had begun, but could not make himself heard above the shouts from the right wing.

He told them it was a long time since he had seen such a bunch of brave men. Waving his finger in the style of his predecessor (President Botha), Mr de Klerk told those who did not want to listen to leave.

At one stage police rushed in to remove a man. He was held fast by a police baton. Scuffles broke out as a few policemen were hit over their heads with chairs, leaving one bleeding from a cut. The scuffling died down. Police dogs were brought up.

Despite repeated appeals to move out, the rightwingers refused.

President de Klerk finally stood up to say that white people did not behave like that, as it was scandalous for Afrikaners, but he could not be heard above the din.

After an hour of impasse, at 8.30 pm Mr Jurie Mentz, the NP MP for Vryheid, asked all the people who had come to listen to leave the hall and asked the police to remove the rest. The hard core of rightwingers stayed. Members of the SAP's 21 riot unit had slowly to usher them out.

The rightwingers then threw two teargas canisters from outside the hall at police inside the hall.

President de Klerk had left the hall before the teargas was thrown, to wait in a outside building. One policeman was overcome by fumes and another bitten by a police dog.

The President finally began speaking at 9.15 pm. He delivered a 22-minute "raise up your hearts, no turning back" address, rallying the several hundred people listening — many with eyes and noses still smarting from the teargas — to the new South Africa.

Several NP bosses afterwards described it as President de Klerk's best political message this year. "It came from the heart," one MP said.



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WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 474 days since the assassination of human rights activist Dr David Webster. No one has been arrested in connection with the killing. (344) 18/6/90

The Civil Co-operation Bureau, allegedly repsonsible for Dr Webster's assassination, has been disbanded officially, but its members have not been publicly listed, despite a request from the David Webster Trust and other interested parties.

A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr Webster's killers.

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● **Herstigte Nationale Party:** Led by Jaap Marais, the HNP has no seats in Parliament. It has only held one seat since the 1970 general election. It has never supported the Volkstaat idea, but rather a Verwoerdian white South Africa, and rejects privitisation out of hand. After substantial growth between 1970 and 1981 the HNP lost most of their support base to the CP in 1987.

● **Volkstaat Party:** Non-operative political party registered by the AWB.

FANATICAL GROUPS AND VIGILANTES

● **Boerestaat Party:** Members have featured prominently in connection with recent right-wing terror activity. Deputy leader, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, South Africa's most wanted man, is being sought in connection with the Good Friday weapons heist from Air Force headquarters in Pretoria. He has admitted to bombing Melrose House and claims he was among a group who shot at marchers in Sebokeng recently. He distributed a video of himself flanked by armed masked men proclaiming the "Boere Oorlog" had started. Boerestaat Party leader Dr Robert van Tonder, recently had his home raided by police. The organisation aims to recreate the Transvaal, Vryheid and Free State republics. They reject the terms "Afrikaner" and "Suid-Afrikaner" calling themselves "Boere". Last year strength was estimated at a few hundred.

● **Transvaal Separatists:** An affiliate organisation of the Boerestaat Party led by Dr Piet Cloete.

● **Boereweerstandsbeweging:** A military wing of the Boerestaat Party attempting to mobilise a Boere army. Andrew Ford is the leader. The commanding officer of the BWB commandos and chief of training, Petrus Bester, is out on bail after being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act on July 6 and later charged with illegal possession of arms.

● **Penta: Die Orde van die Dood:** A racist violent group led by Johan Dempers. They are prepared to go to any lengths to protect what they perceive to be the interests of the Afrikaner nation and to further Afrikaner interests. Police are seeking members in connection with National Party offices on the Reef, two hotel bomb blasts and attacks on the homes of right wingers. They are also being sought in connection with blasts on the home of a Jewish DP councillor, a blast at the Rosettenville synagogue and the bombing of the offices of the newspaper, Vrye Weekblad. Members allegedly planned to assassinate the State President and three Cabinet members.

● **Die Orde van die Oop Palm (Doop)/Orde Boerevolk:** Little is known about this shadowy organisation other than that members claim it is a splinter of the



HENNIE MULLER: Heads Welkom vigilante group Blanke Veiligheid.

"Wit-Wolwe". Doop delivered a "war declaration" to the British Embassy saying "Die stryd begin — Orde Boerevolk". (Police remain adamant that no such group as the "Wit-Wolwe" exists).

● **Mags Aksie Afrikaner Nasionalisme (MAN):** A recently formed hardline militant Afrikaner nationalist organisation aimed at preserving Afrikaner heritage. They refuse to hand over the country and say they will not be overwhelmed by the black majority or outside forces. Leaders are Oscar J F Hartung, HNP executive member and former police colonel Servaas de Wet. (Servaas de Wet also leads the Boerekommandos — the latest in a long list of failed attempts by the AWB to get their militant wing off the ground. Their predecessors were the Stormvalke and Aquila).

● **Blanke Veiligheid:** A quasi neighbourhood watch outfit based in white Welkom. Khaki clad armed members have divided the town into sections and conduct patrols. Leader Hennie Muller also claimed to have a large black following. Mr Muller recently gave notice of his intention to quit.

● There are similar outfits in: Riebeeckstad, **Blanke Veiligheid Riebeeckstad**; Robertson, **Robertson Tuiswag**; the West Rand, the West Rand White Community Guard; Klerksdorp, **Aksie Selfbeskerming**; and groups known to be operating in Delmas.

● **Blanke Weerstandbeweeging:** A splinter group of Blanke Veiligheid under Jan Bezuidenhout. BWB is more militant than BV.

● **The Flamingoes:** Also based in Welkom — a group of young men who wear blue uniforms.

● **Die Vryburgers:** This organisation aims to develop "Western civilisation". Its definition of "Western civilisation" applies to whites only. Wynand de Beer and Anton Hart run the organisation.

● **The Cape Rebel Movement:** Little is known about this organisation believed to comprise white-separatists who insist on being included in a Boere homeland. Their leader is Keith Conroy.

● **Patriotic Forum Durban:** Their objectives are hazy but this group is thought to be allied to the objectives of the BBB. They hold regular meetings discussing politics, including Namibia, and pre-independence Zimbabwe. Alan Harvey is the chairman.

● **Afrikaner National Socialists:** A neo-Nazi ultra-rightwing racist organisation idolising Hilter. They believe that Jews and people of "other colour" have no right to live in South Africa and strive for a pure white South Africa.

● **World Apartheid Movement:** An international ultra-rightwing racist organisation with a similiar philosophy to the ANS. They strive to protect white racial purity and to achieve white dominance world wide. They believe Aids will destroy black people who they refer to as "modderus" (the race of mud). Their leader is Koos Vermeulen.

● **The Israelites:** A far right fanatical splinter religion which believes that white South Africans are descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel and therefore part of chosen race. They are tied to an international Ayrian movement, The Children of Israel. Bible verses are interpreted to support these claims. They promote and defend racial hatred and do not believe black people are people. They have support throughout the right.

● **Wit Bevrydingsleer (WLB):** Made its first appearance last month to claim responsibility for the bomb blast at a Johannesburg taxi rank in July in which 27 people were injured. Little else is known about this group.

THINK TANKS AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

● **Die Afrikaaner Volkswag:** Originally formed as the cultural arm of the Conservative Party when its leaders were thrown out of the Broederbond, the AV is at logger heads with the CP over the question of the Volkstaat. The AV believes in self government in a white Afrikaaner homeland and



HENDRIK VERWOERD: Former missionary heads Oranjewerkers at Morgenzon.

seeks to remind Afrikaaners of their identity and roots. The AV is estimated to have a membership of 10 000 families (50 000 people) under the leadership of academic, Professor Carel Boshoff.

● **Die Oranjewerkers:** Lead by ex-missionary Hendrik Frensch Verwoerd, the Oranjewerkers aim at a minimum of three white mini-states at Morgenzon on the eastern Highveld, near Verwoerd Dam and on the southern Cape Coast, all free of any blacks except "visitors". The southern Free State experiment failed as the pioneers vanished. At Morgenzon a few white families struggle on with one white-owned factory and two whites only shops.

● **Die Boerevryheidsbeweging (BWB):** An AWB splinter group that was formed after the controversy over AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche's liaison with English speaking journalist Jani Allen. Embarrassed AWB members decided to "start all over again". Obtaining a Volkstaat remains an ideal. The leader is Jan Groenewald.

● **Afrikaner Front** was also formed at that time.

● **South African Bureau for Racial Affairs (Sabra):** A National Party research fund taken over by the Right in the early 1980s. Carel Boshoff is the chairman. Publishes extensively on arguments and options for a white homeland.

● **Arikaner Vryheid Stigting:** Carel Boshoff is the chairman. This group is considering the north Western Cape as a white homeland.

● **Foundation for Survival and Freedom:** Originally known as the Stallard Foundation. It is a forum for English-speaking conservative thinkers who agree with the principals of right wingers and are white supremicists.

PARAMILITARY ORGANISATIONS

● **AWB:** The largest of the rightwing paramilitary organisations and has started to organise "self-defence" structures within the white community. Military training thinly disguised as self defence courses are provided to members on a regular basis. There is as yet no evidence that the AWB has sanctioned any acts of terrorism, but members and individuals associated with the group have been detained in connection with acts of terrorism. Frequent shows of "mass force" are given through armed rallies. Leader Eugene TerreBlanche has never disclosed official membership numbers. A breakaway by rightwing activists Darryl Stopforth and Leonard Veenendal has indicated in-fighting. The AWB has in its organisation:

● *Burgeraade/Citizens Councils:* The grassroots management of the AWB. The country is divided into more than 300 areas, each with its own leader who is responsible to a superior. There is speculation that the AWB has lost control of these organisations.

● *AWB Boerekommandos:* Commandos, have already been formed in Pietersburg, Ventersdorp and Welkom under the leadership of former Colonel Poon Jacobs. Each branch is controlled by a commandant with a structure similar to that of the SADF.

● *Security Unit/Branch:* Previously, Aquila. Responsible for security of property and people during meetings. They also see that law and order is maintained by members.



EUGENE TERRE-BLANCHE. AWB leader has never disclosed membership figures.

● *The Committee of 10:* An AWB organ similar to a Citizen's Council but only existing in the Western Cape.

The AWB also has AWB Youth, AWB Women and Sweepslag, a publication.

● **Blanke Bevrydings Beweging** (white freedom movement): Once the only rightwing organisation to be banned, the BBB under Professor Johan Schabort, admired Hitler and believe that all blacks, Jews and British should be repatriated. They believe the heritage and serenity of the Afrikaaner nation must be defended and protected. Blanke Nasionale Beweeging operates in tandem with the BBB.

● **The New Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging — Orange Free State:** Led by Free State farmer, Eddie von Maltitz, New AWB is a fringe group trading on AWB symbols and sentiments. It has a paramilitary Aquila (not to be confused with the AWB's previous paramilitary wing Aquila) based in Bloemfontein. Aquila is responsible for security during meetings and protection of property. Von Maltitz and Andries Ford are also prominent in Blanke Afrikaner Stryder teen Agendoer (Basta), an organisation aimed at unifying Afrikaaner groups under a common umbrella.

● **Boere-Leer** (Boere Army): Set up as an umbrella organisation to consolidate all the Boere commandos into a single "national people's army".

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ROBERT VAN TONDER: Boerestaat Party leader. His deputy is Piet Rudolph.

own hands — such defence was only acceptable in the absence of the police. Up to now they had done nothing but explore the constitutional options open to opposing the Government. The main issue between the CP and other right-wing groups was its attitude to an all-white Volkstaat. On this issue Dr Treurnicht is ambiguous, referring mainly to partition. They recently hinted that they are considerating non-violent extra-Parliamentary action such as strike and boycott options.

● **Herstigte Nationale Party:** Led by Jaap Marais, the HNP has no seats in Parliament. It has only held one seat since the 1970 general election. It has never supported the Volkstaat idea, but rather a Verwoerdian white South Africa, and rejects privitisation out of hand. After substantial growth between 1970 and 1981 the HNP lost most of their support base to the CP in 1987.

● **Volkstaat Party:** Non-operative political party registered by the AWB.

FANATICAL GROUPS AND VIGILANTES

● **Boerestaat Party:** Members have featured prominently in connection with recent right-wing terror activity. Deputy leader, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, South Africa's most wanted man, is being sought in connection with the Good Friday weapons heist from Air Force headquarters in Pretoria. He has admitted to bombing Melrose House and claims he was among a group who shot at marchers in Sebokeng recently. He distributed a video of himself flanked by armed masked men proclaiming the "Boere Oorlog" had started. Boerestaat Party leader Dr Robert van Tonder, recently had his home raided by police. The organisation aims to recreate the Transvaal, Vryheid and Free State republics. They reject the terms "Afrikaner" and "Suid-Afrikaner" calling themselves "Boere". Last year strength was estimated at a few hundred.

● **Transvaal Separatiste:** An affiliate organisation of the Boerestaat Party led by Dr Piet Cloete.

● **Boereweerstandsbeweging:** A military wing of the Boerestaat Party attempting to mobilise a Boere army. Andrew Ford is the leader. The commanding officer of the BWB commandos and chief of training, Petrus Bester, is out on bail after being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act on July 6 and later charged with illegal possession of arms.

● **Penta: Die Orde van die Dood:** A racist violent group led by Johan Dempers. They are prepared to go to any lengths to protect what they perceive to be the interests of the Afrikaner nation and to further Afrikaner interests. Police are seeking members in connection with National Party offices on the Reef, two hotel bomb blasts and attacks on the homes of right wingers. They are also being sought in connection with blasts on the home of a Jewish DP councillor, a blast at the Rosettenville synagogue and the bombing of the offices of the newspaper, Vrye Weekblad. Members allegedly planned to assassinate the State President and three Cabinet members.

● **Die Orde van die Oop Palm (Doop)/Orde Boerevolk:** Little is known about this shadowy organisation other than that members claim it is a splinter of the



HENNIE MULLER: Heads Welkom vigilante group Blanke Veiligheid.

"Wit-Wolwe". Doop delivered a "war declaration" to the British Embassy saying "Die stryd begin — Orde Boerevolk". (Police remain adamant that no such group as the "Wit-Wolwe" exists).

● **Mags Aksie Afrikaner Nasionalisme (MAN):** A recently formed hardline militant Afrikaner nationalist organisation aimed at preserving Afrikaner heritage. They refuse to hand over the country and say they will not be overwhelmed by the black majority or outside forces. Leaders are Oscar J F Hartung, HNP executive member and former police colonel Servaas de Wet. (Servaas de Wet also leads the Boerekommandos — the latest in a long list of failed attempts by the AWB to get their militant wing off the ground. Their predecessors were the Stormvalke and Aquila).

● **Blanke Veiligheid:** A quasi neighbourhood watch outfit based in white Welkom. Khaki clad armed members have divided the town into sections and conduct patrols. Leader Hennie Muller also claimed to have a large black following. Mr Muller recently gave notice of his intention to quit.

● There are similar outfits in: Riebeeckstad, **Blanke Veiligheid Riebeeckstad**; Robertson, **Robertson Tuiswag**; the West Rand, the **West Rand White Community Guard**; Klerksdorp, **Aksie Selfbeskerming**; and groups known to be operating in Delmas.

● **Blanke Weerstandbeweeging:** A splinter group of Blanke Veiligheid under Jan Bezuidenhout. BWB is more militant than BV.

● **The Flamingoes:** Also based in Welkom — a group of young men who wear blue uniforms.

● **Die Vryburgers:** This organisation aims to develop "Western civilisation". Its definition of "Western civilisation" applies to whites only. Wynand de Beer and Anton Hart run the organisation.

● **The Cape Rebel Movement:** Little is known about this organisation believed to comprise white separatists who insist on being included in a Boere homeland. Their leader is Keith Conroy.

● **Patriotic Forum Durban:** Their objectives are hazy but this group is thought to be allied to the objectives of the BBB. They hold regular meetings discussing politics, including Namibia, and pre-independence Zimbabwe. Alan Harvey is the chairman.

● **Afrikaner National Socialists:** A neo-Nazi ultra-rightwing racist organisation idolising Hilter. They believe that Jews and people of "other colour" have no right to live in South Africa and strive for a pure white South Africa.

● **World Apartheid Movement:** An international ultra-rightwing racist organisation with a similiar philosophy to the ANS. They strive to protect white racial purity and to achieve white dominance world wide. They believe Aids will destroy black people who they refer to as "modderus" (the race of mud). Their leader is Koos Vermeulen.

● **The Israelites:** A far right fanatical splinter religion which believes that white South Africans are descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel and therefore part of chosen race. They are tied to an international Ayrian movement, The Children of Israel. Bible verses are interpreted to support these claims. They promote and defend racial hatred and do not believe black people are people. They have support throughout the right.

● **Wit Bevrydingsleer (WLB):** Made its first appearance last month to claim responsibility for the bomb blast at a Johannesburg taxi rank in July in which 27 people were injured. Little else is known about this group.

THINK TANKS AND CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS

● **Die Afrikaaner Volkswag:** Originally formed as the cultural arm of the Conservative Party when its leaders were thrown out of the Broederbond, the AV is at logger heads with the CP over the question of the Volkstaat. The AV believes in self government in a white Afrikaaner homeland and



HENDRIK VERWOERD: Former missionary heads Oranjewerkers at Morgenzon.

seeks to remind Afrikaaners of their identity and roots. The AV is estimated to have a membership of 10 000 families (50 000 people) under the leadership of academic, Professor Carel Boshoff.

● **Die Oranjewerkers:** Lead by ex-missionary Hendrik Frensch Verwoerd, the Oranjewerkers aim at a minimum of three white mini-states at Morgenzon on the eastern Highveld, near Verwoerd Dam and on the southern Cape Coast, all free of any blacks except "visitors". The southern Free State experiment failed as the pioneers vanished. At Morgenzon a few white families struggle on with one white-owned factory and two whites only shops.

● **Die Boerevryheidsbeweging (BWB):** An AWB splinter group that was formed after the controversy over AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche's liaison with English speaking journalist Jani Allen. Embarrassed AWB members decided to "start all over again". Obtaining a Volkstaat remains an ideal. The leader is Jan Groenewald.

● **Afrikaner Front** was also formed at that time.

● **South African Bureau for Racial Affairs (Sabra):** A National Party research fund taken over by the Right in the early 1980s. Carel Boshoff is the chairman. Publishes extensively on arguments and options for a white homeland.

● **Arikaner Vryheid Stigting:** Carel Boshoff is the chairman. This group is considering the north Western Cape as a white homeland.

● **Foundation for Survival and Freedom:** Originally known as the Stallard Foundation. It is a forum for English-speaking conservative thinkers who agree with the principals of right wingers and are white supremicists.

PARAMILITARY ORGANISATIONS

● **AWB:** The largest of the rightwing paramilitary organisations and has started to organise "self-defence" structures within the white community. Military training thinly disguised as self defence courses are provided to members on a regular basis. There is as yet no evidence that the AWB has sanctioned any acts of terrorism, but members and individuals associated with the group have been detained in connection with acts of terrorism. Frequent shows of "mass force" are given through armed rallies. Leader Eugene TerreBlanche has never disclosed official membership numbers. A breakaway by rightwing activists Darryl Stopforth and Leonard Veenendal has indicated in-fighting. The AWB has in its organisation:

● *Burgeraade/Citizens Councils:* The grassroots management of the AWB. The country is divided into more than 300 areas, each with its own leader who is responsible to a superior. There is speculation that the AWB has lost control of these organisations.

● *AWB Boerekommandos:* Commandos, have already been formed in Pietersburg, Ventersdorp and Welkom under the leadership of former Colonel Poon Jacobs. Each branch is controlled by a commandant with a structure similar to that of the SADF.

● *Security Unit/Branch:* Previously, Aquila. Responsible for security of property and people during meetings. They also see that law and order is maintained by members.



EUGENE TERRE-BLANCHE. AWB leader has never disclosed membership figures.

● *The Committee of 10:* An AWB organ similar to a Citizen's Council but only existing in the Western Cape.

The AWB also has AWB Youth, AWB Women and Sweepslag, a publication.

● **Blanke Bevrydings Beweging** (white freedom movement): Once the only rightwing organisation to be banned, the BBB under Professor Johan Schabort, admired Hitler and believe that all blacks, Jews and British should be repatriated. They believe the heritage and serenity of the Afrikaaner nation must be defended and protected. Blanke Nasionale Beweeging operates in tandem with the BBB.

● **The New Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging — Orange Free State:** Led by Free State farmer, Eddie von Maltitz, New AWB is a fringe group trading on AWB symbols and sentiments. It has a paramilitary Aquila (not to be confused with the AWB's previous paramilitary wing Aquila) based in Bloemfontein. Aquila is responsible for security during meetings and protection of property. Von Maltitz and Andries Ford are also prominent in Blanke Afrikaner Stryder teen Agendoer (Basta), an organisation aimed at unifying Afrikaaner groups under a common umbrella.

● **Boere-Leer** (Boere Army): Set up as an umbrella organisation to consolidate all the Boere commandos into a single "national people's army".

REF SHEETS.

Making words work

ACCOUNTING with data LIBRARY

by DAVID CASEY

Word processing is being used increasingly with data processing. This article looks at some of the ways in which the two can be put together.

Interest in text processing systems has gathered momentum over the past five years, in a marketplace confined at the outset to dedicated WP suppliers. With their experience accumulated in the office products market, these companies were able to relate text processing directly to the needs of the clerical environment.

But word processing is now a highly segmented market; dedicated systems have been joined by a multitude of software packages designed to provide text handling on a DP installation. These packages have emerged from the most unlikely sources, with accountants, architects and consulting engineers amongst those who have tried their hand at this cottage industry.

The economics of providing a text processing facility have been the greatest stimulus to the growth of this market sector. There is little justification in a company acquiring a comprehensive data processing installation, only to duplicate the computer resources on a shared logic WP system. As a result, the market has crystallised into two distinct segments during the past year. The "intelligent typewriter" is proving wholly adequate for the smaller scale office, where text processing is confined to the production of quality correspondence and short documents. At the top end of the Qyx typewriter range, for example, the Level 5 machine carries twin mini-floppy discs, full editing capabilities, and a high degree of mechanical sophistication. In contrast, a software package drawing on the processing power of a minicomputer meets the text handling requirements of even the largest multi-user system.

Dedicated word processing systems were designed primarily to improve the throughput of secretarial work: there was no intention that text handling should be harnessed to traditional data within an electronic communications network.

The evolution from the hardwired programs of the "automatic typewriter" to WP packages which are infinitely more flexible in their approach has created new opportunities for applying the principles of text manipulation to the work of professional practices.

Too complex

And there lies the problem. Created by highly qualified specialists, many of the packages now being released are too complex for general use by the typical secretary for whom they were intended.

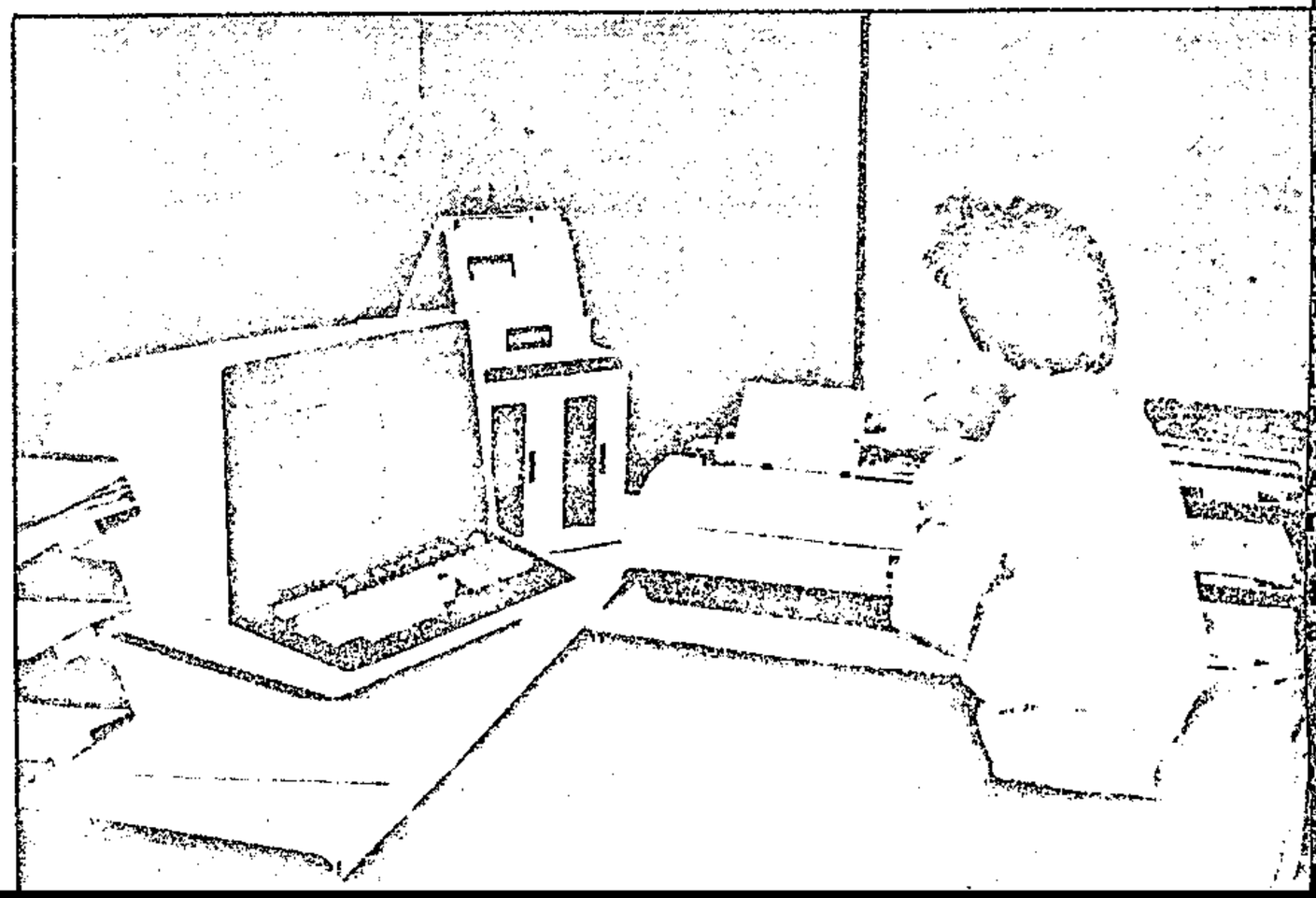
The most outstanding WP systems on general release are available as packages; rarely the product of the hardware manufacturers, but the development of independent software houses in close touch with user requirements. When the designers of such systems succeed, they devise programs which are flexible, well-structured and make maximum use of the hardware and its operating systems. They avoid the constraints imposed by the limited memories and storage media of dedicated stand-alones.

At the other extreme, there are too many examples of "kitchen-table" software badly conceived by inexperienced designers who have no understanding of office procedures or the capabilities of the secretarial staff who might reasonably be expected to use the packages.

The nature of a computer user's business defines the type of software required for a particular word processing system. Companies preparing complex technical reports extending to 100 pages or more will make totally different demands on a text processor from an accountant, whose prime objective is to prepare the text of accounting statements from financial data files.

Complete reports

Hartley Computers UK is an arm of the Australian group which has developed client accounting packages incorporating word processing. Running on Wang 2200 and DEC PDP 11/03 computers, its systems interact with a basic text preparation facility to create complete accounting reports and statements. Standardised paragraphs of text – held either in a Master File or for individual clients – are prepared with "flags" to extract financial information from the clients' records. For general-purpose text processing, Hartley markets a further WP package to run on either hardware system.



Fanatical right-wing organisations nd leader

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THERE has been a proliferation of right w organisations and an unprecedented su in right-wing terror attacks just recen DAWN BARKHUIZEN investigates.

ABOUT 20 right-wing organisations described as fanatical or fundamental — some with members committed to violence — are known to exist in South Africa.

The numerical strength of organisations such as the Flamingoes and the Order of Death is unknown and some may have overlapping membership or may exist in name only.

Police, for example, continue to dispute the existence of an organisation called the Wit Wolwe, maintaining that mass killer Barend Strydom was a lone Wit Wolf and that others may have subsequently latched on to the name.

Political consultant Wim Booyse says speculation has it that there are as many as 45 Afrikaner fundamentalist, four-member terrorist cells deployed in the country and that this number could be increasing daily.

Mr Booyse has identified a total of 70 groups on the Right — 15 cultural/political, two women's groups, seven churches, four political parties, eight para-military groups, 28 fundamentalists groups, four trade unions and two dormant organisations.

Associate professor of Sociology at the Univerity of South Africa and right-wing specialist, Janice Grobbelaar, says since February 2 there has been a proliferation of right-wing splinter organisations threatening violence.

This has been in reaction to a belief amongst some Afrikaners and other whites that the consititutional options are closing, she said.

There has also been a significant growth in the number of English speaking right-wing supporters. This group comprises a mix of white supremacists, miners and ex-Rhodesians who had been through the Rhodesian bush war and were not prepared to go through it again.

While Professor Grobbelaar did not believe the fanatical right-wing groups were linked on an organisational level, she says they were nevertheless united in their common opposition to fundamental change.

Vigilante groups like Blanke Veiligheid, started by Hennie Muller in Welkom, was proto-typical and such organisations were likely to breed at a rapid rate, she said.

While these groups persuasively that th aimed to protect whit potential for violence w Military training thi guised as self-defence larly given to members

Many of the right-wi isations appeared to d rhetoric rather than else for their appeal,

EARLY in 1962, a young Madagascan naval officer, freshly graduated from the French Naval Academy, took a voyage on a French warship that was destined to have dramatic consequences for himself, Madagascar, France and South Africa.

Until that voyage, Didier Ratsiraka — a product of the Betsimiraka aristocracy who, with their Merina cousins, ruled Madagascar before being conquered by the French colonialists — probably considered himself more French than Madagascan.

However, aboard Le Jeanne D'Arc the then 26-year-old was to

General Herman Stadler say the media could be responsible for giving right-wing fanatics considerably more stature than they had in reality.

General Stadler dismisses many of the organisations as nothing more than "hot air" and likely to be nothing more than one-man bands. It was possible that only very few people were behind the throwing of bombs and hand grenades.

Professor Grobbelaar said: "To suggest that there are hundreds of thousands of armed people committed to violence is highly questionable. Pro-violence people must be seen in the broader context of the right-wing movement."

● **The many faces of the rightwing — Page 10.**

Welkom keeps calm

By DESMOND BLOW
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SEVERAL hundred heavily armed AWB members taunted 5 000 black demonstrators who legally marched past white homes in Welkom yesterday.

Only a strong police presence and well-disciplined demonstrators prevented any major incidents. One demonstrator was wounded in an arm by an arrow fired from a crossbow.

AWB members arrived early in Welkom from other centres in the Free State and Transvaal and took up positions in the grounds of many of the 73 houses along two kilometres of Constantia Avenue – the only white suburb along the six-kilometre route from Thabong to Welkom police station, where the demonstrators handed in a petition.

The AWB men claimed the residents had begged to be protected from the demostrators. But a householder who was not being "protected", said the AWB had canvassed the houses, offering to protect them and saying the demonstrators intended to attack them.

After the demonstrators had returned to Thabong, the AWB gathered in the streets but were warned by police that the meeting was illegal and dispersed.

Mocking marchers taunt AWB

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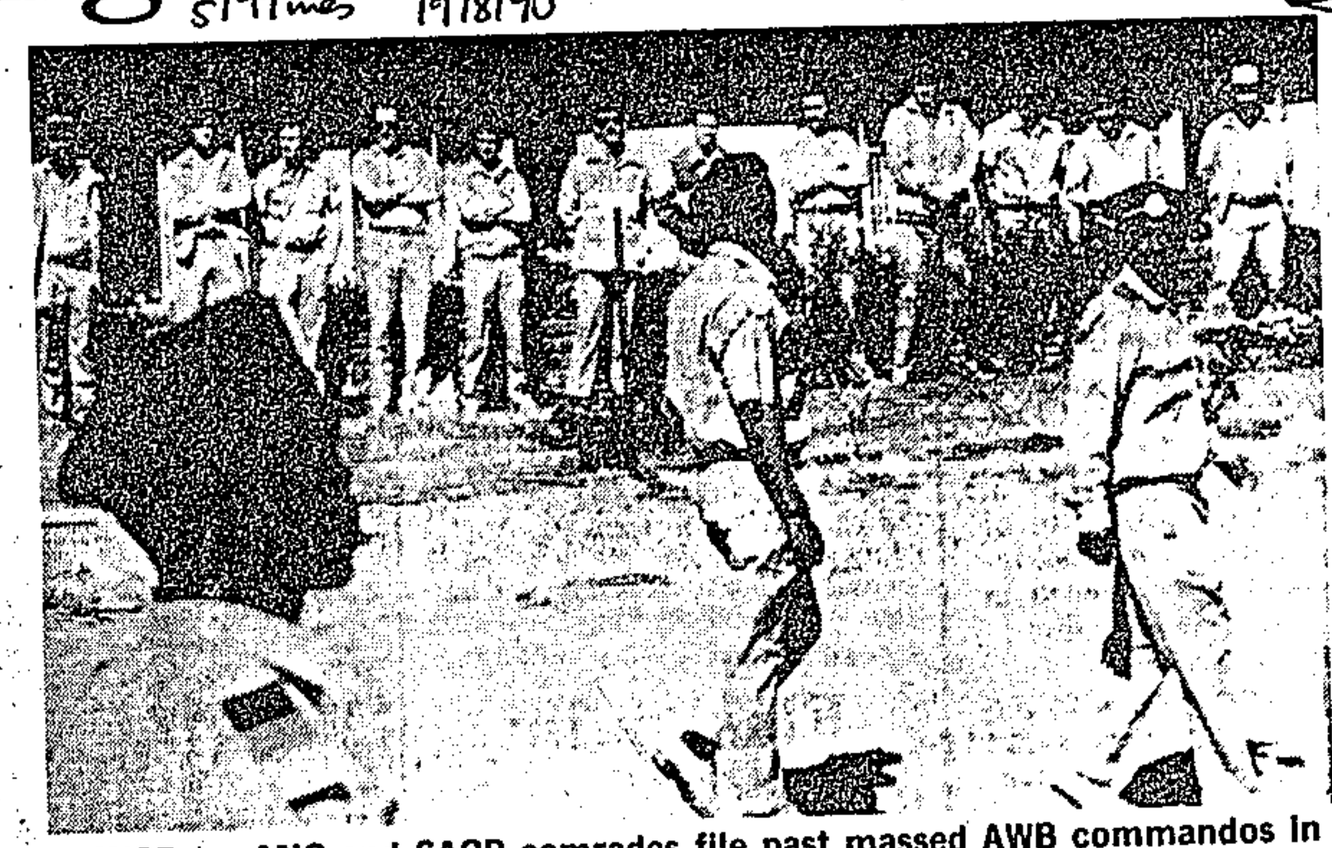
By MARK STANSFIELD and MANDLA TYALA

IT was one of the closest confrontations yet — AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche and an army of 700 khaki-clad, weapon-bristling followers eyeball-to-eyeball with 3 000 chanting, mocking ANC and SACP marchers.

The place was Welkom, the time 10.45am and hundreds of onlookers speculated on what would happen as the 3 000 black and coloured marchers began streaming past a street lined with armed boers who have never minced words over their hatred for communists and the ANC.

There were predictions of a violent struggle — even a massacre should a simple incident ignite the fire growing in the massed groups.



TENSE ... ANC and SACP comrades file past massed AWB commandos in Welkom yesterday, but the march proceeded with only one incident

Wary

ANC members carrying banners reading "To hell with AWB, BV and CP" did not help matters.

But, instead of the predicted flow of blood, both sides managed to remain orderly and calm as they came face to face in Constantia Street — probably for the first time ever in such numbers.

Then, outside number 35 — the house Eugene Terre Blanche had chosen for his HQ and where he stood stony-faced watching the ANC/SACP "army" pass — someone let fly with a potentially-lethal bolt from a crossbow.

Tension mounted as a 16-year-old schoolboy, pierced through the upper arm by the arrow bedecked in the ANC colours, was rushed to hospital.

The youth, Christiaan Oosthuizen of Bronville, later told the Sunday Times he had not even seen his assailant among the rows of khaki-clad right-wingers lining the route.

It was after this incident that the whispers began:

"Bulalani amaBhunu, Kill the boers."

But somehow the disciplinary marshals managed to get the crowd moving and suddenly the swaying, chanting group seemed happy again.

Police district commissioner Colonel Hennie Heyman, his face deathly pale as he carried the arrow away for investigation, walked past a group of AWB members and told them that someone had shot a youth.

"Huh!" was the reply.

"We wouldn't waste our time only shooting arrows at them."

Then, two kilometres from their destination, the rumour spread that the "boers" had placed a bomb on a bridge, intent on killing and maiming the marchers.

But there was no bomb.

And so for about six kilometres, from Thabong township entrance to Welkom's police HQ, the ANC and the AWB kept a wary eye on each other.

Without mishap.

Police deputy district commissioner Lieutenant-Colonel Sam Kruger accepted a list of grievances from the crowd and they began their long trek home again — marshalled by their own khaki-clad "army" and a strong contingent of police and army troops. In many places quick-deploy razor-wire had been strung to ensure the group kept to their route.

Wild

But Constantia Street, where the AWB was massed, remained the focal point.

Again on the return march, facing the AWB gauntlet, people speculated about a violent confrontation.

Again nothing happened and both AWB and ANC supporters dispersed — the AWB like troops on parade; the ANC with the wild abandon of schoolkids let out for their summer holidays.

Terre Blanche, his face showing little emotion, said 80 families in Constantia Street had written to the AWB and requested protection.

"We were here at the request of the residents. Only three houses did not ask us to come and protect them. We did not come here for confrontation and kept a low profile, just in case we were needed.

"In these houses there are small children who cannot protect themselves and we were here for them.

Vow

"These same marchers, the communists that you see here, are the ones who have killed our people. Only last week they killed a miner underground. They march past here and they swear at us and tell us they will kill us.

"I vow that not one inch of white land will ever be given to them," he said.

One of the main demands that Thabong and Bronville residents handed over to the police yesterday was that land be made available for housing.

Other demands included one local authority for Welkom and the immediate opening of all public and social ammenities.



WELKOM STAND-OFF ... Members of the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging surround their leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, during a confrontation with ANC supporters in Welkom on Saturday. ◉ **Report on opposite page.**

Picture: REUTER

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Queries over bomb kombi man's death

A PRETORIA taxi driver who was found dead a few hours after a bomb was found in his vehicle was buried yesterday amid claims that he was brutally assaulted before he was killed.

Hundreds of people attended the funeral of Mr David ''Kimberley'' Shongwe (33) in Atteridgeville.

Speakers said they were amazed at the circumstances surrounding the death of the fomer Orlando Pirates goalkeeper, whose bullet-riddled body was found near Brits on July 28.

According to the police, Shongwe was shot in the head by unknown people a few hours after the minibus he was last seen driving was found in the Hallmark Parkade in Pretoria, with a bomb planted inside.

No arrests have been made in connection with his death and no-one has been linked to the bomb.

By MONK NKOMO

A relative said yesterday Shongwe's body revealed that he was brutally assaulted by his captors before he was killed.

''He had black marks on the face and a gaping wound on the side of the chest,'' the relative said.

The family suspected he was kidnapped, robbed of his kombi and then killed.

Captain

Shongwe, who was captain and trainer of Helicopters Football Club, was described by speakers as a law-abiding citizen who was not a member of any political organisation.

Lawyers representing the family said yesterday they had already started investigations.

A private pathologist has conducted a post mortem and the findings would probably be submitted at the inquest.

Speakers said they were surprised that no arrests had been made in connection with Shongwe's death.

One speaker said: ''We're also amazed that no-one has been linked to the bomb that was found inside the minibus. We want justice to be done. Shongwe's killers must be brought to book because we don't know why he was murdered''.

Youth struck down by arrow

A SIXTEEN-year-old youth was shot in the arm with a green, black and gold crossbow bolt as thousands of black protestors marched past armed rightwingers on their way to the Welkom police station to hand over a memorandum on Saturday morning.

Hundreds of khaki-clad men with Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging insignia lined a part of the 8km march route armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols, whips and batons. They however remained inside white-owned private properties.

Several took up sniper-like positions on roofs and one man was seen carrying a crossbow before the march began.

The march, arranged by Welkom ANC-aligned structures to demand action on community grievances, proceeded about 1km through white residential area to the Jan Hofmeyer police station where a memorandum was handed to SA Police deputy district commander Lieutenant-Colonel Sam Kruger.

Col Kruger assured the marchers that the demands would be forwarded to Welkom's city council.

Residents of Bronville, a suburb of so-called coloured people, are demanding one city council for Welkom, the resignation of councillors and the management committee, affordable houses and service charges and the provision of service land for new housing development.

Demand

Another demand was for the cessation of evictions and the acknowledgement by the Welkom City Council of the Bronville Civic Association.

On their return past the AWB-guarded houses, protestors danced, whistled and flaunted ANC colours chanting "ANC, ANC...", while the right-wingers returned the shouting with flat handed salutes and loud cries of "AWB, AWB...".

A dog in a house along the route was encouraged by its owner to bite and shake a bundle of green, yellow and black rags, the colours of the ANC.

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AWB face ANC crowd in Welkom

Own Correspondent

WELKOM. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was taunted with shouts of "ANC, ANC ..." and black-power salutes on Saturday as thousands of ANC supporters marched through a white residential area saturated with armed AWB members.

In the only violent incident, a 16-year-old youth was shot in the arm with a crossbow-bolt painted in the ANC colours. No arrests were made.



Mr Terre'Blanche

A crowd of between 3 000 and 3 500 protesters marched from the entrance of Thabong township to police headquarters where a memorandum demanding action on community grievances was handed to the deputy district commissioner.

The demands included one city council for Welkom, an end to evictions, affordable housing and service charges and the resignation of councillors and the management committee.

As marchers formed up, 300 to 400 heavily armed AWB members positioned themselves in white-owned residential properties along the route.

Mr Terre'Blanche cancelled his scheduled address to the HNP's annual congress in Pretoria to head "his commandos at Welkom".

Mr Terre'Blanche said his men, who had driven in from around the country, had been asked to guard 80 houses along the street.

Police cordoned off the surrounding area with razor wire, and told the right-wingers, who were armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols and batons, they would not be allowed to venture off the properties.

Police and soldiers stood at 50m intervals along the street.

Protesters began marching at 10.30am. They stopped briefly in front of a stern-faced Mr Terre'Blanche who stood surrounded by AWB guards.

After delivering their memorandum the marchers returned through the suburb flaunting ANC colours, dancing and chanting ANC slogans.

AWB members responded with flat-handed salutes and loud shouts of "AWB, AWB ..." One dog was encouraged by its owner to bite yellow, green and black pieces of cloth, the ANC colours.

● The Conservative Party declared itself irrevocably committed to "the third freedom struggle" at the weekend.

Opening the eighth Transvaal CP Congress, leader Dr Andries Treurnicht asked if the government realised what it meant when it claimed it was "irrevocably on the way to a new, fair South Africa".

'Did the government want to hand over the power or share it before they lost it, he asked the 1 500 delegates.

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Treurnicht 'close to revolution theology'

Political Staff

CONSERVATIVE Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht was skating dangerously close to the theology of revolution, Education Minister Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, who is the National Party's information chief, said today.

Responding to Dr Treurnicht's remarks about resistance and violence at the CP congress in the Pretoria City Hall at the weekend, Dr Van der Merwe said he was "really a master at the art of insinuation".

He said if one stated that people had a right to resist and revolt against a government if the government acted outside certain limits, it was true enough. One could trace that back to Calvin, who analysed the question.

PIECES OF JIGSAW

Dr Treurnicht had drawn strongly on theology and Calvin's writings on resistance, but Calvin had not reached a satisfactory conclusion. "So it becomes very dangerous," Dr Van der Merwe said.

There was a remarkable similarity between things Dr Treurnicht was putting forward and the theology of revolution. One could also make his arguments in the case of the African National Congress.

Dr Van der Merwe said Dr Treurnicht's statements were fine when they stood alone. When seen in context — such as the CP belief that the government had no mandate for the changes it was making — there was no doubt as to what he was saying.

"The two pieces of the jigsaw then start fitting together," he said.

Police evidence 'outside ambit'

PRETORIA. — An incredible weight of statistical evidence submitted by police terrorism expert Maj-Gen Hermanus Daniel Stadler to the Harms Commission of Inquiry, was said yesterday to be outside the framework of the commmssion's brief.

The 1 600-page affidavit and annexures submitted by Gen Stadler to the commission could have been sent to the State President by any clerk and did not need investigation, Mr George Bizos, SC, for the ANC, told the commission.

The ANC's involvement in terror attacks was not relevant and fell outside the ambit of the inquiry.

Mr Bizos added that much of the information obtained by the security forces had come from arrested ANC members, and he would not argue how much weight this carried or if the information was freely and voluntarily given.

One of the reasons the police and defence force submitted lengthy affidavits concerning ANC activities was to deflect interest from the SAP and SADF.

Free State attorney-general Mr Tim McNally disagreed, saying Gen Stadler's submission would form a valuable part of the commission's inquiries.

Gen Stadler submitted there had been more than 51 000 incidents of unrest between September 1984 and May this year. These incidents had left 4 529 people dead and 12 449 injured.

The brutal system of necklacing had killed 801 people and injured 178. — Sapa



EXPLOSION: The car damaged in the bomb blast outside a Mayfair, Johannesburg, hotel early today.

Bomb blast rocks 'ANC hotel' on Rand

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A bomb made of commercial explosives exploded outside a Mayfair hotel, apparently used by ANC supporters, early today.

Windows of nearby buildings were shattered but no one was injured in the explosion.

Police today confirmed the device was made of commercial explosives, usually used by rightwingers, although they refused to say who they suspected planted the bomb.

The bomb, apparently placed in a station wagon, exploded outside the Norstell Royal Residential Hotel.

RIPPED OPEN

Several of the guests at the hotel are supporters of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party, Mayfair residents said soon after the blast.

Shattered glass littered the streets but structural damage to buildings appeared to be limited.

The back section of the station wagon was ripped open from the impact of the explosion.

Another car was also damaged in the blast, as were shop windows.

ANC rejects Harms evidence on terror acts

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The African National Congress has rejected statements made to the Harms Commission on its alleged role in terrorist activities and said they "had not been freely obtained".

In another development, a top Military Intelligence officer yesterday told Mr Justice Louis Harms that he was not fully conversant with the facts in his affidavit but believed that the ANC had been responsible for violence.

The ANC legal representative, Mr George Bizos QC, told Mr Justice Harms that General Herman Stadler, the police's top expert on the ANC, had provided "inadmissible" evidence on atrocities alleged to have been carried out by the organisation.

"Acts of terror"

His comment came after General Stadler had handed in a 79-page affidavit with annexures totalling a further 170 pages and 20 volumes of supporting documents allegedly detailing ANC involvement in acts of terror. It was the largest amount of testimony given to the commission.

At the close of General Stadler's testimony, Mr Bizos told Mr Justice Harms that his instructions were that the ANC had decided "not to join issue with the witness, particularly because of his sources of information".

He urged the judge to consider the admissibility of General Stadler's evidence as "common experience tells us that evidence obtained under interrogation in terms of Section 61 of the old Terrorism Act and Section 29 of the Internal Security Act is not the sort of evidence which is admissible".

"Some statements are not freely made... they were not freely obtained. Some of those interrogated may have changed sides and given information that may have pleased their interrogators."

In his evidence General Stadler drew attention to what he said were acts of terrorism carried out by the ANC. He also sketched the background to the organisation's decision to embark upon a "people's war" and said that this had started after an ANC delegation had visited Vietnam to study "mass mobilisation" procedures.

Affidavit

In an affidavit, Mr Penuell Mpapa Maduma, a member of the ANC secretariat and one of its two legal advisers in South Africa, told Mr Justice Harms the ANC "never denied that people lost their lives in the armed struggle. The police and the SA Defence Force have repeatedly denied the correctness of the evidence that their hit squads killed people".

"I submit that the commission was appointed to inquire into the truth or otherwise of their denials and not into the ANC's armed struggle."

The commission is to resume its hearing tomorrow.

Sisulu protests over right-wing violence

Star 22/8/90 (344)

By Julienne du Toit

POTCHEFSTROOM — ANC internal leader Water Sisulu said last night that the party was against the right wing using violence to protect its rights.

Asked at a meeting at the University of Potchefstroom why the ANC was against the right wing using violence to protect its rights, when the ANC had also used violence, Mr Sisulu replied that the ANC had no rights, whereas the "right wing has all the rights".

Mr Sisulu shared the platform with a wide spectrum of speakers on the issue of minority rights in the new South Africa.

Other speakers included the Democratic Party's Zach de Beer' E Sithebe of Inkatha; Carel Boshoff of the Afrikaner Volkswag; Miley Richards of the Labour Party; Chris Fismer of the National Party; and Ismael Omar of Solidarity.

Only Professor Boshoff and Mr Fismer made any pleas for the protection of group rights.

The racially mixed audience of 1 000 applauded when Mr Richards said: "Anything worth protecting will protect itself."

Mr Sithebe also made a plea for peace, but said Inkatha could sympathise on the issue of white fears.

CCB paid trialist's costs

PRETORIA. — The SADF's Civil Co-operation Bureau paid the legal costs of Mr Noel Robey, the CCB member and former Selous Scout acquitted of the murder of Dr Fabian Ribiero, of Mamelodi, and his wife Florence, the Harms Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

The lawyer who defended Mr Robey, Mr Petrus Niemand, said in an affidavit that someone from the SADF had telephoned him and asked if he accepted criminal cases and when he said yes, the lawyer was told someone would be coming to see him in connection with defending Mr Robey.

The lawyer defended Mr Robey and after his acquittal was paid R32 700 in cash on July 13, 1987.

An inspection of CCB documents showed that an amount of R33 700 had been drawn by one of the organisation's security officers, whose administrative name was Frank Parsons, and delived to CCB head General Joep Joubert.

General Joubert yesterday strenuously denied any CCB involvement in the December 1 shooting of Dr and Mrs Ribiero, but was not able to give commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms an adequate reason for the denial.

General Joubert said the decision to pay Mr Robey's legal costs was to protect the CCB and the identity of one of its members.

He told Mr Justice Harms the CCB would not pay the legal costs of a CCB member who had, for instance, shot his wife.

Records show that R33 700 was drawn on July 2, 1987 against a CCB project code-named "Checkers", which had nothing to do with the Ribieros.

The general denied the money was drawn fraudulently, although the documentation showed nothing in connection with Mr Robey's defence.

General Joubert said he noticed the R1 000 discrepancy between the amount drawn and that paid to the lawyers when "Frank Parsons" gave testimony earlier, but said he did not know what had happened to this amount.

Once more the usually staid commission proceedings turned into vaudeville yesterday, with "Mr Parsons" giving evidence heavily disguised in a light-brown shoulder-length wavy wig, tortoiseshell-rimmed spectacles and a dark brown stick-on moustache.

"Mr Parsons" said he had received instructions to draw the R33 700 from CCB managing director Colonel Joe Verster and to deliver it to General Joubert. He said he had done this.

He also told the commission he had no idea what "Operation Checkers" was.

General Joubert said he too could not recall what "Operation Checkers" was, and that he was not able to recognise "Mr Parsons" as the CCB member who had delivered the money to him.

Free State attorney-general Mr Tim McNally, who is assisting the commission's investigation, then said maybe that was because Mr Parsons was disguised, which drew laughter from the legal teams and pressmen at the hearing.

General Joubert said that as the CCB had just been formed he was "perhaps a little over-sensitive" regarding his fears of the organisation's exposure — the reason he gave for paying Mr Robey's legal costs.

Earlier the commision heard from its investigating officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Wright, that it had been established that Mr Robey was in London. — Sapa

Opinion

CP's power and numbers grow as violence spreads



FERDI HARTZENBERG: Fiery threats directed at ANC.



ANDRIES TREURNICHT: Careful choice of words on resistance.

By ORMANDE POLLOK
Political Staff

IT WOULD be folly for anyone — President de Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela included — to underestimate the growing strength of the Conservative Party.

The popular refrain that we need not keep peering over our shoulders at what the Right wing is doing might have had some validity once. But not any more.

And this does not apply only to the trigger-happy racial zealots and bigots on the ultra-Right.

After three provincial congresses, the Conservative Party has emerged as a very real threat to the National Party's four decades of dominance over white politics and, therefore, to reform. But more, with its changing stature and growing belligerence, born of burgeoning confidence, comes a real threat of conflict and potential bloodshed.

Very noticeable at the recent congresses was a new air of determination and a strong sense of purpose in CP ranks — to make doubly sure that whites stay in control of whites. It is a curious mix of never-say-die bravado and an almost fatalistic acceptance that if this means war, so be it.

Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg, the party's fiery deputy leader, was given the loudest round of applause in Bloemfontein, when he said if the ANC declared war on the CP, it would "opneuk" the ANC until only small bits remained.

Right to resist

Such is the zeal of the CP rank and file supporter whose numbers grow by the gross every time unguided missiles such as Mrs Winnie Mandela and others, open their mouths.

The Free State and Transvaal congresses were held as Soweto and other Vaal Triangle townships were erupting in an orgy of killing and burning which may have contributed to the steadfast attitudes of delegates that they want nothing to do with these people. Combatants in the Vaal and elsewhere are writing Dr Treurnicht's speeches for him.

He hardly has to lift a finger about recruiting new supporters for the CP. The rioting and rampaging mobs are doing it all for him.

What was particularly disturbing about the congresses was Dr Treurnicht's very carefully worded statements on the right to resist and to use violence in "extreme cases" on the one hand, and the alacrity with which it was accepted by his supporters on the other.

Even though his statements were couched in carefully chosen words, there is little doubt what the overriding message was and that the congresses agreed with him. It is extremely doubtful whether his strategically placed phrase "to think about" resistance and "to think about" overthrowing a government if one's rights and freedoms are threatened made much impact.

Security forces

The overall message was clear even though he attempted to draw a distinction between "passive" and "active" resistance.

If the CP's claims that large numbers of the security forces support it are correct, then the potential for conflict and large-scale bloodshed becomes even greater. These are highly trained people they are talking about — not a rag-tag and bobtail force — with a capacity to wreak far more destruction in this country than bears thinking about.

Talking about resistance and actually resorting to "skietpolitik" are two different things, but it seems some right-wingers at least are prepared to go the whole way to protect what they believe is their right to self-determination.

Resorting to the Bible to justify apartheid is an old strategy. But it still works, at CP congresses anyway.

Land ownership

What these people appear to overlook is that the same arguments — Biblical or political — can and have been used in the past by blacks to justify the armed struggle against minority government.

Another important aspect the CP overlooks, and which heightens the danger of continued conflict, is that blacks simply are not happy with only 13% of the country. That and the apartheid laws in the other 87% is what started the trouble in this country in the first place.

Now the CP glibly says it is not going to redraw the map for a white fatherland. It wants things to stay just as they are — white control over 87% of the country and all the apartheid laws that go with it.

The CP appears to expect blacks simply to accept this and a growing number of CP supporters and others on the Right seem prepared to fight for it.

The CP congresses have shown they are supremely confident that if they do not already have a majority of white support they soon will have.

Unless violence subsides and the country sees some benefit soon from the political reforms which are being instituted and aimed for, it seems the CP will continue to grow and, with it, the potential for a new round of racial conflict.

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CCB man at Ribeiro killings, Harms probe told


Noel James Robey ... with CCB at time of killings.

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

One of South Africa's top intelligence chiefs yesterday told the Harms Commission that a man who was at the scene of a mystery killing in Pretoria four years ago was a member of the SA Defence Force's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau.

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He also disclosed that legal fees totalling R32 700 had been paid for by the SADF at a provisional hearing to inquire into whether there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr Robey.

General Joubert, who came under intense questioning from Mr Justice Louis Harms and Free State Attorney-General Tim McNally — who is assisting the commission — said Dr and Mrs Ribeiro, who were shot dead on December 1 1986, had been monitored by the CCB.

He described them as "leftist radicals" who qualified as such for attention from the intelligence community.

The monitoring claim was however later disputed by his managing director, Joe Verster, who told the commission in a written affidavit: "I did not during 1986 order a single member of the CCB to monitor the Ribeiros."

General Joubert claimed yesterday he had not known about R32 700 paid for legal fees.

"It could have happened but I cannot recall the details. I cannot recall the precise procedures."

Mr McNally said that according to article 31 (1) (p) of Treasury regulations, *ex gratia* payments over R25 000 had to be authorised by the Treasury. The money had been drawn by a CCB operative code-named Frank Parsons, who in turn had handed it to General Joubert.

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Spy chief testifies at Harms probe on killings

By NORMAN CHANDLER
The Argus Correspondent

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INTELLIGENCE FILE

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General Joubert denied any personal knowledge about the Ribeiro murders or about a "Project Checkers", set up by the CCB and which, according to questioning yesterday, is believed to have been the case file name for the Ribeiro matter.

General Joubert had disclaimed any knowledge about R32 700 paid for legal fees.

IMPLICATIONS

But after extensive questioning, he said the the CCB was secret and "this matter could have implicated the CCB."

Mr Justice Louis Harms: "Does this mean he (Robey) was probably concerned with Ribeiro from a work situation?"

General Joubert: "We felt he was not responsible for Robeiro and therefore had to protect him."

Weapons: 3 alleged rightwingers in court

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three alleged rightwingers, including a Johannesburg advocate, appeared briefly before a Regional Court magistrate here in connection with the illegal possession of handgrenades and other arms.

Mr Andries Smith, 52, and Mr Henry Roesch, 30, both of Robertsham, and Mr Leon van Rensburg, 44, of Roodepoort were not asked to plead yesterday to charges of contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act.

Mr Smith, an advocate, is on bail of R4 000. The other men are on bail of R5 000 each.

Mr van Rensburg succeeded in an application to have his bail conditions amended. At a previous hearing the court ordered that Mr van Rensburg report to a police station three times a week. Magistrate Mr T la Grange ordered yesterday that Mr van Rensburg had now to report on Saturdays only.

The court was told Mr van Rensburg was no longer employed at the Atomic Energy Board. New working hours made it difficult to report to a police station during the week.

The case was provisionally postponed to November 16.

NGK call for action

THE Church should do more than just preach during the present climate of violence, says Professor Johan Heyns, chairman of the General Synod Commission of the NG Kerk.

In a statement in the NG Kerk newspaper, the Kerkbode, Prof Heyns said SA was in a situation where different viewpoints needed discussion, to alleviate the crisis facing the country.

Prayer and talks with each other was important now, though the "pardon of Jesus Christ" was inevitably the only solution to stop the violence, said Prof Heyns.

"These talks in the church should also be an acknowledgement of its own part in the discord which is noticeable in the violence.

"We cannot only blame a few people. There is a climate of violence and it must be broken.

"It can not be put right with words or views or talks to Heaven. We must work. We should have done it a long time ago."

Prof Heyns proposed that countrywide action be taken, where every congregation should take note of the present crisis, poverty and the widespread squatter problem.

"The church must be the co-ordinator in harnessing community powers, such as people lending a hand in building houses or with teaching.

"It concerns physical involvement. It is not the church's duty to build but to motivate its congregation."

NP meeting disrupted as AWB members use teargas

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Political Correspondent

Another National Party meeting has been disrupted by the use of teargas by rightwingers.

At Brandfort in the Free State more than 100 people displaying insignia of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging threw eggs at National Party members including the guest speaker, the Deputy Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Andre Fourie, on Wednesday night.

When police evicted the rowdy group, a teargas canister was thrown into the hall, NP spokesmen said yesterday.

The Minister of Justice and Free State leader of the National Party, Kobie Coetsee, condemned the behavior of the AWB as "thuggery which goes way beyond the limits of political horseplay".

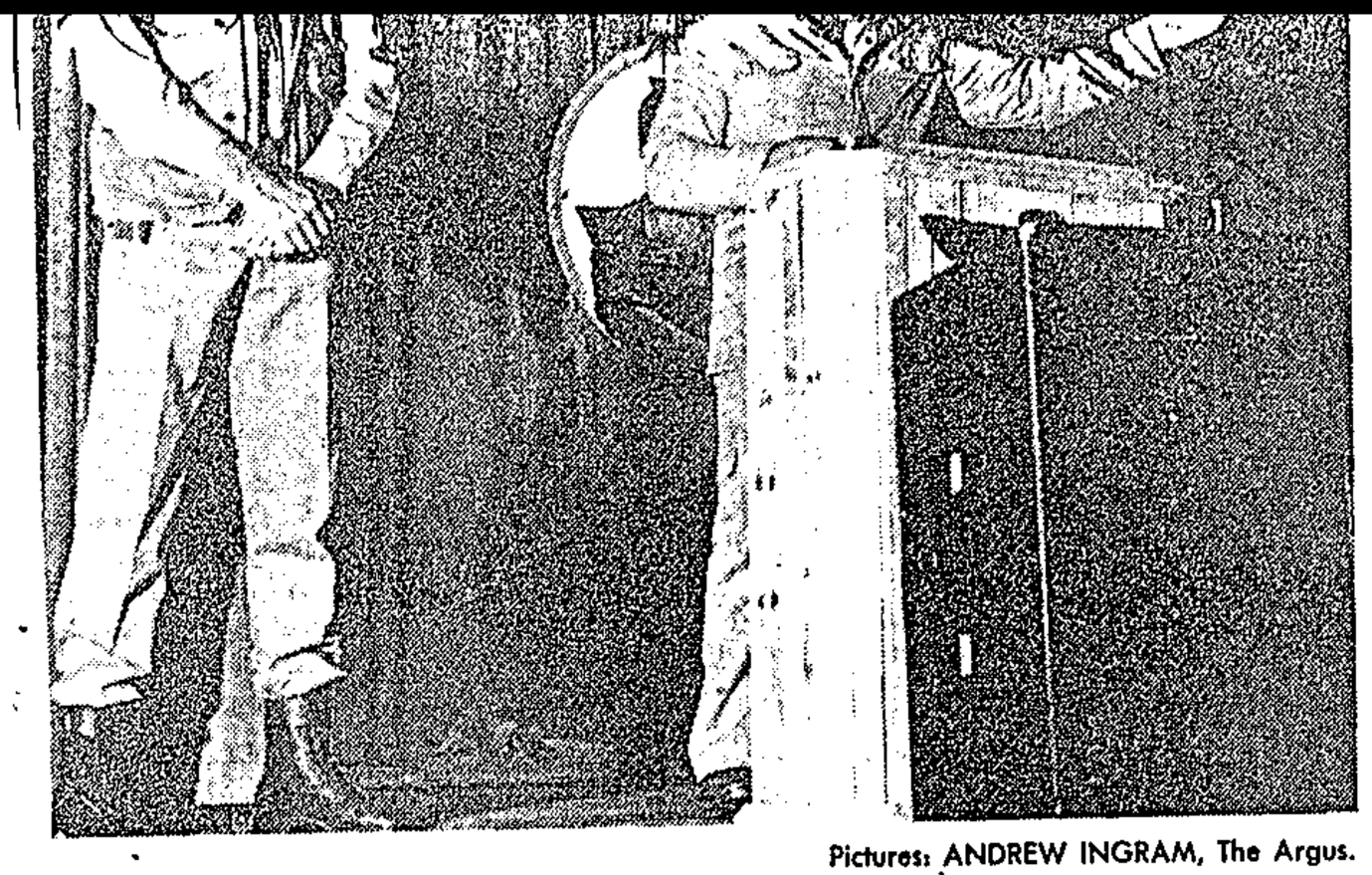
He said the AWB was "trying to become a factor through the use of tearsmoke and hooliganism."

"The most pertinent question is whether the CP of the Free State is hiding behind the AWB and whether they are part of the AWB."

Last week a meeting due to be addressed by President de Klerk in northern Natal was disrupted when two teargas canisters were thrown into the hall in which he was to speak. The president eventually addressed his audience outdoors.

At Wednesday night's meeting, Mr Fourie was eventually also forced to give his speech outdoors under lamplight.

The group of rightwingers shouted slogans at the police and accused them of protecting blacks but turning their backs on whites. — Sapa.



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VOLK HERO: Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche in Robertson last night.

'AWB will make war with ANC regime'

Tygerberg Bureau

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging is recruiting commando members at its meetings and AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche has reaffirmed the intention to overthrow an ANC government by any means, including violence.

At a meeting attended by about 300 people in Robertson last night, he said the AWB would "make war" with an ANC government.

He said Afrikaners were not colonialist and would not run away. He warned that "the black hordes" would take away white farms. A black government would subdivide and redistribute the land.

Mr Terre'Blanche said in a "so-called" new South Africa, neither white nor black people would be able to live independently: "We will be the slaves of the communists and from here war will be waged to eventually create a communist world state."

He referred to members of the National Party as "political smurfs and jelly tots who are incapable of following the demands of the voters".

He said the National Party government was "politically bankrupt" and predicted that it would soon collapse and hand over power to the "black forces".

Mr Jaap Marais, leader of the Herstigte National Party, who shared the platform with Mr Terre'Blanche, warned that if President De Klerk was not stopped, South Africa would face the "biggest crisis of its existence".



LISTENERS: Part of the 300-strong crowd at the meeting.

Another Nat meeting disrupted by teargas

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The group of right-wingers shouted slogans at the police and accused them of protecting blacks but turning their backs on whites. W/Mail 24/8–26/8/90

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Terre'Blanche's call to arms

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By FRANS ESTERHUYSE
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RIGHTWING war talk has reached a new crescendo with calls on "Cape rebels" to join the military-style commandos of the Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging.

In a thundering speech in the Cape Town City Hall last night, AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said: "I have come tonight to fetch Cape rebels. We need you."

He told his audience of about 1 000 that the African National Congress was going to start a revolution, but the Afrikaner's solution lay in the war that Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Chris Hani wanted.

"Let's take him on. We will chase him all the way back to the Transkei."

In attacks on the government, accusing it of selling out the whites and handing the country over to blacks and communists, Mr Terre'Blanche at times shouted into a microphone at the top of his voice. His forehead was covered with perspiration.

"Nelson Mandela says he wants white farms and to nationalise the banks, and still the jellytot De Klerk is prepared to negotiate with him.

"The liberals have no right to give this land, hard-earned with the bodies of children, to a Xhosa who has his own country in the Transkei.

"Our right to rule ourselves in our own country is a God-given one."

More in than out

Mr Terre'Blanche accused Minister Adriaan Vlok of "misusing" the police to protect Cabinet ministers against their critics at meetings.

Referring to police action against AWB members who wanted to attend a National Party meeting at Brandfort, he said the crossroads had come.

"Adriaan Vlok must stop misusing the police to save the cowardly skins of public servants, because he is placing the SAP in confrontation with the volk."

He claimed, however, that there were "more police outside the police force than inside."

Earlier, Colonel Servaas de Wet, chief

'I've come to fetch Cape rebels'

of the AWB commando forces, claimed that thousands of people were joining the "wenkommandos" in the Transvaal and Free State.

Colonel De Wet, who was introduced to the meeting as a former police officer and now "kommandant-general" of the AWB commandos, said: "We are going to fight to the end ... every man, woman and child must be trained and must at least be able to handle a firearm.

Squatter terror camps

"We will act within the Internal Security Act as we can't afford to have any more Afrikaners locked up in jail."

The squatters appearing in towns and cities were "nothing but organised terrorist camps", he said.

All people who were surrounded by squatters should join the kommando so that they could be protected.

"We can deal with the blacks; the traitors are the white Shakas and Mandelas inside the government.

"There are thousands of Wit Wolwe and Piet Rudolphs in South Africa — we won't go under," said Colonel De Wet.

Colonel De Wet and many AWB members at the meeting, including women, wore khaki uniforms with the AWB's swastika-like emblem.

The leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Mr Jaap Marais, said the AWB and HNP were closing ranks and would not be threatened by either Mr De Klerk, Mr Nelson Mandela or the communists.

"The blacks have never been a threat. Our threat comes from the miserable



Eugene Terre'Blanche

white traitors who are busy selling us out."

The De Klerk government had created the impression that it embraced the communist philosphy.

Quoting from Press cuttings, Mr Marais said a communist call in the 1960s had been "smash apartheid", and now in 1990 Foreign Minister Pik Botha was saying "eradicate apartheid".

"Pik Botha is therefore a retarded communist. He is 30 years too late," Mr Marais said.

President De Klerk had no mandate from the white electorate to negotiate with the ANC.

The government's concept of power-sharing was nothing but "a handing over of power in instalments."

"This is our country and we will fight if it is to be taken away from us," Mr Marais said.

The fight against the ANC would never end.

The two faces of Robey

PATRICK LAURENCE

SUSPICION that the CCB was involved in the assassination of anti-apartheid activists has hardened following dramatic new disclosures at the Harms Commission relating to the slaying of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence in December 1986.

Agents of the clandestine Civil Co-operation Bureau — to give the CCB its full Orwellian-sounding title — have previously admitted that one of its objectives was to "maximally disrupt" enemies of the State.

Now, in what might have been the last hearing of the Harms Commission, new evidence has established a definite link between the Ribeiros and the CCB and raised anew questions about the possible role of a former Rhodesian Selous Scout, Noel James Robey, in the death of Ribeiros.

In an affidavit submitted to the Harms Commission on Wednesday, Joep Joubert, a former CCB chairman and now deputy head of military intelligence, labelled the Ribeiros "leftist radicals" who qualified for surveillance by security forces. "As such I accept that they were monitored by the CCB," he added.

General Joubert acknowledged in his affidavit that Mr Robey — who appeared at the preparatory examination into the death of the Ribeiros in 1987 — was a CCB member who operated under the alias Lionel Kirby.

Mr Robey was summoned to appear in the preparation examination because a vehicle with the same registration number as one owned by him had been seen near the Ribeiro's home in Mamelodi on the day the couple were killed. He was cleared of involvement in the murders in June 1987.

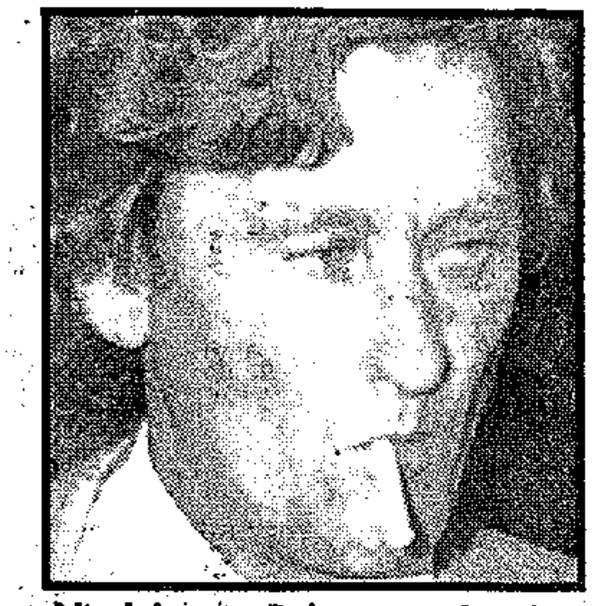
It was unclear at the time why the Attorney-General chose to proceed through a preparatory examination, a practice which was thought to have been discarded, having last been used in 1977. The magistrate found on the evidence before him that there was not enough evidence to try Mr Robey for murder.

New evidence, unearthed by Johann Wright, investigating officer of the Harms Commission, includes the appearance of Mr Robey at an identification parade without a beard. Eye witnesses to the Ribeiro killing identified bearded men at the parade, Colonel Wright reported.

Colonel Wright then made a further disclosure: Mr Robey had previously been bearded; a photograph submitted when he applied for a firearm license in August 1984 shows him with a beard.

Three questions arise. When did Mr Robey shave off his beard? Why did he do so? Did he have a beard when the Ribeiros were killed, when — according to his testimony at the preparatory examination — he was at a braaivleis at his Hartbeespoort Dam home?

Mr Robey was not available to





Noel James Robey . . . the clean-shaven version (left) and with his beard (right). Did he have a role in CCB activities?

Crucial questions about bearded man

answer the questions. He and his wife left for Europe on 30 March 1990 — the same month that the Harms Commission started its hearings — after four substantial sums of money, totalling nearly R40 000, were deposited in his bank account. Notes in Mr Robey's personal file at his bank read:

● "30.3.1990 Mr and Mrs Robey will be in Europe for the next six months. Please refer investments with ourselves should account overdraw. Very respectable people."

● "22.6.1990. Agreed to a temporary excess of R12 000 to enable them to purchase air tickets. He has R25 000 on 32 days call and a further R16 000 should reach the account within a week. Respectable man."

Mr Robey's occupation was listed as "self-employed" and his income as R48 000 a year. Mr Robey, like all CCB operatives, ran his own business, President Security Consultants.

It is unclear whether he was still employed by the CCB at the time of his departure for Europe and, if so, whether the CCB had any hand in his decision to leave the country at a time when awkward questions about its activities were on the agenda.

What is certain is that the CCB paid for his legal costs during the 1987 preparatory examination. They totalled R32 700. A sum of R33 700 was drawn against a project named "Checkers". General Joubert could not offer an explanation for the extra R1 000. Nor could he explain the entry "Dienste gelewer — Services rendered" entered against the R33 700.

Further questions arise about Mr Robey and the CCB. He was identified as a member of Region 4. What was its role? Was it involved in the monitoring of the Ribeiros? The decision by the CCB to pay for his legal costs, suggests that he may have been.

If so, what of previous evidence before the Harms Commission that only Region 6 — the one headed by "Staal" Burger and suspected of involvement in the murder of anti-apartheid activistis David Webster and Anton Lubowski — was authorised to carry out internal operations?

According to the testimony of former Region 6 CCB operative "Slang" van Zyl, his cell only became functional at the beginning of 1989. Thus Region 4 may well have been involved in the monitoring of the Ribeiros. If so, did any of its pre-1989 internal functions include "maximal disruption", a quaint euphemism for murder?

What of the brutal and as yet unsolved murder in mid-1985 of Mathew Goniwe and his UDF colleagues, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkonto and Sicelo Mhlawuli?

Investigations into suspected CCB involvement in the events leading to the Ribeiro murders will — unsurprisingly in the light of earlier evidence to the Commission — be hampered by the destruction of CCB documents during the period around December 1986.

Coincidentally — or perhaps not so coincidentally — police documents on the Ribeiro murder were in the boot of a car used by Karel "Suiker" Britz, a police colonel, when it was stolen on May 5. Neither the car nor three attache cases with documents, which had been requested by the Harms Commission, have been recovered.

Two further coincidences form part of the record.

Two black men were suspected of being implicated in the Ribeiro killings, after being spotted by eye-witnesses. General Joubert admitted that two black men had served in the CCB in the Pretoria area. One has since died and one is now in Botswana, General Joubert said.

Another black man, Jacob Mampuru, witnessed the murder of the Ribeiros. He was shot and seriously wounded on December 11, 1986, just 10 days after the murder. A soldier, Graham Cook, was charged with attempted murder. He was acquitted.

Colonel Wright, however, concluded in his investigation that Cook and a fellow soldier, Marius Ludik, were "involved" (betrokke) in the incident. Was it coincidental that soldiers were involved and the CCB was a unit within the SADF's Special Forces?

● *Patrick Laurence is the author of a forthcoming book, "Death Squads, Apartheid's Secret Weapon".*

safety of these patients. It is in the public interest to know what is happening with the missing

Mrs Hall said Mr Knipholt had been diagnosed as a manic depressive and had been in and

will be tackling this subject in depth tomorrow night.

Rightwingers, Wits student in court

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CELESTE LOUW

FOUR rightwingers, who were allegedly responsible for five fomb blasts in Johannesburg recently, and a leftwinger, allegedly responsbible for two bomb blasts, appeared in the same Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

The four rightwingers appeared on a charge of terrorism and six alternative charges. The men are the former AWB chief in Johannesburg, Leonard Veenendal (24), Darryl Stopforth (23), Craig Barker (21) and Arthur Archer (29). The case against a fifth man, Eugene Becker (28), was withdrawn.

The men are to stand trial on a charge of terrorism and alternative charges including the causing of explosions, attempted murder, causing malicious damage to property, intimidation and the possession of explosives and ammunition.

Their case was postponed to September 7, when they will apply for bail.

Immediately after the rightwingers' appearance, Mr Jeremy Seebers, a student at Witwatersrand University, appeared in a separate case.

Mr Seebers, son of Unisa economics professor Anthony Seeber, was also detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

He is to stand trial on a charge of terrorism and four alternative charges, including attempted murder, the causing of explosions and causing malicious damage to property.

It is also alleged that Mr Seebers underwent military training with the ANC and that he had been involved in the importation of explosives.

His case was also postponed to September 7 when he will apply for bail.

Ex-AWB man granted R1 000 bail

VEREENIGING. — A former commander of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's elite Aquila unit was granted bail of R1 000 when he appeared briefly in the Regional Court here yesterday on charges of harbouring or hiding escapers.

Mr David Israel Rootenberg, 42, a builder of Vereeniging, who is also said to own a bottle store, was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to September 11.

In Johannesburg, meanwhile, four other right-wingers appeared in Johannesburg Regional Court on charges relating to terrorism.

Mr Leonard Veenendaal, 24, former AWB chief in Johannesburg, Mr Darryl Stopforth, 23, Mr Craig Barker, 20, and Mr Arthur Archer, 31, appeared in connection with allegedly having caused explosions at the Johannesburg homes of two DP councillors and the Vrye Weekblad newspaper.

Their case was referred back to the attorney-general to decide whether the state will oppose an application for bail.

The attorney-general's decision will be tabled at the Regional Court on September 7, when the four right-wingers' defence has indicated it will apply for bail.

A fifth man, Mr Eugene Becker, 28, was released yesterday. — Sapa

WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 481 days since the assassination of human rights activist Dr David Webster outside his Troyeville home. No one has been arrested in connection with his death.

The Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), allegedly repsonsible for the death of Dr Webster and other activists, has been disbanded, but its personnel have not been publicly listed, despite a request from the David Webster Trust and other interested parties.

A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr Webster's killers.

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Harms report: Great things expected

Weekend Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The long-awaited Harms Commission report on unsolved and alleged political murders is expected to reach President De Klerk before the end of September.

According to legal sources, there is "great expectation" of the decisions reached by Mr Justice Louis Harms, the Transvaal Supreme Court judge appointed probing the existence of hit squads said to be operated by the police and Defence Force.

"Toothless"

It is expected that the judge may make certain recommendations to President De Klerk and that some evidence could be referred to attorneys-general and the Auditor-General for action.

Some members of the CCB and the police refused to testify unless protected — and the result was at times comic, when they appeared in outlandish wigs and false moustaches. Most used code names.

The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok appointed lawyers to act for them after evidence that they knew about the hit squads.

A number of generals said in evidence that "higher authority" would have been needed for some of the tasks allocated to the CCB, which operated on an estimated budget of R28 million — implying that General Malan would have been that "higher authority".

But it was not only the ministers who appointed their own lawyers.

The commission has been billed as one of the most intensive operations yet mounted by the legal profession in South Africa — more than 12 teams represented various parties over 55 days of hearings.

The hearing could be divided into five distinct phases:

- Allegations about Vlakplaas police training farm being the hitsquad headquarters;
- The Civil Co-operation Bureau;
- The debate over whether the killing of Anton Lubowski in Namibia could form part of the commission;
- ANC involvement in alleged murders; and
- The unsolved murders of Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro, of Mamelodi.

Each phase had its share of drama and tension.

Death Row

The hit squad allegations were the result of an affidavit on Death Row by Butana Almond Nofemela, that he was part of a police unit which killed Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge in 1981.

Nofemela's allegations were backed up by two other former policemen, ex-captain Dirk Coetzee and ex-sergeant David "Spyker" Tshukulunga, who both fled the country.

Two rightwingers facing trial in Namibia

By DE WET POTGIETER

RIGHT-WING activists Leonard Veenendal and Darryl Stopforth are likely to be extradited to Namibia to stand trial on charges of murder when their court cases in South Africa have ended.

Attorney-General for the Witwatersrand Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau confirmed this week that the Government was considering the Namibian requests for the extradition of Veenendal, Stopforth and Horst Klenz.

Hiding

Klenz has been in hiding since the murder of a young Namibian policeman last year.

Mr Von Lieres said that in accordance with the South African Government's view on extraditable crimes, he had no doubt that President F W de Klerk would be "more than willing" to co-operate fully to help bring the culprits to justice in Namibia.

Veenendal and Stopforth are expected to first stand trial for crimes allegedly committed in South African territory before they are turned over to the Namibian police.

Row over journalists' access to police dossiers

JOHANNESBURG. — Objections to journalists having access to eight police dossiers about a Johannesburg hotelier could result in complaints being lodged with the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police.

This was threatened at an SA Media Council inquiry yesterday when hotelier Mr Alexander Kavouras complained about a Sunday Star report, published on February 25, alleging that the Civil Cooperation Bureau (CCB) had used his hotels as meeting places in Johannesburg.

Mr Kavouras also objected to his Quirinale Hotel, in Hillbrow, being called a "drug and vice den".

"This is extremely perturbing (that) the SAP allowed journalists to read the dossiers . . . This looks like some sort of witchhunt," charged Mr Allan Levin, for Mr Kavouras.

Mr Peter Reynolds, for the Sunday Star, said there was no suggestion of a vendetta by the newspaper.

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Garage-owner's 'racist' attack: R80 000 claim

By GILL TURNBULL, Supreme Court Reporter

A STRAND garage owner beat up a prominent businessman, accused him of stealing his own car and hurled racist insults at him, it was alleged in the Supreme Court, Cape Town.

This was evidence in an R80 000 damages claim yesterday against Mr Gerrit Maas of Gerrit Maas Motors, Strand.

Strand transport company owner Mr Richard Voskuil told the court the incident happened between Sir Lowry's Pass Road and Gordon's Bay late on Sunday, December 13 1986.

Mr Voskuil said his car had broken down. It was dark and he and his passenger, Mr Henry Hearn, flagged down a motorist to ask for either help or a lift to Sir Lowry's Pass village.

A four-wheel-drive bakkie stopped and Mr Maas and his brother got out.

Mr Voskuil said Mr Maas shone a torch into his car and asked in Afrikaans: "Where did you steal this car?"



Mr Gerrit Maas

"I told him this was my own car; he could telephone the police to check, and he turned to me and said he was a policeman and was not going to be told what to do by 'hotnots'."

Mr Voskuil said that Mr Maas shouted to his brother: "It's these types of hotnots who kill our wives", and "you're not the first hotnot I have beaten to death (vrek gedonner)."

Mr Maas allegedly bashed Mr Voskuil's face four times with a clenched fist, knocking him down repeatedly.

He said Mr Maas's brother assaulted Mr Hearn and the men made them kneel on the ground behind their car.

One man radioed the police and when a policeman arrived Mr Maas grabbed Mr Voskuil by the scruff of his neck and his belt and threw him into the police van.

The policeman, a Sergeant Brink, drove away and later stopped the van and advised Mr Voskuil to lay a charge.

Mr Voskuil said Mr Maas was later convicted and sentenced in the Strand Magistrate's Court for the attack.

The court heard that Mr Voskuil was treated in the Hottentot's Holland Hospital and for at least a month afterwards his face was painful and disfigured.

His injuries included fractured facial bones and swollen lips. He could not eat and his eyes were so swollen he could not read or watch television.

He also missed Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Mr Voskuil said that before the assault he had had "a great respect for white people". Now he felt differently.

He had formerly been sociable and friendly. Now he experiences post-trauma distress syndrome which had also affected his relationship with his wife and children. He still has nightmares almost every night.

The hearing continues today.



Picture: WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus.

PLAINTIFF: Mr Richard Voskuil with his wife, Mrs Caroline Voskuil, outside the Cape Town Supreme Court.

Kouvaras threatens to complain to Minister, police chief

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By Norman Chandler

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He had also not been deported from Zambia but had left because his temporary residence had expired.

Mr Kavouras also denied being the subject of an alleged police narcotics-related investigations, claiming that he had been exonerated.

Lawyer Allan Levin, for Mr Kavouras, made the threat when the South African Media Council heard a complaint against a Sunday Star story.

It was claimed that the report was intended to defame, injure or cause embarrassment to Mr Kavouras.

Starline reporter June Bearzi told inquiry chairman Mr Justice G Kotze that Brigadier Basie Smit, former head of the SA Narcotics Bureau, had informed her "we are working on getting Mr Kavouras deported ... he was virtually running Zambia before he was deported (from that country)".

Access to eight police dossiers on Mr Kavouras had been granted to Sunday Star reporters, Ms Bearzi said.

The inquiry was adjourned until October 19.

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Gunn denies bombing

By PETER DENNEHY

RELEASED detainee Ms Shirley Gunn said yesterday that allegations that she was involved in the bombing of Khotso House, the Johannesburg headquarters of the SA Council of Churches, were "absolute nonsense".

Ms Gunn, 34, was released from detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act on Sunday — and has only been charged with possessing a Makarov pistol.

Speaking out in public for the first time, Ms Gunn said she was a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC.

"As an MK member, I don't believe that any MK member would have been responsible for that bomb attack," she said.

"If I was responsible, where is the charge?" she asked.

Ms Gunn criticised the media for the prominent publication of police allegations that she was involved in the bombing.

She said that upon her release she had been issued with a summons to appear in the Wynberg court on October 24 in connection with the alleged possession of a Makarov pistol.

That is the only charge against her, according to her lawyer, Mr Essa Moosa.

A police spokesman could not confirm this yesterday.

Rudolph may want amnesty

Star 28/8/90

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By Craig Kotze

Boerestaat Party fugitive Piet Rudolph may be hiding in a neighbouring country in the hope of receiving temporary indemnity similar to that initially granted to ANC military commander Chris Hani, security sources said today.

Police are understood to be investigating the possibility that Mr Rudolph is in Namibia.

Namibia contains far-Right elements who also gave refuge to Leonard Veenendal and Darryl Stopforth, two AWB members who escaped from custody in that country while being held on a charge of murder.

But police have not ruled out that Mr Rudolph could be in Botswana or Swaziland.

A statement purportedly from Mr Rudolph, who has a R50 000 price on his head for declaring "war" on the Government, was delivered by hand to the Afrikaans newspaper Beeld on Sunday.

He is wanted for allegedly stealing a huge number of weapons from an Air Force armoury in Pretoria over the Easter weekend, and for his alleged part in the bombing of Melrose House in Pretoria.

The sources said Mr Rudolph was apparently following the same strategy as the ANC with regard to those convicted or sought in connection with politically motivated crimes.

"He will take advantage of the precedent created by the Government and the ANC," said one source.

"Rudolph's next step could very well be to announce that he is in a neighbouring country and that he is seeking temporary indemnity of the kind granted to people like Chris Hani. He will then be in a position to make appeals to President de Klerk," the source said.

In his statement, Mr Rudolph said the fighting spirit of the Boers had already left its mark and made "traitor leader" F W de Klerk and his "second-rate gang" realise the "volk" would not allow their land to be taken from them.

Police have not yet traced the weapons stolen from the Air Force.

"They could very well be in some hole on some isolated farm. South Africa is a big place," said one security source.

Let's talk peace — 'Piet Skiet'

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Fugitive rightwing leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who has been in hiding for more than four months, wants amnesty to negotiate the future of the country.

In a document handed to a Johannesburg newspaper, Mr Rudolph urged the "fighting part of the Boerevolk" to accept his well-considered decision.

"Give up all aggressive illegal actions. I and my associate Boer leaders will negotiate with the treacherous F W de Klerk to prevent further bloodshed and arrests," Mr Rudolph reportedly said in the document.

According to Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder, Mr Rudolph's decision posed a test for President De Klerk.

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"If Mr De Klerk granted Mr Rudolph amnesty, it would imply that he respected the Boer volk's land and would not give it away.

"Should he, however, not grant him amnesty, the Boer volk would know Mr De Klerk wanted to give the entire country away," he said.

Mr Van Tonder said his party, of which Mr Rudolph is deputy leader, would abide by his decision depending on Mr De Klerk's reaction.

In terms of the Pretoria Minute, concluded between the government and the African National Congress, amnesty would be granted to people committed to peace from September 1.

The target date for the completion of granting amnesty would be April 30 next year.

Mr De Klerk could also grant temporary indemnity from prosecution to people should he be satisfied it would be conducive to creating a peaceful atmosphere to negotiations.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok has offered a R50 000 reward for the Mr Rudolph's arrest.

● Mr Rudolph may be hiding out in a neighbouring country in the hope of indemnity, security sources said.

Police are understood to be investigating the possibility that Mr Rudolph is hiding out in Namibia.

The country most likely to contain elements friendly to Mr Rudolph's political ideas is Namibia, but police have not ruled out the possibility that he is in Botswana or Swaziland.

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ANC seeks apology from Vlok on Gunn

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

THE African National Congress today demanded a public apology and retraction from the Minister of Police, Mr Adriaan Vlok, over allegations that Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier Miss Shirley Gunn was responsible for the explosion at Khotso House.

The bomb exploded on May 5 1987, destroying the then headquarters of the South African Council of Churches. Miss Gunn said yesterday she was not responsible for the explosion.

In a statement today, ANC member Ms Cheryl Carolus said the government owed the ANC a public retraction and apology.

"They have made serious allegations about our member and by implication our organisation. Now they are not prepared to charge her. Cabinet ministers such as Mr Vlok must act more responsibly and realise that this trial by media and television is not in the interest of the peace process," Ms Carolus said.

She hoped that Mr Vlok would do his duty and apologise.

The United Democratic Front said Miss Gunn's release was a victory for mass pressure, adding it was clear that the people would have to enforce the Pretoria Minute.

Trade unionist Miss Gunn faced the Press for the first time yesterday since being freed on Sunday. She was held incommunicado under section 29 of the Internal Security Act for nearly two months.

She denied that she was responsible for the Khotso House bombing. "It's absolute nonsense that I am being held responsible for that bomb attack. I wasn't responsible."

It was self-evident that she would have been charged if she had been the bomber, she said. "If I'm responsible where is the charge?"

Confirming for the first time that she was a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC, she said she did not believe that any other MK member would have planted the bomb.

As a "disciplined" member she fully supported the principles of the Pretoria Minute, she said.



Pictures: LEON MÜLLER, The Argus.

WELCOME HOME: Senior African National Congress member Ms Cheryl Carolus, right, welcomes former section 29 detainee Miss Shirley Gunn, carrying her son Haroon Gunn-Salie, back to freedom.

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2 attacked 'by right-wingers'

PORT ELIZABETH. — A student and a journalist were allegedly attacked on Monday night by a group of right-wingers after a student meeting organised by the University of Port Elizabeth's SRC, which was to have been addressed by ANC leaders in a Port Elizabeth church, was broken up.

The journalist who was assaulted was Eastern Province Herald reporter Mr Peter du Toit. — Sapa

Death threat to churchman

THE Minister of the Cape Town Gereformeerde Kerk, Dr Pieter Bingle, has told his congregation that he received a threatening telephone phone call after publicly condemning right-wing violence.

During his sermon on Sunday, Dr Bingle referred to reactionary statements concerning a "third freedom struggle" and said all Christians should make an effort to end violence.

Amnesty delay for Piet 'Skiet'?

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Fugitive Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph is unlikely to be granted amnesty before the joint working group established by the government and the ANC submits its plan for the granting of amnesty and release of prisoners.

An Afrikaans morning newspaper yesterday published a letter allegedly written by Mr Rudolph "asking" for amnesty so that he could emerge from hiding and enter negotiations.

Mr Rudolph, who has a R50 000 reward on his head, has been on the run for four months after claiming responsibility for the theft of weapons from the Air Force headquarters here.

He has also "declared war" on the government and claimed responsibility for the May 26 bomb blast at Melrose House.

A Department of Justice spokesman yesterday declined to comment on whether Mr Rudolph would be granted amnesty and referred to paragraph two of the Pretoria Minute.

Paragraph two of the Pretoria Minute "makes provision for formulation of guidelines which will be applied in dealing with members of all organisations, groupings or institutions, governmental or otherwise, who committed offences on the assumption that a particular cause was being served or opposed".

The working group is expected to submit its report at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder yesterday said Mr Rudolph's offer to President F W de Klerk to surrender himself in exchange for amnesty posed a test for the State President.

The demand for an own Boerestaat was not negotiable, and if it was not granted Boers would go over to active resistance, Mr Van Tonder said.

"We can't change defined historical boundaries, we want him to recognise the Boer's claim. On that basis Piet Rudolph will come out."

He appealed to the former Boerestaat Party deputy leader to contact him, saying he did not know where he was and there were certain things police wanted to know. "I can't contact him."

Mr De Klerk's office said there had not yet been a response to the offer.

"In the event of his refusal of amnesty, we see it as a gigantic give-away and a surrender, that he (Mr De Klerk) hasn't got time for Boers and whites," said Mr Van Tonder. — Sapa

Rightwing fugitive may be out hiding in Namibia

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Weapons

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The sources said Rudolph is apparently following the same strategy as the ANC with regard to those convicted or sought in connection with politically-motivated crimes.

Police say why Gunn was held

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PRETORIA — The police public relations division said here yesterday that ANC activist Ms Shirley Gunn had been detained because of information that she had, among others, been involved in the Khotso House bomb blast.

The division issued the statement after the African National Congress demanded a public apology from Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok over allegations that she had been linked to the blast.

The division added that other reasons for her detention were information that she had "received training as a terrorist outside the Republic, (and had been) involved in various acts of terror in the Republic, inter alia the storage of terrorist weapons".

The division added: "Miss Gunn made a confession to the effect that she had received foreign training as a member of the ANC."

Because Miss Gunn had an 18-month-old baby in her care, and the investigation so far indicated that some time might pass before it would be completed, it had been decided to charge her with illegal possession of a firearm — "a Makarov which is normally used by terrorists" — and ammunition, and to provisionally release her.

Miss Gunn would appear in court on this charge on October 24.

"The investigation against her is continuing and everything possible will be done to finalise it as soon as possible," the division said.

Ms Gunn was released from detention on Sunday and said on Monday that she was not responsible for the Khotso House explosion. — Sapa



Ms Shirley Gunn

Parking lot assault: Police seek rightist

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A WELL-KNOWN right-wing activist is wanted for questioning by police following the attack on Fair Lady managing editor Ms Trish Oxford in a Foreshore parking garage last Friday night.

He is Mr Arnold van der Westhuizen, 38, of Windsor Court, Rondebosch.

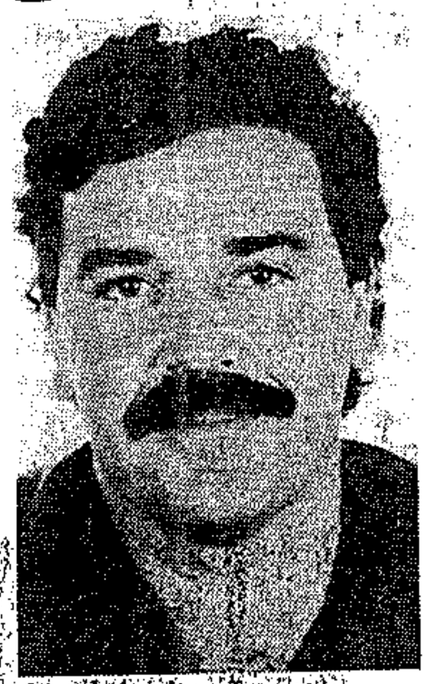
Police are investigating attempted murder and believe he could be a "great help" to them in the case.

Ms Oxford, 43, is in a satisfactory condition in a private city hospital where she underwent an operation on her severely beaten hands on Monday.

She was bludgeoned on the head and hands from behind with a rubber mallet as she tried to get into her car after work at 5pm. Her attacker allegedly told her he wanted to kill her.

Mr Van der Westhuizen, who was last seen in Cape Town on Monday, is 1,8m tall, well built and has dark hair.

● Anyone with information should telephone Detective Sergeant Neville Bishop at 45-3003 (w) or 461-6477 (h).



Mr Arnold van der Westhuizen

Asthma pump only weapon — assault case accused

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By GILL TURNBULL
Supreme Court Reporter

A GARAGE owner accused of beating up, insulting and threatening to shoot a stranded motorist has told the Cape Supreme Court the only "weapon" he had on him at the time was his asthma pump.

Mr Gerrit Kobus Maass, of Gerrit Maass Motors, Strand, was giving evidence in the civil action in which Strand businessman, Mr Richard Voskuil, is suing him for R80 000 damages.

Mr Maass, about 1,9m tall and weighing about 150kg, drew the asthma pump from his breast pocket and showed it to Mr Justice L A Rose-Innes.

Mr Maass testified that he had spent the evening on his Gordon's Bay farm, checking for drunks and stock thieves.

After midnight on the lonely farm road, he saw the stationary car and assumed it had been stolen.

Mr Maass denied using the word "hotnot".

He said it was Mr Voskuil's passenger Mr Henry Hearn who assaulted Mr Voskuil.

"Mr Hearn rushed at Mr Voskuil and said: 'It's because of you I'm in the k-k.'

"Mr Hearn then grabbed Mr Voskuil, hit his face and shook him around. Mr Voskuil fell to his knees and when my brother picked him up Mr Hearn kicked him."

Mr Maass said that he threatened to shoot Mr Voskuil if he ran away "because I get asthma and can't run fast".

He could not have carried out the threat because the only "weapon" he was carrying was his asthma pump.

Mr Maass said that after the police sergeant arrived Mr Voskuil became arrogant and accused him of the assault.

"I hit him with my fist once because he poked his finger at my face."

Mr Maass told the court that when Mr Voskuil poked his finger at his face a second time and "wouldn't stop even after my brother had said 'please don't do that again'," he again hit Voskuil in the face.

"He fell to the ground and I picked him up and put him in the police van."

Earlier evidence was that Mr Maass had hit Mr Voskuil in the face four times with his fist, picked him up by the scruff of his neck and his belt and threw him into a police van.

Medical evidence was that Mr Voskuil's left cheek was severely fractured, his left orbit floor (the thin bone around the eye) had blown out and his eyes and mouth were bruised and swollen.

Stress disorder

As a result of the incident he still has symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder and has undergone a personality change which has affected his marriage and family life.

Yesterday Sergeant Riaan Brink said he was called to the scene and saw Mr Maass hit Mr Voskuil in the face twice.

Mr Voskuil showed Sergeant Brink police documents proving that the car was his and that it had been stolen and recently recovered.

Sergeant Brink said he drove Mr Voskuil home to Sir Lowry's Village and on the way he advised Mr Voskuil to lay a charge against Mr Maass.



Picture: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus.

WITNESSES: Mr Henry Hearn, left, and Sergeant Riaan Brink.

Blast at Jani's flat — rightist charged

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One of two rightwingers allegedly responsible for the bomb blast outside former Sunday Times columnist Jani Allan's Sandton home last year has been charged in the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Fanie Goosen, 29, of Vereeniging, appeared yesterday in connection with the blast and the murder and robbery of a taxi-driver. He was not asked to plead and will remain in custody until the trial resumes on September 11.

The second man, Cornelius Johannes Lottering, 34, is being sought by police in the far Northern Transvaal.

Described as one of South Africa's most wanted men and an alleged member of the self-styled extremist rightwing "Order of Death", Mr Lottering escaped from police custody in Johannesburg with Mr Goosen and other prisoners in March. Mr Goosen was rearrested on Swartwater Farm near the Botswana border.

MOVED TO BRITAIN

The charge sheets allege murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, malicious damage to property, attempted intimidation and unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition.

The two men "illegally caused an explosion" on July 14 last year against the wall of a block of flats, The Birches, in Sandton.

Miss Allan, who subsequently moved to Britain, lived in the block.

The explosion came at a time when she was linked to AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche in the Paardekraal scandal.

On August 29 last year, it is alleged, the accused murdered taxi-driver Mr Potoko Franzar Makgalemele by shooting him in the head and abdomen.

Man in court after bomb set at journalist's flat

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A MAN appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday in connection with charges arising from the bombing of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan's Sandton flat last July.

Fanie Goosen, 29, of Mimosa Street, Drie Riviere, Vereeniging, who was not asked to plead, also appeared in connection with charges of attempted intimidation of Allan, to prevent her from writing about AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche. Other charges relate to murder, theft and the illegal possession of firearms.

According to court papers, Goosen is alleged to have killed Potoko Makgalemele on August 29 last year at the Daleside Ski Club, near Meyerton, and to have stolen his taxi earlier in the day.

Goosen did not apply for bail and was remanded in custody.

The case was adjourned until September 11.

Goosen and Cornelius Lottering, both allegedly members of AWB splinter group the Order of Death, escaped from police custody in March this year by kicking out a panel of the police truck in which they were being transported.

Police said yesterday that Goosen was arrested on Tuesday on a farm near the Botswana border and that a search had now been launched for Lottering.

Neutralise cops who back Govt - Piet Skiet

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POLICEMEN with rightwing sympathies should sniff out and neutralise colleagues who supported the Government, fugitive rightwing leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said in a letter.

"Our heartfelt thanks to policemen and women who know what De Klerk and Vlok are busy with. Valuable participation in our struggle will not go unrecognised.

"We plead, however, with them to sniff out "rooilussies" among them and to neutralise them ...at this stage it can be done better from within," Rudolph said in a letter to the AWB mouthpiece, *Die Sweepslag*.

SOWETAN Correspondent

Rudolph, who has been in hiding for more than four months, said the struggle of the Orde Boerevolk will continue until victory.

Referring to recent arrest of rightwingers, he said catching a few men would not end the struggle.

An AWB spokesman said the letter was received a week ago and was signed by Rudolph.

'Piet Skiet' told to surrender

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The Department of Justice has called on ultra-right-winger Piet "Skiet" Rudolph to turn himself in so that "the legal processes can take their normal course".

In a statement released in Pretoria last night the department said there was no question of automatic indemnity of individuals.

Only once Mr Rudolph had submitted to the legal process could it be established whether he was eligible for indemnity.

The department was reacting to newspaper reports that Rudolph, wanted in connection with arms theft from the air force and the bombing of Melrose House in Pretoria, would turn himself in if granted indemnity for committing criminal acts of a political nature. — Sapa.

Able Sachs at Wits University.

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CP councillor held by police

East Rand Bureau

Rightwingers say they are baffled by the arrest, by security police, of a Kempton Park Conservative Party councillor at his home yesterday.

Police have confirmed the arrest of Greyling Bezuidenhout for interrogation under section 50 of the Criminal Procedures Act.

Due to "the sensitivity of the matter" a spokesman declined to divulge details of the allegation against Mr Bezuidenhout.

Mrs Bezuidenhout, who was present when her husband was arrested at 6 am, was not available for comment.

● Mr Bezuidenhout was one of 11 people detained on the East Rand earlier this year for questioning in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela.

Afrikaner families sell up and pack their bags to follow a latter-day Piet Retief

ADA STUIJT

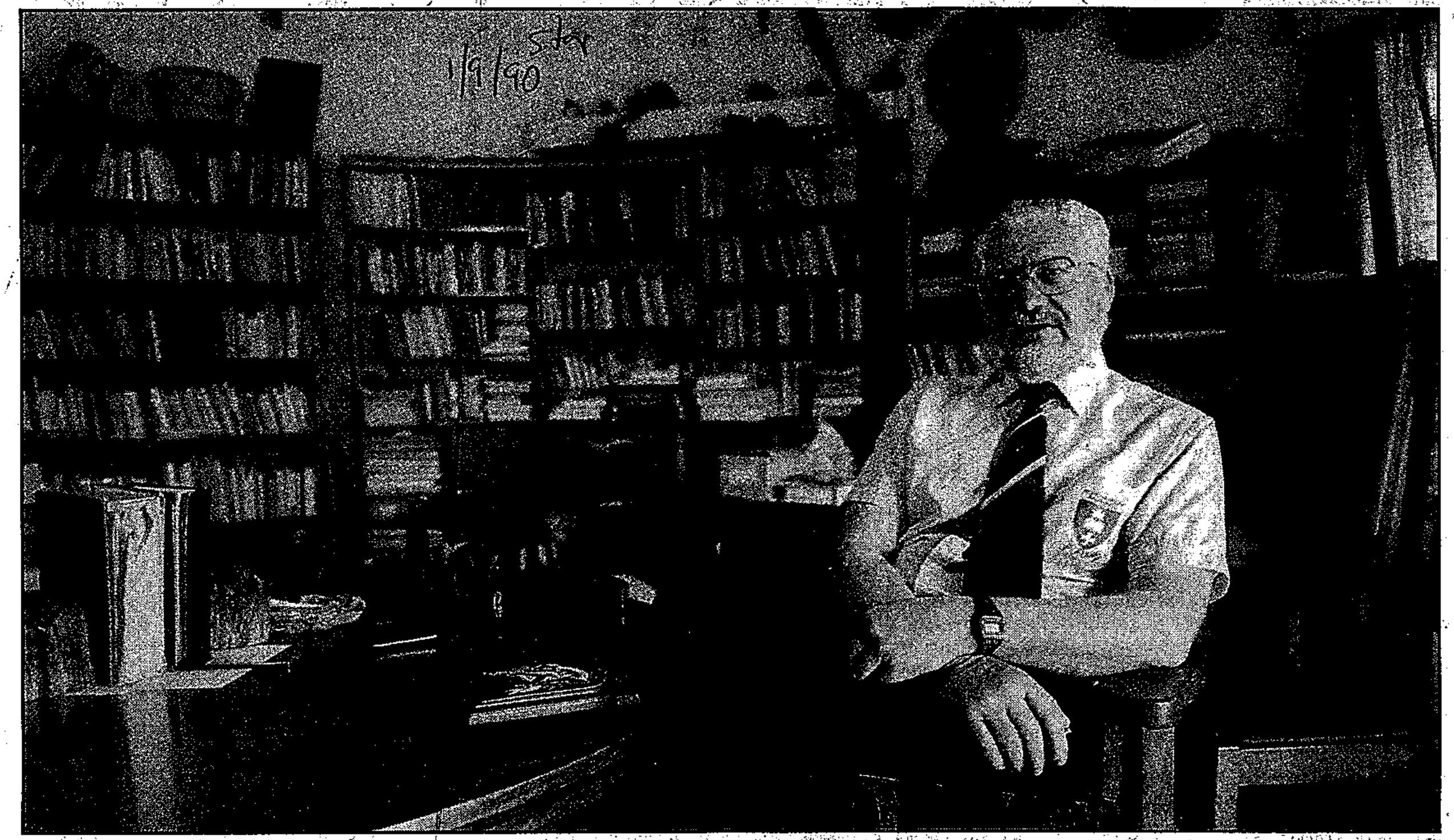
HUNDREDS of young Afrikaner families are already joining a modern "Third Great Trek" — this time to the North Western Cape where Professor Carel Boshoff wants to establish a sovereign Afrikaner Republic in the Orange River basin.

This co-leader of the Afrikaner Volkswag — he is a son-in-law of the late Prime Minister Dr Hendrik Verwoerd — wants official recognition of this planned independent state and has already opened up negotiations with the ANC to accept "self-governing status" as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, on the basis that "occupation is nine-tenths of the law", Afrikaner families are moving into and occupying the planned "white growth points".

Professor Boshoff also wants to negotiate for the eventual voluntary resettlement of the 100 000 coloured people now living in the north and north-western Cape to "economically more viable regions in South Africa" as the new Afrikaner Volk State actively encourages "Afrikaner self-employment" instead of reliance on black and coloured labour.

Exactly as the Border Boers who launched the First Great Trek from about 1836, these new Voortrekkers are staunchily conservative fundamentalists.



MODERN VOORTREKKER LEADER: Professor Carel Boshoff, co-leader of the Afrikaner Volkswag and son-in-law of the late Prime Minister Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, wants official recognition of his planned independent state "Orania" in the north-western Cape.

ment Scheme and surveys by an independent engineering company, the indications are that the north-western Cape is a vast, sparsely populated and underdeveloped region which could flourish especially if undergoing an influx of well-educated, highly-motivated poeple.

Mr Wingard said "here a First-World environment could be maintained without the responsibilities of lifting a tragic Third World as is necessary in the rest of Africa".

The Government has recently revealed the existence of untapped underground water reservoirs, and is developing about 140 40-ha irrigation plots near Keimoes, which Professor Boshoff believes "should be negotiated and planned for Afrikaner occupation" instead of for the Government's planned coloured occupation.

He believes that the development potential of the Elephant River has not been closely investigated for settlement and wants to negotiate private funding to build a R50-million dam on the Elephant River.

Prof Boshoff encourages the use of "energy-effective buildings" and appliances. He also believes in "alternate power sources", such as solar power. "We must start using our imagination," he said. "If a person is willing to drop his standards just a little, we can make do with a lot less electricity."

Moreover, he believes that the estimated 320 MW capacity of the Verwoerd Dam, and the 220 MW from Van der Kloof Dam, would already "cut down on Eskom's bill for the northern Cape".

The Third Great Trek

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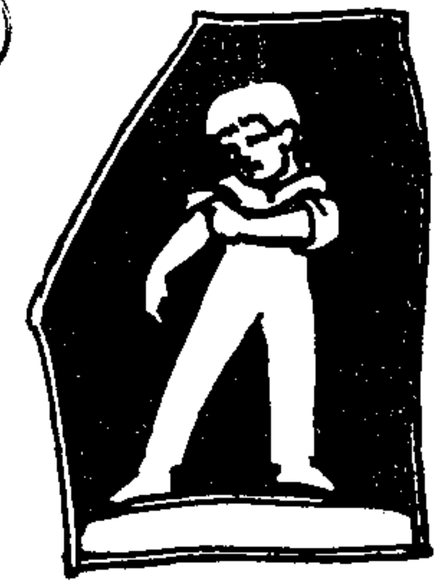

LOGO: The insignia of the Third Great Trek's organising body, the Stigting Afrikanervryheid, which believes in Afrikaner self-employment, and actively discourages the traditional use of "non-Afrikaner labour".

However, many are also financially independent businessmen; well-educated Afrikaners who see a future for their offspring only in an Afrikaner state. These Afrikaner families are thus voting with their feet against the multiracialism of the "new South Africa" of President F W de Klerk and his National Party.

As was the case with the first Trek 163 years ago, this Third Great Trek is organised into groups — and again, Afrikaner families are selling up all their belongings to trek to what they hope will eventually become the independent Republic of "Orania".

Negotiations have started between the developers of the holiday village next to the P K le Roux Dam and the Third Great Trek's organising body, the "Stigting Afrikanervryheid" (Afrikaner Freedom Foundation). The foundation wants to call the village "Orania" and wants it earmarked for development into a white growth point — perhaps even their capital city.

The Trek is the brainchild of Professor Boshoff, who may well one day be called "Afrikanerdom's latter-day Piet Retief".

Just as Retief did, Professor Boshoff and his "think tank" scouted out the new territory well before embarking on the trek and has published manifestos (as did Retief) explaining the need for this Trek.

The Boshoffs' organisation — his wife Anna (nee Verwoerd) shares its leadership — is the think tank, planning mechanism and moving force behind this Third Great Trek.

Another historical similarity is that these new Voortrekkers are also being ridiculed and criticised by their more liberal Afrikaner brethren, who believe that their future lies in multiracialism and an undivided South Africa.

This time, however, the new Trekkers are not naming their treks after any leaders, but after their points of departure instead — and they are using modern furniture removal companies instead of ox wagons to move their belongings. Moreover, they purchase their new properties from the previous owners.

Mr Kobus Greyling, owner of Kobus Greyling furniture removal at Tzaneen, owns one of the companies used by the new trekkers and plans to join the trek as soon as he has sold his cotton farm near Tzaneen.

'An independent Afrikaner state would accommodate those who fear that whites would have as uncertain a future under a black majority government in South Africa as whites have had in the rest of Africa.'

His wife Retha Greyling said they hoped to sell their property before the Group Areas Act is repealed: "Property prices in Pietersburg are already dropping where ever black families have started buying," she said.

Mr Greyling is moving five more members of the Messina Trek to Upington and Olifantshoek this month. Also this month, the Paarl Trek comprising 120 people starts the move to Upington and Olifantshoek. And already in the advanced planning stages are the Pioniers Trek from Valhalla and the Meyerton Trek.

At Olifantshoek, the Messina Trek is still settling in, with 55 people already moved in and more expected.

To accommodate the pensioners who are following their families, the Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk at Olifantshoek plans an old age home with cottages at a planned selling price of R15 000 each.

The Stigting Afrikanervryheid has applied to the Reserve Bank for a new bank and has also started an investment organisation.

It has created a network linking real estate companies in north-western Cape, and has started publishing job and investment opportunities in newsletters.

Mr Johann Wingard, chairman of a big engineering company which undertook several project studies in the region, believes the area has great economic possibilities.

"Such an independent Afrikaner state would accommodate those Afrikaner groups who fear that whites would have as uncertain future under a black majority government in South Africa as whites have had in the rest of Africa," he recently wrote in an Afrikaans newspaper.

"For these people, their future survival as white Afrikaners in an own sovereign state is much more important than their present earthly goods. Any future dispensation which does not take this factor into account will end up as a 'tragic new South Africa', in which black violence will be transferred into white violence to create a new Northern Ireland or Lebanon," he wrote.

Olifantshoek, Upington, the new Department of Water Affairs irrigation schemes around Kakamas and Keimoes and other towns such as Steynsburg, have all been chosen as "white growth points" by the new Voortrekkers. Eventually these will form the independent Afrikaner Volksstaat, where black and coloured labourers will not have citizen status and will be encouraged to move elsewhere for jobs.

The wool-producing region of Steynsburg, south of Aliwal-North, (near the Verwoerd Dam) has been earmarked for Afrikaner independence. The region is also of historical importance because of Paul Kruger's birth place at Bulhoek.

Critics of the Third Great Trek believe that the north-western Cape could never support the 3-million-strong Afrikanerdom because of a lack of water and power sources.

Mr Robert van Tonder, a successful businessman in his own right in Randburg before becoming the founder/leader of the Boer State Party, has dubbed it the "Desert Afrikaner State" and believes it would not be economically viable.

'The Afrikaner must start doing his own work, and Afrikaner businessmen, once established in the new Afrikaner Volk State, could provide their own people with jobs instead of to blacks or coloureds'

The Conservative Party has also given the thumbs-down to this region, mainly because it is already occupied by about 100 000 coloured people, although the CP has accepted the principle of an independent Afrikaner Volk State.

However, from the Government's long-term engineering studies, Professor Boshoff's extensive investigations of the Orange River Development Scheme, he knows that the Augrabies waterfalls has a 700-MW capacity, enough for the entire northern Cape. A pity for the tourists and nature lovers, but which is more important?" he proposed.

Unlike their forefathers 163 years ago, this new breed of Afrikaner trekkers are not bringing along their black or coloured servants. Neither will they hire any non-whites.

All are ardent followers of the "Afrikaner selfwerksaamheid" (self-labour).

"The Afrikaner must learn to do all his own work and start acknowledging the existence of its own working class," says Mr Johan Putter, a 33-year-old new Voortrekker who recently arrived at Olifantshoek with the Messina Trek.

Mr Putter is an exporter to African states who believes that Olifantshoek has vast industrial potential.

"The important thing for the Afrikaner's future is that he must start doing all of his own work. Near Pretoria, there are more than 3 000 unemployed Afrikaners who are living a hand-to-mouth existence on handouts and odd jobs.

"Afrikaner businessmen, once established in the new Afrikaner Volk State, could provide their own people with jobs instead of to blacks or coloureds," Mr Putter said.

"In our own Volkstaat, we would actively discourage anyone from employing blacks or coloureds.

"Eventually, such lack of employment opportunities would draw those non-Afrikaners to the industrial regions outside the Afrikaner Volk State. These are all long-term, voluntary plans and would therefore not involve any forced removals. We aren't going to just load people on to a lorry and force them to move. We will simply not provide any jobs for them inside the Volkstaat, and will negotiate to provide them with jobs outside our borders," he said.

Strike threatens East London

C/Press 2/9/90 (340)

STRIKE action at the Mercedes Benz plant in East London has cost the company R121-million in lost production, and concern is now mounting the plant may shut down for good – devastating the city's economy and depriving many of jobs.

The plant has been brought to a standstill by rebel members of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), and reports of sabotage are circulating.

New electrolytic paint equipment costing millions is thought to have seized up and become worthless.

This week the company warned the future viability of the plant was at stake.

On Friday, East London Chamber of Commerce vice-president Eddie Hart said Mercedes Benz of South Africa (MBSA) brought in 50 percent of the city's business and the consequences would be tremendous if the plant closed.

The Numsa regional office said organisers had tried their utmost to persuade rebel workers occupying the plant to end the action. However, the men were adamant they would remain until their demands were met.

At a National Bargaining Forum meeting this week, motor manufacturers said Numsa had to state clearly whether it supported the rebels' demand that the company withdraw from the NBF and negotiate wages at plant level.

The union was asked to state what action it intended taking against the rebels who had "defied and undermined Numsa policy, the NBF structure, internal company structures, management, requests from shop stewards, and the Supreme Court".

Numsa was also asked to detail what steps it would take to ensure the rebels vacated the plant and whether it was in any position in current negotiations to conclude an agreement in the NBF binding on all hourly-paid employees at Mercedes.

MBSA said Numsa had responded to the questions in the NBF, but had requested it not be made public.

Mercedes warned that if the union was unable to persuade the men to leave the plant, management would have "no alternative but to take whatever steps it believes necessary ... to ensure they leave".

However, management said it shared Numsa's view that dismissed employees should be afforded a fair appeal hearing.

East London suppliers of components to MBSA have begun halting production and laying off workers as the crisis at the plant continues.

Local suppliers stand to lose R600-million a year if the company halts production.

Suppliers, some of whom rely on Mercedes Benz for up to 86 percent of their business, claim they would be forced to close or relocate if MBSA has further problems.

It was confirmed on Friday that MBSA has requested suspension of supplies from local and overseas component manufacturers. – Sapa

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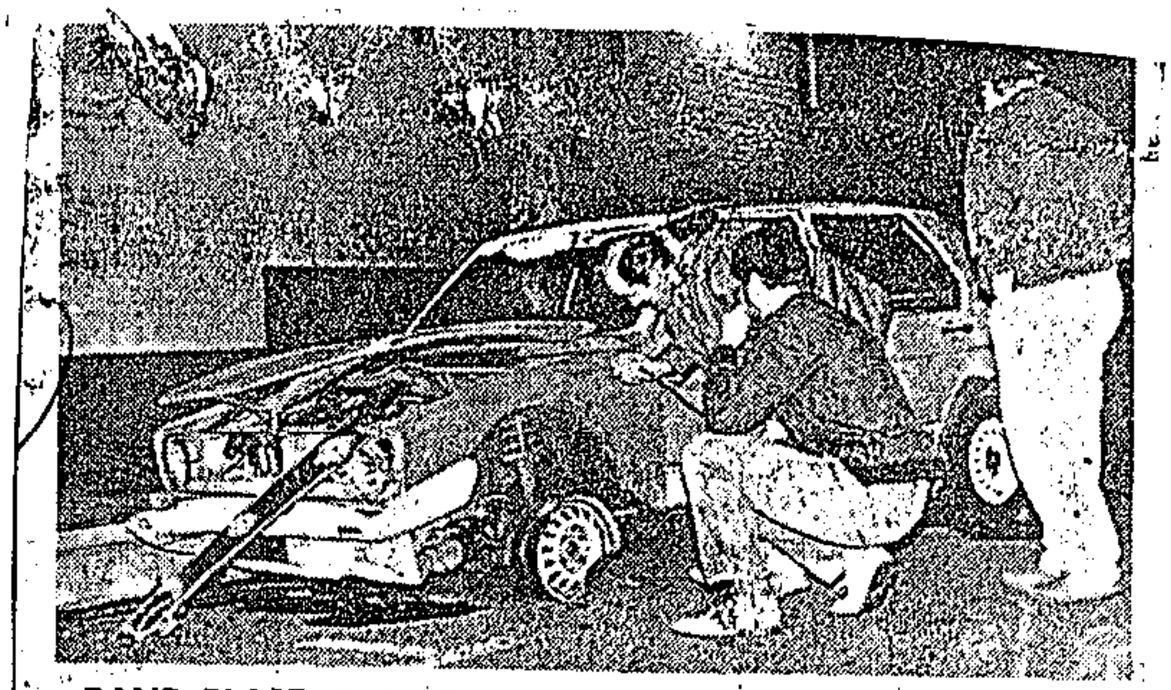

RAND BLAST: Police inspect one of the cars damaged in last night's blasts outside Beeld's premises in Johannesburg.

Argus 3/9/90

Bombs blast Rand newspaper offices

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two bombs exploded within seconds outside the offices here of the Afrikaans morning newspaper Beeld, causing extensive damage but no injuries.

The first bomb, believed to be made up of commercial explosives, was placed under a blue Volkwagen Citi Golf, owned by Mr Willem Pretorius, arts editor, that was parked near the entrance in Miller Street, Doornfontein. It detonated about 11.05 last night. Several windows in the newspaper building were shattered.

A second device, apparently placed near a delivery truck in First Street, detonated seconds later, shattering more windows, including those of an industrial firm across the street. The explosion caused employees in Beeld's dispatch section metres away to flee the premises.

Within minutes of the explosions police had cordoned off streets and were combing the glass-strewn pavements for a possible third device.

The police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Captain Eugene Opperman, said no motive had been established yet for the blasts.

Mr Pretorius said the newspaper's production was not affected by the explosions.

"We heard a terrific bang and I looked out of the window and saw it was my car. It happened just on deadline ... and then the other one went off. We told everyone to stay in the office in case there was another one."

Mr Pretorius said he believed rightwingers were responsible.

PATTERN OF ATTACKS

"We've been threatened by the right several times recently and while it hasn't been confirmed yet, a policeman told me commercial explosives were used.

"We've been constant in our criticism of the right but I can't think of any recent report which would have motivated the attack."

Mr Pretorius said he believed the explosions, coming in the wake of the recent blast at the offices of the Afrikaans weekly Vrye Weekblad, could be part of a pattern of attacks against the media.

September 4 1990

Bomb was ours, says Piet 'Skiet'

Sowetan 4/9/90

FUGITIVE rightwinger Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph yesterday claimed responsibility for the bomb blasts at the offices of the Johannesburg Afrikaans newspaper *Beeld* on Sunday night.

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Rudolph said the "Orde Boerevolk" (OB) accepted responsibility.

The reasons for the attack, Rudolph said, was to demonstrate the OB's dissatisfaction with "the false twisting to assist the Government by the National Party mouthpiece, *Beeld*."

Barend feels Right's wrath

Star 4/9/90 (344)

Police and rightwingers were last night involved in several scuffles when about 300 khaki-clad demonstrators attempted to disrupt a meeting addressed by Finance Minister Barend du Plessis in Wolmaranstad's town hall.

Police armed with batons charged the crowd outside the hall. Several policemen, one a colonel, were assaulted.

Mr du Plessis was several times forced to stop speaking.

His address was delayed for more than an hour as police tried to clear the hall of the rightwingers. Sneeze powder was thrown during the confontation.



e Agassi takes off his sweat-soaked
he defeated Jay Berger in the fourth
n Flushing Meadow yesterday.
● Picture by Reuter.

on the menu

anything like that had been planned. But they could have stopped it immediately," she said.

Manager Eugene Spies said the restaurant owners were sorry about the incident and had apologised to parents for the embarrassment caused.

"As a family restaurant, striptease are not acceptable to us.

"Unfortunately we did not know they had planned to strip. We definitely wouldn't have allowed it."

Reporter's brother shot dead

Star 4/9/90 (343)

Staff Reporters

Renewed fighting broke out on the East Rand and in the Vaal Triangle early today following the killing of at least 10 people in townships last night.

Zulu bands have been accused of attacking residents of several townships, including Vosloorus and Katlehong on the East Rand and Sebokeng in the Vaal area.

The Star's boxing writer, Arthur Molisiwa, described today how his brother Jerry was killed in cold blood at 9.30 last night as he sat with his wife Lala and a friend watching TV in their Vosloorus home opposite a hostel:

"The mob started stoning the house and when they broke the windows, Jerry phoned the police who arrived in an armoured vehicle. The attackers dispersed but returned, smashed the burglar bars and attempted to set the house alight.

"While attempting to douse the flames with water, Jerry was shot in the chest and stomach and his terrified wife ran for her life, still under fire as she made her escape in the dark. Panic-stricken, she dislocated her knee as she scaled fences in her frantic efforts to escape the mob. She was treated in the Natalspruit Hospital.

"About R10 000 damage has been done to their house which is covered inside with blood. The whole Sotho section of the town is in shambles," said Mr Molisiwa.

Civic Association spokesman Keith Montsitsi said a crowd of about 700 drove the hostel inmates back to their compound.

"More than 20 houses were damaged, others burnt to the ground," he said.

Fighting was stopped by soldiers who fired shots in the air.

A Vaal Triangle police spokesman said today that renewed fighting had broken out in Sebokeng today. The fighting, mainly between Zulus and Xhosas, began at about 3 am.

Police and Defence Force reinforcements have been moved into the area.

Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, confirmed eight of last night's 10 deaths.

Arms dealer tells of CCB links

Star 4/9/90 (344)

By Adam Gordon

An Israeli arms dealer, arrested in connection with a R29 million foreign exchange fraud, yesterday told a Johannesburg magistrate of his involvement with an alleged Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) agent in million-rand arms deals.

Aspects of South Africa's hidden cash-for-arms dealing emerged yesterday when David Kofmansky (41) applied for bail in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Mr Kofmansky (41) described himself as a commodities broker. He was, he said, involved in connecting the South African armaments manufacturing company Armscor with overseas weapons suppliers.

This explained the large amounts of cash he was dealing with, "front companies" he set up in Britain and Israel and the false passport and identity document the police had found in his possession, he said.

He said such practices were an accepted part of breaking the arms embargo against South Africa. The passport was meant to allow him to travel where South Africans were not allowed to go.

Mr Kofmansky explained that his "very good contacts" in the Israeli army had interested his alleged Armscor contact, a man he identified as CCB agent Chappie Maree, a former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective, who has been implicated in various undercover CCB operations. Mr Maree mysteriously left the country when the Harms Commission began its investigations into the CCB activities.

He said during the period from September 1987 to August 23 1990 Mr Maree brought him suitcases full of R50 notes "many, many times". Many deals, normally worth over R100 000 each, had been concluded.

During cross-examination Mr Kofmansky said he had also acted as an investment advisor for people wanting to take money out of Israel. This money was placed with a London auditor and investment advisor Frank Winberg.

Advocate D F Dorfling, for the State, said it was strange that the money Mr Kofmansky had supposedly transferred to London on behalf of clients had eventually found its way back to South Africa. This money had entered the country at the attractive financial rand rate, he said.

Advocate M Hodes SC appeared for Mr Kofmansky, who is being held in custody. (Proceeding).

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CCB named in R29m forex case

JOHANNESBURG. — A member of the now disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau was implicated in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday in alleged foreign exchange contraventions totalling R29 million.

Russian dissident Mr David Kofmansky, 41, charged with forex contraventions, said he had not expected to be arrested while dealing with the CCB's Mr Chappie Maree.

Mr Kofmansky was applying for bail following his arrest in connection with allegations of illegal foreign exchange deals valued at R29 million.

"I trusted that the business with Maree was legal as it was done on behalf of the government," he said.

"I am a Jew, was born in Russia but emigrated to Israel and South Africa because of being against communism," Mr Kofmansky told the court.

Mr Kofmansky, who said he first made contact with Mr Maree in 1986, said he was appointed director of Protocell, a private corporation which he said was "a front for overseas arms supplies" to South Africa.

In these confidential business transactions helicopters would be "crated into the country" with the full knowledge of the government and Armscor, said Mr Kofmansky.

Referring to certain invoices, Mr Dawie Dorfling, for the state, said either "these armaments never reached South Africa" or "are you suggesting that they came in without going through the formal records of customs and excise?". Mr Kofmansky said he could not provide any further information.

"Maree told me that I must never dicuss the business that we do because I could land in trouble . . . He said in this business you don't resign, you never get out of it, you retire on your death."

Money, which would be brought to him by Mr Maree in suitcases would be deposited at Standard, United, Reserve and Allied banks, Mr Kofmansky said. Withdrawals would not be less than R100 000.

"I never asked how goods came inside the country," he said.

The bail application hearing was postponed until today. Mr Kofmansky was remanded to Diepkloof Prison. — Sapa

'Piet Skiet' claims Beeld bomb

CAPE TIMES 4/9/90 (3rd)

PRETORIA. — A man who claimed to be Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said the "Orde Boerevolk" (OB) accepted responsibility for the bomb blasts at the offices of the Afrikaans newspaper Beeld in Johannesburg on Sunday night, the Pretoria News said in yesterday's late final edition.

The newspaper said the man, who phoned the Pretoria News, gave the reasons for the attack to demonstrate the OB's dissatisfaction with "the false twisting to assist the government by the National Party mouthpiece, Beeld".

The man also warned Beeld editor Mr Salie de Swart that he and his team had become targets of their "lying propaganda".

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed police were investigating Mr Rudolph's link with the blast. — Sapa

Alleged CCB 'bagman' tells of fake firms

JOHANNESBURG. — Evidence of setting up "front companies" in England and Israel to overcome the arms embargo was given in the Regional Court here yesterday.

Mr David Kofmansky, 41, an alleged Civil Co-operation Bureau "bagman", yesterday resumed his bail application after being arrested last week in connection with R29 million in foreign exchange frauds.

Mr Kofmansky said he was arrested when he was still concluding a deal involving more than R250 000 for Mr Chappie Maree.

Mr Maree, who has been implicated in various CCB operations, has left the country.

Mr Kofmansky said he had met Mr Maree at a gym in Halfway House and Mr Maree had been interested in his "very good contacts" in the Israeli Army.

Mr Maree instructed him to set up fake "front companies" in England and Israel. The English company was called Protocell and the Israeli company Toboher.

Mr Maree had said these companies were necessary because, under the arms embargo, foreign arms dealers would not trade directly with South Africa. — Sapa

Doubts on key witness appearing

Star 6/9/90

By Adam Gordon and Marguerite Moody

Former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detective and Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) member Leon "Chappie" Maree is due to testify this morning in the bail application of an Israeli immigrant charged with foreign exchange fraud involving R29 million.

However, defence advocate H Brandt yesterday said Mr Maree had been escaping the law for lengthy periods and it could not be said for certain if he would appear today.

Mr Brandt said Mr Maree might even, in the light of an investigation by the auditor-general into the CCB's "missing millions", have a motive to disappear.

Postpone

The bail application on behalf of David Kofmansky (41) before J J F Coetzer in the Johannesburg Regional Court was postponed yesterday until this morning to enable the State to call Mr Maree.

Amother defence advocate, M Hodes SC, opposed the application by the State to postpone the case, saying State Advocate D Dorfling had had "ample time" to call Mr Maree.

The lapse in time in calling Mr Maree was "gross negligence" on the part of the prosecution, he said.

Mr Maree is a key witness in the hearing as Mr Kofmansky has testified he was working for Mr Maree when the alleged fraud took place.

Mr Dorfling said he had spoken to Mr Maree but had not yet had the opportunity for detailed consultation with him. This explained why Mr Maree had not been called earlier.

It also explained how he was able tell the court what Mr Maree's testimony would be.

On Monday Mr Dorfling said Mr Maree would deny ever having given large sums of money or false documents to Mr Kofmansky.

Mr Kofmansky had testified that the false passport, identity document and papers with false customs stamps found in his possession could be explained by the fact he was working for Mr Maree.

He had acted as a commodity broker in various arms deals between South Africa and overseas weapons suppliers, and it was in the nature of this business that normal importing channels had not been followed, he said.

Under cross-examination yesterday, investigating officer Lieutenant Pieter Welgemoed said he had no substantial evidence which linked the Kofmansky case with CCB activity.

However, he anticipated no difficulty in obtaining the co-operation of alleged CCB members in his investigation.

Mr Brandt, however, said that the Harms Commission had clearly shown that co-operation from CCB members would not automatically be forthcoming.

He submitted that these delays would lead to a lengthy investigation.

This meant his client could remain in jail for "a year or two" if he was not granted bail.

The hearing continues today.

Bid to deport rightwingers

Star 6/9/90 (344)

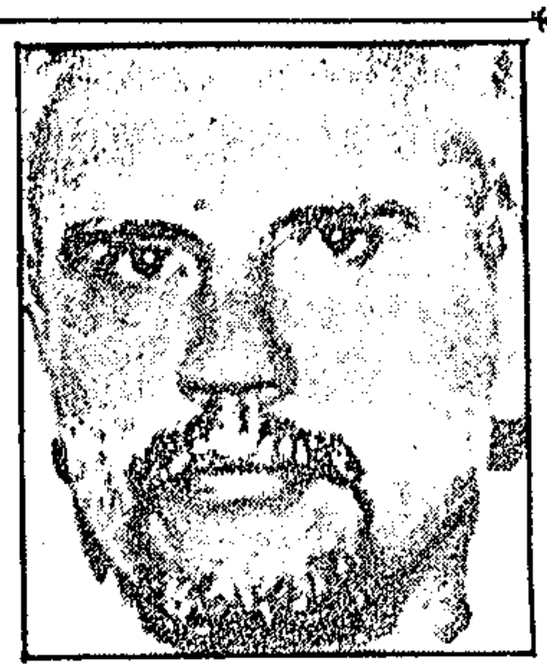
By Monica Nicolson

Warrants of arrest have been issued for three rightwingers in a step towards having them deported to Namibia to stand trial on charges of killing a policeman and attacking Untag forces.

They are Leonard Veenendal, Darryl Stopforth and Horst Klenz. Mr Stopforth and Mr Veenendal (former AWB chief in Johannesburg) are already in detention awaiting trial. They will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court tomorrow in connection with recent Witwatersrand explosions.

Police have appealed to the public for help in re-arresting Mr Klenz, a West German citizen.

Namibia has applied for the extradition of the men so they could stand trial for the murder of security guard David Hoaseb (22) and Constable Ricardo van Wyk (21).



Wanted . . . Horst Klenz.

Warrants issued in SA extradition case

WARRANTS of arrest have been issued by a Johannesburg magistrate for three right-wingers who are wanted in Namibia to stand trial for the alleged murder of a policeman and an attack on an Untag base before independence earlier this year.

Two of the three, Leonard Veenendal and Darryl Stopforth, are awaiting trial prisoners being held in connection with their alleged involvement in several East Rand explosions. Bloem 619190

They are to appear in court tomorrow.

It is not known where the third man, Horst Kleinz, is, but he is believed to be in Namibia or Europe.

Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau said last night the warrants issued in terms of the Extradition Act of 1962 signified the initial steps in

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proceedings to establish whether the men should be surrendered to Namibia.

The next phase is for a local magistrate to hold an inquiry, during which he is empowered to hold the men in custody. If the inquiry shows there is a case against the men, the State President may order their surrender and extradition to Namibia, Von Lieres said. (344)

He said the process may not be "quite so straightforward", as differences in the interpretation of certain legal phrases could slow things down.

"But if we thought there was insufficient evidence, then we would not go ahead with the proceedings," Von Lieres explained.

Warrants of arrest for 3 rightwingers

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SOWETAN Correspondent

WARRANTS of arrest have been issued for three rightwingers in a step towards having them deported to Namibia to stand trial on charges of killing a policeman and attacking Untag forces.

A police statement said the warrants had been issued for Leonard Veenendal, Darryl Stopforth and Horst Klenz.

Stopforth and Veenendal (former AWB chief in Johannesburg) are in detention awaiting trial and will appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today in connection with recent explosions on the Witwatersrand.

Police have appealed to the public for help in arresting West German citizen Klenz who escaped from custody while appearing in the Otjiwarongo Magistrate's Court in Namibia on December 4 last year.

The Namibian government applied for the extradition of the men so they could stand trial for the murder of security guard David Hoaseb (22) and a policeman Constable Ricardo van Wyk (21) who were killed during an attack on the Untag office in Outjo during August last year.

'Wrong man' – so attempt to slay trade unionist fails

By GLENDA DANIELS

AN ASSASSINATION attempt by ~~six~~ men on unionist Vusi Khumalo failed yesterday when he was not in his Johannesburg office.

At a press conference called immediately after the incident, the general secretary of the Post and Telecommunications Workers Union said the men entered the office calling his name. Instead they found the editor of the *New Nation*, Zwelakhe Sisulu.

Congress of South African Trade Unions general secretary Jay Naidoo said the planned assassination attempt failed because the men found the wrong man. One of the men said: "This is not him."

Khumalo said his secretary, who was in the office at the time, told him the men had an "aggressive and intimidating attitude".

Naidoo said the men had been wearing dustcoats, under which he believed they had hidden their arms.

He added that he had also received many death threats this year as well as threats to blow up the Cosatu head office building.

"We have no confidence in the police trying to resolve this problem. In fact there is a strong right-wing element in the police force and the SADF."

In a statement the tenants of the building said: "We feel defenceless. We come to work and are unable to protect our lives. Little has been done by the government to make people account for their actions. W|Mail 7|9-13|9|90

"Thousands of lives have been lost in Natal and now this violence has spread to the Transvaal."

Naidoo said ways and means of taking action against the police and vigilantes were being discussed. One such step could be applying for a court interdict.

Right-wingers in terrorism trial

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four right-wingers who were allegedly responsible for five bomb blasts here earlier this year appeared briefly before a Regional Court magistrate here yesterday.

An application for bail was withdrawn by the defence for Mr Leonard Veenendal, 24, Mr Darryl Stopforth, 23, Mr Craig Barker, 21, and Mr Anton Archer, 29.

The men are to stand trial on charges of terrorism.

According to the charge sheet they caused bomb explosions at a synagogue, the offices of the Vrye Weekblad and one in Houghton in June and July. The case was postponed to September 25.

Mr Veenendal and Mr Stopforth also appeared in court on Thursday after the Namibian government had made an application to have them extradited to Namibia. They were allegedly involved in the murder of a policeman and a security guard in an attack on Untag forces.

In another case the attorney general's office issued a certificate prohibiting the issuing of bail or the granting of bail for alleged left-winger Mr Jeremy Seeber.

Mr Seeber, 24, a student at the University of the Witwatersrand, was allegedly responsible for various explosions. — Sapa

Krog's car vandalised

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JOHANNESBURG. — Well-known Afrikaans poet Antjie Krog has laid charges with the Kroonstad police after her car was allegedly vandalised on Tuesday night, and the initials "ANC" spray-painted in black all over her white Fiat.

"Her whole car was sprayed, and a can of enamel paint poured on top of her car," Mr Dennis Bloem, organiser of the Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee (MDCC), said yesterday.

"I met her last night (Thursday) and she told me the whole story," he said. "It was only 'ANC, ANC, ANC' sprayed all over her Fiat. There were no other words or slogans."

Krog is a teacher at Brent Park High School in the "coloured" township outside Kroonstad, and a well-known local anti-apartheid activist.

The award-winning poet reported the incident to the Kroonstad police on Wednesday morning, Mr Bloem said, "and they told her to lay a charge. The police said they will investigate the incident". — Sapa

SA's most wanted man caught

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JOHANNESBURG. — An Order of Death member and South Africa's most wanted man, right-winger Mr Cornelius Lottering, 24, was arrested at a road-block between Heidelberg and Johannesburg.

Police said they acted on a tip-off.

Mr Lottering is expected to appear in the Rand Supreme Court with co-accused Mr Fanie Goosen on charges of murder, malicious destruction of property and robbery with aggravating circumstances.

They are suspected of bombing National Party offices on the Reef and two Roodepoort hotels, and causing an explosion at Richmond. They are also suspected of causing a bomb blast at former Sunday Times columnist Jani Allen's block of flats in Sandton and of bombing the homes of two right-wingers.

Three people died and 21 people were injured during the bombing spree.

Mr Lottering and Mr Goosen escaped in March this year from a police van. Mr Goosen was arrested last week. — Sapa

No bail for four rightwing suspects

FOUR rightwingers who were allegedly responsible for five bomb blasts in Johannesburg earlier this year, appeared briefly before a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate on Friday.

An application for bail was withdrawn by the defence for former AWB chief in Johannesburg, Leonard Veenendal (24), Darryl Stopforth (23), Craig Barker (21) and Anton Archer (29).

The men are to stand trial on charges of terrorism.

According to the charge sheet, the four men caused bomb explosions at a Jewish synagogue, the offices of the *Vrye Weekblad* and in Houghton in June and July.

The case was postponed to September 25.

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Murder

The two men were allegedly involved in the murder of a policeman and a security guard in an attack on Untag forces.

* In another case, the Attorney General's office issued a certificate prohibiting the issuing of bail or the granting of bail for alleged leftwinger, Jeremy Seeber.

Seeber (24), a student at the University of the Witwatersrand, was arrested in connection with a bomb explosion at a Braamfontein Hotel in 1986.

According to the charge sheet, Seeber was also responsible for an explosion at the Civic Centre in Braamfontein in 1987 and he allegedly planted anti-personnel mines in Verwoerdburg.

It was also alleged that Seeber underwent military training within the ANC.

According to the certificate, issued by the Attorney-General, Seeber could not be released on bail in the interests of State security and the maintenance of law and order.

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Mandela briefs OAU

Violence 'extension of SA's backing of Renamo'

KAMPALA. — In his speech to the mini-summit of the Organisation of African Unity here, Mr Nelson Mandela said the violence was an extension of South Africa's backing of Renamo.

Having disrupted Mozambique's infrastructure, he said, their tactic was simple — to back Inkatha to attack township residents irrespective of tribe or political affiliation.

"You can see it is not just fighting between two political organisations. It is a matter of making it impossible for us to overthrow white supremacy.

"I don't want to detail the type of evidence we have, but it is sufficient to say that two black men opened fire on Wednesday night in a railway station and killed a number of people and these men have not been arrested by the government."

As a result of the government's failure to deal with the situation, he said, there had been a widespread demand for arms from "law-abiding people" which was increasingly difficult to resist.

"Our people are being systematically attacked with firearms and the only defence is for people to have firearms."

There was a real danger of the peace process being derailed, he said.

"We declared a ceasefire precisely because we wanted negotiations, and if the government fails to respond we know exactly what to do."

He also urged the Pan Africanist Congress to join hands with the ANC to "address this problem together".

Mr Mandela warned that unless the government stemmed inter-black violence the country would drown in blood.

"We shall do everything possible within our power to avoid this," he said.

He said the police and army had not been properly trained in methods of handling demonstrations.

"Any political demonstration is regarded by the police and the army as a rebellion which must be put down in a brutal way."

Earlier, he accused the PAC of refusing to work with the ANC in trying to end apartheid.

"We can't afford to quibble when the house is on fire," he told the meeting, attended by senior PAC officials including PAC chairman Mr Johnson Mlambo.

Mr Mandela said that after a recent world tour he had convened a meeting of all organisations to report on developments.

"Everyone came with the exception of the PAC. We have stretched a hand of friendship to everyone. We are keen to share information and we are even prepared to share our resources," he said.

Backing his speech, OAU leaders said in a statement that the township violence would harm the struggle against apartheid if it was allowed to continue.

The meeting was chaired by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and was attended by Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam and Namibian Prime Minister Mr Hage Geingob.

The statement said that for the time being the white South African government was responsible for the maintenance of law and order. "Therefore the regime cannot be exonerated from responsibility for these wanton killings."

In remarks opening a one-day meeting of the committee, Mr Museveni also appealed for unity among all black political and tribal groups in South Africa.

"Tribal violence serves no one except those now working to maintain apartheid," he said.

Mr Museveni is this year's chairman of the OAU, a grouping of virtually all African nations that has consistently sought an end to apartheid.

He called for increased economic pressure on South Africa and the immediate withdrawal of all remaining South African troops from Namibia, which he described as in the infancy of its independence.

Mr Salim Ahmed Salim, secretary-general of the OAU, echoed Mr Museveni's call for intensified pressure from the international community until South Africa abolishes apartheid.

Meanwhile, Mr Mandela arrived in Zaire for his first meeting with President Mobutu Sese Seko, national radio reported yesterday.

He was met by Mr Mobutu on his arrival at Goma, 1 600km north-east of the capital Kinshasa, on Saturday night. — Own Correspondent and Sapa-Reuter-AP

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Unless the government purges the security establishment of right-wing elements bent on derailing the negotiation process, there will be very little hope for a peaceful solution, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said at the weekend.

The archbishop was interviewed by the Independent newspaper as the death toll in township violence over the past month rose to more than 600.

The violence prompted ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela to warn in Kampala at the weekend that a failure by the government to contain the violence could lead to the ANC resuming its armed struggle.

Archbishop Tutu said he had heard repeatedly from township residents during a tour of the affected areas how police were fuelling rather than controlling the fighting and actively siding with Inkatha attackers from migrant-worker hostels.

"We have no doubt about the sincerity of President F W de Klerk and his commitment to a new South Africa. But it has become more and more evident there are right-wing elements in the security establishment who are hell-bent on subverting and derailing the whole negotiating process.

"Unless the government acts expeditiously to root out these elements, we're for the birds."

Alleged beating: FW given names

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Political Staff

The Conservative Party has given President de Klerk the names of "five or six" security policemen involved in the alleged beating of a right-wing detainee.

Mr de Klerk said in a statement after meeting a CP delegation at the Union Buildings on Monday that further investigations would be initiated into the specific incidents of alleged action by the police.

The CP delegation said after meeting Mr de Klerk for about 30 minutes that it had had "very pleasant" discussions with him about alleged police maltreatment of Fanie Goosen and other white detainees.

Koos van der Merwe, MP for Overvaal, said it had been a satisfactory interview in which the CP delegation had told Mr de Klerk it had proof of assaults on security detainees.

With Mr van der Merwe were Jurg Prinsloo, MP for Roodepoort, and Andries Beyers, secretary of the CP.

With Mr de Klerk were Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok, and the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

The CP's Mr van der Merwe said the CP had asked for three things:

- A list of all white detainees being held for security-related reasons.
- Access to detainees in certain circumstances — Mr de Klerk had said they should apply and their requests would be favourably considered.
- An interview with the police general investigating the claims about Mr Goosen, once the probe was completed.

Mr van der Merwe said Mr de Klerk and Mr Vlok had given the assurance that the allegations would be investigated thoroughly and the culprits, if any, punished.

- The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging claimed on Monday that at least five of its members had been tortured and assaulted by senior police officers while being held in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act, reports **Norman Chandler** of the Pretoria Bureau.

The allegation was made by AWB chief Eugene TerreBlanche when three alleged torture victims — brothers Jan and Gert de Bruyn and Artur Gordenian — attended a press conference.

Two others, one identified as a "Mr Niemand" from Brandfort and the other as an unidentified man from Wolmaransstad, were not present.

FW agrees to investigate right-wing torture claims

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PRETORIA. — President F W de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday agreed to an investigation into allegations of torture against right-wingers in police custody — but denied any knowledge of such actions.

A Conservative Party delegation, comprising Overvaal MP Mr Koos van der Merwe, Bethal MP Mr Chris de Jager and Roodepoort MP Mr Jurg Prinsloo, had discussions with Mr De Klerk and Mr Vlok in Pretoria yesterday.

Meanwhile, AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said two members of his organisation had laid charges against police for allegedly torturing them while in police custody.

Speaking at a news conference in Pretoria, he demanded an inquiry into alleged police conduct and the suspension of policemen involved.

The CP's chief secretary, Mr Andries Beyers, said Mr De Klerk and Mr Vlok told the delegation that although they had no knowledge of the allegations, an investigation would be held.

The government further agreed to keep the CP informed on the progress of the investigation, to provide the CP with a list of the names of right-wing detainees, and that the CP could "on merit" visit these detainees.

Earlier yesterday Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Mr Jaap Marais said he intended to bring a case of alleged torture to the State President's attention and would also ask Mr Vlok's permission to visit the detainees.

Yesterday Major-General H D Stadler of the SAP Public Relations Division announced that Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert, a senior CID member, would be in charge of a team to investigate the allegations of torture against right-wing detainees.

● Mr De Klerk and Mr Vlok also met Archbishop Desmond Tutu and a church delegation yesterday about allegations surrounding the latest violence in the townships. — Sapa

Vagrant 'was too drunk to give statement'

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE vagrant allegedly beaten up by three St George's Grammar pupils was drunk and incapable of giving police a statement and no docket had therefore been opened, police said yesterday.

Police liaison officer Major Jan Calitz said all detectives were able to establish was that the man was from Khayelitsha. The victim had also not been "in a fit state" to give Groote Schuur Hospital staff his name, he added.

The man was discharged from hospital the morning after he was assaulted.

The three pupils were expelled after the incident and two other pupils who witnessed the assault, on August 17 this year, were disciplined, headmaster Mr Paul Cannon has confirmed. All are matric pupils. The three expelled pupils had all broken school rules before and one had been involved in dagga smoking, Mr Cannon said.

Yesterday it emerged that the victim could have been more seriously injured had it not been for outside intervention.

An eyewitness to the assault, Mr Ian Lang, 18, of Kewtown, said he was attending his soccer club's annual anniversary ball at the Gordon's Institute hall near the school when he was summoned by friends on August 17.

"I ran out and there was a group of youths punching this man on the banks of the Liesbeek canal. When they saw us coming they shoved him into the canal and ran across a St George's School field into a building," he said.

Mr Lang said he and his friends had called an ambulance from the Mowbray Maternity Hospital. On their return they found two traffic policemen with the vagrant, who told them they had also summoned an ambulance.

The incident happened about 10pm on a Friday, Mr Lang said.

Mr Cannon confirmed this but said he had nothing to add to his earlier statement.

'Piet Skiet' blasted NP office, caller claims

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Pretoria Correspondent and Sapa

An unidentified caller to Radio 702 has claimed responsibility for yesterday morning's bomb blast at the National Party offices in Pretoria.

The caller said he was speaking on behalf of fugitive right-winger Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and warned there would be more explosions in future.

NP workers say the blast at the NP office in Waterkloof was politically motivated.

No one was injured in the explosion and damage to the office, on the corner of Lynnwood Road and Duncan Street, was minimal.

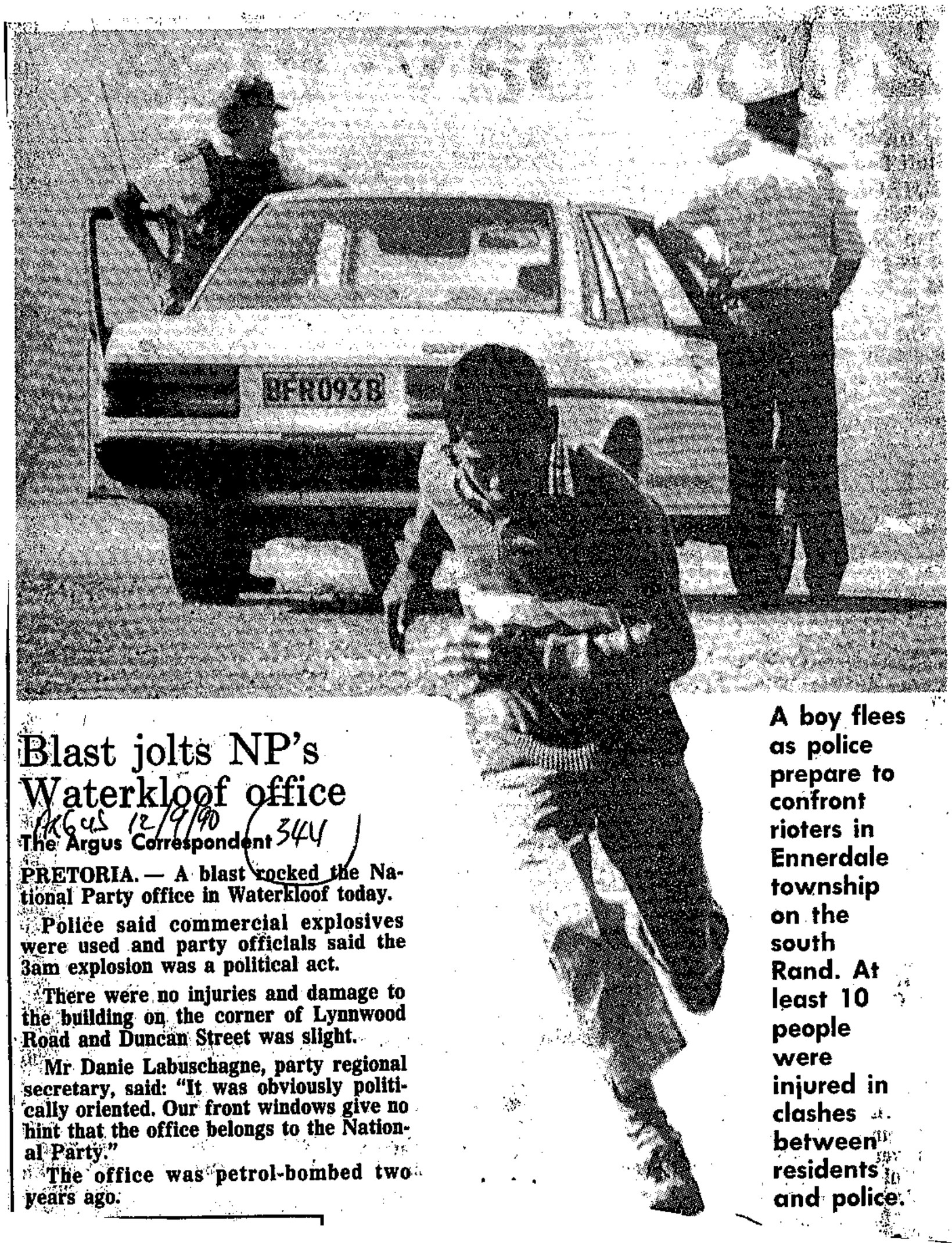
Police have established that commercial explosives were used in the 3 am blast.

NP regional secretary Danie Labuschagne said the blast was "obviously politically orientated". He said there were no signs on the exterior of the office to show that the office belonged to the NP.

The culprit was obviously not an explosives expert, Mr Labuschagne added. "The explosives were placed in a tin below the front window, causing the wall — not the window — to absorb the main impact."

NP workers were at the office early yesterday waiting for police to complete their investigation.

About two years ago the NP's Waterkloof office was damaged by a petrol bomb, and earlier this year several computers were stolen from the office.



A boy flees as police prepare to confront rioters in Ennerdale township on the south Rand. At least 10 people were injured in clashes between residents and police.

Blast jolts NP's Waterkloof office

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A blast rocked the National Party office in Waterkloof today.

Police said commercial explosives were used and party officials said the 3am explosion was a political act.

There were no injuries and damage to the building on the corner of Lynnwood Road and Duncan Street was slight.

Mr Danie Labuschagne, party regional secretary, said: "It was obviously politically oriented. Our front windows give no hint that the office belongs to the National Party."

The office was petrol-bombed two years ago.

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Film festival blast — 'work of rightists'

JOHANNESBURG. — The blast which rocked the Avalon Cinema in Fordsburg, Johannesburg, early yesterday must have been the work of right-wing extremists, organisers of the Weekly Mail Film Festival said in a statement.

Just hours before the blast, they had screened the film "How to make Love to a Negro Without Getting Tired", which was a spoof on racial stereotypes.

A few days prior to the screening, the festival organisers had received a telephone call from an Afrikaans-speaking man in Brakpan — who asked when this particular film would be screened and "seemed quite offended by the title", although he had made no threats.

For these reasons the organisers had little doubt that the bombing had been the work of right-wing extremists.

The name of the person who had inquired about the film has been handed to police. — Sapa

from company taxes, however, would be significantly less than budgeted (by

continue using the peace dividend from less spending on defence to this end."

CP MPs take over two men's defence

TIM COHEN

TWO CP MPs yesterday took over the defence of two men charged in the Rand Supreme Court with murder and the bombing near former Sunday Times columnist Jani Allan's flat. (344) (2000) 13/9/90

Fanie Goosen, 29, and Cornelius Lottering, 24, are charged with the murder of Potoko Makgalemele in August 1989, intimidation, malicious damage to property, theft and illegal possession of arms.

Yesterday the pair's pro deo council stood down in favour of advocate Fanie Jacobs, instructed by Koos van der Merwe. The case was postponed to September 18.

Suspended sentence for AWB man

Vereeniging Bureau

A former commander of the AWB's elite Aquilla unit was this week given a suspended sentence in the Vereeniging Regional Court after being convicted on charges under the Prisons Act.

Accused of harbouring or hiding an escaper, David Israel Rootenberg (42) of Panorama, Vereeniging, pleaded guilty to the charge before magistrate James Johnston.

He was convicted by Mr Johnston and sentenced to two years' jail, suspended for five years.

According to the charge sheet, Rootenberg was arrested last month after he had harboured and hidden an alleged "Order of Death" member, Cornelius Lottering, at his home.

He was released on bail of R1 000 the day after his arrest. In his plea of explanation, Rootenberg said he had transported Lottering — who had escaped from custody — to his smallholding, where Lottering hid himself.

He claimed he had done this at Lottering's request as he was injured at the time. He also said he knew Lottering was a fugitive, and regarded it as his "human duty" to help him. However, Rootenberg said, he had not realised the seriousness of the offence.

Caller: 'Piet Skiet' bombed NP offices

JOHANNESBURG. — An unidentified caller to Radio 702 Eyewitness News has claimed responsibility for yesterday morning's bomb blast at the National Party offices in Waterkloof, Pretoria.

The caller said he was speaking on behalf of fugitive right-winger Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and warned there would be more explosions in future, according to a report on Radio 702.

The 3am blast caused little damage to the offices, which serve the constituency of Deputy Finance Minister Dr Org Maree, and no injuries.

NP regional secretary Mr Danie Labuschagne said that commercial explosives had been placed in a drum outside one of the office's windows.

Police had no immediate comment on the progress they had made in their investigations into these blasts. — Sapa

Piet 'Skiet' delivers letter

JOHANNESBURG. — Right-wing fugitive Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph calmly walked into the Vrye Weekblad offices here this week to deliver a letter he wanted published in the newspaper.

The newspaper's editor, Mr Max du Preez, said yesterday that Mr Rudolph had lost "quite a lot of weight since last seen. He did not want to stay for an interview". — Sapa

Outrage over cat barbecue

AUCKLAND. — A Vietnamese man's attempt to roast a cat for breakfast has outraged animal lovers in this New Zealand city.

Horrified passers-by found the man skinning and skewering the cat in a city cemetery ready for spit-roasting over a small fire, police said yesterday.

They stamped out the fire, got rid of the cat and offered the man a meal. He said he was very hungry but turned down the offer of food. — Sapa-Reuter

SAA fares up, city flights cut

Staff Reporter

DOMESTIC air fares go up 8% from next week — and more price hikes could be in the pipeline if the Middle East crisis continues.

This means that from Monday, commuters flying between Cape Town and Johannesburg (one way) will pay R461 (business class), R369 (economy class) and R235 (midnight flight).

Air freight charges have been increased by 8,5%.

In addition, SAA has cut 24 of its weekly 684 flights.

The airways yesterday said the fixed fuel price for September was 33,5% higher than the August price and that prices could leap by a further 55%.

"To compensate for this unusual price increase, it would have been necessary to introduce a fuel levy of at least 12,6%."

However, SAA had decided to introduce an 8% levy and to withdraw some of its under-used flights in an effort to cut costs.

● Tickets bought before midnight on Sunday will not reflect the new increase.

An SAA spokesman said the following flights had been cut:

Cape Town-Johannesburg: SA 354 at 9.40pm and SA 314 at 11.40am on Thursdays. SA 304 at 7.40am on Sundays.

Cape Town-Durban: SA 608 on Monday at 11.40am.

Fears of right wing forces halt to film

FEARS of right-wing attacks on the Labia Theatre have caused its management to withdraw screening of the controversial film "How to Make Love to a Negro Without Getting Tired".

The withdrawal follows Tuesday's suspected right-wing bomb blast at Johannesburg's Avalon Cinema. It was hosting the Weekly Mail Film Festival which included the movie in its line-up. No one was hurt in the blast.

The Labia released a statement yesterday saying that "as a result of the explosion (at the Avalon Cinema) we have decided to cancel two screenings of the movie".

Consequently, the two scheduled screenings, on September 18 and 21, would be replaced with screenings of "The Miracle Healing" on September 18 and "City of Woman" on September 21.



In a bedroom in 'Beirut' section, Thokoza, a woman weeps over the body of her husband, killed in an Inkatha attack

Picture: KEVIN CARTER

Who are these whites behind the rooidoeke?

By EDDIE KOCH

UNITED NATIONS secretary general Perez de Cuellar has expressed serious concern about the role of security force members in the Reef violence as reports of collaboration between white men and Inkatha *rooidoeke* mounted this week.

Residents of Phola Park squatter camp, ransacked by migrant workers, insisted that a white man, who was among a group that took part in the attack on Wednesday night, had been killed and his body removed by police early yesterday morning.

The claim that a white man was killed at Phola Park is the latest in a series that implicate white men, as well as members of the security forces, in fighting on the side of Inkatha supporters on the East Rand this week.

Weekly Mail reporters, who were at the Catholic church near the camp when the fighting raged on Wednesday night, were told by residents that Casspirs provided back-up for the invading migrants and that policemen hurled incendiary grenades from the vehicles into shacks.

Similar reports were received from Vosloorus township, where residents said police troop carriers had dropped off *rooidoeke* in the township when it was attacked on Tuesday night.

A member of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, the military's disbanded counter insurgency unit, told *The Weekly Mail* that Defence Force personnel trained an elite unit of Inkatha fighters at a military base in the Caprivi Strip in the use of AK-47s and guerrilla warfare.

There have been reports of Inkatha members using Russian-made assault rifles during the recent strife. Themba Khoza, Inkatha Youth Brigade leader in the Transvaal, was arrested this month after handing out AK-47s to groups involved in an attack at a Sebokeng hostel.

The CCB members' report is backed up by accounts, published in Natal newspapers, that a special unit, including Inkatha Youth Brigade members, was trained in urban and rural guerrilla warfare at a base outside South Africa and then sent back to kwaZulu.

Perez de Cuellar, addressing the UN general assembly on the question of apartheid, said on Wednesday: "It would be remiss of me not to express concern about the growing allegations of the culpability of elements of the security forces in these incidents."

Other reports of white involvement in the violence include:

- On September 6 a group of men in a minibus killed six residents on the street and their houses
- Unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station on September 6
- A group of men drove through Tembisa and Thokoza townships in a minibus on September 2, shooting and hacking at least 12 bystanders to death.
- White men with blackened faces was allegedly involved in an attack at a Sebokeng hostel this month.

Father Kevin Bugler, a Catholic priest who works in the squatter camp, said residents had seen the body of a white man before it was removed yesterday. "The accounts are all consistent with each other and there is strong evidence to suggest that policemen were involved in these attacks," he said.

Officers at police headquarters in Pretoria deny the claims. They say police are investigating reports that a "third force" is active in the unrest.

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has denied all knowledge of the "secret Zulu army". And a SADF spokesman said he was not aware of such a base.

However, fears are mounting that clandestine units or rogue elements of the security forces are involving themselves in the fighting to scupper peace talks between the government and the African National Congress.

The CCB member said the Inkatha men were trained at a place called "Hippo" in the Caprivi Strip. They were flown into the base and told they were going to Zaire. He named some of the officers allegedly involved in the training as JP Opperman, "Jakes" Jacobs and Andre Nieuwoudt.

His information is corroborated by former Inkatha members who said they were taken for military training in the bush where there were wild animals.

UmAfrika newspaper reported that about 200 people, divided into two groups, were sent out of the country from Ulundi for training in the use of Eastern bloc weaponry. The second group flew from Ulundi and travelled for about hours before landing. The recruits were allegedly met by white soldiers. This group then allegedly returned to kwaZulu where they instructed people in guerrilla warfare, the report says.

Passing round the hat - for guns

By WALLY MBHELE

AS renewed clashes between residents and hostel dwellers in the East Rand townships of Vosloorus and Katlehong spread, some area committees are collecting money for arms and ammunition.

In Vosloorus residents have started asking for "donations to buy arms and ammunition to defend ourselves against armed Inkatha mobs" while in Katlehong the subject of buying arms is high on the agenda of street patrols.

A Vosloorus area committee member said residents were enthusiastic about the arms project. "People have lost confidence in the police. We feel bound to protect ourselves by whatever means."

Some people had contributed twice the amount requested from them, he said, adding that he could not disclose the amount collected so far. "It's not important." The activist, who takes part in patrolling the streets every night, would not say where the arms would come from: "We'll buy them from where Inkatha buys them, we need protection".

Most people who spoke to the *Weekly Mail* this week asked the African National Congress to provide them with arms and ammunition.

Stampede

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said: "People rushed in from another coach screaming: 'Here come the Zulus again, they're coming to kill us!'

"There was a total stampede and I and many others threw ourselves from the moving train." He saw no attackers.

Harrison Marasha (29) gave a similar account of an incident on train number 9402 near Mayfair at about 3.45 pm.

He said that after commuters stormed into his coach shouting that Zulus were coming, panic ensued and he had "found himself on the tracks". He did not see any attackers.

Pressmen at Jeppe Station said they saw what appeared to be a gang of black youths flinging people out of the moving carriages, but police could not confirm this.

A witness in an office block opposite Ellis Park station said: "We heard people screaming and what we thought were gunshots coming from the train. People seemed to be fighting on the carriages and we saw bodies hurtling from the carriages, but I am not sure whether they jumped or were pushed."

Within minutes of the incident police, soldiers and Spoornet security officials mounted heavy patrols on platforms and circled the area in a helicopter.

Four injured commuters were admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital and five were treated and discharged.

In other attacks this week:

- Commuters were hacked and stabbed by panga-wielding thugs in an attack on a train between the Johannesburg Station and Braamfontein Station on Tuesday.
- Four unidentified gunmen wielding AK-47s rampaged through central Johannesburg on Wednesday, killing three and injuring 17.
- A a petrol bomb was hurled into a Putco bus in Linden on Thursday.
- About 26 people were killed by a heavily armed gang shortly after a train left the Johannesburg Station bound for Soweto at 5.04 pm on Thursday.
- Three people died when youths attacked taxi-owners at two Soweto ranks yesterday.

My life will never be the same after this sick orgy of violence

By BOIKI MOTHEI C/Press 16/9/90 344

MY life will never be the same again after the panga-hacking and shooting this week in the new township of Siluma View in Katlehong on the East Rand.

Tuesday night's attack by hostel dwellers has left the township virtually deserted, with women and children taken to other townships for safety – my family too.

After youths apparently killed three occupants of a kombi from Natal on Sunday, you could have cut the atmosphere with a knife.

There was heavy gunfire on Sunday and Monday nights when hostel inmates clashed with residents of Basothong section, where the kombi was allegedly attacked and torched.

Residents of Siluma View were not affected until Tuesday morning when I was on my way home. Youths stopped my car and told me not to go to work because "we are all going to demolish the hostel today".

I must admit . . . I'm a coward. I did not report for "hostel" duty as instructed and my neighbours were also at home.

During the day a resident told us that at 4pm, all men should attend a meeting and afterwards we would go to the hostel.

Earlier that morning, a man whom youths claimed was a Zulu was burned to death and his company van torched in Khumalo section.

It was alleged by the youths that the man had a red cloth in his pocket . . . which is used by hostel inmates when attacking.

As a coward and somebody who can't run, I did not attend the meeting and I still don't know what was discussed. But later, at about 8.30pm, the trouble started – and I suddenly knew how to run!

The hostel inmates struck Khumalo section, burning houses, looting television sets and blasting away with AK-47 rifles.

There were no police at the scene.

Word went out that "Zulus" were heading for Siluma View and chaos reigned, with residents fleeing to the nearby Indian township Palm Ridge and the coloured township of Eden Park.

I saw some husbands running away and leaving their wives behind. I instructed my family to jump into the car and we fled to Soweto.

One of my friends tried to stop me, but I ignored him and put my foot down hard on the accelerator.

They came and broke windows, beating anyone they found and shooting wildly at fleeing residents. It was terrible, something I will never forget.

The following day, Wednesday, three innocent people were killed – hacked to death.

The next day I was surprised to read in newspapers that only one person had been killed in Katlehong. How strange . . . maybe some of us can't count.

The Katlehong Town Council also cut power on Thursday morning, instilling more fear and outrage among residents. We are terrorised and reasons for the attacks are still unclear.

My family and many others from Siluma View don't spend nights in the township anymore.

ANC has right to self-defence

c/Press 16/9/90

Mandela warns of prospect of full scale civil war

THE ANC had not forfeited its right to self-defence when it suspended the armed struggle, and would not stand by and allow "our people" to be mowed down like dogs, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela told hundreds of people who packed a synagogue in Johannesburg on Friday night.

He also warned there was a "real and terrifying prospect of a full-scale civil war" breaking out.

"An offensive unprecedented in ferocity has been launched against our people," Mandela charged. "Ordinary civilians, at home, at work and in the streets are made targets of brutal and savage attacks.

"There is no doubt in my mind – and all the evidence conclusively supports this – that the police and sectors of the government are working with a variety of vigilante forces, including Inkatha."

"If the strongest measures are not taken against the perpetrators of this violence, including elements within the South African Police force, we will be forced to reconsider our present strategy," he said in reference to the ongoing killings on the Witwatersrand.

"On the eve of real negotiations, forces determined to wreck the peace process have implemented a strategy of destabilisation which has resulted in the very real and terrifying prospect of full-scale civil war breaking out."

Mandela said eye-witnesses from many townships stated "unequivocally" that whites, with their faces and hands blackened, had been part of groups of attackers recently.

"This is not a new phenomenon in Southern Africa. It has been an integral part of the destabilisation policy perpetrated against Angola and Mozambique."

Turning to the sometimes controversial issue of the ANC's policy towards Israel, and Zionism in particular, Mandela, who was invited to address Johannesburg's Jewish community, slammed inaccurate reports attributed to him in the world media.

He told about 1 000 people packing the Temple Shalom in the Highlands North suburb: "If Zionism means the right of the Jewish people to live in secure boundaries, to have their own State, to contribute to world peace, and peace in the (Middle East) region, to live in a manner that affords them the right to fully express their culture, traditions and religion, then we consider Zionism a healthy movement."

However, "If Zionism means the right of Israel to seize territory and deny the Palestinian people their right of self-determination and suppress by brute force their right to self-expression, then we condemn Zionism in the strongest terms".

He added it must also be understood that the enemies of Israel were not the ANC's enemies.

"Our stand on the question of relations between Israel and the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organisation) is that it is a matter which must be settled by peaceful methods, as is the view of the world community."

By refusing to speak to the PLO, the Israeli government was isolating itself, Mandela added. – Sapa.

Man tells of 'CCB intimidation'

Star 17/9/90 (344)

By Helen Grange

A Johannesburg security firm chief, Declan Condon, claims he is being intimidated and threatened by three men implicated in the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

He said the threats began after he had started investigating the Nampac fraud case.

The two men, accompanied by two others, forced their way into his flat one evening and intimidated him.

Mr Condon said the men were chased from the flat after his son produced with a firearm.

Two days later he was telephoned by a man "who asked if I was working on the case and if I had anything to do with an accident in which hit squad members were involved," he said.

Mr Condon said that since then, he had received two calls late at night.

"On the first occasion, I just heard heavy breathing. On the second occasion, I was called on the internal phone in my flat. I looked through the little television security camera and saw a man there. When I went down, he was gone," Mr Condon said.

Boer boss Piet `Skiet' Rudolph is arrested

FUGITIVE "Boere pimpernel" Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was arrested in Pretoria yesterday, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said. 344

Vlok said Rudolph had been arrested in a motor car in which he had been travelling as a passenger in Paul Kruger Street at 1.30pm yesterday.

Police impounded two .38 special revolvers with 115 rounds, one 410 shot pistol with 32 rounds and one 15mm "signal projector". Sowetan 18/9/90

Vlok said the car had been driven by a white man and police were investigat-

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Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph arrested

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ing a charge of the driver being an accessory.

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Rudolph is expected to make a remand appearance in court within the next 48 hours.

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Rudolph hit the headlines when law enforcement authorities linked him to a daring arms heist from the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria about five months ago.

He had been an underground resistance figure ever since, frequently contacting the media with statements while being on the run.

In a video recording he branded State President FW de Klerk as traitor.

His latest appearance, before his arrest, had been last week when he brazenly walked into the offices of the Johannesburg weekly *Vrye Weekblad* to deliver a letter to the editor, Mr Max du Preez.

He was travelling in a green station wagon at the time.

Police had offered a reward of R50 000 for the



FW DE KLERK ... branded a 'traitor'

arrest of the 53-year-old former policeman and Pretoria city councillor. - *Sapa.*

Piet 'Skiet' a freedom fighter — Van Tonder

By Guy Jepson

The Boerestaat Party has called on the Government to treat its deputy leader, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, as a political prisoner and not as an ordinary criminal.

Reacting to Mr Rudolph's arrest in Pretoria yesterday, Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder said Mr Rudolph was "a freedom fighter fighting for the ideal of our Boer Republics".

In a statement to The Star last night, Mr van Tonder said the "deeds" attributed to Mr Rudolph were not aimed at "self-enrichment".

He warned the Government to ensure that Mr Rudolph was not "tortured and mistreated as was the case with the other Boer freedom fighters in recent months".

"The nation's (volk's) bitterness against the Government's capitulation policies (oorgeestappe) should not be underestimated and, if it becomes evident that Piet Rudolph is mistreated, serious reactions could follow."

The Boerestaat Party would render all possible assistance to Mr Rudolph, the statement said, adding that the vengeance and rage (wraak en woede) of the volk would descend on the Government if it created "a modern-day Jopie Fourie".

Comment

The reaction of Afrikaner Volkswag leader Carel Boshoff was a little more muted.

Professor Boshoff said he had not been in contact with Mr Rudolph and therefore could not comment on his arrest.

"However I hope the situation which caused something like this will be changed as soon as possible so that the Afrikaner can get his own freedom in his own fatherland."

In his reaction, Conservative Party spokesman on justice Chris de Jager said the law should be allowed to take its course.

"We can't differentiate between people. We've got laws, and our laws should be enforced — whether in Soweto or in Pretoria. Nobody should prejudge whether Mr Rudolph is guilty or not — that is for the courts to decide and fortunately we've got good courts."

Mistreated

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu said he welcomed Mr Rudolph's arrest but said it was important for the public to know under what law he would be charged.

Mr Sisulu contrasted the treatment meted out to white rightwingers and black detainees held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. He said a recent right-wing delegation to Pretoria on allegations that rightists in detention were being mistreated was received by President F W de Klerk and promised an inquiry by a top general.

Democratic Party spokesman on Law and Order Denis Worrall said the fact that Mr Rudolph had been arrested was "a vote of confidence in the police force".

"I am naturally pleased he's been arrested. He's been out there, issuing all these challenges which had an undermining effect in terms of the functioning of the State."

Dr Worall added that the arrest of Mr Rudolph could have a positive effect in countering allegations that the police were biased in dealing with political offenders.

Dramatic arrest in Pretoria street

Screams of rage as Rudolph loses out

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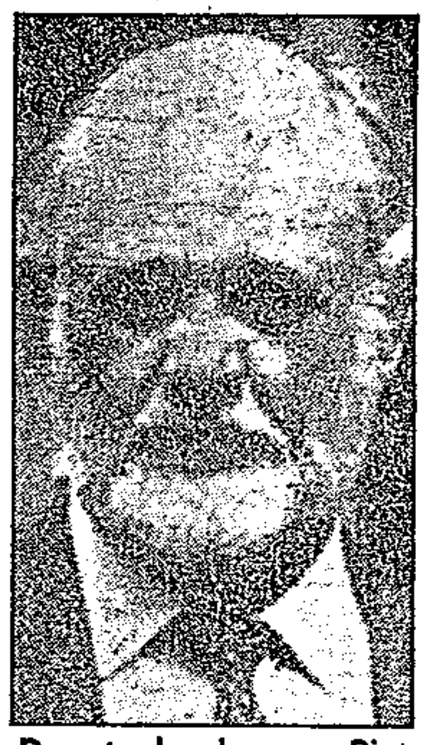

Deputy leader . . . Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph.



Driver . . . Chris Beetge was also arrested.

By Monica Nicolson and Norman Chandler

An enraged Piet "Skiet" Rudolph — the "Boere Pimpernel" — shouted at policemen "Julle kan maar skiet" (You can shoot me) as the police dragnet closed on him yesterday after he had been on the run for 185 days.

Details of the dramatic arrest of the deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party were related by eye-witnesses to yesterday's Pretoria North arrest.

Mr Rudolph's screams of defiance were heard by shocked passersby before he was handcuffed and bundled into a police car.

Police swooped on the Datsun in which Mr Rudolph was a passenger while it was waiting at traffic lights at the corner of Paul Kruger and Booysens streets in the suburb of Les Marais.

The driver of the car, Chris Beetge, who is about 40, was also arrested and police are investigating charges of his being an accessory. Mr Beetge is a former journalist on the Afrikaans newspaper, Transvaler.

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The two had just arrived in Pretoria from Potchefstroom.

Wally Wahlstrand, who was in a car next to Mr Rudolph's at the traffic light, described the drama surrounding the police capture of the fugitive rightwinger.

"There were about 10 policemen around the car, and all were pointing guns at it and the two occupants. I saw the two men briefly as they left their vehicle."

Shouting

Police vehicles blocked the front and back of Mr Rudolph's car while others were close by.

Mr Rudolph was dressed in khaki and wore a hat over long hair which he had grown since going on the run. He had also grown a beard.

Moses Lekotho, who works at a garage on the corner of Booysen and Paul Kruger streets, said he saw policemen pointing firearms at Mr Rudolph.

"He refused to get out of his car, shouting abuse at the policemen. When one policeman threatened to shoot him, Mr Rudolph shouted, 'Julle kan maar skiet!' "

Another employee of the garage, Johanna Lekgwathi, said Mr Rudloph refused to put his hands on the roof of his car to be searched.

"He just shouted at them. He said they could shoot him, and he walked around and shouted at them for about five minutes. Eventually they handcuffed him and he was taken away in the police car," Mrs Lekgwathi said.

It is expected Mr Rudolph will appear in court briefly tomorrow before appearing later.

He is expected to face various charges including some connected with a break-in at SAAF headquarters in Pretoria when arms and ammunition were taken.

Police said they found a cache of weapons and ammunition in the vehicle, including two .38 special revolvers with 115 rounds of ammunition, a 410 shot pistol with 32 rounds of ammunition and a 15 mm signal projector which shoots flares.

Police have declined to say where Mr Rudolf is being held, apparently believing right-wing fanatics could attempt to rescue him.

Nor would they reveal whether anyone would receive the R50 000 reward offered for Mr Rudolph's arrest.

Wig, specs for 'Piet Skiet'



Drawing by Argus graphic artist BOB GRIERSON



IN DISGUISE: An artist's impression of "Piet Skiet" Rudolph as he looked when he was arrested with a black wig and glasses. **Right:** Mr Rudolph in more conventional dress.

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — An enraged Piet "Skiet" Rudolph shouted at police: "Julle kan maar skiet" (you can shoot), as the 185-day dragnet closed on him yesterday.

Mr Rudolf is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

According to witnesses, the deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party wore khaki clothes and hat, had longish black hair which was apparently a wig, a goatee grey beard and small, old-fashioned gold-rimmed glasses when he was arrested at 1.30pm yesterday.

Defiant shouts

His defiant shouts were heard by surprised passersby before he was handcuffed and bundled into a police car.

Police swooped on a Datsun car in which Mr Rudolph was a passenger while it was waiting at a traffic light at the corner of Paul Kruger and Booysens streets in the Pretoria suburb of Les Marais.

Police said today that they were holding Mr Rudolph and the driver of the vehicle, Mr Chris Beetge, a former Pretoria journalist and editor of Sweepslag, mouthpiece of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The two had just arrived in Pretoria from Potchefstroom.

Mr Wally Wahlstrand, who was in a car next to that of Mr Rudolph at the traffic light, described the drama.

"There were about 10 policemen around the car, and all were pointing guns at it," he said.

Police vehicles blocked the front and back of Mr Rudolph's car while others were close by.

Abusive

Mr Moses Lekotho, who works at a garage, said he saw about five policemen pointing firearms at Mr Rudolph.

He refused to get out of his car and shouted abuse at the policemen. When one policemen threatened to shoot him, Mr Rudolph shouted: "Julle kan maar skiet," Mr Lekotho said.

A woman who lives in a house near the corner, said she ran into the street when she saw the commotion, fearing that her son had been run over.

"I saw Mr Rudolph and the other man sitting in their car arguing with the police. They both had black hair, I think they were wearing wigs.

"He refused to get out of his car. He argued with the police all the time, but I couldn't hear what he was saying. He was too far away," she said.

Police said they found weapons in the vehicle, including two .38 special revolvers with 115 rounds of ammunition, a 410 pistol with 32 rounds of ammunition and a 15mm signal projector.

Bomb blasts

Police had wanted him in connection with the theft of weapons from the SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria at Easter, bomb blasts at Merrose House in Pretoria and at Beeld offices in Johannesburg, blasts at two National Party offices on the Witwatersrand in June and the July 6 explosion at a Johannesburg taxi rank.

Mr Rudolph telephoned after some of the blasts and claimed responsibility.

He also insisted he was among policemen who shot and killed 11 Sebokeng protesters earlier this year.

In a statement to the Boerestaat Nuusbrief in July, Mr Rudolph said he was fighting to bring back the old 1902 Boer Republics. He said Boers wanted "every centimetre of land which belonged to our fathers"

Police seize very angry Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph in Pretoria's main street

MIKE ROBERTSON

POLICE yesterday arrested self-confessed bomber and arms thief Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who has been on the run since April.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a statement that Rudolph was arrested in Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria, at 1.30pm. At the time of his arrest Rudolph was a passenger in car.

The driver of the car, a white man, was also being held.

Police seized two .38 special revolvers with 115 rounds, one 410 shotgun with 32 rounds and one 15mm "signal projector".

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brig Leon Mellet said police were now tracking down the people who had sheltered Rudolph. He told Sapa Rudolph was "very angry" at being apprehended.

Special security measures had been taken for the detention of Rudolph, deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, but Mellet would not say where he was being held.

Rudolph is expected to appear in court for remand within the next 48 hours.

"He had been very audacious recently and probably thought he would never be caught," Mellet said. B10 am 18/9/90

Rudolph admitted in a telephone call to the Pretoria News in April that he was one of a group that raided SA Air Force headquarters and made off with R-1 and R-4 rifles and light machineguns.

In May, he claimed responsibility for a bomb blast at Melrose House in Pretoria.

In June, police offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to his arrest, after Rudolph stated on video recordings sent to Beeld newspaper and Radio 702 that he would seek the bloody and violent overthrow of government.

Later in June, Rudolph claimed in letters written to Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe and Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer that he was responsible for bomb blasts at their Helderkruin and Johannesburg West constituency offices.

A man claiming to be Rudolph phoned Beeld newspaper at the beginning of this month and claimed responsibility for two bomb blasts at the newspaper's offices.

Two weeks ago he walked into the offices of Vrye Weekblad newspaper to deliver a letter to the editor. (344)

LINDEN BIRNS reports that Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder said he was very sorry police had managed to arrest Rudolph as he was a "symbol of resistance". He said he had warned government Rudolph should be treated as a political prisoner.

Fatal beating leads to murder charge for cops

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two police constables yesterday pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court here to charges of beating a black man to death after an evening in a bar.

Mr Egedion William Saverio Ludick, 22, of Johannesburg and Mr Johannes Phillipus van Dyk, 22, of Cape Town denied they had murdered Mr Daniel Qwabe in Pinetown on September 7 last year.

On the evening of the alleged murder, the two spent the night drinking in a bar.

The state has alleged that when they left the bar at 10.50pm they came across Mr Qwabe walking along Old Main Road and attacked him without warning. Mr Qwabe's companion, Mr Thomas Gumede, escaped while his friend was allegedly being kicked and struck by the accused.

Piet Skiet is caught

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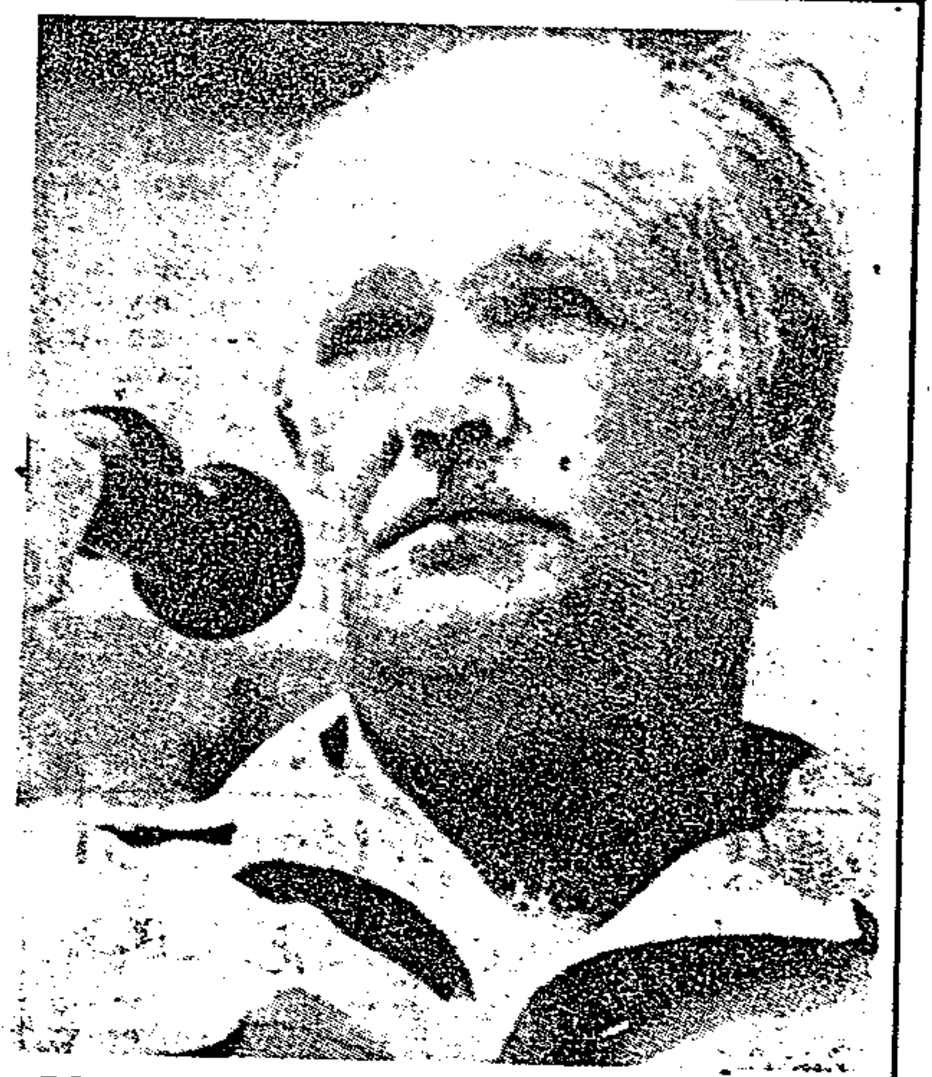

BOERE PIMPERNEL . . . Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph

Boere Pimpernel arrested in Paul Kruger St

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — "Boere Pimpernel" Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was arrested in Pretoria yesterday after six months on the run.

His arrest was announced by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, who said Mr Rudolph was "very angry with the police" when he was arrested.

Mr Rudolph was arrested in Paul Kruger Street about 1.30pm. He was a passenger in a car driven by a white man, who was also arrested. Police are investigating charges against the man.

Police found two ,38 revolvers with 115 rounds, one pistol with 32 rounds and one 15mm "signal projector".

Mr Rudolph, who is the deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, is being kept under strict security. Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet would not say where he was being held.

Mr Rudolph is expected to make a remand appearance in court within the next 48 hours.

"He had been very audacious recently and probably thought he would never be caught," Brigadier Mellet said.

He added that police were now tracking down the people who had sheltered the fugitive.

Mr Rudolph has been linked to an arms theft from air force headquarters in Pretoria in April.

In June, police posted a reward of R50 000 for his arrest after he sent a video to Beeld newspaper and Radio 702 saying he would seek the bloody and violent overthrow of the government.

He is also alleged to have been responsible for the bombings of two National Party offices on the Witwatersrand, the blast at the historic Melrose House in Pretoria and explosions near Beeld's offices earlier this month.

Last week Mr Rudolph brazenly walked into the offices of the Johannesburg weekly Vrye Weekblad to deliver a letter. He was travelling in a green station wagon.

The Boerestaat Party last night called on the government to treat Mr Rudolph as a political prisoner.

The party's leader, Mr Robert van Tonder, said Mr Rudolph's actions were not for self-enrichment. He warned that the government faced "another Jopie Fourie" in Mr Rudolph.

Mr Vlok said on SATV last night that police had achieved what they promised — "leaving no stone unturned" until the fugitive right-winger was traced and arrested.

He expressed concern that it had taken so long to catch Mr Rudolph and that the investigation had been so difficult, ascribing this to the "many people who helped Rudolph".

Asked to comment on allegations that police would not be able or willing to arrest militant right-wingers, Mr Vlok said the criticism was unfair because it was untrue.

He said police investigating teams regarded "crime as crime" from either side of the political spectrum.

'Skiet' makes statement

Sunday 19/9/90 (344)

PIET "Skiet" Rudolph made a statement to a magistrate yesterday, according to reliable sources in Pretoria.

Meanwhile, police confirmed that both Rudolph and Mr Chris Beetge were being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Police could not give a date when Rudolph will appear in court because the investigation "might still take a while", according to a spokesman from the Police Division in Pretoria. - *Sapa*

Forged notes

A NUMBER of forged R20 and R50 notes are in circulation in Bophuthatswana, according to police liaison officer Colonel Dave George.

The forged notes have no "water mark" and no line running through them as normal notes have.

People are advised to contact their nearest police station when they are in doubt about a bank note. - Sapa

Right doubts Piet's 'confession'

Sun 19/9/90 (3104)

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Mystery surrounds the "confession" allegedly made to a magistrate by right-wing leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph after his arrest in Pretoria.

Right-wing sources, including Robert van Tonder, leader of the Boerestaat Party (BSP), said Mr Rudolph, his deputy, may have admitted only to being a "Boer freedom fighter" and possibly to his alleged involvement in an explosion at Pretoria's Melrose House.

The police, through Major-General Herman Stadler, head of the police public relations division, said yesterday Mr Rudolph, who was arrested while in a car at a traffic light in Paul Kruger Street on Monday, had made a "full confession" after demanding to be brought before a magistrate.

There is no possibility of what Mr Rudolph may have said being made public because of restraints publishing such affidavits in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act, under which he is being held.

Held under the same Act is journalist Chris Beetge, the driver of the car in which Mr Rudolph was a passenger. The two had just travelled from Potchefstroom.

Disguise

When arrested, both men were said by police to have been in disguise, with Mr Rudolph wearing a hat and sporting long hair and a beard.

Yesterday Mr van Tonder said it was his opinion, "based on my knowledge of his viewpoints", that any "confession" allegedly made by Mr Rudolph would merely consist of admitting he was a Boer freedom fighter and of his alleged involvement in the Melrose House explosion, which had great historical significance to the organisation.

Meanwhile the Conservative Party's MP for Pretoria West, Joseph Chiole, has applied to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok for a private doctor to examine Mr Rudolph.

In a further development, Mr van Tonder and two other right-wing leaders — Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais and AfrikanerWeerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche — have requested access to Mr Rudolph and have reiterated their demand for the suspension of policemen who allegedly tortured right-wing detainees.

End of line for an elusive Boer — Page 13.

Police misusing powers – AWB

Star 19/9/90

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Heavy-handed police action against right-wing hecklers and protesters at National Party public meetings was developing into a volatile situation, with the NP turning its public meetings into "quasi boxing rings", the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging said yesterday.

In a statement released in Pretoria, AWB chief secretary Kays Smit asked Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok not to use use police reservists to stand guard at public meetings.

He said they were misusing their powers and did not seem to show the necessary discretion required of men in their positions.

After recent NP meetings in Wolmaransstad and Brandfort, charges had been laid by the public against the police.

Charges of "brutal and illegitimate assault" would also soon be laid against the police following police action against right-wingers at Mr Vlok's disrupted public meeting in Virginia this week.

Mr Smit said the SAP were recruiting mainly NP members, and that these members then misused the powers of the police.

Man held for attack on ANC official

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have arrested a man they suspect was involved in a recent assassination attempt on senior ANC official Mr Penuel Maduna.

The unidentified suspect was arrested following investigations into the gun and panga attack on Mr Maduna, 38, in July in Soweto, police spokesman Major-General Herman Stadler said.

Mr Maduna is a member of the Joint Steering Committee formed to deal with issues related to the tentative talks between the ANC and the government.

Appearing at a news conference a day after the attack, Mr Maduna claimed it had been orchestrated by police. Police denied involvement. — Sapa

Right-wing demand to see 'Skiet'

JOHANNESBURG. — Three extreme right-wing leaders have demanded access to detained right-wing activist Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and other Section 29 detainees, a joint statement from the Herstigte Nasionale Party, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Boerestaat Party said yesterday.

The three groups have also called for the immediate suspension of those policemen under investigation for the alleged torture of detained right-wingers.

The request was sent urgently to the State President and the Minister of Justice — particularly in the light of Mr Rudolph's arrest and detention "and the possibility that he will also be tortured by the same men".

The three right-wing organisations referred to a promise made by the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, to right-wing representatives that right-wing leaders might visit such Section 29 detainees. Mr Jaap Marais (HNP), Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche (AWB) and Mr Robert van Tonder (BSP) had therefore asked that they be given access to Mr Rudolph and other right-wing detainees, said the statement.

In Pretoria yesterday police spokesman Brigadier Vic Haynes confirmed that no reward would be paid for the arrest of Mr Rudolph. This was because a policeman had apprehended him. "That's his job; he's not going to get a reward for doing his job," said Brigadier Haynes.

Police had offered R50 000 to anyone who came forward with information leading to the arrest of Mr Rudolph.

Yesterday Mr Rudolph made a confession to a magistrate, said Major-General Herman Stadler, head of the SAP public relations division. — Sapa



Unmarked roadside graves outside Vosloorus where at least nine victims of township violence were buried yesterday.
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Picture: LINDEN BIRNS

No reward for capture of Rudolph

PETER DELMAR

NO-ONE would get the R50 000 reward offered for the arrest of right-winger Piet Rudolph, police said yesterday.

SAP spokesmen yesterday declined to give details of his arrest on Monday after he had spent five months in hiding, or to confirm that security police had tracked the Boerestaat Party deputy leader from Potchefstroom until his arrest in Pretoria.

Spokesman Lt Nina Barkhuizen confirmed police were investigating a number of people suspected of harbouring Rudolph.

Rudolph and former Transvaler journalist Chris Beetge are being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act after being arrested in Pretoria.

Chief of SAP public relations Maj Gen Herman Stadler said Rudolph made a sworn confession to a Pretoria magistrate yesterday.

Sapa reports that Robert van Tonder, leader of Rudolph's Boerestaat Party, said he was aware that Rudolph had already refused to answer any questions put to him by police, and had demanded to be taken before a magistrate to make a sworn statement.

"It is my personal opinion, based on my knowledge of his viewpoints, that his confession would consist of admitting that he was a Boer freedom fighter and his involvement in the Melrose House explosion, which had great historical significance to our organisation as well as to Mr Rudolph as a Boer," Van Tonder said.

"He would undoubtedly also ask to be treated as a political prisoner."

Yesterday the HNP, AWB and Boerestaat Party urged President F W de Klerk to give them access to Rudolph.

CP MP for Pretoria West Joseph Chiolé said Rudolph's children had asked that he be examined by a private doctor.

WORLD NATIONAL

Rightists demand to see 'Piet Skiet'

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Three rightwing leaders have requested access to Boerestaat Party deputy leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who has been captured here.

The request was made by Mr Jaap Marais of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging chief Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and BSP leader Mr Robert van Tonder.

In a further development they reiterated their demand for the suspension of policemen who allegedly tortured other rightwing detainees.

"This request is urgently made to the State President and the Minister of Justice because of the possibility of Mr Piet Rudolph being ill-treated by the same men," the trio said.

Mr Rudolph is being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act and is in the custody of security police without access to lawyers, the leaders said in a statement.

FW reminded

They also reminded President De Klerk of his undertaking to allow rightwing leaders access to rightwing detainees.

The Conservative Party MP for Pretoria West, Mr Joseph Chiole, has applied to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok for a private doctor to examine Mr Rudolph, captured on Monday.

He said Mr Rudolph's children were concerned for their father's welfare.

Mr Chiole said it was with "increasing suspicion" that he noted Mr Vlok had made no statement about whether a private doctor, chosen by the Rudolph family, could examine the former fugitive.

SAP spokesman Major-General Herman Stadler said it was standard procedure for a detainee to be examined by a district surgeon as soon as possible after his arrest.

There had been no decision about Mr Rudolph more than four hours after he was detained.

Police reservists

The AWB meantime made an urgent request to Mr Vlok not to use police reservists at political meetings.

The AWB said two charges of assault had been made against police after political meetings at Brandfort and Wolmaranstad.

"The SAP now recruit mostly members from the NP. These NP members now use the opportunities because they differ politically from the majority of the public and are beating their differences out of the political opponents with batons," said AWB chief secretary Mr Kays Smit.

● A second man arrested with Mr Rudolph is also being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Major-General Stadler identified the detainee as Mr Chris Beetge, a former editor of the AWB mouthpiece Die Sweepslag.

Mr Beetge also is a former member of the AWB.

Major-General Stadler said Mr Rudolph made a confession to a magistrate within hours of his arrest but its contents were not disclosed.

When he was on the run Mr Rudolph allegedly claimed responsibility for the following in telephone calls to the Pretoria News:

● The theft of weapons from the Air Force headquarters in Pretoria;

● Taking part in the Sebokeng shootings;

● The blast at Melrose House;

● Explosions at the National Party offices in Auckland Park and Helderkruin; and

● An explosion at the Johannesburg offices of an Afrikaans morning paper.

Mr Rudolph could face charges under the Terrorism Act.

Police uncover link between shootings

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have uncovered a tie between the shooting in central Johannesburg on September 12 — when black pedestrians were killed from a cruising white combi — and the death of a white woman, Mrs Maria J de Abrasius on Tuesday.

The combi had stopped next to her, and five pedestrians were forced into it, according to the statement by the SAP.

One of the combi's passengers then noticed Mrs De Abrasius and fired shots at her. — Sapa

'Whites and blacks in minibus of terror'

JOHANNESBURG — Police have announced that whites and blacks were in the minibus from which black pedestrians were shot in central Johannesburg on September 12 — instead of four black men reported at the time of the incident.

The four in the white minibus unleashed a wave of terror, randomly firing at commuters and pedestrians, killing three and injuring eight.

Three of the victims were taken to Johannesburg Hospital and five to Hillbrow Hospital.

One of these victims, Mrs Maria J de Abrasius, 49, of 15th Street, Malvern, died in Johannesburg Hospital on Monday, police said yesterday.

BYSTANDERS

Liutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, head of the CID, announced that police established the link to the September 12 downtown shooting after Mrs De Abrasius's death was investigated.

Police said Mrs De Abrasius had left her shop on the corner of Marshall and Nugget streets at 7pm that day, when the minibus with white and black occupants stopped near her. Five black bystanders were forced into the vehicle.

One of the vehicle's original inhabitants then noticed Mrs De Abrasius and fired two shots at her.

She died of her injuries five days later.

General Conradie has called on anyone with information about these incidents to contact the police immediately. — Sapa.

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Whites linked to city terror spree

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The four occupants of the white combi unleashed a wave of terror, randomly firing on commuters and pedestrians, killing three people and injuring eight.

Three of the victims were rushed to Johannesburg Hospital and five to Hillbrow Hospital.

One of these victims, Mrs Maria J de Abrasius (49) of 15th Street in Malvern, died at Johannesburg Hospital on September 17, police announced on Wednesday.

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Police said Mrs de Abrasius had left her shop on the corner of Marshall and Nugget streets at 7pm that day, when the white combi with white and black occupants stopped near her. Five black bystanders were forced into the combi.

One of the combi's occupants then noticed Mrs de Abrasius and fired two shots at her, wounding her on the right side.

She died of her injuries five days later. - *Sapa.*

'Skiet's in danger, claims Van Tonder

RIGHT-WING groups claim that self-proclaimed freedom fighter Piet "Skiet" Rudolph is in danger in detention. Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder, claims that he received an phone call from a man claiming to be a "police friend" who said Rudolph was being held in Newcastle and that his life was in danger. The message was: *"Piet word in polisieselle in Newcastle gehou waar Johan Pretorius hom gaan vermoor. Doen asseblief iets dringend."*

The right-wing groups are compiling a docket of charges and claims against the police, he said. WMail 2119 - 2719190

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Dying words may be clue to killers

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE dying words of a Malvern cafe owner's wife have led detectives to believe that one of four occupants of the combi from which black pedestrians were mown down in central Johannesburg on September 12, may have been white.

Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, South Africa's detective chief, said yesterday that Mrs Maria J de Abrasius, 49, who died of bullet wounds in Johannesburg Hospital five days later, had told her husband one of the attackers was "white".

Mr De Abrasius had rushed his fatally injured wife to Johannesburg Hospital and reported the circumstances of her shooting to police only when she died, General Conradie said.

Two other pedestrians were killed and eight were seriously wounded in the random shooting.

Five black bystanders were also forced into the combi, after which one of the original occupants noticed Mrs De Abrasius and fired two shots at her. "Mr De Abrasius cannot explain to us why he never reported this 'white' aspect earlier," General Conradie added.

Mr De Abrasius also quoted his wife as saying that the "white" attacker had been wearing a "balaclava-type cap".

"This makes us even more wary of the accuracy of this information," General Conradie added.

He confirmed that all other aspects of the investigation were at present in a "cul de sac".

He appealed to anyone with information to contact the SAP immediately.

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DEATHS AND INJURIES

THE HRC has recorded 2 334 injuries and 709 deaths in incidents of police, vigilante, hit squad and right-wing action across the country during August. (344)

In the PWV, 1 618 people have been injured and 570 killed in 35 acts of violence. 564 of these deaths are attributed to vigilante action which, says the HRC, includes all township violence and could include deaths caused by police and right-wingers.

Other deaths by region:

Eastern Cape — 48; Natal — 80; Eastern Transvaal — five; Orange Free State — four; and Western Cape — two.

INCIDENTS OF TERROR

PRETORIA risk analyst Wim Booyse has recorded 236 "incidents of indiscriminate terror" this year. These include acts of sabotage, assassinations and attempted assassinations, bomb blasts in public places and politically inspired robberies.

Forty-eight of these took place in June — the highest figure for the year — 46 in July and 43 in August. The highest level previously recorded was during the October 1988 municipal elections (344)

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UNBANNED PUBLICATIONS

APARTHEID's new face: An expose of De Klerk's first 100 days (London Anti-Apartheid Movement); and four *Sechaba* publications (African National Congress, Lusaka) for December 1986, February and October 1987 and March 1988.

DETENTIONS

THREE new section 29 detentions were recorded in South Africa by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) this week: Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, his driver Chris Beetge, and John Fonono Mchunu, an ANC member detained by askaris at a Durban OK Bazaars store.

Six people were detained in Bophuthatswana and 29 in theTranskei.

tage, 19 assassinations, 59 attempted assassinations, 92 attacks on public places and 10 armed robberies with political motives. Only three "typical guerrilla actions" were recorded. (344)

Right-wing terror attacks have increased significantly: whereas last year they constituted between 0.2 and 1.5 percent of attacks, this year they comprise between 18.34 and 21 percent of the total.

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GUN LOBBY MA

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By GRAHAM LIZAMORE
Weekend Argus Reporter

AS the violence in South Africa mounts, shock statistics show that more than a million people in this country have guns in their homes or carry sidearms for self-defence.

Now the South African Gun Association is calling for the country's constitution to be changed to allow all law-abiding people to carry arms.

Almost 3-million rifles and handguns are lawfully owned and last year nearly 8 000 were lost or stolen. Less than half were recovered.

Crime endemic

In a society where violent crime is endemic more than 120 000 firearms were licensed last year. The figures for this year are not available but, following the violence on the Reef, they are expected to far exceed the number of licences issued last year.

South Africa, like the United States, is a gun-toting society where suicides, feuds and murders are likely to involve firearms.

In the US, 75 percent of homicides are caused by guns and researchers are convinced that the availability of such weapons is to blame.

In South Africa the number of murders committed with firearms has jumped 100 percent since 1987.

Last year murders and attempted murders involving firearms totalled 1 735, while armed robberies reached 2 089.

Constitutional right

But in spite of the carnage the Gun Association insists that the right to self-protection includes the right to be armed. It wants this put into the constitution in line with other rights.

The chairman of the South African Firearm Owners' Association, Mr John Welch, said increased legislation and heavy penalties had done little, if anything, to curb violence and prevent crime.

In some cases legislation, he believed, actually infringed on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Mr Welch proposed that applicants for firearms licences be licensed rather than the weapons. He conceded that it would be difficult to enforce, no matter what tests were devised.

He said the idea had broad support from the police.

"Although we would prefer that people be tested psychologically as well, we know this would not in fact be practical," he said.

Reasonable test

Mr Welch said he believed an applicant should have a fair knowledge of the weapon he was licensing, the law regarding firearms and his legal and moral right and obligations in the use of firearms.

"The tests should be reasonable and not serve as another means of restricting the individual's rights."

A new constitution should cover all basic human rights and not just those of certain people, Mr Welch said.

"A right which is older than most is the right to self-protection," he said.

"No government in the world can guarantee the safety of its peoples all the time and everywhere. The right to self-protection includes the right to be armed. This is an inalienable right which is not negotiable and should be written into the constitution," he said.

Formidable deterrent

SAGA member Mr Ian Lehr, writing in the July issue of Magnum magazine, mouthpiece for gun enthusiasts, said an armed, law-abiding citizenry made sense considering the times and circumstances.

It was the third factor after the police and Defence Force against criminal and political lawlessness, he said.

"A million-plus armed citizens constitute a formidable deterrent against those who seek to destroy social order," said Mr Lehr.

He argued that the armed citizen was the greatest proof of trust between the government and its people.

But that trust was threatened by people "hell-bent" on forcing the government to curb the right of others to bear arms.

He slammed rightwing vigilante groups who paraded in paramilitary array, flaunting their weaponry.

He said responsible citizens did not parade themselves, nor wear badges, paramilitary uniforms or carry banners.

"We talk softly, walk quietly and carry a gun, not openly for all to see. But make no mistake — we're ready to defend ourselves when the need arises."

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White right blamed for the violence

Suzman says 'hooligans' could be hired to create instability



Helen Suzman . . . social upliftment needed.

VETERAN apartheid foe Helen Suzman on Friday blamed South Africa's white right and hired black hooligans for the township violence that has claimed 760 lives on the Reef since August 12.

"I think it's easy enough to rent a mob, to hire hooligans . . . who will do anything if they are paid to do it," Suzman said in a discussion broadcast by Radio South Africa.

Suzman retired from Parliament last year after almost 40 years of opposition to apartheid and human rights abuses by the government.

She was participating in a panel discussion on the causes and implications of township unrest and killings.

Suzman said the destabilisation and injustices caused by apartheid were the root causes of the violence. "If we had set out to create an unstable society we could hardly have done better."

But she said the wave of violence suppressed for the past five days by the government's "Operation Iron Fist" clampdown was being fueled by cynical elements committed to chaos.

"It seems to me that it is being orchestrated. There are people who have a real interest in maintaining confusion and violence. It could be far right or the far, far left. I'm not sure which it is, but I'm more inclined to think it's the far right."

Suzman added: "They (the far right) are people who have had power and who are absolutely against the reform initiative of State President FW de Klerk.

"They are determined to keep the country as ungovernable as possible so that if and when he does have a referendum of the white voters in this country, they will have had the wits scared out of them by all the violence."

De Klerk has promised to consult the white electorate before he finalises the outcome of negotiations with leaders of the country's 26 million blacks on a transition to democracy.

Suzman cited reports of gangs, possibly led by whites, who have stirred up simmering hostilities between residents of township hostels and people from surrounding houses.

In one of the worst single incidents, 26 people were shot and killed by black gangs who boarded trains jammed with black commuters.

"It can't be too difficult to get a gang of men together, give them guns, say you'll pay them and put them on a train and tell them to kill people," she said.

Suzman said a properly trained and impartial police force was essential in the short term to end the violence.

A crash programme of social upliftment, including the provision of houses and schools, would be necessary in the longer term to maintain peace. – Sapa-Reuter



ON THE MARCH ... Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph while he was still a free man

Police tracked Piet for months!

ELUSIVE Boere Pimpernel Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was under close police surveillance for three months before he was nabbed, it was revealed yesterday.

And now a dozen prominent people face arrest on charges of helping the right-wing fanatic while he was on the run.

Police secretly laughed at allegations that they were not doing their best to catch Rudolph as he popped up here, there and everywhere.

In fact, they could have seized him at any time within the three months. But in classic detective style they let him run so that he could expose his militant right-wing associates.

In total, 30 right-wingers were arrested during the time Rudolph was dodging the law, but it is not known precisely how many were directly linked to the fugitive.

Details of how police outsmarted South Africa's most wanted man were disclosed to the Sunday Times by a security source.

He revealed that, as a result of the lengthy surveillance of Rudolph, at least 11 people — among them prominent businessmen and academics — will soon be charged for their involvement in Piet Skiet's six months of subversive activities.

The source said special squads of security branch members and detectives had followed Rudolph's every move for the past three months.

They noted the people who harboured the right-wing fugitive and observed him as he made contact with other extremists.

BAIT

"Piet Skiet was the last man in line we wanted to catch," said the source.

He was the bait that flushed out other dangerous radicals on the run.

"It was a well worked out strategy," the source said. "If we arrested Rudolph first we would have cut off all our investigation lines leading to the other fugitives.

"We knew Piet Skiet and his strange personality. We knew he thrived on publicity, which left good leads for us to track," the source said.

Of the 30 right-wingers arrested while Rudolph was on the run, most prominent are former AWB Johannesburg leader Leonard Veenendal, 24, and Darryl Stopforth, 23, both wanted in Namibia for killing a security guard and a policeman during an attack on UN offices in Outjo.

They are still being held on several other charges involving a series of bomb blasts in and around Johannesburg.

Other important arrests included two of SA's most wanted men, Fanie Goosen, 29, and Cornelius Lottering, 24, both alleged members of the self-styled extremist Order of Death. They escaped from custody in Johannesburg in March.

Twelve hours before Piet Rudolph was nabbed in a dramatic ambush in Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria, on Monday, members of the investigation teams watched him leave his "safe house" in Potchefstroom.

The breakthrough in the hunt for Piet Skiet came after the police raided the home of the Boerestaat-party leader, Mr Robert van Tonder and other prominent right-wing extremists seizing valuable documents.

Among the documents were lists with names of people and other information that enabled police experts to piece together what the Boere Pimpernel's moves would be.

CURSED

After he was located, policemen followed him all over the country — as far south as the Cape — as he made contact with various people.

When the heavily armed police squad surrounded the car of former journalist Chris Beetge on Monday, Rudolph cursed but offered no resistance.

Had he wanted to, he could have kept his public threat to go down with guns blazing — two loaded revolvers were at his feet on the floor of the car.

Soon after his arrest, Rudolph asked to make a confession to a magistrate. According to information, he confessed to seven terrorist attacks.

A police source said there are fears that a jailbreak may be organised to get more publicity for the right-wing cause.

Rudolph was visited in prison yesterday by his son Brian, 31. He said afterwards that his father's mind was set on continuing his hunger strike.

MARTYR

Mr Rudolph said his father regarded himself as the modern-day version of the old Boer martyr Jopie Fourie, executed by the Smuts government.

"It was always my father's ambition to follow in the footsteps of Jopie Fourie. He is on a hunger strike and only taking liquids."

Mr Rudolph asked for a meeting with his father on behalf of the family after a disturbing newspaper claim that Major Johan Pretorius was torturing his father during interrogation.

Mr Rudolph said his father was upset over the claim that he had been tortured.

"After talking to my father I'm satisfied that he is in good health and was never maltreated by the police."

By DE WET POTGIETER

Now 11 face charges for aiding him

Two rightwingers lose counsel

By Cathy Stagg

Counsel appearing in the Rand Supreme Court for two alleged members of the right-wing "Order of Death" organisation who allegedly murdered a taxi driver, bombed journalist Jani Allan's flat and robbed a bottle store, have withdrawn from the trial.

On Monday, Fanie Goosen (29) and Cornelius Lottering (24) admitted shooting the taxi driver and other facts alleged in the indictment, but denied having the intent to commit crimes, because what they did had been "acts of war".

Yesterday, C J de Jager, SC, asked Mr Justice Irving Steyn, who is presiding over the trial with two assessors, to allow him to withdraw.

If he continued, Mr de Jager said, it would be a clash of interests.

The two accused told the court they each wanted their own defence counsel.

Mr de Jager had appeared for them both, assisted by Fanie Jacobs and instructed by Koos van der Merwe.

The trial was postponed and is expected to resume tomorrow.

The men had pleaded not guilty to nine counts.

These comprised murder, attempted intimidation, the unlawful possession of a 9 mm pistol, unlawful possession of ammunition, two counts of malicious damage to property, two counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances, and escaping from custody.

Regarding the murder charge, according to a plea explanation handed in by their counsel, Mr Goosen and Mr Lottering took a taxi to Gold Reef City on August 29 1989.

Potoko Franzar Makgalemele, who worked for Maxi Taxis, was held at gunpoint by Mr Goosen. Mr Lottering then stabbed Mr Makgalemele with a knife before Mr Makgalemele was placed in the boot of his car.

Later, he was taken to a place near the Daleside Ski Club in Meyerton and taken out of the boot. Mr Goosen admitted shooting him in the abdomen, and Mr Lottering admitted stabbing him and shooting him through the head.

Civil action against death row prisoners

Own Correspondent

HARARE. — While the Zimbabwean authorities have agreed to improve death row conditions for three condemned South African agents here, anti-apartheid activist Jeremy Brickhill is bringing a civil action against two of them for injuries he received in an October 1987 car bomb attack.

A lawyer acting for Mr Brickhill, Mr Bryant Elliott, confirmed yesterday that papers for a R450 000 suit had been served against Kevin Woods and Michael Smith in the Chikurubi prison, and against Barry Bawden, who is serving a life sentence for aiding the May 1987 SADF raid on ANC premises in Harare.

Woods, Smith, and a third former member of the Rhodesian security forces, retired police sergeant-major Philip Conjwayo, 56, were sentenced to death in 1988 for the killing of a Zambian civilian in an attack on an ANC "safe house" in Bulawayo.

Their lawyer, Mr Robin Hartley, said yesterday that he had been assured they would no longer be stripped naked from 4pm to 7am nor kept locked up for over 23 hours a day in their individual windowless cells measuring 4,5m by 1,5m.

Referring to recent reduction in tension between Zimbabwe and South Africa, officials here told Mr Hartley "new circumstances" allowed death row conditions to be relaxed.

Meanwhile, Mr Hartley said he was awaiting a reply to his request to see President Robert Mugabe personally and appeal for an amnesty for Woods, Smith, Conjwayo, Bawden and two other convicted people, Odile Harington, 29, and Denis "Sammy" Beahan, 42.

SC quits 'Order of Death' trial

JOHANNESBURG. — Counsel appearing for two alleged members of the right-wing "Order of Death" organisation who allegedly murdered a taxi driver, bombed journalist Jani Allan's flat and robbed a bottle store, has withdrawn from the Rand Supreme Court case.

On Monday, Mr Fanie Goosen, 29, and Mr Cornelius Lottering, 24, admitted shooting the taxi driver and other facts alleged in the indictment but denied having the intent to commit crimes because what they did were "acts of war".

The state then led evidence relating to the charges of murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances and malicious damage to property arising from events on August 29 last year.

Mr C J de Jager, SC, asked for an adjournment to consider his position.

Yesterday he asked Mr Justice Irving Steyn, who is presiding over the trial with two assessors, to allow him to withdraw.

If he continued, Mr De Jager said, it would be a clash of interests. The two accused told the court they each wanted their own defence counsel. Mr De Jager had appeared for them both, assisted by Mr Fanie Jacobs.

The trial was adjourned and is expected to resume tomorrow. — Sapa

4 rightwingers' trial postponed

By Celeste Louw

The trial of four rightwingers, who were allegedly responsible for five bomb explosions earlier this year, was postponed to November 27 in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Then former AWB chief in Johannesburg, Leonard Veenendal (34), Darryl Stopforth (23), Craig Barker (21) and Arthur Archer (29) were not asked to plead.

They are in custody.

● An inquiry to have Mr Veenendal and Mr Stopforth extradited to Namibia was postponed yesterday by a Johannesburg magistrate.

It was alleged that Mr Veenendal and Mr Stopforth shot dead a security guard in an attack on Untag forces.

They also allegedly murdered a policeman when they escaped from custody.

● **Two rightwingers lose counsel — Page 5.**

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AWB plans to counter revolution

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday met Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche and HNP leader Jaap Marais to discuss the recent establishment of the war-like AWB commandos.

According to Mr TerreBlanche, the Minister also requested the meeting to discuss his dissatisfaction with right-wing disruptions at National Party meetings.

Speaking after the meeting, Mr TerreBlanche said he had told the Minister the commandos had been established as a protective force. They were there to protect the Afrikaner and his land from the ANC.

Revolution

"We have no illusions about the ANC. We don't believe they intend any form of power-sharing. We are preparing ourselves to counter the revolution the ANC will surely bring to us."

He said the Minister had requested that the commandos not become a source of concern to organisations such as the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress.

"He made it clear it was not our task to satisfy the PAC or ANC."

He said Mr Vlok had agreed there was nothing wrong with self-protection, provided that was the only task of the commandos.

Regarding the "uproar" created by rightwingers at open NP meetings, HNP leader Mr Marais said he had told the Minister that it was not unusual in South African politics.

3 die in hail of gunfire at taxi rank

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three people were killed and three were seriously injured in a hail of gunfire at the Orlando taxi rank yesterday morning.

Lieutenant Govinsamy Mariemuthoo said it was not clear who the attackers were, but police were investigating. "We can't say it's part of the taxi war," he said.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said earlier that five taxis were waiting for passengers at the Baragwanath-Johannesburg taxi rank when, without warning, armed men started shooting at taxis and passengers. People were caught in a hail of bullets, including AK-47 rifle fire.

Police arrived within minutes and cordoned off the area. The body of one person was discovered at the scene, while two people were certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

Two women and one man were also admitted to the hospital with serious injuries. They are apparently fighting for their lives.

Colonel Halgryn noted that there was a continuing feud between the Baragwanath-Johannesburg and Baragwanath-Pretoria taxi groups.

The Baragwanath-Johannesburg group apparently wants the Baragwanath-Pretoria taxis to operate from Johannesburg and not from Soweto.

"These people have often resorted to violence in the past. There is obviously a lot of money involved here," Colonel Halgryn said.

No arrests have yet been made. — Sapa

The key to carrying out the reform initiatives to which President F W de Klerk again committed himself in the United States this week lies in his government's handling of the security situation. An escalation of violence can derail or even wreck the peace process. To prevent this, a new approach to security and a new image for the country's security establishment may be needed. Weekend Argus Political Correspondent FRANS ESTERHUYSE examines some of the issues involved.

Security shadow is FW's big challenge

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AFTER his triumphant visit to the United States, one of the most formidable challenges facing President De Klerk is to deal with the can of worms in his security establishment.

The signs are that he can no longer afford to delay effective — and visible — steps to remove the repressive instruments of his predecessor's discredited "total strategy" system from his administration.

Heads may have to roll if Mr De Klerk is to purge his security establishment of elements like murderous hit squads, "dirty tricks" operators, specialists in destabilisation, state-backed vigilante groups, and shadowy former agents of the disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

SOME political analysts say a new approach to security is needed. The security establishment must be made to shed its aggressive and even belligerent image of the "total onslaught" era. The establishment also needs to get rid of the "lazy bloodhound" image when it comes to investigating rightwing political crimes.

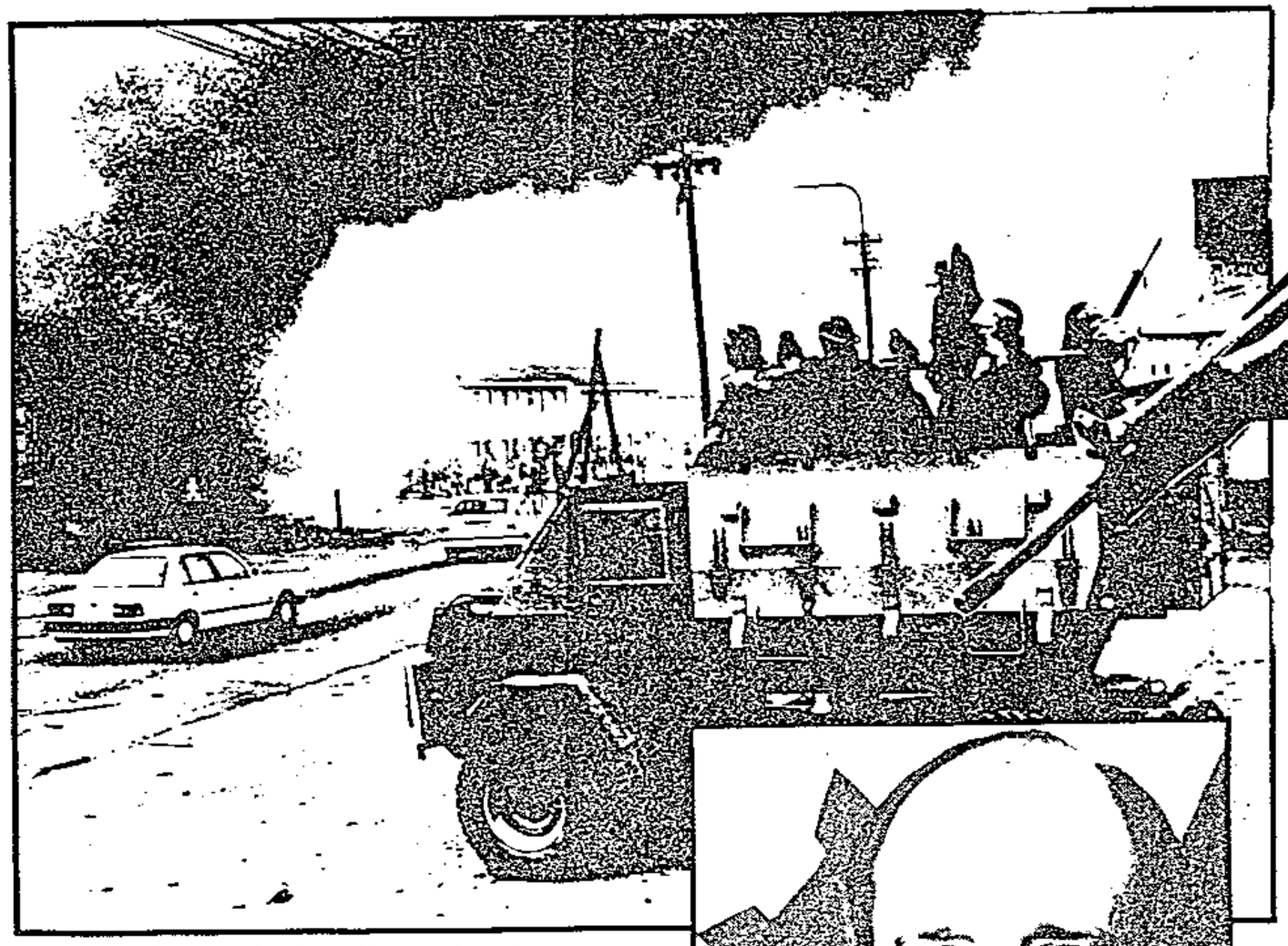
One urgent remedy advocated in political circles is increasing consultation by the government with political leaders and groupings on security issues, especially before any tough measures are introduced or enforced.

From all sides warnings have been given that violence is the biggest single threat to the reform process. Unless effectively defused, it can derail the De Klerk/Mandela peace initiatives.

There can be no doubt that this is going to be the big challenge for Mr De Klerk and his administration in coming months.

THE crucial importance of the security issue was emphasised this week by experts ranging from Idasa's policy director Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert to top economists quoted in a briefing sheet for a stockbroking firm.





■ The early introduction of legislation to provide proper control over secret defence projects and to prevent sinister organisations like the CCB from ever rising again.

■ An order to the SADF to trace all CCB files and all military equipment accumulated by the CCB in secret arms caches and arsenals.

A charge of treason may be brought against those CCB members who "openly defied the authority of the State President because of their political conviction and their opposition to the present political programme of reform."

FURTHER investigations should be carried out into the role played by any member of Region 6 of the CCB in the murder of Dr David Webster.

Charges of attempted murder could "definitely" be laid against certain CCB operatives involved in activities against various people

the "lazy bloodhound" image when it comes to investigating rightwing political crimes.

One urgent remedy advocated in political circles is increasing consultation by the government with political leaders and groupings on security issues, especially before any tough measures are introduced or enforced.

From all sides warnings have been given that violence is the biggest single threat to the reform process. Unless effectively defused, it can derail the De Klerk/Mandela peace initiatives.

There can be no doubt that this is going to be the big challenge for Mr De Klerk and his administration in coming months.

THE crucial importance of the security issue was emphasised this week by experts ranging from Idasa's policy director Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert to top economists quoted in a briefing sheet for a stockbroking firm.

Dr Slabbert envisages, among other things, a huge security shake-up over the next five years — including major adjustments for bodies like the SAP, the SADF, homeland armies and Umkhonto we Sizwe.

"Sanitising" the maintenance of law and order will be "absolutely critical" for progress, he says.

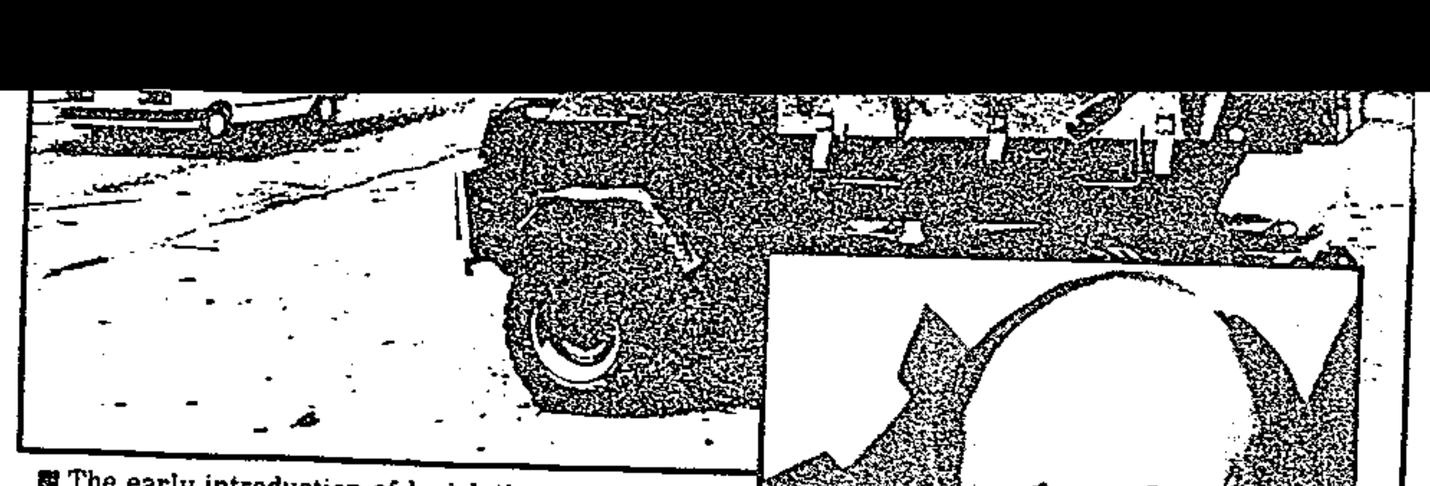
Meanwhile the influential Johannesburg-based Human Rights Commission (HRC), in association with the David Webster Trust, has focused attention on the whole security can of worms by publishing an in-depth analysis of the CCB, its origins, actions and structure, and some recommendations for state action.

STEPS recommended by the HRC include:

■ The proper dismantling of the CCB — an action to be supervised by a joint working group consisting of members of the African National Congress and members appointed by the government.

■ The prosecution of some former CCB agents for their alleged role in crimes ranging from treason to murder, sabotage, attempted murder, malicious damage to property and conspiracy to murder opponents of the government.

■ The dismissal of Defence Minister General Magnus Malan and top Defence Force officers who allowed the CCB to carry out projects involving criminal activities.



■ The early introduction of legislation to provide proper control over secret defence projects and to prevent sinister organisations like the CCB from ever rising again.

■ An order to the SADF to trace all CCB files and all military equipment accumulated by the CCB in secret arms caches and arsenals.

THE HRC's report says evidence to the Harms Commission — despite certain failings — had painted a picture of "a chilling and deadly group of men, acting as if with complete impunity from the law."

On August 1 the Chief of the Defence Force, General Jannie Geldenhuys, announced the CCB had been disbanded and its personnel transferred to the SADF. However, the manner and details of the disbanding remain a secret, as do details of the CCB's structure, its operatives and its projects — completed and uncompleted.

The new analysis is based largely on the hearings of the Harms Commission and the testimony of witnesses. The origin of the CCB is traced back to former State President P W Botha's "total strategy" developed in the turbulent 1970s.

THE HRC's report says it is clear that during Mr Botha's rule, the military became a "multi-functional security organisation" — "and one of its functions was the elimination of government opponents, both inside and outside the RSA."

One of the most alarming aspects of the CCB, according to the report, is that it controlled large caches of military weapons ranging from air-to-ground missiles to limpet mines, live ammunition for automatic weapons and finally smaller Russian-manufactured weapons such as Makarov and Tokarev pistols.



General Magnus Malan

From the evidence it appears that no proper record was kept of these weapons. It may even be that delivery is still awaited of some arms caches bought by the CCB.

The HRC says it is "absolutely critical" that all CCB files be traced by the SADF. The CCB members must be given an opportunity to make these files available.

IF they fail to do so, they should be liable to prosecution and imprisonment.

If necessary, legislation should be passed dealing with the liquidation of the CCB. It should be made an offence to maintain or harbour any existing project files of the CCB.

On the question of prosecution, the HRC says evidence to the Harms Commission clearly shows that "a number" of CCB members ought to be prosecuted for "numerous and diverse offences."

The least of these offences is the refusal of certain CCB members to obey the command of the Chief of the SADF to co-operate with the commission and to produce the project files. This was wilful defiance of authority in terms of Section 19(1) of the Military Discipline Code.



A charge of treason may be brought against those CCB members who "openly defied the authority of the State President because of their political conviction and their opposition to the present political programme of reform."

FURTHER investigations should be carried out into the role played by any member of Region 6 of the CCB in the murder of Dr David Webster.

Charges of attempted murder could "definitely" be laid against certain CCB operatives involved in activities against various people. Should the evidence not be sufficient to prove an attempt, it would certainly support a charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

The CCB's attack on the Athlone Early Learning Centre may amount to sabotage, and those involved could all face prosecution for this. Alternative charges could be either terrorism or malicious damage to property.

There have also been several suggestions that financial irregularities took place in the management of CCB funds. This was a matter that could be taken further by the Attorney-General.

MILLIONS of rands were spent annually to establish the CCB and to finance its activities both at home and abroad. It appears none of the CCB's activities was ever reported to parliament and that no audit of the funds spent was ever placed before anybody else but the Auditor-General, who had no choice — in the face of no evidence at all — but to accept "whatever explanation was dished up by the military".

"If parliament had controlled the funds available to the SADF, it is virtually certain that the CCB could never have happened," says the HRC. "Unfortunately the Botha era left us with the legacy of an SADF which had become a law unto itself — a state within a state, owing accountability to nobody and wasting millions of rands."



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RACIST KILLERS GET OFF LIGHTLY

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By DESMOND BLOW

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The two also faced six counts of serious assault. Bakker was convicted on one count and Nel on four.

Mashala's wife, Esther, testified the accused had pulled up in their car next to them in Phoenix Street, West Park, and asked for directions before demanding Ezekiel's "pass".

"Ezekiel said he did not have his pass on him and I said I would run to the house to fetch it. Before I reached the house the men pushed Ezekiel into the car and drove away."

Pathologist JD Loubser said it was impossible to say whether the severed body parts were removed before or after death. Loubser said the postmortem revealed six of Mashala's ribs had been fractured, apparently by someone who had jumped on him with both feet. This could in fact have killed him.

In evidence Nel said after a drinking spree he and Bakker stopped their car next to a black couple and told the man to get in the car.

"The black man began screaming and I gave him a few clouts," said Nel.

"When I got out Wynand was already hitting him. I gave him a blow and he fell to the ground and then I kicked his ribs a few times.

"I wanted to kick out his kidneys," Nel said in a statement read to court.

Nel said when they drove home, Bakker had told him they had to "greet a couple of our black brothers".

But Bakker, whose statement told of several assaults on black people, said: "Nel told me to stop the car, as he had not yet

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The wedding party, estimated to have cost R30 000, continued until Sunday afternoon.

Earlier, two Durban newspapers prominently carried articles, one accompanied by identikits, saying the commercial branch in Durban was looking for three men who deposited a cheque stolen from the TDC in Umtata and later withdrew R775 000 from the Natal Building Society in Victoria Street, Durban.

Police said three men deposited a cheque for R834 929 early this month after opening an account under the name of Douglas Home Developers.

After 14 days, eight withdrawals were made in Durban and Ladysmith, totalling R775 000. It was later established that the cheque was stolen from the TDC.

Ngidi said the men used false ID documents when opening the savings account. Two of the suspects used the names Mbongeni Henry Nxumalo and Bhekinkosi Calvet Nomvalo.

With the help of NBS staff police were able to draw up identikits of the suspects.

Police said the couple, though released, were still under investigation.



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Mystery of shot youth's death

By DAN DHLAMINI

MYSTERY surrounds the death of a Jouberton youth shot during the unrest that engulfed the township last Sunday after a peaceful public meeting.

Klerksdorp police spokesman Maj Dirk Stear told *City Press* that according to his information, the boy was thrown out of a moving minibus by unknown people.

Police later discovered the youth had a bullet wound in the back, caused by a small-calibre firearm.

In an affidavit, taxi driver David Mahlatsi said he was asked by youths on September 23 to take a boy they said had been shot by police to hospital.

As they were trying to put the injured youth into his minibus a police casspir drove up to where he had parked and the youths fled.

Armed police ordered everybody in the vicinity to go away and the taxi driver left without the injured boy.

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575 weapons handed to police, but no AKs

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The government indemnity to people and organisations illegally in possession of arms and ammunition has produced a substantial response, police commisioner General Johan van der Merwe has said.

General Van der Merwe's announcement yesterday follows Saturday's decision by Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to extend the indemnity period to October 31.

The original indemnity was to expire today but was extended because people in remote areas were apparently unaware of the government offer.

The original indemnity offer was accompanied by the announcement of a R100 000 reward for information leading to the discovery of illicit weapons, explosives, ammunition and arms caches.

To date 575 arms have been turned over to police, General Van der Merwe disclosed in a statement.

"The SAP considers these results to be substantial and is grateful that the government has extended the period of indemnity."

Rudolph's call

Pointing to jailed Boerestaat Party deputy leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph's call at the weekend to members and supporters to return illegal weapons, General Van der Merwe said he hoped this would "motivate other leaders to follow his expample".

"The SAP wishes to appeal to all leaders to encourage their people to hand in weaponry. It is particularly characteristic that while numerous AK-47 rifles, limpet mines and handgrenades are in circulation, to date not one of these weapons has beeen handed in."

He also warned people who failed to make use of the indemnity that they ought not to expect "any mercy" when they were found in possession of illegal arms.



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

BIG BLEED: Bikers did their bit for haemophiliacs when they took part in a Big Bleed at the Western Province Blood Transfusion Service clinic on the foreshore. Those who were unable to donate blood, gave money for the estabishment of a haemophiliac centre in Cape Town. In front from left are bikers Karen Trevaskis and Denise Faure with WP Blood Transfusion Services' employee Sister Cindy Sims while supporters line up behind.

Zimbabwe army critically short of equipment

Argus Africa News Service

HARARE. — Zimbabwe's national army is in trouble with morale plunging because of critical shortages of equipment.

This assessment was made by Defence Minister Mr Richard Hove who said that combat soldiers on duty in Mozambique were at risk because they only had about half the equipment they needed.

Mr Hove said the shortage of gear was a national disgrace and he would make strong representations for more money.

Defence already takes up about 20 percent of the budget and is second only to education.

The Minister was speaking in Bulawayo after a tour of army establishments. He said the plight of units was the same everywhere.

He had been told that because of difficulties in getting camouflage and other uniforms of the right standard, the army might have to revert to using uniforms of the Rhodesian era still held in stock.

Piet Skiet declares a right-wing ceasefire

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By DRIES VAN HEERDEN

RIGHTWINGER Piet "Skiet" Rudolph yesterday made a dramatic call to his followers from his prison cell to lay down their arms.

And the man dubbed "the Boere Pimpernel" while he was on the run from the police renounced his "armed struggle" against the Government.

The self-styled leader of the Orde Boerevolk is awaiting trial for the alleged theft of Defence Force weapons and complicity in acts of sabotage.

He also dissociated himself from any future acts of sabotage by rightwingers who refuse to lay down their arms.

The two-page, handwritten statement was drafted by Rudolph yesterday and released to the media by the SAP public relations section.

Rudolph was arrested on September 17 after being on the run since the Easter weekend when he allegedly pulled off a daring raid on a SAAF arsenal in Pretoria, escaping with a cache of small arms and ammunition.

Illegal

Shortly after his arrest Rudolph announced that he had embarked on a hunger strike, but called it off after three days.

In his statement Rudolph stressed that he was being treated "very well". He said he had been given the opportunity to confer with the executive council of the Orde Boerevolk.

"This was done in the light of the President's offer of indemnity for those who return illegally-held arms, ammunition and explosives to the police before October 31."

Rudolph said he was given an assurance by the Commissioner of Police that the indemnity would also apply to rightwingers.

The executive council decided to appoint people to explain this position to members of the organisation so as to "speed up" the return of illegal weapons.

Rudolph said the reason for his call was that he wanted to minimise the "injudicious use" of weapons.

"There is no effective command structure of the Orde Boerevolk left, because the leadership is in detention.

"With only a few weapons at their disposal, no one will be able to achieve our stated goal of overthrowing the Government," the statement said.

Struggle

He had also made the call to prevent further arrests of his supporters and to enable those who are being held — "myself excluded" — to be released earlier.

"This call does not mean that I am now co-operating with the police or that I have abandoned the struggle for our freedom," said Rudolph.

"The struggle will continue, but by other means. It must be understood that people who withhold their weapons will no longer fall under my command and do so on their own responsibility.

"The reason I abandoned my hunger strike was to enable me to help our people and the police."

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575 illegal firearms handed in to police

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PRETORIA. — Hundreds of people have taken advantage of the government's offer of immunity from prosecution for the possession of illegal firearms, ammunition and explosives, police said yesterday.

A statement issued by police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said police had already received 575 firearms and an undisclosed amount of ammunition and explosives.

The general, however, expressed concern that no AK-47 assault rifles, limpet mines or handgrenades had been handed in.

The deadline for immunity from prosecution has been extended to October 31, but police warned that people who did not hand in their illegal weapons "must not expect any mercy when they are found in possession of illegal arms".

General Van der Merwe said he trusted that the appeal by renegade boer leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph for his followers to hand in their illegal weapons would serve as an example that will "motivate other groups".

On Saturday the police issued a letter they claim Mr Rudolph, the Orde Boerevolk (OB) leader, wrote from his Pretoria prison cell where he is awaiting trial for the alleged theft of assault rifles from the Defence Force and his alleged involvement in various bomb blasts.

He emphasised in his letter that he had not abandoned "the struggle for our freedom", but said that with only a few weapons at their disposal, the OB would not be able to carry out its aim of overthrowing the government.

that it would ask for an urgent summit with the Government to discuss a number of important

Miss Marcus said the ANC would push for this summit to be held this week before Mr Mandela

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'Piet Skiet' in call over illegal arms

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THE deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, Mr Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph, has called on his followers to return all illegal arms caches, ammunition and explosives in their possession to police stations prior to the State President's prosecution indemnity deadline of October 31.

Rudolph made the call in a signed letter from detention released by the police at the weekend.

His letter read in part:

"Upon my request, the SAP has allowed me to hold discussions with the executive council of the Orde Boerevolk about the question of arms, ammunition and explosives.

"This was done in light of the State President's offer of indemnity from prosecution for the unlawful possession of arms, ammunition and explosives if these items were turned in prior to October 31 at a police station." - *Sapa*

Handing in firearms 'unrealistic'

PRETORIA. — Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder has labelled "unrealistic" a call by Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph to his followers to return all illegal weapons.

He said the saying "an unarmed white man is a dead white man" remained true throughout South Africa.

Mr Van Tonder described Mr Rudolph, leader of the Orde Boerevolk (OB) and deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, as an "sincere and honourable Boer leader" and his appeal to his followers as an attempt to "prevent further arrests of his men".

Mr Van Tonder said he would not make a statement advising his followers to surrender illegal weapons.

The weapons handed in so far were "just a drop of water in the ocean", he said.

Police: No blacks have turned in illegal weapons

JOHANNESBURG. — Ninety-nine percent of the weapons handed in at police stations up to September 26 were turned in by whites and only a few by coloured people. No black residents had so far handed in any weapons, police said yesterday.

Of the 575 arms turned in, 224 were rifles, 186 airpump pellet guns, 132 handguns, 32 shotguns and one a 7,92 machinegun.

Police said 533 of the weapons had been inherited by the people turning them in, one had been self-made, 31 were received as gifts, eight were suspected stolen and two were antiques (one was a Martini-Henry bolt-action rifle).

No explosives, handgrenades or land mines have been handed in, but police did recover two Z88 semi-automatic 9mm parabellum military pistols in a dustbin in Pretoria after an anonymous tip-off on Sunday night. Police believe these two pistols may have been part of a military arsenal stolen during a raid in April on SAAF headquarters — for which Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Piet Rudolph has publicly accepted responsibility in a video-taped interview sent to the news media.

Mr Rudolph, arrested in Pretoria on September 17 and detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, issued a call at the weekend from his detention cell to members and supporters of his party to return illegal weapons caches.

Whites won't hand in arms - Boere Party

THE saying "an unarmed white man is a dead white man" remained true throughout South Africa and it could therefore not be expected of whites to hand over their arms, the leader of the Boerestaat Party said yesterday

Mr Robert van Tonder was commenting in a statement on a call by the police and Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, his deputy, for people in unlawful possession of arms, ammunition and explosives to hand these in at their nearest police station.

"I understand Piet's action. He has ended his hunger strike in order to convey this appeal to his men in the Orde Boerevolk. His aim is to prevent further arrests of his men.

"He has asked nothing for himself and has not asked the Government for amnesty or privileges. His action is sincere and honourable and characteristic of him as a Boer leader."

Van Tonder said the call by the Government (to hand over illegal weapons) was not successful, however, because it was one-sided.

To expect them to give these up is unreasonable because nobody can live without weapons in the "anarchy" created by President FW de Klerk's "reform", Van Tonder said. - *Sapa*

Bomb mystery

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Friends of victim say right-wingers sent killer bomb

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A computer bomb which yesterday killed Mr Nick Cruise, 23, was almost certainly a politically motivated attack by members of the far right, his friends said.

The ANC condemned the bombing and sources confirmed that members of the party's Durban Central branch had held meetings at the house in Glenwood.

Police said last night that the type of explosive and the motive had not yet been established.

Friends of the bearded computer sales consultant who recently completed his national service with Natal Command said several ANC members worked at the house/office premises, PC Plus Consultants.

The owner of the premises is Mr Tam Alexander, a computer consultant and End Conscription Campaign conscientious objector who fled to Zimbabwe in 1988 after refusing to do military service.

Mr Cruise died instantly while opening a package delivered by a "fast-freight" company early yesterday morning. Two other people in the room, Sue Bremner-Stokes and Claudine Ketley, escaped virtually unhurt.

Another 12 people were in other parts of the house when the bomb went off.

The ANC said in a statement that PC Plus Consultants had worked closely with many organisations and projects in the Mass Democratic Movement, supplying them with hardware, software, advice and training.

"The assistance of PC Plus has been invaluable in facilitating the computerisation of many progressive organisations in Durban, enabling their increased efficiency and co-operation.

"The violence that is gripping our land, especially in the last few weeks, clearly demonstrates that there are forces that will stop at nothing, not even murder, to turn back the march to freedom.

"Nick Cruise joins a long list of other victims like Eddie Webster, Dulcie September and many others."

Mr Tam Alexander said Mr Cruise had received a phone call from someone in Johannesburg on Monday to expect a computer shortly. He apparently noted the name of the person in a receipt book.

Mr Alexander said fragments of the packaging, the consignment note, a letter delivered with the bomb, as well as a partly destroyed receipt book with notes made by Mr Cruise, had been collected by the police.

"But the package may have been intercepted and the person who sent it might be totally innocent."

He said the bomb package was marked simply "Attention: Nick".

Mr Alexander's brother is also called Nick.

An employee who asked not to be named for fear of becoming a target, said: "This is clearly a direct attack on the ANC."

Mr Derek Venter said he was in the workshop at the back of the house when he heard a "huge explosion".

"At first I thought it was a gas bottle. But then I smelled cordite and heard the girls screaming."

Mr Alexander, who also lives in the house, said the company did computer work for trade unions, educational institutions and anti-apartheid organisations.

"I think that companies who are known to do work on behalf of anti-apartheid institutions are going to be targets of the ultra-right. It would seem to me that this was politically motivated."

Shortly after the explosion, the scene was combed by detectives, pathologists and forensic experts who later removed buckled remains of the computer bomb.

Mr Cruise was born in England and moved to South Africa with his parents in 1968. He studied computer science at the University of Natal.

He left the army in April, working briefly at Addington Hospital before joining PC Plus at the beginning of August as a sales consultant.

Mandela blames NIS and CCB for violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Nelson Mandela accused the army and National Intelligence Service (NIS) yesterday of using black agents to provoke township violence which has killed more than 750 people.

"It is the security forces, the government security forces themselves," he said in an interview with Japanese television journalists.

ANC officials and many township residents say some indiscriminate assaults in the townships were staged by mysterious masked squads, widely referred to as "the third force".

Mr Mandela accused the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) and the NIS.

"They are using blacks under the cover that they are members of Inkatha. They are using these blacks in order to create a smokescreen for their activities and that is the source of the present violence."

Mr Mandela has suggested before that President F W de Klerk is not fully in control of security forces. But this was the first time he had pointed a finger at the NIS, whose reporting line goes to the President's office. — Sapa-Reuter

Right wing returns 'army' of weapons

PRETORIA. — Enough weaponry to fit out a private army has been returned to the police following Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph's appeal to his followers to surrender their arms.

The collection of weaponry was displayed to the press at the offices of the Murder and Robbery Squad here yesterday.

The weapons included (somewhat rusted) light machineguns (found at Hartbeespoort Dam), R4 and R5 rifles, shotguns, pistols, mines, mortars,

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'Rudolph's followers' hand arms to police

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By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The right-wing "army" of which Piet "Skiet" Rudolph boasted while he was a fugitive from the law appears to be on the run, and some members have handed over arms and ammunition to the police.

The police yesterday displayed the weaponry and ammunition, returned under an amnesty granted after Mr Rudolph was arrested at a roadblock in Pretoria on September 17.

The former Pretoria city councillor, dubbed the "Boere Pimpernel", had been in hiding after a raid on a South African Air Force headquarters armoury more than four months ago. Fomer journalist Chris Beetge was arrested with him.

Mr Rudolph is being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Police displayed a light machinegun, R-4 and R-5 rifles, shotguns, pistols, a night-sight apparatus, various types of explosives, ammunition and mortars which they said had been handed in by supporters of Mr Rudolph.

In a statement SAP Commissioner-General Johan van der Merwe said most of the weapons had been returned as a result of anonymous telephone calls and the promise of indemnity.

The general again appealed for illegal weapons to be surrendered.

It was revealed yesterday that a man identified as Gene Taylor was to appear in the Pretoria Regional Court today in connection with charges of burglary and the illegal possession of firearms, among others.

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Security tightened after blast

PRETORIA. — The government yesterday ordered tightening of security around foreign missions, hours after a bomb blast rocked the home of US ambassador Mr William Swing.

The ambassador, who was at home at the time of the explosion, was not hurt.

Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha said police had launched a full investigation into the explosion at 1am in a Pretoria suburb.

"The police have been requested to take steps to ensure that missions represented in South Africa receive the necessary protection."

Mr Botha said the government "condemns acts of terrorism of this nature in the strongest terms". — Sapa

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'Pact' to ensure good order

By Kaizer Nyatsumba

Two right-wing leaders have undertaken to be responsible personally for the maintenance of order at National Party public meetings and to ensure meetings are not disrupted.

Afrikaans Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Eugene TerreBlanche and Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) leader Jaap Marais gave the undertaking in a meeting with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last week, saying they would personally make sure their members did not disrupt NP public meetings.

In return, the NP would allow all members of the audience to ask questions and pass motions freely.

AWB chief secretary C A Smit said Mr Vlok and the two right-wing leaders had agreed to arrange an NP public meeting that would serve as a test of the agreement's feasibility.

Mr Smit said Mr Terre-Blanche and Mr Marais were convinced this was the only way in which the explosive situation could be defused.

"The Right understands that the SAP cannot be constantly used to serve as 'shock troops' whenever the NP holds public meetings.

"The current situation wherein NP chairmen refuse rightwingers admission into halls, and have those already inside beaten, will lead to more violence," said the AWB statement.

'Hit squad' cop tells of poison in libel case

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — The first evidence in a R1,5 million libel suit against two South African newspapers is being heard in a makeshift courtroom in the International Press Centre here.

Former police captain Dirk Coetzee, who fled South Africa last year, yesterday described details of Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling's home and office in Pretoria and repeated allegations that he supplied poison powders and drops to help dispose of two men.

General Neethling is claiming R1,5 million for defamation from Vrye Weekblad and The Weekly Mail, arising from articles in both papers linking him to alleged police hit squad activities.

The newspapers were granted leave to take evidence from Mr Coetzee in London by the Rand Supreme Court.

In April Mr Coetzee, in exile, gave evidence to the Harms Commission of inquiry into alleged hit squad activities.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee said he met General Neethling — then a brigadier — in 1981, when he visited him at his Pretoria office and was given the poisons. He described the general's office in detail.

The drugs had had little effect on the two victims, Selby Mabuso and Peter Dhlamini, and a Captain Koos Vermeulen returned to Pretoria to get more poison.

Mr Coetzee said Captain Vermeulen told him the brigadier could not believe the poisons had not worked, but the increased doses also failed.

Mr Coetzee and Captain Vermeulen then returned to Pretoria again to get more poison from General Neethling. He said they had gone to the general's house on a Sunday morning and he had come out in pyjamas. Mr Coetzee described the general's house.

Again the poison failed and another policeman finally shot the two men and burnt their bodies.

Rightwingers to commemorate Kruger Day

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Pretoria Correspondent

Right-wing organisations will not let Kruger Day slip by unnoticed, and various meetings will be held today.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Herstigte Nasionale Party have joined forces for a "volksfees" at the Vereeniging Showgrounds.

At 10 am commandos and schoolchildren will march from the showgrounds to the Freedom Monument.

When they return to the showgrounds they will be addressed by HNP leader Jaap Marais and AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche.

The Afrikaner Volkswag has organised a 8 am gathering at the Paardekraal Monument in Krugersdorp.

Professor Carel Boshoff and Professor A D Pont will address the meeting.

The Boerestaat Party has organised a one-day conference in the Heidelberg Town Hall today. Party leader Robert van Tonder address delegates.

The Conservative Party's "volksfees" at the Delmas Feessaal will be addressed by deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg.

Whites and their legacy of violence



ISSUES

Hugh Roberton

ONE of the regular themes of white South African conversation nowadays is "black-on-black" violence, more especially since the appalling events in Natal yesterday. The subject is argued over, mulled over, lamented over, as if it were a unique phenomenon in our country and as if it were by far the most dreadful violence we have ever experienced. We even have racists writing to The Argus and saying: "What do you expect? They're blacks and killing is second nature to blacks".

How quickly we forget! How easily our perspectives are warped by delusion and self-interest!

The grim fact is that proportionately far more white South Africans have died violently in politically related confrontations with other whites than have black South Africans in confrontations with other blacks.

Lest my legion of detractors accuse me of trying to excuse or justify "black-on-black" violence, let me declare my intentions. I am simply trying to point out that if whites insist on talking about this problem in racial terms, then logically they have got to see the whole sweep of our recent history of carnage and not just the "black" side of it. Perhaps, then, "black-on-black" violence will be less of a terrifying harbinger of the new South Africa than many whites now see it as being.

So let's begin with a few interesting comparisons.

According to the worthy researchers at the Institute of Race Relations, 7 130 blacks have been killed since the present "unrest" began in September, 1984, and the middle of this year. Since then, according to various police reports, about 730 more blacks have died in "unrest related" incidents. Nobody apparently has broken down these statistics to show how many of these blacks have died at the hands of whites — the police, the SADF, and the right wing crazies — but suffice it to say that over the past five years some 7 860 blacks have died in what might be loosely called "black-on-black" violence.

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Compare this with, say, the "white-on-white" death toll in South Africa from 1899 to 1902, when the white population was but a fraction of what it is today. In round figures, the Boers killed 7 000 Britons (and wounded another 20 000), while the British killed 4 000 Boers (the latter kept no record of their injured).

At the same time more than 26 000 Boer women and children died in British concentration camps where they had been herded as part of a military strategy aimed at denying the guerilla commandos sustenance.

All those killings and deaths happened right here on the same territory where much of the violence among blacks is now raging, yet aside from references to it in history books, one hears little about it.

Some might think it unfair to make the comparison of 7 860 "black-on-black" deaths with the 29 131 white South Africans who were killed in World War II at the hands of other whites, and the 8 551 white South Africans who were killed by other whites in the 1914-1918 war.

I make the comparison only because of an enduring childhood memory of the first black with whom I attempted to discuss the affairs of the day. He was a humble gardener who indulged my precocious interest in history by patiently resting on his spade as I recited the appalling death tolls of the two world wars, figures every boy of my generation knew off pat. Invariably he would shake his head in puzzlement and tell me that he had difficulty accepting that there were so many white people in the world.

The point is that in the eyes of most black South Africans, the two world wars essentially were "white-on-white" conflicts, notwithstanding the courageous involvement of a relatively small number of black and coloured servicemen.

A more striking and clear-cut example of "white-on-white" bloodletting: In 1922 many blue collar whites who did not grasp the economics of their day, or the political consequences of World War I, began resisting manpower layoffs on the mines.

On this peg was hung some familiar demagoguery. White South Africa was in grave peril. The situation called for the creation of a South African Republic, modelled on the Boer republics of the past. Every white man should acquire a firearm to defend himself and his endangered family from the hordes of blacks waiting to take their jobs, homes, et al.

Wild and woolly whites gathered in public to denounce the white government of the day. Some of them bore arms, others organised into "commandos" and underwent "training". Rallies and protest meetings were held, secret cells were formed. Inevitably when such naive people are led by unscrupulous leaders, passions are bound to boil over into action. And they did.

In only four days of violent white-on-white confrontation in the Rand Revolt, 200 whites were shot dead by other whites in what was an entirely political confrontation. Later others were executed for their treason.

When last did any white politician talk of the gory record of white-on-white violence in this country?

Does Dr Treurnicht ever admonish those thugs who share his thinking and who use violence to break up the public meetings of the National Party? Did the first true apartheid leader, D F Malan, ever call off his bully boys who beat up political opponents at public meetings in the 1940s and 1950s?

Does President De Klerk ever talk about his predecessor's unflattering history of leading the National Party mob during the breaking up of old United Party meetings? Do any of these gentlemen refer to the horrifying deeds perpetrated by the Ossewa Brandwag and their fellow travellers against national servicemen during the last world war?

No, of course not. All that, after all, is "traditional South African politics"; the way of the whites.

It is this sort of thinking which persuades so many otherwise reasonable whites that it was blacks who prevented other blacks from developing a democratic tradition; that it was blacks who repressed black liberation movements and encouraged them to turn to armed struggle, and that what we are witnessing is strictly "black-on-black" violence which has no bearing whatsoever on the way whites have been running this country for the past three centuries.

It is this sort of one-sided picture of themselves which allows the racial bigots to write to The Argus and claim that it is in the history/nature of blacks to conduct their politics with violence, or which would allow so many whites to believe that they have no responsibility for the tragedy unfolding in black communities. It is the ultimate in apartheid thinking.

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AWB chief warns of retaliation

By Staff Reporter and Reuter

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre-Blanche yesterday vowed to kill any "uncivilised" black seen as a threat to whites.

Speaking to reporters after a march through Vereeniging organised by the AWB and the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Mr Terre-Blanche said that if "uncivilised blacks want to kill and maim white people, we will level them with the gravel".

The burly former policeman's threat apparently referred to Tuesday's attack in Durban in which a group of knife-wielding blacks wounded eight whites.

Platoons

Several hundred people, led by commandos on horseback and khaki-clad platoons, marched to the Freedom Monument at the local municipal complex where a wreath was laid.

Chants of "Vote AWB — hang Mandela" were heard along the route of the march.

The procession, monitored by a small security force, included children carrying placards with the appeal: "Uncle F W, please keep our schools white".

AWB followers, many of them armed with guns and riot batons, appeared much more disciplined than on previous occasions and drilled in crisp military style.

Mr TerreBlanche, reiterating his virulent opposition to Nelson Mandela and the ANC, said in a speech from the steps of Vereeniging town hall that the AWB would never allow an ANC government to take office.

At the showgrounds the crowd was addressed by Mr Terre-Blanche, HNP leader Jaap Marais and Commandant General Servaas de Wet, chief of the AWB's "Wenkommando".

Mr TerreBlanche said the AWB would use all available means to fight the ANC.

If the ANC wanted South Africa it would first have to get rid of the whites as had been the case in the rest of Africa.

He said: "If the ANC wants a war it will get one. There will be bloodshed if the ANC wants to take over the country."

He warned State President F W de Klerk that if he called a referendum instead of an election the AWB would demand their own Volkstaat and demand that Mr de Klerk kept his "paws" off it.

Stating that the Afrikaners had no motherland to return to, Mr TerreBlanche said South Africa was their land which had already been paid for in "blood and sorrow, and with the lives of one third of the volk".

He said yesterday's march signified the first time that the Boers had taken up their weapons where they had laid them down.

The "volkvees" and march would be recorded in history books as the dawning of the country's second rebellion and its third republic, he told a large gathering at the local showgrounds after the march.

In his address, Commandant de Wet said blacks feared no weapon as much as the "Boerevolk". He said the Boers had proved in history that numbers did not matter.



Stating their case . . . These poster-carrying children were part of the crowd which joined the AWB march to Vereeniging's Freedom Monument yesterday. ● **Picture by Stephen Davimes.**

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Piet 'Skiet' gets 'death sentence'

By DANIEL SIMON

THE "Orde Boerevolk" (OBV) has sentenced its founder, former fugitive Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, to death for treason, a Johannesburg report has claimed.

Mr Rudolph was arrested by police in Pretoria on September 17 in connection with the daring theft of military weapons from SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria in April.

While on the run for six months, he formed the OBV, which declared war on the government

A newspaper report claimed on Monday that Mr Rudolph was "sentenced to death" in absentia by an OBV military council made up of his own followers.

Six die and 27 injured as gunmen ambush bus outsi

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Violence flared here again last night when six people were shot dead and 27 wounded in a bus ambush — hours after men with knives ran amok on the beachfront.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo called the bus attack "nothing but cold-blooded murder".

The gunmen, with AK47 and R-1 rifles, opened fire on a Putco bus near Kwamashu.

Riddled with bullets

The bus was riddled with bullet holes. Not one of the 33 passengers, who were on their way home to Inanda, near Durban, escaped without injury.

Lieutenant Naidoo said the bus suddenly came under heavy fire from automatic weapons near Duffs Road.

He said the driver of the bus, Mr Joking Msomi, managed to bring the vehicle to a stop in spite of serious gunshot wounds.

It is believed the gunmen positioned themselves on an overhead bridge and opened fire as the bus approached.

Lieutenant Naidoo could not comment on a possible link between the shootings and the stabbing incident earlier in the day.

Beachfront stabbings

The head of the Durban murder and robbery unit, Captain Hendrik Engelbrecht, took charge of the investigations into yesterday's rampage in which a mob of about 20 men went berserk and stabbed eight people in Durban's West Street and the beachfront pedestrian mall.

The mob of youths ransacked a gift shop and stole several knives before going on a stabbing spree.

Eyewitnesses reported police seizing Pan Africanist Congress badges and green, yellow and black shirts.

Three of the eight wounded are in a serious condition at the Addington Hospital.

Durban's mayor, Mr Jan Venter, has called for action to stamp out violence and lawlessness on the the beachfront. He called for beefed up police patrols.

Worst violence yet

Seven members of the gang were arrested within hours of the stabbing. Two were shot and the others are in detention.

The violence, the worst of its kind to hit the beachfront, started just after 9am when the mob burst into the Home Gift curio shop and threatened staff.

After stealing the knives, they ran down West Street indiscriminately stabbing only white people along the way.

The mob dispersed only after a police constable from Pretoria shot and wounded one of the suspects.

Names of victims

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The names of the people injured in the West Street rampage yesterday are:

● Mr J Kemp, 85, who has a stab wound to his left shouder. and is in a stable condition.

● Mr A M Lima, 68,who has a stab wound to his left wrist and is in a stable condition.

● Mrs F L York, 30, who has stab wounds in her shoulder and back and is in a stable condition.

● Mrs Helen Neonaki, 62, from Greece, who has a superficial stab wound to her neck. She was first discharged, but after complaining that she did not feel well, was readmitted.

● Mrs Maria Louverdis, 50, who was stabbed in the chest and is in the intensive care unit in a serious, but stable condition.

● Mr R Kruger, 17, who has stab wounds to his abdomen and is in a serious condition in the intensive care unit.

● A black male aged about 26 with multiple gunshot wounds is in the intensive care unit. He is serious, but stable. He is under police surveillance. No further details are available about him.

● Two patients were discharged: a Mrs Neovally and Mrs F E Lourens.

Coetzee tells of 'tyre-burning' killings

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Defence and prosecution advocates clashed over the admissibility of evidence about alleged hit-squad murders and cross-border raids when the defamation and damages case against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail resumed here yesterday.

The newspapers claimed that police forensic head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling provided poison to kill or try to kill former ANC activists. They said the stories were based on what self-confessed police hit-squad captain Mr Dirk Coetzee told them.

Yesterday at a special hearing here, counsel for the plaintiff objected that evidence was being heard on issues not related to General Neethling.

The respondent, however, argued that the evidence was related to incidents reported in newspapers as told by Mr Coetzee, adding that Mr Coetzee's "whole story" had to be told, because parts could not be heard in isolation.

Mr Coetzee was allowed to continue.

He mentioned several cross-border raids by teams from the security police farm, Vlakplaas. In one, into Botswana, ANC member Mrs Joyce Dupale was allegedly shot in the head, but survived.

Mr Coetzee told of another occasion, when an attempt to render unconscious an ANC member in Swaziland using "drops from General Neethling's office" failed.

There were gasps yesterday as Mr Coetzee described nonchalantly how two ANC men were burnt through the night under tyres alongside a river near Komatipoort, while he and other policemen drank beer and braaied meat nearby.

Earlier, Mr Coetzee had outlined a series of incidents in which he allegedly acquired poison and "knock-out" drops from General Neethling.

The hearing here continues today.

Six die, 27 injured as gunmen attack bus

DURBAN. — Six people were killed and 27 hurt in an attack on a bus by gunmen with automatic weapons outside Durban shortly before 11pm on Tuesday.

SA Police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said the bus was carrying 33 passengers. All were struck by automatic rifle fire.

R1 and AK 47 weapons were used and police later found 23 bullet holes in the bus and 16 shattered windows.

Apparently a vehicle drew up alongside the bus before its occupants fired a fusillade of shots, raking an entire side of the bus with automatic weapons fire.

The driver, Mr Joking Msomi, was seriously wounded in his side, but managed to stop the bus at the side of the road.

He died on arrival at King Edward VIII Hospital here.

According to passengers who survived, the shots were fired from a moving car as it was overtaking the bus.

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

The late-night attack took place between Durban and Inanda.

Members of the SAP Dog Unit, the Umhlanga Protection Services and a fleet of ambulances, including a disaster bus, descended on the scene.

Most of the injured were taken to Osinzisweni Hospital. Others were taken to Addington and King Edward VIII hospitals.

The condition of most of the injured has been described as stable and satisfactory.

Ex-AWB man's plan to escape 'revolution'

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By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

A former member of the Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging told a Germiston Regional Magistrate yesterday that he had tried to sell explosives to the organisation because the country was in a state where a revolution could break out and the African National Congress could take over by means of violence.

Norman Palmer van Biljoen (34) of Elsburg, was giving evidence before J J van Eeden.

Van Biljoen and two other men, Gulio Aramu (20) and Michael Street (21), had been convicted at a previous hearing on charges of being in possession of 39 M26 grenades, a Stun grenade, three Claymore mines, 3 m of detonating fuse, 1 kg of plastic explosives, two electrical detonators, five fuseheads, one electrical current indicator and 23 dynamite cartridges.

Van Biljoen said he had been approached by Street and Aramu in May to sell the explosives for R25 000 for which he would have received R5 000 commission.

Van Biljoen said he had planned to use his commission to buy a truck and food, so that he and his family could survive in the bush if the ANC caused a revolution.

A psychologist, Michael Robb, presented reports on Aramu and Street to the court.

He said Street had told him he had been a dog handler while doing his military training. One day his dog had discovered the explosives.

Street had told Aramu, who agreed that they should sell the explosives.

Aramu had told the psychologist a deal had been set up for the explosives to be collected at the beginning of June.

The case was postponed to October 29 and Street and Aramu's bail of R5 000 was extended. Van Biljoen is to remain in custody.

Coetzee says SAP 'victimised' him

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee yesterday claimed that two senior police officers — one a general — had broken into his garage in 1985. Soon after this he found that his motorbike had been sabotaged. He had been "victimised" by the police.

Mr Coetzee was speaking under cross-examination during a defamation action against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail. The evidence was given before a commissioner here.

The head of the police forensics division, General Lothar Neethling, is suing the Weekblad for R1 million and the Mail for R500 000. He alleges that the newspapers libelled him by printing allegations that he supplied poison to Mr Coetzee for hit-squad killings.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee said the two officers who had broken into his garage were the then deputy head of the CID, Lieut-General Kleinjan Grobler, and Brigadier Jaap Joubert, now Lieut-General Joubert.

He said the police had "victimised" him after he had helped a Mr Frans Whelpton, who was private secretary to a former cabinet minister, Mr Fanie Botha. He said this followed allegations that Mr Botha was involved in granting diamond concessions to a former air force officer, Brigadier Jan Blaauw.

Mr Botha had then allegedly "run" to the security police for help and Mr Whelpton's phone was tapped.

Mr Coetzee said he believed it was his opposition to this "unlawful telephone tapping" which resulted in General Johan Coetzee, chief of the security police and later Commissioner of Police, turning against him.

He also became aware that his own phone was being tapped, that he was being followed by two policemen and that his private life was being investigated.

Later, exasperated, he phoned through insults to senior policemen involved.

Mr Willie Oshry, QC, for General Neethling, said these insults were cited as being indicative of the hatred Mr Coetzee had for the police.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetzee had been accused of denigrating Lieut-General Basie Smit, head of the security police.

Mr Coetzee agreed, saying the general, who would soon be made Commissioner of Police, was a "tweegat jakkals".

The hearing in London is expected to end today.

General's denials are 'infamous lies'

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LONDON. — General Lothar Neethling's denials that he ever had contact with him or gave poison to him were "infamous lies", former police hit-squad captain Mr Dirk Coetzee said yesterday.

He was giving evidence on the final day of the session here of a defamation action which police forensics chief General Neethling is bringing against the Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee also gave further details of his alleged visit to General Neethling's laboratory to pick up poison with which he claims attempts were made to murder ANC activists.

Winding up his cross-examination, advocate Mr Willy Oshry, QC, put it to Mr Coetzee that General Neethling denied he had any dealings with him and had not supplied him with poison.

Mr Coetzee said he "wouldn't have expected anything else" from the general.

Asked if General Neethling's denials were then lies, Mr Coetzee replied: "Infamous lies."

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ANC man shot dead at meeting

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Mdantsane trade unionist Mr Jeff Wabena was shot dead during an African National Congress branch meeting last night.

A witness, who declined to be named, said Mr Wabena had just finished speaking at the ANC NU10 branch meeting when a man wearing a stocking over his head burst into the house in Mdantsane with a handgun and shot him four times in the upper chest at point blank range.

Mr Wabena was reported dead on arrival at Cecilia Makiwane hospital.

Ciskei police could not be reached for comment last night.

Mr Wabena was chairman of the ANC's NU10 branch and national co-ordinator of the South African Domestic Workers' Union (Sadwu).

Yesterday's was the fourth attempt on Mr Wabena's life since 1988, his attorney Mr Hintsa Siwisa said last night.

rney and hooked to a respirator. him he could not live any longer.

Blackened faces, 'police' in assault

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FOUR white men with blackened faces and several others, who all appeared to be policemen, allegedly assaulted a former black police officer and his friend, Lawyers for Human Rights said yesterday.

In a sworn affidavit submitted to LHR, suspended policeman Jabulani Victor Vane of Alexandra said that on Wednesday about 8 pm he was driving his friend home when he realised a car was following him. Shots were fired shortly afterwards.

According to the affidavit, he said: "No bullet struck my car so I continued to drive on."

Then four men in a yellow Golf, with police insignia on the doors, forced Mr Vane to stop. He and his friend were told to lie on their stomachs. The men then allegedly assaulted them after accusing them of stealing cars and carrying ammunition.

His statement continued: "We noticed that they had smeared something black on their faces. We noticed also that their hands were white and they had straight hair. Two of them had blonde hair.

"While (I was) lying on my stomach the four men kicked me and jumped on my back. They struck me several times with the handles of their firearms. One told me in Afrikaans that they were looking for me and said 'Jy sal kak,

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kaffir'. Another accused me of stealing cars and that I had ammunition in my car.

"My friend bled from a wound on his face," said the statement.

During the assault a yellow Opel Monza with blue stripes and the words "Flying Squad" on the doors arrived. This was followed by two vans, one yellow and the other white, which the victims claim were police vans.

Mr Vane alleges that 10 men, four of them black, alighted from the vehicles and joined in the assault. The victims claim to be able to positively identify four of their assailants as policemen.

The driver of the white van allegedly lowered the handbrake of Mr Vane's car and allowed it to roll and collide with the yellow police van causing damage to the indicator lights of both vehicles, the statement said.

One of the police officers then allegedly threatened the victims with death if they made a case against them.

A sworn statement by Mr Vane's passenger gives a similar account.

A spokesman for Police Headquarters, Pretoria, said they could not comment and added that complaints should be forwarded to a station commander for further investigation.

AWB men blinded me, says gardener

By ELIAS MALULEKE C/Press 14/10/90 (344)

A SOWETO family man has lost sight in one eye after he was attacked by two white colleagues who are allegedly AWB members. The men work for the Soweto electricity department.

Albert Ramokgalapa, 55, a father of eight and a gardener employed by the Electricity Department in Nancefield, alleged he was attacked while he tended a garden last week Friday.

He was blinded in the right eye after he was sprayed in the face with water from a power hosepipe.

He alleged he was also called "kaffir" as the two whites grappled with him on the ground while he was still blinded by the water and could not defend himself.

The attack led to more than 200 workers employed by the department downing tools this week to demand the immediate dismissal of the two whites.

The employees also complained to management that the whites were AWB members and carried firearms at work.

They claimed the men had been seen on television in the company of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, and allegedly acted as his bodyguards.

The strike ended on Friday after the workers were addressed by Soweto Council technical committee chairperson councillor Mavis Maseko and another councillor.

The two alleged assailants are technicians in the electrical engineering department and were described by workers as "racists".

One of the alleged attackers has since been suspended from duty without pay, pending an "official" disciplinary inquiry by senior officials of the department and members of the Soweto council.

However, a senior department official told *City Press* the matter had been blown out of proportion and described it as a "childish and unnecessary" incident.

He pointed out that accusations linking the men with the AWB and of carrying firearms at work were "political", but he confirmed that workers had claimed seeing the two men in the company of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Soweto Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi confirmed the incident and the suspension of the technician, but said a full statement would be released early this week.

"My council will investigate all allegations and no stone will be left unturned," he said.

West Rand police spokesman Lieut Govandsamy Mariemuthoo said

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Albert Ramokgalapa . . . allegedly blinded in his right eye by AWB members. Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE

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police were investigating charges against the men.

Ramokgalapa said he was about to water the garden at about 9am, when the two technicians doused him with water.

"The water struck me in the right eye and I felt pain as if I had been hit by a bullet," he said.

The force of the water made him fall, but the two kept on dousing him until he desperately grabbed the hose and twisted it around, dousing one of the white men with water.

"They grabbed me and called me names and a kaffir, but I could not see as I had been blinded by the water," he said.

He reported the attack to his supervisor, who gave him tablets to drink and eye drops.

"I could not see with the painful right eye and consulted a doctor who said it had been damaged and referred me to the St John's Eye Clinic," he said.

He is still receiving treatment for the other eye which has also been affected.

Ramokgalapa said he was planning to sue his alleged assailants.

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Ciskei condemns murder of unionist

EAST LONDON. — Ciskei's military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, has strongly condemned the murder of Border trade unionist Mr Jeff Wabena.

Mr Wabena was shot dead by an unknown assailant during an African National Congress branch meeting in Mdantsane on Friday night.

Brigadier Gqozo said the police and defence force were "working round the clock" to solve the murder to bring the "cowardly criminals to book".

In a radio broadcast yesterday, the military leader appealed to Ciskeians to abstain from taking the law into their own hands, saying that would breed more violence.

"In Ciskei, our differences are not solved by the gun, but through negotiations and communication. I want people to work hand-in-hand with the police to solve this gruesome murder. Someone must have seen the murderers — they didn't just fly through the air; they must have got into a car."

He said the motive was clearly political. Previous attempts on Mr Wabena's life indicated he was wanted by "certain forces" for a long time.

Ciskeians needed to grow and mature politically

"There is a long way still to go for black brothers before they have the political majority. All leaders must work together to ensure that political differences are not sorted out through violence and guns," he said.

Political and ideological differences should be looked at as a challenge to explore more ideas, rather than as a sign of animosity. — Sapa.

Land moves may spark terror wave

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A PARCEL bomb blows up in the face of a young white computer consultant involved in work for black organisations, virtually decapitating him.

Police launch a hunt for two "nice-looking" white men.

A bomb explodes outside the US ambassador's home in Pretoria, causing little damage but ringing alarm bells in South Africa's diplomatic community.

A van careers through central Johannesburg and gunmen inside, firing indiscriminately, kill two young black men and a middle-aged white woman. Before she dies, the woman says she saw a white man shooting.

Whites dedicated to the maintenance of apartheid are given little chance of defeating at the ballot box President FW de Klerk's plans to grant political power to blacks.

The potential of the far right to derail the reform train by bomb and bullet is real, analysts say.

This year alone, white gunmen and bombers have staged as many attacks - 47 - as black guerrillas managed in the first four years of their armed struggle against white rule, says independent risk analyst Wim Booyse.

The leader of the white supremacist AWB, Eugene Terre'Blanche, makes no secret of the fact that he is prepared to use violence to protect white interests.

"If uncivilised blacks want to kill and maim white people, we will level them with the gravel," Terre'Blanche said.

Anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela accuses whites in the shadowy Government security apparatus of triggering black violence in order to divide blacks and maintain minority rule.

The violence claimed more than 750 lives in six weeks in townships around Johannesburg.

Police and army deny any involvement and the case is unproven. But some analysts say the Government must purge the security forces of white hardliners trained to enforce apartheid laws if its reform programme is to succeed.

Booyse said in an interview more violence will flow if the Government takes land from white farmers to give to blacks.

Proceeding to dismantle 300 years of white supremacy, the Government will next year scrap laws dividing South Africa into white and black regions. Whites, outnumbered five to one, occupy 80 percent of the land, with blacks in the poorer parts.

If land is taken from whites to satisfy black demands, "these 47 acts of revolutionary terror will look like a kindergarten game," Booyse predicted.

Although the Government has tried to reassure white farmers that no one will be forced to sell, many are unconvinced.

Some 400 whites from the Transvaal gathered in Pretoria last week and angrily warned the Government that it would forcibly integrate the land at its peril.

At the meeting, loudly cheered by the farmers, was Andries Treurnicht, leader of the Conservative Party.

The party, the official parliamentary opposition, claims to be picking up support daily from whites disaffected by De Klerk's reforms.

Some analysts say the Conservative Party probably holds the hearts of white South Africans with its vision of an all-white state, but they question whether minds have followed.

"The majority wish they could live in a Conservative Party world, but recognise it's not feasible," said University of Cape Town political scientist Robert Schrire.

Bus massacre: three suspects arrested

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Staff Reporters

Three alleged members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging are being held by police in connection with last week's Natal bus ambush in which six people died and 27 were injured.

The men — all from the Richards Bay area on the Natal North Coast — are Adriaan Smuts (38), Eugene Marais (28) and David Botha (46).

An AWB spokesman yesterday said the names of two of the men appeared on the AWB's registration list for northern Natal.

Speaking from her home in Richards Bay yesterday, Mrs Smuts said her husband had been arrested.

It is understood police confiscated an AK-47 assault rifle as well as empty R-1 cartridges found in a car.

Forensic tests are being carried out to determine whether there is a link between the spent cartridges and bullets found at the scene of the Putco bus massacre.

According to information given to The Star, the attack on the bus is being viewed by police as revenge for a bloody rampage last Tuesday morning along Lower West Street, Durban, by members of a fanatical black religious group. Eight whites, including a woman, were stabbed and injured.

Police have so far arrested 11 suspects.

● The bail application for five men arrested in connection with the death of 26 people in the train massacre near Jeppe station last month was postponed in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday to November 1.

Martin Ngcubo (49), Basi Nkosingondle (27), Mmengela Magabane (54), Solomon Khumalo (33) and Mabinela Majozi (23) have not been charged and are being held in custody.

Killer Strydom's brother-in-law detained

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Pretoria Correspondent

The brother-in-law of "Wit Wolf" killer Barend Strydom, Deon Rautenbach, has been held by police for questioning in connection with right-wing activities and possible links with terror accused "Piet Skiet" Rudolph.

Police said Mr Rautenbach (27), a teacher, had been detained in Pretoria in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Rautenbach is an active member of the Boerestaat Party.

His sister, Karin, also active in right-wing politics, married condemned mass murder Strydom on Death Row in November.

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Bus ambushers may be AWB

JOHANNESBURG. — Two of the three men arrested in connection with last week's ambushing of a bus in Durban, in which six blacks were killed, could be AWB members, the organisation said yesterday.

An AWB spokesman said the names of two of the men appeared on the organisation's registration list for Northern Natal.

Reports said the men had been arrested in Richard's Bay.

Six people were killed and 27 injured when a group of men opened fire on the bus with automatic weapons from a car. One man later died of his injuries.

The bus was ambushed within hours of an attack on whites by knife-wielding blacks who went on a stabbing spree along the Durban beachfront and wounded eight people.

Police at first dismissed suggestions that the killings might be racially-motivated revenge for the stabbings.

About 4 000 people have been killed over the past four years in Natal during a power struggle for the allegiance of the five-to-one black majority between the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party and allies of Mr Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC).

Violence spread in August to Johannesburg townships where almost 800 people died in six weeks of gun and spear battles between ANC supporters and Zulu migrant workers from Natal.

Mr Mandela said the killings were orchestrated, and in some cases led, by right-wing whites seeking to worsen the township violence and wreck reforms he is negotiating with President F W de Klerk.

Reacting to the arrests, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said in Pretoria that leaders should refrain from making inflammatory speeches.

"Inflamatory statements can easily be interpreted by certain individuals as a licence to commit acts such as the Durban bus massacre," Mr Vlok said in his statement yesterday. — Sapa

Apartheid death squads may be back in business

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Sinister assassination attempts on activists over the past week suggest that repression has shifted from formal to informal methods. Report by

GAVIN EVANS and VUYELWA QINGA

A SPATE of assassinations and attempted murders of African National Congress activists over the past week has raised fears that apartheid death squads are back in business.

Human rights groups say the incidents appear to have been professional operations, which suggest a pattern of "informal repression" aimed at leading members of ANC-aligned groups.

The following are among the incidents reported over the past week:

● Early yesterday morning the chairman of the United Democratic Front-affiliated Western Cape Civic Association, Michael Mapongawana (45), was wounded by a bullet in the back and his wife Nomsa (34) died from a bullet wound in the chest after their house was petrol bombed in Khayelitsha.

Police report that the couple were in bed at 1.50am when four men threw three petrol bombs through a window. The couple were gunned down while fleeing after the house caught fire.

● Leading Border trade unionist and ANC official Jeff Wabhena was murdered by a lone gunman wearing a stocking over his head last Friday night. Wabhena, the chairperson of his ANC branch, was at a meeting in Mdantsane when the gunman walked in, fired one shot at the paraffin lamp and then pumped four more into Wabhena's chest at point-blank range.

This was the fourth attempt on his life in three years. In one attack in January this year he was shot in a leg and injured from flying glass after a grenade and machine gun attack on his home.

ANC Border leader Reverend Arnold Stofile said a fake pamphlet, issued in the name of the ANC, had been issued in January, accusing Wabhena and other activists of being informers. He said he thought the vendetta could only be the work of Askaris (former ANC members who had joined the police).

Wabhena is the third person to be attacked among those listed in the pamphlet. In an incident in March this year, two other Mdantsane activists were attacked. Vusumzi Msauli died after being shot with a Makarov pistol, while Ndiko Mnyute was injured in a grenade attack.

● Job Sithole, Human Rights Commission employee and student liaison officer for the SA Youth Congress in the Transvaal, was shot at in Alexandra township on Friday night while returning home. Over the past month several Alexandra residents have been questioned about his movements by unidentified characters. The HRC reports that "questions were asked about the location of his bedroom and the position of his bed in relation to the window".

Sithole was detained under the Emergency Regulations from April 1987 to March 1989. He went on hunger strike and was one of the four detainees who escaped from hospital and sought refuge in the German Consulate. Police public relations officer Lieutenant Colonel JJ Mostert said yesterday that any information about the incident should be reported the police. This can also be done anonymously by telephoning Alexandra detectives.

● HRC member and leading UDF activist Joyce Mabudafhasi reports a series of suspicious incidents suggesting moves towards an assassination attempt on her. On October 9 occupants of a motor car asked after her at her home. Two days later, bootprints were found outside her bedroom window, and on Saturday a group of men again asked after her.

Three years ago Mabudafhasi was severely injured, and narrowly escaped death, when her home was bombed. She was also detained under the Emergency Regulatiosn from October 1986 to January 1989 and again in August and September last year. After both detentions she was issued with restriction orders.

● National Anti-Repression Forum Kroonstad fieldworker Biza Makgato reported yesterday that in the latest of a series of telephonic assassination threats, the caller said: "Tonight is ours because the township will be in darkness".

● The HRC reported that its Heidelburg fieldworker yesterday met an unemployed man who said he had been recruited as a "security guard", after which he and others were trained to use guns with silencers. It is investigating the possibility that this could be a death squad training camp. A similar incident was reported in Sibasa, Venda.

The HRC said yesterday these incidents "substantiate the trend we have observed that repression has moved from formal to informal methods".

According to the Institute for Contextual Theology, which has done a study on the violence around the country over the last three months, "recent incidents suggest that the 'Third Force' attacks are not simply coming from random right-wing elements".

"Our research shows that they have been carefully planned by people with the resources, experience, expertise, weapons and training to kill and destabilise. It is not clear whether those responsible are acting on their own or are officially sanctioned in some way, but if we ask who has the motive and the means, we must look towards the special forces of the SADF and SAP as possible culprits," says the report.

Alleged killers members of 'secret Boerevolk cell'

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DURBAN. — At least two of the three suspects arrested for last week's bus massacre near here, in which at least six died, were part of a secret cell called the Orde Boerevolk.

This emerged from investigations yesterday.

The three men, all of Richards Bay, were arrested there late on Monday in a combined operation by security police, Durban murder and robbery detectives and detectives of the special investigation unit appointed by the Regional Commissioner of Natal, Major-General Ignatius Coetzee, to investigate last Tuesday's bus shooting near KwaMashu.

The attack came on the same day as the beachfront stabbing of eight white people.

A Richards Bay resident said she knew the three men, and two of them were known to be AWB members. She said the three were also allegedly members of the secret Orde Boerevolk cell. She said one of the suspects arrested was believed to be the local commander of the cell, which operated in the Richards Bay area.

Earlier, the AWB admitted that two of the three people arrested were members of the organisation but said they did not instruct them to carry out the attack.

The arrest of the three suspects came after intensive police investigations into the bus attack in which all 33 passengers were shot. Immediately after the shooting there was talk that whites were involved and an eyewitness told police that he had seen a car draw up alongside the Putco bus and open fire.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said the arrests of the suspects showed that the police were not biased and would act against anyone who broke the law.

The three suspects are expected to appear in Durban Magistrate's Court today on charges of murder and attempted murder. — Sapa

Latter-day trekkers stake

The white state, according to the dream, will have its capital in Upington, Saldanha Bay as its port and the town of Olifantshoek — the "Jewel of the Kalahari" surrounded by productive iron ore mines such as Kathu — as its industrial growth point.

The name of the new state will be Orandee. In a year's time it will become self-governing and gain freedom and independence and become the first Afrikaner volkstaat within five years.

It will induce — not force — blacks and coloureds to leave by providing work for them outside its borders and eventually depend only on white finance, industry and labour.

It will have its own flag, volk, border posts and parliament.

Quiet Olifantshoek, where the first five families of white Afrikaner trekkers from Messina, disillusioned by the prospect of South Africa becoming a black-dominated Azania have settled, was subjected to the glaring light of local and international media attention this week.

Andre Putter, public relations officer of the Orandee Ontwikkelingskorps (OOK) — Orandee Development Corps — which will develop the state, basked in the sudden limelight.

Paradoxically, during the hectic week, the town council of Olifantshoek opened all its public amenities to blacks and coloureds — library, swimming bath, park and tennis courts.

The dream goes like this: The north-western Cape — "land which no one in South Africa wants" — will be a haven for 2,5 million whites who, in the next 10 years, will "trek" from a black-dominated South Africa. JOE OPENSHAW visited the proposed white state.

"In the near future, through the united efforts of OOK, the Afrikaner Vryheidsstigting of Professor Carel Boshoff and the Afrikaaner Volkswag, there will be five treks to Olifantshoek and Orandee — from Valhalla, Paarl, Meyerton, Tzaneen and Stellenbosch.

"Altogether 92 families have moved into various parts of the territory. We have promises of support and capital inflow from Germany, America, Australia and Belgium.

"When we gain independence through negotiations with the South African Government, we will be recognised as a First World country."

Andre Putter referred The Star to Ed Bernardo of Meyerton, president of the OOK whose vision of Orandee is not only an economically viable wolkstaat, but turning it into an ecological paradise by planting trees and building tidal pools at the mouth of the Orange River to induce a high rainfall.

"You cannot wish the blacks and coloureds away," said Hennie van Vuuren, town clerk of Olifantshoek.

"There are 1 650 whites in town, 2 150 blacks in the township of Ditloung and 2 400 coloureds in the township of Welgelee.

"Quite naturally we welcome an influx of people in Olifantshoek to increase our static white population. We have plenty of land here. A 1 000 square metre plot goes for R2 000," he said.

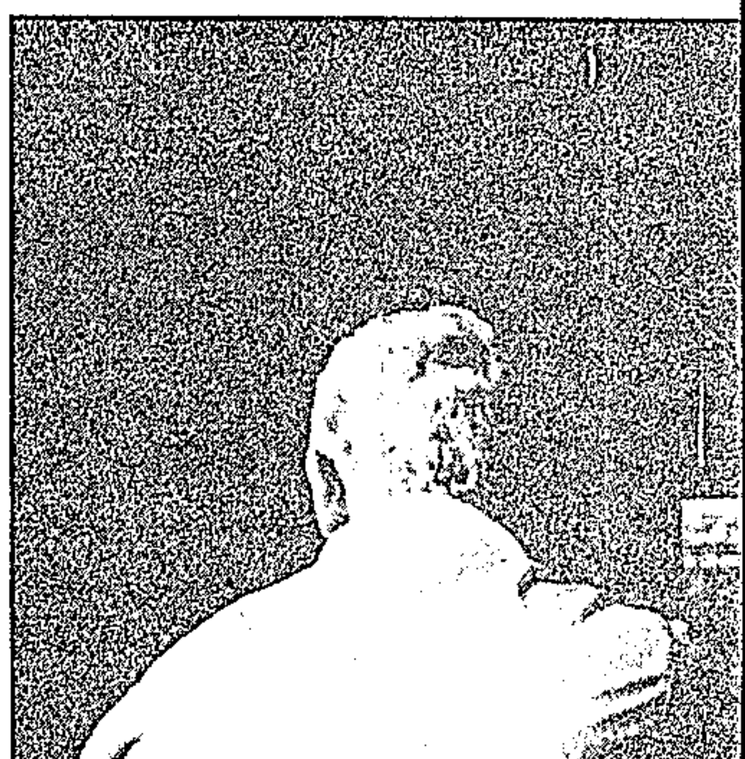
At the town's Kalahari Hotel, where the local chamber of commerce was host on Wednesday night to 50 students from the universities of Pretoria and Potchefstroom with careers in the tourist industry in view, manager Joe Horne said businessmen were adopting a wait-and-see attitude but would welcome the influx of people.

"The town is dependent on passing tourists, stock farming and the surrounding mines."

He was frankly sceptical that the "Putters and their relatives who make up the five Messina trekker families" or the OOK could provide the capital and knowhow to make any impact on Olifantshoek.

Gilbert Tabokeng (47), a member of Ditloung Town Council, said coloureds and blacks were very upset by rumours of an Afrikaner volkstaat which, they believed, would force them from the land they have always lived on.

"Are the volkstaat trekkers not just following in the footsteps of Ian Smith's Rhodesians?" is the question only time can answer.



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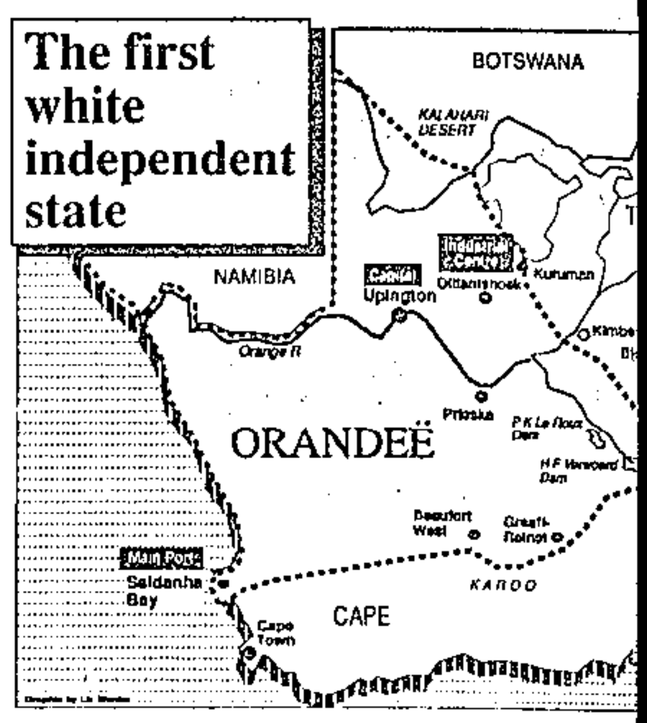

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Andre Putter in front of the orange, white and bl
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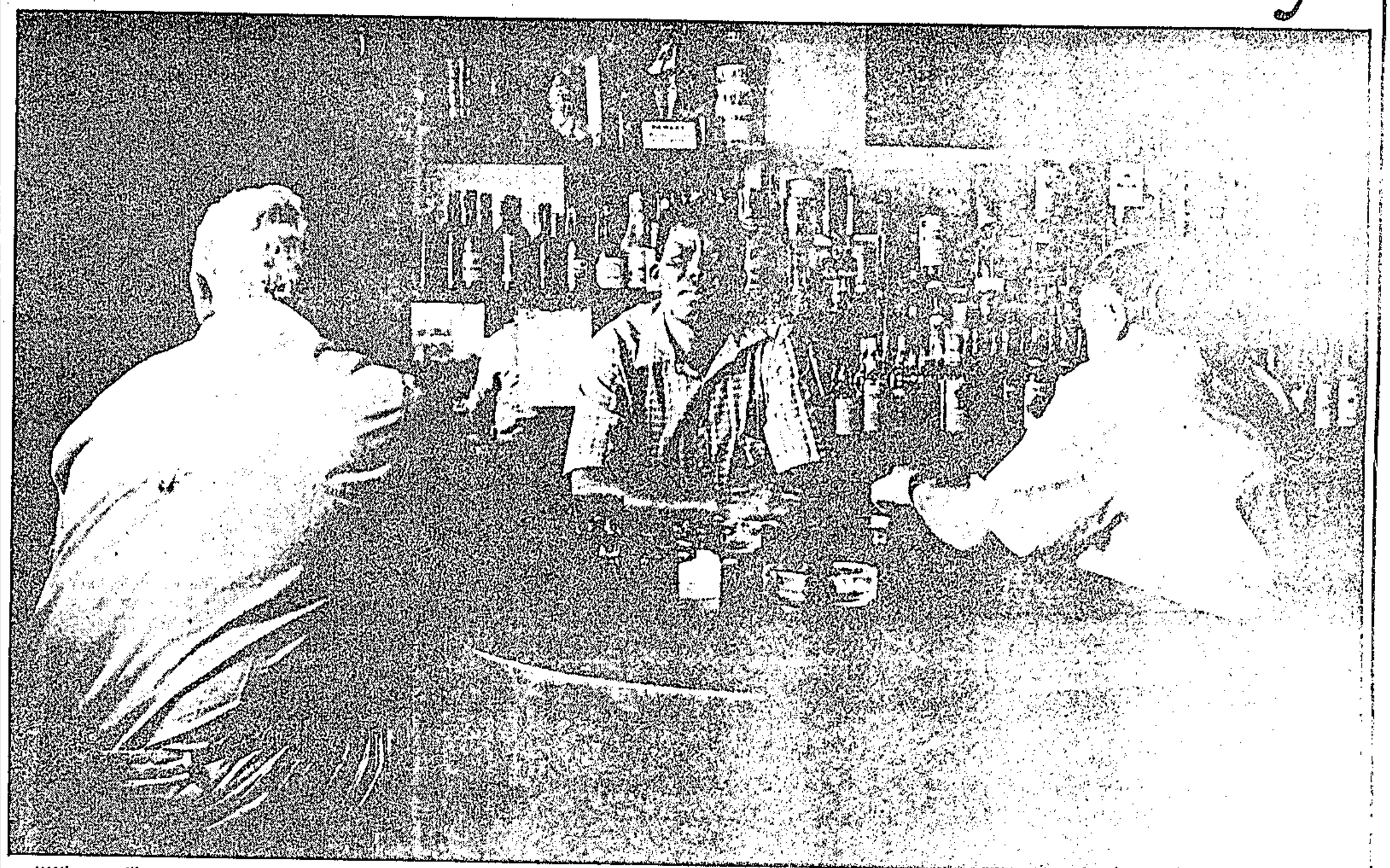

"Where will we go?" asks Gilbert Tabokeng (47), town councillor of Olifantshoek's black township of Ditloung and barman at the town's Kalahari Hotel.
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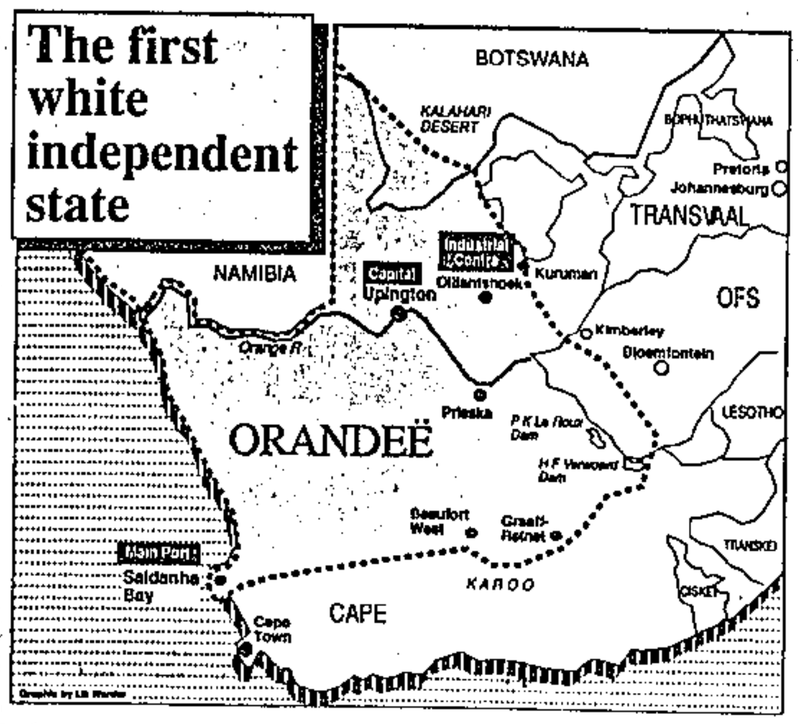

Left: "You cannot wish the blacks and coloureds away," says Olifantshoek town clerk Hennie van Vuuren. Right: Andre Putter in front of the orange, white and blue Orandeë flag with his wife Alta and brother Johan.

2 suspects in bus massacre are AWBs

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AT LEAST two of the three suspects arrested for last week's Durban bus massacre were part of a secret cell called the Orde Boerevolk.

The three men, all of Richards Bay, were arrested in Richards Bay late on Monday in a combined operation by the Security Police, the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit and detectives from the Special Investigation Unit.

They were appointed to investigate the cold-blooded killing of seven people and the wounding of 27 others in last Tuesday's bus shooting near KwaMashu.

The attack occurred on the same day as the beachfront attack on eight white people.

A resident of Richards Bay, who did not wish to be named, said she knew the three men and two of them were known to be AWB members.

She said the men were also allegedly members of the secret Orde Boerevolk cell. One of the suspects is believed to be the local commander of the cell, which operated in the Richards Bay area.

SOWETAN Correspondent

Earlier, the AWB admitted, in response to media questions, that two of the three were members of the organisation but said it did not instruct them to carry out the attack.

The arrest of the three suspects came after intensive police investigations into the bus attack in which every one of the 33 passengers were shot as the bus made its way towards Inanda last Tuesday night.

Shooting

Immediately after the shooting, there was talk that whites were involved and an eye-witness told police he had seen a car draw up alongside the Putco bus and then its occupants open fire near Duffs Road.

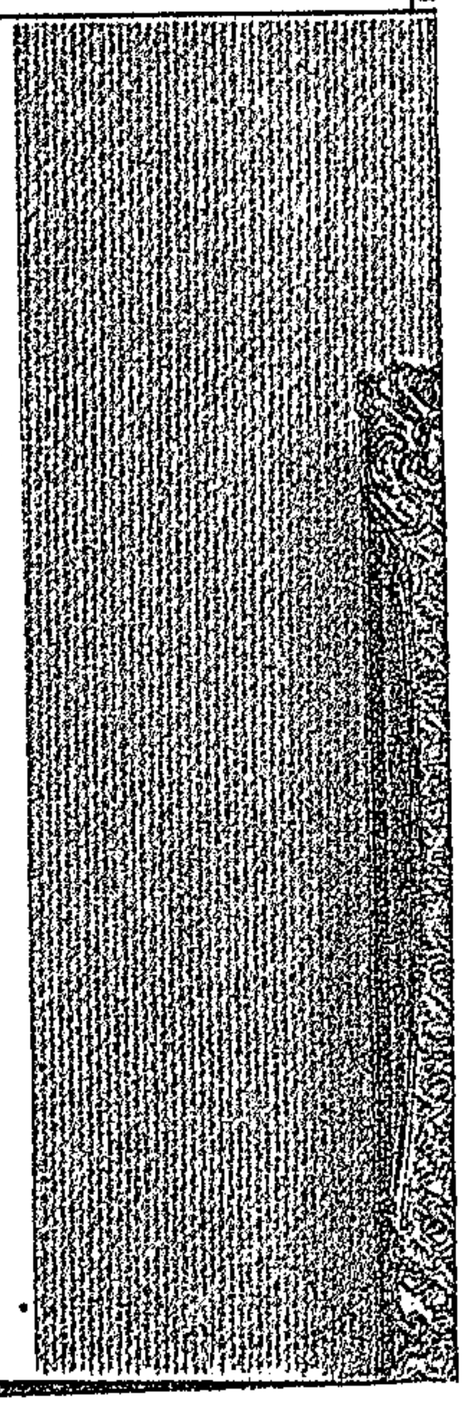
The three suspects are expected to appear in the Durban Magistrate's Court today and are facing charges of murder and attempted murder.

Police have also taken possession of an R1 and an AK-47 rifle.

Richards Bay has a strong far right wing presence.

Early this year an Indian employee of Alusuf, who moved into the white residential area, was tarred and feathered in his flat in full view of his family.

His attackers have not yet been arrested.



'Wit Wolwe' threaten black patient

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Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

POTGIETERSRUS — A group of armed men claiming to be Wit Wolwe gathered outside the "whites-only" Voortrekker Hospital on Thursday last week and threatened to remove a black woman patient admitted for special surgery.

For her own safety she was transferred to another section reserved for Indians, said the doctor who had recommended her admission.

A witness said the men were armed with pistols, batons and rifles.

Black patients in the area are usually admitted to the nearby Mokopane Hospital.

Transvaal Hospital Services MEC Fanie Ferreira warned that people who behaved in an obstructive manner were trangressing the law.

He said nobody could be turned away from any hospital in the province, especially in cases of extreme urgency.

"This kind of disgusting behaviour makes me ashamed of my own town," said Rita Nel, a Potgietersrus resident.

Inquest No 2 fails to name De'Ath killers

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Staff Reporter

THE second inquest on International Television Network (ITN) cameraman George De'Ath, who died after an attack in KTC in 1986, has failed to establish the identity of his killers.

An inquest court heard yesterday that Andile Fosi, the sound engineer with Mr De'Ath, was unable to recognise anyone on a videotape taken just before the attack.

Mr Les Rose-Innes, counsel for the De'Ath family, said the Attorney-General had to decide whether the police should reopen their investigation.

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According to magistrate Mr W J M Marais the evidence available did not expose the killers and the court had to revert to Mr Fosi's oral evidence.

Mr Fosi told the court earlier that he and Mr De'Ath were attacked by a group of Witdoeke. He described one as a short, dark-complexioned Xhosa-speaking man in his early thirties, with a moustache.

Mr Fosi knew he was a Witdoek because of his headgear and white armband.

Another assailant was "huge and tall with big eyes and short hair".

Mr De'Ath died of cardiac arrest on June 14 1986 after being wounded in the head with a panga in KTC four days earlier.

According evidence given in 1987, a videotape filmed by Mr De'Ath moments before he was wounded was edited before police handed it back to ITN.

Mr Marais said the attackers were probably among the Witdoek group. However, a group *per se* could not be held responsible.

A crime had definitely been committed and the matter would again be referred to the Attorney-General.

The aggrieved party could also make a request to the Attorney-General.

It was possible that the police transgressed when the video was cut and the Attorney-General had to decide whether anyone in the police force should be prosecuted.

Mrs S J Smith appeared for the State.

We will fight a black govt – ET

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By Julienne du Toit

MIDDELBURG — AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche brought about 1 500 people to their feet in Middelburg Town Hall last night with a threat to fight any black majority government.

Mr TerreBlanche said he warned people a year ago the ANC wanted to nationalise their pensions and savings in the banks.

"Did your blood not warn you?" he asked the hushed audience.

He said 28 million blacks could easily be destroyed and driven back to their homelands in a war they appeared to want.

A referendum should be held using political seats, not one man, one vote, said Mr TerreBlanche.

In this way, President "Jellytot" de Klerk would be able to see how strong right-wing support was.

He said the volkstaat, which would include the Transvaal, Free State, northern Natal and northern Cape, would exclude the PWV, "where they can carry on bastardising themselves".

The volkstaat would cut electricity to the PWV if it co-operated with Soweto, he said.

Mr TerreBlanche's speech was emotional, full of references to Old Testament battles and to barefoot children dying beside wagon tracks.

He admonished one member of the audience to stop laughing and another to keep quiet.

Referring to an Old Testament story, he begged God with a breaking voice to make him a donkey. He said the Government was beating him to betray Jesus and the child-angels in the town hall were asking the Government why.

Shaking and sweating, he ended: "God, O God, I am tired. This is the 70th time I have spoken to South Africans this year. Are you listening?"

Wolwe demand patient be moved

The Argus Correspondent

POTGIETERSRUS. — A group of armed men claiming to be "Wit Wolwe" gathered outside the "whites-only" Voortrekker Hospital and threatened to remove a black woman patient admitted for special surgery.

The patient was transferred to another section reserved for Indian people for her own safety, the doctor who recommended her admisssion said.

A witness said the men were armed with pistols, batons and rifles.

No comment could be obtained from the matron or superintendent of the hospital, but it is understood the woman was the first black patient to be admitted.

Black patients in the area are usually admitted to the Mokopane Hospital.

Mr Fanie Ferreira, the MEC for Hospital Services in the Transvaal, said nobody, whatever their race, could be turned away from any hospital, especially in cases of extreme urgency such as this one.

"This kind of disgusting behaviour makes me ashamed of my own town," said Ms Rita Nel, a Potgietersrus resident.

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De Aar AWB assault probe

Crime Reporter

DE AAR police are investigating assault charges against members of the AWB who allegedly kicked coloured children out of the recently opened public swimming baths in the Northern Cape town.

The incident at the weekend allegedly followed an argument between white and coloured children in the swimming pool.

When the coloured children refused to salute an AWB flag erected by the parents, the AWB members, armed with truncheons and a shotgun, allegedly chased them out of the baths.

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Amnesty call for 'Boer freedom fighters'

Boerestaat Party (BP) leader Robert van Tonder yesterday asked for an urgent meeting with President de Klerk in an attempt to gain amnesty for all "Boer freedom fighters".

In a statement, the BP said Mr van Tonder would also try to have the status of captured Boer fighters changed from criminal to political.

"This is only fair as the Government is bringing back 30 000 ANC terrorists ... and giving them amnesty.

"The same should be accorded to dissenters among their own people."

The party described the treatment of Boer fighters as common criminals a "huge insult", because the "ANC terrorists all came from outside to create problems in our Boere country".

Mr van Tonder said his plea was urgent as the unnecessary detention of "honourable Boers" caused their families great suffering. — Staff Reporter.

ANC Youth League relaunches today

JOHANNESBURG. — Forty-six years ago a group of youths, among them Mr Nelson Mandela, became dissatisfied with the manner in which things were done in the ANC and formed the Youth League.

Today, 30 years after the organisation and its structures were banned, the ANC Youth League will be relaunched at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto.

A keynote address will be delivered on behalf of ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo, and while the person is still unnamed, it is widely speculated to be the first captured woman guerilla, Ms. Thandi Modise.

Other speakers include Mr Thabo Mbeki and Mr Chris Hani.

A provisional executive committee of the Youth League, which will most probably include a number of leading figures in the South African Youth Congress, will also be announced.

The ANC Youth League was launched in the Bantu Men's Social Centre in Johannesburg in April 1944.

The movement's founding president was a militant Durbanite, Mr Muziwakhe Lembede, with Mr Mandela as its general secretary. A noticeable exception in the Youth League was Mr Walter Sisulu, then a worker rather than a student. — Sapa

Shots fired at ANC man

PRETORIA. — Men in a white Nissan bakkie, believed by the ANC and United Democratic Front to be plain-clothed Bophuthatswana policemen, yesterday fired at the car in which UDF and ANC official Mr Daniel Mabena was travelling.

Mr Mabena, who was travelling to Pretoria from the Moretele district in Bophuthatswana, said he believed the three shots were a warning fired in an attempt to stop the car.

The white bakkie followed the car until it crossed the border.

Yesterday a Youth Congress member expressed concern about the continuing police harassment in the Moretele district. — Sapa

AWB massacre suspect spoke of 'helluva war'

Boer War 'chickenfeed'

By S'BU MNGADI

ONE of the three AWB members held under the Internal Security Act in connection with Durban's recent bus massacre, earlier warned of a "helluva bloody war" which would make the ANC look like "choir boys" and the Anglo-Boer war like "chickenfeed".

The Zululand Observer, a weekly newspaper in Empangeni, recently tape-recorded an interview with Petrus Dawid Botha, 47 – before he was elected regional civic council leader of the AWB in the Empangeni and Richards Bay area.

The AK-47 and R-1 ambush on the late night bus near KwaMashu on October 9 killed six people and left 27 injured. Almost every passenger in the bus was hurt.

Arrested with Botha last week were Adriaan Smuts, 38, and Eugene Marais, 38, all from Richards Bay.

In the interview Botha, a former traffic cop, vowed there would be a bloody war. "And I believe that after that war has been fought, this country will be sorted out one way or the other.

"We are going to make the Anglo-Boer war look like chickenfeed. Really, it's gonna be one helluva bloody war. You are gonna have fathers facing sons and brothers facing each other in the trenches shooting at each other. And this is not gonna be a black-white war. It's gonna be a white-on-white war."

Botha told the newspaper prior to his detention that he had lost his repping job because of his political beliefs. Smuts works at the Bell Equipment company in Richards Bay, while Marais is a freelance photographer.

Richards Bay has a strong far right-wing presence and early this year an Indian employee of Alusaf, who moved into the white residential area, was tarred and feathered in his flat in front of his family.

Botha said as a traffic cop in Johannesburg during the Soweto uprisings in 1976, he and others advised workers "to beat the hell out of" intimidators.

He said the AWB would sit around the negotiating table. "But there are some things which are not negotiable. And that is the ground we are laying claim to. Eugene Terreblanche has in fact gone so far as to say that if any piece of ground is given away, the same night a state of war will exist."

Botha believes God will guide them during the course of war.

He recently led AWB supporters in a "protest" braai on the Alkan strand, following the opening of Richards Bay's beaches to all races.

Black people living in the Empangeni-Richards Bay area sighed in relief following the arrest of the three. Workers in the region told *City Press* a CB-registered minibus had become notorious in the area recently after its occupants hurled racial insults and waved guns at them. This harassment came to a stop on the day of the bus massacre.

Hit-list evidence to be collected

Cape Times 29/10/90 (3644)

Staff Reporter

MORE evidence is being collected about an alleged Khayelitsha hit-list on which the names of 20 people appear.

The existence of the list was revealed late last week by South.

One of the people on the list is the chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, Mr Michael Mapongwana. He said his organisation was collecting evidence about the hit-list.

Mr Mapongwana's wife Nomsa, who was killed by gunmen 11 days ago, was buried on Saturday. Mrs Mapongwana died in an attack in which it is believed her husband was the target. Mr Mapongwana escaped with minor injuries.

Mr Mapongwana said yesterday that an announcement about the hit-list containing the names of civic leaders in Khayelitsha had been postponed by his organisation.

"We have to do everything collectively. The zone executive is meeting at 2pm, and a decision about what to do should be taken there," he said.

"We will let you know later what we have decided to do about the hit-list and other information. There is more to come, we are still collecting evidence."

Mr Mapongwana had been expected to speak after his wife's funeral about the discovery of the list.

According to South newspaper, the list, apparently drawn up by a "committee of seven", was found buried in the yard of Khayelitsha councillor Mr Harold Ntlangwina soon after he was killed, apparently in revenge for the earlier attack on the Mapongwana home.

Asked whether the ANC had advised him to withhold comments about the hit-list, Mr Mapongwana responded: "This has nothing to do with the ANC. We are a community-based organisation, we don't get instructions from the ANC. This is a civic issue."

He complained that his undertaker had struggled to get a grave site for his wife, and claimed that the Lingelethu West town council was responsible for this. He had got a site only after 6pm on Friday, after consulting his lawyer.

Mr Graham Lawrence, the town clerk of the Lingelethu council which runs Khayelitsha, responded yesterday: "Ask him what time on Friday he or his undertaker applied for a site."

Mr Mapongwana had said earlier that his organisation was not prepared to enter into dialogue with the town council or the Cape Provincial Administration unless the first item on the agenda was the removal of the town council.



MASSES MOURN ... Mourners, many of them wearing or bearing ANC colours, fill a Khayelitsha street during the funeral procession of Mrs Nomsa Mapongwana on Saturday. Mrs Mapongwana died during an assassination attempt on her husband, Mr Michael Mapongwana, chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association.

Picture: OBED ZILWA

Star 30/10/90

Students 'beaten by white vigilantes'

Staff Reporter

Three black students said they were beaten up by white vigilantes at Ermelo's public swimming pool last Monday and claimed they were enticed in by an attendant.

Freddie Mofokeng was in the St John Eye Hospital in Soweto and was expected to lose an eye.

The two other youths, Lucky Mathibela (18) and Mike Ngwenya (18), identified a photograph of attendant Gideon Coetzer as the man who invited them in for a swim and then joined in the assault.

Two weeks ago, Mr Coetzer was photographed threatening and abusing Star reporter Stan Hlophe.

After the incident, Ermelo town clerk Pieter van Oudtshoorn said Mr Coetzer had been suspended.

An Ermelo businessman, claiming to be disgusted with what was happening in his town, telephoned The Star to expose the swimming pool vigilante operation.

"If a black person arrives at the pool the attendant is to phone a man in town and give the password 'swemles' (swimming lesson).

"The man will then collect other people and they will head to the pool to beat up the blacks," he said.

Mr Mofokeng said he was severely beaten by several vigilantes and treated at Ermelo Hospital.

'Private armies' won't be tolerated

Political Staff

THE government and the police warned today that they would not tolerate the South African Communist Party or other organisations forming "private political armies" under the guise of self-defence units.

They were reacting to a plan for an elaborate structure of township self-defence units published in the latest issue of the SACP journal Umsebenzi.

It said discussion was still being held on whether the units would be armed with firearms licensed in the normal way or whether they should demand that the government allow them to carry weapons of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Armed actions

SACP interim leadership group member Mr Chris Dlamini has been quoted as saying that the issue had been raised at discussions of the government/ANC working group discussing the practical implementation of the ANC decision to suspend armed actions.

The SACP argued that its proposal for self-defence units was not inconsistent with South African practice.

The government allowed Inkatha to carry "cultural" weapons and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok had told the AWB there was nothing wrong with self-protection provided it did not attack anyone — and the SACP did not intend to attack anyone.

Government and police sources said today the SACP plan was "absolutely intolerable" and that no SACP plan had been raised in the working group.

Police sources said no political party could have a private army.

It was the role of the SAP, helped if necessary by the Defence Force, to defend township residents.

● The ANC was involved in discussions with communities with a view to forming township self-defence units to protect people, ANC spokeswoman Miss Gill Marcus confirmed.

Replying to inquiries about the article in Umsebenzi, Miss Marcus said the ANC had always insisted on the people's right to self-defence.

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'AWB 3 assaulted labourer'

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By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

A Kempton Park businessman alleges that one of his black employees was severely assaulted at the weekend by three members of the AWB.

Graham Green yesterday told The Star that the three men, known to be members of the far-Right organisation, had illegally entered his smallholding property in Bredell, Kempton Park, and assaulted a labourer, Kaizer Mbawane.

Police spokesman Captain Ida van Zweel confirmed that Mr Mbawane had laid a charge of attempted murder against an unknown person who had shot at him with a firearm of unknown calibre.

Captain van Zweel said Mr Mbawane had been admitted to the Tembisa Hospital with several serious injuries.

A hospital spokesman confirmed that Mr Mbawane had been admitted on Sunday morning and was being treated for multiple fractures.

Mr Green said he believed Mr Mbawane had broken an arm and a leg "and he has a mouth full of broken teeth".

He said attempts to obtain information from the police and the hospital had failed.

On returning from a fishing trip on Sunday, he had found a bullet hole in a window and one in a wall of his house.

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Blast by right-wingers?

JOHANNESBURG. — Commercial explosives — a trademark of white right-wing terror — were used in the explosion which rocked central Johannesburg on Tuesday night.

The blast damaged the Mosby Court block of flats and shattered shop windows near the Jeppe/Troye streets intersection. No one was hurt.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday that no motive for the blast had been established. "We don't know yet why anyone would want to bomb a block of flats."

Colonel Malherbe declined to be drawn on suggestions that the bomb was the work of right-wingers. "All possibilities will be investigated," he said.

White radicals are known to have stolen commercial explosives while working at mines and construction companies among other places. — Sapa

Police can't confirm 'hit list'

Staff Reporter

POLICE were yesterday unable to confirm that a "hit list" of prominent Khayelitsha civic leaders — allegedly found after the murder of a township councillor two weeks ago — has been reported to them.

South newspaper said that Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck had asked the Commissioner of Police to provide protection for those on the list which targeted the chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, Mr Michael Mapongwana, and 19 others.

Mr Mapongwana's wife Nomsa was buried at the weekend after she was killed in an attack believed to have been aimed at her husband.

However, neither the Commissioner's office in Pretoria, nor the Western Cape police liaison officer, Major Jan Calitz, could confirm that the existence of a list had been reported to them.

Revenge factor in rightwing reprisals

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DEFIANT action by white Conservative-controlled councils — cutting water and electricity supplies to townships — has highlighted the impotence of black councils.

In the past month, more than a dozen white councils have cut services to black townships, ostensibly in a bid to end rent boycotts by black residents.

In several cases, however, cuts have been made despite advanced negotiations to end the boycott.

Black local councils are collapsing daily and rightwing white councils are at loggerheads both with the ruling National Party and civic leaders. Since February, almost a third of the 82 government-backed black local councils in the Transvaal have collapsed.

Last week the entire council in Thabong — the township near Welkom on the Orange Free State — quit. And in Soweto, Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi was ousted at a special council meeting on Tuesday which installed the more progressive Oscar Maseko as the new mayor.

In Wesselton, a township of 50 000 people about 180km east of Johannesburg, the Conservative-run town council cut the water supply.

Revenge

But black community leaders believe there is another factor at work.

"I think they (the rightwing councils) are taking revenge for the government's scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act," said Amon Zikhali, an executive member of the anti-apartheid Wesselton Civic Association, near the eastern Transvaal mining town of Ermelo.

(The action by rightwingers immediately followed the government's repeal of the Act).

For eight days, Wesselton residents had to walk the three kilometres to the tiny Indian neighbourhood of Cassim Park after their water supply was cut.

Mr Mohammed (Boetie) Tilly, a petrol-station owner who runs a transport company, said he saw policemen puncturing the laden plastic containers of residents outside his premises last month.

"The police asked if I had given the Wesselton residents permission to draw water," said Mr Tilly. "I told them: you can't refuse water. It is a gift from God."

Police say they have investigated his claims but have been unable to find evidence to substantiate them.

The water supply to Wesselton was re-connected after the management of the local coal mine — the General Mining Corporation's Ermelo Mines — paid R130 000 to cover arrears in water payments.

Further evidence of vindictive action by white rightwingers was related by three young black residents who tried to go for a swim in the recently-desegregated Ermelo swimming-pool.

Fred Mofokeng, a final-year high school student, and two friends decided to go for a swim two days before he was due to begin writing his examinations.

He came home with a lacerated left eye and a swollen mouth after being beaten by a group of white thugs who were waiting outside the council-run swimming-pool.

"When we left the swimming-pool, a red van approached us and we were afraid, so we went back to the pool to get help from the superintendent," said 18-year-old Lucky Mathibela, a friend of Fred's.

Skirmish

"When I approached the superintendent, he punched me on the head," said Mathibela. When they finally left, they were badly beaten with sticks.

When approached about the attack, the superintendent refused to comment.

"You can speak to the town clerk," he said. "I don't speak to anyone without my lawyer."

Town clerk Pieter van Oudtshoorn said he had heard rumours of a skirmish involving black people outside the pool but had no details.

"My superintendent has very strict instructions not to interfere with blacks who go to the swimming-pool," said Van Oudtshoorn, a National Party member employed by the Conservative-run council.

"If it is true that he assaulted somebody, action will be taken against him," he said.

The harsh steps by the Conservative councils against black residents has embarrassed the government which — several months ago — threatened to cut bridging finance to black councils hit by the rent boycott.

Councils controlled by the ruling National Party have stopped short of cutting services, opting rather for negotiations to achieve a resumption of rent payments. Rent arrears have cost the government more than R500m nationwide.

In most townships, the white council authorities have been forced to negotiate with popular leaders of civic associations rather than discredited black councillors.

State President FW de Klerk has committed his government to a system of nonracial local government but has insisted that present structures should remain until a new system is negotiated.

He stated earlier at the annual conference of the National Party in Natal last month that he favoured a decentralisation of power and devolution of authority to semi-autonomous regional governments and local and neighbourhood councils.

Turning point

But leaders of the African National Congress, while not opposing decentralisation, have voiced fears that De Klerk's formula is aimed at placing existing wealth beyond the reach of a future majority government bent on a radical redistribution of resources.

The turning-point in the crisis for black local government came with the resignation of Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton township and chairperson of the Urban Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa) last month.

His surprise resignation has robbed the system of all credibility.

"I could not go on defending the indefensible," Boya told a crowd of 80 000 residents.

A compromise might yet be found in a report on local government handed to a government commission recently.

The report, commissioned by the state-run Council for the Coordination of Local Government Affairs, stresses that local government should receive priority in the negotiation process.

It outlines four options for multiracial and nonracial local government — three of which would involve existing segregated councils becoming integrated.

The report recommended existing and new sources of income be used "to eliminate historical disadvantages urgently and systematically".

(John Battersby is Southern African correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor).

Rightwing-run white councils are taking revenge on black people for the government's scrapping the Separate Amenities Act by cutting off essential supplies to black townships and assaulting its residents using previously white facilities.

JOHN BATTERSBY reports:



PULLED OUT: Umsa chairperson Tom Mboya, standing, addressing Old Crossroads residents when he was still involved in black local councils. Seated at the table is Johnson Ngxobongwana, mayor of Crossroads

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Racial slur costs businessm



R20 000 AWARD . . . Mr Richard Voskuil

By RONNIE MORRIS

A SIR LOWRY'S PASS village man was awarded R20 000 damages in the Supreme Court yesterday for a "deliberate, unprovoked and unjustified" racial assault on him by a Strand businessman.

Mr Justice L Rose-Innes said the assault had been serious and the humiliating manner in which Gerrit Maass, of Gerrit Maass Motors, Strand, had addressed Mr Richard Voskuil had been "shocking".

Evidence was that on December 13, 1986, Mr Voskuil's car had stalled near the entrance to a gravel road which leads from the Sir Lowry's Pass road to the High World Farm, Gordon's Bay. He and a friend, Mr Henry Hearns, had tried in vain to get the car started.

Mr Maass and his brother, Mr Alwyn Maass, a security policeman, had stopped and Mr Maass had accused Mr Voskuil of having stolen the car.

During the incident Mr Maass struck him in the face with a clenched fist. He was also grabbed by his belt and the scruff of his neck and flung into a police van.

Mr Voskuil said Mr Maass had used humiliating and insulting language in the presence of a policeman and had forced him to kneel in front of his own car.

When he had asked Mr Maass to call the police he had said: "I do not phone the police if a hotnot tells me to, I am a policeman", and "This is the type of hotnots who kill your wife and others."

Mr Maass had later said: "This is the kind of hotnot you must beat to death."

The court heard that Mr Voskuil admitted to the Hottentots Holland Ho suffered severe pain for three days an to slight pain in the following month.

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5 held over illegal arms

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POLICE have arrested five suspected rightwingers in connection with possession of illegal weapons and possibly recent acts of terrorism.

A police statement issued yesterday said the five had been arrested and were being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

It did not specify other than to say a quantity of weapons had been seized.

The alleged rightwingers were named as Mr Pieter Venter, Mr Christo Niemand, Mr Cornelius Allison, Mr Stephen Terblanche and Mr Michael White.

They were apparently arrested on Tuesday while the amnesty on illegal firearm possession was still in force, but will not escape prosecution because they did not voluntarily surrender their alleged illegal weapons.

The amnesty expired at midnight on Wednesday.

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Leader

The statement also did not link the arrested men to any particular organisation.

Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder said he had never heard of any of the arrested men.

He suggested they might have been members of the Order Boerevolk, the organisation established by alleged arms thief Piet "Skiet" Rudolph who was arrested recently after being hunted by police for several months.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging could not immediately be reached for comment. - *Sapa.*



HAPPY FAMILY? . . . Mr Gerrit Maass and his staff at his garage in the Strand after the Supreme Court ruled that he should pay R20 000 for a racial assault on a man.
Picture: REUTER

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'Support' for man in assault claim

By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

STRAND garage owner Mr Gerrit Maass, this week ordered by the Supreme Court to pay R20 000 damages to a Sir Lowry's Pass Village man for a racial assault, said yesterday "this is definitely not the end of the story".

He claimed that calls and visits of support from friends and people he has never met before began pouring in yesterday.

While the Supreme Court ruled that his assault on Mr Richard Voskuil had been "shocking", Mr Maass claimed he had had offers of funds to pay his legal costs to appeal the court decision.

The incident occurred between Sir Lowry's Pass Road and Gordon's Bay on December 13, 1986, when Mr Maass assaulted Mr Voskuil and accused him of stealing his own car which had broken down. Mr Maass was accompanied by his brother, Mr Alwyn Maass, a security policeman.

Mr Voskuil claimed Mr Maass told him "I do not phone the police if a damn hotnot tells me to. I am a policeman" and "This is the type of hotnot who kills your wife and others." Mr Maass struck Mr Voskuil in the face with a clenched fist and grabbed him by his belt and the scruff of his neck and flung him into a police van.

Speaking from his garage, Gerrit Maass Motors in the Strand, Mr Maass declared that business had never been better. "I am pumping more petrol than ever before," he said.

Mr Maass said he was a family man and "religious". His bakery in the Strand was closed in the mornings on Sunday so that he and his staff could go to church, he said.

His brother Alwyn is still in the police force.

Mr Maass's attorney said he would apply next week for leave to appeal against the court decision. It was hoped to reduce the amount of the damages, he said.

Star 6/11/90

'Whites in minibus attacked us'

Own Correspondent

POTCHEFSTROOM — Several blacks were allegedly assaulted by white men driving a minibus near Potchefstroom on Sunday evening.

A police spokesman said Hector Mapeugo (22) and his girlfriend had stopped about 5 km outside the town to sleep in his minibus. Two white men in a minibus surprised and then assaulted Mr Mapeugo. He and his girlfriend managed to run away.

The men allegedly drove away with Mr Mapeugo's minibus. It was found gutted by fire on the Potchefstroom/Carletonville road yesterday.

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One of the men allegedly stabbed and struck Mr Mototi on the head with a carving knife. As he fled, two shots were fired from an R-4 rifle. Mr Mototi received slight stab wounds on his head.

As Johannes Ntugae (21) and Jonas Mate (19) were strolling in Louw Street, Potchefstroom, at about 10 pm, two white men in a minibus stopped near them. The men allegedly got out of the vehicle and attacked them with a golf club and a kerrie. They took Mr Mate's bicycle.

Mr Ntugae was seriously injured and was admitted to the Kalie de Haas Hospital in Potchefstroom.

MK man fears alleged policemen

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Political Staff

A member of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we-Sizwe (MK), says he fears for his life after numerous visits to his home in GaRankuwa by people who claimed to be policemen.

Bachana Mokwena (33), a trained member of MK who recently returned to South Africa on an indemnity, said he had not gone home last week out of fear of harassment and abduction.

He was appointed treasurer of the ANC Youth League last Sunday.

In another development, a recently returned MK cadre was kidnapped last week from his brother's home in Tembisa by balaclava-clad men who claimed to be policemen.

Mthunzi Nkosi (29) was taken from home around 3.30 am on Monday by 15 men wearing balaclavas. The men, said to be five whites and 10 blacks, allegedly said they were policemen but refused to produce identification.

A spokesman in the office of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, Captain Craig Kotze, said if the ANC men were granted immunity, the police would not harass them.

He said "lots of people" could claim to be policemen. If charges were laid the matter would be investigated.

Two held after blacks attacked in Potchefstroom

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men have been arrested by Potchefstroom detectives following reports of random attacks on blacks by a gang of men patrolling the streets of the town in a minibus.

The attacks took place on Sunday evening.

A police spokesman said Mr Hector Mapeugo, 22, and his girlfriend stopped 5km outside the town to sleep in his minibus. Two white men in a minibus surprised and assaulted Mr Mapeugo. He and his girlfriend ran away.

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A Western Transvaal police spokesman said the men, aged 25 and 24, would appear in court soon on charges of attempted murder, armed robbery and assault.

'Attacked' man jailed - friend

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A MAN who was allegedly attacked twice within half an hour by white men in Conservative Party-controlled Springs, has been arrested, reportedly by his (civilian) assailants, and is awating trial in Kwathema Police Station.

ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

Confirming the arrest and charge of Mr Ronnie Masondo for attempted car theft, Captain Ida van Zweel said there was no entry in the occurrence book at the police station that Masondo had been injured.

However, an eyewitness, Mr Euman Morake, who was with Masondo at the time of the alleged assault, said that two white men stopped for Masondo and a friend called April while they were hiking between Springs and a small holding on the Nigel road.

When Masondo approached the passenger window he was sprayed in the face with a substance which Morake believed was teargas. Masondo collapsed.

The men laughed and sped away.

Morake said he and April helped Masondo to his feet and continued down the road towards their home on the small holding.

About half-an-hour later, at Largo Street, three men "came out of a house" and started sjambokking the three - Masondo, Morake and April.

The men shouted: "Where's Mandela. Where's Mandela."

Morake said they were chased "all over the place" and believed they were shot at, too. There were tyre marks all over a section of Largo Street in Springs.

"At one point I remember a Cortina bakkie was used. They wanted to run over us," he said.

Morake has sjambok marks on his body and said that Masondo was hit very badly.

"His eyes were swollen," he said.

Morake also said he believed that the men had hit him so badly they had to fabricate a story to have him (Masondo) arrested.

He (Morake) had tried for three days to reach Masondo, but the police allegedly refused him access to his friend.

Captain van Zweel said: "According to the records, he (Masondo) had not filed a charge of assault and there was no mention of injuries (by the police) when Masondo was placed in custody."

A witness, whose name is known to Sowetan, said that when he inquired about Masondo on Saturday October 27 he was told by a policeman: "You cannot trust a kaffir. You should kill them."

It is believed that this was the police station where Masondo was handed over to after the citizen's arrest. The man who arrested Masondo has been identified. The same man's car was used by the three white men.

Masondo appeared in court on Monday October 29. The case was postponed to November 7 in the Springs Magistrate's Court.

'Threat' to top DP man

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Democratic Party organiser Mr Roy Ainslie told the Supreme Court here yesterday that he had received threatening telephone calls demanding two sworn statements made to him by Mr Lawrence Ntshalingtshali, a former chauffeur of KwaZulu deputy minister Mr Bekizizwe Jamile.

Mr Ainslie said a man he believed was armed had come looking for him at his office after he had taken the second statement.

Mr Ainslie was subpoenaed by the defence to produce the statements, but the state agreed to make copies of the documents available to the defence.

Mr Ainslie said he had destroyed the originals of the statements, copies of which had been given to the attorney-general.

Mr Jamile and Mr Msizi Hlope are on trial after an assassination attempt on Mr Ntshalingtshali.

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STAFF REPORTER

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Fake pamphlet calls for boycott

By CHARLES LEONARD

ONE spelling mistake on a pamphlet calling for a boycott of Indian-owned shops in Pretoria blew the cover of a dirty tricks campaign this week.

A bogus pamphlet issued under the name of the African Council of Hawkers and Informal Business (Achib) was distributed in downtown Pretoria last week calling for a boycott of Indian-owned shops from October 27 to November 17.

The pamphleteers, claiming that members of the African National Congress supported the boycott, gave themselves away with the spelling of the abbreviation of October, by using the Afrikaans version, "Okt".

Outraged Achib treasurer Beauty Nkosi slated the "dirty tricks department" who distributed the racist pamphlet in their name. "What makes it worse is that this pamphlet is the second one that is being distributed under our name," she said. "A similar pamphlet also calling for a boycott of Indian shops has been distributed in Klerksdorp."

ANC Pretoria spokesman Moss Chikane said it was "complete rubbish" that the ANC had been consulted about the boycott.

The pamphlet claims that hawkers in Brits have been arrested by the police because "Indian traders reported them as illegal traders who are stealing their customers".

Nkosi said that they had heard nothing of any such arrests.

Let's break our habit of violence with just laws

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Violence is a way of life in South Africa. And to end this tragic habit this country needs material justice before we can live in peace. This is an extract from **NADINE GORDIMER'S** keynote address to the Weekly Mail Book Week

THERE is a lot of forgetting to do in South Africa.

Yet it should not begin before we face what we are in relation to what we wish to become. Progressive forces in our country are pledged to one of the extraordinary events in world social history: the complete reversal of everything that, for centuries, has ordered the lives of all our people, under all the successive governmental avatars of racism — conquest, colonialism, white republicanism — and has culminated, again and again, in violence.

We know we have to face the kind of legacy, in terms of human relations, apartheid is leaving us. There is, there will be, an aftermath which can't be tackled without majority rule under a Bill of Rights, but which won't evanesce because of these legal victories over oppression. Just as there are people physically maimed by the struggle between white power and black liberation, there is psychological, behavioural damage that all of us in South Africa have been subject to in some degree, whether we know it or not, whether we are whites who have shut eyes and electronically-controlled gates on what was happening to blacks, or whether we are blacks who have been transported and dumped where the government wished, tear-gassed and shot, detained, forced into exile or have left to join the liberation army which came into being when no other choice remained. Violence has become the South African way of life.

Violence has been with us a long, long time as a pure expression of racism. In its latest avatars, it is still surely a manipulation of that same racism: an end product of old colonialist ideas of divide and rule in the sophisticated Verwoerdian version of grab and rule — take the land and make kinglets of those given a backing of white government's power in ethnic enclaves. But more of that later.

Does violence imply hate? Personally, I'm prepared to say that hatred towards whites — and in the extreme conditions of racism in South Africa — has been and is rare among South African blacks. Like you, I have lived here all my life, I have been in many situations where hate could have revealed itself, I have talked in open mood with many people, when we have been sober and when we have had our inhibitions loosened by a drink or two: I have seen and read much — and, yes, I've met bitterness, hard words, but hate — so unmistakable, so frightening, has not been there.

Hate kills. It is ugly to have to quantify deaths. But how many white civilians have been killed by black freedom fighters between 1990 and the time when the liberation movement resorted to arms in 1961?

Sixty-six.

The precise figure comes from no less an authority than Major-General Herman Stadler, given in August 1990.

The figure for black civilians killed by whites, beginning, if you like, with the Sharpeville massacre in 1960, runs into thousands; no one really knows how many, counting deaths in detention along with those brought about by direct police action.

But the habit of violence has been instilled, and this is a problem we know will be inherited by a new South Africa. The vocabulary of violence has become the common speech of both black and white.

Among whites, with the phenomenon of no less than 70 white extremist organisations (some consisting of a handful of people, others of considerable numbers) I would say that hate is the motive of violence. We have seen the disgusting banners these people hold up. We have heard the venom towards blacks shouted under the sign of a new version of the swastika.

But apart from this white minority, I believe destructive emotions among whites stop short of hate. For fear does not always go inextricably with hate. And the prevailing emotion among whites is fear; fear of retribution for all that has been done to blacks by whites' forefathers, by governments for whom they themselves have voted; for all that they themselves have done by their own actions and — for their silence, their turning away with closed eyes. Fear of losing privilege; if they can be convinced that they won't lose their lives, they yet see themselves about to be skinned of their privileges of being white. But subconsciously they understand hate as the useless emotion it is — even if this is understood only in terms of what it could do for them now: precisely nothing.

Much is made, in the outside world and at home, among those in opposition to real change or determined to manage it for their own ends, of cultural differences as a source of violence between blacks and whites in South Africa. But if we turn away from the obsession with group categories and the neglect of everyday, individual relationships upon which, in the end, human relationships depend, we find that ways of life, mores and manners, forced upon us by apartheid laws, down to the details of which toilet we could use, and, by custom, to the grading of butchers' meat between general cuts, "servants' meat" and "pets' meat" — these ways of life that we've been born to have created differences between black and white that are neither the product of any separate tradition, religion etc, nor a matter of ethnic temperament.

It is racist politics and laws which have caused morbid mutations, in favour of violence, in our behaviour. We must recognise this. Race has become a catch-all for every form of personal conflict, at home, in the work-place, in the street. All ordinary, individual human failings become attributable to the race of the culprit in societies where people are defined by colour. All of us, black and white, are caught out at some time in this kind of conditioned thinking. Part of the anxiety among whites to have minority rights — group rights — written into a new constitution despite (or in my view, in contradiction of) a Bill of Rights to guard the individual, comes from these morbid mutations which have come about among us. Whites surely need to realise that group rights would categorise them still within the dead apartheid structure, single them out, perpetuate the memory of racism and lead to the possibility of continuing violence?

The perceptions of others about violence in general in the contemporary world may give us some helpful perspectives. At a recent conference in Norway it became clear that we delegates fell into two distinct categories of priority in dealing with violent conflict. There were those subjectivists who believe that a spiritual change of heart is the basis of peaceful resolution, and those, the objectivists — among whom I numbered — who believe that the basis has to be just economic conditions. Vaclev Havel said violent hatred "... is a diabolical attribute of the fallen angel; a state of the spirit that aspires to be God, that may even think it is God, and cannot be". Love one another or perish. But can you love me while I have a full stomach and you are hungry? The American economist, John Kenneth Galbraith, said: "Hard, visible circumstance defines reality. Out of poverty comes conflict." And Elena Bonner said: "Moral concepts are lovely, but the key is governing things by just law."

I believe we must create material justice before we can hope to eliminate the kind of violence that has become a tragic habit in South Africa. Given that base, I believe there is a good chance of decent relations between black and black, black and white in our country, whatever languages they speak, whatever their ethnic origins may be. For I can think of no other country in Africa where, in spite of our extraordinary racism, a comparable proportion of people of all races have committed themselves to the black struggle for freedom, recognising it as their own. Now we need a politic that will nurture material justice before we can hope to live in peace.

White thugs go on the rampage in Potch

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE sleepy western Transvaal town of Potchefstroom this week resembled a scene from the film *Mississipi Burning*, as four armed whites in a minibus went on the rampage, assaulting blacks.

Among their many victims were a Vaal Reefs taxi driver, Hector Mapeuge, whose minibus was set alight, and an armed SADF soldier, Andile Matoti, 26, of Soweto who sustained head injuries.

The white men allegedly drove away in Mapeuge's taxi and it was later discovered gutted on the Potchefstroom-Carletonville road.

In an exclusive interview, Matoti, a trained soldier with two years' experience in the army, said he was armed with his PBK pistol during the attack.

He said he could have killed his assailants had he wanted to.

He said he fired two warning shots but one of the four men kept on coming and he decided to flee rather than kill him.

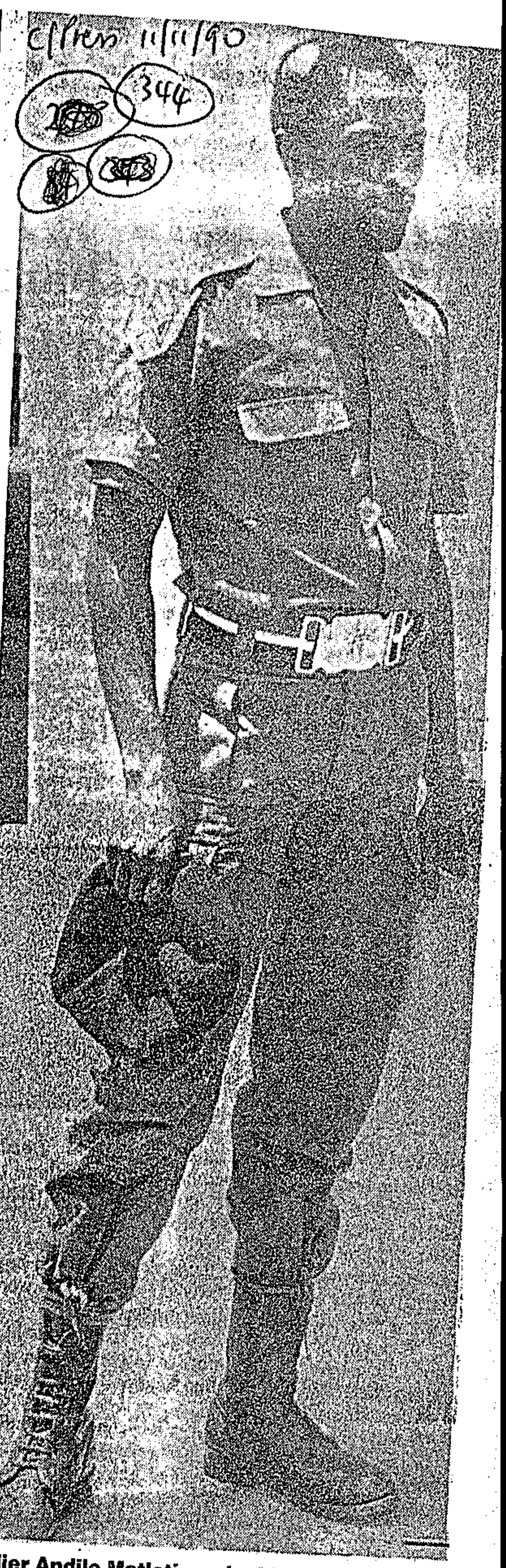
Two white men appeared briefly in the Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court this week in connection with the alleged assaults.

Marthinus Christoffel Visser, 25, and his brother-in-law, Edmund Craig Knoetze, 24, both of Smit Street – a blue-collar section of Potchefstroom – were not asked to plead on charges of attempted murder, three counts of robbery and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Magistrate Flip du Toit adjourned the case to November 21 and released them on R500 bail each.

Meanwhile, the case of two alleged Fochville rightwingers facing charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition was this week postponed to December 6, pending the Attorney-General's ruling.

Dood Minnie, 40, of Middlewater farm and Petrus Piet Bester, 30, of Carina Court were not asked to plead.



Soldier Andile Matloti . . . decided to flee rather than kill his attackers – and sustained head injuries in the assault.

CCB chief sacked?

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Colonel Joe Verster, head of the highly controversial Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), has suddenly vacated his post — and sources claimed yesterday that he had been sacked from the SADF by Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

However, other reports this morning said that Colonel Verster had taken early retirement.

Defence Ministry spokesman Mr Das Herbst said yesterday that General Malan would not comment on issues relating to the Harms Commission until legal proceedings had run their course.

He referred the Cape Times correspondent to a parliamentary debate on allegations surrounding the CCB on February 26 this year, but said he could not make any further comment on Colonel Verster or the CCB.

General Malan told Parliament in February this year that "if official investigations on the basis of proven and tested evidence should bring to light any malpractices on the part of the CCB a surgical cut will be made to remove the malignancy".

The Harms Commission was told on several occasions that Colonel Verster had to approve and often initiate the CCB's covert operations both inside and outside South Africa.

Colonel Verster, who was the managing director of the CCB, also indicated to the commission his concern that government policy had moved to the left, leaving the CCB out of step, with its own political agenda no longer concurrent to the government's.

Meanwhile Free State attorney-general Mr Tim McNally came under fire at the weekend for having agreed to lead evidence before the commission after he had already decided that evidence of key witnesses was questionable.

Mr McNally lodged the findings of his committee which probed police hit squad allegations last November.

Yesterday when asked to respond to the criticism, Mr McNally said he would "take some time to react", and added that he would probably release a statement some time in the near future.

Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee released Mr McNally's findings on Saturday. He said he felt they were relevant to current legal proceedings.

A Justice Department spokesman said this probably related to the R1 million defamation case brought by SAP Scientific Services chief Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against Vrye Weekblad newspaper.

Vrye Weekblad maintains its articles are based on factual accounts as told to them by former security branch captain Mr Dirk Coetzee.

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Mr McNally found the testimonies of Mr Coetzee, death row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tshikalanga — all of whom confessed to being hit-squad members attached to the SAP's insurgency identification unit based at Vlakplaas — to have doubtful credibility.

Sapa reports that Professor John Dugard of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR) felt Mr McNally should not have been appointed to the Harms Commission to lead evidence, as his own findings could have prejudiced the manner in which he presented evidence.

At the very least, Mr McNally should have drawn attention to this possibility, he said.

Professor Dugard said Mr McNally's participation in the Harms Commission would affect the commission's credibility as far as its findings on the police part of its investigation were concerned and he felt Mr McNally should have recused himself.

Professor Dugard said he was very surprised that in the light of his findings as chairman of the McNally committee Mr McNally was prepared to act as a so-called independent presenter of evidence for the the Harms Commission.

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Right-winger killed taxi driver 'as a test'

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SUSAN RUSSELL

RIGHT-winger Cornelius Johannes Lottering decided to "eliminate" a black taxi driver as a test to see if he could carry out politically motivated killings without getting cold feet, he said in a statement submitted to the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Lottering, 24, and Fanie Goosen, 29, have admitted killing taxi driver Potoko Franzar Makgalemele on August 29 1989 and planting explosives outside the flat of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan.

But they have pleaded not guilty to the charges against them on the grounds that they committed "acts of war".

They have pleaded not guilty to one count of murder, two counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances, two counts of malicious damage to property, attempted intimidation and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Psychiatric evidence put before the court yesterday showed Lottering did not suffer any mental defect.

In the statement submitted yesterday, which he made before a magistrate in January, Lottering said he and a number of other individuals had discussed engineering a coup d'etat by eliminating about seven government ministers.

The plotters abandoned the plan because they reasoned the ANC might derive more benefit from their actions than themselves.

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be more effective. There was one thing that worried me. I was not 100% sure that I could carry out my task. It would be fatal to get cold feet when for example I had a leader in my sights." Lottering said.

By killing his natural enemy — a black person — he would know finally whether he would be able to proceed with his plans.

"I remembered seeing non-whites driving white taxis. It aggrieved me that a kaffir had to drive white girls. Therefore I decided to eliminate such a person as a test for myself," he said.

In his statement, Lottering described how he hired Makgalemele to take him to Gold Reef City.

Near the destination, Lottering said he threatened the driver with a firearm and ordered him out of the car.

After failing to kill the driver with a knife, he shot him with a 9mm pistol.

The trial continues before Mr Justice Irving Steyn.

Black driver was shot 'for practice'

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He was justified in killing the taxi driver because blacks were the "natural enemies" of whites, he said.

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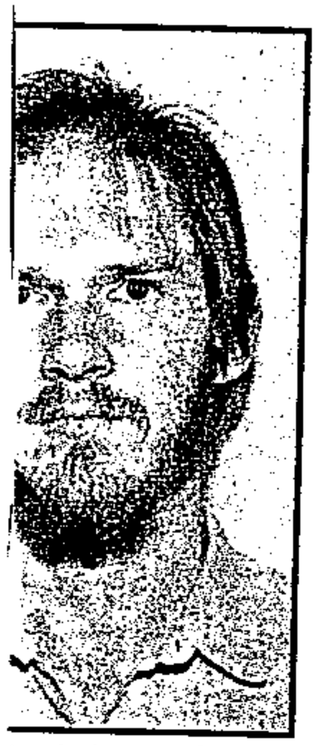

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I killed black driver for practice, says accused extremist

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"It would be fatal to get cold feet if I had a leader in my sights," he said in the statement.

As practice, he told a black taxi driver to take him to Gold Reef City. There he forced him at gunpoint to hand over the keys to the car and stabbed him as "part of his personal training", which required him to learn how to use a knife.

He bundled the driver into the boot and after several attempts to get the car started — which required repeatedly taking the driver out of the boot to show him how to switch off the car's security system — he drove to Dale-side Ski Club in Meyerton.

There he again practised stabbing the kneeling taxi driver. He intended stabbing the man through his jaw and into the brain.

"The angle of attack was not 100 percent right," he said.

The man tried to run away and Mr Lottering said he shot him in the torso, and then he killed him by shooting him in the head.

He was justified in killing the taxi driver because blacks were the "natural enemies" of whites who were descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Jews and blacks, however, were bastardised offspring of Judah and Benjamin.

"Because the black was my natural enemy and I was entitled to destroy my enemy according to the Bible, the deed did not bother me in the least."

He also admitted robbing a bottle store but said this was not a political act and should not be seen as such, in case others who shared his beliefs would be tainted.

Apartheid was a natural progression of God's will because He ordered the descendants of Israel not to allow their enemies to remain in the lands they had conquered, he said.

South Africa was the only country in the world which was not completely taken over by the Jewish money forces which were "devil-inspired" and were preparing the way for the Anti-Christ.

● Second accused Fanie Goosen has challenged the admissibility of his own statement and the hearing has moved to a trial within a trial.

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No hit squads

But Harms says SADF is undermined

JOHANNESBURG. — The Harms Commission of Inquiry into alleged police and Defence Force death squads has found no firm evidence of security force involvement in the murders of anti-apartheid activists.

Mr Justice Louis Harms's report was released yesterday.

Opposition politicians and civil-rights workers criticised the report while President F W de Klerk called for "calm" from critics and an end to "witch-hunts".

An official in the Ministry of Law and Order said: "We're happy."

But the one-man judicial commission harshly criticised actions of the army's secret Civil Co-operation Bureau.

Mr Justice Harms said the CCB had "contaminated the whole security arm of the state" and that its members' conduct during the commission had not allayed suspicions that they were involved in more violent crimes than evidence showed.

"The commission has been unable to achieve one of its main purposes — namely to restore public confidence in a part of the state administration," he concluded.

The judge passed on to attorneys-general for investigation the unsolved killing of Dr Fabia Ribiero and his wife Florence, the bombing of the Early Learning Centre in Athlone and alleged plans to assassinate Cape Town lawyer Mr Dullah Omar, Durban attorney Mr Kwenza Mlhaba and journalist Mr Gavin Evans — crimes committed since 1986 and allegedly linked to the CCB.

Mr Harms said he found it impossible to ascertain the formation date of the CCB, but he noted that the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, had disbanded the unit in the light of the allegations and added that he had not been expected to examine General Malan's political role in the affair.

The commission also found no evidence of CCB involvement of the murder of Wits academic Dr David Webster.

Mr De Klerk, giving an "assurance" that relevant army operations would be investigated, said he could find "no reason to condemn politicians in charge".

"It is now time for calm to prevail in the country and for witch-hunts on individuals to stop," he said. "The events dealt with in the report took place in an era of serious conflict and strife, now belonging to the past."

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Mr De Klerk appointed Mr Justice Harms on January 31 to probe alleged politically motivated killings since 1977, a move prompted by public pressure after disclosures by three former security policemen who claimed to have been death-squad members.

Both General Malan and Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok were found to have been unable to provide anything of additional value to the investigations and were therefore not called to appear as witnesses before the commission.

The same reasons were given for not calling known CCB members such as Mr Leon "Chappie" Maree.

General Malan was found to be politically responsible for the CCB's actions, though Mr Justice Harms said

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his commission was not concerned with General Malan's knowledge of the CCB's existence.

The commission's task was to unmask the people who "committed or caused or instructed to be committed murders or acts of violence as principal offenders, accomplices or accessories", Mr Justice Harms reported.

It was also common cause that no hit squad was established at Vlakplaas, the base from which the security branch's insurgency identification and tracking unit operated. He did, however, find Vlakplaas members guilty of common-law offences.

No recommendations concerning the CCB could be made, as it was disbanded on July 30 and was still the subject of a financial inquiry led by the auditor-general, he said.

Although the CCB was not linked to Dr Webster's murder, members were responsible for other acts of violence. It was not likely that Dr Webster's murder was an official CCB operation, but it was possible that Mr Ferdi Barnard, a CCB Region 6 member who had "been put on ice", could have carried out the assassination, he said.

The reasoning behind this conclusion lay with the crucial fact that CCB managing director Colonel Joe Verster had made inquiries with all of the Region 6 members to find out if they had had a hand in the murder. He would not have done this had he authorised Dr Webster's killing as an official CCB mission, Mr Justice Harms argued.

He specifically named Colonel Verster, Region 6 co-ordinator Mr Christo Brits, Region 6 administration manager Mr Braam Cillier and member of another CCB region Mr Shane du Plooy as being vague, contradictory and untrustworthy witnesses, while describing former CCB members Mr Willie van Deventer and Mr Pieter Botes as being after money and even extortionist.

Mr Justice Harms said there was no corroborating evidence regarding the CCB's involvement in the poisoning of SA Council of Churches (SACC) leader the Rev Frank Chikane, the burning of student leader Mr Anton Roskam's car, violent acts against Cosatu, the Transport and General Workers' Union and other trade unions or violent acts against the SACC and the SA Catholic Bishops Conference.

He found the evidence of former Vlakplaas commander ex-police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee, former death row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela and Mr Coetzee's former gardener and later Vlakplaas member Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalanga to be suspect and contradictory of each other.

Parts of Mr Coetzee's evidence were "inherently improbable" and ascribed to his tendency towards irrational behaviour. Mr Coetzee, now an ANC member in exile, appeared willing to commit perjury, fabricate evidence, give contradictory answers to questions under oath, falsely implicate others in alleged crimes, switch peoples' roles in incidents and concoct false alibis for someone.

Mr Justice Harms found that his testimony was tailored to fit "newly learned facts" on which he was briefed, ostensibly by the ANC in Lusaka.

Harms the main findings

THE main findings of the Harms Commission were:

- **There was no evidence of a police death squad.**
- **The Civil Co-operation Bureau's actions "contaminated . . . security arm of the state".**
- **The commission was unable to restore public confidence in the Defence Force.**
- **The Civil Co-operation Bureau did not murder Wits academic Dr David Webster.**
- **Although the CCB was not linked to the Webster murder, it was responsible for other violent acts.**
- **The attorneys-general offices have been sent nine cases for consideration, eight of which point to CCB participation.**
- **The Minster of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, were not called as witnesses because they were unable to provide anything of additional value.**
- **General Malan was found to be politically responsible for the CCB's actions, but the commission was not concerned with his knowledge of the CCB's existence.**
- **There was no corroborating evidence regarding the CCB's involvement in the poisoning of the Rev Frank Chikane, the burning of a student leader's car, violent acts against Cosatu and other trade unions or violent acts against the SACC and the SA Catholic Bishops Conference.**
- **Former police captain Dirk Coetzee, former death row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela and former policeman David "Spyker" Tshikalanga were suspect and contradictory of each other. The former policemen were guilty of common-law offences.**

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Ministers 'were marked for assassination'

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JOHANNESBURG. — President F W de Klerk, and Ministers Pik Botha, Adriaan Vlok and Magnus Malan were among the seven top ministers targeted for assassination by the Order of Death, murder accused Mr Fanie Goosen said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Members of the Order believed that the Conservative Party would take over the government if the ministers were assassinated. But the plan was called off when they decided the ANC would benefit.

He and fellow right-winger Mr Cornelius Lottering have admitted in sworn statements that they planted a bomb last year outside the flat of former Sunday Times columnist Ms Jani Allan.

They have pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, attempted intimidation, unlawful possession of a pistol and ammunition, malicious damage to property, robbery with aggravating circumstances and escaping from custody. Their actions were "acts of war", they said.

They wished to get Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche "out of the way" because he was not co-operating with other right-wing leaders, and decided to frighten Ms Allan "so that she would tell the true story to the newspapers", Mr Goosen said.

He is currently challenging the admissibility of his second sworn statement before the court. He said he admitted to killing a black taxi driver with Mr Lottering last year, because this meant his friends who were in detention with him would be released.

The trial continues. — Sapa

FW clears Malan, Vlok and Coetsee

Political Correspondent

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk said last night that he could find "no reason to condemn the politicians in charge" following the release of the Harms Commission of Inquiry report.

His statement effectively gave an official clearance of the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, for the way in which they "carried out their duties and responsibilities" in relation to alleged politically inspired murders.

"It is time for calm to prevail and for witchhunts on individuals to stop," Mr De Klerk said.

In an apparent appeal to let bygones be bygones, Mr De Klerk said: "The events dealt with in the report took place in an era of serious conflict and strife, now belonging to the past.

"We should act with a view to our future and take the conciliatory steps which are necessary to again create a peaceful and prosperous community in South Africa."

He said such conciliatory steps already included the possibility of granting indemnity to members of all parties who were involved in the conflict.

Mr De Klerk emphasised that any action by the government following recommendations in the report was not aimed at satisfying what he termed "unrealistic expectations" that might still exist.

Rather, government actions would have the sole purpose of ensuring effective and just administration and allowing the normal legal process to run its course.

In response to the report, the carrying out of special or covert operations was being reviewed in total, he said.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said he feared the stature of Mr De Klerk's government would suffer from the failure of the commission to report any facts relevant to the "appalling" murders it investigated.

The Conservative Party spokesman on defence, Mr Koos van der Merwe, said General Malan would have been fired if he were serving in an overseas government.

Human Rights Commissioner Dr Max Coleman said the report was "totally unsatisfactory" and ran serious risk of discrediting commissions of inquiry appointed by the government.

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It demanded the immediate resignation of General Malan and the disbandment of irregular forces of the SADF and SAP.

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Findings on CCBs 'one-sided'

Political Correspondent

THE Western Cape Anti-Hit Squad Campaign last night dismissed the Harms Commission findings as "one-sided".

A spokesman for the campaign said the inadequacy of the findings was primarily due to the refusal of the government to extend the terms of reference of the commission to include murder committed outside SA.

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The spokesman said efforts would continue to have the truth revealed and "we continue to hold the government accountable for the horrors committed by its hit squads".

The Black Sash was "deeply disappointed" that the Harms Commission's terms of reference were so circumscribed that its report had not exposed the full facts, the organisation said.

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Assassinated Namibian advocate and Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski was probably a paid agent working for Military Intelligence and as such was unlikely to have been a military target.

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He had been recruited in the first half of 1989 because of his access to Swapo. The commission had seen documentary proof, in the form of original cheques and deposit slips, that SADF money had been paid into the Namibian lawyer's personal and business bank accounts, the judge said.

SADF chief pledges action

PRETORIA. — "Applicable action" was being taken on criticism and recommendations in the Harms Commission report released yesterday, SADF chief General Kat Liebenberg said.

He said that comments regarding the remarks in the report about financial aspects could be given only once the auditor-general's report had been finalised.

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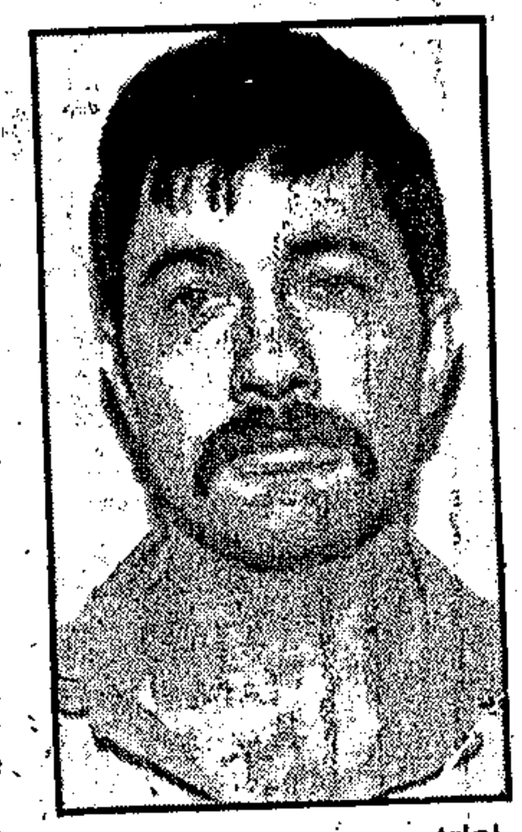

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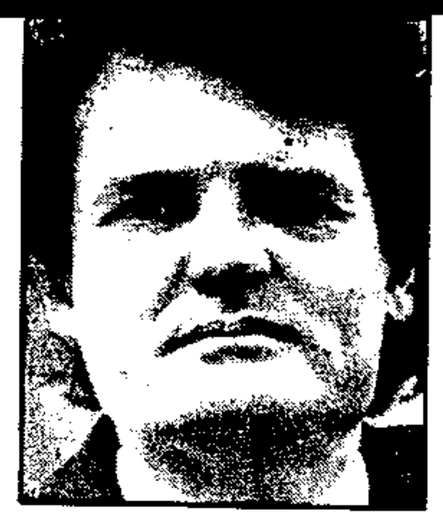

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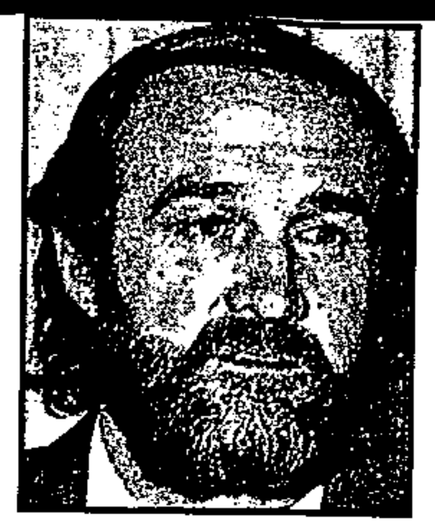

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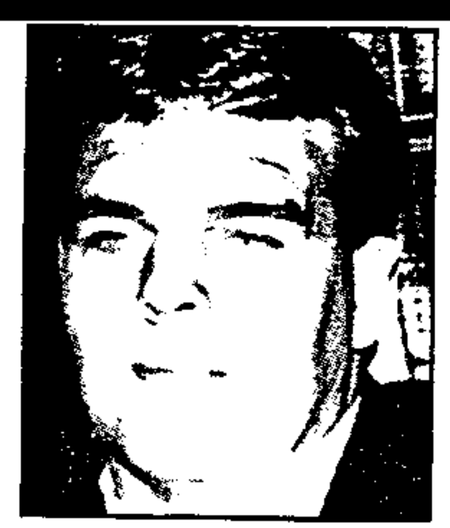

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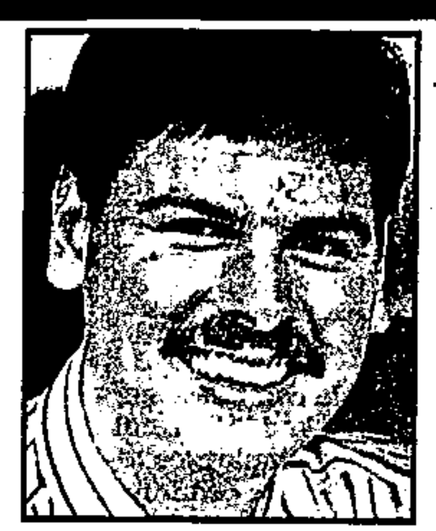

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By Peter Fabricius
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President de Klerk has cleared Defence Minister Magnus Malan and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok of any responsibility for hit squad activities.

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Two Cabinet Ministers reacted yesterday to Mr Justice Harms's report.

Responsibility for CCB activities was not accepted by Minister of Defence Magnus Malan, while Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said he was pleased the police had been exonerated.

However the ANC yesterday announced it found inexplicable the Harms Commission's conclusions that the South African Police ran no hit squads.

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Suspicion

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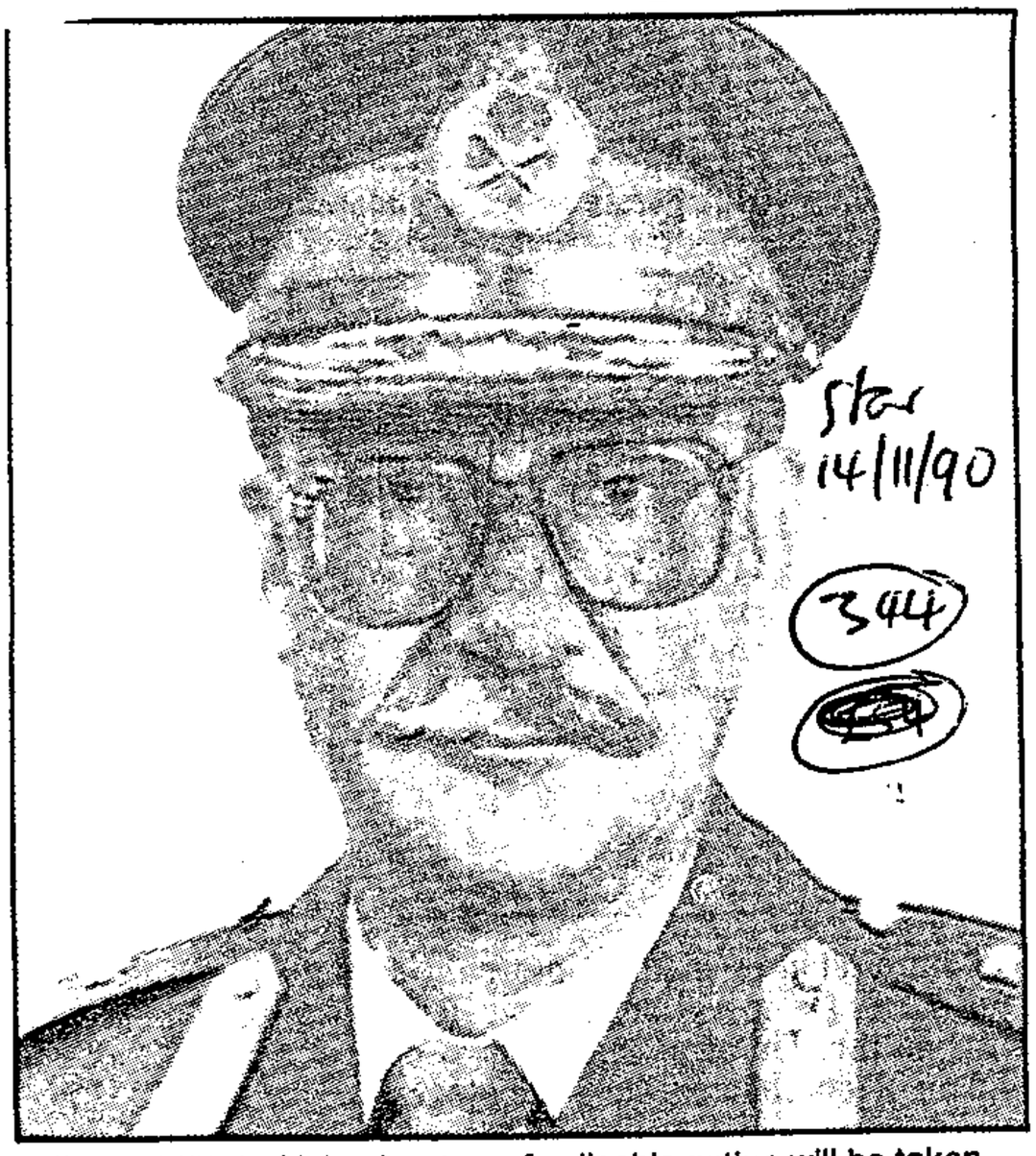

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By Norman Chandler
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The Chief of the Defence Force, General "Kat" Liebenberg, said in Pretoria yesterday that what he termed "applicable action" was being taken as a result of recommendations made by the Harms Commission regarding the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau.

He said in a statement that as far as the SADF was concerned, any action contemplated was regarded as sub judice because some allegations had been referred to attorneys-general. For that reason, no comment could be given.

General Liebenberg said, on inquiry, that the CCB — a privatised organisation which had been part of the SADF's Special Forces — was being closed down.

"Applicable action means, to us, that the CCB is being disbanded.

"There are certain new procedures which are also being built into the whole defence system, as these come under the heading of 'applicable action'," the general said.

He declined to say which members of the CCB were under investigation by attorneys-general.

The CCB had been a "privatised firm" which had its own personnel and financial policy as well as its own security policy, The Star was told.

As far as the personnel was concerned, they were "not part of a Government department, according to our interpretation, but rather civil servants and not employees of the State".

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By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), a key actor in the hit squad saga, has expressed disappointment at the findings of the Harms Commission, but stressed that the six-month investigation had been worthwhile regardless of the findings.

LHR national director Brian Currin said last night: "I don't think we should hold postmortems, we should move ahead.

"The commission served a valuable purpose and it provided for organisations and individuals to publicly air their suspicions. It emphasised the security forces' unlawful activity and it has reminded the State and the security forces of their accountability.

Executions

"President de Klerk will probably not allow these things to happen again.

"We must build from here, and now call upon the State to ensure that it cleans out its security forces and builds a force which will in future serve all South Africans and not a particular group of South Africans or a particular political ideology."

The commission had assisted human rights organisations in bringing to the fore the question of paramilitary extra-judicial executions and the consequences of a totalitarian state.

He hoped the cases which had been referred to the Attorney-General would be acted upon, particularly the mystery surrounding the files which had gone missing.

Mr Justice Harms could not have reached a conclusion on many of the investigated cases because the files were missing, Mr Currin said.

Disappointed

He also expressed disappointment at the finding that hit squads had not operated from Vlakplaas.

"I expected that at least he (Justice Harms) would have found there was a (former police captain Dirk) Coetzee hit squad, although I still believe there was a police hit squad beyond Coetzee.

"I concede that both Coetzee and (Almond) Nofemela were not good witnesses, but there was a substantial amount of corroborative evidence which supported their evidence.

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JOHANNESBURG. — The State is paying for Lieutenant General Lothar Neethling's R1,5 million defamation action in the Rand Supreme Court against the Weekly Mail and the Vrye Weekblad.

This emerged yesterday when the newspapers' counsel, Mr Bobby Levin SC, asked why the general's private lawyer was not handling the case. General Neethling said there was an agreement that his legal costs would be paid by the State. His counsel is headed by Mr Willie Oshry QC.

Earlier a furore broke out among the newspaper counsel when General Neethling said the authenticity of a notebook belonging to Captain Dirk Coetzee — which had the general's telephone number in it — was in doubt.

General Neethling, head of the police forensic department, said he had examined the notebook and it was clear that it had been treated with water and pages in it had been ironed flat.

Expert evidence

This made it impossible to make out any indentations which were usually found on an underlying page when someone wrote on the page above it. The indentations could have been used to confirm or deny the authenticity of the book.

Mr Levin then demanded to know why the notebook had been removed from the Court Registrar without permission, saying the general's counsel had abused court process.

There had been no prior notification that expert evidence about the notebook would be presented as required by Supreme Court rules.

The court was adjourned while the two sides conferred with their clients and each other. When the hearing resumed, Mr Levin told Mr Justice J Kriegler the sides had agreed to have General Neethling's forensic evidence about the notebook struck from the record and no further such evidence would be put before the court.

The court also watched a British Channel Four video entitled *Apartheid Assassins* during which Captain Coetzee said that the general had supplied poison to him on a number of occasions for use against ANC activists.

(Proceeding)

Rightwinger 'in tears' when admitting killing

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Order of Death and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member Mr Fanie Goosen twice broke down in tears when he told police he was involved in the murder of a black taxi driver last year.

Warrant Officer Hendrik Mostert of Sandton's security police told Mr Justice Irving Steyn in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was surprised when Mr Goosen told him he had helped fellow rightwinger Cornelius Lottering to kill taxi-driver Potoko Franzar Makgalemele last year.

Until then, Mr Goosen was very co-operative and there was nothing to indicate he was involved in the killing.

Both men have admitted involvement in the bombing of journalist Jani Allan's flat last year.

The Order of Death was supposed to be an elite grouping of rightwingers who aimed to assassinate seven top Cabinet Ministers, including President De Klerk and Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha.

'EXERCISE IN FUTILITY'

Warrant Officer Mostert said Mr Goosen broke down in tears when he said he was involved in the killing. Then, when they were returning from a magistrate who witnessed Mr Goosen's "confession", Mr Goosen started crying again when he heard he would have to point out the place of the killing the following day.

He said he did not know where the killing had taken place and could not point it out, Warrant Officer Mostert said.

The judge ruled the statement made before the magistrate admitting involvement in the killing admissible, although it was "an exercise in futility". There was no other evidence linking Mr Goosen to the killing and he had never convicted a person for murder on the grounds of a statement alone, the judge said.

Mr Lottering said he killed Mr Makgalemele as practice for future assassinations of black leaders.

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Ex-CCB operative plans to sue

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Former Civil Co-operation Bureau operative Ferdi Barnard is planning to sue the Minister of Law and Order, the Commissioner of Police and Brigadier Floris Mostert for R400 000 as a result of his detention in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The action arises out of Mr Barnard being detained in connection with the shooting of activist Dr David Webster in Johannesburg on May 1 last year and follows comments made by Mr Justice Louis Harms in his report on the commission of inquiry into alleged hit-squad activities.

AWB man 'confessed in tears'

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Warrant Officer Hendrik Mostert of the security police said in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he was surprised when Mr Goosen told him he had helped fellow right-winger Mr Cornelius Lottering to kill taxi driver Mr Potoko Franzar Makgalemele.

Until then, Mr Goosen was a co-operative person and there was nothing to indicate he was involved in the killing, he said.

Both men have admitted they were involved in the bombing of journalist Miss Jani Allan's flat last year.

The Order of Death was supposed to be an elite grouping of right-wingers who aimed to assassinate seven top cabinet ministers, including State President F W de Klerk and Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha.

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Mr Justice Irving Steyn ruled that the statement to the magistrate was admissible, although it was "an exercise in futility".

There was no other evidence linking Mr Goosen to the killing and he had never convicted a person for murder on the grounds of a statement alone, the judge said.

Mr Goosen challenged the admissibility of the statement, saying it was untrue.

He told the court on Tuesday that he had made the admission because he believed it would secure the early release of other right-wingers who were being held with him under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. — Sapa

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'Malan must go' calls

JOHANNESBURG. — Civil-rights activists and lawyers yesterday called for the resignation of Defence Minister General Magnus Malan, following the report of the Harms Commission.

The End Conscription Campaign said General Malan's role in the Civil Co-operation Bureau affair was an "awesome extent ... of incompetence".

"The general should go immediately," the ECC said.

UCT law professor Denis Davis said: "The real problem here is a profound disregard for the democratic principle of accountability. It is traditionally abused in this country."

DP defence spokesman General Bob Rogers asserted: "In this case it would appear once again that while individuals down the line have been named, no responsibility is apportioned to their supporters at the highest level."

He added that General Malan should step down.

The state-appointed inquiry into alleged police and army death squads found no firm evidence of security-force involvement in the assassination of anti-apartheid activists.

But human-rights lobbies insist that Mr Justice Louis Harms should have made some link between General Malan, as ultimate head of the SADF, and the shadowy CCB.

Danger existed that the Harms report would be used by the government to close the door on future investigations into the unlawful conduct of its security forces, the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression said yesterday.

The board's members include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Allan Boesak, Dr Alex Boraine, Dr Max Coleman, the Rev Frank Chikane, Mr Brian Currin, Mrs Sheena Duncan, the Rev Dr Manas Buthelezi and Mrs Judy Chalmers.

The board said in a statement that the exoneration of the SA Police by the Harms Commission was "incorrect" and would have "unfortunate consequences for justice in South Africa".

The general consistently denied knowledge of illegal CCB activities and disbanded the unit in June, in the face of widespread public pressure and reports of alleged CCB abuses.

But General Malan said in Pretoria last night that the SADF would not be split to accommodate Umkhonto we Sizwe.

He was speaking at a reunion of veterans of Operation Savannah, when the SADF secretly invaded Angola in the mid-70s.

He rapped the ANC for its reaction to the Harms Commission report.

"The last organisation which should pass judgment on the CCB is the ANC," he said.

"Whenever has it made itself subject to the laws of the land? The ANC should rather stay quiet.

"Its horrible deeds of terror, murder and mutilation have not been unravelled."

General Malan said a small section of the SADF's special services, namely Region 6, had contaminated the CCB and had placed special services, an integral part of the SADF, under suspicion.

In Umtata, Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said in a statement that the commission's findings had not come as a surprise.

He said the narrow scope of the terms of reference prejudiced the chances of arriving at the truth by precluding vital information which would have been obtained by probing cross-border operations.

"One is reluctantly compelled to view the entire investigation as a farce." — Sapa, UPI

Coetzee 'poison' case: Agreement on notebook

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Expert evidence in which Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling questioned the authenticity of former SAP Captain Dirk Coetzee's notebook could be regarded as struck from the record, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

General Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1 million and Weekly Mail for R500 000 after three articles were published in November-December last year containing allegations by Captain Coetzee that General Neethling had supplied him with poison to murder people.

The newspapers are defending the action on the grounds of truth and public interest.

The newspapers' counsel, Mr R Levine SC, told the court General Neethling's counsel had indicated the general's expert evidence on the notebook would not be relied on and could be regarded as struck from the record.

On this basis, Mr Levine said, his clients were prepared to proceed with the matter

● When asked yesterday why his private lawyer was not handling the case, General Neethling said there was an agreement that his legal costs would be paid by the state.

Lubowskis reject finding

JOHANNESBURG. — The family of Mr Anton Lubowski, assassinated official of Swapo, rejected the Harms Commission finding that the late activist had received R100 000 as a paid agent of military intelligence.

"We challenge the authorities to open up the inquiry and allow the truth to emerge about Anton's death and other murders committed outside the country by South Africa's security establishment," the family said in a statement last night. — Sapa

Harms told probe 'not to be extended'

JOHANNESBURG. — Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee told Mr Justice Louis Harms before the terms of reference of his inquiry were formally promulgated that they would not be extended under any circumstances and despite any submissions from him, reliable sources said yesterday.

Similar restrictions were placed on the commission when Mr Justice Harms was told that he was to investigate whether slain Namibian advocate and Swapo executive leader Mr Anton Lubowski was a paid SADF intelligence agent. He was told not to probe who was responsible for his murder, the sources said.

Criticism was yesterday levelled against the commission's report into the activities of the CCB and an alleged police "hit-squad" stationed at Vlakplaas.

Evidence led before the commission showed that members of both the CCB and the Vlakplaas unit were involved in what in some cases were state-sanctioned operations outside SA borders. But the commission was not empowered to investigate these allegations.

Justice Ministry spokesman Nic Grobler last night denied Mr Coetsee had told the judge that under no circumstances would the terms of reference be changed.

ANC 'should be last to judge CCB'

Political Correspondent

The ANC should be the last organisation to pass judgment on the Civil Co-operation Bureau, Defence Minister Magnus Malan said in Pretoria last night.

Speaking at an anniversary gathering of veterans of Operation Savannah — the 1975 South African invasion of Angola — he hit back at the ANC for its criticism of criminal actions by the CCB exposed in the Harms Commission report published on Tuesday.

He said the ANC should remain quiet. "When did it ever subject itself to the laws of the land? Its gruesome acts of terror, murder and mutilation have not been unravelled.

"Think of Church Street 1983; Amanzimtoti; restaurants and landmines in north and east Transvaal.

"As far as the SADF and I are concerned, we are looking ahead. This does not mean I am saying that what was wrong on both sides is now suddenly right. But reproach will get no one anywhere."

General Malan said a special part of the military's Special Forces, Region 6, had contaminated the whole of the CCB and had brought Special Forces under suspicion.

The SADF as such had come out of the Harms Commission with clean hands, and he appealed for "the baby not to be thrown out with the bathwater".

Special Forces were the eyes and ears of the SADF, and had saved South Africa many disasters and lives.

General Malan repeated his insistence that there was no place for the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe "as such" in the SADF. The State could not divide its defence force as this would weaken it.

"We are going into the new South Africa with an indivisible defence force.

"Adapations yes, but divisibility no. Therefore, there can be no place for MK as such in the present defence force."

Goosen in tears — witness

By Brendan Templeton

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(Proceeding.)

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Statement linking Goosen to murder ruled admissible

Blows 15/11/90 SUSAN RUSSELL (344)

A STATEMENT in which right-winger Fanie Goosen implicated himself in the murder of a black taxi driver was ruled admissible as evidence by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday.

Mr Justice Irving Steyn said he was finding the statement admissible on a legal basis. He said he would give his reasons later in the trial.

The finding followed a trial within a trial to determine the admissibility of the statement — made before a magistrate on January 12 — after Goosen's defence submitted it was made after police told him he could be held under Section 29 for years.

He has admitted involvement in planting explosives near the flat of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan. The judge said apart from the statement there was no evidence incriminating Goosen on the murder charge.

Goosen, 29, and his co-accused Cornelis Lottering, 24, have pleaded not guilty to murdering taxi driver Potoko Makgalemele on August 29 last year.

They also pleaded not guilty to two counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances, two counts of malicious damage to property, attempted intimidation and unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition on the grounds that they had committed "acts of war".

The trial continues.

News in Brief

'Melrose' trial postponed

PRETORIA. — The trial of three men allegedly involved in the bombing of the historic Melrose House earlier this year was yesterday postponed to March 19, 1990 in the Regional Court here. Mr Jan Dirk Heyns de Bruyn, 37, of Elandsrand, Mr Gert Johannes Jacobus de Bruyn, 30, of Elandsrand, and Mr Arthur Detlet Gudrian, 23, of Blyvooriutzicht, were not asked to plead and no charges were put to them.

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AWB leader was 'almost like a god' says Goosen

By Brendan Templeton

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche changed from being "almost like a god" to rightwinger murder-accused Fanie Goosen to being simply a man full of bluster.

This emerged in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday when Mr Goosen (29) and fellow rightwinger Cornelius Lottering (25) explained the reasoning behind last year's alleged murder of a black taxi driver and the bombing of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan's flat.

Mr Goosen gave his evidence haltingly, his speech impaired with a pronounced stammer.

Mr Lottering, however, handed in a 37-page document peppered with biblical extracts which said blacks were the cursed offspring of Eve and the natural enemy of whites.

He could not read the statement himself because he stuttered, he said.

Instead, he handed it over to his advocate, J van der Pohl, to read.

Failed

His statement said he did not have any trust in any of the parliamentary parties. The NP was giving the land away and the CP "just talks a lot".

The AWB had failed in its task because it did not start a revolution, as promised by Mr TerreBlanche, when Nelson Mandela was released.

The two men have pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, attempted intimidation, the unlawful possession of a pistol and ammunition, malicious damage to property, robbery with aggravating circumstances and escaping from custody.

Mr Lottering said in his statement yesterday: "Before my God I have done nothing wrong."

He admitted in an earlier statement to the cold-blooded stabbing and shooting of black taxi driver Potoko Makgalemele "for practice".

He intended assassinating a number of black leaders and wanted to see whether he was able to kill a man, he said.

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A murder file that may yet be stamped 'solved'

Political Reporter ESMARE VAN DER MERWE traces The Star's role in the unravelling of the mysterious Ribeiro murders.

THE Harms Commission's referral of the unsolved Ribeiro case to the Attorney-General for further investigation constitutes a major breakthrough in the uncovering of the mysterious murders.

For months following that fatal day in December 1986, The Star doggedly played the role of sole "media detective" in an attempt to track down the men who had cold-bloodedly shot down Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, outside their Mamelodi home.

The brutal slaying of the popular medical doctor and his wife, the sister of the late PAC leader Robert Sobukwe, gripped public attention.

Tracking down the killers was a daunting task, though, requiring hours of meticulous and frustrating research. But the probe seemed fraught with dead-end leads.

Eye-witness accounts were bluntly denied by security officials.

Two witnesses nearly lost their lives. Chris, the couple's son, was shot at twice while he grappled with the men who minutes earlier had killed his parents.

Another witness, family friend Jacob Mampuru, survived an assassination attack a week later — on the day of the Ribeiro funeral — but was paralysed from his waist down.

Noel John Robey — identified by The Star at the time as a chief suspect — disappeared into the mist. And two legal proceedings involving the Ribeiro saga led nowhere.

The Star became actively involved in the hunt for the killers after eye-witnesses had provided its reporters with the registration numbers of two vehicles — one the vehicle from which the shots had been fired; the other the getaway car which had been waiting outside Mamelodi.

Through the licensing authorities, The Star traced both vehicles and found that one, a Land Rover, was registered in the name of N J Robey.

Meticuluous research followed, and Robey was identified as a former Selous Scout who at the time was an SADF employee. Several attempts to interview Robey failed — he disappeared — but his wife conceded that the Land Rover was registered in his name.

Police pressured the newspaper into releasing the names of the eye-witnesses. In its turn, The Star convinced some eye-witnesses to make statements.

Six months after the incident, a preparatory examination was held (a "pre-trial" procedure which had not been used in South Africa since 1977), but Robey was discharged after the trial magistrate, J N Pretorius, found that witnesses had given contradictory evidence.

Robey appeared in court clean-shaven and with permed hair. At an ID parade, he could not be positively identified.

Another court case, involving Mampuru, came to nothing. SADF member Graham William Cook appeared on attempted murder charges, but was acquitted by the trial magistrate, W J Fourie.

Earlier this year, the Ribeiro murders again made the headlines when a former CCB agent, Willie van Deventer, claimed he had new evidence.

Then, strangely, he refused to give evidence to the Harms Commission for fear of self-incrimination. Robey, who fled to London, could not be convinced to come back for the probe. CCB managing director Colonel Joe Verster, subpoenaed to give evidence, also failed to appear.

But General Joep Joubert, former CCB chairman, admitted to the commission that Robey had been an agent and that the CCB had paid his legal costs.

This week, the commission reported that Robey indeed might have been involved in "an official capacity" along with two black men, and has been a member of the CCB "at all material times".

Despite a massive cover-up, official progress seems to have been made, and the Ribeiro murders might one day be taken off the long list of unsolved murders. □



Shot dead four years ago . . . Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence.

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Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel met SA Foreign Minister Pik Botha at Prague Castle yesterday. During his three-day visit Botha reached an accord with his Czech counterpart for consular relations between the two countries. Picture: REUTER

said since his discharge from the force in 1985/86, Coetzee had done something to prove himself.

Coetzee, he said, had wanted

Goosen: revolution was planned

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SUSAN RUSSELL

THE Order of Death was formed to take over the country through revolution after AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche failed to do so, right-winger Fanie Goosen told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Goosen, 24, said he had resigned from the AWB after Terre'Blanche had disappointed him by not "keeping his promises".

He and Cornelis Lottering, 29, have pleaded not guilty to murdering a black taxi driver on August 29 last year.

They have also pleaded not guilty to planting explosives next to the flat of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan, attempted intimidation, malicious damage to property, robbery with aggravating circumstances and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Lottering has admitted killing the taxi driver as a test to see if he could carry out politically motivated killings without getting "cold feet".

Although Goosen has admitted in one of his two statements that he was involved in the killing, he has said in court he admitted it on that occassion after police told him he could be held under Section 29 for years if he did not confess.

Other than the statement, the court has not been given any other evidence implicating him in the killing.

Frighten

Both he and Lottering have pleaded not guilty to the various charges against them on the grounds that their actions were "acts of war".

Goosen told the court that the explosives, obtained from people working on the mines, were planted near Allan's flat to frighten her and get her to write the truth about Terre'Blanche so he would withdraw from last year's election.

He said she had infiltrated the AWB and had had a negative effect on Terre'Blanche.

They had not wanted to hurt anyone and had placed the explosives to cause minimal damage.

Terre'Blanche had bitterly disappointed him, he said.

Giving his reasons for leaving the AWB, Goosen said he had also seen the right wing disintegrating.

All his hopes had been placed on Terre'Blanche, who was like a god to him and a "hero of the people".

Goosen testified that Order of Death leader Dawie de Beer had said they should rob businesses belonging to foreigners and use the money to buy firearms for "the revolution".

Under cross-examination by Lottering's counsel, Goosen admitted that by doing what he did as a member of the Order of Death he had been committing high treason.

Their activities were not aimed at individuals, he added.

Goosen said he was not a criminal and not involved in petty crime.

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'Killer' — the Bible told me so

JOHANNESBURG. — The Bible said it was not wrong to kill a person from another race, and as a Christian and patriot it was his duty to rectify the mistakes of the government, right-winger Mr Cornelius Lottering, who admitted to killing a black man in cold blood for practice, told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Lottering, 25, a self-confessed member of the far-right Order of Death and former Post Office technician, said the Bible was a 100% guide for his way of life and that the real world was so full of violence that he read romance novels for relaxation. He also collected stamps.

He and fellow right-winger Mr Fanie Goosen, 29, are charged with the bombing of former Sunday Times columnist Ms Jani Allan's flat, the murder of taxi driver Mr Potoko Makgalemele, robbing a bottle store at gunpoint and escaping from police custody.

The two have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mr Lottering admitted to these acts but claimed that they were acts of war and therefore not criminal offences.

Mr Lottering read a 37-page handwritten statement, which was peppered with Biblical quotations justifying his actions and littered with countless spelling errors, to Mr Justice Irving Steyn.

In quoting the Bible book Exodus, which describes how a Hebrew kills an Egyptian, Mr Lottering said that according to Moses it was not wrong that the Hebrew had killed a man of another race.

It was possible, he said, that a few small points of his Christian beliefs could be interpreted differently by other people, but if the Bible was seen as a "global piece or work", he could not be proved wrong.

"The government is not always correct in its ways and when they are wrong, it is my duty as Christian and patriot to do everything in my power to rectify the matter.

"With this statement I have showed my strong religious beliefs to the court, but do not wish to pretend that I am a little angel with no faults or sins. Because I am an involuntary sinner, I try to compensate by physically attempting to fight Satan and his powers," Mr Lottering testified.

He had joined the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging a few years ago. He resigned after becoming disillusioned with its leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche. He and his comrades had then formed the Order of Death.

He described himself as part of a pure white race descended from Biblical King David which was blessed by God and was pitted against the diabolical forces of international Jewry.

Jews were bastardised descendants of tribes of Israel which had mixed with black races — descendants of Eve's cursed son Cain.

The hearing continues on Monday. — Sapa

Webster: the road to nowhere

No clues, no findings 18 months after killing

SHAUN JOHNSON

THE findings of the Harms Commission — once eagerly awaited by the friends and family of Dr David Webster — will make it more rather than less difficult to keep the dead man's name alive.

Since the social anthropologist's murder on May 1 1989 a battle has been fought, largely through the media, to ensure that Webster does not become just another name on the list of unsolved assassinations.

His case evolved into a symbol of broader outrage; unprecedented pressure was applied on the police and the Government to bring his killers to book.

In the 18 months since Dr Webster's death the murder has appeared on several occasions to be on the verge of being solved — but each time hopes have been dashed.

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Now the Harms findings — that the killing remains a mystery in which the Civil Co-Operation Bureau "might" be implicated — have provided the cruellest blow.

The twists and turns of the investigation, and the myriad theories it has spawned, tell of an extraordinary period of South African history, still to be unravelled.

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anti-apartheid activists are rarely solved. It is revealed that Webster had just completed a report on assassinations and abductions by South Africa's "contras". Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok offers a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderers.

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● May 5: Lieutenant Eugene Opperman says there has been an "overwhelming public response". Mostert says he cannot reveal the make and colour of the car. Human rights organisations are sceptical about the identikits, asking how such inordinate detail could have been gleaned from a moving car. Dr Max Coleman dismissed the theory that the murder could have been non-political: it was too professional, he says.

● May 6: Brigadier Leon Mellet rejects as "pure speculation" the suggestion that a "hit squad" was involved. "We will solve this case," he says. Mostert says breakthroughs have been made and details will be announced soon

Revenge

● May 7: City Press says it has identified a suspect and given his name to the police.

● May 9: Mostert rejects the City Press lead. No suspects have been positively identified, he says. [illegible]

mised to do so a week before.

● May 19: Police trace an eyewitness and say they have improved identikits, but will not release them. Barend Strydom claims the Wit Wolwe killed Webster.

● May 27: Colonel Steve van Rooyen says the investigation "is still ongoing".

● June 13: Police question a Potchefstroom University student who had been asking after a friend of Dr Webster's in Kosi Bay. It is a false alarm.

● The SAP says it "prefers not to comment" on the alleged existence of improved identikits. General Joubert appeals to the public for assistance

Not trusted

● August 24: The Saturday Star's weekly "Webster Watch" column keeps attention focused on the case. The Webster Trust collects money for an enlarged reward. Joubert says the investigation has reached a "cul de sac", and implies that Dr Webster's colleagues do not trust the investigators. Maggie Friedman, Webster's girlfriend, denies this, and says she is being "kept in the dark".

● September 18: The reward reaches R100 000.

● October 25: A possible link is mooted between the murder and Donald Acheson, in prison in Namibia in connection with Anton Lubowski's killing.

● November 19: Joubert says there is no positive evidence to link Acheson to the murder.

culated that Dr Webster was gathering intelligence on Renamo. The possible involvement of Military Intelligence is mentioned for the first time.

● December 3: Former policeman and Transvaal rugby player Calla Botha is detained. The SADF denies that Barnard was a member. Both are later released.

● December 6: Five rightwingers are detained.

● February 3: Captain Reg Crewe says no further progress has been made. F W de Klerk appoints the Harms Commission.

● February 7: Abraham "Slang" van Zyl is arrested, and police are looking for at least two former members of a secret military squad

Hiding

● February 16: General Joubert appeals to Staal Burger to come forward. Burger and Botha later go into hiding. The CCB is exposed.

● February 24: The Star claims to have the names of the five-man team it believes killed Dr Webster. The list is handed to the police. Mostert "notes" the information, and says he suspects the CCB was involved.

● March 25: It is revealed that Johannesburg City Council spies were monitoring Dr Webster six months before his death.

● April 27: Former council employee Hannes Gouws, in London, names the killer as a Paul de Swardt. Mostert says he has no knowledge of the man.

● April 29: It is reported that the hit squad is about to be arrested.

● April 30: "Webster hopes fade", a newspaper reports, and Mostert says there is "little hope" of finding De Swardt.

● May 9: Mostert says he has no facts "which would stand up in court" to link anyone to the murder. It is conceded that the original identikits were wholy unreliable, as the "eyewitness" had not been at the scene.

● May 10: Mostert tells the Harms Commission he is now certain that the CCB was not involved — nor were Burger and Botha.

● May 17: CCB managing director Joe Verster tells Harms it was possible that the CCB was involved without his knowledge.

● June 20: The Weekly Mail reports that De Swardt has been spotted in South Africa. The police do not confirm this

Pulled in

● June 22: Attorney-General T McNally says "My feeling is that we haven't moved forward in respect of the murder of David Webster."

● June 29: Former city council spies are pulled in for questioning, and then released.

● November 13: The Harms Commission's findings are published: David Webster's murder remains "a mystery".



Prelude to assassination . . . David Webster with girlfriend Maggie Friedman: His close friends put little trust in those assigned to investigate the murder.

Webster: the roa

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● May 2: Colonel Floris Mostert, the investigating officer, appeals to witnesses to come forward. Cosatu's Jay Naidoo blames "the death squads of apartheid" for the murder. The Detainees' Parents Support Committee notes that Dr Webster had frequently been in confrontations with the police. The Black Sash's Judith Hawthorne warns that assassinations of anti-apartheid activists are rarely solved. It is revealed that Webster had just completed a report on assassinations and abductions by South Africa's "contras". Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok offers a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderers.

● May 3: Police release detailed identikits of three white suspects. Colonel Mostert says it is possible that the murder was "not political". An "eyewitness" — unnamed — is said to have supplied the identikit details. Mostert annnounces that the deputy chief of the CID, Major General Jaap Joubert, is personally supervising the "intense police hunt". The University of the Witwatersrand adds R10 000 to the SAP reward.

● May 5: Lieutenant Eugene Opperman says there has been an "overwhelming public response". Mostert says he cannot reveal the make and colour of the car. Human rights organisations are sceptical about the identikits, asking how such inordinate detail could have been gleaned from a moving car. Dr Max Coleman dismissed the theory that the murder could have been non-political: it was too professional, he says.

● May 6: Brigadier Leon Mellet rejects as "pure speculation" the suggestion that a "hit squad" was involved. "We will solve this case," he says. Mostert says breakthroughs have been made and details will be announced soon

Revenge

● May 7: City Press says it has identified a suspect and given his name to the police.

● May 9: Mostert rejects the City Press lead. No suspects have been positively identified, he says. The press is indulging in "dangerous speculation".

● May 12: Max Coleman says the motive for the murder was probably ideological and revenge-driven. Dr Webster's friends speculate that his confrontations with police at detainees' "tea parties" could have marked him as a target.

● May 13: Police refuse to release further information as press reports are "hampering the investigation". He refused to describe the killers' car, despite having promised to do so a week before.

● May 19: Police trace an eyewitness and say they have improved identikits, but will not release them. Barend Strydom claims the Wit Wolwe killed Webster.

● May 27: Colonel Steve van Rooyen says the investigation "is still ongoing".

● June 13: Police question a Potchefstroom University student who had been asking after a friend of Dr Webster's in Kosi Bay. It is a false alarm.

● The SAP says it "prefers not to comment" on the alleged existence of improved identikits. General Joubert appeals to the public for assistance

Not trusted

● August 24: The Saturday Star's weekly "Webster Watch" column keeps attention focused on the case. The Webster Trust collects money for an enlarged reward. Joubert says the investigation has reached a "cul de sac", and implies that Dr Webster's colleagues do not trust the investigators. Maggie Friedman, Webster's girlfriend, denies this, and says she is being "kept in the dark".

● September 18: The reward reaches R100 000.

● October 25: A possible link is mooted between the murder and Donald Acheson, in prison in Namibia in connection with Anton Lubowski's killing.

● November 19: Joubert says there is no positive evidence to link Acheson to the murder.

● November 30: After the "hit squad" revelations, police detain a former West Rand Narcotics Bureau detective, Ferdi Barnard, in connection with the Webster case. The first reports of a "special right-wing organisation which planned the assassination of left-wing activists", emerge.

● December 1: Hopes are high for a breakthrough, more arrests expected.

● December 13: It is speculated that Dr Webster was gathering intelligence on Renamo. The possible involvement of Military Intelligence is mentioned for the first time.

● December 3: Former policeman and Transvaal rugby player Calla Botha is detained. The SADF denies that Barnard was a member. Both are later released.

● December 6: Five rightwingers are detained.

● February 3: Captain Reg Crewe says no further progress has been made. F W de Klerk appoints the Harms Commission.

● February 7: Abraham "Slang" van Zyl is arrested, and police are looking for at least two former members of a secret military squad

Hiding

● February 16: General Joubert appeals to Staal Burger to come forward. Burger and Botha later go into hiding. The CCB is exposed.

● February 24: The Star claims to have the names of the five-man team it believes killed Dr Webster. The list is handed to the police. Mostert

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HARMS COMMISSION

Harms's view on suspects divided



Mr Justice Louis Harms: questions remain.

PATRICK LAURENCE

A STRIKING dichotomy runs through Mr Justice Louis Harms's 200-page report on politically-motivated murder and violence.

It relates to the two prime corporate suspects: the SAP's counter-insurgency unit at Vlakplaats near Pretoria, and the SADF's shadowy Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

The SAP is cleared; the CCB is, in a broad sense, found culpable.

The division between the two, however, is not absolute. The boundary is porous. There is movement of men and ideas between the two.

As the judge puts it in his controversial report released this week: "Owing to the security situation, the dividing line between the functions of the Defence Force and those of the police have become blurred and here and there even obliterated."

There is a nexus between the police and the CCB. Thus a key CCB cell, the region 6 cell headed by Staal Burger, consisted entirely of ex-policemen.

Mr Burger, a former commander of the renowned Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, recruited three policemen to serve with him in the cell: Chappie Maree, Slang van Zyl and Calla Botha.



Tim McNally: fringe role questioned.

At least one more former policemen served in a region 6 cell: Ferdi Barnard, who was in the police narcotics division until he was jailed for murder.

Closer link?

He was recruited into the CCB after completing part of his prison sentence.

The connection may have run deeper. The CCB network may have been contained many more ex-policemen. The men who gave evidence in disguise and under code names to the Harms Commission may have been ex-policemen.

The secret nature of the CCB, most of whose members functioned incognito and who remain anonymous, makes it impossible to trace the full extent of the SAP-CCB connection. The Harms Report does not help.

Pivotal questions arise from the police-CCB link. What drew the policemen and ex-policemen into the CCB? Was it merely a facet of the normal interchange between members of the "security family" or was there a deeper convergence of political ethos?

The core of Mr Justice Harms's finding on the CCB is contained in section of his report titled Critical Evaluation. A summary of his client criticisms follows: The CCB "arrogated to itself the powers to try, to sentence and to punish persons without those persons knowing of the allegations against them or having had the opportunity to defend themselves".



Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence: killed four years ago, their murder remains unsolved.

Little note taken of the symbiosis behind police and CCB actions

The CCB's verdict was based on "inherently suspect and untested" information and its penalty was "out of all proportion to what would have been imposed in a civil court".

CCB staff policy was suspect. "Persons with serious previous convictions (such as murder) or personality defects were employed ... because of, and not in spite of, their previous convictions or defects."

CCB actions "contaminated the whole security arm of the State" and its conduct created suspicion that it "may have been involved in more crimes of violence than the evidence shows".

The overall thrust of the Harms report — exoneration of the police and condemnation of the CCB — raises questions about the role in its proceedings of Tim McNally, Attorney General of the Free State.

Mr McNally was one of two authors of the McNally Report into the allegations of three ex-policemen — Almond Nofemela, Dirk Coetzee and David Tshikalanga — that a police "death squad" or squads operated from Vlakplaats.



Victoria Mxenge: an unsolved murder.



Anton Lubowski: State President stepped in.

The McNally Report, completed a year ago but only released for publication last weekend, rejects the evidence of the trio of ex-policemen as "unreliable" and "untruthful".

Yet, after dismissing their allegations, Mr McNally accepted an assignment to lead evidence to the Harms Commission.

In the circumstances, Mr McNally should have recused himself, reckons John Dugard, director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and a member of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression.

Mr McNally's role raises the question of whether his belief that the triad of ex-policemen were mendacious witnesses prejudiced the final outcome of the Harms Inquiry. At the least, to quote Professor Dugard, it casts a shadow over its findings.

As Mr Justice Harms notes in his report, one of the key reasons why he was appointed to inquire into politically motivated killings were allegations that political activist David Webster was murdered by a rightist organisation or death squad.

The organisation suspected of responsibility for the murder was later identified by the investigating police officer in the Webster case, Floris Mostert, as the CCB.

Conclusion

Mr Justice Harms concludes: "There is no evidence that the CCB murdered Dr Webster." His conclusion, however, should be juxtaposed with earlier comments on the issue in his report.

"One cannot be blamed for suspecting the CCB of (the Webster) murder, particularly since the CCB has done nothing to allay such a suspicion," the judge says. He adds that the CCB "might have murdered Dr Webster".

In summary: the possibility that the CCB murdered Dr Webster cannot be excluded; the available evidence, however, does not justify the conclusion that it did.

Reading through the report and cogitating on its shortcomings leaves one with a sense of dissatisfaction: with the exception of the killing of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, little or no advances seem to have been made.

The trail is still littered with unsolved murders. To mention a few of the victims: the Mxenges, Griffiths and Victoria, Mathew Goniwe and his three comrades, and Rick Turner. Questions and a disquiet still remain.

Anton Lubowski's murder in Windhoek falls into a special category.

President F W de Klerk excluded his murder from the commission's terms of reference by restricting its investigation to murders in South Africa. He did, however, mandate the commission to establish whether or not Lubowksi was an SADF agent, as alleged by Defence Minister Magnus Malan.

The judge offers no explanation for the Lubowski killing, except to say that his finding that Mr Lubowski was a paid SADF agent does "not show that the CCB was not responsible for the act".

He states: "In the nature of things politically motivated offences are usually well planned and difficult to solve." Lawyers for the Independent Board of Inquiry offer another reason: "failure by the commission's investigative team to vigorously and objectively investigate activities allegedly perpetrated by the SAP (and the CCB)".

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Brits held by cops after bomb blasts

PRETORIA. — Six suspected right-wingers — including three British nationals — are being held by police in connection with a taxi rank blast here and the Durban parcel bomb which killed a 23-year-old computer consultant.

Police yesterday confirmed that the men were arrested on November 12 and are being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

They are Mr Adriaan Maritz, Mr Lodewyk van Schalkwyk, Mr Willem Pretorius, Mr Henry Martin, Mr Mark Singleton and Mr Christopher Singleton.

Police declined to release further details.

At least 13 people were injured in August when a bomb exploded in a crowded Pretoria street opposite a minibus taxi rank. Minutes after the explosion a second and apparently "more devastating" bomb was defused.

In October a parcel-bomb explosion at a Pinetown computer company killed a computer consultant, Mr Nic Cruise.

Coetzee's claims were 'credible despite lies'

JOHANNESBURG. — A witness called by the defence in the R1,5-million defamation suit brought by police forensics chief General Lothar Neethling yesterday conceded that former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee was prepared to lie and cheat, but that a liar could still be a credible witness.

General Neethling brought the action following allegations published in the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers by Mr Coetzee that he had obtained poison from him to murder political opponents.

Former senior investigative reporter and freelance journalist Mr Martin Weltz testified that Mr Coetzee had in 1984 told him in confidence of his involvement in politically motivated murders.

Senior counsel for General Neethling, Mr Willie Oshry QC, said Mr Coetzee had been known to submit false affidavits and confess involvement in murders.

Asked if that was compatible with a credible witness, Mr Weltz said it was consistent with Mr Coetzee's other behaviour. — Sapa

Government blamed for 'anarchy'

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By Cathy Stagg

Two young men appearing in the Rand Supreme Court — accused among other things of murdering a taxi driver and bombing journalist Jani Allan's flat — were the victims of political events, Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder told Mr Justice Irving Steyn yesterday.

Mr van Tonder, who claims to be the spokesman for about three million members of the "Boerevolk", said it was the court's job to tell the Government to stop causing anarchy.

He was giving evidence at the trial of Fanie Goosen (29) and Cornelius Lottering (24). They have admitted committing the murder and bombing, as well as robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and escaping from custody, but claim they are not guilty of crimes because what they did were "acts of war".

Mr van Tonder said the state of war had existed for "a couple of years now". As in the 1940s, the older men were the leaders and theorists.

He claimed the Government had created the state of mind which had caused Mr Goosen and Mr Lottering to be in the dock. If they had committed murder and robbery, it was no less than what the ANC had done for 30 to 40 years.

He said the Government did not have a mandate from the people for the changes it was implementing. It had also committed fraud and was dishonest.

The trial continues.

SAP 'had dirty tricks department'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A journalist, Martin Welz, has testified that Dirk Coetzee had told him about a police "dirty tricks department" in 1984 — long before Captain Coetzee became embittered against the police — but he had not given the editor of Rapport the opportunity to print the story.

Mr Weltz gave evidence in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday during the civil trial in which General Lothar Neethling, head of the police forensic division, is claiming R1,5-million from Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

In published interviews, Captain Coetzee claimed General Neethling supplied poison to be used on "inconvenient" African National Congress members — which General Neethling says has defamed him.

Mr Welz said he heard Captain Coetzee's story early in 1984 over a number of weeks in a private, social "off-the-record" situation.

Captain Coetzee told him "with some hilarity" how a new-fangled method using poison had not worked to get rid of two men. In the end the two "recalcitrant informers" were shot because the old methods were more reliable.

Mr Welz said Captain Coetzee's bravado came from a belief that the loyalty of his group superseded the law. He seemed proud of what he had done, regarding it as an achievement.

At that stage Mr Welz headed an investigation team at Rapport. He did not tell the editor, Dr Wimpie de Klerk, about the story because he said Dr De Klerk, as part of a political structure, might have considered it his duty to tell the police. That would have discharged Dr De Klerk's onus but put Mr Weltz and his informant at risk.

"If you have a dirty tricks department, which appears to have no holds barred, with access to the highest authority, there must be some approval and protection. Any individual who sticks his neck out is taking his life into his own hands.

"I still believe it was a responsible decision," Mr Welz said. "The more people you told, the more people were saddled with the risk."

When Vrye Weekblad published the first report in November last year, there was the additional fact of Almond Nofemela's statement, Mr Welz said. Nofemela's affidavit, given on death row, spoke of a police hit squad.

Once the decision was taken to publish, Mr Welz agreed with the newspaper's decision to print everything at once.

"It was important for the newspaper to tell the story as Coetzee told it," he said.

He disagreed that General Neethling's name should have been kept out of the article.

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Fatal beating: 3 in court

JOHANNESBURG. — Two white men and a 16-year-old youth appeared briefly in Germiston Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder of an unidentified black man, who was allegedly clubbed to death with the leg of a wooden bed.

Mr Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 18, Mr Deon Meyer, 24, and the youth, all of Germiston, were arrested last Friday.

The man's body was discovered in open veld 100m from their house.

Police took possession of the alleged murder weapon, found near the Heidelberg highway.

The three were not asked to plead. — Sapa

Boerestaat leader takes stand on killing

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WHILE the slaying of a black taxi driver by a self-confessed right-wing extremist could not be approved of, it had been a political incident in reaction to the situation in SA, Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Van Tonder was giving evidence on behalf of Cornelius Lottering, 25, who has told the court he fatally shot and stabbed a black taxi driver in August last year to see if he could carry out political assassinations "without getting cold feet".

Order of Death members Lottering and co-accused Fanie Goosen, 29, pleaded not guilty to murder, attempted intimidation, malicious damage to property, robbery with aggravating circumstances, escaping from custody and unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

They pleaded not guilty on the grounds that they were acts of war.

Van Tonder said while he knew Lottering had been charged with murder, he (Van Tonder) saw the killing as a political act.

He was sorry it had happened, but the "people sitting in the Union Buildings" who had caused the situation in SA had to be condemned.

Van Tonder told the court there were between 30 and 40 young "boers" with the same aspirations as

SUSAN RUSSELL

Lottering and Goosen in jail.

"Under ordinary circumstances these people would not steal a box of matches," he said.

Counsel for the State J J du Toit objected to Van Tonder's evidence and submitted it was not relevant.

Counsel for Lottering J van der Pol said it was relevant in the light of the defence of the two accused.

Mr Justice Irving Steyn allowed the evidence but told Van der Pol he would not allow political preaching.

Van Tonder said the killing of the taxi driver was a result of political circumstances, and both accused were victims of the situation.

Enemies

One had to accept that if government continued on its course there would be more such incidents.

Earlier, under cross-examination, Lottering said blacks were his and his volk's enemies and he was entitled to shoot them. Whether the taxi driver was a person or not was irrelevant.

He had committed the killing himself and Goosen had not known about it until afterwards.

Asked why he had implicated Goosen after their arrest, Lottering said this had been Goosen's wish.

The trial continues today.

'Treason' plea amazes judge

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man accused of murder, bombing and robbery should have been charged with treason, not common law crimes, his counsel, Mr R E van der Pohl, said in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Cornelius Lottering and his co-accused, Mr Fanie Goosen, 29, have submitted that their deeds were "acts of war".

Mr Justice Irving Steyn said it was an "astonishing, amazing proposition" to suggest that because someone was guilty of treason they were entitled to be acquitted of everything else.

Mr Van der Pol submitted the court should find the killing of a taxi driver was preparation for treason rather than a senseless, pointless action.

The motive was political, he said.

He said that in the siege of Mafeking, a soldier who had shot someone was not guilty of murder because he was following orders to shoot the enemy.

The judge said he would take time to formulate his judgment and postponed the trial to tomorrow. — Sapa

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Mxenge's family to sue Vlok

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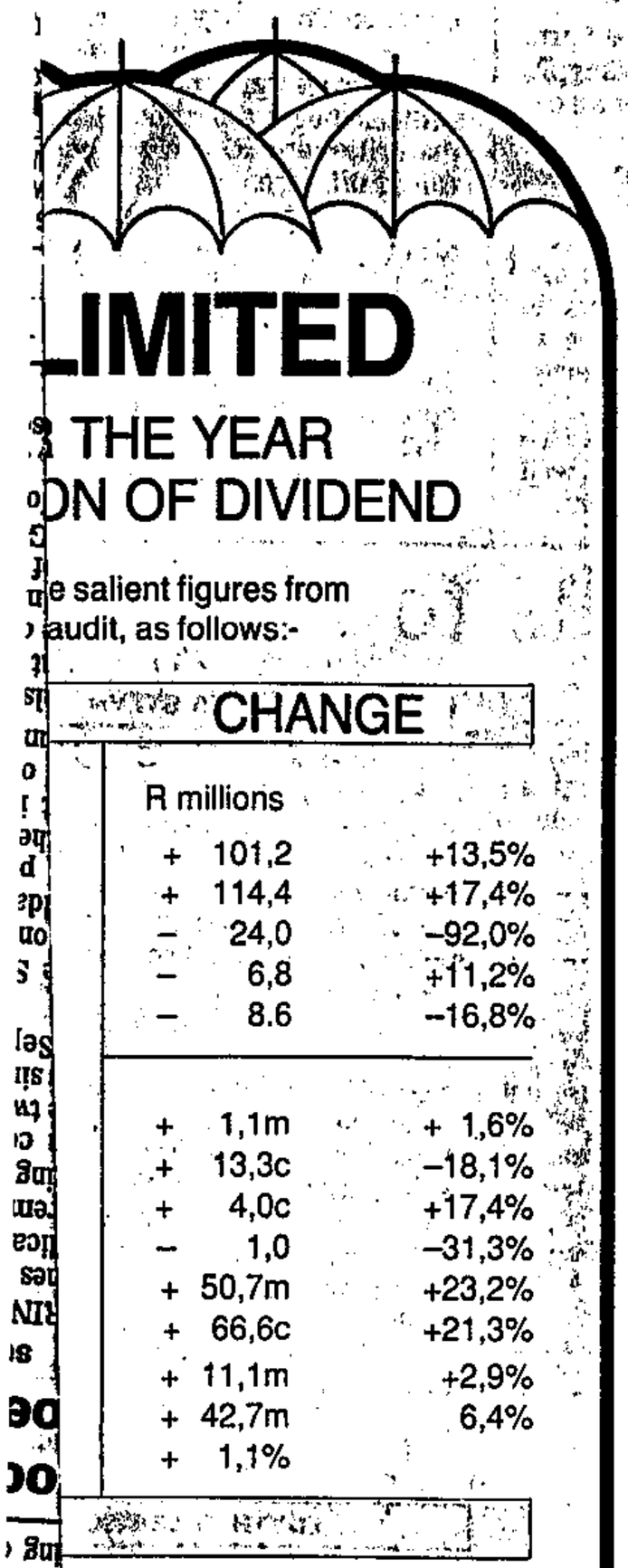
Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Lawyers acting for the family of slain civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge are waiting for a court date to hear a civil application against the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, for loss of support.

Mr Bheka Shezi, one of the lawyers, said yesterday three family members were suing the minister for loss of support, as the slain lawyer was "responsible for their maintenance".

He said the claim was premised on the fact that the self-confessed killer, Almond Butana Nofemela, was acting on the orders of former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee.

He said if the attorney-general did not prosecute Nofemela for murder, then the family would institute a civil prosecution against him.



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Body found in township

B10ay 24/11/90 LINDEN BIRNS

POLICE yesterday recovered the decomposed body of a man believed to have been killed in fighting at the Zonkezizwe shack settlement on the East Rand.

SAP liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweel said the body had been found early yesterday morning but it seemed to have been lying there for several days.

The discovery brings the official death toll in clashes at the settlement to 49 since November 11.

Van Zweel said there had been no further violence reported from the area since Monday, when 19 people were killed, but police would continue to patrol the area.

Other Reef townships were quiet yesterday.

But Sapa reports that in the eastern Transvaal township of Mhluzi, outside Middelburg, police patrolled yesterday after two days of clashes with demonstrators.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Maj H S Pienaar said groups attacked at least three policemen's homes with petrol bombs in Mhluzi yesterday morning.

And in Port Elizabeth, a reward of R15 000 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Sgt Johan Gerber, Const Cornelius de Wet and an unidentified civilian murdered near the city on Monday.

They were killed in Zwide township when a group opened fire on them.

Order of Death accused 'should face treason trial'

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE two members of right-wing extremist group the Order of Death on trial for the murder of a black taxi driver, robbery, attempted intimidation and other offences should not be convicted on these common law crimes, but charged with treason instead.

This submission was made during argument by defence counsel J van der Pol on behalf of Cornelius Lottering, 29, before Mr Justice Irving Steyn and two assessors yesterday.

Lottering and co-accused Fanie Goosen, 25, have both pleaded not guilty to the charges on the grounds that they were "acts of war" committed while the country was in a state of war.

Both men have admitted planting explosives next to the flat of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan in an attempt to frighten her and get her to publish the truth about AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, to force him to pull out of the election last year.

Lottering has admitted in a statement that he killed the taxi driver on August 29 last year as a "test" to see if he could carry out politically motivated "eliminations" without "getting cold feet".

Goosen has denied any involvement in or prior knowledge of the stabbing and shooting of the taxi driver.

During argument yesterday, State counsel J J du Toit did not ask for a conviction against Goosen on the murder charge.

Van der Pol said neither man should be convicted on the charges as they stood, but should be acquitted and — if the State wished — charged with treason instead.

Mr Justice Steyn said he would deliver judgment tomorrow.

'Ex-spy': I was sent to kill ANC officials with beers and a TV

Poison 'plot'

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man claiming to be an ex-secret agent told the Supreme Court here yesterday that he had been recruited by Military Intelligence and sent to kill ANC officials with poisoned drinks and a booby-trapped television set.

Mr Lesley Johannes Lesia said an ANC official had died from poisoned beer he took to Mozambique and that he had delivered a case of poisoned liquor to the Russian embassy in Gaborone.

He had been instructed to spill poison into the drinks of high-ranking ANC officials or, if he got the chance, to inject his victim with poison, he said.

Mr Lesia was giving evidence for the defence in the R1,5-million defamation case brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for publishing allegations that he had supplied poison for political murders.

A gold-coloured poison ring with a swivel top and cavity to contain poison was handed in as an exhibit by the defence, who said the ring and other evidence had been released by the Zimbabwean Civil Investigation Organisation and flown to South Africa by private aircraft on Tuesday night.

Mr Lesia told the court the ring was intended to contain poison which could be spilled into drinks to eliminate ANC people.

The court was also told that a television set with explosives packed inside was given to ANC officials in Maputo, and primed to detonate on a signal from a portable radio.

It eventually exploded when plugged in in Harare, killing the wife of another Mozambique-based ANC official, the court heard.

Mr Lesia said he was arrested in Maputo in May 1987 and held in Harare for more than three years.

Documents in Mr Lesia's handwriting about meetings with his handlers told of plans to destroy "all the Communist Party big fishes in and outside SA" and for further missions in Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

He claimed that one of his handlers, a Mr Bekker, gave him four glass bottles of yellow poison, two syringes, detonators to booby-trap doors and a gun and silencer with no identification number.

These were kept in a hidden compartment behind the dashboard of his car, Mr Lesia told the court.

He said he recognised General Neethling as the man Mr Bekker pointed out to him in a hotel early in 1987 as "the big boss of the police who helps us with the stuff".

The stuff, Mr Lesia said, was poisoned alcohol. He said he had been to a laboratory in Silverton, Pretoria, which Mr Bekker had said was the police forensics laboratory.

Mr Bekker had taken delivery of three cases of beer, and a case each of brandy and vodka from a man identified only as "Jakes". Mr Lesia said he had seen many uniformed police and police vans.

He said he had been instructed by Mr Bekker to give the liquor to the ANC in Maputo. He had kept four beers and given the rest to an ANC official called Sipho.

He told the court he later saw another official, Mr Gibson Ncube, drinking one of the beers. "It gave me a shock. There was nothing I could do."

Soon after that mission to Mozambique he heard Mr Ncube had died. The wife of another ANC official had phoned to say it had looked like paralysis.

His handlers then told him to take a rigged television set to Maputo, where it was to be handed to the ANC chief representative as a present.

He gave the set to a Mr Mhlope after de-priming it and attended Mr Ncube's funeral, where he was shown top ANC officials, including current ANC constitutional expert Mr Albie Sachs. — Sapa

Ermelo council man on video wielding a whip

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

A video tape recording allegedly showing Ermelo town councillor Hein Mentz, who is the son of the Conservative Party spokesman on law and order, holding a whip outside the Ermelo swimming pool, is being held by police as an exhibit for a potential case.

Police spokesman Pine Pienaar confirmed a video tape was being held as an exhibit in connection with a race incident last week.

He said a coloured man had laid a charge of pointing a fire arm and crimen injuria against white men.

Threatened

The local resident who made the video recording, while at the pool to film a child swimming, has subsequently been threatened and did not want to be named.

This is the second vigilante attack at the pool since the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped last month.

A week after the Act was lifted three black youths were beaten by a large number of white men wielding sticks. One of the youths, who is planning to take civil action against the Ermelo council, has lost much of the vision in one eye after the assault.

Major Pienaar said the investigations into both incidents would be completed soon. The dockets would be forwarded to the Attorney-General.



Hein Mentz . . . son of CP Law and Order spokesman.

The Star was unable to contact Mr Hein Mentz yesterday.

His father, Moolman Mentz, said he could not comment on his son's alleged appearance on the video. "He's a big man. Let him talk for himself."

Mr Mentz, who is MP for Ermelo, confirmed he had discussed reports of the incident with his son, but would not reveal details.

"As far as I'm concerned let the law take its course if a law has been transgressed."

He said he wanted it published that the Ermelo Town Council had, earlier this year, unanimously decided to keep the town's amenities separate "whatever the consequences", despite the lifting of the Act.

This had been endorsed by local residents at a public meeting.

"Therefore it is only to be expected that people will organise themselves to support these decisions.

"I said so in Parliament, and that is what is happening here. In all probability people will do this in most towns."

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Political fanatic guilty of murdering taximan

By Joe Openshaw

A man described by a Rand Supreme Court judge as being "absolutely crazy" about politics, and who confessed to killing a black taxi driver as practice for the assassination of black leaders, was yesterday found guilty of murder.

Convicting Cornelius Lottering (24) of murder, Mr Justice Irving Steyn said he had murdered Potoko Makgalemele with intent. The motive lay in political fanaticism.

Lottering and his co-accused, Fanie Goosen (29), were Order of Death members and right-wing extremists. Lottering said that for them, as "freedom fighters", blacks were the "natural enemy".

After Lottering was convicted of murder, his family testified that he had always been a quiet and gentle person who loved reading the Bible.

His elder brother, Pieter Lottering, said he was deeply shocked when he heard his brother's confession to murder.

His mother, Katherina, and his father, Petrus, said the first time they realised their son was involved in something "serious" was when he was arrested.

Goosen was found not guilty of murdering the taxi driver although he claimed to have been with Lottering on August 29 last year. The judge said the only witness saw Lottering only.

Both were charged with murder; bombing the flat of journalist Jani Allan; robbery with aggravating circumstances; unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and escaping from custody.

They claimed they were not guilty of crimes because their actions had been "acts of war".

They had bombed Ms Allan's flat because she had influenced Eugene TerreBlanche of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) to stand for Parliament.

J J du Toit, for the State, argued that aggravating circumtances, where Lottering was concerned, were that the murder had been carefully planned two days before August 29, with specific places in mind.

He chose an innocent taxi driver out of malice because he was galled at a black man transporting white girls.

He got Mr Makgalemele to drive him to Gold Reef City and then stabbed him in the back, put him in the boot and drove him to De Deur.

"There, while Mr Makgalemele was kneeling before him, he tried again with the knife and stabbed the taximan.

"When this failed and the taxi driver got up and ran, he shot him in the back.

"Lottering then held the taximan's head still and shot him in the head to finish him off," Mr du Toit said.

Erik van de Pol, for Lottering, argued that Lottering had murdered for political reasons, and not out of cruelty and insensitivity.

Both men were found guilty of malicious damage to property and intimidation when bombing Ms Allan's flat; robbery with aggravation for stealing R2 800 from a Vereeniging bottle store; illegal possession of a firearm; and escaping from custody.

Lottering was found guilty of robbing Mr Makgalemele of his taxi, but not guilty of possessing illegal ammunition.

Goosen was found guilty of having illegal ammunition.

The trial continues.

Taxi murder man is guilty

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man who was described by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday as being "absolutely crazy" about politics and who confessed to killing a black taxi driver as practice for assassinating black leaders, was found guilty of murdering the driver.

Mr Justice Irving Steyn, sitting with two assessors, found that right-winger Cornelius Lottering, 29, had had the intention to kill taxi driver Mr Potoko Makgalemele on August 29 last year.

The judge said he and his assessors unanimously rejected the submission by Lottering and his co-accused, Fanie Goosen, 25, that the offences they committed were acts of war committed while South Africa was in a state of war.

Lottering admitted he had gone to the taxi rank at Johannesburg station to choose a victim to test himself by seeing if he could carry out politically inspired killings without "getting cold feet".

He got Mr Makgalemele to take him to a spot near Gold Reef City, where he stabbed Mr Makgalemele and then shot him in the back and head at close range.

Lottering was also found guilty of robbing the taxi driver of his car and setting it alight.

Goosen was found not guilty of the murder.

The only evidence linking him to the murder was a single statement in which he confessed to have been involved.

Lottering himself told the court that Goosen was not involved in the murder.

Both men were found guilty of malicious damage to property and attempted intimidation for planting explosives outside the flat of former Sunday Times journalist Ms Jani Allan.

Mr Justice Steyn accepted that Goosen's statement confessing to the murder was not the truth.

Giving his reasons for his finding, the judge said these included the fact that Lottering had denied Goosen was involved in the murder, that an eyewitness had seen only Lottering at the scene of the killing, and that Goosen had been unable to point out the scene of the murder.

Argument on mitigating and aggravating factors which could influence sentence continues today. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Poison case spy plans to sue Magnus Malan



Mr Lesia

JOHANNESBURG. — Self-confessed Military Intelligence agent Mr Leslie Lesia told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he planned to sue the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, for unpaid salary.

Mr Lesia said he had not been paid by MI for four years and he and another agent who had been imprisoned in Zimbabwe, Mr Guy Bawden, planned to sue General Malan.

He said they had been badly treated by the SADF.

Mr Lesia was under cross-examination in the R1,5-million defamation action brought by Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against two newspapers.

Photographs taken by the Zimbabwean Civil Investigation Organisation (CIO) in June 1987 at the Goromondzi detention centre were handed to the court by defence counsel yesterday.

They were released by the Harare Herald newspaper and showed Mr Lesia handcuffed to a policeman with a bottle of alleged poison. There were also pictures of his car and its secret compartment designed to hold a firearm, silencer and ammunition which he said had been supplied by his handler Mr Ernest Bekker.

Mr Lesia was arrested in Mozambique in May 1987 and held in Zimbabwe until July this year. — Sapa

'Smack' for murderer?

JOHANNESBURG. — Right-wing extremist Cornelius Lottering, who was this week found guilty of the murder of a black taxi driver, needed his "bottom smacked", the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Lottering, 24, and Fanie Goosen, 30, were charged with murder, bombing the flat of former Sunday Times writer Ms Jani Allan, robbery with aggravating circumstances, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and escaping from custody.

Goosen, who falsely claimed he was implicated in the murder of the taxi driver Mr Potoko Makgamelele, was found not guilty of murder but was, with Lottering, found guilty on the other charges.

In mitigation, Lottering's counsel, Mr Erik van de Pol, said that though his client had not been remorseful when arrested, he now regretted his action.

"Lottering murdered for political reasons and not out of cruelty or insensitivity. He should pull himself together, all he needs is his bottom smacked," Mr Van de Pol said. — Sapa

Former major denies Coetzee allegations

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JOHANNESBURG. — A former security police major yesterday denied any involvement with former Captain Dirk Coetzee in the poisoning, shooting and burning of an ANC defector and another kidnapped ANC member near Komatipoort in 1981.

Mr Coetzee told a special court convened in London last month that Major Archie Flemington had assisted in giving poison "knock-out" drops to the men, Vusi and Peter, who had later been burned on a bonfire of charcoal and old tyres to destroy all traces of their bodies.

Mr Flemington was produced as a surprise witness in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to give rebutting evidence in the R1,5-million defamation suit brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for publishing allegations by Mr Coetzee that he had been supplied with poison by General Neethling.

Mr Flemington denied having had dealings with Mr Coetzee and said he had met General Neethling for the first time on Monday.

He will be cross-examined by defence counsel on Monday.

Earlier yesterday the defence called a bookkeeper at the Pretoria Holiday Inn, Ms Melinda Swift, who said hotel records indicated that a Mr Lesia had spent the night in the hotel on February 22 and checked out the next day, February 23.

The defence allege that Mr Lesley Lesia, a former military intelligence agent, went to the laboratory on February 23 to collect poisoned liquor, but General Neethling's counsel say documents before the court show he checked out on February 22 and flew home to Bloemfontein. — Sapa

Fierce debate over land ownership

CHRIS MOERDYK

DESPITE howls of protest from right-wing political parties and the Transvaal Agriculatural Union, the Development Bank of SA's proposals for the transfer of 8 million ha of land, including debt-ridden white farms, to blacks has met with a generally postive response.

The bank's corporate communications manager, Mr Frans van Rensburg, said yesterday that the proposals and the media coverage they had received "certainly brought the emotive issue of land ownership to the fore."

He said judging from the various responses it was clear some of the proposals "were brought to the attention of those who take part in the policy debate on the future of South Africa. "Apart from the positive responses from various interest groups, we can also understand and sympathise with the number of negative comments, especially against the early misunderstanding on the content of the paper."

Mr Van Rensburg said that early reports did not fully reflect the perspectives of the proposals "and to that extent we are pleased this week's ongoing debate in the media also brought these into perspective."

Earlier this week the Transvaal Agricultural Union strongly comdemned the proposals with TAU president Mr Dries Bruwer claiming: "It seems as if an orchestrated action has been launched to force white farmers off their land."

The public was also quick to become involved in the debate and on a Radio 702 late-night phone-in programme callers of all races hotly debated the issue of land ownership.

While many accepted that a more equitable apportioning of land was inevitable if a new South Africa was to come about, many white callers insisted that land "should not just be handed over to blacks" while a number of black callers suggested that was precisely what should happen.

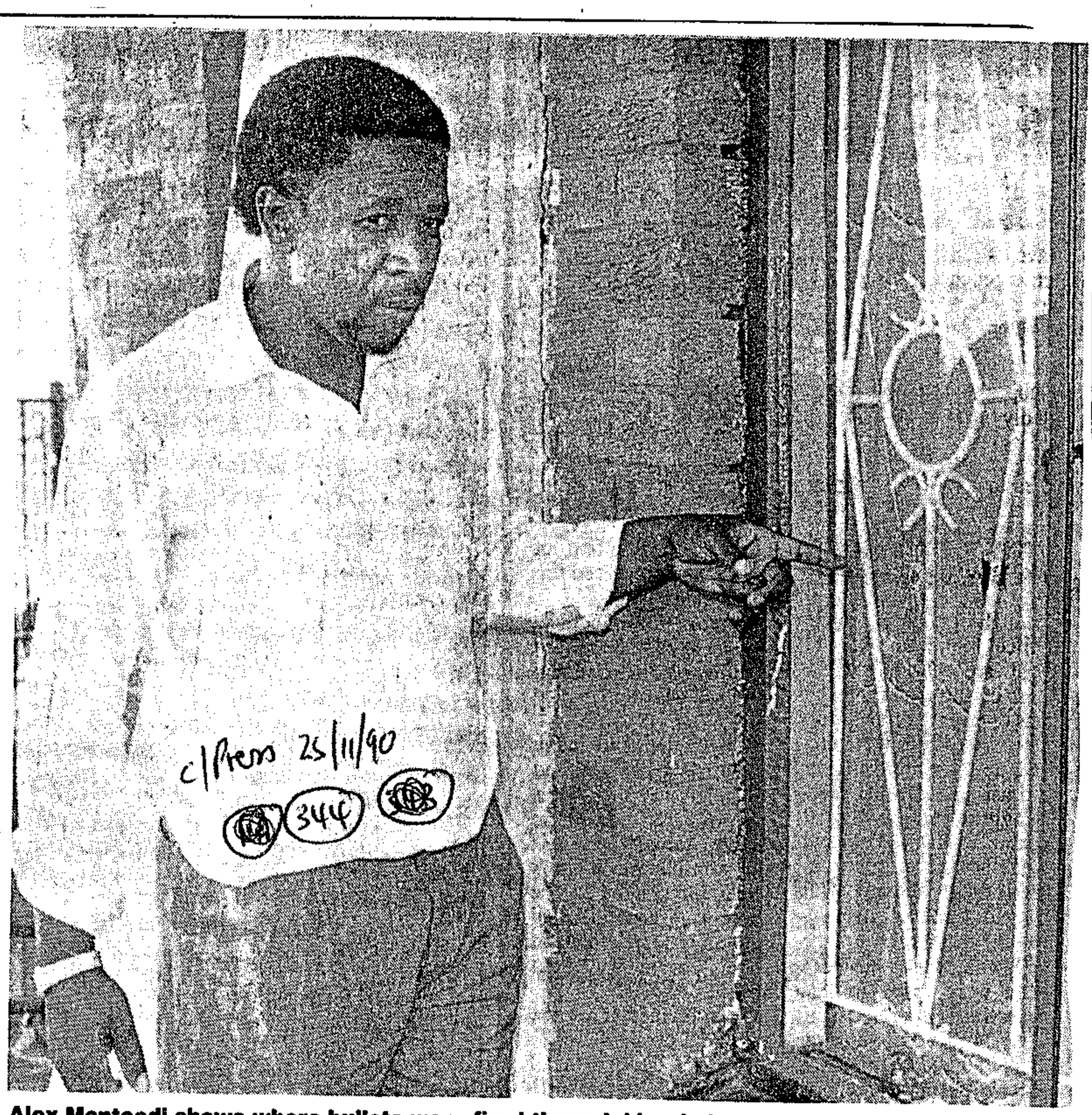
The Development Bank has confirmed that the proposals did not suggest land be taken from present white owners and handed over to black farmers.

It was also not argued that all farmers in debt should relinquish their land to black farmers.

"Rather some land could become available for purchase by blacks who can obtain the financing to do so.

"The document also highlights evidence of the success of black farmers in those instances where the proper infrastructure and support services are available to them."

Home of Duduza leader attacked twice



Alex Montoedi shows where bullets were fired through his window. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

THE chairman of the ANC branch in Duduza says he fears for his life after two armed incidents at his home in the past two days – the second on Friday night allegedly involving armed white assailants.

Alexander Montoedi – who also heads the Duduza Civic Association – said three balaclava-clad whites were scared off outside his home late on Friday night when a group of "comrades" were summoned to his rescue by neighbours.

No shots were fired.

He said he believed the incidents – the first took place on Thursday night when his home was riddled with bullets – were aimed at his life and were linked to a consumer boycott launched by Duduza residents against Nigel businesses on September 24.

"The consumer boycott is so effective that they are attempting to kill me with the hope that it will end."

Negotiations aimed at ending the boycott were currently underway, he added.

Yesterday police were unable to comment on the alleged incident.

But police are already investigating a case of malicious damage to property following the attack on Montoedi's home on Thursday at 11.55pm.

Unknown gunmen fired 25 shots with an AK 47 assault rifle, damaging several windows, doors and walls.

East Rand police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweel said nobody was injured in Thursday's attack and police were investigating.

According to Montoedi, the second incident took place at 9.45pm on Friday.

"My wife and I were just getting into bed when we heard the dogs barking.

"They rang the doorbell.

"The phone rang at the same time, and I was told by neighbours that whites wearing balaclavas were waiting outside with guns.

"I first thought they were police coming to get more information about Thursday night's attack.

"When I opened the front door, however, I saw one white man wearing a blue balaclava.

"He ran and hid himself behind the wall and shouted 'Vula' (open).

"I closed the door immediately."

No shots were fired and the three men left when a group of township youths arrived.

"They jumped into two cars and sped away," he added. – Sapa

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ORDER OF DEATH KILLER SHOWS NO REMORSE

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

WHEN self-styled member of the "Order of Death", Cornelius Lottering, said he had killed a black taxi driver because he hated blacks and that they were the descendents of Satan, he was applauded by his family and friends.

But when he was found guilty this week, for the protracted brutal murder of taxi-driver Potoko Franzen Makhalemele without extenuating circumstances, they sat grim-faced in the public gallery at the Rand Supreme Court.

Sobbing softly in the witness box, his mother Stoffelina Johanna Lottering, broke down and cried when she was asked questions about his behaviour.

Erik van de Pol, defence counsel for Lottering, experienced difficulty in getting answers from Lottering's mother.

She was later taken out of the court into the passage by a woman court orderly to recover.

Pieter Christiaan Lottering, a former member of the now defunct Ossewabrandwag in his youth, said he would stand by his son.

Both said politics and religion had not played an overly important role in their house. They were also not aware of their son's political activities.

Lottering's brother, Pieter Christiaan Lottering jnr, said he had been "very shocked" when he listened to his brother's evidence of how he had killed a taxi driver.

Lottering, 25, of Sandton, and co-accused Fanie Goosen, 30, of Vereeniging, had initially pleaded not guilty to nine counts, including murder, on the grounds the acts were committed while the country was in a "state of war".

Their pleas were made before Judge Irving Steyn and two assessors.

Lottering was found guilty on one count of murder, two of robbery with aggravating circumstances, two counts of malicious damage to property, attempted intimidation, illegal possession of a firearm and escaping from custody.

Goosen was found guilty of malicious damage to property, attempted intimidation, robbery with aggravating circumstances, illegal possession of a firearm and escaping from custody.

In summing up before passing judgment, Steyn recounted the chilling evidence presented to the court by Lottering – much of it read by his counsel, because of the pronounced stutter of the accused.

Lottering had said he decided to murder Makhalemele because he wanted to see if he was able to kill when the time to do so came.

Lottering said he was offended by blacks who drove white taxis, especially the sight of "kaffirs" driving white girls.

He said he had asked Makhalemele to take him to Gold Reef City, pulled a gun on the driver and forced him to get into the boot of the car.

As Makhalemele was getting in, Lottering stabbed him on the back. He said he was aiming for the kidneys, but "did not succeed".

Later, Lottering said, he stabbed Makhalemele through the throat.

He shot Makhalemele twice, once in the head. He said he felt no remorse because blacks were his "natural enemy" and the Bible made it clear he should eleminate them.

Five children in hospital after thugs wreck outing

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The Argus Correspondent

LOUIS TRICHARDT. — A group of 30 white men allegedly pounced on a Sunday school outing, attacking the children with sticks and sjamboks after telling them that blacks should go elsewhere.

Five children were injured in the assault on Saturday and taken to the Siloam Hospital for treatment, said the Rev George Mohali, who accompanied the children.

He said the men arrived in cars shortly after the group's two buses stopped at a park in Louis Trichardt.

The men told the group to leave "because blacks are not allowed in the park". Mr Mohali said he complained to a senior police officer at the park about the threatening attitude of the men.

'POLICE DID NOTHING'

As the group was about to leave, the men attacked the children with sticks and sjamboks, he said.

"Police did nothing to stop them," Mr Mohali said.

He said that when he went to lay a charge of assault, police told him to bring the children who had been assaulted.

Police in Louis Trichardt declined to comment on the incident, and referred media enquiries to regional headquarters in Pietersburg. There, police Lieutenant Werner Voigt said he was still awaiting a report from the Louis Trichardt police station.

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'White men attacked children in park'

Own Correspondent

LOUIS TRICHARDT — An outing for a group of black Sunday school children ended on a sour note at the weekend when they were barred from a park and some of them allegedly attacked by a group of 30 white men.

The Rev George Mohali of the Apostolic Faith Mission, who had accompanied the children, said the men arrived in cars shortly after the two buses in which the children were travelling had stopped near a park in town.

The men told the group to leave, as blacks were not allowed in the park.

Mr Mohali said he spoke to a senior police officer at the park about the threatening attitude of the men.

As the group was about to leave, the men attacked the children with an assortment of weapons including sticks and sjamboks. Five injured children were taken to Siloam Hospital for treatment.

Mr Mohali said that when he went to lay a charge of assault at the Louis Trichardt police station, he was told to bring the children who had been assaulted.

In Pietersburg, Lieutenant Werner Voigt said he could not immediately comment.

ANC man's home attacked

JOHANNESBURG. — The chairman of the ANC branch in Duduza township says he fears for his life after his home was riddled with bullets on Thursday night and attacked — allegedly by armed whites — on Friday.

Mr Alexander Montoebi, who also heads the Duduza civic association, said he believed the incidents were linked to a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in nearby Nigel.

He claimed that three balaclava-clad whites were scared off outside his home late on Friday night by about 25 "comrades" summoned by neighbours. — Sapa

AWB RAIDS

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Talk about brains and beauty. Pretty Bronwen van Niekerk is a qualified social worker and PR to boot. Not only that. This leggy belle also has an honours degree in sociology. That is the complete Miss Dynamos Football Club queen who will represent her team during the Miss NSL contest at Gold Reef City on Thursday. Lots of luck, Bronwen.

FW threat to 'Kei over coup claims

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STATE President Mr FW de Klerk has threatened to sever diplomatic and financial ties with Transkei should the country's leaders continue to "falsely accuse" South Africa over last week's abortive coup attempt.

A spokesman for De Klerk, Mr CS Venter, yesterday confirmed the warning was contained in a message delivered to Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa by Foreign Affairs Deputy Director General, Mr Rusty Evans on Friday.

Reports said De Klerk had also warned to withdraw South Africa's recognition of the Transkei military government.

The Transkeian government is expected to meet today as the war of words between the two parties intensifies. The homeland's government would formulate a response to De Klerk's threat.

Speaking from his home yesterday, Holomisa said he expected Transkei president Chief Tutor Ndamase to address a meeting of the Military Council. A statement would be issued later today.

"We will be working on a document that will be handed to the South African Government when Chief Ndamase meets Mr De Klerk shortly," Holomisa said.

Halt support

However, Holomisa said the prospects of a halt to financial support had not been discussed during Friday's meeting between him and South African deputy director of Foreign Affairs Evans.

Meanwhile, the SABC has demanded a retraction of the allegation by Holomisa that a staffer of the corporation knew about the coup attempt before it

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By MOSES MAMAILA

FIGHTING broke out in Louis Trichardt at the weekend after a group of whites clad in AWB-style khaki uniforms went on the rampage, attacking black children who were on a Sunday school outing at a park in the town.

Eye-witnesses said about 400 children, aged between seven and 14, were visiting the park on Saturday when a group of whites armed with sjamboks and sticks started attacking them.

Scores of children sustained minor wounds and were rescued by taximen, who came to the scene minutes after fighting started.

The children, all members of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church at Dzanani in Venda, were taken in taxis to safety outside the Conservative Party-controlled town.

Angry

However, the angry group of whites followed them to the area, where a clash between blacks and whites ensued.

An undisclosed number of people were reportedly injured, some seriously.

The Rev MG Muhali, who had organised the outing, said the white men told them that "the park does not belong to blacks".

"They started assaulting us with sjamboks and kierries as we scattered in all directions," he said. Muhali escaped unhurt.

He said taximen took

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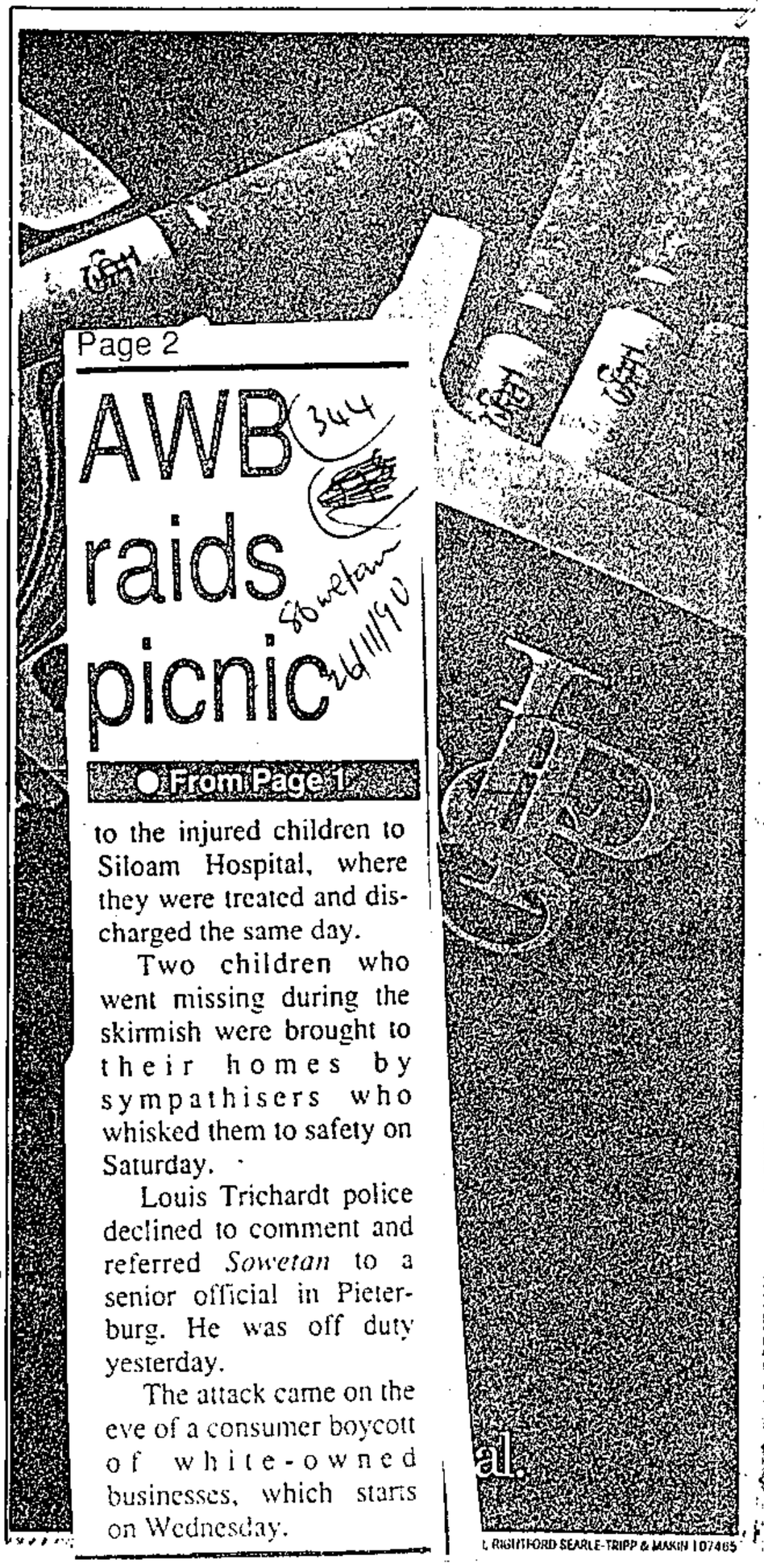

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AWB raids picnic

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to the injured children to Siloam Hospital, where they were treated and discharged the same day.

Two children who went missing during the skirmish were brought to their homes by sympathisers who whisked them to safety on Saturday.

Louis Trichardt police declined to comment and referred *Sowetan* to a senior official in Pietersburg. He was off duty yesterday.

The attack came on the eve of a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, which starts on Wednesday.

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The soldiers of misfortune

One disturbing sign of the growing militarisation of the South African society is the alarming growth of "private armies", writes Argus Correspondent ESMARÉ VAN DER MERWE from Johannesburg.

"AN unarmed Boer is a dead Boer," goes a catchy right-wing slogan.

But there is disturbing evidence that — despite high hopes of the "new" South Africa — growing numbers of South Africans across the political spectrum seem to believe that an unarmed man is a dead man.

In recent months, ironically since the government and the ANC have started talks, there has been a massive build-up of weapons inside the country.

Those who are physically, logistically and emotionally preparing themselves for confrontation range from individuals to organisations across the political spectrum.

The security firm industry and private arms dealers experience a boom, as individuals seek to secure their property and lives.

War talk

And on the political front, war talk from both the extreme left and right has made nonsense of the general optimism that a political settlement might soon be reached.

The registrar of the Board for Security Officers, Frans Lubbe, estimates the number of registered private security firms at between 3 000 and 4 000, representing 100 000-plus private security officers who make a living from patrolling and securing properties, installing alarm systems and safes, and transporting valuables between destinations.

Police statistics of registered weapons show that 123 415 new licenses were issued last year, bringing the total number of registered licences to almost 2,9-million.

The number of unlicensed weapons is anyone's guess. Last year, 7 760 weapons were reported missing, and less than half of those (3 678) were recovered.

Potentially more explosive are the number of politically-motivated armies, collecting arms and training "soldiers" for some expected bloodbath if — and in some cases even if not — peaceful negotiations break down.

The accompanying graphic, which does not claim to be comprehensive, gives a broad indication of the extent of private armies which for the purposes of this article are defined as any group of people which operates in a vigilant or aggressive capacity. It thus excludes the official state security machine embodied in the SADF and SAP.

The graphic encompasses the most prominent groups which are believed to be active. Groups have been categorised merely for clarity's sake, since little information is available on their exact nature due to secrecy.

Private armies range from shadowy sub-divisions within the official state machinery — such as the Civil Co-operation Bureau and "kitskonstabels" — to neighbourhood watch schemes and street and area committees in the townships.

Gangs

Professor Mike Hough, director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria, believes a new category is emerging — armed groups which do not necessarily report to any political organisation, and criminal gangs which are increasingly using weapons such as AK47s for non-political crime such as bank robberies.

One expert who has tried to estimate the number of "soldiers" under the command of the main para-military groups is political risk consultant Wim Booyse.

He believes the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe may have about 22 000 members — 6 000 outside the country's borders, 6 000 trained soldiers within the country and an additional 10 000 "marshalls" who mainly play a preventative role but could be used as a "rapid deployment force".

The Pan Africanist Congress's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, has an estimated 1 200 members and the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania's military wing, the Azanian National Liberation Army, about 250 trained men.

His estimate of right-wingers under the command of para-military organisations range from 12 000 to a maximum of 45 000.

Even less is known about emerging private armies in the homelands, apparently being deployed to protect their governments as the homeland system nears collapse and black political parties vie for power.

Impis

Inkatha's "impis" are regarded by many organisations as a separate force which could be linked to the KwaZulu security forces.

In Gazankulu, a secret army is said to be trained in guerilla warfare tactics and armed combat. It is reportedly linked to the cultural movement Ximoko Xa Rixaka which is led by the homeland's leader, Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi.

And in KwaNdebele, the Parsons Commission into the 1986 violence in the homeland has found that hundreds of people have lost their lives at the hands of the notorious Mbokotho vigilante group.

Since February, right-wing groups have mushroomed. Their command structures are vague and many groups seem to either overlap or have members who are active in more than one organisation.

Experts believe many of the organisations which have claimed responsibility for the recent spate of arms thefts and acts of violence probably don't really exist.

Commented Mr Booyse: "Between July and August this year, some 50 telephone calls have been made to newspapers claiming that the Wit Kommando has been responsible for acts of violence. But there is no evidence that this organisation exists.

"It is impossible to make any sense out of the right-wing organisations. Some seem to have as few as three members who operate on an ad hoc basis. They are nothing but a few lunatics who have organised themselves into some Trompie-style gang.

"But other armies are believed to run into thousands. Of considerable force seem to be the AWB's Wenkommando and the Boerestaat Party's military wing, the Boere Weerstandsbeweging."

In a detailed document on extreme right-wing organisations, the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression says militant extra-parliamentary groups which have shot to prominence since President De Klerk's February 2 speech range from relatively harmless intellectual think-tanks to "shadowy, ultra-militant "armies" intent on urban terrorism and, ultimately, a "Third Freedom Struggle" for the Afrikaner".

The Board says the biggest obstacle in the way of a concerted right-wing terror campaign might be the fact that the political Right is broken up into so many disparate groups, mainly due to personality clashes and power struggles.

"Also, it should be kept in mind that cross-organisational affiliations are rife, and that individuals might support a parliamentary party such as the Conservative Party in an election, claim membership of the AWB, and commit deeds in the name of the Wit Wolwe," the Board says.

Other right-wingers, incensed by the legalisation of black protest marches through town centres, have organised themselves into armed neighbourhood watches. Most prominent among these is Blanke Veiligheid in Welkom.

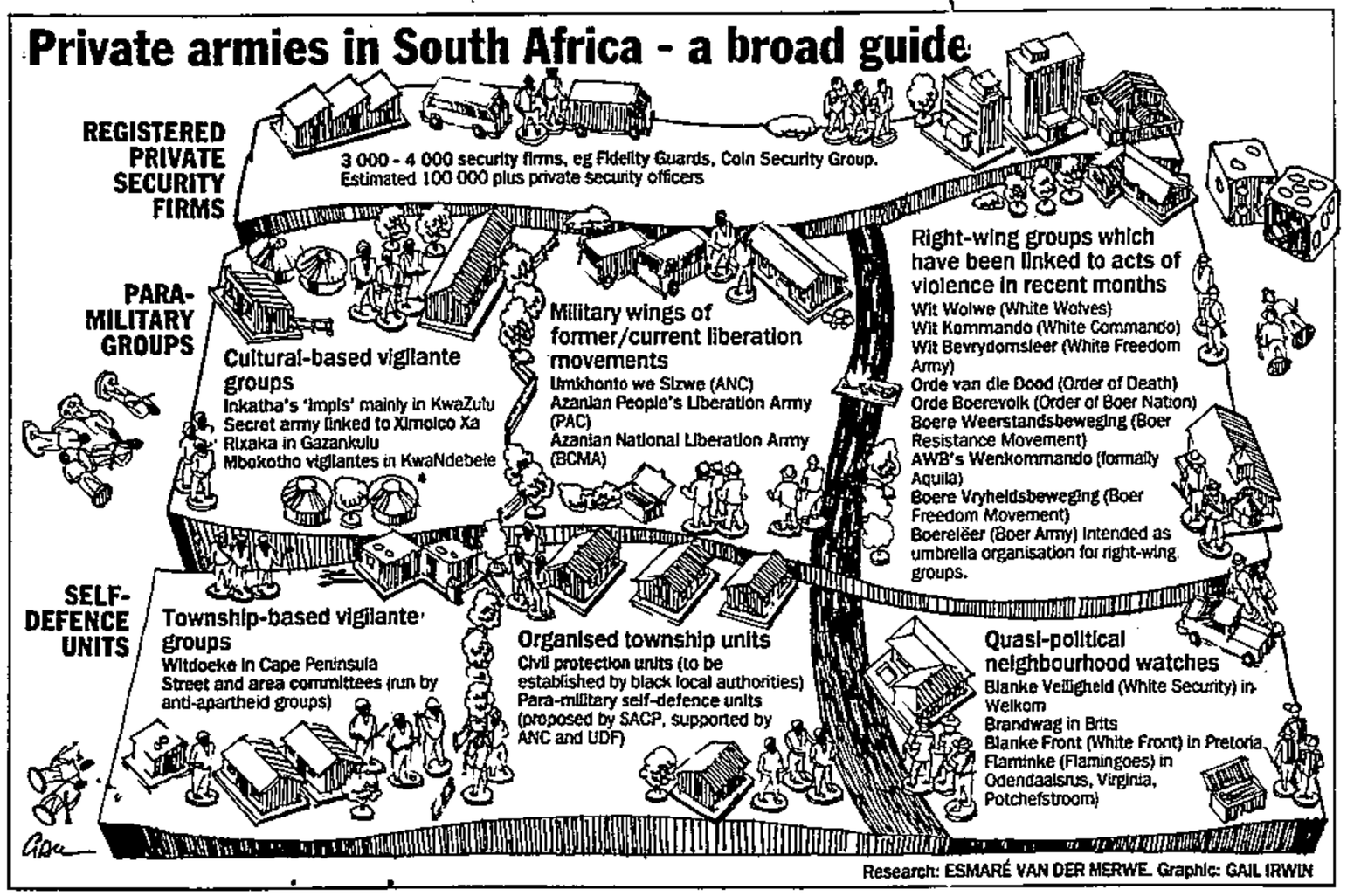
Mr Booyse believes some of these vigilante groups fall under the command of political organisations, while others could easily be "hijacked" by the politicos.

Professor Hough stresses that while many neighbourhood watch schemes are becoming increasingly militarised, others have no ulterior political motive and merely act as protectors of property and preventors of crime.

Another area of potential conflict is between "self-defence units" in particularly the townships.

Concerned about continuing state violence against political activists, and in an apparent attempt to pacify radicals who are disillusioned with the ANC's suspension of the "armed struggle", the SACP has proposed the establishment of para-military self-defence units. This concept has been endorsed by the ANC and the UDF.

On the other hand, the state has sanctioned the creation civil protection units under the authority of embattled black local authorities. This could lead to major conflict in the volatile townships.



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Picnic attack: arrests likely later today

By Guy Jepson
Crime Staff

Arrests of the sjambok and knobkerrie-wielding thugs who savaged a black Sunday school outing in a Louis Trichard park were expected later today, police said.

At least five children were taken to hospital and dozens injured after about 30 right-wing extremists attacked between 200 and 300 children aged between seven and 14 in the park on Sunday.

The children were members of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church at Dzanani in Venda.

No arrests had been made by this morning, "but there will be arrests this afternoon or tomorrow", said Far Northern Transvaal police spokesman Lieutenant Werner Voigt.

Lieutenant Voigt said the Commisioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, would speak about the incident at a press conference in Pretoria today.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, the SAP's Regional Commisioner for the Far Northern Transvaal, Major-General G J Viljoen, said a special investigation team under the command of Major At Prinsloo, the district CID officer, "will investigate all aspects of the case".

The statement said the police team would be assisted by a surgeon, "in order to verify all claims of injury during the assault", adding that the investigation would continue until all those responsible had been apprehended.

Lieutenant Voigt told The Star yesterday that the attackers were members of the right-wing Blanke Beskermingsburo.

In another development yesterday, academics at the University of Venda were collecting signatures to a document expressing their "horror and disgust" at the incident.

Lieutenant Voigt said Blanke Beskermingsburo members had "mobilised themselves" on Thursday following plans by the local consumer boycott committee to stage a protest march through Louis Trichardt on Saturday as a prelude to a boycott of white-owned businesses due to start tomorrow.

"We had discussions with the committee last week and they agreed to call off the march," Lieutenant Voigt said.

He said there were only "a few" policemen on the scene on Sunday when the schoolchildren arrived at the park.

"Then some Blanke Beskermingsburo people arrived and started attacking the black children. The police tried to maintain order but they couldn't do it — there were too few personnel," he said.

"One of our policemen was also attacked," he said.

The Rev George Mohali, who had accompanied the children, said a group of about 30 white men ordered the church group to leave, telling them blacks were not allowed in the park.

He had informed a senior police officer on the scene about the threatening attitude of the men but, as the children were about to leave, they were attacked with various weapons.

Residents vow consumer boycott

Rage over attack

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TENSION continued to grip Louis Trichardt yesterday following the weekend attack on black Sunday school children by a group of whites clad in AWB-style khaki uniforms.

There is widespread anger in black townships around the northern Transvaal town and residents have vowed to begin a consumer boycott of white-owned shops tomorrow.

The boycott is expected to draw support from many blacks, irrespective of political affiliation.

The Conservative Party town council, the local Chamber of Commerce and senior police officers met officials of the Consumer Boycott Committee yesterday to discuss ways to halt what could turn out to be the second consumer boycott in the town this year.

Yesterday's meeting was planned before Saturday's events but an insider told *Sowetan* that the attack, in which children aged between six and 15 were sjambokked and four admitted to hospital, topped the agenda.

In a statement released in Pietersburg, a police spokesman said a special investigating team headed by Major AT Prinsloo had been appointed to probe all aspects of the case.

By MOSES MAMAILA and MATHATHA TSEDU

A doctor had been assigned to the investigating team to verify "all claims of injuries during the assault".

The statement said attempts by members of the public to take the law into their own hands would not be tolerated and added that the investigation would continue until "the responsible parties have been apprehended".

Azanian People's Organisation chairman in the region Mr Don Nkadimeng said the attack on "young Christians relaxing in an open park in the presence of the police was terrorism of the worst kind".

Sunday school

About 400 children who were on a Sunday school outing were attacked by a large group of whites with sjamboks, sticks and dogs at a park in the town on Saturday, leaving many of them injured.

The local branch chairman of the ANC, Mr Magwedzha Mphaphuli, yesterday described the situation as "very tense".

Police spokesman Sergeant H Jones said yesterday police were investigating. The matter was considered "in a very serious light". He said no arrests had been made.

Police blame BBB for attack on children

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Members of the right-wing Blanke Beskermings Buro are being blamed by police for Saturday's attack on black Sunday school children in the Northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt.

An estimated 30 members of the BBB allegedly barred the 200 to 300 children from entering a local park and later, as the children were departing, attacked them with a variety of weapons, including sticks and sjamboks.

A number of children, aged between seven and 14, were injured and had to be taken to hospital for treatment. The children are members of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Venda.

Police said BBB members had "mobilised themselves" to counter a planned protest march through Louis Trichardt on Saturday as a prelude to a boycott of white-owned local businesses scheduled to start on Wednesday.

After discussions the march was called off and although there was a strong police presence in the town during the morning it was reduced to only a few policemen after 1pm, when the attack took place.

Police said the incident was being investigated "at a high level" and that arrests would follow soon.

The town council of Louis Trichardt, controlled by the Conservative Party, has condemned the incident. The mayor, Mr Louis Holzhausen, was quoted as saying the council regarded the matter in a very serious light and it rejected any allegation the council had been responsible for the violence.

'No reason' for implicating cop

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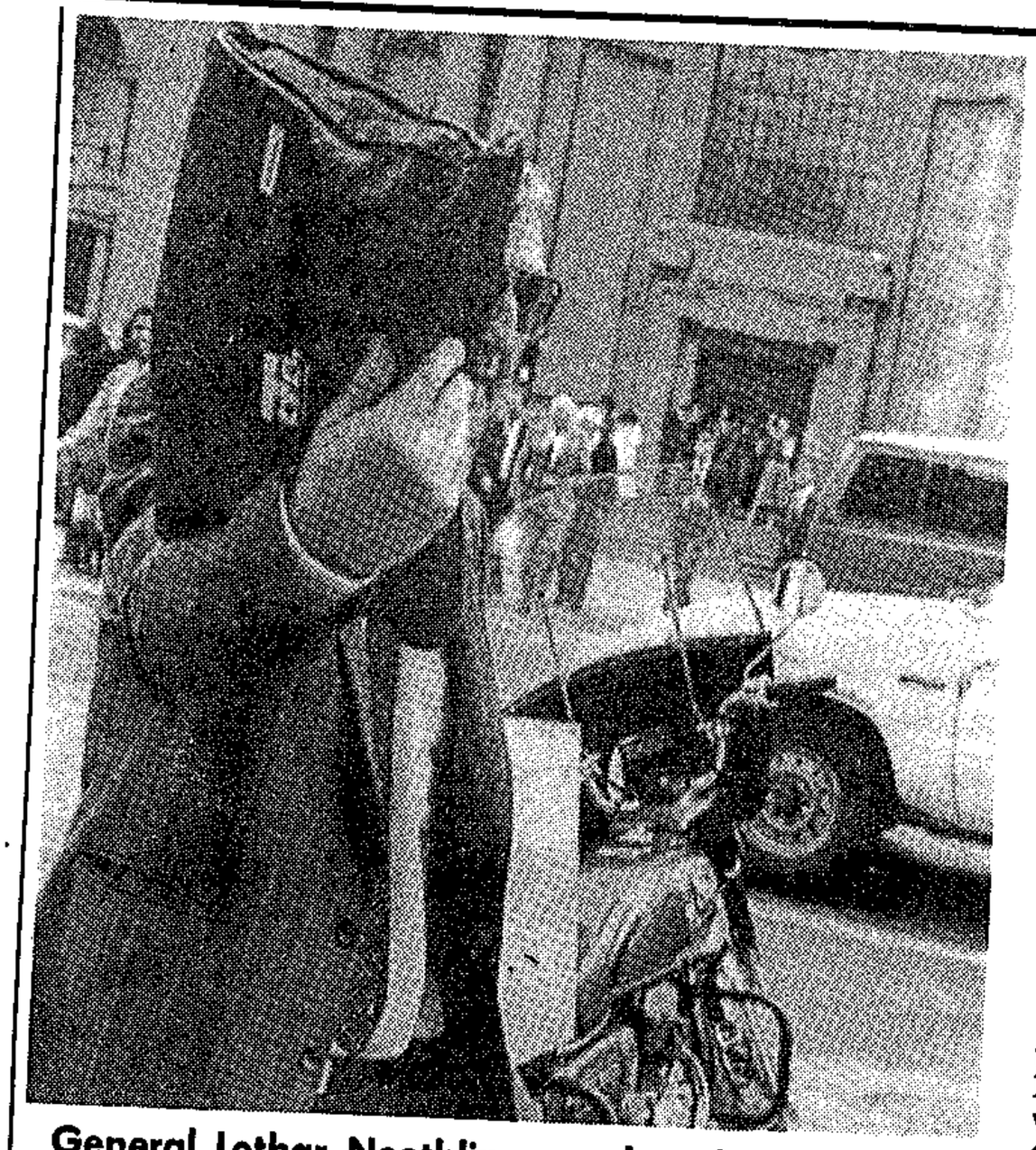
JOHANNESBURG. — Former security policeman Major Archie Flemmington, 48, agreed in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he knew of no reason why former police captain Dirk Coetzee would intentionally falsely implicate him in events near Komatipoort in 1981.

Major Flemmington is being cross-examined in the R1,5-million defamation action against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail following reports in which Captain Coetzee claimed SAP forensic head General Lothar Neethling had supplied poison to be used on ANC members.

Captain Coetzee told the Harms commission of inquiry into alleged police hit squads that Major Flemmington was present when two men, Vuzi and Peter, were shot with a Makarov pistol after being given clear drops "which worked like chloroform".

Major Flemmington has denied this.

He reiterated in the Supreme Court that if the bodies of the two men had been burnt on a pyre of wood and tyres, farmers would have investigated. He said nothing was burnt at the nearby municipal dump at night as far as he knew. — Sapa



General Lothar Neethling evades photographers outside the Rand Supreme Court.

Poison evidence was fabricated, general tells court

The Argus Correspondent ARGUS 27/1/90

JOHANNESBURG. — General Lothar Neethling used the phrase "fabricated evidence" several times when he returned to the witness box to deal with the evidence given last week by Mr Leslie Lesia.

General Neethling instituted a R1,5 million defamation claim arising out of reports published in the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail in which former police captain Dirk Coetzee claimed General Neethling had supplied poison to be used on ANC members.

Mr Lesia was the mystery witness produced by the defendants who testified he was employed by men who said they were from Military Intelligence.

Mr Justice JC Kriegler, who is presiding over the trial in the Rand Supreme Court, heard that Mr Lesia's handlers had given him a brass ring with a swivel top, a pistol and silencer, four bottles of poison and syringes, two biscuit boxes each containing two limpet mines, a case of beer and two bottles of liquor which had been poisoned.

DROPPER AND WATER

General Neethling said the ring was typical of a "pill ring" which was popular in the 1920s. He said it certainly could not hold liquid without leaking. He produced a dropper and water in the witness box and began to give a demonstration.

"That is not necessary, general, I have already done it with liquid and with powder," the judge said.

General Neethling also produced a six-pack of beer cans, a number of other cans and two liquor bottles. He said it was physically impossible to find 12 litres of space in the dashboard of a Mazda 626 and even if one could, there would be insoluble engineering problems with the wiring and tubing.

This was a reference to Mr Lesia's evidence that his car had a secret compartment built in behind the cubbyhole.

The hearing continues.

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NUM claims attack by armed AWB

By Shareen Singh and Sapa

Several mineworkers were admitted to hospital after they were attacked at the union offices in Welkom by AWB members, the National Union of Mineworkers alleged yesterday.

The union alleged that about 50 AWB members wearing khaki uniforms with swastikas arrived at the union office while mineworkers were waiting for transport after a meeting.

"With AWB flags held high and armed with shotguns, batons, knives, sjamboks and pick handles, they descended on the waiting workers," the NUM said.

Among those injured was NUM regional chairman Jan Selepe.

The union said the attack took place soon after police had allegedly confronted shaft stewards and demanded that they produce a permit to hold a union meeting.

Three mineworkers claim to have identified one attacker as one of the SAP officers who had come to the union office earlier, the NUM said.

Police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said the police could investigate only if the union laid a formal charge.

The police spoke to NUM members who were at the scene, but they did not ask mineworkers to produce a permit as this was not required for an indoor meeting, he said.

He denied police involvement in the alleged attack.

The regional chairman of the Welkom AWB, Blikkies Blignaut, yesterday denied the allegations that the attackers had been AWB members.

"We are not prepared to accept responsibility for the actions of men who are posing as our members, as has already been done in the past."

AWB attacked us — union

WELKOM. — About 400 members of the National Union of Mineworkers were attacked by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging at a meeting here on Sunday, union members alleged.

The union said four NUM members, including the regional chairman of the union, Mr Jan Selepe, were injured and had to receive hospital treatment. Police are investigating.

The AWB yesterday denied any involvement in the alleged attack.

Mr Selepe said about 30 "khaki-clad men, wearing swastikas" had arrived on motor bikes and motor vehicles and attacked them in front of the NUM regional office.

The assault was allegedly carried out with sjamboks, pickaxes and shotguns.

A police spokesman denied allegations by NUM members that they had recognised policemen among the khaki-clad attackers. — Sapa

10 shot and hacked to death in raid

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Renewed outbursts of fighting between rival blacks and attacks by rightwing extremists are racking the country.

Latest flashpoints:

● Last night Zulu-Xhosa clashes on the East Rand claimed 10 lives.

● Police expect to make arrests today following a savage sjambok-and-knobkerrie attack on black Sunday school children in a park in Louis Trichardt.

● Police reinforcements drawn from all over the Western Cape have been deployed in Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads, while the Defence Force is calling up Citizen Force members by telephone in a hurried attempt to help police stem township violence.

● Tension in Welkom, scene of bitter racial clashes this year, has soared after rightwingers beat up trade unionists at a meeting.

● Water and electricity cut-offs in townships hit by long-standing rent-and-service payment boycotts continue to add to the tension. The latest possible trouble spot is Maokeng in the Free State, where the National Party-controlled council cut off water on Friday.

The worst overnight violence was in Katlehong.

A police spokesman said the bodies of 10 men were discovered near Mandela Park before 6am.

Some victims apparently died of gunshot wounds and others were hacked to death with pangas and stabbed.

About 150 people attacked the camp late last night, said police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel.

The 10 deaths brought the East Rand toll for the past two days to 15. In Natal 18 people have been killed in unrest since Saturday.

SA may have new riot force

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

THE feasibility of establishing a new paramilitary riot force — not linked to the police — is being investigated.

The top-level investigation is being carried out by former Police Commissioner General Johan Coetzee.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, confirmed General Coetzee had been given the task of weighing up the advantages of a separate force to deal with riots and unrest.

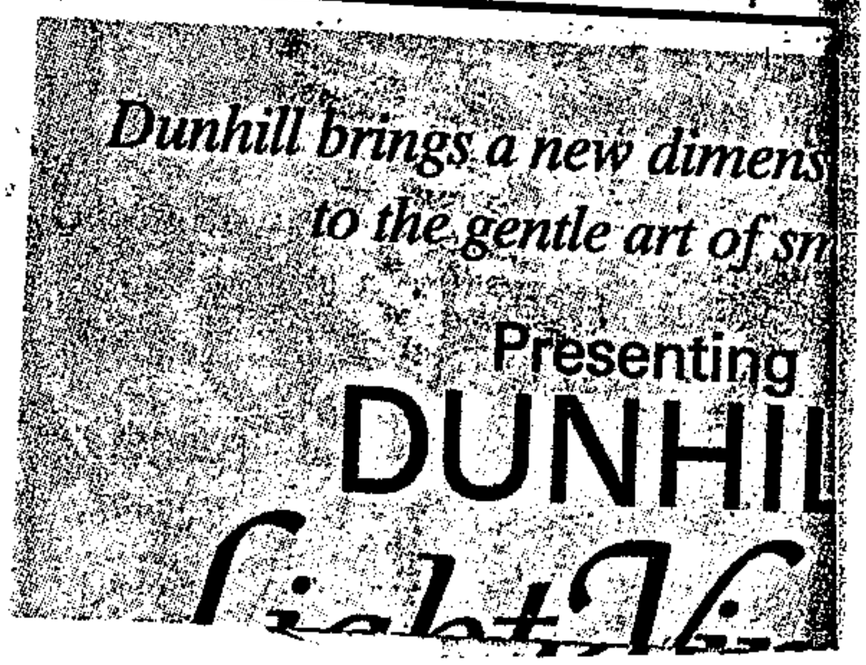
ORDERED BY PRESIDENT

It is understood the investigation was ordered by President De Klerk.

Brigadier Mellet said that once General Coetzee's study was complete it would be handed to Mr Vlok, but no date had been set.

The study, first mentioned in the overseas publication Africa Confidential, stems from concern in government over the perception of the police as a partial, political instrument and a bastion of white conservatism.

As a result anti-crime and unrest operations, particularly in townships, are often seen as acts of political repression.



'Practice' killer gets 20 years

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JOHANNESBURG. — Order of Death member Cornelius Lottering, who killed a taxi driver as practice for the assassination of black leaders, was yesterday sentenced to 20 years for murder.

Rand Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Irving Steyn said an extenuating factor was that Lottering's crime was politically and religiously motivated.

His interpretation of the Bible was "warped" and had affected his whole attitude.

Co-accused Fanie Goosen, 30, was found not guilty of murder but was sentenced to an effective 13 years for the bombing of former Sunday Times writer Jani Allan's flat, seven years for robbing a bottle store, 18 months for possession of a fire-arm, six months for possession of ammunition and one year for escaping from custody.

On the other counts, Lottering was sentenced to three years for the flat bombing, five years for damage to a taxi, four years for robbing the taximan of his vehicle, seven years for robbing a bottle store and 18 months for possession of a firearm.

The judge said some of the sentences would run concurrently and the effective imprisonment would be 24 years. — Sapa

Police poison case: Facts are 'unique'

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JOHANNESBURG. — The facts before court in the R1,5-million defamation case brought against two newspapers were unique and it was the most important case he had yet tried, presiding judge Mr Justice Johan Kriegler told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is suing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers for publishing allegations that he supplied poison to former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee to kill ANC members.

In argument yesterday, senior counsel for General Neethling, Mr Willie Oshry QC, referred to a 1980 case — Zillie vs Johnson — where it had been heard if something was important enough it did not matter if it was true or not, but the public were entitled to hear the facts as it was in their interest.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the facts of the defamation case against the newspapers were even more important than those of the Zillie case.

Mr Oshry argued that the onus of justifying publication was on the defendant and not on the plaintiff, who had only to show that the published material was defamatory and had damaged his reputation.

If the defence claimed the articles published were true and in the public benefit, they had to prove they were true.

It was not the duty of the press to inform the public, in their interest, of something which was untrue, Mr Oshry said.

Mr Justice Kriegler said the public were entitled to know about the alleged death squads, to which Mr Oshry replied they were entitled to know the truth.

Mr Oshry said the questions to be decided were whether Mr Coetzee had obtained poisons from General Neethling, and if the general would have supplied poisons to him simply for the murder of unknown people.

"My submission is, on a high degree of probability, that it is unlikely a man in General Neethling's position would lend himself to poison," Mr Oshry said.

If General Neethling did supply poisons, Mr Oshry argued, he would have supplied poisons that worked. He had the knowledge and "ammunition" at hand to provide a lethal poison. — Sapa

Lottering sentenced to effective 24 years

By Joe Openshaw

Order of Death member Cornelius Lottering, who stabbed and shot a taxi driver to death as "practice" for assassinating black leaders, was sentenced yesterday to 20 years in jail for murder.

Mr Justice Irving Steyn said in the Rand Supreme Court that an extenuating factor in the murder of Potoko Makgamelele on August 29 last year was that Lottering's crime was politically and religiously motivated.

The judge said Lottering (24) had been strongly influenced by religion and politics after he left school. His interpretation of the Bible was "warped" and had affected his entire attitude.

"Political and religious considerations, as warped as they may have been, were a factor in the crime," the judge said.

He said political crimes, depending on the circumstances, could be construed as extenuating circumstances.

Co-accused Fanie Goosen (30), who claimed he was with Lottering at the time of the killing, was found not guilty of murder by the judge, who said Goosen's claims were false.

But Goosen was given an effective 13 years for malicious damage to property and intimidation in the bombing of former Sunday Times journalist Jani Allan's flat, seven years for robbing a bottle store, 18 months for illegal possession of a firearm, six months for illegally having ammunition and one year for escaping from custody.

Some of the jail terms would run concurrently.

Mr Justice Irving Steyn said Lottering, a former cable-laying technician with the Post Office, had been strongly influenced by religion and politics from the time he left school.

On the other counts, Lottering was sentenced to three years each, to run concurrently, for malicious damage to property and intimidation in the Allan flat bombing, five years for malicious damage to Mr Makgamelele's taxi, four years for robbing the taximan of his vehicle, seven years for robbing a bottle store and 18 months for unlawful possession of a firearm.

Some of the sentences, the judge said, would run concurrently. The effective jail term would be 24 years.

Racial tension could explode in platteland

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By Helen Grange and Dirk Nel

Racial tension in conservative platteland towns has reached a peak over the past few weeks, and in some areas threatens to become explosive.

Violent acts by rightwingers following the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act have been perpetrated in several platteland towns, while in other towns, racial tension is running high over electricity and water cut-offs and consequent mass protest action.

Most recent incidents have taken place in:

● Louis Trichardt, where a group of Sunday school children were assaulted by about 30 alleged Blanke Beskermingsburo members at the weekend.

● Welkom, where several mineworkers were admitted to hospital on Monday after about 50 alleged Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members attacked workers at the union offices with shotguns, batons, knives, sjamboks and pick handles.

● Kroonstad, where water was cut off to Maokeng township on Friday by the Kroonstad town council. Furious residents have vowed to continue boycotting white businesses.

● Ermelo, where an alleged white vigilante group beat up three black youths after they swam in the public swimming pool last month.

South African Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane has called for the State to "deal effectively" with perpetrators of rightwing violence.

Expressing outrage at the weekend's incident in Louis Trichardt, he said it was one of a series of racial attacks on black children since the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped.

The Venda Department of Foreign Affairs lodged a strong protest with the South African Embassy in Sibasa over the Louis Trichardt incident.

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok yesterday condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the incidents in Welkom and Louis Trichardt. The police would do everything possible to track down the perpetrators.

● An anonymous caller claimed yesterday that nine children were sjambokked on Willie Erasmus's farm near Messina after some water pipes disappeared, and they had to be treated for injuries to their legs and buttocks.

Mr Erasmus refused to comment on the incident.

that was meted out to our children".

Venda's Brigadier

CP MP justifies attack

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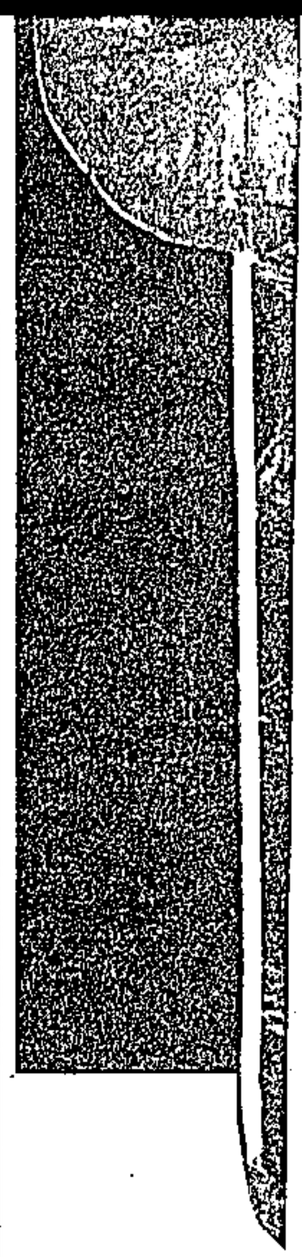
LOUIS Trichardt residents had dismissed the Government's integration policy and anyone breaching the town's decision in good faith, should suffer the consequences, said Conservative Party MP for Soutpansberg, Mr Thomas Langley.

This follows a savage attack by knobkierie and sjambok-wielding rightwingers on a black Sunday school outing in a Louis Trichard park on Saturday.

Police confirmed 30-40 men of the Blanke Bevrydingsburo had attacked 200-300 children, aged between six and 14, from the Apostolic Faith Mission Church at Danzani in Venda. At least five children were taken to hospital with dozens injured in the attack. – *Sapa*



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NUM to act over attacks

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

THE National Union of Mineworkers is to petition the Minister of Law and Order following weekend attacks on its members in Welkom by alleged members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

Several union members were injured and national executive member of the union Mr Jan Selepe was stabbed in the face when 50 AWB members dressed in khaki uniforms pounced on a union meeting on Sunday.

Selepe has been admitted to the Oppenheimer Hospital.

NUM press officer Mr Jerry Majatladi said the attack occurred while members were attending their regional meeting.

Police spokesman Major Johan Fouche said they would investigate only when the union laid a formal charge.

'Racist' town hit by black boycott

LOUIS TRICHARDT. — White-owned businesses here were hit by a total black consumer boycott yesterday, sparking fears of financial hardships.

The situation was "very bad", businessmen confirmed, while a Far Northern police spokesman said the town was "very quiet".

The manager of a national food chain in the town, Mr Pierre Croucamp, said many businesses would be ruined if the boycott lasted six months.

The boycott, planned to last the whole festive season, is the second to hit the town this year.

It is intended to force the Conservative Party-controlled town into abandoning racist attitudes, a Consumer Boycott Committee spokesman, Mr Maguedzha Mphaphuli, said recently.

It comes in the wake of a right-wing attack on about 300 Sunday school children at the weekend.

About 40 members of the extremist Blanke Bevrydingsburo, wielding sjamboks, clubs and car fan belts, laid into the children during an outing at a local park on Saturday.

Reacting to the boycott, cafe owner Mr Piet Naude said he was sending his staff home without pay.

"There is no one here to buy. Town is basically empty, so they (the staff) can sit at home."

Businessman Mr Pierre Grobler said he would be forced to retrench staff.

Vlok's warning

Shopkeeper Mr R G Luther said his sales had slumped by 80%, but he would stay open for the time being.

Afrikaanse Sakekamer spokesman for Louis Trichardt, Mr Brink Schlesinger, was not available for comment.

A person in his office said he was "hiding from the press".

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday strongly condemned the attack, as well as recent attacks by whites on black miners in Welkom.

He made an urgent appeal for peace in both areas and urged leaders to refrain from remarks or actions that could aggravate the situation.

He said vigilante groups, such as those responsible for the attack at Louis Trichardt, would not be allowed to take the law into their own hands.

However, Far North Police Commissioner Major-General Gerrit Viljoen said police would not take action against the Blanke Bevrydingsburo. Police would act only against individuals, not the organisation as a whole.

Statements had been taken from young victims and police hoped to make the first arrests by the end of the week.

The Venda foreign ministry has protested to the South African embassy in Thohoyandou about the attack.

The leader and chairman of the Apostolic Faith Mission in Venda, the Rev M P Ragima, expressed his condolences to the children and their teachers.

The youngsters were all members of the mission.

He assured them the culprits would be brought to book. — Sapa

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Judge rules out Harms

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Justice J Kriegler ruled in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that the Harms Commission findings were inadmissible in the R1,5 million defamation claim brought against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail by police forensics expert Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling.

The judge made this ruling after General Neethling's counsel Mr Willie Oshry, QC, submitted that the Harms Commission had found that former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee, who first made public claims of a secret police hit squad, was a psychopath.

Mr Oshry made this submission on behalf of General Neethling during argument yesterday.

The general has sued the two weekly newspapers over three articles published in November and December last year in which Mr Coetzee claimed that as a member of a police hit squad he had been supplied with poisons and knock-out drops by General Neethling to eliminate people.

The general has denied that he knows Mr Coetzee.

Mr Oshry's submission on the Harms Commission findings was objected to by counsel for the newspapers, Mr Bobby Levin, SC.

Mr Justice Kriegler said Mr Oshry's submission was evidence he had not heard and ruled that the Harm's Commission findings were inadmissible.

The judge said he had refrained from reading or watching anything in the media on the Harms report.

Mr Oshry argued that the real problem facing the court was that one did not know when Mr Coetzee was speaking the truth or lying.

He handed in a warrant issued in Natal in January 1990 for Mr Coetzee's arrest for the murder of civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Mr Justice Kriegler remarked that the Natal attorney-general must have thought that some of what Mr Coetzee said was sufficiently true or he would not have issued the warrant.

Mr Oshry also argued yesterday that Mr Coetzee could have obtained his detailed description from a rugby club photograph in General Neethling's office, in which the general appeared.

The same could be said for Mr Coetzee's description of a certificate commemorating a Concorde flight in General Neethling's name, said Mr Oshry.

He submitted that Mr Coetzee could also have seen the photograph and certificate walking past the office or been inside the room when the general was not there.

Mr Justice Kriegler said Mr Coetzee's observations were not the kind made by walking past an office.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetzee's description of the two items was very limited.

"That a very specific description and its correct," the judge said.

The judge also put it to Mr Oshry that during evidence in London Mr Coetzee had said if he had gone to the premises on official duties the record books would show that he had been there and had challenged counsel to go and check them.

Argument continues today.

Rightwinger who killed for 'practice' found guilty

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By JOHN PERLMAN

AN extreme rightwinger who killed a black taxi driver for "practice", and claimed this and other actions were "acts of war" not crimes, was yesterday found guilty of murder and seven other charges in the Rand Supreme Court.

Cornelius Lottering (24) was found guilty of murdering taxi driver Potoko Makgalemele, robbing a Vanderbijlpark bottle store, placing a bomb outside *Sunday Times* journalist Jani Allan's flat and escaping from police custody.

Lottering's co-accused, Fanie Goosen (29), was acquitted on the murder charge but found guilty of armed robbery, the bombing and the escape, as well as a firearms charge.

At the time of the crimes both men, who at one time were part of Aquila, the armed wing of the Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging (AWB), were members of a right-wing splinter group called the Order of Death. The court heard that the Order of Death has cells throughout the country and had targeted seven cabinet ministers for assassination.

In summing up before passing sentence, Mr Justice Irving Steyn recounted the chilling evidence presented to the court by Lottering — much of it read by his counsel on account of the accused's pronounced stutter. Lottering had said he decided to murder Makgalemele because he wanted to see if he was able to kill when the time to do so came.

He said he was offended by blacks driving white taxis, especially the sight of "kaffirs driving white girls". He said he had asked Makgalemele to take him to Gold Reef City, pulled a gun on the driver and forced him to get into the boot of the car.

As Makgalemele was getting in, Lottering stabbed him in the back. He said he was aiming for the kidneys but "did not succeed". Later, Lottering said he "decided to try again with the knife", this time stabbing Makgalemele through the throat.

Lottering then shot the driver twice, once in the back and once in the head. He said he felt no remorse for the killing as blacks "were my natural enemy" and the Bible made it clear he should eliminate them.

Lottering also referred to the Portuguese owners of the bottle store he and Goosen robbed as "*Basters*" and part of "the mud races".

At the time of going to press, the court was hearing evidence in mitigation of sentence.

COMMENT

Rightwing thugs can derail peace process

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SOUTH Africa has always been characterised by its unique racist laws. Now, as the country painfully edges away from its apartheid legacy, an alarming trend of rightwing violence has emerged.

In the most recent incident of racially-motivated violence, a group of black schoolchildren were attacked by sjambok-wielding white thugs in the Conservative Party stronghold of Louis Trichardt.

Understandably, mass democratic movement leaders in the area have said the attack has strengthened the black community's determination to continue a consumer boycott of white-owned shops.

Rightwingers also attacked members of the National Union of Mineworkers last weekend.

In Robertson, a young boy was killed by a white shopowner when police dispersed a crowd of 30 people heading towards the town.

The ANC has called for an independent judicial inquiry to investigate the causes of violence in Boland towns which has claimed the lives of about 10 people this year.

The roots of the conflict lay in white attitudes which has not kept pace with changes in the country.

White people saw political change as a threat to their livelihood and had no respect for the dignity of black people.

The ANC has made repeated attempts to reassure whites fearful of their future under a black government.

The authorities need likewise to reassure black people that their safety will be guaranteed.

All South Africans need to know they can walk the streets without fear of assault.

Regrettably, the authorities have not been noted for taking swift action against rightwingers.

During the height of the recent Transvaal violence, the police had difficulty in arresting the white perpetrators of killings of township residents.

Yet, when four white people were killed in the Orange Free State a few weeks later, police made arrests within hours.

Understandably, this has raised questions about whether this is a deliberate strategy on the part of the police.

Random rightwing attacks, coupled with sinister reports of a third force operating in the townships, can only raise the already high temperature in the country.

These attacks can only be viewed as terrorism of the worst kind and, unless the authorities act swiftly, rightwing attacks are likely to evoke a strong response from the black community.

Happy birthday, Cosatu

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THIS week marks the fifth anniversary of the launch of Cosatu, the country's largest trade union federation.

The formation of the federation from unions affiliated to its predecessor, the Federation of South African Trade Unions, and a range of other unions, was one of the turning points in South Africa's labour history.

Since its inception, Cosatu has played a leading role not just in the labour arena but also as a key political actor.

Over the past five years the federation has faced severe challenges both from within — where affiliates with different traditions clashed sharply over political differences — and from employers and the state.

The restriction of Cosatu from playing a political role and the introduction of the Labour Relations Amendment Act were perhaps the most serious obstacles the federation had to face.

That it did so is a sign of the determination of unionists and workers to prevent a return to the dark ages before the birth of industrial unions in the early 1970s.

As South Africa enters a new political era, the federation faces immense new challenges and some old ones as well.

A key question that remains is the formation of a single trade union federation in line with Cosatu's policy of one union, one federation, one country.

Cosatu's input on worker rights in a future constitution and on economic policy will be of critical importance to the shaping of a new South Africa.

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Piet 'Skiet' thanks cops for fast work

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alleged right-wing terrorist Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph appeared briefly in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday and promptly thanked the police for the manner in which they had handled the investigation into his activities.

Earlier yesterday, Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres said he was charging Mr Rudolph and co-accused Mr Hendrik Cornelius Bredenhahn on six counts of terrorism.

The two were remanded until December 5 when they will be granted leave to apply for bail.

Prosecutor Mr Herman de Beer told the court they had been charged with the theft of arms and ammunition from air force headquarters in April.

They have also been charged with bombings between April and September at Pretoria's Melrose House, the Auckland Park and Roodepoort National Party offices, the Food and Allied Workers' Union's (Fawu) Rustenburg offices and two bombs under cars outside the Beeld newspaper's offices in Johannesburg.

Both men, who have been held at Pretoria Central since their arrest in September, instructed their attorney to tell the magistrate they were not being mistreated or abused in detention and that they wished to thank the police for the speedy and efficient way in which the investigation was being dealt with.



PIET 'SKIET' ... Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Doctor found dead after Aids diagnosis

JOHANNESBURG. — Two months after being informed that he had tested positive for Aids, physician Dr Benjamin Leonard Gollach was found shot dead.

A Johannesburg Inquest Court magistrate, Mr C G de Lange, found that the gunshot wound in Dr Gollach's head was "self-inflicted".

In a written statement, Dr Gollach's son, Mr David Gollach, 33, of Harare, said he and his family were at his father's home in Oaklands, Johannesburg, when the shooting occurred.

Earlier that day Dr Gollach and his son, who is a businessman and farmer, had travelled to Brits on business.

They had returned in the afternoon and Mr Gollach and his family were in the study when they heard a shot. David Gollach found his father dead in the bedroom.

"About two months ago, my father's doctor, Dr Scher, did tests on him and diagnosed Aids. My father had been very depressed since this diagnosis," the statement said. — Sapa

'Ku Klux Klan' syndrome is stirring

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By Helen Grange

South Africa is seeing the beginning of a "Ku Klux Klan" syndrome which is still to reach its peak, political risk consultant Wim Booyse said this week.

Incidents of right-wing violence would increase in areas where right-wing organisations were well structured and where they had a captive audience.

These areas included the northern Free State, western Transvaal, far northern Transvaal and eastern Transvaal — where conservatism had a stronghold.

One of the reasons for the recent upsurge in right-wing attacks on blacks, illustrated in Louis Trichardt, Welkom and Ermelo, was the frustration felt because of decreasing white aspirations opposed to increasing black aspirations, Mr Booyse said.

"Rightwingers were not threatened under apartheid, but now they are feeling increasingly threatened as laws like the Seperate Amenities Act are scrapped one by one. This creates a frustration/aggression gap."

Mr Booyse said the right wing, after a spate of violence during the middle of this year, suffered a major emotional blow because of unexpected police action against them — something they believed would never happen.

"As a result of this, they have fallen back into personalised civil violence. But this is just an interim phase.

"Radical conservatives will again start contemplating and masterminding resistance plans for the future. One strategy will be in passive resistance measures, such as tax evasion," Mr Booyse said.

It was important that politicians reacted rationally towards right-wing violence and opposition tactics, and not allow them to accomplish their aim of derailing the peace process.

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Newspapers 'had duty' to publish

JOHANNESBURG. — Former security police captain Dirk Coetzee's evidence in the R1,5-million defamation trial brought against two newspapers was, except for a few aspects, uncontradicted, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The court could not simply accept that he was a psychopath and liar and that police forensics head Lieut-General Lothar Neethling was a man of honour and a truthful person, said legal counsel for the Vrye Weekblad Mr Bobby Levine SC.

The onus was not only on the newspaper to prove the truth of Mr Coetzee's evidence. There was also an onus on Gen Neethling to prove its falsity.

The police scientist is suing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail for publishing Mr Coetzee's allegations that he was supplied with poison by General Neethling for political murder.

Mr Levine argued yesterday that the newspapers had a right to publish the allegations last year because they were true and to the public benefit.

"We say we had a duty to publish and the public had a right to receive the information," Mr Levine said.

He denied the allegation that the articles were false, malicious, defamatory and thus unlawful.

Mr Coetzee had not been shown to be a liar and no attempt had been made to dispute his evidence.

General Neethling's counsel, Mr Willie Oshry QC, said earlier that a picture had been painted of the general as a murderer and a man unfit to hold his position which had had a serious effect on his health and way of life.

The court should award him a "very substantial amount" with costs.

Since the alleged defamation began, General Neethling had been unable to go overseas in connection with his duties with "this stain, this stigma hanging over his head".

"I can't imagine a worse libel," Mr Oshry said. — Sapa

Surprise court appearance by Piet 'Skiet' and organiser

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and his chief organiser, Mr Henk Bredenhaan, have made a surprise appearance at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court — and will stand trial in the Rand Supreme Court next year as soon as a date can be arranged.

Mr Petrus Johannes Rudolph, 53, the former deputy leader of the Boerestaat Party, and Orde Boerevolk organiser Mr Hendrik Cornelius Bredenhann, 28, appeared before Mr D J la Grange yesterday at a provisional hearing to set a court date for their bail applications.

The two men have been held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act since their separate arrests in September.

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Mr Rudolph was apprehended by security police in Pretoria on September 17 after seven months on the run. A cache of weapons was allegedly found in his vehicle.

Mr Bredenhann, of Spaarwater, near Heidelberg, was arrested earlier in the month.

The men are expected to appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court again on December 5 for a bail application. They will remain in custody at Pretoria Central until then.

Their attorney, Mr Jack Nel, read a statement on behalf of Mr Rudolph denying media reports which alleged that he would be taken to Newcastle "to be murdered".

The statement also affirmed that Mr Rudolph had been treated well while in police custody.

The man allegedly responsible for an arms raid on Air Force headquarters over the Easter Weekend and several bomb blasts, including one at Melrose House, Pretoria, was relaxed and in good spirits before his appearance.

PRESS CONFERENCE

At a press conference yesterday the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, said a number of other men had already been charged in Pretoria.

Mr Rudolph and Mr Bredenhann faced six charges, some related to the Johannesburg area, so it was more convenient to have all their charges dealt with at one trial.

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Hints of legal action to fight consumer boycott

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SOME Louis Trichardt businessmen were suggesting legal action against the local Consumer Boycott Committee as the boycott gripping the town entered its second day, local Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Brink Schlesinger said yesterday.

But Schlesinger said the chamber was in constant negotiations with the committee and was hoping for a resolution soon.

The boycott committee initiated the mass action on Monday after members of the right-wing Blanke Bevrydingsburo (BBB) attacked black Sunday school children in the town on Saturday.

The boycott is planned for the whole of the festive season.

Schlesinger said they could not say to what extent the boycott had affected people.

"Some business people have suggested taking legal action against the boycott committee, but we don't want to comment on that. We hope to get a positive solution sooner than the stipulated time."

Boycott committee spokesman Maguedzha Mphaphuli said yesterday the committee and the chamber held a meeting last Friday and would meet next week.

The boycott was in protest against the action of the BBB and the "racist" policies of the CP-controlled town, he said.

Among the demands were that the CBD and the town's amenities be opened to all races. Tshikota township, which was closed down and whose residents were resettled in Gazankulu, should be declared a free settlement area.

Streets were reportedly almost deserted yesterday, writes Sapa. Some businesses reported sales had slumped by up to 80%.

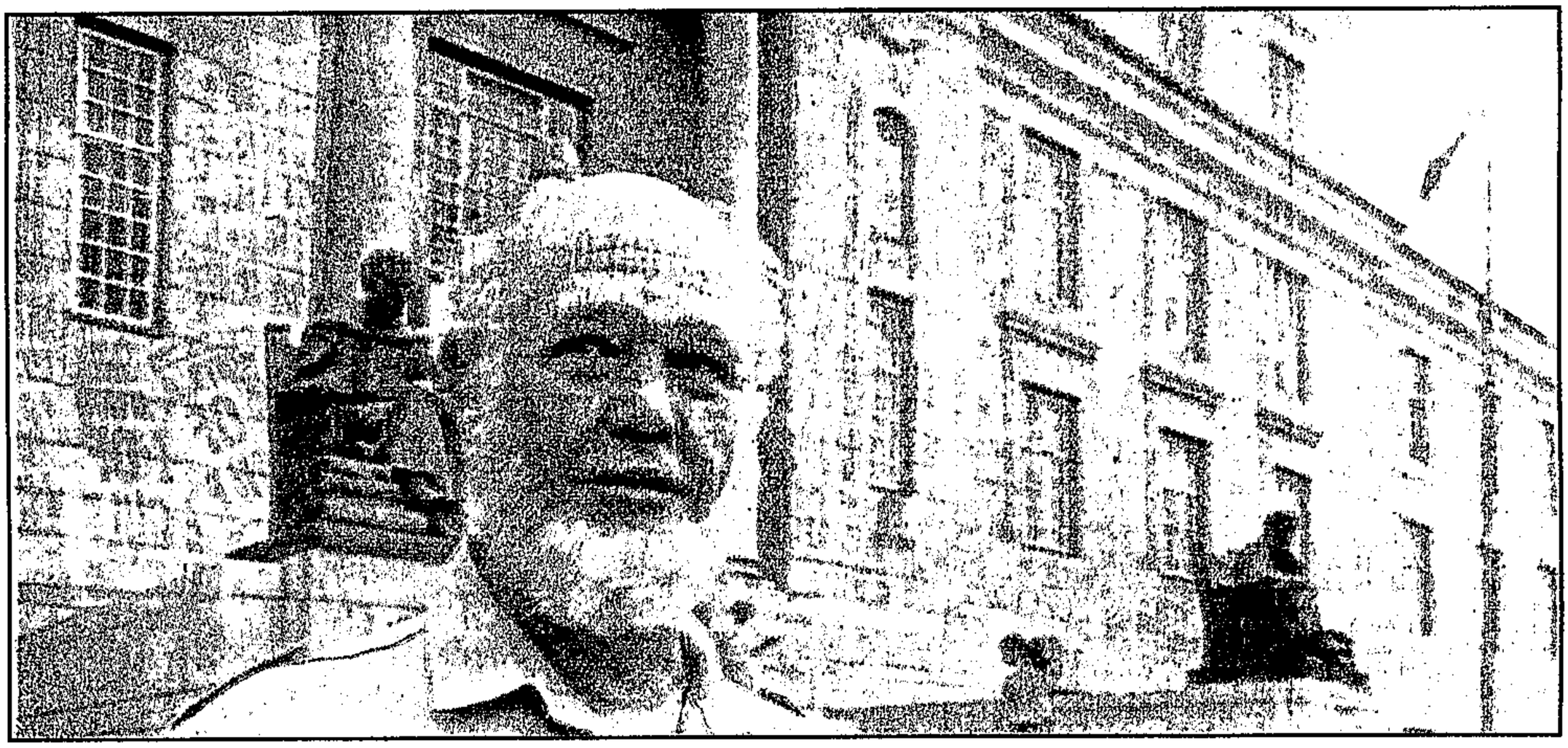
Schlesinger said black consumers provided at least 70% of the town's business, and added the town would not be able to survive without its black customers.

A forum was to be established between all parties involved, including the Sakekamer, the boycott committee, the Louis Trichardt town council, the local ANC and the security police. The parties would meet soon.

Schlesinger said demands presented by the boycott committee had already been raised during a boycott at the town in April and forwarded to relevant state departments.

CP MP for Soutpansberg Thomas Langley has dismissed as "utter nonsense" news reports that the boycott was in reaction to Saturday's attack on a black Sunday school outing.

"The consumer boycott has been in the pipeline for weeks," he said in a statement.



Posing for the press . . . Section 29 detainee Piet "Skiet" Rudolph after appearing in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court. Picture: Alf Kumalo.

'Piet Skiet' and No 2 to stand trial next year

By Guy Jepson and Cathy Stagg

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The man allegedly responsible for an arms raid on SA Air Force headquarters over the Easter weekend and for several bomb blasts, including one at Melrose House, Pretoria, was in good spirits.

Others charged

Asked where he had been held, he said: "I can't tell you that, but I can say that I will be going to heaven."

The leader of the Boerestaat Party, Robert van Tonder, and his son, Thomas, attended the hearing.

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The charges are:

- April 13: Incited Gene Taylor, Francois van Rensburg, Christoffel Liebenberg and Adriaan Vogel to break into SAAF Headquarters, Pretoria, and steal 22 12-bore shotguns, 16 R-5 automatic machineguns and attachments, 30 9 mm semi-automatic pistols, one 7,62 mm automatic machinegun, two pairs of night sight glasses and more than 5 000 rounds of ammunition.
- May 23: Incited Arthur Guderian, Jan Meyer, Jan de Bruyn and Flip Geldenhuys to obtain explosives and cause an explosion at Melrose House, Pretoria.
- May 26: Incited Adriaan van Tonder, Anton van der Linde, Christo de Beer and Andre de Beer to cause an explosion at the Food and Allied Workers' Union offices in Rustenburg.
- June 22: Incited Leon Pretorius and Andre Bredenhann to cause an explosion at the National Party offices in Auckland Park, Johannesburg.
- June 22: Incited people unknown to the State to cause an explosion at the National Party offices in Roodepoort.
- September 2: Incited Andre Bredenhann, Henry Gibbs and Coenraad Vermaak to cause an explosion at the newspaper Beeld which caused extensive damage to two vehicles and the Beeld building.

Police won't act against far right BBB

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POLICE will not take action against Louis Trichardt's extreme right-wing Blanke Bevrydingsburo, about 40 of whose members launched a savage attack with sjamboks, sticks and car fan belts on black Sunday school children on an outing at a local park last Saturday.

Regional Police Commissioner for the Far Northern Transvaal Major-General Gerrit Viljoen said yesterday police would take action only against individuals and not the organisation as a whole.

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The BBB was not illegal, "as long as they keep within the boundaries of the law".

He said it was not the actions of the organisation, but those of individuals belonging to it, that police would act against.

Viljoen hoped police would make their first arrests in connection with Saturday's incident "before the end of the week".

Suspects had been identified, he said.

He said statements had already been taken from child victims of the attack and new information was being received daily, but "investigations would take a while".

"We haven't got a lot of police available. We are covering a wide area in Venda, with 200 to 300 people involved."

In the light of possible eyewitness accounts of the incident, Viljoen said: "You cannot just arrest. You must do a proper investigation because sooner or later you'll have to prove the case in court."

Reacting to reports of a shortage of policemen in Louis Trichardt, Viljoen said there were police staff shortages countrywide.

PIET SKIET finally appears in court

An angelic grin from the most wanted man in the land

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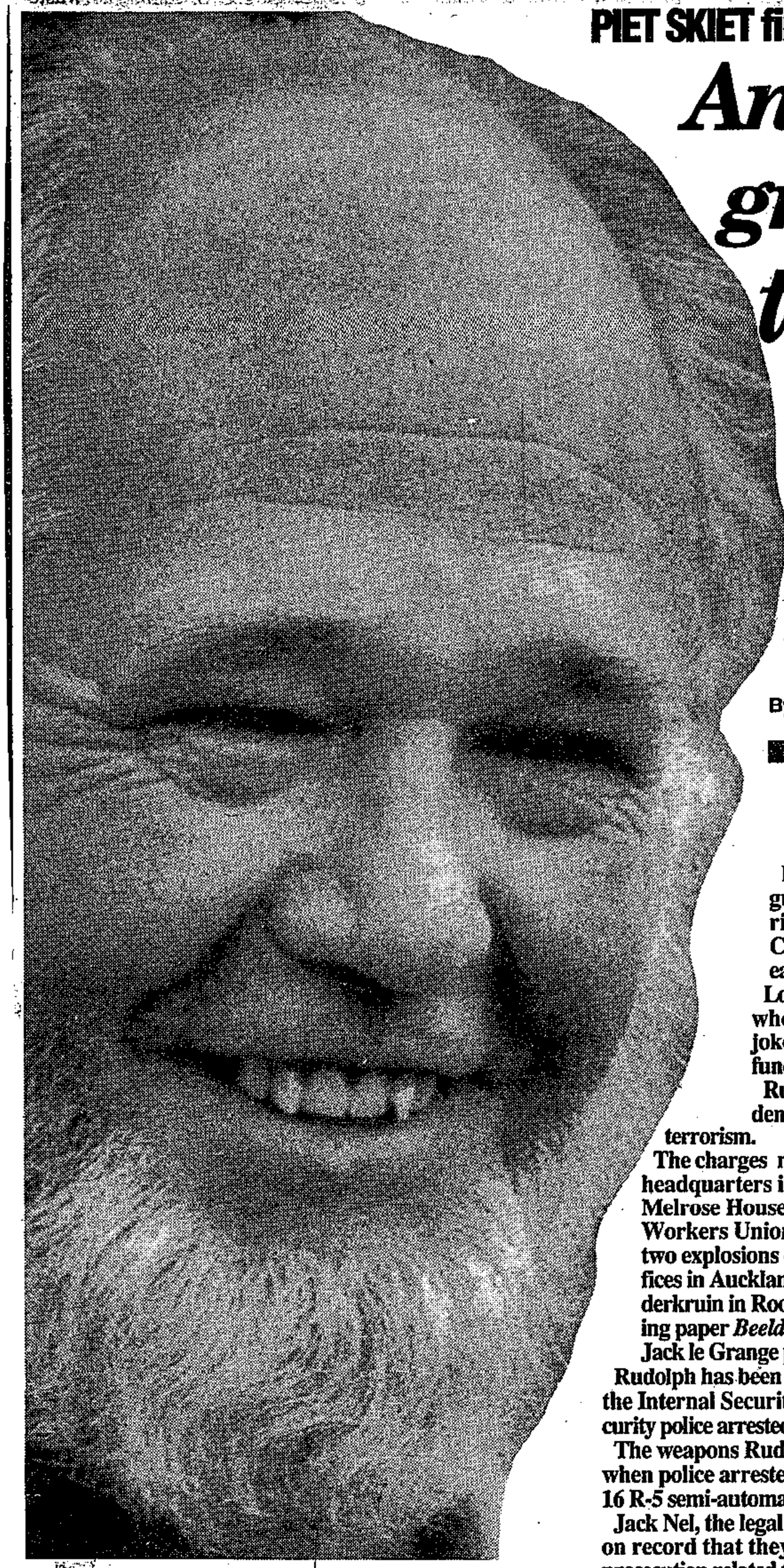

Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

By CHARLES LEONARD

THE angelic smile comes from the country's most wanted man, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, seen in public for the first time in months on Thursday.

Rudolph, leader of the right-wing guerrilla group Orde Boerevolk, arrived at the Johannesburg Regional Court beaming from bearded ear to ear.

Looking remarkably relaxed for a man who had spent weeks in detention, he joked with journalists about his "state-funded holiday".

Rudolph and his deputy Henk Bredenhann appeared on six charges of terrorism.

The charges relate to a weapons theft at Air Force headquarters in Pretoria, and bomb explosions at Melrose House on May 23, at the Food and Allied Workers Union offices in Rustenburg on May 26, two explosions on June 26 at the National Party offices in Auckland Park in Johannesburg and in Helderkruin in Roodepoort, and at the Afrikaans morning paper *Beeld*'s offices on September 9. Magistrate Jack le Grange postponed the case until Wednesday.

Rudolph has been held in detention under article 29 of the Internal Security Act since September 18 when security police arrested him in Pretoria.

The weapons Rudolph allegedly had in his possession when police arrested him include 22 12-bore shotguns, 16 R-5 semi-automatic rifles and 30 9mm pistols.

Jack Nel, the legal representative for the two men, put on record that they have applied for indemnity from prosecution related to political crimes.

Newspapers' bid to amend plea

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Justice J C Kriegler will hear argument on Monday on whether the two newspapers being sued by General Lothar Neethling should be allowed to amend their plea.

The Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail are defending a defamation action launched by General Neethling in the Rand Supreme Court. Both newspapers published stories in which former police captain Dirk Coetzee claimed General Neethling, head of the SAP forensic division, gave the security police poison to use on ANC members.

The Vrye Weekblad is being sued for R1 million and the Weekly Mail for R500 000.

Their main defence is a plea of justification: that the allegations were true and publishing them was to the public benefit.

As an alternative, they want to argue that in the circumstances they had a duty to publish, and their readers had a right to receive the information.

The surrounding circumstances had not been spelt out and yesterday counsel for the newspapers handed up a notice of amendment which lists them.

Earlier Mr Justice Kriegler had said "you haven't given me a grocery list" when it was submitted the alternative defence was valid.

The details of the facts and circumstances leading to the publication of the articles are, according to the document: On October 19 last year Almond Nofomela made an affidavit in support of a stay of execution.

He was to have been executed the next day.

In the affidavit he alleged he was part of the security police's hit squad and served under Captain Dirk Coetzee, he had taken part in the murder of Durban attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge, he had been involved in other assassinations and kidnappings and officers of the security police had promised him that if he kept quiet about the hit squad, he would be released from prison. He said he had been betrayed by his superior officers and so decided to reveal his activies.

As a result of the affidavit, Nofemela's execution was stayed that night.

The revelations were widely publicised. Calls were made for a judicial commission of inquiry.

A departmental inquiry by Free State Attorney-General, Mr T P McNally and the head of the CID, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, was appointed.

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

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A Sunday school's worst nightmare



Sunday school teacher Margareth Sadiki with two injured children, her brother, Vuledzani, 6, and Laura Muhali. Margareth also received stitches after she was hit with a knobkierie.

THE racist attack on 380 children enjoying a Sunday school picnic in a Louis Trichardt public park has left a taste of bitterness around the country.

The incident last Saturday in which black children from Venda were chased with cars, bashed with knobkieries and sjambokked by racist whites has been condemned nationwide.

However, Conservative Party MP for Soutpansberg, Thomas Langley, told journalists that residents of Louis Trichardt had dismissed the government integration policy and those breaching the town's decision should "suffer the consequences".

A black consumer boycott of white businesses in Louis Trichardt has now been launched.

The children, some as young as four, belong to the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Dzanani, Venda. Several had to be treated at a hospital.

BY ELIAS MALULEKE

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok also condemned the incident after a complaint from Venda's military leader, Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana.

The Rev George Muhali, who organised the picnic, said Christians would find it hard to forgive the attackers.

"Taking pupils of our Sunday school for an outing has been an annual event for the past six years and this was the first nasty incident," said his wife Mishumo.



Mishumo Muhali: their eyes showed hatred.

It took the church more than two months to plan the outing and to rehearse a mini-drama and songs.

However, Muhali decided on the way they should perform their shows before going to the park, and approached a Louis Trichardt farmer for permission to use a church hall on his land.

"We had a wonderful time at the farm and asked for the Lord's blessing before we set off to the park," he said.

However, only one of their two hired buses was available and Muhali assigned his wife to accompany some of the kids on the first trip.

"We arrived at the park at 2.45pm. At that stage there was nothing wrong," she said.

"The first hint of trouble was when I saw a white man in a white car drive around the park several times, staring menacingly at us. Later two white policemen in uniform and one in plain clothes approached us.

"The police wanted to know why we were at the park. After we had explained, the cops left.

"A few minutes later there was a sudden rush of cars to the park. The occupants stared at us, their eyes burning with hatred," Mishumo said.

Sensing trouble, Muhali decided they should leave. He sent a teacher to call the buses.

Before the buses could arrive, they were approached by a police captain, who told Muhali some whites had complained.

"I told him we had already decided to go and were waiting for the buses," he said.

At that point the kids were having their pictures taken by a photographer, unaware of the drama.

The policeman then informed Muhali he felt there was going to be "trouble" and he would stay with him until the buses arrived.

"I then went away to see what was delaying the buses, leaving my wife behind," he said.

"Immediately after he left, some of the whites got out of their cars and formed groups. The police captain went to speak to them. We heard them shouting to the policeman in Afrikaans: 'Wat soek hulle hier? Hierdie is Louis Trichardt!'(What do they want here? This is Louis Trichardt!)," she said.

On his return Muhali decided they would have to walk to the bus depot, but as the kids started to move, cars sped at them.



Rev George Muhali: who can forgive them?

"One 6-year-old, Vuledzani Sadiki, was struck by the side of a speeding car while another car chased a teacher. He saved himself by running behind a tree," Muhali said.

A police van managed to stop the reckless drivers.

"As we walked out of the park alongside the police captain, the whites escorted us with their cars, hurling abuse and threatening us with death," she said.

"Just as we were about to cross the road into the Indian complex, other cars on the Pietersburg-Pundu Maria highway blocked our path. Our assailants jumped out of their cars and went berserk," she said.

She said they were cornered, unable to escape and most of the kids who were beaten "lay everywhere".

Still not satisfied, the whites followed the fleeing kids into a taxi rank across the road, where they were challenged by angry taxi drivers. They then smashed the windscreens of two minibus taxis and cracked a third.

Sapa reports that 12 white men were arrested on Thursday night in connection with the attack. Further arrests are expected.

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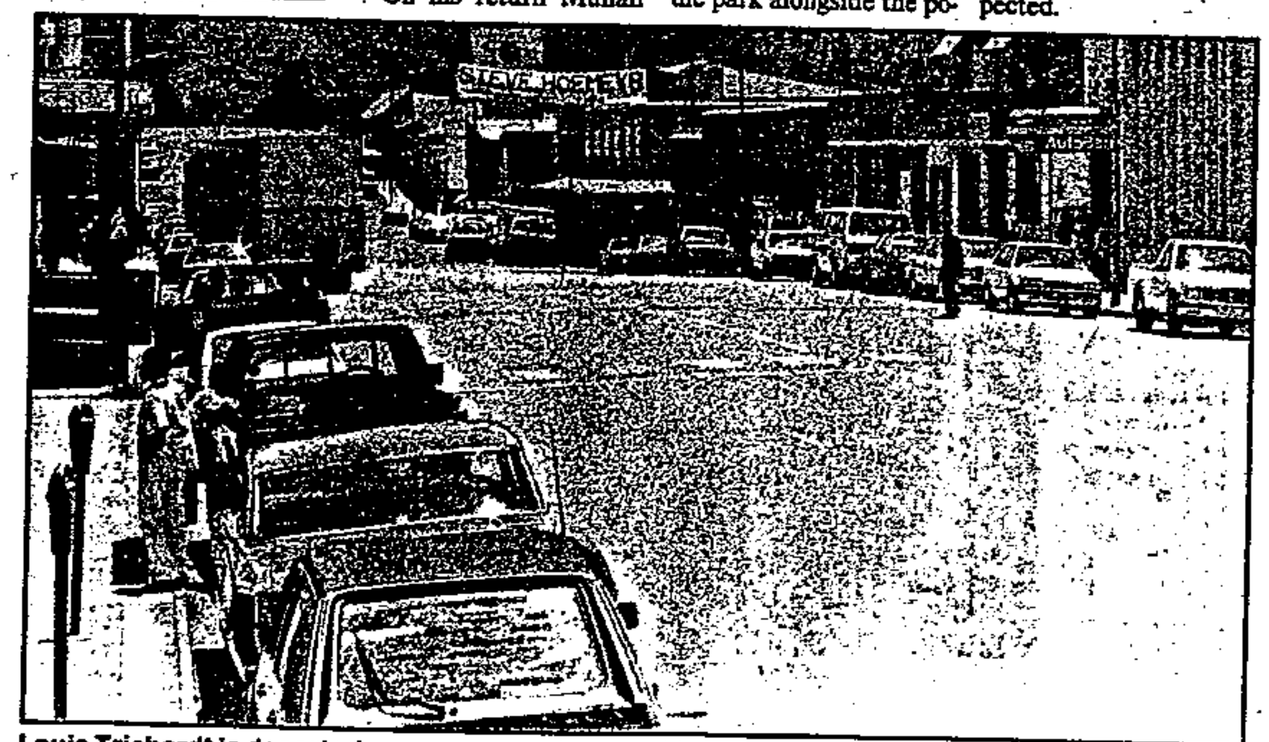

Louis Trichardt is deserted as a consumer boycott hits at racist policies. ■ Pics: ELIAS MALULEKE

Attack on children: 12 arrested

The Argus Correspondent

LOUIS TRICHARDT. — Twelve men have been arrested in connection with the attack on black Sunday school children in a park in Louis Trichardt.

A police spokesman said the men would appear in the Pietersburg magistrate's court today, adding that more arrests were likely soon.

The children were allegedly attacked on November 24 with sticks and sjamboks by about 30 white men, who told them the park was for whites only.

Some local businessmen claimed the alleged attack aggravated tensions in the town and had resulted in a consumer boycott.

There were indications yesterday that the boycott would continue this week, in spite of efforts by a workers' committee to oppose the protest action.

CHRIS MORRELL and ALAN TAYLOR

Khayelitsha councillor murdered

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Crime Reporter

A TOP Khayelitsha town councillor was stabbed to death at the weekend.

The attack on Mr Alfred Nqoboka, 37, took place on Saturdy in daylight on the N2.

Mr Nqoboka, who is a member of the controversial Lingelethu Town Council which runs Khayelitsha, was standing trial for murder.

Police said they were not sure if the murder was unrest-related.

In other parts of the country there were several unrest-related deaths at the weekend.

In the Table Mountain area near Maritzburg, five men were fatally wounded when two groups using firearms clashed. Four houses were also set alight in the fighting. In the same area, police found the body of a man with bullet and stab wounds.

Nine people were killed in Thokoza early yesterday during fighting in the East Rand township, police said.

The bodies of three men were found at Bekkersdal near Krugersdorp. One man had been hacked to death, another hacked and stabbed and a third stabbed to death in three separate incidents. In another incident in the area, two houses were set alight and extensively damaged.

Stones and petrol bombs were thrown at police vehicles at Bekkersdal, and on one occasion shots were fired at a police vehicle. Police used either teargas, rubber bullets or birdshot to disperse the attackers.

Mr Nqoboka is the third person linked to the controversial Lingelethu town council to be murdered in the past month.

Mr Nqoboka was one of the eight councillors who have appeared in court on seven counts of murder and three of attempted murder relating to election-night violence in Khayelitsha last year.

Police spokesman Major Jan Calitz said it was unclear whether he had been murdered for political or criminal motives.

He said Mr Nqoboka's body, riddled with chest and back wounds, was found lying on blood-drenched grass on the centre island of the N2, about 300 metres from the Khayelitsha turn-off, soon after 3pm.

His 9mm pistol was missing from its holster.

Residents of Site C — the part of Khayelitsha which can be seen from the N2 — had heard a shot go off about 10 minutes earlier. Just before, they had seen Mr Nqoboka "running for his life with four or five men after him".

Police think Mr Nqoboka, who lived in Site C, might have fired a shot in self-defence before being disarmed by his attackers.

No arrests have been made and it is not known whether anyone was wounded by the shot.

Lingelethu town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence said arsonists had burnt down Mr Nqoboka's shack twice in the past four months.

Tension between the council and the Western Cape Civic Association left many dead last month, including senior housing administrator Mr Harold Nitangwini, who died after being bound, stabbed and set alight, and council driver Mr Wiseman Mdube, 38, who was shot and burnt to death in a delivery bakkie. — Staff Reporter and Sapa

12 to appear over attack on children

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Twelve whites are to appear in the Pietersburg Regional Court today in connection with last weekend's assault on Sunday school children in Louis Trichardt.

Police say the 12 were arrested in a co-ordinated raid on Thursday night. It lasted until dawn on Friday.

Sjamboks, motor car fan belts and other weapons were also confiscated.

The police expect to make more arrests soon.

The arrests are a sequel to the attack on the black children by about 40 whites at a park in the Northern Transvaal town.

Relaxing

The children from the Nzhelele Valley circuit of the Apostolic Faith Mission were relaxing in a park when they were attacked. Some of them were admitted to hospital.

The attack has plunged the towr into a financial crisis with black consumers refusing to buy from its shops since Wednesday.

On Friday there were no black customers in all the major chain stores. Many people were congregated near banks but even those walking around did not have shopping parcels.

Sjambok attack: 9 in court

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PIETERSBURG. — There were emotional scenes at the Regional Court yesterday when nine men appeared in connection with the alleged assault on a group of black Sunday school children in Louis Trichardt on November 24.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and members of his organisation turned up in force, and applauded as the accused entered the court.

Mr Lukas Beyers, 31, Mr Jeffry Scullaird, 38, Mr Christoffel Wolvaardt, 45, Mr Barend Jordaan, 24, Mr Willem Schaap, 31, Mr Gerthardus van der Linde, 25, Mr Barend Terblanche, 48, Mr Stefanus Jacobs, 40, and Mr Jan Beyers (no age given), all of Louis Trichardt, were not asked to plead, and the case was postponed to January 18.

The accused are on bail of R1 000 each and were warned not to interfere with witnesses.

The case arises from a sjambok attack by about 30 white men on a group of Sunday school children from the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in Venda. Several of the children had to receive hospital treatment. — Sapa

Neethling case: Judgment 'will take time'

JOHANNESBURG. — The R1,5-million defamation action brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against two newspapers was concluded in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Judgment was reserved.

Presiding judge Mr Justice Johan Kriegler said he would take time to consider his judgment following the thorough argument from legal counsel for the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers and General Neethling.

Legal costs for the newspapers are to be at least R800 000 after 21 days of hearings in two cities. Both legal teams flew to London to hear evidence before a commissioner by former security police captain Dirk Coetzee who fled South Africa late last year.

General Neethling is suing the newspapers for publishing Mr Coetzee's allegations that he was supplied poison by the police scientist for political murder. His legal costs are covered by the state.

Legal counsel for the newspapers, Mr Bobby Levine, SC, said yesterday that it could not be reasonably expected of the newspapers to investigate the allegations themselves, or to entrust the investigations to the police, who had been deeply involved in the alleged activities at the highest level.

The only way to ensure an investigation of the allegations had been an immediate publication of the allegations on a non-selective basis — thus including those which implicated General Neethling.

Mr Willie Oshry, QC, legal counsel for the general, argued that this was an "extraordinary case" which deserved an award of punitive damages. — Sapa

New hope for Khayelitsha peace

LESLEY LAMBERT

CAPE TOWN — Representatives of the Cape Provincial Administration, the ANC and the Lingelethu West Council hope to achieve a breakthrough later this week in negotiations to resolve the crisis in Khayelitsha.

After two meetings yesterday, all parties expressed the hope they would reach acceptable compromises in a further meeting tomorrow.

The issues under negotiation are the strike by employees of the Lingelethu West Council, which serves Khayelitsha, and the violence between supporters of the council and the Western Cape Civic Association.

Underlying these two are demands by the ANC and the civic association for the dissolution of the council which, they say, is an unrepresentative, illegitimate, apartheid structure.

A councillor and two council employees have been casualties so far in a spate of attacks since the outbreak of faction fighting earlier this year. The council has faced numerous allegations by residents of abuse of power and intimidation, and seven councillors have appeared in court in connection with the deaths of residents.

The strike by council workers began two weeks ago after nine clerical workers were injured by a petrol bomb thrown into the van taking them home. Worker's demands to the council for protection developed into demands for the resignation of the council. This, they argued, was the only way their safety would be secured.

Lingelethu West town clerk Graham Lawrence, who has had two death threats from people claiming to support the civic association, said yesterday the strike had led to a complete breakdown of services in the township.

AWB attends court hearing

PIETERSBURG — Nine men appeared in the Pietersburg Regional Court yesterday in connection with the assault on a group of black children in Louis Trichardt on November 24.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and a group of AWB members in khaki uniforms attended the hearing. They applauded as the accused entered the court and sang a hymn at the end of the proceedings.

CP MPs Tom Langley of Soutpansberg and Willie Snyman of Pietersburg were also in the court.

The men, all residents of Louis Trichardt, were not asked to plead and were released on bail of R1 000 each. The case was postponed to January 18.

Charges against three other suspects were withdrawn. — Sapa.

AND NOW,
A LITTLE ADDITION
TO THE ULTIMATE
PORTABLE CAR PHONE:

Judgment

'AWB trio assaulted me at camp'

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A man was allegedly assaulted and had a firearm pointed at him by three white men who claimed to be AWB members at the Magoebaskloof Rest Camp near Haenertsburg on Sunday.

Modike Benjamin Mokwena (32) from Tembisa said he had been driving from Duiwelskloof in the northern Transvaal when he stopped at the camp.

Several white people were having a braai and drinking, Mr Mokwena said. One of them approached him and asked what he wanted, calling him a "kaffir" and a "boy".

"I told him I was admiring the place and before I could speak again, he slapped me. One of them pointed a firearm at me," Mr Mokwena said.

He had reported the matter to the Haenertsburg police station. A policeman, who accompanied him to the camp to investigate, was told by the three men that the country belonged to the Afrikaner and that the police had no right to stop the Afrikaner doing what he wanted to do, Mr Mokewna said.

The incident was confirmed by Haenertsburg police.



Right stuff . . . AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche consults supporters before yesterday's court appearance by nine Louis Trichardt men. Picture: Dirk Nel

Attack on blacks: AWB support

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

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PIETERSBURG — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweeging members flexed their political muscles at the Pietersburg Regional Court yesterday with an emotional show of strength at the appearance of nine men in connection with the recent assault on black Sunday school children in Louis Trichardt.

Leader Eugene Terre-Blanche and a group of his bodyguards were joined by other members.

When the nine men entered the court they were given a standing ovation and Mr Terre-Blanche shook hands with each one.

At the end of the short court session, the AWB members sang a hymn.

When newsmen approached the AWB leader outside the courtroom for photographs, he agreed readily, saying: "Carry on. Shoot, this is war."

Press and security police photographers taking pictures of the crowd found themselves being photographed by an AWB member.

Conservative Party MPs Tom Langley (Soutpansberg) and Willie Snyman (Pietersburg) were also in the public gallery and were seen later with Pietersburg town councillor Koos Kemp at the counter where bail for the nine men was being paid.

Mr Kemp said it had been given from all parts of the northern Transvaal.

Lukas Beyers (31), Barend Jordaan (24), Jeffry Scullaird (38), Willie Schaap (31), Christoffel Wolvaardt (45), Gerthardus van der Linde (25), Barend Terblanche (48), Stefanus Jacobs (40) and Jan Beyers were not asked to plead.

The hearing was postponed to January 18.

A police spokesman said more more arrests were likely soon.

Nine in court over assault on children

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NINE men appeared in the Pietersburg Regional Court yesterday in connection with the assault on black Sunday school children in Louis Trichardt more than a week ago.

Mr Lucas Beyers (31), Mr Bernard Jordaan (24), Mr Jeffrey Scullaird (38), Mr William Schaap (31), Mr Christoffel Wolvaard (45), Mr Gerthardus van der Linde (25), Mr Bernard Terblanche (48), Mr Stephanus Jacobs (40) and Mr Jan Beyers (no age given), all of Louis Trichardt, were not asked to plead.

They were released on R1 000 bail each and the case was postponed to January 18 next year.

They appeared before Mr WJ Fouric in a packed court whose spectators included Conservative Party

By MATHATHA TSEDU

MPs Dr Willie Snyman and Mr Tom Langley.

Also in the gallery was AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'blanche, dressed in khaki uniform, members of his body guard, Aquilla, and other members spotting the organisation's insignia.

Salute

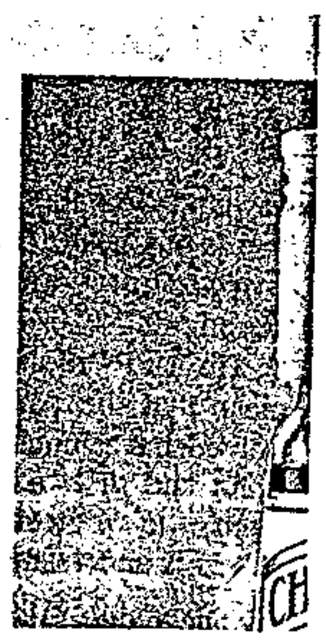
When the nine walked into court white spectators, except journalists, stood to salute them. A hymn was sung as the men filed out of court after the brief appearance.

A strong police presence was evident, with many uniformed policemen inside the court and camouflaged and plainclothes police outside.

The accused were later whisked away from court through a side entrance to evade the television and Press journalists waiting outside.

The Rev GM Muhali, who was in charge of the outing when the children were attacked, arrived late from Venda.

Police disclosed yesterday that three other men arrested with the nine had been released. Their names were not made available.



Probe into 'hit list' of Barkly East activists

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — An alleged hit list of activists in Barkly East is being investigated by a legal team with a view to obtaining an interdict, a laywer for township residents, Mr Roshan Dehal, said yesterday.

But police spokesman Colonel Fred Sauerman said he had no knowledge of any Barkly East hit list.

The co-chairwoman of the Albany Black Sash in Grahamstown, Miss Julia Segar, said she attended a funeral of two men in Barkly East at the weekend.

One of the dead, Mr Advocate Nqulo, 29, was vice-president of the local ANC branch.

Mr Nqulo, whose name was on the alleged hit list, was shot dead by police on November 17.

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Sjambok suspects rescued from mob

THOHOYANDOU. — Venda police yesterday rescued two men — suspected of being involved in last week's sjambok attack on Sunday school children in Louis Trichardt — from an angry crowd of more than 200.

The attack by a group of khaki-clad whites has stirred up racial hostility in the area.

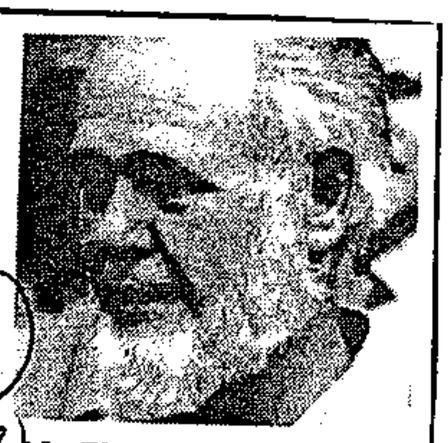
The crowd, shouting slogans denouncing racism, escorted the two men from shops in the Venda capital and police whisked them away as mass anger grew.

A Venda government spokesman said police removed a Mr K de Wet and a Mr De Nyssen from Wanda Furnishers and Style and Value Furnishers after trouble started. They had not been attacked.

The crowd followed them to the police station and left after police assured them they would investigate the matter.

An employee at Wanda Furnishers said workers had vowed to embark on a sit-in if Mr De Wet remained as the shop's accounting manager after he "assaulted our innocent kids". — Sapa

We attacked UK embassy — Rudolph



Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph

JOHANNESBURG. — The Orde Boerevolk had been responsible for another act which the state had not yet placed on the docket — an attack on the British embassy in Pretoria in January this year, Mr Piet Rudolph admitted in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

He said this during bail applications for his release and that of Mr Hendrik Cornelius Bredenhann, both of the Orde Boerevolk.

The two men, who are to stand trial in the Supreme Court, Johannesburg, early next year on charges of terrorism, both testified that they intended pleading guilty to most charges, including theft of a large arms cache from SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria.

The prosecutor, Mr Z H de Beer, noted during cross-examination of Mr Rudolph that two-thirds of these weapons had not yet been returned to the original owners, in spite of Mr Rudolph's public call to his followers to do so.

Both OB-members claimed political motives for the deeds of terrorism, describing themselves as "Boer freedom fighters" — but also said repeatedly that the organisation had taken great precautions not to injure or kill anyone during their bomb attacks.

Their intent had been only to draw public attention to their cause and force the President into serious negotiations with Boer leaders about their cause, they said.

The state alleges that they bombed historic Melrose House in Pretoria, several National Party Offices, a trade union office in Rustenburg and a restaurant.

Mr Bredenhann told the court that he had a bone disease which caused excruciating pain and that he was usually bed-ridden in detention.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa

Piet 'Skiet' applies for bail

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By SONTI MASEKO

DEPUTY leader of the Boerestaat Party Mr Petius Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said yesterday he would use the court as a platform to state the case for Afrikaners who wanted their own homeland in South Africa.

Rudolph supported demands for the establishment of a white homeland and how whites were being denied their rights during his bail application in the Johannesburg Regional Court.

He said he would not run away when released on bail because he regarded the trial as an ideal place for him to publicise the cause of the Afrikaner.

The 53-year-old former policeman, accused with his righthand man Mr Hendrik Bredenham, said he regarded his involvement in right wing politics as a calling like Moses or Jeremiah, to lead his people.

It was a cause he was prepared to fight for to the bitter end.

He admitted his involvement in at least three bomb blasts early this year at the British Embassy in Pretoria, the offices of *Beeld* newspaper and of the National Party.

The case continues.

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yesterday morning, look on while ambulance personnel remove

'Govt out to crush ANC'

Key elements in the Government had set out to foster carnage to halt mass action and to paralyse the ANC, Nelson Mandela said in Durban yesterday.

Speaking at alliance talks being held at Natal University between the National Union of South African Students and the SA National Students Congress, Mr Mandela said the country was entering a time of hope.

Excluded

However, elements in the Government were trying to crush the ANC, and it was to be remembered that the positive actions which the Government had made were not something it had done without pressure.

The ANC had spearheaded the struggle to produce that pressure, he said.

The Government had to be further pressured into removing the obstacles still in the way of negotiations.

Mr Mandela confirmed that nationwide mass protests were being organised for today. He said the ANC's position was clear.

"We are excluded from democratic participation; mass action is our only alternative."

However, in a statement yesterday Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said that indefinite continuation of mass protests over political demands was no longer necessary as the Government was committed to solving a number of problems.

The Government was not against peaceful and democratic protest, including marches and public meetings, but it was concerned about "disruption and conflict" that appeared to go hand in hand with programmes of large-scale and repetitive political protest.

The inability of "certain political leaders" to ensure responsible conduct by their followers was also an area of major concern to the Government, Dr Viljoen said.

If destruction, violence and intimidation were not part of the political agenda of organisations launching mass action, they should take greater care to ensure orderly and lawful action.

There was "clear proof of intimidation" where the public had been forced to take part in mass action.

Dr Viljoen said no responsible government would allow mass action to deteriorate into acts of violence, destruction and intimidation.

We'll flatten you, AWB warns ANC

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

LOUIS TRICHARDT — Clear battle-lines were drawn here last night by AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche when he issued a third warning to the ANC regarding its planned mass protests.

"I say to you — let one white be injured in one of your protest marches, and we will flatten you (ons sal julle gelyk vee met die aarde)."

The atmosphere at the AWB rally was extremely militant. Many young men carried batons, and Mr TerreBlanche's personal bodyguards carried firearms.

Defending the actions of the white men arrested in connection with an alleged assault on black Sunday school children in the town, the AWB leader said they had simply shown that they would not become anyone's puppets.

He insisted that the men had acted within their rights, as they had not acted in anyone else's territory.

Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais shared a platform with Mr Terre-Blanche.

Slovo and Winnie to lead march

Staff Reporters
and Own Correspondent

Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, and Joe Slovo, leader of the SA Communist Party, are among those due to lead the ANC's "Peace and Freedom Now" march being held in Pretoria today.

Pretoria Chief Magistrate P A J Burger has given permission for the march.

The organisers said no stayaway had been called. However, people had been urged to take leave for an hour or two.

The march, which is scheduled to start at noon from Cosatu House in Brown Street to the Union Buildings, is to be preceded by a mini-rally outside Cosatu House from 10 am.

● In Johannesburg, marchers will begin gathering at the corner of Plein and Wanderers streets at 10 am. They will proceed along Plein Street at 11 am to Harrison Street. A memorandum will be handed in at the City Hall.

Marchers will continue to Commissioner Street and John Vorster Square, where a memorandum will be handed to police.

● In Bloemfontein, the Chief Magistrate has granted permission for a march today.

I've given up violence, Rudolph tells court

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Staff Reporters and Sapa

Orde Boerevolk leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph (53) had renounced violence and wanted to negotiate with the Government, the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Mr Rudolph and his co-accused, Hendrik Cornelius Bredenhann (28) were applying for bail. They face six charges of terrorism.

The two, clad in khaki clothes, said they believed there was a good chance they would be given amnesty and that there were mitigating circumstances should they be sentenced.

They intended pleading guilty although Mr Bredenhann would plead not guilty on one charge.

Mr Bredenhann said he had a chronic back condition which had left him bedridden and in need of medical attention.

A packed public and press gallery heard Mr Rudolph admit that his organisation was responsible for the attack on the British Embassy in Pretoria in January.

Negotiations

Mr Rudolph said he had renounced his campaign of violence and was in the process of applying to the Government for indemnity.

At the time Mr Rudolph committed the alleged acts of terrorism, he believed that further negotiations with the Government to discuss the independence of the "Boerevolk" would have been futile.

He said the violent acts had been committed carefully to ensure that no injuries or deaths occurred. The targets selected had all been political. These included Melrose House, the Beeld newspaper and a trade union office at Rustenburg.

Mr Rudolph said he now knew that the Boer freedom struggle would be a hopeless cause unless they could negotiate with the government of the day — or manage to overthrow it.

Mr Rudolph also wrote to Ministers Stoffel van der Merwe and Roelf Meyer in connection with bomb blasts at their offices and said these had been bombed as they were negotiating with the ANC. He told them to tread lightly because, if they continued, their lives would be on the line.

Later he wrote to them to ask their forgiveness.

In his evidence, Mr Bredenhann said he was an organiser for the Orde Boerevolk and was in charge of operations.

The bail application hearing continues today.

Mass action over assault on children

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WHITE rightwingers employed in Venda are facing mass demonstrations and expulsions following the assault in Louis Trichardt of children relaxing in a park two weeks ago.

In the first physical show of anger in the area, more than 300 youths and workers converged on two shops on Tuesday to demand that whites said to have participated in the assault be brought to them for a revenge assault.

Yesterday, a crowd of more than 100 gathered at Captain Cool restaurant to demand that two whites should go.

The two left the ·mises hurriedly.

The crowd then marched to Vhavenda Bricks, where they also demanded that a right-

By MATHATHA TSEDU

winger who was allegedly involved in the assaults on children should also go.

It also emerged yesterday that many senior Conservative Party members employed in Venda, including Louis Trichardt mayor Mr Louis Holtzhaussen, have taken hasty leaves to avoid the growing feeling of revulsion caused by both the beatings and the CP's apparent support for the alleged perpetrators.

Holtzhaussen was not available yesterday.

Officials at Agrieven refused to comment on his absence and that of chief executive officer Mr Pieter Oosthuisen, also said to be a CP member.

A reliable source said while Oosthuisen had applied for leave late last week, Holtzhaussen had "just disappeared".

The simmering anger over the assaults came to the boil when two whites employed by Wanda Furnishers and Style and Value, Mr Korea de Wet and Mr Barend Jordaan respectively, went missing after police announced the arrests of 12 rightwingers for the assaults.

Jordaan appeared in court on Monday with eight others.

Police announced that three other men also arrested in connnection with the matter had been released.

When both men reappeared at their work places on Tuesday angry people gathered at the two shops. They were immediately escorted out of Venda.

'Rudolph won't quit fighting'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Tens of thousands of right-wing supporters of Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and Mr Hendrick Cornelius Bredenhann of the Orde Boerevolk (OB) were just waiting for their release to resume the Boerevolk's armed struggle for independence under their leadership.

This opinion was stated by Major Johannes Lodewikus Pretorius of the security branch in Sandton during the bail application of the two OB men in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Major Pretorius, in charge of investigating white right-wing terrorism in South Africa, opposed the bail application because, among other major reasons, two-thirds of the air force weapons allegedly stolen by the OB during a raid in April had not yet been returned by Mr Rudolph's supporters — in spite of the latter's public call to do so.

Major Pretorius said Mr Rudolph and Mr Bredenhann still "stubbornly clung to their political convictions", and would provide no details of certain operational plans code-named "Mandela", "Sjambok" and "Slingervel".

The mysterious plans were mentioned in OB documents police had recovered during Mr Bredenhann's arrest.

Major Pretorius feared that, once released on bail, the two men might carry out these plans.

Major Pretorius said he thus did not believe that the two had sworn off the armed struggle as they now claimed.

Death threats

They would moreover not appear for their terrorism trial should they be granted bail, Major Pretorius believed.

The security policeman, his family and colleagues had been threatened by right-wingers and their homes had to be guarded. The right-wingers cursed these policemen with the historic name "red tags", which also contains a hidden threat to kill them as traitors, he said.

Major Pretorius admitted during cross-questioning by defence counsel Mr Jackie Nel to having changed his original opinion of Mr Rudolph as an inherently "violent man".

Mr Rudolph could have shot his arresting officer — a Lieutenant Sales — with a pen-shaped gun the policeman had failed to find in his pocket. Instead, Mr Rudolph had given Lieutenant Sales the weapon, telling him: "You have missed this during your search," Major Pretorius testified.

Meanwhile Mr Bredenhann said yesterday the stolen air force weapons under his control had all been returned to the state prior to their general indemnity date of October 31.

He also admitted organising the underground video filming during which Mr Rudolph had called on the Boere people to start the armed struggle to restore their former republics.

Mr Bredenhann said he had willingly carried out orders to commit certain acts of terrorism which had been issued by the OB leadership.

He did not know who the leaders were.

The bail application hearing continues today before the magistrate, Mr O J G Olivier, who ordered that the two awaiting-trial prisoners would continue to be held at the high security section of Pretoria Central Prison. — Sapa

Right-wingers' bail application opposed

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The bail application hearing for Rudolph and Bredenhann, who are to appear on several charges of terrorism in the Johannesburg Supreme Court early next year, continues today.

Pretorius, in charge of the branch's continuing investigation into white right-wing terrorism in SA, opposed the bail application because, among other major reasons, two thirds of the SA Air Force weapons allegedly stolen by the OB in April had not yet been returned by Rudolph's supporters — in spite of the latter's public call to do so.

Bredenhann had told the court earlier that the stolen weapons under his control had all been returned to the State prior to the general indemnity date of October 31.

Pretorius said there had been a very marked increase in right-wing terror incidents since June 1989, with scores of bomb attacks and arrests of right-wingers under section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Rudolph and Bredenhann still "stubbornly clung to their political convictions", refused to provide him with details of the OB's organisational structures or of its membership, and would provide no details of operational plans codenamed "Mandela,", "Sjambok" and "Slingervel".

The mysterious plans were mentioned in OB documents police had recovered during Bredenhann's arrest. Pretorius feared that, once released on bail, the two men might carry out these plans.

He believed that once they were out on bail, their supporters would hide and protect them and help them take up the armed struggle once more. They would not appear for their terrorism trial.

This time, Rudolph would be impossible to catch because of his massive countrywide support base and greater knowledge of police search methods.

Pretorius said that during the five-month police search for Rudolph this year more than 200 people had actively and knowingly helped him to escape justice. — Sapa.

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The 'Boere Pimpernel'

Forensic tests for arms found

From ALAN DUNN
Political Staff

PRETORIA. — Forensic tests are to be done on weapons found in a disused mine shaft this week.

The weapons were allegedly stolen from South African Air Force headquarters by Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and accomplices.

Police, who fetched the arms and ammunition, dusted them for fingerprints and were due to send the pistols and semi-automatic assault rifles for ballistics tests to establish whether they had been fired.

But a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order would not say yesterday whether any telling fingerprints had been found on the four R5s, five Z88 pistols, a nightsight, or 2 400 rounds of 5,56mm and 9mm-calibre ammunition.

Many of the weapons stolen on April 14 are still missing. The ministry spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze, said they had been linked to the SADF headquarters theft through serial numbers.

He said a miner found the cache on Thursday. The miner saw a ladder lying near the mine's ventilation shaft. He descended the ladder, found a rope running along the tunnel and followed it.

Buried under rocks

Captain Kotze said the cache was buried under rocks, in what looked like a permanent hiding place which allowed easy access to the weapons and quick replacement.

A "natural avenue" police were now probing was the shooting of two policemen in Khayelitsha last month, he said. One was killed and another wounded with an R4 or R5 rifle, which have the same calibre bullet, when their patrol vehicle was sprayed with automatic fire.

It was possible that people, not responsible for the disappearance of the weapons from air force headquarters, had found the stolen arms and had been stealing them from the mineshaft.

Captain Kotze said one aspect police found very worrying was that none of the shotguns stolen during the break-in had been recovered.

He said Mr Rudolph, engaged yesterday in a bail application in Johannesburg, had not been told of the find at the time of the news conference announcing it.

'We have a nation to protect'

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Terror accused Piet "Skiet" Rudolph had a face for every occasion.

A suitcase full of disguises — found on the "Boere Pimpernel" when he was arrested in Pretoria in mid-September — enabled him to dodge police for five months.

His disguises were one reason advanced by the State in the Johannesburg Regional Court this week for opposing a bail application brought by Mr Rudolph and his adjutant, Hendrik Bredenhann.

His disguise equipment comprised at least two wigs, several hats and a number of different pairs of spectacles.

As a master of disguise, and with thousands of his rightwing supporters waiting for further commands, the self-styled head of Orde Boerevolk could not be trusted not to resume his activities, Johan Pretorius, a security police officer in charge of the investigation, told the court.

He said there were a number of Orde Boerevolk projects about which the police were still in the dark. Plans of action — cryptically codenamed "Mandela" and "Sjambok" could still be carried out by Mr Rudolph if he was allowed out.

Magistrate Mr O Olivier turned down Mr Rudolph's bail application.

Summing up, Mr Olivier said Mr Rudolph had evaded a five-month search and it was possible the search would have to be repeated if Mr Rudolph decided not to stand trial next year.

While he had foresworn violence, many of the arms seized by Mr Rudolph from the South African Air Force armoury at Easter were still missing.

The refusal of the bail application failed to faze Mr Rudolph.

He entered the court looking more like a mild-mannered academic than the firebrand he has become known as over the past few years.

He stood impassively, briefcase in hand as Mr Olivier summed up the arguments he had heard.

When the judgment was given and court officials were working on formalities regarding the date of his next appearance, Mr Rudolph turned to his family and followers in the public gallery and said: "Do not worry — the struggle continues".

His wife Breggie wept openly as Mr Rudolph led the gathering in prayer.

Later he told them "It is not the end of the world."

He kissed his wife and told her: "You must be strong. We have a nation that we are trying to protect."



Picture: HANNES THIART, Weekend

The last load of ack-ack weapons from Youngsfield i ing railed from Cape Town to Kimberley. Lance-Cor David Baxter holds the business end of a 35mm ant craft gun while supervising its loading at Wetton sta The gunners are moving from Wingfield, their bas decades, to Northern Cape Command at Kimberl

Rudolph's plea for bail turned down

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JOHANNESBURG. — The bail application for Mr Piet Rudolph and Mr Henk Bredenhann of the Orde Boervolk was turned down in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

The magistrate, Mr O J G Olivier, set a trial date for the two men on January 29 in the same court, to allow both to submit to the government their applications for indemnity for their alleged acts of terrorism.

There were emotional scenes after the announcement and the two men's families joined Mr Rudolph while his elderly mother sat on a bench sobbing.

Rejecting the application, the magistrate said he questioned Mr Rudolph's truthfulness when he "gave the promise of a Boer" to appear for his terrorism trial and that he would not resume the armed struggle or interfere with state witnesses once released.

He said Mr Rudolph's promises should not be believed as his highly individualistic nature had led to his record of jumping from one political party to the next during his 20 years in politics.

"Mr Rudolph's credibility also became questionable when he called the leader of the Boerestaat Party, Mr Robert van Tonder, a liar in this courtroom during testimony," the magistrate said.

"Moreover, he initially had sworn an oath to commit violent acts, and then swore off violence. He initially refused to eat the government's food by going on a hunger strike, and then didn't refuse to eat in prison. While on the run, he threatened to kill certain policemen and then praised them in this courtroom," Mr Olivier said.

He also said bail could not be granted because "a reasonable possibility existed that the supporters who were willing to pay Mr Rudolph's bail could be the same people who had hidden him while he was on the run from police, and could possibly do so again.

The magistrate ordered that the two men be detained in the maximum security section of Pretoria Central Prison until their next court appearance. — Sapa

SA 'linkman' in world right-wing network

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LEADING rightwinger and well-known Pretoria neo-Nazi Koos Vermeulen is believed to be the linkman between South Africa's white extremists and international right-wing movements.

Mr Vermeulen, leader of the Wereld Apartheidsbeweging, was recently detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, along with two other WAB members.

Brothers Mark and Christopher Singleton, who deserted from the British Army in West Germany earlier this year, are being held in connection with a bomb blast in Bloed Street, Pretoria, earlier this year and the death of a computer company employee who was killed by a sophisticated parcel bomb in Durban.

By DE WET POTGIETER

A Belgian citizen is also being detained.

A senior intelligence source said on Friday that Mr Vermeulen was a key figure in a network of right-wing extremists with links throughout the world.

This was confirmed by Wim Booyse, director of Peace and Conflict Studies in Pretoria.

Mr Booyse said his studies had shown that the WAB and the Afrikaner Nasionaal-Sosialiste acted as co-ordinators for more than 30 right-wing fundamentalist groups in South Africa.

"Membership of these organisations ranges from three to more than 50 each," said Mr Booyse. Both he and security sources believe the WAB is the link between South African extremists and international movements such as the Basque Separatists in Spain, the British movement Dare, the Companions of Justice, the New Force Party and the French neo-Nazi movement L'Assaut.

Intelligence sources are also probing links with fascist movements in Poland and East Germany.

Mr Booyse is concerned, too, about the possible role of the American mercenary magazine Soldier of Fortune in the international network.

Three members of the Boere Weerstandsbeweging attended the last three annual congresses of mercenaries in America, organised by the magazine.

There is also growing concern in intelligence circles that the ranks of right-wing fanatics have been boosted by a large group of Namibian bush war-veterans trained by the SA Defence Force — and generally regarded as the best-trained combat soldiers in the world.

The leader of the group is a former recce who is known to intelligence sources.

His body is described as "a jigsaw puzzle of war wounds" sustained during regular and clandestine missions during the 25-year bush war.

"The group operates on the 'buddy system', with small cells consisting of men who consider themselves to be blood brothers in the true sense of the word," an intelligence source said.

"This is an elitist group of battle-hardened soldiers with strong leanings to the right.

"Our information is that they are lying low and waiting 'for the flag to be lowered for the last time'.

"So far, we have not been able to pinpoint what they would consider the appropriate time to go into action," he said.

Fears

Security police are also investigating the existence of a hit-list drawn up by right-wing organisations and believed to contain the names of President F W de Klerk, Pik Botha, Adriaan Vlok, Gerrit Viljoen and Kobie Coetsee.

Johannesburg security police chief Major Johan Pretorius this week confirmed the fears of widespread armed resistance against a new dispensation in South Africa.

Opposing bail applications by Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and Henk Bredenhann, of Orde Boerevolk, Major Pretorius told the Johannesburg magistrate's court that their claims to have renounced violence were misleading.

"There are up to 10 000 right-wingers waiting to launch their campaign," he told the court.

● A number of firearms stolen from a SAAF arsenal in Pretoria over the Easter weekend — an operation allegedly masterminded by Rudolph — have been found in a disused mineshaft near Krugersdorp.

No bail for Piet 'Skiet' & Co

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BAIL for Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and Henk Bredenhann of the Orde Boerevolk (OB) was turned down in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week.

The trial was set for January 29 in the same court and the men will submit applications for indemnity to the government for their alleged acts of "political" terrorism.

The magistrate refused bail, saying he questioned Rudolph's truthfulness when he gave the "promise of a boer" that he would definitely appear at the January trial.

There was no guarantee Rudolph would not resume his armed struggle nor interfere with State witnesses once released.

"Rudolph's credibility also became questionable when he called Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder a liar in this courtroom," the magistrate noted.

"Moreover, he initially had sworn an oath to commit violent acts, then swore off violence. He initially refused to eat the government's food by going on a hunger strike, then started to eat.

"While on the run, he threatened to kill certain policemen, then praised them in this courtroom."

Bail could also not be granted because "a reasonable possibility existed that supporters who were willing to pay Rudolph's bail could well be the same people who had hidden him while on the run from police".

"These supporters could possibly do so again," he said. Rudolph's present high profile in the media and his near-mythical status among ultra-rightwingers was due only to the fact that he had committed acts of terrorism.

"Moreover, security police testified that the OB wasn't dead yet and that the organisation could commit further acts of violence." The argument that Rudolph and Bredenhann did not want to become traitors in the eyes of their followers and stubbornly refused to reveal the OB's organisational structure to the police did not hold water.

"The leaders of the organisation had decided to lay down arms and apply for indemnity.

"Their supporters refused to follow these orders and should therefore be punished.

"By not giving police their names, the leaders are surreptitiously acknowledging that their supporters should continue with violent acts." — Sapa

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Strydom's wife denies he smiled as he murdered

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By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

The bid to obtain an amnesty for mass killer Barend Hendrik Strydom — the so-called "Wit Wolf" — took a new turn at the weekend with a denial by his wife, Karin, that he had smiled at his victims when cold-bloodedly executing them.

She claimed in a newspaper article that the press had made up the story about him "laughing" as he killed.

Strydom murdered seven people in a rampage through the streets of central Pretoria on November 15 1988.

Evidence was given before Mr Justice Louis Harms during the two-week trial in the Pretoria Supreme Court that the former policeman had smiled as he shot 22 people.

This was confirmed by Strydom himself when he told the judge: "My smile was a friendly one ... I am a friendly person. I can't hold back a smile."

Witness Samuel Gunter also told the court that he had seen Strydom shoot at a black man, run three metres and shoot another ... "the person stood in front of the men, and then the man in camouflage dress (Strydom) looked at me and smiled," Mr Gunter testified.

Lawyers acting for Strydom, who is on Death Row at Pretoria Central Prison, have petitioned the State President to obtain Strydom's release on the grounds that he should be regarded as a "political prisoner" and was therefore entitled to the same rights as similar people from the African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress.

Mrs Strydom told a London newspaper she had written to President de Klerk to say that her husband no longer believed violence would solve the country's problems. The letter had been acknowledged.

Right wing attacks fear at hospital

Sowetan 11/12/90 (344)

By MATHATHA TSEDU

FEAR of right wing attacks has gripped black patients in the newly opened multiracial Pietersburg private hospital after a white man attempted to gain entry into a female ward on Saturday night.

Although the hospital's director, Dr A Tonkin, yesterday played down the incident and said it was "probably a prankster", black patients told *Sowetan* that security was non-existent.

Windows are not barred and only one security guard is on duty at night, they said.

The Saturday incident happened in a ward occupied by black patients. The woman who was in the ward was awakened when she heard noises at the window. She screamed when she saw a man climbing through the window.

The man jumped out and ran away. He fled from the scene on a motorbike, they said.

The hospital is situated in the Pietersburg town, where until recently the town council was controlled by the Conservative Party.

Tonkin confirmed the incident and said the man was wearing a white helmet. He discouraged the fears and said it must have been a prankster.

There had been no racial incidents at the hospital since its opening earlier this year, he said.

Windows were not barred to avoid giving the wards a "prison outlook". He said security was adequate as the hospital was linked to the police station and the fire brigade, both of whom could be reached by merely pressing a button.

He said another incident had occurred on Sunday night at the main entrance, where people tried to gain entry after 9.30pm.

Tonkin also discounted rumours that the Saturday incident could be linked to attempts to get drugs from the hospital's dispensary.

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Right wing will recall Blood River

South Africa's many white right-wing organisations this weekend will commemorate the Battle of Blood River, which ended in defeat for the Zulus after a pitched battle with the Voortrekkers on December 16 1838.

The Day of the Vow, named after the religious vow taken by Voortrekker leaders shortly before the battle, is seen by much of Afrikanerdom as their holiest day, although the more liberal section usually celebrates without any religious connotations.

The Boerestaat Party and Boere Weerstandsbeweging commemorate the event this Sunday with a braai, religious ceremony and day-long boeresport and boeremusiek at the farm Sandspruit, 12 km north of Randburg.

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AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche will address a meeting at Berg-en-Dal at Belfast on Saturday morning.

Shortly after this, his commandos will hold a mass demonstration and march through the streets of Middelburg.

The Afrikaner Volkswag, whose leaders are Professor and Mrs Carel Boshoff — she is Dr Verwoerd's daughter — will form a laager at Donkerhoek, about 30 km east of Pretoria.

Celebrants, wearing Voortrekker dress, will camp in caravans and tents.

There will also be gatherings at Pietersburg, Vereeniging, Bellville, Burgersfort and Natal's Blood River monument.

The Herstigte Nasionale Party, formed in 1969 by Afrikaners disaffected with the National Party, will commemorate the Day of the Vow at Rooihuiskraal, Pretoria. — Sapa.

AWB supporters bar Carolina town hall

By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

CAROLINA — About 30 AWB supporters, some armed with guns and whips and two carrying pig's heads, barred the entrance to Carolina's town hall on the day it was booked for an Indian wedding reception.

It was due to be the first non-white use of the hall since the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in October.

The reception for 400 was to follow the wedding of Munira Kaka of Carolina to Yusuf Kola of Rustenburg on November 18.

However, a spokesman for the family said death threats had been made to the young couple days before their November wedding. As a precaution the family decided to switch the reception to an empty shop at the Indian trading centre.

News of the change had not reached the rightwingers.

Said a Carolina Indian businessman: "When I drove into town on Sunday morning I saw a group of about 30 men, women and children standing outside the hall. There were about 15 men and they were wearing khaki with AWB emblems. There was also an AWB flag flying from a pole.

"When a friend and I approached them two men came towards us. We were racially abused and they threatened us with their whips."

The man said he later drove past and a man came forward holding a pig's head.

Another Carolina resident said he had seen a second pig's head on a pole outside the hall.

A spokesman for the Kaka family said the wedding reception at the shop had gone off happily and uninterrrupted.

The incident was condemned by the AWB's head commander in the Eastern Transvaal, Gawie Volschenk.

Dhlomo pinpoints causes of violence

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Political Staff

POLITICAL consultant Dr Oscar Dhlomo has identified sources of violence sweeping South Africa.

In an address in New York this week, he said the first level of violence was inter-group violence affecting political organisations such as Inkatha, the ANC, Azapo and the PAC.

"The violence that has persisted for almost five years is between Inkatha and the ANC/UDF/Cosatu alliance. This violence has been defined as an ideological power struggle, exacerbated by lack of a democratic culture of political tolerance and freedom of association among black political groups.

"Socio-political factors such as a scramble for scarce resources and criminality have also been cited as complementary causes of this violence."

Mass action

Dr Dhlomo said the second level of violence resulted from confrontation between State agents of law and order and ANC and civic association members involved in mass action to dismantle local government structures and force black town councillors serving in these structures to resign.

"This violence is driven by lack of consensus between the government and the ANC with regard to the interpretation of the Pretoria Minute. The government is of the opinion that the suspension of the armed struggle by the ANC also implies the suspension of mass action. The ANC on the other hand maintains that armed struggle and mass action are mutually exclusive strategies."

The third level of violence was white rightwing violence aimed at black South Africans in particular and the government in general. "Some white rightwingers feel extremely threatened by the process of democratic transition which they perceive as a threat."

Such groups rejected constitutional negotiations as they alleged that the government wanted to sell out the white minority to the black majority through a negotiated democratic transition.



Dr Dhlomo

The fourth level of violence was criminal violence resulting from the breakdown of law and order, as well as the frustration and desperation of a "lost generation" of young people who had dropped out of the black schooling system.

Democratic transition was severely threatened by violence which had almost become endemic in some areas, he said.

Piet Skiet's new call to hand over weapons

MR Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, leader of the Orde Boerevolk, has renewed calls from his Pretoria prison to his followers to return to the Government arms and ammunition he allegedly stole from South African Defence Force headquarters in Pretoria.

Mr Rudolph and his deputy leader, Henk Bredenhann, are awaiting trial on various charges, including allegations of terrorism.

Concern

Press secretary Mr Chris Beetge said in a statement yesterday that Mr Rudolph shared the Government's concern about weapons which were still missing.

According to Mr Beetge, Mr Rudolph's earlier call for the return of the weaponry had only partially succeeded, "possibly because of confusion over his motives".

"The rumour was even spread that he had turned traitor against his own people. However, evidence given during his application for bail has hopefully wrung the neck of this untruth."

Mr Beetge said in Mr Rudolph's evidence he had clearly stated the reasons for his appeal for the return of weapons:

- Changing circumstances ... which were an invitation to discussions. Also, the Government Gazette on November 7 had said there was a reconciliation process with all people, regardless of their affiliation.

"This necessarily means discussions with the Orde Boerevolk over what has caused clashes, namely the claim for an own land region.

"As Mr Rudolph said in court, it is only a fool who chooses the way of violence when the peaceful achievment of an ideal is possible." — Sapa.

"Wit Wolwe" to be prosecuted

THE two Pretoria men who allegedly murdered two black men and seriously wounded a third, in what have been dubbed "Wit Wolf" killings, will both be prosecuted on two charges of murder, one of attempted murder and one of illegally having a firearm. CIPRES 16/12/90 (344)

The case will be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court. No date has been set.

Pieter Hendrik Groenewald, 29, of 627 Bokser Street, Garsfontein, and Brian Chester-Browne, 27, of 132 Menskie Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria, allegedly murdered Simon Koba and Petrus Makena shortly before midnight on May 5 on the Mamelodi-Cullinan road.

AWB 'not opposed to ANC defence units'

JOHANNESBURG. — The commander of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's commando units had no objection to the ANC's plans for creating self-defence units in black townships — provided "they remained in their own areas only and left the white communities alone".

Mr Servaas de Wet, retired Sea Point police station commander, started the countrywide Boer commando system seven months ago.

He said yesterday that the AWB had launched the countrywide self-defence units for white neighbourhoods in direct response to the government's release of Mr Nelson Mandela and the legalising of political movements.

Over the past two months, the commandos' membership had increased by 365%. The greatest growth was in the Vaal Triangle and the Eastern Transvaal, he said.

"Our commandos are only taught self-defence methods and will only fight if the white communities are attacked." — Sapa

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Lubowski: FW on suspects

WINDHOEK. — There was insufficient evidence to warrant two South African suspects being extradited to Namibia to face murder charges following the assassination of Mr Anton Lubowski, President F W de Klerk has said.

A report here yesterday cited a letter Mr De Klerk had written to Mr Lubowski's parents in which he allegedly told them that the Namibian authorities' evidence against the suspects was too "weak".

No comment was forthcoming yesterday from Mr De Klerk's office. — Sapa

Wit Wolf's mum in-law in sit-in

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The mother of detained Boerestaat Party member Mr Deon Rautenbach began a sit-in outside a security branch building in Pretoria yesterday to demand the release of her son.

Mrs Trudie Rautenbach is the mother-in-law of mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom. Her son was detained on October 17.

She is refusing to move from the Pretorius Street building, next to the Old Volkstem Building, until her son has been released or she is allowed to see him.

Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder said yesterday that there had been rumours Mr Rautenbach, 26, a teacher, was ill or had died in detention.

He said the authorities had consistently denied his mother permission to see him. He said she did not know why or where he was being held.

Police media liaison officer Lieutenant Burger van Rooyen said Mr Rautenbach was neither ill nor dead. He said Mr Rautenbach was being held under Section 29 of the Security Act and he could not say where was being detained, for security reasons.

The right reacts: Bombs or songs?

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THE RIGHTWING

BY CHARLES LEONARD

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WHILE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche inspected a guard of honour, about 500 supporters in the Louis Trichardt showground hall sang a perverted version of *Vanaand gaan die volkies koring sny* (Tonight the farmhands are going to cut corn). Laughing naughtily they sang: *Vanaand gaan die Boere bomme plant* (Tonight the Boers are going to plant bombs).

This meeting took place two days after 13 rightwingers appeared in the Pietersburg Regional Court in connection with an alleged assault with sjamboks, knobkieries and sticks on a group of black Sunday school children in a park in Louis Trichardt.

The song and the incident raise questions about the actions the rightwing is going to take now. Will they plant more bombs, or will they resort to localised inter-racial violence to try to reverse the trek to a new South Africa?

The unbanning of the liberation movements on February 2 by State President FW de Klerk triggered an alarming and unprecedented increase of right-wing terror attacks.

It reached a climax in July when 15 incidents of right-wing violence were recorded, 33 percent of all violent incidents that took place in the country during that month.

And the rightwing did plant bombs. Their targets ranged widely: the British embassy, Melrose House, the homes of Johannesburg city councillors, the offices of the Food and Allied Workers Union in Rustenburg, the offices of two Afrikaans newspapers, *Beeld* and *Vrye Weekblad*. They attacked National Party offices in the constituencies of two of the government's team of negotiators with the African National Congress, that of Stoffel van der Merwe in Helderkruin and Roelf Meyer in Auckland Park.

Piet "Skiet" Rudolph became the "Boere pimpernel" and the most wanted right-winger in the country after he claimed responsibility for several of these attacks and for an arms heist on Air Force headquarters in Pretoria.

Rudolph's Orde Boerevolk and a similar right-wing group, the Order of Death, were the most active of these groups — until police started arresting several right-wing activists.

The detention of Leonard Veenendal, Darryl Stopforth (wanted in Namibia for the murders of a policeman and an Untag official), David Rootenberg, Piet Bester and several others under section 29 of the Internal Security Act left them surprised.



AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche

On September 18 Rudolph was arrested in Pretoria and detained under section 29. After two days on hunger strike he decided to talk. He called upon his men to hand back weapons stolen from the Air Force. During a bail application a conciliatory Rudolph hinted at negotiations and announced his intention to apply for indemnity.

The police were successful this year in solving right-wing terror incidents. Of the 52 incidents attributed to the right, only eight are still unsolved.

But when the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped, another form of right-wing thuggery reared its ugly head: that of attacks on black people, mostly in small *platteland* towns.

Although this type of action happened throughout the year before the Act was abolished, it was intensified after September.

There are strong indications that De Klerk intends making another significant announcement when parliament opens next year. That might prompt the right-wing to take action again.

If the state president announces some form of transitional government, South Africa might see what TerreBlanche has threatened to do at so many of his meetings: "That night, when they hand power over to the ANC, we will take it back by force."

But if one looks at the lack of unity among rightwingers and Rudolph's quick retreat to the white flag after a few days in detention, one cannot help but believe that the only bombs the rightwing will plant in future will be symbolic ones — in song.

Govt man held for US embassy blast

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PRETORIA — A South African Foreign Affairs official has been detained in connection with the bombing of US Ambassador Mr William Swing's home here on October 3 this year.

The official, named as Mr P J Kruger, is one of three people held in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. According to police the three have been in detention since December 4.

Mr Kruger was described by Foreign Affairs as "very junior" and in the development co-operation section. He joined the ministry as a cadet in August.

Mr Swing was apparently informed of the arrest by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha. According to US embassy spokesman Mr Larry Schwartz, the ambassador was "still digesting the information".

The bomb at Mr Swing's house involved a "small explosive device" which was detonated outside the rear gate of the residential compound at 1am, causing slight damage.

No injuries were reported and no one claimed responsibility. Mr Swing was at home at the time.

Swing blast: govt official held

Staff Reporter

Star 20/12/90

A junior official in the Department of Foreign Affairs and two other men are being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act in connection with an October bomb blast at the Pretoria home of the American Ambassador, William Swing.

Foreign Affairs spokesman Alayne Reesberg has confirmed that one detainee, P J Kruger, is a junior official in the department.

"The law must be allowed to take its course and we have no further comment at this stage," she said.

The Star has learnt from a reliable source that Mr Kruger had been in the employ of the department for two months.

He was an administrative assistant in the development aid section, but apparently did not use his official status to gain access to the Swing residence.

Mr Kruger had apparently been missing from the office "for quite a while" the source said.

A home-made bomb, consisting of commercial explosives, detonated at Mr Swing's Waterkloof home in the early hours of October 4, damaging a gate.

Mr Swing was at home at the time. No one was injured.

The Financial Mail reported that the junior official had links to white right-wing extremists.

All recruits to the Foreign Affairs Department are screened, but they are not obliged to reveal their political affiliations.

The extreme right-wing Orde Boerevolk later claimed responsibility for the blast.

Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who is being held on several counts of terrorism, has strong links with the Orde Boerevolk. He told a court this month that his organisation had shot at the British Embassy in Pretoria in January, smashing windows.

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Arrest follows blast at ambassador's home

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POLICE have detained a South African foreign affairs department official in connection with a bomb attack on the Pretoria home of the United States ambassador, the department said yesterday.

"Justice must take its course and the department cannot comment on the matter at this stage," a department spokesman told a South African business magazine.

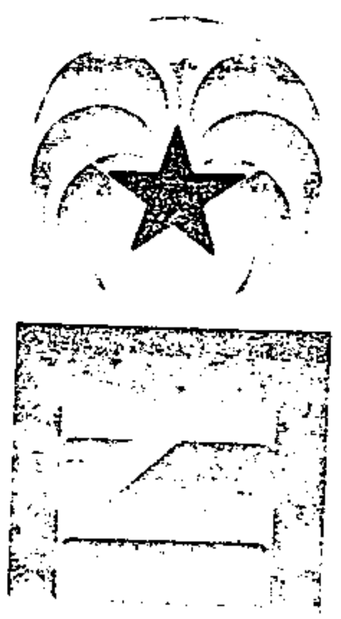
US ambassador to South Africa Mr William Swing was at home at the time of the blast early on October 4, but was not hurt.

The attack in the leafy suburb of the capital, Pretoria, took place days after President FW de Klerk returned from a visit to the United States, where he became the first white leader in four decades to hold talks with a US President at the White House.

The home-made bomb damaged a garden gate far from the house.

Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, a rightwing guerilla leader who is being held for the theft of arms from a Pretoria military arsenal, told a court this month that his organisation had shot at the British Embassy in Pretoria in January, smashing windows.

Pro-apartheid extreme rightists accuse Washington of meddling in South African affairs and resent Britain because it forced the end of the Boer Republics in 1902 after the Boer war. - *Sapa-Reuter.*



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Mandela parcel: Police called in

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three Christmas presents in a parcel sent to ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela and his wife, Winnie, were blown up by police outside the ANC's national head office in central Johannesurg last night.

ANC security officials alerted police at 5.25pm that the suspicious-looking parcel wrapped in M-Net Christmas paper had been put through their X-ray screening machine.

An operator noticed what appeared to be wires in two of the gifts inside the parcel, a policeman on the scene said.

Police explosives experts arrived at the scene at 5.50pm and searched the Munich Reinsurance building which houses the ANC head office. The bomb squad blasted open the parcel with a small detonating device in the middle of Sauer Street.

The parcel was found to have contained two desk lamps with M-Net inscriptions and a book entitled "The Holistic Smuts — A Study in Personality".

It was unclear last night who had sent the gifts to the Mandelas.

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A Foreign Affairs official has been detained by the police in connection with the bomb blast which occurred at the residence of US Ambassador William Swing in October. The name of the official is P J Kruger, who has been working at the department's Development Co-operation section (which deals with foreign aid) since August.

Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Alayne Reesberg confirmed the detention to the *FM* on Tuesday. But "justice must take its course and the department cannot comment on the matter at this stage," said Reesberg.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha condemned the bombing at the time. He asked police to take steps to ensure that missions represented in SA get the necessary protection. "The investigation will continue until the culprits are apprehended," said Botha.

Swing was at home when the attack took place in the early hours of October 4 after he had been entertaining guests a few hours before. The home-made bomb was fastened to a gate which leads to the swimming pool, tennis court and braaivleis area in the garden. No one was injured, but the blast caused considerable damage.

All recruits to Foreign Affairs are screened, but they do not have to reveal their political affiliations. It has become clear that Kruger does have rightwing connections.

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During a bail application earlier this month in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court after an attack on another embassy, *Orde Boerevolk* leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph admitted that his organisation was responsible for the attack on the British Embassy in Pretoria in January. The *Vierkleur* was hoisted, shots were fired at the embassy windows and Boer slogans were painted on the walls.

Rudolph said the *Orde Boerevolk* had selected political targets. The British Embassy had been attacked because the British were responsible for the loss of Boer freedom, said Rudolph, and in January the British had been meddling in SA politics by pleading for the release of Nelson Mandela.

Eddie Botha

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3 rightwing suspects held for blast

Sowetan 24/1/90

Three suspected rightwing extremists - including a junior member of the Department of Foreign Affairs - are being held by police in connection with a bomb blast in October at the Pretoria home of American Ambassador, William Swing.

The men are all alleged members of the underground Orde Boerevolk and are being detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday.

He confirmed that the men held were Paul Kruger, a Foreign Affairs official, Pieter Venter, an unemployed miner and Deon Rautenbach, a primary school teacher.

Kruger was arrested at his office on December 4, Captain Kotze said.

Police arrested Venter at a roadblock on October 28 and Rautenbach at the Voortrekkerhoogte school where he teaches on October 17.

"Our investigation is progressing well and a docket will be handed to the Attorney-General shortly," Captain Kotze said, adding that the men would appear in court on a terrorism charge.

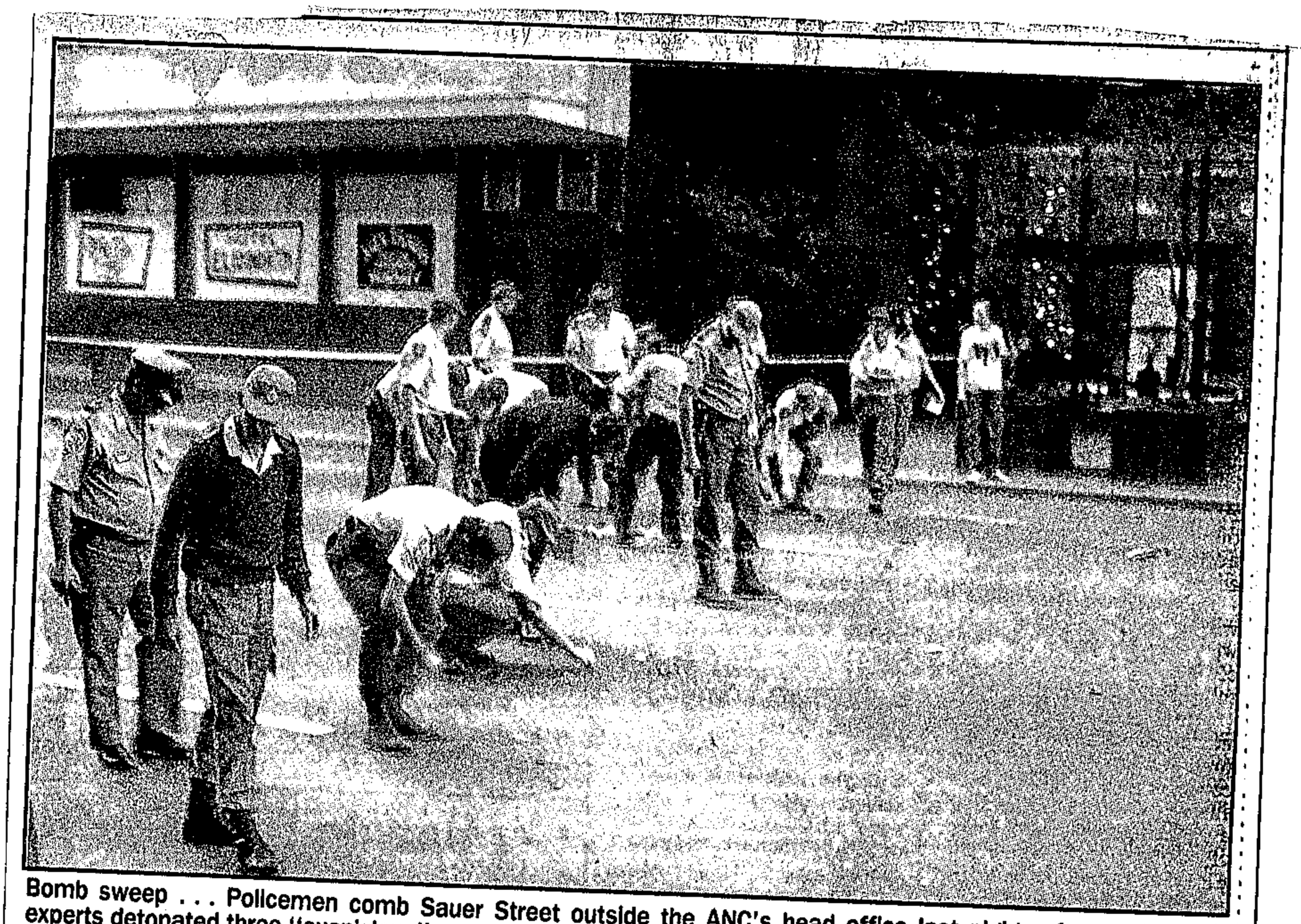
Foreign Affairs spokesman Miss Alayne Reesberg has confirmed that "Mr P J Kruger" is a junior official at the Department.

Assistant

"The law must be allowed to take its course and we have no further comment at this stage," Reesberg added.

The *Sowetan* has learnt from a reliable source that Kruger had only been in the employ of the Department for two months.

He was an administrative assistant in the Development Aid section but apparently did not use his official status to gain access to the Swing residence. - *Own Correspondent*.



Bomb sweep . . . Policemen comb Sauer Street outside the ANC's head office last night, after explosives experts detonated three "suspicious" parcels discovered by ANC security personnel. Picture: Herbert Mabuza.

Gifts to ANC go down a bomb

Star
21/12/90

By Jullenne du Toit and Guy Jepson

Explosives experts detonated three "suspicious" parcels — delivered to the head offices of the ANC in Sauer Street, Johannesburg, last night.

The parcels, addressed to ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela, were discovered by ANC security personnel who immediately alerted the police after the parcels were passed through an X-ray security machine.

The parcels were wrapped in M-Net gift paper.

The controlled "incision" detonation carried out by the police experts revealed that they were merely Christmas presents — two electric lamps and a book entitled "The Holistic Smuts — a study in personality" by Piet Beukes.

Sniffer dogs reacted positively to the parcels, possibly because of a substance in the lamp transformers, said police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

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Detonated

John Badenhorst, M-Net public relations manager, said the television station had not sent any gifts to political leaders, but that the gift paper had been "lying around" since last year.

After clearing Sauer Street in the vicinity of the building the police bomb disposal experts detonated the parcels at 6.50 pm.

"The explosion was our control detonation to open the parcels. Unfortunately they were legitimate presents. We detonated them merely to open them," said a bomb disposals expert.

Captain Opperman said the ANC had reported the suspicious parcel for safety reasons.

After police were notified of the parcels the ANC building in the centre of the city was evacuated and the road cordoned off.

Johannesburg traffic officers and members of the South African Police with sniffer dogs were at the ANC's head office shortly after 5.30 pm.

Earlier ANC spokesman Gill Marcus had told The Star the bombs found "were real".

'Sjambok town' traders plan a picnic for peace

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By Helen Grange

Traders in Louis Trichardt, suffering from a black consumer boycott, are backing a committee planning a picnic for black children assaulted with sjamboks last month by rightwingers.

Jan de Bruyn, head of the committee called Forum Goodwill, said traders in support of the committee's objective to combat racial hatred in were being intimidated by rightwingers.

"Most traders are very unhappy about what has been happening, but have been threatened with a consumer boycott by conservatives."

Mr de Bruyn said the town was "bleeding to death" because of division caused by fear.

Forum Goodwill was planning dramatic actions, with funds made available anonymously, to achieve reconciliation. The first was the picnic.

"We'll then embark on an awareness campaign to try to bridge the divide between the races."

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Youths in court after murder

JOHANNESBURG. — Seven white youths — including two minors — have appeared in Germiston Magistrate's Court in connection with the murder of a coloured man and woman at Union railway station in Germiston. CAPT Trips 27/12/96 344

The youths are Mr Stanley Andrew Smit, 19, of Germiston, Mr Andre Rodney Boszawski, 19, of Germiston, Mr Grant Perry, 18, of Alberton, Mr Paul Francis Prostan, 20, of Germiston, and Mr Shane Martin, 19 of Germiston.

The minors may not be named.

The case was postponed to today pending further investigation. The youths did not apply for bail and have been remanded in custody. — Sapa

Cops still hunting sjambok attackers

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

PIETERSBURG police have not made any arrests in connection with a racist attack by four whites on a black taxi driver in the town of Christmas Eve.

Police liaison officer for the Far Northern Transvaal Captain Cas Jones said investigations were still continuing in the incident in which the four men attacked Mr Solly Ledwaba with sjamboks.

Damage to the minibus was estimated at more than R2 200.

Ledwaba told the *Sowetan* that he had gone into town on the evening of December 24 to buy chicken at a fast food outlet.

At Market Street, a blue Ford Sierra with registration numbers LHN 814 T blocked his way and forced to him to stop.

"Four whites came out, one with sjambok. They ordered me to get out of the car and I refused. The one with the sjambok started beating me and, in the process smashed the windscreen, both headlamps and other windows.

"They left me without even telling me why they were beating me," Ledwaba said.

Race murder suspect mentally ill?

By DAN DHLAMINI

ONE of the three suspected Carletonville Order of Death members facing a murder charge following the brutal knifing to death of a black man is to be referred for mental observation.

Appearing before Carletonville Magistrate HC Raath were Cornelius J Kruger, 35, Koot Opperman, 25, and Johannes B Cornelius, 19, charged with the murder of Nelson Wawa earlier this month.

Kruger will be referred for 30 days' mental observation when the case resumes on February 1.

Wawa was allegedly abducted and forced into the boot of a car by the trio and was later found dead with a stab wound in the stomach and dumped on the Enselspruit off-ramp on the Potchefstroom-Johannesburg road.

Raath remanded the accused until February 1.