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Blacks Sowetan 3/1/91 attacked at picnic

A PICNIC turned sour for about 100 blacks when a group of whites allegedly assaulted them for swimming in a white area near Vanderbijlpark on New Year's Day.

One of the victims, Mr Michael Cindi (29), said they were attacked despite having booked a place at the Emfuleni Park, where the incident occurred.

The victims, including 30 children, were all members of the Voice of Healing Church in Sebokeng.

Throwing stones

Cindi said: "We were swimming when a group of whites started throwing stones and other objects at us for no apparent reason.

"Some of our attackers told us that South Africa was a white man's country not to be shared with blacks.

"They said if some blacks harboured the illusions that whites were prepared to fraternise with them they deserved such treatment, which would remind them of their place," Cindi said.

By MOKGADI PELA

Cindi said that the police who were patrolling the area took no action, "even after the matter was reported to them".

Among those who sustained injuries were Mr Isaac Kobue and Mr Abel Lehoko, according to Cindi.

Approached for comment, Captain Pieter van Deventer said that at about 11am on New Year's Day, police were contacted in connection with a disturbance in the area, and found nothing after they had visited the area.

He said that after receiving a second complaint about a scuffle that took place, they again went to investigate and "nobody at the time came forward claiming they had been assaulted".

Van Deventer said complainants should report the matter to the station commander at the Vanderbijlpark police station.

Whites assault black church group on outing

MEMBERS of black church group the Voices of Healing Ministry were assaulted by white men chanting "AWB" at a Vanderbijlpark picnic spot on Tuesday. *8/04/91*

Voices of Healing Ministry member Abel Lehoko said the church group had booked one of the venue's halls for a New Year's Day outing. Events were interrupted when the church members received a report that a white man was assaulting one of their children. *344 (235)*

Lehoko said that when church members approached the man he walked away. He returned later in a group of about 20 people which started assaulting people.

Lehoko, who sustained a swollen lip after being hit with a beer bottle, said the police were summoned, but they advised the church group to leave as they were likely to get hurt.

Lehoko said the attackers made it clear they did not want to share their park with blacks.

He said the whites chanted "AWB" as the group left the park.

This is the second incident in which a church group has been assaulted by white extremists at a previously whites only park.

Last year Sunday school children were beaten in Louis Trichardt in the northeastern Transvaal. The incident led to a consumer boycott.

Vaal police spokesman Capt Pieter van Deventer said police were called to the scene of the Vanderbijlpark incident but when they arrived no assaults were taking place.

He said no member of the church had laid a charge so police could not pursue the matter. The church group decided to leave because they felt they were not welcome.

"Police assured them they were more than welcome, but they left," Van Deventer said. — Sapa.

Call for a boycott a 'fundamental right'

SUSAN RUSSELL

CALLING for a boycott entailed the exercise of the fundamental rights of expression and association and therefore in the context of collective bargaining was lawful in principle.

This is the view of labour lawyers J Gauntlet and D Smuts in the latest issue of the Industrial Law Journal, where they examine boycotts and whether they might be unlawful in certain circumstances.

In examining what limitations the common law imposed on the exercise of the right to boycott, the authors referred to the significant increase in the use of boycotts in industrial conflicts over the past year.

They pointed out that those making an organised call for a boycott of products of furriers and ivory merchants on ecological and religious grounds would be surprised if their actions were considered unlawful.

Freedom

"It would thus seem that the legal convictions of any community laying claim to democratic values recognise that certain actions of organised withdrawal of custom are lawful, while others are not."

The difficulty, they said, was drawing the jurisprudential line.

"The departure point must surely be that the right to combine in an organised withdrawal of custom is an aspect of the recognised fundamental right to freedom of association, expression and at times, assembly."

They said recent boycotts had generally been called by a trade union to exert pressure on an employer to re-employ dismissed workers who were members of that union.

A boycott in those circumstances had a purpose directly related to the resolution of the labour conflict and it

could not be suggested that such a boycott was prompted by primarily punitive considerations, they said.

The authors said in these circumstances the critical tests as to lawfulness were whether or not the party calling for the boycott was acting in protection of "justifiable interests" and whether to recognise the action as lawful would be in accordance with a general sense of justice.

Taking the ecological and religious boycotts as examples, they said, SA society could be considered to accept boycotts of products in the propagation of a legitimate aim or interest of the party calling for the action.

"If our law recognises and protects social or religious interests in appropriate circumstances, equally it must be considered to protect economic ones," they said.

"It would seem that in principle the fact that in strict law the employer may have been entitled to dismiss the workforce, but its entitlement to act would not per se render boycott action organised in response unlawful."

On this approach, they said, there was no bright line between lawful and unlawful boycotts.

The authors said the question of whether or not a boycott was lawful would probably arise in court proceedings in which a party was a target of organised withdrawal of custom and sought to restrain the instigator.

Therefore, if as suggested a boycott entailed the exercise of a number of fundamental rights and thus lawful on the face of it, it was up to the applicant to establish that in those particular circumstances the exercise of the right was in fact unlawful.

Blacks attacked by four whites

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TWO blacks were assaulted in Vereeniging by four white men claiming to be policemen this week.

The victims were Mr Nazir Ahmed Moola and Mr Yusuf Dhaler.

According to Yusuf's mother, Mrs Julie Dhaler, the two men were chatting to each other on the

By MOKGADI PELA

sixth floor of their block of flats when they were attacked "for no apparent reason".

She said both men were repeatedly punched and kicked and sworn at. One attacker said in Afrikaans: "Maak die

Ayatollah dood" (kill the Ayatollah), Mrs Dhaler said.

Yusuf lost two front teeth while Moola had to be taken to hospital where he was given five stitches for a cut under his eye.

A police spokesman in the area, Captain Pieter van Deventer, said police were investigating.

Boerevolk drops violence

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Sunday Times Reporter

THE ultra-rightwing Orde Boerevolk told President F W de Klerk yesterday it would opt for negotiation rather than violence to achieve its political goals.

The decision was conveyed to the president in a letter from Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who has been charged with the theft of

weapons from an SA Air Force arsenal over the Easter weekend last year.

Rudolph is also facing charges in connection with a spate of right-wing bomb attacks in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The letter was compiled after a meeting of OB leaders arranged by security police at the Sandton police station on Thursday.

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The meeting was attended by Rudolph, OB deputy leader Henk Bredenhann, who is facing charges with Rudolph, and members of the OB central committee.

A new leader of the OB — Kallie Bredenhann of Heidelberg — was chosen at the meeting, with Coenraad Vermaak of Heidelberg elected deputy leader.

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'Wave of terror' on Cosatu, ANC

By SHARON SOROUR, Labour Reporter

A "new wave of terror" was being unleashed on the democratic movement, its leaders and supporters, the Congress of South African Trade Unions charged.

This follows an alleged "abduction or assassination" attempt in Germiston yesterday on Cosatu vice-president Mr Chris Dlamini and a Cosatu administrator.

Cosatu said it regarded the incident "in the most serious light" and was taking steps to protect its leaders.

There was "no doubt that Cosatu and the ANC had been singled out as central targets". According to the statement, four men wearing balaclavas entered the Germiston offices of the federation looking for Mr Dlamini and the regional administrator.

LOADING A GUN

When they were told that the officials were not there the men left. A Cosatu official followed them to find that one of the men was loading a gun inside the building.

"When the men saw her, they said that she should not be frightened, that they were from the police," Cosatu said.

The men refused to produce any form of identification and left the building.

"This incident must be seen in the context of attacks on the democratic movement in recent days."

Cosatu was convinced that "elements of the security forces, the CCB, and other agencies of apartheid terror" were responsible.

They warned the police, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok and President De Klerk that workers would not "display the patience which we displayed last year".

Reward fails to draw out weapons

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — No AK47 assault rifles have been handed over to the police, in spite of an offer by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to pay large sums for any unlicensed weapons in the townships.

Police stations in Soweto and the East Rand, where an alarming increase in the availability of firearms has fuelled the continuing violence, have reported no response to the police offer.

The police have offered to pay R6 000 in cash for any AK47 handed over, a reward which would handsomely profit the owner who would have bought the gun for about R1 000, the going township rate.

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, said yesterday reward money would be paid out for any "terrorist weapons" and for information leading to the confiscation of these weapons.

Indemnity

Although a general indemnity granted to owners of unlicensed weapons had expired last year, it still existed in terms of all "terrorist weapons" in the townships.

"People should not be afraid to hand these weapons over. They may remain anonymous. However, if they are apprehended walking around with AK47s, having no intention to go to a police station, they will be arrested," Captain Opperman said.

Professor Mike Hough, director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria, suggested there may be a number of reasons for the failure of the police strategy to remove lethal hardware from the townships.

"Some people might not believe they will be indemnified from prosecution. On the other hand, ANC militants may not be willing to hand in arms caches, considering the armed struggle has only been suspended. They would want to wait for negotiations to clarify their positions," he said.

Criminal elements in possession of these weapons would probably intend continuing their criminal activities while others would keep the weapons for self-defence, he said.

"It's a difficult situation. There may have to be more political manoeuvring before the scheme can take effect," Professor Hough said.



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The

Three win R700 in Money Game

Staff Reporter

THE sixth Argus Money Game Competition has yielded nearly R700 in prize money.

First prize winner of 500 Community Chest Challenge scratch cards, Miss Connie Clarence of Grassy Park, won R452.

Mrs Thelma Pillay of Rylands state, who won the second prize of 200 cards, said this was the first competition she had won and was thrilled with her prize money of R160. She regularly supports the Community Chest.

Third prize winner, Mrs Mildred Arendse of Lansdowne, won 100 cards and R82.

FAIR PASSAGE: Relatives and friends wave goodbye as the SA Navy co support vessel SAS Tafelberg leaves Table Bay harbour yesterday on a three-month operational training cruise to South America. The ship, commanded by Captain Harrison, will visit the Chilean ports of Valparaiso, Talcahuano and Puerto Mont. Following the recent visit to Cape Town by Chilean Navy sail training ship Esmeralda, the Navy's racing yacht Voortrekker is on board and will take part in a series of regattas known as the Mil Milas (1000 miles), off the South American coast.

Black market AK-47s on sale as low as R200

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THE (Avtomat) Kalashnikov assault rifle, better known as the AK-47, has long been a symbol of revolution and resistance in South Africa - but most recently, it has become a primary instrument of death in the Witwatersrand's war-torn townships.

TERRORISM

In such abundance on South Africa's black market, this weapon is currently fetching prices as low as R200 - although the going retail price on the streets is anything from R1 000 upwards.

The soaring numbers of these rifles, which are smuggled into the country from virtually every bordering state - particularly Mozambique, has recently prompted the police to take drastic steps.

They have offered a reward of R6 000 in cash to anyone who hands over an AK-47, in an attempt to coax this lethal hardware off the streets of Soweto, Tokoza, Katlehong, Tembisa and every other township wracked by violent internecine fighting.

Southern Africa - specifically Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique and South Africa - has for decades been a major dumping ground for the Soviet made AK-47, a weapon that has become synonymous with third-world, anti-government resistance worldwide.

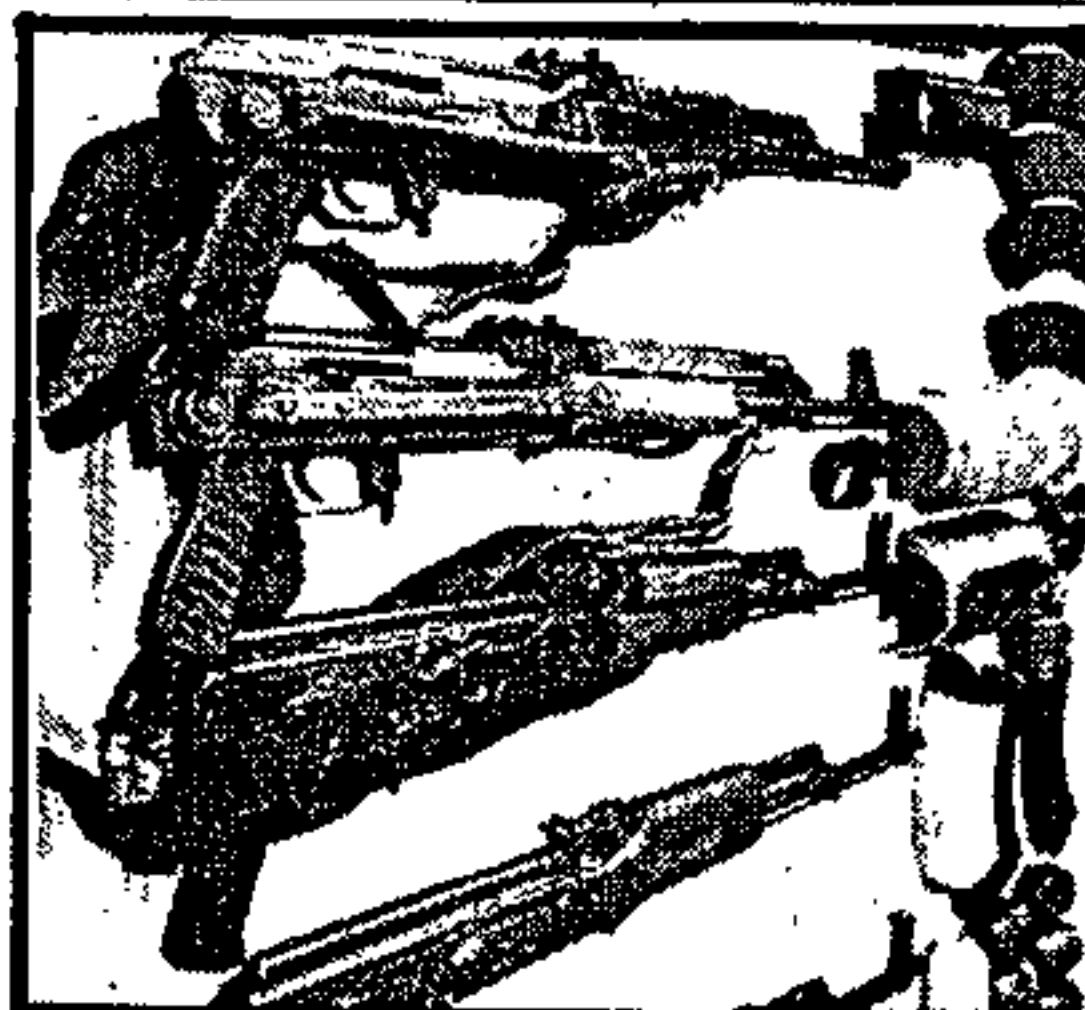
Criminal purposes

According to several military analysts, the fact that so many of these rifles are available means they will be in use - either for political or criminal purposes - for a long time to come.

In his book 'The AK-47 story', Edward Clinton Ezell identifies this weapon as the most widely distributed and best-known military shoulder weapon of the post World War II era.

It has been used by government and anti-government forces from Indochina to central America and Africa - in combat in Beirut, Lebanon, the Iranian desert, the jungles of El Salvador and the mountains of Afghanistan.

Thousands of AK-47 assault rifles have recently found their lethal way to South Africa's war-riving townships, a situation that has prompted police into drastic action. **HELEN GRANGE** traces the origin and route of this deadly weapon.



In Africa, it is a standard weapon of Unita and the MPLA government in Angola, the Zanu and Zapu parties in Zimbabwe, Frelimo and Renamo in Mozambique, Swapo in Namibia, and now to an increasing extent, the ANC and Inkatha in South Africa.

According to Helmut Heitman, spokesman for Jane's Defence Weekly, most of these rifles have been brought into South Africa from the frontline states by the ANC, gunrunners supplying the ANC, and private warlords in Mozambique.

Ezell, in his book, proposes that there will be much enthusiasm on the part of consuming countries to purchase the AK-47, as they can update their weapons and improve performance without having to introduce a completely new weapon that will require training troops with an entirely new design.

Profitable market

Conflict-ridden third world countries in Africa would certainly fit Ezell's scenario, for the Soviet Union found a very profitable market in this part of the world.

"The Soviets deliberately supported many opposition movements and governments in southern Africa, and sold the AK-47 to them as a commodity," says Professor Mike Hough, director of the Institute for

Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria.

SA Defence Force sources have in the past confirmed that AK-47 rifles are sold in Mozambique for as little as R100 each from deserters or members of Frelimo and Renamo, or from villagers who sold the arms and ammunition cheaply in return for rands.

Recently, a major international gun-running racket was discovered in Mbabane, the Swaziland capital, involving AK-47's being routed through the Kingdom from Mozambique to South Africa.

"The point is that although it is understood that the Soviet has cut down the supply of this weapon to southern African states, they are now more readily available in South Africa," says Professor Hough.

Millions produced

According to Ezell, an estimated 30 million to 50 million Kalashnikov-type rifles and light machine guns have been manufactured since the introduction of the AK-47 design in the Soviet Union in 1949. (The AK-47 was fully evolved by 1947).

"At least a dozen countries have manufactured or are manufacturing versions of this weapon, and at least 55 nations and an untallied number of guerilla and terrorist organisations use these guns daily," he says.

Appropriately, the inventor of the AK-47, Mikhail Kalashnikov, was hailed by the Soviet government in 1949 as the Hero of Socialist Work.

Since its mass manufacture in the Soviet Union, many countries, including the People's Republic of China, the former East Germany, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, North Korea, Hungary and Yugoslavia have manufactured the AK-47, says Ezell.

In addition, Finland, Israel and Egypt have produced their own variants of the weapon. (The safety/fire selector markings are one of the quickest ways of identifying the nature of origin, Ezell says).

Ezell's book concludes: "It was once noted, only half in jest, the Americans export Coke, the Japanese export Sony's and the Soviets export Kalashnikovs".

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'I was sent to kill editor'

JOHANNESBURG
Former Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) agent Mr Donald Acheson was sent to South-West Africa (now Namibia) to assassinate Namibian newspaper editor Miss Gwen Lister but was not involved in the murder of Swapo official Mr Anton Lubowski, Mr Acheson said in an exclusive interview with Beeld newspaper here.

Mr Acheson, an Irish citizen who was held by Namibian police for eight months for Mr Lubowski's death, said he had been made an easy scapegoat by Namibian police.

"I was in Namibia during the assassination, but was sent there to eliminate Gwen Lister." He had to kill her as she was a "troublemaker" and had links with the British intelligence service, he said.

He suspected CCB agents of killing Mr Lubowski and also suspected that the American CIA was involved. — Sapa

CCB man 'was sent to Namibia to kill editor'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Former Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) agent, Mr Donald Acheson was sent to South West Africa (now Namibia) to assassinate Namibian newspaper editor Miss Gwen Lister but was not involved in the murder of Swapo official Mr Anton Lebowsky, Mr Acheson said in an exclusive interview with Beeld newspaper.

Mr Acheson, code named "The Cleaner" told a Beeld reporter that anything he said was not to be published and he would deny anything reported from the interview.

'Easy scapegoat'

Beeld, however, said it felt the information was in the public's interest to be made known.

Mr Acheson, an Irish citizen who was held by Namibian police for eight months for Mr Lubowski's death, said he had

been made an easy scapegoat by Namibian police.

"A senior police officer involved in the case was on the CCB's payroll and wanted to break me.

"I had to hang for the murder while the real killers got off scot-free," Mr Acheson alleged.

"I was in Namibia during the assassination, but was sent there to eliminate Gwen Lister. I also had to monitor the elections," he said.

He had to kill Miss Lister as she was a "troublemaker" and had links to the British Intelligence Service, he said.

According to Mr Acheson, who was recruited into the CCB at John Vorster Square in Johannesburg, the murders of Dr Webster and Mamelodi activists Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence, were possibly carried out by the same people, whom he suspected were CCB agents.

"All these people were shot

with AK-47 rifles from moving vehicles. Certain CCB members operate in this way.

"I also saw one of the CCB agents, after Mr Lubowski's death, with a suitcase full of American dollars.

'CIA was involved'

"Just before the murder the agent was visited by an American businessman and a Mr Hodgson. This strengthens my suspicion that the CIA was also involved in the murder," he reportedly said.

According to Mr Acheson, the CCB also killed a Johannesburg night club owner, Mr George Meiring, whose charred body was found in a piece of veld outside Johannesburg.

Mr Acheson said the CCB still existed. — Sapa.

Police want to quiz Acheson over CCB allegations

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police have launched an urgent investigation into allegations made by former Civil Co-operation Bureau agent Donald Acheson.

He claimed this week he was sent to Namibia to "eliminate" the editor of the Namibian, Ms Gwen Lister.

Mr Acheson, who has kept a low profile since the publication of his comments in Beeld newspaper, is still in South Africa despite an order for his deportation.

He told the newspaper he had had nothing to do with the murder of Swapo lawyer Mr Anton Lubowski, but had been sent to kill Ms Lister.

Spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, said yesterday that attempts would be made to obtain a sworn statement from Mr Acheson.

'THE CLEANER'

Mr Acheson said his CCB codename was "The Cleaner" and that he was in Namibia at the time of Mr Lubowski's assassination, but his job was to eliminate Ms Lister because she was a "trouble-maker".

The Irish national, who was in police custody for eight months after Mr Lubowski was murdered in August 1988, said the Namibian police had used him as a scapegoat.

"A senior police officer is on the payroll of the CCB and wanted to break me. I was to hang for the murder while the real murderers got off scot free," he said.

He also claimed he suspected the American Central Intelligence Agency was involved in the murder of Wits academic Dr David Webster and that he had worked for the PLO, the IRA, Soviet military intelligence and British intelligence.



Reward for AK47s: Police clear confusion

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Indemnity will not be granted to owners of illegal firearms should they hand over the weapons, say police.

In addition, a R6 000 reward offered last week by Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok for the recovery of "terrorist weapons" was not for the weapon itself but for information leading to the recovery of such weapons.

Confusion has reigned since the weekend after reports appeared stating that the police would pay R6 000 for an AK47 assault rifle in an effort to get them off Reef township streets.

No AK47s have been handed over in Soweto or the East Rand townships.

Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, said the police reward applied to information leading to the seizing of an illegal firearm.

"But there is definitely no in-

demnity to a person handing over an illegal firearm. Obviously we will investigate whether the person is linked to any crime.

"If he is not, his case will be referred to the Attorney General, who will make a decision."

Captain Kotze added that the firearm would be sent for ballistic tests and an investigation would be launched into the origin of the weapon and the circumstances of its handler.

"But the main aim is to get these weapons off the streets, and cases will be treated sympathetically by the police," he said.

A man who contacted The Star yesterday said he had an AK47 rifle, but had discovered he may be prosecuted if he handed it over for money.

● Meanwhile police say that Operation Sentry has been a tremendous success and 337 people have been arrested since the crackdown on crime in the city

began on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the people had been arrested for motor theft, possession of stolen property, drugs and dangerous weapons and for robbery and violence. Suspects were being held in custody until they appeared in court.

The operation, which began in central Johannesburg, has been extended to high crime suburbs, including Booyssens, Brixton, Westdene and Mondeor.

Foot patrols

"The co-operation between the public and police has been excellent, with many people helping the police arrest criminals," Captain Opperman said.

Criminals have been arrested as police patrol on foot and in vehicles, conduct random searches and use communication drives aimed at making people more crime-conscious.

Body found in ~~stolen~~ ³⁴⁶ car — police

Crime Reporter *AKW 14/1/91*

THE car in which underworld figure James "Peaches" Gordon was found shot and stabbed to death near Langa on Friday had been stolen, police said.

Mr Gordon, who claimed before the Harms Commission last year that he had been recruited by the Civil Co-operation Bureau to kill civil-rights lawyer Mr Dullah Omar, was found on the front seat of a blue Alfa Romeo next to the N2 about 8pm.

A police spokesman said he could not confirm that Mr Gordon was a police informer.

He said Mr Gordon had a telephone call before being picked up by a person driving the Alfa, registration CFR 14633, from his Athlone home at 6.10pm.

A Somerset West couple noticed the car pull off next to the N2 at 7.55pm. Two men were seen to run to the car.

His mother, Mrs Marie Gordon, said Peaches had been trying to reform but was often blamed unfairly for gang activities.

Anyone with information which could help should telephone 951 6665 (o/h).

Omar 'shocked' at would-be killer's murder

Staff Reporter

ANC Western Cape executive member Mr Dullah Omar said yesterday that he had been shocked to hear that his former would-be assassin had been murdered.

The mutilated body of self-confessed former CCB operative Mr Edward "Peaches" Gordon, 25, who once gave evidence that he had been paid to assassinate Mr Omar, was found on Friday evening near the Langa turn-off on the N2 in a stolen Alfa Romeo.

Mr Gordon's body was lying in the abandoned vehicle covered in blood from several stab and shot wounds in the neck and body.

"I am upset," Mr Omar said. "He (Mr Gordon) came to see me after the disclosures of the attempt to kill me. He apologised. Insofar as it was within my power to do so, I forgave him," he said.

"I felt sorry for him. It was clear to me that he was just a victim of the situation."

Police said a couple driving on the N2 behind the blue Alfa Romeo saw the car

pull on to the side of the road near the Langa turn-off. The car moved very slowly on the verge and two men emerged from nearby bushes and ran to it.

A short while later the couple, whom police declined to name, returned to the car, which by then was parked about a kilometre from where they had last seen it. All the doors were open and Mr Gordon's body was sprawled inside.

Police ask anyone who saw the Alfa (registration CFR 14633) travelling in the Peninsula area to contact the Murder and Robbery Unit at 951-6665 or 951-1712.

Boerestaat Party man to join in hunger strike

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Boerestaat Party member in police custody will today join two colleagues now on a hunger strike at Diepkloof Prison, a party statement has announced.

Mr Arthur Archer will join co-accused Mr Leonard Veenendaal, who began striking on January 2, and Mr Craig Barker, who joined the protest on January 8.

The men are part of a group of four arrested in connection with alleged terrorist activity, including the bombing last year of the Vrye Weekblad offices, a Jewish synagogue and the house of DP councillor Mr Clive Gilbert.

The statement was written and signed in prison by the fourth man Mr Darryl Stopforth, and released via an intermediary when the men appeared in the Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr Veenendaal has stepped up his strike by refusing liquids since January 10 in protest against a decision to move the men to a multi-racial prison.

CCB started
fire union

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —
The National Union of
Metalworkers (Numsa)
blames the SADF's Civil
Co-operation Bureau
(CCB) for a fire which de-
stroyed its Johannes-
burg branch office early
yesterday morning.

In a statement yester-
day, Numsa said it firmly
believed the CCB and
"allied organisations"
were still operating.

A security police mem-
ber and the Johannes-
burg Fire Department
agreed that arsonists
were responsible, the
statement said.

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Office fire was arson, says union

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Thousands of documents containing important information went up in smoke in a pre-dawn fire at a branch of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The fire, which started at 2am yesterday, gutted the office and wiped out documents, files, furniture, machines and correspondence.

Numsa officials believe it was arson and have blamed a "Third Force".

"Filing cabinets were ripped open so all papers would be destroyed.

"The main door was carefully prised open and a window was broken," said Numsa spokesman Mr Alfred Woodington.

It was not the first time key Numsa offices had been attacked, he said.

The Johannesburg fire brigade fought the fire for nearly two hours before getting it under control.

Records of members working at nearly 500 factories were reduced to ashes and officials said destroyed information could never be replaced.

Numsa's stand in present disputes and retrenchment cases would be severely impaired as vital documents had been burnt, Mr Woodington said.

Yesterday the entire building was wet, with blackened debris floating in puddles in the corridors and water dripping from the ceilings.

Group 'beaten up' at De Aar pool

Staff Reporter

WHITE men allegedly beat up three coloured children and five teachers in De Aar at the weekend.

A group, made up of eight children and the teachers, was attacked as it left the town's swimming pool on Saturday.

De Aar teacher Mr Darwin Solomons said yesterday that the group had gone to the pool on Saturday, because the pool in the coloured area was "very dirty".

He said the group was harassed by a group of white youths, who said the group was "full of germs".

AWB members

The group decided to leave after 45 minutes.

At this point, known local AWB members arrived and allegedly beat up teacher Mr Monty Greef in the foyer of the pool complex.

Mr Solomons said they rushed to their bakkie but five AWB members surrounded the vehicle.

The men then allegedly beat three of the children, and two of the other teachers.

De Aar police commander Captain Eric Thiart confirmed yesterday that three cases of assault were being investigated.

Detectives seek clues in killing of 'hitman'

DETECTIVES armed with a metal detector yesterday afternoon scoured the side of the N2 near the Langa turn-off — where self-confessed CCB operative Mr Edward "Peaches" Gordon was found dead on Friday evening — for spent cartridges and clues.

Mr Gordon, 25, of Athlone, had testified before the Harms Commission into politically motivated murders that he had been paid R25 000 by the disbanded Civilian Co-Operation Bureau to assassinate civil-rights advocate Mr Dullah Omar.

Police said it had been established that after receiving an anonymous phone call at 6pm on Friday, Mr Gordon had been picked up in a blue Alfa Romeo with the registration number CFR 14633.

A couple who drove behind the same car on the N2 about 7.55pm near the Langa turnoff saw it pull from the national road on to the grass verge. They became suspicious and returned to the car and found Mr Gordon's bullet-riddled body.

Missing CCB ^{Argus} advocate reappears

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Correspondent

PRETORIA. An advocate who represented a former Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) member at the Harms Commission, and who disappeared mysteriously seven months ago, is in the Free State.

Mr Pieter Leeuwner, 32, who disappeared on July 2 last year during the commission hearings into politically motivated acts of violence, spoke by telephone last night from a farm in the Free State where he is "taking time off to recuperate".

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At the time of his disappearance it was reported that it could have been linked to CCB activities.

Mr Leeuwner represented a former member of the CCB Mr Willie van Deventer, in hearings before the Harms Commission.

He went missing from his Arcadia home without a trace.

Quoted in reports, people close to Mr Leeuwner feared that he might have been kidnapped by the CCB, while others believed he had fled in fear for his life.

Yesterday Mr Leeuwner sounded cheerful and said he was in a "relatively healthy condition". He did not elaborate.

Asked what had happened, Mr Leeuwner said he did not want to divulge his "whole uninteresting story" now, but would do so when he returned to Pretoria within a month.

"I was out of the country periodically and it was too dangerous for me to make contact."

Mr Leeuwner denied reports in an Afrikaans Sunday newspaper, which at the time said that he wanted to sell privileged information about the CCB to the paper.

'NONSENSE'

"That was utter nonsense."

"No advocate in his right mind would even consider such an act. He would be struck from the roll and possibly even be prosecuted."

He said there had been no unethical conduct from his side.

"A considerable time has lapsed since it all started. I need time to pull things together."

Mr Leeuwner said he had told his family and the Pretoria Bar Council of his situation.

Probe into alleged assault at restaurant

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Police are investigating an incident in which several white men allegedly assaulted and sjambokked black restaurant staff in Vanderbijlpark.

Two workers — one semi-disabled from a previous leg injury — were admitted to Sebo-keng Hospital for treatment.

Ewan Ormiston (25), a restau-

rant employee, said that on Saturday afternoon four workers were relaxing on the lawn in front of the post office.

He saw three white men, one with a sjambok, beating up the workers, so ran and separated the two groups. Then two cars pulled up and the occupants asked what the problem was.

"After explaining the situation, the group of men got out of

their cars and called my staff 'kaffirs'. One worker was then slapped in the face."

When other staff members arrived, Mr Ormiston ordered all the workers to run back to the restaurant. A group of about 10 white men pursued them.

Vaal Triangle police liaison officer Captain Piet van De-venter yesterday confirmed a charge had been laid.

AWB vows to protect pool

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THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has vowed to protect De Aar's public swimming pool from "filthy people of other races".

This follows the weekend assault of a group of coloured teachers and children outside the baths.

AWB field officer Mr Daniel Bothma said yesterday the municipality had refused to privatise the pool but the organisation would ensure that only whites swam there.

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"The coloureds and blacks have their own pool and this one is ours."

He said the Nationalists felt the same and asked for the AWB's help in keeping blacks from the pool.

During the incident, an AWB member allegedly said: "The Bible says you blacks are animals and we cannot swim with you."

Assaulted

Mr Darwin Solomons, one of the teachers assaulted, said: "While we were inside the pool grounds one of the guys came up to David Beukes, my sister's 16-year-old son and began quarrelling with him."

A swimming pool official separated the pair and asked them not to fight.

"The white guys grouped together and then went outside. I think they must have called others together because when we left the pool there were about 20 of them," Solomons said.

Chain

The teachers and the children got onto the back of a bakkie.

A white man then allegedly attempted to strangle Shane Greef, the eight-year-old daughter of one of the teachers.

Another hit her father, Mr Charles Greef, with a bicycle chain while Solomons' son Darwin (8) was hit on the head with a snorkle.

Joanne Beukes (7) was also hit with the snorkle and her brother Davie was pulled off the bakkie. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

AWB: We'll keep De Aar pool white

Cape Times 17/1/91

By PETER DENNEHY

DE AAR's AWB leader, Mr Daniel Bothma, said yesterday his organisation was determined to keep the local municipal swimming pool white.

But De Aar mayor Mr Zanus Immelman said his town council would take whatever steps necessary to keep all public amenities in the town open to all its residents.

Both statements came within days of a weekend incident at the public pool in the white part of town, when a group of coloured people that went for a swim was attacked by some khaki-clad right-wingers.

Charges of assault were laid against some of the AWB group, but no arrests have yet been made.

Mr Bothma, who said his organisation would "have to see what we will do" to keep the pool white, denied that any assaults had taken place. "They say children were assaulted, but there were no children among them," he added.

Mr Immelman, a former president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, said the matter had been discussed with the police, who had assured him they would help keep amenities open to all.

Further discussions would take place in

the council next week, to decide whether any special steps were necessary.

"You can't have another group in the town doing the ruling," Mr Immelman said. "We are the rulers."

He said he understood that there had been some swearing and pushing at the pool, but he knew nothing of any assault there.

The municipality operated two swimming pools, one in the coloured and one in the white side of town, and both were "more or less on the same level", he said. The municipality would keep both pools open to all races.

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Cape Jews step up security

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SECURITY at most synagogues in the Western Cape has been stepped up — but prominent Jews in the community were reluctant to discuss precautionary measures yesterday.

The regional executive director of the Union of Orthodox Synagogues, Mr Mickey Glass, said it "makes no sense to elaborate on security", but added: "It makes good sense to take precautions."

Mr Glass said the Jewish community had learnt from experience that "the best security is no publicity".

Both he and his counterpart on the Jewish Board of Deputies, Mr Ian Sacks, expressed relief that Israel had not become embroiled in the war yet.

'Threat gone'

Both Mr Glass and Mr Sacks condemned the linking of Israel with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Mr Glass said it seemed the threat against Israel had "effectively been removed" by the allied air strikes against Iraq.

Mr Sacks said he sympathised with all those who had died or would die "on both sides".

Meanwhile, police said they had taken special precautions to guard embassies of countries involved in the Gulf War.

"We are aware of threats against especially the US and Britain, and we have stepped up all security at these embassies," police said.

people killed in landslides since Monday.

Cosatu warns FW

JOHANNESBURG. — Cosatu has warned President F W de Klerk and the police that it would hold the government responsible for acts of terror against it and its affiliates. Yesterday's warning comes after an alleged incident at Cosatu's regional offices in Germiston, when four men, one armed, entered the office at 7.30am yesterday, saying they were police and asking for Cosatu officials.

Reports by Staff Reporter, Own Correspondent, Sapa-Reuter-AP and UPI.

JOHANNESBURG. — The central question in the defamation trial launched by police forensic laboratory head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against two weekly newspapers was whether the statements made were true or not, Mr Justice J C Kriegler said yesterday in the Rand Supreme Court.

The judge is handing down judgment in a R1,5-million civil action launched by the general against Vrye Weekblad, which published reports on November 17 and December 1, 1989, and against the Weekly Mail, which published an in-depth analysis in November 1989.

In all three, former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee said General Neethling supplied poison to be used to kill ANC members.

At the start of the judgment, Mr Justice Kriegler said his findings would be split into eight sections. It is expected the judgment will last more than a day.

Judge finds newspapers' articles defamatory

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One of the first findings was that all three articles were defamatory.

The judge said that though there was no direct link between the allegations in the first article and General Neethling, the average reader would have believed the general was responsible for the poisoning of two men.

Mr Coetzee claimed two unco-operative ANC members were first poisoned, and when that did not work, later shot. He claimed everyone spoke about "Lothar's poison". — Sapa

Cosatu men 'in danger'

VERA VON LIERE

COSATU said yesterday the lives of its vice-president Chris Dlamini and another union official were in danger after an aborted abduction or assassination attempt at its Germiston offices. 8:00am 1/8/1991

Cosatu alleged security force elements, the Civil Co-Operation Bureau and "other agencies of apartheid terror" were responsible for an alleged threat to kill Chris Dlamini and union official Dora Mtshali.

Spokesman Neil Coleman said four men wearing balaclavas went to Cosatu's Germiston office looking for the two.

One of the men was later found inside the building loading a gun. They claimed to be policemen but refused to show any identification.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said there was no proof of police involvement in the incident, which had not been reported by late yesterday afternoon.

Ex-Koevoet men used in arrests

PRETORIA. — Police, assisted by former Koevoet members, arrested five men and seized three AK-47 rifles, an AKM automatic rifle, four AK-47 magazines and almost 100 rounds of ammunition near the Komatipoort border gate in the eastern Transvaal

earlier this week.

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In a statement yesterday, police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said the five men were Mozambicans who entered the country illegally, and they were being kept in custody. Charges in

terms of the Arms and Ammunition Act were being investigated and the five would appear in court soon.

The men were arrested after an SADF patrol spotted them near the Komatipoort border gate. — Sapa

Top cop loses R1,5m death squad case

JOHANNESBURG. — Findings of the Harms Commission were turned on their head in the Raad Supreme Court yesterday when most of rebel police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee's allegations about death squads were found to be true.

Giving judgment in the R1,5-million defamation case brought by Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against the Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail, Mr Justice J C Kriegler said the general had lied when giving evidence before the commission — and had lied during this case.

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He ruled that General Neethling was not entitled to any damages and dismissed his application. He ordered the general to pay the legal costs of the newspapers.

An elated Mr Max du Preez, Vrye Weekblad editor, said legal costs amounted to about R1 million and that this award would now keep his newspaper afloat.

He called for the resignation of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and an in-depth investigation into the entire forensic laboratory activities.

General Neethling declined to comment. However, as the judge left the courtroom, the general demanded angrily that he return so he could give notice of his intention to lodge an appeal.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Kriegler said he believed that General Neethling's civil rights had not been compromised by newspaper articles, as these had served the public interest by publishing the facts.

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tention away from core issues. Referring to former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee, the judge said he had treated him as one would treat an accomplice in a criminal trial.

The evidence was weighed very carefully — but there was not one example to show he had lied during this case.

On the other hand, Mr Kriegler described the general's testimony before the Harms Commission and during this civil hearing as untruthful and misleading, and said his motive for lying must have been important.

The judge also criticised the testimony of General Mike Geldenhuys, the former Commissioner of Police.

He noted that Mr Coetzee's evidence was mostly self-incriminating.

The judge weighed up the tape of the interview with Vrye Weekblad reporter Mr Jacques Pauw, a TV video, extracts from the Harms Commission evidence, documentary evidence, evidence given by freelance journalist Mr Martin Welz and evidence the former policeman gave in London.

The judge had not seen Mr Coetzee in the witness box because, after the shock disclosures made by death row prisoner and former policeman Mr Almond Nofomela last year, alleging the existence of police death squads, he had fled the country.

At that stage, he had been discharged from the police force. In an interview with Mr Pauw in Mauritius, he told the story which formed the basis of the articles which led to the trial.

His evidence for this trial was given in London. However, there had been no contradictions despite extensive cross-examination. — Sapa

Harms probe under fire

PORT ELIZABETH. — The SA Union of Journalists yesterday congratulated Vrye Weekblad on its successful defence and called for further investigations into the police forensic laboratory.

The paper's courageous efforts in unearthing sinister activities among the police were "an outstanding example" of the value of a free press.

However, many questions about the activities of the police forensic laboratories remained unanswered, the union said.

Lawyers for Human Rights said the judgment would "open up once again the can of worms surrounding the Harms Commission".

The Campaign for a Judicial Inquiry into Hit Squads said: "The judgment confirms our view that President F W de Klerk is busy with a cover-up on the hit squad issue and that the Harms Commission was a farce." — Sapa

Neethling evidence was lies, says judge

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Mr Justice J C Kriegler said in the R1,5 million defamation case against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail that Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling had lied when giving evidence before Mr Justice Louis Harms during the commission — and had lied during this case.

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Single witness

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The judge weighed up the tape of the interview with Mr Pauw, a TV video, extracts from the Harms Commission evidence, documentary evidence, evidence given by freelance journalist Martin Welz and evidence the former policeman gave in London.

There was no contradiction, the judge found, despite extensive cross examination.

Turning to General Neethling's credibility, the judge said "the sorry conclusion I am forced to" was that he had failed to pierce the web of evidence which was drawn around him. An honest

Bumper costs if appeal fails

Weekend Argus
Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — General Neethling will have to bear both sides' legal costs — running into millions of rands — if his appeal on March 2 against Mr Justice Kriegler's ruling fails.

His counsel, Mr Willie Oshry, explained during the hearing last year that the State Attorney agreed to pay the general's costs on condition that he not be linked to any irregularities.

The visibly shaken general refused to discuss the issue after the finding, but equally upset former-police commissioner General Mike Geldenhuys stood up and shouted that General Neethling would have to pay the amount running into millions.

"The general will pay. Why do you ask such stupid questions? Why don't you ask other questions?" he demanded.

Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez said the newspaper's

bill came to about R1 million.

A calm but clearly relieved Mr Du Preez called for an end to the State paying for public officials involved in defamation cases because this was often abused to intimidate journalists from writing.

He demanded those implicated by Mr Justice Kriegler's findings — including General Neethling — be charged with murder by the Attorney General.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok should also resign and a special investigation into the dealings of the police's forensic lab in Pretoria should be established.

"If the State President doesn't react to this, I will personally lose my confidence in his ability to run a clean administration," he said.

Weekly Mail journalist Gavin Evans — whose article was the centre of the case against his employer — said the judgment contradicted the Harms Commission.

est answer would have pierced the web easily, the judge said, and an honest man would have relied on the truth.

The general deliberately misread part of the Harms Commission's record during the trial in an attempt to cover up a contradiction, the judge said.

Among the factual findings made by Mr Justice Kriegler were:

- Mr Coetzee had visited General Neethling's house;

- He had also spent more than a few moments in the general's office;

- Mr Coetzee had General Neethling's unlisted telephone number in his notebook; and

- Mr Coetzee had taken part in cross border raids, acting on official instructions.

Even if the judgment had gone in favour of General Neethling, the judge said, damages would have been nowhere near the amount claimed. — Sapa.

Harms probe sought

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Lawyers and human rights activists have welcomed yesterday's Supreme Court judgment against General Lothar Neethling, saying it throws the Harms Commission findings in strong doubt.

They have also called for investigations to be reopened into the Harms Commission evidence.

Professor John Dugard, of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, said the judgment "clearly places the credibility of the Harms Commission report in question".

"It suggests there has been a police cover up of the activities of hit squads. It also begs the question as to why the so-called independent prosecutors in the Harms Commission did not probe police irregularities more fully," he said.

Mr Raymond Louw, chairman of the Campaign for Open Media and editor and publisher of The Southern Africa Report, said yesterday's judg-

Harms Commission.

Mr Louw said yesterday's judgment also implied that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok should resign.

"He (Vlok) is ultimately responsible for the conduct of the police," said Mr Louw.

Mr Louw said it would be "admirable at this time" for the government to use Section 205 of the Criminal Procedures Act — "which it has used against journalists" — to extract information from the police.

Mr Max Coleman, of the Human Rights Commission, said the judgment would also have implications for the former Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange.

■ The South African Union of Journalists yesterday congratulated Vrye Weekblad and its staff on their successful defence in the case brought by General Neethling.

The union, representing 850 journalists, also called for further investigations into the police

Vaal drive to improve black-white relations

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LOUIS TRICHARDT — A campaign to improve black-white relations in the Louis Trichardt area has been launched by the newly founded organisation, Forum Goodwill.

The organisation was founded as a direct result of the assault by a group of white vigilantes on black Sunday school children from Venda at a park in the town in November last year.

Chairman Mr Jan de Bruyn said at the weekend that plans to have a picnic for the Venda children on February 9 were going ahead, while a survey to determine Venda attitudes to whites would soon be launched, followed by Operation Awareness, a programme in both white and black communities.

An exchange of views be-

between black and white youths was also in the pipeline, he said.

Meanwhile 13 men have appeared again in the Pietersburg Regional Court in connection with the alleged assault on the children. They were joined on Friday by a 14th suspect, against whom charges are being investigated.

The men were not asked to plead, and the hearing was postponed to March 22, with bail of R1 000 each being extended.

After their appearance, several of the men insulted and threatened newsmen outside the court.

Among those seen in consultation with the men and their attorney were Soutpansberg Coservative Party MP Tom Langley and Pietersburg town councillor Koos Kemp.

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Call to reopen Harms probe

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JOHANNESBURG. — Lawyers representing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail, which successfully defended a R1,5m defamation suit brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling, expect to recover only 60% of their costs of more than R500 000.

In the Rand Supreme Court on Friday, Mr Justice Kriegler ruled that General Neethling would have to pay the costs of the newspapers' defence.

However, an attorney said the court's taxing master would probably order General Neethling to pay 60% of the actual costs, while the newspapers would have to pay 40%.

Meanwhile, Vrye Weekblad editor Mr Max du Preez and lawyers representing the Afrikaans weekly have called for the reopening of the Harms Commission.

This follows the court's acceptance of claims by former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee about a secret police hit squad of which he was a member.

The Harms Commission found Mr Coetzee had lied about the existence

of the covert unit, his own involvement and his claims that he was given poison by General Neethling to murder ANC members.

After Mr Justice Kriegler dismissed General Neethling's claim, attorney Mr David Hoffe said the court had believed Mr Coetzee.

"Everything that Harms disbelieved has been believed," Mr Hoffe said.

Mr Du Preez said the Harms Commission "has obviously been discredited", and called for it to be reopened.

"This judge has found that several people lied and misled Harms."

He also said the attorney-general

should look into the matter (of hit squads). Those involved, including General Neethling, should be charged.

Mr Du Preez said he was extremely happy about the judge's finding that the newspapers had had a public duty to publish the hit squad stories.

Another important aspect, he said, was that the judgment should frighten public figures away from using the threat to sue as a means of intimidating journalists into not publishing stories of this nature.

He said Mr Coetzee should be allowed to return to SA. — Sapa



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Dirk Coetzee

Coetzee wants to go home

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Former death squad policeman Mr Dirk Coetzee could face the death penalty if he stands trial in South Africa, but after his version of events was exonerated in the Supreme Court last week, he would like to return home.

Financial considerations were the only thing restraining him from returning immediately, Mr Coetzee said yesterday, although he also expressed concern for his safety at the hands of the security police.

He would need "the security of good financial backing" to return and stand trial.

Mr Coetzee has reconciled his marriage which broke down after his flight from South Africa. While his wife, Karin, is at present running a business in Pretoria, Mr Coetzee's sons Kalla, 12, and Dirk, 14, have joined him in London.

He may remain in London "for another three or four years".

Mr Coetzee said Friday's ruling in favour of his claims that Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling had given him poison to kill ANC activists, was encouraging, both to him and to the families of CCB victims who have launched civil actions against the police.

While he was prepared to stand

trial in an open court, Mr Coetzee expressed concern that police would detain him under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act the moment he entered the country.

"If only the police would admit that they, like all human beings, could make mistakes and be prepared, as I am, to face a just court of law. But I am not in this alone and I want everybody who shares in the guilt to be there in the accused benches with me," Mr Coetzee said.

"After that I just want to be left alone — especially by the police — and be allowed to pick up the pieces of my life and start all over again."

Bus attack 'revenge' for beach slayings, court told

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DURBAN. — An attack on a bus in which seven black people were killed and 18 injured in October last year had been carried out to avenge the Durban beachfront stabbing of eight whites, a magistrate here heard yesterday.

Appearing before Mr J Pieterse were Richards Bay members of the AWB and Orde van die Boerevolk, Mr David Petrus Botha, 46, Mr Adriaan Smuts, 38, and Mr Eugene Marais, 28.

The three men face seven counts of murder, 27 counts of attempted murder, one count of illegal possession of an FN automatic rifle and an AK-47 rifle and one count of illegal possession of ammunition.

The court heard that on the evening of October 9 last year at Avoca the three allegedly murdered Messrs Mzuthini Obed Nwandwe; John Dayson Zitha; David Jabulani Cele; Jabulani Sibusiso Mlambo; Juke Twana Msomi; Dumisani Bernard Ndebela, and Yumi Stanley Mbatha by shooting at the bus in which the seven were travelling. They also allegedly attempted to murder

27 other passengers on the bus — 18 of whom were injured. Mr Botha, an AWB commandant in Richards Bay, and Mr Smuts, who is in charge of AWB operations in Richards Bay, pleaded guilty to all the charges. Mr Marais pleaded not guilty.

They told the court they were taking revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people, one of them fatally, on Durban's beachfront on October 9 last year.

The case was adjourned until March 4.

Vrye Weekblad could pay R400 000 legal fees

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — Vrye Weekblad could pay about R400 000 in legal fees for defending the defamation action brought against it by General Lothar Neethling.

This is in spite of a Supreme Court ruling that the police officer must pay the weekly newspaper's costs.

Vrye Weekblad reporter Jacques Paauw, who first reported

on allegations of police hit squads by former police captain Dirk Coetzee, said the costs would be covered by contributions specifically for the court case.

The Media Defence Trust had raised R500 000 from the European Community and about R100 000 from the United States and Canadian governments.

The money was still in trust

and Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez was overseas to report back to the contributors on the outcome of the case.

Mr Paauw said newspaper representatives would soon approach the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, to request that he stop civil servants from suing the newspaper.

"Cases like these cost an enormous amount of money. In America, for example, civil servants are by law forbidden

to sue for defamation.

"The correct channel to be followed is the Media Council," said Mr Paauw.

He said two defamation cases against the newspaper were still pending — one brought by Witwatersrand Attorney-General Mr Klaus von Lieres and one by Law and Order spokesman Leon Mellet.

The Von Lieres case had been set down for hearing on April 2, Mr Paauw said.

Wife of jailed OB man 'refused visiting rights'

JOHANNESBURG. — The wife of Orde Boerevolk member Mr Leonard Veenendaal said yesterday, on his 21st day of hunger strike in prison, that authorities had refused her any visiting rights. She believes he is seriously ill.

Mrs Tracy Veenendaal said she greatly feared for her husband's health, as she had heard that blood had now been found in his urine and that he and another fellow hunger striker, Mr Arthur Archer, were both very weak.

She believed her husband would soon have to be transferred to a hospital.

Their lawyer, Mr Wim Cornelieus, said he would contact a human-rights organisation about the matter.

The OB members are waiting trial in Diepkloof Prison here. — Sapa

Court told of killing 7 in bus

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THE shooting at a bus at Avoca by three alleged members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Orde van die Boerevolk was in retaliation for the stabbing of whites by blacks in Durban, a Durban magistrate heard on Monday.

Seven people were killed and 18 injured in the attack on the bus.

Appearing before Mr J Pieterse were Mr David Botha (46), alleged commandant of the AWB in Richards Bay, Mr

Adriaan Smuts (38), alleged to be a veldkornet involved in AWB operations, and Mr Eugene Marais (28), also of Richards Bay.

Beachfront

The State alleges that on October 9 last year black youths led by an adult and all wearing PAC badges and T-shirts stormed into a shop on the beachfront and robbed the owner of knives.

They stabbed several whites. Eight were injured and one died later.

Botha heard this on the radio and was upset. He told Smuts and Marais

that a counter-attack must be launched against blacks in revenge for the attack.

Botha drove Smuts' car to Durban with Marais, armed with an AK-47 rifle, and Smuts with Botha's FN machine rifle.

On the way Botha suggested they attack a bus or taxi carrying black passengers.

They followed a Putco and at Avoca Botha overtook the bus and ordered the others to shoot. They fired on the bus.

The three will appear in the Durban Supreme Court for trial on March 4. - Sapa.

Son detained, now police keep mum

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PRETORIA. — Right-wingers yesterday delivered a woman of 80 to the Security Police headquarters here, saying she was unable to fend for herself after police detained her son in terms of Section 29.

Mrs Millie Martin painfully walked to the Wachthuis building, where right-wingers asked that she be allowed to see Security Police chief General Basie Smit.

Police guards allowed her, and her personal effects in a suitcase and plastic bags, into the building.

Mr Keith Brown, who was recently released after being detained for two months himself, said her son, Mr Henry Martin, had been in detention for three months, leaving the octogenar-

ian alone on a plot west of Pretoria.

Mr Brown said: "She is defenceless and can't look after herself. The police must now care for her, since they detained her son."

He criticised the continued use of security legislation, saying: "One can basically be detained for breaking wind, and detainees have no democratic means of opposing the loss of their freedom."

"The public should realise the implications of this."

Mr Brown said his alarm business had lost many contracts during his detention, adding that he had been detained simply because he happened to know certain people.

— Sapa

Activist bombed

By Shadley Nash

A PAN-AFRICANIST Congress member who died in a mysterious bomb explosion may have been the first victim of a "hit squad" operating in the Eastern Cape, the PAC claimed this week.

Minutes before Uitenhage PAC activist Mr Dumile Stootman died in the explosion, he received a telephone call from a

person speaking fluent Zulu, PAC regional organiser Mr Timothy Jantjies, told SOUTH this week.

Stootman had received several anonymous calls previously and his house had been bombed last year, said Jantjies, a close friend.

Stootman had behaved strangely after receiving the telephone call. Jantjies claimed Stootman was a "hit squad" victim and that a "hit list" existed and that he (Jantjies) and other PAC members were on it.

Recounting the events before the explosion, Jantjies said Stootman had re-

ceived a telephone call at his house.

"The person on the phone spoke Zulu when he requested to speak to Stootman," Jantjies said.

After Stootman had spoken on the telephone, he left without saying anything.

Hurry

"I only noticed that he had left when I heard the door close.

I went to his house, across the road, to find out why he had left in such a hurry, but he was not there."

"On my way back I heard two huge blasts. I rushed to fetch my binoculars and saw two clouds of black smoke wafting into the air about a kilometre

away."

A police spokesperson in Uitenhage, Major Chris Maritz, said anybody with information about alleged "hit list" should come forward with the relevant information.

He said the nature of the explosion was still unknown, but police were investigating the cause of the blast.

An inquiry into Stootman's death would be held.

He confirmed that a post-mortem had been held, but declined to give the cause of Stootman's death.

"Evidence points to Stootman having handled explosives." — PEN

R30 000

bail for

AWB man

ONE of three members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewing and the Orde van die Boerevolk facing seven charges of murder and 27 of attempted murder has been granted bail of R30 000.

Mr Eugene Marais (28) had appeared in the Durban Magistrate's Court with Mr Petrus Botha (46), alleged commandant of the AWB in Richards Bay, and Mr Adriaan Smuts (38), alleged to be "veldkornet" in the AWB. *Sowetan*

Bus *24/11/91*

The State alleges that on October 9 last year they drove from Richards Bay to Durban and followed a Putco bus with black passengers.

At Avaco they overtook the bus and started firing at it with AK-47 and FN rifles, killing seven men, including the driver, and injuring 18 other people. - *Sapa*.

From Bheki Nkosi
Johannesburg

WHITE-on-black" violence rose by 30 percent in 1990.

This statistic has emerged from research by the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

It gives the lie to reports that consistently refer to violence in South Africa as "black-on-black".

The rise in cases of "white-on-black" violence has come from a combination of organised attacks by ultra-rightwingers and a continuing disrespect for black human rights in rural areas.

Murdered

More than 80 cases have been reported since November 1988, when "Wit Wolwe" (White Wolves) extremist Barend Strydom murdered 21 people in cold blood, seven in Pretoria's Strydom Square.

The "Wit Wolwe" subsequently attacked, on two separate occasions, the man who bravely disarmed Strydom, Simon Khorombi Mukhondelelu.

In a similar incident a year later, a member of the neo-fascist Order of

Violence on the increase

Death group, Cornelius Lottering, told a court which found him guilty of the slow and brutal murder of a black taxi driver, Potoko Makgalamele, that he had done it for "practice".

He felt no remorse for the killing, said Lottering, as blacks were his "natural enemy" and the bible made it clear he should eliminate them. He said he was offended by blacks driving white taxis and especially hated "kafirs driving white girls".

While black political activists were being killed, threatened and petrol-bombed on an almost weekly basis during 1990, they are not the only focus of white hatred.

There have been regular attacks on black people, specially children, in the streets and on farms since the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped in October last year. Days after the Act was abolished, three black youths exercised their new right to swim in one Northern Transvaal town's pool.

They were severely assaulted by truncheon-wielding white men who, they

believe, were summoned by the pool superintendent.

One of the youths, Fred Mofokeng, will probably lose the sight of an eye. He says white nurses at the hospital refused to treat him.

"They said I wasn't supposed to be at the swimming pool in the first place and so they refused to give me treatment," says Mofokeng.

In another incident last week, five small children were badly beaten up by white men as they were leaving a municipal swimming pool.

A sample of incidents during the second half of 1990 includes:

● Adult white men attacked and whipped 400 black Sunday school children on a Christmas excursion in the Northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt in late November. Immediately after the attack, the black community retaliated with a consumer boycott of white-owned shops in the town. This led to attacks by whites on several black taxi drivers.

● Near Messina, 10km from the Zim-

babwe border in the far north of northern Transvaal, three black families had to move their children to safety after a white farmer collected nine youths from a primary school and viciously assaulted them in late November.

Six of the children had to be hospitalised for several days and one boy, Alfred Manendhze, could not walk for nearly two weeks after the incident.

● Terminally ill farm labourer Johannes Beukes on a farm near Stellenbosch had just returned from cancer treatment at a hospital when he was beaten with a pickaxe by his enraged boss, Rudolph Rix.

Rix told a court he was angry Beukes had gone straight to bed instead of returning to work.

The farmer was fined R250 for assaulting Beukes, and sentenced to 18 months in jail for beating to death another labourer, Charlie Thompson, who died in hospital two weeks after lapsing into a coma.

Incidents like these are a direct result of apartheid and white supremacy, says

a spokesperson of the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), an organisation working on farm and rural issues.

"Whites and farmers mostly in the outlying towns lack respect for black people because they can get away with it. They feel they own blacks and therefore can do anything they like to them."

Nicro's national marketing manager, Heather Regenss, attributes the increase in white-on-black violence to the easy access whites have to firearms and licences.

In addition, security conditions have worsened since the mass resignation of police because of poor pay during June and July last year.

It also appears that most white South Africans are panicking about the prospect of black majority rule.

A Gallup Poll carried out by Markinor Research Group in November 1990 showed 47 percent of blacks but only 34 percent of whites think 1991 will be better than 1990. Half of the Afrikaans speakers polled believed 1991 will be worse than 1990. —AIA

ANC calls for new hit-squad probe

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC yesterday demanded a fresh commission of inquiry into SAP and SADF death squads, in the light of police Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling's failed defamation action against the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers.

Mr Justice J Kriegler last week accepted testimony by former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee about the role he played in killing "enemies of the state".

The ANC yesterday claimed that death squads still existed in the SAP and the SADF. It also alleged that "askaris"

(turned ANC members) continued to act above the law and had kidnapped ANC members at gunpoint around the country.

It demanded the arrest of people implicated in the judgment.

The ANC said the askari base at Vlakplaas has remained fully functional.

In the light of Mr Justice Kriegler's judgment, the Harms Commission report "lies in tatters" and was "not worth the paper it's written on".

"The continued use of death squads bodes ill not only for the whole peace process, but for stability that is so essential for reconciliation and progress towards a

free and democratic South Africa."

Meanwhile, police decided yesterday to appoint their own legal representatives to "urgently analyse all aspects" of the Neethling case and advise the SAP.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said in a statement that, without legal advice, it was not possible for the police to take a reasonable and fair decision, or comment further.

"The police realise the seriousness and urgency of the matter and that they should act as quickly as possible, and this will happen within the next few weeks," General Van der Merwe said.

Police to probe Neethling case

Political Staff

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POLICE have ruled out suspending forensics chief Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling until their lawyers have examined "contradictions" in findings by two judges.

This emerged in a statement by Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe, who disclosed that lawyers had been instructed to examine differences in the findings of Mr Justice Kriegler and the Harms Commission.

"Without such legal advice it is not possible for the police to take a just and fair decision and also not possible to make further comment," he said.

URGENT MATTER

"Police realise the gravity and urgency of this matter and that it is in the public interest to reach a decision as soon as possible," he said. This would happen within weeks.

Last week General Neethling lost a damages action he brought against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail over allegations he had been involved in poisoning opponents of the State.

Mr Justice Kriegler said he had misled the commission and tried to mislead the court, too.

It is understood that police have not been given a copy of Kriegler judgment.

General van der Merwe said the lawyers would analyse the findings.

It is understood that the legal team will consist of police and private lawyers. General Van der Merwe did not name them.

Raze Melrose House, say far-rightwingers

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Boerestaat Party has rejected plans to restore Melrose House and called instead for it to be razed.

The historic Melrose House was where the Boers signed the Treaty of Vereeniging in 1902 conceding defeat in the war against Britain. It was badly damaged by a bomb blast in 1989.

In a letter to the Pretoria town clerk and management committee, Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder describes Melrose House as a "house of shame and humiliation" for the Boers and claims a monument with similar significance would not be allowed by any other city in the world.

He proposes that Melrose House be demolished and in its place a monument be built to honour the burghers who died in the South African War as well as the women and children who died in concentration camps.

Van Tonder sees hunger strikers

CALL TIMES 26/1/81
JOHANNESBURG. — The leader of the Boerestaats Party, Mr Robert van Tonder, visited three of the four hunger-striking jailed Orde Boervolk members in Johannesburg Hospital yesterday morning.

In a statement, Mr Van Tonder said Mr Leonard Veenendaal, Mr Arthur Archer and Mr Craig Barker, who face charges of terrorism under the Internal Security Act, are still in weak condition, after they were removed from Diepkloof Prison two days ago.

All three are still refusing food and intravenous treatment.

Mr Veenendaal, on the 23rd day of his hunger strike, is having difficulty speaking, while Mr Archer, who has not had food for 17 days, is being treated for stomach problems. Mr Barker, 21, on the tenth day of his fast, is being treated for a heart condition.

The men are protesting against their ongoing detention since July last year, and the denial of their bail applications.

The fourth hunger striker, Mr Daryl Stopforth, now on his fourth day, is still in Diepkloof Prison.

The men are due to appear in Johannesburg Regional Court on February 1 to hear the results of their applications for indemnity. — Sapa

AWB meets mayor over De Aar racism

CHT Tris 26/1/91
By GLYNNIS UNDERHILL

THE AWB leader in De Aar has given the mayor of the Karoo town his assurance that there will be no further racist incidents or harassment of people at public amenities.

The mayor of De Aar, Mr Zanus Immelman, met AWB leader Mr Daniel Bothma this week following an incident earlier this month when five coloured teachers and their pupils were assaulted outside De Aar's public swimming pool.

The mayor said he had been "disgusted" by the incident. The AWB, which had previously vowed to "protect" the swimming pool from people of other races, had requested a meeting, he said.

Mr Bothma confirmed that the AWB had agreed to stay away from the public swimming baths — for now.

Mr Immelman said Mr Bothma had accepted that the town council operates according to the law and rules of the country.

The council would consider using municipal police to patrol the swimming baths only if it became necessary, he said.

Hunger striker's condition critical

APR 28/1/91
JOHANNESBURG. — Rightwinger Mr Leonard Veenendal, who went on hunger-strike almost a month ago, is still in a critical condition in Johannesburg Hospital.

Doctors said Mr Veenendal's condition had remained unchanged since he was admitted last Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Orde Boerevolk (OB) member is demanding to be classified a political prisoner and has refused intravenous feeding.

Mr Veenendal is reported to be very weak and passing blood. Doctors have said kidney, heart and brain failure were likely unless he ended his campaign.

Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder visited Mr Veenendal in hospital on Friday. He said the hunger striker was incoherent and barely able to speak.

Mr Veenendal faces numerous charges allegedly connected to a spate of explosions in the Johannesburg area last year, including one at a synagogue and at the homes of two Johannesburg city councillors.

Two other OB members, Mr Arthur Archer and Mr Craig Barker, also were admitted to hospital with Mr Veenendal. Mr Archer has been on a hunger strike for 19 days, while Mr Barker has been on one for 12 days.

A fourth OB member, Mr Darryl Stopforth, joined the hunger strike a week ago, but is still in Diepkloof Prison. — Sapa.

in the restaurant's freezer, police said.

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Hunger striker critical *3cy*

JOHANNESBURG. — Right-winger Leonard Veenendal, who went on a hunger strike nearly a month ago, is still in a critical condition in Johannesburg Hospital. The 24-year-old Orde Boerevolk member went on a hunger strike on January 22, demanding to be classified a political prisoner. He has refused intravenous feeding.

Lenient sentences blamed for increase in crime

Political Correspondent

ONE of South Africa's top policemen, deputy CID chief General Jaap Joubert, has hit out at lenient sentences and alternative punishment as an ineffective deterrent against rising crime.

And he singled out death penalty reform as a major contributory factor in the record murder rate increase of more than 25 percent.

Speaking at a weekend briefing for parliamentary journalists at Lambert's Bay, General Joubert said bluntly: "Sentences handed down by the courts apparently have little deterrent effect on the criminal."

"The present tendency to lean over backwards to find

and apply alternatives to imprisonment has had no beneficial effect whatever on the crime rate. Crime statistics prove it."

He added: "Since the effective moratorium on the death sentence, capital offences have reached record levels. The total number of murders for 1990 exceeded 15 000."

General Joubert said police were encountering unprecedented levels of brutality among criminals.

He acknowledged that South Africa was reputed to have the highest prison population per capita in the world, citing this, however, as evidence of the success of police work against criminals.

General Joubert also said that unrest related incidents

rose by nearly 50 percent last year.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe announced that a major study was being conducted at the South African Police Academy in Graaff-Reinet into the role played by the administration of justice — and punishment particularly — in combating crime.

The study would consider how many South Africans perceived the legal system to be legitimate and what percentage of the population were deterred from crime by the system of punishment administered by the courts.

The study would involve criminologists and others from universities and other institutions.

Vlok vows
to find out
truth about
hit squads

Political Correspondent

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said he wants to "get to the bottom" of allegations that police were involved in hit squad activities.

"I am interested in the truth ... I want that more than anything," he told reporters at the weekend.

He was responding to a question on the reaction of police to Mr Justice J C Kriegler's decision in favour of the Vrye Weekblad newspaper in a suit brought by senior forensic police officer, General Lothar Neethling.

General Neethling had claimed that allegations by former police officer, Captain Dirk Coetzee, published in the newspaper, were false and defamatory.

UNRELIABLE

Earlier, the Harms Commission had found Captain Coetzee's evidence unreliable.

Mr Vlok said: "The two judges, Kriegler and Harms, differ on fundamental evidence before them."

"My and my department's position is that we have to look at Mr Justice Kriegler's judgment. We are studying it and I cannot comment further now, except to say that I want to get to the bottom of this whole affair."

"I am interested in the truth. Is Coetzee a liar or not?"

Hit-squad drama: ^{3/4} SABC ^{CAP 74/15 (23)} 30/1/91 challenged

THE SABC had no objection in principle to broadcasting "Apartheid's Assassins", an acclaimed British documentary on South African security force hit squads, SABC spokesman Mr Louis Raubenheimer said yesterday.

However, he added that the broadcast corporation would first have to see a copy of the tape and take legal opinion before screening it.

Mr Raubenheimer was commenting on a challenge to the SABC by the Campaign for a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Hit Squads to show the award-winning production.

Meanwhile, human-rights lawyers have said they will call for a new probe into the hit squads at a meeting in Cape Town tomorrow.

The Campaign is also to stage a "finger-pointing" protest outside Tuynhuys tomorrow evening. — Sapa

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OB members for court trials

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JOHANNESBURG. — Six members of the Orde Boerevolk are to be tried on various charges of terrorism in the Rand Supreme Court this year.

This was decided during two separate court appearances in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

Their trial date of Mr C van Zyl, Mr A Binneman, Mr C Lottering and Mr D Goossen has been set for the Rand Supreme Court from May 20 to May 30.

Mr Piet Rudolph and Mr Henk Bredenhann will appear in the Rand Supreme Court from August 12 to August 30. — Sapa

JOHANNESBURG COURT.

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OB man continues fast 344

JOHANNESBURG. — Three detained members of the Orde Boervolk have ended their hunger strike. Their leader, Mr Leonard Veenendal, however, is on his 28th fasting day. His wife Tracy said yesterday that he would continue his self-imposed fast at Johannesburg Hospital until the group had heard whether their application for amnesty had been successful.

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 50 protesters pointed their fingers at Parliament last night, to symbolise whom they held responsible for alleged hit squad activities and shortfalls in subsequent investigations.

The protest was organised by the Campaign for a Judicial Enquiry into Hit Squads, and was attended by Mr Wilfried Lubowski and his wife

Hit squad Cape Times 1/2/91 protest at (344) Parliament

Mollie, parents of slain Swapo activist Mr Anton Lubowski, and Green Point MP Mr Tian van der Merwe.

After marching from

the Grand Parade, the protesters halted under the statue of Jan Smuts in Parliament Avenue and marshal Ms Bo Petersen handed a memorandum to Mr Fritz de Villiers of the State President's office.

Several high-ranking police officers, including Colonel G Delpont, the District Commissioner of Cape Town, monitored proceedings.

Six soldiers hurt in landmine blast

CRF T. 15 2/2/91 (30/1)

PIETERSBURG. — The SA Defence Force has blamed the ANC for yesterday's landmine explosion near Messina in which six soldiers were wounded, two seriously.

However, Mr Chris Hani, chief of staff of ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, said the ANC was not responsible. He accused right-wing elements of planting the bomb.

The six soldiers were injured when their Samel 50 logistics vehicle detonated the mine at Twilight Farm about 26km east of

Messina about 9.15am.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Werner Voigt said two of the men, Lance-Corporals J du Plooy — who had been driving the vehicle — and S de Fellice, were seriously injured.

Corporals D James and J Steyn and Riflemen P Lourens and C Botha suffered slight injuries.

Soutpansberg military commander Colonel Borries Bornman said the SADF had received information about a MK mine-laying unit in Zimbabwe and had

already warned farmers a month ago to prepare themselves for a possible landmine explosion.

"It is just the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe that has the capability at this stage, and it's their tactic and their style. So I can tell you that it is the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe that is responsible," said Col Bornman.

Mr Hani said the "finger could be pointed" at right-wing elements as they wanted to endanger the negotiation process between the ANC and the government. — Sapa

Right-wingers to be freed — lawyer

By HERMAN JANSEN

MORE than 30 right-wingers expect to be granted unconditional amnesty this week.

The group includes Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, currently awaiting trial on various charges of terrorism, and his Orde Boerevolk lieutenant, Leonard Veenendaal.

The lawyer representing the group, Wim Cornelius, is optimistic that mass killer Barend Strydom, currently on Death Row, will also be granted indemnity.

Mr Cornelius said yesterday he expected an announcement to be made by President FW de Klerk on Friday.

"These would be the first applications granted to right-wingers in terms of the Pretoria Minute and the chances are excellent that amnesty will be given," he said.

Urgent

He added that the right-wing amnesty would be balanced by a similar gesture to left-wing activists.

Mr Cornelius faxed an urgent letter to President De Klerk on Monday, when Veenendaal was in a critical condition after a 24-day hunger strike.

He and three other Orde Boerevolk members are facing charges of terrorism.

"I told Mr De Klerk that Veenendaal was facing kidney failure and brain damage and pointed out that his had been one of the earliest applications for indemnity."

"That night, I received a faxed reply from the Department of Ministerial Services, saying they hoped to reach finality

about Veenendaal's application within days.

"I was also told by a state advocate this week that the names of right-wingers granted indemnity would be made known this week," said Mr Cornelius.

'Re-open hit-squad probe' call

JOHANNESBURG. The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) yesterday called on the government to re-open investigations into alleged police hit squads, or face communities' increasing rejection of the police.

The union strongly condemned a recent night handgrenade attack on the house of one of its organisers, Mr Sam Ntuli, general-secretary of Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Five people — including an 18-month-old baby girl and a nine-year-old niece of Mr Ntuli's — were injured in the attack on his Thokoza (Alberton) home late on Saturday night.

It had been the third attack on Numsa leadership and property this year, the Numsa statement said. — Sapa

Union hits at bomb attack

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By SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter

THE National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) has condemned "cowardly attacks" on union officials after an organiser's home was bombed.

Five people were injured in Katlehong at the weekend when the home of Mr Sam Ntuli, a Numsa organiser and general secretary of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast), was bombed. Mr Ntuli was not at home at the time.

In a statement Numsa condemned the attack — the third of its kind in the past two months — blaming "right-wing elements and the still-existing Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB)".

Several other incidents of intimidation and harassment, in-

cluding telephonic death threats and visits to key officials by "unknown people" who warned they were "watching union officials", had taken place this year, the union said.

In January the union blamed the CCB for a fire which destroyed thousands of documents and ravaged the union's Johannesburg branch.

STRIFE

Police visits "just to check whether the officials were still union members" had also taken place, the union alleged.

"Numsa believes that right-wing elements and the still-existing CCB are out to thwart any plans to unite the oppressed masses and will act accordingly to ensure that destructive strife continues among black organisations," the union claimed.

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OB allowed to visit detainees

HEIDELBERG (341) The government has agreed to a meeting today between the Orde Boervolk central committee and the organisation's detained members.

The committee would meet Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, Mr Henk Bredenhann, Mr Leonard Veenendaal, Mr Daryl Stopforth, Mr Arthur Archer and Mr Craig Barker, a statement by the OB said. — Sapa.

'Petrol attack' (344) farmer still free

By MATHATHA TSEDU

ALMOST two months after a 15-year-old boy was allegedly assaulted and doused with petrol by a white Messina farmer, police have still not arrested or charged the farmer. *So weta 6/2/91*

Police spokesman Lieutenant WF Voight said yesterday that police investigations into the December 9 incident were still continuing.

He said exhibits had been sent to the forensic laboratory in Pretoria and a decision would only be taken after the results were known.

Voight confirmed that the boy, Frankie Bungeni Makwatie, was still being treated for burns at the Limpopo Hospital.

The boy was extensively burnt after the farmer, Mr J van der Westhuisen, allegedly accused him of stealing his gun.

Makwatie, who has denied stealing the gun, said Van der Westhuisen had manacled him to a steel table in the workshop of Hayoma farm, assaulted and kicked him, before pouring petrol over his body and setting him alight with a welding rod.

Voight earlier said the fire had been an accident caused when sparks from the welding machine landed on Makwatie's nylon jacket.

DP urges hit squad probe

Political Staff

WITNESSES to hit squad activities should be given indemnity so that the stone wall of denials and lies could be breached, the Democratic Party's law and order spokesman, Mr Tian van der Merwe, said yesterday.

People wanted to see the guilty punished, he said.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, dismissed the call for another inquiry into the hit squad allegations and said Mr Van der Merwe should be realistic.

Malan: CCB now almost disbanded

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Political Staff

MINISTER of Defence General Magnus Malan says most members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) have left the security forces and more than 80% of the organisation's administrative structures, including front companies, have been disposed of.

Speaking in parliament on the third day of the debate on the State President's speech, General Malan also said an internal audit had found no grounds for reports that some R28 million had been unaccounted for in CCB operations.

He took a swipe at "certain people" who insisted on keeping the CCB in

the spotlight and said it had been suspended in February last year and "operationally disbanded" on July 31.

All CCB members had a service contract and the overwhelming majority were not guilty of misconduct or a crime. However, by far the majority of members had chosen to end their service.

Other structures were to be closed down, he said.

The auditor-general had audited the CCB and his report would be referred to the Joint Committee on Public Accounts, after tabling in Parliament.

Allegations in the press that millions of rands were unaccounted for had been thoroughly investigated and found to be totally unfounded.

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Free rightists - OB

Star 3/2/91
Orde Boerevolk leaders have called for the immediate release of Dirk Ackermann, Deon Lautenbach and other right-wing detainees, after a meeting at the Johannesburg Hospital yesterday.

A statement said Leonard Veenendal, Darryl Stopforth, Arthur Archer and Craig Barker had ended their hunger strike. It was decided to release a statement by Piet Rudolph on Monday.

JOHANNESBURG. — Identikits on television and in newspapers soon after the murder of Wits academic Dr David Webster remarkably resembled CCB members "Slang" van Zyl, Calla Botha and Chappie Maree.

This was the testimony of a surprise witness introduced by the Sunday Star at a Media Council hearing yesterday.

The hearing follows a complaint from hotelier Mr Alexander Kavouras about a Star report of February 25 last year, al-

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**'Webster
identikits
looked like
CCB men'**

leging that the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) had used his hotels in Hillbrow for meetings.

Mr Kavouras, owner of the Park Lane and Quirinal hotels, claims the report breached the Media Council's code of

conduct in being untruthful, inaccurate and not objective.

A former Park Lane food and beverages manager, Mr Ralph Fell, told the hearing one of the identikits had strikingly resembled Mr Chappie Maree.

He also confirmed Star allegations that Mr Maree, Mr Van Zyl and Mr Botha had regularly visited Mr Staal Burger during his period as general manager at the Park Lane Hotel.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa

AN alleged AWB "neo-Nazi" foreman stabbed a black Spoor-net worker in the stomach at a Springs depot on Wednesday, leaving the man in a critical condition with a severed intestine.

The stabbing, confirmed by Spoor-net and East Rand police, was unprovoked, the South African Railways and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) alleged.

The union said it appeared Sarhwu member Samuel Sibilwane was stabbed because the foreman "seems to have a deep hatred for black people generally".

Doctors have described Sibilwane's condition as critical. He is being treated in hospital for a severed intestine and another stab wound in his shoulder.

Sarhwu claimed Sibilwane and a colleague, Thomas Khambule, were attempting to negotiate the transfer of two fellow workers with the foreman at Trans-net's horticulture depot in

Worker critical after attack by foreman

Springs when the incident occurred.

The foreman was disarmed after the attack by two workers before Sibilwane collapsed, Sarhwu said.

However, according to a Spoor-net spokesman, the foreman was also hospitalised with a cracked skull and an injured neck.

He was released from hospital on Thursday and did not report for duty on Friday.

The union alleges the foreman is a member of the ultra-rightwing AWB and openly dis-

played the organisation's swastika-like insignia while at work.

On the day before the stabbing he allegedly also threatened two black workers on Spoor-net premises with a pistol, dagger and shotgun.

The Spoor-net spokesman said the matter had been reported to the Springs police and an internal investigation was underway.

However, an East Rand police spokeswoman said the foreman had on the day before the stabbing lodged a complaint at the Springs police station, claiming he was being intimidated by black workers at the depot.

He told police from his hospital bed that he had been hit on the head with a brick and had stabbed Sibilwane in self-defence after he was confronted by about 12 workers.

No charges had been laid by Friday morning and investigations were continuing, the spokeswoman said. — Sapa

Piet 'Skiet' back on prison fast

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, 54, detained leader of the Orde Boerevolk, has announced that he will soon resume his prison hunger strike.

During his previous 10-day hunger strike, Mr Rudolph lost 15kg and needed hospital treatment.

The former Pretoria city councillor was arrested on September 17 last year for various self-admitted, politically-inspired acts of violence carried out since April.

He admitted responsibility for the theft of arms from the SA Air Force in Pretoria last year — but has since renounced violence.

The Orde Boerevolk is among increasingly militant movements like the Boerestaat Party and the Boere Weerstandsbeweging who want reinstatement of the former Boer Republics. — Sapa

'Wit Wolf' Strydom still expects to be executed

By Mike Siluma
Star Bureau

Star 11/2/91

LONDON — Convicted mass murderer and self-styled "Wit Wolf" Barend Strydom still expects to be executed, despite the Government's suspension of the death sentence.

This was revealed by Strydom's wife, Karen, in an interview published in The Sunday Times yesterday.

Strydom was sentenced to death for the murder of eight blacks in Pretoria two years ago.

Speaking to The Sunday Times' Johannesburg correspondent, Andrew Hogg, after visiting her husband on Death Row, Mrs Strydom insisted that Strydom was a political prisoner who should qualify for a pardon which Pretoria has accepted as a prelude to a negotiated settlement.

"He wrote to (President) F W de Klerk a year ago saying he had laid down the armed struggle. He still expects to be executed."

"If the Government is truly concerned about peace in the land they must also give in to the Right. They can't just ignore him. There is always the possibility that they will just see him as a mass murderer, but I have never seen any madness there."

"It wasn't just that he walked on to the street and got his gun out. He planned it for two weeks before and he was alone for a week on the veld to get him in the mental condition to do it," said Mrs Strydom, who met her husband when they were teenagers attending right-wing meetings.

Asked if her husband now regretted what he did, she replied: "He acted in a kind of war between the ANC and the white people in South Africa. He wanted to show that the Boers will act if our people are killed ... It was symbolic."

Explaining why she, her husband and their families left the AWB, she said: "It was just talk, talk, talk. But when people act, the leadership doesn't support them."

Dale boys tell of killing vagrant

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Four former schoolboys of one of South Africa's top schools, Dale College in King William's Town, yesterday admitted using batons, bats and hockey sticks to beat an elderly man to death while on a night outing in February last year to rid the school's fields of vagrants.

Papers before the Grahamstown Supreme Court alleged the boys belonged to a clandestine group dubbed the "Kaffir Bashing Society", and that they had earlier assaulted other vagrants sleeping on school property.

The accused, 18-year-old Richard Bester and three 17-year-old youths, pleaded guilty to culpable homicide and to two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. They pleaded not guilty to the State's main charge of murdering Tom Ruiters (70), who was found dying from multiple injuries on Dale College's cricket fields.

Hunting

They admitted common purpose to assault Mr Ruiters, which led to his death, but their defence argued they did not foresee that the result of their assault would be death.

A letter written by one of the accused was read to the court, describing how the four, and two others, against whom the State earlier dropped charges, had roamed the fields hunting for their prey.

Called as a witness, Jean Kekewich, who was chief matron at Frank Joubert Hostel while the accused stayed there, said the letter had been handed to

her by the brother of one of the accused.

Mrs Kekewich said that after she read the letter she telephoned the headmaster, Malcolm Andrew.

The letter contained a description of the assaults by the four boys.

It said that on Monday, February 26, the four met and agreed to go to "beat up vagrants". They searched for vagrants and found a man sleeping in a doorway. "They all hit him at different times," said the letter. They then returned to the hostel.

Two nights later Richard Bester suggested that the four go and beat up another vagrant.

They searched the fields and found another man. The victim was thrown over a fence and repeatedly assaulted with batons and other weapons.

Exhibits in court include a hockey stick, a baseball bat, a truncheon, a cricket stump, a knuckleduster, various hunting and diving knives, stocking masks and articles of blood-stained clothing.

The boys, who had worn stocking masks, eventually left the vagrant, who was still "talking", with "no reason to believe" he was injured, until they learnt of his death the following day.

Mrs Kekewich said that Richard Bester and his father later telephoned to ask her where the letter was. It had been addressed to another accused. When she said she did not know they accused her of lying.

She said that on the morning after the second assault, two of the accused came to her surgery after breakfast. One complained of sore knuckles and the other of sore fingers, which he

said he had slammed in a door.

Attention was focused on the school's role in the incident, as the court heard how boarders were able to wander around without permission at night.

Under cross-examination, Mrs Kekewich said she did not attend routine school assemblies and was not aware of problems with vagrants on the school grounds. She said it came "as a surprise" to hear that for years schoolboys had been going out at night to chase vagrants.

Hitting

L Webster, for Mr Bester, asked her if she knew anything about Mr Andrew telling pupils to take vagrants off the property, and to take "a two-by-four to them" if necessary. Mrs Kekewich said she was unaware of such a statement, and made a hitting motion when asked what was meant by "a two-by-four".

She said it was "the easiest thing for boarders to leave the Frank Joubert Hostel".

The court was told Mr Andrew was superintendent of the hostel and lived in a wing of the building.

Earlier, legal counsel for the boys tried to keep the press out of the court, arguing that the case should "not be subjected to public scrutiny".

Mr Justice M P Jennet retorted: "Are the public not allowed to know what is going on in this case?" He ruled the press could remain.

Eastern Cape Attorney-General Dr J d'Oliviera is personally leading the State's case, assisted by the Deputy Attorney-General, Advocate J P Malherbe Marais.

The hearing continues today.

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German OB/ man arrested

PRETORIA. — The elusive member of the right-wing Orde Boerevolk's "Veenendaal Commando", West German citizen Mr Horst Klenz, has been arrested.

Police said Mr Klenz, 52, was being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

In 1989, Mr Klenz, Mr Leonard Veenendaal and others were arrested in Namibia after an attack on an Untag office in Outjo, in which a security officer was killed.

Mr Klenz, Mr Veenendaal and Mr Darryl Stopforth subsequently escaped, wounding a policeman who later died in hospital. — Sapa

No needling on Neethling

Political Staff

THE government has refused to disclose how much has been spent the defamation case brought by Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against two weekly newspapers.

The Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Johan Scheepers, said the legal costs — which, it is understood, are already well over R1 million — could be "taxed" only when the appeal had been heard.

General Neethling, head of the police's forensic division, sued Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for R1.5 million damages. The case was dismissed with costs by

the Rand Supreme Court last month.

However, General Neethling has said he will file notice by April 1 of his application for leave to appeal.

Mr David Dalling, DP Sandton, asked Mr Scheepers what the legal costs had been so far, but the deputy minister said these could be assessed only after the appeal had been finalised.

Replying to Mr Fanie Jacobs, CP Losberg, Mr Scheepers said when the state paid legal costs, MPs had the right to know what these were once a case had been completed.

He said General Neethling had consulted his department about changing his le-

gal representatives.

The State Attorney Act provided for the state to carry costs initially, although these could be recovered from the policeman if necessary.

"It is of the utmost importance to the South African Police that its integrity be protected at all times," Mr Scheepers said.

"The police have a moral obligation to help a member who in the course of his duties has been wronged or allegedly wronged, to enable him to right such a wrong."

Although he did not say so directly, Mr Scheepers hinted strongly that the state would pay for General Neethling's appeal.

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Schoolboy killer 'hated blacks'

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Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Members of the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society" at Dale College regularly left the school with dangerous weapons to assault vagrants.

State witness George Smith told this to the Supreme Court in Grahamstown during the trial yesterday of four former Dale pupils who pleaded not guilty to the murder of Tom Ruiters, but guilty to culpable homicide. They also pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm arising from earlier assaults on unidentified vagrants.

The State accepted their pleas.

Three of the accused are minors and cannot be named.

Dressed in grey suits and with short hair, all four ap-

peared very young while sitting in the dock listening to evidence against them.

A former Dale College pupil accused of beating the 70-year-old vagrant to death told Malcolm Andrew, headmaster of Dale College in King William's Town, after the incident that he hated blacks.

Mr Andrew told the court that Richard Bester (18) had confessed to hating black people because of an incident involving his brother.

Mr Andrew said Mr Bester had at first denied any knowledge of the assaults. It was only after two of the other boys had told him how they had found Mr Ruiters after bunking out of their hostel that Mr Bester had told him what he knew.

Mr Andrew said he informed the police of what the boys had told him, and the boys were

taken to the CID offices and questioned.

Under cross-examination Mr Andrew said that when he told the boys they could use a "two-by-four" plank on vagrants, he did not mean they could go out and "bash" people on school property.

He said he had only mentioned the "two-by-four" after an attempt was made to burn down the school squash courts. He had told the boys that if they came across a similar attempt and could not find him or a teacher, they could use a "two-by-four" to protect school property.

After proceedings ended yesterday, Argus photographer Andrew Ingram was threatened by a relative of Mr Bester while waiting to take photographs.

The Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape, Jan D'Oliveira, is prosecuting.

Head denies his talk encouraged schoolboy killers

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Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The principal of Dale College, Mr Malcom Andrew, said in the Supreme Court here yesterday that remarks he had made at school assembly could not have been misconstrued as sanctioning assaults by boys on vagrants on school property.

But he denied knowledge of a school hostel group called the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society".

Mr Andrew was testifying in the case in which four former Dale pupils have been convicted of culpable homicide and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The four, 18-year-old Richard Bester and three minors, this week admitted assaulting a 70-year-old vagrant Mr Tom Ruiters last February.

Mr Ruiters died as a result of multiple injuries.

Mr Andrew said he addressed pupils on the problems of vagrancy and escalating vandalism soon after the school's squash courts had nearly burnt down.

He had meant with his statement that the pupils could take a "two-by-four" to vagrants found damaging school property and "only in extreme circumstances", such as the torching of the squash courts, were pupils authorised to use force.

Mr Andrew said reports that he had

offered his resignation after the death were untrue.

He said the accused were not problem pupils, and denied knowledge of a group called the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society".

Mr Andrew said he was superintendent of Frank Joubert hostel and had lived in the building at the time of the incident.

He denied that he moved into the hostel in January 1990 because "serious" problems had been reported there.

A former Dale pupil, Mr George Smith, earlier told the court he had assumed from the talk that "should we see anyone damaging anything we should level them out — sort them out".

He added he had not got the impression that the boys should go out looking for vagrants to assault.

Earlier, the matron of Frank Joubert hostel, Mrs Jean Kekewich, described Bester as a "sincere boy with leadership qualities", who was always "helpful and polite".

Mr Smith, who had occupied a cubicle alongside Bester in the hostel, told the court his friendship with Bester had deteriorated because of political differences.

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parties were unbanned, it had become clear Bester "favoured" the "right wing", and "his attitude became quite harsh". CM-71-B 14/2/91

Asked whether he was aware of the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society", Mr Smith said he was, and that he had heard the society had been operating for many years — even before his arrival at the hostel in 1989.

He added he understood the society to be a "group of guys who go out on occasion to terrorise black people who slept on the school grounds".

Mr Smith recalled Bester telling him in 1989 that he had been told by the "rest of the guys" (in the society) they did not want him to go on any more outings because "he was too aggressive".

He said Bester had told him in 1990 that he had taken over leadership of the society.

When an announcement about the death was made in assembly on the Friday morning after the death, he had "immediately assumed" Bester and "the other people who went with him" on Wednesday night were involved.

Mr Smith said Bester had an AWB insignia on a red desk pad in his room, and often doodled AWB symbols in class.

Asked whether Bester had ever spelt out how he felt about blacks, Mr Smith said he had said he hated them. Bester's lawyer, Mr A Lang, challenged Mr Smith, saying his client was willing to testify that he "has not hated blacks".

Mr Smith said it was "very easy" to get out of the hostel at night because the front door had only to be unbolted. Security measures at the hostel had changed after the vagrant's body had been found.

No Winnie trial, no talks - AWB

IF witnesses in the Winnie Mandela court case did not testify, it would mean law and order had failed under the force of the ANC, said AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche last night.

He was addressing about 1 800 cheering supporters in the Alberton town hall.

If trial did not go ahead, Law and Order Minister, Adriaan Vlok should tell the organisation "no more talks".

Terre'Blanche dwelt for some time on how the

ANC had postponed the court case with Mrs Mandela's trips overseas.

A year of support greeted his challenge to the security police. "Come and get me, you buggers. I know you want me, but I'm innocent. I've done nothing illegal."

He also demanded amnesty for all whites in jail.

During the address, he once more called for a "mighty, united white action front to fight the anti-Christ in the name of God," and said the day the government capitulated to the ANC was the

day the AWB turned to violence.

Commandant-General Servaas de Wet, leader of the AWB commando, issued several pleas for people to join the commando or give money.

"We don't need fence-sitters, traitors or cowards."

"We have one choice: fight or die. And it is our last chance."

After the meeting, AWB officials rattled red buckets for change at the exits.

Sowetan Correspondent

Armed white youths 'terrorised blacks'

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WHITE pupils calling themselves the "Joubert Kafir Bashing Society" regularly left their school hostel at night with dangerous weapons to assault vagrants, the East London Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Mr George Smith, a former pupil of Dale College in King William's Town, was testifying in the trial of four former Dale pupils who have been convicted of culpable homicide following the death of Mr Tom Ruiters.

Ruiters (70) was found dying of multiple injuries on the school cricket field last February.

They were also convicted of two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm arising from earlier assaults on unidentified vagrants.

They pleaded not guilty to murdering Ruiters but guilty to culpable homicide and assault.

Three of the accused are minors. The fourth is Richard Bester, aged 18.

The case is being heard in camera and only a handful of relatives have been present during the proceedings.

Smith told the court the four pupils went out

two or three times a week, even when it was raining.

"They would come back and brag about how they had hit people. They would go into deep detail about it," he said.

Smith said the principal of Dale College, Mr Malcolm Andrew, had given pupils permission to assault people found on school property without sanction.

He had announced at assembly that "if we see people on the field that shouldn't be there or are causing trouble, they should be levelled out with

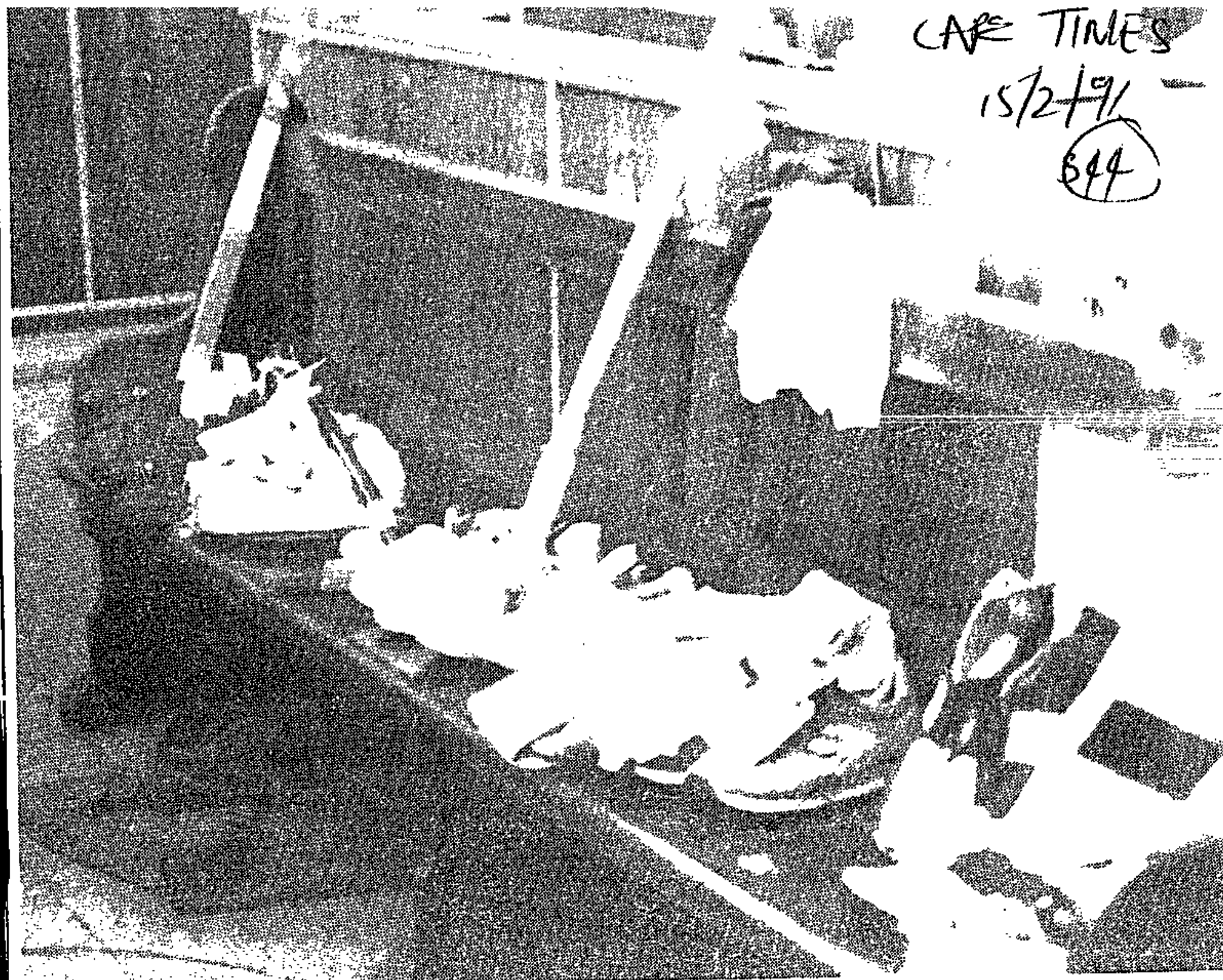
a two by four - hit on the head".

Andrew told the court Richard Bester had confessed to hating black people because of an incident involving his brother.

But he did not tell Andrew what the incident was.

Andrew said Bester had at first denied knowledge of assaults.

Only after two other boys told him they had found Ruiters after bunking out of the Frank Joubert Hostel late at night, did Bester tell him what he knew. - Sowetan Correspondent.



STICKS OF DEATH . . . Court exhibit shows hockey sticks and a baton next to the bloodstained clothing of former Dale College pupils convicted after the killing of vagrant Mr Tom Ruiters last February.

Victim's death caused
by multiple injuries

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Mr Tom Ruiters, the 70-year-old victim of the "Kaffir bashing" society, died of multiple injuries, the chief district surgeon for East London, Dr Basil Wingreen, told the court.

Dr Wingreen said the vagrant's death could not be put down to one isolated wound. The man's advanced age, his weight, poor nutrition and drunkenness at the time were all contributing factors to his death.

Dr Wingreen told the court he found "haemorrhages around the brain" with four lacerations on Mr Ruiters' scalp, a laceration on his forehead and one on his left eyebrow.

Their was significant bruising of the buttocks, left hip and lower back. The body had three fractured ribs and seven chest bruises, with bleeding around a thing.

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — A 16-year-old former boarder at Dale College told the Supreme Court here yesterday how he took part in an assault on a 70-year-old vagrant who subsequently died.

The boy, who boarded at Frank Joubert Hostel and was a member of the "Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society", was told by the judge that if he answered honestly he would not be prosecuted.

Four former pupils at the school have been convicted of culpable homicide and

Dale boy tells of

two counts of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

The boy said he had become a member of the society after going "Kaffir bashing" with the four accused and one other, on the night of Monday February 26, 1990.

He saw one of the accused, Mr Richard Bester, 18, assault an unidentified black man with a truncheon on the back of his head and with a knuckleduster in the face. He had not taken part.

The society's next outing was on the night of Wednesday, February 28. He and two others had lifted the vagrant, Mr Tom Ruiters, over a fence into the school

grounds.

He saw Mr Bester hit the vagrant on the head with a black truncheon more than once while Mr Ruiters was in a sitting position and moaning.

As the boys dragged the vagrant towards a hut on the side of a cricket field, he said he had started to hit him "on the bum" with the flat side of a hockey stick.

He said he saw one of the accused hitting Mr Ruiters with a wicket in the chest/stomach area, while another accused was kicking him in the ribs.

The boy said the vagrant was dragged into the hut where Mr Bester had told

him to stand on the man's arm, while Mr Bester hit him repeatedly on his lower arm and fingers.

He said Mr Bester had told him not to hit the man on the head with the hockey stick "otherwise I'd kill him".

The vagrant was searched for money, dragged outside and assaulted again. The witness said he kicked Mr Ruiters twice on the back of the head.

A former day pupil and member of the society said Mr Ruiters had said to Mr Bester: "Nee baas, ek is nie 'n kaffir nie, ek's kleurling", to which Bester had kicked him in the face and replied: "Ek

haat julle almal".

He told the court he had heard about "Kaffir bashing" about a month after he had first arrived at Dale in 1987.

He said he knew that what he and the others did was not right and was not under the impression that any person in authority at Dale had justified "Kaffir bashing".

He added he did not "really mind blacks" and he had got involved because he had wanted "to see what it was like".

He said he would not have participated had the vagrant been white.

The case continues today.

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Grim tale of blood on the hands of white schoolkids

THE East London Supreme Court heard horrifying details this week of how the "Joubert Kaffir-bashing Society" at an elite school assaulted vagrants for many years, leading to the death of a 70-year-old man.

Four former pupils of Dale College in King William's Town were convicted of culpable homicide.

The charges arise from the death of Tom Ruiters on February 28 last year and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm on unidentified victims on February 26. They all pleaded guilty to assault but not guilty to murder.

Three of the accused are protected as they are minors, but the fourth, Richard Bester, is over 18-years-old.

State witness and fellow pupil George Smith said: "They would go out two or three times a week (to assault vagrants), even when it was raining. They would come back and brag about how they had hit people."

He said Bester, leader of the society, had told him he hated blacks. Bester would often draw AWB symbols in class and had an AWB insignia on his desk pad.

Smith told the court that headmaster Malcolm Andrew gave pupils permission to assault unauthorised people on school property.

He said Andrew announced at a school assembly: "If we see people who shouldn't be there or are causing trouble, they should be levelled out with a two-by-four." When asked what that meant, he answered: "Hit on the head."

Andrew denied sanctioning violence except in emergencies. For example, if a person is breaching the squash courts and "it is impossible to call me or a master, then hit him with a two-by-four".

The prosecution remarked: "How would you stop the burning of a building by hitting someone on the head?"

Exhibits before the court included stocking masks, a hockey stick, a black sheathknife, a cricket wicket, a crutch handle, a survival knife, a rubber police truncheon, a knuckleduster and a baseball bat referred to as the "wit gevaar".

Early in February 1990, Bester revived the "kaffir-bashing society" at Frank Joubert hostel and kept a clandestine membership register.

On the night of February 26, the four boys, accompanied by two other pupils, left their school hostel and went in search of vagrants to assault. They assaulted a black man with a truncheon and a knuckleduster after chasing away his female companion.

They also assaulted another man who managed to escape. Two nights later the same group attacked and killed Ruiters. — Elnews

The elite 'kaffir-bashing society'

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Outrage as bomb kills top lawyer

So when 18/2/91 -

POLICE would not comment yesterday about allegations of "hit squad" involvement in the death of ANC lawyer Bheki Mlangeni on Friday night.

Mlangeni (32) died at his Soweto home when explosives hidden in the earphones of a Walkman cassette player blew up when he switched it on.

A police spokesman said: "Investigations are in an early stage. We are trying to trace the perpetrators. We don't have answers at this stage."

The charges of "hit squad" involvement were levelled by the ANC, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers, the Human Rights Commission and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.

The cassette tape Mlangeni had found in the Walkman was labelled: "Evidence of hit-squads".

Meanwhile in London, self-confessed former hit-squad member Dirk Coetzee, for whom the booby-trapped package was initially intended,

said he was shocked and saddened by the death of his ANC lawyer-friend.

He slammed Mlangeni's death as having all the hallmarks of a "hit squad" job.

Meanwhile, human rights and civic bodies yesterday condemned the killing.

In their strongest condemnation yet, the organisations accused the covert CCB of the action.

The lawyer's employers, Cheadle Thompson and Haysom, said they were saddened by his death.

"He was a candidate attorney who was liked and loved by everyone," they said.

The Lawyers for Human Rights Commission said the "diabolical killing of Mlangeni pointed clearly to the CCB".

A PAC spokesman said: "It's a lie to say that this tape recorder was meant for Captain Dirk Coetzee."

The Azanian Peoples Organisation said in a statement that the movement was appalled by Mlangeni's death.

The ANC blamed "the forces of racism and apartheid" for the assassination. - Sapa.



BHEKI MLANGENI

No bail for 'necklace' suspect

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A WHITE man who has pleaded guilty to the "necklace" murder of a black man in Newlands, Johannesburg, last year has been refused bail for the second time.

Deon van Deventer of Suikerbos Street, Jan Hofmeyer, was refused bail in the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court on Friday.

Van Deventer and Evert Boonzaaier of Italian Avenue, Newlands, have been charged with murder following the "necklace" death of Johannes Masango in Newlands last year. They have both pleaded guilty.

Bail

Boonzaaier was granted R3 000 bail at an earlier appearance.

Van Deventer will appear again on March 15, pending further investigation of the charge against him. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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Police spurn ANC's help

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday turned down an ANC request to be allowed to take part in investigations into the killing of ANC lawyer Mr Bheki Mlangeni in a bomb blast on Friday.

Mr Mlangeni died at his Jabulani, Soweto, home when a miniature bomb exploded in a portable cassette player's earphone.

The machine was posted to self-confessed hit-squad member Mr Dirk Coetzee, but was sent to Mr Mlangeni, whose name was on the parcel as the sender, after Mr Coetzee refused to pay extra duty to receive it at a Lusaka post office.

SAP spokesman Major Reg Crewe said yesterday permission had been granted for an ANC representative to be present when police investigated the incident at the Mlangeni home on Saturday night.

Asked if the ANC would be represented at subsequent investigations, Major Crewe said: "The investigation is a police matter and there is no question of any

other party getting involved."

ANC spokesman Miss Gill Marcus asked yesterday: "What harm would the presence of our lawyers have?"

The ANC said yesterday said it would tighten up security following the assassination.

A spokesman said the organisation would re-advise its members on the handling of parcels and general security procedures, but refused to divulge further details.

Describing Mr Mlangeni's killing as not isolated but "part of a whole plan", the ANC joined other organisations, including the Human Rights Commission and Cosatu, in blaming hit-squads for the killing.

Vlok 'outraged'

Police responded to the allegations calling them "speculation", adding that it was too early to place blame.

Police appealed for anyone with any information to come forward, in particular, anyone who had handled the parcel.

Expressing "shock and outrage" at the killing, Minister of

Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said the police "would do everything in their power to track down those responsible".

And in London yesterday Mr Coetzee said the bomb had killed Mr Mlangeni because of "disgraceful" security failures by the ANC and South African authorities.

Mr Coetzee, who lives under ANC protection, said he was certain that the same bomb that killed Mr Mlangeni was first sent to him in Lusaka.

He said: "That little killer parcel was shuttling around for about nine months. The killers knew where it was and the ANC should have known where it was — but a good man still died. I feel sick and sorry and disgusted."

He said he had given ANC security written details and descriptions of the parcel — "but they obviously did nothing. It is a disgrace nobody can find excuses for."

Mr Coetzee offered to give the ANC and Mr Vlok any help needed to "nail" a police unit he alleged was responsible for Mr Mlangeni's murder.

Squads active claim

Sowetan
THE murder of ANC lawyer Mr Bheki Mlangeni confirmed that "hit squads" continue to operate despite Government denials. Lawyers for Human Rights said in a statement yesterday. Mlangeni was killed

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on Friday night by an explosive device planted in the earphones of a walkman tape recorder he received in the mail. He died when he switched on the walkman, activating the device. LHR urged the

Government to appoint an independent investigating team "as the Harms Commission proved that the police are reluctant to investigate their colleagues".

It said Mlangeni's assassination indicated that former police captain and "hit squad" member Dirk Coetzee - reportedly the intended victim of the tape bomb - faced being killed if he returned to face trial.

Also responding to Mlangeni's murder, Mr Tian van der Merwe, Democratic Party spokesman on law and order, said the Government faced questions in Parliament on the killing.

"I've got every intention of raising it at every opportunity," said Van der Merwe, who has also closely monitored the "hit squad" issue.

Government statements on the "hit squads" issue had been absolutely pathetic, he said.

Neither President FW de Klerk, Defence Minister General Magnus Malan nor Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok had known anything about the "hit squads" then.

"It must be obvious there are still death squads and they still know nothing about them."

Killing of ANC lawyer: Fingers pointed at CCB

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three organisations have pointed fingers at a Civil Co-operation Bureau hit squad as the primary suspect in the killing of ANC lawyer Mr Bheki Mlangeni on Friday night.

Mr Mlangeni, who was investigating police hit squads, was assassinated by a miniature bomb hidden in the earphones of a portable cassette player.

A Human Rights Commission spokesman said: "The responsibility clearly lies with the CCB, even if it is only 20 per cent operational as Defence Minister Magnus Malan suggests.

"The sophistication of the explosive device and the way the trap was set bear hallmarks of highly-skilled, ruthless professional assassins."

A South African National Students Congress spokesman said the fact that

Mr Mlangeni was one of the investigators into CCB activities "gives a pointer into who are the culprits".

Sansco did not hesitate to accuse the State and its "death-inflicting, blood-thirsty departments" of the murder.

"Police should start hunting in their own backyards," he said.

The Five Freedoms Forum said the murder was further evidence that the country was still facing the consequences of hit squads.

"While we welcome Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's promise to investigate the murder thoroughly, he has been very slow to act against members of his department linked to hit squad activities.

"He should act decisively now 'or be seen as co-ordinating a huge cover-up of death squads."

'Don't disband commandos'

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche yesterday told his commandos to defy all Government orders to disband.

He said the decision by the military wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), to end its armed struggle "had nothing to do with the AWB commandos".

MK's primary purpose had been to overthrow the Government while the AWB had founded its Wenkommando (victory commando) only as a

civil protection unit, Mr TerreBlanche said. (344)

"The Wenkommando was founded to protect the legal land-owners and citizens against criminal misdeeds and military-style attacks," the AWB leader claimed.

He urged all officers and leaders within the Wenkommando and their supporting units — the so-called "burgerrade" or civilian councils — to ignore any Government demands to disband the commando units.

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Dale accused impulsive, court told

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — The youngest of four Dale College boys who beat a 70-year-old vagrant to death had poor verbal abilities, a low self-image and did not achieve his potential at school, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Francie Schnell, a clinical psychologist, was giving evidence on behalf of the youth, who was 15 at the time of the assault.

Richard Bester (18) and three minors, all former boarders at the college in King William's Town, have admitted assaulting Tom Ruiters on February 28 last year.

He died from his injuries.

They were also convicted on two charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

All were members of the "Frank Joubert Kafir Bashing Society", headed by Bester.

The boys regularly left the hostel at night to beat up black vagrants.

(344) Masks

They wore black-stocking masks and carried an assortment of weapons.

The youngest boy sat with his head bowed yesterday as he heard his father describe the communication problem be-

tween them.

The father said he had had only superficial contact with his son after a divorce when the boy was four.

When his ex-wife told him she was having problems, it was decided the boy would be sent to Dale.

He was shocked when contacted by the headmaster and asked to fetch his son.

"I think it is horrible. I feel it is not something that could possibly happen in our family," he said.

He had immediately set up psychological counselling for his son.

On Sunday night, for the first time, the boy

had wept about what had happened.

Mrs Schnell said the boy had never really had a father figure to relate to and saw being sent to boarding school as a form of punishment.

Psychotherapy

He had a low regard for conventional moral standards and was given to impulsive behaviour.

He should not be treated as a juvenile delinquent but should continue with psychotherapy within the confines of his family. She recommended a suspended sentence with some form of community service.

The hearing continues.

CCB'S bid to sneak R4m in payouts

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SIX months after the public suspension of its operations, the CCB tried to sneak through nearly R4-million in unauthorised golden handshakes, an Auditor-General's report on the Special Defence Account has revealed.

The report also abounds with revelations of how the audit team's access to key documents was blocked, making an effective audit impossible.

Auditor-General Mr Peter Wronsley said in his special report for the 1990-1991 financial year that despite the suspension of the CCB's operations in February last year a "very limited spot audit" on August 30 had found that the organisation received R9,5m between April 1 and July 23. The heaviest spending — R8,2m — was done by the personnel section.

It was found that the acting Commander General of Special Forces had approved a project codenamed Samoesa, to pay still-serving members of the CCB "provisional resettlement costs of 50% of their accumulated leave plus 10% of an anticipated pension gratuity".

Individual payments varied between R33 301 and R39 962. The budget approved for this was R3,9m.

The leader of the audit reported the payments to the Auditor-General and the next day the Commander of Special Forces, Major-General Eddie Webb, notified Mr

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Wronsley that the approval had been unauthorised, that he had not known about it and had ordered the immediate "disallowance and recovery of payments".

Mr Wronsley said Special Forces had "raised so many barriers that effective auditing was not possible".

"Notwithstanding the 1986 De Loor/SADF accord and repeated assurances to me by the department, accessibility to relevant financial and operational files as well as vouchers was, throughout, problematic," Mr Wronsley said.

The report contains repeated references to the destruction of evidence and accounting files which prevented a proper audit.

Referring to the 1988-89 and 1989-90 annual reports, Mr Wronsley said all but R659 000 spent by the CCB had been authorised.

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CCB tries a golden biteful with 'Samoesa'

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THE shadowy Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) spent an unauthorised R3,92 million on golden handshakes to its members last year — after Defence Minister General Magnus Malan announced that its operations had been disbanded.

"Project Samoesa" was disclosed by Auditor-General Mr Peter Wronsley in his report on CCB finances tabled in parliament yesterday.

SPOT AUDIT

He said a spot audit showed that the CCB had received R9,588 million between April 1 and July 23 last year.

By August 29, advances of R9,925 million were drawn by the CCB's 14 regional offices.

Of this R8,26 million was spent by the personnel section. The acting commander of SADF Special

Forces had approved a new "project" code-named Samoesa.

Its purpose was to pay still-serving CCB members provisional resettlement costs through encashment of 50 percent of their accumulated leave, plus 10 percent of an anticipated pension gratuity — maximum R15 000.

'DISALLOWED'

Individual payments which he saw varied between R33 301 and R39 962.

The budget, approved by the acting commander of Special Forces, amounted to R3,926 million.

He said the SADF's Chief of Staff Finances told him that this approval by the Special Forces commander was unauthorised, that he did not know about it and had ordered the immediate disallowance and recovery of payments.

The CCB remains alive and well . . .

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LATE on the night of March 5 last year, General Magnus Malan issued a statement saying that the first he knew about the formation of the Civil Co-operation Bureau was about three months earlier, towards the end of November 1989, when the first public allegations of death squads were made.

His statement was a shocking admission of his own ineptness as an administrator, for the evidence put before the Harms Commission showed that the SADF's conspiracy against the civilian population of South Africa had been under way since about 1985, and that the CCB had been operating on a budget of some R27-million a year during the years General Malan said he knew nothing about its existence.

The Harms Commission noted that the CCB was a law unto itself, that it did not maintain proper accounts or records of its monetary transactions, that vital documents were missing and that it had failed to co-operate with the Auditor-General in probing its finances.

Perturbed

This, too, was a shocking indictment of General Malan's control of his department, and the parliamentary select committee on public accounts, perturbed by the whole matter, asked the Auditor General, Mr Peter Wronsley, to have another look at the CCB's books.

On February 6 this year General Magnus Malan told Parliament that an internal audit had found no grounds for reports that some R28-million in CCB money had been unaccounted for; that the auditor-general had conducted a full audit of the CCB and allegations that millions of rands could not be accounted for had been thoroughly investigated and found to be totally unfounded.

But this week the Auditor General reported to Parliament that the SADF's Special Forces — the parent body under which the CCB operates — had "raised so many barriers that effective auditing was not possible."

He reported: "From all that has transpired, I have, in any case, a strong suspicion that virtually everything my audit team sought



ISSUES

Hugh Robertson



Mr Magnus Malan

was/is available in writing somewhere, but that the archives have been selectively and purposely withheld or destroyed."

Some might suggest that the CCB and General Malan learned a lesson from the revelations of the Harms Commission and that both would smarten up their bookkeeping.

But Mr Wronsley found that six months after the suspension of its activities was announced by General Malan, the CCB tried to push through an unauthorised R3.9-million golden handshake for its operatives and that only after the audit team had taken up the matter with the SADF was the money retrieved.

And he noted that in spite of an agreement on secret projects between the Treasury and the SADF, and repeated assurances from the Department of Defence, "accessibility to relevant financial and operational files, as well as vouchers, was, throughout, problematic."

Clearly, therefore, in spite of all the disgraceful evidence placed before the Harms Commission, the CCB remains without proper ac-

counting procedures, without proper authorisation of its expenditure, without adequate control of its books — and with its old contempt for the Auditor General, the select committee on public accounts and Parliament.

If General Malan does not have the faintest idea what is going on when it comes to the CCB's finances, even since the fiasco exposed by the Harms Commission, why should the country have any confidence in his announcement in Parliament on February 7 that the CCB has not operated in any way since February last year?

Would he actually know whether or not this is so?

If the very existence of the CCB could be concealed from him for years, while its annual budget ran into tens of millions and it undertook a campaign of murder, arson, and terrorism; if its system of accounting remains so devious as to make a proper audit impossible, why on earth should anyone take anything Magnus Malan says about the CCB seriously?

Disregard

The Harms Commission found that the CCB had disobeyed the State President, General Malan himself, the Chief of the Defence Force, and the commission. Mr Wronsley's latest experience of the organisation shows that it has lost none of its arrogant disregard for authority.

So why should we assume that an inefficient and easily misled Minister is right when he assures the nation that this Department of Dirty Tricks has closed shop?

In the light of all that has happened in the past year, it would be altogether reasonable to conclude that the last person to know what is going on in the CCB is Magnus Malan.

Such a view obviously reflects badly on the SADF as a whole, but with an incompetent minister in charge the chaps in uniform will simply have to grin and bear it. Magnus Malan is a national liability and as long as he remains in office there cannot be full public confidence in the country's security apparatus, all the blandishments of Adriaan Vlok, Kobie Coetsee and President De Klerk notwithstanding.

Court told of inherent white racism

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — White South African households are crucibles of racism, the Supreme Court in Grahamstown was told yesterday.

This, in turn, was an important underlying aspect of the case involving the killing of an elderly vagrant by four former schoolboys of Dale College in King William's Town, a psychologist said.

Richard Bester (19) and three minors were found guilty of culpable homicide arising from the death of the 70-year-old Tom Ruiters on February 28 last year.

He was beaten with a hockey stick, truncheon, cricket wicket and knuckle duster when the boys, members of the Frank Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society, bunked out of their hostel late at night looking for vagrants.

Research

Christopher Giles, a clinical and community psychologist from Cape Town, called by the State, said the development of racist attitudes by the boys was underscored by the name of the society, statements made by Bester regarding his hatred of blacks and a remark by another member of the group that he would not have beaten the man if he was white.

In white households, personal contact with blacks was relegated to the situation where blacks were always the domestic servants.

Black people were expected to take great responsibility for the well-being of white children without the concomitant authority or right to establish a relationship with the child.

There was no basis of mutual obligation. The development of empathy or the capacity to see others as separate individuals with their own legitimate feelings, needs or wants was based on these early re-

lationships.

The child's sense of care and compassion for his elders was not developed where employees were not allowed to assert their right to be treated with respect or enter into reciprocal relationships.

This did tremendous damage to a developing child.

He said all four suffered from a socialised conduct disorder of varying degrees.

They suffered from frustration, perceived rejection and inconsistent parenting. This often emerged as aggression in stronger boys and truancy in the young ones.

They were also inclined to lie, steal, swear, abuse alcohol and drugs and were destructive.

"Their future is saturated with hazards and violence and they anticipate violence and defeat," he said.

Earlier yesterday director of the National Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders Elizabeth Richter, under cross examination by Attorney-General of the eastern Cape Dr J D'Oliviera, suggested that the four boys be sentenced to community service as opposed to jail.

Mrs Richter suggested that Bester be given a suspended sentence and serve 1 000 hours spread over a 30-month period doing community service at a coloured old-aged home in East London.

She suggested two of the other boys also be given suspended sentences and do community service of 1 000 hours at the SPCA.

The fourth boy, it was recommended, would work at a hospital at Stutterheim where he was a border.

Mr D'Oliviera asked Mrs Richter whether Nicro thought it was fitting reparation to the black community that the youth should be seen saving animals.

Mrs Richter said there were not many places in East London where they could work.

The trial continues.

Dale boys should be jailed — psychologist

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Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — Four former Dale College, King William's Town, boys who beat a vagrant to death should be sent to jail, a psychologist told the Grahamstown Supreme Court yesterday.

Chris Giles, a clinical and community psychologist, was called by the State in the trial of Richard Bester (19) and three juveniles who have been convicted of culpable homicide and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mr Giles said the juveniles needed a short, sharp shock to jolt them out of their complacency. He felt a short term of imprisonment followed by community service, and a longer suspended sentence which would overlap the community service, would have the desired effect.

He called for a much longer term of imprison-

ment for Bester, who had a history of marked aggression.

He said Bester had had an unhappy childhood and a tendency to act in an extreme way, and was the least stable of the four. He was also leader of the "Frank Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society" and controlled membership.

He had been instrumental in turning that society into what it was and should therefore be dealt with more severely.

Mr Giles felt Bester's family would not be able to afford private psychotherapy and recommended that he be sent to an institution where he could have treatment.

He was opposed to the idea of two of the juveniles doing community service at the SPCA.

He said the three juveniles had all bunked out of the school hostel regularly and shown personality disorders.

The hearing continues.

Move on

**AWB pool
'assault'**

Staff Reporter

POLICE in De Aar are expected to complete their investigation into last month's alleged assault by AWB members on coloured school teachers and children within the next few days.

The children had been swimming at the municipal pool, which had just been opened to all races when they are alleged to have been assaulted by a group of white men.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order said yesterday that the dockets would be forwarded to the attorney-general for a decision on whether or not to prosecute.

The police statement came after representatives of the coloured community in De Aar questioned the commitment of the investigating officers, saying they had expected swift justice as the victims had positively identified a local white railways employee in a police line-up the day after the incident.

Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said the community's concern that the police were not acting on the complaint had been unfounded.

Vlok lets lawyers in on Mlangeni murder probe

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LAW and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok has taken the highly unusual step of allowing human-rights lawyers to play a role in the police investigation of the murder of their colleague, ANC official Mr Bheki Mlangeni, who was killed by a booby-trapped tape cassette player on Friday.

The apparently unique decision to involve independent lawyers in a police investigation seems to be a result of the circumstances.

The explosives packed into the earphones of the cassette player which killed Mr Mlangeni were apparently intended for controversial rogue policeman Dirk Coetzee before he flew to London last year to testify against SAP forensic expert General Lothar Neethling.

This has raised doubts about the police ability to conduct a completely objective investigation.

Mr Vlok's spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellett, said yesterday that the minister had taken the unusual step of allowing the lawyers a role in the in-

vestigation "to show his and the Police Commissioner's determination to solve this crime and find the culprit".

Mr Peter Harris, an attorney from the Johannesburg firm Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom where Mr Mlangeni used to work, said yesterday that Mr Vlok had agreed to grant the firm access to the forensic evidence.

A forensic expert that the firm would be bringing to SA from Britain would have the same access.

And Mr Harris and two other attorneys from the firm would liaise with the police investigating team.

Mr Harris said his firm would be acting for Mr Mlangeni's family and in its own capacity.

He said he, senior partner Mr Halton Cheadle and Mr Clive Plasket had flown to Cape Town on Tuesday to express their concern to Mr Vlok about the investigation.

Mr Harris did not elaborate but it is understood that the attorneys expressed doubts about the capability of the police to conduct an objective investigation.

Dale 'not to blame for killing'

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EAST LONDON —

The small, conservative Eastern Cape town of King William's Town closed its ranks this week to protect the reputation of its most famous school.

Residents were quick to point out that it was not Dale College, with a tradition for honesty and integrity going back 130 years, that was on trial for the killing of a vagrant, but four former pupils.

They also said sensational press coverage had caused problems and upset people.

Society

The pupils were members of the "Frank Joubert Hostel Kaffir Bashing Society", a secret society which operated on the school grounds.

Three minors and 19-year-old Richard Bester have been found guilty in the Supreme Court before Mr Justice Jennett and two assessors of culpable homicide arising from the death of 70-year-old Mr Ruiters.

Mr Ruiters, a vagrant who was found sleeping on the outskirts of the hostel, was thrown over a fence and then beaten to death with a hockey stick, truncheon, cricket stump and baseball bat.

Community closes ranks in defence of college

PAT CANDIDO

The court accepted that the boys did not intend to kill Mr Ruiters. They were found guilty of two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

BA Radue, Mayor of King William's Town, said the community was saddened by the incident, but realised that similar incidents were taking place in many other parts of the country "almost continuously".

He described the death of Mr Ruiters as an "unfortunate, isolated event" and the media coverage of it was detrimental to the image and proud history of the school.

Buster Farrer, well-known Border sportsman, said the town would never forgive the newspapers.

The Dale headmaster, Malcolm Andrew, also refused to speak to the press this week, but is on record as having said that the school's values were that of an English public school — honour, decency and hard work.

Yet according to psychological evidence, it was the "culture" of the school, with its emphasis on sporting achievement, which contributed to the problems of the four boys.

It was suggested that because all four had a low self-image and did not do well in sport that they joined the society to try to establish a "macho" image.

In submissions in mitigation of sentence by defence counsel, the school, and in particular the lack of control at Frank Joubert Hostel, was criticised.

For the past two weeks, the court has heard how a group of boys bunked out at night, armed with weapons and some wearing black masks, and chased vagrants off the property.

Justified

Psychologists speaking on behalf of the boys — who did not give evidence in court — said the boys felt justified in seeing people off after the headmaster had told them during school assembly last year to take a two-by-four (builder's plank) to vagrants damaging school property.

Mr Andrews said the remarks could not have been misconstrued as sanctioning assault. Sentence will be handed down on March 6.

Young killers show no remorse

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THREE of the four white schoolboys who viciously assaulted and killed vagrant Tom Ruiters in February last year are "still unconvinced of the seriousness of their wrongdoing" according to psychologists.

The four former Dale College pupils, Richard Bester, 18, and three minors, were convicted in the East London Supreme Court last week of culpable homicide and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

At the hearing on Friday, Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape Dr Jan d'Oliviera asked the court to jail the four former Dale College pupils. Sentencing is due to take place on March 6.

Earlier, community and clinical psychologist Chris Giles said that racism was a central issue to the trial and that the legal representatives had not paid enough attention to it.

The boys had belonged to a "Kaffir-Bashing Society", the purpose of which was to assault vagrants, but the boys admitted they would not have assaulted white va-

grants.

Bester, who kept a register of the members of the society, had expressed his hatred for blacks on more than one occasion.

When Ruiters, who was bleeding on the head, pleaded with Bester during the attack, saying "Nee baas, ek is nie 'n kaffir nie, ek's 'n kleurling", Bester kicked him in the face and answered, "Ek haat julle almal".

Former pupil and boarder at Dale College, George Smith, said Bester's views became "more harsh" after political parties were unbanned last year. Smith said Bester would often draw AWB symbols in class and had made an AWB insignia on his red desk pad.

Giles commented that the boys showed concern for Bester, who was superficially injured in a "kaffir-bashing" incident two nights before the fatal attack, but disregard for

Still unconvinced of seriousness of their wrongdoing, say psychologists

Ruiters, who was severely wounded.

After assaulting Ruiters more than 10 times with weapons, including a police truncheon, cricket wicket and hockey stick, the boys left him coughing blood to die painfully overnight.

The boys did not recognise that Ruiters had feelings and rights, said Giles, while they recognised Bester's.

Giles said research has shown white households to be "crucibles of racism" where racist stereotypes were learnt. Richard Bester must have picked up "anti-black" sentiment from his father, said clinical psychologist Jean Fielding.

Giles testified that Richard Bester had an unhappy childhood with racism, violence, anger and despair about the political environment. He said Bester had shown "serious aggressive be-

haviour" in 1989 before the killing of Ruiters. Bester was the least emotionally stable and the least mature in times of stress, said Giles.

Giles said three of the four boys had not showed signs of remorse and none of them attempted reparation to Ruiters' family.

Mitigating factors were that the boys were first offenders and were capable of making a contribution to society.

Giles said that although the headmaster of Dale College, Malcolm Andrew, had, in his opinion, endorsed acts of violence against vagrants it did not significantly reduce the boys' "moral blameworthiness".

Giles recommended that the boys be given a sentence with a prison term, community service and a suspended sentence that would see them safely through the next developmental stage. — Elnews

By S'BU MNGADI

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College boys wait to know fate over 'kaffir bashing' killing

S/Times 24/29/1
 FOUR white schoolboys who beat to death an elderly drunk during a night foray by their 'kaffir bashing society' hung their heads as East Cape Attorney-General, Dr Jan d'Oliviera, described their crime as "detestable".

In East London on March 6 the boys — two of them aged 15 when they flung Tom Ruiters, 70, over a fence and savagely beat him — will hear their fate from Mr Justice Michael Jennett. *344*

Suffered

Before the trial of Richard Bester, 18, and three minors was adjourned for sentence, the court heard that violence at their former school, Dale College, was institutionalised and, to some degree, sanctioned by the headmaster.

It also heard that racism was entrenched at King William's Town's finest school and had also flourished in the Bester household where Richard obtained in February a truncheon used in the as-



GANG LEADER ... Richard Bester and his father, also Richard

By BILL KRIGE

sault. Dr d'Oliviera described the boys' actions in two assaults and a killing as "detestable" and "filling one with revulsion" and said racism was an aggravating factor.

The court was told that

two of the boys — including Bester — were from broken homes and that all were sincerely remorseful and had suffered greatly.

It was argued that their moral blameworthiness was reduced by "institutionalised violence" at Dale College and by the "irresponsible and ill-con-

sidered" statements of headmaster Michael Andrew.

Shortly before three assaults by the Frank Joubert hostel Kaffir Bashing Society at the end of last February, Mr Andrew told the school assembly that scholars must take a two-by-four plank to vagrants found on the premises.

The boys, who pleaded guilty to culpable homicide and to two counts of assault with intent, killed Mr Ruiters after bunking out of the hostel with the specific intention of 'sorting him out'.

Suicide

Mr Andrew Lang, Bester's attorney, drew attention to "the powerful evidence of the racial modelling" by Bester's father whom the boy had seen using the truncheon on blacks at his home.

His parents divorced in 1980 and he grew up with a father who was absent from home for periods of up to 18 months at a time. His father remarried but Bester's stepmother later committed suicide.

"The evidence is of a boy craving for approval by authorities and his peer group," said Mr Lang.

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**Rudolph, 'ready to die',
bids followers farewell**

JOHANNESBURG. — Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Piet Rudolph, on his 21st day of a hunger strike in Pretoria Central Prison, yesterday issued a statement through his lawyer bidding a permanent farewell to his followers.

His lawyer, Mr Jack Nel, said his client has refused liquids and foods for the past 21 days and is in very weak condition and mentally ready to die.

Mr Rudolph was captured on September 17 last year after an extensive manhunt and has since been detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act after his right-wing commando had allegedly committed various acts of political violence.

Mr Nel tried to see his client on Friday — but according to fellow right-wing detainee Mr Henk Bredenhann, the once burly Mr Rudolph had lost 12kg, looked very dehydrated and was passing blood.

He was too weak to leave his cell, spoke with great difficulty and was mentally prepared to starve to death. — Sapa



My son to stay at Dale, says top ANC member

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By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, Political Staff

SENIOR ANC executive member Mr Steve Tshwete said today he would not take his son out of Dale College, one of the country's oldest and most prestigious schools.

Dale's fine reputation as a school has suffered following evidence in the East London Supreme Court that a "Kafir Bashing Society" existed at Frank Joubert House, a school hostel.

Four former Dale pupils, who beat a 70-year-old black vagrant to death, have been found guilty of culpable homicide and two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Many white friends

Mr Tshwete said: "I won't take my son out of Dale College. I have made many white friends in King William's Town since my son, Mayihlome, was enrolled at Dale College."

He grew up in the area and recalled visiting Dale College as a pupil to do some science experiments because his school, Forbes Grant Secondary, did not have these facilities.

"They would give us jerseys, rugby and cricket balls. I'm not persuaded at all that this sort of thing is Dale's policy."

His daughter, Yonda, 10, would remain at Kaffrarian Girls High School in King William's Town.

The incident was symptomatic of the way apartheid had affected whites who needed to rid themselves of their superiority complex "at home".

Arrest warrant out for alleged racist killer

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THE Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Mr Pieter Hendrik Groenewald, who is allegedly responsible for last year's "Wit Wolf-type" murders near Cullinan, Pretoria.

The case against his co-accused, Mr Brian Chester-Browne (27) was postponed indefinitely.

His bail was extended.

The men had earlier pleaded not guilty to two charges of murder, one of attempted murder and one of possessing a firearm without a licence.

The State alleges the two had, on May 5 last year, forced three black men travelling on the road between Cullinan and Mamelodi to stop.

They then allegedly ordered the men to get out of their car and fired several shots at them, killing Mr Prince Makena and Mr Simon Chuene Kobe and wounding Mr Xafier Lekgoate.

Two 9mm pistols were later found in Groenewald's possession.
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Slovo warns of Nuremberg trials

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SOUTH African Communist Party chief, Mr Joe Slovo warned at the weekend that those responsible for the murder of human rights lawyer Bheki Mlangeni and other activists would face a Nuremberg-type trial under a new regime in South Africa.

Slovo was addressing thousands of ANC supporters who braved the scorching heat to pay tribute to Mlangeni who was buried at Heroes Acre at Avalon cemetery at the weekend.

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The deputy president of the ANC, Mr Nelson Mandela, and other senior ANC national executive committee members were among the dignitaries who attended the service in Soweto.

Speakers accused the notorious SA Defence Force's Civil Cooperation Bureau (CCB) of being responsible for Mlangeni's death.

Mlangeni was killed last

week by a booby-trapped cassette player which exploded in his ear.

Slovo warned that the murder of Mlangeni tested the credibility of President FW de Klerk — a failure to act now meant that he would tolerate corruption.

"Those who are responsible for Mlangeni's and other activists' death will be brought to book under a new

government in South Africa," Slovo said.

Mlangeni lived and fought for justice, humanity and order. "We should continue from where he left off."

Mlangeni is the third political leader to be buried at Heroes Acre. The others are PAC president Mr Zephania Mothopeng and Soweto student leader Tsietshi Mashinini.



FREE: Top ANC cadre Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim in Cape Town this week

PIC: YUNUS MOHAMED

South 28/2-6/3/91 (344) **'Tortured' cadre takes action**

FIVE years ago top MK cadre Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim was taken from his Swaziland home at gunpoint by unknown abductors.

Held for three days in a tiny cell and subjected to shrill noises, Ebrahim refused to give his captors more than his name.

This week, Ebrahim walked off the Robben Island ferry a free man, and started instituting legal proceedings against the police based on his abduction and unlawful detention.

He was released from the Island on Wednesday after his conviction and sentence to 20 years in prison for treason had been set aside the day before. For the first time in South African legal history, the Appellate Division found that South African courts had no jurisdiction to try people abducted from foreign countries and brought to trial.

The decision came far too late to prevent Ebrahim's ill-treatment — he

Top MK cadre Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim this week instituted legal proceedings against the police after a landmark decision by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to set aside his conviction and sentence for treason in 1987. A day after his release from Robben Island, he spoke in an exclusive interview to **Rehana Rossouw:**

had been abducted, tortured and sent to prison for 20 years.

Yet, he remembers his abduction without bitterness. "I expected this type of behaviour from the security police. But what I stood for, and still do, will eventually triumph."

On December 15 1986, two men, claiming their car had broken down, came to his house in Mbabane and asked for help.

When Ebrahim left the house to assist them, they held him up with firearms and threatened to kill him if he made a noise or shouted.

"I asked them who they were and they said they were South African policemen," he said.

"I was then blindfolded, my mouth gagged and I was put on the seat of my car where I was told to lie down."

Ebrahim believes that even if the police were not involved in his abduction, some arm of the security forces was.

"It could be the CCB or that kind of oppressor, but they were definitely linked to the security forces. Why would they be able to go fully armed through a roadblock, why

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Ebrahim tells of torture

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were we able to walk into the Pretoria offices of the security police without being hampered?" he asked.

"On the way to Pretoria, they were already attempting to interrogate me, asking the kinds of questions only the security police would know.

"The first question they asked was how I felt about being arrested on Freedom Day (December 16). Then they asked me where I had planted the bombs."

The abductors led him across the border to South Africa against his will and told him to wait for people who were coming from Johannesburg to fetch him.

Later two cars arrived with several white men armed with rifles. One put leg irons on Ebrahim's legs, his hands were untied and he was handcuffed. He was compelled to get into one of the cars.

He was taken to the Pretoria offices of the security police where he was informed that he was being detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

"I was later taken to John Vorster Square in Johannesburg where I was interrogated and tortured," Ebrahim said.

"I refused to tell my interrogators anything except my name and they then tried to break me by subjecting me to some kind of sensory deprivation.

"I was locked in a small cell, with very little air coming in and sharp, loud noises going off constantly every few minutes.

"It was beginning to affect my mind, I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat, I couldn't sit, my nerves were being affected.

"I thought I wouldn't survive — that my mind would crack."

Ebrahim suffered the torture for three days, until he was visited by an inspector of detainees and complained.

The torture stopped for three days, then started again, until his doctor com-



GOING HOME: Ebrahim Ismail Ebrahim arrives at Cape Town harbour from Robben Island this week PIC: YUNUS MOHAMED

plained. He was then transferred from John Vorster Square.

"The security police tried to interrogate me again, but I wouldn't answer their questions," he said.

"I complained continuously that I had been illegally abducted and could not be interrogated.

"After that, I didn't see the security police again until I was charged. In the meantime, my lawyers had brought a court application for my release and the security police must have suspected it would rule in my favour because they stopped questioning me."

Ebrahim said he did not believe the security police had enough information about his activities to charge him.

His name was added to a charge sheet of two other ANC members on trial for treason — Simon Dladla and Mandla Maseko.

"I thought at one stage the security police would kill me — they were very vindictive," he said.

"They thought they had a very senior ANC official in their custody and were disappointed that they couldn't get any information out of me.

"In the end they really tried to kill me.

The prosecutor asked for the death sentence at the end of the trial."

Ebrahim said the police had no evidence against him. Everything that was said in court by the witnesses was fabricated.

Ebrahim, Maseko and Dladla refused to give evidence in the 16-month trial which began in Bethal after Mr Justice H Daniels in the local circuit court in Piet Retief on August 6 1987, had dismissed an application of objection to the court's jurisdiction, and ended in the Pretoria Supreme Court with his sentence in January 1989.

This was Ebrahim's second spell on Robben Island.

In 1979 he was released after serving 15 years on the Island and was banned and restricted.

He had been a member of the Natal regional command of Umkhonto we Sizwe when he was convicted in 1964.

After remaining in Durban for 18 months, he left the country and joined the ANC's political department.

He was sent to Swaziland as head of the ANC's political section and chairperson of the regional political military committee.

Cops attacked in rightwing rampage

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POLICE fought pitched battles with about 300 rightwing demonstrators intending to march to the Pretoria Central Prison after a protest meeting on Church

Square.

A policeman and several journalists were assaulted by baton-wielding rightwingers after the police had fired several teargas canisters to disperse the illegal

march.

According to reports, a black man was attacked by khaki-clad rightwingers at the station. However, police could not confirm the incident.

The rightwingers, who had attended a "unity" meeting addressed by leaders of various rightwing parties on Tuesday night, wanted to deliver a television set to rightwing detainees in the prison in Potgieter Street.

The organisers had received permission to hold a meeting on the square, but not to march to the prison.

Havoc broke out soon after Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging leaders Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and AWB General Servaas de Wet had warned the government that "all hell would break loose" unless rightwing detainees were released.

During the meeting, Vrouekommando leader

AWB General Sannie van der Merwe announced that the organisation had bought a television set for the 40 rightwing detainees being held at the prison.

Members of the audience demanded that the set be delivered to prisoners after the meeting. AWB leader Mr Terre'Blanche acceded to the request and led the demonstrators to the western entrance to Church Square.

Police formed a cordon at the western entrance to the square, trying to stop the march. A police officer told Terre'Blanche that the intended march was illegal and ordered the crowd to disperse.

While Terre'Blanche was still arguing with the officer, policemen sprayed teargas into the crowd.

The crowd, aided by several AWB members

on a bakkie, surged forward, breaking through the cordon and running down Church Street.

At this point at least one gun shot was fired, but no-one was injured.

The police reformed their cordon at the intersection with Bosman Street and threw three teargas cannisters in the direction of the marchers. One cannister was hurled back, landing among the policemen.

In the ensuing chaos, several reporters, photographers and onlookers were affected by the gas as it spread down Church Street and into side streets.

At the PSA Youth Centre in Vermeulen Street, members of the Metro Emergency Services were called out to assist an unidentified woman who was blinded by teargas. She was treated on the spot and discharged.

ROBBIE killing. warrant out for detective

A WARRANT for the arrest of a private detective, alleged to have shot and killed two black men near Mamelodi, has been issued by the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The warrant was issued by, Mr Justice Swart, for the arrest of Mr Pieter Hendrik Groenewald (29), of Boxer Street, Garsfontein, who failed to appear with his co-accused, Mr Brian Chester-Browne (27) on murder charges on Tuesday.

Groenewald's advocate, Mr J Engelbrecht, instructed by Mr W Cornelius, arrived at court but waited in vain for his client until 11.30am.

Groenewald and Chester-Browne, a University of Pretoria student of McKenzie Street, Brooklyn, Pretoria, are alleged to have murdered Messrs Prince Makena and Simon Chuene Kobo on an the Mamelodi/ Cullinan road on May 5 last year.

Shooting

The State, represented by Mr J D Fouche, also alleges that they attempted to murder Mr Xavier Lekgoadi on the same date by shooting at him.

Both men pleaded not guilty in the Cullinan Magistrate's Court on August 28 last year and Groenewald's R10 000 bail and Chester-Browne's R1 000 bail was extended.

During a later appearance the men were ordered to appear in the Magistrate's Court on February 28 for the trial date to be made known.

Applying for the warrant, Fouche called Detective Sergeant E W Olivier of the Pretoria Murder

and Robbery who testified that he had indeed served a notice of the trial date set for Tuesday on Groenewald on January 17.

An order by Mr Justice Swart that the matter against Chester-Browne, at the State's request, be postponed indefinitely and his bail extended, was not opposed by defence counsel, Mr C R Jansen. -
Sowetan Correspondent

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Student dies in race clash

PORT ELIZABETH. — A black student teacher died in hospital on Tuesday after being punched and kicked unconscious by white men outside the the McArthur pool in Humewood here on Sunday.

He was Mr Ronald Mqikela, 26, an unmarried student teacher. He was unconscious, with blood flowing from his ears, nose and mouth when an ambulance arrived at the scene about an hour after the fight.

A friend of the dead man, Mr Thembikosi Frans Ngwayi, yesterday described the incident which happened about 3pm.

"Ronald, myself and two other friends were playing with a ball beside the pool when eight aggressive young white men approached us. The tallest one said 'You black people mustn't play

with a ball here. It's not allowed'.

"We asked why not and appealed to a white lifesaver, but the lifesaver was on their side.

"The whites said it was written on a board that ball games were not allowed near the pool. We said: 'Where is that board?'

"We decided to leave the pool and go to our car, which was parked about 20 paces away from the entrance to the swimming pool. The whites followed us. The tall chap said: 'You people want to fight?'. We said no.

Bleeding

"The tall chap started the attack. I tried to get away from the whites and into the car. One of the whites slammed the door and hurt my ankle badly.

"Outside the car several men were boxing and kicking Ronald."

The attack on Mr Mqikela lasted about five minutes, Mr Ngwayi said.

"When the men were finished with us, Ronald was lying unconscious near the car, bleeding very much from his ears and his nose and his mouth.

"One of us telephoned the police, and when the police arrived about an hour later Ronald was still unconscious and bleeding a lot."

The dead man's brother, 20-year-old Mr Luvuyo Mqikela, said his brother lived with his mother, 56-year-old Gladys, at Kwazakhele. The funeral was being arranged for next week, he said.

A hospital spokesman said yesterday that Ronald appeared to have died of brain injuries.

A police spokesman said a case of murder was being investigated. — Sapa

Should we hold 'war crimes' trials?

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Is merely scrapping the remaining apartheid laws enough, or should the government and individuals, be forced to redress the wrongs done to millions of South Africans? **ZUBEIDA JAFFER** looks at justice for the victims of apartheid

THE government's R4-million peace campaign launched last week will share the fate of the infamous "peace song" if it is not accompanied by a rigorous commitment to justice.

It has declared its intention to finally scrap the remaining pillars of apartheid but has not said a word about the redress of the wrongs that these laws have inflicted on millions of South Africans. Thousands have been displaced, deprived of their ancestral lands, subjected to indiscriminate shootings and torture. Millions have been discriminated against by virtue of their skin colour.

As the country moves towards democracy and an end to apartheid, what is to be done about the crimes that have been committed in its name? Will South Africans forgo their right to justice and redress for the crimes inflicted on them in order to have peace? Will the price that South Africans pay for peace be that the perpetrators of these crimes be allowed to walk free?

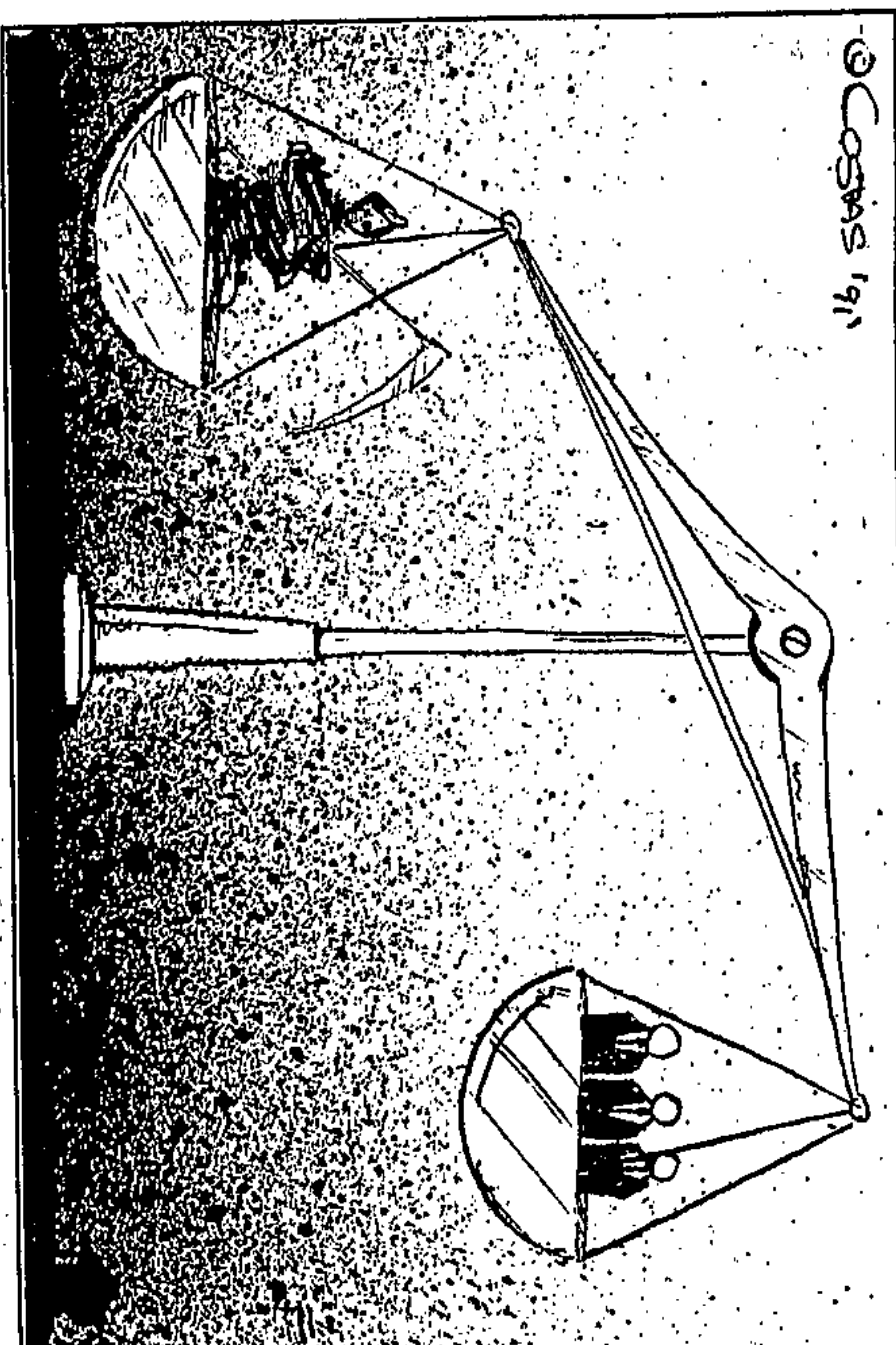
After the findings of the Hennis Commission, State President F.W. de Klerk said: "Let bygones be bygones." Democratic Party leader Zae de Beer sounded the warning bells when he responded: "It is all very well for the state president to look towards the future, but I fear that these spectres from the past will come back to haunt him."

The government's cavalier attitude to "past violations" suggests that it intends taking no action. Instead, it has opted for a campaign for peace without either truth or justice.

What might be the consequences for South Africans if they do not finally rid themselves of the gangrene infecting the country's body politic?

Canadian lawyer David Matus, author of *Justice Delayed: Nazi War Criminals in Canada*, believes that not doing so now will only result in the cry for justice being raised later.

Speaking at the National Association of Democratic Lawyers (Nadels) conference last year, Matus said that while the law says an amnesty will release the perpetrators, "said Matus.



for justice resulted in the prosecutions being resumed, years later.

Matus believes that South Africa runs the risk of living through the same scenario. "If there is an amnesty now, for political reasons, of the worst crimes of apartheid, there may well be, 20, 30, even 40 years from now, persistent efforts to bring the criminals to justice."

Inadequate redress will also mean that those responsible for some of apartheid's worst crimes will remain in their posts and be in a position to pursue their criminal ways for other ends.

An Amnesty International report indicates that after a general amnesty was declared in Brazil in 1979, police continued to act beyond the law, torturing criminals "with impunity and increasingly resorting to extra-judicial executions."

The report concluded that a lack of thorough investigation and prosecution for serious abuses in Brazil had resulted in their being condoned.

"The message an amnesty or immunity law gives is that these crimes are acceptable, that the perpetrator runs no risk of being prosecuted," said Matus.

In South Africa, there has so far been

nothing has been said by the two major players — the National Party and the African National Congress — about the prosecution of apartheid crimes or reparation for their victims.

History offers a number of possible scenarios. In Portugal after the revolution of 1974, the Portuguese people wrote a clause into their constitution to provide for the prosecution of former political leaders responsible for atrocities.

In Argentina in 1985 a general was tried and found guilty of atrocities and sent to jail.

In Chile, more than a decade after large numbers of people were herded into a sports stadium and executed, the debate about prosecutions rages on.

In South Africa, the focus is on achieving peace, rather than justice. But can one be achieved without the other being properly addressed?

The "confession of guilt" by Afrikaner theologian Dr Willie Jonkers, where he acknowledged his part in apartheid's cruel rule, was a step in the right direction and accepted as such by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who acknowledged it as "the beginning of a process towards the reconstruction of a just society".

Jonkers' example calls into question its commitment to accepting responsibility for crimes perpetrated against the entire nation. Instead, it proceeds with what could be seen as self-righteousness as it boasts of the strides it has made in dismantling a system which has caused untold hurt.

There are many who would have greatly valued De Klerk using the opening of parliament this month to ask for forgiveness for the wrongs of the laws he intended repealing.

Instead, he presented himself as a liberator, freeing the country from the fetters of apartheid laws — unleashing a confusion among a battered people that the country can ill-afford.

And the ANC neglects to dispel this myth.

It too proceeds from the assumption that "bygones should be bygones". With astounding insensitivity, it has gone ahead and met with people such as the Reverend Allan Hendrickse and homeland leaders — people who have stood in direct opposition to those who have fought so hard for a united, democratic South Africa.

University of the Western Cape psychologist Sibus Cooper believes that, before meeting them, the ANC should have first clearly stated that it did not

in the name of apartheid.

"It is very important that people have a sense that their grievances are being addressed. There has to be some public demonstration that the atrocities of the past are behind us."

"Years after Nuremberg, they are still bringing those who committed atrocities to book. To expect people all of a sudden to forgive and forget is too much," Cooper said.

Matus understands the dilemma faced by the ANC in this regard. "The ANC has made a virtue of necessity. It has internalised what the current regime itself would want. Prosecution complicates transition to democracy. Transition to democracy is the main goal. Therefore, for the ANC, prosecution is to be avoided," he said.

The ANC has, in fact, gone out of its way to be reconciliatory, to allay white fears, to move to its former oppressors that it will be neither vindictive nor seek retribution.

This is understandable, given the physical realities of power relations in this country. But the ANC also has a constituency out there which is still suffering the consequences of security force action — a constituency that will first have to concretely experience adequate redress of its suffering before peace has any meaning.

It is unlikely that the majority of South Africans, living as they do, will be as generous as Albie Sachs, who survived the blast of a car bomb planted by South African agents.

For Sachs, the only vengeance that can assuage the loss of his arm is "the triumph of our ideals. If the price of peace in South Africa is that those involved in these terrible murders go unpunished, it is worth it," Sachs wrote in his book, *The Soft Vengeance of a Freedom Fighter*.

Matus argues strongly that South African democrats should not jump to this conclusion too readily. "If South Africans are going to pay a price for peace, they should know what the price is," he said. "Failure to prosecute torturers, murderers, criminals against humanity as a price for peace would be a violation of international human rights laws."

If there was a general amnesty, South Africans would also be paying the price of making their country a haven for its own international criminals. In terms of international law, an amnesty in South Africa would not prevent people from being prosecuted, the moment they set foot outside the country.



Navy ordered to return 'CCB boat'

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The South African Navy which seized a fishing vessel in Durban harbour has been ordered by the Supreme Court to return it to Mr Andre Welhelmus Groenewald, an alleged member of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, who used it for clandestine operations.

Mr Justice Mitchell confirmed an order in favour of the Margit Rye Shipping Company Ltd against the Ministry of Defence and the commanding officer at the Salisbury Island naval base.

Radio officer

Mr Groenewald told the court: "I am the master of the vessel Margit Rye and during a temporary absence in the early hours of February 10, 1991, the vessel was allegedly seized and forcibly removed from her berth by members of the SA Navy.

"During my absence the vessel was left in the control of crew member, radio officer Charles O'Carroll.

"The vessel was towed from her berth to the naval base at Salisbury Island."

Mr Groenewald said when he returned, Mr O'Carroll informed him about the actions taken by the SA Navy. He then reported to the police and the Durban harbour port authorities.

It emerged from court papers that the CCB bought the Margit Rye at a cost of R2,5 million to collect information.

It arrived in the Durban docks in October 1989.

It was a prerequisite that the boat be registered in Malta and operated by a CCB member.

Mr Groenewald had been approached and put on the payroll after the purchase of the ship, which was equipped with "very expensive and sophisticated equipment and instrumentation".

Mr Groenewald was given a further R250 000 to place in open bank accounts in Europe.

He was asked by the CCB to set up a company to be called the Margit Rye Shipping Company, to be used as a front for the whole operation.

Supporting these allegations a Mr Pienaar — not his real name — alleged that Mr Groenewald was told that although the assets would be in his name, they would remain the property of the SA Defence Force.

Controversy

When the CCB disbanded in July amid much controversy, Mr Groenewald was requested to hand over the boat and other assets to the SADF.

Mr Groenewald refused to do so, alleging that the SADF owed him money.

In his application Mr Groenewald said it was clear that when the Minister of Defence initially failed to gain possession of the Margit Rye by legal means, he resorted to unlawful methods to seize the boat.

Pool killing: Two charged

PORT ELIZABETH. — Two men were charged with the murder of KwaZakhele student teacher Mr Ronald Nquhela, 27, when they appeared in the magistrate's court here yesterday.

This follows an incident at the McArthur swimming baths in Humewood on Sunday when it was alleged Mr Nquhela and some friends were assaulted by white men.

Bail of R250 each was paid by Mr Stefanus Victor, 22, of Forest Hill, and Mr Marius Ferreira, 20, of Kensington. They were not asked to plead and were ordered to appear in court again on April 5.

In Cape Town yesterday the Labour Party said the killing of Mr Nquhela was a shocking indictment of the country's racially-divided society. — Sapa

Teacher's death shocks PE

By PAT CANDIDO
Weekend Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Eastern Cape, still reeling from revelations about a "Kaffir Bashing Society" at a leading school, was shocked again this week when a young black teacher died after an attack at a beachfront swimming pool.

Last week four former Dale College boys, Richard Bester and three juveniles, members of the "Frank Joubert Hostel Kaffir Bashing Society", were found guilty of beating a 70-year-old vagrant to death.

Playing with ball

This week Ronald Ngikela, 26, a first-year student at the Algoa College of Education, died after being punched and kicked by six white men at the McArthur swimming pool in Humewood.

He and a friend, Mr. Thembikosi Ngwayi, were playing with a ball out-

side the pool when the attack took place. 60/6464 2/3/91 344

Mr Ngikela's brother Luvuyo said they lived with their mother in Kwazakele. The family was devastated and funeral arrangements were being held over until next week.

Rightwing elements in the conservative suburb of Algoa Park have consistently refused to allow blacks entrance to the municipal swimming pool.

The municipality has repeatedly emphasised that pools are open to all and if necessary steps would be taken to see that nobody is barred.

● Mr Stephanus Victor, 23, of Forest Hill Drive, and Mr Marius Ferreira, 19, of Mimosa Avenue, Forest Hill, have appeared in court here on charges of murdering Mr Ngikela.

Mr Victor and Mr Ferreira were not asked to plead and no evidence was heard.



Mrs Gladys Ngikela and her son Luvuyo at their home in Kwazakele after hearing of the death of her other son Ronald, who was attacked by six men at a beachfront swimming pool.

Can 'cop in exile' find the killers of these people?



Richard Turner



Victoria Mxenge



Robert Smit



David Webster

Dirk Coetzee's VOW:

From ALAN ROBINSON in London.

CAPTAIN Dirk Coetzee believes he can solve the double murder of Dr Robert Smit, a former senior Treasury official and National Party parliamentary candidate, and his wife. The couple were slain in their home on the East Rand and mysterious slogans were daubed in blood on the walls.

Other political killings he wants to investigate include the "walkman" murder last week of lawyer Mr Bheki Mlangeni and the slaying of Natal University lecturer Dr Rick Turner, Mr David Webster, Mr Griffiths Mxenge and his wife Victoria, Mr Japie Mponya, Mr Isaac "Ace" Hohema and a man known as Vusi.

Will guarantee results

Mr Coetzee has promised to open a casebook on these sensational political murders ... if the government will let him lead an investigation into "a mass of police atrocities that go back a long, long time".

"There are more, many more, murders that must be solved."

Appealing directly to the Minister of Justice this week, he said: "Let me in. Leave it to me and

I'll solve all the hit-squad killings — if I can return

I guarantee you results. Don't let it all become a farce. Give me the investigation."

However, he will not accept Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee's promise of indemnity if he returns to sign affidavits cataloguing his allegations against police hit squads.

"Affidavits are for reading, like story books. I want to get down to brass tacks. I want to carry out a proper police investigation into what has been going on."

"I have evidence; I have contacts, I have my training as a policeman. Give me a chance and I will produce 100 percent results," said Captain Coetzee in London this week.

Captain Coetzee rejected allegations that he was "suspect" and not suitable to probe the hit-squad murder allegations.

"My record is as clean or as dirty as any of

those of the people involved in this, but I am being trampled on because I am not afraid to tell the truth.

"There are former terrorists (the Askaris), car thieves and robbers serving in the police today. They are driving around at night in police cars. They can arrest anyone and shoot them if they say they tried to escape."

"If the Minister can trust these people, why can't he trust a police pensioner like Dirk Coetzee?"

CCB "just a smokescreen"

"There is a hell of a lot more to this business. The police are making a big thing about the activities of the CCB (Civil Co-operation Bureau). It is just a smokescreen. The CCB were newcomers. They had only been at it for about three years."

"They (the police) are trying to distract attention from what went on in the police force because that would make the CCB look like a bunch of kids. There are a mass, a mass of police atrocities which have gone on for a long, long time."

Regarding the Minister of Justice, the former security policemen now living in London, said: "Give me the case and I'll show you who is a real policeman."

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'Skiet' issues burial plans

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Detained right-wing leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who has been on a hunger strike for more than three weeks, has said farewell to friends and has issued burial instructions, an Orde Boerevolk (OB) spokesman said.

Mr Rudolph, 55, who started his hunger strike on February 6 to protest against the government's refusal to negotiate the establishment of an Afrikaner homeland, is reported to be in an extremely frail condition having lost 14,3kg. He is also believed to be passing blood.

Mr Rudolph, leader of the OB, has

asked to be buried next to well-known right-wingers on a koppie near Hartbeespoort Dam, a spokesman for the OB, Mr Coen Vermaak, said.

● Three detained right-wingers, who embarked on their second hunger strike last Saturday, were physically too weak to attend a court hearing at Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The hearing concerned a request by the Namibian government to have the men, Mr Leonard Veenendaal, Mr Daryl Stopforth and Mr Horst Klenz, extradited to Namibia where they are wanted in connection with an attack on an Untag base and the murder of two men.

'Death of Rudolph will spark violence'

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RIGHT-WING hunger striker Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was "a martyr for the Afrikaner cause" and his death in jail could have violent repercussions, warned a number of right-wing political groups last night.

Now in his 25th day of a hunger strike at Pretoria Central Prison, the 55-year-old Orde Boerevolk leader is "frail and chalky white. He is dizzy and there have been dangerous signs of blood and protein in his urine", said Mr Rudolph's lawyer, Wim Cornelius, last night.

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"If he dies in jail there will be repercussions. Thousands of CP supporters will make a martyr of him," said Conservative Party spokesman on justice Chris de Jager yesterday.

He said that he had asked the Government to prosecute or release Mr Rudolph on a number of occasions.

Mr de Jager said that right-wing groupings such as the CP, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, the Herstigte Nasionale Party would join forces.

Right-wing groupings have warned that they will avenge Mr Rudolph's death. There has also been a call for Afrikaners to show their solidarity and sympathy with the hunger strikers by join-

PAT DEVEREAUX and ADA STUIJT

ing in a countrywide one-day hunger strike next Friday.

An AWB spokesman said last night: "Mr Eugene TerreBlanche has already said all hell will break loose if the Government does not meet the hunger strikers' demands. It will be worse if one of them dies."

Jaap Marais, leader of the HNP, said: "We are perturbed that the Government is discriminating against these rightwingers on hunger strikes while they were very lenient with hunger strikers sympathetic to the ANC."

Mr Cornelius said he had visited five other right-wing hunger strikers, Darryl Stopforth, Arthur Archer, Craig Barker, Corrie Lottering and Fanie Goosen, in the Johannesburg Hospital yesterday.

"Mr Archer's weight is down to 50 kg, Mr Stopforth and Mr Archer have lung conditions and Mr Barker has a heart conditions. These problems could be exacerbated if the hunger strike continues," said Mr Cornelius.

He added that another OB member, Leonard Veenendaal, had apparently also been admitted to hospital.

But confusion has arisen about Mr Veenendaal's exact

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whereabouts. His lawyer said yesterday he believed his client had already been transferred to Johannesburg Hospital, but this was denied by Major W Greyling of the Department of Correctional Services.

Yesterday Mr Veenendaal, Mr Stopforth and Mr Horst Klenz, were physically unable to make a scheduled court appearance at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court. Their case was postponed to April 2.

An Orde Boerevolk spokesman, Coen Vermaak, said Mr Rudolph was already instructing his family to make burial arrangements and had said farewell to all his friends.

The strike was launched to protest against the State President's refusal to negotiate with right-wing organisations for the establishment of an independently ruled territory for Afrikaners.

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VICTIMS OF HATRED ... Sandra and Soonil Roopram, still angry about the senseless attack

Jailed for racist attack on family

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By SHARON CHETTY

TWO men involved in a racist attack on an Indian family have been given prison terms for assault.

Nic Collins and Minnie Swanepoel — described by their victims as khaki-clad rightwingers — were each sentenced to a year's imprisonment with six months suspended for five years in Natal's Mtubatuba magistrate's court.

They were found guilty of assaulting 25-year-old Soonil Roopram.

In the incident at about 10pm on January 4 this year, Mr Roopram was stabbed on the left side of his chest with a dart during

an assault by men who called him a "coolie" and swore at him.

Mr Roopram, his wife, Sandra, and nine other family members were at the Ngweni Hotel, near the Hluhluwe Game Reserve, when they were cursed at by the men and Mr Roopram was attacked.

The terrified family party — including five children — then drove to a local Protea Hotel, where the manager took them in for the night.

A court official said the two convicted men would appeal against their sentences.

Bail of R250 each was extended.

Boer guerillas emerge

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POLICE were stepping up investigations of a right-wing guerrilla movement that sprung up this week targeting Government officials, anti-apartheid leaders and security police for its murder campaign, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman said.

Captain Craig Kotze told Sapa police were tak-

ing threats by the shadowy Boer Republican Army seriously.

Extremists

"There are scores of extremist white splinter groups and it would first have to be established whether this alleged group does in fact exist or not," Kotze said.

The document containing names of possible targets including Nelson Mandela and F W de Klerk, is being circulated to rightwingers in the Western Transvaal, ac-

cording to a report carried by a Johannesburg newspaper.

"All threats of this nature are taken seriously by the police," Kotze said. - Sapa

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Police investigate IRA-inspired Boers

JOHANNESBURG. — A new right-wing terrorist group which has emerged in the Transvaal, professing admiration for the Irish Republican Army and numbering British and American diplomats among its prospective targets, is being taken seriously by the police.

The shadowy Boer Republican Army (BRA) circulated documents to other militant right-wing organisations in the Western Transvaal last week, containing a "hit list" with the names, telephone numbers and, in some cases, addresses of the "Boers' lifelong enemies".

They include President F W de Klerk, ANC leaders Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr Oliver Tambo, other high-ranking

government and ANC officials, British and US consular staff, security policemen and lawyers investigating right-wing terrorism, leading communists and commercial targets such as the headquarters of American multinationals, Shell and BP petrol stations and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

Members of the Broederbond are also regarded as potential targets.

This appears to be the first time that militant right-wingers have identified foreign diplomats as potential targets.

Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, said police were trying to establish the authenticity

of a document claiming the existence of the group.

"There are scores of extremist white splinter groups and it would first have to be established whether this alleged group does in fact exist or not," Captain Kotze said.

"We are investigating the authenticity of the document. But initial investigations seem to indicate the contents might be contradictory," he added.

"All threats of this nature are taken seriously by the police," Captain Kotze said, adding: "The security of government is a top priority of the police."

The document appears to be seeking to galvanise existing militant groups into more violent action, by suggesting that members of the Orde Boerevolk (OB), Boerestaat Party, Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging (AWB) and Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) should consider themselves de facto members of the BRA.

The document advises on methods of sabotage, how to operate as an individual terrorist or in a tight cell structure and how to behave if captured.

It advises would-be assassins to study the itineraries of their more high-profile targets, and strike when they appear most vulnerable. Further details of sabotage

techniques could be gleaned from "numerous books available on urban guerilla warfare", the document says.

"Herein the examples of the Irish Republican Army, who have been fighting against the British for hundreds of years (sic), are very informative."

Members are instructed to remain anonymous while active, but, if captured, to immediately inform the authorities that they belong to the BRA. Any captive would then become "a Boer martyr in solitary confinement, who goes on hunger strike, whose comrades show him solidarity in court and whose family give interviews to newspapers etc". — Daily Telegraph and Sapa

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Explosion at farm of Boerestaat leader

JOHANNESBURG. — An explosion occurred at the entrance to the Sandspruit farm, home of Boerestaat Party (BSP) leader Mr Robert van Tonder, on Saturday night.

The BSP leader said yesterday that he and his wife Louise were on their farm when they heard a "tremendous" explosion about 10.30.

He and his adult children — who also live on the farm with their families — searched the entire area that night, but no damage could be found.

Yesterday morning they discovered that the concrete base of the Vierkleur flag — used as the Boerestaat Party's symbol — had been blown away.

An SAP spokeswoman in Pretoria confirmed the explosion at Mr Van Tonder's farm. — Sapa

CCB dissidents put pressure on Malan

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE decision by a 30-strong dissident faction in the shadowy CCB to bite the hand that feeds it is likely to increase pressure on the embattled Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan.

General Malan's handling of his portfolio will once again come under the spotlight this week when the parliamentary Joint Committee on Public Accounts begins its probe on unauthorised expenditure on the CCB following the publication last month of a highly critical Auditor-General's report on funding for the undercover operatives.

The disgruntled CCB members are threat-

ening to institute Supreme Court action against the state because the golden handshakes they are being offered amount to only a small fraction of what they were allegedly promised in their contracts.

If successful, the rebellious CCB group would set the SA taxpayer back by up to R30 million, embroiling General Malan in yet another controversy.

Documents leaked to the press at the weekend show that the disaffected group is keen to give evidence on the CCB to the parliamentary committee meeting behind closed doors this week.

Such a development could cause further embarrassment to General Malan. But this appears unlikely, despite assurances from the

rebel group that they wish to assist the Auditor-General to get to the bottom of the issue.

General Malan has served notice that the government will pass legislation this session of Parliament aimed at blocking attempts by the CCB group to clinch their lucrative retirement benefit packages.

And the head of the Defence Force, General Kat Liebenberg, said that the disputed CCB contracts had not been approved by the appropriate authorities — the Minister of Defence, the Head of the Defence Force and the Commission for Administration.

However, the CCB members submit that their claims are based on a lawful contract concluded with the Defence Force in 1988 and that General Malan was fully aware of this.

Any attempt by the state to invalidate legal contracts with CCB members would have major implications for the status of contracts between the state and other parties.

● Sapa reports that General Liebenberg said in Pretoria on Saturday that "realistic and rightful" retrenchment packages had been given to CCB members.

General Liebenberg said the Minister of Defence, General Malan, had at various times explained that only a few members' illegitimate actions had brought the entire organisation into disrepute.

The good work which the greater majority had done under difficult circumstances, had been discounted, he said.

I intended to kill, says accused

Own Correspondent

5/3/91

DURBAN — An alleged member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and Orde van die Boerevolk said in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday he had intended to kill the occupants of a Putco bus at Avoca when he and a companion fired at it with automatic weapons — killing seven people and injuring 27.

Adriaan Smuts (38), David Petrus Botha (46) and Eugene Marais (28), all of Richards Bay, appeared before Mr Justice

Hugo and two assessors to face seven counts of murder, 27 counts of attempted murder and a charge of illegal possession of an FN machine rifle and an AK-47 rifle and ammunition.

Mr Smuts and Mr Botha pleaded guilty to the charges. Mr Marais pleaded not guilty to all the charges and his trial was separated and adjourned.

The State alleges that the three men decided to carry out the attack to avenge the stabbing of eight white people by black youths on Durban's beachfront.

In his statement to the court, Mr Smuts said he fired nine shots into the bus with an FN automatic assault rifle as the car he was travelling in pulled alongside it.

Mr Smuts said he shot with the intention of killing the people. He admitted he had no right to kill them and his actions were unlawful.

The judge adjourned the trial to March 20 for the hearing of psychiatric evidence in mitigation. Both men are to remain in custody.

Afrikaners called to fast for hunger strikers

By Monica Nicolson *Star* 5/3/91

Right-wing organisations have called on all Afrikaners to join in a day of fasting tomorrow to show solidarity with Piet Rudolph and the other seven right-wing hunger strikers.

A statement by Kallie Bredenhann on behalf of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Boerestaat Party, Boere Weerstandsbeweging and Orde Boerevolk was telefaxed from the office of Jack Nel, Mr Rudolph's attorney.

Mr Rudolph has been fasting since February 9 at Pretoria Central Prison, where he

is being kept with fellow hunger strikers Henk Bredenhann and Leonard Veenendaal.

OB spokesman Coen Vermaak said he believed the condition of Mr Bredenhann and Mr Veenendaal was serious as both had stopped drinking water.

"They have deteriorated very fast and are in a worse condition than Mr Rudolph, who is also going downhill fast," he said.

The other hunger strikers — Darryl Stopforth, Arthur Archer, Craig Barker, Corrie Lottering and Fanie Goosen — are in the Johannesburg Hospital where they are in a poor

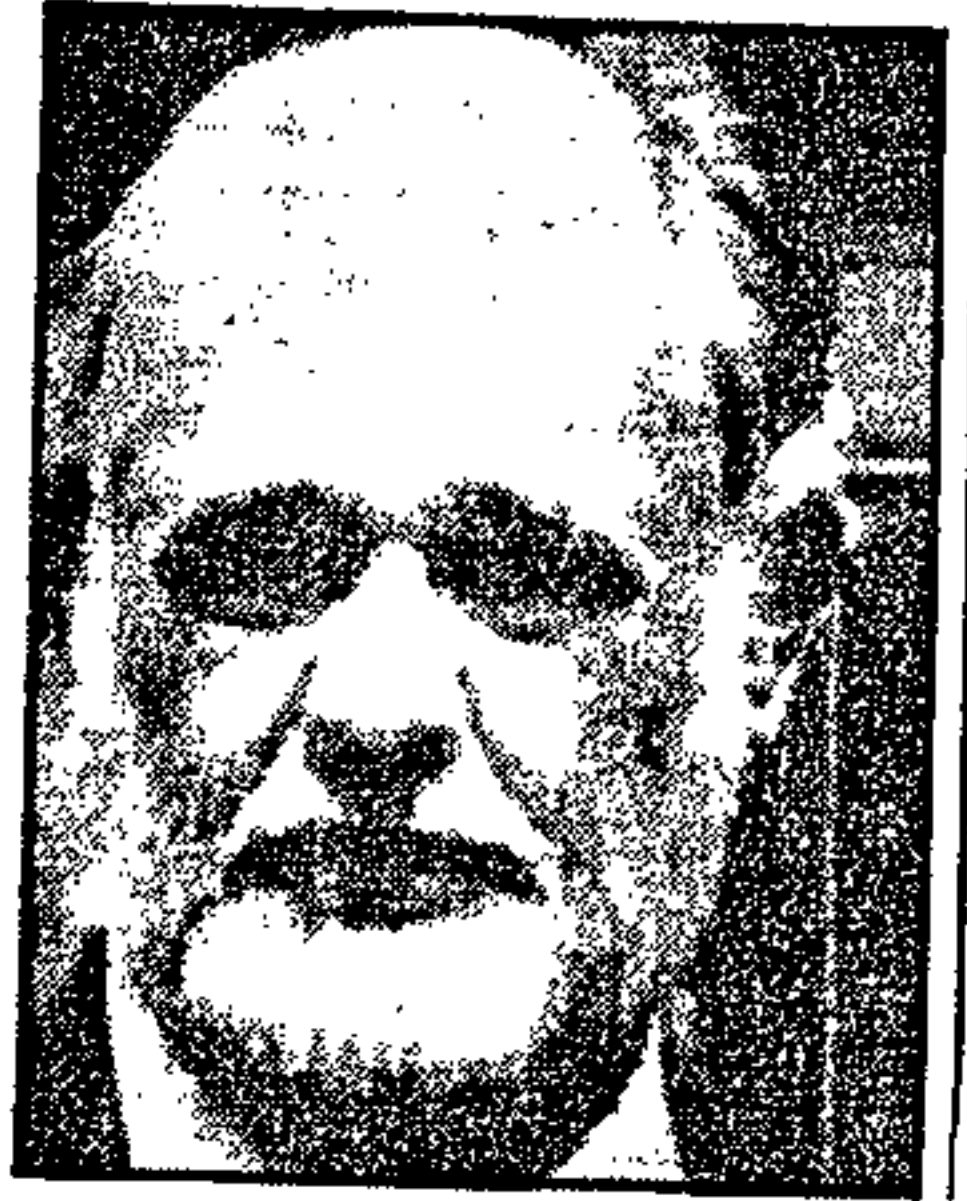
condition, according to their attorney, Wim Cornelius.

Mr Archer, suffering from a lung infection, is said to have lost 20 kilograms. Mr Barker has a heart condition.

In an interview with Sapa, the wife of Mr Rudolph said he was determined to fast to his death. *(155) (344)*

Bregie Rudolph, who visited her husband yesterday, said he was thin and weak, but mentally very strong. *(344)*

She said he was being well looked after by the doctor appointed by the authorities and said she was satisfied with the treatment the prison services were offering him.



No food . . . rightwingers call for day of fasting in solidarity with Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph.

Joburg 'spy
ring' man fired

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —
Public safety director
Mr John Pearce has
been fired for his part in
the Johannesburg City
Council's security de-
partment spy ring.

The council's manage-
ment committee decided
yesterday that he should
be given a month's
notice and dismissed
from the council's ser-
vice at the end of April.

The decision follows
advocate Mr Chris Plew-
man's finding that Mr
Pearce was guilty of 15
counts of misconduct.

AWB men admit bus massacre in Natal

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two members of the AWB and Orde van die Boerevolk pleaded guilty in the Supreme Court here to seven counts of murder and 27 counts of attempted murder following an attack on a bus in October last year in which seven black people were killed and 18 injured.

The Richards Bay men, Mr David Petrus Botha, 46, Mr Adriaan Smuts, 38, and their co-accused, Mr Eugene Marais, 28, who pleaded not guilty, appeared before Mr Justice J H Hugo and two assessors.

There was a separation of trials after the men pleaded. Mr Marais was given bail of R30 000 until March 13. Mr Botha and Mr Smuts were remanded in custody until March 20.

When the men appeared in Durban Magistrate's Court earlier this year, Mr Botha and Mr Smuts told the court they were taking revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people, one of them fatally, on Durban's beachfront on the same day.

Warning of backlash if hunger striker dies

By Monica Nicolson

Star 6/3/91
The death of a right-wing hunger striker will result in a fierce backlash, Orde Boervolk lawyer Jack Nel warned yesterday, saying: "No martyr dies in vain."

"These people are determined to press ahead to the very end in an attempt to draw attention to the future of Afrikaners," said Mr Nel.

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Henk Bredenhann and Leonard Veenendaal have hardened their fast by severely restricting their liquid intake, Mr Nel said.

"They are deteriorating fast and expect to go into comas very soon," he said.

Mr Nel, who visited the Pretoria Central Prison on Monday, said Piet Rudolph had lost 20 kg and was suffering from kidney and liver damage and memory loss.

Two of the right-wing hunger strikers who were hospitalised last week, Fanie Goosen and Cornelius Lottering, have been transferred back to prison.

It is not clear whether they have stopped their fast.

Other hungry strikers, Darryl Stopforth, Arthur Archer and Craig Barker, are in the Johannesburg Hospital where they are in poor condition, according to their attorney, Wim Cornelius.

Pupil is ³⁴⁴jailed for ~~two~~ years

A PUPIL at an exclusive South African private school, who beat an elderly black vagrant to death during a foray of his "Kaffir-Bashing Society", was jailed for two years yesterday.

Three of Richard Bester's fellow pupils, who are minors, received three-year suspended sentences for their part in the crime carried out by the secret society.

The court heard that Bester (18) and his colleagues from Dale College, one of South Africa's most prestigious schools, flung 70-year-old Tom Ruiters over a fence and beat him to death last March. *Sowetan 7/3/74*

Judge Michael Jennett described their actions as "detestable and filling one with revulsion". He said racism was an aggravating factor.

The court heard the school headmaster encouraged the assault by urging students to drive vagrants from the school premises.

The boys pleaded not guilty to charges of culpable homicide and assault. - *Sapa-Reuter*

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Imminent death halted hunger strike

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Right-wing hunger strikers, including Orde Boerevolk (OB) leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, yesterday called off their hunger strike to save themselves from death, an OB spokesman, Mr Coen Vermaak, said.

Mr Vermaak said an earlier statement released by Mr Rudolph's lawyer, Mr Wim Cornelius, that the right-wingers had resumed eating because they believed their demands had been met, was inaccurate.

Mr Vermaak said that although the prison conditions had improved and OB detainees had been charged or released, the OB realised the

government would not talk to the right wing.

One of the main reasons the hunger strikers had refused to eat was to protest at the government's refusal to negotiate the establishment of an Afrikaner homeland.

Mr Vermaak said the decision to resume eating had been supported by the OB.

The Department of Correctional Services yesterday confirmed that six of the eight hunger strikers had started eating on Tuesday night. Both Mr Vermaak and Mr Cornelius said the remaining two hunger strikers, Mr Corrie Lottering and Mr Fanie Goosen, had resumed eating last night.

Grim past haunts Dale

From Claire Keeton
East London

IT IS afternoon at Dale College and throngs of uniformed boys, black and white, are darting around green playing fields, enjoying the bright summer sun.

The boys are heirs to a 130-year-old tradition at this King William's Town school, consciously modelled on the elite English public school system.

The school's imperial past is exemplified in its imposing war memorial "To Our Glorious Dead" and in the hostel's colonial-style dining room hangs a plaque engraved with the names of meritorious former pupils.

But behind Dale's imposing stone facade, lies a darker legacy. Side by side with the school's proud tradition of serving God and country, exists a violent, racist tradition.

A long established, secret Kaffir Bashing Society at the school was exposed this year during the trial of four Dale pupils for culpable homicide after a fatal assault on a vagrant sleeping in the school grounds.

The society was based at the school's Frank Joubert Hostel — a solid building surrounded by palm trees and rolling lawns.

Outside the hostel, an energetic game is in full swing, its participants seemingly oblivious to the hostel's new found notoriety.

Inside the sturdy building, boarders are playing pool and larking about in the wood-panelled corridors which lead to dormitories and bedrooms.

One of these rooms was the nerve centre of the society where ringleader Richard Bester kept a register of members' names in his room. A police truncheon hung on the back of his door and



DARK LEGACY: Palm trees and lush lawns facade hide the dark secrets of the Frank Joubert Hostel at Dale College

The trial of four Dale College boys for culpable homicide in East London Supreme Court has focussed attention on one of the Eastern Cape's top boys schools. This week as the boys were sentenced — one to two years jail and the others to community service — Claire Keeton visited the hostel which served as the headquarters for the "Kaffir Bashing Society" South 7/3-13/3/91.

his red desk-pad was decorated with an AWB insignia.

Here Bester planned midnight attacks in which the society's members stealthily set out from the hostel armed with bats, truncheons and knuckledusters to beat up vagrants sleeping in the school's sprawling grounds described by the headmaster as "the recreational heart of King William's Town".

The members of the society would gather at night in one of the bedrooms,

unbolt the front door and creep through the grounds in search of victims.

In February last year, Bester and his followers launched a fatal assault on a 70-year-old vagrant Tom Ruiters, which resulted in Bester and three other boys being convicted of culpable homicide.

Evidence in court depicted a chilling picture of the "kaffir bashing" activities. Earlier on the day of the assault, the boys spotted Ruiters sleeping on a dirt path — clearly visible from the hostel.

That night, wearing stocking masks blackened with shoe polish, the boys bunked out of the hostel, threw Ruiters over a fence, dragged him down concrete steps across a field and into a cricket shed where they beat and kicked the already injured man.

After the assault the boys stopped for a chat before sneaking back to the hostel. One of them checked on Ruiters, whom they had left at the cricket nets, and reported he was coughing blood.

According to evidence in the trial, during the assault Ruiters had said: "No, boss, I'm not a kaffir, I'm a coloured."

Bester had replied with a kick in the face and the words: "I hate you all."

The raw racism that motivated the "Kaffir Bashing Society" contrasts sharply with Dale's open school policy.

This year under the "open schools model", 43 of the 130 new admissions at the school are black pupils.

They include the son of ANC national executive committee member Steve Tshwete.

While hostel security has been tightened up and the school's lush playing fields look like an advertisement for a new South Africa, more than a year after Ruiters' death Dale is still struggling to overcome its grim past. — ELNEWS

By Chiara Carter

SCHOOLS have an important role to play in preventing racially motivated violence such as occurred at Dale College.

This is the view of Mr Chris Giles, a clinical psychologist at the Cape Town Child Welfare Centre, who gave evidence at the trial of four former Dale College students convicted of culpable homicide last month.

The four — Andrew Bester, 18, and three juveniles — were members of a "Kaffir Bashing society" at the school. Mr Tom Ruiters died after being assaulted by the four boys while asleep on the school premises last year.

Racist attitude

Giles said a range of contributory factors led to Ruiters' death, among others, their racist attitudes and the "macho" nature of the school they attended.

What disturbed him, though, was that none of the boys showed any regret for what they had done.

He was appalled that since the death, none of the boys had attempted to contact the relatives of their victim or make any effort at reparation for their actions.

"There are no signs that they understand the seriousness of what they had done."

He said all four boys viewed black people as non-people.

The key to this attitude lay in the boys' homes.

In racist households, a person, usually

the domestic worker, is perceived as being without feelings.

Domestic workers are unable to assert personal feelings or rights and children conclude such employees have no inner life.

They are therefore seen as "dull housemates" who have to obey the child.

According to Giles, Dale College itself was another major contributory factor to Mr Ruiters' death at the hands of the four pupils.

Like many South African schools, Dale has an ethos which emphasises toughness and being macho.

"Sporting achievement is seen as the pinnacle of success."

For boys who did not match up to this standard, the "Kaffir Bashing Society" provided a sub-cultural activity where they could assert themselves.

He said the fact that the society had been in existence for a long time indicated that the school had in a sense legitimated it even though the society was against school rules.

Giles criticised Dale sharply for refusing to accept responsibility for the boys

who were expelled from the school after they were arrested.

"The school acts in loco parentis for its students. There is a level at which the school is responsible for what happened," he said.

He said it was clear that while the school knew how to negotiate with middle class people who used its grounds, the staff had no idea of how to negotiate with people from other backgrounds, hence the headmaster's suggestion that pupils use force if they found vagrants vandalising the premises.

Political changes

He said recent political changes in South Africa had created a "doomsday" feeling in the boys, particularly the leader, Bester, whose father had to close his business after a consumer boycott.

There was a feeling of being abandoned by the Nationalists and hence a view that law could not be entrusted to the state," Giles said.

Coincidentally the boys watched the video "Mississippi Burning", a film

about racist conflict in the American Deep South, a few days before the killing.

Another contributory factor was their backgrounds.

All four boys came from families where the parenting had left them feeling emotionally insecure.

They came from homes where there were divorces and remarriages; one was adopted as a child.

The result was general anxiety and lack of self-esteem.

According to Giles, boarding school accentuated these feelings, the more because the boys were sent to Dale because their parents could not cope with them at home.

They had also grown up seeing violence as the way to resolve problems.

Giles said while he viewed their immaturity as indicated in their racist attitudes as a "mitigating factor", the crime was extremely serious.

The boys could have reasonably foreseen the possibility their victim would die.

It was not the first time they had as-

Macho school partly to blame for racist killing

saulted someone, there were no signs they had lost control during the assault, they had not tried to get help for their victim after the assault.

He said despite their family problems, the boys were all relatively privileged children and therefore had a high degree of personal responsibility for their actions and the community had the right to expect the boys would be punished.

"Many people in South Africa are anxious about the future, many are tempted to take the law into their own hands."

There are serious questions about the legal system in the black community. White children can't be seen to have carte blanche," Giles commented.

Fateful events

He said in addition to being punished, the boys' racism had to be challenged and one way of doing this would be for them to be ordered to do community service with black community organisation where they would meet black people as people and indeed be in a position where black people were powerful.

While a complex set of factors led up to the fateful events at Dale College, Giles said the case highlighted basic issues which schools would have to address.

"Schools have a special responsibility to address the emotional, social and political deficits pupils have as a result of growing up in apartheid households."

"Children are anxious and feel inadequate, schools can't withdraw from this. They should rather reexamine the curriculum to help pupils adjust to a non-racial country".

Former Dale pupil is jailed for two years

EAST LONDON — A former Dale College pupil, Richard Bester, 18, was sentenced to an effective two years in jail and three other former pupils to suspended jail terms and community service for the death of a 70-year-old man on the school grounds.

Bester, leader of the "Kaffir Bashing Society" at the school, and the three minors, who cannot be identified, were found guilty of culpable homicide and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Their conviction was in connection with the death of Tom Ruiters, a vagrant who had been sleeping on the school grounds when the boys attacked him.

Bester has applied for leave to appeal against his sentence. He was sentenced to a total of three-and-a-half years imprisonment, 18 months of which were suspended. He was also sentenced to 18 months in jail on two counts of assault to do grievous bodily harm, suspended for five years on condition he was not found guilty of a crime involving violence against another person during that time.

The effective jail term is two years.

Bester was granted leave to appeal against the sentence and was released on bail of R300. His application for appeal must be lodged no later than March 22.

The three minors were each sentenced to three years imprisonment for their part in Ruiters' death and to 18 months on two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The jail sentences were suspended in their entirety for three years on condition the youths were not found guilty of crimes involving violence against another person. They were to do 750 hours of community service over a period of two years.

Two of the boys were required to do their community service at the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the other boy at the Stutterheim Hospital.

Mr Justice Jennett described their actions as "detestable and filling one with revulsion". He said racism was an aggravating factor.

The court was told the school headmaster encouraged the assault by urging students to drive vagrants from the school premises. Bester had also seen his father using a truncheon on blacks.

The boys, who had pleaded not guilty to charges of culpable homicide and assault, killed Ruiters after playing truant from the school with the specific intention of "sorting him out". — Sapa-Reuter.

Special unit to probe violence

POLICE have set up a special unit to probe township violence.

Police spokesman Maj Reg Crewe said yesterday the unit had been formed following the weekend's violence at a Soweto hostel which left at least 24 people dead and 12 injured.

The unit would give its full attention to the hostel killings.

All available investigative techniques, including aerial photographs taken at the hostel, were being used to find those responsible for the murders, he said.

"The SAP gives the as-

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surance that everything possible will be done to bring the perpetrators to book," Crewe said, appealing to people with information to come forward.

Another police spokesman Lt Burger van Rooyen said the establishment of the unit underlined the police's desire to get "to the bottom of the matter as soon as possible".

The ANC's PWV Regional Office spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said while the organisation welcomed the

police move to investigate the Mzimhlophe hostel murders, it would be satisfied only with an independent commission of inquiry into the attack — particularly "into the police behaviour in that violence".

Mamoepa said the ANC had received allegations from township residents that when asked why they were not intervening to stop the fighting, police at the scene said "they were there to watch developments".

The allegations were denied by police.

A YEAR ago they tramped menacingly across the SA political psyche, their rhetoric, khaki uniforms and sjamboks a stubborn block in the way of a new SA.

If there was then a sense of the right-wing movement being all dressed up with nowhere to go, it was not apparent in the apocalyptic utterings of the right's bully-boys. Early last year they paraded the streets of towns like Welkom which witnessed a mushrooming of right-wing militant groups.

That the Welkom saga was in fact a particularly nasty gold miners' dispute being waged above ground, was never seriously investigated. Instead this was the right on the march, SA was led to believe.

Some months later the violence came, but not from the right-wingers and not on the broad streets of right-wing towns like Ermelo or Burgersdorp. Rather, it came from townships like Vosloorus, Thokoza and Bickersdal.

Now, with right-wing terrorism almost non-existent and its leaders resorting to hunger strikes to try to squeeze concessions from government — unsuccessfully as it transpires — the right appears weaker than ever before.

While former militants like Piet "Skiet" Rudolph — with one eye on amnesty — declare that they are now prepared to negotiate a new dispensation, the Conservative Party and its leader Andries Treurnicht hold out against negotiating with "communists".

The militants — some of them inside the CP — argue for armed struggle and a separate and sovereign volkstaat. The CP ideologues stick to the party's policy of "partition", pointing out that the international trend is towards recognising separate nationalisms.

Amid vague threats of an armed uprising, the CP is pinning its hopes on a referendum at which the De Klerk-Mandela "new deal" will be put to the vote and found wanting.

The right's armies try to dodge the march of progress

PATRICK BULGER

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Risk consultant and right-wing expert Wim Booysse believes the right has realised the impossibility of a simple leap from generalised dissent into armed struggle. This may explain its low profile of late. Rather, he argues, the right is sowing the seeds of a counter-revolution.

Armed training is continuing with fervour. "The most important component is the creation of defensive cell structures — especially by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging. Training is going on in all the Boer towns," Booysse says.

Between August last year and January this year, he counted no fewer than 127 weekend training courses on farms in right-wing rural districts. He says the AWB is setting up a jigsaw of "order groups" which are organised at area, regional and division level.

Kommandants and veldkornets train the commandos which are defensive in posture. Neighbourhood watches are infiltrated by rightists intent on using them for their own political purposes. "The AWB has shown an unbelievable surge in profile and is attracting a younger and more sophisticated element," he says.



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By contrast the CP remains caught up in its own contradictions. It can remain a traditional parliamentary party seeking power through the ballot box, or break with Parliament and link up with the

militants in extra-parliamentary struggle.

The farmers' siege of Pretoria — catching the CP leaders unaware as it did — illustrates that the party may well be out of touch with right-wing rural militancy.

While the rhetoric of the CP has radicalised, there is a difference in emphasis between pragmatists and ideologues. There is as yet no clear split, but a tendency in the CP strongly backs the idea of going to the negotiating table and putting the case for a sovereign Boerestaat. The ideologues battle to break with the party's Verwoerdian heritage and pin their hopes on the referendum. What the right never suspected last year was the intensity of state reaction to its incipient terrorist revolution.

In a series of swoops, police relentlessly hunted down and detained right-wingers in much the same fashion the state used for years to contain the left. Rudolph's armed uprising ended in capture and acrimony with Rudolph calling on his incredulous followers to hand in their weapons and negotiate a new future. So much for armed struggle. But CP gains in recent by-

elections reinforce the view that the right is far from finished as a political force. The prayer vigils in support of the former hunger strikers are being seen in right-wing circles as a way to unite the right around a single emotional and militant issue. On the ground, the right wing remains obstructive and effective.

In dozens of Transvaal towns, the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act has been matched by outlandish fees for amenities for "non-rate-payers" — that is, blacks. On the Transvaal and Free State platteland the right remains the dominant political force.

Even in the urban areas, AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche pulls crowds of almost 2 000 people in places like Alberton that border on townships that have witnessed some of the worst political violence in SA history.

For its part, government has abandoned the spectre of the militant right as an excuse for not pushing through further social and political reforms. Government relies on the hopelessly fractious right to remain its own worst enemy. It is anxious to come up with a workable constitution that will both defuse and allay white fears.

The right suffers most of all from an unworkable and illogical political policy and an inability to push itself to the centre stage of SA politics. Historically SA's two main constitutional options have always been partition. If accommodation is to be the pattern of the future, the right will be dragged kicking into an uncertain future. Sporadic right-wing violence will be commonplace, however.

Partition, or even a watered-down federal arrangement, might placate the khaki brigade. A constitutional arrangement that puts urban interests above rural concerns may well leave the right confined to far-flung backwaters. There it may remain powerful and reactionary but unable to impose its will on national politics.

PORT ELIZABETH
— Dale College authorities this week denied any knowledge of the nightly excursions of a group of boys known as the "Frank Joubert Kaffir Bashing Society".

The death of 70-year-old Tom Ruiters in a savage assault by former pupils at schools has deeply shocked the school, pupils and King William's Town.

But the conservative eastern Cape town is solidly behind the 130-year-old school, which is the focus of its existence.

This week Richard Bester (19), leader of the "kaffir-bashing" society, and three minors stood with their heads bowed as the judge handed out jail sentences and community service for what he described as a cruel deed with strong racial undertones.

Bester will effectively serve a two-year term with 3½ years suspended.

Three minors will each do 750 hours' community service under the control of the National Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Rehabilitation of Offenders. Each also received a 4½-year suspended sentence.

Two of the boys will work at the East London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and a third at a Border hostel.

Bester was given until March 22 to apply for leave to appeal and was granted bail of R300.

Comment

Neville Woolgar, chairman of the management council of Dale College, said he was prepared to comment now that the matter was no longer *sub judice*.

He said there had been no pressure on the headmaster, Malcolm Andrew, to resign. "Mr Andrew is an exceptional headmaster and has done a great deal for the school. The idea of him leaving is unthinkable."

Asked whether discipline had been tightened at the hostels, he said he was satisfied that discipline had always been good.

He said immediately after the incident, the management council had launched an independent investigation under the chairmanship of a judge of the Supreme Court. No blame could be attached to the headmaster or staff.

"We are quite satisfied that neither the headmaster nor any member of the staff could in any way be held responsible for the incident, and that no one in authority knew of the existence of the so-called secret society or its activities."

He said it was clear that the existence of the society was not due to lack of care or proper control.

The school, staff, boys and town had been saddened by the unfortunate incident, and the shock and indignation was con-

siderable.

He said it was clear that only a very small group of boys was involved in or aware of the society.

Mr Woolgar stressed that a school boarding hostel was not a reformatory or a prison and at a certain stage, as in a home, pupils had to be trusted, as duty masters could not be on duty 24 hours a day.

"The Dale family has been distressed by recent press coverage, which has highlighted the negative and not the positive. The negative aspects reflected unfavourably on a famous and respected institution.

"We have the committed and dedicated support of the headmaster and management council. The reaction of the community, parents, old Dalians and schools throughout the country has been of tremendous support through what has been a difficult period."

Richard Bester, father of Richard, was less complimentary. He said he had chosen Dale College because of its reputation for integrity and discipline.

He said discipline had been lax and staff had not been honest with him. He said no one had ever approached him to complain about Richard's behaviour and the boys seemed to come and go as they pleased.

Cigarettes

Mr Bester said knew of one master who supplied the boys with cigarettes.

He said neither he nor his son were racists. The truncheon his son had used in the assault could not have killed anyone.

"Naturally I am deeply hurt and very upset by all this. Richard is a good boy and I feel this would not have happened if I had not sent him to Dale, where he was influenced by certain elements."

PAT CANDIDO

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Disappointed right snubs 'Piet Skiet'

A RIGHT-WING show of solidarity for detained Orde Boerevolk (OB) leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph yesterday turned into a massive snub.

Only about 40 people turned out for a prayer service in support of Mr Rudolph and fellow right-wing detainees at the Pretoria showgrounds.

The service was to be a showpiece of solidarity and was to prove once and for all that right-wing factions could close ranks in times of crisis.

'God's will'

But it was apparent rightwingers felt Mr Rudolph and fellow OB detainees "had let them down" when they stopped their fast on Wednesday — the same day rightwingers across the country prepared to go without food in a show of support.

OB attorney Mr Jack Nel asked the silent gathering to accept Mr Rudolph acted according to what he believed was God's will.

"I was surprised to learn from Mr Rudolph that he had decided to abandon the hunger strike," he

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said. "Two days earlier he said he was a soldier in the struggle of the volk and was prepared to die."

Mr Nel said it appeared the hunger strikers made a one-sided decision at a time when people rallied around to support them and said Mr Rudolph was aware of what was happening outside.

Mr Rudolph decided to call off the hunger strike after he conferred with the Rev F J Pelser of the Verbondvolk Kerk in Kempton Park. "Piet told me Mr Pelser convinced him it was not God's will for him to die."

Mr Nel said Mr Rudolph had improved "significantly" since he started eating after a 31-day fast: "He looks normal."

Mr Rudolph ate some cheese yesterday and would step up consumption of solids from today, Mr Nel said.

On Wednesday the attorney representing OB members, Wim Cornelius, said the demands of the hunger strikers had been met.

Tutu admitted to hospital

Rightwing caches found — police

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Two large weapon caches have been discovered near here in a comprehensive police investigation into ultraright activities in the Free State.

This was reported in a front page report of a Bloemfontein newspaper today.

The investigation covered attacks on National Party offices at Bloemfontein and Theunissen, an explosion at an Eskom electric mast near the Saltpan road and unlawful possession of weapons.

Five members of the ultraright Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, including its area leader Mr Dirk Ackermann of Kwaggafontein outside Bloemfontein, have already appeared briefly in court.

The others are Mr Willem

Etsebeth and Mr Louis van Zyl of Kwaggafontein, Mr Bill Allison of Pellissier and Mr Christo Niemand of Fichardt Park.

The trial was postponed to April 3.

All five were allowed bail of R1 000 each.

Breakthrough

Colonel Bart Vosloo, head of the security police in the OFS, said the discovery of the weapons caches in the Bloemfontein and Brandfort districts was a breakthrough after three months of intensive investigation.

Mr Andre du Toit, Deputy Attorney-General of the Free State, said the possibility was not excluded that a shotgun found on a farm near Bloemfontein was among weapons stolen in the robbery from Air Force headquarters in April

1990, in which Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, the detained leader of the Orde Boerevolk, was allegedly involved.

Charges are being investigated against two of the men in connection with an arms cache on the farm Emanuel, Brandfort, where explosives, bombs, ammunition and arms were allegedly found.

The appearance of another two of the men was connected with a cache on the farm Deelmiddelport, Bloemfontein, where a shotgun, teargas grenades and military two-way radios were found — believed to have been stolen from the SADF.

The NP office in Bloemfontein was damaged in an explosion in July 1990.

A few months earlier a shotgun was fired at the Theunissen NP office. — Sapa.

T.P. houses to stay empty

Nusas man's car attacked

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THE car windscreen of a Stellenbosch student who helped organise a campaign against the initiation of first-year students was smashed early yesterday by bottles thrown from the Helshoogte residence.

Mr Rudolf Mastenbroek, chairman of the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) on campus, said another Nusas executive member, Mr Sybert Liebenberg, borrowed his car and parked it outside the residence on Wednesday evening.

Photographs of initiation practices at Helshoogte taken by Mr Liebenberg and published in the Cape Times last month led to several student leaders being fined by the university this week.

A charge of malicious damage to property has been laid with Stellenbosch police.

AWB preparing for battle to protect whites, says ET

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

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The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's Kommandos were preparing themselves for battle to protect whites when revolution finally broke out, according to AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche.

In a television interview on "Bishop's Beat" this morning, Mr TerreBlanche said the AWB's Kommandos were gearing themselves for war to protect whites when the "inevitable revolution" broke out.

The AWB leader said he had told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in a meeting that his organisation's Kommandos were preparing themselves for self-protection.

Asked why the AWB did not register as a political party and then take part in negotiations, Mr TerreBlanche said the AWB was a political movement "preparing ourselves for a revolution" and it would not negotiate with the ANC, "a bunch of communist-inspired racists who are not interested in power-sharing".

Mr TerreBlanche said the AWB would not negotiate with people who had "no right to make decisions over my properties" such as the old Boer Republics.

"We are preparing for war in case of a revolution or a total selling out of our people. If the ANC starts a revolution, then we will be prepared to counter that revolution," Mr Terre-Blanche said.

Probe shows fit subsidise the sick

PRETORIA — There is "improper cross-subsidisation" within medical schemes between members and employer groups who claim infrequently and those who claim excessively.

This is one of the findings of Prof George Marx of Pretoria University's Chair of Insurance, who has completed an investigation of medical aid schemes.

Marx said there should be a reduction in this "drastic cross-subsidisation" — this had been made possible by a recent amendment to the Medical Schemes Act, in terms of which a member's membership fee will be based on his past claim record.

He found ordinary members subsidised pensioner members because pensioners contributed less than a third of their claims. *6/04/13/191*

He said ordinary members were becoming increasingly reluctant to continue subsidising pensioner members, because they could not afford to, and because they had

no assurance that they in turn would be subsidised by ordinary members once they became pensioners.

He warned medical schemes that employers might try to change from scheme to scheme in order to continue deriving the benefits of cross-subsidisation.

It had been suggested that medical aid schemes be converted to health care organisations, in order to limit those supplying medical services to an appointed panel of doctors and other providers of services.

But not all members of medical aid schemes, especially the more sophisticated ones, would be in favour of health care organisations.

Marx called for the introduction of "a low-claim bonus or rebate system based on the member's claims over a 12-month period".

He warned that increases in medical aid fees were likely to continue. — Sapa.

AWB men in court over arms caches

BLOEMFONTEIN — Two large weapons caches have been discovered in the Bloemfontein and Brandfort districts in a police investigation into Free State right-wing activities. *6/4*

The investigation covered attacks on NP offices in Bloemfontein and Theunissen, an explosion at an Eskom electric mast near the Saltpan road and unlawful possession of weapons, Bloemfontein newspaper Die Volksblad reported.

Five members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), including area leader Dirk Ackermann of Kwaggafontein, have appeared in court.

The others are Willem Etsebeth, Louis van Zyl Bill Allison and Christo Niemand. *6/04/13/191*

The trial was postponed to April 3. All five were allowed bail of R1 000 each.

Free State Deputy Attorney-General Andre du Toit said the possibility was not excluded that a shotgun found on a farm near Bloemfontein was among weapons stolen in the SA Air Force headquarters robbery in April 1990, in which detained Orde Boer-evolk leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was allegedly involved.

The appearance of two of the men was connected with a cache, including radios, on the farm Deelmiddelport. The radios are believed to have been stolen from the SA Defence Force. — Sapa.



Protea Chemicals

Registration number 79/06624/06

Consolidated income statement

R'000	Six months ended 28 February		char
	1991 (unaudited)	1990	
Turnover	169 599	191 469	
Operating income	6 197	8 782	
Finance costs	3 270	5 225	
Income before taxation	2 927	3 557	
Taxation	1 016	1 491	
Outside shareholders' interest	56	43	
Earned for shareholders before extraordinary items	1 855	2 023	
Extraordinary items		104	
Earned for shareholders after extraordinary items	1 855	1 919	
Shares in issue (000)	46 636	46 636	
Earnings per share (cents)	4,0	4,3	
Dividends per share (cents)	—	1,5	
— interim	—	1,5	
— final			
Dividend cover (times)		2,9	

COMMENT ON THE RESULTS

The 1990 Annual Report stated that the group was unimpressed by last year's first-half results and this has proved true. Demand for commodity chemicals remains depressed by the general economy. The tax rate for the current period is the impact of export incentives on the current lower rate before taxation.

Gearing

Interest-bearing borrowings as a percentage of perm-49,9% is an improvement on the financial year-end figure of August 1990.

Foreign exchange

The group covers forward on all transactions in currencies and has no uncovered positions.

AWB threatens 'hard hand' on doctor

Political Reporter

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The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging threatened yesterday to "act hard-handedly" against a prominent medical practitioner who has been one of the main organisers of a campaign to eliminate discrimination at Goldfields hospitals.

AWB communications commander in Welkom, Blikkies Blignaut, said Dr Rhett Kahn, the "brain" behind Monday's ANC/DP tour of the Welkom Provincial Hospital, was a traitor who would land himself in deep trouble.

"We have given him plenty of time to see where he stands with relation to the ANC and the AWB. Now he has proved his true colours. We are going to tackle him," Mr Blignaut threatened.

He said the growing hospital racism row "and several other complex issues" were reaching boiling point in the town, where racial tension erupted into violent clashes between blacks and whites last year.

Mr Blignaut hinted that a planned protest march in Welkom on Saturday to highlight segregation, organised by the Goldfields Hospital Desegregation Campaign Committee (GHDCC), would unleash white anger "much worse" than last year's clashes.

"We are mobilised. We have spoken enough," he said.

Dr Kahn, the DP's Goldfields chairman, said yesterday the DP was prepared to talk to the AWB in an effort to find peaceful solutions.

"The AWB also has a place in South Africa. We are prepared to allay their fears, but we are

not prepared to allow naked racism to continue."

● Welkom City Council has refused permission for the march on Saturday, but the GHDCC has asked to meet council officials tomorrow to resolve the issue.

GHDCC spokesman Shadrack Motloung said the communities of Meloding (Virginia), Kutloanong (Odendaalsrus), Thabong (Welkom) and Bronville (Welkom) would decide later this week whether to proceed with the march.

Referring to a walkout of provincial officials at a meeting last week to discuss grievances with the GHDCC, he said: "The Government says it is prepared to negotiate, but its own people walked out of the meeting. This leaves us with no other option but to continue with the march to highlight our grievances."

Bus ambush — AWB man admits to murdering 7

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — An Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member who murdered seven black people and attempted to kill 27 more in a revenge attack on a bus last year, yesterday changed his plea to guilty.

In the Supreme Court, Durban, Eugene Marais (27) pleaded guilty to and was convicted on seven counts of murder, 27 counts of attempted murder, illegal possession of an FN automatic rifle, an AK-47 rifle and cartridges.

Last week, when he appeared with co-accused David Petrus Botha and Adriaan Smuts, Marais pleaded not guilty.

The court heard the attack was carried out on October 9 last year as an act of revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people — one fatally — on Durban's beachfront.

In mitigation of sentence, evidence was given by the sister of Marais, Anel Boshoff, who described a man very "easy in-

fluenced" and "highly impressionable".

Marais attended an ultra-conservative school where daily indoctrination about his identity as an Afrikaner was given.

His sister believed, however, that it was during his military service that Marais became politically active.

Once he moved to Richards Bay he openly expressed his total support for the AWB and displayed party paraphernalia in his home and on his car.

"I couldn't believe it when I heard what he had done, because he never displayed any violent tendencies," she said.

She believed the attack was the culmination of the influence of the AWB and his change of religion from the Ned Geref Kerk to the Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk and a group called the Verbondingsvolk.

Evidence was heard that the Verbondingsvolk was a religious group which believed that all people who were not white were animals.

It also espoused the view that blacks were not entitled to a "place in the sun".

The trial continues before Mr Justice J.H. Hugo today.

Guilty plea in killings case

AWB member Eugene Marais, of Richards Bay, yesterday changed his plea to guilty on seven charges of murder. ³⁴⁴ ~~344~~

He also pleaded guilty to 27 charges of attempted murder and to illegally possessing automatic rifles and ammunition. *Someten*

The case, in the Durban Supreme Court, arises from an attack on a Putco bus on October 9 last year. *1413/91.*

The attack was allegedly in revenge for the stabbing of eight white people. - Sapa.

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — "I saw them as being a busload of animals," said convicted AWB member Eugene Marais, who has admitted taking part in a massacre which left seven blacks dead and more than 20 injured.

Minutes before, during his evidence-in-chief in the Supreme Court here yesterday, a remorseful Marais made an emotional plea for forgiveness.

"I feel very bad about what happened," he said.

"I shouldn't have done it. At the time I thought it was the right thing to do, now I know it was wrong."

"I feel as if I cannot live with myself."

On October 9 last year Marais and two other AWB activists and members of the Orde Boerevolk opened fire on a bus carrying 34 black passengers. The attack was one of revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people, one of them fatally, on Durban's beachfront.

"I was very concerned about the knife attack and thought it was the beginning of the uprising of blacks against whites."

Marais said the AWB commandant of the Richards Bay area, Mr David Petrus Botha, had told him to attend a meeting at his home and to bring his AK-47 rifle. Once he was there a third man, Mr Adriaan Smuts, joined them — toting a ,375 Magnum gun on his hip.

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Marais has maintained that until they got into the car and began driving to Durban, he knew nothing about the impending bus attack.

When he was told, he said he believed the order had come from AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche.

From his evidence it became clear that once he became politically active, Marais changed affiliation, from the Nationalist Party to the CP to the AWB.

"I felt the CP was powerless. The AWB could do more for our land."

He also changed religions, starting with the NG Kerk, moving to the Afrikaanse Protestante Kerk and finally the "Verbondingsvolk".

Marais said he had become "very interested" in this group, who believed that all those people who were not Israelites had not been made by God but by Satan.

"They believed that blacks were 'animals of the field', animals that looked like people."

He began following their beliefs because he said he was shown evidence in passages from the Bible.

The trial continues before Mr Justice Hugo today.

Killings: AWB man 'did it for TerreBlanche'

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By CARMEL RICKARD: Durban

WHEN Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member Eugene Marais fired on a bus of black passengers, he believed he was carrying out the instructions of Eugene TerreBlanche, the leader he was "prepared to die for".

Giving mitigating evidence in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday Marais, convicted of murdering seven people and attempting to murder seven others, said he joined the trip as this would give blacks the message they would suffer in an uprising against whites.

The AWB is facing a multi-million rand legal claim by relatives of people killed and injured in last October's bus shooting. Lawyers engaged by the South African Council of Churches have instructed advocate Guido Penzhorn to file a claim against the organisation. He is keeping a watching brief in the trial of three AWB members charged with seven counts of murder and 27 of attempted murder.

Marais was convicted this week on all counts. Evidence in mitigation is being heard by Mr Justice Hugo to determine whether to impose the death penalty.

Marais told the court he and his two co-accused had been distressed by reports on October 9 last year that blacks attacked whites at the beach and believed it was the start of an uprising. Acting on instructions from AWB commandant Petrus Botha, they drove to Durban. They spotted a bus and opened fire.

Evidence in mitigation has presented a picture of a malleable man whose years at a conservative school and later in the defence force made him feel his people, the Afrikaners, were under threat and that he had to prepare himself to defend them. Marais' sister, his wife and his cousin, a Dutch Reformed Church minister, said he was not a violent man, and that he participated in the shooting because of the influence of the AWB and the Verbondevolk.

MURDER VICTIMS 'SEEN AS ANIMALS'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — An AWB member convicted of taking part in an attack on a bus in which seven blacks were shot dead told the Supreme Court yesterday he had seen the victims as "a busload of animals".

Eugene Marais of Richards Bay was giving evidence in mitigation of sentence after being convicted of murder.

"I feel very bad about what happened. I shouldn't have done it. At the time I thought it was the right thing to do; now I know it was wrong. I feel as if I cannot live with myself," he said.

On October 9 last year Marais and two AWB members opened fire on a bus carrying black passengers. The attack was in revenge for an attack by black youths earlier in the day in which eight whites were stabbed, one fatally.

Marais said the AWB commandant of the Richards Bay area, David Petrus Botha, had told him to attend a meeting

and to bring his AK-47 rifle. They were joined by Adriaan Smuts.

When he was told of the plan to attack a bus, he believed the order had come from AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Marais told the court how his political affiliation changed from the NP to the CP to the AWB.

"I felt the CP was powerless. The AWB could do more for our land."

He also changed religions, eventually joining the Verboningsvolk.

Marais said he had become very interested in this group which believed all those people who were not Israelites, had not been made by God but by Satan.

"They believed that blacks were 'animals of the field'; animals that looked like people," he said.

The trial continues.

Mayekiso slams police over 'squatter removals'

WILSON ZWANE

POLICE were displacing hundreds of people to create a power base for vigilantes, Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) president Moses Mayekiso alleged yesterday.

Mayekiso said in an interview hundreds of squatters had sought refuge at ACO offices, churches and community halls after police evacuated them from their shacks in five sections of the township.

His organisation had received allegations that police had removed all non-Inkatha supporters from their shacks in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th avenues to make room for Inkatha "impis".

"By removing the people

from their dwellings the police want to create a power base for vigilantes. We deplore this and allegations that police have shot dead five people since violence erupted last Saturday.

"This makes a mockery of the role of police as law and order keepers. We demand an inquiry into the police behaviour," Mayekiso said, adding that a meeting with the SAP was being organised.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe denied police had removed people from their dwellings.

"The police — with the consent of Cast, ANC and

Inkatha — congregated Inkatha supporters at the hostel to prevent further killings of innocent people. At no stage did police remove people from their dwellings," Malherbe said.

He also denied allegations of police involvement in the recent violence that has left at least 47 people dead in the township, adding "police are there to protect lives and property and not to kill people".

Mayekiso said an Inkatha meeting called for this Sunday should be cancelled as it might cause violence to escalate.

But West Rand Inkatha leader Humphrey Ndlovu said the meeting would go ahead as planned.

Two shot during squatter camp clashes

LINDEN BIRNS

A POLICEMAN and a civilian woman were shot during clashes between unknown gunmen and police patrols in Phola Park squatter camp near Thokoza late on Wednesday night.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweek said that shortly after 11pm police travelling in a Casspir encountered what was thought to be automatic gunfire from a Scorpion machine gun.

Police fired back, but no one was hurt

At about 11.25pm the same Casspir was fired on again with AK47s.

Sgt N S Erasmus sustained light injuries after a bullet grazed his nose.

Early yesterday, Phola Park Civic Asso-

ciation head, Prince Mahlangu, reported that police had shot and injured a woman in the squatter camp the previous night.

Van Zweek said police were trying to trace the woman who had not reported her injuries to the police.

Police said all Reef townships and squatter camps were quiet yesterday.

Meanwhile Sapa reports that a man was killed and another injured in a clash between a group of residents and comrades at Wesselton township near Ermelo. One of the comrades had allegedly hijacked and torched a taxi. — Sapa.

Killer saw victims as 'busload of animals'

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Convicted AWB murderer Eugene Marais, who has admitted taking part in a massacre which left seven people dead and more than a score injured, said yesterday: "I saw them as being a busload of animals."

Minutes before, during his evidence-in-chief in the Supreme Court, Durban, yesterday, Marais made an emotional plea for forgiveness.

"I feel very bad about what happened. I shouldn't have done it. At the time I thought it was the right thing to do; now I know it was wrong," he said.

On October 9 last year Marais and two other AWB activists and members of the Orde Boerevolk opened fire on a bus carrying 34 black passengers.

The attack was one of revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people, one of them fatally, on Durban's beachfront.

"I was very concerned about the knife attack and thought it was the beginning of the uprising of blacks against whites,"

said Marais.

He said the AWB commandant of the Richards Bay area, David Petrus Botha, had told him to attend a meeting at his home. He also told Marais to bring his AK-47 rifle.

Once there, a third man, Adriaan Smuts, joined them — carrying a .375 Magnum gun on his hip.

Marais has maintained that until they got into the car and began driving to Durban, he knew nothing about the impending bus attack.

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From his evidence it became clear that once Marais became politically active, he changed affiliation from the Nationalist Party to the CP to the AWB.

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They believed that blacks were "animals of the field, animals that looked like people".

He began following their beliefs because he said he was shown evidence in passages from the Bible.

The accused was "brainwashed to kill", a clinical psychologist said yesterday.

Mr Russell Matthews said Marais had succumbed to the racist beliefs of the church he had joined.

He was a person who was easily influenced by his peers.

He said Marais was used as a pawn in a political game. Mr Matthews said Marais was also psychologically, politically and emotionally brainwashed by the influence of the AWB.

Because of his low self-esteem, lack of success and lack of a father-figure in his life, as well as deep-rooted needs to be respected and to succeed, he was an ideal candidate to do the AWB's "dirty work", Mr Matthews said.

The trial continues today.

BUS killings: AWB man 'brainwashed to kill'

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Weekend Argus Correspondent
DURBAN. — Eugene Marais, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member who pleaded guilty in the Durban Supreme Court to charges of fatally shooting seven Putco bus passengers and injuring 27, was "brainwashed to kill", a clinical psychologist told the court.

'Political game'

Mr Russell Matthews said Marais had become a member of a church called Israeli Vision. He succumbed to their racist beliefs, one of which was that people who were not white were animals.

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thews said Marais was also psychologically, politically and emotionally brainwashed by the influence and teachings of the AWB.

Because of his low self-esteem, lack of success and lack of a father-figure in his life, as well as deep-rooted needs to be respected and to succeed, he was an ideal candidate to do the AWB's "dirty work", Mr Matthews said.

Marais at last felt he had found his "place in the sun" in the ranks of the AWB.

On October 9, David Botha, the AWB commander at Richards Bay, called Marais to his flat after hearing on the radio about a knife attack on whites on Durban's beachfront.

According to evidence, Botha asked Marais to bring along his AK-47 assault rifle. Marais did not question this request, assuming that Bo-

tha merely wanted to have a look at it.

When he got to the flat, the two were joined by another AWB member, Adriaan Smuts.

All three got into a car driven by Marais and headed towards Durban. Only after he had got into the vehicle, did Botha tell him what his plans were: to attack a taxi to avenge the knife assault on whites.

Marais, asked by the prosecution whether he went along with the idea, replied that he was "primed for action".

At Avoca, Botha saw a Putco bus and instructed the two to attack it. The bus was followed for a short distance and was overtaken. While being overtaken, Botha shouted "fire" and Marais and Smuts obeyed and did what was told.

He said that after firing a volley of rounds, Botha stopped his vehicle

some distance from the bus, after which he made a U-turn and drove slowly past the bullet-riddled bus which was stationary.

As they went past the bus, Marais, said he realised there was no movement inside.

Religiously justified

At the time of the attack, Marais said he felt nothing. He believed what he was doing was religiously justified, in line with the beliefs of his church movement.

It was only later after listening to the news that the reality of what he had done dawned on him.

His actions created a conflict in his mind about the teachings of the NGK Church to which he had belonged since childhood and the Israeli Vision church to which he had subscribed. The hearing continues.

16 activists' murders still unsolved

Political Staff

THE police had not yet been able to solve the assassination of 16 anti-apartheid leaders, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

These included the murders of University of Natal academic Dr Richard Turner, Cradock community leader Mr Matthew Goniwe and the University of the Witwatersrand social anthropologist Dr David Webster.

Mr Vlok was questioned about police investigations into the assassinations by the Democratic Party MP for Johannes-

burg North, Mr Peter Soal, who wanted to know whether any people had been detained, arrested, charged or convicted in connection with the murders.

Mr Vlok replied: "No, no evidence has as yet been obtained to connect any person with these cases."

However, in regard to the murder of Durban attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge, Mr Vlok provided "background information" that "as a result of the confession by Mr Dirk Coetzee regarding the murder of Griffiths Mxenge, a warrant has been issued for his arrest".

"A prisoner who was sentenced to death,

Mr Almond Nofomela, also alleged he was involved in the murder of Griffiths Mxenge," Mr Vlok said.

Dr Turner was shot outside his Durban home in 1978; Mr Mxenge was stabbed outside his Durban home in 1981; his wife, Mrs Victoria Mxenge, was hacked outside the same home in 1985 and Dr Webster was shot outside his Johannesburg home in 1989.

The Cradock four — Mr Goniwe, Mr Sparrow Mkhonto, Mr Fort Calata and Sicla Mhawuli — were abducted and killed on the Grahamstown-Port Elizabeth road in 1985.

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Harms lawyers earn R3,5m

Political Staff

THE lawyers who represented the police and the defence force before the Harms Commission had cost taxpayers at least R3,5 million, the Democratic Party's spokesman on law and order, Mr Tony Leon, said yesterday.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday, in reply to a question tabled by Mr Leon, that the two senior advocates, Mr L Visser, SC and Mr S J Maritz, SC, were paid R66 000 a month to represent the police before the commission.

Mr Visser was assisted by Mr M D du Preez, who was paid R33 000 a month, and Mr Maritz was assisted by Mr F Kemp, who was paid R44 000 a month.

The advocates appeared for the duration of the commission from February last year to August.

Mr Vlok also said a provisional concluding fee, equal to the monthly fee, was paid to each of the four advocates, subject to decision by the Bar Council about the reasonableness of the fee.

On February 5 this year, the Bar Council ruled that Mr Visser and

Mr Du Preez were not entitled to receive a concluding fee, Mr Maritz was entitled to R50 000 and Mr Kemp to R35 000.

Mr Leon said in a statement that the four advocates had earned R1,67 million for six months' work during the Harms Commission.

Mr Leon said he wanted to point out that to date the taxpayers' bill for the legal counsel retained by the police and defence for the Harms Commission was "at least R3,5 million", and was shared by a total of eight advocates.

Committee: Act on CCB probe

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

ACTION should be taken against all persons responsible for obstructing the Auditor General's probe into the Civil Co-operation Bureau by hiding files crucial to his probe into the organisation, the all-party Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts recommended yesterday.

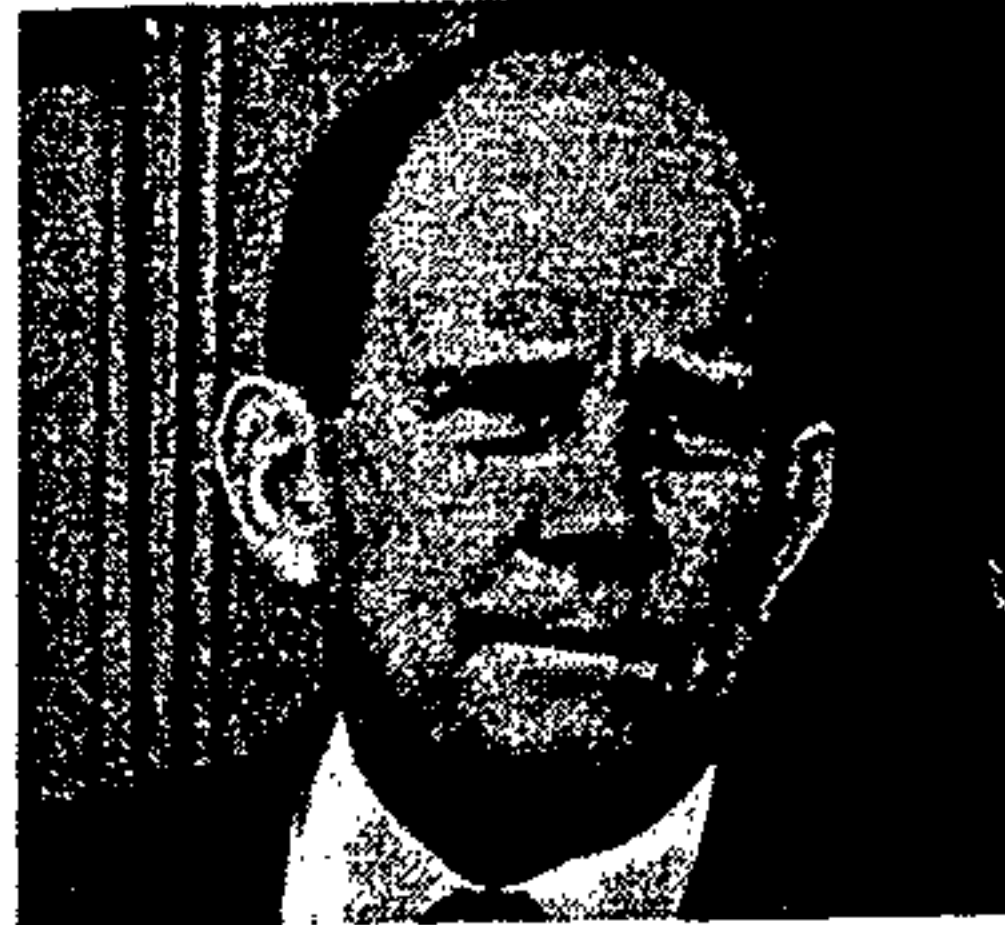
The committee's report on the Auditor General's special report on the Special Defence Account ruled that at least R3,6 million of the shadowy CCB's expenditure should be regarded as unauthorised.

Embattled Defence Minister General Magnus Malan was given some cause for relief by the finding that another R11,9m of contested CCB spending could be regarded as authorised.

And in Pretoria, a court dismissed an application by three former members of the CCB for claims against the minister to be heard as a matter of urgency.

The Chief of the Defence Force, General Kat Liebenberg, last night pronounced himself "satisfied. Wrong perceptions are being cleared and realities are coming to light", he said.

However, a statement issued by three DP members of the Public Accounts Committee said both General Malan and Finance Min-



UNDER FIRE ...
Magnus Malan

ister Mr Barend du Plessis were "at least guilty of gross incompetence and neglect of duty."

"The ministers of Defence and Finance were provided with project information for their authorisation in February 1990."

"They should have known what was going on; they owe South Africans an explanation of why such action (the planned assassination of Mr Dullah Omar and the bombing of the Early Learning Centre in Athlone) were carried out against fellow South Africans."

DP MPs Mr Tian van der Merwe, Mr Roger Hulley and Mr Jasper Walsh said that the report merely lifted the corner of the veil of secrecy surrounding the CCB "and confirms doubts and suspicions regarding their activities".

The DP members said the evi-

dence of Gen Liebenberg to the committee confirmed that CCB members withheld or destroyed crucial files, refused to hand them over for audit or divulge their contents, "showing contempt for State authority and their superiors".

The DP statement added: "Every possible hindrance was placed in the way of the Auditor General who was acting under Parliament's authority and in accordance with the expressed wishes of the State President. Their rejection of accountability reveals the attitude of utter contempt and demands disciplinary action."

The DP MPs said the audit was "totally undermined" as there was no valid supporting evidence for much of the CCB expenditure and 75% or more of the payments were not supported by normal expenditure vouchers. Many of the remaining invoices were destroyed, defaced or otherwise rendered useless.

"The Minister of Defence is responsible and we again call for his resignation."

The report of the parliamentary committee expressed concern about the extensive use of verbal approvals in situations where written approval would have been possible.

The report said that R3,069 million under project Samoesa had been allocated without appropriate approval and were therefore unauthorised.

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Secret AWB sect that spawned mass killers

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A RIGHT-WING sect that has spawned two convicted murderers in the past 18 months may have as many as 10 000 followers.

It is known among its members as the Israelite movement, or the Israeli Vision church. The sect emerged publicly again this week in the trial of three right-wingers accused of machine-gunning a bus loaded with blacks, killing seven.

Eugene Marais, 28, an AWB and Orde Boerevolk member, has pleaded guilty to the murders in an AK-47 attack on a Putco bus last October.

As a member of the Community of the Covenant People, he had seen the victims as "a busload of animals" he told the court.

And, he said, "all those people who were not Israelites had not been made by God, but by Satan. Blacks were animals of the field, animals that looked like people," he said.

Similar claims were made by mass killer Barend "Wit Wolf" Strydom's father during his son's trial in May 1989.

Strydom was sentenced to death for killing seven black pedestrians when he went on a shooting rampage at Pretoria's Strijdom Square in November 1988.

As arch right-winger Nic Strydom told the court that "blacks are nothing but animals", his son nodded approvingly from the dock.

Enemy

Last September, Order of Death member Corrie Lottering cited more than 100 Biblical tracts to support his version of the Israelite doctrine while on trial for the murder of a black taxi driver.

He said he regarded blacks as his "natural enemy" and told the court he had stabbed and shot the taxi operator as a test of his ability to assassinate left-wing leaders in the future.

He believed he had the right to eliminate leaders who deviated from apartheid laws which were "100 percent" the will of God.

The Israelites have a number of sub-groups,

including an English cell on the Reef.

A clergyman who left the movement recently after 10 years, said this week that members were drawn mainly from "the intelligentsia" and included people from a wide range of professions.

"They believe fervently that non-whites are animals and, if questioned, will present 'proof' in the form of Biblical texts or biological evidence," said the clergyman, who did not want to be named.

He said the movement, which had cells throughout the country, was sub-divided into several groupings, including The Community of the Covenant People — to which Eugene Marais found himself attracted.

A book published in 1987 by Eastern Transvaal farmer and Israelite sup-



AWB ACCUSED ... Eugene Marais and his wife Ina outside the Supreme Court in Durban

By HERMAN JANSEN and DAVID MACGREGOR

porter Robert Hayes, 47, was banned by the Publications Board for its radical contents.

Mr Hayes, one of the most outspoken proponents of the Israelite doctrine, claimed it was based on a "literal" rather than spiritual interpretation of biblical teachings.

He believed that white South Africans were the direct descendants of the Old

Testament Israelites, who would trek across Africa to the Promised Land after the apocalypse.

In Marais' trial in Durban this week, clinical psychologist Russell Matthews said in mitigating evidence that Marais, who was easily influenced, had succumbed to the racist beliefs of the Israeli Vision Church.

"He was used as a pawn in a political game after being psychologically, politically and emotionally

brainwashed by the teachings of the AWB," Mr Matthews said.

Marais was an ideal candidate for the AWB's "dirty work" because he had low self-esteem, was unsuccessful and lacked a father figure. He had deep rooted needs to be respected.

Duped

Marais has claimed he was duped into the attack by his co-accused, David Botha, 46, and Adriaan Smuts, 38, as an act of revenge after a group of youths in PAC T-shirts went on the rampage on the Durban beachfront, killing one person and injuring eight others.

He told the court he believed the order to attack had come from AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche.

Mr Marais' wife, Ina, told the court her husband had no trouble working with blacks and had once saved the life of a drowning coloured man.

She claimed her husband had become politically aware of the "black danger" through the media.

The trial was adjourned to March 20.

SAP want to quiz Coetzee on walkman

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Own Correspondent

LONDON.— The South African Police hope to interview fugitive former hit-squad policeman Mr Dirk Coetzee in Britain about the booby-trap death of a leading ANC lawyer.

However, Mr Coetzee has gone into hiding amid fears that South African assassins are after him.

His lawyer, Mr Bheki Mhlange, died last month when a charge placed in the headphone of a walkman exploded in his left ear.

Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen, who is probing his death, was due to arrive here last night to question Mr Coetzee, who believes the device was intended for him.

Since fleeing South Africa in 1989, Mr Coetzee has made public allegations that the SAP ran hit squads which assassinated opponents of the government.

Now he believes the Civil Co-operation Bureau is trying to kill him. He recently moved out of his London flat after a mysterious break-in and after his son saw a man lurking outside his bedroom.

It remains to be seen how General Van der Westhuizen will contact Mr Coetzee, who is keeping his new address a secret. Even his wife Karin, in Pretoria, is unaware of his whereabouts and relies on calls he makes from public phone boxes.

Mr Coetzee believes the walkman that killed Mr Mhlange is the same one that was posted to him in Lusaka. He has said he did not have the R60 to pay duty on the parcel and returned it to its sender, apparently the Johannesburg law firm for which Mr Mhlange worked.

He has alleged that the sophisticated bomb was assembled by the SAP's technical division in Rebecca Street, Pretoria.



AWB's 'visit': Black nurses 'felt fear'...

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WELKOM. — About 80 khaki-clad AWB members "visited" Welkom's Provincial Hospital, allegedly telling black people in "white" wards they did not belong there, and leaving black nurses fearing for their safety.

A nurse, who asked not to be named, said last night that the group — many of whom were armed — went to the white wards on Friday and told black patients they did not belong there.

The nurse said she and other staff felt threatened, and after the incident many of the black patients asked to be transferred to "black" wards.

"We felt threatened and very unhappy. We went to the black side," the nurse said.

BLATANT SEGREGATION

The hospital recently came under the spotlight after reports of blatant segregation, five months after the scrapping of racially separate amenities.

Last Monday an ANC and Democratic Party delegation visited the hospital, condemned the racial segregation there, and called for the resignation of Free State Health Services MEC, Mr Roelf Dreyer, and Director General Dr Jan Kruger.

Welkom's AWB leader Mr Blikkies Blignaut confirmed that an AWB group had visited the hospital "in reaction to the visit by the DP and ANC, and the statement they made afterwards".

According to Mr Blignaut, the purpose of the visit was "to pay our white people a visit", and to ask if their safety was guaranteed.

Asked what posed a threat to white patients, he said he had knowledge of certain incidents, which he declined to disclose, but said he would discuss it personally with the health minister.

The AWB would act strongly against intimidation from the DP or ANC concerning hospitals, Mr Blignaut added.

Asked what he meant by intimidation, Mr Blignaut replied: "Listen, if there's an emergency in Welkom on any of the 20 mines here, the hospital won't be big enough to hospitalise the whites. If it's filled by blacks what is going to happen?"

"If the ANC and DP continue making a political snowball out of the whole thing, we will react... we don't participate in party politics, we act for our fellow whites."

REMARKS

Mr Blignaut denied any remarks were made to black people during Friday's AWB visit, and said he forbade such action.

Welkom Police spokesman, Colonel Vic Stewart, confirmed that about 50 AWB members had visited the hospital, but had dispersed later without incident.

The hospital's superintendent, Dr Gert van Zyl, said about 80 uniformed AWB members had arrived at the hospital on Friday but had dispersed after he approached Mr Blignaut.

"I asked him not to bring his politics to the hospital anymore, and he said he would approach Dr Rina Venter about the issue," Dr van Zyl said — Sapa.

Rudolph likens his aims to those of ANC

RIGHT-WING rebel Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who was released from detention yesterday, said he and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela were fighting for the same things and had used the same methods.

"I am not a violent man," he said in an interview, despite admitting responsibility for five bomb blasts and the theft of a large arms cache from the SA Air Force.

Rudolph was the only right winger granted unconditional indemnity when government announced on Monday it was freeing 33 left-wing political prisoners.

He also disclosed that he intended disbanding his Orde Boerevolk organisation once it had secured the release of about 60

other right-wing detainees and prisoners.

The organisation was started to demonstrate that Boers would fight for their beliefs. Rudolph said he felt that this point had been made and the organisation would be used only as a forum for uniting the right wing and securing the release of other right wingers.

After his release he sent a telegram to President F W de Klerk congratulating him on his birthday and thanking him for his release.

Rudolph looked relaxed and healthy de-

spite his two hunger strikes.

He said yesterday the Orde Boerevolk accepted responsibility for five bomb blasts: one at Melrose House, one at the British Embassy, two at NP offices and one at the Rustenburg offices of the Food and Allied Workers' Union.

He also acknowledged responsibility for the theft of machine guns, R1 and R4 rifles at the SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria last year.

Rudolph said he had signed a confession to this effect.

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Rightwingers still face prosecution

By Al-Ameen Kafaar
and Political Staff

In spite of the indemnity granted on Monday to Orde Boerevolk leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, his three co-accused in the alleged Melrose House bombing would face prosecution until indemnity orders had been granted to them, a Justice Department official said yesterday.

But the advocate for the three accused, J. Roussouw, said it was virtually certain that Jan Dirk Heyns du Bruyn (37) of Krugersdorp, Gert Johannes Jacobus du Bruyn (30) of Elandsrand and Artur Detlef Guderian (23) of Blyvooruitsig would be granted indemnity.

Mr. Roussouw told a Pretoria Regional Court magistrate yesterday that as the perpetrator (seen as a reference to Piet Rudolph) had been granted indemnity, there was every reason to believe the co-accused would also be granted a reprieve.

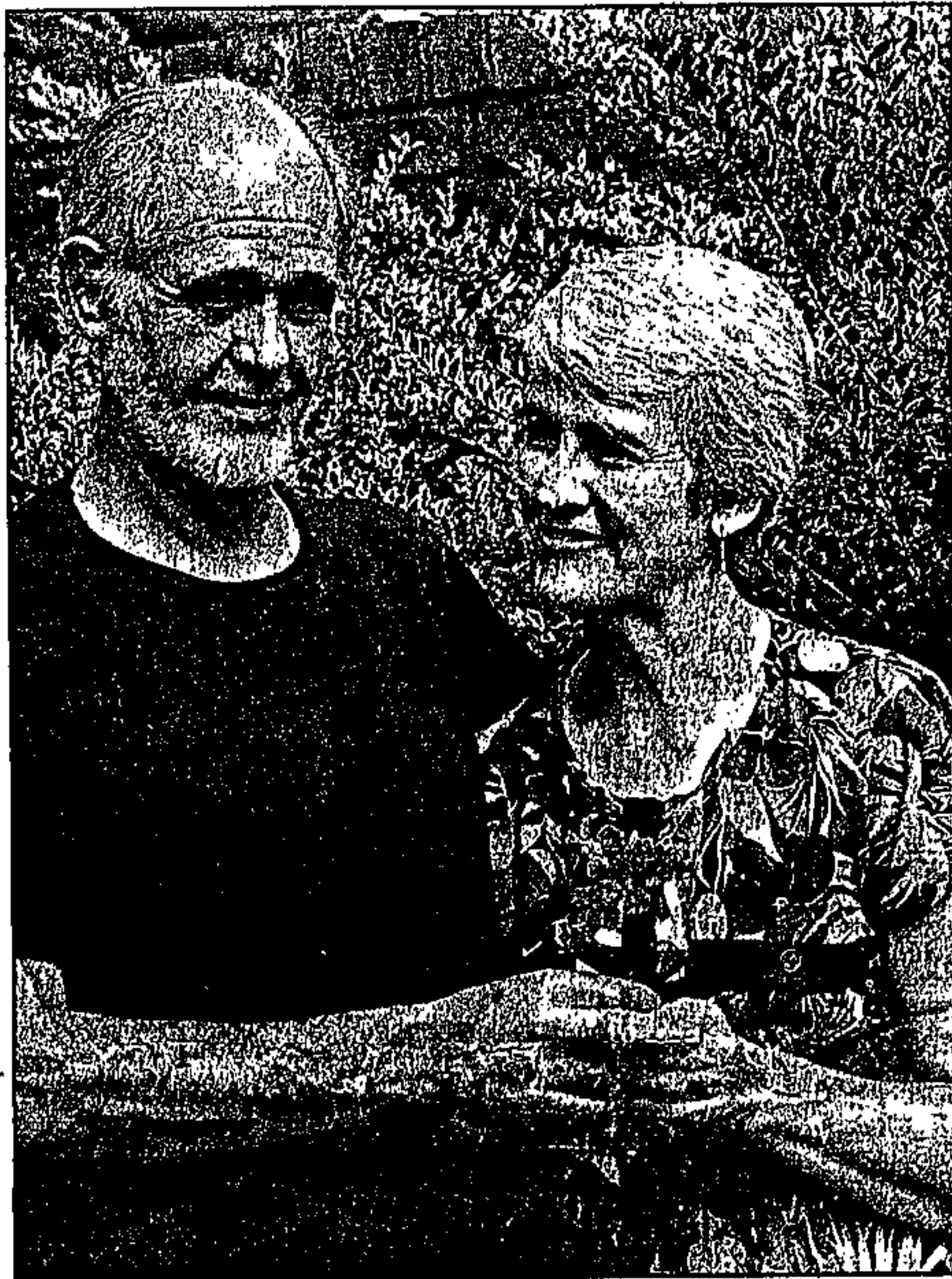
In the light of Monday's developments, Mr. Roussouw asked that the hearing be postponed to June 6. The magistrate granted the postponement.

The men, who have not been asked to plead, are appearing in connection with a charge of sabotage and two charges relating to the possession of explosives.

It is alleged that on May 23 last year they unlawfully exploded a homemade bomb at Melrose House in Pretoria.

The fate of the seven jailed rightwingers who joined Mr Rudolph in his hunger strike and that of the three Broederstroom prisoners is still unknown.

A spokesman for the Justice Department refused to say if indemnity applications by Darryl Stopforth, Arthur Archer, Craig Barker, Corrie Lottering, Fanie Goosen, Henk Bredenhann and Leonard Veenendal, and by Damian de Lange, Susan Westcott and Ian Robertson (the so-called Broederstroom three) had been submitted.



Reunited . . . Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and his wife Breggie at home after his release.

Rudolph to disband Boerevolk

Political Staff

Freed right-wing leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph is to disband his Orde Boerevolk and continue to put out feelers to negotiate with the Government.

But Mr Rudolph said yesterday he had left prison with his political views entrenched and would still consider using violence if the situation warranted it.

His immediate plans were to help other detained Orde Boerevolk members to get their freedom. Once he has achieved this, he would disband the organisation as it had fulfilled its objective.

Mr Rudolph was planning to hold talks with top right-wing leaders to see whether it was possible to come to an agreement with the Government about the "tragedy".

Asked what situation would warrant the return to violence, Mr Rudolph said it would be if the "Boere" were forced into a one-party state with a black majority government. A multiparty state with a black majority government would not lead to lasting peace either, he said.

Mr Rudolph said he had not made a deal whereby he would be released if he resumed eating.

He was told on Monday night that he would be freed. He did not know why he was released before any of the other rightwingers.

He said he was well treated by police and prison authorities. Although he had lost weight, he said his spirit was "right".

Mr Rudolph said he knew who had "betrayed" him but was not prepared to identify the person. He said there was "almost nothing" police did not know about right-wing activities.

His plans were to write his autobiography and have a volume of poetry published.

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Preacher: Blacks 'animals of veld'

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A preacher from a right-wing religious sect, who allegedly influenced a convicted murderer into believing blacks were animals, gave evidence in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr Carel Pieter Liebenberg, the assistant Town Secretary in Richards Bay, told the court that it was his personal opinion that blacks were "wild animals of the veld who did not have redeemable souls".

Eugene Marais, the AWB member who murdered seven black men and attempted to kill 27 others in an attack on a passenger bus last year, claimed to be influenced by a sect called the "Gemeente van die Verbondsvolk".

Mr Liebenberg stated that although the accused had never been a member of his congregation, he had tried to

save Marais's soul, and tried to get him to renounce the AWB.

He said the church did not propagate the view that blacks were animals — this was his personal view. He denied that he had any influence over Marais's decision to attack the bus.

Mr Liebenberg said he had never tried to save the soul of a black person, because paradise was reserved for whites only.

Argument in mitigation of sentence will begin today.

● Mr David Botha, 46, and Mr Adriaan Smuts, 38, both AWB members accused of being involved in the attack on the bus, were remanded yesterday until June 17.

This follows a request by the defence that the two men, who have pleaded guilty to seven counts of murder and 27 counts of attempted murder, be allowed to see psychologists and psychiatrists. — Sapa

De Aar AWB to face charges

CAP 741 21/3/91
By GUY OLIVER

DE AAR'S AWB leader, Mr Daniel Bothma, is to be prosecuted for two separate alleged assaults on coloured children at the local, formerly "whites only", swimming pool, Northern Cape attorney-general Mr Charl Du Plessis confirmed yesterday.

One of the two incidents took place in January this year, and the other in October last year.

Mr Du Plessis said he had ordered prosecutions against Mr Bothma and Mr Lester John Douglas Geyser, on three counts of assault and three counts of criminal injuria. This follows an incident inside the swimming pool on October 21 last year.

He said coloured children had al-

legedly "been pushed and insulted" by the two men.

Both men have been ordered to appear in court on May 21.

Mr Bothma has also been subpoenaed to appear on March 28, to face three charges of assault.

The charges follow an alleged assault on coloured children just outside the pool complex in January.

Mr Du Plessis said further complaints of assault on coloured children in the same vicinity were being investigated, but the suspects had not yet been identified.

The pool area became a flash point of racial tension after the Separate Amenities Act was abolished last year, opening facilities to all races.

Rudolph exempt from all claims for damages

Pretoria Correspondent

Right-wing bomber Piet "Skiet" Rudolph will not be liable for any damages resulting from terror attacks.

The Orde Boerevolk leader and former Pretoria city councillor — the first rightwinger to receive indemnity — will be exempted from any civil claims resulting from his actions, his attorney, Wim Cornelius confirmed.

He said civil claims resulting from the Melrose House blast alone were more than R200 000.

Official notice of the indemnity granted by the State President was published in a Government Gazette on Tuesday.

Mr Rudolph has claimed responsibility for five bomb attacks, including the Melrose House blast and two explosions at the Johannesburg offices of the Afrikaans newspaper Beeld.

Mr Cornelius said Mr Ru-

dolph's release made legal history in South Africa.

He revealed that Mr Rudolph's application for indemnity amounted to a mammoth 155 pages covering "his entire life story from childhood right up to the time of his arrest".

Mr Cornelius said he was confident indemnity would be granted soon for 10 other right-wingers: four in detention and six outside prison.

Those in detention who may soon be released were Darryl Stopforth and Leonard Veenendaal — implicated by Mr Rudolph as CCB members — Arthur Archer and Craig Barker.

Political graffiti sprayed on Melrose House walls by Mr Rudolph before he lit the fuse probably won him his freedom. "This was very important in proving that his motivation for the attack was purely political," Mr Cornelius said.

Provisions for political prisoners, previously non-existent in South African law, were de-

tailed in the Pretoria and Groote Schuur Minutes.

A Justice Department spokesman confirmed that 310 "convicted persons, who may be described as political prisoners," had been released and 830 applications for amnesty had been received.

The spokesman refused to confirm or deny if indemnity applications by rightwingers Stopforth, Archer, Barker, Corrie Lottering, Fanie Goosen, Henk Bredenhann and Veenendaal, and by Damian de Lange, Susan Westcott and Ian Robertson (the Broederstroom Three) had been submitted.

De Lange, Westcott and Robertson were convicted in October 1989 for charges ranging from sabotage to terrorism. De Lange was effectively jailed for 25 years, Robertson for 20 years and Westcott for 18 years.

Two appeals by the three to the Transvaal Supreme Court and the Bloemfontein Appeal court were turned down.

Who's who

More than 80 right-wing organisations and splinter groups have sprung up since the far-right gained momentum in the early 1970s. They exist as cells based in small towns throughout the country, many of them training in secret in the use of weapons and physical combat. **Noel Bruyns** highlights some of them:

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◆ Conservative Party (CP)

THE Conservative Party is the official Opposition in the white parliament. It received 31,5 percent votes (39 of 166 seats) in the 1989 general elections. Andries Treurnicht is the party leader.

The CP broke away from the National Party in 1982. It accuses the NP of "selling out whites" for a future black majority government and economic ruin.

◆ Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP)

THE Herstigte Nasionale Party broke away from the National Party in 1969. It has been forced out on to the political fringes by the CP.

Jaap Marais is its leader. The HNP advocates the "white homeland" concept.

◆ Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB)

THE militant radical rightwing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was founded by its leader, Eugene Terre'Blanche, in 1973. It claims it has 200 000 members. The party emblem resembles the Nazi swastika.

It has a military wing, Aquila, which trains commandos in the use of arms. Terre'Blanche: "We do not want a million votes, but a million guns." Private pilots form the AWB airforce, the Goue Arende, who fly AWB leaders around. The AWB has a branch in the Western Cape called the "Committee of 10" which consists of members of various town councils in the Western Cape. The AWB also has a youth branch and a women's branch.

◆ Orde van die Dood (OVD)

THE Orde van die Dood was formed as a back-up, in case the AWB should be banned or cease to exist and has been connected to several murders and acts of violence. Its leader is Dawie de Beer.

◆ Wit Wolwe

BAREND Strydom, who went on a shooting spree killing 20 black people in Pretoria's Strydom Square in November 1988, claimed to belong to this group.

The Wit Wolwe has also claimed responsibility for the arson attack on the SA Council of Churches headquarters in Johannesburg, and for various other attacks.

◆ Afrikaner Volkswag

PROFESSOR Carel Boshoff founded the Afrikaner Volkswag in 1984. He is the son-in-law of assassinated Prime Minister HF Verwoerd. The group was formed to counteract the secret Afrikaner Broederbond organisation of which he had previously been chairperson, but left because of the "liberal influences" it had succumbed to.

It fights for what it calls the peculiarity of whites in Africa and the "right" of Afrikaners to a white "volkstaat". It claims to have a membership of 10 000 families.

◆ The Oranjewerkers

THE director of the Oranjewerkers is Hendrik French Verwoerd, son of the former Prime Minister who was assassinated in 1966. Verwoerd wants to form mini-states exclusively for Afrikaners, but has had little success so far.

However, wealthy sympathisers finance a publishing house which has produced about 20 publications in the past two years.

◆ Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging (BBB)

THE Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging, founded in 1987, is based on "refined Nazism", according to its leader, Professor JC Schabert.

Jews and blacks would be "repatriated" if the BBB came to power.

◆ Blanke Nasionale Beweging (BNB)

THE Blanke Nasionale Beweging was formed in December 1988 as a direct result of the banning of the BBB. Mr Wynand der Beer is its leader.

The BNB wants total racial segregation and homelands not only for Africans but also for "coloureds".

◆ Boerestaat Party

THE Boerestaat Party, founded in 1988, wants to resurrect the Boer republics of the Transvaal, Vrystaat and Vryheid.

Its leader is Robert van Tonder. Piet "Skiet" Rudolf is vice-leader.

◆ Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB)

THE Boere Vryheidsbeweging accepts as members only Protestant Afrikaners of Dutch, German or French descent. It was founded in January 1990 and is led by Professor Alkmaar Swart, a former AWB member.

◆ Boerenasie-organisasie (BNO)

THE Boerenasie-organisasie is an anti-semitic organisation, led by JL Erasmus.

◆ The Kapplekommando

THE Kapplekommando was formed out of the AWB for the "boervrou" to take up the fight beside her husband like the Voortrekker Afrikaner women. It is led by Dr SP van Zyl.

◆ Patriotic Forum Durban

THIS secret organisation is sympathetic to the BBB and has frequent house-meetings. The chairperson is Alan Harvey.

◆ Brandwag Sekerheid

BRANDWAG Sekerheid uses the Pretoria security service Chantelle, which patrols white residential areas, as a cover.

Members wear khaki fatigues and carry weapons. Its director is Francois Jooste.

◆ Wêreld Apartheid Beweging (WAB)

THE Wêreld Apartheid Beweging (WAB) is an international, ultra-right Nazi organisation who wish to protect the "purity" of whites and strive for a worldwide takeover by whites. Koos Vermeulen is its leader.

◆ Afrikaner Nasionaal Sosialiste (ANS)

AFRIKANER Nasionaal Sosialiste is another Nazi organisation which espouses Hitler's ideology. For ANS, blacks and Jews have no place in South Africa.

Dr Pohl Doussey, Koos Vermeulen and Walter Helm are its leaders.

◆ Boer Commando

THE Boer Commando is a new ultra-right wing breakaway from the AWB. It was formed in Pretoria last month after bitter behind-the-scenes attacks on AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Man who saved Piet Skiet would help again

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THE man who persuaded Piet "Skiet" Rudolph to abandon his hunger strike is desperate to make contact with the recently freed Orde Boerevolk (OB) leader.

He wants to "help him onto the right road".

The Rev Frans Pelser, who describes himself as the head of the Ebenezer Assembly, said: "When I visited Piet while he was on the hunger strike, I told him he must renounce violence. He said he had already done so. This week I was extremely disturbed to read that Piet still believes violence is warranted in certain situations."

Interviewed at his Kempton Park home yesterday afternoon, Mr Pelser said: "Violence is wrong. We must learn to respect one another, to

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live in peace."

He said he wanted to talk to Mr Rudolph to offer him guidance, but he had not been able to make contact since Mr Rudolph's release from prison on Monday.

The church leader said he visited Mr Rudolph while the OB leader was on his 29-day hunger strike. The hunger strike by right-wing prisoners was launched to protest against the State President's refusal to negotiate with right-wing organisations for the re-establishment of an independently ruled territory for Afrikaners.

Mr Pelser said: "I was praying for all prisoners when I had a strong feeling in my heart to go to Piet."

AWB³⁴⁴ leader to face assault charges

By KURT SWART

THE AWB leader in De Aar, "Kommandant" Daniel Bothma, will face charges of assault after an incident involving children at the town's swimming pool.

Northern Cape attorney-general Charl du Plessis said this week that Mr Bothma and Lester John Douglas Geyser would be prosecuted on three counts of assault and three of crimen injuria. The charges come in the wake of an incident at the town's formerly whites-only pool on October 21 last year.

Mr Du Plessis said: "Children were swimming there when Mr Bothma and Mr Geyser arrived and allegedly pushed and insulted them."

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"They allegedly called the children kaffirs."

The men appeared in court on March 1 and the hearing was adjourned to May 21 for trial.

Mr Bothma has also been subpoenaed to appear in court on Thursday to face three charges of assault after a second incident outside the pool building in January.

A group of children were allegedly assaulted by white men, apparently AWB supporters, as they tried to leave the swimming pool.

Banks ditch Doornkop scheme

BOTH major banks which private developer Safrich originally claimed were backing its Doornkop project have backed out of the scheme.

The Perm and Standard Banks, which originally considering investing more than R10-million in the Safrich development, are no longer

putting money into the scheme.

The two banks would have granted bonds for more than half the 1 300 houses Safrich hopes to build.

A spokesman for the Perm's Johannesburg Central branch told *City Press* the bank was not satisfied the political, legal and technical consid-

erations had been given enough attention.

The spokesman said the Perm had originally been interested in financing 400 houses - 30 per cent of the scheme - but had made no formal undertakings to Safrich.

He said Safrich was notified on February 4 of the Perm's decision not to finance the project.

A spokesman for Standard Bank said they had made no commitment to finance Doornkop.

Community organisations have voiced reservations about the involvement of private developers and the unfair allocation of sites to financial institutions.

They have also questioned the marketing of Doornkop sites through Safrich sales representatives and independent estate agents. Advertisements have appeared in Johannesburg daily newspapers for the past three weeks offering sites in Doornkop.

Agencies working on behalf of developer Safrich are charging R200 in administration fees to process site allocations through the Soweto and Dobsonville councils and the Transvaal Provincial Administration offices at the Doornkop site.

Purchasers of these sites have to sign a building contract with Safrich for between R15 000 and R20 000, as well as pay the TPA R5 100 in in-

stalments over 30 years for the site.

According to spokesmen for the Dobsonville Civic Association (DCA) and Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle), Doornkop sites are supposed to be for poor, homeless people.

The organisations claim that thousands of homeless people squatting illegally in Dobsonville, Soweto and Diepmeadow qualify for Doornkop sites - but have been told there are no more sites.

One agency, Brink Property Group, of York House in Rissik Street, is run by Eddie Maisel, formerly of Faith Homes, which last year had offices in the same building.

City Press wrote about Maisel and Faith Homes last year after complaints from several readers who paid deposits to Maisel, but never got houses. A number of them issued summonses and are waiting for their cases to be heard in court.



Safrich workers at one of the Doornkop sites the company is developing. Banks which were considering backing the scheme have pulled out.

Boer champion Piet 'Skiet' penniless

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AFTER a week of freedom, Orde Boerestnat leader Piet Rudolph, given unconditional indemnity a week ago after seven months' detention without trial, has to face two important facts: he is totally penniless and privacy from the media is impossible.

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The volatile former Pretoria City Councillor - who became known as Piet 'Skiet' in 1990 because of his eight-month underground armed struggle during which he bombed several political targets without injuring anyone - still is as fiery as ever for the independent Boer Republican cause.

However, this time he intends fighting for it peacefully, at public forums and around the negotiation table, he said this weekend.

Meanwhile, facing reality outside prison is grim: the penniless Rudolph and his patient wife Breggie, now living with one of their sons in a 3-bedroom duplex flat in Pretoria, have no immediate prospects of getting their own home, nor do they have a telephone or car.

They are moreover under siege from the

media from early morning until late at night, especially after their advertisement was shown last night on a television news broadcast.

Especially the lack of car and telephone frustrates the always restless Rudolph greatly, as he is very keen to see his family, friends and supporters again.

Weight

Another embarrassment for the usually nattily dressed Rudolph was his being interviewed all week wearing a T-shirt and shorts while his 'better' clothes were being retailored after a 15-kg weight loss from his two extensive hunger strikes in prison.

Rudolph hoped however that all those tall stories about che-

quebook journalism were true, so that he could earn some urgently needed cash with media interviews.

The former security policeman would meanwhile probably have to start fixing roofs again, which is the work he does during such times of dire hardship, he said.

He already was penniless when arrested on September 19 last year after eight months of keeping one step away from a massive, countywide police search, launched after he announced the start of the Boers' armed struggle by a spectacular arms heist at the South African Air Force headquarters in Pretoria, and his group's bombing of Melrose House a month later.

He showed Sapa his prisoner's property receipt: he had no cash at all when captured; listed were only one briefcase with some clothes, personal documents and a novel by Andrew MacDonald.

"I hardly think of this as real poverty however, as I expect to get back onto my feet soon enough now that I am free."

"However, as soon as I get back to earning income again, I also want to start organising more help for all those thousands of fellow Boers who have become impoverished and jobless, and whose families have to live off soup kitchens and in backyard shanties, all because of the NP's disastrous policies," he said.

Meeting

Although he temporarily turning down some interviewers this week - among them Agenda's Harald Pakendorf - Rudolph has however already jumped back publicly into the political fray.

He appeared - neatly dressed in tie and a retailored business suit and with Breggie at his side - at a public meeting in Pretoria chaired by Deputy Information Minister Mr Roelf Meyer.

That night he could be seen on TV news,

lambasting Meyer for the Government's constitutional reform plans - and warning that these could lead to racial confrontation and chaos "worse than the French Revolution and Lebanon combined".

Explaining his presence at this multiracial meeting, Rudolph said he was deadly serious about his public undertaking to negotiate with anyone and appear at any public forum to further the cause of an independent Boer Republic.

"Some of my friends will undoubtedly call me a sell-out at first, but I believe that I am still negotiating for the very same Boer Republican causes I had undertaken the underground struggle for last year. That will never change with me."

Meanwhile many of his most faithful friends, members of the OB and close family members have not had much chance to see or contact Rudolph since his

release last week.

Many OB members this weekend gathered at their lawyer's office near Germiston to put together a new information booklet on the various Boer State proposals. All also hoped fervently that Piet would phone them, so that they could tell him about the meeting and invite him over.

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Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph and his wife Breggie. Now he intends fighting for his cause 'peacefully'.



rightwing grassroots members, interviewed by Sapa, agreed on Saturday that they have all been greatly heartened by Piet Rudolph's release and indemnity. Most have already forgotten and forgiven him for unilaterally stopping his last hunger strike.

Many supporters said they were happy to have him back, free, alive and healthy. - Sapa

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Penniless Piet full of the 'peaceful' fight



Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph

JOHANNESBURG. — Orde Boeres-
that leader Mr Piet Rudolph, given
unconditional indemnity last Monday
after seven months' detention without
trial, is totally penniless.

He said he intended trying to sell
interviews to the media — camped
outside his son's home from morning
to late at night — to earn some urgent-
ly needed cash.

The volatile former Pretoria city
councillor — who became known as
Piet "Skiet" (Piet Shoot) in 1990 be-
cause of his eight-month underground
armed struggle during which he
bombed several political targets with-
out injuring anyone — is still as fiery

as ever for the independent Boer re-
public cause.

However, this time he intends fight-
ing for it peacefully, at public forums
and around the negotiation table, he
said at the weekend.

Meanwhile, facing reality outside
prison is grim. The penniless Mr Ru-
dolph and his wife Breggie, now living
with one of their sons in a three-bed-
room duplex flat in Pretoria, have no
immediate prospects of getting their
own home, nor do they have a tele-
phone or car.

Another embarrassment for the usu-
ally nattily dressed Mr Rudolph was
his being interviewed all week wear-

ing a T-shirt and shorts while his
"better" clothes were being retailored
after a 15kg weight loss from his two
extensive hunger strikes in prison.

The former security policeman
would meanwhile probably have to
start fixing roofs again, which is the
work he does during such times of dire
hardship, he said.

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Whites beat up black at sports club

By Stan Hlophe

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A black passerby was assaulted by a group of whites at the Edenvale Sports Club yesterday evening.

The man, David Moloi, was punched, trampled upon and kicked all over his body by a group of whites who accosted him near the sports arena.

An eye-witness, Peta Wilson, said she saw Mr Moloi chased by the group at about 6 pm. Mr Moloi was cornered and attacked for no apparent reason.

Miss Wilson said that when she intervened, the angry men swore at her and said: "If you come to help him we will f... you as well."

"At that time he was bleeding, his face swollen. He was lying on the ground. His eyes were closed and he was motionless.

"I went to call my friend and we took him to the Edenvale police station. We met Sergeant Willem Swanepoel who promised to take him to hospital. Sergeant Swanepoel asked if he would like to lay a charge against his assailants. We then left when the police promised to contact us later," Miss Wilson said.

Sergeant Swanepoel confirmed the incident and said Mr Moloi was rushed to Tembisa Hospital.

He added that police would institute investigations after Mr Moloi had laid a charge.

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FW grants indemnity to

Rudolph aides

President FW de Klerk has granted indemnity to two people who assisted Orde Boerevolk leader Piet Rudolph while he was a fugitive from justice.

The two were named as Elsie Johanna Tubb (25) and Rudolph Christiaan Tubb (26).

They were also indemnified from prosecution for the possession of arms, ammunition and explosives.

Mr Tubb was also indemnified for having kept observation of the Swartruggens Commando with the intention of stealing arms and ammunition.

Others indemnified were:

- Allen Marnewick, for arson of the Roman Catholic Church and other buildings at Boekenhoutfontein in June last year and the unlawful possession of arms.

- Barend Bartlomeus Burger, for arson of the same church, theft of ammunition from the SADF and the unlawful possession of arms.

- Izak Wybrand Venter, for keeping observation on the Swartruggens Commando with the intention of stealing arms, and the unlawful possession of arms. — Sapa.

Bomb threat disrupts sit-in

Staff Reporter

POLICE and Prison Service Civil Rights Union (Popcru) members are "suspicious" about the origins of a phone call to the Dutch consulate on Tuesday claiming there was a bomb on the premises.

The call came at 8pm while four members of the union were staging a sit-in at the consulate in Strand Street to demand the reinstatement of 24 dismissed prison warders and 50 policeman, including Popcru founder, Lieutenant Gregory Rockman.

They left the building when Dr Allan Boesak, who had been called in by the Dutch to mediate between the union and the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, asked them to do so for their own safety. But they returned yesterday morning to resume their sit-in.

Mr Peter Loggenberg, general-secretary of the union, said yesterday he "had no idea where the hoax bomb call came from", but was suspicious.

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men and para-mili-
tary personnel are
allegedly among
thousands recruited
to join the Wen-
kommando (Victory
Commando) of the
Afrikaner Weer-
standbeweging
(AWB).

Since the unbanning
of the liberation or-
ganisations, the AWB
has been launching
military training camps
on an ongoing basis.
According to the Cape
leader of the organisa-
tion, the purpose of the
camps is to consolidate
rightwing military
power

Preparing

Stef Jacobson, who is
also commander of the
Western Cape's
Wenkommando, says the
camps are preparing "the
Boers for the coming
revolution".

Describing the ANC as the
hangers-on of the National
Party, Jacobson says the
"Boers must be militarily
prepared for the chaos" of a
system of one person, one
vote.

The Wenkommando was
launched in Ventersdorp, in
the Transvaal, in May 1990.
Since then, thousands of

AWB 'army' recruiting 'thousands'

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men, women and children
have attended Wen-
kommando camps through-
out South Africa.

Highly-skilled instructors
lend their services at the
weekend camps. Trainees
are instructed in the use of
handguns, shotguns, auto-
matic rifles, batons and
knives.

The elderly receive guid-
ance in logistics, storage
methods and first-aid.

Recruitment takes place at
public meetings of the
AWB, but Jacobson says the
majority of trainees are re-
cruited by word of mouth.

Joined

English-speaking people
have also joined the AWB,
as have French, German,
Dutch and Hungarian citi-
zens.

Jacobson says one does not
have to be Afrikaans-
speaking to be a "Boer".

He describes a "Boer" as a
person of European descent



Eugene Terre'blanche

who subscribes to the pro-
gramme and constitution of
the AWB.

For example, the personal
bodyguard of AWB chief
Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche,
Mr Keith Conroy, is also
regarded as a "Boer" and an
Afrikaner, although he is an
Irish immigrant.

Jacobson says the AWB is
aware of infiltration of the

Wenkommando by gov-
ernment spies.

Some policemen joining
the Wenkommando could
be gathering information
for the government's intel-
ligence services.

Some spies are still being
monitored and will even-
tually be exposed, he says.

The camps are planned
and coordinated by the
Burgerraad (Council of
Burgers).

Administrative

The Burgerraad serves as
the administrative body for
a specific region. Such
councils exist in Fish Hoek,
Hermanus, Bredasdorp and
Beaufort West. Meetings
take place monthly.

Jacobson says the AWB
enjoys the "most loyal sup-
port" in the Cape Town area
and in the southern sub-
urbs.

Attempts to establish a
Burgerraad in the northern
suburbs have already failed
three times.

POLITICAL CRIME

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Rightwing leader Piet Rudolph, apparently repentant and ready to disband his Orde Boerevolk, might be free in terms of last week's amnesty announced by Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee. But three alleged members of his fringe organisation are fighting for their lives in the Durban Supreme Court.

And it seems unlikely that Eugene Marais, David Botha and Adriaan Smuts — who have all pleaded guilty to the murder of seven bus passengers and the wounding of 27 others in the AWB bus massacre near Durban last October — will share their leader's reprieve.

Announcing the release of both rightwing and leftwing trialists and detainees last week, Coetsee seemed to be using murder and serious assault as the yardstick for determining which political prisoners might go free. Referring to the release of Rudolph and the six Yengeni Cape Town trialists, Coetsee said: "Although the charges reflect serious offences, it should be pointed out that in spite of the fact that damages were caused to government and private property during the course of the offences, no serious bodily injuries were sustained."

Rudolph was to have faced charges of theft of arms and ammunition from Air Force HQ in Pretoria and five counts of detonating explosives, including attacks on NP offices, Auckland Park, and the *Beeld* newspaper building in Johannesburg. While Rudolph's bomb campaign — had he not been arrested on September 17 last year, — had potentially devastating consequences, his colleagues from Richards Bay appear to have intended to kill as many black people as possible deliberately.

And while Rudolph says he will now disband the Orde Boerevolk, the harm already done by this far-Right group will not be easily forgotten. Family and friends of the bus attack victims, as well as the survivors who have been attending the trial, will make sure of that.

According to evidence heard in court, Marais, Botha and Smuts set out on October 9 last year to "avenge" an incident in Durban earlier that day, when a group of black men went on the rampage, killing one person and injuring eight others. Initially pleading not guilty, they later all pleaded to being guilty of strafing a busload of black passengers with bullets on the N2 highway north of Durban.

All AWB members — with Marais telling the court last week he believed the order to carry out a revenge attack came directly from Eugene Terre'Blanche — the three were also connected with the Orde Boerevolk and allegedly signed a form under the name

of the organisation swearing not to testify against each other if caught.

Marais also told the court that Botha, his AWB commandant in Richards Bay, asked him to sign a form to join the Orde Boerevolk and told him the movement was an underground branch of the AWB, covert because the police knew too much about the AWB.

It is understood that AWB members in Richards Bay — which, for a small town,



Rudolph . . . a matter of degree

seems to have a disproportionately large organised rightwing — are upset that the bus incident is being labelled an AWB attack. Conservative they may, but they feel the AWB is being unfairly blamed for what should be regarded as an Orde Boerevolk attack, however blurred such distinctions seem to outsiders.

Another factor to emerge from the Durban trial is the overlap between people holding, or who have held, public positions and who are members of rightwing movements.

A fourth name to emerge in the AWB bus trial is that of Karl Liebenberg, assistant Town Secretary of Richards Bay. Marais claims he introduced him to a religious sect called "Gemeente van die Verbondsvolk", a church which, he said, believed conventional interpretations of the Bible were wrong and that God only made the people of the 12 tribes of Israel (of which the Afrikaners were descendants) and that other people, including blacks, were the work of Satan and were "animals who looked like men."

Liebenberg allegedly visited Marais on the day of the bus massacre and, referring to

the Durban knife attacks, allegedly said "the animals have turned to attack us."

Giving evidence in mitigation of sentence, Marais said while he felt sorry for what he had done, at the time of the attack he viewed the victims as "a busload of animals." He will be sentenced on April 4.

Smuts, another of the accused, is apparently a former Reconnaissance Unit commando. Rudolph himself is a former Pretoria city councillor.

Besides revealing intriguing details of rightwing groups, what is important is that after accusations of police laxity towards alleged rightwing crimes in the past, cases such as these are now being heard.

So, too, are cases against the police. Thirteen policemen were recently arrested in Maritzburg on charges of murder, assault and robbery. The murder charge, involving eight policemen, is in connection with the killing of a man apparently about to lay assault charges against the police.

One of the same eight and five other policemen were arrested on charges of assault and robbery allegedly committed while investigating the Taylor's Halt bus massacre in which 18 Inkatha supporters were killed last month.

Police speedily put out two statements last week, one announcing that Major General Ronnie van der Westhuizen of the detective branch had been appointed to monitor allegations of police brutality in the Maritzburg area; the other assuring members of the black community alleging police assault that the matter would be thoroughly investigated and "criminal and/or departmental action taken" against any offenders.

It is also worth noting that three men appeared in court in Pretoria last week in connection with the death of Nick Cruise, a computer consultant doing work for leftwing organisations. He was killed when he opened a parcel bomb in Durban last October. That case resumes this week. X

MANDELA TRIAL FM 29/3/91 QUESTIONS OF LOYALTY

The trial of Winnie Mandela and three others on charges of kidnapping and assault, has become a fascinating social commentary. Many people testifying for both the prosecution and the defence and their lawyers are long-time leftwing activists with a history of loyalty to the ANC. Nowhere is the trial debated more intensely than in leftwing circles.

Last week, Justice M Stegmann allowed new evidence allegedly implicating Mandela

Ex-AWB member: We may kill leaders

LONDON — A former member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) warns in a soon-to-be screened television interview that the organisation may have to resort to political assassinations.

He mentions the names of President de Klerk, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

P J Meyer, formerly Eugene Terreblanche's person-

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al driver, is quoted in a television documentary, "The Leader, the Driver and the Driver's Wife", to be screened by Channel Four next Thursday. In it he says the organisation needs a martyr to carry out the assassinations.

Mr Meyer expressed disappointment in an interview after Piet "Skiet" Rudolph ended his fast-to-death.

In the documentary Mr TerreBlanche, speaking at a public meeting, is asked by a member of the audience in private conversation whether AWB supporters should surrender their weapons if instructed to do so by the Government.

Mr Terreblanche replies emphatically: "No, no, no." He then says there will be "bloody war" if whites are forced to surrender their arms.

The 100-minute film is a

portrait of Mr TerreBlanche and the AWB. Sharp exchanges between Mr TerreBlanche and producer Nick Broomfield are shown in the film.

● Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Rudolph has been appointed chief public relations officer of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, leader Mr TerreBlanche said this week. A joint statement from the two men said the OB would, however, continue to exist. — Sapa.

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Piet Skiet says CCB planned arms theft

SATURDAY 31/3/91

FREED right-wing leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph says state security agents have infiltrated some right-wing organisations and are using them for their own ends.

Sunday Times Reporter

In his first in-depth interview since being granted indemnity by President F.W. de Klerk, Mr Rudolph said he believed the arms heist at the SA Air Force headquarters in Pretoria last Easter was instigated by the SA Defence Force's Civil Co-operation Bureau.

He claimed that the plan was the brain-

child of a "police officer" who told him the stolen weapons would be distributed to members of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mr Rudolph said he had reason to believe his Orde Boerevolk organisation had been infiltrated and used from the outset by "white Askaris" — agents of various security organisations.

"The policeman who suggested the raid on the SAAF armoury gave me a key to

the arms safe and told me any weapons we took would find their way to Inkatha.

"I became suspicious of the whole scheme after he gave me the key. I had a growing conviction that I would be shot by the very people who had helped me as soon as the weapons were handed over," he said.

Despite his fears, he went ahead with the heist.

Mr Rudolph handed the arms out to many OB members and, in spite of his call from prison to return them, only a

third of the weapons have been recovered, according to police.

Mr Rudolph says he does not know where the rest of the arms are hidden or who has hidden them.

Mr Rudolph said his six months on the run from police ended when he was betrayed by a fellow right-winger.

"I have known and trusted him for years. I understand his motives for the betrayal and I've forgiven him — but I also know that no one within right-wing circles will ever trust this man again."

While underground, with a R50 000 bounty on his head, Mr Rudolph was sheltered, fed and often transported by more than 300 supporters who formed a tight network around him from April 13 to September 17 last year.

He covered more than 15 000km while on the run, travelling as far afield as Namibia.

"I never stayed in one place for longer than a day. The pattern was to eat something, sleep for a while and leave again within hours."

Although he frequently altered his appearance with the help of wigs, false beards and moustaches, Mr Rudolph scoffed at reports describing him as a "master of disguise".

Hilarious

But he was in disguise when he visited the offices of *Vrye Weekblad* to deliver a personal message and when he held carefully

arranged trysts with his wife — "my beloved blue-eyed Breggie" — in the veld.

"Life on the run was not all fear and tension, though. There were some hilarious moments, too."

"I had a number of close shaves. The police often missed me by no more than a day, and once came within inches of me."

"While I was visiting a doctor with another commando member, the police burst in, guns at the ready. 'I hid behind the door and watched the cops run out of the back door in search of me."

"I think one reason they did this was that the doctor just happened to be standing at the back door, calling his dog."

"His name is also Piet!"



OUT OF THE RUNNING... ex-fugitive Piet Rudolph with wife Breggie. Picture: PIERRE OOSTHUYSEN

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Union breaks off ^(B) boycott of ⁽³⁴⁴⁾ white stores

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By IKE
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THE South African Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union has suspended the boycott of white businesses in Groblersdal, a union official said yesterday.

Mr Mathabatha Seema, regional chairman of the union's Groblersdal's branch, said his organisation decided to suspend the boycott of white shops for the time being "because everything is being done" to recover the body of Petrus Njomo, who was allegedly pushed into the Olifants River two weeks ago by a white colleague.

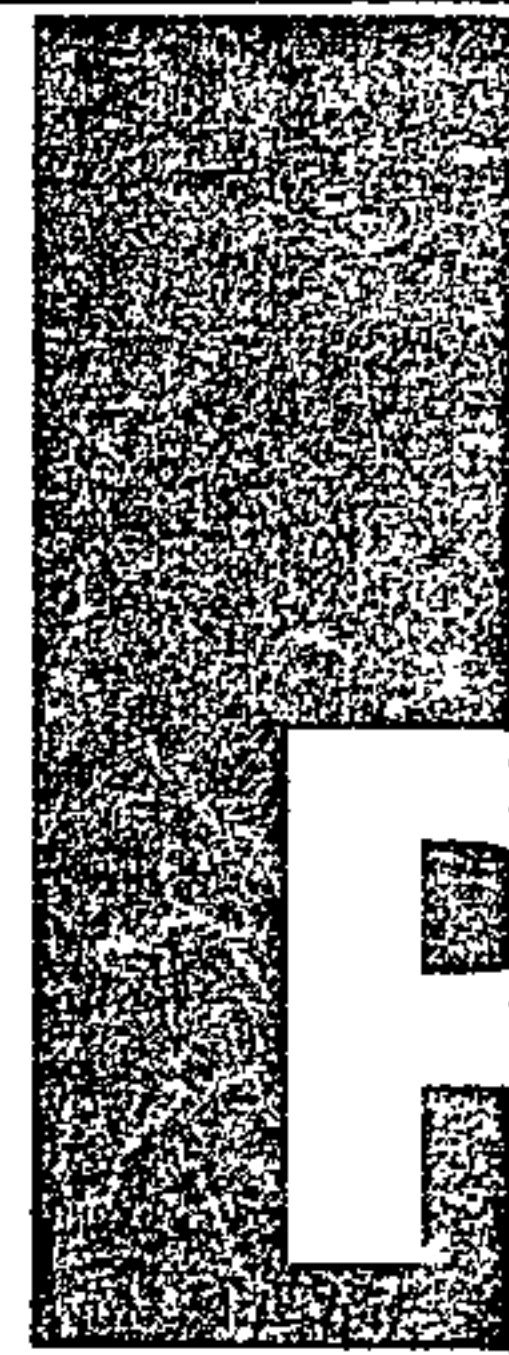
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Seema said the police had been doing their best to recover the body since Njomo was pushed into the river on March 19.

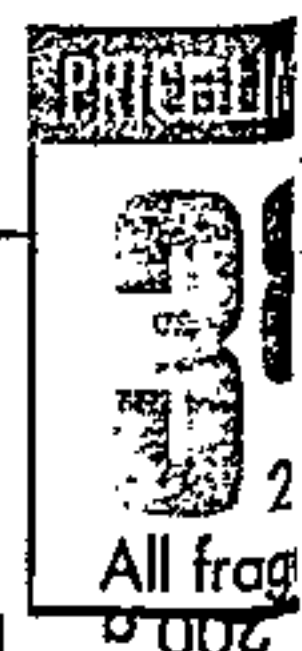
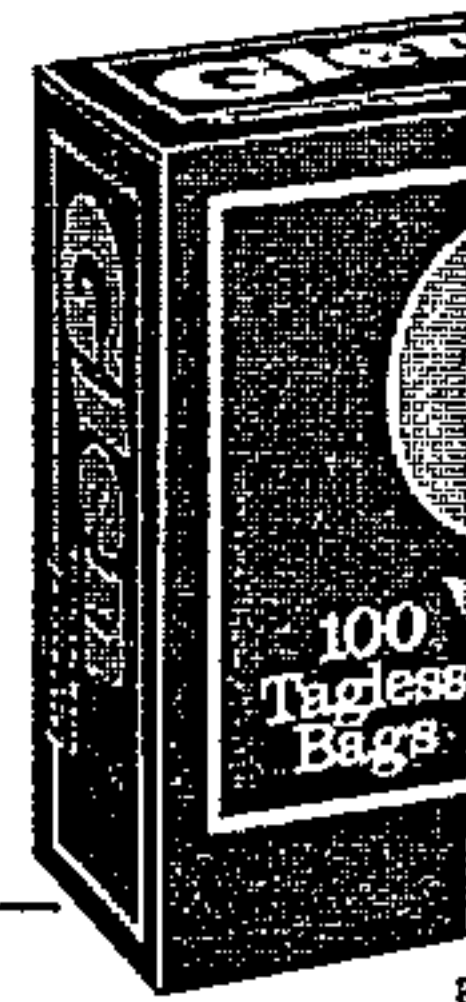
Njomo was allegedly pushed into the river by a white colleague while on a "fishing" expedition.

Mr Greg Hoffman, industrial relations manager of Wanda Furnishers, said the fate of the white man will be decided tomorrow when he reports for work.

The man is currently on suspension.



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Govt slams Piet Skiet's 'war talk'

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ORDE Boerevolk leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph's fiery rhetoric in his Durban City Hall speech has been slammed by the Law and Order Ministry.

A spokesman for Minister Adriaan Vlok's office said the reported comments by Rudolph were "highly unfortunate" because such "war talk" from political leaders had contributed to the high conflict potential in the country.

The department urged all leaders to refrain from talk which could "sweep up emotions and which could possibly result in bloodshed".

Rudolph told more than 1 500 right-wingers at the Tuesday meeting that the French and Russian revolutions would both look like "Sunday school" compared with the future that awaited SA if government pursued its present policies.

Rudolph was released from prison last month after being given unconditional indemnity. He had been charged with theft of arms and ammunition from SA Air Force headquarters and five counts of detonating explosives.

It was reported at the time that Rudolph had committed himself to searching for peaceful solutions to SA's problems. His indemnity was unconditional and his latest comments do not amount to infringement of any agreement.

Death sentence for 'revenge' mass killer

DURBAN — Eugene Marais, the AWB killer who gunned down seven blacks in a "cold-blooded" revenge massacre, was sentenced to death seven times and jailed for a total of 334 years in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday.

A smiling, relaxed Marais, wearing a blue suit, entered the dock before proceedings began and stood with his arms clasped in front of him, staring calmly ahead.

After the death sentence had been passed by Mr Justice Hugo he embraced relatives, quietly sat down and smoked a cigarette. As he was led away his wife put her head on the dock, covered her face and sobbed.

On October 9 last year Marais and two other AWB members opened fire on a bus in Avoca, near Durban, as an act of revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people on Durban's beach-

front.

Before giving the death sentence, Mr Justice Hugo said he believed this was a case in which retribution was the most important aspect.

"The aggravating factors far outweigh the mitigating factors," he said.

Atmosphere

He said South Africans were living in uncertain times and this created much tension and insecurity among blacks and whites.

"It is not inappropriate to judge the crime in the light of this atmosphere.

"In this climate of tension and uncertainty, politically inspired violence creates more tension between the races.

"It is important to send the strongest possible message, that such deeds will not be tolerat-

Although the judge accepted that the AWB had played a role in shaping Marais' attitude towards blacks, he had not been as influenced as he made out.

Referring to the Magoo's Bar bomber, Robert McBride, the judge found the two could not be compared.

Marais had never been suppressed, he had had free political expression, and throughout his life Afrikaners had been in effective control of the country.

At the time of the shooting, all that had been important to Marais was that all the victims had been black.

Marais was sentenced to 12 years in jail on each of 27 counts of attempted murder. He was sentenced to two five-year sentences for the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

□ Under new laws, Marais has automatic right of appeal on the death sentences.

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Terre'Blanche assaulted me, claims black farmer

PRETORIA — A charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm is being investigated against AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche for allegedly assaulting a black farmer, police said yesterday.

William Mashija said he was assaulted on the farm Klipplaatdrif at Ventersdorp after Terre-Blanche had accused him of stealing his sheep last month.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden confirmed on Thursday that Mashija had laid such a charge but that Terre-Blanche had not been charged as yet.

Mashija was quoted by The Sowetan newspaper as having said Terre-Blanche had approached him with a request to buy his sheep.

After he refused to sell, Terre-Blanche returned with the police.

Mashija was then allegedly held for two days in the Ventersdorp police cells but released without being charged.

On about March 9 Terre-Blanche allegedly assaulted Mashija at Mashija's home.

The Sowetan added that when Mashija arrived at the Ventersdorp police station for an identity parade, he noticed many khaki-clad men in the area and decided not to enter the grounds.

His lawyer, Aubrey Khanyile, then made alternative arrangements with the police.

Terre-Blanche was not available for comment yesterday because he was in Natal for several speaking engagements, Sapa.

AWB boss assaulted me - claim

A 70-YEAR-OLD man who laid a charge of assault against Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was himself taken in for questioning by police yesterday.

Mr William Mashia, a lay preacher at Kliplaat-drift farm in Ventersdorp, who claimed he was assaulted by Terre'Blanche after being accused of stock theft, was yesterday questioned in connection with a complaint of theft lodged by the AWB leader.

The investigating officer, Lieutenant RJ Palmer, said Terre'Blanche had laid a charge of stock theft against Mashia on March 6, three days before the alleged assault.

He said the police were investigating charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and malicious damage to property against Terre'Blanche.

Terre'Blanche is alleged to have assaulted

By SONTI MASEKO

Mashia and several other people for allegedly stealing his sheep.

He said the right-wing leader had not yet been questioned. Police were waiting for him to return from Durban, Palmer said.

Mashia told *Sowetan* that he sustained head injuries, severe chest and abdominal pains and the humiliation of being unable to control his bladder after he was assaulted on March 9.

He said his problems with the AWB leader started when he refused to sell him a goat at the beginning of the year.

Describing the alleged assault, Mashia said: "When I told

Terre'Blanche that I was going to report him to the police he said 'gaan kla, hulle sal my niks maak nie' (Go and complain, they will do nothing to me)."

The next day Mashia was allegedly arrested by two policemen and locked up in a cell for three days and then released without being charged.

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AWB man gets death 7 times

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DURBAN. — Moments after receiving seven death sentences and being jailed for 324 years yesterday, convicted murderer and AWB member, Eugene Marais, lit up a cigarette and smiled at family members and friends who crowded around the dock in the Supreme Court here.

Marais, 28, was convicted of seven counts of murder, 27 counts of attempted murder and the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

In addition to the seven death sentences, Marais was sentenced to 324 years imprisonment for the 27 attempted murder convictions — 12 years for each conviction — and two five year terms for the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Hugo said the actions of Marais and two others — who shot at a bus full of passengers at Avocaam, near Durban, to avenge the stabbing of whites on Durban's beachfront on October 9 last year — would only increase racial tension.

Marais knew the AK-47 he had used was a dangerous weapon and that there was no certainty of it causing quick and painless deaths, the judge said.

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the attack for Marais to change his mind. Marais could have resisted at the last minute and could have fired into the air or the ground, the judge said.

The court accepted that Marais was influenced to a certain degree by the AWB and Gemeente van die Gebonds Volk, a religious sect. Though Marais had a weak personality and was easily influenced, the influences of these groups was not found to be mitigating.

Neither was it accepted that a "black revolution" had started as Marais believed, after the stabbing of whites on the beachfront.

The court found Marais was an intelligent man who had leadership qualities at school and ran his own business. He has two children. — Sapa

LONDON. — Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and the AWB were so completely "done" in a television documentary screened here last night, that one commentator said he hoped the film would put other journalists off the subject for a long time to come.

Nick Broomfield's documentary on Channel 4, entitled "The Leader, the Driver and the Driver's Wife", received massive pre-publicity in the national press yesterday.

Unable initially to get an interview with Mr Terre'Blanche, Broomfield befriends his driver, Mr J P Meyer, and his wife, Anita, a social worker who distributes condoms to black farming communities. "You know they do it six times a day," she confides.

Mr Meyer, who had just been released from detention for alleged involvement in a right-wing conspiracy, is asked if the experience made him feel any sympathy for ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela. He replies: "I'm a bloody racist. How do you expect me to feel sorry for a bloody kaffir?"

Britons given insight into ET and AWB

The Independent's Mark Wareham said in his preview that Broomfield "pieces together a cruel and humiliating portrait of the odious extremist. The film's killer climax comes at a farcical open-air rally. Terre'Blanche had vowed to spend the previous night with his horse in true eve-of-battle style, but ends up sleeping at the Holiday Inn. On the day the rally's feeble turn-out gets his goat and he turns on Broomfield and his cameraman with a torrent of abuse. Pure pantomime."

The Daily Mail, which struggles to unscramble the AWB anagram — it becomes the "Afrikaner Werstard Bweging Party" — described Broomfield's pursuit of the "ranting red-neck" as "unmissable".

AWB killer: family 'broken'

Staff Reporter

THE family of convicted AWB killer Eugene Marais is "broken" by the death sentence, defence counsel and CP MP Mr Koos van der Merwe said last night.

Mr Van der Merwe also said that Mr Marais would be appealing against the sentence.

"Mr Marais was greatly shocked by the heavy sentence," Mr Van der Merwe said. "Death was not expected."

Mr Van der Merwe said the defence team thought the judge had laid too much emphasis on certain factors in the trial, and not enough on others.

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"We feel imprisonment would have been a better sentence," he said.

He said Marais' wife Ina had been composed in the court after sentencing, but had afterwards broken down, weeping on his shoulder.

Marais' mother had also wept, and his father, an SAAF pilot, had been "stunned" by the sentence.

Observers at the trial yesterday also remarked on the absence of any AWB support at the trial.

During evidence it emerged that Marais was a fanatical follower of AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche.

AWB man to hang for racial slayings



A strong message that racial violence will not be tolerated by the courts, a Durban Supreme Court judge has sentenced Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and Orde Boerevolk member Eugene Marais to death seven times.

Marais (28) used an AK-47 to fire on a late night bus filled with black passengers going home from work on October 9 last year. Seven people were killed and 27 injured.

He will be the second rightwinger on death row for murdering innocent black people out of racial beliefs. His two AWB co-accused, who have pleaded guilty to all the charges and are to be tried in June, could double the number.

After Marais was sentenced, one of the survivors said he believed justice had been done, and that it would deter others from committing similar acts. However, he said the government ought to take steps against the AWB, which was stirring up racial hatred.

The AWB appeared to demonstrate a support base in Natal this week, drawing up to 2 000 people at a meeting in Durban and about 500 to a meeting in Port Shepstone, where the audience heard fiery speeches slammed as "war talk" by law and order officials.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Hugo said he accepted Marais did not need further punishment to stop him doing the same again. However, a role could be played by the courts in preventing others from committing a similar crime.

He said he wanted to give the strongest possible message that such deeds of politically inspired violence would not be tolerated.

It was not inappropriate that the death sentence should be passed "in the light of the times". Society was going through a period of insecurity

A message that racial violence would not be tolerated was delivered this week by the Durban Supreme Court.

BY CARMEL RICKARD

and acts such as Marais committed worsened feelings of tension between whites and blacks.

While he accepted a number of mitigating factors were present, the aggravating factors weighed more heavily. The judge said he found it hard to imagine a more serious case, and believed the death sentence was the only proper sentence he could pass.

The judge said Marais was "not oppressed", during his lifetime the Afrikaner had been in effective control of the country and Marais had been able to express himself politically.

He accepted Marais had shown some remorse, although part of this had been self-pity. While he also accepted that Marais was easily influenced, the impact of the AWB on him was not a mitigating factor.

He rejected any suggestion of provocation, saying an incident near the Durban beachfront that morning in which black youths attacked whites shoppers was a "catalyst", but that Marais had made no attempt to find those responsible or even to select as targets people who fell into the same category as the attackers in the knifing incident.

Marais had a lot of time to opt out of the plan, but he did not do so and was rating to go ("vol woor en vlam") when he opened fire. The plan was to find a taxi or bus to ensure as many people as possible were shot.

● In terms of new legislation, Marais has an automatic right of appeal.

AWB man to hang for seven Natal murders

AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging member Eugene Marais lit a cigarette and smiled at his family and friends shortly after he was sentenced to death seven times in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday.

Marais (28) was convicted of seven counts of murder following the shooting of a bus carrying black passengers at Avoca, near Durban, in October last year.

He was also found guilty of 27 counts of attempted murder and illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Marais and two other people shot at the bus

to avenge the stabbing of whites on Durban's beachfront.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Hugo said incidents such as this would only increase racial tension.

The court found that aggravating factors had outweighed the mitigating ones.

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cepted that a "black revolution" had started, as Marais believed.

Marais was an intelligent man who had leadership qualities.

After the court adjourned, Marais, standing in the dock, lit a cigarette, shook hands and embraced relatives.

His wife remained composed, but started to cry as he was led to the cells.

Police probe claim of assault by AWB leader

By Gien Elsas ^{star} 5/4/91.
West Rand Bureau

Ventersdorp police are investigating a complaint of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm against AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche.

William Mashija's legal adviser said his client claimed he had been assaulted at the farm Kliplatdrif, in Ventersdorp, by Mr TerreBlanche.

Mr Mashija and Mr TerreBlanche had allegedly exchanged words previously when Mr Mashija, who owns horses, cattle and sheep, refused to sell a horse to the AWB leader.

Later, Mr TerreBlanche allegedly returned with policemen and a young boy, and alleged that some sheep had been stolen from him. Mr Mashija denied this.

He was allegedly held in

the Ventersdorp police cells for two days.

On about March 9, Mr TerreBlanche allegedly arrived at Mr Mashija's home and beat him up. Mr Mashija went to the Ventersdorp police station to lay a charge but was turned away, he claims.

His lawyer asked that a complaint of assault be investigated.

An identity parade was arranged for March 23, but Mr Mashija was too afraid to enter the grounds because many khaki-clad men were in the area, his lawyer said.

Mr TerreBlanche was not available for comment yesterday because he was in Natal, staff at the AWB's Ventersdorp offices said.

Police confirmed that a complaint was being investigated against the AWB leader, but stressed that he had not been charged.

Rightwing leaders arrested at ANC rally

PRETORIA. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Piet Rudolph were arrested along with about 10 other men on Church Square here today.

Police arrested them at the statue of Paul Kruger shortly before an ANC rally.

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A police spokesman said they had been arrested on charges of obstructing the police in the execution of their duties.

Later, police ordered a number of armed AWB members off the square.

A khaki-clad man carried

what appeared to be a shotgun in a guncase, with rounds in a belt around his waist. On his hip, he sported a handgun.

The ANC staged a march, led by Mrs Winnie Mandela and Mr Chris Hani, to the Pretoria prison from the square.

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Eugene denies assault claim

VENTERSDORP. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, reacting to press reports, has denied assaulting a 70-year-old black farmer.

However, in a statement yesterday, he said he arrested Mr William Mashija because he suspected him of stealing 15 sheep.

Police said a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm was being investigated against Mr Terre Blanche, but that no charges had been laid. — Sapa

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) could face a lawsuit of millions of rands from victims of the cold-blooded attack by three of its members on a bus in Durban last October.

After seven death sentences were given to AWB mass murderer Eugene Marais in the Durban Supreme Court this week, some of the 27 survivors and relatives of the seven deceased said they would join forces to sue the AWB for damages and loss of support.

Lawyers yesterday said it would be the first time in South Africa's legal history that a political/cultural organisation is sued under such circumstances.

Marais, 28, of Richards Bay, who gunned down seven blacks and wounded 27 others with two other AWB co-conspirators, was sentenced to death seven times and jailed a total of 334 years for the 27 counts of attempted murder and the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

On October 9 last year Marais, David Piet Botha and the head of the AWB operations in the Richards Bay-Empangeni area, Adriaan Smuts, opened fire on a late-night Putco bus in Avoca, near Durban. It was apparently an act of revenge after a group of black youths and a man stabbed eight white people on Durban's beachfront earlier that day.

The trial of Botha and Smuts was separated from that of Marais in February this year, and is still pending.

Passing sentence, Judge Hugo said: "It is important to serve the strongest possible message that such deeds will not be tolerated."

He added that the death sentence was "the only proper sentence to pass".

The judge rejected any suggestion of provocation, saying that although the Durban beachfront incident was a "catalyst", Marais had made no attempt to find those responsible.

Victims of the massacre had since the arrest of the three on October 17, last year, been keeping a close watch on the trial.

Interviewed by *City Press* outside the Durban Supreme Court this week, they said what was uppermost in their minds was not necessarily retribution, but compensation.

Many of the 27 survivors had been incapacitated and others had their limbs impaired and are no longer able to work.

The general feeling among them was that the AWB was liable for the actions of its membership, because of the "killing talk" which the organisation's leadership preached at rallies and meetings, which, Marais testified, had influenced him.

Besides, they argued, Marais earlier testified that he had acted on legitimate instructions and orders of the AWB.

"As survivors and dependants of the deceased, we will approach the Legal Resources Centre and Lawyers for Human Rights to represent us in the lawsuit against the AWB," said a spokesman for the group, who asked not to be identified for fear of retribution.

Richard Zulu, 41, who after the sentence said he was sorry for Marais and his family, had his right arm amputated.

Sipho Cele, 19, had just got a job at a Durban stevedoring company when fate struck.

Cele sustained a fractured femur and his right

leg is still impaired.

Pregnant Jo-Anne Ndwandwe lost her husband Obed in the attack and now needs support for their seven children.

Litigations director for LHR, Ahmed Motala, said if approached by the families his organisation would be ready to issue summons against the white extremist organisation.

But, he said, the lawyers would first establish the basis on which the AWB as an organisation was liable for the murderous activities of the three.

Testifying before Hugo in March, Marais described how the news of the beachfront attack had enraged Botha.

Later, when Smuts joined them, Botha told them they were going to Durban to launch an attack to revenge the beachfront stabbings.

Reaching the Durban area, Botha told the others to look for a suitable target such as a taxi.

They spotted a bus off the N2 motorway near Avoca in Durban. As they drove past the bus, "Piet screamed the order to shoot".

"Smuts and I fired for about 10 or 15 seconds as we overtook the bus," Marais said.

They were arrested on October 17.

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibiyi, headlines and sub-editing by B Keswa, both of 2 Herb Street, Johannesburg.

Judge throws book at mass killer

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Bus survivors to sue AWB

Two CP towns face boycotts

THE West Rand towns of Krugersdorp and Randfontein face a massive consumer boycott before April 30.

A regional spokesman for the African National Congress, Mr Vusi Mavuso, said the organisation would consult other anti-apartheid formations, including the Pan Africanist Congress, the Azanian Peoples Organisation and civic associations to decide on when and how to implement the action.

"But it would definitely be before April 30, the deadline agreed upon in the Pretoria Minute for the release of all political prisoners," Mavuso said.

The boycott threat follows the armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging offensive on Saturday which put paid to ANC attempts to march on the Krugersdorp Prison.

The march to the Krugersdorp Prison was cancelled following threats by armed rightwingers.

It was one of several planned by the ANC and its allies throughout the country to demand the release of political prisoners and the return of exiles.

Angry ANC supporters, who were also incensed by the bombing of a bus that was to take Toekomsrus mar-

By THEMBA MOLEFE and MATHATHA TSEDU

chers to the town, decided to boycott white businesses in the two towns at a meeting held afterwards at the Roman Catholic Church in Kagiso.

Damage to the bus was estimated at R35 000.

Arrested

An attempt to disrupt an ANC march on the Pretoria Central Prison backfired when AWB leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, and 13 other rightwingers were arrested for refusing to dismount the statue of Paul Kruger.

In Johannesburg, about 2 000 people marched peacefully to the Johannesburg Prison where a delegation, led by ANC leader Mr Andrew Mlangeni, handed a memorandum to prison authorities.

Alinah Dube reports that the march in Pretoria, led by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani and Mrs Winnie Mandela, was preceded by fiery speeches by the two leaders who said negotiations would crumble if violence persisted.

Mandela said prison doors would have to open "forthwith and the prisoners let out before negotiations or talks about talks" could be resumed.

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FEELING THE WRATH



WE arrived at the Krugersdorp City Hall to find the battle lines drawn. Only this time it was between the Press and armed commandos of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, with the police almost on the touchline.

The hostility in their eyes was unmistakable. One had to tread very carefully if one was to write the story without becoming part of it.

Armed with an array of weapons, including firearms, AWB commandos, including women, in khaki uniform, mass around the Krugersdorp City Hall where they led marchers headed an ANC protest march was called off.

The AWB were raring to go at anything that moved... and black. They had just won their first round after African National Congress-led marchers headed an ANC protest march was called off.

SOWETAN reporters THEMBA MOLEFE and MATHATHA TSEDU were in Krugersdorp on Saturday when the wrath of ultra-right Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging commandos was unleashed on journalists covering the AWB's breaking-up of an African National Congress march. Here they relate their nightmare at the hands of these rightwingers. *Sowetan 8/4/91*

The commandos then took over the city hall, hurling abuse at journalists on the scene. Tsedu said: "I took a reluctant retreat when a burly and bearded khaki-clad man told me to go away, brandishing a rubber truncheon in my face."

"In fact, this chap called me a kaffir and told me to go away. When his mate snatched the truncheon from his hand and approached me, it really looked like

he was going to use it on me. "I retreated as they went for Thadi Khuele for the second time." City Press news photographer Khuele was not so lucky. He was attacked by a group of rightwingers as he took pictures of Reuter's photographer Graham Williams' altercation with an AWB official who was demanding

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AWB commandos on the warpath ... Sowetan reporter Themba Molefe found himself facing a firearm held by the bearded man (left) while Mathatha Tsedu retreated when the commando (right) threatened him with a truncheon.

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that he (Williams) give him the film which was in the camera.

Tsedu was chased across the street and hit with a baton before his camera was smashed.

When he went to point out his assailant to a senior police officer, he was attacked again. Then the police moved in.

A kombi full of black commandos which stopped for a red robot was ordered to f.k off by the AWB men and women who seemed to have taken over the maintenance of law and order. *Sowetan 8/4/91*

Said Molefe: "I was interviewing a group of bystanders when I suddenly found myself alone, with my group having evaporated around me."

"I found myself looking at a steady gaze from an armed AWB man, who was brandishing a gun and a baton."

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It had been a terrible day for us and other black people nearby. The obscenities that were hurled at us are unprintable in a family newspaper like this one.

White reporters were also at the receiving end of the burly men who seemed to have never heard of Press freedom at all.

An Afrikaans-speaking

ing journalist said of the behaviour of his kinsmen: "I am ashamed to call myself an Afrikaner because of such uncouth behaviour of my people."

The harassment that we had to endure on Saturday is to us a third dimension having in the past faced the wrath of the police and black political organisations. Will it ever end?



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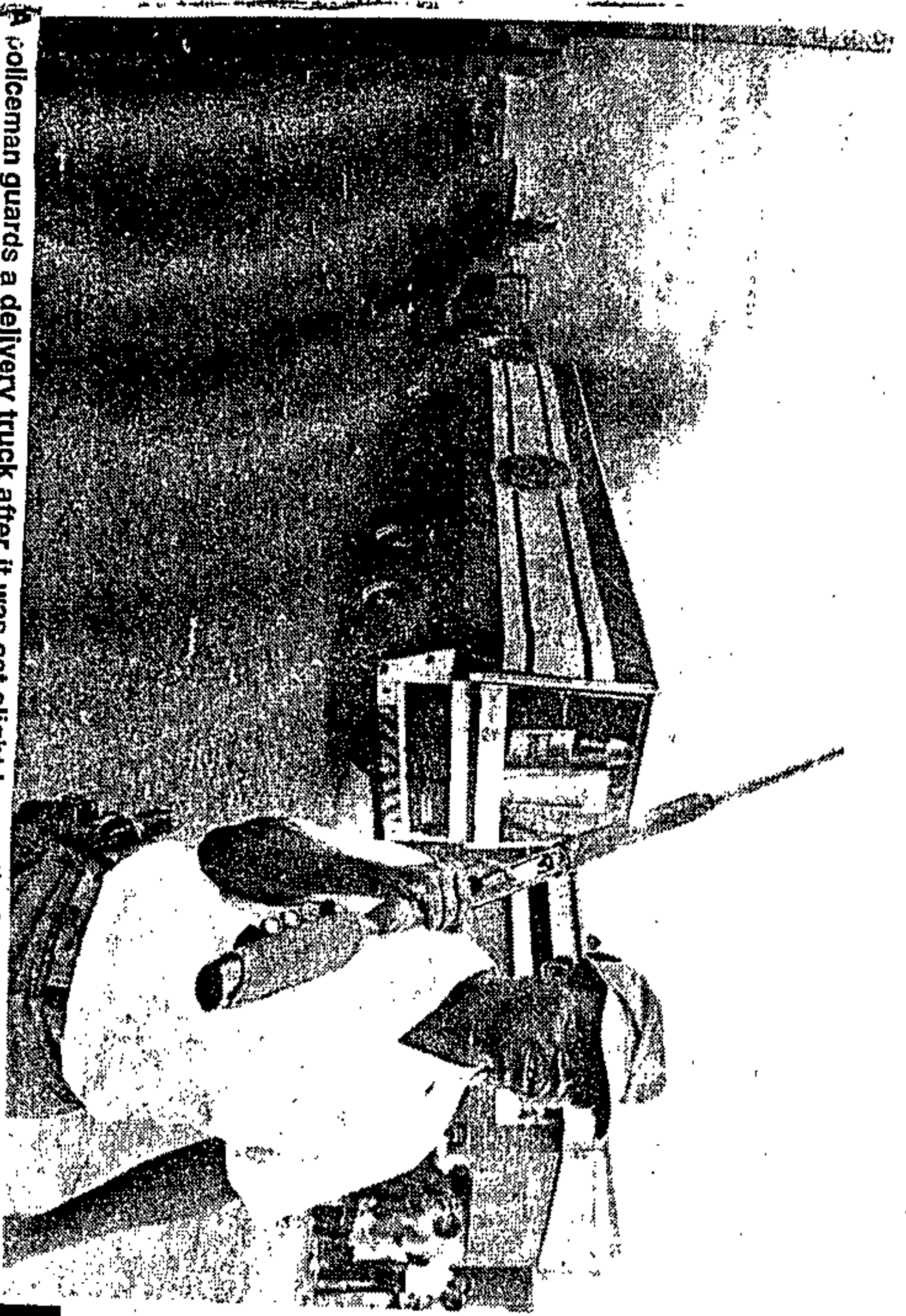
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A policeman guards a delivery truck after it was set alight by youths in Kagiso, Krugersdorp. This is after ANC supporters returned to the township after the AWB action at a march on Krugersdorp Prison.



Mr David Kleinboel next to his bus which was damaged by a suspected limpet mine about 3am in Tokomstus, Randfontein, on Saturday. Damage to the bus, which had been hired to take marchers to Krugersdorp, was estimated at R35 000.

Pics: JOE MOLEFE

ANC move monument after attack

By McKeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

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The monument, placed opposite the Mamelodi City Council offices, commemorated Solomon Mahlangu, an ANC guerilla executed in 1979 for his part in the shooting of two John Orr's employees at a Goch Street warehouse on June 13 1977.

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Mamelodi MK statue removed for safety

A STATUE in memory of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres, unveiled at Mamelodi near Pretoria at the weekend, has been removed.

Mr Pasty Malefo, an executive member of the local African National Congress branch, said the statue was removed for "safe-keeping".

He could not, however, confirm reports the statue was removed following threats by rightwingers to deface it.

Reports circulating in Pretoria yesterday suggested a minibus-load of armed men had gone to the statue, which is mounted on the entrance to the township, but were driven off by locals.

The statue was unveiled by MK chief Mr Chris Hani. - Sapa.

Gen Neethling's appeal bid fails

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Own Correspondent

POLICE forensics chief Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling was yesterday refused leave to appeal against the dismissal of his R1-million defamation claim against Vrye Weekblad newspaper.

Mr Justice J Kriegler dismissed General Neethling's application with costs after finding there was no reasonable prospect of another court coming to different legal and factual findings from those he made in rejecting the general's claim in January.

The judge then found that claims by former security policeman Mr Dirk Coetzee that General Neethling supplied him

with poison to murder ANC members were true.

General Neethling sued Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for a total of R1,5m after the newspapers published articles in November-December 1989 linking him to covert police hit squad activities.

However, Mr Justice Kriegler yesterday granted General Neethling leave to appeal in respect of his R500 000 claim against the Weekly Mail, which had also been dismissed with costs.

The Weekly Mail article claimed the general was involved in poisoning bottles of liquor which were destined for ANC members in Maputo.

The judge earlier held that while the

allegations had not been proved to be true, publication was justified because the matter was of such importance that the public had a right to be informed.

Dismissing the application for leave to appeal in the Vrye Weekblad matter, the judge rejected submissions that another court could come to a different finding on the credibility of the two "key witnesses" — General Neethling and Mr Coetzee.

● Afterwards Vrye Weekblad editor Mr Max du Preez said he awaited General Neethling's immediate suspension and an investigation into the police forensics laboratory. He said the paper looked forward to recouping some of the R1 million it had spent fighting the case.

Scaly package sent to London ANC

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — A sinister package containing a snake and a lizard was received through the post by the ANC's London office yesterday.

It was the latest in a series of bizarre pranks perpetrated against the organisation here in recent months.

In other incidents, forged letters giving repatriation details were sent to the homes of 400 ANC members, and several members received invitations to attend a joint AWB-National Front

fundraising braai on Hampstead Heath next month.

Posted in South Africa, these too, are apparently a hoax.

Mr Mendi Msimang, the ANC's chief representative in Britain, said yesterday he feared an informer within the organisation might have leaked the list of exiles' home addresses.

Commenting on the forged ANC letters, he said they were designed to sow confusion, adding: "I think this is a message which says: 'We know where you are and

we can get at you at any time'."

He said the AWB/National Front letters, with joint letterheads, each also included AWB application forms, handbooks and stickers.

Yesterday, Mr Msimang said, a package posted in Guildford, south of London, arrived at the ANC office, containing a dead snake and a lizard which was "still shaking".

The police were informed and took the package away for further investigation.

Magistrate stands firm on Askari inquest

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PRETORIA. — A magistrate yesterday ruled that an inquest must be held into the alleged death of former "Askari" Mr Japie Maponya, whom death row prisoner Almond Nofomela claimed had been murdered by members of the security police.

The inquest is to start in Pretoria on June 24, and several Harms Commission witnesses will be called to testify.

Mr Piet Kemp, an advocate appearing for the police, asked the magistrate, Mr K D Kruger, to set aside his March 5 decision that an inquest should be held.

Mr Kemp referred to Mr Justice Harms's finding that Nofomela's claim that he had kidnapped Mr Maponya and tortured him during questioning, and that another security policeman had then blindfolded and shot Mr Maponya could not be substantiated.

Mr Kruger, however, found that the

nearly 450 additional pages of information, including the transcribed evidence of Nofomela and two other security policemen and the findings of the Harms Commission, were not of such a nature that his decision could be reversed.

He said the purpose of an inquest was to promote the public satisfaction that all matters of possible unnatural deaths received proper attention, he said.

Mr Kruger said many improbabilities appeared from Nofomela's Harms Commission evidence, but it was not the Inquest Court's task at this stage to consider the credibility of witnesses.

Nofomela, who appeared in person before Mr Kruger yesterday after Lawyers for Human Rights declined to represent him, persisted with his allegations about Mr Maponya's alleged death.

Mr Maponya's body was never found. — Sapa

'Rebel' CCB men sacked

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

ALL 28 "rebel" members of the secret Civil Co-operation Bureau who refused to accept their proposed severance packages, including its managing director Mr Joe Verster, have been fired.

This was announced last night by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan.

And in a sudden turnabout, General Malan also later declared on SATV that he would have no hesitation in quitting if he was an obstacle to the president, the National Party or the SADF.

General Malan told Parliament that the SADF had laid a charge with the police over the disappearance of 11 CCB operational files.

A summons has been issued to Mr Verster for the delivery of those assets, original contracts

and files which were necessary for the completion of the administration and audit of CCB records.

The government had dropped planned legislation to prevent disaffected CCB members going to court to challenge their severance packages.

General Malan added that the SADF had offered its aid to former CCB members with applications for indemnity. "It is only right that we also look after the interests of our own people," he said.

The minister's statement on SATV news follows the commitment earlier this week by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to resign if he stood in the way of negotiations.

But until the live interview last night, which followed a clash on the CCB issue in Par-

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liament, the controversy-plagued defence minister has given no hint that he might be prepared to quit.

The firing of both security ministers is one of the demands contained in the ANC's seven-point "ultimatum" to the government.

During the debate, General Malan said he had become the victims of a witchhunt by parties on both the left and the right over the CCB affair but added that he had "a clear conscience".

General Malan said there were already indications that the unauthorised expenditure of R659 000 incurred by the CCB could be "considerably less".

His critics on the CCB issue were, knowingly or unwittingly, colluding "to build nests for themselves under a possible new government", which they incorrectly identified as the ANC.

Earlier in the debate, the leader of the Democratic Party, Dr Zach de Beer, said the recent finding of Mr Justice Ed Stafford into the second Sebokeng shooting was "the real cherry on the top" of the case for General Malan's dismissal.

Mr Justice Stafford, after determining certain facts about the shooting, said that the internal inquiry held by the SADF had been a "total whitewash".

Mr Hulley said General Malan should resign because he had presided over a number of "spectacular and lesser disasters" while serving in the government under President F W De Klerk.

"He is the main political leftover from the era of the 'total strategy' which had been a monumental and comprehensive disaster for the country," Mr Hulley said.

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CCB men sacked over 'fair' deals

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

TOUGH measures were announced by Defence Minister General Magnus Malan in parliament to free the government of the embarrassment surrounding the controversial Civil Co-operation Bureau.

He announced that the Defence Force had:

- Laid a charge with the police over the disappearance of 11 operational files which had a bearing on the R659 000 considered by parliament's all-party committee on public accounts to be unauthorised. Indications were this figure could be considerably lower.

- Terminated the services of 28 former members of the CCB, including Colonel Joe Verster, who had not accepted reasonable and fair severance pay deals. The SADF would respond appropriately if they took the matter to court.

- Issued a summons to Colonel Verster for the delivery of assets, original contracts and files necessary for the completion of the administration and the auditing of CCB records.

- Instructed the State Attorney to summons all people who still possessed State property. The four instances included a fishing trawler in Durban, office equipment, cars and attaché cases.

- Dropped plans to introduce legislation to protect CCB members — mooted in a news-



General Magnus Malan

paper interview earlier this year.

However, the SADF would help former CCB members to apply for indemnity "where this would be applicable". Since the ANC was eligible for such indemnity, it was only right that the same should apply to "our people".

Critics lashed

General Malan lashed critics of the CCB issue for what he called "political opportunism" of the highest degree intended to create division within the government. He said his announcements would disappoint opponents because it would deprive them of the basis for their attacks.

He rejected claims that there had been a cover-up or undue delays in finalising issues surrounding the CCB.

The delays had been unavoidable since the SADF had not been in a position to act while investigations were being made by the police, Attorneys-General, the Harms Commission and parliament's joint committee on public accounts.

He had announced the disbandment of the CCB in February last year but it was only now that he was free to speak.

There was one exception — Operation Goldie involving R82 000, which the parliamentary committee had found to be unauthorised.

As a police investigation and actions by Attorneys-General were still under way, he could say nothing about it.

General Malan said in the process of disbanding the CCB, members had been given the choice of resigning, joining the SADF — with a few exceptions — under ordinary service conditions or accepting "reasonable and fair" severance packages.

Ninety-five accepted the packages, eight had joined the permanent force of the SADF and one had resigned.

But 28, including Colonel Joe Verster, were "digging in their heels" and were refusing to accept the packages.

They were demanding pension benefits as if they were retiring as members of the Defence Pension Fund at the age of 60.

Probe violence caused by secret groups — Naude

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The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — There should be a ruthless probe into political violence encouraged by secret groups, says former restricted theologian Dr Beyers Naude.

He told a University of Natal graduation ceremony here that the actions of secret groups should be relentlessly exposed, widely publicised and utterly condemned.

"Are we as a government, as political organisations, as churches and religious bodies, as a concerned community, saying that we are unable to uncover and expose the main culprits?"

"A climate of political violence, once created, is very difficult to remove."

LIVES DISRUPTED

Education institutions had a special responsibility to probe and explain such forms of violence, its causes and the possible solutions.

"We have to do this for the sake of the country as a whole — but especially for the sake of thousands of students who have been deeply affected and whose lives have been seriously disrupted by the recent violence."

"We have created a generation of youth which has known nothing else but violence — in which they have had to live, to work and to defend themselves."

Never before had South Africa experienced such profound and rapid political and social change. In certain respects history was being made so fast that many South Africans were confused, uncertain and afraid.

"In spite of President De Klerk's courageous steps to remove all legalized forms of racialism, the legacy of apartheid will be with us for decades."

Lothar Neethling's rise from nazi orphan to top SA police general

By PAT DEVEREAUX
Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — One-time blue-eyed boy of the Broederbond and selected nazi orphan Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling had his leave to appeal against the dismissal of his R1 million defamation case against Vrye Weekblad turned down this week.

It remains that a top police forensics expert provided poison to ex-police Captain Dirk Coetzee to murder ANC suspects and misled the court and the Harms Commission, it was heard in the Rand Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, amid calls for his dismissal as head of the police forensics department, fascinating details have emerged about his past.

General Neethling was one of 83 nazi war orphans brought to this country by the Dietse Kinderfonds (DFK), a project headed by promi-

nent Broederbond members many of whom were pro-nazi Ossewabrandwag and Nationalist Party members in 1948.

The original plan of the DFK was to bring out 10 000 German orphans — "out of the ashes of the crushed thousand-year Reich of Adolf Hitler".

The Smuts government would allow only 100 orphans to be brought to South Africa. In 1947 well-known businessman and nazi-sympathiser Mr Schalk Botha, the secretary of the DFK, went to Germany accompanied by Dr Vera Buhrman. Advertisements were placed in German Protestant Church newspapers for 500 orphans.

Among those recommended to the DFK team as "exceptionally intelligent children" were Lothar Paul Teitz, 13, his younger brother Siegfried Werner Teitz, 11, and sister Edith Katharina Teitz, 9.

Believed to come from a nazi family, the three orphans were raised in

the northern German town of Walterdorf.

In 1948 only 83 children arrived in Cape Town aboard the Winchester Castle.

Symbolic bond

The Teitz children went to separate families. Lothar was chosen by Dr J C Neethling — a member of the Ossewabrandwag interned during World War 2 as a nazi sympathiser. He had also played a key role in organising the DFK.

One of the 1948 orphans, Mr Werner van der Merwe, has written a book titled 'Vir 'n 'Blanke Volk': Die

verhaal van die Duitse Weeskinders van 1948. Much of the information in this article is obtained from this book.

He claims that the young Lothar Teitz (who took the name Neethling) was "almost obsessed with showing the Afrikaner children he was better and he excelled at Pretoria's Afrikaans High School. He also won the hearts of the Afrikaners by playing rugby.

Lothar Neethling epitomised the goals of the DKV when at 24 he described himself in an interview with Die Vaderland in 1959 as a "full-blooded Afrikaner".

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Malan silent over latest CCB claims

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

DEFENCE Minister General Magnus Malan remained silent today over the latest claims about the CCB, amid renewed calls for a fresh inquiry into hit squads.

Over the weekend, former CCB chief Mr Joe Verster's claimed nine agents were still being held in foreign jails and secret projects were still "on the go" overseas.

His remarks were branded by the SADF as an attempt to discredit the army and cast suspicion on it. In a statement last night, the SADF said it had nothing to hide and would "put its case in court".

NEW COMMISSION

A spokesman for General Malan's office said the ministry did not intend making any statements.

However, the northern suburbs-based Campaign for a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Hit Squads said today it would step up pressure on the government for a fresh probe into the sinister unit.

Spokesman Mr Hannes Senekal said the claims by Mr Verster "confirm our view that the hit squad issue has not been cut open to the bone and a new a

commission must be appointed to investigate internal and external hit squad operations".

He said: "We would particularly like to know who the nine agents (claimed to be in foreign jails) are and of what crimes they were found guilty. We also want to know whether they still receive salaries from the CCB, since taxpayers are footing the bill."

The SADF said it was not prepared to publicly debate claims made at the weekend by former head of the sinister unit, Mr Joe Verster.

Mr Verster claimed that nine CCB agents still being held in foreign jails were all receiving salaries from the government. He said until they were released, the activities of the CCB could not be regarded as "wrapped up".

He said projects still "on the go" overseas could result in court proceedings potentially harmful to South Africa's image.

He also claimed that the CCB and a body called "The Organisation" were two different things and that the Harms Commission had been misled into believing it was dealing with the CCB, rather than the latter.

He said everything the CCB had done had been authorised.

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Agents in jail

EX-CCCB boss: Nine held in foreign countries

British delegation

JOHANNESBURG. — The former head of the shadowy Civil Co-operation Bureau has claimed that nine South African agents are still being held in foreign jails.

These agents all receive salaries from the government and until they are released the activities of the CCB cannot be regarded as "wrapped up".

This was said yesterday by CCB chief Mr Joe Verster, as he is known.

He also claimed there were projects "on the go" overseas that could lead to court cases and South Africa's name being damaged if handled "wrongly".

In a long interview with the Sunday newspaper, Rapport, he contradicted assurances about the disbanding of the CCB given by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, in Parliament.

The CCB actually had been disbanded in 1988 and the body being investigated by the Harms Commission was called "The Organisation", he said.

He would not tell Rapport whether "Verster" was his real name.

Last night, his face obscured, he appeared on prime time SATV to defend his decision and that of some of his men to fight the SA Defence Force for severance payouts they claimed were due to them.

'Obedied orders'

The CCB organisation had been formed on the instructions "of the highest authority in the defence force", he said. All members had to resign their commissions and/or jobs to join. A separate service contract had been drawn up for them.

Speaking in measured tones, Mr Verster said everything the CCB had done had been authorised.

The CCB had carried out orders as they were given.

He was "no Dirk Coetzee" who would

disclose sensitive information, he said, adding that General Malan was being "wrongly advised" about the CCB.

The SADF hit back last night, saying Mr Verster was trying to cast suspicion on and discredit it.

By granting interviews to "selected media", Mr Verster was "trying to circumvent the legal process which he intends and in which both he and the defence force will be involved", the statement said.

He was among 28 CCB members who had not accepted their severance packages and who had been fired by the SADF on Thursday.

"It is known that severance packages in accordance with the defence force's view of its obligations were offered to everyone, including those who did not accept them."

"Mr Verster was also offered a package, apart from the good deal he had already received and of which he knows the content."

The SADF statement said the CCB and "The Organisation" were "one and the same thing".

It also said the SADF had nothing to hide and would state its case in court. — Sapa



CONTRADICTED... General Magnus Malan

‘Broedertwis’ on right

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Political Correspondent

FAR-right wing politics appears headed for another period of “broedertwis” following publication of a bombshell Conservative Party strategy document at the weekend.

The confidential document — which is still to be presented to the party’s parliamentary caucus — turns much current CP policy on its head and warns that fellow far right organisations are riddled with security police agents who manipulate and control far right “resistance”.

The document is bound to sow division and suspicion among the dozens of organisations on the white right and jeopardise CP plans to create a unified right-wing front against the government.

But more significantly, the far-reaching proposals, compiled by a CP team headed by CP information chief Mr Koos van der Merwe, is bound to fuel strife within the party between apartheid die-hards, led by deputy leader Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg, and the so-called “New Right”.

The leaking of the document, dated October 1990, just a month before the Ladybrand by-election, will clearly not assist the CP’s campaign in the marginal seat. The 48-page document, entitled “Strategy for a Changing Situation”, submits that the days of apartheid, even under a CP government, are numbered.

‘Lift talks ban’

It warns the party leadership that the CP runs the risk of becoming “completely irrelevant” if it continues to cling to existing policies and “unrealistic dreams”.

Among the controversial proposals and warnings contained in the document, compiled on the instructions of CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, are:

- The CP should lift its ban on talking with the ANC and SA Communist Party.
- The CP should drastically revise its partition plan.
- President F W de Klerk’s power-sharing reform initiatives enjoy the support of most white voters and the government was likely to win a referendum.
- Change in South Africa was already

“irreversible” and the CP would not be able to turn back the clock, even in power.

● Mr Piet “Skiet” Rudolf and other far-right militants were allegedly “security agents”.

● Rightwingers who have committed acts of violence were often simply people with a tendency towards crime or with personality defects.

Mr Van der Merwe yesterday told the Cape Times that the weekend publication of the document was a “transparent attempt” to confuse voters ahead of next month’s Ladybrand by-election.

The CP ousted the NP by a narrow 70-vote margin in the 1989 general election and the NP are determined to regain the seat, which is seen as a good barometer of white opinion.

Mr Van der Merwe also told Sapa reports on the document and on CP thinking were “selective and distorted”.

Dr Treurnicht, who originally denied having asked for the document to be drawn up, later said such proposals were presented to the party from time to time. Some were not even examined, while others were looked at and rejected.

Right-wing violence not a threat yet — UCT study

CAPE TOWN — White right-wing violence is not on its own a major threat to the building of a democratic South Africa — but it may become so, according to a new study published here.

The Institute of Criminology at the University of Cape Town (UCT) has launched a book entitled "The Rise of White Right-wing Violence in South Africa", which notes that 26 people died and 133 were injured in right-wing actions in the second half of last year.

This is opposed to the 1 589 deaths and over 2 813 injuries in the same six-month period which the study ascribes to "vigilante and related actions".

Yet in conjunction with other reactionary groups, the right wing is potentially a dangerous

destabilising force, the study says.

Its attacks "are likely to continue and even increase".

Wilfried Scharf, the director of the institute, said the 158-page book was compiled in less than a year by the Legal Education Action Project (LEAP).

Much of the information was gleaned from press reports and Black Sash fieldworkers. LEAP did not conduct its own interviews with prominent rightwingers.

Offences

One of the chapters focuses on the sentences which rightwingers, on the one hand, and anti-apartheid sympathisers, on the other, have received after being convicted of offences such

as murder, possession of arms, and harbouring wanted persons.

According to the study, rightwingers were usually tried on lesser charges, and given lighter sentences.

Parts of the publication seem under-researched, however.

One allegation — tentatively reported in the study — about Calitzdorp's supposed reaction to the opening of amenities did not bear up well to closer scrutiny.

Karel Nel, the town clerk, said there was no truth in the claim that the town's rugby field and swimming bath had been sold to a local white school for R1 and R25 respectively.

The field had been sold in 1980 and the pool still belonged to the municipality although it had been closed for two years. — Sapa.

Alleged bombers appear in court

THREE rightwingers, allegedly responsible for Pretoria's Bloed Street explosion and a parcel bomb in Durban last year, yesterday withdrew their application for bail. *Sowetan* 16/4/91

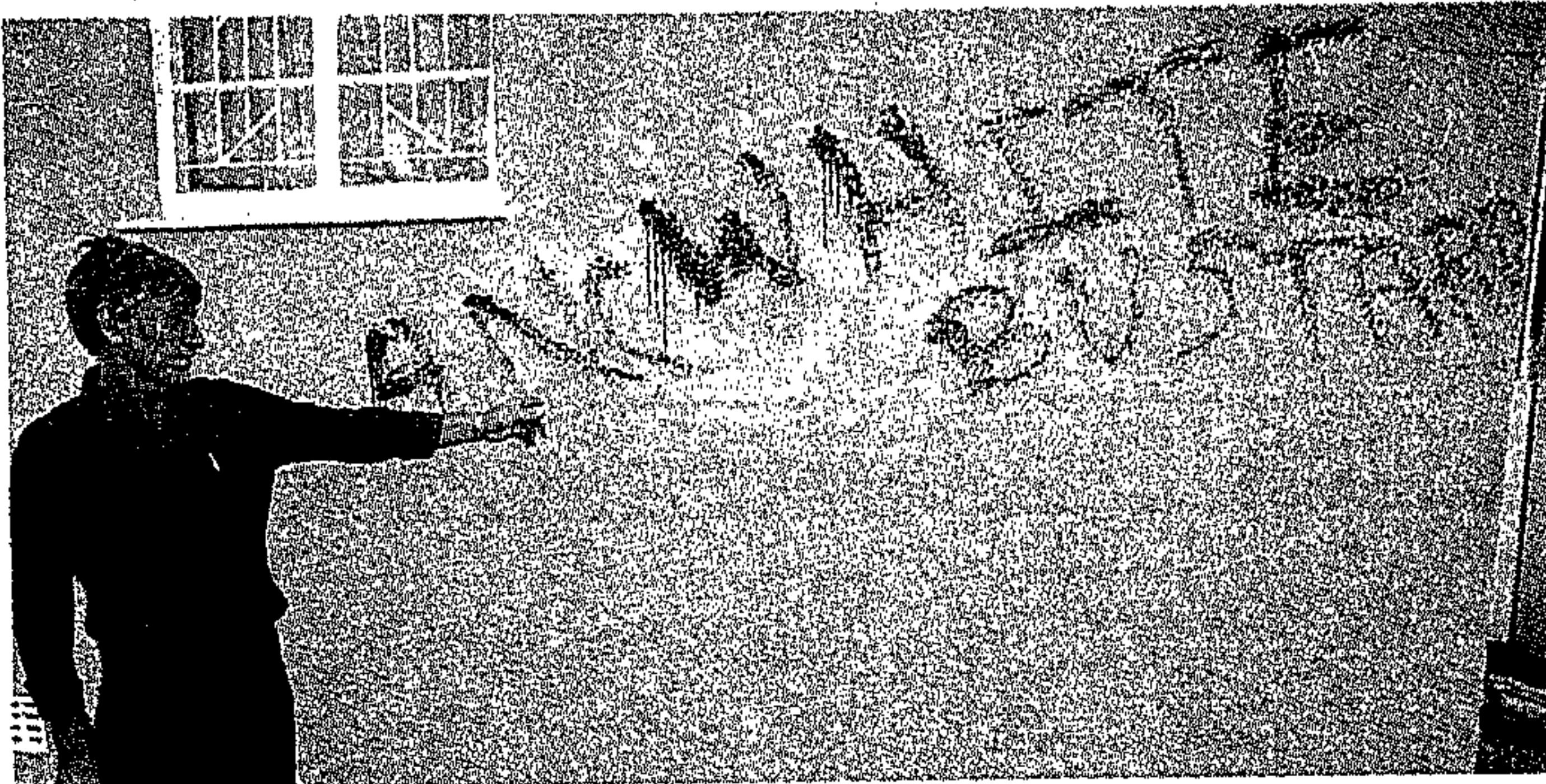
Pretoria magistrate Mr M Kilian transferred the case to the Supreme Court for trial on May 27.

The accused are Mr Adrian Hendrickus Maritz (43), of Cedarberg Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, Mr Henry Guy Martin (49), of Horns Oord, Pretoria, and Mr Lodewyk Grobler van Schalkwyk (53), of Hartbeespoort.

They allegedly detonated 400g of explosives at the Bloed Street taxi rank in Pretoria last August 11. Twelve people were injured in the explosion.

A Durban computer consultant, Mr Nick Cruse (23) was killed on October 20 last year when a parcel bomb exploded in his hands. - Sapa.

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SLOGAN...
Mr L G van Vuuren stands outside his home on which right-wing activists painted a slogan on Monday night.

Picture:
DANIEL SIMON

By DANIEL SIMON

POLICE are investigating an attack by right-wing elements on a Beaufort West family who had denounced the rightist organisation to a family member.

Shots have been fired at Mr Riaan Steenkamp, 23, stepson of Beaufort West couple Mr and Mrs L G van Vuuren, after Mr Van Vuuren had told the family member to leave the local branch of the organisation "because it was propagating rubbish politics".

A slogan labelling the family "ANC white bastards" was painted in red on the wall of their Grimbeek Street home on Monday, Mr Van Vuuren said yesterday.

The family, who consider themselves "staunch Afrikaners", have complained to the police and an investigation into charges of in-

'Rightist' attack on Karoo family

timidation and attempted murder are in progress.

The investigation follows an incident on Monday night when Mr Steenkamp was ambushed from behind a tree and hit on the forehead with the butt of a revolver before being shot at three times

when he and Mr Van Vuuren, 49, chased two strangers from their backyard.

Mr Van Vuuren, a disability pensioner, accused the right-wing organisation of using "strongarm tactics" and other forms of intimidation against the community.

He said he had told the family member, who had started "acting strangely" ever since joining the movement in Hermanus last month — and who has since left home — "that I was not interested in the cheap politics that the organisation propagated".

His wife, Mrs C J van Vuuren, interjected: "I asked what would happen if the organisation ordered my death and was told that if the order was not carried out a hearing would be held and (the family member) sentenced to death."

VENTERSDORP. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche last night gave Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok 30 days to remove the "squatters" from Goed-gevonden farm near Ventersdorp, before the AWB would "remove" them.

Addressing a packed town hall in his town of birth Mr Terre'Blanche said the "squatting" problem outside Ventersdorp represented the Afrikaner's hour of truth.

AWB ^{Art Tinf} 19/4/91 threatens to remove squatters

"If we don't stand firm now we never will."

Mr Terre'Blanche said conservatives should kill ANC members if they invaded white homes or property.

He the town could only provide jobs for 2 000 of the 9 000 squatters.

He claimed the blacks who had resettled on the Department of Agricultural Development farm Goedgevonden had said their ANC membership cards were their "pass-books" to be on the farm.

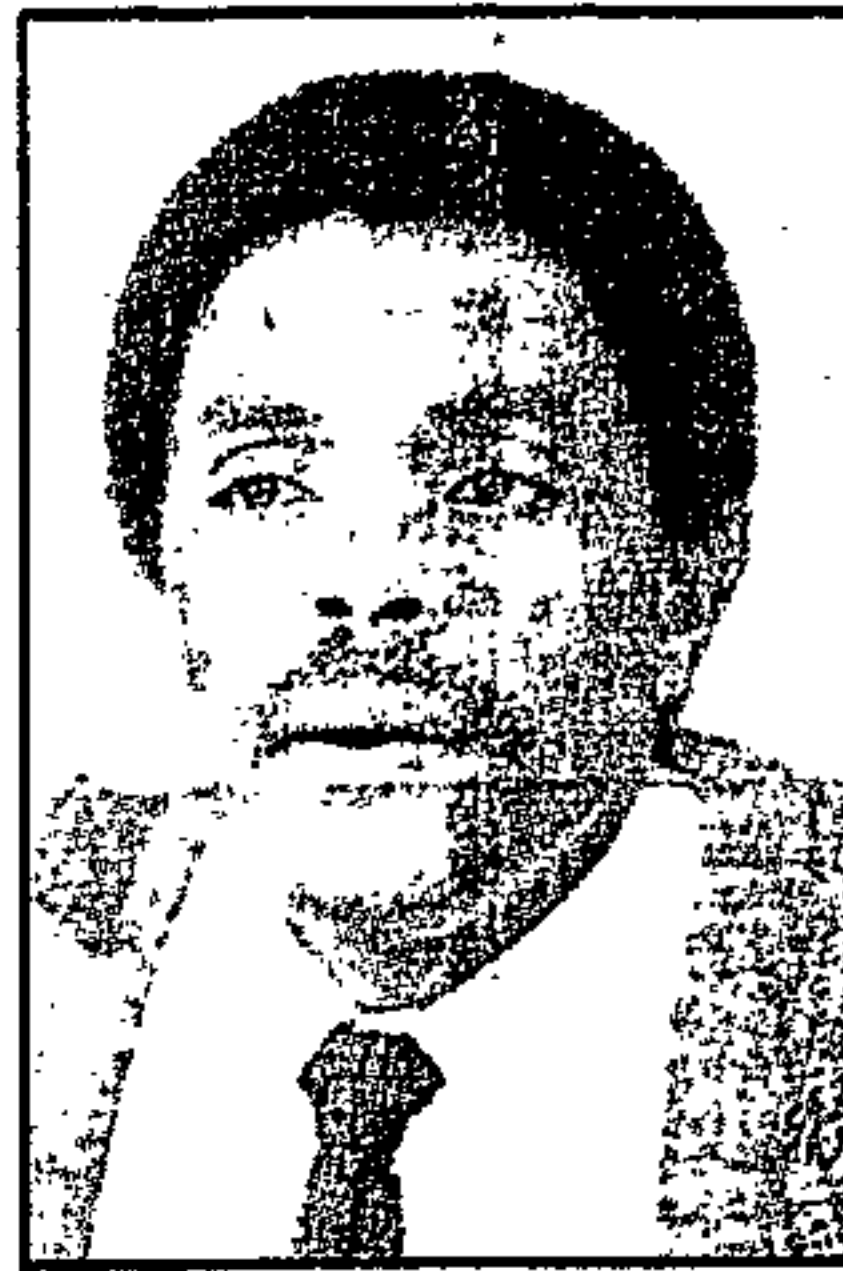
CP MP Mr Fanie van Vuuren told the meeting the occupation of Goed-gevonden constituted part of the ANC's strategy to annex white land.

He would raise the issue in Parliament on Tuesday, he said. — Sapa

Network 'has been in place for 5 years'

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EXCLUSIVE REPORT
by ABBEY MAKOE



SIPHIWE NYANDA: A trained MK cadre and former "Vula" accused, his ANC portfolio includes organising defence units.

AN underground network of paramilitary township defence units has been in place countrywide, ready to be activated, for the past five years.

But as a result of former president P W Botha's clampdown on political activity in the mid-1980s, the secret residents' groups had remained "sleeper" units since 1986, Saturday Star learned in a series of exclusive interviews this week.

And only now — as the ANC and the Government prepare for a showdown over the issue — are they being activated.

This emerged at a secret meeting of the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) in Johannesburg this week. Among other things, the meeting was aimed at formalising the duties of the resuscitated units.

Kgabisi Mosunkutu, Cast's vice-president, said the activation of self-defence units was a direct result of the incompetence of the "special constables" in the townships.

And Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli said the units should not be seen as a "fashion show".

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Earlier this week, the ANC disclosed it planned to establish defence units in the townships. Each unit would be headed by a trained Umkhonto we Sizwe soldier. The organisation indicated that defence unit members would be in uniform and carry weapons, including cross-bows.

This prompted condemnation from the Government, which lashed out at the ANC's booklet "For the Sake of Our Lives", which outlines the structures of the defence units.

Captain Craig Kotze, Law and Order Ministry spokesman, described the booklet as a "recipe for civil war".

Now, the right wing is planning to form a people's security network (*volksbeveiligings netwerk*) to counter the ANC's self-defence units.

The Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) said last night it had no choice but to establish such a network because of the ANC demand for one man one vote, the united front between the ANC and PAC, the self-defence units and the inability of the Government to prevent a transfer of power.

Defence units

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Among the duties of the defence units, it was said in interviews with Cast leaders, would be the barricading of streets during attacks on residents and the slowing down or delaying of "the enemy's vehicles".

Training of the defence units' members would also include the "surveillance of red head-banded vigilantes", with whom Cast said it would not co-operate. Star 20/4/91

Richard Mdakane, also a Cast executive member, revealed plans for a "defence rally" to be held in Pretoria between May 6 and 9 — the expiry date of the ANC's ultimatum to the Government.

ANC spokesman Sakkie Macozoma confirmed the defence units were the brainchild of Cast and, before that, the civic associations. Now, he said, the ANC was throwing its weight behind the programme.

He would neither confirm nor deny earlier reports that the ANC had about 50 defence units already in place. Cast admits to having more than 50.

ANC secretary of the National Campaigns Committee, Siphiwe Nyanda, said MK's trained cadres, "including myself", would not sit back while "our people suffer at the hands of red head-banded vigilantes and extremist members of the SAP".

However, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday issued a stern warning. "If any person is found in possession of any weapon that police believe will be used in an offensive manner, they will be detained," he said.

PAC information chief Barney Desai said his organisation would be having an "in-depth discussion on violence", which would include the defence units issue.

"It is a common-law right recognised throughout the world that if a person is attacked he has a right to self-defence."

BVB chairman Professor Alkmaar Swart said his organisation had been forced to take the initiative "in making the *volk* ready for action by helping to develop a disciplined and united security network".

BVB spokesman Jan Groenewald said the first step would be a *volk* security conference.

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Secret defence units

Farmer faces assault charges

MESSINA farmer Mr Jan van der Westhuizen will be charged following the burning of a 15-year-old boy at Hayoma farm last December.

Transvaal Attorney-General Mr Don Brunnette said the farmer would be charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Van der Westhuizen's lawyers have been told of the decision but no date had been set for the hearing.

The charge follows al-

BY MATHATHA
TSEDU

legations that the farmer had manacled the boy with steel handcuffs welded to the iron work-shop table.

He had been accused of stealing the farmer's firearm.

The boy was allegedly beaten, kicked and later doused with petrol before being set alight. He suffered third-degree burns for which he is still being

treated at the Garankuwa Hospital.

At first police said the fire had been an accident. They said Van der Westhuizen, a police reservist, was welding next to the boy who had been tied to the table after a citizen's arrest.

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The police investigation only began when Sowetan queried this version, insisting that police

investigate the boy's allegations.

The boy has been charged with house-breaking. His plight was highlighted in several newspapers and Messina hospital superintendent Dr JP van Wyl transferred him to Pietersburg Hospital.

He claimed that newsmen were using him for political purposes.

The boy, still in bandages, was transferred in a police van and spent one night in Pietersburg

prison before being taken to hospital.

Asked about this treatment, Van Wyl said the boy could have been transported "in a wheelbarrow or something because if he could pose for photographers he must be fit enough to travel in a police van".

But Pietersburg hospital authorities later refused to grant permission for police to transport him back to Messina for a court appearance saying he was not fit yet.

We don't need armed vigilantes, says Vlok

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Government call for people to form neighbourhood watches in their communities was in no way a call for them to arm themselves and form vigilante groups, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said last night.

"We want to impress on you the need for public participation in the fight to combat crime ... The South African Police needs the support of our communities in this regard."

But the neighbourhood watch system is under no circumstances to arm people — it is just to become the ears and eyes of the police in your community," Mr Vlok said.

Addressing a public meeting at the Amamzintoti Civic Centre, Mr Vlok faced a barrage of angry questions about the country's escalating crime rate.

A heavy police presence at the meeting dampened rightwing attempts at disruption. Uniformed and plainclothes policemen were scat-

tered throughout the 250-strong audience and around the centre.

Mr Vlok said the police were well aware of the dangers of neighbourhood watch systems degenerating into vigilante groups, and would watch the development of all such systems very carefully.

He said that considering the "difficult period" South Africa was going through, it was "quite acceptable" for people to arm themselves for self-defence purposes.

However, patrolling the streets in one's com-

munity and going out in groups to attack other communities was a "recipe for disaster" which would only lead to heightened conflict, he said.

A determined group of rightwingers in the hall heckled Mr Vlok throughout, but no incidents occurred and the Minister responded to the jeers with humour.

When a well-known rightwinger raised his hand to ask a question, he said: "I see there is a man over there with his hand up. Would you like to leave the room?"

'Jackals' threat to ANC: We'll get you . . .

By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

THREATENING letters from an organisation calling itself "The Jackals", which claims its members are "weapons and explosives specialists" have been sent to at least four prominent Western Cape ANC members.

The pamphlets were sent to regional president Mr Christmas Tinto, Mr Johnny de Lange, Mrs Veronica Simmers and Mr Noel Williams.

The Jackals warned they would fight to keep South Africa white.

The pamphlet said: "Warned — if you thought the Wit Wolwe and AWB and the rest were bad — that was a tea party — when we fight it will be to keep South Africa white."

'WORST NIGHTMARE'

"This is a God-given task and He is on our side."

"We are going to get the lot of you, starting with Mandela, Slovo, Hani and the rest of you scum."

"Don't take us lightly — we are going to be your worst nightmare. We are specialists in all aspects of explosives, communications, survival techniques, weapons. We have the advantage. We are white."

Mr Bulelani Ngcuka, acting ANC spokesman in the Western Cape, said the threats were being taken seriously.

"We do not think that it is the work of a crank. It is from people who are opposed to democracy. We'll be taking the necessary precautions," he said.

Mr Tinto said he had been surprised by the pamphlets because "I thought we were half-way on the road to a democracy."

ADVOCATE

Mr De Lange is an advocate, Western Cape treasurer of the United Democratic Front and secretary of the National Association of Democratic Lawyers. Mr Williams was a member of the interim regional executive of the ANC and chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, and Mrs Simmers was the UDF's administrative secretary.

● From Pretoria The Argus Correspondent reports that the Boere Commando, a group that has broken away from the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, has warned that it will not allow ANC self-defence units to function.

Boere Commando convenor Mr Gawie Volschenk said his organisation was keeping a close watch on the units.

He added that the Boere Commando would under no circumstances allow whites to be burdened by "this threatening danger".

Cosatu: Activist assassinated'

JOHANNESBURG. — Cosatu officials believe that the killing of active Cosatu member, Ms Rose Kotta, at Merafe railway station in Soweto early yesterday morning, is a political assassination.

Police confirmed that Ms Kotta, 41, was shot by an unknown assailant, while ascending the stairs of a pedestrian bridge at 6.30am. — Sapa



Police investigating 'assassination plot'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The police have begun an investigation into claims made by the ANC of a sophisticated assassination plot against its PWV leadership, allegedly to be put into effect between tomorrow and May 9.

This and other claims by the ANC have plunged relations between the organisation and the security forces into a crisis.

The claims included allegations that:

- Inkatha Youth Brigade members have been trained by the SADF and deployed in the PWV area;

- The government was waging war on the ANC while talking peace; and

- A man claiming to be a Defence Force intelligence operative helped assassinate Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa president Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo in February.

MASSIVE PLANS

ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo said: "There are massive plans to attack communities and assassinate prominent ANC members, especially in the PWV area."

"The offensive is aimed at scuttling the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party peace accord and undermining the ANC's open letter."

"Another trend which has emerged is the reported deployment of Inkatha Youth Brigade operatives in the violence-torn areas of the PWV after military training by members of the SADF."

In his reaction, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said: "We urgently appeal to the ANC to provide us with all the information at their disposal to enable the police to investigate and take preventive steps if necessary."

The SADF denied the existence of any "third force" and rejected the ANC allegations "with contempt".

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Police were not seen at the meeting, speak at an Afrikaans university for the first time.

Police were not seen at the meeting, which broke up as Mandela and his party retreated. A section of the audience protested that Mandela should be given an opportunity to speak, but was shouted down by the mob.

Prof Willem Kleyhans, a former lecturer at Pretoria University, said the meeting was a disgraceful display of closed minds

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- (ii) The Office of the Auditor-General is at present conducting an investigation into the investments made by the SARCC and I am therefore not prepared to comment about the matter at this stage.
- (2) I am not in a position to comment on this question before the findings of the Auditor-General as well as the findings of the investigation which I requested have been finalised and considered.

Specialised education: staff

*9. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training:

- (1) Whether his Department has a policy dealing specifically with the allocation of staff to schools for specialised education; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is this policy and (b) what number of pupils is required before an additional teacher is supplied;
- (2) whether teachers in specialised education receive remuneration on the same basis as do teachers in ordinary schools falling under his Department; if not, why not;
- (3) what is his Department's policy in respect of the provision of specialised education for physically disabled children?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING: **Hansard** 30/4/91
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- (1) Yes.
- (a) The policy is outlined in a staffing formula developed for the different types of handicapped. This formula boils down to one teaching post for every ten pupils.
- (b) For each additional ten pupils a further teaching post is provided.
- (2) Teachers in special education are remunerated according to the same salary

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scales as those applying to teachers in ordinary schools, but they also receive an allowance equal to one notch on the relevant scale. **Hansard** 30/4/91

- (3) Special schools for the physically disabled are erected and maintained in co-operation with churches and other welfare organisations with the aid of departmental subsidies. Experts of the Department provide guidance with regard to the management of schools and the educational programmes followed by physically disabled children. The Department devotes the biggest possible share of its budget to the programme: Education of handicapped children.

Alleged Natal police bias: investigation

*10. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether a senior police officer has been appointed to investigate complaints of alleged police bias in Natal; if so, (a) (i) what is the rank and/or name of the officer so appointed and (ii) on what date was the appointment made, (b) what are the circumstances surrounding the matter and (c) what progress has been made in the investigation;
- (2) whether a report on the findings of this investigation will be published; if not, why not; if so, when?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) (i) Lieutenant-General S H Schutte.
- (ii) 5 September 1989.
- (b) The officer was appointed to co-ordinate the investigation of, *inter alia*, allegations of police bias against members of the South African Police, and which arose from the unrest situation which was prevailing at that stage. He had, furthermore, to serve the Regional Commissioner of the South African Police in the Natal Region with advice and counsel as regards the handling of those cases.

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Lieutenant-General Schutte was withdrawn from that specific duty on 2 January 1991. The task with which he was charged is still being carried out and a permanent member of the South African Police is charged therewith.

- (c) Numerous cases of alleged police bias, of which the investigations were co-ordinated by the officer, were dealt with and the necessary steps were taken in this regard.

- (2) No, the appointment of a co-ordinating officer in Natal is an internal departmental matter and I am not prepared to make known the reports which the officer and his successor published, and are still publishing. All the evidence that comes to the fore and which may indicate that members of the Force in Natal are guilty of partial conduct or behaviour which amounts to criminal or departmental misdemeanours, is without exception submitted to the Attorney-General or otherwise dealt with thorough means of a departmental trial.

Planning of education: gathering of data

*11. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education: **Hansard** 30/4/91

- (1) Whether he or his Department undertakes the gathering of education data for planning purposes; if so,
- (2) whether this information (a) is available on a geographical or magisterial basis and (b) is utilised or could be utilised for planning for education in specific geographic areas on a non-racial basis;
- (3) whether his Department has made a calculation of the number of children who will be eligible to attend school in the event of compulsory education covering the first 7 school levels or the ages 6 to 13; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the relevant figure and (b) how many pupils falling into the category referred to above are at school at present?

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION: B876E

- (1) Yes, in terms of general education policy every Government department responsible for education annually supplies the Department of National Education with information pertaining to all the college and school education sectors for the previous financial year as set out in the SANEP information system.

- (2) (a) The information on the school sectors is available on a geographical basis, according to 73 statistical regions. **Hansard** 30/4/91
- (b) The information is used within the education sector for financing purposes, as well as for planning purposes from time to time. Although the information is available according to population group, it is not used on a racial basis within the education sector. The information has on occasion also been used for planning purposes by institutions outside education.

- (3) No, it is not possible, by using the SANEP information system, to calculate what the number of children attending school would be were compulsory education to be implemented for the first 7 school levels, or for the age group 6 to 13 years.

- (a) Estimates show that in 1988 there would have been approximately 5 930 000 children in the first 7 school levels in the RSA had compulsory education been in effect.
- (b) In 1988, there were 5 068 926 children from Gr 1 to Std 5 in the RSA.

Right-wing violence: complaints/charges

*12. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order: **Hansard** 30/4/91 **(344)**

- (1) Whether, with reference to certain information furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, any complaints have been received, charges have been laid and/or action has been taken against any persons following an explosion and threats of right-wing violence at planned anti-apartheid marches on prisons on 6 April 1991; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the nature of these complaints and charges, (b) against whom were they laid and (c) what action has been taken against the persons concerned;

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- (2) whether he will furnish the House with the names of the persons by whom these complaints and charges were laid; if not, why not; if so, what are their names?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.

(a) One charge of malicious damage to property was laid at the South African Police against an unknown person or persons, by the owner of a bus which was damaged in an explosion in Tokomstus residential area.

The matter is being investigated. No evidence has as yet been found that rightist elements are responsible for the incident.

No charges or complaints arising from the occurrences on 6 April 1991, and to which was referred in the newspaper article which the hon member placed at my disposal, have been laid with the South African Police.

- (b) and (c) Fall away.

- (2) No, because the furnishing of the name of the person who laid the malicious damage to property charge may expose him to intimidation.

NOTE: On the day in question, protest marches also occurred *inter alia* in Pretoria and Krugersdorp. In Pretoria a number of ANC members gathered at Church Square. From there they were to have marched to the Pretoria Central Prison. A number of AWB members formed a cordon around the base of the Paul Kruger statue with the aim of protecting the statue against possible mutilation.

The South African Police who were present at the scene asked the AWB to leave the scene so as to prevent possible conflict. The members of the South African Police intended cordoning off the statue themselves.

The members of the AWB refused to heed the request. Their presence constituted a threat to law and order. Fourteen members of the AWB were arrested for contravening section 27(a) of the Police Act, 1958 (Act 7 of 1958) in that they interfered with the Police in the execution of their duties. They were released at the Moot Police Station.

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The protest march in Krugersdorp, and to which is referred in the newspaper article, dispersed peacefully after members of the AWB and ANC had given the Police their co-operation. An allegation was made that a member of the ANC was threatened with a whip. In this regard no charge was laid with the South African Police.

In the same article, mention was also made of the circulation of pamphlets on the West Rand under the banner of the Order of the White Wolves. This did occur. Although no charges were laid with the Police in this regard, the matter is nevertheless being investigated.

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign † used subsequently in the same interpellation indicates the original language.

Own Affairs:

Vacant school premises

1. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Welfare, Housing and Works:

- (1) Whether it is his policy to make available vacant school premises to other Government Departments and community organizations for use as schools at no cost to such Departments and/or organizations; if not, what policy is applied in this regard;

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF WELFARE, HOUSING AND WORKS: Mr Speaker, the existing policy is as follows. Should a school no longer be required by the Department of Education and Culture, the Minister of Education and Culture may direct that it be handed to my department for disposal. Such a school is in the first instance offered to other departments of the Administration: House of Assembly. There is no cost involved in the reallocation of the property to a department of the Administration: House of Assembly.

If the building is not required by a department of the Administration: House of Assembly, and the

possibility exists that it can be used by other education departments, for instance the Department of Education and Training, the building is then offered to the other education departments at market value or at a reasonable value agreed upon by the two departments. If the school building cannot be utilised by another education department, it is then offered to other State departments and the local authority concerned at market value or at a reasonable value agreed upon.

State departments and local authorities are given six weeks in which to respond. Should one or more of the State departments or the local authority be interested in acquiring the property, the intended usage is considered and a decision is taken by me.

When it is proposed to sell a property at less than market value, due regard must be had to the public interest and Treasury approval must be obtained. Registered welfare organisations and recognised church denominations can obtain a school building by renting the property at a rental of 1% per annum of the value of the building, provided that the organisation accepts responsibility for the payment of all municipal levies as well as the maintenance of the building to the satisfaction of the department, or by buying the property at a 50% discount on the market value of the land and building.

Should none of the aforementioned bodies be interested, the property is sold by public auction or tender. In this case a minimum upset price of not less than market value is set.

Mr M J ELLIS: Mr Speaker, I rise in place of my colleague the hon member for Pinetown, under whose name this interpellation appears. He asked me to apologise to the hon the Minister for his absence here today.

I listened with great interest to what the hon the Minister had to say about his department's present policy with regard to the disposal of school properties.

I should like to suggest to him that this policy is somewhat archaic in terms of the present needs of education in this country. This interpellation comes at a time when extreme concern has been expressed with regard to the possibility of a number of schools, falling under the control of this Administration, being closed at the end of this year and in the course of next year as the

Government moves towards some form of parity in the financing of education.

The hon the Minister knows what the DP's stand is with regard to the closing of schools. We are totally opposed to any school closing, taking into account the critical shortage of classroom space in education in general throughout the country. However, we do accept that there are a number of schools which have already closed and that these buildings are standing vacant. We are concerned that these buildings, and others in the future, may be lost to education completely, as has happened in many cases before. As the hon the Minister has made quite clear to us today when he described the policy of his department, it can happen very easily indeed.

Far too many buildings which were specifically designed as schools in the first instance, are today being used to house a variety of Government departments that have nothing whatsoever to do with education. We certainly believe that this is an extraordinary waste of important and urgently needed resources and facilities in this country. The Government must under no circumstances allow this to happen again. I say this to the hon the Minister with great respect for his policy. The Government must never allow these facilities to be wasted, either now or in the future.

The Government has for many years relied heavily on community organisations in providing education to many hundreds of thousands of pupils. The important work which these organisations, such as Read, Learn and others have done in bringing education within reach of the people must never be underestimated. Because of the crisis which now exists in education in this country, we are going to have to carry on relying on these organisations for some years to come.

Where a school building is vacant, and where no education department has expressed interest in taking over that building, it is essential that the building be made available to organisations which are interested in using them for *bona fide* educational purposes, especially the running of schools. They should be allowed to use these buildings until such time as an education department is able to absorb them. [Time expired.]

*Mr D S PIENAAR: Mr Speaker, the DP tried to make a case for retaining education facilities for education at all costs. For the DP, however,

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Rightwingers storm stage

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Pandemonium broke loose at the University of Pretoria when a group of rowdy rightwing students, led by a pensioner, stormed the stage where Mr Nelson Mandela was about to speak.

Students wearing blue Inkatha-style head bands burnt two ANC flags and occupied the stage of the amphitheatre yesterday, minutes after the ANC deputy president, surrounded by security guards and aides, entered.

Chaos erupted after well-known Pretoria rightwinger Mr Hendrik Claasens, 74, tried to grab the microphone. Mr Mandela's bodyguards intervened, and about 40 students flocked to the stage to "protect a white man from being assaulted by blacks", according to Afrikaner Student Front chairman Mr Donal Pols.

Fists flew as the students, carrying flags of the Conservative Party and the Transvaal and Free State Boer re-

Pensioner leads Tuks protest

publics, scuffled with ANC marshals and bodyguards.

A grim-faced Mr Mandela was escorted out after five minutes of fighting and left for Johannesburg.

The students unfolded banners and burned an ANC flag on the stage. A fight broke out between students in the audience and those on stage. A student was kicked in the face while trying to recover the burning flag. Another student was also assaulted. The rightwing students set the flag alight again.

The rightwingers formed a human chain behind the microphone and some of them cut the wires.

Among the radicals, who numbered about 100, were AWB members, Boer Commando leader Mr Gawie Volschenk, and members of the World Apartheid Movement. Student groups involved were Conservative Party

Tuks, Afrikaner Studente Front and a group calling themselves the Vereeniging van Anti-Kommunistiese en Terroristiese Organisasies (Vaktor).

The first ANC flag was burned 30 minutes before the meeting. Students chanted "Vryheid" to which others answered "Amandla".

When asked to sing "the national anthem", Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika, the rightwingers were joined by most people in singing the official anthem.

The rightwing group enthusiastically waved banners with slogans such as "ANC scum go home", "ANC is moordenaars (murderers)", and "Where is baas Joe" (SACP general secretary Mr Joe Slovo).

Dignitaries, including foreign diplomats, were told to leave the venue amid rumours that the rightwingers would be teargassed.

At a Press conference, Students for a Democratic Society chairman Miss Hedwig Barry said the organisers were appalled at the "undisciplined" behaviour and wanted to apologise to Mr Mandela.

She said it was a sad day when a politician of Mr Mandela's stature was prevented from speaking at a university, an environment supposed to be conducive to open discussion.

Earlier, cheers greeted her announcement that student groups would push for a Tuks ban on the rightwing groups.

The dean of student affairs, Professor Flip van der Watt, said the university would launch an investigation.

Political commentator Professor Willem Kleyhans, who was at the meeting, said it was naive to have black marshals at a white meeting.

Mr Claasens was jailed for 10 months 30 years ago after he broke up a meeting addressed by the late ANC president and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Chief Albert Luthuli, in Pretoria.

Rightwing group disrupts Mandela

MR Nelson Mandela was whisked to safety after rowdy rightwing student groups burnt ANC flags and stopped him from speaking at the University of Pretoria yesterday.

The groups, among them the CP Youth Organisation, most of whom wore blue headbands, burnt two ANC flags and booed when the National Anthem "Nkosi Sikelel' i-Afrika" was sung. *Sudan 30/4/91*

Labeling Mandela "a communist", the groups instead turned their backs to the stage and sang "Die Stem van Suid Afrika".

An unidentified white man then went to the stage apparently to stop the proceedings.

By MONK NKOMO

He became involved in a scuffle with one of Mandela's bodyguards who pushed him away.

Hell broke loose.

The ANC deputy president was then whisked away "for safety reasons", according to one of the organisation's aides.

A large number of white students and a few blacks who were eager to be addressed by Mandela said they were disappointed by the behaviour of the rightwing students.

"They behaved like barbarians," a white student said.

The meeting was eventually called off.

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Whites need not fear Mandela

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ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela has assured whites that "structural guarantees" would be written into an ANC constitution to ensure that they were not dominated by blacks.

Mr Mandela, addressing about 1 000 students at the University of Stellenbosch yesterday, said the ANC had to address the fears of whites about its policy of "one person, one vote".

"We should go beyond mere rhetorical assurances in order to address the question of structural guarantees which will ensure that this principle will not lead to the domination of whites by blacks," he said.

Mr Mandela had been elaborating on the principles of a constitution under an ANC government.

Mr Mandela repeated the ANC demand for a constituent assembly and said the economic disparity in the land could not be left unaltered.

'Growth clause'

But he gave an indication of fresh thinking from the ANC on this, saying that a "new growth clause" that linked growth with redistribution would have to be part of the constitution.

He also assured the students that Afrikaans would be part of the new South Africa.

Speaking in Afrikaans, he said that although blacks saw it as the language of oppression, a lot of white Afrikaaners were not racists. An "Afrikaans of the new South Africa" was evolving.

Mr Mandela pledged that the culture and religious beliefs of various groups would be respected.

He said that if this was what the government meant when it referred to group rights then the ANC would respect it. "But if it is meant to be some disguised racism then we will not tolerate that."

Turning to negotiations, he said they could not

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Maties in political brawl

By DAVE MARRS

MR Nelson Mandela watched impassively as Conservative Party youth and AWB supporters slugged it out with ANC-supporting students before he had a chance to address a gathering at Stellenbosch University yesterday.

About 20 khaki-clad right-wingers who had prevented him from speaking for 15 minutes by singing songs and chanting "AWB" were forcibly removed after a pitched battle in which one of their number was knocked unconscious.

Black ANC "bodyguards" joined white left-wing students and Western Cape ANC officials as unofficial bouncers sent chairs flying and wide-eyed Maties scrambled to avoid being dragged into the skirmish.

At least three of the right-wingers received bloody noses in the clash, which occurred after the organisers had unsuccessfully tried to negotiate a "truce" during which the outnumbered group was supposed to leave the hall so Mr Mandela could speak.

After speaking to the group inside the hall, Mr Mandela repeated his speech to a crowd of some 2 000 students assembled outside.

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Attacks 'for no reason'

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A BLOODY and violent white-by-night "sport" is being played in the conservative town of Krugersdorp.

While whites and blacks elsewhere in South Africa are reaching across the colour line to find a common future, white thugs in Krugersdorp have taken to beating up black pedestrians after dark.

Residents of nearby townships Munsieville and Kagiso have decided not to take the nightly assaults lying down.

A four-week consumer boycott is presently hitting the town hard and traders are starting to feel the pinch. This happened after the AWB prevented a march to protest against the government's slow release of political prisoners.

Those hardest hit by the attacks have been black men visiting girlfriends who work as domestics.

Two of the victims told *City Press* how white thugs attacked

Krugersdorp's night-time sport

them when they met their girlfriends in town at night.

Joseph Kgokong from Mafikeng, a victim of two attacks, told how white thugs moved in groups "hunting" blacks at night, particularly over weekends. He did not lay charges because he was not sure he would recognise his assailants.

"When they see a police van coming their way they split up, or pretend to be discussing something," Kgokong added.

Another victim, Jacob Seale, said he was attacked on three occasions and has stopped seeing his girlfriend as a result.

Two Krugersdorp whites were last week jailed for the brutal slaying of Fistus Dikolobe. Another three white youths were also found guilty of the murder of Patrick Matlhale.

■ Marthinus Christoffel Lamprecht, 21, was sentenced to 12 years for causing the death of Dikolobe. His co-accused, Cornelius Pieter Polley Flemming, 18, also of Krugersdorp, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, five strokes with a light cane and a further 18 months suspended for five years.

Dikolobe died a cruel and lonely death after he was punched, kicked and left in heavy rain.

■ On Wednesday this week Judge B O'Donovan, sitting with two assessors, found three Krugersdorp youths guilty of murdering Matlhale.

Before convicting the three the judge said they were poor witnesses, "changing their evidence on several aspects".

He rejected their story that

Matlhale had been involved in an argument with them.

The three testified that Matlhale had been "talking loudly" and a 15-year-old had told him to be quiet, which prompted Matlhale to swear at them.

Earlier Matlhale's girlfriend, Ida Sithole, denied the youths were insulted or that there was an argument. She said Matlhale was attacked for no reason.

Prosecutor N Van Niekerk asked that the youths be found guilty of murder, as they should have foreseen that their actions could lead to the death of Matlhale.

The judge and his assessors accepted that the schoolboys had earlier attended a party and used alcohol on the night of the assault.

The medical evidence showed Matlhale died of multiple injuries of which an injury to the brain was the most serious.

Their case was postponed to June 11 for a probation officer's report.

Tukkies to get tough over student 'chaos'

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PRETORIA. — The University of Pretoria would take stern action against students and outside persons responsible for the "chaos" at Monday's campus meeting that was to have been addressed by Mr Nelson Mandela, the university said on Tuesday.

The university had taken immediate steps to identify those responsible. All student activities with a political connotation have been suspended up to and including May 31.

Tukkie students' representative council says it will take measures against students who played a role in the disruption of Monday's campus meeting.

But the Conservative Party has warned Tukkie authorities not to take action against right-wing students.

ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela "got exactly what he deserved", was the comment from the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging on Tuesday.

● A meeting at the Randse Afrikaans University in Johannesburg failed to take place on Tuesday after guest speaker Mr Penuel Maduna, a member of the ANC's legal and constitutional committee, failed to turn up. — Sapa

Meanwhile Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer has described the action of the Pretoria University students as "nazi behaviour".

In a statement, Dr De Beer said the denial of the right of free speech to Mr Mandela was "thoroughly disgraceful".

CCB probe by attorneys-general

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Staff Reporter

THE attorney-general of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, has joined forces with attorneys-general countrywide to investigate the affairs of the covert Civil Co-Operation Bureau (CCB), including the death of Dr David Webster.

This was confirmed yesterday by Mr Rossouw, who said it was a "very sensitive" investigation.

"If we must expand the investigation we will. Wherever we find something we will go for it."

Some CCB commanders and agents could face prosecution on charges which could include murder, terrorism, sabotage, theft and corruption.

Trustees of the David Webster Trust had instructed their lawyers to hand over to Mr Rossouw all information relating to the murder of Dr Webster.

Mr Justice Louis Harms, who headed the Harms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Killings, has referred several aspects to the various attorneys-general.

Mr Rossouw will investigate a limpet-mine explosion at the Early Learning Centre in Athlone, and orders given to now dead Mr Edward "Peaches" Gordon to swop the heart pills of city advocate Mr Dullah Omar with poison.

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HISTORY repeats itself, but South Africans never learn the lessons.

This week a large group of Afrikaans rightwingers forced African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela to abandon his address to a student meeting at the University of Pretoria.

Led by, among others, well-known elderly rightwinger Hendrik Claasens, the group disrupted the meeting by burning the ANC flag, waving Vierkleur flags, singing *Die Stem* in a provocative response to calls to sing *Nkosi Sikelele i' Afrika*, and shouting out taunts like "*Terug na ons volkstaar*" and "ANC scum".

In the audience was retired Professor of Political Science Willem Kleynhans, a maverick Afrikaner who could have predicted the trouble.

In August 1958 Kleynhans had organised a meeting of rebel Afrikaners who wanted to hear Nobel Laureate chief Albert Luthuli, then president of the African National Congress. As Luthuli was about to speak, the same Hendrik Claasens entered with a group of 24 young NP supporters, who proceeded to beat Luthuli about the head and halt the meeting.

Claasens mounted the stage, shouting "kaffirs kan nie wit mense toes-

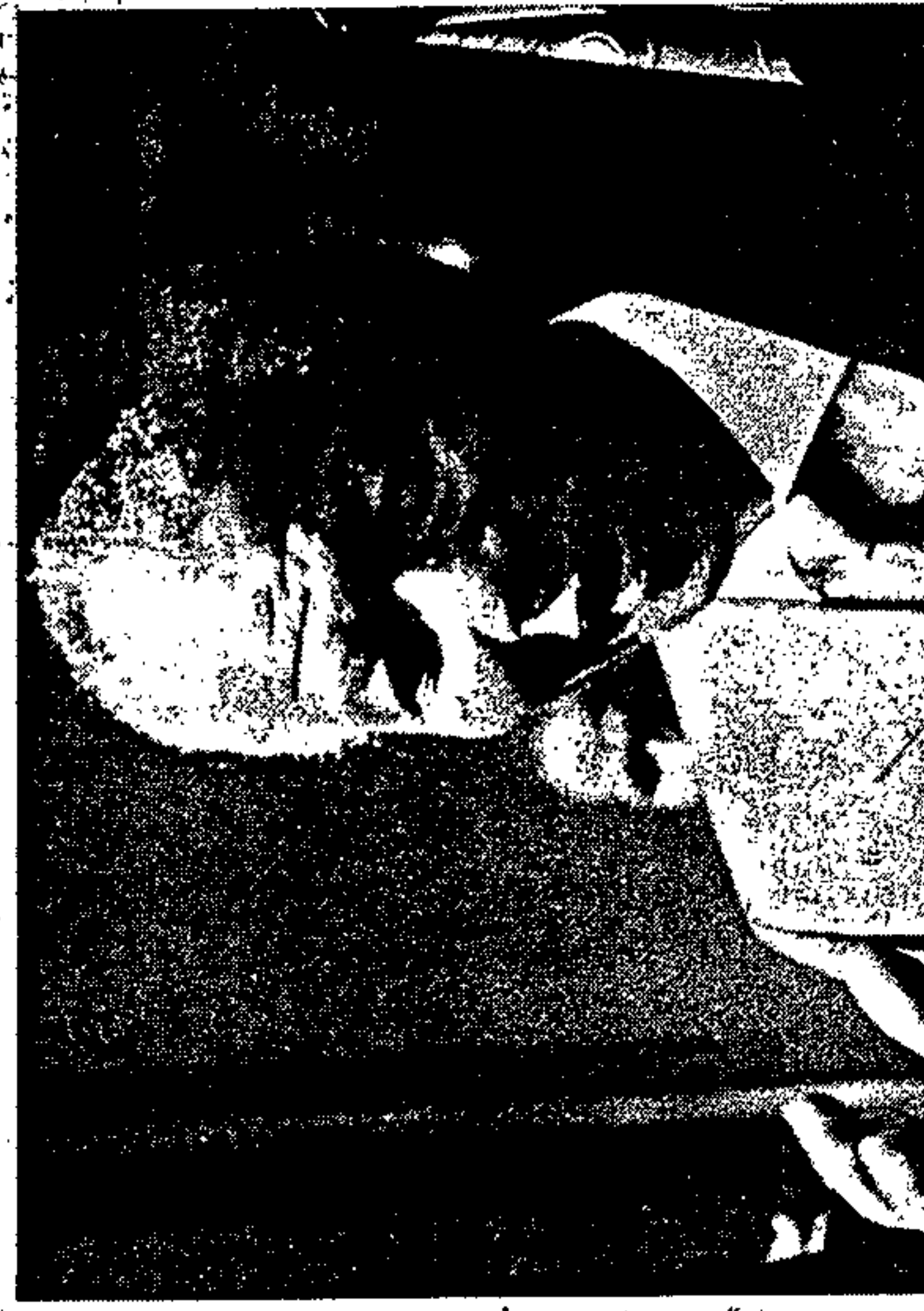
The disruption of Nelson Mandela's speech at Tukkie's this week had a precedent in 1958, when rightwingers halted a meeting addressed by Albert Luthuli, reports **PAT SIDLEY** preek nie (kaffirs cannot address white people), and struck Luthuli on the temple.

Police were called and after order had been restored, Luthuli decided to carry on with his address.

Nine of the perpetrators were subsequently charged and Claasens was sentenced to 10 months in jail for disturbing the peace.

Kleynhans had been a member of the NP until the mid-1950s, but he was outraged by government moves to disenfranchise coloured people. With 13 fellow rebels, he circulated a petition which was published by the English press, and as a result of which he was expelled from the NP. The rebels subsequently formed the Pretoria Political Study Group, which promoted discussion among people with differing political views.

"We were called kaffirboeties, com-mies and liberals," Kleynhans told *The Weekly Mail*. "But we were the original Afrikaners who started reform and dialogue, not FW de Klerk."



Nelson Mandela ... Prevented from making a speech in Pretoria

So, said Kleynhans, he knew what would happen when he saw Claasens appear at the stadium Mandela was to have addressed.

Claasens mounted the podium and tried to get to the microphone. With the ensuing pandemonium, Mandela eventually had to abandon his talk.

"Black marshals tried to shoulder Claasens, but he is older and more so-

bre-minded now and he held back," disrupted the meeting.

There is no hope in this country. It's amazing how little people have learnt.

It's all very well the Nationalists suddenly preaching freedom of speech and of the press, but these incidents show how the same NP has brain-

washed us all so successfully.

The university authorities have said they will take action against those who

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Chief's assassination: FW's offer to fugitive

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PRESIDENT De Klerk has set out an offer that would allow fugitive Mr Siphon Madlala to tell police what he knows about the murder of African National Congress supporter Chief Mhlabonzima Maphumulo.

Mr Madlala of Imbali walked into the offices of a Maritzburg newspaper last week to say he was one of the assassins responsible for gunning down Chief Maphumulo outside his Maritzburg home on February 25.



Mr Madlala said he was attached to the intelligence unit of the military police for 10 years. He alleged he was acting under instruction from some officers in the security police and military police when he murdered Chief Maphumulo.

Dr Zac de Beer Fearing for his life, Mr Madlala has gone into hiding and has not spoken to investigating police officers.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zac de Beer has said in parliament that Mr Madlala wanted an assurance from

the President that he would be safe if he came out of hiding.

Speaking in parliament yesterday in his Budget address, President De Klerk said the Attorney-General of Natal, Mr Mike Ember, was in constant contact with people who had interested themselves in the case.

"If the Attorney General is to forego a prosecution against him and accept him as a witness, the initiative lies with those who advise this particular gentleman. Therefore, they will act in the interest of their client to seek co-operation with Mr Roberts, the deputy Attorney-General."

To expedite matters, Mr Roberts has suggested that he meet Mr Madlala with his lawyers and the police "under circumstances in which it will be possible to guarantee the safety of the person for the duration of the interrogation". Mr Roberts would take charge of the interrogation in chambers and had suggested "satisfactory arrangements be made for the safety of the alleged offender afterwards".

President De Klerk said: "I sincerely hope that use will be made of this co-operative attitude on the part of the attorney-general. We wish to get to the truth as much as anybody else."

Mr Pierre Cronje, the Democratic Party MP for Greytown, is to meet President De Klerk today to discuss the Madlala case.

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Right-wing threats to Tukkies editor

PRETORIA. — The editor of the University of Pretoria's official student newspaper, Die Perdeby, Mr Werner Viljoen, says he will lay an official charge with the South African Police if he receives another threat from right-wingers.

Mr Viljoen was quoted as saying he had received threats of assault after a meeting on Tuesday which was to have been addressed by the deputy president of the ANC, Mr Nelson Mandela, was disrupted by rightwingers.

Mr Viljoen said he thought the reason for the threats was his strong condemnation of the disruption of the meeting. — Sapa

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'Disgust' at murder puzzle

JOHANNESBURG. —
The Human Rights Com-
mission (HRC) said yes-
terday that it was dis-
gusted at the fact that
investigating authorities
had up until now not
solved the assassination
of Wits University lec-
turer Mr David Webster.

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The Johannesburg-
based human-rights
watchdog was comment-
ing on the second anni-
versary of Mr Webster's
murder. He was shot out-
side his Johannesburg
home on May 1, 1989. —
Sapa

'Hitman' goes to ground

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Self-confessed "assassin" Sipho Alfred Madlala has gone to ground after dramatic claims that he was military intelligence agent number 810 of the SADF and a member of a hit squad that assassinated Chief Mhlabanzima Maphumulo in Maritzburg two months ago.

Meanwhile police have launched a full-scale investigation into Mr Madlala's allegations, which implicate the Maritzburg police and the SADF's military intelligence in the murder of the Chief Maphumulo, president of the Congress of Tradi-

tional Leaders of South Africa.

The investigation team probing Mr Madlala's allegations is headed by Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen who is in Natal. But he has not managed to make contact with Mr Madlala.

A warrant officer implicated in the murder plot by Mr Madlala was initially on the investigating team. This was confirmed by both a journalist and Warrant Officer Johan Marais at Maritzburg.

But Mr L J Roberts of the Attorney General's office said: "The policeman in question had now been removed from the investigating team — this happened soon

after the Natal Witness had interviewed Mr Madlala."

The official said he was not prepared to name the policeman in question.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze, said police had still not made contact with Mr Madlala despite an appeal to the ANC to produce him as rapidly as possible.

He said the police believed Mr Madlala was with the ANC as a report released by the organisation indicated this.

He added police had undertaken that Mr Madlala would be questioned in the presence of an ANC lawyer.

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alleged assassin Sipho Madlala has told his story of how Chief Mhlambuzima Maphumulo, president of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, was gunned down outside his Maritzburg home on February 25 this year.

"I was told on arrival at Maritzburg that I should go to the Watson Hotel where I had been booked in as a security guard working for a Durban security firm. I do not know where the other guys were booked.

"We reported to Alexandra Road police station where a se-

Alleged assassin tells how chief was shot dead

Senior security policeman (name supplied) showed us a picture of Maphumulo, and asked if we knew him.

"He said we should get rid of him. The reason given was that he was a problem to the State and a bad influence in the community. We were given instructions to tail him. He was under surveillance for a week because they wanted him alone.

"On Monday, we all met at

Alexandra Road for drinks about 6pm. We proceeded to his Havelock Road home roughly two hours later. As usual, we drove past the house in our white Sentra. The lights were switched off and we knew the time was not yet right."

Madlala said two of his colleagues then slipped into the garage while he and the two others remained in the car. The two in the garage said they

would scratch their heads as a signal when they saw the chief approaching.

"When he appeared (in his Mercedes Benz) the two immediately started shooting.

"We jumped out of the car and joined them, and I was shooting on the passenger door.

"We immediately sped off and went to report that the mission had been accomplished."

Hit man goes into hiding

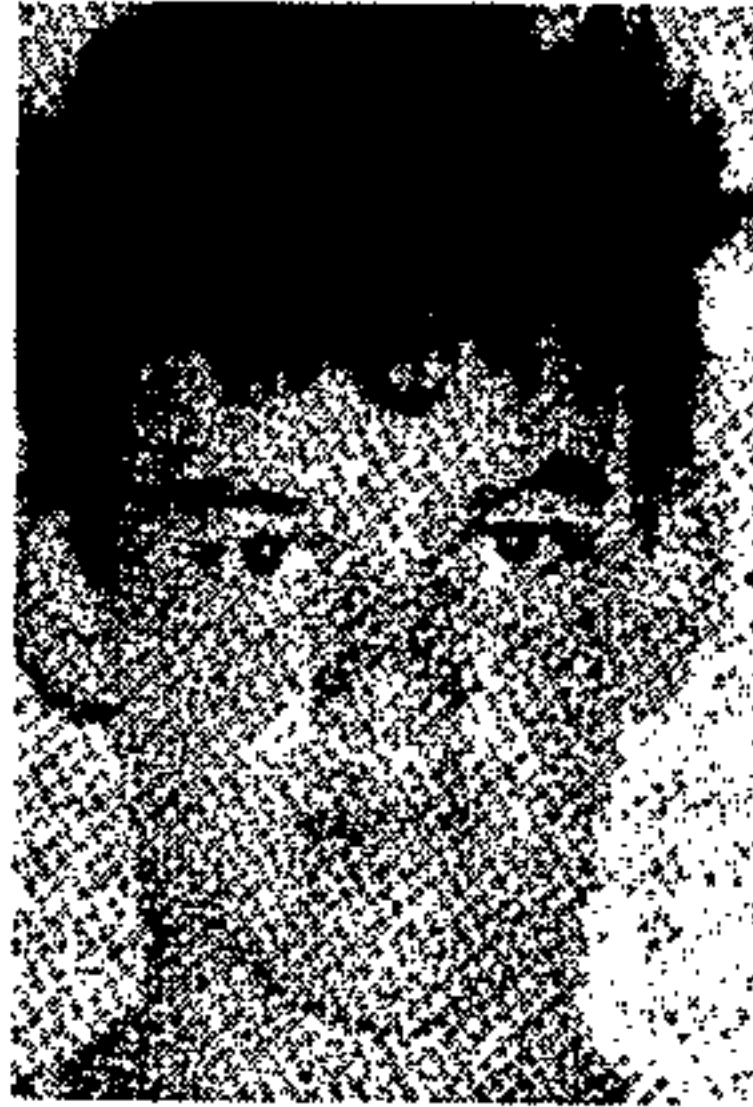
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Intruder slain at ANC office named

JOHANNESBURG. — The intruder shot dead by a security guard at the ANC offices here on Friday has been identified as 21-year-old Mr Carl Nicholas Roodt, of unknown address. A police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, said the dead man had previously given two false addresses, one in Kempton Park and the other in Roodepoort. Colonel Malherbe said he had two previous



SHOT DEAD ... Carl Nicholas Roodt
convictions for breaking and enter-

ing and theft at the age of 14, and for the theft of a firearm when he was 18 years old.

Police are investigating the possibility that a second person was involved in the break-in during which Mr Roodt was shot.

On Friday, police said they believed the break-in was carried out with criminal intent, but the ANC said it suspected there were political motives behind the incident. — Sapa

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Bop hostage terror for Cosatu leader

CP Reporter

A SENIOR Cosatu official and ANC activist held hostage in his Bophuthatswana house last Sunday by unknown white men believes he is on a "death squad" hit list.

Ruby Moropane, national education officer of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu), told City Press he believed his life was saved by local "comrades" who saw the white men's vehicle outside his Mabopane home and raised the alarm.

According to Moropane, he was relaxing at home last Sunday evening when he heard a noise outside his house.

"When I opened my door to investigate eight white men stormed into the house and pointed their guns at me.

"They told me and my girlfriend (Mmapitso Makgamatho) to lie on the floor. My brother



Ruby Moropane ... in fear of 'death squads'.

Lawrence, who was sleeping, was also ordered to join us," Moropane said.

He said the men then ransacked the house, demanding to know where the "AK-47's" were.

"We overheard them saying they would have to "switch off the lights" before leaving. I felt certain

they meant to shoot us and leave under cover of darkness," he said.

Moropane said he was asked if he was a member of the ANC, and when he replied he was a high-ranking Cosatu official, his answer was related over a two-way radio set. "Fortunately for us, while the search was going on neighbours became suspicious.

"The comrades sent two little girls to the house pretending they were looking for us - just to make the men aware they were being watched," he said.

Neighbours wrote down the registration of the car as the group fled the house.

"When I reported the incident to the Bop police they said they did not recruit whites," Moropane said.

Nehawu national executive committee member Vusi Nhlapo said the incident was confirmation that a "sinister squad was on the loose".

War talk from Walkerville rightwingers

By SOPHIE TEMA

MEMBERS of the Conservative Party in the Walkerville area are on the warpath and have threatened to form their own defence force to "protect" whites and their properties against blacks.

The rightwingers warned Orange Farm squatter community leader Olga Lutu and residents that they should also form their own force to be ready to defend themselves.

Lutu said this took place after the filming of the live SABC programme "Agenda" on Monday night.

The programme was filmed in Aloe Ridge, near Walkerville, on Monday night.

The event was attended by residents from Orange Farm and whites from Walkerville and surrounding areas. The theme of the programme was squatting and homelessness.

Lutu said the attitudes of the CP members upset the squatter community and forced her to answer back when the group accused blacks of being thieves and murderers.

Lutu said that at the end of the programme a group of angry whites walked up to the squatter community and warned them, saying: "We are going to form our own defence force to defend our people against blacks because the government has failed to give us protection."

"You'd better start your own to protect your people."

CP members in Walkerville who attended said the black people present were equally aggressive towards them..

"When these blacks settled illegally at Weilers Farm they stole our livestock, plundered the houses of farmers and attacked and raped women in the white community," one claimed.

In a separate incident, the CP has also strongly warned the University of Pretoria that it would turn the campus into a political battlefield if any action was taken against CP youths who disrupted the speech of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela on Monday.

Mandela had been invited to speak at the university by the National Union of SA Students and SA National Students' Congress.

A CP statement said: "The University of Pretoria students showed Mandela what they thought of his aggressive intentions to force whites of South Africa into a black majority rule regime."

The Conservative Youth Council said it also backed and approved the "effective action taken against the communist elements on the Tukkies campus".

"The action taken was a signal that the Afrikaner is not prepared to abandon his right to self-determination."

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Boys get 30 years for rape

Special Correspondent

TWO white youths, from Delmas in the Eastern Transvaal, who raped and viciously assaulted a nine-year-old black girl during a "hunt on blacks", have been sentenced in the Springs Magistrate's Court to a total of 30 years' jail.

The full sentence of one of the youths - 10 years for rape - was suspended for five years by magistrate Henk Hoffman.

The other youth was sentenced to an effective 10 years in jail for rape while a second 10-year sentence for attempted murder was suspended for 13 years.

The father of one of the boys is a member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB).

The case stems from an incident in May last year when the boys, then 14 and 15 years old, asked a nine-year-old black girl standing next to the road whether they could give her a lift home.

She climbed on a motorcycle with the boys.

They stopped at an isolated house

and both raped her. She was kicked and hit repeatedly.

The boys then drove away. One of them later returned because he thought the girl would recognise them.

He hit her repeatedly with a brick over the head and left.

The girl was treated for two weeks in hospital and later joined detectives who followed a school bus in Delmas.

When the boys got off the bus, she recognised them and they were arrested.

A social worker's report showed that both boys were easily influenced.

One of them grew up in a strict and conservative home. "His father is an AWB member and it is clear that his father set the example in the house."

One of the boys told her they were on a "hunt on blacks", the social worker said.

■ According to Unisa law professor SA Strauss, cases where youths were given jail sentences were not unusual.

"The offences they were found guilty of are capital crimes and are seen in a very serious light."

ANC decides to issue own unrest report

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC has indicated that it will issue an unrest report from today. (274) (344)

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said at the weekend that police had failed to report accurately on the reality people experienced and created an incorrect picture favouring themselves.

He said monitoring mechanisms were already set up in some townships to ensure information given was reliable and verifiable.

The spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze, said a report by the ANC would be of no use to the public. He said the police did not support any political party and kept an impartial policy.

The aim of the police report was to inform the public of events as quickly as possible, Captain Kotze said.

'The De Klerk bubble' in danger of bursting'

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JOHN CARLIN of the Independent (London)
reports from Cape Town

THE government's stunning lack of urgency in the face of the relentless slaughter in Johannesburg's black townships, the persistence of the view in the upper reaches of power that it is all really a question of black savagery, the manifest cheapness of black life in the eyes of white parliamentarians; all are dawning truths that point in one direction: the F W de Klerk bubble — the carefully constructed media image of born-again sainthood — is in danger of bursting.

Prodded along by the African National Congress, which has finally awakened from the De Klerk spell and realised that he is their political enemy, the mainstream South African Press has begun to question its previously slavish devotion to the architect of "the new South Africa".

'Politician'

This is a recent development. Only 11 days ago, every member of the South African press corps accompanying Mr de Klerk on his European trip loyally failed to report that at a news conference in Denmark their leader had done a Reagan. He was very happy, he had declared, to be in Norway. (Had it been the ANC deputy leader, Nelson Mandela, the hoots of derision would have resounded across every front page, every news broadcast.)

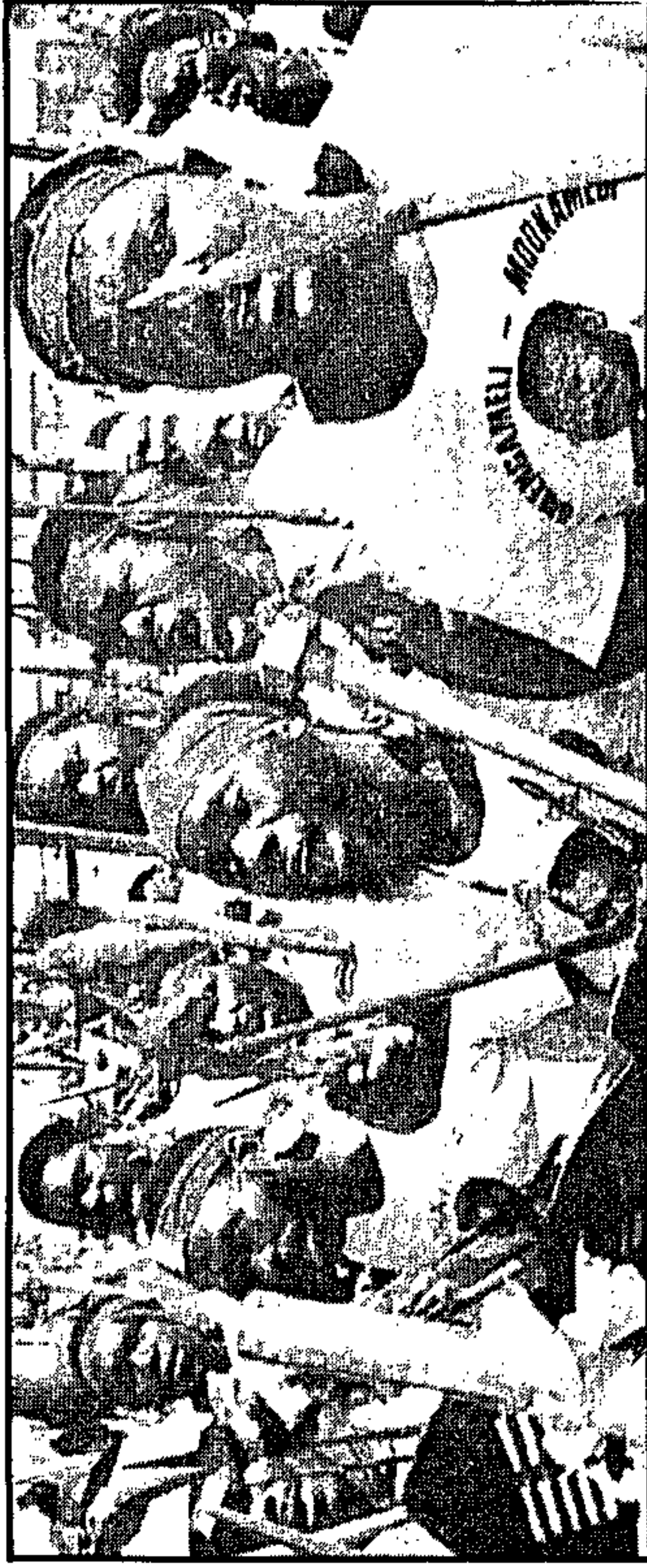
Thus it was that a column in the latest issue of the Saturday Star startled its readers with the headline: "F W is a politician, not the Pope."

The columnist, who remarked that the heresy would probably set the lynch mobs after him, said that while President de Klerk was, indeed, "sincere, down-to-earth, courageous", he was also "manipulative, meretricious, conniving, disingenuous and opportunistic".

Yesterday's Sunday Times, President de Klerk's stoutest propaganda organ, sent its half million devotees into a spin by saying the president was showing signs of political insensitivity, and by criticising him for failing to apologise for the evils of apartheid — evils he endorsed, tacitly at least, for 18 years as an MP.

Why has the South African Press suddenly, albeit tentatively, declared open season on President de Klerk? First, it is the realisation that, contrary to initial reactions, the ANC was not entirely mad to have issued a statement on April 5 attacking the government for its reluctance to deal with the township violence, and threatening to pull out of negotiations if the government did not take action by May 9.

Second, there was an attack last Sunday by Inkatha supporters on Soweto residents in which 10 people were killed. The same pattern of violence has been discernible since August but, at long last, on this occasion SABC-TV felt compelled to broadcast an accurate version of events. White viewers were forced to witness what township residents have seen umpteen



Zulu warriors carrying traditional weapons make their way through Bekkersdal in the western Transvaal yesterday after a mass rally organised by the Inkatha Freedom Party.

times — police who stood by and watched as heavily armed Inkatha set about their indiscriminate slaughter.

On Tuesday, under the headline "Bloody Sunday", an editorial in the anti-ANC Business Day denounced Inkatha, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the police. The headline in the Star's editorial that day ran: "Violence and the blind eye." The Star, South Africa's biggest daily, said that President de Klerk was acting "without urgency". "The atmosphere is feverish ... yet the security forces — and their respective cabinet ministers — remain hugely satisfied."

"If this is allowed to continue, then one day soon they (the security forces) will be so discredited in the townships — on every side — that anarchy will prevail," it said.

In Cape Town all week parliament continued to fiddle as the Johannesburg townships burnt. In the first of four speeches he delivered between Monday and Friday, President de Klerk did allude to the danger of civil war. But on Thursday he delivered a ringing vote of confidence in the security forces and the two ministers responsible: Magnus Malan, who heads the Defence Force, and Adriaan Vlok, in charge of the police, both of whom the ANC has demanded President de Klerk should dismiss.

In his speech on Friday, Mr de Klerk slipped into pious mode, portraying himself yet again as the man of moderation. "Constructive emotion" was what was needed, he said. But most of his speeches during the week were spent

playing the old parliamentary game of sniping wittily at the opposition Conservative Party and, to a lesser extent, hitting out at the ANC, blaming them, in a thinly-veiled manner, for the violence and the country's ills generally.

But never a harsh word about Inkatha. Not once, indeed, has one government official even hinted in the past 10 months at the self-evident truth which South African newspaper reports have started conveying at last: Inkatha is the leading force behind the killings.

The prevailing view among the National Party MPs is still that it all boils down to barbarism. President de Klerk himself told Dr Christian Barnard, the heart surgeon, that he should not worry about the violence for, as

Dr Barnard reported it, it was all "tribal".

A police spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze, at least realised that the township violence was politically inspired although he blamed the ANC. Captain Kotze, interviewed at his Cape Town office, was adamant the police could only be expected to address the symptoms. The answer lay with the politicians. Which course is right? The problem as last week's editorials began to argue, is that President de Klerk refuses to take political action to rein in police force which remain an instrument to repress the ANC.

In addition, President de Klerk — either ignorant or reluctant — has yet to take the political decision to crack down on the root of the problem: the Inkatha warriors.

Inkatha threat to deploy armed fighters

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha will deploy 100 000 armed fighters in Soweto unless the ANC halts political violence there, the Inkatha Freedom Party has warned.

The threat was made yesterday by IFP central committee member Mr Musa Myeni before an Inkatha rally in Bekkersdal on the West Rand. It follows the ANC ultimatum to the government to withdraw from negotiations unless the authorities bring an end to township violence by Thursday.

Mr Myeni said if the ANC widened the area of conflict to other areas in Johannesburg a further 150 000 fighters would be brought in.

Lost lives

In another development yesterday Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi announced that he was reserving his decision about whether to attend State President De Klerk's conference on violence on May 24 and 25.

Since Wednesday, when fighting between IFP and ANC supporters broke out after May Day celebrations, at least 58

people have lost their lives in Soweto alone.

While the ANC described Mr Myeni's threat as "impractical as it is dangerous", it also pledged that township residents would defend themselves against the proposed force or other attackers.

The Ministry of Law and Order said last night it would do everything in its power to prevent the two private armies from squaring off in the township.

Opening speech

Mr Myeni, head of the IFP's public relations and international affairs department, said the fighters "would be armed with non-traditional weapons".

However IFP president Chief Buthelezi said he was not aware of the existence of the plan.

In a speech opening an IFP branch in Bekkersdal, Chief Buthelezi said his followers were "being pushed beyond the limit" by police raids on hostels for Inkatha weapons, at the request of the ANC.

Reacting to Mr Myeni's threat last night, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police

would do everything in their power to maintain law and order at all times.

Meanwhile, police have reported that four people died in violence in Bekkersdal after yesterday's IFP rally.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the trouble started about 4.30pm as a 5 000-strong Inkatha contingent which had left the stadium passed a squatter camp on the outskirts of the township.

Police and SADF troops had formed a "human shield" to separate ANC-supporting residents from the IFP procession, he said.

"Suddenly stones and petrol bombs were thrown from both sides. Police fired rubber bullets and birdshot. Shots were fired from both sides, with the police in the middle.

"The police then fired tear-gas and rubber bullets. It is unknown at this stage whether the SADF fired any shots."

● Sapa reports that police shot and injured about 40 ANC supporters attempting to prevent an Inkatha funeral from taking place, at Avalon cemetery near Chiawelo, Soweto, yesterday.

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Violence a 'serious threat to process of negotiation'

VIOLENCE has taken on its own dynamic and poses a serious threat to the negotiating process, according to Dr Oscar Dhlomo, executive chairman of the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy and former Inkatha general secretary.

He was speaking at the annual general meeting of the Democratic Party's Groote Schuur constituency last night.

"After years of trying to find a culprit for the violence, South Africans have realised there are no culprits and the leaders of warring factions must accept their own part in the violence and take some of the blame."

Dr Dhlomo said it was most frustrating that apartheid and its agents had been continually blamed for the violence.

"Apartheid definitely played a role, but we must not allow it to become so significant that it leads us to kill each other."

"We are not the first people to suffer injustice. The Jews did not react to nazism by battering one another to death."

Dr Dhlomo said it appeared black leaders were dodging the issue and deceiving the world by condemning violence in public, but condoning

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years of trying to find a culprit for the violence, South Africans have realised there are no culprits and the leaders of warring factions

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All parties have to accept their responsibility to address the violence, he says.

Viewpoint on Violence

By Dr Oscar Dhlomo



it in private. "There is a growing perception that black leaders are using violence to score political points."

Commenting on the so-called "third force" or the role of state agents in violence, he said there was no evidence that "the third force, if such a thing existed, was aided in any way by the government".

But what was upsetting was the government's half-hearted attempts to investigate these allegations and complaints. He said he doubted whether it was either democratic or correct for the police to investigate allegations against itself.

Dr Dhlomo said the violence could no longer be explained in terms of one force and listed a combination of steps needed to end it:

- The overriding issue was

that of political tolerance. "Political groups have to learn to sell their political beliefs to supporters according to the rules of the democratic game."

- All parties had to accept their responsibility to address the violence. "Attention must be given to the criminal aspect of violence where thugs claim to be speaking on behalf of political parties."

- The socio-economic conditions of violence-stricken areas had to be addressed. "Is it merely an accident that violence seem rife in areas where people live under horrible conditions?"

- A law enforcement agent was needed that would enjoy the confidence of all sides.

- The weakness of political intolerance in black politics had to be addressed.

He said it was disturbing

that, while South Africa was in the process of normalising its international relations, the country failed to normalise its internal situation.

"Violence has taken over the constitutional process. The government has proposed a multi-party conference to address the problem, but the ANC has said it would not attend. Again, the government has proposed a permanent commission of inquiry into the violence, but the ANC is demanding an independent commission of inquiry with international experts."

Although there seemed to exist a deadlock, all hope was not lost, Dr Dhlomo said. The ANC had not rejected either proposal as totally out of hand. "I think the government should give the ANC the opportunity to discuss its opposition to these proposals."

AK 47 attack on bus — six men killed

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen boarded a Putco bus in Tembisa on the East Rand — and opened fire on passengers, killing six men.

Last night police were investigating "unsubstantiated reports" that between five and seven gunmen boarded the bus late yesterday afternoon and opened fire — after one attacker had fired at the bus driver, forcing him to stop the vehicle and flee for his life.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said police found the bullet-riddled bodies of six men inside the bus outside the Snowflake hostel in Vusi Musi section.

They rushed to the scene after a report of the attack at 4.30pm.

A seventh man who was shot and injured was later found in the area by police. The injured man told police he was on the bus at the time of the attack.

'7 PEOPLE ON BUS'

"As far as we know only seven people were on the bus," said Captain Opperman.

Spent AK 47, shotgun and 9mm rounds were found inside.

"Unsubstantiated reports suggest that one black male with a firearm stood in the road and fired at the driver of the bus. The driver stopped the vehicle, got out and ran away.

"It is alleged that about five to seven men then jumped on to the bus and opened fire," said Captain Opperman.

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FW and Mandela agree to meet today in late bid to find compromise



By DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, TOS WENTZEL and ESMARÉ van der MERWE Political Staff

PRESIDENT De Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela are to meet in Cape Town today to try to resolve the crisis over the ANC ultimatum which expires in two days.

It is understood that a meeting was cleared at an urgent meeting of the ANC National Executive yesterday in a last-minute effort to reach a compromise before the May 9 deadline.

Efforts between the government and the ANC to arrange a meeting have been going on for some time.

A source close to Mr Mandela said he was coming to Cape Town this afternoon to meet President De Klerk.

Ultimatum deadline

A top government source said he was hopeful that things could develop positively.

An ANC spokesman said the ultimatum deadline was a serious matter and efforts were being made to resolve problems between the ANC and the government before a final breakdown.

A Tuynhuys spokesman said he was not aware of any arrangements for a meeting.

After yesterday's NEC meeting in Johannesburg, the ANC appeared willing to reconsider its ultimatum on violence to the government which expires on Thursday.

Pull out of negotiations

NEC sources indicated that the ANC would reconsider its threat to pull out of negotiations if the government gave substantial commitment on three key demands. On April 5 the ANC issued a seven-point ultimatum.

The three demands highlighted yesterday were:

- The need for legislation to outlaw carrying traditional weapons;
- Firm steps by the government to phase out hostels and other labour compounds, and
- Satisfactory assurances by the government that the security forces will act even-handedly and use "civilised" methods of crowd control.

Sources in Cape Town indicated that the government was prepared to consider meeting the demands.

Since the ultimatum was announced on April 5, the government has moved substantially on these three issues.

It announced last month that pangas, axes and bush knives carried in public places would be confiscated, but the ANC seems to be pushing for the outlawing of "traditional" weapons such as spears, assegais and knobkerries.

President De Klerk said state funds would be used for programmes to end the township carnage, including the conversion of some single-sex hostels into family units.

Impartiality

The issue of police impartiality seems the most difficult to resolve. The government has steadfastly denied that the security forces are taking sides, but the ANC has constantly accused the forces of partiality.

NEC sources said the focus of yesterday's meeting was the proposal by church leaders to host an anti-violence summit between the major political players. They said the NEC had endorsed this move.

It remains to be seen whether President De Klerk whose proposal for a summit on the violence on May 24 and 25 has been turned down by the ANC, will be willing to take part in a meeting convened by church leaders.

The NEC sources said the ANC and the government were eager to prevent a deadlock on negotiations, and urgent telephone discussions between the two parties took place yesterday to ascertain how much each side was prepared to give on the ultimatum.

The meeting also discussed proposals by the ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance at an emergency meeting on Sunday.

Since the ANC's ultimatum was announced, the government has acted on all but the most controversial demand, the sacking of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister Magnus Malan.

Yesterday the ANC Women's League and Youth League announced that demonstrations would be held countrywide tomorrow to highlight the ANC's demand that the government take drastic steps to curb the violence.

The mass-action campaign would include marches on police stations, sit-ins at government buildings, pickets and demonstrations.

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Louis le Grange speaks on DP request for CCB debate

THE Democratic Party request for a debate in Parliament about the auditor-general's report on the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) had not been refused, the Speaker, Mr Louis le Grange, said yesterday.

The request to raise the matter separately, as a matter of public impor-

tance, was however not acceded to, he said in a statement.

He was reacting to a statement by the DP's deputy spokesman on finance, Mr Jasper Walsh, who was quoted in the Cape Times as saying that despite regular requests from the DP to debate the report, the Speaker

had so far "not found it possible to allocate parliamentary time to discuss the report".

Mr Le Grange said the auditor-general's report was referred to the parliamentary Joint Committee on Public Accounts, which reported its findings to Parliament on March 14.

After publication of the committee's report, it was placed on the order papers of all three Houses for consideration.

It was the responsibility of the Chief Whip of Parliament to arrange all business on the order paper, not the Speaker's.

A member could request the Speaker to place a matter of public importance on the order paper for discussion.

One of the guidelines was that the request would not be granted if the matter could be dealt with by some other means in the near future.

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**8 more dead
bring May
violence
toll to 133**

JOHANNESBURG. — Eight people have died in unrest in South Africa over the past 24 hours, bringing the country-wide violence toll to 133 since May 1.

There were no immediate reports of overnight violence from trouble-torn Soweto, where five more bodies were found yesterday, pushing the death toll for Soweto alone to 71 over the past week.

SHOTS FIRED

At Murchison, near Port Shepstone, two men were killed and four others were injured when an armed group fired several shots and threw petrol-bombs at a house.

In the same area unidentified gunmen attacked a police observation post. One was injured by one of his "comrades" in the ensuing skirmish.

Police found the body of a man with panga wounds at Vosloorus, near Kempton Park.

At Daveyton, near Benoni, a man was injured and extensive damage caused in a petrol-bomb attack on a delivery vehicle.

POLICE STONED

A soldier was injured in an attack on a Defence Force observation post at Table Mountain, near Maritzburg.

Several shots were fired by unknown gunmen.

A policeman was slightly injured at Paulpietersburg, near Vryheid in Natal, when a group stoned a police vehicle. — Sapa.

Talks on a tightrope

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By TOS WENTZEL and DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

PEACE efforts were finely balanced today following efforts by church leaders to arrange a meeting between President De Klerk and Mr Nelson Mandela.

There are also moves towards a peace summit which could be sponsored by churches instead of Mr De Klerk or other leaders. The ANC is sympathetic to this idea.

The situation has been complicated by Inkatha's threat to deploy 250 000 men on the Reef.

An ANC spokesman said that this would increase the level of panic and fear.

A spokesman for the president's office said today that as far as was known there were no plans for a meeting between Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela.

An ANC source said anything was possible before the expiry of the ultimatum on Thursday. But it was unlikely that there would be a meeting with talking and no action.

The working committee of the ANC's National Executive is meeting in Johannesburg today to formulate a response to Mr De Klerk statements in parliament last week, some of which were aimed at addressing demands in the memorandum. It is understood that the movement's national executive committee will meet tomorrow to "discuss what steps to take".

Yesterday leaders of the executive, the South African Communist Party and Cosatu discussed the statements.

Plea over weapons

Mr De Klerk has indicated that the problem of workers' hostels was being dealt with. He made a plea about traditional weapons and said that allegations about police misconduct could be dealt with by a permanent judicial commission.

ANC sources said the national executive was likely to dismiss Mr Dr Klerk's statements as not going far enough to meeting the movement's demands.

Contact with the government would be broken until the new executive is elected at the ANC's July conference.

Mr De Klerk made it clear that the door was still open for the ANC as having an important role in future negotiation.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said police would not allow people to take the law into their own hands and the government was opposed to private armies.

In an advertisement published country-wide today, the South African Chamber of Business said many businessmen were deeply concerned that negotiations were in jeopardy and that violence could lead South Africans on a "downward path to poverty and despair".

Terrorist group

The chamber trusted that all community and political leaders showed the necessary initiative and flexibility to create a consensus on ways to end the violence, said director-general Mr Raymond Parsons.

In an open letter to the ANC, due to be published as an advertisement tomorrow, a group calling itself Businessmen for Growth and Stability said it believed the ANC was a terrorist group putting pressure on South Africans "in the guise of political action and in so doing destabilising the country".

The group had looked at an ANC document entitled *Negotiations and The Struggle for a Democratic South Africa* which demanded a "constitutional assembly and interim government" to try to "gain total control before a constitution has been devised", the group said.

The bishops of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa said in a statement that the violence ravaging the land was a matter of grave concern and an indictment of the government, political movements and the churches.

If violence was to be stopped all parties would have to commit themselves visibly at local levels to an urgent campaign against the violence.

"People are not convinced that all leaders are fully committed to ending violence. People are not satisfied that political leaders or security forces are impartial." ● See page 4.



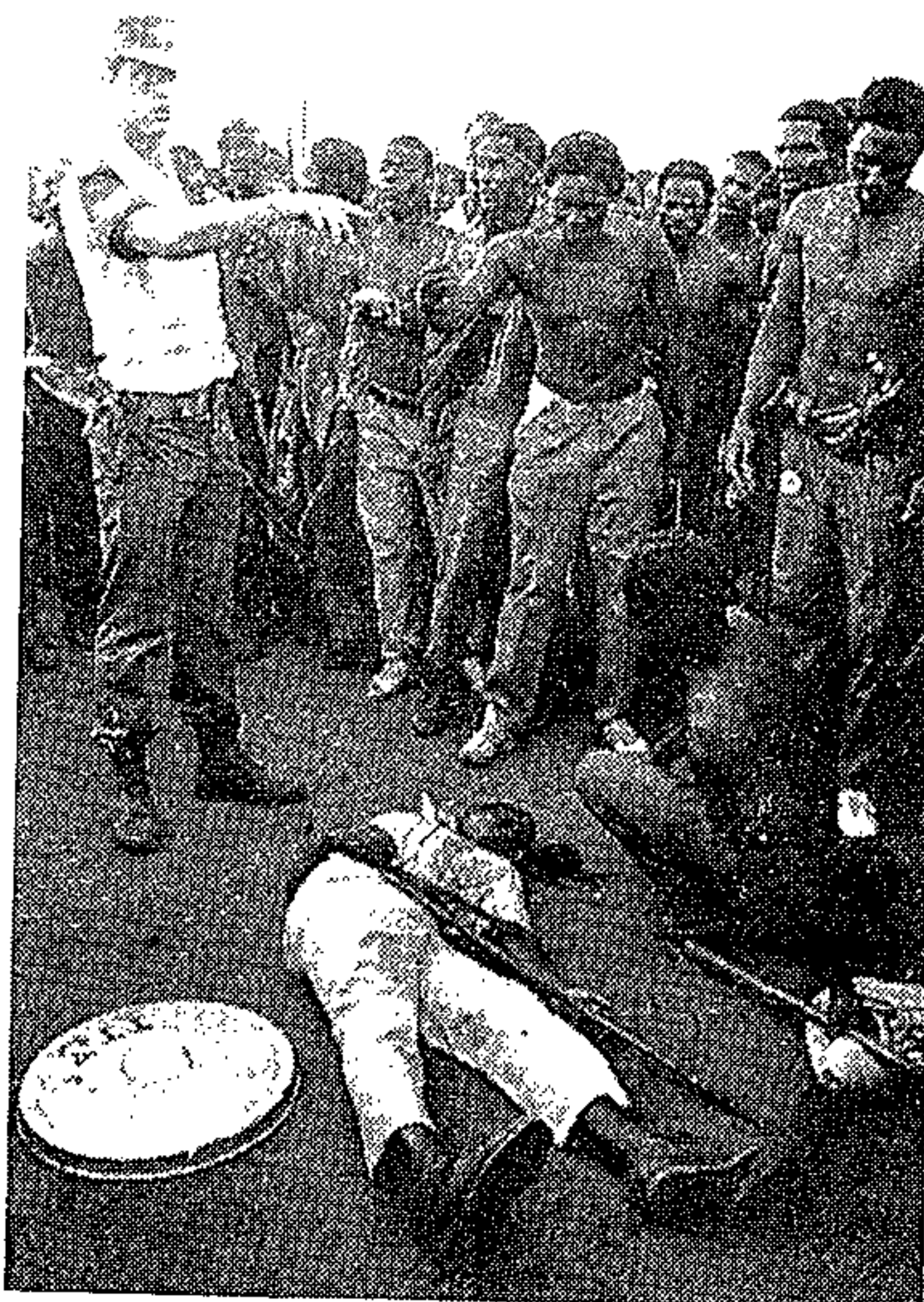
CONFRONTATION: Riot police open fire on residents of the Mandela squatter camp outside Bekkersdal, Transvaal, during a confrontation between African National Congress supporters and Inkatha Freedom Party Zulu warriors.

18 more bodies found

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Unrest continued unabated throughout the country last night with 18 more deaths reported and the death toll countrywide soaring well over 100 this month.

Another six bodies were found in Soweto today. Nine bodies were picked up in the sprawling township yesterday.



DEATH CLASHES: An African National Congress supporter was shot and killed by police at Bekkersdal during clashes between the ANC and the IFP after a rally addressed by Zulu leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

ANC official hurt in 'kidnap attempt'

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC's deputy chairman for the northern Transvaal, Dr Aaron Motswaledi, was hurt when he jumped off a moving vehicle during an alleged kidnap attempt in Pietersburg by two white men.

Dr Motswaledi allegedly was "taken away" while entering the Pietersburg Holiday Inn about 11pm on Wednesday, said a usually reliable source who saw him at St Rita's Hospital in the Sekhukhuni land area. His condition was satisfactory.

"The white men, who pretended to have firearms concealed underneath their clothes, stopped Dr Motswaledi in front of a security guard at the hotel, demanded his vehicle keys and forced him on to the back," the source said.

He said one of the alleged kidnappers drove Dr Motswaledi's van towards the Louis Trichardt road, while the other man kept watch.

A few kilometres outside Pietersburg, the doctor was able to fling himself off the back of the vehicle and in the process took one of the suspected kidnappers with him.

"The driver of the van then stopped for his accomplice, enabling Dr Motswaledi to also to jump back on. It was driven for a short distance before Dr Motswaledi was spotted hanging on to the back by occupants of two other vehicles who subsequently gave chase," the source said.

"Dr Motswaledi jumped off and the two cars continued to give chase while he hitchhiked back to Pietersburg."

Military muscle for CP denied

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The ARG 10/7/91 Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Conservative Party has rejected a report that it has developed a comprehensive plan to give its political actions some impetus.

The project is to be known as 'Boerekrag 2 000', according to the author of the report, country risk consultant Dr Wim Booysse, and includes a plan to demonstrate the CP's paramilitary capabilities through the formation of such a force.

"The party is trying to develop strategies and positions to influence politics in the country," Dr Booysse said.

Sources in the extreme rightwing had told him of the supposed CP plan, fearing that such a show of military muscle would "steal their thunder".

Boerekrag 2 000 is expected to be announced this month, Dr Booysse said.

CONFLICT

The report, published in the May issue of Peace and Conflict Report, also alleged that increasing numbers of CP supporters wanted their party to take part in negotiations over the country's future.

The editor of the CP mouthpiece Die Patriot was identified as one of those supporting participation in negotiations.

The editor, Z B Du Toit, has denied this claim, saying his standpoint is that of the Conservative Party. The Afrikaner had no case to make at the negotiation table.

The general secretary of the CP, Mr Andries Beyers, said that Boerekrag 2 000 was not a CP project and that if it had been he would certainly have known about it.

White intruder shot dead in ANC HQ

JOHANNESBURG. — A white man in an SA Communist Party T-shirt who broke into the headquarters of the African National Congress early today was shot dead by a security guard, the organisation said.

Spokesman Mr Pallo Jordan said the man's body still lay on the 8th floor of the building in central Johannesburg where he was shot between 1am and 2am.

"He was intercepted by the ANC security guard, he was given a warning to stop, one shot was fired and it killed him," said Mr Jordan.

MOTIVE

He said the man's motives for the break-in, whether political or criminal, were not known. A video tape was found beside the body but its significance, too, was not known.

A police spokesman said the incident was being investigated.

ANC deputy-president Mr Nelson Mandela visited the scene of the shooting with General Gerrit Erasmus, head of Johannesburg district police, and saw the body. He refused to comment to waiting reporters.

Mr Jordan said there was a break-in on Wednesday night and that two lap-top computers were stolen. — Sapa-Reuter.

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What is a 'dangerous weapon'?

WHY are feuding warriors able to brandish pangas and assegais while it is technically possible for a person to be arrested for using a carving knife at a Sunday lunch?

In terms of old legislation it was unlawful to be in possession of a knife with a blade more than four inches long.

The present Act contains no such acid test.

Objects as disparate as lances, stiletto heels and lamp poles have been defined as "dangerous weapons" by the courts.

Definition

But the statutory definition of a "dangerous weapon" is vague.

The Dangerous Weapons Act of 1968, does not specifically define the characteristics or dimensions of a so-called "dangerous weapon".

Instead the Act defines a dangerous weapon as "any object, other than a firearm, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury if it were used to commit an assault."

Clearly in applying this broad definition the test of whether a weapon falls within the definition of "dangerous weapon" is to look at the nature of the weapon in the context within which it is found in the user's possession.

So while a medium-sized knife, found in the possession of a fisherman out fishing would not constitute a "dangerous weapon", the same knife might indeed be seen as dangerous found in the hands of, say, someone prowling the streets at night.

The context of possession determines the definition, as it were.

The point about the Dangerous Weapons Act is that it places the onus on the party found in possession. He has to show that he had at no time

The government has agreed to ban the carrying of dangerous weapons in public in unrest areas in a bid to stop the violence sweeping black townships. What is a "dangerous weapon?" Staff reporter DAVID YUTAR investigates.

cedural law department at Unisa, doesn't entirely agree with his colleague.

He said if the arrest was to be lawful, the person arrested for possession had to be given an opportunity of explaining his possession at the time of arrest.

"Only if he is unable to give a reasonable explanation can he be lawfully arrested," said Professor Van Rooyen.

"The person in possession of a dangerous weapon might decide to exercise his right of silence, but his guilt might be inferred from that.

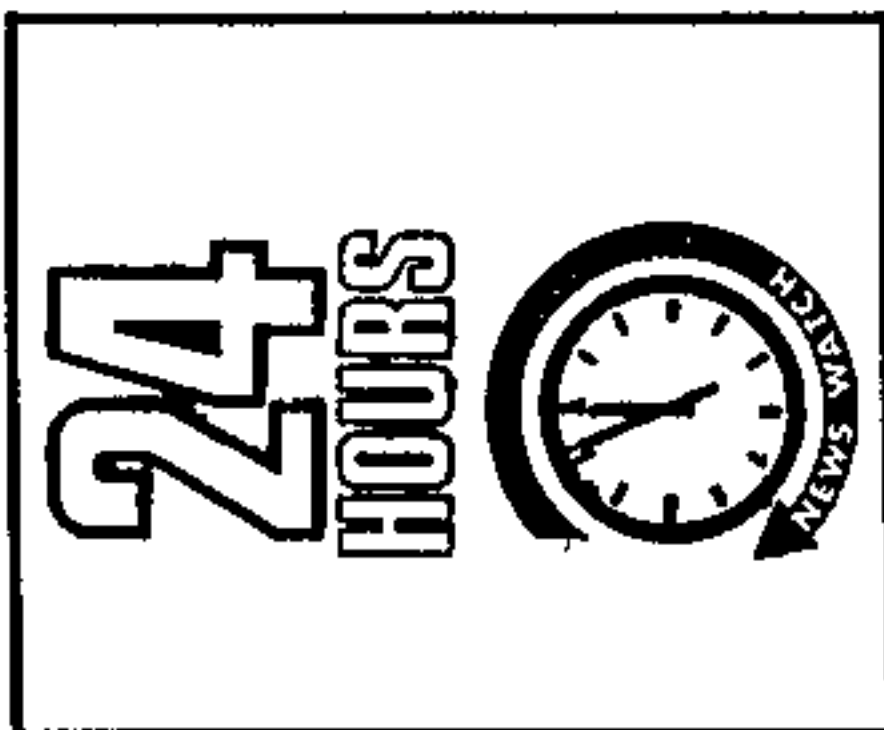
"But our courts have clearly decided that whenever a person is about to be arrested, he must be given an opportunity to explain himself. The difficulty arises for police officers who want to combat crime but who also don't want to act unlawfully."

"Under previous legislation, if a person was in possession of a knife with a blade over, say, four inches long, he could be arrested then and there.

"The present Act has removed such definition and the policeman wanting to arrest a person walking in Hillbrow with a knobkerrie has a real dilemma if he is told that it is a weapon of defence."

In August last year the government prohibited the carrying of "dangerous weapons" in certain unrest areas on the Reef and listed those being commonly used in the violence.

The list of weapons appearing in the Government Gazette covered most of the so-called "traditional weapons" now in dispute and included



any intention "of using such object or weapon for any unlawful purpose."

Professor John Middleton of Unisa's department of criminal and procedural law, says the "iniquity" of an Act such as this is that it makes it "technically possible" to be arrested for "using a carving knife at one's Sunday lunch".

Stiletto heels

"The Act places a tremendous power in the hands of the law-enforcer.

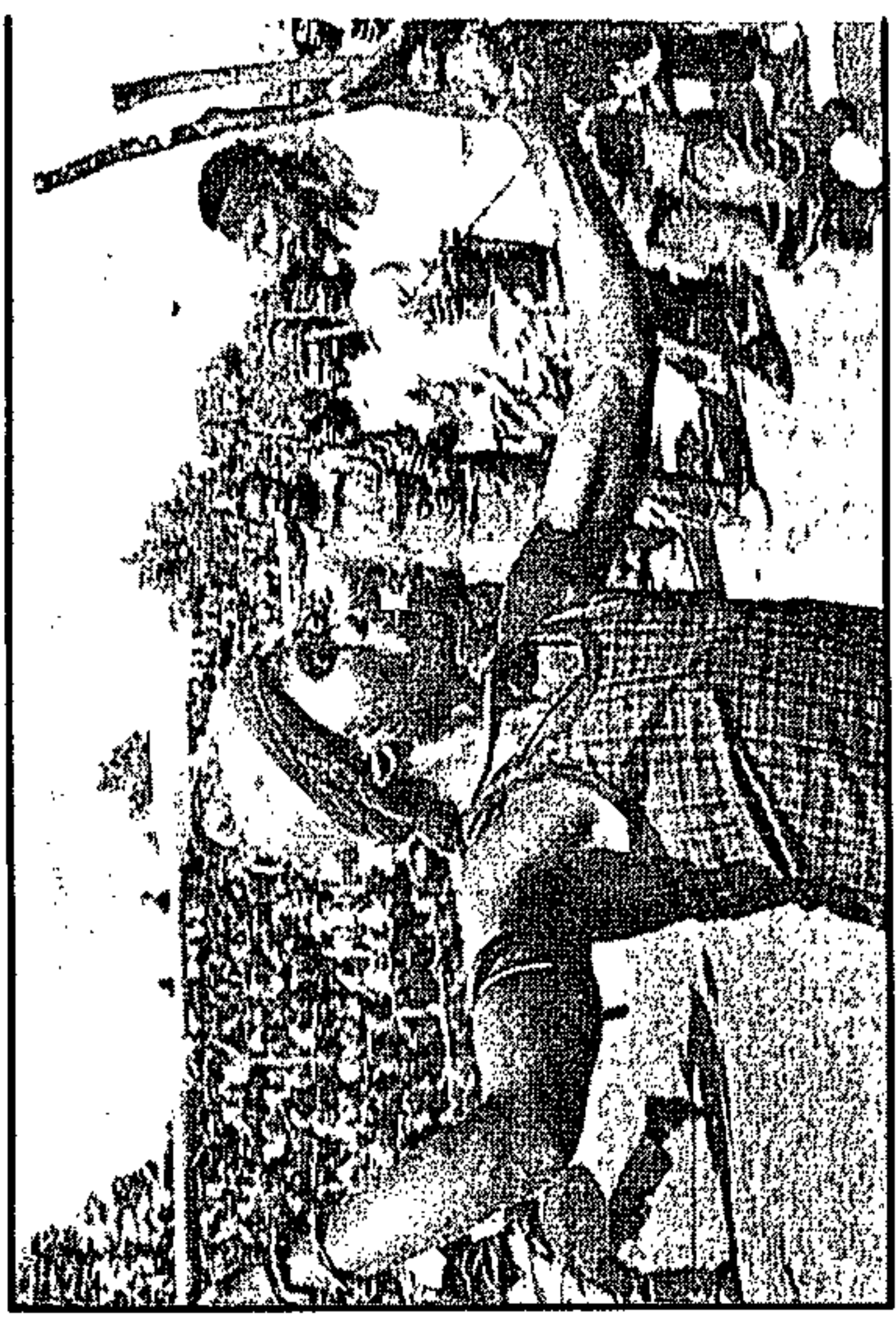
"He can arrest or harass a person there and then and there's nothing a person can do to rebut the presumption (of being found in possession of a dangerous weapon) until he gets to court," said Professor Middleton.

He added that the application of the Act to traditional weapons was obvious. Professor Middleton alluded to court decisions in which "lamp poles" and "stiletto heels" had been found to be "dangerous weapons".

Professor Jan Van Rooyen, also of the criminal and pro-



SPEAR OF THE NATION: With a sign on his shirt saying "Sign up for democracy" this ANC supporter demonstrates that he means business.



TRADITIONAL? A Zulu warrior, above, wields a spear during a mass rally in Thokozo. Below left: A fighter supporting the ANC prepares for battle against Inkatha; and right, a Xhosa youth armed with a pitchfork.

masses of armed men are at the ready to attack one another, the decision has to be made whether it is feasible to go in and remove weapons or not.

"If the leader or the group is agreeable, that's fine, but if not, we have to decide whether a confrontation is worthwhile."

"Of course we can go in, but at what cost? And often when we do and people are killed, we are harshly criticised."

Commenting on behalf of the Minister of Law and Order, Captain Craig Kotze said that was the reason several traditional weapons were handed back to Inkatha warriors recently.

He cited a 1976 judgment by Mr Justice Fannin in the case of *S v Maquaza and Others*, in which the court said: "It is not an offence to possess a dangerous weapon if the possessor has no intention of using it for an unlawful purpose and never did have such intention."

Brigadier Mellet said proving malevolent intention was always difficult but that was not the police's only problem.

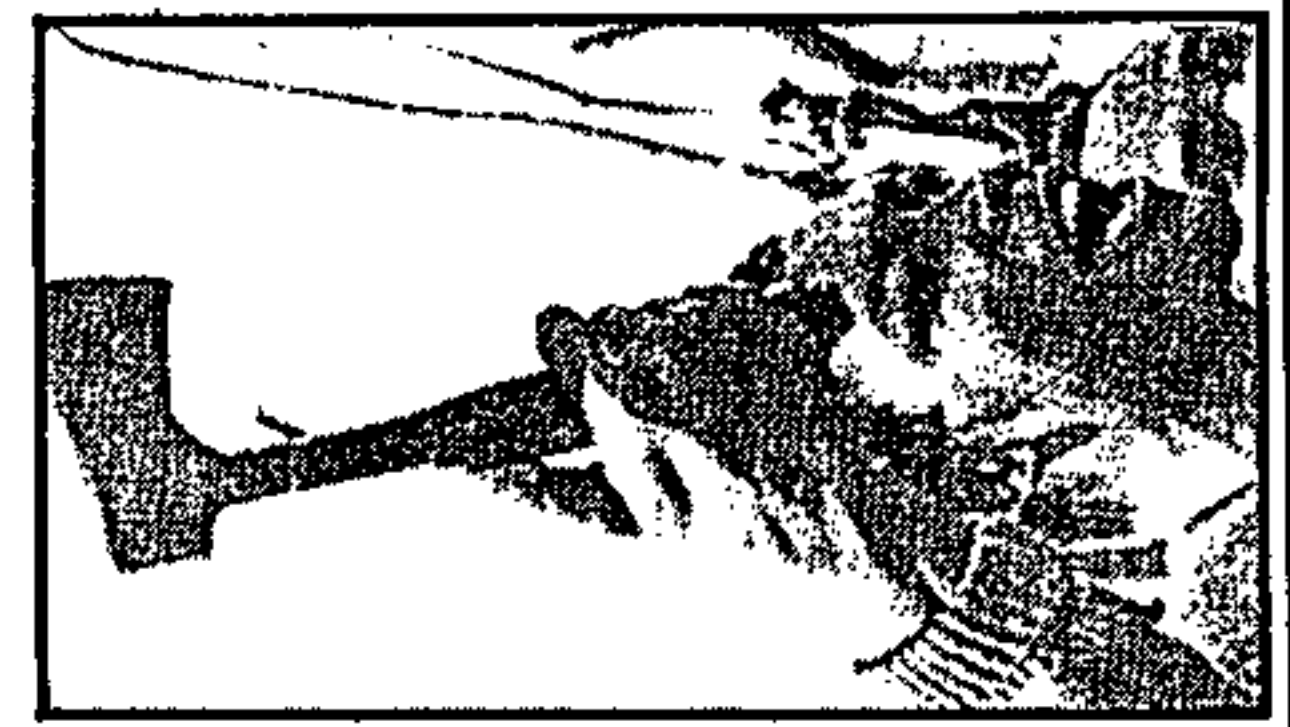
Even if it was clear what the intention of a group of armed men was, it was always a difficult decision whether to confront and confiscate or not.

"Often when my men are facing an emotionally-charged situation where

spears, assegais, knobkerries, pangas, daggers, swords, knives (excluding pocket knives), battle axes, axes, sticks shod with iron, sharp pointed sticks or metal objects, metal and pipes, clubs, petrol bombs, stones, bricks, cross-bows, bows and arrows, picks, pick handles, garden forks, pitchforks, spades, sickles, scythes, hoes, gaffs, hammers, spanners, screwdrivers, chains and tubes and tyres.

So why don't the police simply move in and remove such weapons when they are wielded by mobs?

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said despite the exhaustive list, the matter was not that simple.



ANC break-in: Records identify 'Watergate' man

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The intruder killed by a security guard in what appears to have been a Watergate-style break-in at ANC offices here has been identified as a "21-year-old white male".

The latest development in the mysterious affair was disclosed in a combined statement — the first of its kind issued by the police and the ANC.

Police are treating the matter as a house-breaking and an inquest docket has been opened.

But the ANC claims it was a politically motivated crime. ANC

spokesman Ms Gill Marcus said the ANC found it "a bit far-fetched that the man was an unemployed housebreaker".

The man was "successfully identified" by the SAP Criminal Record Centre in Pretoria but no further details will be made public until his next-of-kin have been informed.

The intruder was killed about 1.15am yesterday. Police believe

that a second man may also have been involved.

The security guard on duty at the ANC premises in Frederick Street, central Johannesburg, became suspicious when he saw a window was open on the first floor, the SAP-ANC statement said.

The guard then spotted someone climbing up from the ground floor. He fired his shotgun, fatally

wounding the man.

A video machine, identified by an ANC official as having been removed from the eighth floor of the building, was found near the body.

Dr Pallo Jordan, head of the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity, described the man as "young, seemingly fit and wearing running shoes, jeans and a T-shirt".



Police remove the body of the "Watergate" intruder.

White vigilantes shoot by police

JOHANNESBURG — Several white farmers have been wounded — by police gunfire, according to some reports — after vigilante-style raids on squatter camps near Ventersdorp.

The incident has been confirmed by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok. He said the police action had taken place at the Goedgevonden farm squatter camp 12km outside Ventersdorp early today. No one was killed and he would not say how many had been wounded.

Mr Vlok, who was speaking at Tembisa township on the East Rand, left immediately by air for Ventersdorp to assess the situation.

Unconfirmed reports said at least four rightwing farmers had been shot and wounded by police after about 2 000 farmers confronted the squatters, who have resettled on ancestral land from which they were removed during the peak of land upheavals. Other unconfirmed reports said at least 10 people were wounded.

Police spokesman Major Ray Hamard could not immediately confirm the shooting, but said police had taken action against the farmers. He declined to elaborate at this stage because of the "sensitivity of the situation".

Extreme rightwingers are also reported to have attacked a second squatter camp outside Ventersdorp today, leaving up to 10 people seriously wounded, most with stab wounds.

A resident and secretary of the ANC Youth League, Mr Cornelius Leretolo, said dozens of balaclava-clad white men wearing khaki clothes smashed and stabbed their way through the squatter camp adjoining the Tshing township outside Ventersdorp. His telephone conversation was abruptly cut off when he said khaki-clad men on horseback had returned to the township and he had to flee.

As the clashes broke out, Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treunicht sent his right-hand man, Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg, to the western Transvaal town to cool the frayed nerves of the supporters.

CP national secretary Dr Andries Beyers said he had received reports from supporters in Ventersdorp that the police opened fire while they stood between the squatters and the farmers.

Sharp ammunition

"Three farmers were wounded by birdshot while a fourth was shot in the stomach allegedly by police using sharp ammunition," Dr Beyers said.

Dr Beyers said farmers had expressed concern about the presence of the squatters as "the rate of crime, particularly burglaries and stock thefts, had risen dramatically since their arrival".

Today's confrontation between the farmers and the squatters began soon after midnight when about 2 000 CP supporters gathered outside the farm, which is between Ventersdorp and Derby.

Cordoned off

Police were called in and they immediately cordoned off both groups. The stand-off continued through the night with insults being traded on both sides of the dispute.

One witness, Ezekiel Segele, said some farmers evaded the cordon and began to tear down shacks. Radios, clothing and other household contents were thrown about as the farmers allegedly harassed squatters. He had taken several injured squatters to Ventersdorp Hospital. — Sapa.

Shot intruder identified

THE white intruder killed by a security guard at the ANC offices has been identified in a combined statement issued by the SA Police and the ANC as a "21-year old white male".

The combined statement is believed to be the first of its kind.

Detectives are investigating a charge of housebreaking and theft. An inquest docket has been opened.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the ANC found it a "bit far-fetched that the man was an unemployed house-breaker". This detail had not been included in the statement.

The man, who has been "successfully identified" by the SAP Criminal Record Centre in Pretoria, was killed at about 1.15 am on Friday. No further details will be made public until his next-of-kin have been informed.

Police believe that a second man may also have been involved as there were two set of footprints on the window sill.

The security guard on duty at the ANC premises in Frederick Street in downtown Johannesburg became suspi-

cious when he discovered an open window on the first floor, the SAP and ANC said in the statement.

The guard then spotted a person climbing on to an adjacent roof from the ground floor. The guard fired his shotgun, fatally wounding the young man who fell down into an alley.

A video machine, identified by an ANC official as having been removed from the eight floor, was found near the body. The only possession on the body was a screw-driver.

The head of the ANC's Department of Information and Publicity (DIP), Pallo Jordan, earlier yesterday described the man as "young, seemingly fit and wearing running shoes, jeans and a T-shirt".

Mr Jordan said the man had bled to death after falling to the ground.

In an earlier burglary this week at the same building, a notebook and two laptop computers were stolen by what Mr Jordan called "a gang".

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CARINA LE GRANGE

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A spokesman for the Pietersburg police said the two Potgietersrus youngsters, aged 17 and 18, would appear in court soon.

He said the kidnap attempt was not politically motivated: "It's a criminal matter."

Dr Moswaledi narrowly escaped death on Wednesday night when he jumped off a moving vehicle during an alleged kidnapping in Pietersburg by two white men.

A reliable source said the ANC leader was abducted while entering the Pietersburg Holiday Inn at about 11 pm on Wednesday. He had been attending an ANC regional executive meeting at the University of the North.

"The white men, who pretended to have fire-arms concealed underneath their clothes, stopped Dr Motswaledi in front of a security guard

at the hotel, demanded his vehicle keys and forced him on to the back," said the source.

He said one of the alleged kidnappers drove in Dr Motswaledi's van towards the Louis Trichardt road, with the other man keeping watch over the ANC leader.

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"It was driven for a short distance before Dr Motswaledi was spotted hanging on to the back by occupants of two other vehicles who then gave chase," the source said.

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Dr Motswaledi is in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

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Friedman to head Cape bench

By BARRY STREEK

AN Appeal Court judge, Mr Justice Gerald Friedman, has been appointed the new Judge President of the Cape in the place of Mr Justice George Munnik, who is retiring.

And a judge in the Cape Supreme Court, Miss Justice Leonora van den Heever, has been appointed to the Appellate Division and will become SA's first woman appeal judge.

This was announced yesterday by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee.

Mr Justice Friedman's appointment takes effect on February 1 next year.

Justice van den Heever becomes acting appeal judge on June 15 and permanent member of the Appeal Court on November 1 this year.

Mr Justice Friedman, 63, who obtained BA and LLB degrees from the University of Cape Town, took silk in 1970, was permanently appointed to the Cape Bench in 1977 and became a permanent member of the Appellate Division on October 1 last year.



JUDGE ...
Mr Justice Friedman

Before he was made a judge, he was president of the Cape Bar Council.

Miss Justice Van den Heever, 65, is the daughter of the well-known poet and Appeal Court judge, Mr Justice Toon van den Heever. She obtained an MA from Pretoria University and an LLB from the University of the OFS, before being admitted to the bar in Bloemfontein in 1952.

She became an SC in 1968, a judge in the Northern Cape division of the Supreme Court a year later and was transferred to the Cape Bench at the end of 1979. She is currently the most senior judge on the Cape Bench.

Miss Justice Van den Heever was an appeal judge in Bophuthatswana between 1982 and 1985 and was the chairman of the commission of inquiry into irregularities in the Department of Education and Training.

● Mr W A van Deventer and Mr G A Kuhn have been appointed judges in the Cape division of the Supreme Court.

Intruder in ANC still not named

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday identified the man who was shot and killed by a security guard in ANC offices here yesterday morning — but late last night the dead man's name was not yet available.

Police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the dead man was white and aged 21.

He said late last night: "It appears as though this man was a genuine housebreaker. He has no fixed address and we are still trying our best to get his family."

A charge of housebreaking and theft was being investigated and it was possible a second person was involved in the burglary.

Colonel Malherbe said the security guard shot the man when he saw him climbing on to the roof from the ground floor. — Sapa, Staff Reporter

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MANDELA GIVES DE KLERK 7 DAYS

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Farmers attack squatters

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POLICE shot and seriously wounded two rightwing farmers outside Ventersdorp yesterday after AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and a gang of rightwingers attacked two squatter camps.

However, the incident ended peacefully yesterday afternoon after talks between Law and Order Minister, Adriaan Vlok, farmers, and Conservative Party deputy leader, Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg.

The minister said the farmers - who had arrived on horseback and in bakkies to attack the squatters - had decided to leave the area and take no further action until a court decision on May 28.

Vlok confirmed police opened fire on about 500 rightwing farmers. The two injured farmers and several squatters were treated by military doctors on the scene and at Ventersdorp Hospital.

Extra police would be sent to the area to protect the more 300 squatters and neighbouring farmers, he said.

Earlier, at least 14 squatters were injured, some seriously, when dozens of balaclava-clad white men in khaki clothes smashed and stabbed their way through a squatter camp adjoining Tshing township 3km outside Ventersdorp, residents told reporters.

Some members of the rightwing gang broke away and started demolishing squatter shacks at Goedgevonden Farm, 12km north of Ventersdorp.

Police spokesman Maj Ray Harrald said nobody "was dead at this stage". Three farmers were arrested and firearms were confiscated.

A rightwing leader, Wilco Beukes, told Sapa farmers wanted "to remove the squatters from the land".

A Tshing resident and local ANC Youth League secretary, Cornelius Lerrefelo, told Sapa by telephone: "The attackers used knives and sticks. They just stabbed people. I don't know how many attackers there were, but about six went to each squatter house." - Sapa

Vlok peace bid after angry mob chases farm squatters

POLICE TRY TO BRIBER ARMY



MINISTER ADRIAAN VLOK

By MARK STANSFIELD
and DAWN BARKHUIZEN

At least two farmers were wounded in a battle between about 1 000 rightwingers and police and SADF troops in the Western Transvaal yesterday.

Brother fought against brother and father against son as angry farmers — who came from as far afield as the Free State and Northern Transvaal — stormed a squatter camp on the farm Goedgevonden, 12km north of Ventersdorp, at first light. **S11w22 121571/**

Intent on driving the squatters off the land, owned by the Department of Agriculture, the farmers were driven back by police and troops firing shotguns.

A number of squatters were injured in attacks on shacks in the area and three white men have been arrested on charges of public violence.

Last night Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok described how he had negotiated for two hours with the armed farmers after arriving by helicopter from other strife-torn Witwatersrand townships.

"It was difficult. There were some real Ramboes there," he said.

The farmers began by issuing an ultimatum to Mr Vlok: Clear the squatters out now or we stay.

"They told me they had transport, food and water. They were not prepared to move," he said.

Tense

Mr Vlok said he had persuaded them to wait for a court decision on the status of the squatters on May 28. On June 1, he promised, he would convene a meeting of all parties to discuss further steps.

An offer by Mr Vlok to appoint a detective to immediately take statements from farmers who alleged squatters had stolen their stock was declined by the farmers.

Mr Vlok said he was "very happy that reason was the winner today" and promised extra police would be sent to the area



Leanne routs bandits with broken hand

By GWEN GILL

TOP model Leanne Scott-King isn't just a pretty face. She's a fighter and has two broken fingers to prove it.

When two gun-wielding hijackers tried to steal her car in Sandton this week, she fought them off and saved the car, which she'd only been legally able to drive for a week.

"It was 11.15 at night and I'd just run a friend home. My car had an electrical fault and kept stalling," said the still-shocked and bruised 18-year-old cover-girl, whose face is about to be seen on five-metre-high billboards in a Revlon ad.

Blood

"I pulled into a parking lot outside a take-away restaurant, a 'Wende' one, just off the S.A. 101, when my nightmare began."

With the doors locked and her keys just taken out of the ignition, Leanne heard a knock on the window and a voice ordering her to open the car.

"When I wouldn't, the man smashed the window with a gun and shoved the barrel into my car. While I was struggling to open the door, the man smashed his gun down on my hand, breaking two fingers."

"Then another man came at me. He tried to throttle me and we fell to the ground."

"I was covered with blood from my smashed fingers, but I got up and went back into the car which the first hijacker was trying to start. Luckily he couldn't because of the electrical fault."

Still fighting like a trooper, Leanne managed to get her hand on the booter. This attracted workers in the nearby takeaway restaurant who rushed to her aid.

Pierre wins

PIERRE COETZER took another step closer to a world title shot last night by beating Jose Ribalta in a 10-round heavyweight clash in Biloxi, Mississippi.

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The Empire strikes back

Sunday Times Reporter

CRAIG JAMESON'S rampant Natalians gave Northern Transvaal the biggest drubbing in their rugby history yesterday as Transvaal rose to the top of the Currie Cup log with a 45-21 victory over Western Province.

In a replay of last year's final, the Banana Boys stunned a King's Park crowd of 40 000 when they beat the Blue Bulls by 54-15.

The cricket score eclipsed Northern's previous heaviest defeat when they went down 27-3 to Wilson Whitnery's 1960 All Blacks.

"It was a grudge match after last year's final. We had a lot to prove and we did that," se Natal's elated captain.

At Ellis Park, a rejuvenated Transvaal opened the floodgates in the second half to run in six tries against W.P.

Match hero was lanky full-back Hendrik Tryter, who finished with a personal tally of 25 points.

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12KM NORTH OF VENTERSDORP, at dusk
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"It was difficult. There were some real Rambos there," he said.

The farmers began by issuing an ultimatum to Mr Vlok: Clear the squatters out now or we stay.

"They told me they had transport, food and water. They were not prepared to move," he said.

Tense

Mr Vlok said he had persuaded them to wait for a court decision on the status of the squatters on May 28. On June 1, he promised, he would convene a meeting of all parties to discuss further steps.

An offer by Mr Vlok to appoint a detective to immediately take statements from farmers who alleged squatters had stolen their stock was declined by the farmers.

Mr Vlok said he was "very happy that reason was the winner today" and promised extra police would be sent to the area to protect both the squatters and farmers.

"I am, however, very concerned that there may be more of this in the future. I appeal to everybody to settle issues in a peaceful and proper way," he said.

By last night the farmers had begun dispersing.

Throughout the day, while the situation remained tense, small groups of farmers gathered around braai fires and took shots at empty cans while they waited for an answer to their ultimatum. The pre-dawn raid was followed a few hours later by a second attack on a squatter camp bordering the black township of Tshing, on the outskirts of Ventersdorp.

Khaki-clad white men opened fire on residents of the township but, while there were no reports of gunshot wounds, at least 14 squatters were beaten.

Conservative Party deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg was sent to the area early yesterday by CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht in an attempt to defuse the situation.

The confrontation began shortly after 4am, despite the deployment on Friday night of a large contingent of police and troops in the area. SAP spokesman Major Ray Harrauld said police received a report on Friday "that the AWB wanted to evict the squatters by force".

Hostile

Police had met with AWB spokesman Piet "Skiet" Rudolph on Friday night to inform him that police would protect the squatters.

When police noticed a large convoy of vehicles in the Ventersdorp district on Friday afternoon, members of the SAP and SADF were deployed on Goedgevonden "to maintain law and order".

"At 1.45am yesterday a large contingent of vehicles was seen moving in the direction of the farm," Major Harrauld said.

"A roadblock was set up and the group moved on to an adjacent farm and took up a position opposite the security forces. They were displaying open hostility.

"Later, a group of the

CASUALTY ... farmer Lourens du Plessis, 27, of Thabazimbi, shows his wounds after being shot at Ventersdorp yesterday
Picture: A P

farmers attacked the squatter structures with tear smoke."

During subsequent negotiations, the rightwingers had insisted that legal action already instituted against the squatters be completed within 48 hours and the squatters removed, he said.

Khaki-clad farmers said yesterday that the AWB was not involved in planning or carrying out the raid. AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche, earlier reported to have been seen on horseback in the area, was absent, they said.

One farmer found himself facing his policeman brother in the clash.

"This is war ... my own brother was shooting at me," said the farmer from Colligna, near Ventersdorp, who gave his name only as Jan.

"I can't tell you my surname. They will take it out on my brother if they know who I am," he said.

Another farmer, who has two sons in the SAP, also refused to be named for fear of retribution against his children.

Thabazimbi farmer

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NO MEEK MODEL: Leanne Scott-King nurse



Cops open fire on boer army

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Lourens du Plessis, 27, was shot at close range while lying in the back of a truck at the height of the confrontation.

"At first light, we went in to drive the squatters off the land. Next minute the police fired a teargas canister so we all lay down to avoid the gas," he said.

"A Casspir drove up and a black policeman opened fire. If I had been sitting or standing, I would have been killed."

Mr Du Plessis was hit in the chest, groin, leg and foot by birdshot.

The two wounded farmers were treated by military doctors on the scene and at the Ventersdorp hospital.

Several injured squatters were also treated by military doctors.

At 1.30pm yesterday, Mr Vlok landed at the squatter camp in a helicopter.

An SAP major was sent to where the heavily armed farmers had gathered, on the farm Bruidgomskraal, owned by JH Steyn.

On the other side of the boundary fence, six Bedford troop carriers were lined up to form a barrier

between the farmers and the squatter camp.

Two farmers were sent back to meet and talk to Mr Vlok and to deliver the farmers' ultimatum.

Earlier, a Sunday Times news team managed to slip through the police cordon into the apparently deserted squatter camp.

None of the estimated 400 squatters could be found, and it is believed that many of them fled to the township 12km away or to nearby Magopa.

Another Sunday Times team, flown to the scene by helicopter, was threatened by farmers with firearms strapped to their hips and brandishing large stones.

Deadline

Stefaans Jacobi, a squatter who sought refuge in Tshing, said he and his wife had been beaten by khaki-clad men while they lay in their beds.

The raiders went from house to house, he said.

"But luckily the police and the army came to protect the people," he said.

The dispute between the squatters and farmers came to a head in January, when the blacks trekked back to the farm from which they had been forcibly removed during the heyday of land upheavals.

At a meeting in the Ventersdorp town hall on April 18, AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche issued an ultimatum to Mr Vlok to remove the squatters from Goedgevonden within 30 days. If this did not happen, he warned, the AWB would do the job themselves.

That deadline is seven days away.

Police warned of 'reprisals' by right wing

SATURDAY's attack on a western Transvaal squatter camp by conservative farmers received unanimous support from right-wing groups yesterday, with one warning police who opened fire on "boere" to expect reprisals.

Squatters on Goedgevonden farm, near Ventersdorp, were attacked before dawn by right-wingers on horseback and in bakies trying to force them off the land.

Shacks were burnt down and people assaulted. After police opened fire to disperse the farmers, an apparent revenge attack was launched on Ventersdorp's Tshing township. Residents said doors were kicked down, their belongings

smashed and people assaulted. Three people were admitted to hospital.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok rushed to the area by helicopter. He said later he would meet the farmers again on June 1 to discuss the outcome of a Supreme Court decision on Goedgevonden squatters.

The several hundred squatters occupied the land on April 9, saying they were forcibly removed from the area 13 years ago.

Vlok said yesterday he supported the police action.

Boereparty (BP) leader Robert van

Tonder said police should not believe they were immune from reprisals.

Police could not always hide behind the excuse they were doing their duty. The BP sought the identities of officers commanding police who opened fire, and planned "warning action" against them.

"If they persist in firing on Boere who defend their country, the police will eventually be fired on."

He said seven people had been wounded by birdshot fired by police, two seriously. One man had a stomach wound.

Van Tonder said "the civil war" would start once police began shooting white people.

Killings about 'who should lead country'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — South Africans were reaching the stage where they were killing each other over who should lead the country and not over what direction the future South Africa should take, said Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Addressing a prayer meeting at Ulundi yesterday, he said:

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"This we have never seen before. This is evil and this must now end."

Chief Buthelezi said much of the strife was determined by greed for power and the insistence on being the person, the leader, or the political party which wielded the power to do what so many leaders and so many parties wanted done.

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He called on blacks to forgive their oppressors for "the generations of suffering that white racism and greed" had created.

But this forgiveness had to be counter-balanced by repentance on the part of whites and by a real desire for blacks and whites to move into the future together.

Clear police collusion — ANC

THE ANC issued a statement today about the Swanesville massacre.

It reads:

"The African National Congress condemns the brutal massacre of scores of innocent people at Swanesville squatter camp. The eyewitness accounts of the killings are chilling and indicate that there was clear police collusion in the massacre.

"Swanesville and Kagiso were declared unrest areas on Saturday May 11 because the police believed there was going to be trouble. Yet it would appear that in spite of such knowledge about 800 men, wearing red headbands and armed with spears, pangas and guns, were able to walk the 5 km from the Kagiso hostel to Swanesville undetected.

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"Eyewitnesses report that the invading army was escorted into the camp by two armoured vehicles. The attack raged on for two hours, during which time at least 28 people died, more than 30 were injured and a quarter of the camp was destroyed.

"It is beyond belief that all this can take place in an 'unrest' area without the knowledge of the police. The fact that the police then escorted the armed men back to the hostel, and used teargas on residents gathering in the aftermath of the massacre, reinforces the perception that police aid the perpetrators of such massacres and act against defenceless residents.

"This incident should bring home to the entire nation the need for urgent action to prevent arms of any kind being carried in public."

Warnings and counter-warnings

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Political Staff

WARNINGS and counter-warnings thundered across the political spectrum today after a bloody weekend during which violence spilled from the black townships on to Western Transvaal farm land.

At least 34 people died and 30 were wounded in townships yesterday and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok warned the government would consider reimposing a state of emergency and banning political organisations if negotiations failed to end the carnage.

Farmers were warned not to take the law into their own hands after the right wing attack on squatters on Goedgevonden farm near Ventersdorp, while black residents of the town warned they were planning a consumer boycott of white businesses in retaliation.

The ANC condemned the massacre of 28 people in Swanenville squatter camp near Krugersdorp, claiming that eyewitness accounts indicated "clear police collusion".

Went on rampage

A statement from the Transvaal region of the South African Communist Party also accused police of helping the attackers.

Police have denied the allegations.

Zulu hostel dwellers from Kagiso township, widely described as Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, went on the rampage with firearms and an assortment of dangerous weapons yesterday, killing 28 people. At least 112 shacks were set alight.

Six men were arrested during a raid on Kagiso Hostel, during which police seized four pistols, an AK 47 assault rifle and ammunition.

Three people, including two policemen, were wounded in Kagiso township, police confirmed.

The policemen were wounded when angry crowds flung petrol bombs and stones at their vehicles. A third man was shot and wounded, while two lorries were torched, police said.

Government negotiators will continue meetings with the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party this week in an effort to try to curb the violence.

Meeting postponed

The ANC has given the government until Thursday to ban dangerous and traditional weapons, including spears.

Inkatha leaders object to the banning of all Zulu "traditional" weapons.

A meeting of the ANC's national executive scheduled for today has been postponed until Friday.

Following the confrontation between right-wingers, police and squatters on Goedgevonden farm, Transvaal farmers were warned by Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Tian van der Merwe today that they risked violence on their own farms by taking the law into their own hands.

"If they contribute to a cycle of violence, they will end up in a situation where nobody is safe."

"They will not be safe even on their own farms. One cannot break the rules and unilaterally determine a new set of rules."

Residents of Tshing township at Ventersdorp are to stage a three-day stayaway in protest against the attack on the squatter and warned that a consum-

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Warnings against rightwing action

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er boycott of white businesses in the town was likely.

Right-wingers countered with warnings of "spontaneous action".

Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder branded the government an enemy of the Boere.

Mr Van Tonder warned that further resistance could be expected and that if the police fired on members of the "Boer nation", their fire would be returned.

Mr Van Tonder said the government had to realise that the Transvaal and Free State were Boer territory and they could not expect Boere to stand by while their land was taken over by illegal squatters.

Mr Jaap Marais, leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), said he could not predict right-winger's "spontaneous action".

He said no political parties were involved and that the attempted eviction of the squatters was as a result of right-wing anger at the government's apathy.

"There is so much lawlessness, people just take things into their own hands," said Mr Marais.

Police spokesman Captain Craig Kotze appealed to farmers not to take action which would place them on a collision course with the security forces.

"Under no circumstances will anyone, anywhere in this country be allowed to take the law in his own hands," he said.

Nobody was above the law. This included the farmers. "They should know we will enforce the law against whoever breaks it... This kind of action will never be allowed."

Captain Kotze said it was unfortunate that the farmers had chosen this time to place an extra burden on the security forces, when their hands were full combating violence in the townships.

The squatters whose shacks were smashed by right-wing farmers at the weekend are demanding that President De Klerk himself decide whether they have a right to remain there.

"We are writing to the president to tell him he must make a decision. If he feels we must move from Goedgevonden, he should rather come and kill us there. But he must make this decision himself," said Mr Levy Segopolo, chairman of the Goedgevonden Committee.

About 80 families, who were removed from Goedgevonden in 1978, reoccupied the farm on April 11.

At the weekend hundreds of right-wing farmers — carrying out a threat voiced by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche at a public meeting on April 18 — attacked the small settlement.

They were driven back by police, who opened fire on the eviction mob. At least two farmers were injured and needed medical treatment.

Many more black people were hurt at Goedgevonden and in another attack on the squatter camp adjacent to the Ventersdorp township of Tshing. They were treated by an army medical unit and at Ventersdorp and Klerksdorp hospitals.

According to Mr Segopolo, there were two attacks on Goedgevonden — one carried out by a mounted posse about 1 am on Saturday and the second about 7 am.

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Sunday Bloody Sunday

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By PETER DAVIES

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw in Swanesville squatter camp near Krugersdorp after the bloody Sunday morning raid by hostel dwellers from Kagiso township.

The first corpse was a man stiff on his back, hands cut off and flapping loosely by his side. There was no blanket covering the body.

Curiously there was no crowd milling round, no gaping onlookers. Instead, passersby showed only mild interest in the horrific sight.

For them, it was all too familiar.

We drove down the street. Everywhere huts were just smouldering ashes. One was still burning though, ablaze with orange flames licking the blue sky.

The burning hut's owner was frantically trying to salvage his meagre possessions — a sofa, a couple of chairs, plastic bags full of who knows what.

But there was no sense of panic. I couldn't understand it. In spite of the scorched shacks and mutilated bodies there was an eerie calm on the streets.

Perhaps the residents were shellshocked, but I think for them the scenario was tragically commonplace.

But it was the first time I had seen a dead body.

I went to speak to the chemist and his wife. They had been woken by gunshots and

screaming about 5.30am.

The chemist had looked through his door and seen a 500-strong impi coming down the street. He said two police armoured cars were following. He grabbed his family and they hid in the back room of his store.

When the impi smashed all the windows in the shop, the chemist's wife dived into the deep freeze to escape detection.

The impi stormed into the shop and demanded to see the "dog who sleeps here".

The chemist said he nearly passed out with terror because he and his daughter were just metres away, cowering under shelves.

But the chemist and his family were lucky. The impi moved on, the storm seeking new ground.

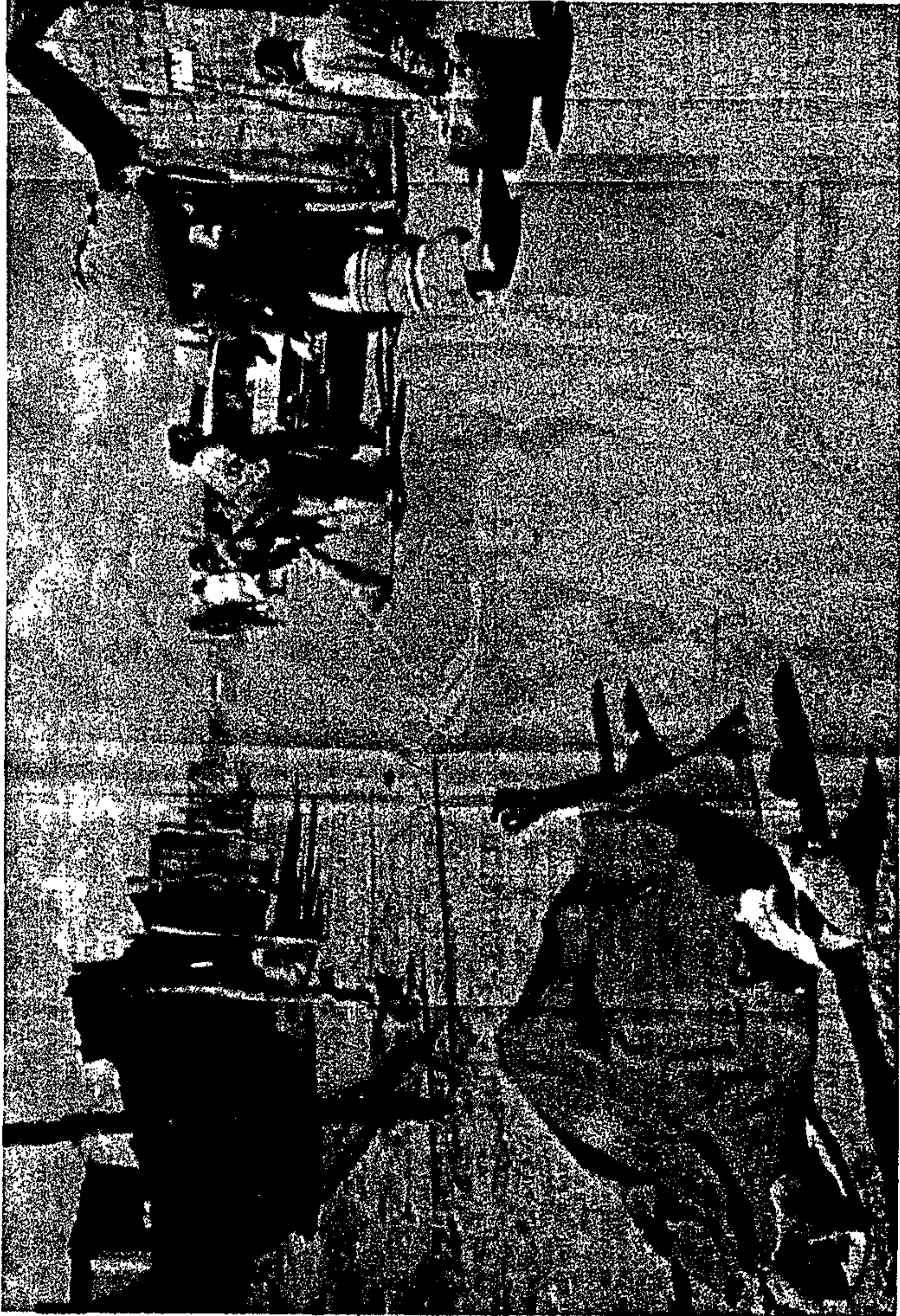
Driving through Swanesville main street we counted 12 more bodies, mercifully shrouded with blankets.

One corpse's arms were stiffly raised, its trousers barely covering the torso. It had been burnt. Charred, blistered skin rendered the corpse unrecognisable.

A hundred metres away another victim lay, the throat an open gash.

Further down the road of death a mother wailed hysterically beside the body of her son.

My baptism of death in the killing fields of Swanesville will haunt me forever.



NIGHT ATTACK: Fleeing residents carry their belongings past burnt-out shacks in the West Rand squatter camp in which at least 27 people died. More than 100 shacks were destroyed. The charred body of one of the victims of the pre-down attack lies in the foreground.

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Police swoop as Swanieville counts the cost

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Squatters at the Swanieville camp were today counting the cost of the invasion by a hundreds of Zulu hostel-dwellers who laid waste the settlement in just two pre-dawn hours, leaving the streets strewn with bodies.

The area was described as quiet today, with no further attacks or deaths being reported as police continued to patrol the area.

At least 27 people were killed and 30 were injured as the men — widely described as Inkatha followers — beat, shot and chopped their way through the shanty town near Kagiso yesterday.

Six people were arrested in a police raid on a hostel in Kagiso after the attack. Police seized an AK-47 rifle, four pistols — including two of Russian manufacture — and ammunition.

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said if negotiations failed to end violence the government would consider reimposing a state of emergency and banning political organisations.

"The government will have to consider this very carefully because it would cause the country a lot of damage."

Speaking on television, Mr Vlok said he would meet the head of the Inkatha Freedom Party to discuss the Swanieville attack.

Many accused the police of helping the attackers by es-

corting them to the isolated settlement and tear-gassing. Kagiso residents who heard gunfire and tried to come to Swanieville's aid.

But police liaison officer Major Ray Harrold rejected the allegation as "propaganda".

He said police had arrived at the camp about 7 am and had had to escort the attackers back to the hostel for fear that they would attack Kagiso residents.

Mr Moss Letlhage was one of many residents who insisted that white men wearing masks or balaclavas and red head bands had taken part in the attack. He said a white man had fired at him but he was not hit.

About a quarter of the camp of 400 to 500 shacks was destroyed. At noon shacks and cars were still smouldering and residents were waiting for the mortuary van to collect bodies lying under blankets.

With blood trickling from her head, Mrs Elsie Mvokwe said she could not go to hospital until the body of her husband, Hlomela, had been removed.

She said his attackers had battered him before killing him with a pistol.

Residents were packing their belongings and tearing down their shacks, in many cases reduced to mangled wreckage.

They were abandoning the camp in fear of another attack and said they would not return.

Residents said the attack came a week after the expul-

sion of Pondo and Xhosa men from two blocks at a Kagiso hostel by the Zulu inmates. The expelled men had sought refuge at Swanieville.

"This is the new South Africa we are seeing," said Mr Patrick Morake. "They use our own brothers to kill us."

He said Saturday night was the first night there had been no residents' patrols as a curfew had been declared.

Kagiso resident Mr Maxwell Mulovhedzi said incensed local residents wanted to demolish the hostel after the attack but were stopped by the police.

Police could not confirm this but said the hostel was being surrounded with barbed wire.

Major Harrold said that since the Swanieville attack sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks on police had been reported in Kagiso.

Police reinforcements were moved in to stabilise the area and steps were taken to control access to the hostels during police investigations.

He said: "Attempts were made to hold discussions with Inkatha and ANC leaders. No Inkatha leaders are available and the ANC refuses to talk to the police."

"There is no proof at this stage that the attack was pre-planned and rumours that it was sparked off by the abduction of an Inkatha supporter are being investigated."



ABUSIVE FARMERS . . . White farmers insult members of the press as they leave the site of a confrontation with police near the Western Transvaal town of Ventersdorp, where at least three farmers were shot on Saturday.

Pictures: AP



WOUNDED . . . A Western Transvaal farmer shows his injuries on Saturday after being shot by police during a confrontation with black squatters near Ventersdorp.

Squatter attack: Right-wingers 'warn police'

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Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok rushed to the area by helicopter and the tense situation was defused after negotiations with the farmers. Police are patrolling the area.

Seven farmers were wounded by birdshot fired by police, two seriously. Police said 14 township dwellers were injured in the attack on Tshing.

Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder said yesterday that the BP sought the identities of officers commanding police who opened fire, and planned "warning action" against them.

The alleged organiser of the operation, Mr Wilco Beukes, said yesterday that the operation was not political, nor were the farmers taking part linked to any political organisation. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

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Tight security in place for De Klerk in Ladybrand

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By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Strict security measures are being made to prevent right-wingers from breaking up President de Klerk's address in the Ladybrand Town Hall tonight.

Mr de Klerk's public address is part of a series of meetings by the National Party in the build-up to the parliamentary by-election on May 22, to be contested by the NP's Callie Smit and the Conservative Party's Charl Hertzog.

NP election worker Casper Kriel said the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging "has been doing its best" to disrupt the NP's public meetings.

"We have had very ugly meetings. Hecklers have been removed by police on several occasions."

"But I don't think they will dare try to disrupt this meeting because it will be a huge Nationalist gathering," Mr Kriel said.

The CP's Free State chief secretary Gustav Claassens said the CP had not been involved in disrupting NP meetings and would not do so tonight.

CP supporters had attended the NP's meetings "to ask questions".

The CP won the seat by 70 votes in a three-way contest in the 1989 general election.

Mr Claassens said since the Democratic Party was not contesting the seat, the CP was effectively 471 votes behind — the number of votes polled by the DP in the previous election.

"But I am convinced we will take the seat again," he said.

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'FW must decide if we can stay here'

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Residents of the western Transvaal farm Goedgevonden, whose shacks were smashed in an attempted eviction by right-wing farmers at the weekend, are demanding that President de Klerk himself decide whether they have a right to remain there.

"We are writing to the President to tell him he must make a decision. If he feels we must move from Goedgevonden, he should rather come and kill us there. But he must make this decision himself," said Levy Segopolo, chairman of the Goedgevonden Committee.

Pressure on the Government is also mounting from the Right. Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder, commenting on the police shooting of two of the farmers' eviction squad, yesterday branded the Government an enemy of the Boere.

According to Sapa, Mr van Tonder warned that further resistance could be expected and that if the police fired on members of the Boer nation, their

fire would be returned.

Mr van Tonder said the Government had to realise that the Transvaal and Free State were Boer territory and they could not expect Boere to stand by while their land was taken over by illegal squatters.

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Opened fire

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Many more black people were hurt at Goedgevonden and in another attack on the squatter camp adjacent to the Ventersdorp township of Tshing. They were treated by an army medical unit and at Ventersdorp and Klerksdorp hospitals.

Since their removal in 1978, most of the community have

been living at Vrischgewaagd in Bophuthatswana. "They have made us become very poor through this removal. We are also human beings. We can't go further," said Mr Segopolo.

According to Mr Segopolo, there were two attacks on Goedgevonden — one carried out by a mounted posse at about 1 am on Saturday and the second at about 7 am.

Between these two events, the farmers savagely attacked the shack settlement at Tshing, smashing shacks and slashing at residents.

Mr Segopolo had nothing but praise for the actions of the policemen.

"They did their best. They were terrible to the AWB," he said, adding that the police had headed off an attempt by the farmers to demolish his own house by driving vehicles at it.

In addition, he said, a police officer had given residents warning of the raid and advised them to be vigilant.

● A township rally of about 300 people decided yesterday to boycott shops in Ventersdorp for a week in protest.

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Police action is a litmus test

THE shooting by police of white farmers who set about demolishing a Western Transvaal squatter camp at the weekend was a litmus test.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has said on many occasions that the police would act against lawlessness from whichever quarters it came and Saturday was his opportunity to prove it.

Police opened fire on about 2 000 rightwing farmers from all over the Transvaal and Natal who went on a rampage against squatter camp residents near Venterdorp. Four farmers were injured.

"This is war. My own brother was shooting at me," one rightwinger told journalists on Saturday.

A police spokesman said yesterday they had been inundated with complaints from the rightwing.

Wasteland

But the time had come for people to realise that the police cannot choose sides, he said.

"The world is going to pass us by if we do not save the country from becoming a wasteland," he said.

Meanwhile, the Azanian Peoples Organisation warned yesterday that there was a limit to black people's patience.

Speaking from Pietersburg, Azapo secretary general Mr Don Nkademeng said the attack by white commandos, made against blacks who say they are reclaiming land stolen from them, would not go unavenged.

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
and MATHATHA TSEDU

He said a delegation of senior leaders of the organisation would visit the affected areas today to express solidarity with the communities and assess assistance needed.

The delegation would include doctors from the Community Health Awareness Programme.

Anger

Warning the rightwingers of black anger, Nkademeng said the communities of Tshing and Goedevonden had had their land expropriated by the "white racist settler regime to give to the same racist farmers who are now attempting to kill the people".

"Azapo is not going to stand idly by and watch as racist white farmers turn our people into shooting targets for weekend fun.

"Any other attack on people reclaiming their land will be seen as an attack on Azapo itself. And, as custodians of the body and limb of black people, Azapo will mobilise the entire community in defence of these people."

Azapo earlier this year pledged support to all communities reclaiming their expropriated land and has linked up with the Black Lawyers Association to provide legal assistance to affected communities.

Squatters 'imprisoned'

Armed rightwingers seal off entry to settlement

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SCORES of squatters who returned from Bophuthatswana to reclaim land in Goedgevonden were virtually being held prisoners on property once owned by their forebears.

A Sowetan team was yesterday refused entry into the squatter settlement which was attacked by AWB members on Saturday morning.

Armed officials threatened a Sowetan reporter with arrest if he insisted on going into the settlement.

Local residents claimed that the people manning the gates were rightwingers.

Two brothers, Nicholas and Cornelius Morei,

By KAMAL SINGH

claimed many squatters needed urgent medical attention but the guards refused them entry and exit.

They also claimed that an Operation Hunger truck carrying foodstuffs for the the Goedgevonden families was refused entry.

Nicholas said: "Many of the workers have also been refused permission to go to work. The guards at the gate have also refused entry to people who were smuggled out during the night to go and

get food.

"There is also no water for the squatters. Sometimes water is smuggled into the squatter camp at night."

A Ventersdorp police spokesman said the gate was manned by officials of the Department of Agriculture.

people whose names appear on the list were allowed in.

However, Cornelius' name does not appear on the list and he has been consistently refused entry.

He last saw his family five days ago.

Meanwhile, residents of nearby Tshing township have decided to boycott Indian and white-owned businesses in Ventersdorp.

Raid on shanty: 3 charged

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THREE rightwingers arrested on Saturday after their attempted day at Goedgevonden in the Western Transvaal have been charged with public violence, police liaison officer Major Ben van Heerden said yesterday.

The men, Frederick Jacobus Smit (37), Christiaan Joseph Smit (45) and Nico Meiring (46), were arrested during

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Britain urges restraint over violence

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The British Foreign Office yesterday urged all parties involved in the violence in South Africa to show restraint, as the latest carnage at Kagiso received widespread media coverage here.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the deaths of 27 people in an attack by Zulu Inkatha supporters was a "tragic loss of human potential".

"We urge all parties to show restraint and to use their influence to bring about an end to the violence."

The Independent said Sunday's slaughter in Kagiso might "help to persuade Mr De Klerk that it is time to stand up to the Inkatha leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi,

who told him in a meeting last Tuesday night that a ban on spears would be unacceptable".

The report said the puzzle of how the Inkatha impi made the several kilometres to Swanieville squatter area without police impediment "was resolved in some residents' minds by the claim that police had helped to ferry the warriors over from the hostel".

For the Guardian and The Times yesterday, however, Saturday's encounter between the security forces and white right-wing extremists was more politically significant.

The Guardian correspondent said the Goedgevonden showdown "oversha-

dowed" Sunday's massacre. While casualties were limited to a couple of right-wingers "peppered with bird-shot", he wrote, "the shock to the Afrikaner psyche was summed up by the headline yesterday in Rapport, the largest Afrikaans-language newspaper: 'The blood flows'".

"The incident gives at least some credibility to President F W de Klerk's claims that he is even-handed in dealing with political violence. And, although right-wingers will be incensed, it is not likely to enhance the standing of militant extremists of the likes of Mr Terre'Blanche. Journalists at the scene claim he was seen 'staggering around' and that an open bottle of brandy was spotted in his van."

W Tvl rightwingers 'looted shacks'

Star 14/5/81
By Jo-Anne Collinge

Lawyers for the black farmers who have re-occupied Goedgevonden yesterday denied allegations by white farmers that their clients were stock thieves, and accused the rightwingers who attacked the settlement at the weekend of looting shacks.

The accusations were made at a press conference in Johannesburg where organisations including the ANC, the South African Council of Churches and the Black Sash made it clear that they believed the people of Goedgevonden, who were removed in 1978,

had a just claim to return to their land.

Addressing allegations that the 400 people at Goedgevonden had been involved in stock theft since they had reoccupied their farm on April 11, attorney Hanif Valli of the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) said this was virtually impossible as there was a 24-hour police guard at the entrance to the farm.

He added that his clients had reported the theft of at least two television sets in the attempt by hundreds of right-wing farmers to forcibly remove black farmers at the weekend.

It was also stated that

13 shacks had been entirely or partly demolished and household goods damaged.

Also speaking for the LRC, attorney Geoff Budlender urged the Government to postpone court action instituted by the Department of Agriculture to obtain an eviction order against the 400 residents.

Mr Budlender said the people of Goedgevonden, removed under the policy of homeland consolidation, should be prime candidates for restoration to their land.

Therefore any eviction ordered by the courts would be temporary and costly.

Lucky police are bad shots - farmer

Star 14/5/91
By Julianne du Toit

Wilco Beukes, who led about 1 000 farmers in an attempted eviction of 350 squatters on the farm Goedgevonden in the western Transvaal at the weekend, said he felt satisfied the farmers had made their point about the squatters.

However, he was very disturbed that police had opened fire on the farmers with live ammunition.

Two farmers were wounded, one of whom has been discharged from hospital. The other is in stable condition and could be discharged soon.

"We're lucky the po-

lice are such lousy shots," remarked one of the farmers at a press conference Mr Beukes gave at his farm, Rietpan, near Koster, yesterday.

Mr Beukes said a farmers' delegation would meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Minister of Agriculture Dr Kraai van Niekirk on June 1 to discuss the matter.

Explaining their strategy, Abel Rootman said the farmers had planned to move into the squatters camp at dawn, bring each person out of his or her shack, place their respective possessions in a box and break down the structures.

They had then planned to have each squatter sign that his possessions were accounted for. Afterwards, the farmers were to have taken the dwellers to their points of origin in Bophuthatswana.

Mr Rootman said they had not expected any confrontation with the squatters because "a Tswana always follows his possessions".

Mr Beukes said the farmers had acted after sheep and corrugated iron were pilfered.

Rightwingers said yesterday they were planning a programme of mass resistance following the incident.

Tension as A WB warns on squatters

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VENTERSDORP. — Nervous residents of Ventersdorp's Tshing township have armed themselves with sticks and knives following rumours of an impending rightist attack, says local ANC Youth League chairman Mr John Lerefolo.

Fourteen squatters and four farmers were injured during an attack at Goedgevonden farm at the weekend.

And in a statement yesterday, the A WB warned the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, that if the government did not act after May 28 to move the squatters, they would do so themselves.

● Farmers are to meet Agriculture Minister Mr Kraai van Niekirk on June 1 in an attempt to resolve the issue, said Mr Wilco Beukes, regional chairman of the Transvaal Agricultural Union.

● The government should set its proposed Advisory Commission on Land Abolition in motion immediately to avoid such confrontations, the SA Council of Churches and the Black Sash said at a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

● In Parliament, Mr Dries Bruwer (CP Lydenburg) said that farmers had taken action against the squatters because they had made it impossible to farm. No one wanted to insure harvests in the area. — Sapa

Political Staff

THE most serious complaint laid by farmers against squatters in the strife-torn Ventersdorp area proved groundless when police found that 38 "missing" sheep were found grazing in the farmer's own fields.

Two cattle were also reported missing, but one had already been found after it had wandered off.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, when he replied to a half-hour debate on the conflict, when more than 1 000 farmers tried to evict squatters from the Goedgevonden farm at the weekend.

He said only five criminal charges had been laid against the squatters.

In one case, six fence poles were allegedly stolen, but this was still being investigated, while another involved a drum of diesel which had been emptied over a period.

A charge of deliberate damage to property was also laid when water pipes were alleged stolen from a borehole after repairs had been done.

Farmers' ³⁴⁴ complaints on squatters 'groundless' ^{ET 9/5/91}

After he had visited the area on Saturday, he had invited farmers to bring charges they might have, of whatever nature, but by noon yesterday no further charges had been laid.

"It is therefore disappointing that the farmers decided to take the law into their own hands by trying to remove the squatters.

"All that has resulted from this is conflict, confrontation, racial friction, even shooting by the security forces and a mountain of unfavourable publicity," Mr Vlok said.

He spoke on the issue twice in Parliament yesterday after motions on the issue were tabled in the House of Assembly and House of Representatives.

He said the actions of the farmers had been a serious threat to the maintenance of law and order.

Mr Sam Louw (LP, Rus Ter Vaal) said the actions of the farmers could be compared to the actions of the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi and was typical of white conservatism.

However, the deputy leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg, said the government's actions on Saturday were akin to that of the British colonial government at Slagtersnek.

The actions of the police in shooting at farmers amounted to a deed of civil war by a government against its subjects and unarmed farmers had been shot at with sharp-point ammunition.

The Democratic Party's law and order spokesman, Mr Tian van der Merwe, said that when 1 000 people came looking for confrontation, they came looking for trouble and there was little evidence the police had acted irresponsibly.

Strike follows AWB attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Western Transvaal town of Ventersdorp was yesterday reported to be deserted on the second day of a work stayaway by residents of Tshing township.

At the weekend, Tshing and the nearby Goedgevonden farm were attacked by armed right-wingers seeking to evict squatters from the farm.

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless spokesman Mr Basheer Lorgat said the stayaway was "100% successful".

This was largely confirmed by traders interviewed in the town. One trader, who did not wish to be identified, said Ventersdorp looked like a ghost town. He added that his business had dropped off by 90%.

Another store manager said there were no black buyers in the town.

A Ventersdorp local government official, however, denied that a stayaway was in progress, and claimed that black employees had turned up for work.

Mr Lorgat said Tshing residents had decided that emergency services workers would be exempt from the stayaway, and they had reported for duty.

A local ANC leader alleged that Khaki-clad AWB members were patrolling the entrance to Tshing township yesterday, although police denied the claim.

Tshing residents would decide today over the stayaway and a possible consumer boycott, Mr Lorgat said, warning of a "long-term consumer boycott if the situation doesn't change dramatically". — Sapa

Swanieville: 344 Residents plan protest strike 15/5/91

JOHANNESBURG. Krugersdorp's black community will hold a stayaway tomorrow to protest against Sunday's massacre of 27 people by an "impi" in Swanieville squatter camp.

Krugersdorp Residents' Organisation (KRO) publicity secretary Ms Nomvula Mokonyane condemned the massacre yesterday, adding: "The involvement of the police in the murder is an outstanding fact."

"The slaughter strengthens our demand for the dissolution of the present government and the creation of a new one," Ms Mokonyane said.

Police have categorically denied involvement in the massacre.

● At Khayelitsha, a shack and two cars were set alight and other vehicles were stoned in the past two days, according to police.

● Police yesterday reported two people killed in the latest political violence, including a man hacked to death at Swanieville squatter camp, site of Sunday's massacre.

The second victim, a youth, was stabbed and hacked to death at Bomela in Port Shepstone, police said.

In other incidents reported by police yesterday:

● At Ndoleni, near Richmond, a group of people fired at an SADF vehicle. Police returned fire, slightly injuring a black man;

● At Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, police vehicles were stoned on a number of occasions; and

● At Sebokeng, near Vanderbijl Park, two private dwellings were damaged in petrol-bomb attacks. — Sapa

AWB 'kommando' patrols Ventersdorp

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

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About 100 armed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members arrived in tense Ventersdorp yesterday to patrol the town after residents from neighbouring Tshing township had threatened to burn down the houses of rightwingers, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche said yesterday.

He said the men, who were armed with "all sorts of firearms", would patrol "as long as is necessary".

Mr TerreBlanche said thousands of blacks had gathered at the border between Ventersdorp and Tshing yesterday morning "and attempted to enter town".

A small police group "assisted" by about 20 AWB

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members, including himself, had negotiated with the township residents, he said.

"But the blacks are still gathering. The situation is very very tense," said Mr TerreBlanche.

The events follow an attack by farmers in the early hours of Saturday morning on shack dwellers in the township and on the farm Goedgevonden.



JOE SLOVO

Warning on Slovo

CONSERVATIVE Party youth wings yesterday warned Potchefstroom University against hosting a talk by South African Communist Party leader Mr Joe Slovo later this month.

Statements from the Eastern Cape and the Witwatersrand said Slovo would be speaking in Potchefstroom on May 21.

CP youths said it was hard to

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understand how the university - a seat of Christian learning - could host a self-confessed atheist like Slovo.

The Witwatersrand CP youth wing told Potchefstroom University in a statement:

"Be warned, do not underestimate the patriotism and integrity of the white student." - Sapa.

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Raid on 'boere' angers CP MPs

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POLICE had fired on unruly white farmers at Goedevonden last weekend to protect the lives and property of black people.

If need be, the police would do it again, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said last night.

Vlok was speaking in Parliament during a special debate on the incident near the Western Transvaal town of Ventersdorp when police arrived to protect squatters against attacks by rightwing farmers.

Conservative Party MPs were

angry during the debate.

The Government had given the instruction to shoot and kill unarmed white farmers - this was civil war, the CP's Mr David Pienaar said.

Vlok replied: "The police did not open fire without reason, they were protecting the lives and property of civilians."

"Black policemen were shooting at harmless boere," Pienaar retorted.

Vlok stood his ground: "The people who were responsible for the

incident, however fair they think their case might be, did not have the right to take the law into their own hands. They showed a disrespect for the law."

Meanwhile, Ventersdorp was deserted yesterday on the second day of a work stayaway following the weekend incident.

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless spokesman Mr Basheer Lorgat said the stayaway, by residents of Tshing township, was "100 percent successful" and traders in the town agreed bitterly.

Rightwingers to offer training in self-defence 344

THE World Apartheid Movement was so incensed by assaults on rightwing protesters at university campuses that it has decided to offer free self-defence training to students who supported apartheid.

The movement's leader Mr Koos Vermeulen said on Tuesday this would be done to prepare students to protect themselves "against terrorists and pro-communist militants" at public meetings addressed by leftwing politicians such as ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela. *Southern 16/5/91*

The University of Pretoria and the University of Stellenbosch were the scenes of clashes this month when rightwing students disrupted meetings addressed by Mandela.

Vermeulen said the WAM regarded in a very serious light the fact that the ANC was "too cowardly" to allow students to voice their discontent. - *Political Staff.*

The flashpoint waiting for a spark

W/maail (7/5-23/5/91)

GAVIN EVANS drove to Ventersdorp this week, and found two communities armed to the teeth — just waiting for hell to break loose

ALL the road signs directing one from Johannesburg to Ventersdorp are plastered with posters saying "Eie Volk, Eie Land". They're put there by the far right of course, but right now everyone in the area is preparing to fight for their own piece of land.

The unarmed "squatters" are living in fear of the right-wing farmers who have beaten them and smashed their houses in a bid to drive them off the land they believe is rightfully theirs. The Tshing township was also raided by farmers last weekend, and its residents are mobilising in expectation of an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging attack. And the far right are mobilising around the fact that for the first time since 1922 the police have fired on their own people.

The 150km drive to Ventersdorp is bland, but not unpleasant. A flashpast of rolling farmland punctuated by fields of dying sunflowers and massive power pylons. There is nothing to prepare one for the war or rumours of war that are ripping the heart out of the tiny Western Transvaal hamlet.

Our first stop on arriving in the almost deserted CBD on Tuesday is the Yankee Fried Chicken, where they salt their chips with curry powder.

"Yes, business has been a bit slow today," a white auntie says when I ask her about the consumer boycott and stayaway. "There's no blacks except a few from the farms, but there's enough whites to go around."

From behind the counter she hands out an Afrikaans pamphlet called *VIGS ... die FEITE!!* (AIDS ... the FACTS!!) which warns that the opening of swimming pools and the like to blacks would lead to AIDS spreading to "lower risk groups such as the whites".

At the Shell station round the corner our car is filled by a white attendant. Across the street the National Party office is vacated. Even the furniture is gone.

But a block away the AWB building is bustling. Trucks full of khakishirts armed with cultural weapons — R1s, R4s, .303s, double barrelled shotguns, 9mm and .44 pistols and hundreds of rounds of ammunition displayed in gun belts — are pouring in and out of the office.

"I'm sorry. We cannot speak to you now," the commandant on duty says politely. "We're almost mobilised now."

No-one at the police station is talking either, but there is little need for a verbal reply to the opening question: "Are things calm in the township today?"

Police cars pour out of a well-



I'LL KNOCK HELL OUT OF THEM ... AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche and henchmen in Ventersdorp



ARMED AND READY ... Residents of Tshing are prepared to defend their land

Photos: GUY ADAMS

barricaded building, the policemen inside looking excited and carrying some heavy duty weaponry.

We follow them 2km to the gateway to Tshing, the dormitory township which provides the main workforce and consumer base for the town.

At least 3 000 residents are surrounding the place, waving sticks, rocks, knives and pangas.

"Press," we shout nervously.

"Go away umlungu, we don't want press," shouts a man with a pointed stick.

"Get back to your car. Can't you see

it's dangerous," screams an SAP warrant officer.

Then a convoy of cars arrives. The Rev Paul Verryn gets out and the "comrades" guarding the gate welcome him. They're all Methodist ministers who had spent a week living in the township last year. Now they're back to express support.

"I think it's important that the people here see that not all whites are like those in the town who attacked them".

We take our chances and follow. Eventually we're allowed in but no pictures — though within minutes

scores of young "comrades" are posing with their makeshift weapons. A few meters away the police are having a braai inside the well-fortified township police station grounds.

"TerreBlanche is going to attack after 5pm," one ANC youth leaguer explains.

"But we're ready for them. This time we're prepared — and we're not scared," says another.

"If they come with their guns, we'll just have to do the best we can to defend ourselves. We're worried but we'll do the best we can," says local

ANC Youth League secretary Israel Sefako.

Ventersdorp ANC leader BD Mathys explains that a commando arrived at 5am last Saturday, shortly after their attack on the squatters at the Goedgevonden farm.

"Fourteen were badly injured — I think they're all still in hospital, but now we're prepared. They attacked houses which Saltie Visser (the local township administrator) marked with yellow crosses. He's AWB".

He said they were now giving refuge to some of the squatters who had fled, and this might be used as an excuse to attack.

About 50m away two bakkie-loads of well-armed AWB members are waiting. The police are making sure no-one is attacked, but the residents seem to have little faith that the police presence will be maintained during the night.

The youth leaguers say their boycott is 98 percent successful.

"A few people sneaked out and went to work, but when they come back they'll just have to accept their punishment," says Sefako.

"We've got to set an example so we'll be very strict," says another youth.

What does this mean, I ask?

"Oh, we've got many ideas."

"Like what?"

"Like more than 20 lashes each."

We return to the AWB office, at which point Eugene TerreBlanche and four henchmen drive up.

"Do you people always park on the wrong side of the road?" he asks, and the aides roar with laughter.

"You want my picture. That's fine. You can get us talking, and make sure you get in our office and the AWB sign."

He vigorously denies that his members are preparing for an attack.

"That's a lie. But if they dare to come here I'll knock the hell out of them," he says.

He smiles, walks away and then turns: "Did you get that down? You must write that if they attack I'll knock the hell out of them."

We drive on 22km to the Goedgevonden state farm, where the farmers first attacked. But Department of Agricultural Development official, assisted by police, are not allowing anyone in and are not saying why.

There were no attacks that night, and the next day the focus shifts to a large delegation of ANC officials, leading churchmen, human rights activists and diplomats (including one from Taiwan) who visit Goedgevonden, accompanied by a press contingent.

But once again only the lawyers are allowed in. So the "squatters" (who stress they are there to re-occupy their own land) stand on one side of the gate, and the visitors on the other. And they pray.

2 sentenced over death of black man

By Cathy Stagg

A young white man who beat up a black pedestrian and then dragged away and left to die was jailed for 12 years yesterday by the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Justice J M C Smit conditionally suspended half the sentence so that Marthinus Christoffel Lamprecht (21) would have a "sword of Damocles" hanging over his head.

A second accused, Cornelius Pieter Polley Flemming (18), was convicted of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and sentenced to 18 months and a suspended 18-month sentence.

The judge said both young men had shamed themselves and their families, and had caused incalculable harm to the relatives of the innocent man on whom they had launched a senseless attack.

Dragged

On November 27 1988 Lamprecht punched Fistus Dikolabe, knocking him down. This happened at Flemming's home in Krugersdorp North where Lamprecht was a boarder.

Lamprecht went into the house to fetch water to throw over Mr Dikolabe and told Flemming about the attack.

Flemming and another man dragged Mr Dikolabe under a tree and left him there in the rain. He was found by the police at 7 am the next day and rushed to hospital but died hours later of brain damage.

Addressing Lamprecht in court yesterday, the judge said: "If you had the courage of a man after your reprehensible deed and had taken Mr Dikolabe to hospital, he might have lived."

Mr Justice Smit said it would be a black day for South African justice if such a crime were not punished severely.

The judge found extenuating circumstances in the murder: Lamprecht was 19 at the time and under the influence of alcohol, and did not have the direct intention to kill. It was aggravating that it had been a continued, brutal assault on a helpless victim for no apparent reason.

Neither accused had previous convictions.

VENTERSDORP. — Ten people were arrested and one was injured after police sealed off Tshing township here yesterday, according to the police unrest report.

However, residents claim 13 people were injured, and say they saw uniformed AWB members shooting in the township at the time of the police raid.

Police said there was no evidence of AWB involvement.

Police claimed they fired birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd after they were petrol-bombed when investigating a compliant

'AWB in township shooting'

of intimidation.

According to the advisory organisation Omhle (Operation Masakhane for the Homeless), 13 people were wounded.

Journalists were not allowed in yesterday afternoon, but reported hearing gunshots about 2pm.

Yesterday's incident comes after two white farmers were shot by

police on Saturday when a group of right-wingers attempted to evict squatters from a farm 15km outside Ventersdorp.

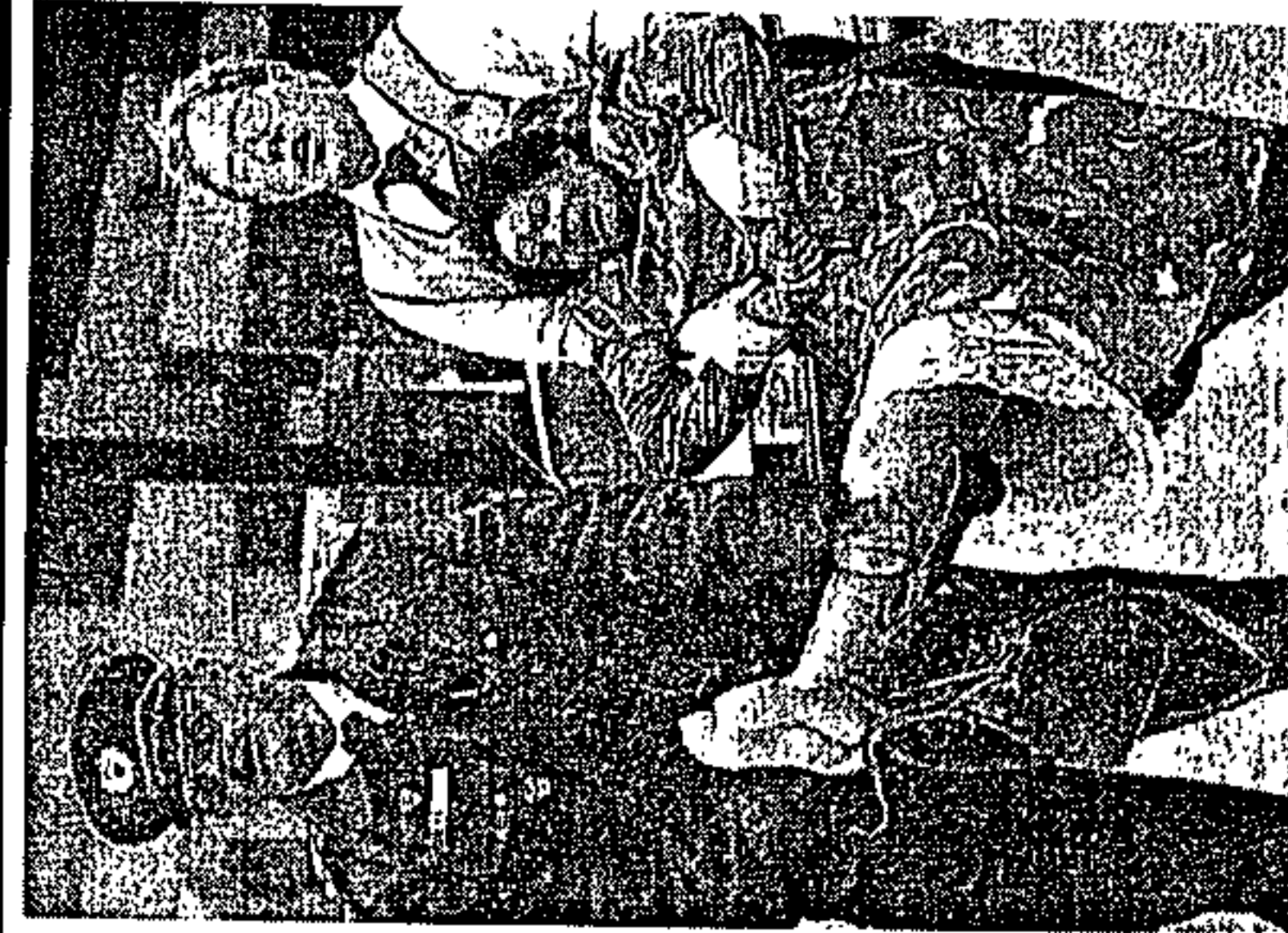
Right-wingers also attacked Tshing on Saturday, wounding at least 14 residents.

Their actions led to a three-day stayaway which, traders said, turned Ventersdorp into a "ghost town".

The Legal Resources Centre here has demanded an immediate undertaking from Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche that the AWB will not physically remove the Goedgevonden squatter community.

— Sapa

INJURED AS LIMPET-MINE BLASTS ROCK JOBURG



BOMBING VICTIMS ... From the left: A doctor carries an injured child, a woman who was hurt in one of the blasts is helped to safety and ambulancemen treat an injured man.

Picture: AP

BOMBING BLITZ

ANC blames 'settlement-wreckers' for blasts

JOHANNESBURG. — Two limpet mines have rocked the city during the past 36 hours, injuring 12 people, and two more unexploded bombs were found by police.

The first blast, which injured seven people, exploded late on Thursday night at a popular Hillbrow restaurant.

The second blast came yesterday afternoon, injuring four women and a young child. No organisation has claimed responsibility for the attacks and the ANC has condemned the attacks.

Last night ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said the blasts were probably carried out by

people "who did not want to see a settlement of the violence in South Africa". Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert Kariakoo said the bombings were definitely not the work of right-wing organisations. He blamed the ANC for the blasts.

Hidden in toilet

Last night Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police did not have any leads on who might be responsible.

"We are not pointing fingers at this stage. We have theories but no facts to support them at this stage."

Captain Kotze said the police were not ruling out any group in a search for the culprits.

In the latest attack a limpet mine, concealed in the toilet of the Tony Factor shopping centre, exploded just after 2pm.

An eyewitness, Mr Corrie du Plessis, said he was on an escalator close to the toilets when the bomb detonated.

The force of the blast threw him to the floor and when he looked up he saw injured women running from the toilet.

"Her (one of the victims) leg was full of blood," he said.

The injured were taken by ambulance to Hillbrow Hospital and later discharged after treatment.

Police searched the shopping centre for more devices and also conducted a block-by-block search of the city for more limpets.

Thursday's blast — which injured seven —

occurred shortly before 11.30pm in one of Hillbrow's main streets. Police said damage to the restaurant was extensive and parked cars were also damaged.

Yesterday police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said that whoever was responsible was "trying to scare the public".

Police search

Police were being "chased around" as several bomb threats had been received during the day.

He said one of the SPM limpet mines which had been defused was found on the steps of a Volkskas bank. The second was discovered yesterday morning the Inkatha Freedom

Party had to evacuate its offices here after receiving a bomb threat. No bomb was found when police searched the premises.

● Yesterday Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok expressed concern that there are people willing to use urban terrorism to solve political differences.

Speaking at the opening of the police academy at Graaff-Reinet, Mr Vlok said this sort of terrorism had not worked in the past and would not be allowed to succeed in the future.

A statement from his office in Cape Town said police would use their anti-terrorism capabilities "to track down the perpetrators of these latest bomb outrages against innocent citizens". — Own Correspondent. Political Staff and Sapa

Blasts: ANC cadres 'may be responsible'

PETER FABRICIUS

Political Correspondent

INTELLIGENCE sources suspect that undisciplined ANC cadres are responsible for the sudden and unexpected resumption of bomb attacks which struck Johannesburg on Thursday and yesterday.

But they do not suspect the ANC leadership and concede that there is no way yet of knowing who is behind the disturbing relapse into the fraught days of the old South Africa.

Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Tian van der Merwe probably summed up the general feeling in political circles:

"These bombs could be coming from any of those people who are angry, embittered or deliberately trying to undermine the negotiations."

"We are long past the time when the fact that the weapons are Russian tells you anything about who is responsible."

Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen told parliament yesterday that there was a new tendency to use arms such as limpet mines, hand grenades and AK47s and that these must come from the arms caches of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe.

But he did not directly accuse the ANC or MK of responsibility.

Among the suspects — apart from ANC radicals — are the PAC, "dirty tricks" squads inside the security forces, right-wingers in the security forces and even ex-Rhodesians.

But the intelligence sources believe that any one of a recent series of "emotionally provocative" events might have pushed ANC radical elements to resume the tactics of the past.

These include the conviction and sentencing of Mrs Winnie Mandela; the right-wing attack on squatters at Goedgevonden this week; the visit of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; next week's government-sponsored summit on violence, violence directed against ANC by Inkatha and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela's warning on Thursday that the violence may spill over into white areas.

They believe ANC radicals might have planted the bombs to remind Mr Mandela and the country that the armed struggle was still a force to be reckoned with.

But the intelligence sources also point out that some PAC cadres have been trained in ANC military camps in Angola and might also have had access to ANC arms caches.

The sources concede however that right-wing sympathisers within the ranks of the security forces — police or military — would have had access to Russian limpet mines and could have planted the mines to disrupt negotiations.

They also point out that police have recently intercepted Russian-made limpet mines among consignments of AK47 automatic rifles smuggled into SA from Mozambique.

In parliamentary circles it is being said that identifying the bomb suspects is about as difficult and mysterious as identifying the "third force" supposedly responsible for much of the violence.



As South Africa drifts dangerously towards a Lebanon-type scenario the central question is: how can the violence be stopped? Weekend Argus political correspondent FRANS ESTERHUYSE spoke to an expert.

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'Tough action needed to break spiral of violence'

DISTURBING signs that South Africa is reaching a Lebanon-type conflict situation are emerging in the current wave of violence.

This warning has been given by Dr Chris de Kock, chief research specialist at the Centre for Conflict Analysis of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC).

He and his fellow researchers have been monitoring conflict situations, crowd action, unrest incidents, people's fears and feelings of insecurity, and many other aspects of South Africa's township violence with its grim toll of death and destruction.

Among the early symptoms, he says, are that violence and political instability

result in a build-up of fear that makes people arm themselves for self-defence — which in turn leads to more violence.

How can this be stopped, and what is the solution for South Africa's violence?

Dr De Kock believes the point has been reached where tough action is needed to break the spiral of violence. All privately-owned dangerous weapons should be banned from public areas.

"So, too, must all private armies be banned, no matter who runs them. This must apply equally to far-rightwing white armies like AWB commandos, the ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), and all other armed groups — including militant farmer groups.

"All firearms, as well as 'cultural'

weapons like spears, battle axes, or 'ceremonial' weapons, no matter who carries them, should be banned from public areas." Dr De Kock says the argument that the carrying of certain weapons is traditional is not convincing at a time when the country is in crisis. No exceptions can be made and traditionalists ought to accept this.

But the big question is — how to implement such a ban without causing bloodshed?

Dr De Kock admits it will be very difficult to disarm defiant groups, whether on the left or the right, but he believes this can be done systematically.

"An immediate obstacle will be the accusation against the police and other se-

curity forces that they are not neutral or are not to be trusted.

"But here simultaneous action will be needed to make the security forces more acceptable to all so that they will have maximum legitimacy as the official instrument for maintaining law and order."

Such legitimacy was all-important if peace was to be restored. Ways of achieving this could include:

- The expansion of the police force and other security forces to include more black people — even former MK members — and

- The appointment of an impartial ombudsman (or a committee in such a role) who would receive and examine all complaints against the security forces and recommend action, if necessary.

Attackers to be given medals

Weekend Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Farmers who hurt women and children as they smashed up their homes on Goedgevonden last weekend are to be rewarded — with medals.

Each of the 2 000 farmers who attacked the settlement on the farm near Ventersdorp, injuring 18 people, will receive a medal at a total cost of R7 000, it was announced in Pretoria yesterday by one of the farmers.

He was one of many speakers at the meeting organised by the Transvaal Agricultural Union to which farming bodies and unions from all over South Africa were invited.

The farmer did not say whether the medals would bear the words: The Battle of Goedgevonden, but he had with him a bloodstained item of clothing which he said was "an exhibit" of

the incident.

After the meeting, a collection was taken to cover the legal and medical costs of farmers involved in the clash.

Issues discussed during the 5½ hour meeting were area defence units to combat "crime as a result of squatters", the financial plight of farmers, and land issues. In the end, everything boiled down to the land issue and fears of black insurgency into what farmers see as a white preserve.

More than 1 000 farmers unanimously — to applause, whistling and "hoor hoors" — adopted a resolution saying they would consider the proposed scrapping of the 1913 and 1936 Land Acts as a "declaration of war".

At the end of the meeting, TAU president Mr Dries Bruwer said: "If you want to fight, you will find me among you".

Fear as AWB takes over Ventersdorp

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JOHANNESBURG. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members and the womens' wing, Wen Kommando, took brooms, spades and rakes and cleaned up Ventersdorp.

It was filthy after black municipal employees were fired (according to municipal sources) earlier in the week for joining a three-day consumer boycott and worker stay-away.

Wearing khaki outfits decorated with insignias of the rightwing organisation, the men and women pushed mobile rubbish bins, picked up fallen leaves and swept the streets.

Shops deserted

Shops were deserted as black residents responded to a consumer boycott called by Tshing residents in protest against sub-standard services and high rents.

While some shop owners conceded that their income had been drastically reduced by the boycott, others claimed they did not depend much on the support of Tshing residents. The empty shops proved otherwise.

Armed members of Aquilla, the AWB's paramilitary wing, patrolled the area.

Ventersdorp town clerk Mr Gerrie Hermans also claimed the consumer boycott was not effective.

He said only one bottlestore in town had reported a decrease in turnover and other stores, which he said depended much on through traffic, were not affected.

Mr Hermans said council employees who stayed away would lose their jobs because there were whites who had applied to fill their positions.

"We have poor whites who are prepared to clean streets. We will take them on because we have a service to provide to the town," he said.

Mr Hermans said members of the AWB were voluntarily cleaning the town.

In the neighbouring Tshing township frustration, and to a certain extent anger, was visible on the faces of the youths. Everyone spoke about the shooting and arrest of 11 township youths who were said to be members of a youth structure.

Attempts by journalists to enter Goedgevonden — where two rightwing farmers were shot during an attempt by 1 000 farmers last weekend to evict people living on the site — was thwarted by a police roadblock at the entrance of the farm. No

one was allowed through.

Tshing residents said yesterday they were convinced the police and all white residents were co-operating with an AWB takeover of Ventersdorp.

This was denied by a police spokesman, Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen.

On Thursday, a Sapa reporter saw the AWB's armed uniformed patrol openly touring white regions of Ventersdorp and the outskirts of Tshing township, and accompanying white pupils on a school bus out of town.

The AWB office was fortified with sandbags and guarded by men with shotguns and .303 rifles.

AWB members in the office had been instructed on how to deal with petrol bomb attacks, the reporter was told.

Tshing residents, who fear identifying themselves, told Sapa the black community had the strongest objections to the AWB patrolling their area.

The same sources said they feared the increased AWB militancy signalled more rightwing attacks.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, who has a loaded

shotgun next to his desk, confirmed on Thursday that about 300 armed AWB members would continue to protect white residents of Ventersdorp against black aggression.

He admitted that Ventersdorp was a powder keg of discontent and said its white residents now looked to the AWB for protection instead of the police.

He gave Sapa a copy of a letter from some Ventersdorp residents, thanking his organisation "for protection throughout the cold night and without remuneration. We know we can rely on you," the letter with 18 signatures concluded.

Police co-operation

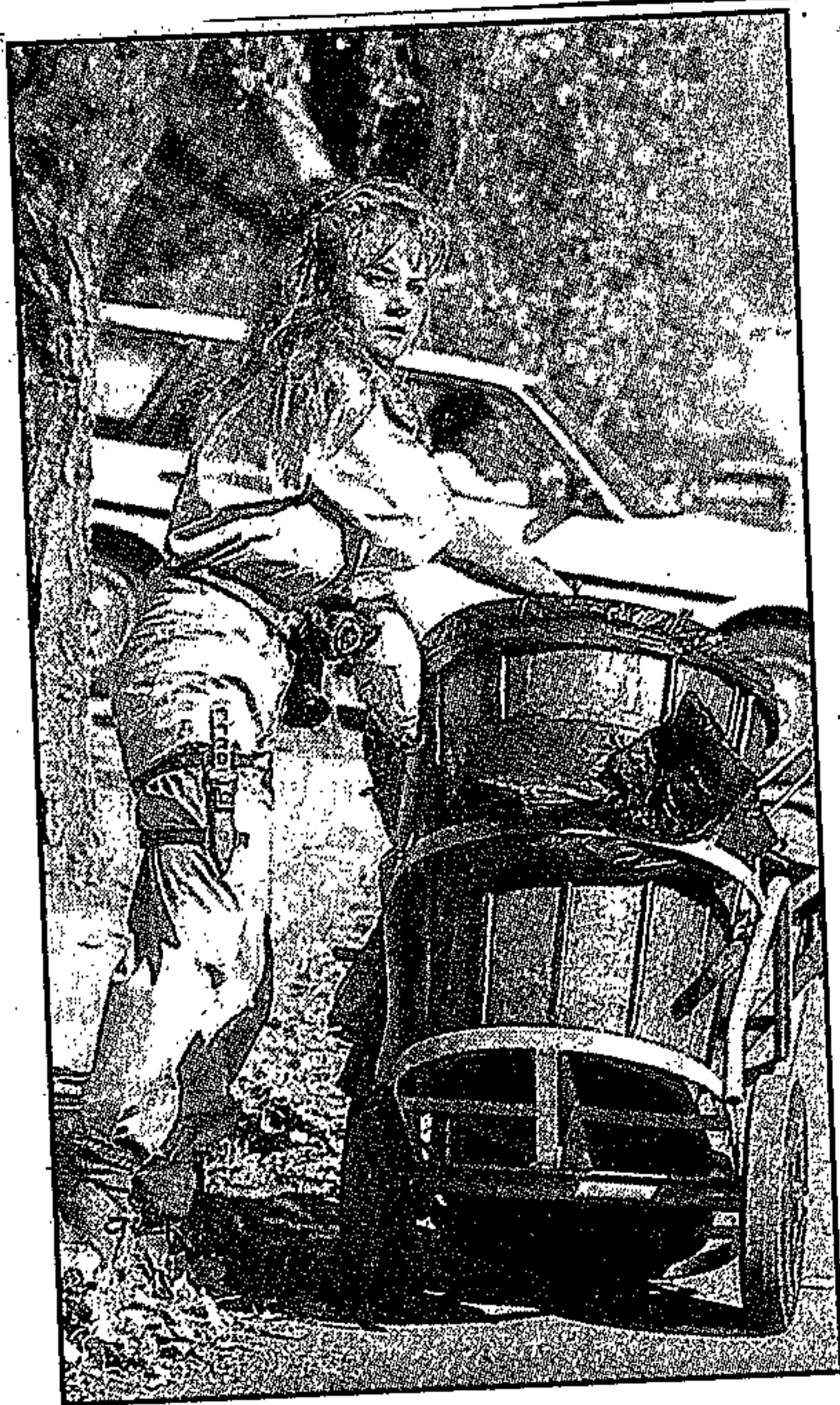
The perceived lack of intervention by police against the AWB takeover of Ventersdorp was seen by black residents as further proof of police/AWB co-operation.

Ever since last weekend's attacks against Goedgevonden farm squatters and Tshing township residents, black residents have been expecting another night-time raid by rightwingers, Sapa was told.

The ANC Youth League's Young Lions have been patrolling the township streets every night this week and many residents said they remain awake all night to guard their homes.

JOVIAL RANTAO

Weekend Argus Correspondent



TIDYING UP: A member of the AWB's women's wing sweeps a street in Ventersdorp.

A brush ³⁴⁴ with AWB ^{Star 18/5/91} militants

THIS week the AWB took over Ventersdorp — and even took to cleaning the streets. Saturday Star's Alf Kumalo was there and took this photograph which resulted in the Saturday Star news team being run out of town.

The woman, a member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's women's wing, was cleaning the streets after black municipal workers joined a worker stayaway.

The newsmen — all black — were chased in their car through the town at high speed. The AWB minibus pushed the newsmen off the road and they faced five members of the AWB's Aquilla paramilitary group.

Reporter Jovial Rantao; photographer Alf Kumalo and driver Wilfred Mbongwe were released — but told to leave town.

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Kommando sweeps

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JOVIAL RANTAO

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Dressed in khaki outfits decorated with insignias of the right-wing organisation, the men and women pushed mobile rubbish bins and swept the streets.

Tension was written on faces in the Western Transvaal town as armed members of Aquila, the AWB's paramilitary wing, patrolled the area.

Boycott

The few shops in town were deserted as black residents responded to a boycott called by Tshing residents to protest against sub-standard services and high township rents.

Some shop owners conceded that their income had been drastically reduced by the boycott, but others claimed they did not depend much on the support of Tshing residents. The empty shops, however, proved otherwise.

Ventersdorp town clerk Gerrie Hermans said black council employees who observed the stayaway would lose their jobs because poor whites had applied to fill their positions.

In the neighbouring Tshing township, frustration and anger were visible on the faces of the local youth. People spoke about the shooting and arrest of 11 township youths, said to be members of a local

youth structure.

Saturday Star attempts to enter Goedgevonden — where two farmers were shot last weekend when 1000 farmers tried to evict people living on the site — were thwarted by a police roadblock.

Tshing residents told a Sapa reporter yesterday that the local Police contingent and all white residents were co-operating with the AWB "takeover" of Ventersdorp. This was denied by a police spokesman, Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen.

On Thursday, a Sapa reporter saw the AWB's armed uniformed patrol openly touring "white" regions of Ventersdorp and the outskirts of Tshing township, and guarding white pupils travelling on a school bus out of town.

The local AWB office was fortified with sandbags and guarded by armed men.

Tshing residents said the black community feared that the increased AWB militancy signalled more right-wing attacks.

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche, who had a loaded shotgun in clear view next to his desk, confirmed in an interview this week that about 300 armed AWB members would "continue to protect white residents of Ventersdorp against black aggression".

Mr TerreBlanche gave an undertaking in the Pretoria Supreme Court this week that he would not to harass the black community, after the incident in which police opened fire on the right-wing farmers.

Mr Justice Roos noted the undertaking in an urgent application brought by Olifile Levy Segopolo, assisted by the Legal Resources Centre, and the community of Goedgevonden



MISSISSIPPI MENACE: AWB commandos show they mean business when confronting a Saturday Star team yesterday. Picture: Alf Kumalo.

the streets

Terrifying encounter with AWB bullyboys

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JOVIAL RANTAO

Every detail in the town — from the buildings to the unfriendly white faces — fitted Mississippi in the United States of America, only this time we were in South Africa, in Ventersdorp in the western Transvaal.

The experiences that a team from The Star — photographer Alf Kumalo, driver Wilfred Mbongwe and myself — went through at midday yesterday in Ventersdorp was similar to a scene out of "Mississippi Burning" — that movie characterised by racial tension and the law's lack of protection of black victims.

We drove into Ventersdorp just before midday, knowing what to expect after reading notices pasted on all road signs directing motorists to this little town.

After we turned left into Van Riebeeck Street, I saw a rare sight — a white woman, mobile duster next to her, sweeping the streets.

"How's that for a picture?" I said to Alf, who immediately grabbed the opportunity by snapping a few pictures.

On hearing the shutter noise, the woman looked up and saw us. She swore at us and called us the K-word. We then realised she wore a khaki uniform, decorated with AWB insignias and those of the Wen Kommando — its paramilitary women's wing.

We ignored her and drove on, discovering more members of the right-wing organisation along the street.

When we reached the end of town, we decided to drive through again to check the extent of the consumer boycott. We were 100 m into town when we noticed a minibus, with big AWB flags, heading towards us.

As it drove past us, fingers were pointed and the vehicle immediately made a U-turn and followed us.

My suggestion to drive to the local police station was shot down by Alf — "That won't help us. Local police and these guys are probably friends," he said.

I could see Wilfred's hands shaking on the steering wheel. He was doing about 100 km/h. The AWB minibus was closing in on us. We became more nervous, not knowing what to do.

After we had turned right Wilfred said he was slowing down because the men in the minibus might be tempted to shoot us if we continued to speed away.

Wilfred slowed down. The minibus zoomed past us and pushed us off the

road. Five men — armed with a variety of weapons including sjamboks, pistols and rifles — swarmed around our car.

None of us said a word. It was eerily, chillingly quiet in the car.

The men surrounded our car and a van with two more Aquila members pulled in behind us.

I said a little prayer, used my elbow to lock the door and resigned myself to my fate.

The man with the sjambok flexed his weapon. The rifle was pointed at me.

The man I took to be the leader looked at us and knocked on Alf's window. Alf opened the window.

"What are going to do with the pictures," the man asked in an irritated voice, speaking Afrikaans.

"We are from the press," replied a nervous Alf.

"Who permitted you to take pictures of our people?"

No one answered and the men demanded our press cards. I produced my card and confirmed our credentials.

Denis Beckett, our colleague from the Sunday Star, doesn't know it but he probably saved our lives. The men had met him in the morning. He must have impressed them. They allowed us to go because we worked for this newspaper.

We heaved a collective sigh of relief.

Alf, who had regained his confidence, asked the men if he could take pictures of them.

"No! No! No!" they retorted.

Our request to take photographs of the AWB office in Van Riebeeck Street was also dismissed, for "security reasons" we were told.

I was also denied access to the office to talk to any leader of the AWB about the situation in the town.

What a country!

● On Tuesday night, a team from The Star was held at knife point and arrested in Ventersdorp by a khaki-clad man claiming to be an AWB member.

The man, a barman at the local pub, pulled out a knife and ordered the journalist and photographer to go back into the hotel, from where they had been filing copy.

He then telephoned AWB headquarters.

The Star team managed to escape while he was on the telephone.

Boers to get medals for attack

FARMERS who hurt women and children when they smashed up their homes on the Goed-gevonden farm at the weekend are being rewarded with medals.

Each of the 2 000 farmers who attacked the settlement near Ventersdorp, injuring 18 people, will receive a medal at a total cost of R7 000, one of the farmers announced at a meeting in Pretoria yesterday.

'Battle'

The farmer was one of many speakers from the floor at the meeting organised by the Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU) to which farming bodies and unions from all over the country were invited.

The farmer did not say whether the medals would bear the words: "The Battle of Goed-gevonden", but he had with him a blood-stained item of clothing which he said was "an exhibit".

After the meeting, a collection was taken to

CARINA LE GRANGE

cover the legal and medical costs of farmers involved in the clash at the weekend.

Other issues discussed at the five-and-a-half hour meeting were the setting up of area defence units to combat "crime as a result of squatters", the financial plight of farmers and land issues.

Essentially, all issues boiled down to the question of land and fears of a black influx into what farmers see as a white preserve.

More than 1 000 farmers unanimously — to applause, whistling and

"hear hears" — adopted a resolution saying they would consider the proposed scrapping of the 1913 and 1936 Land Acts as a "declaration of war".

TAU president Dries Bruwer said at the end of the meeting: "If you want to fight, you will find me among you".

In another resolution, farmers said they "confess their dependency on God and ask that all of us pray that we win the battle".

The meeting was opened with Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev Sarel Cilliers, and another dominee, who is also a farmer and who later spoke from the

floor about "evil powers".

In another resolution, farmers gave an undertaking to themselves "and the Almighty" to create and support all "instruments of power" — which could include the SA Police and the SA Defence Force — if these bodies undertook to maintain "without qualification" their safety, law, order and freedom.

Further action

At this point, a farmer added that farmers should support their local commandos "because if we do not, they can be used against us".

This is what happened at Ventersdorp, he said in reference to two farmers who were injured when they were fired at by security forces.

Also unanimously adopted was a resolution to support all further plans for action "which we cannot now spell out". Reference was made to secret action

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Medals

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planned for May 23 to protest against the Government's White Paper on land.

During discussions, God was invoked at almost every turn; derogatory references were made about squatters;

the "ANC/NP/Illuminati/Afrikaner Broederbond" alliance was denounced and the SA Agricultural Union was accused of conniving with the Government.

A Dr van der Merwe said because it was Pentecost, he was appealing to "boerevrou (women) to paint their door frames with the blood of the Holy Lamb who died for this volk".

Return of the bombers

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Weekend Argus Reporters and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — In a night and day of terror and screaming sirens, recalling the worst days of the political struggle, 12 people, including women and one child, were injured in a series of bomb incidents in Hillbrow and central Johannesburg.

The first blast badly damaged a Hillbrow restaurant about 11pm on Thursday, injuring seven people.

Early yesterday police discovered another two limpet mines in Johannesburg's CBD.

The first mine was detonated by explosives specialists and the second was defused.

About 3pm a bomb, which had been hidden in the women's toilets in the Tony Factor shopping centre in central Johannesburg, exploded, injuring five people, including a child.

Mr Andy McMeeking, regional manager of Foschini, who was making a store visit to the Tony Factor Centre shop, said a woman who was in the toilet when the bomb exploded was blown through the wall into the Foschini store. He said the blast had left a four-metre hole in the wall.

A little girl with a bleeding face was carried out of the centre unconscious and paramedics bandaged her eyes.

"Two women came out of the toilet covered in blood", said an eyewitness.

A student at the Unisa study centre inside the building said she saw a packet in the toilet minutes before the explosion.

Police combed the area around the shopping centre using sniffer dogs to check for more bombs.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said it was a rumour that police had found a second limpet mine outside the Tony Factor Centre.

Thursday night's blast at Garbo's, a Hillbrow restaurant, injured seven people who were taken to the Johannesburg Hospital.

Police investigated a bomb threat at the offices of the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday morning, but no explosives were found.

Captain Opperman said nobody had claimed responsibility for the blasts or the limpet mines which had been disarmed.

"Clearly they were aimed at civilians, even the one near John Vorster Square which had been

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placed where ordinary people walk and work."

The African National Congress condemned the Hillbrow explosion.

The organisation's Mr Carl Niehaus said the use of violence was contrary to its policy of reconciliation, adding the ANC had renounced violence.

Intelligence sources suspect that undisciplined ANC cadres are responsible.

But they do not suspect the ANC leadership.

Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Tian van der Merwe probably summed up the general feeling in political circles by saying: "These bombs could be coming from just about any source, from any of those people who are angry, embittered or deliberately trying to undermine the negotiations."

"It used to be fashionable to say if the explosives were Russian it must be the ANC."

"But we are long past the time when the fact that the weapons are Russian tells you anything about who is responsible."

Among the suspects — apart from ANC radicals — are the PAC, "dirty tricks" squads inside the security forces, rightwingers in the security forces and even ex-Rhodesians.

But the intelligence sources believe that any one of a recent series of "emotionally provocative" events might have pushed ANC radical elements to resume the tactics of the past.

These include the conviction and sentencing of Winnie Mandela, the rightwing attack on squatters at Goedgevonden this week, the visit of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, next



BOMB VICTIM: Ambulancemen carry a wounded woman to safety after a bomb tore through a shopping centre in downtown Johannesburg yesterday.

week's government-sponsored summit on violence, violence directed against ANC by Inkatha and ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela's warning on Thursday that if the violence continued blacks might export violence into white areas.

They believe ANC radicals might have planted the bombs to remind Mr Mandela and the country that the armed struggle was still a force to be reckoned with.

But the intelligence sources also point out that some PAC cadres have in the past been trained in ANC military camps in Angola and might also have had access to ANC arms caches inside South Africa.

The sources concede however that rightwing sympathisers within the ranks of the security forces, police or military, would have had access to Russian limpet mines and could have planted the mines to disrupt negotiations.

They also point out that police have recently intercepted Russian-made limpet mines among consignments of AK47 automatic rifles smuggled in from Mozambique and that these could be available to just about anyone.

PAC spokesman Mr Benny Alexander pointed out that the PAC had never suspended the armed struggle. Regarding the Johannesburg bombs, Mr Alexander said it would be appropriate for the organisation's military wing in Harare to comment. But they could not be contacted.

South African Communist Party spokesman, Mr Jeremy Cronin, said the party was appalled at the spate of bomb blasts and it condemned the widespread violence. He added that the bombs were obviously being placed by those opposed to a democratic process.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche did not feel qualified to comment on the bombs saying he did not know enough about them.

Boerestaatsparty leader Robert van Tonder said the blasts were "definitely not a rightwing thing".

AWB 'won't assault squatters'

PRETORIA. — The AWB and its leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, yesterday undertook not to assault, harass or intimidate the community that had re-occupied their ancestral land on the farm Goedgevonden, near Ventersdorp.

Lawyers acting for the community successfully applied for this undertaking during an urgent Supreme Court application held in judge's chambers in Pretoria.

Ventersdorp farmers reportedly assaulted members of the community last weekend and destroyed some of their shacks.

An application, in which the 400-strong community seeks the legal right to return to Goedgevonden, is pending before the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Racial tension in the Western Transvaal town is reaching fever pitch, an investigation revealed yesterday.

Residents in the adjacent Tshing township said they were convinced the local police contingent and white residents were co-operating with the AWB security "take-over". This was denied by a police spokesman, Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen.

Municipal sources say uniformed AWB members have taken over the jobs of the street cleaners, fired for joining a worker stayaway. — Sapa

Ventersdorp boiling

by DAN DHLAMINI

RACIAL tension reached fever pitch in Ventersdorp this week as the Africaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) took over the town's services and threatened to run any black out of town. *CAPE 19/5/91*

All black municipal workers were fired earlier this week for joining a three-day consumer boycott and worker stayaway.

At nearby Goedgevonden - the scene of violent confrontation between rightwingers and squatters a week ago - nearly 400 squatters were under siege, unable to leave or enter the farm.

Their water supply had been cut off and attempts to gain entry into Goedgevonden by church leaders, the ANC, diplomats and even Operation Hunger have drawn a blank since April 8.

Only Legal Resources lawyers and police have been allowed onto the farm.

Operation Hunger was only permitted to hand food parcels and blankets to squatters at the gate where Department of Agriculture officials have put

up a tent and a permanent roadblock.

Armed AWB men in para-military uniforms patrolled Ventersdorp on Friday, while some of them, including women, swept the streets.

When a City Press reporter took photographs of two khaki-clad young women sweeping the streets, armed AWB men stopped him and questioned him at length.

A spokesman for Tshing residents, Cornelius Lerefolo, told City Press that the week-long consumer boycott, which came about as a result of the farmers' attack on innocent Goedgevonden farm squatters and Tshing shack dwellers last weekend, would continue until the residents' demands had been met.

Lerefolo said only the tenants of shacks marked with yellow paint by Visser were attacked.

A spokesman for the municipal workers, Jobbie Mutumi, told City Press that the fired employees demanded unconditional reinstatement. He said they had already sought legal advice.

Farmer fined R12 000 for beating nine kids

A WHITE farmer who flogged nine black children with an electric cable was sentenced this week to a fine of R12 000, or two years in jail.

Wynand Erasmus, 37, of Messina, and one of his farm workers, Naison Mbedzi, 35, pleaded guilty before magistrate AGH Bouwer in the Louis Trichardt Regional Court to nine counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Another of Erasmus's workers, Mark Muleya, who allegedly helped with the beatings, failed to appear in court. A warrant for his arrest was issued.

Erasmus also received a three-year sentence, suspended for five years. Mbedzi was sentenced to a fine of R1 000, or one year's imprisonment, with 300 days suspended for five years.

Erasmus paid both his and Mbedzi's fines in cash.

The charges arose from beatings which took place on November 21 and 22 last year.

On November 21, Erasmus picked up two of his victims from their homes on his farm and accused them of stealing aluminium irrigation pipes, the court heard.

Thrashed

He made the boys undress and tied them down with belts. Mbedzi and, allegedly, Muleya, held the children's legs and heads while Erasmus thrashed them with an electric cable, inflicting hideous wounds.

The next day Erasmus, accompanied by Mbedzi and Muleya, fetched seven pupils, between the ages of 9 and 16, from the nearby Skutwater farm school.

Erasmus told principal Peggy Phiri that he had permission from the farm owner, Peter Esterhuizen, to collect the boys. Erasmus took the boys to his farm, where they were made to strip and beaten.

Drought

They were so badly hurt that some of them had to crawl back to their homes. One of the boys was whipped about 20 times and some had to spend weeks in hospital.

In mitigation, advocate Johan Els said Erasmus had acted in frustration because he had lost money



ANGER ... Wynand Erasmus

By SIPHO NCGOBO

during the previous financial year. He said Erasmus had lost R98 000 because of the drought and property worth R69 000 had been stolen from his farm.

Passing sentence, the

magistrate said Erasmus had committed a serious crime in uncontrolled anger. He said the sentence had to be a deterrent to others.

He said, however, he had

Boys injured so badly they had to crawl home

to take into account the difficulties Erasmus faced, such as "terrorist" attacks, the drought and economic problems.

Turning to Mbedzi, the magistrate said the worker had merely been used as a tool by his employer and deserved a lesser sentence.

Accompanied by his attorney, Dion Retief, and a group of farmers, one of them with an amputated leg and wearing a green Rhodesian Light Infantry blazer, Erasmus refused to

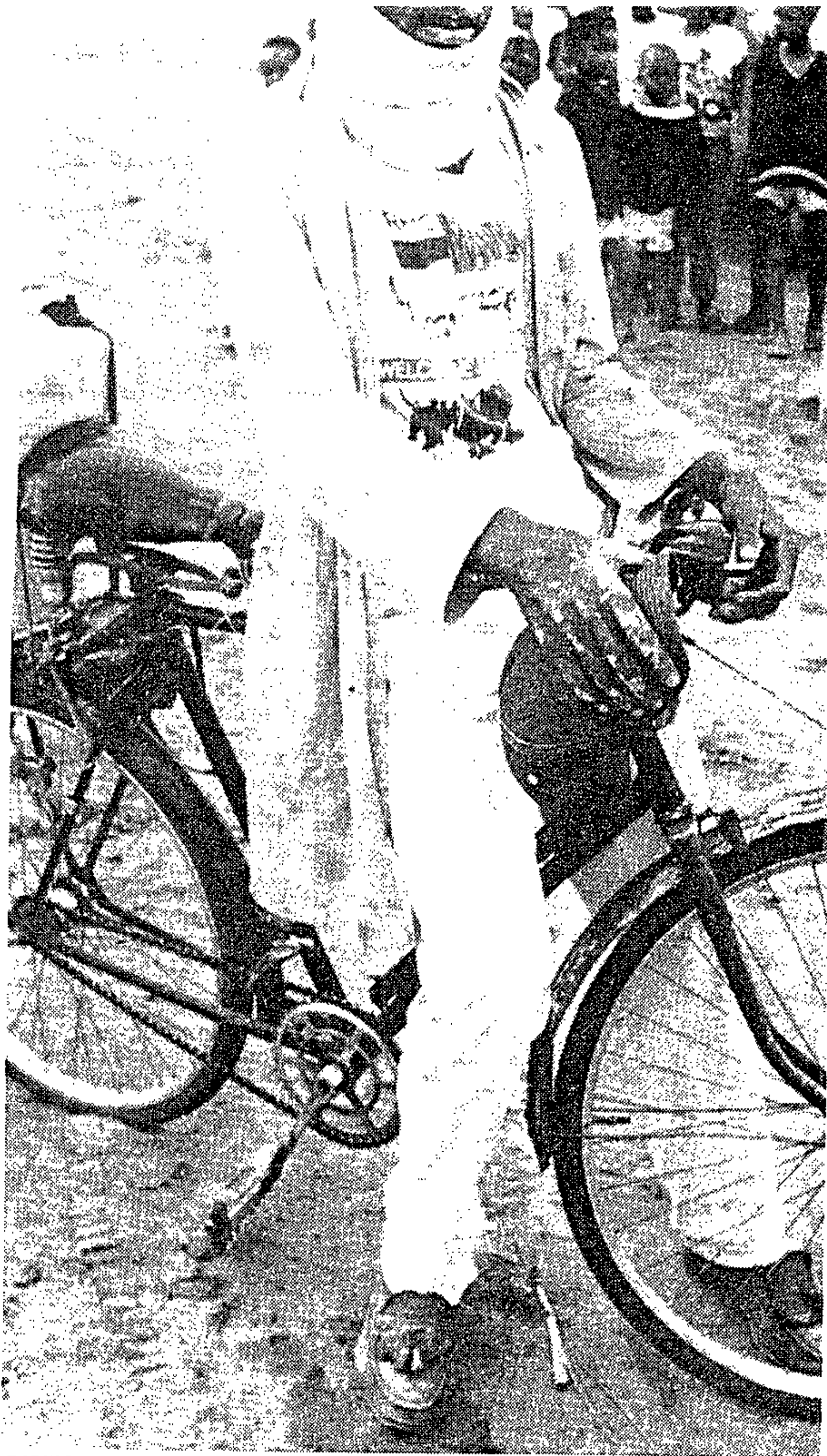
talk to the Sunday Times.

"What had to be said has been said in court. I have nothing to say," he said.

Mbedzi said he felt his sentence was unfair.

"Erasmus is my baas. I have worked on that farm all my life. I have no education and nowhere to go. If he wants me to do something I will do it."

"This is why I helped him when he whipped the boys. I am an innocent man. I just did what the baas told me to do."



DISFIGURED ... teenager Frank Mukwatle Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

By SIPHO NGCOBO

A Messina farmer, who allegedly set a black teenager alight with a blowtorch, appeared briefly in court this week charged with assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Jan van der Westhuizen was not asked to plead by magistrate AGH Bouwer and the case was postponed.

Frank Mukwatle, 15, claims that last December Mr. Van der Westhuizen used strips of iron to weld his hand to a metal workbench.

His body and face were badly burnt when he was set alight.

His life was saved by two farm workers who cut his manacles and put out the flames.

The boy's face and neck are disfigured by scars and

Youth 'set on fire with blowtorch'

around his wrist is a pinkish-white circle of damaged skin.

The boy has been accused of stealing a gun from Mr Van der Westhuizen's home.

After being treated at Messina's Limpopo Hospital, the bandaged boy was driven 200km in the back of a police van to Pietersburg Prison. His attorney intervened and he was admitted to Pietersburg Hospital the next day.

Limpopo Hospital superintendent Dr JP van Zyl said he had authorised the the boy's transfer be-

cause of "too much interference by reporters" at his hospital.

Police later confirmed that the boy had been transported in a police van but in the "best possible comfort".

They said the van had arrived late in Pietersburg and that the boy could not be taken to hospital immediately.

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Police have 'theories' on bombings

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police had various theories on who was responsible for the two bomb blasts that rocked Johannesburg late last week and injured 16 people, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Captain Craig Kotze said, however, police had not ruled out any organisations as "various groups have shown themselves capable of committing such acts".

"We can't point fingers at anyone at this stage until we have gathered evidence to support our theories," he said.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the explosions at a Hillbrow restaurant and at Tony Factor's Intown Centre.

enormous, that, purely from the Government's point of view of correspondingly financing the fund, we have not yet been able to consider granting it. Hence the matter is under consideration and if I remember correctly — I have to try to recall a report of some time ago — the implication was that the fund would have to be financed by an additional R3 billion or more to raise it from 50% to 75%. It is extremely difficult to do so at this stage. We are in any case looking at the total structure of pension funds and the financing of such funds and the matter of widows' pensions is high on the priority list as it is a very real problem. We will want to attend to it, and in the not too distant future a decision will be taken on the matter.

Nevertheless I doubt whether it will be possible to do it in a one-sided manner. There will have to be negotiations. By "one-sided" I mean that the adjustment be made solely on the side of the employer, namely the Government. Calculations will have to be made and there will have to be negotiations with the employees to establish whether they will be prepared to make a substantial contribution on their side in order to accomplish this.

†An HON MEMBER: Just see how decent he is now!

Meyerton messenger of the court: post vacant

*5. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice:†

- (1) Whether the post of messenger of the court at Meyerton is vacant; if so, (a) why and (b) since when;
- (2) whether any applications for this post have been received; if so, how many;
- (3) whether any recommendations have been made in respect of these applications; if so, (a) by whom and (b) what were the recommendations;

- (4) whether this post has been filled temporarily; if so, when is it expected that a permanent appointment will be made?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (1) No. (a) and (b) fall away.
- (2) Yes.

Five applications were received.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

(3) Yes.

- (a) Recommendations were made by various persons and bodies.
- (b) As the recommendations are confidential it is not advisable to disclose this information.
- (4) Yes. A permanent appointment was made on 17 May 1991.

Public meeting of certain political party: SAP video

*6. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether the South African Police have made a video recording of a public meeting of a certain political party, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, which was held at Welkom on 2 May 1991; if so, (a) for what purpose and (b) what is the name of the party concerned;

- (2) whether it is the policy of the Government to make video recordings of all public political meetings;

- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

- (a) Because the South African Police was in possession of information that the meeting could possibly be disrupted, resulting in criminal offences such as malicious damage to property and assault, members of the Force had this aid available to record evidence on tape if an offence should be committed. Single cuts were made of occurrences during the meeting which indicated that those present could become violent and become disruptive. No offence was committed by anybody present, and the recorded material was destroyed after the meeting. The matter was discussed with the hon member for the Welkom constituency who indicated that he is satisfied with the handling of the matter.

(b) The Conservative Party.

- (2) No, but the South African Police do make video recordings in those cases where law and order might be threatened.

- (3) Yes, aids of this nature play an important role in respect of identification and submission of proof in criminal cases, and are used by the South African Police to enable them to perform their duties in terms of section 5 of the Police Act, 1958 (Act 7 of 1958). These functions are *inter alia*:

- the preservation of the internal security of the Republic;
- the maintenance of law and order;
- the investigation of any offence or alleged offence; and
- the prevention of crime.

Because the South African Police are accused timely and untimely of partiality, and even incitement to the commission of crimes, video recordings are also made during gatherings of persons, with the purpose of proving accusations of this nature to be unfounded.

†Mr A GERBER: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, namely that it was expected that the meeting could possibly be broken up, I would like to know how many policemen were present at the meeting.

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I do not have that information at my disposal at the moment. If the hon the member is really interested he can have it put on the Question Paper. I will then give him the correct figure. I thought the hon member would thank me because we protected him so that he could hold his meeting in peace! [Interjections.]

†Adv S C JACOBS: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us who would be of the opinion that that meeting would be broken up by violence, on the basis of which the Police applied certain protective measures? [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the Minister was not there. It is the hon member for Brits who held the meeting. [Interjections.] We had information that possible disruption of his meeting

could occur. [Interjections.] Now he is angry with me because we looked after him. I cannot understand him at all. [Interjections.]

†Mr A GERBER: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, we would like to know who gave him the information and whether the CP requested that the policemen be present. [Interjections.]

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, it is not the hon member for Overvaal who gave us the information. I would like to confirm that. We had access to information that there could possibly be problems and we took precautions so that the hon member's meeting could be peaceful.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament.

Certain right-wing organisation: protest march in Soweto

*7. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether a certain right-wing organisation, particulars of which have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, recently applied to hold a protest march in Soweto; if so, what (a) is the name of this organisation and (b) are the particulars of the application;

- (2) whether the application was granted; if so, for what reasons; if not, why not;

- (3) whether it is the policy of the Police that Whites may not hold protest marches in Black cities;

- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

- (a) "Resistance against Communism".

- (b) Application was made for a march on 9 May 1991 by approximately 29 000 people from the NASREC show-grounds to Diepkloof.

- (2) As a result of insufficient information in the application, the Magistrate of Johannesburg referred it back to the applicants for further particulars. As a result of an

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announcement by the Minister of Law and Order that a restriction on the holding of protest marches was envisaged, the organisers cancelled the march and the application was not taken further.

(3) and (4) *(344)*

The Police do not have such a policy. The decision on whether a march may or may not be held, is the responsibility of the relevant local authority and magistrate of the area. It is the task of the South African Police to maintain law and order during legal marches. If an illegal march takes place, it is also the task of the Police

to take the necessary steps to enforce the law.

SAP: recruits/resignations

*8. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) In respect of the latest specified 6-month period for which information is available, (a) how many recruits joined the Police Force and (b) how many members of each specified rank resigned from the Force;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) South African Police
Municipal Police
Police Assistants
TOTAL

9 146
335
3 740
13 221

(b) Lieutenant-General
Major-General
Brigadier

2

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End of National Service

Constable

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Student

Resignation

Medically unfit

End of National Service

Discharges and resignations

POLICE ASSISTANTS

TOTAL

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2 891

(2) The statistics apply in respect of the period 1 October 1990 until 27 March 1991.

The numerical strength of the South African Police increased by 10 330 during this period.

The increase can be attributed to improved salaries and allowances since 1 July 1990 and an intensified recruitment drive currently being conducted by the South African Police. The increasing of the Police's manpower is aimed at establishing a larger police presence in all communities, rendering a more efficient service and through pro-active policing, preventing the alarming incidence of crime in the RSA.

*9. Mr D H M Gibson—Constitutional Development. [Withdrawn.]

NP banquet: finance

*10. Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister for Economic Co-ordination and Public Enterprises:†

- (1) Whether he will furnish information on whether any representatives of State enterprises, semi-State enterprises, commercialised State enterprises or privatised State enterprises or corporations, excluding senior officials of Transnet, attended a banquet which was presented by the Johannesburg region of the National Party on 3 October 1990 and to which he referred in his reply to Question No 3 on 30 April 1991; if not, why not; if so, on behalf of what enterprises or corporations did they attend the banquet;
- (2) whether the enterprises or corporations concerned financed tables at this banquet; if so, (a) what was the highest finance cost paid by one of these enterprises or corporations and (b) on behalf of what enterprise or corporation was this amount paid?

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Own Affairs:

White children: identification

*1. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

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Orange Farm settlement camp

*11. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:

- (a) What is the estimated (i) adult and (ii) child population of the Orange Farm settlement camp and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

(a) The approximate figures are

(i) adults : 22 440

(ii) children : 56 100

(b) April 1991.

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AWB stands up to the weak at Goedgevonden

8 May 21/5/91
"EIE VOLK, EIE LAND" greets you as you enter the Wild West Transvaal backwater of Ventersdorp. The AWB slogan is disturbingly reminiscent of Hitler's glorious motto "Ein Volk, ein Land, ein Führer" as it flaps on its flag in the dry winter breeze. The bakkies and their bellied occupants float past regardless.

Ventersdorp is not the best place to challenge the land distribution laws of the apartheid system. Headquarters of the AWB, and home to Eugene Terre'Blanche, it doesn't look like a bastion of reason and liberality.

But Goedgevonden, the government-owned farm which has recently witnessed pitched battles between angry farmers and the dispossessed, and between Boer and Boer when the security forces tried to stop them, lies 12km north of Ventersdorp.

Isolated

Behind a sign pointing, incorrectly, to a farm called Zwartkoppens, there stretches a dusty driveway leading to a barbed wire fence and now a dusty policeman.

He is there because many of Goedgevonden's former occupants, forcibly removed to a farm in Bophuthatswana 13 years ago, came "home" on April 9, and are now isolated on the farm.

It was here at the farm gates last Wednesday that a congregation of diplomats, churchmen and politicians gathered, together with the spiders, lizards and the rotting carcass of a large dead bird, to show their "concern" for the new inhabitants of the farm.

The 60-strong urban delegation was met on the other side of the closed gate by a reinforced group of dusty policemen and

two armed officials who said they were from the Agriculture Department.

The dirty, scrawny, desperately poor and desperately determined Goedgevonden people — commonly referred to as "squatters", although the land was granted to them in 1947 by the SA Development Trust only to be swept away from them 30 years later — gathered.

Prayers and speeches and calls for help were conducted over the barbed wire fence, under the relentless blue sky.

Bishop of Krugersdorp David Nkwe led the prayers; ANC representatives let out the cries (Viva ANC, SACP, Slovo, Mandela and Umkhonto we Sizwe; Down with the AWB lunatics).

Whatever the rights and wrongs of land distribution — and obviously simply grabbing land back from the "white oppressors" will cause more problems than it will solve — few could survive such traumas mentally intact.

None of the scrawny young men at Goedgevonden would last one round with an AWB trooper. The crowd consisted abundantly of astonishingly withered old men and plainly dressed young girls with only fear and wariness in their eyes where there should have been youth. Such is the army the brave AWB has chosen to fight.

It looks like the people of Goedgevonden will never win. If the court decides on May 28 that they are there unlawfully, then presumably we will see a forced removal in 1991. If it doesn't, the AWB has vowed to do the job itself.

In which case only the SA Police will stand between the Boere and the people of Goedgevonden.

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DARIUS SANAI

Assault: AWB boss in court

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. —
The leader of the De Aar
AWB, Mr D J Bothma, 28,
appeared in the town's
Magistrate's Court on
Tuesday on three counts
of assault.

His appearance is a se-
quel to an incident at the
De Aar municipal swim-
ming pool on January 12,
when three coloured
boys, aged between six
and eight, were alleged-
ly assaulted with a div-
ing snorkel, punched
and throttled. All three
children received minor
injuries.

Mr Bothma pleaded
not guilty to all three
counts. He did not give
an explanation of plea.

The evidence of three
witnesses, including a
doctor, was heard before
the case was adjourned
to July 11. Mr Bothma
was released on his own
recognisances.

Farmers plan mass protest

Staff Reporters and
Pretoria Correspondent

Disgruntled farmers are expected to launch protest actions countrywide today in opposition to the Government's White Paper on Land Reform.

A group calling itself Akse Eie Grond (Action Own Land) has called on farmers and other interested parties to assemble in towns and cities throughout SA.

The Government's White Paper on Land Reform will be symbolically burnt as part of the protest action, according to sources in the farming community.

The farmers are also aim-

ing to pressure the Government into calling a referendum on the issue.

Right-wing farmers were tightlipped about today's protest.

However, it is understood that farmers planned to move into a number of Transvaal and Free State towns last night.

Major-General Tom Erasmus, regional commissioner of police for the Free State, said protest actions, entailing the burning of the White Paper and the building of rock piles, were being planned in at least 21 towns.

He called on residents of these towns not to confront the farmers, adding that police were on standby.

Businessmen in several Free State towns have been warned to close their businesses for the duration of the farmers' protests, according to reports.

News of today's action was first announced at a farmers' meeting in Pretoria last Friday under the auspices of the Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU), when support for the action was adopted in a motion.

At the same meeting it became evident that today's action was likely to be only the first of more sustained protests by white farmers opposed to land being obtained and worked by blacks.

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the plaintiffs amend their claims in all 37
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The hearing continues. — Sapa.

White teenagers guilty of brutal assault on passerby

by SUSAN RUSSELL

THREE teenagers who fatally assaulted a black man on a Krugersdorp street were convicted of culpable homicide in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The three, aged 15, 16, and 17 at the time, assaulted Patrick Butinyane Matlhole on February 17 last year.

They are all minors and may not be identified. They pleaded not guilty to murdering Matlhole, who was with

Ida Sithole when the three attacked him in what the judge called a brutal assault.

The three said they had been to a party and had drunk strong liquor before going to sleep at the home of one of the teenagers' grandmothers.

They told the court Matlhole was making a noise arguing with Sithole and they told him to be quiet. They denied they had intended to assault Matlhole.

Mr Justice B O'Donovan said the three had made a bad impression. However, he accepted they had consumed strong liquor on the night of the attack.

He found the State had not proved necessary intent to commit murder.

Despite their youth the court found them guilty of culpable homicide. The trial was postponed to June 11.

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Tukkies restrict right-wing bodies

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PRETORIA. — Two rightwing organisations at the University of Pretoria have had their activities curtailed following a decision by the Student Representative Council (SRC).

The announcement made at a mass student meeting yesterday, comes after weeks of deliberation as to what steps would be taken against those organisations that disrupted the Mandela meeting on campus on April 29.

The SRC said that as from today the public activities of the Afrikaner Studentefront and CP-Tuks would be banned until the end of the SRC's term of office in August.

The banning includes the distribution of pamphlets and posters, the right to invite speakers on campus, the setting up of information desks and any Press and TV coverage initiated by the two organisations.

Internal organisation will still be allowed to continue. — Own Correspondent.

Gunmen massacre beerhall patrons

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
and Sapa

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Five people died and 18 were seriously injured after two men armed with AK-47 rifles fired on about 100 people in a beerhall in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, last night.

Four people were killed instantly and another died later in Sebokeng Hospital.

The men stormed into the Kouperasie Beerhall at

about 7 pm, sprayed the crowded room with bullets and fled in a car.

The owner of the establishment, Bernard Motsapi, said that at about 7.10 pm a guard tried to prevent several men from entering when he saw they were wearing balaclavas.

"Within minutes, we heard shooting. I ran out of my office and saw the gunmen spraying the patrons with

their automatic weapons. Everyone in the building scattered..." he said.

A local ANC official said some patrons had noted the registration number of the vehicle used by the culprits.

Police said some of the injured were transferred to Vereeniging Hospital.

A Sebokeng Hospital spokesman said all the injured were in a serious or very serious condition.

AWB man charged for pool assault

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — The leader of the De Aar AWB, Mr D J Bothma, 28, appeared in the town's Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, on three counts of assault.

His appearance follows an incident at the De Aar municipal swimming pool on January 12, when three coloured boys, aged between six and eight, were allegedly assaulted with a diving snorkel, punched and throttled. All three children allegedly received minor injuries.

Mr Bothma pleaded not guilty to all three counts. He did not give an explanation of plea.

The evidence of three witnesses was heard before the case was postponed to July 11. Mr Bothma was released on his own recognisances.

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New probe into CCB

STEVE McQUILLAN

Weekend Argus Correspondent

CRIMINAL activities of the disgraced Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) are being investigated by a legal task force headed by the Attorney-General of the Western Cape.

And, Weekend Argus has learned, the dossier of wide-ranging inquiries may lead to charges being laid in connection with numerous crimes including murder, terrorism, sabotage, attempted murder, conspiracy to murder, theft, corruption and malicious damage to property.

Among the crimes involved is the assassination of Johannesburg academic Dr David Webster. Charges of murder may soon be laid.

A number of CCB commanders and agents could be prosecuted as a result of the investigation, which is placing particular emphasis on evidence of conspiracy.

Confirming that the investigation was under way, Attorney-General Niel Rossouw said his inquiries were sensitive and fraught with difficulty.

"But we have opened dockets in relation to the activities of the CCB and our investigation is continuing," he said. "Rest assured, if the evidence is there, charges will follow — and it doesn't matter how high up the ladder we go."

'Prosecutions will follow'

Sources said it was almost inevitable the investigation, sooner or later, would lead to a clash between the AG's office and the generals of SA Defence Force, whose Special Forces created the CCB.

The CCB and, by implication the SADF, already stands accused of failing to co-operate with official inquiries.

The CCB was headed by "chairman" General Eddie Webb. Under him was "managing director" Colonel Joe Verster.

Asked whether his team was looking at the death of Dr Webster, Mr Rossouw said allegations regarding the CCB's involvement had been put before the Harms Commission and every lead would be followed. "If we get the evidence, prosecutions will follow."

Mr Rossouw, who started his inquiry three months ago, said that because of the complexity of the investigation he could not guarantee charges

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Call for probe of 'state role' in violence

02 25/5/90 From PATRICK COLLINGS

PRETORIA. — Institutions monitoring township violence yesterday called for the creation of independent bodies to investigate allegations of state involvement in the spiralling violence.

Speaking at the government-initiated peace summit on violence, the organisations said the police had lost virtually all credibility following numerous reports of their involvement in township violence.

The executive director of the South African Institute of Race Relations, Mr John Kane-Berman, said an investigating body should be established to separate "propaganda from fact" and take severe disciplinary action against offending security force members.

He said the composition of the body would have to

command the confidence of "all the main black political organisations".

The national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, went further and suggested the introduction of a United Nations peacekeeping force as an "extreme measure" to end the violence which has claimed more than 10 000 lives since September 1984.

His suggestion was met by jeers from fellow delegates, who twice earlier had interrupted him when he presented affidavits alleging police involvement in the May 12 massacre of Swanieville squatters.

Mr Currin, the only delegate to face jeers, later said he believed they had originated from KwaZulu and National Party delegates.

After the third disruption, Mr Currin paused to say that people could laugh, but "that is my view and I

respect yours.

He expanded on his proposal for a United Nations peacekeeping force, saying if that was unacceptable then serious consideration should be given to the establishment of "a completely new peacekeeping force" comprising all South Africans.

He said the force "should be born out of discussions and negotiations with all the relevant political groupings in this country".

Earlier, Mr Currin urged President F W de Klerk to "give serious consideration" to the formation of a judicial committee of inquiry into state violence.

Democratic Party constitutional chairman Dr Denis Worrall told delegates that violence could best be contained by the establishment of national, regional and community level anti-violence task groups.

Squatters' fate pending

C/P News 26/5/91

By DAN DHLAMINI

SEVEN squatters occupying Goedgevonden farm near Ventersdorp — the scene of violent confrontation between rightwingers and squatters recently — appeared in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court this week charged with trespassing.

Roseline Mokoena, 64, Elizabeth Molefe, 65; Sarah Tekane, 45; John Mohosi, 55; Aaron Kgampepe, 58; Lettie Jakobi, 66 and Lizzy Segopolo, 56, appeared before magistrate PJC van Wyk.

They were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to June 17.

They face trespassing charges following com-

plaints by neighbouring white farmers after a community of 400 moved onto Goedgevonden.

They were forcibly removed from the farm 13 years ago and dumped at Vrissgewacht in Bophuthatswana.

A second case brought against the squatters by farmers who leased Goedgevonden farm from the government for grazing, will be heard in the Pretoria Supreme court on Tuesday.

Both parties are eagerly awaiting the outcome of this case.

A group of 2 000 white farmers moved on to Goedgevonden farm two weeks and tried to evict the squatters. Police were called in and fired on the

farmers, wounding two.

Several blacks were also injured.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'blanche had earlier been threatening at public meetings that if the government did not move the squatters, the AWE would.

In another development this week, 11 Tshing township residents appeared before magistrate PJC van Wyk, charged with public violence and intimidation.

Godfrey Morake, 24; John Motlhajwa, 28; Piet Tseladimmetlwa, 20; Gift Mokoena, 19; and seven youths aged between 15 and 16 had their case postponed to June 3.

The four men were released on bail and the seven youths released into the custody of their parents.

There were emotional scenes outside the court where several shack dwellers attending the trial still bore the scars of their clash with the farmers.

One of the victims, Simon Nchabe, said he had come to court to see if Terre'blanche — who is alleged to have assaulted 70-year-old William Mashia — would appear. But no whites were charged.

A spokesman at the Attorney General's office, J Pienaar, said the City Press inquiry about Terre'blanche's case had been received and would be attended to this week.

'Wit Wolf' to be released?

JOHANNESBURG. —

16/5/82
The President's advisory committee for the release of political prisoners has asked lawyers for motivations for the release of mass murderer Barend "Wit Wolf" Strydom.

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Strydom's eight death sentences were recently reduced to life imprisonment in an amnesty granted by President F W de Klerk.

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Strydom submitted political reasons when applying for the amnesty.

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"I am satisfied it is being given urgent attention," Mr Scheepers said.

State KTC lawyers got R5,3m

By BARRY STREEK

THE government paid R5,3 million to four advocates who appeared in the KTC court case in which 3 220 victims of "witdoek" violence claimed R5,1 million from the police, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok disclosed yesterday.

The fees paid to these four individuals who served as counsel were "staggeringly high", said DP caucus chairman Mr Colin Eglin.

Mr Eglin also said he would certainly be putting more questions in Parliament about the matter.

"This appears to be a case that should be referred to the Cape Bar Council, particularly in view of the large amount of taxpayers' money involved," he added.

The case was settled, after more than two years of evidence, when the state agreed to pay R2 million to The KTC Relief Fund. The fund was established to undertake community development projects and make *ex gratia* payments to people who had suffered losses in the violence of May and June 1986.

Mr Vlok, who was replying to a question tabled by Mr Eglin, said two senior advocates who appeared for the police were paid R1 810 956,39 and R1 272 046.

The two junior advocates were paid R1 109 509,78 and R1 070 987,20 in the cases of the Methodist Church in Africa vs the Minister of Law and Order and P N Mzamka and 20 Others vs the Minister of Law and Order.

These were agreed test cases for the claims of the 3 220 KTC residents and lasted, with some breaks,

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from September 1987 to February 1990. (344)
● Advocates Mr Charles Louw, Mr G D Griesel, Mr L Visser and Mr Fritz Brand appeared for the minister.

Last night Mr Louw and Mr Griesel refused to comment. Mr Brand was appointed an acting judge last week.

Mr Wilf Thring, chairman of the Cape Bar Council, said he did not wish to comment at this stage.

● The four-man legal team who represented the KTC squatters were paid about R1 million.

Fees paid to attorney's and advocates appearing for the police and Defence Force have come under fire recently:

● In March, the R3,5 million paid to lawyers representing police and defence force members before the Harms Commission was also criticised in Parliament.

Senior advocate Mr L Visser also represented police in this hearing.

● This week three Pretoria advocates who appeared for the state in cases against members of the CCB had their fees slashed by more than 80%.

The three advocates, who submitted a combined bill of R171 780, now face investigation by the Pretoria Bar Council.

● Last month the Cape Bar Council postponed an inquiry into the conduct of two senior Cape advocates who allegedly suggested to a client that he should pay them a R600 000 retainer. (29/5/91)

Consumer boycott may start next week

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

A MEETING of community, labour and political organisations in Mahwelereng, near Potgietersrus, has resolved to embark on a consumer boycott of white shops in the town from June 15.

The meeting, convened by Azapo and attended by ANC, Cosatu, Nactu, commerce organisation and civic association, strongly condemned the random assaults on black people in town last Thursday by AWB members after the farmers march in the town.

Several people were seriously injured and many workers were allowed to go home early after news of the beatings spread around the small town.

Racist

The rightwing whites also distributed racist pamphlets stating that the whites found black people dying of diseases and walking around naked, killing each other.

They said they had found blacks starving and had developed farms to feed them.

Other rightwing whites on Saturday went about threatening to kill black people in the streets of the town, declaring that any black person found after 12 noon would be assaulted and killed.

The meeting of organisations resolved to call a community meeting on Friday to ratify the decision of the boycott, which was initiated by Azapo following the detention of BCM activists and their alleged torture by police.

The boycott is to press for the release of detainees and political prisoners, and to call for the resignation of the Government. A spokesman for the Consumer Boycott Committee formed at the meeting, Mr Tsoaledi Thobejane, said yesterday that the Friday meeting would be held at the community hall and would start at 2pm.

ANC claims third break-in attempt

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A third attempted break-in into the offices of the ANC in Frederick Street, Johannesburg, has been made, the ANC claims.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Gill Marcus said security personnel detected two white alleged burglars, dressed in military or police camouflage uniform at the ANC's offices early yesterday morning.

The men sped off in two vehicles, a van and a private vehicle, after being spotted by ANC security guards, Ms Marcus said.

"From the nature of their actions we have formed the distinct impression that the operation was aimed at a revenge killing of our security personnel in view of the recent shooting of an intruder by our security guard early this month.

"What is more worrisome is the police's lack of vigilance after the last attempts to break into these offices.

"We are concerned by this kind of action following threats

received by our security personnel," Ms Marcus said.

In the last break-in three weeks ago a 21-year-old white intruder was shot dead by an ANC security guard.

His accomplice ran away and has not been arrested. An inquest docket has been opened by police.

In an earlier burglary at the same building, a notebook and two laptop computers were stolen.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Dave Bruce said police could not investigate the allegations unless the ANC reported the matter to the police.

"It is a pity that the allegation is made to the media via a Press statement. The statement, which is not substantiated, appears to be another attempt to implicate the security forces.

"The ANC is invited to report the matter to the police and the police will commence investigations as was done in the previous matter," Major Bruce said.

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Burglars 'were after revenge'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC believe the "white burglars dressed in army/police camouflage" who tried to break into their offices early yesterday had planned to carry out a revenge killing on security personnel, who weeks earlier had killed a burglar at the offices.

Police said the matter had not been reported to them.

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Comrades runner 'beaten by police'

14/6/91

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The chairman of Magnolia Road Runners' Club has demanded a public apology from two policemen who allegedly assaulted Comrades Marathon runner Petrus Muthotho.

This follows the incident on Friday night when Mr Muthotho, 34, was allegedly accused of stealing a silver medal and beaten up in a toilet at Moot police station.

The policemen apparently did not believe Mr Muthotho's explanation that he had won

the medal by finishing 210th in his first Comrades two weeks ago.

Mr Leon Swanepoel, chairman of the club to which Mr Muthotho belongs, today called for a thorough investigation and public apology from the police, adding that he would seek legal advice if the club committee approved of this.

"We cannot have this sort of thing when we are trying to get back into international athletics.

"Apartheid laws are going, but the people of South Africa must rid their minds of discrimination.

"This (incident) is in total contrast to what is happening in South Africa," said Mr Swanepoel.

Police have undertaken to investigate the matter.

Mr Muthotho said yesterday that the real trouble began when he tried to write down the police van's registration number.

"After searching and questioning me and throwing my medal on the ground, the policemen told me to leave.

"However, when I tried to write down the number, which was then covered up by one of them, the other one threw me into the van."



Picture: PATRICIA HAGEN.

SPOILS OF VICTORY: Petrus Muthotho shows the medal which turned his moment of glory into a bitter affair.

Pretoria pupil assaulted for crumpling right-wing pamphlet

ARGUS 19/6/91

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A pupil at Hoerskool Die Wilgers was allegedly assaulted outside the school after discarding a pamphlet opposing the result of the school's vote to change its admissions policy.

The pamphlet handed to the boy accused the school of "rigging" their election to become a Model B school.

A parent who witnessed the event, and who wished not to be named, said the man who was distributing the leaflets, gave one to the pupil who crumpled it up and discarded it. The man then charged the boy and allegedly slapped him in the face.

The man, who has one child at

the school, said he "maybe touched the boy, maybe not".

"There were a couple of boys who were either Standard 9 or matric pupils who were challenging me by crumpling up the leaflets and I lost my temper. One of the boys turned his back on me and I put my arm out. Maybe I touched him, maybe not.

"To say I deliberately hit him is a lie," he said.

He said he was then approached by a parent who started shouting: "Hit me, Hit me."

The parent who witnessed the incident expressed disgust that the man had denied the assault.

"There were three ladies waiting at the school and we saw the boy beaten about the head at

least three times. I blew my hooter to draw attention to the scene and afterwards the ladies all said how shocked they had been at this man's behaviour."

Mr Dave le Roux, deputy headmaster of the school, said he was not aware of the incident but "would look into the matter".

In the pamphlet, the man claims only 75 percent of the parents voted, and of that 75 percent, only 71,52 percent voted in favour of Model B.

In the rules laid down by the Minister of Education and Culture Mr Piet Clase, to implement Model B, at least 80 percent of the parent body must vote with at least 72 percent in favour of changing the admissions policy.

Life in balance, police on hold

Star 15/6/91

Suspect is known but no arrest yet

AN unidentified black man is at death's door in Krugersdorp's Leratong Hospital after he was savagely beaten last Friday night by a Florida resident for allegedly exposing himself to a white woman while urinating.

Docket

Police have not arrested the suspect who allegedly assaulted him but they have opened a docket of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, said a police spokesman yesterday.

"We have not arrested the suspect as we know who he is, his place of residence and place of work.

"In normal police procedures we question the suspect and witnesses, compile facts and then, if the injured man does not recover, we present this docket to the Attorney General," said the police spokesman.

The spokesman said they

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had not yet established the comatose man's identity.

Sapa journalist Jan de Koning was on his way home in Horison, on the West Rand, when he spotted the injured man lying in a pool of blood, his head on the pavement and his feet in the street near the Florida railway station.

A friend who was with the injured man told Mr de Koning how he and his friend had been walking in the street when he stopped to urinate.

A white man then came out of a flat near the street and beat him unconscious after accusing him of exposing himself to his wife.

Mr de Koning himself was nearly assaulted by white occupants of the flat

when he tried to rescue the badly injured man.

He was laughed at by flat residents when he asked them to call an ambulance. He then ran to a nearby house and asked a woman there to call an ambulance.

Admission

A white man later came out of the flat and admitted that he had assaulted the man after he saw him urinating on the pavement and exposing himself to his wife.

An ambulance finally arrived to take the injured man to hospital.

Mr de Koning said he decided to take the man's friend from the scene as he feared he too would be assaulted and took him to the hospital.

He later made a statement at the Florida police station and they are investigating the case.

● Our Crime Staff reports that police are investigating the cold-blooded shooting for no apparent reason of a man in Victory Park, Johannesburg on Monday.

The dead man — identified only as P R Gawoutlivewe by police — was walking with two other men when a white Golf with three male occupants stopped nearby in Nondag Road, a police spokesman said.

Two of the men got out of the car and started shooting at Mr Gawoutlivewe and his friends.

He was wounded in the neck and died in hospital.

White vigilantes attack squatters at school

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believed that they had occupied the school legally since empty classrooms were "rented out" to them by a black supervisor employed by the Transvaal Education Department.

A court case is pending over a T.E.D. interdict to have the squatters evicted.

They can effectively stay on until tomorrow, when the outcome of the case is expected.

The NP's management committee chairman in the Germiston City Council, Leon Louw, said he had received a call from a CP supporter a week ago complaining about the squatters

at the school.

Mr Louw said the woman, who identified herself, had said people in the area were bitterly unhappy about the situation.

"The problem will be resolved in a lawful way and we don't need trouble-makers from outside coming here and behaving in such a despicable manner," Mr Louw told The Star.

Yesterday, witnesses told The Star how terrified women, clad only in their night clothes, had jumped out of windows in fear of the menacing men.

Oupa Ngutshwane (25), one of the injured, said he had been about to sit down with friends

and neighbours for a braai when he heard a sound outside his door.

"As I opened the door to investigate, I was struck in the face and at the same time a group of about 20 sjambok-wielding white men stormed the room and immediately went on the attack.

"One of the attackers shouted: 'Get out, this is not Mandela's place, he did not give you permission to come and stay in town'.

"My wife, who is pregnant, was hit on the thighs and on the body. My eight-year-old sister was also hit in the body dur-

ing the pandemonium," Mr Ngutshwane said.

Lillian Mhlango (29), the mother of a one-month-old infant, said she had been in bed when she heard a noise outside. She was forced to get out of bed by flying pieces of glass as windows were smashed.

"We spent the whole night in the cold night outside, huddled together in darkness and fearing to go back to our sleeping places."

One of the injured, Winnie Makhaula, a mother of two, said she had not gone to hospital for treatment because she did not have the R15 required there.

Whites attack squatters

By Anna Louw and Montshiwa Moroke

Several squatters, including children and an eight-month pregnant woman, were injured when white vigilantes attacked them with sjamboks and iron bars at a disused Germiston school on Saturday night.

Police said the group, believed to be extreme right-wingers, struck shortly before midnight at the old Goe-dehoop School in the East Rand town.

The 26-year-old pregnant woman, and a 22-year-old man who was attacked with a panga, have been admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital.

Police are investigating four charges of assault and malicious damage to property after a car parked on the premises was damaged.

The assailants, carrying sjamboks and torches, arrived at the school in four cars of which the registrations have been traced to Krugersdorp, Randfontein, Orkney and Kempton Park.

No arrests have been made.

The attack took place in the build-up to a municipal by-election in Germiston's Ward 13 next month. The school is situated in Pirrowville, a sub-economic area which falls in Ward 13.

The election in the National Party-held ward is expected to be fiercely contested by the Conservative Party.

Ironically, the squatters

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Whites attack squatters

SQUATTERS who had received permission by court order to remain on the premises of the old Goedehoop High School in Railway Street, Germiston, not later than June 4, were on Saturday night set upon by a group of white people armed with sjamboks and knobkerries.

The SAP liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Lt. Vickus Weber, said yesterday the incident took place between 11pm and midnight.

"A group of white people invaded this squatter camp and assaulted the residents with sjamboks and knobkerries," Weber said.

By the time the police arrived, the attackers had already left the scene. Squatters rejected ambulances and went to hospital with their own transport.

Criminal dockets have been opened.

"The situation is pretty calm at present," Weber said.

— Sapa.

De Klerk 'snub' angers Transvaal farmers

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — President F.W. de Klerk has angered the Transvaal Agricultural Union (TAU) by failing to respond to an "urgent" request for face-to-face discussions on the scrapping of the 1913 and 1936 Land Acts.

A TAU spokesman said that as legislation to repeal the Acts was now before Parliament, there was little point discussing the "extremely urgent" issue with De Klerk.

Officials of TAU would discuss what further action to take to underline the union's opposition to removal of the two Acts.

Meanwhile, follow-up action to the recent symbolic burning of govern-

ment's White Paper on land reform in various parts of the Transvaal plateau is expected.

Sapa reports that in a week of acrimonious debate, seven CP MPs were ordered out of Parliament for calling NP Members and Ministers treasonous. The Members were suspended from Parliament when they were "named" by the Speaker.

This bars a Member from the precincts of Parliament for five days.

In what soon appeared to be deliberate strategy on the part of the CP, three of the party's MPs were named

on Wednesday.

Four more were named on Thursday — Moolman Mentz (Ermelo), Casper Uys (Barberton), Fanie van Vuuren (Ventersdorp) and Louis Stofberg (Sasolburg).

Towards the end of the debate, CP leader Andries Treurnicht said any group that turned their own people's land into everybody's land was guilty of treason.

Questioned by the Speaker, Treurnicht said it was not calculated disrespect to the Chair. He did not wish to draw his words. Instead of suspending Treurnicht, the Speaker said he would make a ruling today.

Whites in attack on squatters

CT 3/6/91
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Police said the incident took place between 11pm and midnight.

A spokesman said yesterday that by the time the police arrived at the scene, the attackers had already left. The police contacted the ambulance service.

Criminal dockets have been opened and the matter is being investigated.

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'Whites³⁴⁴ in khaki³¹⁰ beat up Sowetan 3/6/91 squatters

By DON SEOKANE

A GROUP of about 40 whites armed with sjamboks and knobkerries allegedly attacked squatters living in a disused school in Germiston.

At least 11 people, eight women and three men, were injured, none of them seriously, during the attack at Goedehoop High School in Railway Street on Saturday night.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Vickus Weber said the squatters refused to be transported to hospital by ambulance and used their "own transport" apparently because they were very upset and did not want anything to do with whites.

He said the victims were later discharged from hospital.

Weber said the squatters had obtained a court order giving them permission to stay on the school premises until June 4.

The attack occurred between 11pm and midnight when a group of khaki-clad whites allegedly invaded the school and assaulted the residents with sjamboks and knobkerries.

"When police arrived the attackers had already left but they have car registration numbers," Weber said.

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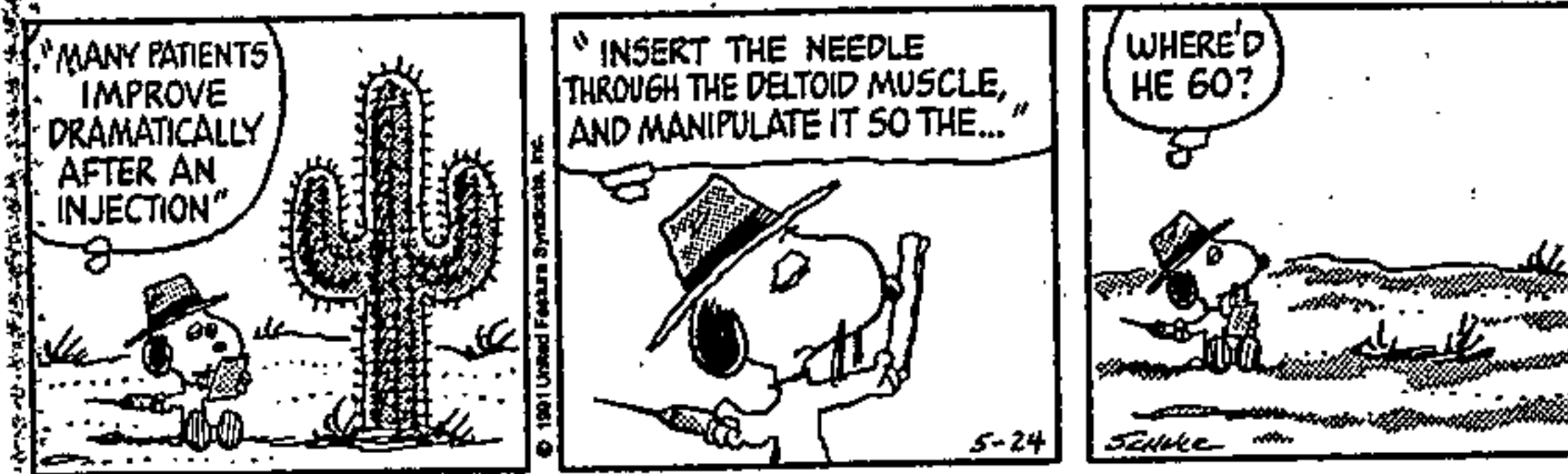
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By Charles Schulz



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Assault case against AWB men dropped

Sowetan 6/6/91
THE case against 14 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging men alleged to have assaulted black children in Louis Trichardt last November has been withdrawn and the men released.

In a dramatic turn-about in a case that raised much anger in the black community and led to a consumer boycott of the town, magistrate Mr WJ Fourie last week ordered that charges against the men be dropped.

The men, whose first appearance in court in December was attended by AWB leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche and Conservative Party MPs, had made six appearances before the withdrawal order.

Their attorney, Mr Olaf de Meyer, had argued that the case be dropped because it was dragging on too long while the Attorney-

By MATHATHA
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General was deciding whether to proceed with charges.

Fourie had made a ruling that a postponement in March would be the last one.

Senior prosecutor Mr HJ Viljoen said yesterday that the withdrawal was "provisional".

He said the case might be reopened when the Attorney-General reached a decision.

The men - Mr Lucas Beyers (31), Mr Barend Jordaan (24), Mr Jeff Scullard (38), Mr Willem Schaap (31), Mr Christoffel Wolfaardt (45), Mr Gerhardus van der Linde (25), Mr Barend Terblanche (48), Mr Stefanus Jacobs (40), Mr Jan Beyers (no age given), Mr Phillip Terblanche (43), Mr Albertus Pretorius (20), Mr Johan Nagel (23), Mr Ignatius Terblanche and Mr Johan Frederik Kruger (27) -

were accused of assaulting Sunday school children who were picnicking in a park in Louis Trichardt.

Five-year-old children were beaten with sjamboks, fan belts, sticks and bitten by dogs.

Public *Sowetan* worker

THE National Union of Public Workers holds its first national congress from tomorrow.

The theme of the conference will be held at the Roman Catholic Centre in Saratoga Street, Doornburg, Johannesburg, is "NUPSW challenges".

Azapo president Mr Nefolovhodwe will be the guest of honour. Other guests will come from 100 unions in Africa.

The congress will look at the role of NUPSW the biggest union in the public sector and to redouble the fight against privatisation of the public sector, particularly health care.

AWB leader vows to sue police 364

Star 7/16/91
AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche says he will sue Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and the police for wrongful arrest.

Mr TerreBlanche and Piet "Skiet" Rudolph were arrested on April 6 on Church Square in Pretoria when they disobeyed police orders to vacate the area.

The ANC had organ-

ised a march on that day from Church Square to the Union Buildings.

Mr TerreBlanche said he and Mr Rudolph were guarding the statue of Paul Kruger in case it should be defaced, when they were arrested.

Mr TerreBlanche and Mr Rudolph subsequently appeared three times in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on charges

of obstructing the police. At their last appearance yesterday, the charges were dropped.

Twelve members of the AWB and the Orde Boerevolk also had charges of interfering with police duties at the same ANC march withdrawn yesterday on the instruction of the Attorney-General. — Pretoria Bureau, Sapa.

Beware the 'volk' warns AWB man

Sowetan 7/6/77
A REVOLUTION far greater than those in France and Russia awaits the "new South Africa" should the "Boerevolk" be left in the cold, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging spokesman Mr Piet Rudolph said this week.

Addressing about 400 rightwingers at an AWB meeting in the Far East Rand town of Nigel on Wednesday night,

Rudolph warned in an emotional speech that skin colour would be the final factor in the revolution.

"The Boerevolk will never surrender to a one-party state dominated by blacks and communists," he said.

Onslaught

He called on all whites to join hands and "fight the communist onslaught on our beloved fatherland".

"I want to tell you tonight, Mr

de Klerk, that we, the Boerevolk, want our own land where we can live in freedom and peace, or else we will be forced to fight for what is rightfully ours," Rudolph said.

He predicted that there would never be another white election as the "Nationalist Government has already handed over power to the ANC and SACP".

"When the Government abdicates, the same will happen to our police force and army. One cannot even begin to imagine the chaos

that will follow.

"It would be better for me to be locked up in jail for 30 years in the name of freedom, than serving even one day under a 'k....' government.

"This great land of ours is heading for a tragic downfall and I see another Blood River coming. The Boerevolk should take hands and stand together in the fight for freedom or else we will go the same way as whites elsewhere in Africa. - Sapa.

Brutal attack ^{star 8/6/91}

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white occupants of the flat to call an ambulance, they laughed at him. He then ran to a nearby house and asked a woman in the house to call an ambulance.

A white man later came out of the flat and admitted he had assaulted the man after he urinated on the pavement and exposed himself to his wife. (344)

An ambulance later arrived and took the man to Leratong Hospital, near Krugersdorp.

Modesty's savage streak ^{star 8/6/91}

LIFE can be sickening on the Rand... a black man was savagely beaten and hospitalised last night for exposing himself to a white woman while he was urinating.

Another white woman on the scene told a Sapa journalist, who was trying to help the injured man: "Put him in a bag and send him to Mandela (ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela)."

Sapa journalist Jan de Koning was on his way home in Horison, on the West Rand, when he spotted an unidentified man lying in a pool of blood, his head on the pavement and his feet in the street, near the Florida railway station.

The man and a friend were walking

in the street and along the way he stopped to urinate, the friend told Mr de Koning. A white man then came out of a flat near the street and beat him unconscious. He accused him of exposing himself to his wife. (344)

The man, with blood running out of his nose and mouth, was left in the street. Mr de Koning himself was nearly assaulted by white occupants of the flat as he tried to rescue the badly injured man.

"With this kind of attitude we won't get anywhere in this country. We really don't want this kind of thing in our lives," Mr de Koning said.

When Mr de Koning later asked

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ANC break-ins still a mystery

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POLICE said this week that the recent break-ins at the ANC offices in Frederick Street could be politically motivated, but they could also be just ordinary burglaries.

Captain Eugene Opperman said the police had made no arrests in connection with the three attempted burglaries but were continuing their investigations.

He said that burglaries were common in central Johannesburg.

During one attempted burglary of the ANC offices on May 10 intruder Carle Nicolaas Roodt (21) was shot dead by a security guard. A video machine was found near his body.

On May 30 the ANC announced that there had been a third attempted burglary of its offices. ANC representative Gill Marcus said security personnel had detected two whites dressed in military or police camouflage uniform.

Front victim' to accused...

Squatter eviction followed attack

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

WHITES in camouflage attacked squatters at the derelict Goedehoop High School three days before they were evicted on Tuesday by the Germiston City Council.

The police were contacted during the midnight attack but arrived only when the attackers had left, according to squatter spokesman Piet Moloi.

He said the attack "must have been planned because the attackers came in a fleet of cars".

"They showed no mercy to any of us. Men, women and children were assaulted with sjamboks, knobkerries and iron bars."

He said that on the day of the attack the police had repeatedly driven in and out of the school yard.

The injured were treated at Germiston's Natalpruit Hospital and all were discharged the same night.

Moloi said Germiston council workers "evicted us by simply throwing our belongings into the street".

When City Press visited the squatters on Wednesday morning, their belongings were strewn all over Railway Street.

A police spokesman said an "early arrest" was expected.



ROAD TO NOWHERE ... Three days after an attack by camouflaged whites and one day after their eviction from the derelict Goedehoop High School by Germiston City Council workers, bewildered squatters and their belongings line Germiston's Railway Street. ■ PICI EVANS MBOWEN

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By DAN DHLAMINI

THE mystery of an assault charge laid against Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche by a 70-year-old farm labourer deepened this week when the Transvaal Attorney General referred the docket back to the Ventersdorp police.

Instead, the old man will now be charged with possession of dagga.

AG Don Brunette this week told City Press that he had sent the docket back to the police because he was not satisfied with aspects of the evidence.

Brunette would not elaborate on the evidence that did not satisfy him.

Terre'Blanche is alleged to have assaulted Klipplaatsdrift farm labourer William Mashia on March 9 after accusing him of stocktheft.

Mashia denies this, saying the trouble started when he refused to sell a goat to Terre'Blanche. He said he has not yet recovered from the assault.

He claimed Terre'Blanche had boasted that even if he reported the assault to the police, they would do nothing to him.

Mashia said he was arrested twice after laying the charge.

"I was arrested a day after making a statement, but was released after three days without being charged.

"Late last month five white policemen burst into my house while we were asleep and accused me of selling dagga," Mashia said.

He added that one of the younger policemen kept on asking him why he had laid a charge



William Mashia and the goat that caused all the trouble with Eugene Terre'Blanche.

against "baas Terre'Blanche". *City Press 9/6/91* Police Station.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden denied there was any reluctance on the part of the police to investigate Mashia's case.

Mashia's attorney Aubrey Khanyile however told City Press his client had been turned away from the police station when he first tried to lay an assault charge.

He said the case was only taken seriously after he had written a strong letter to the station com-

mander at Ventersdorp Police Station.

Khanyile will also defend Mashia in the alleged possession of dagga charge on Tuesday.

"My client is sickly at the moment and I have advised him to consult a doctor to check if he will be fit to stand trial. If he is not, I will ask for a postponement," he said.

Earlier Terre'Blanche reportedly denied assaulting Mashia.

He refused to grant City Press an interview.

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Six alleged AWB men held

Six men believed to be members of the AWB have been arrested by police in connection with an attack on squatters at the old Goedehoop School in Germiston last weekend. 5-10/6/91

The men, who come from Brakpan, Kempton Park, Boksburg, Krugersdorp and Johannesburg, were detained after police decided to investigate the registrations of the cars which transported the alleged attackers to the school on Saturday night.

They appeared briefly in the Germiston Magistrate's Court late on Friday.

The men were not asked to plead and the case was postponed until later this month. Bail was fixed at R200 each. — East Rand Bureau.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Right-wing extremists: police investigation

351. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police are carrying out ongoing investigations into right-wing extremist groups; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the nature of the task force involved, (b) how many persons have been allocated to this force, (c) what is the rank of the officer in charge, (d) in which region or regions is the task force situated, (e) when was it established and (f) what is the nature of the investigations they undertake;

(2) whether any arrests have been made as a result of the investigations undertaken by this task force; if so, (a) how many, (b) what are the names of the persons arrested, (c) what were the reasons for the arrest in each case and (d) on what date was each arrest made;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B942E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, not only regarding right-wing extremist groups, but also in respect of

extremist activities of all persons and groups.

(a) to (f)

The task force to which the hon member refers are investigation teams who are involved in all Police Regions in investigations which are indicative of extremist activities. The numerical strength of the investigation team is determined in accordance with the needs which are experienced in the various Regions.

The investigation team has been functioning since the seventies, and at present their activities are being co-ordinated by a brigadier at the South African Police Head Office in Pretoria.

(2) Yes.

(a) to (d)

Taking into account the many years which the investigation team members have been functioning, the hon member will understand that this information is not readily available.

To acquire this information would not only be extremely time-consuming, but would take place to the detriment of other more important duties. I can therefore unfortunately not supply the information which the hon member desires.

(3) No, except to say that the teams in question are extremely successful in their investigation of cases of this nature. Of the 23 bomb explosions for which right-wing extremist groups were responsible in 1990, 20 of the incidents were solved, i.e. 87%.

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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For written reply:

Own Affairs:

Administration: HoD: staff

41. Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of the Budget and Auxiliary Services:

With reference to his reply to Question No 21 on 14 May 1991 in connection with the personnel involved in the administration of each Department of the Administration: House of Delegates, what was the function and/or job description of each of the personnel listed in subparagraphs (b) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of the above reply?

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THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND AUXILIARY SERVICES:

The functions/job descriptions of the relevant personnel, per Department, are indicated hereunder:

(i) Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services (21 personnel)

(Cost: R1 496 300)

1 Minister

The following persons render administrative support services in the Ministry of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services:

1 Administrative Secretary

1 Private Secretary

1 Ministerial Typist

1 Secretary

1 Language Practitioner

1 Typist

1 Senior Provisioning Administration Clerk

1 Telephonist

1 General Assistant (Messenger)

The following persons render Management Services in the Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services:

1 Chief Director: Budgetary and Auxiliary Services

1 Director: Financial Management

1 Director: Personnel Management

1 Director: Administration

4 Secretaries are provided to these persons for the purposes of general secretarial and typing services.

In addition, the Director-General functions as the head of the Administration and Treasury Services are provided by a Director: Financial Administration. A Secretary is also provided to the Director-General.

(ii) Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

(a) Ministry of Housing (21 personnel)

(Cost: R1 320 300)

1 Minister

1 Deputy Minister

The following persons render administrative support services to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Housing:

2 Administrative Secretaries

2 Private Secretaries

3 Ministerial Typists

2 Assistant Private Secretaries

1 Driver

1 Parliamentary Officer

1 Assistant Parliamentary Officer

1 Public Relations Officer

The following persons render Management Services:

1 Director: Planning and Building Services

1 Director: Housing

1 Director: Development and Agriculture

3 Secretaries are provided to the Directors mentioned above for the purposes of general secretarial and typing services.

(b) Ministry of Local Government and Agriculture (10 personnel)

(Cost: R496 900)

1 Minister

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Treurnicht attacks reforms

PRETORIA. — The government's reform measures constituted an ultimatum to Afrikaners to "disappear in non-racialism or to get up and fight", Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said here yesterday.

He told a Republic Day gathering of 700 people at Wonderboom Nature Reserve: "We have made our choice."

If whites were worth their salt they would not allow themselves to be reduced to a minority of squatters under an ANC government, Dr Treurnicht added.

"There are a number of Rip van Winkles who are applauding a unitary state which will lead to black domination and hundreds of thousands of Afrikaners would have to wake up to prevent this," he said.

The government would commit treason if it turned white land to common property, Dr Treurnicht said, echoing remarks questioned by the Speaker in Parliament on Thursday. — Sapa

Vlok: Police task forces probe all extremist groups

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THE police had task forces in all police regions to investigate the activities of extremist groups, including right-wingers, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

These task forces investigated extremist activities of all people and groups, he said in reply to a question by Mr Tony Leon, DP Houghton.

The numerical strength of these investigation teams was determined by the needs in the various regions.

These teams had been functioning since the 1970s and at present their activities are co-ordinated by a brigadier at police headquarters in Pretoria.

Mr Vlok was asked if any right-wing extremists had been arrested as a result of investigations by this task force, and if so, how many, what their names were and on what dates had they been arrested.

He said that "taking into account the many years the teams have been functioning", this information was not readily available.

He would not make a statement on the issue "except to say that the teams are extremely successful in their investigation of cases of this nature".

"Of the 23 bomb explosions for which right-wing extremist groups were responsible in 1990, 20 had been solved — that is 87%," Mr Vlok said.

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Unidentified man
is critical after (344)
'exposure' assault

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Weekend Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — An unidentified black man is at death's door in Krugersdorp's Leratong Hospital after he was savagely beaten last Friday night by a Florida resident for allegedly exposing himself to a white woman while urinating.

Police have not however arrested the suspect who assaulted him but they have opened a docket of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, said a police spokesman yesterday.

"We have not arrested the suspect as we know who he is, his place of residence and place of work. In normal police procedures we question the suspect and witnesses, compile facts and then if the injured man does not recover we present this docket to the Attorney General," said the police spokesman.

The spokesman said they had

not yet established the comatose man's identity.

Sapa journalist Mr Jan de Koning was on his way home in Horison, on the West Rand, when he spotted the injured man lying in a pool of blood, his head on the pavement and his feet in the street near Florida railway station.

A friend who was with the injured man told Mr De Koning how he and his friend had been walking in the street when he stopped to urinate.

A white man then came out of a flat near the street and beat him unconscious after accusing him of exposing himself to his wife.

Mr De Koning himself was nearly assaulted by white occupants of the flat when he tried to rescue the badly injured man.

He was laughed at by flat residents when he asked them to call an ambulance.

Swaniesville 'thoroughly' investigated

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE police's alleged involvement in the murder of 26 people at the Swaniesville squatter camp on May 12 was still being thoroughly investigated, the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Johan Scheepers, said yesterday. Instructions had also been given for "department steps" to be taken against any member of the police force if it became clear that incorrect actions or a dereliction of duty had taken place, he told a meeting in Vryburg. However, Mr. Scheepers appealed to the

public and the media not to prejudice the outcome of the investigation.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, told Parliament last month that the police investigation was expected to be finalised "shortly".

The matter was being investigated thoroughly and urgently and almost 350 statements had already been taken, he said in reply to a question tabled by Mr. David Dalling (DP, Sandton).

Mr. Vlok said the investigation was concentrating on accusations of alleged aid by the

police to hostel-dwellers during the attack on squatters at Swaniesville and the attack by a group of people on residents.

But Mr. Dalling, the DP's justice spokesman, said at the time that the minister's response, which was read on his behalf by Mr. Scheepers, was "inadequate to say the least".

Mr. Dalling added: "Accusations implicating Inkatha members in these murders have been widely publicised.

"Police inactivity and possible collusion in these killings has come in for sharp criticism. "It is manifestly wrong for the minister to

appoint police officers to investigate serious allegations of misconduct which amount to criminality on behalf of the police.

"In this case it is not good enough for the police to investigate the police, and what is worse, do it outside the public eye.

"Nothing short of a full and independent judicial inquiry held in public will satisfy the public's demand to see that justice is done."

However, Mr. Scheepers said yesterday that steps instituted by the police emphasised the seriousness with which the complaints are being viewed.

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THREATS ... Mr. Eugene Terre'Blanche

ET threatens to have blacks sacked

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PRETORIA. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche yesterday threatened to have all blacks employed by right-wingers sacked unless the government and African National Congress acceded to his organisation's demands.

Mr Terre'Blanche told a news conference here that the AWB would approach all right-wing labour unions and organisations to sack "millions" of blacks in one day, unless the government agreed to listen to right-wingers' land demands and the ANC removed squatters around towns.

White pensioners and bankrupted farm-

ers would be given the vacated jobs, he said.

Asked how whites could fill the "millions" of vacancies, Mr Terre'Blanche said "whites had proven over and over they can perform more work than blacks".

Mr Terre'Blanche said that unless the government and ANC responded "immediately" — the latter by also ceasing its mass action, boycott and stayaway campaigns — the dismissals would take place "before the next harvest".

Stormvalk general Mr Pieter van Rooyen of Koster, resplendent in his uniform with red epaulettes, said he had devised a sys-

tem on his holding of farming without any black labour.

He had developed a unique system of fenced passages for his cattle which enabled him to herd the cattle on his own.

Mr Terre'Blanche said he did not fear he would "destroy the country by trying to save it".

He said: "If I give my country to the communists all of us will be unemployed or a part of the international communist system, then we will all go down the drain."

He declined to discuss the Goedgevoeden situation. — Sapa

AWB threat to fire 'millions' of blacks

AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging leader (AWB) Eugene Terre'Blanche has threatened to have all blacks employed by rightwingers sacked unless the government and the ANC accede to his organisation's demands.

Terre'Blanche told a news conference that in Pretoria the AWB would approach all rightwing labour unions and organisations to sack "millions" of blacks in one day, unless the government agreed to listen to rightwingers' land demands, and the ANC removed squatters around towns.

Unless the ANC "immediately" stopped its mass action, boycott and stayaway campaigns, the dismissals would take place "before the next harvest".

White pensioners and bankrupt farmers would be given the vacated jobs, he said.

Asked how whites could fill the "millions" of vacancies, Terre'Blanche said: "Whites had proven over and over they can perform more work than blacks."

It would be perfectly feasible to run farms without black labour. He employed only one black person on his farm, he said.

Terre'Blanche said he did not fear he would "destroy the country by trying to save it".

"If I give my country to the communists all of us will be unemployed," he added.

Meanwhile, the ANC's Saki Macozoma has dared the AWB to carry out its threats. Macozoma said the AWB leader was overestimating its power.

"Let him try it," Macozoma said.

He warned the AWB leader that the majority of consumers in the country were black, and could use that status as a weapon.

Political comment and newshills by K Sibiya, headlines and sub-editing by S James, both of 2 Herb Street, Johannesburg.

Top ANC man 'in fear of raiders'

By THEMBA KHUMALO

WHITE men claiming to be SADF members have threatened the life of the Rustenburg ANC Youth League chairman after raiding his Hartebeesfontein home several times.

But SADF spokeswoman for the region, Major Sandra Marais, denied SADF personnel had raided the home of Alfred Motsi or threatened to 'get' him.

Earlier City Press had provided Marais with the car registrations of the two vehicles in which the alleged raiders arrived at Motsi's home.

Motsi said the rifle-toting men parked outside his home in a white van registered R125-915 on May 27 for the first time. The same people in the same vehicle allegedly re-turned the next day and parked outside his home without saying a word to anyone.

When they came back for the third time on June 3, I approached them and was told by their apparent commander they were from the SADF and were there to keep the peace in Hartebeesfontein from trouble-makers.

The following day - June 4 - the men returned and parked outside my home again."

On June 7 a message reached Motsi at the Rustenburg ANC offices that soldiers were searching his home and that furniture was scattered around the house.

He suspected he was being singled out for harassment to discourage him from politics. Major Marais said that after making enquiries with senior local SADF officers it is highly unlikely that Motsi's assailants were our members.

"Worse still, the SADF no longer has vehicles with registrations that begin with an R. Our new registrations begin with an M so anyone travelling in cars with an old registration is not from our force," she said.

Suspended jail terms for killer schoolboys

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE
16/6/11
THREE white Krugersdorp schoolboys who battered a black man to death, received five-year suspended jail sentences this week.

Patrick Matlhale was beaten to death by the three boys on the night of February 17, last year after being cornered in a Krugersdorp street.

The three schoolboys, who may not be named, were earlier convicted in the Rand Supreme Court of culpable homicide for

beating Matlhale to death.

Judge B O'Donovan sentenced the youths to five years' imprisonment suspended for five years, on several conditions.

He ordered the youths, aged 15, 16 and 17, to do 1 200 hours of community service at the Krugersdorp SPCA under the supervision of a probation officer.

He also ordered that the youths be placed under the supervision of a probation officer for the suspension period, and receive therapy if the officer thought it necessary.

The court expected a progress report every six months, the judge said.

The judge accepted that the boys had been drinking at a party earlier on the night of the killing, but ruled that they knew they were doing wrong.

Idah Sithole, Matlhale's girlfriend at the time of his death, said after sentencing: "If they can drink liquor and kill they are old enough to go to prison."

Two Krugersdorp whites were convicted last month for the murder of Fistus Dikolobe.

Killer weeps as he is jailed

By MARTIN
NTSOELENCOE

A WHITE man who savagely attacked two black men — killing one — wept when he was sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

Sarel Albertus Hall, 39, was sentenced to 12 years for murder and five years for attempted murder with four years running concurrently.

Judge B O'Donovan found that Hall, a security guard with Springbok Patrols, murdered David Motsobane Boale and seriously injured Dick Tswidi when he attacked them with a pickhandle on April 29, 1987.

Hall met the two near a South African Transport Services (SATS) depot and asked them what they were doing. 16/6/91.

When they did not give a satisfactory answer he said: "If you do not tell me the truth I will show you what I can do with you blacks."

He then ordered colleague Phakiso Jacob Lesole to bring the pickhandle and started attacking the two.

Later he took them to Cleveland Police Station where he defied police orders to take the injured men to a hospital.

Instead, he took them to a remote spot where he assaulted them further.

The following morning Tswidi crawled for about 10km on his hands and knees to seek help.

Police discovered his badly bruised body in a ditch. 16/6/91

Tswidi, who was hospitalised for almost nine months after the assault, is still mentally disturbed.

When City Press tried to talk to him about their ordeal he ran away.

Hall was granted bail of R3,000 pending an appeal.

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Pro Jack gunned down in Lansdowne Rd

Staff Reporters
TOP ANC member and activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack, of Nyanga, was gunned down near his home in Emms Road in an apparent assassination last night when his car was raked with automatic rifle fire.

According to his sister, Ms Buyiswa Jack, he was shot about 10.30pm at the corner of Emms and Lansdowne roads soon after leaving his home with his brother, who received minor injuries in the attack.

Ms Jack, the ANC co-ordinator for Nyanga,

had apparently stopped his car at the corner of Emms and Lansdowne roads when three men wearing balaclavas and carrying automatic rifles rushed up to the car.

"One of them shouted out Pro's name and before he could react they shot him," Ms Jack said.

Mr Trevor Manuel, Western Cape ANC publicity secretary, said a number of people linked to Unkhonto we Sizwe had been shot dead recently in the Transvaal.

"We have not seen this in the Western Cape until now. I am very worried."

He said the incident yet again raised the spectre of hit-squad operations.

Mr Jack, 34, worked for Idasa in the West-

ern Cape during the '80s. He was also publicity secretary for the Dr Nelson R Mandela High School in Crossroads and recently led a delegation from the Nyanga Education Crisis Committee in discussions with the Department of Education and Training.

A police spokesman confirmed that a shooting had taken place.

A rescue services official said Mr Jack's body had been removed from a bullet-ridden car.

At a recent press conference, the ANC quoted several examples of their "middle-level" cadres and MK members being made targets and killed.

They said they were convinced there was a

nationwide trend of not only promoting violence against them but also of failing to act against those who were using violence against them.

"This was taking place even in areas where there was no conflict between the ANC and Inkatha.

● On October 18 last year, Mrs Nomsa Mapongwana, the wife of Mr Michael Mapongwana, chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, was shot and killed when their Khayelitsha house was attacked by assassins.

The house was first petrol-bombed and as it burned the attackers fired several shots, hitting Mr Mapongwana in the back and Mrs Mapongwana in the chest.

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CAPE TOWN — A former Robben Island prisoner and Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) soldier, Mziwonke "Pro" Jack, has been killed with an R-4 automatic rifle.

Colleagues of Mr Jack believe his assassination was part of a nationwide campaign to eliminate MK members.

He was shot down in Nyanga, Cape Town, on Wednesday night. Police found 15 spent R-4 cartridges near Mr Jack's bullet-riddled car.

Police confirmed yesterday that a special investigating team had been formed to investigate the murder.

They said Mr Jack (34) and his nephew, 15-year-old Andile



Wounded... Mziwonke Jack's nephew, Andile.

MK Jack's killing 'was part of campaign'

...or a bodyguard when Mr Hani visited Cape Town. Mr Jack was to have been one of Nelson Mandela's guards on his visit to Cape Town yesterday.

An MK source, who asked not to be named, said western Cape members of MK had been receiving threatening telephone calls.

A colleague confirmed that Mr Jack was one of the movement's more senior members in the Western Cape.

"He was killed because of his membership of MK and nothing else. Our members have been killed in the Transvaal, Border,

from birdshot. Shepherd Mdladlana, a friend of the deceased, said Mr Jack recently expressed concern about his safety.

"He was worried about his personal safety, but he was a very careful person. I suspect he recognised his killers," said Mr Mdladlana.

Mr Jack was detained in 1978 and jailed for terrorism for five years. He was released in 1983 and played a leading role in township politics and education.

Mr Jack was also a close acquaintance of MK chief of staff Chris Hani, acting as his driver

Jack, were driving in Emms Drive, Nyanga, at about 10.15 pm on Wednesday when a taxi forced them off the road. Numerous shots were fired at the Jacks by the assassins. Andile was injured in the attack.

Andile said he pushed his uncle's bullet-riddled body off his own and ran home for help.

He said they were approaching the corner of Emms Drive and Lansdowne Road when three men wearing balacavas opened fire on the car with an automatic rifle and a shotgun.

Andile suffered puncture marks to his body, apparently

Free State and Natal in what appears to be a campaign against us," the source said, adding, however, that he did not see the hand of the police in these killings.

"These were professional killers. I went to the murder scene last night and it was clear that the assassins were well-trained and deployed. This is the work of professional hit squads."

Other MK sources and ANC members speculated that As-karis — turned ANC members — could have been used to eliminate Mr Jack. — Sapa.

the KTC-case on the days on which he worked on other cases. For other cases in which he acted on behalf of the Minister of Law and Order or the South African Police he naturally, also did not charge a higher fee than that which he could charge according to the fees agreed upon for the KTC-case.

For some of these cases he, in fact, charged a fee which was less than the fees agreed upon.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

Government Service Pension Fund: interest rate

447. Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Finance:†

- (1) What interest rate did the Government Service Pension Fund receive in each financial year from 1984-85 up to and including 1990-91 in respect of funds invested in (a) Government securities and (b) semi-Government securities;
- (2) whether a change of policy regarding investment possibilities is being considered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1162E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (1) (a) and (b)

Interest rates in respect of funds invested in Government securities and semi-Government securities, are not individually available.

1984-85	11,5%
1985-86	12,5%
1986-87	13,3%
1986-88	13,7%
1988-89	13,9%
1989-90	14,8%
1990-91	14,8%

- (2) I recently announced that a Committee of experts in the private sector had been appointed to advise the Government on the future structure and siting of the Government Pension Funds. The investment policy inevitably forms part of the Committee's assignment and until such

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time as it has finalised its business and the Government has considered its recommendations, no conclusive answer can be given.

Squatters in Germiston: attack by Whites

448. Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether he or the South African Police have been informed of an alleged attack by a group of Whites on squatters at Old Goedeheop High School in Railway Street, Germiston, on or about 2 June 1991; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether an investigation into this incident is taking place; if not, why not; if so, what progress has been made in this investigation;
- (3) whether any (a) suspects have been identified, (b) arrests have been made and (c) charges have been laid in connection with this incident; if not, why not; if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) what is the nature of the charges;
- (4) whether any squatters were injured in this attack; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of the injuries;
- (5) whether he or the Police intend taking any action to prevent further similar attacks; if not, why not; if so, what action?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes, the matter is being investigated and numerous arrests have already been made.
- (3) (a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(i) and (ii)

The case is still being investigated, but six identified suspects have already been arrested for public violence.

- (4) (a) and (b).
Yes, 5 squatters sustained superficial wounds.
- (5) Yes, the functions of the South African

Police are, inter alia, the maintenance of law and order and the prevention of crime. This implies that the task of the South African Police is at all time directed at, inter alia, protecting all persons against attacks by other persons, irrespective of who may be responsible for such attacks. This principle is applied consistently.

Should law and order be disturbed in any manner—also attacks on civilians—the Police will take steps to act against any transgressions of the law.

Note:

The squatters have already vacated the Old Goedeheop High School in terms of a court order, in that the Messenger of the Court acted in terms of an eviction order to remove them.

Newlands police station: child abuse reported

449. Mrs C H CHARLEWOOD asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether a case of alleged child abuse involving a 9-year-old girl and a White couple was reported at the Newlands police station; if so, when;
- (2) whether an investigation into this incident is taking place; if not, why not; if so, what progress has been made in this investigation;
- (3) whether there are any suspects in this case; if so,
- (4) whether any arrests have been made in connection with this incident; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many, (b) when, (c) what are the names of the persons so arrested and (d) what is the nature of the charges being laid against them?

B1164E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No, but there was a case of alleged rape reported at the Parkview Police Station on 19 March 1991, which was investigated by the Child Protection Unit at the General Johan Coetzee Police Station.
- (2) Yes, after conclusion of the investigation the case docket was submitted to the

Senior Public Prosecutor in Johannesburg.

- (3) Yes.
- (4) Yes.

(a) 2 Persons.

(b) 11 April 1991.

- (c) Since the Senior Public Prosecutor has declined prosecution, it is not regarded to be in the interest of these persons to make their names known.
- (d) A charge of alleged rape was investigated.

Infant mortality rate

451. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health:

What was the infant mortality rate for (a) Blacks, (b) Whites, (c) Coloureds and (d) Indians in (i) urban and (ii) rural areas in South Africa in 1990?

B1166E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

Infant mortality rates for 1990 are not yet available. The following table contains infant mortality rates for 1988 and 1989. The Department of National Health and Population Development has no separate rates available for urban and rural areas in South Africa.

Infant mortality rates (per 1 000 live births)
South Africa

Year	Population Group		
	Indian	Black	Coloured White
1988	17,4	57,4	57,5 13,2
1989	12,2	n/a	35,1 8,6

Note: n/a = not available.

Typhoid: cases of/deaths

452. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health:

How many (a) cases of and (b) deaths from typhoid were reported in respect of each race group in each province in 1990?

B1167E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (a) Notified cases of typhoid fever in 1990 RSA (as on 7 June 1991)

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others are volunteers. Each is paid a daily tariff, coupled to rank, for each day of service rendered. The pay of rank, per day, for each of the ranks involved, is as follows:

Lieutenant	= R30,15
Warrant Officer (Second class)	= R46,46
Staff Sergeant	= R37,46
Sergeant	= R28,82
Private	= R16,32
(a) and (b) fall away.	

White man assaults Black man: SAP action

473. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether he or the South African Police have been informed of an incident in which a Black man was allegedly beaten unconscious by a White man for urinating in public; if so, (a) when and (b) where did this incident take place;
- (2) whether an investigation into this incident is taking place; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation and (b) what have been the findings so far;
- (3) whether any (a) arrests have been made and (b) charges have been laid in connection with this incident; if not, why not; if so, (i) how many arrests and (ii) what is the nature of these charges;
- (4) whether local Whites threatened to beat up a certain journalist, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, while he was tending to the said Black man's injuries; if so, what is the name of this journalist;
- (5) whether an investigation is being conducted into the incident involving the journalist; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation and (b) what have been the findings so far?

B1233E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) At 19:10 on 6 June 1991.

(ii) 1 681
(iii) 1 573
(b) (i) 21
(ii) 22
(iii) 78

Bryanston: offences committed

470. Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many instances of (i) theft of vehicles, (ii) theft from vehicles and (iii) housebreaking and theft occurred in the area covered by the Bryanston constituency during the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available and (b) how many convictions resulted in each category?

B1230E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (i) 1 027
(ii) 1 171
(iii) 2 309
- (b) (i) 36
(ii) 38
(iii) 169

The figures are furnished for the period 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991.

SADF: certain persons on payroll

471. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether he will disclose whether certain persons (the names, ranks and numbers of whom have been furnished to the South African Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply) are on the payroll of the Defence Force; if not, why not; if so, (a) for how long has each been on this payroll and (b) how much is each being paid on an annual basis?

B1231E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

No, the persons are not on the SA Defence Force's permanent payroll. Some of them, however, have military service commitments in the Citizen Force and Commandos, whilst

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(b) In Florida, Johannesburg.

(2) Yes, one charge of alleged assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

(a) Statements have been obtained from all the witnesses. Since the victim is still unconscious a statement could not yet be obtained from him. On conclusion of the investigation the case docket will be submitted to the Public Prosecutor for a decision in respect of prosecution.

(b) I do not regard it to be in the interest of the judicial process to speculate at this stage on any possible findings.

(3) (a) No.

(b) No.

(i) and (ii) Fall away.

(4) No.

(5) No, but his involvement in the incident is part of the investigation of the alleged assault on the victim.

SADF: weapons financed/supplied to Inkatha

474. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether he or the South African Defence Force has been informed of the allegations made by a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, that the Defence Force has in recent months (a) deliberately inflated township violence and (b) financed and supplied weapons to the Inkatha Freedom Party; if not, why not; if so, what is this person's name;

(2) whether an investigation is being made into these allegations; if not, why not; if so, (a) what progress has been made in this investigation and (b) what have been the findings so far;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B1234E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) I have taken cognisance through the Press. The name supplied by the hon member.

(2) No, because it is devoid of all truth.
(3) No.

Teacher/pupil ratio: teachers required

476. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether his Department or any other body advising his Department has calculated the number of additional teachers required for the (a) attainment of a 1 to 30 teacher/pupil ratio within the Department of Education and Training and the self-governing territories and (b) introduction of compulsory education for the first seven school years; if not, why not; if so, what additional number of teachers is required in each case;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B1239E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

(1) Yes.

(a) 16 205 for the Department of Education and Training.

Information concerning the Self-Governing Territories is not readily available.

(b) Approximately 18 059 for the Department of Education and Training and the Self-Governing Territories.

(2) No.

MPs: additional police protection

477. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether, since 5 June 1991, the Government has assigned any additional policemen to the task of protecting members of Parliament; if so, (a) what is the nature of the protection provided and (b) what equipment are these policemen issued with;

(2) whether all members of Parliament receive the same protection; if not, (a) why not, (b) what is the basis used for deciding what protection each member of Parliament is to receive and (c) in what respects does this protection differ;

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'Right wing has plans to seize power'

FRANS ESTERHUYSE

Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

A RIGHT-WING master plan is being hatched to seize power at the polls by forcing the government into an election under the present constitution.

The schemers are relying on what they see as a rapid growth of support for the right-wing cause in coming years and the possibility of failure by the government and its negotiating partners to produce a new constitution within the next three years.

The possibility of Supreme Court action to force the government's hand under the present constitution is being discussed.

However, critics say the plan has a serious flaw in that it does not take into account the potential non-viability of right-wing race policies after the final demise of the pillars of apartheid, especially the race classification system.

Outer fringes

Some observers see no chance for the right-wing movement to win an election — even a whites-only one — by continuing to flog the "dead horse" of apartheid and legally-prescribed racism. It is argued that unless right-wingers are prepared to adapt their policies to changing circumstances, they will remain on the outer fringes of South African politics or end up in the political wilderness.

Pretoria political scientist Professor Willem Kleynhans, who keeps a weather eye on right-wing politics, foresees an all-out right-wing bid to seize power by outwitting the government and its negotiating partners.

He told Weekend Argus this week right-wing leaders were setting their sights on 1994 when the next election must be held under the present constitution.

They believe a negotiated constitution will not be in place by then, thus compelling the government to go to the polls under the constitution.

The right-wingers see this as their last chance to veto the government's

reforms — by whipping up enough support in a whites-only election to beat the government and its tricameral partners.

They also claim the government is bound by an earlier promise to the white electorate that it will be consulted — possibly by way of a referendum — before any drastic constitutional changes are implemented.

Professor Kleynhans says the government's dilemma is President De Klerk has already told the world there will never be another whites-only election in South Africa.

If government fails to produce a new negotiated constitution by 1994 it may have to find some way of saving face by delaying the scheduled election under the present constitution — perhaps by way of legal technicalities.

In that event the right-wing movement may resort to court action to seek an order compelling President De Klerk to hold an election.

Veteran right-wing politician, Mr Jaap Marais, leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) is confident that racial attitudes established in South Africa "over generations and centuries" will remain regardless of the repeal of apartheid laws.

'Realities'

He says those laws merely gave expression to what he sees as continuing realities of the South African situation.

Mr Marais also believes the government's move away from apartheid and the opening of the National Party to all races will strengthen the right-wing movement in coming years.

He expects the effect of these changes on rank-and-file Nationalists — with possible defections by conservative-minded Nats — will be seen at the forthcoming congresses of the NP — the party's first racially mixed congress in its history.

Mr Marais regards racial separation as still a viable political policy which could even become government policy once more.

And that, he says, could happen in 1994.

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Right-winger:

Charges dropped

JOHANNESBURG. — Charges of conspiracy and illegal possession of explosives were withdrawn against right-winger Mr. Léon van Rensburg in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr. Van Rensburg, 44, of Roodepoort, was listed in the Government Gazette last Friday as indemnified from prosecution on the charges.

On Thursday he recovered bail of R5 000 and was released on warning. Sapa

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Leave community alone, AWB ordered 344

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They are also restrained from damaging, demolishing or in any way harming the homes of the applicants, situated on the farm Goedgevonden.

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The court application was made by the Legal Resources Centre on behalf of Segopolo and the Goedgevonden community. - Sapa.

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ET, Pik in talks on homeland

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PRETORIA. — An Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging delegation, led by its leader Mr Eugene Terre Blanche, yesterday held talks with two government ministers on the issues of a homeland for whites, and the release of right-wing political prisoners.

The delegation met Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha and Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee.

In a statement after the meeting, Mr Botha said the discussion mainly centred on a homeland for whites and other matters of mutual concern. He said the AWB put its position on a homeland for the Boere as well as the values of the Boer nation.

The AWB stressed that it did not want to dominate, nor did it want to be dominated by others, he said.

The AWB group then left to meet Mr Coetsee on the possible release of more right-wing political prisoners. No statement was released after this meeting. — Sapa

'Phone threats made to 'Pro' Jack's family

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Staff Reporter

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THREATENING and abusive telephone calls have been received by the family of assassinated ANC member and activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack, a family member claimed yesterday.

The matter was reported to police investigating Mr Jack's murder. He was killed by a group of armed men near his Nyanga home last Wednesday night.

Mr Xalo Jack, 27, brother of Mr "Pro" Jack, yesterday said two calls were made to his family's Nyanga East home this week.

Each call was made by a man who spoke with a distinct "boer" accent, Mr Jack said.

He added that police had told him they could not do much as such calls were "hard to trace".

'Pro' Jack burial today

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VUYO BAVUMA

Weekend Argus Reporter
UMKHONTO we Sizwe chief-of-staff, Mr Chris Hani, ANC foreign affairs spokesman Mr Thabo Mbeki, and Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck will be speakers at the funeral of slain ANC member and activist Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack at Nyanga today.

The funeral, to be attended by a host of top ANC officials, will be an all-day event.

Mr Jack, 33, a former Robben Island prisoner, was gunned down last Wednesday by two men wearing balaclavas.

He was driving near his home when the men lured him by calling his name. Then they produced a rifle and a shotgun and mowed him down at point-blank range. His 15-year-old cousin Andile Jack survived a bullet wound in the chest.

Today's funeral service started at 9am at Mr Jack's home. It

will move to Nyanga Rugby Stadium where it will continue until 3.30pm.

Among the 10 main speakers will be representatives from the ANC, SACP and Cosatu and the ANC Women's League.

Mr Jack, a worker for the Institute for a Democratic South Africa, was jailed on Robben Island in 1978 for terrorism.

Police have offered a R5 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

VIOLENCE - 1991

JULY - AUGUST.

Namibian court fines Webster case fugitive

WINDHOEK. — Former Johannesburg city councillor Dave Verster, 35, was fined R1 000 or a year's imprisonment in the Windhoek Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of unauthorised use of a vehicle.

In a statement through his lawyer, Verster said he had fled South Africa in a hired bakkie to escape a "contract" on his life by the murderers of Johannesburg academic Dr David Webster.

Verster said he, as a member of the South African Police, had worked on the Webster assassination and that information in his possession had become known to Dr Webster's killers.

The bakkie had broken down in southern Namibia and he had been unable to return it to its owners in time. — Sapa

In a statement issued today, the organisation's chief secretary, Mr Jan Groenewald, said the decision to make the school available to the ANC was

Target

Groenewald called on the Government to revoke

The plan, revealed last week, also came under fire from the Conservative Party's education spokesman Mr Daan van der Merwe.

The children, numbering about 700, are expected to arrive in South Africa on July 18 following extensive negotiations between the ANC, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of National Health.

They will be temporarily accommodated at the school before being transferred to other schools in the area, the Department of Home Affairs said.

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Racial hatred rife on the streets

WHILE apartheid legislation is being wiped off the statute books, racial hatred on South African streets is as rife as ever.

Several racial incidents — reminiscent of the American Deep South in the Sixties — have taken place in the PWV in the past few weeks.

The worst incident was that of Florida resident Aaron Teffo, who was urinating in a Florida street when a white man stormed out of a block of flats and beat him unconscious. The man claimed Teffo had exposed himself to his wife. Teffo is in a psychiatric ward of Krugersdorp's Leratong Hospital and has probably suffered brain damage.

Had it not been for a passing motorist, Sapa journalist Jan de Koning, who called an ambulance, he would have probably died. De Koning claims flat tenants ridiculed him for his concern.

Police have not yet arrested the man although they know his workplace and residence.

West Rand police representative Lieutenant Henriette Bester says police have completed their investigation and "it is up to the chief prosecutor to decide whether he should be charged".

Another frightening case is that of Vatharajoo Muthsamy. This Lenasia chicken seller alleges he was punched in the face by a Nic Gouws when he offered to sell him day-old chickens.

Gouws then allegedly threw a bull-terrier into Muthsamy's bakkie and instructed his African worker to beat Muthsamy with his klerie.

Then there is Comrades runner Patrick Mukhoto, who was assaulted by Pretoria police while walking in the street three weeks ago. The policemen allegedly accused Mukhoto of stealing the bronze Comrades medal he had in his pocket. He claims they took him to a police station where they sprayed him with teargas and took him into the toilets where he was punched and kicked. Mukhoto was later allowed to go home. He has laid a charge against the two policemen — and has managed to get his medal back.

Last week another Pretoria athlete, Albert Tramsetse, was allegedly punched in the face by a policeman. Tramsetse says he threw a stone to ward off a dog while out jogging. A

Apartheid may be officially dead but incidents of white on black violence appear to be on the increase, reports

MONDLI MAKHANYA

white couple thought he was aiming at them. The woman swore at him and a policeman appeared. The policeman allegedly grabbed him by the neck and punched and kicked him in the face.

Eleven-year-old Gerald Power was allegedly beaten by Krugersdorp police after being accused of burgling a farmer's house. Power is now in Leratong hospital with injuries including a broken arm and kidney problems.

Police spokesman Sergeant Hoffman said police were investigating and "we will not tolerate this kind of behaviour by members of the police force".

The latest incident happened on Tuesday in central Johannesburg, when

Phineas Masinga was shot in the right shoulder by whites riding a scooter.

Countless other such incidents go unreported. A Hillbrow youth says he fears being outdoors after dark for fear of such incidents.

"I used to go to soccer practice in Joubert Park. But several times on our way back we were chased by whites and some of us were beaten," he said.

He added that none of his friends reported these incidents to the police "because it would be a waste of time".

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe denies there has been an upsurge in racial violence.

"These things have always happened over the years. There have always been white attacks on blacks, and blacks have attacked whites. People who now say there has been an increase are seeing it wrongly," says Malherbe.

However, he admits that "some people do not report cases to us and I can only talk about cases we know about".

Police investigation into the notorious 'House of Horrors'

By PHILIPPA GARSON

AFTER numerous appeals by the press, human rights groups and lawyers, the South African Police have at last undertaken to investigate irregularities at Welverdiend police station, near Carletonville.

The *Weekly Mail* has published numerous articles on the alleged brutal activities of several police officers from the Welverdiend Police Investigation Unit. These officers are stationed at Welverdiend police station, a converted house — dubbed the "House of Horrors" where scores of youths from the neighbouring township of Khutsong have allegedly received shock treatment.

At least two detainees died after being interrogated at the police station:

●16-year-old Nixon Phiri, who died in the police cells in January last year after he was allegedly assaulted and administered electric shocks. At the time, police denied allegations of assault, claiming Phiri died while having an epileptic fit.

●15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana,

who died in hospital in July last year shortly after he was allegedly tortured at Welverdiend. Police claimed Mbulwana died after being pushed against a steel cupboard by a fellow detainee who had an argument with him.

Several witnesses to the alleged torture of both detainees, who gave sworn statements to lawyers, were subsequently gunned down by police in separate incidents.

A string of youths have been killed over the past 18 months in what police describe as "unrest action".

Local community leaders claim the security forces have fuelled gang warfare in the township by supplying a vigilante group with guns and money.

This week the SAP issued a statement announcing that a special investigation team had been formed to look into the "on-going allegations of irregularities at the Welverdiend Police Investigation Unit..."

The SAP appealed to the public to assist with the investigation by contacting a Lieutenant Viljoen, the newly appointed commander of the unit.

It's easy to become a racist — especially if you're black

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THE mind of white South Africa is sick. The increasing number of random attacks by whites on blacks are just an indication of this. Every week in the press are reports of innocent blacks who have fallen victim to this psychosis which apartheid and the total onslaught gospel have left as a legacy.

Like the man who was beaten to near death for urinating in public two weeks ago, the shack-dwellers of Goedgevonden, the Evaton man who is a paraplegic as result of being beaten by the police and the man who was last month mauled by a white man's dogs, I too have on several occasions been a victim of white violence.

A month ago a friend and I came close to death in Hillbrow when three white nightclubbers pounced on us for reasons known only to them. These thugs punched me to the ground and even as I was wriggling on the pavement, whining for mercy, they delivered blows to my head and face with their dancing shoes.

This was the third such calamity to befall this poor black soul. Last year I was savaged by about seven Afrikaans-speaking white youths in Hillbrow. While meting out their punishment they repeatedly proclaimed their allegiance to the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and bestowed me the honour of being "Mandela se kind". I only managed to escape these beasts when they tried to drag me into a pitch-dark alley and my adrenalin realised they were going to cut my life short.

Two months ago I was shot in the neck by a gunman I did not even see. Although this is a bit of conjecture, I know the gunman was white because the only place from where the bullet could have come is an exclusively white block of flats.

Now this misfortune is not a personal tragedy confined only to me. I have heard similar stories from other black residents

MONDLI MAKHANYA has three times been the victim of random attacks by white thugs. The disturbing result has been to turn a peace-loving man into a racist himself .. as this angry personal account so graphically reveals



Mondli Makhanya ... A racist in the making?

of Johannesburg's inner city flatlands.

So angry was I after the last attack that I have almost turned racist. Racing through my mind are thoughts of how many times I have heard whites refer to blacks as savages. They arrogantly perceive us as a violent breed who indulge in orgies of factional fighting. We are seen as uncivilised "natives" to whom violence is a way of life.

"Why are you killing each other?" they ask as if requesting that we rather turn our pangas on them.

And yet have you ever heard of blacks simply beating up whites because they don't like the fact that they are pale-skinned? Although it may not be excusa-

ble it is true that whenever blacks assault whites there is always a robbery motive behind it. Other violence unleashed by blacks on whites, though somewhat misguided, may also be the result of genuine political frustrations caused by apartheid.

True enough we do fight among ourselves ... but behind the current wave of violence lies an evil white hand others prefer to call a "third force".

The actions of African National Congress bombers Robert McBride and Andrew Zondo — though not to be condoned — are excusable given their being black in a country that resents their blackness. But what political frustration led Barend Strydom to mow down seven black civilians, or propelled Eugene Marais and his Orde Boerevolk comrades to open fire on a bus in Durban, killing seven black passengers. Their race is in power but they still found it necessary to inflict harm on those their tribe oppresses. Now that is what I call lunatic savagery.

I can never bring myself to simply beat up a person I do not even know. What further infuriates me is the fact that after all the oppression we have suffered at the hands of a white government, we have complied when they requested reconciliation.

The very people to whom we have given our wholehearted forgiveness do not seem to have any intention of giving up their barbaric behaviour. Instinct tells me we should forget about reconciliation with the white tribe and make them pay. Sometimes, I find myself wondering why we should not beat up whites too.

A friend who, like me, subscribes to the philosophy of non-racialism has jokingly advised me to adopt the black consciousness or Pan Africanism ideologies. I am seriously considering his advice because it is clear these whites don't like us at all — no matter how conciliatory we are. So why should we like them?

BVB won't act on ANC school yet

Sowetan correspondent

THE BOERE-Vryheidsbeweging will request a meeting with Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok before deciding on any action to stop children of ANC cadres from being accommodated at Pretoria's old Hillview School.

Police have, however, warned that action will be taken against the BVB should they carry out threats of violence.

Mr Jan Groenewald, the BVB's chief secretary, said yesterday the organisation would be sending a fax to Vlok to seek a meeting. The issue would be discussed before the organisation decided on any action.

He said the decision by the Government to make the school available to the ANC was an "act of deliberate encroachment and occupation of historical Boer territory".

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"The ANC school is an object of revulsion for the Boer nation and will be a target of Boer resistance from its inception."

Groenewald called on the Government to revoke the decision "in the interests of stability, order and peace".

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the police would not allow anybody to take the law into their own hands.

"The time for violence is over in South Africa. Threats of violence will solve nothing."

"The police will respond appropriately to any breach of law."

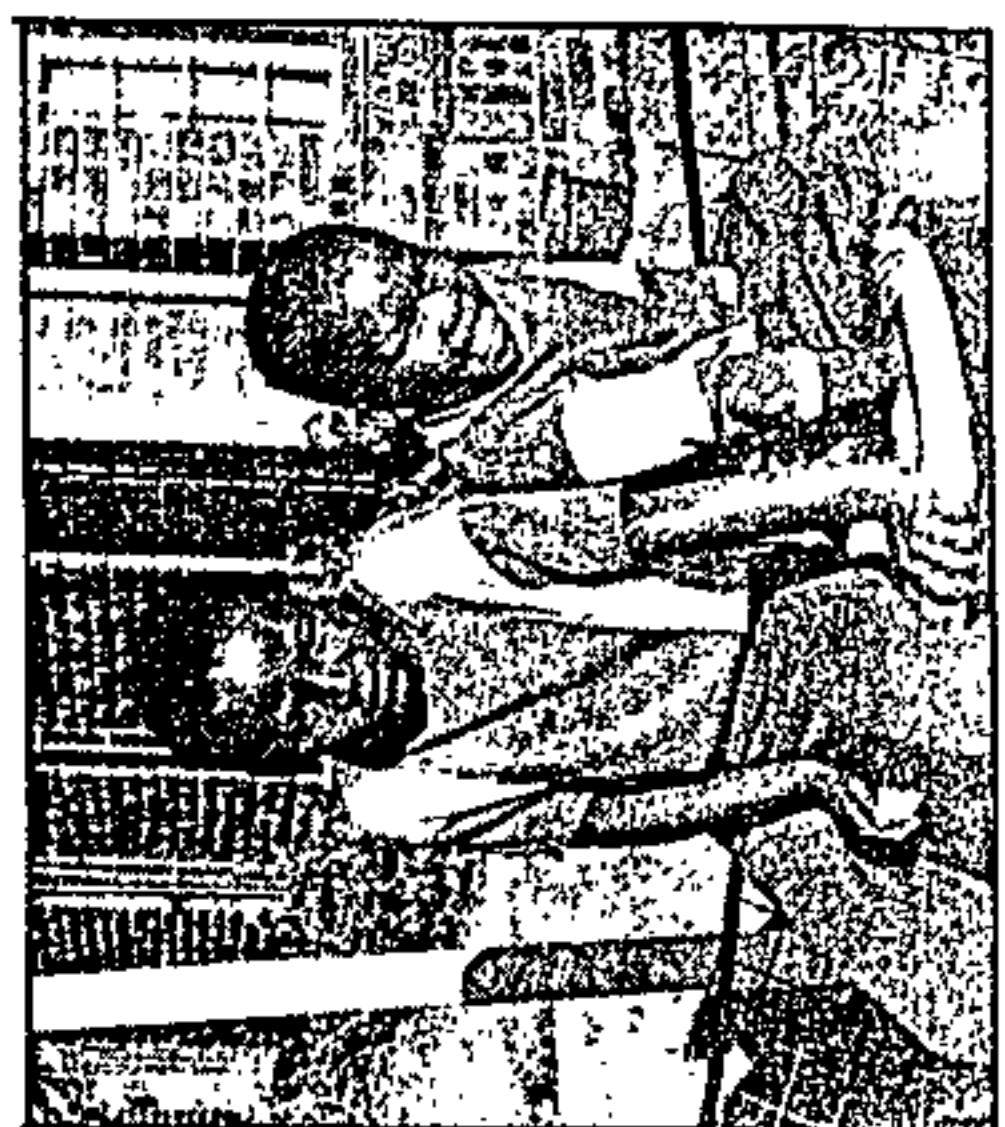
"Police will do everything necessary to protect the rights of individuals which might be threatened in this situation," he said.

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WINNING SIDE ... Lawyer Danie Heyns (left) and resident Gert Viljoen seem satisfied.



UNCERTAIN FUTURE ... Little Gonsami (left)

**Report by LEN KALANE
Pictures by MIKE MZILENI**

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That's how the ANC failed to buy the mining town of Grootvlei at Springfield colliery, 90km from Johannesburg - a town it had hoped to convert into a resettlement camp for its cadres returning home from exile.

Grootvlei is a quiet 774-hectare village comprising a coal mine which has closed down, a hospital, a hostel complex and a beer garden on one side of the main road.

The other side of the street is the residential area with about 250 houses and a golf course.

Heyns, a Pretoria-based lawyer, told reporters he was "not buying this property for any political party" as he signed the sale agreement.

ANC social welfare



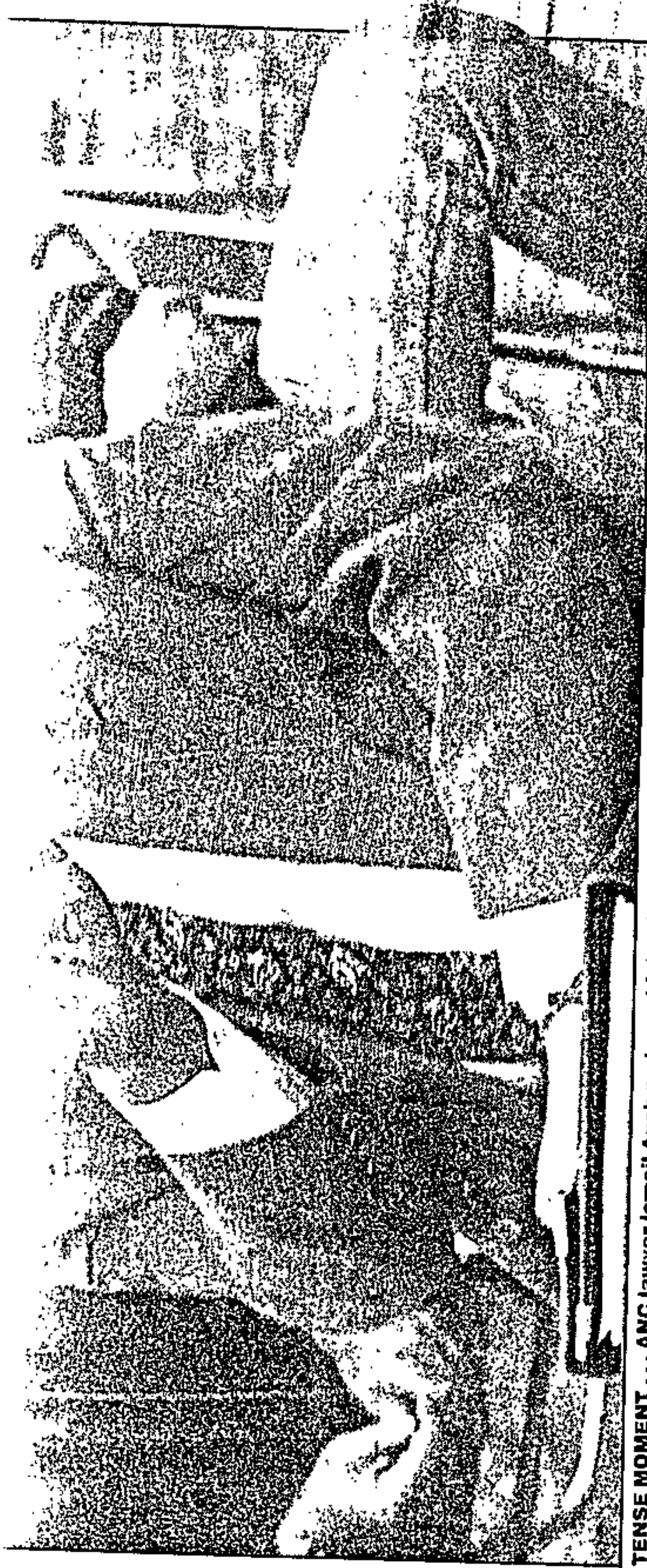
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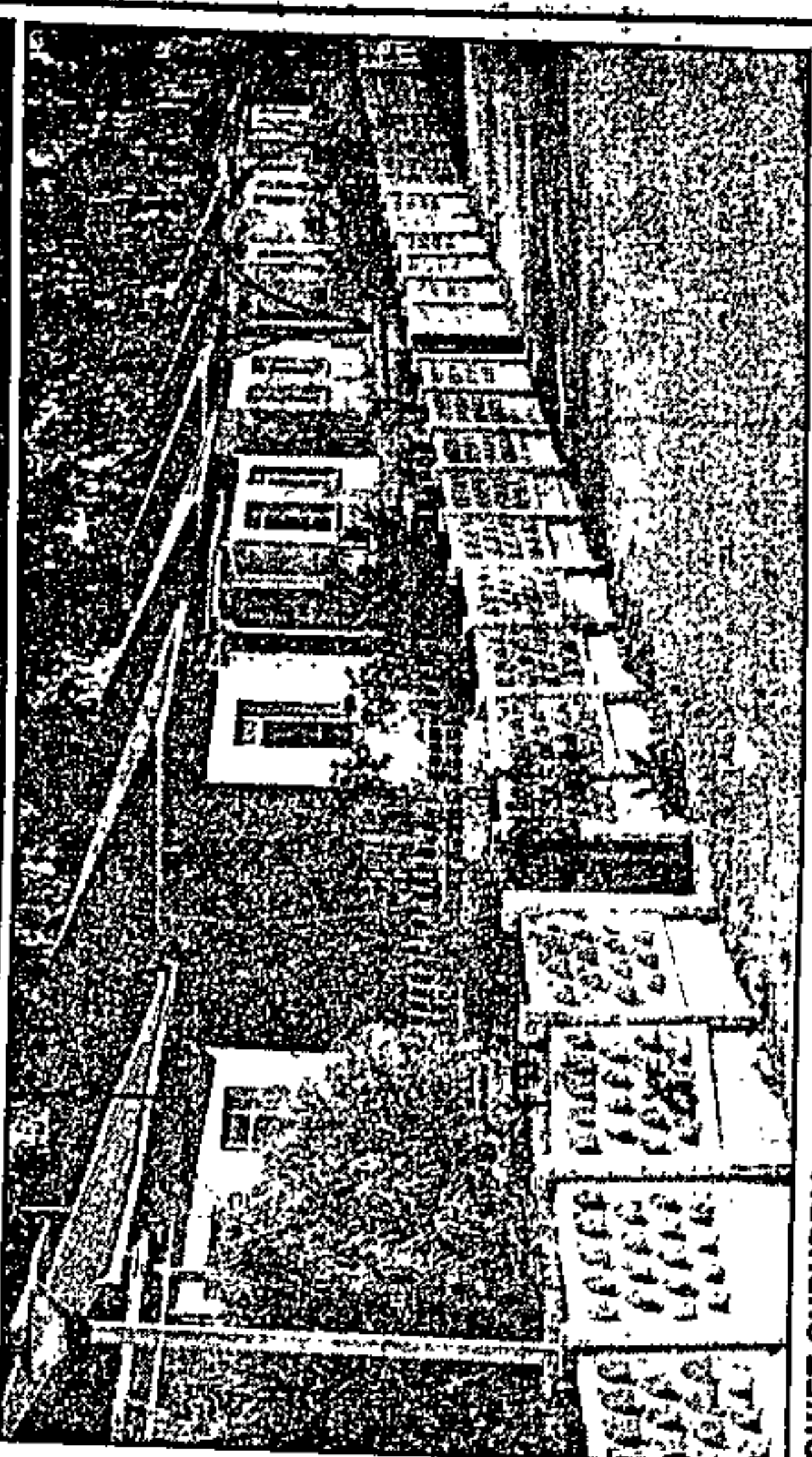


COLONIAL SPLENDOR ... About 250 houses, including this Dutch-gabled house, fell under the auctioneer's hammer at Grootvlei.



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VIVA ANC! ... These supporters were disappointed when their side lost.

head Winnie Mandela recently visited the village and liked what she saw.

The day before the auction AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche was seen at the mining town.

Heyns had joined a local liaison committee formed by farmers and businessmen to buy the property, allegedly to stop the village from falling into the hands of the ANC.

A leading member of the committee, Gert Viljoen, who was also bidding, said the community had negotiated with auctioneers Chase on the terms of the sale. They sought to "maintain stan-

ted in the area.

"Anglo American looked after us very well," said Sarah Radebe, who has lived in the area since 1969.

"We stayed for free in our houses. I think they are now going to charge us rent," she lamented.

She lives in a luxury eight-roomed house with her husband, four children and three grandchildren.

One man said he did not believe the ANC could not afford to buy the property.

"I think this was a business stunt and that the ANC's name was

dragged into it to get the stakes higher.

"Getting the ANC interested was just a strategy to get the rightwingers interested. Obviously they come together to keep the ANC out. That's exactly what they did today," observed our commentator.

But Amcoal (Anglo American Coal Corporation) spokesman James Duncan refuted these allegations.

"The sale was placed in the hands of a firm of auctioneers who advertised it extensively," he said.

"We would assume that

ANC's interest, as it did the interest of a number of other parties."

Ayob slipped away immediately after the final bidding and he was not available for comment.

But according to one of the auctioneers approached by City Press, the ANC had authorised Ayob not to go further than R4-million.

"He pushed his luck a bit by going up another R500 000," said the auctioneer, who indicated he was pleased with the final price.

Local schoolteachers Ali Kheswa and Jabu Nyembe expressed con-

of the local school, Tshepehang, which has about 800 pupils.

"We might as well forget about the school," said Kheswa.

"Local farmers around here are rightwingers. I don't think they will entertain the idea of a black school in their midst."

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Mothballs

Heyns said he would have the area proclaimed a town and sell the houses. The school would be kept open until December 1993 with teachers staying on rent-free till then. In November last year

Terre'Blanche not charged

By DAN DHLAMINI

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THE Transvaal Attorney-General has not yet decided whether to prosecute AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, who allegedly assaulted a 70-year-old black man more than three months ago.

Terre'Blanche is alleged to have assaulted William Mashiya near Ventersdorp on March 9 this year, after accusing him of stocktheft.

But Mashiya denies that he was assaulted for stealing. He claims the trouble started when he refused to sell a goat to Terre'Blanche.

Mashiya alleged that after the assault, when he told Terre'Blanche he was laying a charge, the AWB leader told him the police would do nothing to him.

Mashiya's lawyer Aubrey Khanyile told City Press that policemen at the Ventersdorp police station initially refused to lay a charge against Terre'Blanche.

Only after a strong-worded letter to the Ventersdorp police station commander was his client's case registered.

Police denied these allegations, saying the case had been thoroughly investigated and the docket sent to the A-G for his ruling.

Transvaal A-G Don Brunette told City Press he had referred the docket back to the police after questioning certain aspects of the statement.

This means Terre'Blanche's docket has been shunted between the A-G's office in Pretoria and the Ventersdorp police station since early last month.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Petrus Ramatswele said the docket would be sent back to Brunette tomorrow.

Meanwhile Mashiya, who appeared in court last month on a charge of possession of dagga, said he realises Terre'Blanche meant what he said when he boasted that the police would not touch him.

"I laid a charge but police came to my home and arrested me for allegedly possessing dagga," said Mashiya.

"They were quick to take me to court, but it seems they are too afraid to touch Terre'Blanche."

Family worries over beaten man

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A BLACK man, savagely beaten after being accused of urinating in front of a white woman, appears to be suffering from brain damage, family members said this week.

Forty-one-year-old Mr Aaron Teffo of Meadowlands, Soweto, was readmitted this week to Krugersdorp's Leratong Hospital after he had gone for a check-up, including a brain scan, because he was incoherent.

"He was released into the care of his girlfriend about a week ago. We were told of his being beaten up only about a week after the incident by friends who had traced him to the hospital," said his brother, Mr Hendrik Teffo.

A Sapa journalist, Mr Jan de Koning, possibly saved Teffo's life after calling an ambulance for him despite himself being threatened by white residents in the vicinity.

On his way home to Horison on June 7, De Koning spotted the injured Teffo lying in a pool of blood near the Florida railway station.

Sowetan Correspondent

A friend who was with Teffo told the journalist that he and Teffo had been walking in the street when he stopped to urinate.

According to him, a white man then came out of the flat near the street and beat Teffo unconscious after accusing him of exposing himself to his wife.

No arrests

Police have not yet arrested anyone. They claim this is not necessary because they know who the assailant is, where he works and where he lives.

But Captain Henriette Bester, of the West Rand Police, said they had opened a docket of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and had collected statements from witnesses.

Hendrik Teffo said police claimed they could only take the case further when his brother was fully recovered.

"But he is unable to speak sense although he can walk and talk. What if he fails to recover? Does that mean he will not be able to charge the man who assaulted him?" asked his brother.

He said that the family would approach the Legal Resource Centre for help. Teffo was retrenched last year and was currently dependent on unemployment insurance.

A Sowetan correspondent visited Teffo at the hospital this week and found him very disorientated. He claimed he was only 22 years old.

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Squatter attack: AWB 6 in court

Six members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging appeared briefly in the Germiston Regional Court yesterday in connection with an attack on squatters at the Goede-hoop School in Germiston last month.

Johann Thompson, Jaapie Oelofse (30), Johan Grundlingh (30), Christo van den Berg (27), Isak Redelinghuys

(31) and Petro Potgieter (33) appeared before magistrate Mr J J van Eeden.

The accused were not asked to plead. The case was postponed to July 24.

Bail of R200 each was extended.

The men were accompanied by AWB supporters and relatives. — East Rand Bureau.

Right gears for war against 'black revolution'

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) and the Boere Kommando (BK) are preparing rightwingers for war in the face of what they refer to as a "black revolution".

They believe such a clash could occur within months.

The AWB believed the ANC conference, currently being held in Durban, would make more "silly demands" on the Government.

Not only rightwingers — their friends too —

would be well-prepared when the revolution dawned.

In an interview with Saturday Star last night, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche said: "I am sure Chief Mangope (Bophuthatswana president) and Chief Buthelezi (Kwa-Zulu president and Inkatha leader) will not allow a communist-trained group to rule us."

He promised that in the event of war "we will knock the hell out of the ANC".

Mr TerreBlanche said

his organisation would be talking to other leaders of the "national states" to prepare for counter-action against the onslaught. Venda was mentioned as one of them.

Mr TerreBlanche said the ANC had no right to threaten to take over anyone's land in the country. South Africa contained many nations.

"The Boers, Tswanas, Zulus, Vendas — all have their land," he said. "No

ABBEY MAKOE

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one can take it away from them."

His sentiments were echoed by BK leader Gawie Volschenk, who revealed that right-wing organisations were close to concluding an alliance.

He said his organisation could not sit back and relax when the people it represented, the boerevolk, were under constant threat.

Mr Volschenk blamed the Government for its inability to maintain law and order. "Chaos will escalate within a few

months," he said, "because we are sitting with a white communist government."

Commenting on the possible formation of a Patriotic Front by anti-apartheid organisations, Mr Volschenk said the move did not frighten his organisation.

"We've got the best white people you can find in Africa," he said. "We are now consolidating our position."

"In the Anglo-Boer war, we were only 30 000 against 250 000 British."

Another ANC man shot dead in city ambush

Assassins



SLAIN ... Michael Mapongwana

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Strike

again

By GUY OLIVER, BRONWYN DAVIDS,
EUNICE RIDER, ANDRE KOOPMAN
and YAZEED FAKIER

ASSASSINS shot dead prominent ANC activist Mr Michael Mapongwana in broad daylight yesterday — after he had escaped two previous attempts on his life in the past 48 hours.

Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Mapongwana, of Khayelitsha, is the second high-profile ANC leader to be gunned down in just over two weeks. Mr Mziwonke "Pro" Jack was assassinated in Nyanga on June 19.

Mr Jack was a former WCCA secretary, member of the ANC military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, and deeply involved in black education issues.

Mr Mapongwana was elected mediator in the taxi war in Cape Town black townships. He died soon after gunmen opened fire on the taxi he was travelling in about noon along Lansdowne Road, Philippi, opposite the well-known Johannesburg Trading Store and near the Brown's Farm squatter camp.

Mr Mapongwana was returning from Wynberg Magistrate's Court, where he was attending a court case in which four men are accused of having tried to murder him last January.

Just an hour earlier he had told state prosecutor Mr Ben Julius of his concern over increased violence on the Cape Flats and surrounding townships in recent months.

Also killed was the unidentified driver, aged about 27 years, who was shot dead on the scene.

Mr Mapongwana's wife, Nomsa, died at their Khayelitsha home last year when it was petrol-bombed by unknown assailants. The couple are survived by two children.

A witness to yesterday's shooting said that between three and five gunmen ambushed a red Valiant taxi in Lansdowne Road, opposite Johannesburg Trading Store.

The man, who did not want to be named, said that about noon a "biscuit-coloured" Chevrolet drew level with the taxi just before the store and the occupants opened fire with handguns.

He said the taxi-driver swerved and then the car mounted the island and came to a standstill.

Three men then got out of the Chevrolet and pulled the resisting Mr Mapongwana from the car and shot him in the back from close range, he said.

Mr Mapongwana was wounded and continued to struggle, he said. One of the men pistol-whipped him and then another man, dressed in a tan windbreaker, levelled a pistol to his head and fired at point-blank range.

He said the gunmen were "extremely calm" — even though the street was full of people —

and after the shooting "walked" to their Chevrolet and drove off.

The incident took about one minute, the witness said.

Mr Mapongwana was whisked to Conradie Hospital by passers-by, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Mr Mapongwana's brother, Maxwell, who was in the taxi with him, told reporters at an ANC press conference in Athlone that five gunmen wearing balaclavas and travelling in a "grey" Chevrolet attacked the car. He confirmed the witness's account.

The Cape Times visited the scene soon after the attack and counted five bullet holes in the red taxi, which had an EYTU Khayelitsha sticker on the passenger side door.

On Saturday Mr Mapongwana was forced into hiding when the house of a relative in which he had been staying was petrol-bombed and raked with gunfire.

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Mapongwana

— trying to keep peace

By BRONWYN DAVIDS

MR Michael Mapongwana was at the forefront of battles concerning the community — from rent issues in Khayelitsha to keeping the peace in the taxi wars.

He was the leader of the Khayelitsha Civic Association since 1982 and was the target of seven assassination attempts.

In October last year — when Khayelitsha residents were calling for the resignation of the Lingeletu West Town Council — four men opened fire and petrol-bombed his home, killing his wife Nomsa and injuring him.

Last night an ANC national executive committee member described him as a "peacemaker who had prevented volatile situations from turning to violence".

Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck said he was "strong-willed".

"For him right was right and wrong was wrong and there was no grey."

At the end of last week two assassination attempts were made on Mr Mapongwana's life when unknown assailants threw petrol bombs and fired shots at the safe-house — four blocks from his home — where he was in hiding.

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An hour before his death he told Mr Julius of the attack and said he and two family members narrowly escaped injury by running outside and jumping over a dividing wall in the backyard. On Sunday the house he was hiding out in also came under fire in the early hours of the morning.

There had been four previous attempts on his life.

Mr Mapongwana faced a charge in Wynberg Magistrate's Court of illegal possession of a firearm, and was free on bail of R300, following his arrest on June 20.

Police alleged at the time that he had been in possession of an unlicensed 7,65mm Mauser pistol at his Section C, Khayelitsha, home.

Major-General P C "Flip" Fourie, Western Cape regional commissioner of police, last night expressed his shock at the "callous murder" of Mr Mapongwana.

"No stone will be left unturned in our efforts to trace the murderer or murderers," he said.

A substantial reward had been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers, he said. He also expressed his condolences with Mr Mapongwana's relatives.

At a press conference last night, ANC national executive committee member Mr Trevor Manuel expressed outrage and appealed to the community not to take part in acts of vengeance as this would "exacerbate the conflict".

Mr Manuel said members of the Taxi Crisis Co-ordinating Committee had all gone into hiding because they feared for their lives.

With Mr Mapongwana's death the attempts to end the taxi crisis has been plunged into disarray.

There was a possibility that the taxi conflict was being used as a smokescreen to disrupt community organisations and to eliminate the middle-level leadership of the ANC, said Mr Manuel.

Councillors admit firing shots

Court Reporter

TWO of four Lingeletu West town councillors who have denied charges of trying to murder Mr Michael Mapongwana and a 15-year-old schoolgirl at a civic meeting in Khayelitsha last March, yesterday admitted firing shots at the meeting.

Town councillors Mr David Zono and Mr Livingstone Booie admitted in Wynberg Regional Court yesterday that they fired shots from 9mm firearms.

Mr Zono said he fired four shots when he saw several youths

armed with bladed weapons coming at him and his co-councillors, and he heard Mr Booie fire two shots.

Mr Booie corroborated his evidence and admitted having fired four shots, saying that in Mr Mapongwana's address to the crowd, he was ordering them to attack him and his co-councillors, Mr Zono and Mr Morris Gxowa.

The fourth accused, Mr Vakhtshiwa Gocina, said during a previous hearing that he was not present at the meeting in Town Two on March 7 last year.

A 15-year-old schoolgirl, who may not be named, said at a previous hearing that she was wounded in the leg when the four accused town councillors disrupted the meeting by firing shots.

Mr Zono, Mr Booie and Mr Gxowa all said in their plea explanations that they fired off their handguns in self-defence, and were not guilty of attempted murder.

The trial continues this morning.

The prosecutor is Mr B Julius. Mr I Martin appears for the accused.



Sad . . . Joseph Tshule and his wife Priscilla hold photographs of Mr Dhlamini, an old friend.

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**'White ducktails' beat
 Star worker to death** (344)

By Monica Oosterbroek

A newspaper deliverer who worked for The Star for seven years was allegedly beaten to death by a group of white youths on Friday night.

Sam Dhlamini (37), who delivered The Star in Illovo, Johannesburg, was apparently hauled out of his minibus in Rosettenville by about seven youths, described as "duck-tails".

Mary Mitchell, for whom he had worked as a gardener for nearly 15 years, told The Star that Mr Dhlamini used to run a taxi service for Johannesburg restaurants.

Mrs Mitchell received an eyewitness account of the tragedy from a friend who accompanied Mr Dhlamini on his fatal trip.

"The men, driving a red Ford Escort, bumped into the back of the minibus. When Sam stopped, a brick was

thrown through the window, hurting a passenger called Merwyn. Merwyn and a third passenger, called Christine, ran away to safety.

"Sam's minibus was in a terrible shambles with blood, hair and teeth everywhere.



"Merwyn managed to copy the red car's number plate, and police have traced the owner of the car."

Mrs Mitchell described Mr Dhlamini as a "delightful man loved by everyone who met him".

The Star's distribution manager in Illovo, Stephanie Schikkerling, was shocked by Mr Dhlamini's death and said he was a "lovely, kind and gentle person".

Police warn BVB over ANC children

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau 9/7/91

Police have warned that action will be taken against the Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) should it carry out threats of violence to prevent children of ANC cadres from being accommodated at Pretoria's old Hillview school.

BVB chief secretary Jan Groenewald yesterday said the decision to make the school available to the ANC was an "act of deliberate encroachment and occupa-

tion of historical Boer territory" and called on the Government to revoke the decision "in the interests of stability, order and peace".

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police would not allow anyone to take the law into his own hands.

The Government plans to temporarily accommodate about 700 children of ANC exiles returning from Tanzania. It is understood the children are at present being inoculated before leaving for South Africa.

Anatomy of a killing

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A BROTHER of assassinated Khayelitsha community leader Mr Michael Mapongwana has told how four gunmen shot Mr Mapongwana in the chin before they threw him to the ground and shot him three times.

Mr Maxwell Mapongwana (29) was in a car with Michael and two other people when the gunmen first fired at them.

The gunmen were apparently trailing their car as it returned from Wynberg Magistrate's Court, where Mapongwana had appeared on a charge of unlawfully possessing a firearm.

Speaking shakily at an ANC Press conference, Maxwell recounted the last moments of his brother Michael.

He said a grey car came from behind their vehicle in Lansdowne Road and tried to overtake them.

"But all of a sudden the car slowed down. One of the men drew a gun and fired at our driver, who died on the spot. My brother was also shot in the chin by one of the gunmen.

"The car went over the island and stopped on the lanes opposite.



Michael Mapongwana who had many attempts on his life shows bullets from the earlier bid to murder him.



Bullet holes in the car that Mapongwana was driving. After escaping death many times, his luck finally ran out.

"My brother got out of the car and tried to run away. Three of the gunmen got out of the car and approached him.

"Mapongwana struggled with one of the gunmen. They overpowered him and threw him to the ground.

"One of them with balaclavas shot my brother as he was on the ground. The two others also shot him. I ran to ask for help at a Crossroads house.

"My brother was still alive, although he had bullet wounds and was bleeding profusely. He died when we reached Conradie Hospital," he said.

Special probe to find killers

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SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

A R5 000 REWARD has been offered and a special investigation team under the command of one of Cape Town's top policemen has been assigned to find the killers of Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana.

The team, led by Athlone district CID chief Colonel LP Fourie, was established immediately after the ambush on June 19 of ANC activist Mziwonke "Pro" Jack.

Police believe there may be a link between the killing in Lansdowne Road of Mapongwana and his driver on Monday and Jack's assassination.

The two killings took place within 400m of one another in Nyanga East.

A R5 000 reward was also offered for

information leading to the arrest and conviction of Jack's killers.

Regional Commissioner Major-General Flip Fourie said he would "leave no stone unturned" in the effort to track down the killers of both men.

He expressed sympathy with the families of the victims.

Forensic tests

Material from yesterday's scene, which includes a 9mm calibre cartridge, will be sent for forensic tests.

Fourie said because of Cape Town's considerable distance from Pretoria there would be an "unavoidable" delay before findings are released.

He said relevant findings will be made public and he expected this would be "in a matter of days".

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Activist was disarmed before death

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LATE on Monday night shocked people, including members of the Stellenbosch branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, flocked to Mr Michael Mapongwana's house to offer condolences.

They said the killing of "comrade" Mapongwana was "enough" and that "action should be taken."

Two police vans intermittently passed near the house. Grieving relatives of Mapongwana asked the people to leave for "security reasons."

Mapongwana's younger brother, Mtuntu, said: "It is hard to believe that Michael is dead. I am sure this action was well planned. Three weeks ago the police took away my brother's gun and charged him. How many people in the townships have unlawful weapons?"

"This shows they wanted to kill him unarmed. On Saturday morning they attacked him in his house but he survived - and now comes this brutal killing."

Mtuntu said he had little confidence that the police would find his brother's killers.

'Swart gevaar'

"The police failed to find the killers of my brother's wife Nomsa. They have also failed to find culprits who tried to kill Michael on three occasions. How do we expect the police to find the perpetrators of this particular crime?"

Mr Clifford Ntsoboti, a member of the Stellenbosch branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, described Mapongwana as a man who stood for peace and truth.

He said Mapongwana somehow knew death was stalking him.

"He said in a moving, final speech chairing a meeting of 15 civic branches in Stellenbosch on Sunday, that it might be his last gathering with us.

"We knew he could be right but there was nothing we could do. Michael always strove for peace and he was prepared to die for his beliefs."

Ntsoboti blamed "third-force elements" who, he claimed, had ulterior motives for creating constant conflicts among the black community.

The National Party had created a Frankenstein monster by indoctrinating people about the "swart gevaar" propaganda.

"You cannot just switch off those attitudes. Some people still do hold these views.



JOHANNESBURG. — Wide-spread and flagrant violence by white farmers on black labour, or the Land Acts, according to a report spread and feared since the repeal of the Land Acts, is the subject of a report by the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (TRAC), published by the Black Sash. A high level of political violence against black workers is feared, says the report.

Alongside the poorer areas of the country, it says that its findings have been corroborated from other parts of the country.

Among the cases cited in the report is that of a worker who was assaulted and evicted for questioning a deficit in his meal allowance, and hit him critically from behind.

The report criticises lenient sentences given to farmers convicted of abusing workers, and the fact that the blacks constitute 90% of the farm population.

The death rate from agricultural poisoning was 20 times higher than that in other facilities abroad.

It also advocates a total ban on the use of pesticides on farms and for the protection of all farm members and organs.

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Linked to Fears, Farm Violence



GO-BETWEEN . . . Gerrie de Meyer – with his staff – is ready to defend himself. “My gun is always cocked and I’ll shoot anyone who tries to kill me,” he said. ■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Death threats for ‘kaffirboetie’

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

A WHITE businessman in rightwing Balfour, whose house was burnt down two weeks ago, is now getting death threats for being a “kaffirboetie”.

Gerrie de Meyer, who owns a pawn shop in the tiny Eastern Transvaal town, fears “he won’t last long” after he tried to end a consumer boycott of the white town.

His crime? He wanted to set up talks between residents of Siyathemba township and white businessmen.

The boycott began two weeks ago when Balfour town council cut electricity to Siyathemba. Residents

say they were up to date with their payments and claim Siyathemba’s administrator used the money to pay his staff.

They saw red and launched a boycott to pressure the Balfour Town Council to switch on their electricity.

De Meyer stepped in and tried to arrange a meeting with the Siyathemba Civic Association and white businessmen.

“Businessmen here have a crisis and residents need their electricity,” said De Meyer.

“No one has the right to take it away from them, especially if they have paid.”

On June 27 De Meyer’s house was burnt down by two black men who overpowered him, doused his house with petrol and set it alight.

The death threats started the next day.

“I began receiving death threats from people who accused me of fraternising with the ANC.

“In my shop my gun is always cocked and I’ll shoot anyone who tries to kill me,” said De Meyer.

“I’m not an ANC member and I was not organising a political meeting.

“Only those who are prejudiced will think any meeting between blacks

and whites is planned by the ANC.”

But by Monday the electricity crisis had not been resolved and the local magistrate refused Siyathemba residents permission to march through Balfour to the council offices.

Armed and angry farmers – some in AWB uniform – waited for the marchers in the town centre and the situation was defused when a township delegation approached the magistrate who, with the town clerk and De Meyer, lodged a complaint at the local police station.

Will racists face the law?

By DAN DHLAMINI

YET another victim of racial violence in Ventersdorp doubts whether his white assailant will be brought to book.

Labourer Johannes Seruwe, 46, who was shot in the right shoulder in May by one of his two white TPA supervisors, now fears that his case will never see the light of day.

He was shot after the threat: "I feel like shooting a kaffir" was made by one of the white men at a braai on his farm.

The first victim to suspect that his case would be swept under the carpet was 70-year-old William Mashiya.

Mashiya laid a charge of assault at the Ventersdorp police station against the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Eugene Terre'Blanche in March this year.

Mashiya says Terre'Blanche's response was to boast that the police would do nothing to him.

It seems he was right, as the months go by nothing seems to be happening and Mashiya is rapidly losing faith.

Transvaal Attorney General Don Brunett has yet to decide whether or

not to prosecute Terre'Blanche.

Now, Seruwe, 46, of Ikageng's "Lusaka Squatter Camp" near Potchefstroom, has expressed fears that his case is also "not being taken seriously".

Seruwe made a statement to the Ventersdorp police and has heard very little since. He told City Press that his supervisor, Jacobus Burger, and his friend and fellow TPA employee, Fanie van Eeden, "have not been made to feel that they did something wrong".

"The police should at least have arrested them," he said.

He also complained of a persistent pain below his right shoulder from where the bullet was removed.

Seruwe, who earns R593 a month, said he had no medical aid and was battling to pay the bill.

Western Transvaal police spokesman, Warrant Officer Petrus Ramatsoele, said the firearms and the bullet have been sent for ballistic tests.

"It normally takes a long time to get the results," he added.

He gave assurances that the cases were not being neglected.



ONE MAN, ONE GOAT . . . William Mashiya, 70, with the goat that he alleges caused AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche to beat him up.

Farmers on violence rap

By DAN DHLAMINI

A TENSE atmosphere prevailed in the small Venterdorp Magistrate's Court this week where three rightwingers appeared on a charge of public violence.

The appearance of Frederick Jacobus Smith, 38, Christian Smith, 45, and Nico Meiring, 47, all farmers in Coligny in the Western Transvaal, follows an incident on May 11 when more than 1 000 white farmers allegedly attacked Goedgevonden squatters and Tshing 'shack dwellers.

The farmers attempted to forcibly remove 112 families from Goedgevonden farm - which the government has leased to white farmers to use as grazing land.

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Goedgevonden battle rages in courtroom

The attempt resulted in a confrontation between the farmers and police. The police opened fire, injuring three whites.

No charges were put to the trio whose appearance attracted a big crowd of rightwing sympathisers who crammed the small courtroom.

Magistrate AN Lourens adjourned the case to September 24 for further investigation.

The three are out on their own recognisances.

Meanwhile, the battle to remove the Goedgevonden squatters has been going on since

April this year when the squatters, led by Levi Segopolo, defiantly occupied Goedgevonden and claimed it was their ancestral land.

The black farmers - as Segopolo prefers to call them - were forcibly removed from Goedgevonden 13 years ago and dumped at Vrisgewacht in Bophuthatswana.

They reclaimed the land in April and have vowed to fight their removal with everything at their disposal.

After the attempt to remove the squatters failed on May 11, the farmers instituted court

action.

Farmers won the first round of the battle on June 3 when a Pretoria Supreme Court judge ruled that they be evicted.

The eviction order was, however, temporarily halted following a decision by the Supreme Court to grant the black farmers leave to appeal against the eviction order.

The squatters scored yet another victory when Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and his organisation were ordered by the Transvaal division of the Supreme Court in Pretoria not to interfere with the Goedgevonden residents.

Segopolo and six others who have been charged with trespassing on Goedgevonden farm will appear in court on August 5.

Police stop AWB trial rumpus

SITimes 14/7/91
By JANICE HILLIER

POLICE intervened to restore order after an argument broke out in the public gallery of a court where an AWB kommandant was appearing on assault charges.

The argument, minutes before the magistrate entered the De Aar court, was between AWB supporters and coloured townfolk.

Prosecutor JM de Nysschen said order was restored after he had asked police court orderlies to intervene.

Mr Daniel Bothma, 28, appeared in the magistrate's court on Thursday charged with assaulting three coloured children at the town's previously whites-only swimming pool earlier this year.

Mr Bothma is alleged to have

punched six-year-old Sheraldine Damoense in the eye. He is also charged with slapping eight-year-old Darwin Solomons in the face and hitting him over the head with a snorkel in January.

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He is also alleged to have choked eight-year-old Charne Matroos.

The explosive racial incident took place at the town's swimming pool after armed rightwingers, who were opposed to blacks being admitted, arrived at the pool, which had officially been opened to all races.

At his first appearance in court in May, Mr Bothma pleaded not guilty to all three counts of assault.

This week the evidence of the boys and their parents, as well as that of a police witness, was led before the case was postponed to Tuesday.

Mr Bothma was released on his own recognisances.

The De Aar AWB leader and Mr John Lester Geyser are also due to appear on Tuesday in a separate case on charges of assault and crimen injuria.

These charges arise from another incident in which Mr Bothma and Mr Geyser allegedly assaulted three juveniles at the town's swimming pool in October last year.

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**R800 000
damaged to
Hillview High**

By ALINAH DUBE and Sapa

A BOMB blast at Pretoria's abandoned Hillview High School about 2am on Sunday had caused about R800 000's damage, police said.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Jan Crous said this figure had been supplied by contractors renovating the school for use by 700 children of African National Congress cadres, expected to be flown to South Africa from Tanzania on Thursday. Their return follows extensive negotiations between the ANC, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of National Health.

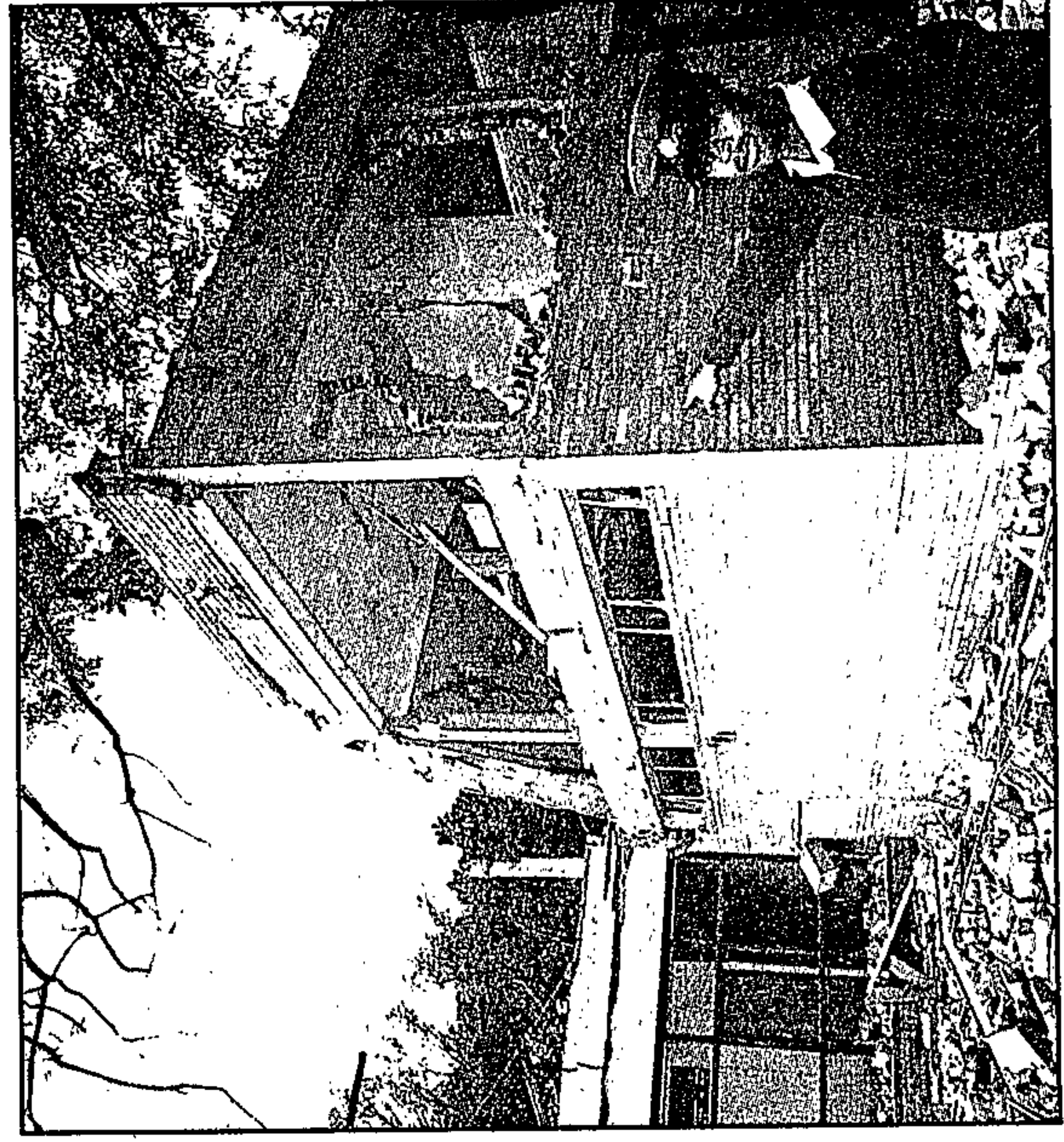
The children were to be temporarily accom-

Today is the first hour-long show of the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show. And the time-slot changes.

Today's topic is: Do you think that the Government acts with equal force against terrorism from the far rightwing as it does against acts from the left? If not why not? Telephone popular Radio Metro DJ Tim Modise between 5pm and 6pm today and share your opinion with the nation. The hotline number is 714 8063. Listen to Radio Metro, and the Sowetan/Radio Metro talkback programme, on mediumwave at 576 KhZ.

modated at the school before being transferred to other schools in the area, according to the Department of National Health.

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Pretoria Constable William Lebombo points at the devastation caused by the Hillview blast. Pic: PAT SEBOKO

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R800 000 damage to ex-white school

ANC's school bombed

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From PATRICK COLLINGS
PRETORIA. — A powerful bomb has devastated a former white high school which was earmarked for occupation by children of ANC exiles.

The school, Hillview High, in downtown Pretoria, was to have been handed back to the government today after extensive renovations, and occupied by the 700 children later this week.

The children are all from the ANC-run Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania. They are due to arrive later this week.

No one has yet claimed responsibility for the blast, which caused damage of about R800 000.

Last night Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder said the blast was a message to the National Party and the ANC that the "boers" would not allow their land to be handed to other people without striking a blow.

He said these people had no claim to live in or have permanency in the Boerestaat.

He said the government could be glad the school was not completely flattened.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Jan Crous said the bomb exploded at 1.50am yesterday. Brick walls were blown down and rows of windows shattered.

Cave in

He said the explosive used had not been determined, but experts estimated that 25kg of it had been placed on a first floor in the middle of the school complex.

Investigations were being hampered as police feared the roof of the school could cave in.

A terrorism docket had been opened, Lieutenant Crous said.

Two security guards at the school said they did not see anyone enter the building and heard only a "whistling sound" before the bomb exploded.

Neither guard was injured.

Mr Eben Beukes, owner of the construction company which had just completed a R150 000 renovation of the school, said

damage was "extensive".

"The middle block was demolished by the blast," he said. "Walls will have to be rebuilt and the classrooms are all in bad shape." Repairs would take "weeks" if not months.

Last night Ms Gill Marcus, ANC spokesperson, said the ANC found the attack "totally unacceptable and regrettable".

Any attack on an institution for children, ANC or not, did not bode well for the future. "The ANC hopes the government will take steps to find the perpetrators."

A spokesman for the Department of Home Affairs yesterday said no final decision had been taken about the return of the children.

The children, many of whom were orphans of ANC exiles, had a legitimate claim to South African citizenship, he said.

They were scheduled to be housed at the school until they were settled in communities elsewhere.

The government had made provision to house the children at the school until the end of March next year.

We won't be intimidated by bombing, says ANC

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC says it will not be intimidated by the bomb blast at Hillview High School, Pretoria, and has warned it will defend its properties if the security forces cannot do so.

Spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma condemned the bombing and said the ANC believed it was entitled to the school's facilities.

An alternative place would have to be found for the re-

turning orphans, for security reasons.

"If they can bomb (the school) now, they can bomb it when the kids are in there."

A spokesman for the ANC PWV region, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, said the ANC suspected that a lunatic right-wing fringe group was responsible.

He said this type of act was designed to destabilise the plan to take over the school. He also blamed the government for right-wing action.

IRREPARABLE . . . The administrative block of Hillview High School near Pretoria was shattered by a powerful bomb blast at the weekend and is now in danger of collapsing. The explosion blew scores of windows out of an adjacent classroom block.



Piet 'Skiet' waiting for the sheriff

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FUGITIVE rightwinger Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said on Saturday evening he wanted to spend the weekend with his wife before he would allow police to arrest him today.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of the volatile spokesman of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging after he refused to acknowledge the authority of a "coloured" magistrate and a black prosecutor in Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court on Friday. He walked out of the court.

SAP police spokeswoman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said the clerks processing warrants did not work over the weekend, and that the

warrant for the Boerstaat Party leader's arrest might therefore only be carried out today.

"I will not be ashamed to walk into a police station on Monday morning to have myself arrested ...

"I did not want to insult the magistrate and the prosecutor by telling them that I considered them 'aliens'.

Stranger

"I merely want to be tried by my own fellow-Boers, which I believe is my civil right. If I am being treated in my own country as a stranger, this will start happening to all my fellow Boers. All of us will become strangers in our own land.

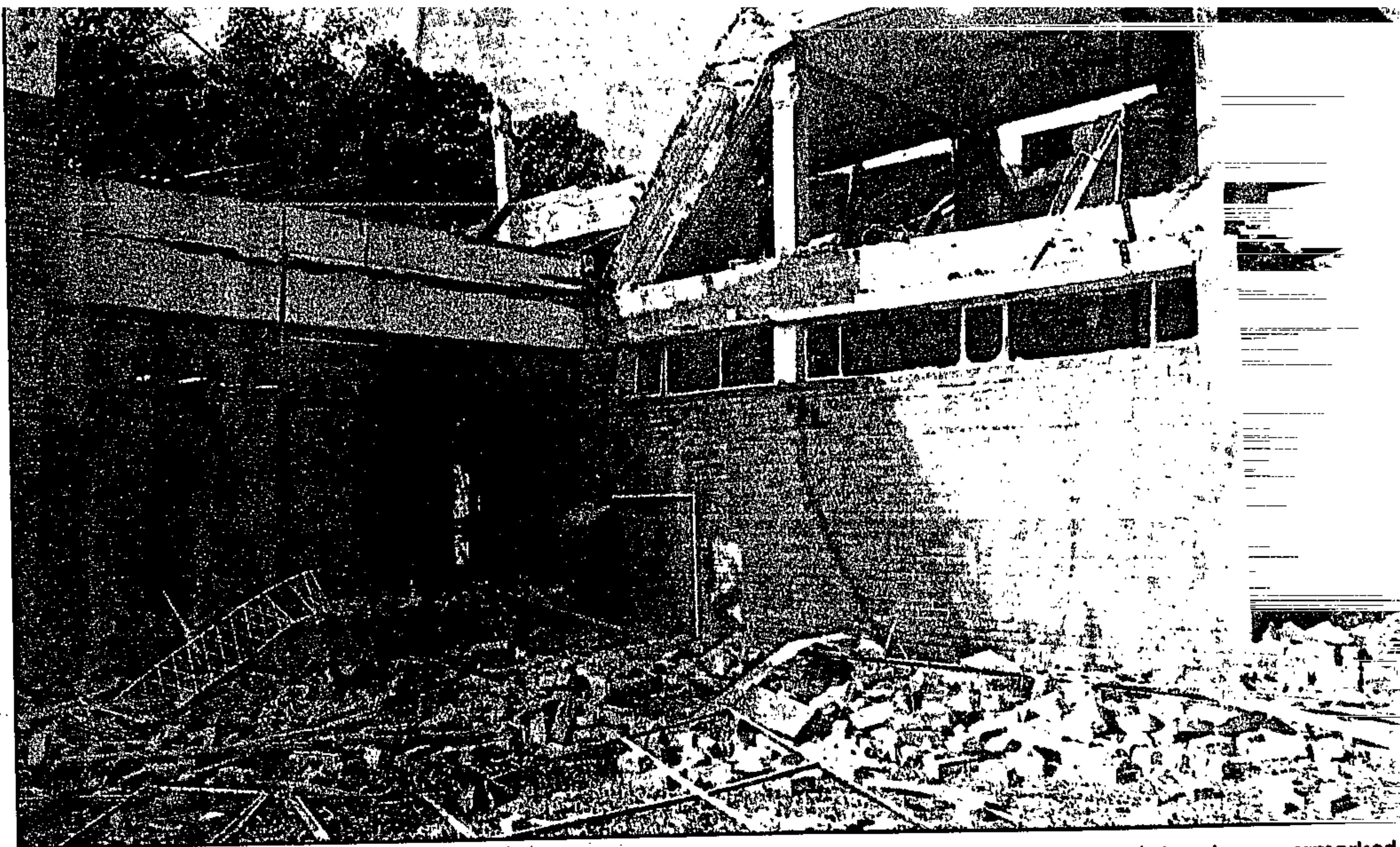
"I will insist that my civil rights must not be

usurped by the courts."

He has also submitted an application for political indemnity in connection with a video he distributed through the Boer underground and in which he called up fellow Boers to join the armed struggle.

The Justice Department on Friday strongly denied an allegation by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche that a black prosecutor and a coloured magistrate had been deliberately appointed to try Rudolph.

Mr Nic Grobler of the Justice Department said the magistrate was appointed in March 1991 and the prosecutor had been at Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court even longer. - Sapa



Devastated . . . a section of the bombed Hillview High School in Pretoria. Damage to the school, which has been earmarked for use by the children of ANC exiles, was estimated at R800 000.

Bomb destroys 'ANC school'

Staff Reporters
and Pretoria Correspondent

An explosion extensively damaged Pretoria's Hillview High School — earmarked for use by ANC exiles' children later this month — in the early hours of yesterday morning.

No one was hurt in the huge blast, which caused damage estimated at R800 000 and all but demolished the school's main building, leaving glass and rubble strewn over a 50 m radius.

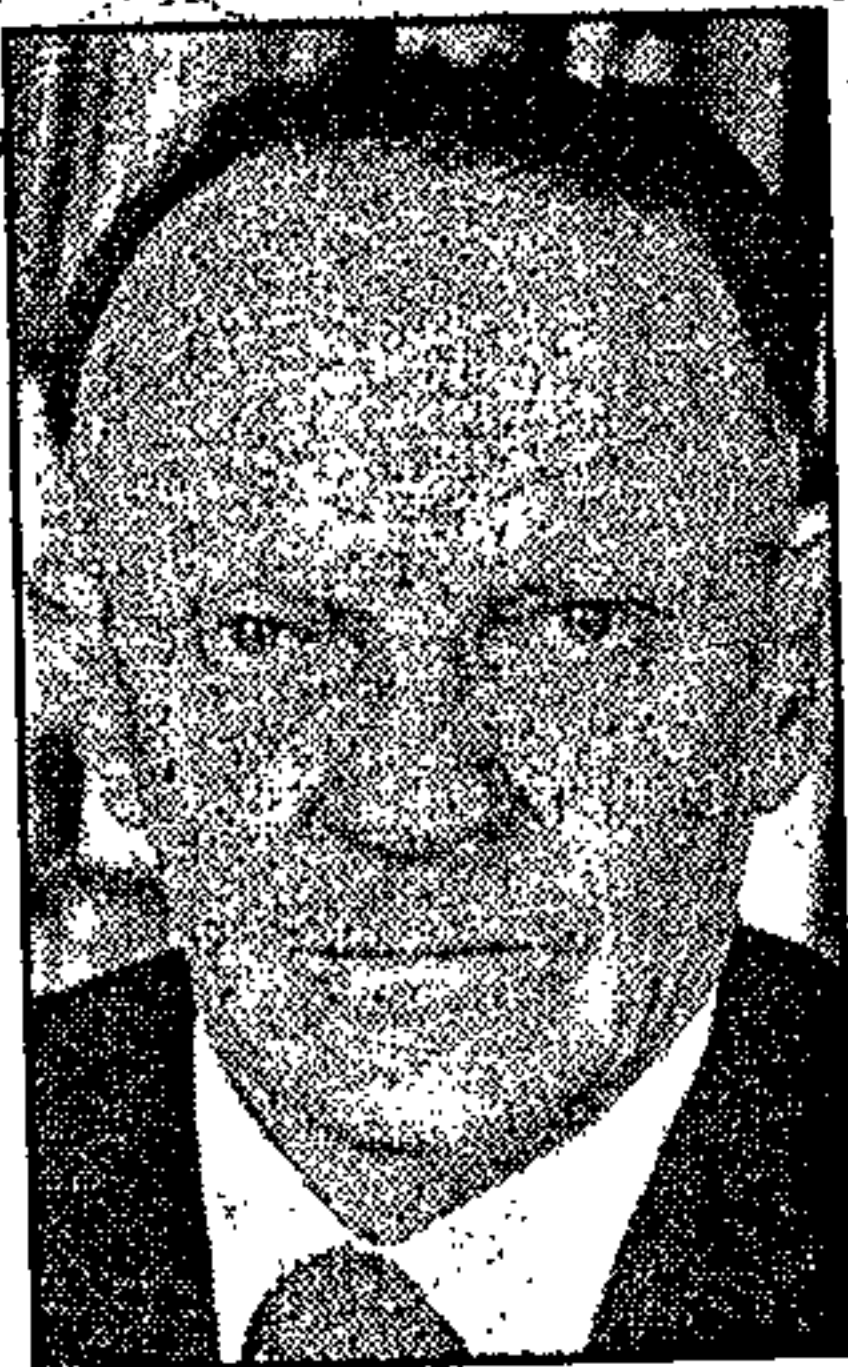
Police say they believe the bomb was placed near a first-floor classroom.

Lieutenant Jan Crouse, police liaison officer for the northern Transvaal, said about 25 kg of an as yet unknown explosive was used.

"We are still waiting for results of the tests. Explosives experts went in but were hampered because the building is unsafe."

Lieutenant Crouse said police had no suspects as yet and no witnesses have come forward. The bombing was being investigated as a case of terrorism.

The explosion occurred just one day before the newly renovated building was due to be handed over to the Government for the use of about 700 children of ANC exiles who are expected to be flown to South Africa from Tanzania later this month.



'An act of provocation' . . . Robert van Tonder.

The ANC yesterday said it believed a lunatic right-wing fringe group was responsible for the blast.

An ANC spokesman for the PWV region, Ronnie Mamoepa, said the act was designed to destabilise the plan to take over the school. The group responsible was trying to turn the clock back to the darkest days of apartheid, he added.

"The problem of the right-wing is the problem of the Government, which has, through its propaganda, produced this type of people."

The blast follows threats by rightwingers, who pledged that the school would be a target for Boer resistance.

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Jan Groenewald, chief secretary of the Boere Vryheidsbeweging, said last week that the decision to make the school available to the ANC was an "act of deliberate encroachment and occupation of historical Boer territory".

He called on the Government to revoke the decision "in the interests of stability, peace and order", adding that "the ANC school is an object of revulsion for the Boer nation and will be a target of Boer resistance".

In his reaction last night, Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder said the Government had committed an act of "extreme provocation" by selecting a school "in the heart of the Boere State and Paul Kruger's Boer capital".

"These peoples have no right of . . . permanence in the Boere State and the Government can be grateful that the school was not totally flattened because the mistrust and resentment produced by their deliberate provocation is not easy to describe."

Nightwatchmen at the scene said although they had heard a whistling sound immediately before the blast, they had seen nothing.

Large sections of the school are still usable, but it is unclear whether the ANC will still use the school to house the children.

for use by the children of
ANC exiles

Bomb wrecks school for ANC children

A POWERFUL bomb yesterday devastated a Pretoria high school which was earmarked for occupation by the children of ANC exiles.

Police said the bomb at Hillview High School near the Pretoria city centre caused R800 000 damage.

It was not known yesterday who was responsible for the 2am blast which wrecked most of the school. Police refused to be drawn on speculation that the bomb was placed by a right-wing organisation as a protest against plans to accommodate the ANC children there.

A Boere Vryheidsbeweging spokesman warned last week it would not allow the

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school, situated "inside the borders of the Boere Volkstaat", to be used by black children, and that it would become "a target of Boer resistance".

Hillview High was abandoned about 10 years ago when a new and bigger school was built 5km away.

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The empty school is situated close to a minibus taxi rank and the Pretoria Zoo. It was due to have been handed to government today as contractors had just completed renovation work.

SAP liaison officer Lt Jan Crouse said police estimated the bomb to have contained about 25kg of explosive. He said police had opened a terrorism docket.

He said the school had been damaged extensively and it was uncertain whether it could still be used for teaching.

Crouse said no one had claimed responsibility for the explosion. Two security guards had been on the scene at the time of the blast but had not seen anything suspicious. No one had been injured.

According to recent reports, the ANC had negotiated with government to accommodate 700 children affected by the clo-

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sure of the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania.

Nearby residents said the administrative section of the building, which included a number of classrooms, was so badly damaged that police warned bystanders it could collapse. An adjacent classroom block did not suffer any structural damage, although scores of windows were blown out.

A Department of Education and Train-

ing spokesman yesterday confirmed government had held talks with the ANC on Hillview but was unable to confirm that it had been taken over by the (white) Education and Culture Department. Education and Culture spokesmen were not available for comment yesterday.

The ANC reportedly accepted government's offer of Hillview after discussing several other proposals, including a site at Stilfontein in the western Transvaal.

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Brain scan for 'racist' attack victim

THE victim of an apparent racist attack in Johannesburg last month was admitted to Coronation Hospital yesterday for a scan to determine damage to his brain from the assault, a relative said. *Sowetan*

Mr Aaron Tefu (41) was beaten unconscious by a white man, allegedly for urinating in public at a Florida suburb last month. A *Sapa* reporter, Mr Jan de Koning, faced abuse from bystanders for assisting the man and arranging for his hospitalisation. *16/7/91*

Police spokeswoman Captain Henriette Bester said

no one had been charged or arrested. "We have got possible suspects. It is not necessary to arrest them."

Investigations into the incident had been completed and police were waiting for a medical report, she added.

The brother of the victim, Mr Hendrik Tefu, said the family only heard of the attack almost three weeks after it had taken place.

The family found Aaron at his live-in lover's home, seven days after he had been discharged from the Leratong Hospital. - *Sapa*. *(344)*

School was 'open target'

THE Government is not prepared to stop rightwing terrorism and violence, callers to the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show told host Tim Modise yesterday.

However, Mava from Emdeni said he was disillusioned with the African National Congress' decision to use the school exclusively for returning exiles' children.

"That school was targeted and was exposed

to such an attack. The school should have been for everybody, not just for exiles' children," Mava said.

Most callers, nevertheless, agreed that the Government was warned before the blast occurred and security measures could have been taken to prevent the blast.

They also linked the blast to Piet "Skiet" Rudolph's storming out of court on Friday and his

refusal to be prosecuted by a "coloured" magistrate and a black prosecutor.

"The Government wanted that school to be bombed before any measures could be taken," said Norman from Witbank, adding that the Government was still not doing anything to stop rightwing terrorism.

"If there was a black government in the country, those responsible for the blast would be arrested as soon as possible because that act would be regarded as high treason," said Smilo.

He accused the Gov-



ernment of being in favour of the rightwingers and pursuing a secret agenda.

He added that the Government was still not prepared to react to terrorism from the rightwing.

Colleen from Meadowlands also agreed that the Government was not prepared to act against rightwingers.

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Court hears how youth was tortured and burnt

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy told the Louis Trichardt Regional Court yesterday how a white farmer assaulted him, doused him with petrol and set him alight without even telling him why.

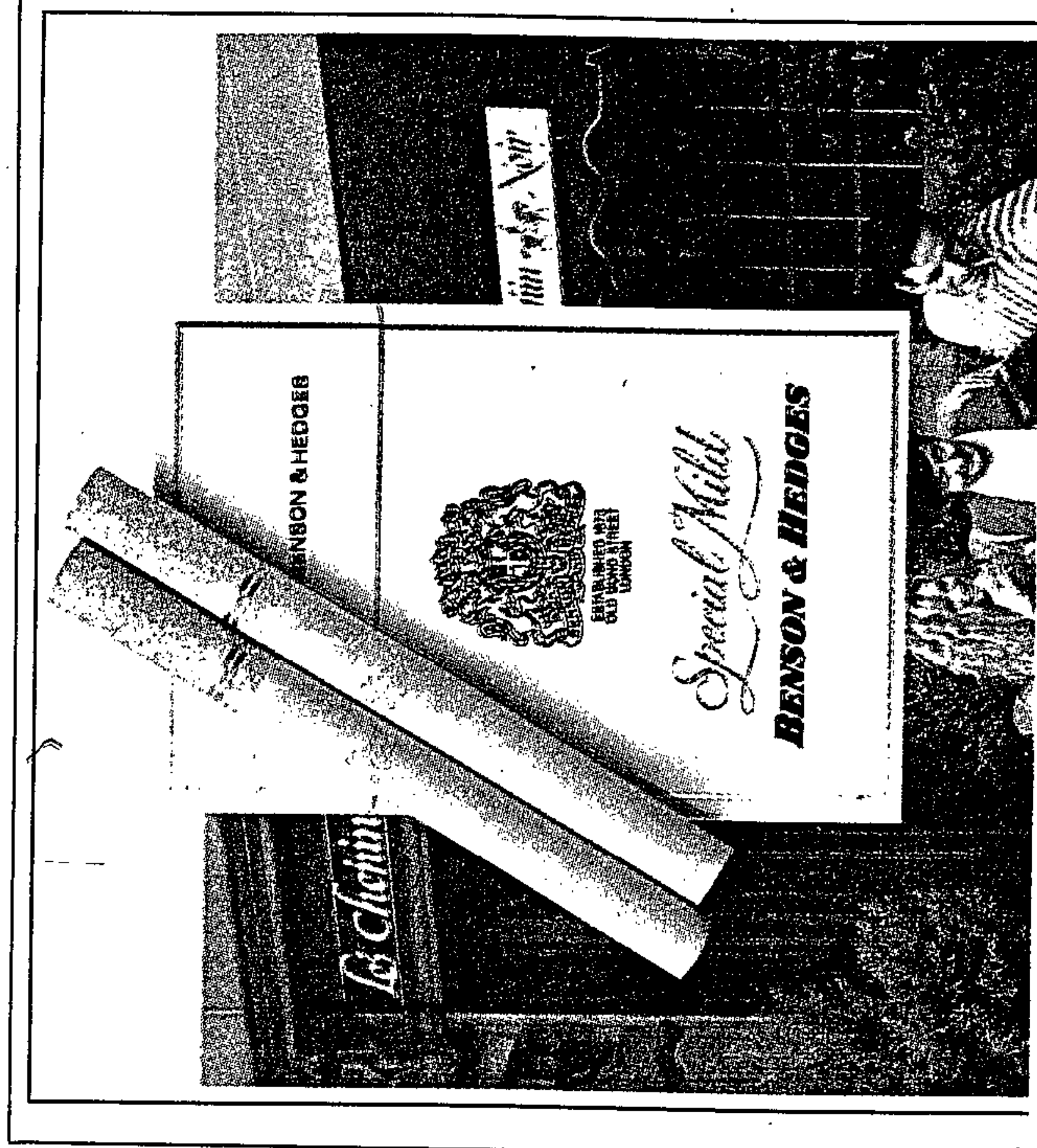
The boy, who may not be named because of his age, told magistrate Mr JGJ van de Venter that a white policeman who arrived on the scene later kicked him in the stomach before pulling him up from the

ground with handcuffs. The boy, from Tshituni Village in Venda, was testifying in the trial of Mr John van der Westhuizen who is charged with attempted murder.

The State alleges that Van der Westhuizen had, on December 8 last year, assaulted and set the boy on fire at his Hayoma Farm near Mesina. Van der Westhuizen has pleaded not guilty.

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New plans over bombed school

THE extent of damage to the old Hillview High School at the weekend may force the African National Congress to look for alternative accommodation for children of returning exiles later this month.

Reacting to the bombing of the school, ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said it would not be possible to use the building "in the foreseeable future". The organisation was still assessing its position.

"However, we are expressing our outrage at the bombing. We call on everyone in South Africa to stop this kind of behaviour and that the perpetrators be brought to book."

"We also hope that the SAP will act swiftly to bring those responsible to book," he said.

Colonel Frank Alton, Press liaison officer for the Northern Transvaal police, said yesterday no one had been arrested in connection with the inci-

dent. Forensic experts were still conducting tests.

Sapa reports that the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's Mr Piet "Skier" Rudolph yesterday said the bombing did not come as a surprise to him.

"If the Government continues on this path, we will be heading for such chaos, disaster and a civil war which will make the French and Russian revolutions look like a Sunday school picnic."

Piet Skiet arrested at offices of AWB

Crime Staff

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Prominent rightwinger Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was arrested at the Pretoria offices of the AWB yesterday afternoon, police confirmed.

Northern Transvaal police liaison officer Major Willie Vlotman said Mr Rudolph, secretary-general of the AWB, was being held at the Pretoria Central police station on a charge of contempt of court.

A warrant for his arrest was issued on Friday following his refusal to be tried in Krugersdorp by a coloured magistrate and or be prosecuted by a black prosecutor on a speeding offence allegedly committed on the Krugersdorp-Pretoria highway earlier this year.

In a handwritten statement to the court, Mr Rudolph said the prosecutor and the magistrate were "aliens" in the country as they could not vote and, therefore,

could not carry out justice.

He asked them to recuse themselves from the case.

Magistrate Joseph Jason, who has been on the Bench in Krugersdorp since March, rejected Mr Rudolph's request. Prosecutor A P R Ramaweale has been prosecuting for at least four years.

Mr Rudolph then submitted that, although he did not doubt the court's integrity, he was unable to be judged by people not of his ilk.

Mr Jason then entered a plea of not guilty.

While the court was adjourned, Mr Rudolph left the building and did not return.

The magistrate ordered that a warrant be drawn up for his immediate arrest.

Mr Rudolph yesterday refused the option of bail and will be handed over to the police in Krugersdorp today, Major Vlotman said.

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The family found the victim at his live-in lover's home, seven days after he had been discharged from the Leratong Hospital. Mr Tefu slipped into a coma and for days remained unidentified until his lover found him in hospital. — Sapa.

Court told of assault by farmer

Boy 'welded to table, set alight'

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By Dirk Nel
Northern
Transvaal Bureau

LOUIS TRICHARDT — The mother of a 15-year-old boy broke down and wept in the Regional Court here yesterday when her son told magistrate G J J van Deventer how he was "welded" to a steel table on December 8 last year and then set alight by a farmer, John van der Westhuizen.

The boy, Frank Mokwati of Tshituni village in Venda, removed his shirt to show the court severe burn marks all over his body. He said he had not yet recovered from the injuries, despite being treated in hospital for four months.

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The accused then drove to a workshop on Hayoma farm, where the man grabbed him and began punching him on the chest, head and stomach, the boy claimed.

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"I tried to take my jacket off, but let go of it when I felt my hand burning. The four others brought water and doused the flames. When I finally got the jacket half off, some of my flesh came with it," he said.

A man called Shamba cut the rest of the jacket off.

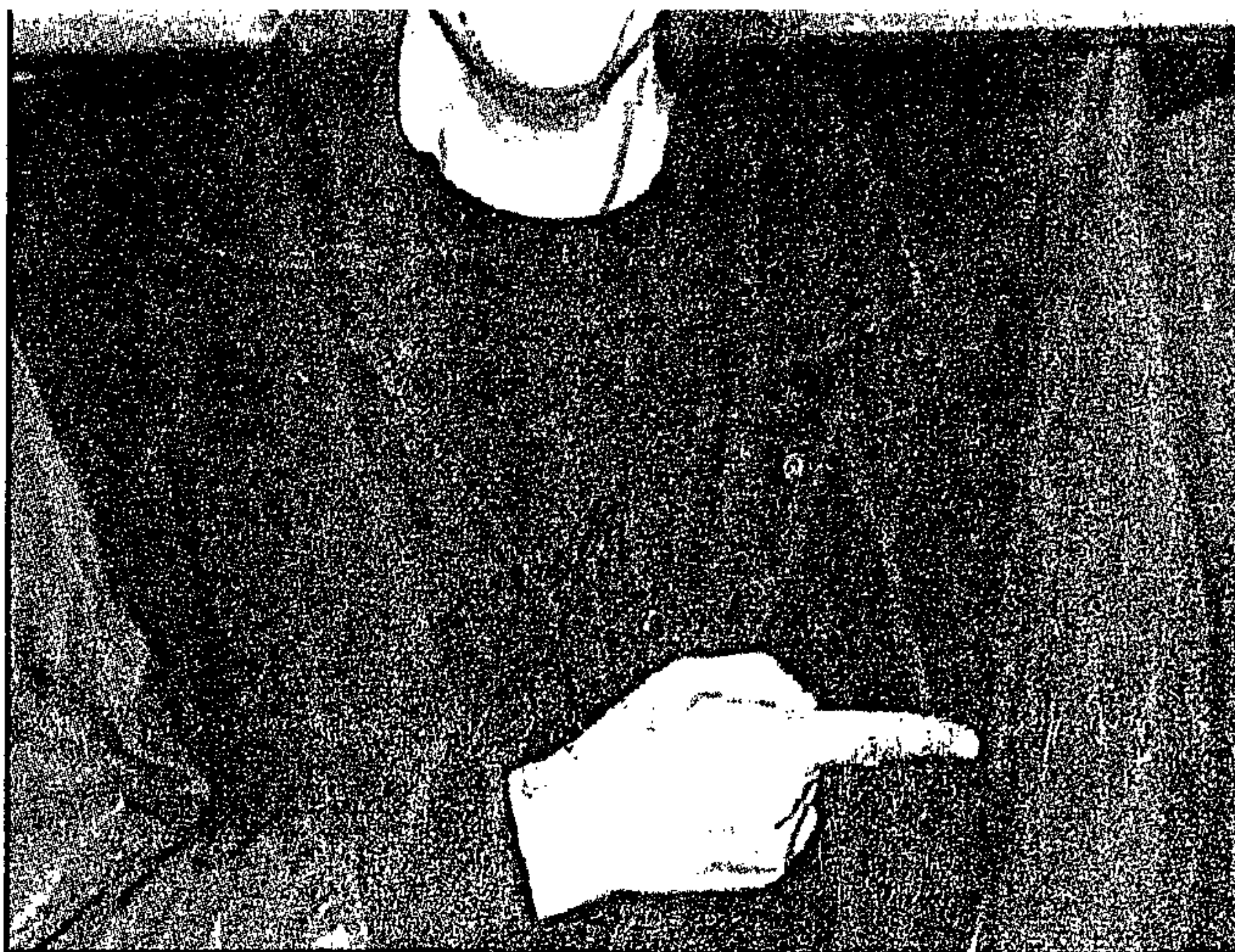
Meanwhile the farmer had left and returned with a white policeman, who kicked him in the stomach, the boy alleged.

During all these events, nobody told him why he was being treated so harshly, he added.

The policeman took him to his bakkie, handcuffed him to a heavy piece of iron, and drove him to the Messina police station. He was later transferred to the Messina Hospital from where he was moved to the Pietersburg Hospital and eventually to the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

During cross-examination of the witness, defence attorney J L C van Vuuren rejected his version of the day's events, claiming the boy had been on the run after being sought by the police in connection with a burglary. However, the complainant denied this, saying his evidence was true.

The hearing continues.



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"But listening to that would be far worse than 27 years of solitary confinement," the world-renowned "Band Aid" artist said upon meeting his idol at the ANC head office in Johannesburg yesterday.

Shaking hands during their first meeting, the two men — celebrities in their own yet very differing ways — exchanged niceties under the glaring lights of television cameras and the flashes of photographers' cameras.

"My new record will be

Bob Geldof meets hero Mandela

out on Friday," the sleepy, off-beat Geldof said, to break the ice.

On a more serious note, the Nobel Peace Prize nominee said he would love to talk to Mr Mandela for the entire afternoon if time permitted.

Mr Mandela was equally complimentary about the leader of legendary '70s punk rockers, the Boomtown Rats.

"I like everything that has got to do with him," Mr Mandela said.

Asked whether he was nervous to meet Mr Mande-

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Geldof will also meet Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi while visiting SA.

● Mr Mandela is to undertake a three-week visit to Spain, the Caribbean and Latin America.

The trip, which starts on Friday, will include visits to Madrid, Kingston, Havana, Mexico City, Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus yesterday said Mr Mandela would meet several heads of state, including President Castro of Cuba.

Fight over VAT on essentials grows

By Paula Fray
and Jacqueline Myburgh

Public resistance to the levying of value-added tax on essentials such as medical services and foodstuffs is growing as the vast scope of the VAT net becomes clearer.

Recent revelations that the switch-over from general sales tax to VAT would more than double the tax burden of low-income families have sparked off grassroots resistance.

VAT will replace GST on September 30.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions has

joined concerned consumer bodies in pointing out the heavy toll of VAT on certain services.

Cosatu is set to meet the Minister of Finance on July 23 to discuss the implications of levying the new tax on foodstuffs, medicines and medical services.

The meeting with the Minister precedes Cosatu's national congress on July 24, where the issue will be high on the agenda.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said: "I don't want to make threats, but at the end of the day, if the workers

have to take action they will do so."

Labour Research Services, in a recent study for Cosatu, calculated that with 12 per cent VAT, a low-income family would pay between R26 and R38 more sales tax than under GST.

"This, when workers are already living on the breadline," Mr Coleman said.

The Housewives League has come out in support of a Consumer Council call for the public to resist VAT on medical services.

League president Lyn Morris called on consumers

ured politician Helen Suzman, ANC Women's League president and deputy president Getrude Shope and Albertina Sisulu and National Health Minister Rina Venter.

delegation was in SA to study the role of women after apartheid and it would talk to a broad spectrum of women to find out what assistance Germans could offer. — Sapa.

Bombing sets back plan to bring children to SA

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THE bombing of Pretoria's Hillview High School at the weekend had set back the ANC's plans to transfer hundreds of school-children from Tanzania to SA, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday.

The renovated school — due to be handed to the ANC yesterday — was wrecked by a massive bomb early on Sunday.

The ANC had planned to use it to accommodate children from Tanzania's Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College which is scheduled to close soon.

The fact that people could destroy an institution earmarked for children boded ill for SA's future, she said.

The ANC had assumed the security police would have taken steps to protect the buildings as they had been present at a meeting on Friday where the imminent handover of the school had been discussed.

Government had agreed to allow the ANC to use the school until next March. SAP Northern Transvaal liaison officer Major Willie Vlotman said police had

made no progress in their investigation. He said nobody had claimed responsibility for the blast.

The Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) warned last week it would not allow black children to use the school which would become a "target of Boer resistance".

The BVB was among right-wing organisations which yesterday denied responsibility for the explosion.

But the CP said the explosion was the direct result of government's decision to use it to accommodate hundreds of ANC members in a traditionally white area.

Government had to accept that such actions were seen as seriously provocative, CP deputy leader Ferdie Hartzenberg said.

A National Health Department spokesman said Minister Rina Venter would not comment on the school's future until the matter had been discussed with the ANC.

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regarded the Defence Act as binding, despite the scrapping of population registration.

He "did not commit government to any specific decisions or actions but assured the delegation that careful consideration would be given to their

That when the community was moved to Keiskammahoek, the people suffered as a result of unemployment, the infant mortality rate increased and there was starvation.

Strydom on hunger strike

SUSAN RUSSELL

MASS murderer Barend Strydom and two other right-wing prisoners yesterday started a hunger strike at Pretoria Central prison in a bid to obtain release as political prisoners.

Strydom's attorney Wim Cornelius last night confirmed Strydom, 26, had joined Darryl Stopforth, 27, and Adriaan Maritz, 44, on hunger strike.

Cornelius said Strydom's father, Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom, spoke to his son yesterday.

Meanwhile, Cornelius said two other right-wing prisoners Cornelius Lottering and Fanie Goosen, who ended their hunger strike at Johannesburg Hospital on Saturday, would be eligible for parole on November 27.

A Correctional Services Department spokesman confirmed Lottering and Goosen had received a letter

from the Commissioner of Prisons setting out their position.

The spokesman said they were briefed about the possibility of release in terms of the special remission of sentence for first offenders announced by President FW de Klerk.

Sapa reports that the right-wing hunger-strikers include Briton Henri Martin and German Horst Klenz, who have been on strike for a week; and Leonard Veenendaal, who started his fast on July 1.

Veenendaal's condition is deteriorating and he is suffering partial kidney failure, according to Nic Strydom, who visited him at the HF Verwoerd Hospital on Sunday.

Rudolph arrested at AWB offices

PRETORIA — Right-winger Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was arrested by police yesterday afternoon at the AWB offices in Pretoria.

An AWB spokesman said Rudolph had been waiting all day at the office for the police to arrive.

Police told her that he would be taken to Pretoria Central Prison, she said. 8/0 am 16/7/91

A warrant was issued for Rudolph's arrest on Friday by a Krugersdorp magistrate, after he walked out of the court and refused to be tried on a traffic offence by a black prosecutor and a coloured magistrate.

He is scheduled to appear in Pretoria Magistrate's Court today. — Sapa.

Black Tuks hostel ³⁴⁴ ⁵⁴ teargassed in night attack

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Three teargas canisters were fired into a hostel for black students at Pretoria University in a suspected rightwing attack early today.

Students said police thought that an R-1 or R-4 rifle was used in the raid on the Huis en Haard hostel in Duxbury Road shortly before 1am while most residents were asleep.

A resident who did not want to be named said about five students were in the building, which normally houses 18.

Two were awake and heard what sounded like three shots fired inside the building. The doors had been locked, so the two broke a window to escape. They saw a white car leaving.

A security guard alerted the security control, who called the police.

Police found three teargas canisters in the main corridor. One appeared to have been thrown by hand, while the others were apparently fired from a military rifle, according to police and campus guards.

The residents, staying in the hostel during their holidays, said they suspected a rightwing attack.

One added: "They must have had a master key. They came in soon after the lights were switched off."

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — When the children of ANC exiles finally leave Tanzania and return to South Africa, they will be leaving behind a hi-tech school which rivals the best this country has to offer.

The return of the first batch of children, an estimated 400 to 700 primary school children, has been indefinitely delayed after a powerful bomb devastated the former white Pretoria school earmarked for their occupation.

Police are investigating an anonymous telephone call to a Johannesburg newspaper claiming that the bomb, which caused damage estimated at R800 000, was planted by the Wit Republikeinse Leer.

Assessing damage

Little is known of this organisation, which claims its members are trained by the Irish Republic Army, and is connected to the equally mysterious Wit Wolwe.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze yesterday said detectives "are definitely taking a very close look at the origin of this organisation and if it actually exists or might just be a hoax". The government is at present

ANC's college offered high-tech education

assessing the damage caused by the bomb, and has indicated that alternative accommodation exists if the damaged school, Hillview High School, is no longer capable of housing the children.

The children, many of them orphans, are at present housed at the ANC-run Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College (Somafo). Established at Mazimbu in Tanzania in 1979, the college was named after an ANC member hanged for his involvement in the June 1977 grenade attack in Goch Street, Johannesburg, which left two dead.

The school offers its pupils, believed to number in the thousands, a computer-assisted education and access to well-

equipped laboratories. Many of those who perform well in their final exams are sent to foreign universities.

Many of the school's teachers are volunteers from Europe. They care for and tutor the children from the age of three, when they enter the school's kindergarten section, until they matriculate.

The children, all of whom stay in dormitories, receive instruction in English.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus yesterday said his organisation would leave the hi-tech teaching aids behind, as the school would probably be used as a centre for adult education.

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A number of the school's teachers who are South African citizens would also be returning to assist with local education, he said.

Mr Niehaus said the ANC intended maintaining the teaching standards of Somafo in South Africa.

The children — many of them orphans — were originally meant to be housed at Hillview High School, which has stood empty in downtown Pretoria for a number of years, before being settled in communities elsewhere.

We blasted school - rightwingers

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

Two right-wing groups have claimed responsibility for the Hillview High School bomb blast — but police said yesterday they had no concrete leads yet.

A woman, claiming she was a member of the "Wit Wolwe" — and a man saying he belonged to the "Wit Republikeinse Leer" (White Republican Army) have claimed to newspapers their organisations were responsible for the blast.

Neither caller revealed any identity. This is also the first mention of an organisation called "Wit Republikeinse Leer", although there is an organisation called the "Boer Republikeinse Leer".

Both callers expressed their outrage at the ANC's plans to accommodate 700 exiled children from Tanzania at the school.

The woman said seven women members of the Wit Wolwe were responsible for Sunday's blast.

Asked how they had acquired the explosives, she replied: "That remains our secret. We did it because we do not want

ANC children in our city and we are prepared to blow it up again — children and all."

The man said the action was to show the ANC that it was not wanted in the "Boer Republic". He claimed his group had been trained by the Irish Republican Army and was the "brother of the 'Wit Wolf' murder squad".

Police have decided to treat the calls "with circumspect". "We can't add too much value to the claims," a police spokesman said.

ANC education and repatriation spokesman Caleb Bush said yesterday that the organisation was waiting on the Government to contact it regarding alternative arrangements.

The childrens' arrival has been postponed.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze, reacting to allegations that the Government was not prepared to stop rightwing terrorism and violence, said everything was being done to trace the bombers.

The police also had a high success rate in investigating rightwing terrorism and thus far had solved 90 percent of such cases, which was a higher percentage than their success

rate in solving leftwing terrorism.

Captain Kotze added: "The police do not ever underestimate the rightwing's far greater capacity to commit terrorism."

A number of rightwing organisations, while denying involvement in the planting of the bomb, have applauded the action.

Deputy leader of the Orde Boerevolk, Coen Vermaak, said yesterday he believed the bomb could have been the work of the "Boer Republikeinse Leer", which recently distributed advice on how to commit sabotage and had identified specific targets by name.

This organisation, whose leadership is unknown, has circulated at least two documents among Boer independence groups over the past six months — advising people to act alone in sabotage or terrorism so they could not be identified on membership lists.

Captain Kotze said the police had taken note of the "Boer Republican Army" and would take a "very close look at the origin of this organisation to see if it actually existed" or might just be a hoax.

Rightwing threat to school

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RIGHTWINGERS have threatened that Menlopark Hoërskool "will be the next old Hillview school".

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school to all races.

"*Nee vir kaffirs N,*" followed by a hammer and sickle was painted on the wall.

Asked whether his organisation had planted the explosive device at the old Hillview High School, the man would not accept responsibility for the blast but said his organisation was "involved".

The headmaster of Menlopark Hoërskool, Dr Carel van der Merwe, yesterday confirmed that parents had voted for the option to open the school

to all races but the decision was still awaiting final confirmation by the Minister. He would not comment further.

A police spokesman said this was the first direct indication that rightwing elements could be responsible for the Hillview school blast.

"We will investigate this lead thoroughly," he said.

Police will contact Van der Merwe to make the necessary arrangements for safeguarding the school. - *Political Staff.*

'Plot to kill BWB leader': Four arrested

The Argus Correspondent

18/7/91

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were arrested at a Western Transvaal holiday resort in connection with an alleged plot to assassinate Boere Weerstandbeweging (BWB) leader Mr Andrew Ford on his Rustenburg farm.

Mr Ford said he notified police of the presence of the alleged assassins at the Rustenburg Kloof holiday resort after receiving information on the plot in his capacity as head of the Boere Intelligence Services, a division of the BWB.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen confirmed that three men and a woman had been arrested yesterday on a charge of attempted murder and possession of dangerous weapons. They would probably appear in court today.

Mr Ford said: "They were on my farm last night about 8pm, although I never saw them. Two of them also came here more than two weeks ago, saying they wanted to join the BWB."

"One June 27 I took them with me to fetch two of my guards from the (Rustenburg) station. These guys must have thought I fetch the guards every night."

"They phoned me this morning and tried to get me to meet them in town. Then we knew where they were. I wanted to go out there (to the resort) with my own people, but it is school holidays — what would have happened if there had been a gun battle? — so I called the police."

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He said the Boere Intelligence Services had a substantial intelligence-gathering network. The fact that police had carried out the arrests demonstrated that his information "was 100 percent correct".

Mr Ford said he was under constant guard and warned that if any attempt was made to harm his wife and children, he would "chase them (the perpetrators) right into hell".

Sapa reports that, according to a "well-placed source", Boerestaat Party leader Mr Robert van Tonder had recently received death threats from a rightwing organisation. Mr Van Tonder would not confirm this last night.

Assassination of BWB man feared: Four held

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were arrested at the Rustenburg Kloof holiday resort yesterday on suspicion that they had orders to assassinate the leader of the Boereweerstandsbeweging, Mr Andrew Ford.

Mr Ford said from his Rustenberg farm that he had been warned by telephone at 1.30pm yesterday about the assassination mission of the three men and one women.

Police later confirmed that the four were arrested by security police and were being held on charges of alleged attempted murder and the possession of dangerous weapons. They would appear in court soon.

Mr Ford said: "The BWB wanted to go the holiday resort to get these people out ourselves, but our information was that they were heavily armed ... innocent people could have been hurt." — Sapa

Renewed fears for rightwing terror backlash

By Mono Badela

FEARS of a violent white backlash against President FW de Klerk's political reforms have been renewed by the bombing of Hillview High School in Pretoria.

Concern has been increased by the firing of three teargas canisters at a hostel housing black students at the University of Pretoria on Wednesday in what is believed to be a right-wing attack.

Students said police suspected two of the canisters were fired from a R1 or R4 rifle.

For months, many right-wingers have been arming themselves against

what they see as the "swaart gevaar" (black danger). There has been a spate of bomb blasts aimed at government leaders, anti-apartheid activists and trade unionists recently.

Of the 23 bomb blasts perpetrated by right-wing groups during 1990, 20 of the incidents (or 87 percent) had been solved, Law and Order Minister Mr. Adriaan Vlok told parliament last month.

He said the South African Police were continuing their investigations of right-wing groups.

Since June last year, bombs have exploded at two offices of the National Party, the homes of two Johannesburg city council members, a Jewish synagogue and the offices of

the alternative weekly newspaper, *Vrye Weekblad*.

No one was injured in the blasts, which occurred in the early morning. In each case commercial dynamite appears to have been used — the kind of explosives readily available to the country's certified miners. Right-wing groups have claimed credit for several of the bombings.

Other acts of right-wing terror took place at the Bree Street bus and taxi terminus in central Johannesburg where a massive explosion left several people, mostly blacks, injured and the windows of nearby shops were shattered. Other incidents of right-wing terrorism include the killing of a black taxi-driver and the bombing

of the Johannesburg flat of journalist Ms. Jani Allan in 1989.

In December last year, a Foreign Affairs official was detained in connection with the blast in October at the residence of the US ambassador, Mr. William Swing, in Pretoria.

The previous month, political risk consultant Mr. Wim Booysse predicted that incidents of right-wing violence would increase in areas where rightwing organisations were well-structured and where they had a "captive audience".

These areas include the northern Free State, western Transvaal, far northern Transvaal and eastern Transvaal where conservatism had a stronghold.

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Kids' hopes blasted by school bomb

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By Mono Badela

THE explosion that rocked Hillview High School in downtown Pretoria on Sunday has not only delayed the return of 400 ANC primary school children but also shattered the hopes of local children who had hoped to use the facilities.

The arrival of the children from Tanzania has been delayed until alternative arrangements can be made.

ANC spokesperson Mr Carl Niehaus said the safety of the children was paramount and warned that the ANC would not tolerate this kind of "rightwing thuggery".

Responsibility

The bomb, at 2am on Sunday, was detonated in a first-floor classroom, and occurred just one day before the newly-renovated school was due to be handed over to the government for the use of about 700 children expected to be flown from Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College in Tanzania to South Africa this month.

Two right-wing groups have claimed responsibility for the bombing but police have not yet made any arrests.

A woman, claiming she was a member of the "Wit Wolwe" and a

man who said he belonged to the "Wit Republikeinse Leer" (White Republican Army) have claimed they were responsible for the blast.

Other rightwing organisations, while denying involvement in the planting of the bomb, have applauded the action. Reacting to the bombing of the school, Niehaus said the rightwingers were trying to wage their "racist war" against defenceless children.

Tolerate

"We are not prepared to tolerate a situation where rightwing groups want to make use of violence to try to circumvent the normal democratic process in this country."

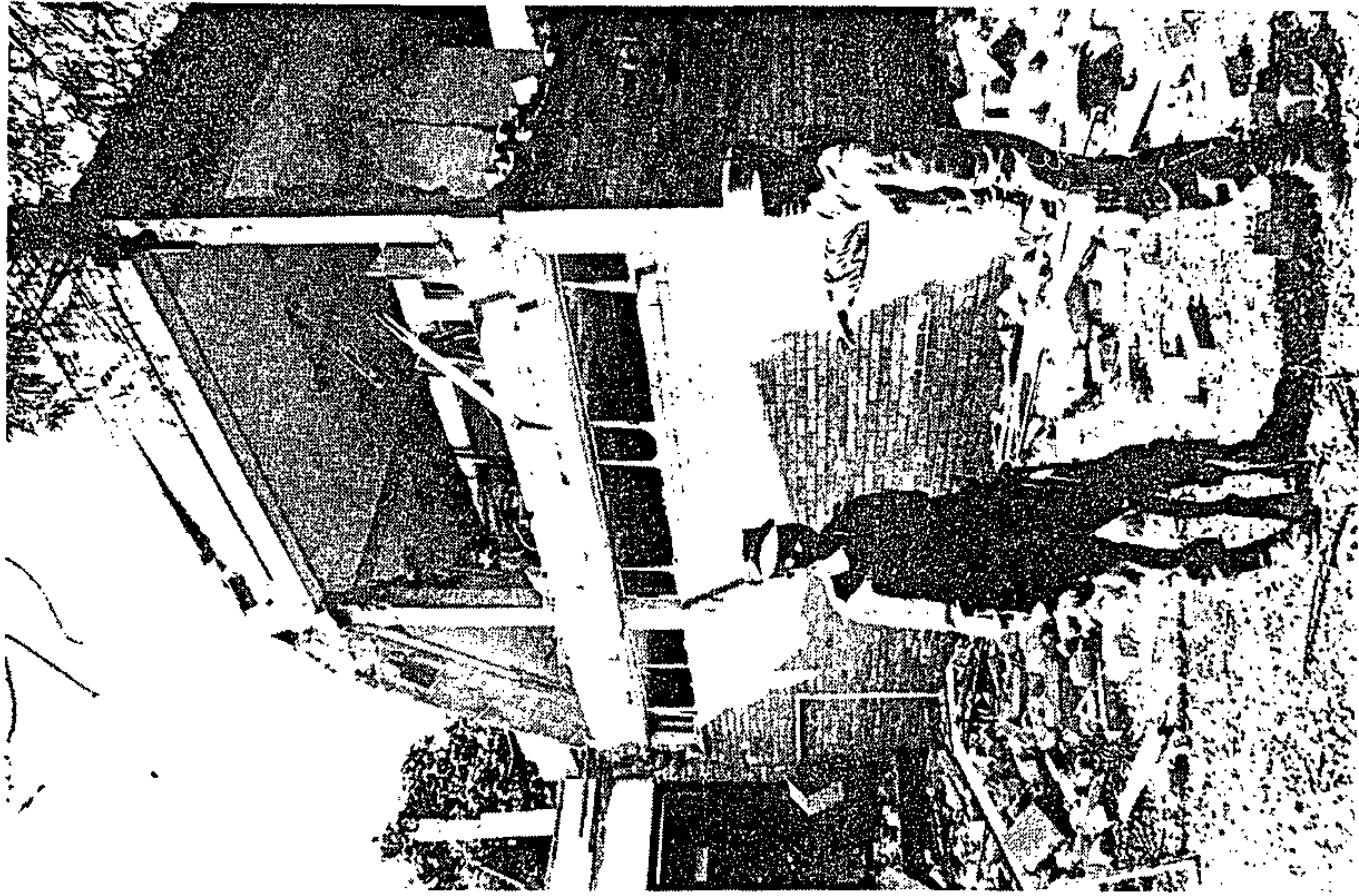
Meanwhile, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in Pretoria on Monday he was "appalled" by the bombing, which he called "abominable".

The police at times had given the impression that they were "not always as zealous as some of us might want to see them be".

A mother of seven travelled 35 kilometres from Soshanguve outside Pretoria to inspect the damage.

Mrs Roseline Matjokano had hoped that her three young sons would be admitted to Hillview High School when it was to open next month.

She said schools in black townships



BOMBED-OUT: Security guards at a section of Hillview High School extensively damaged by a bomb

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were in a "terrible state" with no blackboards or desks, and the classrooms in winter were cold because they had no windows.

Meanwhile, the National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC)

warned this week that pupils of Alexandra township would occupy an empty white school situated at Orange Groove on July 29, after which black pupils would invade 50 other empty white schools in the area.

Bomb: 'Menlopark will be next'

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Pretoria Correspondent

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Asked whether his organisation had planted the explosive device at the Hillview school, the man would not accept responsibility for the blast but said his organisation was "involved".

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3 men, woman held over *Star 18/7/91* 'plot to kill BWB leader' *344*

Crime Staff

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his information "was 100 percent correct", he said.

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Sapa reports that a "well-placed source" said Boerestaats Party leader Robert van Tonder had recently received death threats from a right-wing organisation.

Mr van Tonder would not confirm this last night.

He said the Boerestaats Party was first and foremost a political organisation, although it did have a "loose association" with the BWB and other bodies involved in the military training of members.

He declined to confirm whether he had upgraded security on his Randburg farm after the alleged death threats and a bomb blast there.

POLICE are investigating allegations that three men arrested at a Western Transvaal holiday resort were out to kill a rightwing leader on a "hit contract" issued by another prominent extremist leader.

Police swooped on the Rustenburg Kloof holiday resort yesterday and arrested three rightwing men and a woman in connection with an alleged plot to kill Mr. Andrew Ford,

Police probe contract to kill

leader of the Boere Weerstandsbeweging.

It is understood police also seized an AK-47 rifle and ammunition.

Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Min-

istry of Law and Order, said the three men would probably face charges of conspiracy to commit a crime and illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

"The whole incident seems to be related to in-fighting in far rightwing circles," he said.

One line police are pursuing is that the three men were acting on a "contract" to kill. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

AWB ready to go to war - ET

SOUTH AFRICAN rightwing extremists, calling the African National Congress cannibals and child killers, are vowing to go to war to create a white republic.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche and his deputy Mr Piet Rudolph issued the call to arms on Wednesday night, three days after a bomb blast in Pretoria which was blamed on the far right.

"We've been forced into war because the constitutional path has been blocked ... we'll have to build our nation with



PIET RUDOLPH

violence," Rudolph told an AWB meeting in the Parys town hall.

Many of the 500 people in the hall wore khaki uniforms bearing the group's swastika-like emblem.

Soldiers of the AWB "victory commando" exchanged Nazi-style salutes.

TerreBlanche, in an emotional speech laced

with references to the Bible and Afrikaner wars against blacks and the British, told the meeting President FW de Klerk was giving away their birthright to the ANC.

"He has allowed the ANC and the communists to establish their bases in the middle of our suburbs," he said, referring to the scrapping of apartheid legislation.

"He is willing to talk to cannibals - these people eat the burned flesh of those killed by having a burning tyre placed around their necks. I have seen it."

TerreBlanche said De Klerk was negotiating away land that Afrikaners had shed sweat and tears

to build into a modern state.

"The English killed 27 000 of our women and children in concentration camps during the Boer War.

"It will be the same if the ANC takes over."

TerreBlanche, who demands the creation of a white state in the former Boer republics of Transvaal, Orange Free State and Northern Natal, said there could be no peace if Boer land was given to blacks.

"That day we make war in South Africa," he said to loud applause, adding that all AWB members were armed and trained. - Sapa-Reuter.

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BWB 'hit': Cape men blamed

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Right-wing sources yesterday blamed Western Cape members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging for an attempted assassination on Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) leader Mr Andrew Ford.

On Wednesday Mr Ford said four men had tried to kill him on his farm near Rustenburg.

Police said later that four people had been arrested at the Rusenberg Kloof holiday resort on charges of conspiracy to commit a crime and possession of an

illegal firearm and ammunition.

A well-placed source described the alleged assassination attempt as a "contract-style" operation arranged by a senior AWB member.

Law and Order spokesman Mr Craig Kotze said yesterday the incident seemed to be related to internal tensions and personality differences within right-wing organisations.

Police said the four people arrested at Rustenburg Kloof holiday resort face charges of conspiracy to commit a crime and

possession of an illegal firearm and ammunition.

They were named as Mr Johan Kotze, Mr Karel Swart, Mr Ben Korsen and Mr Hester van Heerden.

Another source said they operated under an organisation called Ons Veg vir die Bevryding van Suid Afrika (We are fighting for the freedom of South Africa).

Mr Ford said yesterday the BWB's "Boer Intelligence" had been aware of the plan to assassinate him on a dirt road leading to his farm, 22km outside Rustenburg.

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No sweet return for kids after school bombing

By PORTIA MAURICE 19/7-25/7/91
PUPILS at the African National Congress' Solomon Mahlangu College in Tanzania are likely to return to school there while the future of Hillview High School in Pretoria is negotiated.

A major part of Hillview — which had been allocated for use by the children of returning exiles — was destroyed by a bomb on Sunday. Damage has been estimated at between R800 000 and R1-million. Extensive renovations had just been completed at the school, which had been abandoned for 10 years.

Two right-wing groups — the "Wit

Wolwe" and the "Wit Republikeinse Leer" (White Republican Army) have claimed responsibility for the blast, but police say they have no concrete leads.

According to last week's issue of the Conservative Party newspaper *Die Patriot*, a delegation of rightwingers visited Hillview just days before the bombing. Among the visitors were Dominee Mossie van der Berg of the Afrikaner Kulturbond, Jan Groenewald of the Boere-Vryheidsbeweging and Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht.

Groenewald was reported as saying the school would be the "leiken van

Boere weerstand" (target of Boer resistance).

Meanwhile, an ANC representative involved in repatriation said this week although communication with the pupils was difficult, their lives would continue normally in order to minimise disruption when they returned to South Africa.

He remained tight-lipped though about the progress of government/ANC talks on the issue, and would not be drawn on whether the ANC would wait for Hillview to be renovated a second time or demand alternative accommodation.

"We need to bring the children back urgently, so Hillview may be eliminated as an option by virtue of the need," he said, adding that the security of the students should be of paramount importance.

The ANC had not yet received any police reports on the bombing, although they had been reassured that investigations were continuing, he said.

"We are owed a report as part of the committee arranging the school. The culprits must be apprehended and the state must prove its sincerity on this issue."

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AT A PRICE

Is Barend Strydom, the self-proclaimed *Wit Wolf* who gunned down pedestrians in a Pretoria street in 1989, a political prisoner or common murderer?

Government apparently finds it useful to argue that Strydom is a political prisoner. This week it was locked in top-level discussions with the ANC (Nelson Mandela himself is involved) about linking Strydom's release with that of four senior Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) cadres — Robert McBride, Mzondelele Nondula, Mthetheleli Mncube and Sibusiso Masuku.

The ANC is refusing to link the release of these men with that of Strydom, whom they don't recognise as a political prisoner.

However, there is some debate even within

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ANC ranks. One MK official tells the *FM* that he regards Strydom as a victim of apartheid. "His socialisation in a society that condoned racial hatred," says the official, led him to murder eight blacks. Others in the ANC argue that, while the MK cadres killed under orders, Strydom took it upon himself to stage his attacks. (344) (283)

Nondula and Mncube were involved in landmine blasts and the deaths of two policemen in the Messina area in 1988; they are on Death Row. McBride was involved with several bombings in Durban in 1988, including one on the beachfront which killed three people. He is serving a life sentence. Masuku, who began a hunger strike this week, is an MK cadre convicted of terrorism and due for release this year.

Strydom began his third hunger strike this year on Monday, along with eight other rightwing detainees.

Charlene Smith

Hillview school 'bombed by amateurs' says expert

DARIUS SANAI

THE terrorists who bombed the Hillview High School in Pretoria on Sunday "did not know very much about blowing up buildings", a demolition expert said yesterday.

The expert told Business Day that 25kg of explosives, properly placed, would "raze a school building to the ground".

Police reports said that 25kg of explosives had been used in the blast, which partly demolished the empty school building earmarked for use by children of exiled ANC members.

Sapa reports that the Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) met two government ministers in Pretoria yesterday to request that the school not be used to house children of ANC exiles.

BVB chairman Prof Alkmaar Swart said in a statement he and Jan Groenewald met National Health Minister Dr Rina Venter and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok. *B/D ay 19/7/91*

"The BVB stated its case and said the decision to use the school to accommodate ANC children was unfeeling. We seriously asked Minister Venter to ensure, in the light of the pent-up resistance, to reconsider her intention."

The minister gave her assurance that her options were still open and that she would inform the BVB of any other decisions, Prof Swart said.

Leadership lessons are top drawcard

TANIA LEVY

B/D ay 19/7/91
WOULD-BE township leaders are queuing to attend Wits Business School and learn the sort of skills previously reserved for senior corporate managers.

The school's community-based development programme is part of a thrust to ensure that it not only serves big business, but provides leadership to public sector and community organisations.

Programme co-ordinator and former Cosatu education officer Frank Meintjies said in an interview that community organisations which previously relied on political slogans to mobilise people, now faced the challenge of converting slogans into plans with time limits and results which could be measured.

Programme director Dave Adler said the politics of mass mobilisation, which previously sustained these organisations, was often used to hide organisational inefficiency.

Funding

After the abolition of apartheid and repressive laws, members of trade unions, civic associations and other anti-apartheid groups had become less militant and were increasingly questioning organisations' leadership, structure and accountability.

Adler said cutbacks in funding, particularly from overseas, were forcing community-based organisations increasingly to analyse their effectiveness.

Funding previously made available to human rights causes was now being channelled into specific development work.

Community-based organisations had to

become more effective to attract funding — and make it go further.

Areas covered in the four-month course included problem-solving, decision-making, strategic leadership, needs analysis, budgeting, fund-raising, progress evaluation, labour law, marketing, adult learning and media relations.

Meintjies said the main difference between the programme and other courses offered by the business school was that the programme's students were drawn from non-profit organisations which usually had a strongly political culture. These groups also had a strongly collective approach.

Meintjies said the anti-apartheid "sector" had grown remarkably in recent years and pulled in hundreds of administrative people. But it suffered from one of the major problems facing SA big business; it was drawing its human resources from a pool of unskilled people with a disadvantaged educational background.

Adler said the programme started from the basis that development consisted of four equally important facets — the economic, social, political and psychological or spiritual.

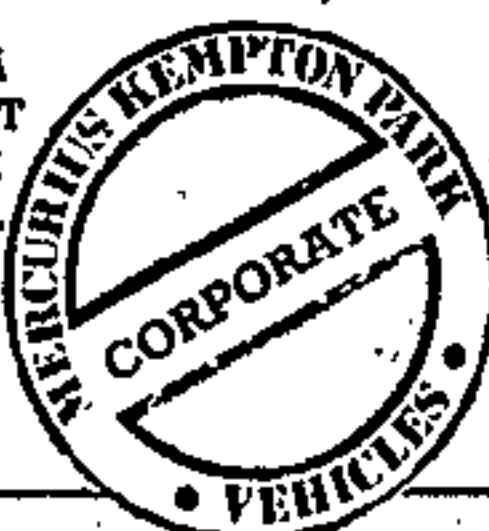
Participants were taught to assess the broader context within which they worked.

For example, community-based organisations that were concerned about redistribution of wealth must learn about wealth generation, said Adler.

Meintjies said the programme was not party political, but it fitted into and identified with the broad extra-parliamentary democratic movement.



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Plea over Hillview

The Boere Vryheidsbeweging met two Ministers in Pretoria yesterday to request that the former whites-only Hillview High School not be used to educate children of ANC exiles.

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The Minister gave her assurance that her options were still open and that she would inform the BVB of any other decisions, Professor Swart said. — Sapa.

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Van Tonder assassination claim dismissed

An allegation by right-wing Boerestaat Party (BSP) leader Robert van Tonder that security police are planning to assassinate him with a car bomb has been dismissed as "ridiculous" by the Law and Order Ministry.

Captain Craig Kotze, Ministry spokesman, said that like all allegations of this kind, the police would investigate this one, "even though it sounds ridiculous".

The claim was made in a letter to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok yesterday.

Mr van Tonder said the Boer Intelligence Service — a branch of the Boereweerstandsbeweging — had told him that the plan to assassinate him was hatched in the office of a senior security policeman.

"The information was obtained from the inner circles of the security police and for obvi-

ous reasons the name of the informant cannot be made available."

Mr van Tonder said in the letter that the BSP had previously requested the Government to fire officers "who had tortured Boer prisoners, but you condoned their actions and refused our request".

He said the Boers "are waiting to see if action will finally be taken against the thugs in your service". — Sapa.

AWB link in 'murder plot'

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A PROMINENT AWB member was yesterday named as being behind an alleged attempt to assassinate Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) leader Andrew Ford.

A well-placed source described the alleged assassination attempt as a "contract-style" operation arranged by the AWB member, whose name is known to Business Day.

It is believed the four people arrested near Rustenburg on Wednesday for allegedly plotting to kill Ford are all AWB members from the western Cape.

The source said an AK-47 assault rifle, stolen from a museum, had been found when the arrests were made.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said yesterday the incident seemed to be related to internal tensions and personality differences within right-wing organisations.

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JONATHAN REES

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Sapa reports that a Boer Intelligence investigation into certain right-wingers'

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collaboration with government has caused a growing rift between rival groups on the right.

AWB spokesman Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was recently named by Ford as one of the right-wingers under observation by Boer Intelligence for suspected collaboration with government.

Rudolph said yesterday Ford was publicity hunting by spreading rumours that he (Rudolph) worked for the security police. Rudolph said allegations against him were "part of the dirty tricks department of the SAP".

Two separate sources said yesterday

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that, at the court appearance of the four detained people tomorrow, a prominent AWB member would be named as a leader of the alleged assassination plot. The four accused will appear in the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court.

Police are understood to be in possession of a signed statement by one of the accused, saying they had been sent by the man to kill Ford.

Members of the Boerestaats Party and BWB have recently been the target of death threats. The two organisations are linked through their membership and have the same political goals.

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Mapongwana burial: Huge crowd expected

By CHRIS BATEMAN

TENS of thousands of Peninsula township residents are expected in Khayelitsha this morning for the funeral of Mr Michael Mapongwana, the assassinated chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association.

Mr Mapongwana died when three balaclava-clad gunmen shot him at close range in Philippi last week.

An outspoken activist known for his strongly held political views, Mr Mapongwana had survived numerous

murder attempts, including one which claimed the life of his wife Nomsa at their Khayelitsha home in October last year. He will be buried alongside her in the Khayelitsha cemetery.

His death — which orphaned their two children, aged six and three — has left the townships simmering.

Police have said their investigations so far point towards three suspects, whose names they have, being local taxi operators. Arrests have yet to be made.

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Two guilty of plotting to kill 'Boer' leader

AN Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) plot to murder rival rightist Andrew Ford of the Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) was hatched after Piet "Skiet" Rudolph instructed two AWB members to infiltrate the BWB, the Rustenburg Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Nicolaas Johannes Kotze (30) of Barkly West, and Carel Willem Swart (20) of Kimberley, were yesterday found guilty of conspiring to murder Mr Ford.

Kotze was also found guilty of illegal possession of an AK-47 and 15 rounds of ammunition — which he said he had

taken from the MacGregor Museum in Kimberley, where his wife is a military historian.

Charges against a third accused, Barend Koorsen (26), of Kimberley, were withdrawn. A woman arrested with the men was not charged and did not appear in court.

Kotze told the magistrate, M C de Wit, he had been instructed by Mr Rudolph to talk to Mr Ford, who was suspected of being a spy. He and Mr Koorsen visited Mr Ford at his Rustenburg home.

They reported back to Mr Rudolph, who told

them Mr Ford had already told the Ventersdorp branch of the AWB the men who had been sent to spy on him were "lightweight".

On the way back to Kimberley, Mr Koorsen "got very angry that Mr Ford regarded us as amateurs". He had been drinking heavily and suggested Mr Ford should be eliminated, Kotze said.

The next day the two men contacted Swart and discussed the conspiracy with him. Kotze said he was the commanding officer of a self-protection unit.

"I had begun to fear for my life after listening to Mr Ford talk about his

network of spies and informers," Kotze said.

The three men and Swart's girlfriend travelled to Rustenburg via Stilfontein, where they tried to obtain explosives.

In Rustenburg they signed into the holiday resort under a false name and Swart was told to do the shooting after they drew straws.

They went to find Mr Ford, but he was not at home. "I explained we were wasting our time, and in any case I had a migraine," Kotze said.

The men decided to carry out the plot early the following morning, but were arrested before they got up.

SUSAN SMUTS

Threats for black stationmaster

By THEMBA KHUMALO

WHITE rightwing extremists have threatened the life of a black man working for Spoornet if he takes up the post of senior clerk at Waterpoort Station near Louis Trichardt.

Tshibalo Siobo, 59, a father of four, took up his job as senior clerk this week. He will effectively be in charge of the station and will have whites working under him.

Promotion

Siobo was shocked when he became the target of racial hatred on a talk show on Radio 702 this week. Several whites phoned the radio station to vent their anger at his promotion and threatened to kill him if he took up the post.

"I'm obviously shocked by the threats," said Siobo, who did not even hear the show as he does not have a radio at his house near the station where he works.

A staunch member of the Lutheran Church, Siobo said he had not been aware that his life was in danger.

White colleagues at his workplace were friendly to him and showed no

hard feelings, Siobo said.

"They are nice guys and they have never shown any hostility to me."

Spoornet PRO, Ephraim Mogale, told City Press there were 22 black stationmasters throughout the country. Seven of them were in the Western Cape, two in the Eastern Cape, four in the Southern Transvaal, eight in Natal and one in Atteridgeville near Pretoria.

"We do not know why Siobo has been singled out by rightwingers because we have other black senior clerks in conservative areas like Pietersburg."

Merit

Spoornet was an equal opportunity company which did not consider race when making its appointments and Siobo had been appointed because he was the best person for the job, Mogale said.

"We've got a value system for making these appointments and one of them is honesty."

"We give jobs according to merit. Siobo joined Spoornet in 1963 and left in 1982. He rejoined us in 1988 as a booking clerk until his promotion," Mogale said.

Villagers protect hounded priest

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A GEREFORMEERDE church priest in Louis Trichardt was assaulted and later thrown out of the parish by rightwing extremists within the congregation.

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

gospel because of the harassment by the rightwingers."

The Reverend Gert Kruger was accused of being a "kaffir boetie" by other members of the church.

This was disclosed at his wedding ceremony at a black township of Vleifontein, near Louis Trichardt, on Saturday.

This was Krugers' second marriage.

He is now staying at the village of Rebone, near Elim, where he is being protected by villagers.

Kruger told about 200 guests, including a number of whites, that he could "spread the



Mr Jan van Eck

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Death threat to Van Eck

Political Correspondent

DEMOCRATIC Party MP for Claremont Mr Jan van Eck has had a death threat from an anonymous caller to his home.

The call was taken by his wife, Eunice.

Mr Van Eck said: "The man who spoke English with a strong Afrikaans accent, told her: 'Tell Van Eck to start running. I'm going to kill the son of a bitch'."

"I am taking it very seriously and I am taking precautions. It is upsetting, but one should probably expect it."

He added that he did not think the caller was a "crank". From his wife's account, the caller "sounded determined".

Mrs Van Eck reported the threat to police.

Another ³¹⁴ bombing at ^{PRETORIA 22/7/91} ANC school in Pretoria

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A second bomb has exploded at the Hillview High School in Pretoria, damaging a boundary wall and shattering windows at a block of flats across the road.

No-one was injured in the blast at 1.24am yesterday, a week after the previous explosion, which caused serious structural damage.

The building was to have housed about 700 children of ANC exiles returning from Tanzania.

Police spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg said nobody had claimed responsibility for the blast and the type of explosive used was unknown.

The explosion ripped a five-metre hole in the concrete wall.

No-one was injured, but windows of flats above a service station across the road from the school, were shattered by the blast.

Several rightwing groups claimed responsibility for the first blast on July 14, which followed threats by the Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) that the school would become a "target of Boer resentment" should the government go ahead with plans to house the ANC children there.

BVB leader Mr Jan Groenewald denied that his movement had been responsible for the blast.

Hillview school bombed again

22/7/91
JOHANNESBURG. — A second bomb exploded at Hillview High School in Pretoria early yesterday, blasting a 6m-wide hole in a boundary wall. No one was injured, but the blast shattered windows of flats above a service station across the road.

Police said they had no idea who was responsible or what type of device caused the 1.25am explosion at the school — which was previously earmarked for occupation by 700 children of ANC exiles.

Responsibility

Almost exactly a week earlier, a 25kg bomb devastated the school, damaging classrooms and other buildings.

People claiming to represent two extreme right-wing groups last week claimed responsibility for the first blast.

Residents at Carbonatto Flats above the service station said they contemplated moving, following the consecutive Sunday morning blasts.

A steady stream of white visitors strolled through the school grounds yesterday to inspect the damage. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Shooting victim spurned by locals

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THE survivor of the Friday's robbery, in which five people died in Tzaneen, was turned away by two black families when he went for help after the attack, he told *Sowetan* yesterday.

Speaking from his hospital bed at Ritavi hospital near Tzaneen, security guard Mr Abel Mokone said that, as he was dripping with blood from a head wound and with three fingers shot off by the white killers, the families had spoken to him through windows and then told him to get away before the killers came for them too.

The killing of the

By Mathatha Tsedu

black workers by two white robbers at Nkowan-kowa Motors is being seen by the local community as a white right-wing attack.

Mokone, who was said to be under police protection as the killers are still at large and may come for him at the hospital, was yesterday morning, however, found alone when the interview was conducted, with his guards basking in the sun on the hospital lawns.

Mokone said the two whites, one armed with a hunting knife and the other with a rifle, never asked for money but had

ordered him to lie down before pumping three bullets into him.

Two of the bullets cut off two fingers from one hand and one from the other, while the third struck him on the head. When the attackers thought he was dead they left him and went for the other five people: two security guards, two petrol attendants and a man who had just asked for shelter for the night. They all died in a hail of bullets.

Except for the man who had asked for shelter, whose identity could not be established, the others are the two security guards, Mr William Mhlongo of Marafan village and Mr Ronald Monyela of Dan village. The petrol attendants are Mr Oriel Phakula of Gavaza village and Mr Simon Mohale of Modjadji near Duiwelskloof.

Mokone told *Sowetan* that when he got up and started running away after being shot, the killers had opened fire again, missing

him. Tears clouded his eyes when he recalled the uncaring people from Dan village who had refused to help him.

He said he had eventually run to Nkowan-kowa township where, with strength ebbing away, he knocked at the house of a policeman who rushed him to the police station. He had passed out after entering the police station and only regained consciousness at the hospital, he said.

Local organisations in the area have called for a meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss the killings, which have been condemned by both the ANC and Azapo branches.

The fact that the killers only got away with R395 was proof that the robbery was not the motive, the two organisations say.

Gazankulu police spokesman, a Major Mnisisi said a pump-action shotgun was used in the attack.

No one had been arrested.

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Second bomb blasts Hillview High School

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A SECOND bomb has exploded at the old Hillview High School in Pretoria, damaging a boundary wall and shattering windows at a block of flats across the road.

No one was injured in the blast, which occurred at 1.24am yesterday - a week almost to the minute after the previous explosion which caused serious structural damage to the building.

The building was to have housed about 700 children of ANC cadres returning from Tanzania.

Police spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg said nobody had as yet claimed responsibility for the blast and the type of explosive device used was still unknown.

He said the explosives had been placed on the ground next to the boundary wall in Dr Savage Street. The explosion ripped a 5-metre hole in the concrete wall.

No one was injured, but windows of flats above Pro-Auto Service Station, across the road from the school, were

broken.

Several rightwing groups have claimed responsibility for the first blast on July 14, which followed threats by the Boere Vryheidsbeweging that the school would become a "target of Boer resentment" should the Government go ahead with plans to house the ANC children there.

BVB leader Mr Jan Groenewald, however, denied that his movement had been responsible for the blast.

Spokesmen for several

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rightwing organisations have denied responsibility for yesterday's explosion.

The future of the children is as yet undecided. Repair work on the building had not yet started after the first blast.

White schools earmarked for use by the ANC or organisations not representing the "Boer" nation would suffer the same fate as Hillview school, deputy leader of the rightwing Orde Boervolk, Mr Coen Vermaak, has said. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Warning as second blast rocks Hillview

Pretoria Correspondent
and Sapa

A second bomb has exploded at the old Hillview High School in Pretoria, damaging a boundary wall and shattering windows at a block of flats across the road.

And right-wing Orde Boerevolk (OB) spokesman Coen Vermaak warned yesterday that other schools would suffer a similar fate.

No one was injured in the blast, which occurred at 1.24 am yesterday — a week almost to the minute after the previous explosion, which caused serious structural damage to the building.

The building was to have housed about 700 children of ANC cadres returning from Tanzania.

Police spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg said nobody had as yet claimed responsibility for the blast and the type of explosive device used was still unknown.

He said the explosives had been placed on the ground next to the boundary wall in Dr Savage Street. The explosion ripped a 5 m hole in the concrete wall. Windows of nearby flats above the Pro-Auto service station were broken.

The motive for the blast was unknown.

Spokesmen for several right-wing organisations yesterday denied knowledge of who was respon-

sible.

Several right-wing groups have claimed responsibility for the first blast on July 14, which followed threats by the Boere Vryheidsbeweging that the school would become a "target of Boer resentment" if the Government went ahead with plans to house the ANC children there.

However, BVB leader Jan Groenewald denied his movement had been responsible for the blast.

Yesterday Mr Vermaak, deputy leader of the OB, said vacant white schools earmarked for use by the ANC or organisations not representing the "Boer" nation would suffer the same fate as Hillview school.

"We don't blame the people who have done this. We understand them and we expected it," Mr Vermaak said.

Conservative Party spokesman Clive Derby-Lewis said those responsible were sure to be amateurs and not part of any organisation.

"It sounds like somebody is trying to get on the bandwagon," he said.

Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder said the bombing was the reaction of rightwingers against the "misdoings of the Government".

"It just stresses the Government's mistake to bring people from other nations into Paul Kruger's capital."

Czechs seek air service agreement

LINDEN BIRNS

A CZECHOSLOVAK Airlines (CSA) representative is to hold talks with the Directorate of Civil Aviation in Pretoria tomorrow to try to pave the way for a bilateral scheduled air services agreement between Czechoslovakia and SA.

CSA Belgium deputy manager Mladen Herzi has been appointed by the airline to conduct preliminary talks ahead of a visit by Czechoslovakian Prime Minister Marian Calfa in September.

Herzi said yesterday that if talks were successful, Calfa and his delegation, which would include six cabinet members, would probably negotiate the details of a bilateral agreement.

SAA spokesman Leon Els said air links between the two countries were unlikely to be established in the short term, but said SAA would welcome the promotion of trade and tourism between the two countries.

Current traffic demands did not justify a new service to Belgrade.

SAA puts millions into high-tech pilot training

LINDEN BIRNS

SAA has spent more than R116m on new flight simulators, computers and software to prepare pilots and technicians for the new-generation Airbus A320 and Boeing 747-400 aircraft it has purchased.

The airline was the launch customer for a new R50m advanced simulator system called Concept 90.

SAA has agreed to buy two of the simulators, which will augment simulators for the existing older-generation fleet, situated at SAA's Jan Smuts Airport technical base.

SAA will construct a special building to house the new simulators next to the Flight Operations Centre at the airport.

The two simulators are expected to be delivered once the new building has been completed.

They will be used to train pilots who have flown older aircraft — which have analogue gauges, dials and toggle switches in their cockpits — to use the newer cockpits, which are equipped to display all flight con-

trol and systems information on flat panel cathode-ray and liquid crystal display screens.

SAA currently has two Boeing 747-400 aircraft in service. Two more are to be delivered next year, and the first of seven Airbus A320s will arrive in October.

The rest of SAA's fleet of 747s, 737s and Airbus A300s all have conventional analogue cockpits and flight systems.

R16m has been spent on a new ATEC 5000 computer, which will be brought into service in October.

It will be used in SAA's avionics workshops for testing replaceable cockpit components and instruments.

The computer will enable the airline to conduct hundreds of simultaneous airworthiness tests on complex components in a short time.

SAA has sent six technicians on training courses qualifying them to use the new computer.

Piet Skiet 'a police agent'

JONATHAN REES

THE right-wing Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) yesterday alleged that AWB spokesman Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was a police agent and called on all right-wingers to withdraw their support for the AWB.

In a statement, BWB leader Andrew Ford claimed Rudolph had, since he was detained last year, been working with the security police to trace and return stolen weapons in the possession of right-wingers. He alleged that since Rudolph's indemnity he had "played into government's hands" by trying to draw right-wingers into negotiations with the ANC and government.

In response, Rudolph said he would not discuss Ford or his statements. The BWB leader and his organisation had minimal support and were not important in the fight "against the ANC, SA Communist Party and PAC for repossession of land we have lost".

Ford called on government to arrest and charge Rudolph on a charge of attempted murder. Last Friday, two AWB members were found guilty of plotting to murder Ford. They told the court Rudolph had instructed them to infiltrate the BWB.

Exile body says it may close

THE National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of SA Exiles (NCCR) yesterday said it might have to close down its operation.

"Given the present situation, the NCCR endorsed the opinion of its executive that the present rate of repatriation does not warrant the continuation of a large national organisation," a statement said.

The NCCR said another factor was that the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and government had deadlocked on the exiles issue. Government had failed to grant amnesty to all exiles and to allow the UN agency to be involved

in the repatriation process.

"As a result, no funds are available to assist the return of exiles."

The NCCR said its executive committee had been authorised to reassess the position at the end of July and take whatever decisions it considered necessary.

"This may either be a dramatic scaling down of the present NCCR operation or its closure," it said.

The statement said in the event of the organisation's closure, every effort would be made to assist the limited number of exiles who were still returning. — Sapa.

Piet Skiet link to murder plot probed

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

Police are investigating allegations that AWB spokesman Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was behind a plot to murder Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) leader Andrew Ford.

In the latest development, amid tensions within the right wing, Mr Ford accused Mr Rudolph of being a police agent, calling on all right-wingers to withdraw their support for the AWB.

Mr Ford also called on the Government to arrest and charge Mr Rudolph for at-

tempted murder.

Two AWB members, found guilty last week of plotting to murder Mr Ford, told the court Mr Rudolph had instructed them to infiltrate the BWB.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the police had "taken note" of the allegations and were weighing up the evidence before a decision was taken on whether to arrest Mr Rudolph.

He added that, as far as he knew, Mr Rudolph was not a police agent.

An outraged Mr Rudolph

said yesterday that Mr Ford was working on the instructions of someone.

"These people are so small, I am not interested. I know who they are, and their ultimate aim is to get the AWB off track.

"Well, we're on track and I only have time to fight my enemies. I don't have time for this," he said.

Mr Rudolph further said allegations against him were "possibly Government instigated".

Mr Ford was in the Cape yesterday and could not be contacted for comment.

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New bid to free right-wing prisoners

By Helen Grange ^{Star} 25/7/91
and Esther Waugh

The right wing has launched a twin-pronged attack to get right-wing prisoners freed.

Mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom's father, Nick, and a group of lawyers yesterday met Justice Kobie Coetsee at the Union Buildings to discuss the continued imprisonment of rightwingers.

The men would not comment after the meeting.

Shortly after their departure, the wives and a fiancée of three hunger-striking right-

wingers arrived at the Union Buildings to hand in a letter to President de Klerk appealing for the release of the three.

Tracy Veenendal, wife of Leonard Veenendal, Karen Maritz, wife of Adrian Maritz, and Karen Claasens, fiancée of Darryl Stopforth, delivered the letter, which outlines the deteriorating condition of the men and pleads for their release in terms of the Pretoria Minute.

Ms Claasens (21) said she wanted the State President to look into the matter as quickly

as possible. (344) 222

"Darryl has lost 10 kg, which is more than 10 percent of his body weight. He has bleeding ulcers and has lost his concentration.

"We are also extremely worried about Leonard."

She added that should the letter not be taken up by the State President, other actions would follow. She would not divulge what these were.

Ms Claasens said she was to have married her fiancé this year, "because I thought he was going to be released".

Court told of attack victims' fear

By Philip Zolo 25/7/91

Several former squatters at Goedehoop School in Germiston told yesterday of their terror when an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) commando allegedly raided their dwellings and beat them up.

They told the Germiston Magistrate's Court that khaki-clad white men arrived before midnight on June 1 and attacked them indiscriminately.

Settlers Masha said he was hit twice while lying

in his bed. He received 33 stitches for a leg wound.

Maureen Dlamini said her door was kicked down and that she and her boyfriend were hit with sjamboks.

AWB "corporal" Carel Venter said that earlier that evening about 30 commando members gathered at Boksburg Lake and then went to the school to "teach a lesson" to a few "houtkoppe" who they knew were squatting illegally.

They entered the grounds, beat up squatters for about five mi-

nutes, and left, he said.

He denied knowledge of a court order served on the squatters to vacate the property by June 4 — two days after the alleged incident.

Facing public violence charges are Johan Grundlingh (30) of Krugersdorp and AWB members "General" Johann Thompson (38) of Brakpan, Willem Potgiek (33) of Elandspark, Japie Oelofse (30) of Germiston, Christo van den Berg (27) of Boksburg North and Isak Redelinghuys (31) of Leondale.

AWB man fined for assaulting coloured child

Staff Reporter ARG 26/7/91

AN Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member has been fined R50 (or 25 days), suspended for a year, for assaulting a coloured child at the municipal swimming pool in De Aar.

Daniel Bothma, 28, leader of the AWB in the town, was acquitted in the De Aar Magistrate's Court on two other charges of assault.

The case arose from an incident at the pool in January.

The magistrate was Mr J W Prinsloo. Mr J de Nyschessen prosecuted. Mr M B Schutte appeared for Bothma.

Policeman hits out at racist demonstration

By SHADLEY NASH: Port Elizabeth
A RIGHT-WING demonstration against coloureds moving into white Algoa Park has been sharply criticised by one of the people targeted—a coloured riot policeman.

Sergeant Ayob Abrahams, stationed at Algoa Park Police Station for the past four years, said he intended taking the matter up with his superiors.

"I am part of the team of policemen that patrol the area and makes it safe for the residents," he said angrily. "Every damn call-out I receive from the area I have to look into, and this is the way my family gets treated."

The protest march last weekend was organised by the Algoa and Young Park Action Committee. Demonstrators marched to Kamdeboe Street, where Abrahams and another coloured policeman, a Lieutenant Koll, live. The two were not at home at the

time. Outside the houses, which are opposite each other, the marchers taunted and shouted abuse at members of the two families. Banners declaring the area a "whites only" area were placed on the grass in front of the homes, while some marchers shouted AWB slogans.

A memorandum declaring the organisation's opposition to the scrapping of the Group Areas Act was handed to Yasmin Abrahams, the sergeant's wife, who is pregnant.

She was adamant the family would not move. "My husband must come out and protect these people at night," she said. "This is the first time in the three months that we are living here that something like this happened. I will not move out of my house, which we bought and paid for."

Sergeant Abrahams criticised the

march organiser, Chris Meyer, who is the chairman of the action committee. "Meyer calls me time and time again to complain about the black hawkers in the area, and I have to check out their complaints."

"Two weeks ago two youngsters broke the windows of Lieutenant Koll's home. When we got hold of them, they said their father had said they did not want people of other races living in the area. Lieutenant Koll did not even press charges against them, because the damage done was minimal."

The families' white neighbours, however, opposed the protest. A woman living opposite the Abrahams, who did not want to be named, said she felt safe knowing there were two policemen around her.

Another angry neighbour was heard to say: "What about the black women

that look after their children during the day?"

Riana Vosloo, a family friend, said she was shocked by the behaviour of some of the residents. "I have been a family friend of the Abrahams for a long time, and I want it to be known that not all the people in the area feel the same about people of colour living in the area," she said.

An off-duty policeman, who is also a family friend, removed the banners from in front of the houses. Police presence in the area was minimal, with two police vehicles keeping an eye on the proceedings.

Sergeant Abrahams said his wife had laid a complaint of trespassing.

Permits to live in the area were granted to about five coloured families before the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. — PEN

There's no longer time to watch 'Dallas' — AWB

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging will launch an all-out membership drive on October 10 at a parade where the organisation will exhibit its paratroopers, motorcycle brigade and cavalry, according to AWB commandant-general, Servaas de Wet.

Addressing about 1 500 people in the Pretoria City Hall this week, the former police colonel told the meeting that South Africa was on the verge of a civil war. He said whites who were watching "Dallas" on TV rather than attending the meeting were "hensoppers".

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche exhorted the audience to "make a date" with him for revolution the day the Government handed over power to the African National Congress. *Sowetan 26/7/91*

Discussing the Inkatha secret funding debacle, TerreBlanche said the Government was a fraud and should resign.

He said President FW de Klerk would within the next few weeks accede to the formation of an interim government consisting of the National Party, the ANC, Inkatha and homeland leaders. *344*

De Wet said the AWB would found a Volksleer (army) at the October 10 exhibition. *44*

Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, who was warmly welcomed by the audience, said the ANC had not bothered to constitute itself as a political party because it knew the Government would abdicate power to it.

Rudolph pleaded for rightwing unity, saying AWB stood for "Almal Weer Bymekaar".

He said the NP, ANC, Pan Africanist Congress and the SA Communist Party were enemies of the white man.

"Affirmative action" meant the slaughtering of the white man, he warned. - *Sapa*.

Boycott threat to town

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

TZANEEN may soon join other Northern Transvaal towns being hit by consumer boycotts following the shooting of five black workers near the town last Friday. *Sowetan*

Residents of Nkowankowa township on Tuesday night resolved that a consumer boycott of Tzaneen by black shoppers be implemented soon. *26/7/91*

The boycott would last for as long as it took the police to arrest the two white killers who gunned down the five at Nkowankowa Motors near Dan Village.

The residents resolved that a meeting of representatives of all political, youth, women, church, business, sports and cultural organisations be convened to work out the date and elect a committee.

Representatives of the ANC and Azapo attended Tuesday's meeting and endorsed the call.

Five people were killed and one man seriously injured. The killers made off with R395 in cash.

Locals claim robbery was not a motive and insist the killings were a rightwing strategy to kill black people.

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AWB's uniforms don't pass muster

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S (Times) 28/7/91.
THE SADF is to investigate the possibility that scores of AWB members are breaking the law by wearing official SADF-issue military gear and insignia as part of their AWB uniforms.

This week the Witwatersrand AWB chief, "General" Johann "Hagar the Horrible" Thompson, 38, appeared in the Germiston magistrate's court on charges of public violence sporting SA Army Parachute Battalion wings on a khaki jacket which also bore a badge depicting the old Transvaal "Vierkleur" flag.

When approached for comment "General" Thompson claimed he was entitled to wear Parabat wings — but admitted he had not undergone official training.

"I trained in the bush to jump with some Bushmen I lived with on the border," he said, before hurriedly removing the jacket.

The SADF is in the process of establishing whether "General" Thompson is a bona fide member of the Parachute Brigade.

An SADF spokesman said "General" Thompson, as well as several other AWB supporters who gathered at the court daily this week, were breaching Article 115 of the Defence Act by wearing parachute wings and official SADF browns as part of their khaki and cerise AWB uniform.



'GENERAL' THOMPSON
Wears Parabat wings

AWB officer guilty of hitting child

By JANICE HILLIER

AN AWB kommandant has been found guilty of assaulting a coloured child at a formerly whites-only swimming pool in the Northern Cape.

De Aar magistrate Mr JW Prinsloo this week found Daniel Bothma, 28, guilty of slapping eight year-old Darwin Solomons in the face and hitting him over the head with a snorkel at the town's municipal pool in January.

He was fined R50 (or 25 days' imprisonment), suspended for one year.

Bothma was acquitted of two other charges of assault.

Armed

The incident occurred after armed right-wingers, who were against blacks being admitted, visited the pool after it had officially been opened to all races.

In a separate matter, magistrate Mr LM Bothma acquitted Bothma and Mr John Lester Geyser of charges of assault and crimen injuria.

The charges arose after Bothma and Mr Geyser allegedly assaulted three juveniles, also at the town's swimming pool, in October.

The magistrate found the two men had not intended to commit the assault.

Hillview probe 'going well' ⁽³⁴⁴⁾

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —
Police yesterday said
their investigations into
bomb blasts which
wrecked Pretoria's Hill-
view High School, ear-
marked for occupation
by children of ANC ex-
iles, were "progressing
well".

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Police liaison officer
Major Willie Vlotman
said the investigations
were at an advanced
stage, but because of
their "sensitive nature"
he was unable to reveal
further details.

AWB: reporter called to testify

Star 30/7/91
Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Nicola Cunningham-Brown, political reporter of The Daily News, has been subpoenaed to appear in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court on Thursday to give information about alleged Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging military operations in the troubled Richmond area of Natal.

The subpoena was issued under section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act, which the State sometimes uses to try to compel journalists to disclose their sources.

The subpoena arises out of a front-page item in The Daily News of Friday last week in which Ms Cunningham-Brown reported that AWB training camps had been set up on farms around Richmond.

People attending the camps were trained to use firearms and explosives and allegedly practised their military training on people living in the black townships of Indaleni, N'koben and Magoda.

This allegedly led to the death of at least two people, the report said.

AWB people on these raids allegedly wore riot police camouflage uniforms to try to mislead township residents into thinking they were members of the SAP.

The Attorney-General of Natal, Mike Imber, SC, requested the magistrate to summons Ms Cunningham-Brown.

Mr Imber said she "is likely to give material evidence in regard to offences alleged to have been committed by AWB members".

ANC youths
deny murder
of Azapo man

SUSAN RUSSEL

TWO ANC members who allegedly took part in killing an Azapo opponent at a Bekkersdal shebeen last year pleaded not guilty to murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Jacob Seoka, 27, and Alfred Soxokashe, 21, are accused of murdering Mbuyiselo Norman Montshiwa on March 17 last year.

According to the indictment, Montshiwa was murdered at a time of political unrest when the ANC was calling for a school stayaway which was not supported by Azapo.

It is alleged Seoka and Soxokashe were part of a group which went looking for Montshiwa with the intention of killing him.

Soxokashe, Leoka and another member of their group allegedly attacked Montshiwa with pangas, a knife and an iron bar when they found him.

Nine days later Montshiwa died in hospital from his injuries.

The trial continues before Mr Justice du Plessis and two assessors.

AWB official
found guilty

A MEMBER of the AWB, and two other men, were sentenced in the Bloemfontein Regional Court yesterday to fines of R2 000 or 12 months' imprisonment each for assault.

AWB Free State leader Dirk Ackerman of Brandfort; Kobie Ackerman of Senekal; and Jan van Niekerk, also of Brandfort, assaulted Volksblad photographer Marius de Waal last February. — Sapa.

'The Right could trigger war'

By Kaizer Nyatsumba
Political Staff

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche and other rightwingers had to be taken seriously because of their potential to start a blood-bath in South Africa, said ANC leader Tokyo Sexwale.

Mr Sexwale was speaking as a member of a studio audience on M-Net's "John Berks Show" last night.

The topic on the prerecorded programme was "Should we take the right wing seriously?"

Mr Sexwale, a trained Umkhonto we Sizwe fighter and an ANC national executive committee member, said Mr TerreBlanche and his fellow travellers on the Right were "a dangerous bunch of people" who could trigger a civil war which could claim many lives.

For that reason, he said, they had to be taken seriously.

Facing Mr TerreBlanche and his colleagues Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and Ernst van der Westhuizen, who were the main guests, Mr Sexwale said the AWB leaders were nothing but "a dangerous bunch of people" who were bent on violence but return the country to the past.

However, Mr Sexwale said, the right wing was in the minority and on the basis of numbers did not pose any serious threat. At that level it did not have to be taken seriously.

During the heated debate Mr TerreBlanche, who spoke only in Afrikaans even though questions were put to him in English, said:

● There were parts of South Africa that had historically belonged to Boers, and that recent events in Eastern Europe

had shown that different ethnic groups could not live together. ● The Government's reforms had given rein to chaos and disorder and had increased violence between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

● Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez was neither an Afrikaner nor a Boer, but rather "an internationalist" who favoured the bringing together of different groups.

● The AWB would never negotiate with the ANC because, unlike the "Zulu" IFP, it did not represent any nation.

Political analyst Dr Wim Booysse said the right wing's violent actions stemmed from the Right's fear of democracy. Mr du Preez called Mr TerreBlanche a demagogue with whom some rightwingers were disillusioned because his words were not backed by action.

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Fur flies over FW posters

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE cold weather could not cool the tempers of NP members in Ventersdorp after their posters announcing president FW de Klerk's visit to the AWB "base" this Friday were stolen or defaced.

As one enters the CP-controlled town one is greeted by defaced placards reading "Kaffir de Klerk, Hotnot de Klerk".

Three Ventersdorp men appeared in court following the theft.

Duan Vogel, 22, Gerhardus van Staden, 22, and Richter Heyneke, 23, allegedly each stole a poster worth R100.

The trio were not asked to plead and will appear again on September 16.

NP supporters in the town said they were infuriated by the mindless vandalism.

But, some women in the company of khaki-clad men told a City Press reporter he was a "hotnot borselkop" and they would not talk to him about a matter which concerned whites.

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Right-wing fasters out of hospital

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By Carina le Grange

Orde Boerevolk members Leonard Veenendal and Daryl Stopforth walked out of Johannesburg Hospital into the arms of their families yesterday after being granted bail of R1 000 on Friday.

The two men had been on a hunger strike until Friday, when their applications for bail at a "court session" in the hospital were successful.

Mr Veenendal had been refusing food for 32 days and Mr Stopforth for 18.

The two, along with fellow OB member Horst Klenz, face extradition to Namibia to stand trial in connection with the bombing of a United Nations base in 1989.

Mr Klenz, who had been on a hunger strike for 26 days, was released from Pretoria Central prison on Thursday after being granted bail.

OB chief Nic Strydom, father of mass murderer Barend Strydom, told The Star that the OB would "look after the safety of the two men wherever they might go" while they are out on bail.

They are due to appear in court in Johannesburg on August 30.

Mr Veenendal told reporters that the first thing they would do was have a family lunch, before tending to the interests of other rightwingers who were on hunger strike and in "critical condition".

He said he believed the hunger strike had been effective in securing the men's release on bail.

Asked about their health, he said they were very weak.

● Mr Strydom said his son Barend had ended his hunger strike at the weekend because he was very weak. Attempts would be made to secure his release, he added.

AWB will 'advance on' FW meeting ^{ct 7/8/91} (344)

VENTERSDORP. — The AWB has warned that thousands of right-wingers will descend on a meeting here on Friday which is to be addressed by President F W de Klerk.

"The AWB and other right-wingers are going to advance on Mr de Klerk's meeting in their thousands," AWB general-secretary Mr EJ van der Westhuizen said in a statement yesterday.

"It is the opinion of the executive committee of the movement that if Mr De Klerk addresses even a small percentage of his supporters, he could unleash a confrontation which may have tragic consequences."

He said the police shooting of right-wingers at Goedgevonden had angered the community, and Mr De Klerk could defuse the situation by listening to their grievances. — Sapa

FW meeting: 'Threats a scare tactic

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A meeting to be addressed by President F W de Klerk in conservative Ventersdorp tomorrow is threatening to become a flash-point, with right-wingers promising to attend in their thousands.

Yesterday the NP's Western Transvaal leader and Minister of State Expenditure and Regional Development, Mr Amie Venter, urged supporters not to be frightened off by threats from the CP and the AWB. Such threats were a right-wing tactic designed to scare people from attending, he said.

AWB secretary-general Mr Piet Rudolph said yesterday that if people who did not support the NP were prevented from attending the meeting, it would be an abuse of taxpayers' money.

AWB warning of confrontation

VENTERSDORP. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has warned that thousands of rightwingers will descend on a meeting to be addressed by President De Klerk in this western Transvaal town tomorrow.

"It is the opinion of the executive committee of the movement that if Mr De Klerk addresses even a small percentage of his supporters he could unleash a confrontation which may have tragic consequences," said AWB general secretary Mr E J van der Westhuizen. — Sapa.

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THE far Right-wing has threatened to disrupt a meeting which is to be addressed by State President FW de Klerk in Ventersdorp tomorrow night. (344)

The leadership of the Afrikaanersweerstands Beweging said in a statement on Tuesday that if its members are not allowed to attend Friday's meeting "by the thousands, the consequences would be tragic".

De Klerk's meeting has caused a stir in the western Transvaal town, and the Conservative Party



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has already indicated that the President is "not welcome".

The AWB's statement says the people of Ventersdorp have "two urgent requests" for De Klerk: he has to "throw

open" the doors of the meeting to the voters of Ventersdorp and give them the opportunity "to clear up urgent matters with him".

A spokesman for the AWB said the issue of far Right-wing detainees is one of the issues De Klerk has to "clear up".

He said the local Afrikaner community is also upset over police action against farmers on the farm Goedgevonden in May this year.

"Mr de Klerk can diffuse the situation during this meeting," the AWB spokesman said.

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**Nats braced
for chaos at
FW meeting**
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By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The National Party is bracing itself for what could turn into chaos at President de Klerk's meeting in Ventersdorp tomorrow.

The NP is adamant it will go ahead with the meeting and called on supporters not be "put off by right-wing threats to descend on the meeting in their thousands".

The AWB has warned there could be "tragic consequences" if Mr de Klerk does not open the meeting to all voters.

AWB secretary Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said yesterday that taxpayers' money was being used so Mr de Klerk could deliver his address. Sources had told the AWB "hordes of policemen would protect the NP leader's interests".

"Thus the State President and the Government dishonour once again the promise not to use the police as political pawns," he said.

Meeting behind locked doors

The Argus Correspondent

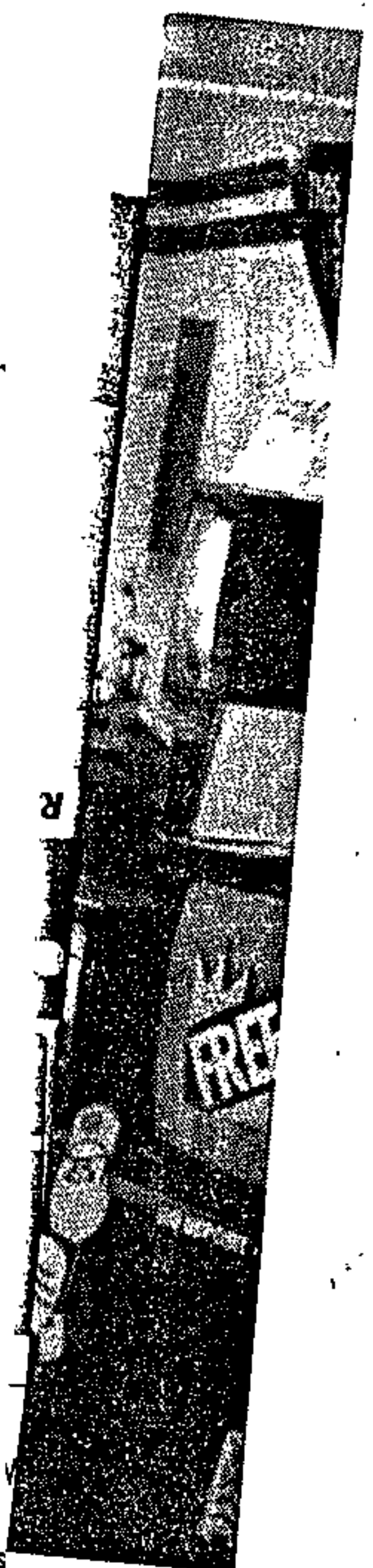
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JOHANNESBURG. — About 150 people attended a National Party meeting behind locked doors in Dewetsdorp's town hall last night as a cordon of police held about 10 rightwingers at bay.

The rightwingers arrived in a bakkie, circled the square and disappeared. Four men claiming to be NP supporters were not admitted because they were not known by the guards.

Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs, National Housing and Local Government Leon Wessels told the gathering that neither the right wing nor the left wing could deal with the country's problems as effectively as the National Party.

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White squatters: Charges withdrawn

The Argus ARGUS Correspondent 7/8/41

PRETORIA. — Charges of trespassing have been withdrawn against the chairman of the University of Pretoria branch of the Conservative Party and 15 others Tuks rightwingers.

State Prosecutor Mr K Chauke withdrew the case in the Pretoria District Court against the chairman of the CP at Pretoria University Mr Paul Eek, 19, Mr Carel Boshoff, 27, the son of Professor Carel Boshoff; Ms Mada Robbertze, 21, secretary of the executive committee of CP-Tuks; Mr Daniel de Beer, 22, ex-chairman of CP-Tuks, and Mr Otto Gerner, 19, vice-chairman of the Afrikaner Studentefront on the campus, and 11 others.

None of the students had pleaded and no charges had been put to them.

Their appearance was a sequel to an incident on June 16 when they allegedly set up squatter shacks on an open plot in Sunnyside to provide shelter for homeless whites.

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High-tech 'dirty tricks' (344)

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From Eric Naki
East London

RIGHT-WING pamphleteers have gone high-tech, sending their material out on fax.

Several different pamphlets have been circularised over the past few weeks, bearing no hint of their source.

Issued under the title "Factsheet", the pamphlet claims to have "no fixed editorial policy, but the editors are committed to the

free market system.

The publication claims to come from a team of "highly-informed and well-connected information brokers".

Most of the pamphlets so far have been taken up with long lists of names of about 170 trade union officials who are allegedly members of the SA Communist Party (SACP). It claims the SACP is using the ANC and Cosatu as "tools" to further its aims.

A spokesperson for the Post Office said numerous complaints had been received, but nothing could be done about it because there was no senders' number on the faxes. — *Elnews*

Suspended sentence for MK man (344)

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A PORT Alfred regional magistrate suspended the sentence of an Umkhonto we Sizwe member this week after he pleaded guilty to possessing two hand-grenades and two detonators.

Phakamile Mtya, 27, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for five years, on condition that he is not found guilty of a similar offence during that time. — *Ana*

Rightwing

ALAN DUNN
Political Staff AGUS 9/8/91

JOHANNESBURG. — Khaki-clad rightwingers are flocking to Ventersdorp for a showdown with President De Klerk who has been told that he will not be allowed to address a public meeting there tonight.

"They started arriving yesterday and last night," said an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging spokeswoman calling herself "General" Sannie van der Merwe of the Vroue Wenkommando.

She said masses of rightists would be in position at the town hall by this afternoon, picnicking and braaing in the parkland sur-

rounding the building where Mr De Klerk is due to speak.

Ms Van der Merwe said Ventersdorp had been quiet in the last two days, except for a stepped-up police presence and Defence Force soldiers on scrambler motorcycles.

She said the office of the National Party was issuing tickets for tonight's meeting. She asked for one earlier this week and was told by an NP official that they had been sent out into the district to NP supporters.

She was welcome to show up at the door, the official apparently said, if she was not a member of the AWB or a rightwinger.

The AWB has warned of "tragic

showdown for FW at Ventersdorp

tary sitting.

Report-back meetings were rotated in the region, one source explained. Mr De Klerk had so far spoken in Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Delareyville and Lichtenburg, and the practice was not to use the same venue.

It is believed that Nationalists also regard Ventersdorp as well-placed — near Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp and Lichtenburg.

But rightwing groups, including the Conservative Party, AWB and others, have increased repeated "not welcome" warnings to Mr De Klerk into a show of strength and focus of anger against his government's reforms.

consequences" if taxpayers are barred from Mr De Klerk's meeting and he opts to speak only to NP supporters.

Ms Van der Merwe said an alternative public meeting would simultaneously take place in the park with AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and other rightwing figures on the podium.

Mr De Klerk, warned by rightwing groups last week against his appearance there, has taken up the gauntlet.

Sources close to him believe he did not pick Ventersdorp to provoke the rightwing. It was originally intended as a traditional report-back session after this year's parliamen-

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AWB says thousands of supporters will pour into Ventersdorp tonight

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

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Rightwingers from all over the country are planning a massive show of force which may turn into a violent confrontation at President de Klerk's meeting in Ventersdorp tonight.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has warned that thousands of rightwingers will descend on the meeting.

"This could be the rightwingers' strongest action yet — a Rubicon event for them," commented Dr Wim Booysse, political analyst specialising in right-wing politics.

It is understood there are plans to "neutralise" a large po-

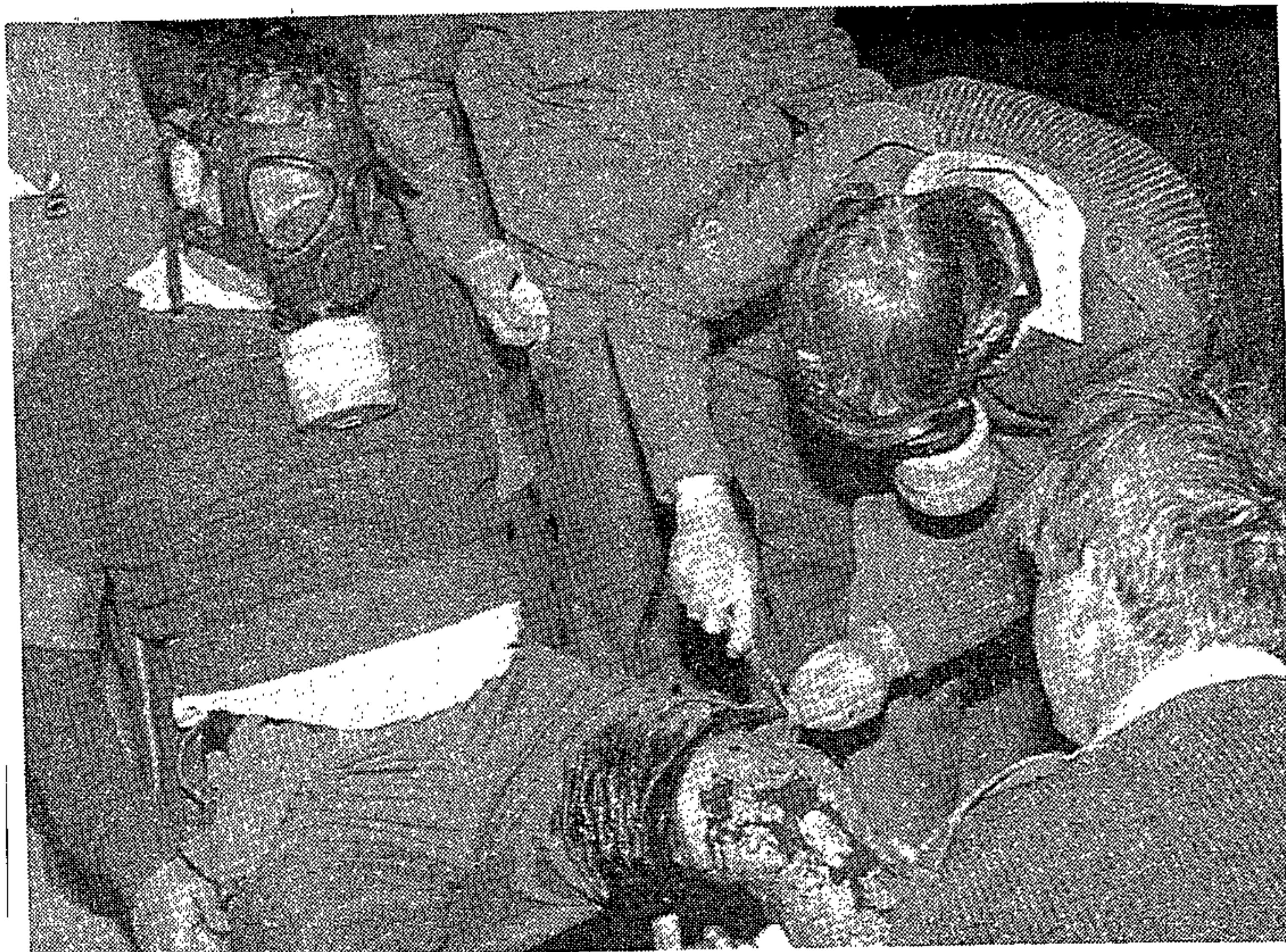
lice contingent and to attempt to prevent Mr de Klerk addressing his supporters.

A body created to marshal the rightwingers, the Ventersdorp Afrikaner Crisis Action, said it had been refused permission to protest tonight and present a petition to Mr de Klerk.

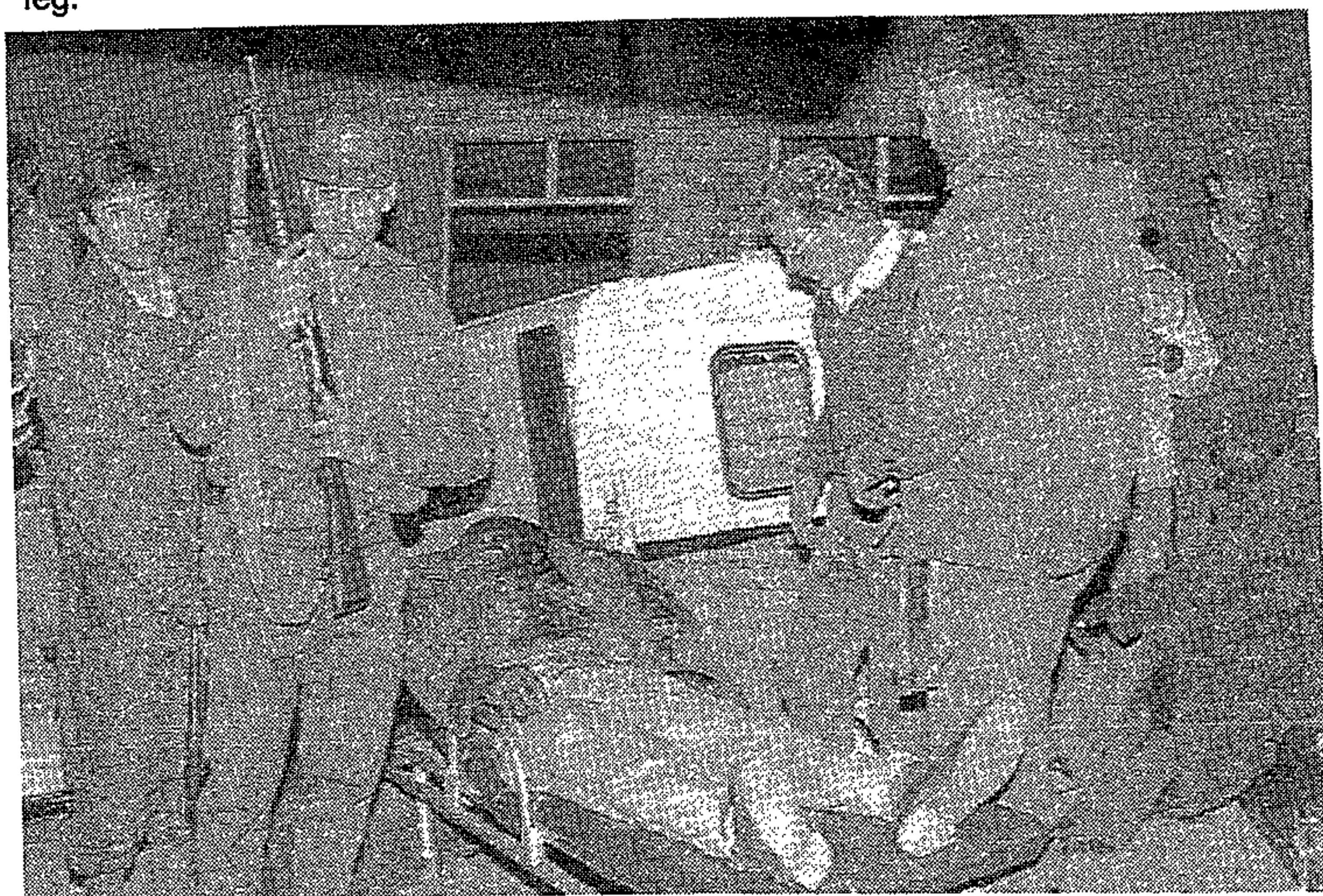
The group's chairman, Sarel van Rensburg, said: "The rally promises to be one of the high points in Afrikaner history."

NP chairman in the western Transvaal, Amie Venter, has told NP supporters to be seated early and not to be intimidated by CP and AWB threats.

The police have stated they will not allow disruptions at the meeting.



□ **INJURED:** A policeman is attended to by police medics after being shot in the leg.



□ **DEAD:** The body of a black man is removed from the scene after a violent clash between police and rightwingers in Ventersdorp in which two people died.

The battle of Ventersorp

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"En route to the hall, a taxi with two black occupants drove past and the AWB people shot at it, shattering most of the windows."

The AWB supporters wrenched the occupants from the vehicle and assaulted them.

Policemen who saw the attack tried to reach the injured minibus occupants, but the AWB crowd kept them back. "The police used birdshot to disperse the attackers. A marksman or marksmen, using a rifle(s) opened fire on the police," said Major Harrauld.

One seriously injured policeman was taken to the Ventersdorp Hospital.

Major Harrauld could not confirm whether AWB members had been injured in the shooting.

The switchboard operator at the Ventersdorp Hospital said the admissions area of the hospitals was "chaotic", but she would not say how many casualties had been admitted.

President De Klerk arrived more than an hour late.

He arrived by helicopter, running the gauntlet of angry AWB members, metres of ra-

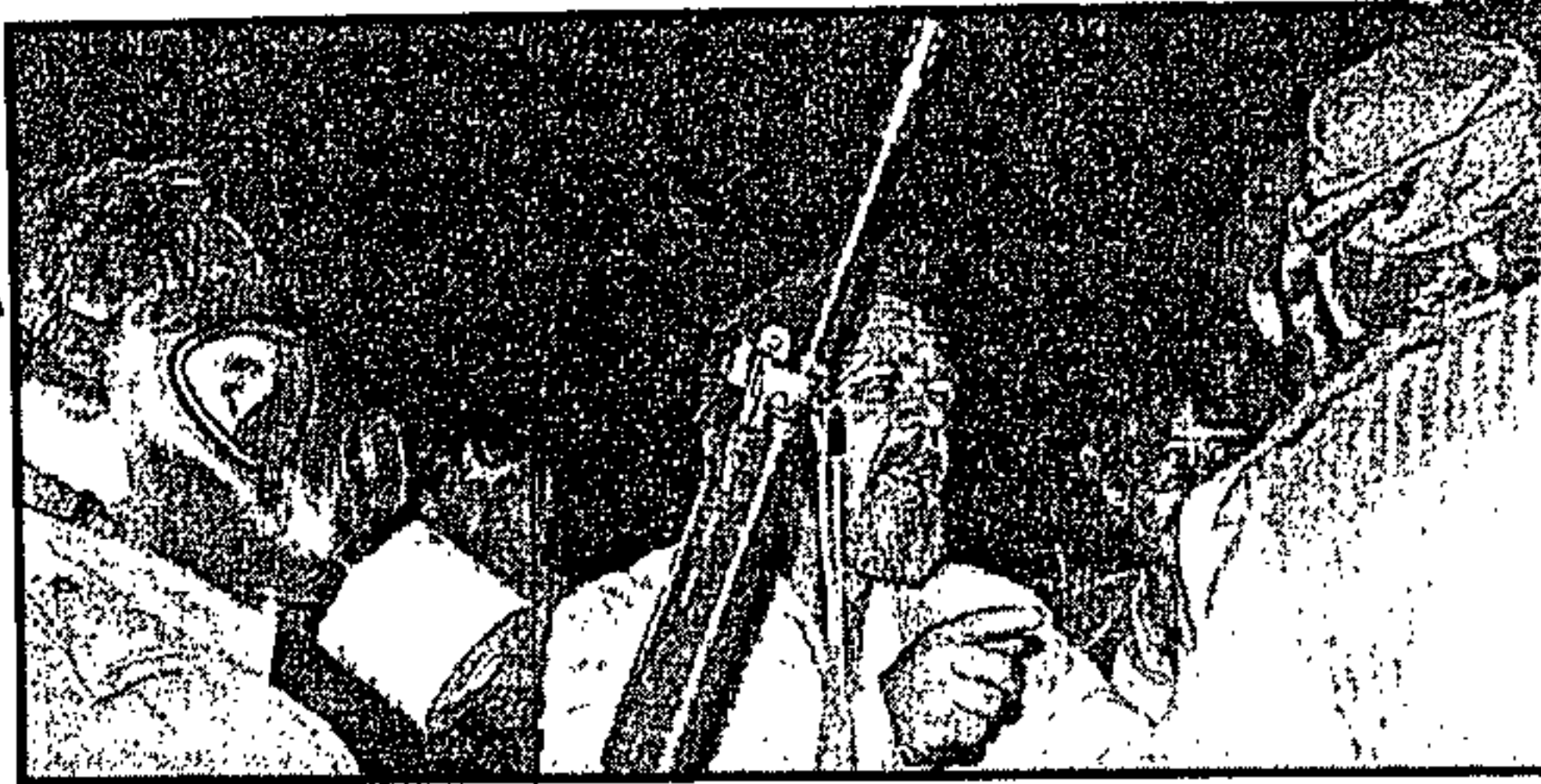
zorwire and contingents of police surrounding the Kommando Hall.

Mr Terre'Blanche was earlier sprayed in the face with tearsmoke by a police captain during an ugly confrontation. The incident happened after Mr Terre'Blanche said: "Captain, come and shoot me."

Tearsmoke was fired by police into the AWB crowd and police followed up the tearsmoke with a baton charge. The AWB people responded by throwing stones and firing shots, during which at least three policemen were injured.

TWO DEAD AND
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IN CLASHES

The Battle of Vente



□ **CHALLENGE:** AWB leader Eugene Terreblanche, left, exchanges harsh words with police during the clash.

□ **CONFRONTATION:** A right-wing demonstrator, shouts at police during clashes which erupted when AWB activists tried to disrupt a meeting being addressed by President FW de Klerk.

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Top banks reel as fraud scandal spreads

Weekend Argus
Correspondents

LONDON. — The scandal surrounding the Bank of Credit and Commerce International has spread its tentacles further into the world banking system.

Hong Kong said yesterday it suspected BCCI depositors of trying to destabilise other banks.

At the same time the extent to which individuals, businesses and civil authorities in Zimbabwe, Botswana and Swaziland will be damaged became more apparent.

According to a Wall Street Journal investigation, BCCI had R5.7 billion worth of assets in Africa. An auditor's report shows that more than R858 million of deposits are in southern Africa with R454 million of deposits in Zimbabwe, R100 million in Botswana, R66 million in Swaziland and R245 million in Zambia.

The Journal concludes that BCCI's collapse hits prospects of hundreds of businesses in the region.

Exports and imports are falling because of unpaid foreign exchange contracts and frozen letters of credit. Confidence is shaken, and many businesses are paralysed.

In Hong Kong anxious depositors thronged branches of Britain's Standard Chartered Bank to withdraw their money after rumours spread that it had lost its banking licence and had been de-listed from the London Stock Exchange.

Queues also formed outside Citibank's branches for a third day due to lingering fears that the giant US bank would close its doors worldwide.

The Hong Kong government closed BCCI's subsidiary, Bank of Credit and Commerce Hong Kong Ltd (BCCHK), on July 8, only three days after assuring the public that it was sound.

Angry BCCHK depositors, many of whom risk losing most of their life's savings, have staged weekly protests, battled with police and even gone on hunger strike to try to force a government bailout.

Reports from **BRENDAN TEMPLETON, GUY JEPSON and JACQUELINE MYBURGH,**
Weekend Argus Correspondents
and Sapa in Ventersdorp

WAR raged between thousands of police and rightwing supporters as a "Boer uprising" convulsed this little town last night.

Two white men were killed during the clashes and not three as earlier reported, police spokesman, Captain Craig Kotze confirmed today.

The men were Mr J J Conradie of Klerksdorp, and Mr J Badenhorst, address unknown.

An unidentified black man is thought to have died in the clashes.

A total of 58 people were injured in the clashes which erupted when about 2 000 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) supporters confronted police who had surrounded a hall where President FW de Klerk addressed a National Party meeting.

Captain Kotze said 36 white civilians were hurt, 12 black civilians and eight policemen, as rightwingers attempted to prevent President De Klerk from addressing the meeting.

About 2 000 policemen ringed the venue to stop an equal number of rightwingers from carrying out a threat to disrupt the meeting.

Mr De Klerk was able to deliver his address (report on page 3).

The AWB members reportedly died in a car accident. Most of the black people were believed to have been injured after being dragged from a minibus taxi and assaulted by AWB members.

Car windows were smashed.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche negotiated at Ventersdorp police station until late in the evening while hordes of angry armed AWB supporters barricaded the entrance to the police station and Mr Piet Rudolph, AWB secretary-general, told the assembled mob: "What we have seen here tonight is the start of the Boer uprising".

Mr Rudolph had just been released from temporary police custody. A police spokesman told Sapa certain charges were being investigated against him.

Later, Mr Terre'Blanche told his followers at the police station to go home. He said they had an assurance from General Louw Malan of the police that they would be allowed to go home without being stopped at roadblocks.

According to Sapa reporter Clyde Russell, there had been an estimated 100 police and several Defence Force soldiers besieged inside the police station.

AWB members spray-painted the police vehicles parked outside with the hammer-sickle and anti-NP slogans and let the air out of the tyres to prevent police from leaving.

Ventersdorp Hospital staff were too busy treating scores of injured to speak to the press, their telephone operator said.

The policemen were injured when a marksman among a crowd of protesting AWB supporters fired on them, using a rifle.

Police said the shooting occurred when police went to the rescue of the occupants of a minibus who were shot at and assaulted by AWB supporters.

Major Ray Harrold of the police public relations division said after holding a meeting in another hall, AWB supporters split into smaller groups and moved towards the hall where the NP meeting was to take place.

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Picture: LEON MÜLLER, Weekend

□ **QUEEN DI:** Beauty queen Diana Tilden-Davis anticipates a hot summer by showing some summer wear.

VENTERSDORP — It was a tragic day for South Africa "that people shoot at the custodians of law and order" for doing their duty, State President F W de Klerk said in his speech on Friday night in Ventersdorp.

Addressing 1 600 people in the town shortly after incidents involving AWB members and police, Mr De Klerk said he would not apologise for using the police to safeguard the meeting.

The meeting has been violently opposed by the AWB which has led to clashes battles between the rightwing group and police guarding Kommando Hall where Mr de Klerk

Tragic day for SA, and AWB to blame — says FW

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addressed National Party supporters.

He said the government would supply police protection to any party that needed it from "people who do not know how to behave themselves".

Mr De Klerk launched a hardnosed attack on the Conservative Party, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and other rightwing groups for "looking for trouble".

The controversy surrounding

the National Party meeting had not been the fault of the NP — "but instead had been instigated by the Conservative Party, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and their friends".

"If there is to be confrontation tonight, which I hope will not happen, then they must carry the full responsibility," Mr de Klerk warned. "I am shocked by the viciousness and threats of the past few days,

and I know many CP supporters are shocked with me and concerned".

He said the excuse often used by the CP for excesses was that the NP was no longer speaking to Afrikaners, but was only talking to the African National Congress. "That is a blatant untruth. I have spoken to Eugene Terre'Blanche and Jaap Marais (of the Herstigte Nasionale Party) in my office." — Sapa.

Running battles at FW meeting

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TWO die in AWB riot

VENTERSDORP. — Two AWB members died, three policemen were shot and 53 people injured last night in running battles between police and right-wing supporters shortly before President F W de Klerk was due to address local NP members here.

Police confirmed that one of the fatalities was a man who had been shot, while the other died when he was hit by a kombi — with black occupants — that went out of control after being fired on by right-wingers.

Police said the occupants were dragged out of the vehicle and assaulted by the AWB members.

Police tried to rescue the black people, but were shot at. Six policemen were injured, one of them seriously. Three of the injured policemen were shot and are seriously hurt. They were admitted to Ventersdorp Hospital.

Police said one of the seriously injured policeman may have died, but they could not confirm this.

However, an ambulance which arrived to take away the injured black people refused to transport them. The injured men were eventually taken in a Transvaal Provincial Administration ambulance.

Among the injured were nine AWB members.

At least 12 blacks are believed to have been dragged from a minibus taxi and assaulted by AWB members.

Police were late last night still trying to confirm the death of another AWB member and two black people.



"TRAGIC DAY" ... President F W de Klerk

The injured were taken to hospitals at Potchefstroom, Ventersdorp and One Military at Pretoria.

Mr De Klerk's heavily guarded meeting in the Kommandosaal — which was cordoned off with razor-wire — went ahead as scheduled.

At least two people who shouted "you are a traitor" at Mr De Klerk were physically ejected from the meeting, which was plunged into darkness when the lights went out for several minutes.

An unruffled Mr De Klerk told the meeting it was "a tragic day" for South Africa "that people shoot at the custodians of law and order" for doing their duty.



TEARGASSED ... Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche

After Mr De Klerk's speech, AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche arrived at the local police station at 10.15pm and told his followers to go home. He said they had an assurance from General Louw Malan of the SA Police that they would be allowed to go home without being stopped at road-blocks.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said six AWB members were arrested for possession of dangerous weapons. Mr Terre-Blanche later negotiated the release of the six on their own recognisances. They are to appear in court on Monday.

Teargas was fired outside the Kommandosaal, where policemen stood guard shoulder-to-shoulder after AWB supporters ap-

proached the line and taunted them.

The cordon was guarded by about 40 police dogs and four lines of policemen standing 40 abreast. Snipers could be seen on surrounding rooftops.

Shortly after 7.30pm, AWB supporters approached the cordon en masse and started taunting policemen. When the cordon was penetrated, teargas was fired and right-wing leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph was taken into custody.

Clashes again broke out and the AWB members were repelled by police.

Police maintain that right-wingers opened fire first with live ammunition. Policemen in the frontline were asking for R1 rifles to be brought in.

Cars in the vicinity were smashed by AWB members who pelted rocks through windows and punctured tyres.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze confirmed three arrests, adding that the men had been arrested in terms of the Defence Act "relating to the wearing of SADF uniforms". They were "apparently members of the AWB", he said.

The arrested men had been handed to military police.

Captain Kotze added that police were in Ventersdorp to enforce the law during the NP meeting "in a professional and apolitical way".

"Police are not here to support the ruling party in any way, but to ensure order is maintained. We will do this in a professional and apolitical way."

In Pretoria, police spokesman Major Ray Harrold confirmed an additional arrest, adding that the man was apparently a member of

Night of tears and fury



SAFE ARMS: A policeman weeping from teargas protects a frightened child

By HERMAN JANSEN
and CHARIS PERKINS
THE BATTLE of Venradsorp



CONFRONTATION: AWB secretary-general Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph, carrying a baseball bat, reels back from a police Alsatian. He was later arrested

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SAFE ARMS: A policeman weeping from teargas protects a frightened child

By HERMAN JANSEN
and CHARIS PERKINS

THE BATTLE of Ventersdorp raged for 30 minutes. When it was over, three right-wingers lay dead and scores more were injured.

Two thousand AWB supporters clashed with an estimated 1 500 policemen on Friday night after the right-wingers attacked innocent black commuters who happened to be passing through.

The white extremists had virtually laid siege to the western Transvaal town where President FW de Klerk was addressing National Party supporters in the fortified Kommando Hall.

From late afternoon, when the right-wing forces marshalled, the mood was defiant. Grim-faced men and women wore AWB and Wenkommando uniforms.

Some had plaster-casts around their left arms to fend off police dogs. Others had steel arm guards, sharpened at both ends, for use in hand-to-hand combat. The police later said they had never seen such weapons before.

Storm

Most of the right-wingers were armed with handguns, bullwhips, batons, hunting rifles in bags, and knives.

No matter what the police strength was, the AWB was determined to storm Mr De Klerk's meeting.

Admission was strictly controlled by police in riot gear. Only those with "I love FW" stickers or official invitations



PAIN: A police dog sinks its teeth into a Wenkommando man

Mayhem after A WB bay for blacks' blood

were allowed through the razor-wire cordon around Kommando Hall.

Half an hour before the president arrived by helicopter behind the cordon, the street lights went out, plunging the town into darkness. A police helicopter with a searchlight started circling at 6.35pm. Police floodlights were set up around the Kommando Hall.

More than 2 000 angry right-wingers led by AWB leader

Eugene Terre Blanche and AWB secretary-general Piet Rudolph marched down Voortrekker Street and into Carmichael Street to try to storm the meeting. They were blocked by police.

"All I wanted to do was to speak to NP Minister Ami Venter," Mr Terre Blanche said later. "I was unarmed. If they had left me alone nothing would have happened."

"Instead an officer sprayed teargas in my face and ran off. They set their dogs on us and shot at my people."

It was 7.30pm. The battle had begun. Teargas canisters were fired and shots rang out. The crowd, including women and children, stampeded back to escape the fumes.

In the almost total darkness, incensed right-wingers pelted police with whatever they could lay their hands on.

A street battle raged as AWB men and police struggled in furious hand-to-hand combat.

Panic

Two minibuses carrying blacks turned into Voortrekker Street and were set upon by the mob, baying for blood. Both drivers managed to force their way through the crowd to safety behind the police lines.

Moments later a third vehicle, a canopied bakkie, was attacked. As right-wingers swarmed around, the terrified driver panicked and ran down two AWB men, who were left lying injured in the road.

Cries of "kill them" rang out, and a crowd fell upon the bakkie, which was carrying four black men and a coffin. At least one man was dragged from the wreck and beaten. Five bullet-holes — one at hip-height in the driver's door — were later counted.

Armed police fought back the

CONFRONTATION

Pictures
by
**JUHAN
KUUS**



AWB and stood over the wounded blacks while right-wingers cried "shoot them, shoot them".

The two men who had been in the front of the bakkie lay in a pool of blood on the pavement. The eyes of one man rolled in fear. "My baas, I can't speak. It is too sore," he moaned.

When the back of the bakkie was opened the two men inside cowered in fear.

An ambulance arrived, but the nurse — wearing AWB insignia — refused to pick up black men, and the injured waited in agony for at least half an hour until another ambulance arrived.

At 8pm the church bells tolled. A few shots rang out over the chimes. Speeches from the president's meeting, broadcast over loudspeakers, could be heard drifting through the teargas fumes.

Word went out that "the leader" was waiting to address his people at the town hall.

Blood

A military-style band played Boney M's *By the Rivers of Babylon* while Mr Terre Blanche, dressed in a suede leather jacket, stood on the steps of the town hall awaiting his disciples.

He began: "Boere, our men died today. The pure blood of Boere has soaked into the ground. By their deaths you are now part of a blood pact. What has happened tonight will reverberate through history."

He called for all right-wing groups to stand together in the "battle for freedom".

Some of the crowd tried to urge him to lead them back into the battle: "Are we going to stand back and allow the police to shoot us?" cried one.

Mr Terre Blanche responded: "We are not finished yet, but if we go there we are going to walk into bullets and teargas. When we walk again it will be to the Union Buildings in Pretoria."

He led the crowd to the nearby police station to negotiate for the release of Mr Rudolph — arrested early in the fracas — and six others.

Mr Rudolph was let out of the chained police station gates first. "There will be more deaths on the road to freedom," he warned the right-wingers outside.

President De Klerk and his wife, Marike, who looked nervous, left Ventersdorp at around 11pm, in the back of a Nyala police riot vehicle.

"Like thieves in the night," a right-winger said later:



THE FALLEN: A shot AWB member, dead or badly wounded, lies in the road. The man at left attacked a TV crew seconds later

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The fury that left three dead as AWB battled with police

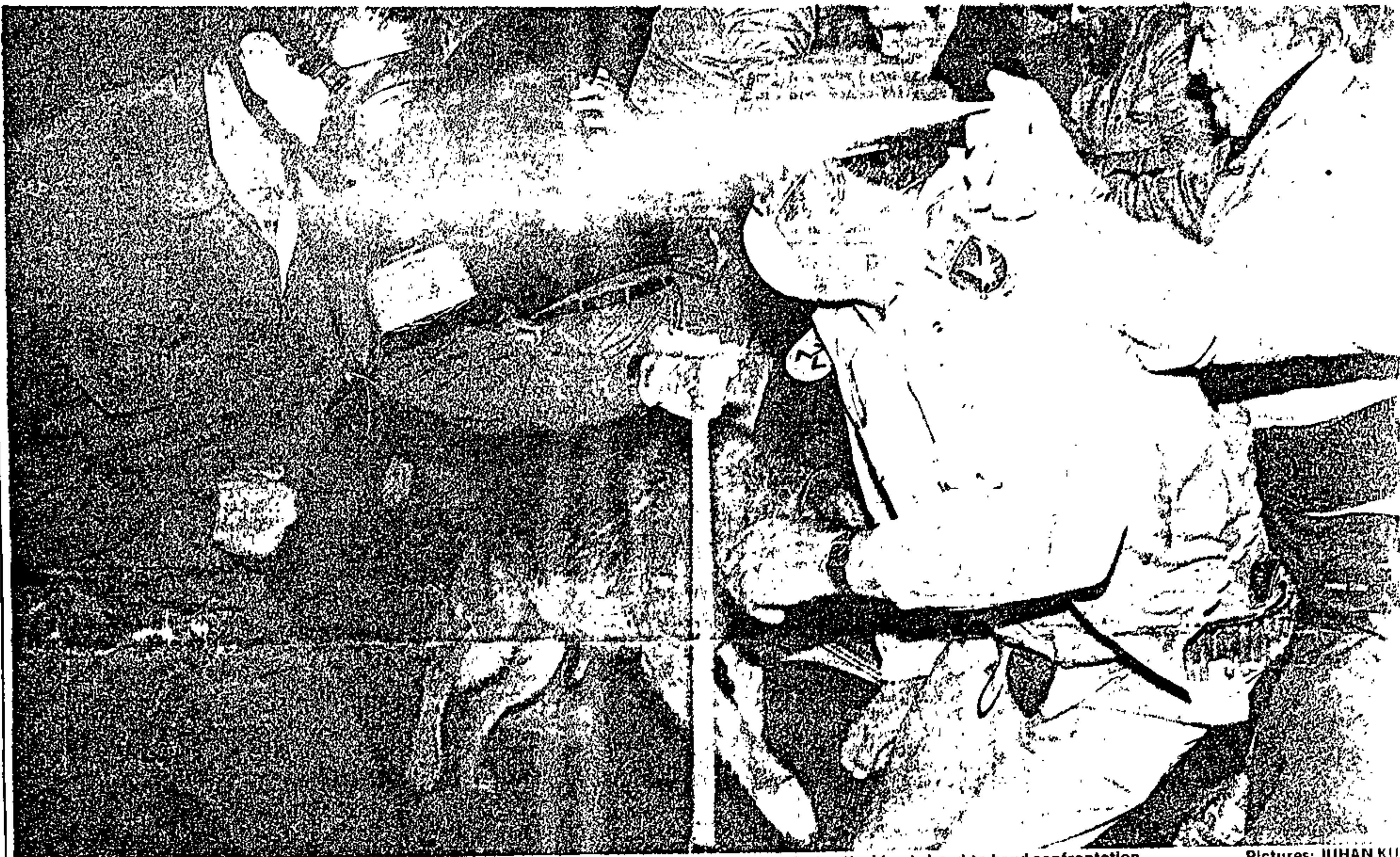
OPEN WAR



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THIS was the scene as police and the AWB fought hand-to-hand with clubs and teargas in the main street of Ventersdorp — with President De Klerk safely behind the meshed windows of a police riot vehicle.

The furious clashes, sparked by armed AWB members in the Western Transvaal town, left two right-wingers dead and dozens of people injured, including police and innocent blacks, on Friday night.

A third man, Gerhard Koen, 36, of Bloemhof, described as a loyal member of the Conservative Party, died in Klerksdorp hospital last night after he was run over during the battle.

The other two were Jacobus Conradie, 32, of Klerksdorp and Andries Badenhorst, 37, of Randfontein. One was shot and the other was run down by a careering black vehicle which had been attacked by right-wingers.

Mr Badenhorst is survived by his wife Madi, 37, and three children aged 10, 9 and three. He was a school teacher.

The injury toll was: 36 right-wingers, 15 blacks — three hurt by gunfire while travelling in vehicles through the riotous AWB crowd — and seven policemen, said Major Ray Harrauld of the SAP.

One of the injured was in a critical condition in Klerksdorp hospital. Major Harrauld said one policeman underwent surgery and was in a serious condition.

Despite the SAP's claim that they fired no live ammunition — only bird-shot, rubber bullets and teargas — the officer in charge of the police operation, Brigadier Adriaan de la Rosa, admitted to the Sunday Times that he had given the order to "shoot to kill" with live ammunition in the heat of battle.

Wounded

He said: "They shot at us with live ammunition. Some of my men were badly wounded. They asked me what they should do — so I gave the order. What else could I do?"

In the early hours of yesterday morning, however, Brigadier De la Rosa said none of his men had actually followed his order.

Although one AWB member had died from gunshot wounds, he could have been shot accidentally by his own people in the chaos of battle, said a police officer at the scene.

A mixed chorus of protest erupted yesterday. ANC leader Nelson Mandela demanded that the government ban and destroy the AWB. Right-wingers blamed President De Klerk's "extreme provoca-

By HERMAN JANSEN, CHARIS PERKINS and DE WET POTGIETER

tion" by insisting on speaking in Ventersdorp despite warnings of trouble.

Angry right-wingers said yesterday that President De Klerk would go down in history as the Butcher of Ventersdorp.

AWB secretary-general Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said the battle marked the turning point in the war against the National Party's reforms.

"For the first time since 1922, white South Africans have been gunned down by their own police. If De Klerk wants a war, we will give him one," vowed an emotional Mr Rudolph.

Police said yesterday they had been

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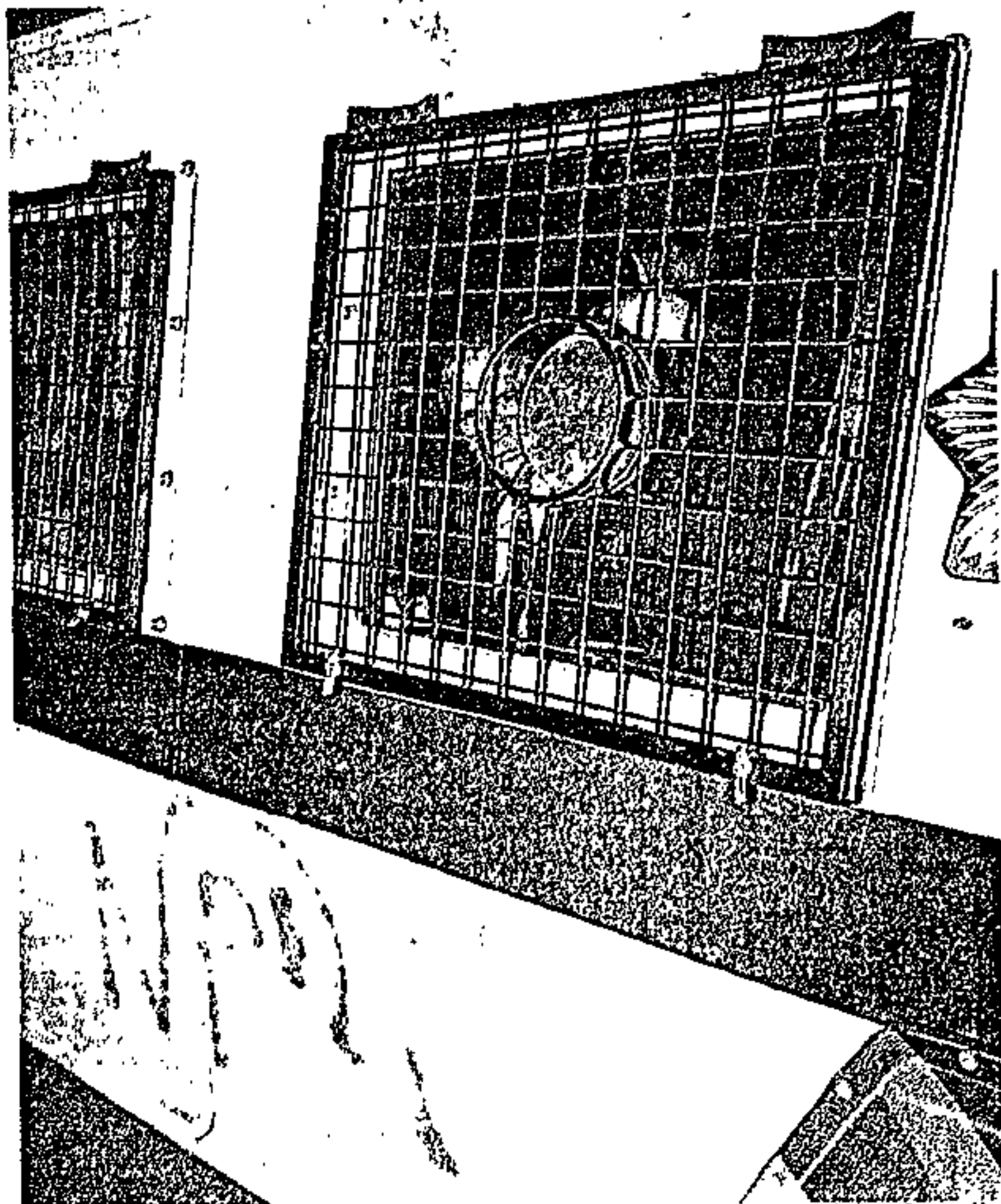
powerless to confiscate weapons from the AWB commandos.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said all the weapons allowed through police checkpoints were properly licensed.

"If we'd confiscated the weapons, there would have been an even greater bloodbath," he said.

Mr Mandela said: "Any organisation that preaches fascist ideas ought not to be allowed to flourish in a democratic society."

"I am not suggesting that the government should drive the AWB underground. I am saying that they should destroy it."



SAFE... a concerned President De Klerk looks out from the safety of a police riot bus. Graffiti scrawled on the side links the NP with communist symbols

Carnival that erupted into chaos

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Hundreds of young policemen, their gas masks at their



By CHARIS PERKINS

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GOSFORTH PARK
There were 162 winners, each collecting a dividend of R167. Numbers 1; 2; 3; 5; 8; 4.

GREYVILLE
There were 3 630 winners, collecting R135,60. Selections 2; 8; 1; 1.

KENILWORTH
Only 6 winners managed to collect a payout of R29 839,00. Selections 3; 12; 7; 3; 4; 3; 2.

TV licence fees go up to R150

By DOUGLAS GORDON
TV Correspondent

THE SABC's TV licence fee goes up from R120 to R150 on October 1 in a 25 percent increase which includes VAT.

This follows last year's massive hike from R80 to R120.

Concessionary licences will rise from R36 to R45 and will be extended to include children's homes and to pensioners with more than one TV set.

Licence fees paid monthly will go up from R10 to R12,50 at full price, from R3 to R4,25 for concessions.

The SABC said it is paying more for TV rights, local material for importing TV programmes.

Mother net cool R1m

A DURBAN mother of won the Wild Coast jackpot of more than R1-million yesterday.

The woman started playing on the slot machine with R600.

With only R40 left, she decided to play the Wild Coast jackpot and 10 minutes won R1 176 422.

**NEWS
ROUND-UP**

**Racists in
home attack**

A WHITE man was seen running away after a bomb exploded at the home of a town's first black family yesterday.

The blast damaged divorcee Mrs Yumna Woods's car.

Mrs Woods, 41, said she would not be driven out of her new home in Roodepoort, on the West Rand, where she lives with her four children.

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Carnival of chaos

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teacher from Randfontein, was in Ventersdorp with his son to try out a new video camera he bought for his wife, Madi, the week before.

Later on that night, as the fighting raged, colleague Herman Jansen and I found ourselves lying behind the low church wall of the imposing Ventersdorp NG Kerk.

An injured AWB member lying waiting for an ambulance on the church lawns asked me to light him a cigarette, directing me to get them out of his pocket.

After the battle a few men found time to tell me I was a "*pragtige meisie*". I could hardly believe my ears — we'd just been through a 30-minute war and they were flirting!

Cops used live ammo — AWB

AWB secretary general Piet 'Skiet' Rudolph yesterday accused police of using large calibre, live ammunition against rightwing supporters in Ventersdorp during the violent clashes on Friday night.

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Police have denied this, claiming only birdshot, rubber bullets and tear-gas was used.

Rudolph said he had seen bullet wounds on the body of an AWB man killed in the fighting.

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"This gives us no other choice than to get ready for a war which was started by Mr de Klerk against his own people."

Rudolph said De Klerk would now be known as "the Butcher of Ventersdorp". — Sapa

By DAN DHLAMINI

ANC leader Nelson Mandela yesterday said the AWB should be destroyed if the rightwing movement could not be convinced to change its ways.

He was commenting after the Venterdorp clashes which left two AWB men dead.

"This culture of political intolerance on the part of the AWB is directly responsible for this tragedy," said Mandela.

He was speaking at the Umkhonto weSizwe conference in Venda.

"The ANC and other responsible South Africans have repeatedly called for a ban on the carrying of dangerous weapons at public gatherings.

"This patience of the government with an organisation that promotes fascist white supremacist ideas is a danger to the negotiation process," Mandela warned.

Meanwhile, Conservative Party deputy leader, Ferdie Hartzenberg, yesterday said De Klerk was the most irresponsible State President South Africa ever had.

"He is reckless, untrustworthy and, now, apparently stupid too," he said at the CP's Natal congress.

Violence flared in Venterdorp when lights went out, plunging the town into darkness.

Maj Ray Harrald of the SAP Directorate in Pretoria said two AWB members were killed, 36

Mandela warns on the AWB



RECEIVING END ... A policeman receives attention after the clash with rightwingers in Venterdorp on Friday night.

"white civilians" injured, 15 blacks and seven policemen.

Blacks passing through the town were caught in the crossfire. A man driving a Bophuthatswana-registered vehicle was attacked and the windscreen of his car smashed.

The real battle began when a black minibus taxi ploughed into a crowd of AWB supporters after being stoned.

The war-like atmosphere was diffused at 10.45pm when an agreement was hammered out

between AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and Lt Gen Louw Malan of the SAP, who was in charge of protecting De Klerk.

Six arrested AWB members were immediately released but will appear in court tomorrow.

In return, Terre'Blanche undertook to ask his supporters to go home.

Police were yesterday surveying the damage after the night's clashes.

Police used live ammo, says Piet 'Skiet'
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SHOULD the rightwing be taken seriously?

Before Friday night's bloody clash in Ventersdorp between police and the AWB, the government and many whites did not think so.

Their worst nightmare has been the ANC and other black liberation movements. For years the government has fought the tide of black opposition to apartheid rule.

A white backlash on the scale of Ventersdorp was unthinkable. After all, whites can express their grievances through Parliament.

Why is the white community so agitated? What happened to the civilised way of resolving problems? Why opt for the barrel of a gun?

Urgent questions now are: To what extent are rightwing groups a threat to a future peaceful South Africa? What support do these groups have in the white community?

It has been said that the rightwing will disappear with the times and be swallowed up in a future democratic South Africa.

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MY WAY

With Khulu Sibiyi

Act to curb the rightwing now

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government as traitors to the Afrikaner cause.

The Americans have their Klu Klux Klan; in the UK there is the National Front; in Germany you still find Hitler's descendants. In France, Japan and most European countries, you find lunatic rightwing groups.

What we need in South Africa is a law that protects people against any form of racial discrimination.

But, for now, this is the time for De Klerk to act swiftly against Terre'Blanche and Rudolph.

They must take full responsibility for what happened in Ventersdorp.

This is the time to set an example to the rightwing and all those who may want to do the same in future.

Our reporter, Dan Dhlamini, who was covering the event, escaped by the skin of his teeth.

He was indeed caught in the crossfire between two groups, but worse, he was told by AWB members that he was a black man meddling in white affairs.

Rightwingers must be taken seriously by the government and all of us who are committed to creating a peaceful and just society.

They cannot be dismissed as a bunch of unruly lunatics who have no direction, but must be seen as people with a deep-rooted hatred for any system that attempts to change their lives.

They do not understand why the very system that elevated them above others, simply because of the colour of their skins, is now turning against them. They now view De Klerk and the National Party

Rudolph and other rightwing leaders when they had the opportunity. Terre'Blanche's power base has been growing in leaps and bounds and he whips up white emotions whenever he can.

Ventersdorp was just one example of this. It is not yet clear how far he will go, but De Klerk must take him seriously.

We blacks have always taken the white rightwing seriously. They have always been part of our problem.

People like Terre'Blanche are not hypocritical about their dislike for blacks. They admit they are racists.

this. I just can't see people who have for decades been brainwashed about the "swart gevaar" accepting change.

These people have been taught from childhood that one race is superior to another. They made laws to protect themselves and ensure lasting peace.

Now, suddenly, these laws are being removed. They are told the "swart gevaar" does not exist and that they must live under a black government. All hell will definitely break loose.

The government should have acted swiftly against people like Eugene Terre'Blanche, Piet

AWB to mobilise commandos for revolution, warns Terre'Blanche

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche said yesterday the organisation was preparing itself for "revolution" because government could not handle the security situation.

Speaking at a news briefing in Pretoria, Terre'Blanche said the AWB's priority was to strengthen its commando units as quickly as possible.

He warned that government was heading for trouble by misusing the police for political purposes as it had on Friday.

The AWB was sure the SAP had not only been issued with teargas and birdshot, but with deadlier weapons.

Asked to respond to ANC president Nelson Mandela's weekend call for govern-

ment to "destroy" the AWB, Terre'Blanche said no one could ban the AWB.

"If Mandela wants to take our country by force, we'll meet him and level him with the gravel... we'll meet him with force."

"Mandela does not even have the vote, so he cannot tell my movement what must happen in SA."

Referring to a warning at the weekend by CP leader Andries Treurnicht that the "third Boer War" had started, Terre'Blanche said it was in the hands of the government to stop it.

"The government must give its voters the opportunity to vote in an election. If it does not do that, I believe the situation will

VERA VON LIERES and
DARIUS SANAI

become worse," he said.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said yesterday the ANC would not call for the AWB to be banned, despite Mandela's weekend appeal for government to "destroy" the right-wing organisation after Friday's night's violence.

He said it would be "politically dangerous" for the ANC to call for the banning of any political organisation.

PATRICK BULGER reports that Mandela's actual words were: "Any organisation that preaches fascist ideas ought not

to be allowed to flourish in a democratic society. I am not suggesting they should drive the AWB underground — I say they must destroy it."

Macozoma also commended President F W de Klerk for insisting on addressing the NP meeting in Ventersdorp, despite the threats and reality of right-wing violence.

Friday night's clashes between right-wingers and police in Ventersdorp left three people dead and more than 50 injured, including 12 blacks who were assaulted after a minibus they were travelling in was stopped by AWB supporters.

A Ventersdorp police spokesman confirmed yesterday a man had been arrested

and charged with cutting off the power supply to street lights in two Ventersdorp streets at the time the clashes began.

However, Terre'Blanche said he could not comment on the electricity cut as he did not know anything about it.

Treurnicht said yesterday that De Klerk's address on Friday "was like a red flag to a bull", but he stopped short of sanctioning the AWB actions.

"People can only take up arms in extreme cases," he said. But government was using its security forces against its own people, which was extremely provocative.

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Gun law

The night anger and hate spilled over . . .

ALAN DUNN, Political Staff

RAGGED as it was, the khaki force in Ventersdorp was fearsome. Hate filled its heart, rage contorted its face — there was no room among its number for democracy or freedom of speech.

They brandished rifles, shotguns, sidearms, daggers, teargas, batons, sjamboks, whips, clubs and other diabolical, homemade instruments of violence. Some had their own helmets and gas masks, others their own attack dogs to take on the furious police alsatians.

These were men equipped for bloodshed, not showing the remotest intention of quietly listening to President De Klerk as Dr Treurnicht, Mr Terre-Blanche and Mr Rudolph tried disingenuously to suggest.

This force was not there to listen to Mr De Klerk, but to stop him from speaking in the farming town as they had vowed. They were there to teach him the lesson of his life for daring to venture with his reformist ways into Terre-Blanche country. Mr De Klerk would have been safer speaking in Soweto than he was here.

They had been locked out. Mr De Klerk's meeting was by invitation only. Entrants wearing "I love FW" stickers picked their way through coils of razor wire and several checkpoints.

Facing the chanting rightists outside the Ventersdorp Hotel in Carmichael Street was a tense, blue wall of 150 heavily armed policemen barring their way to the hall where Mr De Klerk was to speak in 45 minutes.

"Kaffir police!" one rightist spat at the all-white human barricade.

A police helicopter had been circling overhead since sunset with a powerful spotlight darting about streets teeming with men and weaponry, an early warning of danger for police lines guarding this quadrant of Ventersdorp.

Portable floodlights and generators lit up what were about to become the tarred battlefields. A water cannon and sneeze machine were parked in readiness.

Man for man, the blue almost matched the khaki. Violence was inevitable.

The first clash happened about 7.20pm when teargas was lobbed from the khaki ranks into the blue shield. Policemen fled, tears blinding them as they grabbed for their gasmasks.

"They just went mad," said one policeman as he retreated.

An over lusty sing-song by a nervous audience waiting in the hall some 100m away muffled the shots outside. Few were aware of the violence. All they knew was the blackout at 7.30pm, a moment of panic, and then the lights going on again as an emergency generator kicked into life.

Mr De Klerk surprised all when he announced that two policemen had been shot. But that was at the beginning of his speech and was only the start of a costly night.

He expressed dismay at the venom of the previous days, saying that the National Party did not want a "broedertwis". But, he said, it was every political leader's right to speak and be heard freely. He would not relinquish that right.

While important principles were riding on his determination not to be frightened off, it was not free speech. His 70-minute address, and questions afterwards, took place inside a laager of razor-wire, a temporary fortress guarded by scores of security men listening intently at the doors to reports on their two-way radios of the running battles as police and rampaging rightwingers clashed.

As Mr and Mrs De Klerk afterwards boarded a Nyala, the latest in police riot armour, rightwingers gathered some blocks away outside the police station's high gates. They seemed subdued, awed by the violence in which three people died.

"Would you shoot one of your own kind?" an anguished, khaki-clad woman asked a policeman. An answer was unnecessary. The pools of blood on the streets spoke for him.

State to probe private armies?

TOS WENTZEL, Political Staff

THE government may consider action against private armies following bloody clashes between the police and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging at Ventersdorp at the weekend.

The feeling in government circles today was that the AWB, whose heavily armed members were often in evidence in Ventersdorp, had become a private political army.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has given an indication of this and the fortnightly meeting of the State Security Council in Pretoria today is expected to give attention to the matter.

Mr Vlok said at the weekend that private armies were unacceptable because this could only lead to confrontation.

One option was to prohibit private armies but it would be better to try to get the co-operation of political parties to convince them that there should not be private armies.

Openly displayed

There has been criticism of police actions at Ventersdorp because the weapons of AWB supporters were not confiscated at road blocks and because many of them were openly displaying weapons, including hunting guns, in the town long before the trouble broke out.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said today that some illegal weapons had been confiscated but there would have been chaos if the police had tried to take away all legally registered weapons.

While the police were opposed to private armies the right to carry legal weapons for the purpose of self-defence had to be recognised. There were many cases of people, especially farmers in rural areas, being attacked.

Dr Zac de Beer, leader of the Democratic Party, today expressed concern about the phenomenon of private armies.

He said that, while the right to own weapons for self-defence had to be recognised, something should be done to deal with the question of weapons at political meetings. There should be some law against this.

The onus would have to be on the State that weapons had been carried with a political intent.

Security sources said today that the Security Council would have to review the policy on political violence.

Tragic moment

A spokesman for President De Klerk said today he would not comment further at this stage.

Speaking after the meeting on Friday night, Mr De Klerk said events there had been a tragic moment for democracy in South Africa.

He hoped the events there would bring South Africans to a standstill and have them reconsider their actions.

People at Ventersdorp could also not have been forced to leave weapons in their cars as these could have been stolen.

CP blames De Klerk for deaths

Political Staff

VRYHEID. — President De Klerk is responsible for the deaths and violence at Ventersdorp, says Conservative Party deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg.

Speaking at the CP's Natal congress at the weekend, he said Mr De Klerk was the most irresponsible, reckless State President South Africa had ever had.

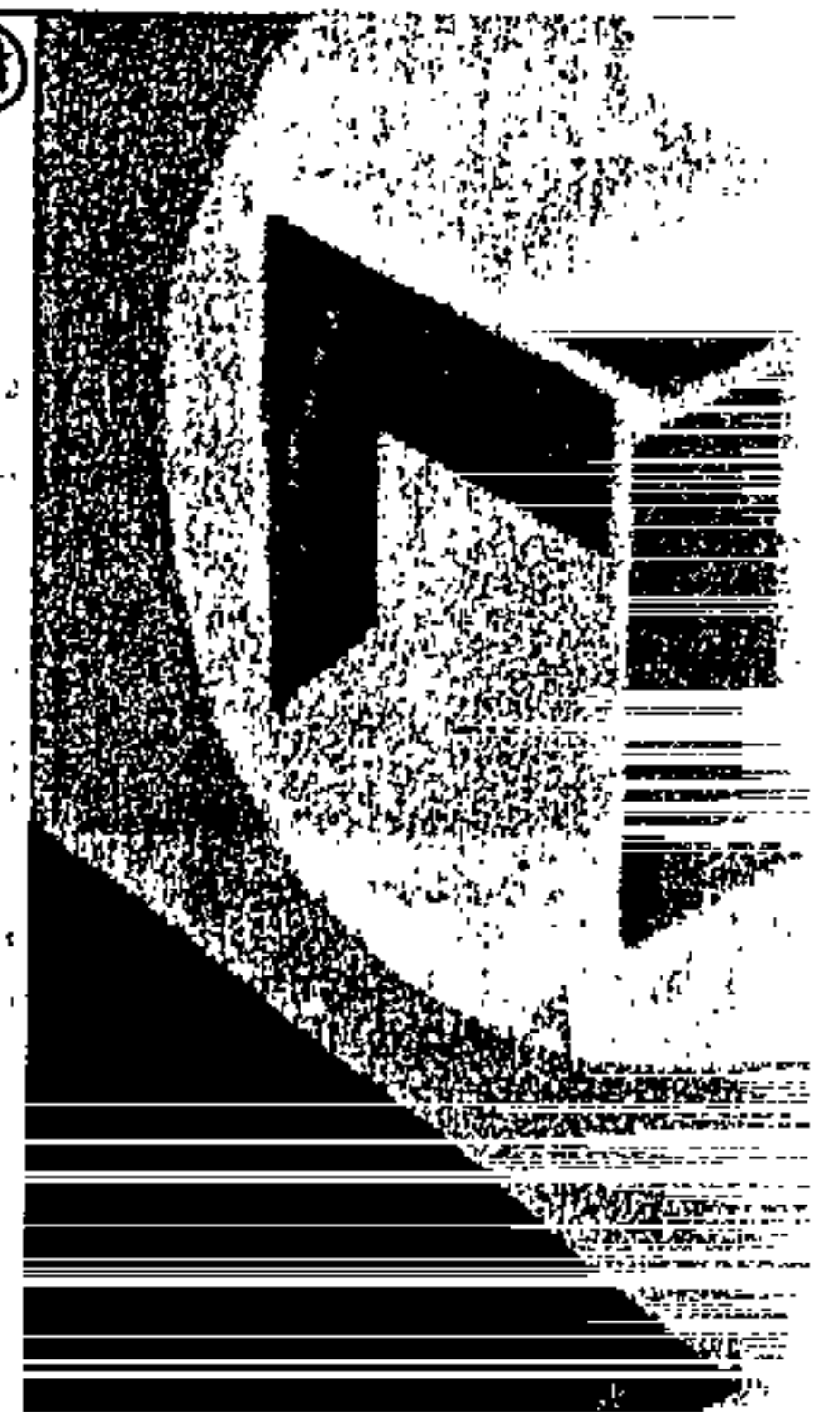
The number of police at the Ventersdorp meeting showed that Mr De Klerk knew there would be trouble. The blood of the dead and injured "is on the hands of President De Klerk. He has come to the end of his road. He must resign and must hold an election," Dr Hartzenberg said.

The mood of the congress was militant, with many threats directed at Mr De Klerk and other "liberals", amid demands for a white election.

Meanwhile AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche yesterday accused police of using live ammunition capable of killing a lion in a deliberate, shoot-to-kill onslaught at Ventersdorp on Friday.

At a Press conference in Pretoria, Mr Terre-Blanche said the AWB's immediate priority would be to strengthen commandos for a possible "third Boer war". He also said the government was no longer in control of the country's security problems and was "heading for big trouble".

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TEARGAS: An AWB supporter held against teargas during the height of between police and AWB



ARRESTED: Mr Plet "Skiet" Rudolph, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging general secretary, is led away by police. He was arrested on the day of the clashes between Police and AWB members in Ventersdorp three dead and several injured including policemen.

Law crisis

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VRYHEID. — President De Klerk is responsible for the deaths and violence at Ventersdorp, says Conservative Party deputy leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg.

Speaking at the CP's Natal congress at the weekend, he said Mr De Klerk was the most irresponsible, reckless State President South Africa had ever had.

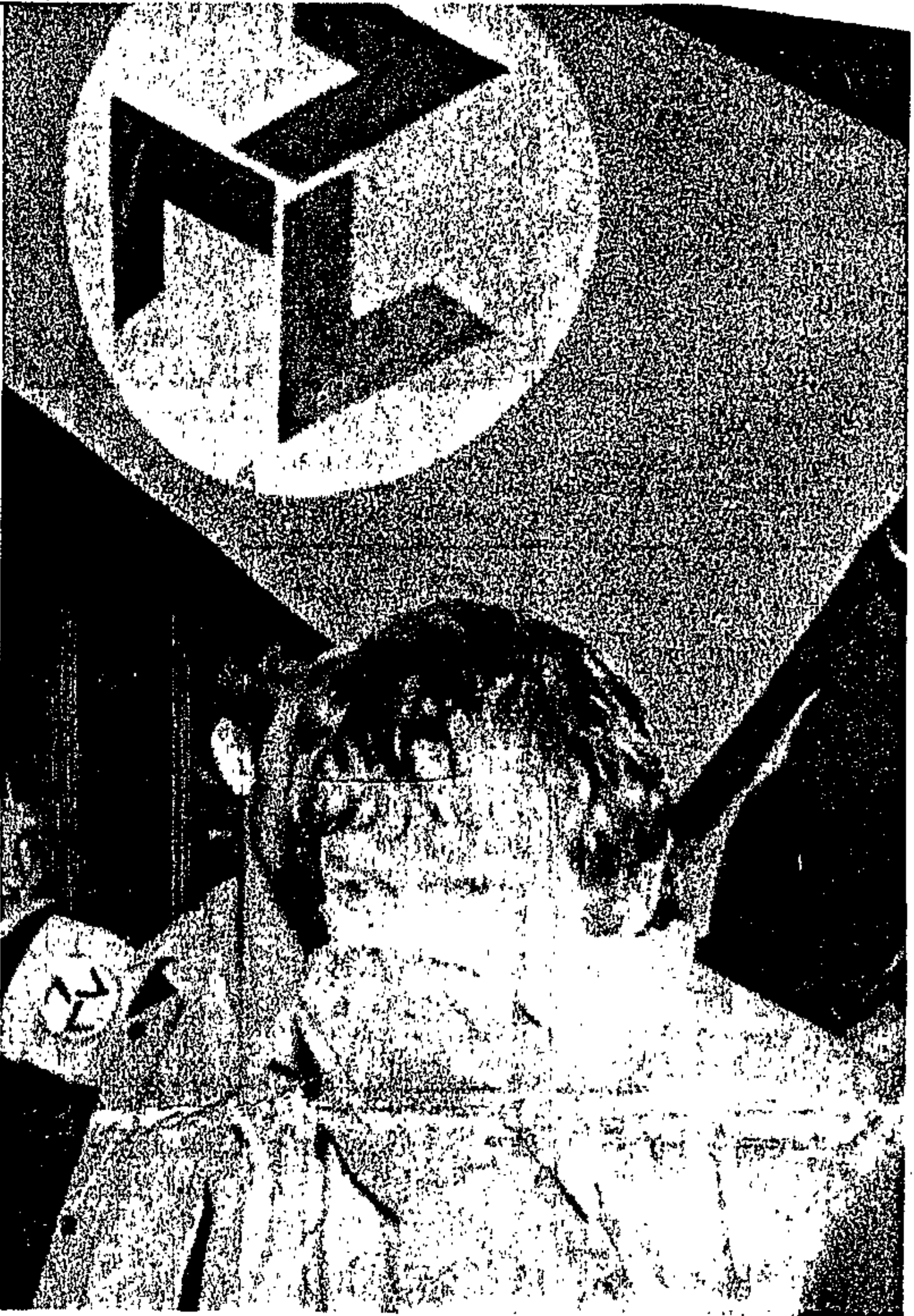
The number of police at the Ventersdorp meeting showed that Mr De Klerk knew there would be trouble. The blood of the dead and injured "is on the hands of President De Klerk. He has come to the end of his road. He must resign and must hold an election," Dr Hartzenberg said.

The mood of the congress was militant, with many threats directed at Mr De Klerk and other "liberals", amid demands for a white election.

Meanwhile AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche yesterday accused police of using live ammunition capable of killing a lion in a deliberate, shoot-to-kill onslaught at Ventersdorp on Friday.

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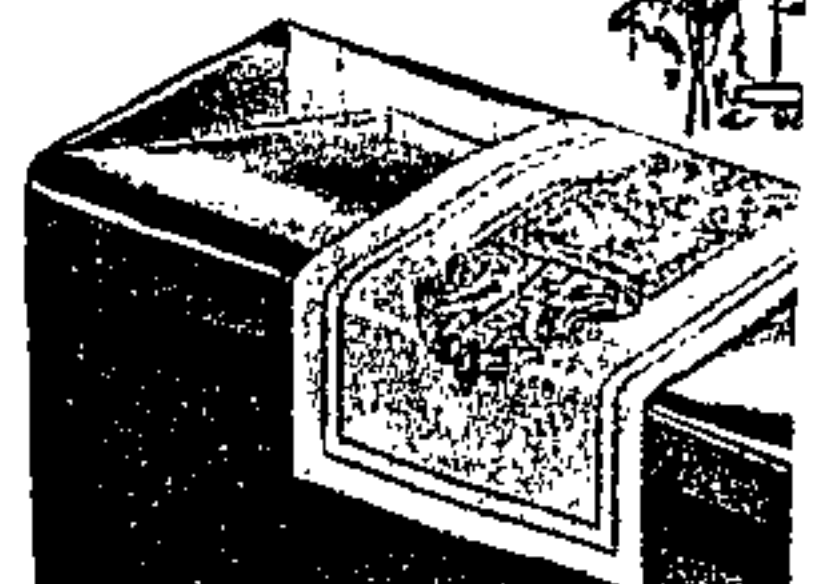


TEARGAS: An AWB supporter holds his nose against teargas during the height of the battle between police and AWB supporters.



ARRESTED: Mr Plet "Skiet" Rudolph, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging general secretary, is led away by police. He was arrested on Friday after the clashes between Police and AWB members in Ventersdorp which left three dead and several injured including policemen.

The flavour of France



CP youth learn to get to grips with firearms

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VRYHEID members of the Conservative Party's youth wing are learning about the use of firearms and the limits of police power. ARG 12/8/91

This emerged in a report to the CP's Natal congress at the weekend by Mr Martin Schonteich, chairman of the CP's Natal youth action committee.

After the "Battle of Goedevonden", Mr Schonteich said, the youth committee had embarked on a "know your rights" campaign for its members.

It would "inform our members of their legal rights in respect of the use of a firearm, the limits of police powers and their rights of legal representation".



CONFRONTATION ... Police arrest AWB general-secretary Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph during the trouble in Ventersdorp on Friday (left) and an AWB member swings a baseball bat at police dogs during the battle.



Picture: SUNDAY TIMES

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Death toll up

Third AWB man dies after Ventersdorp

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll in the bloody clash between AWB supporters and police in Ventersdorp on Friday night has risen to three, with the death on Saturday afternoon of one more AWB member.

A spokeswoman for the Klerksdorp Hospital confirmed the man died in hospital on Saturday afternoon after violence that erupted in Ventersdorp, where President F W de Klerk addressed a National Party meeting.

Police confirmed that 36-year-old Mr Gerhard Koen of Bloemhof was an AWB member.

The clash has also claimed the lives of Mr J J Conradie and Mr A Badenhorst, both AWB members. Fifty-eight others, including seven police men, were injured, some seriously.

Power cut

One person's condition was described as critical in the hospital's intensive care unit. Police spokesman Major Ray Harrauld said one policeman underwent surgery on Saturday and was in a serious condition.

The other injured were in a satisfactory condition, the hospital spokeswoman said.

Meanwhile a Ventersdorp police spokesman confirmed yesterday that a man had been arrested and charged with cutting off the power supply to street lights in two Ventersdorp streets at the time the clashes began.

In the heat of the battle, the police officer in charge of operations in Ventersdorp on Friday night gave a "shoot to kill" order when his men came under fire.

Brigadier Adrian de la Rosa admitted that he



AWB WEAPON ... The metal arm guard worn by some AWB members during Friday night's violence in Ventersdorp. AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche claimed it was to protect his members against police dogs.

Picture: AP

had given this order to use live ammunition in the heat of the battle.

But police said the order was not carried out. The disclosure came as the leader of the AWB, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, claimed he had seen an AWB member shot dead with heavy grain shot during Friday night's riot. "The kind of

shot that would kill a lion," Mr Terre'Blanche said.

Brigadier De la Rosa defended his order, saying: "They (the AWB) shot at us with live ammunition. Some of my men were badly wounded. They asked me what they should do — so I gave the order. What else could I do?"

But he stressed that none of his men had actually followed the order.

Mr Terre'Blanche said yesterday the AWB was preparing itself for "oncoming revolution" because the government could not handle the security situation.

Mr Terre'Blanche said the priority of the movement was to strengthen its commando units as quickly as possible.

He warned the government was heading for trouble by misusing the police for political purposes as it had on Friday.

The AWB was sure the police had not only been issued with teargas and birdshot but with deadlier weapons.

Referring to a warning at the weekend by CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht that the third Boer War had started, Mr Terre'Blanche said it was in the hands of the government to stop it.

'Intolerance'

"The government must give its voters the opportunity to vote in an election. If it does not do that, I believe the situation will become worse," he said.

Major Harrauld said police were still assessing the damage to Ventersdorp after right-wingers went on the rampage through the Western Transvaal town.

The violence has sparked an outcry from parties across the political spectrum, with right-wingers blaming Mr De Klerk and others calling for restraint, tolerance and discipline from right-wing organisations.

Mr Nelson Mandela said: "This culture of political intolerance from the AWB is directly responsible for this tragedy."

"We hope the government now realises that

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the future of negotiations and the country as a whole can only be guaranteed if there is closer and genuine co-operation between itself, the ANC, other democratic forces and all peace loving South Africans."

Mr Mandela stopped short of calling for an outright ban of the AWB, but he said the right-wing movement should be "destroyed" if it could not be persuaded to change its ways.

"It was evident that the presence of the AWB at the meeting was to prevent the National Party from putting across its views to white Ventersdorp," Mr Mandela added.

ANC spokesman Mr Saki Macozoma said yesterday the ANC would not call for the AWB to be banned, despite Mr Mandela's weekend appeal to "destroy" the right-wing organisation.

Mr Macozoma also commended Mr De Klerk for insisting on addressing the NP meeting in Ventersdorp, despite the threats and reality of right-wing violence.

Mr De Klerk said it was a tragic moment for democracy in South Africa when "people shoot at the custodians of law and order" for doing their duty.

He said controversy surrounding the NP meeting had not been the fault of the NP — but had been instigated by the Conservative Party, the AWB and their friends.

The president expressed sympathy and condolences to the bereaved families.

Dr Treurnicht said Mr De Klerk ignored all warnings that he was not welcome in Ventersdorp.

Dr Treurnicht yesterday said that Mr De Klerk's address on Friday "was like a red flag to a bull", but he stopped short of sanctioning the AWB actions and calling for active resistance.

"People can only take up arms in extreme cases," he said. But the government was now using its security forces against its own people, which was "provocative in the extreme".

'No other choice'

Mr De Klerk was continuing along a political road for which he did not have permission from white voters, Dr Treurnicht said.

"It is arrogant to take the rights of whites away."

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said while he did not wish to make light of the events in Ventersdorp, it would appear the police had only done their duty.

The actions of the right-wingers had been irresponsible and unjustified, he added.

Dr De Beer said right-wingers had been demonstrating against the legally-elected government of South Africa and also against the principle that all citizens should be treated fairly.

AWB general secretary Mr Piet Rudolf said: "We went to the hall to meet the State President, instead we were greeted by hordes of heavily armed policemen, razor wire, teargas, and biting guard dogs."

"This gives us no other choice but to get ready for a war which was started by Mr De Klerk against his own people."

Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut (AHI) president Mr Gerrie Steenkamp said the violence could have far-reaching economic consequences for South Africa.

He said the AHI urged Afrikaans political party leaders to resolve their differences through dialogue.

Herstigste Nasionale Party leader Mr Jaap Marais said the president's decision to hold a public meeting at Ventersdorp had been a calculated provocation of Afrikaner opponents. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Right info ³⁴⁰ for members ^{ET 12/8/91}

VRYHEID. — The Natal Conservative Party youth action committee is to launch a campaign to inform members of their legal rights in respect of the use of firearms, the limits of police powers and legal protection.

Committee chairman Mr. Martin Schönteich also said the committee would form a CP youth branch at the Durban Technikon and increase its "unofficial organisation" at the University of Natal.

Mr. Schönteich revealed that CP youth members had met with Inkatha Freedom Party youth brigade members on an "informal basis".

UK govt urges 'tolerance'

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LONDON. — The British government yesterday urged all parties in South Africa to exercise political tolerance, as Friday night's battle between the police and the AWB received wide coverage in the media here.

In a statement yesterday the Foreign Office said it "deplores violence from whatever quarter and continues to urge the South African government to ensure the police force enforces law and order impartially".

It urged all parties in South Africa to "practise political tolerance".

Veteran political analyst Professor Willem Kleynhans told the Sunday Telegraph that the years of indoctrination under apartheid were to blame for the conflict.

He said: "This has its origin in the overnight scrapping of apartheid without preparing them (the whites) for the consequences. If you brainwash people for decades and think you can scrap it overnight you are looking for trouble."

He predicted that "the AWB and others are going to get more daring and desperate".

The Independent's correspondent, John Carlin, said there were a few moments on Friday night when it seemed touch and

go whether the police would back President F W de Klerk against their fellow Afrikaners in the AWB.

"Seduced" by the rhetoric of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, he said, the policemen looked "confused, callow, uncertain how to act".

Although the moment passed, he said, for the rest of the night, "veterans of far more vicious battles with the ANC, hard men with thick moustaches and bulging bellies, retained in their eyes a vacant, adolescent sense of having done something not quite right".

One young policeman even phoned his mother from a public telephone to say he was "really frightened".

Big question

Said Mr Carlin: "Mr De Klerk was undoubtedly the night's winner. The police stood by him at a critical moment and, just as important, at a time when his image as a bold reformist has been severely questioned, he managed to project himself as a man of courage standing in the moderate centre of South African politics and assailed by the forces of anarchy."

The big question, he said, was how the police would react to the prospect of similar exchanges in the future.

Several commentators noted that the first time shots were

fired by the police was when they came to the rescue of black people in a taxi being fired at by members of the AWB.

Columnist Allister Sparks, writing in yesterday's Observer, said "the spectre of a white civil war" on top of the black-on-black violence "hangs over South Africa" following Friday's events.

"The Afrikaner community, which until recently presented a front of monolithic solidarity, is now more deeply divided than at any time since General Jan Smuts ordered his troops to fire on striking Afrikaner miners in 1922."

Far-right violence, which on Friday had boiled to the surface, "could add mightily to De Klerk's problems", he said.

But he added that it could also split the right because AWB violence would "shock many anti-reformist Afrikaners... who are staid, strait-laced people disapproving of such thuggery".

The Sunday Times correspondent, after describing the heavily-armed neo-nazi AWB supporters, noted: "They were not men to annoy: The addition of alcohol made them dangerous even to each other. They had begun drinking early and heavily, groups of pot-bellied men telling jokes about 'kaffirs' and rabbis while cursing De Klerk and the police ringing the hall where the president was to speak."

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**White
violence
'like 1922
strike'**

JOHANNESBURG. —
The white-on-white violence has rekindled memories of similar violence in South Africa's history.

The general-secretary of the AWB, Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said: "President F W de Klerk has done the same thing as Mr (Louis) Botha in 1913 and what General Smuts had done to the mineworkers in 1922."

This was a reference to two famous chapters in South African history.

The first occurred in July, 1913 when then-Prime Minister Mr Louis Botha called troops in to quell the violence during a strike over working hours by 19 000 mineworkers.

The second was by far the worst and was also over a strike by white mineworkers — this time against black encroachment.

The prime minister after Mr Botha's death was General Jan Smuts, who personally took over control of 20 000 troops backed by aeroplanes and tanks.

Using these formidable forces in 1922, he broke the strike but at the cost of 216 lives, of which 76 were strikers, 78 were soldiers, and 62 were bystanders.

may reported to be in serious but stable conditions.

A spokesman for Kalie de Haas Hospital in

tacked. He sustained fractures of the skull.

Mr Bantana Phandle (45), Mr Tyekezi Mayaka (38) and Mr Gogogo

Phandla, who was shot in the stomach and left arm, said: "I heard gun sounds and the next thing our bakkie rolling over."

Revolt on way says AWB

AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche yesterday said the Government was "heading for big trouble" by "misusing" the police for political purposes as it had on Friday night at Ventersdorp. *Gowen 12/8/97*

At a Press conference in Pretoria he

said the AWB was preparing a revolution. *344 323*

Reacting to ANC president Nelson Mandela's call for stricter Government action against the far right movement, Terre'Blanche said if the ANC wanted to take the country by force, "we'll meet him and level him with the gravel..."

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main unanswered, including that of who fired the shots that killed two AWB members.

Sources said no policeman had fired sharp-pointed ammunition. No rifles had been borne by policemen, although it was possible the fatal shots had been fired from pistols.

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In Ventersdorp, calm after Friday night's gun battle, it was revealed that a coffin containing the body of a black person was hit by several bullets fired

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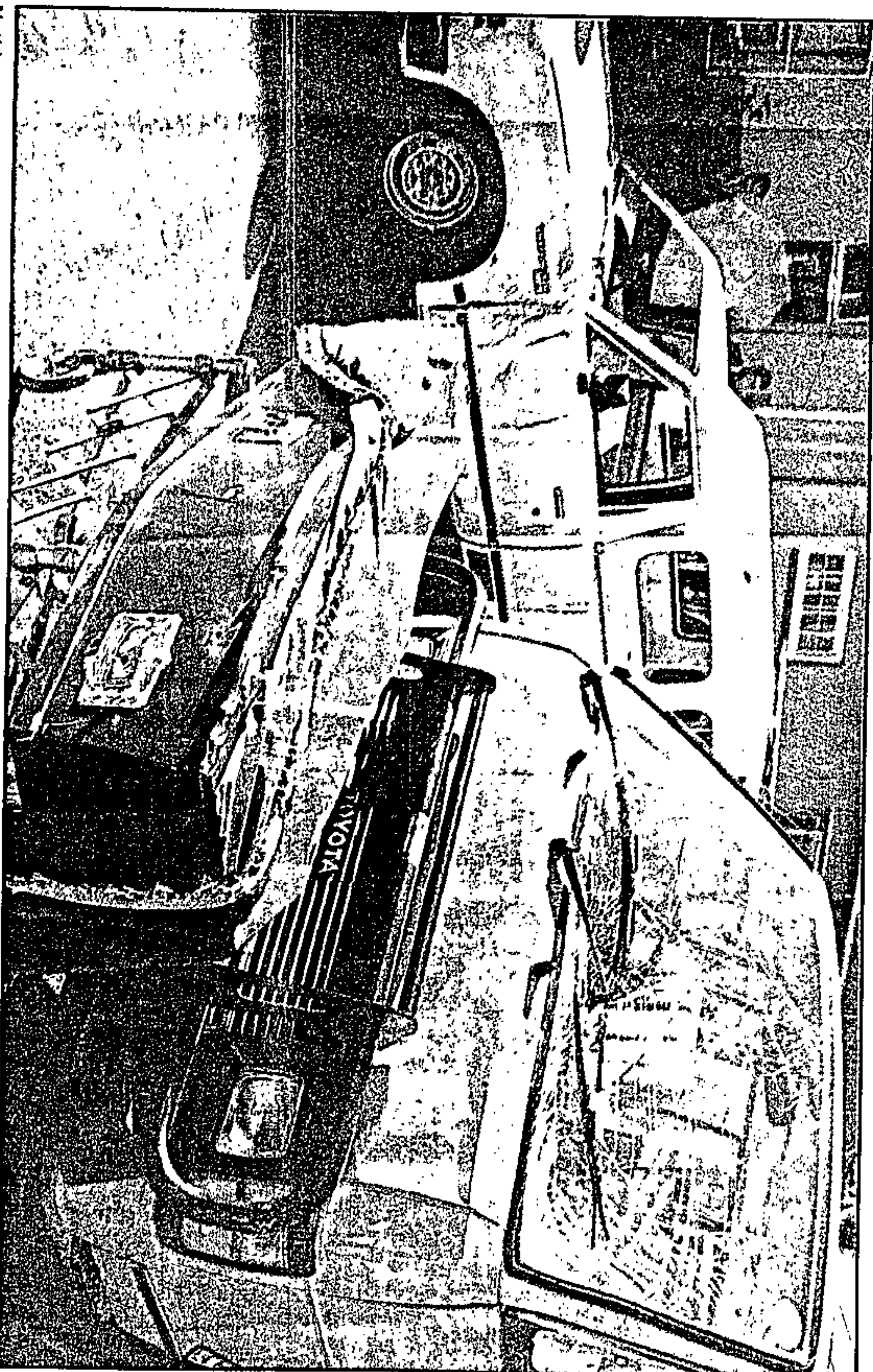


... Detective Jacob Huisamen demonstrates an arm shield used by AWB members. Police say the sharp point can be used for stabbing.

Security focus on AWB

Nothing sacred ... a coffin containing the body of a black person was shot at by rightwingers in Ventersdorp.

Pictures: Alf Kumalo



Ban 'would drive right wing underground'

By Peter Fabricius and Phil Molele

Security establishment sources believe the State Security Council will review its policy on rightwing violence in the wake of the bloody clash between the police and members of the AWB in Ventersdorp on Friday.

The violence in the western Transvaal town, in which

three AWB men were killed, is expected to be discussed at the council's fortnightly meeting today, but Government and security sources think it is unlikely that the AWB will be banned — as ANC president Nelson Mandela has demanded — because this would drive it underground and spark terrorist actions.

"It's better to deal with these people above ground, painful as it might be," one senior Government source

said. Security establishment sources said that before deciding on any changes in policy on the far Right, the entire Ventersdorp incident would have to be investigated thoroughly.

President de Klerk had to say, in Ventersdorp on Friday night to demonstrate it was not a "no-go" area for the Government, NP sources said yesterday.

Some criticism has been directed at Mr de Klerk — from the Right and else-

where — for provoking a confrontation by speaking in an area widely regarded as the heartland of the Right. This argument has been roundly rejected by the Government.

"No Government can allow a monopoly of any part of the country," a senior Government source said.

"It's similar to the way the ANC says certain areas in the townships are theirs. And the Ventersdorp inci-

dent must be seen as a reaction to the fact that police have recently started getting tough with the Right."

Four policemen were shot by the AWB and are in satisfactory condition in Potchefstroom Hospital.

They are: Sergeant Richard Grobler (24), Constable Pierre Louw (21), Constable Johan Dreyer (21) and War-

rant Officer Johan Visagie (37). Sergeant Grobler was

AWB gears for 'third Boer War'

By Peter Davies 12/8/91

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Mr Terre-Blanche... "police shot to kill".

have the vote." Police spokesman Major Ray Harrauld denied that police had used live ammunition at Ventersdorp, saying only birdshot and teargas had been used in the fracas, which left three dead and more than 50 injured.

He said a shoot-to-kill instruction would have been issued "only in circumstances where there was no other

option". But Mr Terre-Blanche said policemen were issued with "much more deadlier weapons" than birdshot. "The police used Triple A and SSG — the heaviest shot, that you could kill a lion with."

He said he had seen the body of one of the AWB casualties riddled with "at least 50 or 60 bullet holes in the stomach" and added that many more deaths would have occurred if he had not intervened and pleaded with policemen to stop shooting.

The fiery leader denied the AWB had deliberately provoked the Ventersdorp confrontation, saying instead that he and his supporters had merely wanted to attend the meeting.

In a television confrontation screened on SABC's "Agenda" programme last night, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis accused Mr Terre-Blanche of being responsible for the deaths of the AWB members.

"Afrikaner blood (Boerebloed) is on your hands, Mr

Terre-Blanche." Mr Terre-Blanche said there had been no intention to disrupt the function with violence, but he admitted to advising right-wing followers to bring all licensed firearms to the meeting.

"A disarmed white man in this country — this unsafe South Africa of the National Party — is a dead white man. If a man has a licensed gun then he may carry it."

Conservative Party MPs Dr Piet Mulder (Schweizer-Reneke) and Dr Corné Mulder (Randfontein) yesterday warned of a hardening and radicalisation among Afrikaners.

"It is inevitable that a hardening and radicalisation of the Afrikaner community will result from President F.W. de Klerk's insensitivity to the emotional climate in Ventersdorp since Goedgevonden," they said.

Two of the dead were voters in the Mulder brothers' constituencies — Andries Badenhorst in Randfontein and Gerrit Koen in Schweizer-Reneke.

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'Bomb attack won't deter NP'

By Shirley Woodgate

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Klerksdorp National Party leader Jan de Kock said yesterday's bomb attack on his luxury car would not deter the NP from holding meetings in the western Transvaal.

Claiming a piece of shrapnel from the 3 am blast had also penetrated the 5 cm-thick kiaat front door of his Wilkoppies home, he pointed an accusing finger at rightwingers.

He said police had said the type of explosives used indicated the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was responsible.

It is estimated that damage estimated at about R20 000 was done to the fully electronic BWW 735i in the blast which occurred in a carport adjoining the house while Mr de Kock and his family were in Johannes-

burg. The damage was discovered later in the morning by a domestic worker who alerted the gardener and then the police.

"If somebody wants to tell me something, they do not have to do it this way.

"I am astounded at the attack," Mr de Kock said.

He said although he had attended the NP meeting in the nearby Ventersdorp town hall on Friday night, he had not noticed many people from Klerksdorp at the gathering.

Commenting on claims that the western Transvaal was the heartland of the AWB, Mr de Kock said: "I believe many of the 2 000 AWB supporters came from outside the area, from Bloemfontein, Randfontein and Boksburg, in response to their general's orders."

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He said he had personally seen car-loads of AWB supporters driving into Ventersdorp from 4 pm on Friday.

Mr de Kock said it appeared the AWB amounted to a few people making a big noise, using mass hysteria to whip up emotions.

Calling for some form of action to prevent further shock incidents like Friday's killings at President de Klerk's public meeting, Mr de Kock said it was time the carrying of weapons such as baseball bats and teargas was banned at political meetings.

A police spokesman confirmed commercial explosives had been used to blast Mr de Kock's R200 000 vehicle and said identifiable fingerprints had been found near the spot where the bomb was planted.

Rudolph case withdrawn

VENTERSDORP. — Charges of possession of dangerous weapons and the illegal wearing of uniforms were withdrawn against the secretary-general of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Mr Piet Rudolph, in the magistrate's court. *AKG (344) 13/8/91*

SABC TV news said his appearance yesterday followed an incident in the town in which three people died. — Sapa.

Conservatives plan protest

JOHANNESBURG. —
The Conservative Party
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Town Council has ap-
plied to stage a demon-
stration in front of the
Civic Centre on Thurs-
day when the Transvaal
National Party holds its
banquet there. (344)

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The protest would be
in sympathy with the
victims of the Venters-
dorp violence. — Sapa.

Police launch Ventersdorp probe

Urgent moves afoot to curb private armies

GOVERNMENT is planning action against private political armies following the weekend clash at Ventersdorp that killed three members of the ultra right-wing AWB.

A ban on private armies was discussed in depth at a meeting yesterday of the State Security Council, SA's highest-level security planning and implementation body. Other options were also being examined, a government source said.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, speaking at a private meeting at Citrusdal in the Cape at the weekend, raised the possibility of banning private armies. He told his audience the ban was being discussed as a matter of urgency but that it was not aimed at curbing legitimate political activity, Vlok's spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said. He said the Ventersdorp killings had underscored the danger of private armies.

The Law and Order Department has already produced legislation aimed at curbing the proliferation of private armies. It was to be tabled in Parliament earlier this year but was shelved.

The ban would affect organisations such as the AWB and the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, among others.

Vlok said last night an intensive investigation into the Ventersdorp incident had been launched and that judicial inquests and criminal proceedings would follow.

Earlier, the investigating officer in the Ventersdorp court proceedings, Lt Wak Viljoen, said the SABC and various newspapers would be asked for footage showing

people involved in the confrontation.

In another development Defence Minister Magnus Malan — in the face of right-wing criticism of the SADF's role — defended the SADF decision to mobilise Potchefstroom-based soldiers.

Last night Vlok outlined the events leading up to the clashes which accompanied President F W de Klerk's decision to address a meeting in the conservative town.

He said information was received that indicated a possible threat to De Klerk's safety and to public order. On the day before the clashes, Lt-Gen Louw Malan spoke to AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche to try to persuade him to call off planned right-wing protest action. Vlok said he had personally spoken to Terre-Blanche two days earlier.

Nine-hundred policemen were deployed to strengthen the local SAP. They cordoned off the area, erected roadblocks and arranged to protect entrance routes to the hall. Pamphlets were produced to inform residents of the local magistrate's decision to ban outdoor political activity.

During the day a large number of uniformed and armed AWB members entered the town. They later held a meeting.

"After the meeting a crowd moved towards the hall where the President was to give his speech. The group was armed, militant and shouting slogans," Vlok said. Police attempted to prevent the crowd reaching the hall.

Police were attacked by people with

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Charges against Rudolph withdrawn

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TRESPASS charges against AWB secretary-general Piet Rudolph were provisionally withdrawn in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday, investigating officer Lt Wak Viljoen said.

Cases against five other people, including town engineer Cornelius Tereblanche, were remanded until September 24.

Tereblanche faces a charge of subversion after Ventersdorp was plunged into darkness shortly before violence erupted outside an NP meeting in the town on Friday night. *Blow 13/8/77*

The remaining four — Hendrik du Preez, Johan Derkson, Rots Nel and a minor — have been charged with illegal possession of dangerous weapons. They were released and warned to appear in September, Viljoen said. *Blow*

A charge of illegal possession of a firearm against a sixth man was withdrawn after he produced a gun licence.

Viljoen said the charge against Rudolph was temporarily withdrawn after Rudolph objected to the case being postponed.

Rudolph insisted there was nothing to investigate about trespassing, and wanted the case led yesterday.

Charges would be brought against him again in about a fortnight, Viljoen said.

Viljoen added that more people could be arrested after police investigations into the violence had been completed.

He said a docket of public violence had been opened, and the "common cause" of the crowd involved in Friday's violence would be investigated.

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Government sources said that individual right-wingers might be stripped of their right to carry firearms if evidence collected showed that they had broken the law. ~~344~~ (344)

"This will be an excellent way of getting them disarmed," said one.

Consideration was also being given to the wholesale banning of private armies "across the political spectrum — from the AWB to Umkhonto we Sizwe", one security source said.

The law and order department earlier this year drew up draft legislation to clamp down on the proliferation of private armies, but the plan was shelved because of the controversy it would have sparked.

In a strongly worded defence of the contingency steps taken by the Defence Force ahead of the Ventersdorp meeting, General Malan said information had come to light that the protest had been planned on a large scale and that expressions such as "civil war", "the third war of freedom" and "rebellion" were used in addresses to AWB members.

"Against this background, it would have been irresponsible if the SADF and SAP did not make acceptable contingency plans," he said.

'AWB like ANC'

General Malan said the "AWB-Conservative Party alliance" followed the same tactic as the ANC-SACP alliance in their attacks on the security forces.

In a separate statement, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said an urgent police probe had been launched into the Venterdorp violence, adding that various criminal hearings and inquests could arise from the investigation.

He charged that the AWB fired the first shots in the battle, and denied that police had used live ammunition or the more deadly types of birdshot.

Hundreds of rounds of these types of ammunition were, however, confiscated from right-wingers who gathered in the small Western Transvaal town before Mr De Klerk's meeting, he said.

He also said that because it had been reported that 6 000 right-wingers were expected to pitch up to protest against Mr De Klerk's presence in Ventersdorp, 900 additional policemen were sent to the town "as reinforcements".

Mr Vlok said the police were attacked with a variety of weapons — including baseball bats, sneeze-gas, teargas and batons — when right-wing protesters marched on a police blockade near the hall where Mr De Klerk was due to speak.

Blacks shot at

About the same time, another group of whites in the same street began to shoot at the black occupants of a passing car. One vehicle ploughed into the crowd, killing one man and fatally injuring another.

● The national secretary of the CP, Mr Andries Beyers, said a commemoration service would be held in Ventersdorp on Friday for the three right-wingers who died in the clashes.

And the CP caucus of the Alberton town council has applied to stage a protest and placard demonstration in front of the civic centre on Thursday when the Transvaal National Party holds its banquet there.

● The SA Council of Churches condemned the actions of right-wingers in Ventersdorp, but held the NP responsible for encouraging racist attitudes over the past 43 years.

The SACC said it was particularly disturbed by the attack on black people who were taking a dead relative to Transkei.

● SA Communist Party spokesman Mr Jeremy Cronin accused Mr De Klerk of provoking the violence in Ventersdorp in an effort to escape the consequences of the Inkatha funding scandal.

Mr Cronin said that the reason hundreds of heavily armed AWB supporters were allowed to converge on Ventersdorp without being disarmed was that "the Ventersdorp affair suits De Klerk".

"He would like its rumblings to persist for as long as possible. He is hoping that the Inkatha scandal will be forgotten by the world," he said.

De Klerk's image boosted abroad

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LONDON. — Only a week or so ago President F W de Klerk's image abroad was at rock bottom following embarrassing revelations that the police had secretly funded Inkatha and anti-Swapo political parties in Namibia.

But yesterday, judging by assessments in the British press of Friday's clash at Ventersdorp between the police and the AWB, Mr De Klerk was seen not only to have again outmanoeuvred just about everyone but, most importantly, to have demonstrated his command of the security forces.

The Financial Times said the clash had "demonstrated an important fact — that white police, many of whom bitterly oppose political reform and sympathise with the AWB, will fight to maintain law and order, even if it means shooting at their own people".

The intervention of white policemen to protect blacks against AWB attack provided evidence of police loyalty which should "help allay the fears of those Nationalists who fear that rapid political change will provoke a security force revolt".

The events could also be used by Mr De Klerk to caution against too rapid change and counter ANC claims that he seeks to perpetuate white rule.

The Daily Telegraph said in an editorial yesterday that Mr De Klerk's position, weakened by the Inkatha affair, would have been "strengthened by last week's riot".

With the role of the Afrikaner-dominated police critical, the Telegraph said, "at Ventersdorp they stood firm against intimidation". It remained "impossible" to imagine a peaceful solution without Mr De Klerk.

The Daily Express said: "Unless Mr De Klerk's government has the strength to

deal immediately and effectively with the AWB menace, it cannot expect the confidence of the civilised majority of the white tribe."

The Guardian said indications were that "the clash would redound to the government's advantage".

It said the effectiveness of attempts by the AWB to make martyrs of its three dead members was questionable.

"The main political effect of the battle is likely to be to enhance Mr De Klerk's standing.

"The performance of the police — not only in taking on the neo-nazis but also in rescuing several black people — was particularly impressive.

"Coming after Mr De Klerk's humiliation of the Defence Minister, General Magnus Malan, and the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, over the Inkathagate scandal, the impression has been created of a President very much in control of the security forces."

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JOHANNESBURG. — Trespassing charges against AWB secretary-general Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph were provisionally withdrawn in Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday, investigating officer Lieutenant Wak Viljoen said.

Cases against five other people, including town engineer Mr C Tereblanche, were postponed until September 24.

Mr Tereblanche faces a charge of subversion after Ventersdorp was plunged into darkness shortly before violence erupted outside the National Party meeting in the town on Friday night.

The remaining four — Mr Hendrik du Preez, Mr Johan Derkson, Mr Rots Nel and a minor — have been charged with illegal possession of dangerous weapons.

They were released and warned to appear

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again in September, Lieutenant Viljoen said.

A charge of illegal possession of a firearm against a sixth man, Mr Gideon Scheepers, was withdrawn after he produced a gun licence.

Lieutenant Viljoen said the charge against Mr Rudolph was temporarily withdrawn after Mr Rudolph objected to the case being postponed.

Mr Rudolph insisted that there was nothing to investigate about tres-

passing and wanted the case led yesterday.

He was due to appear in court again in about two weeks' time, Lieutenant Viljoen said.

The lieutenant added that further people could also be arrested after police investigations into the violence were completed.

He had opened a docket of public violence and said the "common cause" of the crowd involved in Friday's violence would be investigated.

The SABC and various newspapers would be approached for footage of the incident showing the people involved.

Asked if police could have used riot-control methods other than firing on the crowd, police spokesman Major Ray Harrauld said it would have been inappropriate to answer live ammunition with water cannons. Police had been fired at with live ammunition on Friday night.

SACC hits out at rightwing attacks

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THE South African Council of Churches yesterday condemned the actions of rightwingers in Ventersdorp on Friday night, but held the National Party responsible for encouraging racist attitudes over the past 43 years.

The SACC was especially disturbed by the rightwing attack on black people who were taking a deceased relative to the Transkei.

"This is a demonstration of blatant racism which must be uprooted from our society. These incidents are the epitome of a South Africa apartheid has produced," SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said in a statement.

"The AWB and Conservative Party supporters who were involved in these incidents of violence have all the constitutional rights and means through which to address their grievances but they chose rather to create a climate which led to the violence.

"We call on all South Africans to restrain themselves at this critical hour in the life of South Africa and to seek other avenues of resolving their problem." - Sapa

unwed mothers.

One of the advantages of private practitioners was that they did not impose the same limitations on applicants, the source said. - Sapa.

AWB battle ³⁴⁴ *Sowetan 13/8/91* two in court ^{2/8/91}

VENTERSDORP'S town engineer and a Rustenburg resident appeared in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with charges arising from the confrontation between rightwingers and police during a National Party meeting last Friday.

During the clashes three Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members were killed and 58 people, including seven policemen, injured.

Police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden said charges were formulated against the town engineer in connection with the sudden cut in the town's electricity supply shortly before the arrival in Ventersdorp of the State President, Mr FW de Klerk, to address the meeting.

Violence charges

The Rustenburg resident is facing charges of violence.

Town Engineer Mr Cornelius Petrus Terre'Blanche (32) and Mr Hendrik Lambert Johannes du Preez (42) of Sodiso Trailer Camp, Rustenburg, were not asked to plead and were released on their own recognisances.

The hearing was postponed to September 24.

There were no incidents at the court, Van Heerden said. - Sapa

TALKBACK

'Govt to blame for AWB actions'

By KENOSI MODISANE

THE Government has allowed whites to carry weapons and should take responsibility for the AWB's actions, callers said on the Sowetan/Radio Metro yesterday.

Most said the Government should "use the same methods they have used to quell uprisings in black townships".

"The Government is responsible for arming white people in the country and should accept responsibility for the AWB's arrogant actions and threats of a civil war," Vincent Soweto said.

"The AWB should be banned and all arms confiscated from whites. This is not a question of the AWB being armed. But it is that whites have long been allowed to carry arms," a caller said.

"The Government should disarm those people before a civil war breaks out. Terre'Blanche knows very well that he is armed and can afford a civil war," Pat from Sebokeng said.

Rodger from Denver said: "There is no difference between Inkatha, the AWB and the National Party. They are all fighting for the protection of minority rights."

Mxolisi from Eldorado Park said: "I feel strongly about carrying weapons in public. And this I blame squarely on the Government."

"The Government should use the defence force to disarm groups," Elvis Daveyton said. "The police should have killed that bunch of racists. The Government has an obligation to disarm and ban them."

THE State President provoked violence in Ventersdorp on Friday in an effort to escape the so-called Inkathagate funding scandal, the South African Communist Party alleged yesterday.

In a statement signed by the SACP's Jeremy Cronin, the party asked why Mr FW de Klerk had chosen to speak at "an otherwise insignificant, rural backwater like Ventersdorp at this time?"

Although the SACP upheld the right of all to hold public meetings anywhere they chose,

SACP blames De Klerk

"we are all aware of the delicate transition period in which our nation is involved".

"Did De Klerk go to Ventersdorp to escape Inkathagate?"

"Why were hundreds of heavily armed Afrikaner Weer-

standsbeweging supporters allowed to converge on Ventersdorp, with ample warning... of their intention to do so?"

"Why were those publicly displaying weaponry not disarmed before the inevitable deaths and injuries occurred?"

"The brutal reality is that the Ventersdorp affair suits De Klerk. He would like its rumblings to persist for as long as possible. He is hoping that Inkathagate will be forgotten by the world."
- Sapa.

sharp bullets in battle'

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He was reacting to right-wing claims that the SADF had been used to intimidate Ventersdorp citizens.

He said at 8 pm — the height of the battle — the SAP had asked the force to move closer and it had come to within eight or 10 km of the town. One Ratel commander drove into Ventersdorp to liaise with the SAP.

Mr Vlok did not react to the earlier reported statement by Brigadier A de la Rosa — the officer in charge — that he had given the order to shoot to kill.

"The police did not use SG, or SSG-calibre shot or sharp ammunition," Mr Vlok said. He pointed out that the weapons confiscated by the police included hundreds of SSG cartridges and sharp ammunition.

Police had used only lighter birdshot or AAA shot, neither considered lethal.

Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht has made an urgent call on the Government for a judicial inquiry into the incident.

In a full statement last night, Mr Vlok said he and his officers had made several efforts to defuse the situation by negotiating with Mr TerreBlanche.

Banned

However, the AWB leader refused to abandon his plans for the protest.

Mr Vlok gave the police version of the sequence of events in the clash:

Because 6 000 rightwingers were expected, police decided that the local forces were inadequate and reinforcements of 900 policemen were deployed in Ventersdorp under General Malan on Friday.

They were deployed to cordon off the area around the meeting hall; to secure the safety of the hall and approaches to the hall and to man roadblocks.

On Friday morning the local magistrate banned all open-air political meetings and protests in the area around the hall where Mr de Klerk was to speak. The ban was announced in about 1 000 leaflets distributed in the town and at roadblocks.

During Friday large groups of citizens, including some in AWB uniforms and carrying a variety of weapons, entered town.

Afterwards a crowd — "armed, militant, provocative and shouting slogans" — moved to the hall.

When the crowd reached the barriers around the hall, police were attacked with aerosols, baseball bats, batons, pick-axe handles, sneeze powder and gas.

At this stage the electricity power was cut off, plunging the town into darkness.

Brigadier de la Rosa, in charge of the police cordon around the hall, gave the order for tearsmoke to be used.

During the attack, an SAP member was shot in the leg with sharp ammunition.

At about the same time another group of whites higher up in the same street attacked black passengers in various vehicles and shot at them.

Also at the same time two people were hit by a vehicle. One was killed on impact and the other died later.

In the confusion another vehicle with black occupants arrived between the two groups and crashed into a stationary police vehicle.

The occupants were plucked out and seriously assaulted.

In an attempt to save their lives, police hastened to help them. The police were also attacked and fired upon.

Two policemen were wounded. Police returned fire with tearsmoke and shotgun fire. During the shooting one person was critically injured.

AWB supporters then moved to the local police station and seriously damaged various parked vehicles, especially police vehicles.

Mr TerreBlanche was then taken by the police to Lieutenant-General Malan who was talking to CP MP Fanie Jacobs.

Mr TerreBlanche demanded that six persons arrested earlier in the day be freed.

He spoke to Mr Vlok by telephone and undertook to ask his supporters to leave the town if the six were freed to appear in court later.

The six were released and the situation normalised.



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AWB used sharp-pointed bullets in Ventersdorp clash - police

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Only one of the three right-ingers killed in Ventersdorp died as a result of police fire, while policemen were shot with rifle bullets. As a bitter row rages between police and the AWB over the type of weapons used in the clash, it became clear today that police came under fire with "live" or sharp-pointed ammunition

such as that used in hunting and military assault rifles. While AWB chief Eugene TerreBlanche has accused police of using shotgun ammunition which could "kill a lion", Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok maintains police used only light shot gun ammunition. Two of the dead right-

wingers died after being hit by minibuses. They were Gerhard Koen (36) and Andries Badenhorst (37). Jacobus Conradie (32) died from wounds sustained in the fight. The main accusation against the police is that they used the heavy SSG or SSG shotgun rounds.

Wounds received by policemen show the SAP came under rifle fire - potentially more lethal than shotguns. Among policemen interviewed by reporters in hospital are at least three with serious bullet wounds - Warant Officer John Visagie, Constable Pierre Louw and Constable Johan Dreyer.

Last night Mr Vlok categorically stated that AWB supporters were the first to use gunfire, tearsmoke and spray cans. Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said today it was clear rightwingers had arrived in Ventersdorp expecting trouble. Mr Vlok said police had

begun an urgent investigation, and various judicial inquests and court cases would probably follow. Security sources said the State Security Council discussed the clash yesterday, and considered banning private armies and further restricting the carrying of firearms at political meetings.

But the sources would not divulge what conclusions had been reached, if any. Defence Minister General Magnus Malan confirmed last night that on Friday a large force of armoured vehicles and soldiers had been placed on standby at Potchefstroom, 30 km from Ventersdorp, ready to enter the town if the situation got out of hand.

Service for AWB dead postponed

Staff Reporter

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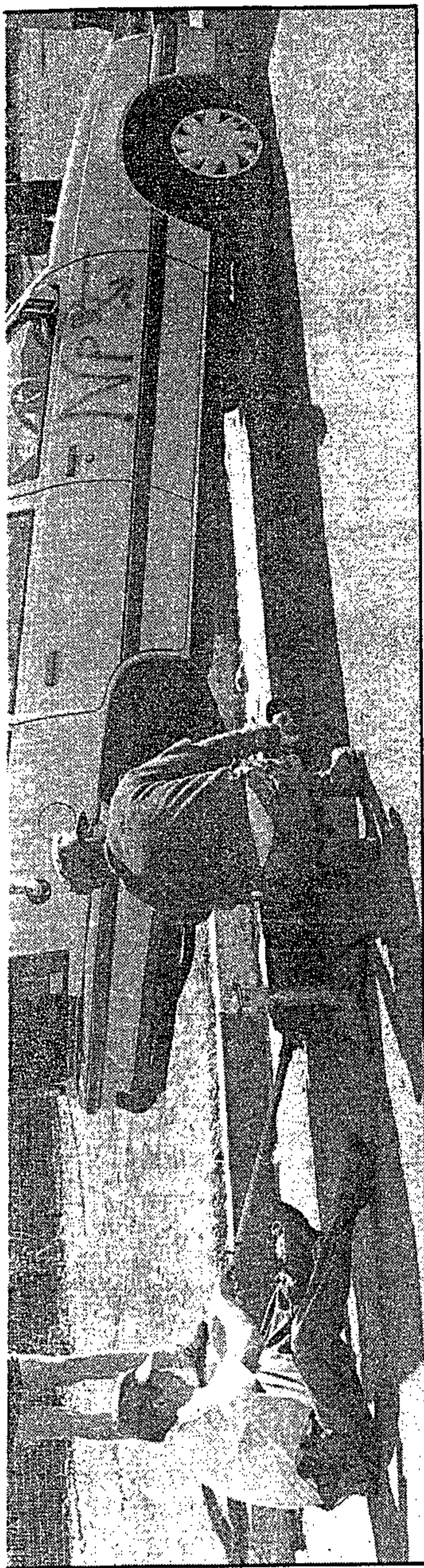
Plans for an AWB memorial service for the three rightwingers killed in Friday night's confrontation have been temporarily shelved, but AWB representatives will attend the private family funerals this week.

AWB "general" Sannie van der Merwe said there would be an official presence at the gravesides and a memorial service may be held later in Ventersdorp.

Gerhard Koen (36), who died on Saturday from injuries sustained when a minibus ploughed into the crowd, will be buried on Thursday on the family farm Schoongezicht near Bloemhof after a service starting at 11 am in the local town hall.

The funeral of Jacobus Conradie (32) who died from wounds received during the fracas, will be held at 2 pm tomorrow in the Orkney NG Church.

Randfontein school teacher Andries Badenhorst (37) who was killed when he was hit by a minibus, will be buried tomorrow on the family farm Losberg near Fochville, after a service starting at 11 am in the local town hall. He leaves a wife and three children.



Mopping up . . . residents watch as policemen replace the slashed tyres on one of the many SAP cars damaged in Friday night's mayhem in Ventersdorp. Damage to police vehicles has been estimated at more than R50 000. Picture: Tom Edley

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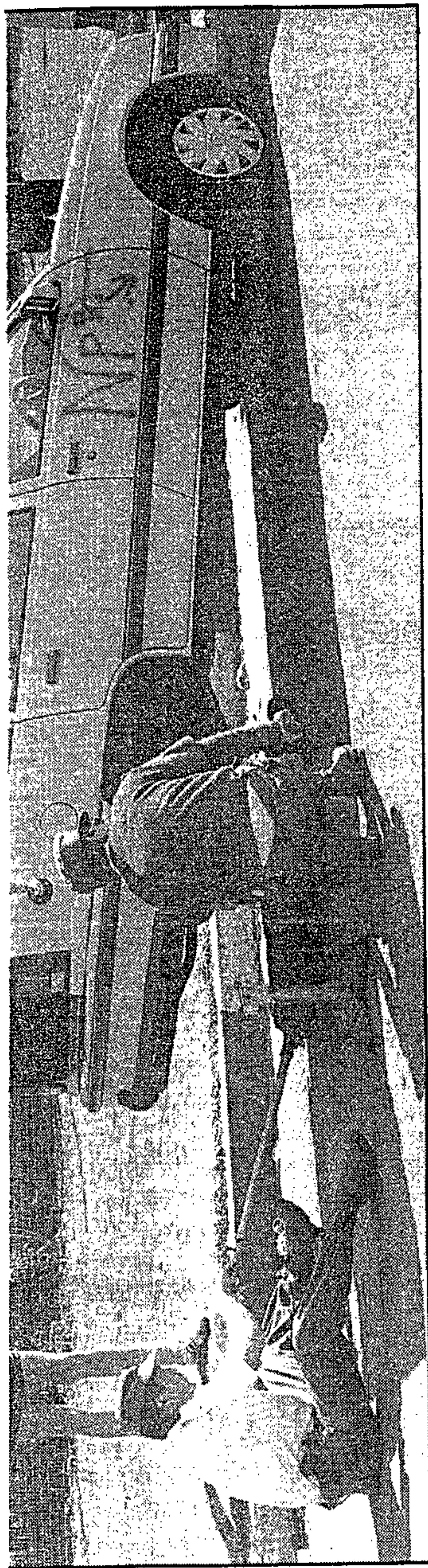
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AWB military funeral for Orkney man

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THE AWB will hold a full military funeral in the western Transvaal town of Orkney this afternoon for a member killed in last week's Ventersdorp clash.

And on Friday night, CP leader Andries Treurnicht will address a memorial service in Ventersdorp for the three dead men.

An AWB spokesman said members would attend the funeral of Jacobus Conradie at the Orkney NG church at 2pm today

TANIA LEVY

in full uniform.

A private funeral would be held at 11am in the Randfontein City Hall for Andries Badenhorst, who died after being hit by a minibus taxi during Friday's clashes.

The third AWB man who died, Gerhard Koen, would be buried at the Schoongesigt Farm near Bloemhof.

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Whites appear on 'necklace' charge

SUSAN RUSSELL

A RAND Supreme Court judge yesterday warned people attending the trial of two white men charged with "necklacing" a black man that "the necessary steps" would be taken if they continued intimidating State witnesses.

Mr Justice Joffe issued the warning after a complaint from State counsel D Dorfling that individuals in the public gallery had been intimidating witnesses.

Earlier the judge issued a similar warning to members of the public who made a number of audible remarks during a witness's evidence, including references to the "kaffir".

The witness was giving evidence in the trial of Deon Frederik van Deventer, 24, and Evert Jan Jacob Boonzaaier, 23.

They have pleaded not guilty to murdering Johannes Masango in Newlands on September 14/15 last year.

Both have also pleaded not guilty to assaulting Masango's companion Philemon Motimona.

It is alleged Van Deventer and Boonzaaier attacked the two men in a Newlands Street. The State alleges Van Deventer and Boonzaaier then loaded Masango onto a bakkie and drove him to a spot near Newclare Station where they placed a tyre over him and set it alight. His body was found the following morning.

Motimona, who testified for the State, said he and Masango had been to buy food and paraffin when they were attacked by Van Deventer and Boonzaaier.

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'Necklace'

Masango, he said, could not run away because he was handicapped by a foot injury sustained in a car accident.

Motimona recounted seeing his friend lying on the ground, screaming and calling to him.

He told the court he ran back to where they lived and tried to summon the landlord, a policeman who lived in the main

house.

The man's wife told him her husband was not at home but told Motimona to go to another house in the street, also occupied by a policeman.

Motimona said when he and that policeman arrived at the spot where he had left Masango they found only some blood.

The trial continues today.

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Gun-toting rightwingers may not have broken the law at Ventersdorp

DON HOLLIDAY (344)
 Crime Reporter Aug 14/91
 RIFLE- and handgun-toting AWB members and supporters cut menacing figures at the Battle of Ventersdorp — but were not necessarily breaking the law on carrying firearms in public.

A city attorney, spokesman for the South African Gun-owners Association, said that in terms of the Arms and Ammunition Act, any licensed owner of a firearm was entitled to carry the weapon in public, subject to conditions.

These are, basically, that a handgun has to be in a holster or a bag or concealed in a pocket and a rifle or shotgun has to be concealed in a bag.

The conditions for rifles and shotguns were stipulated in a July 5 amendment to the Act. Before this there was no such provision and these firearms could be carried unsheathed, the attorney said.

He said there was no provision in the Act for bandoliers or cartridge belts.

If the firearm is not carried on the person, it has to be locked up in a safe.

The attorney said special regulations were in the pipeline which would specify what kind of safes were needed for the storing of weapons.

To get a firearm licence, a person is thoroughly scrutinised by the police.

The application form is sent to Pretoria, where a check is done to establish if

the person has a criminal record — generally regarded as grounds for refusing a licence application.

The police have to be convinced the weapon is going to be stored safely and that there is a valid reason for needing it.

For example, when applying for hunting rifle licence, names of the farms where hunting will take place may have to be furnished.

The commissioner of police is not obliged to give reasons for refusing an application.

He said licences for semi-automatic rifles were "virtually impossible" to obtain.

In extreme situations, such as with some farmers in border areas, licences may be granted.

The Arms and Ammunition Act also makes provision for the "surrender" to the State of all privately-owned weapons in the country if this is deemed to be in the public interest.

There is a precedent for this. In World War 2, the then Prime Minister, General Jan Smuts — fearing civil chaos caused by groups such as the Ossewabrandwag — used legislation which allowed him to seize all private weapons until the end of the war.

The Commissioner of Police can also declare a person unfit to carry a firearm if evidence by affidavit is given that the person is a danger to the peace, himself or herself or another person.

Crackdown: Two AWB men held

The Argus Correspondent

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PRETORIA. — Police have arrested two AWB members and are geared to make further arrests in a major crackdown after last week's violence in Ventersdorp.

Large numbers of arms believed to have been used in the violence, including R4 and 9mm ammunition and railway detonators, have been confiscated as police swooped on rightwingers involved in the violent clashes, in which three people were killed and scores were injured.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said one of the arrested men — found with a baseball bat, a rubber baton and two hunting knives — had been linked to an attack on a black woman during the violence.

The two men are Mr Henry de Beer, 40, of Krugersdorp and Mr Cornelius Mostert, 46, of Stilfontein, according to rightwing sources.

Mr De Beer is a "commandant" and Mr Mostert a "corporal" in the AWB's military wing the Wenkommando.

Confirming the arrests, Captain Kotze said the men would appear in court soon on charges of public violence.

Captain Kotze said that after one arrest police had confiscated three R4 magazines, eight R4 rounds, 74 9mm rounds, five rubber bullets, an airgun and ammunition and 11 railway detonators.

Necklacing: Two in court

JOHANNESBURG. — A man who was "necklaced", allegedly by two racists in Newlands here, lay on the ground screaming for help while he was assaulted, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Philemon Motimona told Mr Justice M M Joffe that he and Mr Johannes Masango had been attacked by two men who called them "kaffirs".

Mr Deon Frederick van Deventer, 24, of Jan Hofmeyr, and Mr Evert Jan Jacob Boonzaaier, 23, of Newlands, yesterday pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Masango on September 14 last year. They also pleaded not guilty to grievously assaulting Mr Motimona.

The trial continues today. — Sapa

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AWB faxes FW on meetings

JOHANNESBURG. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging yesterday sent an urgent fax to President F W de Klerk, confirming certain rules about right-wingers' attendance at National Party meetings agreed to by Transvaal NP leader Mr Barend du Plessis.

The NP was also asked urgently to arrange another public meeting at Ventersdorp.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche confirmed in his fax that the speakers would be given the right to speak without interference and that the audience could attend the meetings with-

out interference.

"You are now urgently requested to organise another meeting at Ventersdorp. I am convinced that such a step will normalise the situation in the white community.

"If you do not see your way clear to address this meeting yourself, may I suggest that you appoint Mr Barend du Plessis for the task."

If the agreements were not adhered to in future "it can be expected that the tragic events at Ventersdorp could be repeated at future NP meetings", said Mr Terre'blanche.

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A spokesman at the President's office said he could not comment as they had not yet received the fax.

The National Party did not apply for the use of the Ventersdorp town hall for Friday's public meeting, information director Mr Piet Coetzer confirmed yesterday, agreeing with a statement issued earlier yesterday by the Conservative-Party controlled Ventersdorp town council.

The town hall would have been too small, so the meeting was held at the Commando Hall instead, he said. — Sapa

'Far-right danger'

CANBERRA. — ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu said here yesterday that he was not surprised by weekend violence in South Africa because the real danger to constitutional reform had come from the "far right". — Sapa-AP

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ET 'bullet for FW' press report denied

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JOHANNESBURG. — The AWB has denied reports that a "jovial" Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was seen drinking in a Ventersdorp hotel the day after his followers clashed with police.

Correspondents of the Guardian newspaper reported they had witnessed the AWB leader drop a live bullet on the bar and declare: "This one's for F W de Klerk."

The head of the AWB's finance and administration, "General" Con Stucki, yesterday denied the reports, adding that Mr Terre'Blanche was "hoping mad" when he heard about them.

"General" Stucki said Mr Terre'Blanche had spent Saturday on a farm in the Western Transvaal.

Twist of fate led to tragedy

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IN the bar-rooms of Ventersdorp, Boksburg and dozens of other right-wing towns across South Africa, the Aids question always generates animated discussion.

Rugby, Jews and gays are other conversational favourites.

But when the time comes for solemn political debate, one question unfailingly concentrates minds: Who is to be shot first once the Boers have retaken the citadels of power - (President) FW "Pienk Frikkie" de Klerk or the "communist terrorist" Nelson Mandela? But the outcome of the argument is a foregone conclusion.

De Klerk, found guilty of betraying the white nation, is always first to go before the firing squad.

Which was perhaps why something of a consensus has developed in white political circles that it was ill-judged of De Klerk to have delivered a speech last Friday night in Ventersdorp, home of Eugene Terre'Blanche's AWB.

In what the typically hyperbolic Terre'Blanche described as "a blood-bath", three AWB supporters were killed as a consequence and more than 50 people - policemen included - were wounded.

Dr Andries Treurnicht,

JOHN CARLIN of *The Independent* writes about the chain of events which led to last Friday's deaths in Ventersdorp.

leader of the Conservative Party, declared that for De Klerk to go to Ventersdorp was "a red flag to a bull".

The CP's defence spokesman, Mr Koos van der Merwe, said the president "was intentionally aiming to provoke a confrontation with right-wingers".

Officials of the Democratic Party said privately yesterday they suspected De Klerk might have acted with a certain cynicism.

That people died had to do, not with white-on-white violence, but with the untimely appearance on the scene of a minibus carrying four black passengers and a coffin containing a body.

AWB supporters attacked the minibus, forcing the driver to take evasive action, and in the process two AWB men were run over and killed.

Shots were fired into the minibus and a third AWB man was shot dead by the police.

It was a freak sequence of events, which would have been avoided had an alert policeman redirected the minibus.

AWB wants NP meeting

Star 14/8/91
By Peter Davies

AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche has "urgently requested" that President de Klerk schedule another National Party meeting in Ventersdorp or risk right-wing violence and disruption at future NP meetings.

Mr TerreBlanche said in a fax yesterday that such a meeting, which he suggested be held at the Ventersdorp Agricultural Hall, would "to-

tally normalise" conditions in the white community.

According to Mr Terre-Blanche, the proposed meeting would abide by "democratic codes" as agreed upon by himself and Finance Minister Barend du Plessis in a televised debate on Sunday.

Mr TerreBlanche added that speakers at the meeting would be heard without disruption and there would be no restriction on who could attend.

He said that if the majority of the audience was unhappy with the meeting's chairman, it could choose another one.

The new chairman would then be permitted to "make his own rules", he added.

A spokesman for the President's office said the fax had been forwarded to Mr du Plessis. The Minister was unavailable for comment.

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Hospitals silent on bullet wounds

By Carina le Grange

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday declined to reveal information on the types of ammunition that had wounded people in Friday night's clash in Ventersdorp.

The Star attempted to obtain independent information from hospitals on the types of ammunition which caused injuries, in a bid to clarify the accusations and counter-accusations between the police and the AWB.

Both have accused the other of using sharp-point ammunition. The police also said the AWB fired first and that a policeman was wounded by sharp-point ammunition.

Hospitals where the injured were treated refused to answer questions on the matter, saying only the TPA could respond.

And the TPA's deputy director-general of health services, Dr Hennie van Wyk, said the TPA considered it "unethical to reveal any information about any patient's condition without his doctor's permission".

Later, a TPA liaison officer said: "It is difficult for a doctor to say what kind of ammunition was used." No further information could be obtained.

A police spokesman said clarification would not come before inquests had been held.

Law and Order spokesman-Captain Craig Kotze said the investigation was sub judice.

"But we have already said we know our members did not have sharp-point ammunition, although they were fired at with sharp-point ammunition."

Military-style funeral for riot victim

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DRKNEY. — About 500 attended the military-style funeral in this Western Transvaal mining town of a member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Mr Jacobus "Kotie" Conradie, 22, who was shot during rioting last Friday in Ventersdorp.

He was buried with full "military" honours, with a large AWB contingent as guards of honour and pallbearers. Mourners wore AWB uniforms, gave the AWB salute and sounded the Last

Post.

None of the uniformed men and women carried visible firearms, but each wore a nightstick on their belts and some had hunting knives.

Nor were police visible and there were no political speeches. However, the Rev J B Kritzing of the Ned Geref Kerk referred to "brothers killing brothers" and said Mr Conradie had given his life in defence of his country.

The mourners were joined

by a battery of television and press cameras, but not by AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, who was reported to be ill with 'flu.

Six senior AWB officials all "generals" in the AWB commandos officiated as pallbearers.

After the grave was filled in, the AWB women's commando lined up and stood at attention while giving the AWB salute — a raised left palm.

One of the last to leave the

cemetery was a uniformed AWB member on crutches, one of 14 injured at Ventersdorp.

Two hours earlier in Randfontein, more than 4 000 mourners, including Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnicht, attended the funeral of CP member Mr Andries Badenhorst. The 37-year-old primary school teacher was also killed in the Ventersdorp clashes between rightwingers and the police.

— Sapa.

AWB men in court on public violence charges

TWO AWB members appeared in the Ventersdorp magistrate's court yesterday on charges of public violence following the clash between police and the AWB in the western Transvaal town on Friday night.

Western Transvaal CID chief Col Henry Austin said the case against Cornelius Mostert, 46, from Stilfontein, and Henry de Beer, 40, from Krugersdorp, was postponed till September 23 and they were released on their own recognisances.

Austin declined to comment on whether police expected further arrests or whether the SAP was getting co-operation in the investigation from the AWB.

Yesterday AWB member

JONATHAN REES and DARIUS SANAI

Jacobus Conradie, a western Transvaal businessman and former policeman shot in Friday's clashes, was buried in a semi-military ceremony in the western Transvaal town of Orkney.

Among the mourners were an estimated 65 khaki-clad AWB members, who were largely unarmed.

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche and other prominent right-wingers were absent from the funeral, but Conradie's coffin was carried to the grave by several AWB "generals".

Two other AWB members, Gerhard Koen, 36, and Andries Badenhorst, 37, died when they were struck by vehicles which had become embroiled in the confrontation.

Sapa reports that an estimated 4 000 mourners, including CP leader Andries Treurnicht and wrestler Jimmy Abbot, attended the funeral of Badenhorst who was buried in Randfontein yesterday morning.

Koen's funeral is expected to be held in the Blenheim Town Hall later today.

Meanwhile, the CP said yesterday it would not tolerate any disruptive action at a peaceful placard demonstration planned for outside a closed NP function to honour President F W de Klerk in the Alberton civic centre tonight.

Alberton CP caucus chairman Ian Slabber said 50 people had permission from the local town council for the demonstration to express sympathy with those killed and injured at Ventersdorp.

Conditions imposed on the demonstration by the NP-controlled council include a ban on firearms or other weapons, including teargas.

Three of the CP members expected to join the picket were among those wounded in Ventersdorp, Slabber said.

He said the CP would not endorse any interference with De Klerk's address.



AWB commando members carry the coffin of slain comrade, Jacobus Conradie, 32, to his grave in the western Transvaal town of Orkney yesterday.

Picture: AP



Pattern of Politics
By HERMANN
GILIOME

THE battle of Ventersdorp and the ANC's demand for an interim government which also controls the security forces raise, in stark terms, the most fundamental problem of the transition in South Africa.

Briefly put, the question is whether violence will engulf negotiations before a generally accepted constitution can provide a new base for stability.

Although people often fear a military coup in a divided society, the much more imminent danger is the polarisation of the community into extremist factions.

British expert Paul Wilkinson describes the phenomenon as follows in his classic study *Terrorism and the Liberal State*: "Each side will tend to paramilitarise, to rely on forming its own private army to counter the other, for in such crises neither extreme trusts the government to do its job of ensuring social justice and political order".

This was the pattern in pre-Hitler Germany, pre-Mussolini Italy, France between the two world wars, and the Lebanon and Northern Ireland of recent times.

Incremental

In South Africa there is a tendency to depict the right wing as a spent force, since the great majority of the population favours negotiations. Although the right is unlikely to come to power, its capacity to wreak widespread havoc, to inflame black-white

passions and to trigger a war between private armies should not be underestimated.

Thus, the mere fact that South Africa has embarked on the normalisation of its politics does not mean one must ignore the built-in propensity in our society for incremental violence — extra-legality, vigilantism, selective terrorism and finally indiscriminate violence.

In such a chain of events it is virtually impossible for the security forces to remain neutral and serve as a base for constitutional transformation.

It is in this context that one must assess the ANC's demand for

an interim government. What it envisages, according to spokesmen such as Dr Pallo Jordan, is Parliament suspending itself after transferring power to an interim government of national unity the right to rule by decree and to control the security forces.

Given its scepticism about the government's ability to manage the transition impartially, the ANC understandably wants to be invited into the engine room of political action.

On the other hand, such an interim government could set in train exactly those events which could lead to the destabilisation of society and the paralysis of the security forces as described above.

Legitimacy

There are two powerful forces which will come into play if the ANC's demand for an interim government succeeds.

The right wing (and elements in the ANC) would undoubtedly portray this as a rupture in the constitutional evolution of South Africa and a revolutionary victory for the ANC.

In this scheme of things, the South African state from 1910 to the present is reduced to an illegitimate colonial regime of a status not much higher than Mudge's Namibia or Smith's Rhodesia. I can think of nothing which would better guarantee the NP losing the majority support of whites to the Right.

Even if the Right could be held at bay, would an interim government be at all capable of providing stability during the transition?

To ask a concrete question: If the widely respected Mr Jacob Zuma of the ANC is ap-

pointed to the position of Minister of Law and Order, what would he do if the police open fire on black demonstrators?

It is fair to assume that whatever he does has a good chance of splitting the police force along racial lines. Once the security forces are unable to act, the paramilitaries take the field.

It is for these reasons that opposition movements which want to come to power constitutionally refuse to assume responsibility for the police in an interim government.

A recent example is Poland's Solidarity which allowed the communists to retain control over the army and police in the interim government despite having won a spectacular victory in the election of June 1989. Another example is John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party in Northern Ireland which refused to assume responsibility for security matters in the power-sharing government of 1974.

Keeping these examples in mind, the ANC should carefully consider whether a self-limiting transformation is not in its own best interests.

Referendum

This does not mean that the ANC must be content with simply being co-opted by the government into transitional structures without any constitutional sanction. As the Democratic Party has argued, a transitional government cannot be introduced unless constitutional amendments are made.

Among the changes it envisages are amendments to the constitution which would allow black representatives to take their place in the Cabinet and in Par-

liamentary standing committees.

Where the DP differs strongly from the ANC, is that it insists on constitutional continuity and a broadening of existing structures.

However, the DP should realise that the government's room for action is limited. Far-reaching constitutional changes would preempt a constitutional referendum.

If the State President, Mr De Klerk, is seen as reneging on his promise to hold a referendum, the right wing's potential for wreaking havoc may well be realised.

Managing a radical transformation of the political system — in which the leadership is engaged at present — has historically been regarded as the ultimate test of statecraft.

It is little wonder that one can once again turn to Niccolò Machiavelli, the master political strategist.

Sovereignty

As a clear-eyed pragmatist, he had strong views on how the process could be managed in a way that both order and liberty are preserved in a republican form of government.

He believed that the transformation of a government was rarely successful unless done by one person.

However, Machiavelli adds immediately that the new order this person has organised "will not last long if it continues to rest on the shoulders of one man, but may well last if many remain in charge of and many look to its maintenance".

The key issue is not whether the constitution produces desirable results. "When the effect is good," Machiavelli concludes, "it always justifies the action."

Translated into 20th-century South African terms, this means sovereignty cannot be compromised during the period of transition.

If the existing state is not defeated — and the South African state is far from that — the government of the day needs full control over the security forces and the state in general to protect society against political disintegration and widespread violence.

The task does not end there, however. The ultimate test is, as Machiavelli noted, to produce a constitution in which "many remain in charge and many look to its maintenance".

Only once this is achieved can the right wing truly be regarded as a spent force.

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Right wing could wreak havoc by use of violence

Ventersdorp victims buried



AWB FUNERAL ... Members of the AWB's Wenkommando carry the coffin of slain colleague Mr Jacobus "Kotie" Conradie, 32, who was killed by gunfire in last Friday's confrontation with police at Ventersdorp.

Picture: AP

JOHANNESBURG. — Two of the victims of the Ventersdorp clash between the AWB and police were buried yesterday.

At Randfontein, an estimated 4 000 mourners — including Conservative Party leader Dr Andries Treurnich, CP MPs and wrestler Jimmy Abbott — attended the funeral of Mr Andries Badenhorst, a 37-year-old teacher.

No AWB uniforms were in evidence.

Abbott told reporters afterwards he blamed the police for not stopping the black taxi which knocked down Mr Badenhorst in the melee.

At Orkney in the Western Transvaal, slain AWB member Mr Jacobus Conradie was buried in a semi-military ceremony attended by about 500 mourners, including 65 khaki-clad AWB members.

Although AWB leader Mr Eugene TerreBlanche



BEREAVED ... Members of an AWB guard of honour strike solemn poses at the funeral of Mr Conradie. An AWB bugler sounded "the last post" at the burial.

— who is reportedly suffering from flu — and other prominent right-wingers failed to attend, a number of AWB "generals" carried Mr Conradie's coffin to the grave.

A former policeman, Mr Conradie, 32, was the only

AWB member to die from gunfire when right-wingers clashed with police while trying to disrupt Friday's speech in Ventersdorp by President FW de Klerk.

The two other victims, Mr Badenhorst and Mr

Gerhard Koen, 36, died after being hit by vehicles, one a minibus, during the confrontation.

Mr Koen's funeral is expected to be held in the Bloemhof Town Hall today.

The AWB members gathered separately from other mourners at the Orkney funeral, greeting one another with their stiff forearm salutes and wrist-clasp handshakes.

The Rev JB Kritzinger of the NG Kerk referred briefly to "brothers killing brothers" during the sermon, and also said Mr Conradie had given his life in defence of his country.

Only one AWB man openly carried a firearm. At the graveside, an AWB member sounded the "Last Post".

Mr Conradie's father struggled to fight back tears, and one of the Con-

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AWB funeral

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radie brothers fainted as the coffin descended into the grave.

● Two members of the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of public violence, following the clash there last Friday.

They are Mr Henry de Beer, 40, of Krugersdorp, and Mr Cornelius Mostert, 46, of Stilfontein.

They were not asked to plead and were released without bail.

They were warned to appear on September 23.

Western Transvaal CID chief Colonel Henry Austin said more AWB members would be arrested within the next few days on charges of attempted murder, public violence, assault and malicious damage to property.

● In a speech at Queenstown on Tuesday, Dr Treurnicht, who had been under pressure to condemn the AWB, for the first time appeared to criticise the violence fomented by armed AWB members at Mr De Klerk's Ventersdorp meeting.

Attendance by armed people at political meetings should not be allowed, he said, and called for a return to "normal politics". — Own Correspondent and Sapa

Accused 'bragged they had killed a kaffir'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two men accused of a "necklace" murder boasted in a bar they had "killed a kaffir", a Rand Supreme Court judge was told yesterday.

Mrs Maria Welgemoed told Mr Justice M M Joffe she had asked Mr Deon van Deventer for a lift home.

"On the way home, Deon said he and Mr Evert Boonzaaier had killed a kaffir. At the flat, I saw blood on their hands and clothes," Mrs Welgemoed said.

Mr Van Deventer, 24, and Mr Boonzaaier, 23, have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Johannes Masango on September 14 last year.

The accused allegedly loaded Mr Masango onto a bakkie and took him to Newclare station where they necklaced him. — Sapa

Govt may outlaw private armies

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DURBAN. — The government is considering legislation to prevent the establishment of private armies, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok revealed last night.

"The government is completely against the existence and establishment of so-called private armies by, among others, political parties and organisations," said Mr Vlok.

However, it would prefer to convince leaders of various organisations with such armies that they should "rid themselves of their intentions", he said.

He added that there had been varying measures of success in negotiating with these leaders and "attempts are being continued".

It is understood that draft legislation banning private armies was compiled during this year's parliamentary session but was shelved.

A major concern over a ban on private armies is that it would have to be extended to the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. This would almost certainly derail negotiations.

Other preliminary measures are understood to be in the pipeline. A source indicated yesterday that police were considering setting up units at all political meetings where people attending would be obliged to hand in their weapons.

In his statement last night, Mr Vlok said continued attempts to set up private armies were a source of serious concern for the government.

AWB men arrested (344)

POLICE have arrested two Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members in connection with the recent violence in Ventersdorp, police said yesterday. (343)

A "commandant" and a "corporal" in the AWB's "Wenkommando" were to appear in the Magistrate's Court in Ventersdorp yesterday on charges of public violence, said chief of the Criminal Investigation Department in the western Transvaal Colonel Henry Austin. *Sowetan 15/8/91* (343)

He said more AWB members would be arrested soon in connection with charges of attempted murder, public violence, assault and malicious damage to property. - Sapa.

Patrick Laurence appraises the significance of last week's clash in Ventersdorp

Sharp bends in the road ahead

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THE battle of Ventersdorp, in which three white rightists were killed in a night of violence, can be seen either as a dying splutter by the neo-fascist Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging or as an ominous warning to the De Klerk administration.

There are powerful reasons for viewing it as a tragic but relatively minor bloodletting, as an intra-Afrikaner feud whose repercussions are unlikely to upset the negotiations between the Government and black opposition forces.

But to do so without major qualification would be to gravely misread the situation.

The AWB, whose attempt to turn Ventersdorp into a "no-go" area for Mr de Klerk was the underlying cause of the violence, is a minuscule organisation numerically. It draws its support from the extreme fringe of the white right wing, which won less than a third of the vote in the September 1989 general election.

As the white community constitutes less than 14 percent of the total South African population of 37 million, the white right wing is a minority of a minority. The AWB membership is but a fraction of that double minority.

The AWB, moreover, does not oc-

cupy an uncontested position on the far right. It jostles for space with several ultra-right organisations, including, significantly, the Boere Vryheidsbeweging (BVB) and the Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB).

Founded by dissidents who broke away from the AWB, these organisations are fiercely critical of the AWB and its controversial leader, Eugene TerreBlanche.

The BVB's founders include the former AWB deputy leader Jan Groenewald; the founder of BWB, Andrew Ford, is a former commander of the AWB armed wing, Wen Kommando, alias Aquila.

The AWB's relations with them border on fratricide: two AWB members have been charged with attempting to murder Mr Ford, allegedly at the instigation of the AWB deputy leader, Piet Rudolph.

Add to these considerations the role of the mainly Afrikaner policemen at Ventersdorp: obedient to civil authority, they opened fire on their kinsmen in the AWB and intervened to rescue black civilians when a black taxi driver, under attack from AWB stone-throwers, lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a crowd of AWB zealots.

Mr TerreBlanche may even have committed a strategic blunder by allowing his men to get involved in

100 percent. Extrapolating from by-election results, the Centre for Policy Studies estimates that right-wing resistance in the white community may be running at an "uncomfortably high" 45 percent.

Two points may offer solace to those who believe the CP can take South Africa down the road to anarchy: first, the white community forms only a tiny segment of wider South African polity, and, second, the CP and the AWB are not synonymous.

Two counterpoints, however, have to be considered.

President de Klerk is committed to securing approval from the white electorate for whatever deal emerges from the envisaged negotiations with black organisations, chiefly the African National Congress. Thus he cannot duck the challenge of growing rightist resistance.

While the CP and the AWB are — in the words of CP spokesman Fanie Jacobs — two separate organisations, they have an overlapping membership and, as important, overlapping sympathies.

Mr Jacobs defines the AWB as a "cultural organisation", one of whose chief objectives is to prevent the "surrender of power to a black majority government". It is a "cultural aim" with which CP

members concur readily.

The boundary between the CP and the AWB is porous, so much so that they are de facto allies in the political field. Mr de Klerk's ruling National Party refers, with justification, to the CP-AWB alliance.

The growth of the white right wing must be set in an economic context. With inflation running at 15,2 percent, white middle and lower middle classes are struggling financially. Their plight is compounded by fiscal drag: salary increases put them in a higher tax bracket, which, together with inflation, make them poorer.

Personal disposable income will fall by 2,5 percent during the 12 months ending December 31 1991, according to Econometric calculations. Many white families, particularly if they are Afrikaans-speaking, blame the De Klerk administration. Their bitterness is strengthened by their perception that Government is in alliance with big business, a perception which is encouraged by the rising share of revenue obtained by the Government from personal tax (up from 17 percent in 1981 to 37,5 percent in the latest budget) and the falling share of revenue from company tax (down to 18 percent against 41 percent in 1981).

Their financial worries are com-

pounded by political anxieties. They do not know what the future holds. They fear that Mr de Klerk is ushering in black rule without adequate guarantees.

Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, of the Centre for Policy Studies, estimates that AWB has a hard core of between 50 000 and 70 000 supporters and has a wider support group of about 300 000. He notes ominously that the AWB has relatively more support in South Africa than the IRA in Ireland.

His colleague, Professor Hermann Giliomee, of the University of Cape Town, draws another Irish analogy: Mr TerreBlanche has the potential to become another Ian Paisley, the Protestant leader who, once rejected as an obscure extremist, has wrecked every attempt to introduce power-sharing in Northern Ireland.

President de Klerk has already lost contact with a major proportion of the white electorate, Professor Giliomee says. If he continues to do so, if they feel that they are being governed by an "NP-ANC leadership cartel" the right-wing revolt could become increasing physical.

Much will depend on how Mr de Klerk manages the transition phase. As the Centre for Policy Studies has noted: "The road ahead clearly has some very difficult patches." □



Mourning . . . Ralie Conradie at the grave of her husband, Jacobus, who died in the battle between police and rightwingers in Ventersdorp.

Picture: John Hogg

Right-wing 'martyr' ⁽³⁴⁴⁾ buried ^{Saw 15/5/91}

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The funeral of AWB supporter Jacobus Conradie (32) in Orkney was marked yesterday by an unexpectedly small turnout — in contrast with the attendance at the funeral service for Conservative Party member Andries Badenhorst (37) in Randfontein just hours before.

Both men were killed during the fight between police and rightwingers in Ventersdorp on Friday. Mr Conradie was shot, according to the AWB, by police. Mr Badenhorst was struck by a minibus taxi.

While about 4 000 mourners, including CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht and wrestler Jimmy Abbot, attended Mr Badenhorst's service at the Randfontein Hall, about 300 people, including 65 unarmed, uniformed AWB Wenkommando soldiers, gathered to mourn Mr Conradie, who was a partner in an Orkney butchery.

Mr Conradie, a former National Party member, was hailed by his widow as a martyr who "dared to stand up for his country".

Mr Badenhorst's funeral service in Randfontein was attended by a number of CP MPs. Also present were hundreds of pupils and teachers from the Kocksoord Primary School, where he taught.

Sapa reports that Mr Abbot said he blamed the police for letting the minibus taxi drive through the crowd of AWB members on Friday night.

"If they had stopped that minibus, the violence would not have erupted and Mr Badenhorst would still have been alive today," Mr Abbot said.

The funeral cortege stretched for kilometres while travelling from Randfontein to the nearby Badenhorst family farm, at Fochville, for the burial.

● The Cabinet has formally decided to investigate the possibility of banning private armies in the wake of Friday night's clash, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok disclosed last night.

He said the sustained effort by various people and organisations to establish private armies was a serious source of concern to the Government.

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Nofomela has aged, says former prisoner

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By Chris Gutuza



SELF-CONFESSED police hit squad member Almond Nofomela aged noticeably through the pressure of nearly being hanged, according to recently released prisoner Mr Gideon Madlongolwane.

Madlongolwane, 64, who like his wife Evalina de Bruin, spent 18 months on Death Row for allegedly killing a municipal policeman in Pabafello, Upington, shared a cell with Nofomela until he was released after a successful appeal.

"I knew Nofomela when they came to take him away to be hanged," said Madlongolwane this week. "When he came back, after the hanging was stopped at the 11th hour, he was bent over."

The experience of waiting in a solitary cell for six days ahead of the scheduled execution had "turned him into an old man".

Nofomela, who had been awaiting execution for the murder of a farmer, was reprieved at the last minute because of his revelations about Vlakplaas police hit squads.

Madlongolwane said he would never forget the quiet, bent man who re-turned to the cell they had shared after he had been saved from the gallows.

Colleagues

"He had grown old. His skin was tight over his face, now, and he had lost a lot of weight," Madlongolwane said.

He said Nofomela had been visited often by police colleagues of his in the last days before he was due to be hanged.

"The day before he was due, two

policemen came — one white, one black. They had told him, he said to me later, that the force could do nothing for him anymore.

"He told fellow death row inmate Robert MacBride (sentenced to death for the Magoos Bar bombing in Durban) that he wanted to reveal all he knew about the hit squads. MacBride contacted his wife, who contacted an attorney."

The director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Brian Currin, got in touch with the prison authorities, and within days Nofomela's confessions on police atrocities and murders inside and outside the borders of the country, became world news.

Madlongolwane said he had seen many inmates condemned to die being taken to the solitary cell ahead of their scheduled hanging — a cell that the prisoners called "die pot".

Victim speaks of AWB terror

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A VICTIM of last week's "white-on-white" violence in Ventersdorp this week described his terrifying experience as he was first shot at then dragged from a bakkie by a rightwing mob.

Mr Tyekeza Mayaka, interviewed at Klerksdorp Hospital where he is recovering from his injuries, said he was in a bakkie carrying the body of his cousin for burial in the Transkei, when they drove into a fusillade.

Mayaka, a platinum miner married with four children, told of his horror as he saw the coffin being riddled with bullets.

"We were driving through Ventersdorp when we saw a bus being surrounded by white men carrying guns. They were shouting and swearing at the people in the bus.

"Then we heard gunshots. They were shooting at the bus which then

sped off. They then turned on us. First to be shot was the driver. More shots followed and we were dragged out of the car and beaten up," he said.

He said the bakkie was overturned. "Then, to my horror, I watched them pump bullets into the coffin. We were supposed to have buried my cousin last Saturday," Mayaka said.

He did not know what had happened to the body or whether his relatives were aware of the incident, he said.

Two other occupants of the vehicle, Mr Toto Qgothongo and Bathata Phandla, are in a serious condition at Klerksdorp Hospital.

Qgothongo, the driver of the bakkie, sustained multiple gunshot wounds on his arms and chest.

Mayaka sustained two gunshot wounds to the chest and on the right arm. Phandla was shot in the stomach and left arm.

of toilet humour. Hand washing has become a new form of therapy.



Tough action needed against 'intolerant Right'

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SOUTH Africa's — particularly, ironically enough, the National Party's — unenviable legacy of intolerance was on grim display in Ventersdorp last week.

Depressing and unwarranted though it might be, the intemperate reaction of the rightwing is little more than an embodiment of apartheid and the strongarm politics perfected in the post-war era by the NP itself.

Former President P W Botha was a past master at disrupting his opponents' meetings. It is a talent his successor's opponents have naturally inherited.

Of course there are differences ... chiefly the fact that the AWB phalanx was armed to the teeth.

But their scant regard for freedom of speech, for the right of their opponents to express themselves, is very much what their erstwhile leaders taught them.

There is no reason for them to change until they are shown they are not above the law and that Afrikanerdom's claim to special rights is not sacrosanct.

There is something unedifying about President De Klerk and his ruling party feigning innocence, but it is probably pointless their merely acknowledging a fair measure of blame.

The pitched battle in Ventersdorp may have served the President's interests, at home and abroad, in highlighting the difficulties he faces in galvanising the community that traditionally supported his party, but black South Africa is watching keenly to see how he deals with them.

The course of negotiations is at issue here.

Clearly, banning the AWB would be as disastrous a strategy now as it was when the ANC, PAC and SACP were outlawed. It will certainly not work with Hendrick Verwoerd's heirs. What the government has to do, though, is to use the law.

President De Klerk has a vital opportunity to show that tough action is not something reserved for black resistance and the opponents of the white minority rule he has committed his government to ending.

But just as it would be foolhardy to inflame the right merely by proving they are capable of being crushed, it would be equally foolhardy not to attempt to draw them (along with African diehards like the PAC) into the talks process.

The Right must be made to recognise that negotiations is an irreversible process: even if it wanted to, the National Party would be powerless to stop it, and it is up to President



Michael Morris



Dennis Cruywagen

A weekly analysis of the emergent new South Africa

De Klerk to prove to the intolerant Right that its capacity to turn back the clock is much less than slim.

ONE of the most curious sentiments to emerge from the process of putting together the tripartite peace package this week between the government, the ANC and Inkatha was the appeal in a statement from the facilitators, the National Peace Initiative, that parties should "cease making verbal attacks on each other".

The prospect of politicians ceasing verbal attacks suggests a nauseatingly saccharine alternative.

Seriously, though, one would have thought the whole object of a peace initiative would be to limit political exchanges to "verbal attacks".

Far better surely for all contending parties to recognise that contenders is what they are, and to find a way to get on with the contest, verbally, rather than physically.

A THREE-LETTER word has slipped into South Africa's lexicon of four-letter curses, and it's one that must be troubling the government immensely.

VAT has become a headache.

Stiff opposition from the professions, from traders, from the unions, the ANC and others reflect a powerful tide against GST's successor.

However better and effective the government insists VAT will be, one thing it is not is popular.

No amount of deft footwork from Finance Minister Barend du Plessis — he's to issue a response to the outcry late next week — will improve VAT's image and it seems clear the government will be forced to make some compromises.

The reaction next weekend will tell whether he has gone far enough.

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Eggs in anti-FW demo

ALBERTON. — Two eggs were thrown when about 150 people demonstrated as President De Klerk arrived at the Alberton Civic Centre for a National Party fund-raising dinner.

The eggs landed on the tarmac at the entrance to the civic centre's underground parking area.

Rightwing supporters were given permission for 50 to protest last night against government policy — on condition firearms were not visible and mace or teargas not used.

The mostly-young demonstrators shouted "murderer!" and "traitor!" as the presidential cavalcade drove into the basement. Placards accused Mr De Klerk of being a "Boere-hater". — Sapa. (344)

THE movement towards peace is again forging ahead, being pushed forward, paradoxically enough, by Inkathagate and the battle of Ventersdorp. While Inkathagate has rightly placed the ANC in a stronger bargaining position, Ventersdorp has likewise increased President De Klerk's political space at home and abroad. The spectre of violence on the Right has brought home to all parties the dangers of delay. So it is all systems go.

We can look forward to a multi-party conference beginning before the end of the year, moving ahead to agreement on interim/transitional arrangements, we may hope, or an interim government to run the country while a new constitution is negotiated.

The church-business peace initiative seems to have worked wonders behind the scenes in the last few weeks. But the scenario is still bristling with questions.

It remains true that serious violence — and intensified mistrust — could rear up at any time to disturb if not wreck the whole proceeding. Faith in the genuineness of President De Klerk's commitment to a negotiated settlement has been undermined by the conviction in the ANC that his NP government has been playing a double game from the start, stirring up clandestine violence to split the black community and weaken the ANC.

For its part, the NP government continues to have the gravest reservations about the role of the SACP, suspecting that the communist penchant for conspiratorial violence is as ineradicable as ever.

Confidence-building

So the whole exercise is delicately poised. Everything will depend on the chances of confidence-building, step by step.

At the root of the lack of confidence is the culture of clandestine operations which became an all-powerful State-within-a-State in the Botha era and, sadly, survived to some extent well into the De Klerk era to poison the political atmosphere.

Without questioning President De Klerk's good faith, the record shows beyond question that he has been ineffectual in curbing the violence. It remains to be seen whether the

Rightist violence serves to spur peace moves



Political Success
By GERALD SHAW

peace accord will be a turning point. Inkathagate, confirming some of the ANC's worst fears, strengthened the credibility of ANC complaints that the government was actively stirring up black-on-black violence.

The scandal provided President De Klerk with yet another opportunity to bring the whole sordid story into the open. Predictably he did not do so, although he went rather further than many expected, shifting Messrs Malan and Vlok sideways into the wings, while showering them with praise for their sterling services to the nation.

This successful essay in Machiavellian politics was enough to enable Mr Nelson Mandela to resume negotiations without losing face.

Rotten foundation

Yet sooner or later Mr De Klerk will have to let it all come out. A new South Africa cannot be built on a rotten foundation of death squads and deception. And the NP's bargaining position will continue to be undermined if the sources which lifted the lid on Inkathagate continue to feed incriminating documents to the media, demonstrating that it was all true after all.

Against this, Mr De Klerk is no doubt weighing the need to maintain the morale and loyalty of the security forces. The danger is one of muti-

ny at a critical stage of the transition, rather than that of a coup, which may be discounted.

As Ventersdorp has once again demonstrated, the country needs a loyal and disciplined police force. It is vital that the police be able to win and keep public confidence, furthermore, rather than be easily discredited. At Ventersdorp, in baton-charging the bully boys to save the lives of blacks, the SAP was seen at its best.

Against this background, what provision should be made for the control of the security forces in the interim/transitional arrangements which are about to be negotiated? Who is to control the police? This is the crux.

A respected analyst such as Hermann Giliomee, writing on this page yesterday, argued in effect that the NP government must retain full control over the SAP in the transition and over the State in general. This view implies interim arrangements which stop well short of an interim government but could include multi-party monitoring of the security forces.

But who says the SAP will offer their loyalty to an NP minister only? If this is so, have we any future at all? An ANC minister of police, understandably, would be a bit much for the SAP to swallow at this point of the transition, so why not place a respected and qualified figure in charge of police who is neither NP nor ANC, such as Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, or someone of similar trustworthy stature?

Who controls the police? Because of mistrust rooted in the NP culture of death squads and dirty tricks, this is now the key issue in South African politics and will remain so for some time to come.

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AWB, CP egg on FW

JOHANNESBURG. — Eggs and abuse were hurled at president FW de Klerk by placard-and-flag-wielding AWB and CP supporters as he arrived at a banquet in his honour in Alberton last night.

More than a hundred AWB and CP supporters, about half of them youths and children, joined the legal CP-organised picket outside the Alberton civic centre to protest at police action against right-wingers during the AWB-SAP clash in Ventersdorp last

Friday night in which three people died.

Police closely monitored the picket while the right-wingers shouted at arriving dignitaries and guests and held placards reading "FW — Blood on your hands" and "Armoured vehicles won't stop us".

The demonstrators shouted "murderer" and "traitor" as the presidential cavalcade drove into the basement.

Eggs were thrown at Mr De Klerk,

landing on the tarmac at the entrance to the underground parking to the civic centre.

Following the egg-throwing incident, police dogs were brought in to patrol the roadway between the protesters and the civic centre.

Unruly AWB members swore at black photographers and tried to seize a cassette from a radio reporter before rolling up their flags and dispersing once the banquet got under way. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

● 3 reported dead, many hurt

● Police under rifle fire

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The Battle of Ver

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JACQUELINE MYBURGH and SAPA

VENTERSDORP — At least three people were killed and scores injured in running battles between rightwingers and police in Ventersdorp last night.

A police spokesman at the scene said the three dead were rightwingers, 36 of whom had been injured.

However, a police spokesman in Pretoria said he could confirm only two deaths.

In Ventersdorp, the police spokesman said five policemen had been injured, three seriously, and 12 black people were hurt, three seriously.

The injured people were said to have been taken to Klerksdorp Hospital.

The shooting war erupted as about 2 000 AWB supporters gathered outside the well-guarded Kommando hall. *Star 10/8/91*

Sapa reports that three of the injured were black people whose bakkie crashed into a wall after it was repeatedly shot at from AWB ranks. The bakkie was totally destroyed.

Several people, including three policemen, were shot and injured by live ammunition.

The policemen were injured when an unidentified marksman among a crowd of protesting Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters fired on them, using at least one rifle.

Police say the shooting occurred when police went to the rescue of black occupants of a minibus who had been shot at and assaulted by AWB supporters. The AWB men were moving towards the hall where President F W de Klerk was due to speak.

Six policemen were injured, one of them seriously. They were admitted to Ventersdorp Hospital. Police said the seriously injured policeman may have died, but were unable to confirm this.

Barred from ambulance

An ambulance which arrived to take away the injured black people refused to transport them. The injured men were eventually taken in a Transvaal Provincial Administration ambulance.

One AWB supporter said: "Laat daardie kaffers sterf (let those kaffirs die)."

While Mr de Klerk was delivering his speech, a heavy police contingent surrounded the Kommando Hall. On the nearby main road through Ventersdorp, vehicles carrying black passengers were being stoned by AWB members.

Meanwhile, Mr de Klerk told his audience that it was a tragic day for South Africa "when people shoot at the custodians of law and order" for doing their duty. Addressing 1 600 people in the town shortly after incidents involving AWB members and police, Mr de Klerk said he would not apologise for using the police to safeguard the meeting.

The meeting had been violently opposed by the AWB.

Mr de Klerk said the Government would supply police protection to any party that needed it from "people who do not know how to behave themselves".

Major Ray Harrauld of the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria said that after holding a meeting in a nearby hall, AWB supporters split up into smaller groups and began moving to the hall where he NP meeting was to take place.

"En route to the hall a taxi with two black occupants drove past and the AWB people started shooting at it, shattering most of the windows."

The AWB supporters wrenched the occupants out of the vehicle and began assaulting them.

Policemen who witnessed the attack attempted to each the injured minibus occupants, but the AWB crowd kept them back.

"The police used birdshot to disperse the attackers. An unknown marksman or marksmen, using an unknown calibre rifle(s) opened fire on the police," said Major Harrauld.



EYE OF THE STORM: Scenes of tension before the bloodshed in Ventersdorp last night. Top: police steel themselves for action. Above: An AWB supporter proudly flies the colours. Soon after these pictures were taken, the town erupted in violence.

● Photographs: KEN OOSTERBROEK.

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Shooting

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One seriously injured policeman was taken to the Ventersdorp Hospital, he said, adding that he could not confirm whether AWB members had been injured in the shooting.

The switchboard operator at the Ventersdorp Hospital said the admissions area of the hospital was "chaotic", but would not say how many casualties had been admitted.

The clashes took place over a planned speech by President de Klerk, who arrived more than an hour late in this fiercely right-wing town.

He arrived by helicopter, running the gauntlet of angry AWB members, metres of razorwire and contingents of police surrounding the Kommando Hall, where he was due to address a National Party meeting.

Eugene TerreBlanche, AWB leader, was earlier sprayed in the face with teargas by a police captain in an ugly confrontation.

The incident happened after Mr TerreBlanche said to the policeman: "Captain, come and shoot me."

Sapa reporter Clyde Russell said he saw three seriously injured AWB members lying on the ground near him.

Teargas was fired by police into the AWB crowd, and police followed up with a baton charge. The AWB supporters responded by throwing stones and firing shots.

Russell said the town's electricity supply was suddenly cut off at about 7.30 pm.

Tensions rose as right-wingers converged on the hall shortly after an address by Conservative Party deputy-leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg.

Despite repeated requests by police on both sides of the hall for the rightwingers to disperse, their chants grew louder.

On the eastern side of the hall, rightwingers led by AWB secretary-general Piet "Skiet" Rudolph threw teargas at the police before charging.

Caught by surprise, the police initially retreated before rallying and countering the attack.

Mr Rudolph, pushed ahead by his supporters, was surrounded by policemen, beaten with batons and held to the ground. He was later arrested "for trespassing".

The two sides clashed again shortly afterwards and two policemen were shot. Rightwingers claimed police had fired live ammunition at them first, killing one of their members.

Police liaison officer Colonel Johan Mostert denied the claim.

One of the wounded men, Warrant Officer Johan Visagie, who was wounded in the leg, also denied police had used live ammunition: "We only used teargas," he muttered, as two other policemen tended to his wound.

In bizarre contrast to the violent scenes, NP supporters inside the hall sang *volksliedjies*, which could be clearly heard over the public address system outside.

Two helicopters carrying VIPs then landed outside the hall, and Mr de Klerk and his delegation alighted.

The injured Warrant Officer Visagie was put on board one of the helicopters, which then left.

Mr de Klerk's arrival was met with rising cheers from his supporters.

Saturday Star photographer Ken Oosterbroek said loud gunfire had been heard for about 10 minutes, then there had been a lull, followed by a further exchange.

He said two black people travelling in a bakkie that had been carrying a coffin appeared to have been seriously hurt. Their vehicle had been turned on its side between the Ventersdorp Hotel and the town hall.

Mr TerreBlanche and a large contingent of supporters arrived at the town's police station and demanded to speak to the chief of the operations branch, General Loutjie Malan.

After tense negotiations, Mr TerreBlanche was allowed in. He was taken to an office, where Saturday Star spoke to him briefly.

He said: "What I warned about has happened. I think the State President didn't care if a tragedy would happen as long as he could make his speech."

He was interrupted by Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze who asked him to speak to his supporters, who he said were smashing police vehicles outside the station.

Captain Kotze warned Mr Terreblanche that if they did not stop, "we will have to start shooting at them".

Thirteen rightwingers appear in court

By Guy Jepson

So far 13 rightwingers, among them AWB secretary-general Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, have appeared in court following Friday's mayhem in Ventersdorp — and police say further arrests are possible.

A 15-year-old boy is to appear in court next Thursday on a charge of possession of

a dangerous weapon.

In the latest arrests, Henry Johan de Beer (40) of Krugersdorp and Cornelius Theodorus Mostert (46) of Stilfontein, were taken into custody on Tuesday on public violence charges.

They appeared in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court on Wednesday. They were released and their case was postponed to September 23.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden identified 11 other rightwingers, who appeared in court on Monday, as:

● Mr Rudolph, whose trespassing case was provisionally withdrawn.

● R Nel (30), Johan Derker (28) and Hendrik Lambert du Preez (45) for possession of dangerous weapons.

● Cornelius Petrus Ter-

blanche (32) for sabotage.

● Fred Christiaan Stephen de Bod (25), Jacques van der Westhuizen (21), Johannes Hendrik de Bod (20) for misuse of SADF uniforms.

● J C Steyn (41), J Botha (34). (All cases were postponed to September 23 and September 24.)

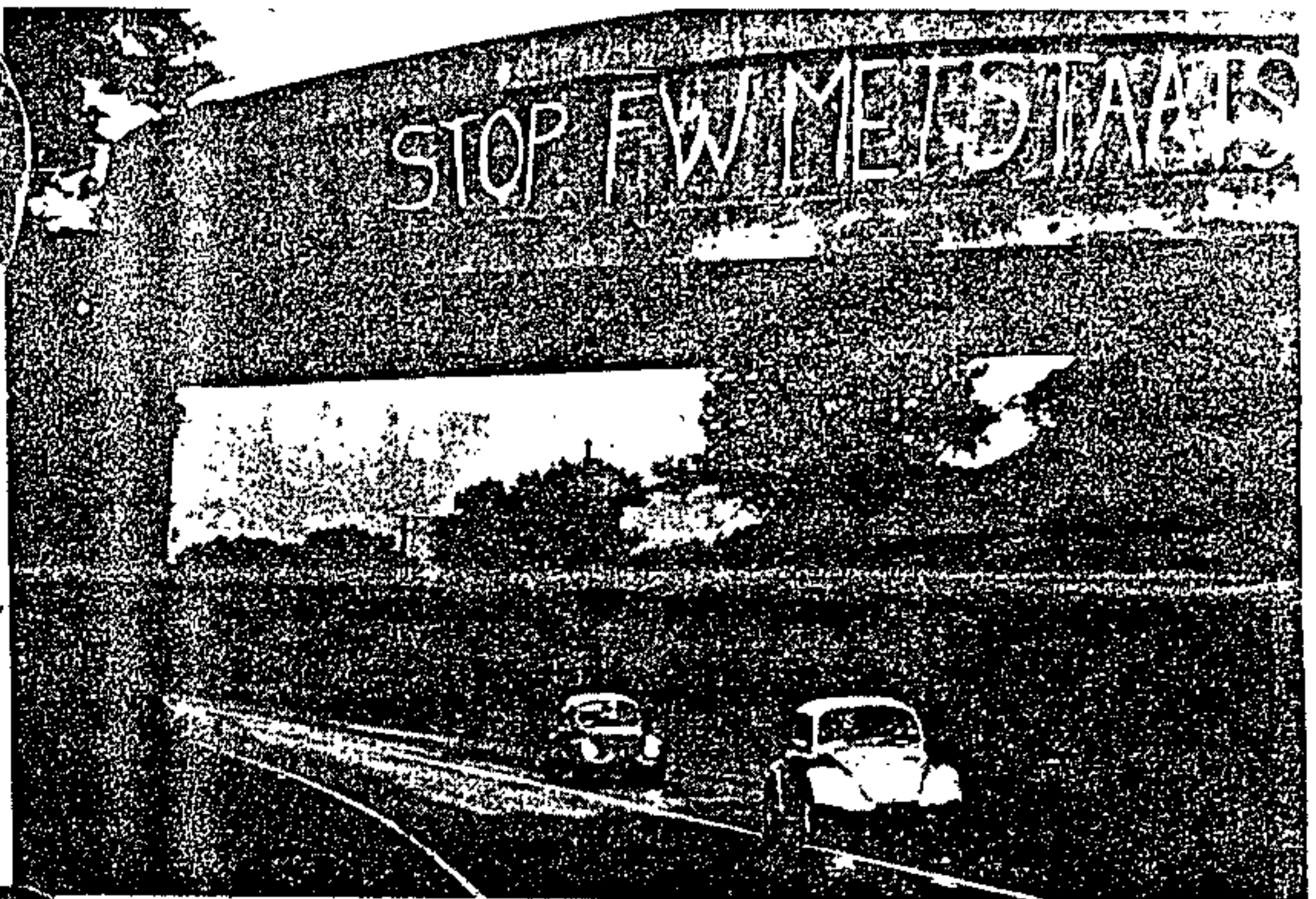
● Gideon Scheepers (30), held for the unlawful possession of ammunition, had his case withdrawn.



In a more penitent mood, a bare-headed TerreBlanche bows his head: 'What will we do now? We will pray'

Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

'So now you've met the militant right. Do you still think



An intimate evening

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EUGENE TERREBLANCHE took out a bullet and propped it on the bar in front of a curly-haired blonde. "This one's for FW de Klerk," he sniggered. The company of about seven, gathered in the dingy "ladies bar" of the Ventersdorp Hotel, were in a strangely jovial mood given the events that had befallen the town only 24 hours before.

TerreBlanche had led a phalanx of about 1 000 members of his neo-fascist Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging into clashes with police and blacks which left at least three rightwingers dead. Broken glass and barbed wire still littered the now deserted streets. Armoured vehicles outside the police station had been daubed with a red hammer and sickle intertwined with NP and had their tyres deflated.

It was Saturday evening, the international media contingent had gone home and we had stumbled on the bearded TerreBlanche, the man on whom the hopes and fears of a white rightwing revolt depend, knocking back a succession of brandies mixed with coke.

We asked innocently what had happened. "They killed three of our people," he said with righteous indignation, hurt that fellow boers could have been the perpetrators of this dastardly act. "I asked them not to shoot and still they shot — to the left and the right of me."

"These were men with wives and children." His voice resonated in its familiar oratorical style as he informed us that the whole sorry episode had been an outrage against innocent boers who were doing no more than peacefully exercising their right as taxpayers to come and hear the president speak.

We pointed out to TerreBlanche that it had been reported that the AWB brutally attacked a number of innocent blacks.

TerreBlanche threw us a suspicious look, then explained. "For no apparent reason, seven com-

The day after the blood and anger of Ventersdorp, Eugene TerreBlanche took to the bar at the Ventersdorp Hotel, where he spent several hours in the company of, among others, journalists **PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and CISKI MATTHES**

bis came driving right into the middle of our people. We think the National Party put them up to it. Maybe they were Inkathas."

What would they do now? "We will pray," said TerreBlanche. A man known as the professor, later identified as Derek van Vuuren, added, "it's going to be war."

"The land is ours," he said. "We got it through fighting. If they want to take it back from us, they're going to have to fight. We will fight them to the end. We will never surrender."

The bar was growing more relaxed as the drinks continued to flow, the bluster began to fade and TerreBlanche's eyes grew smaller and more focused on the women in the room.

"I like women," he mumbled, looking around at the four women in the small, intimate bar.

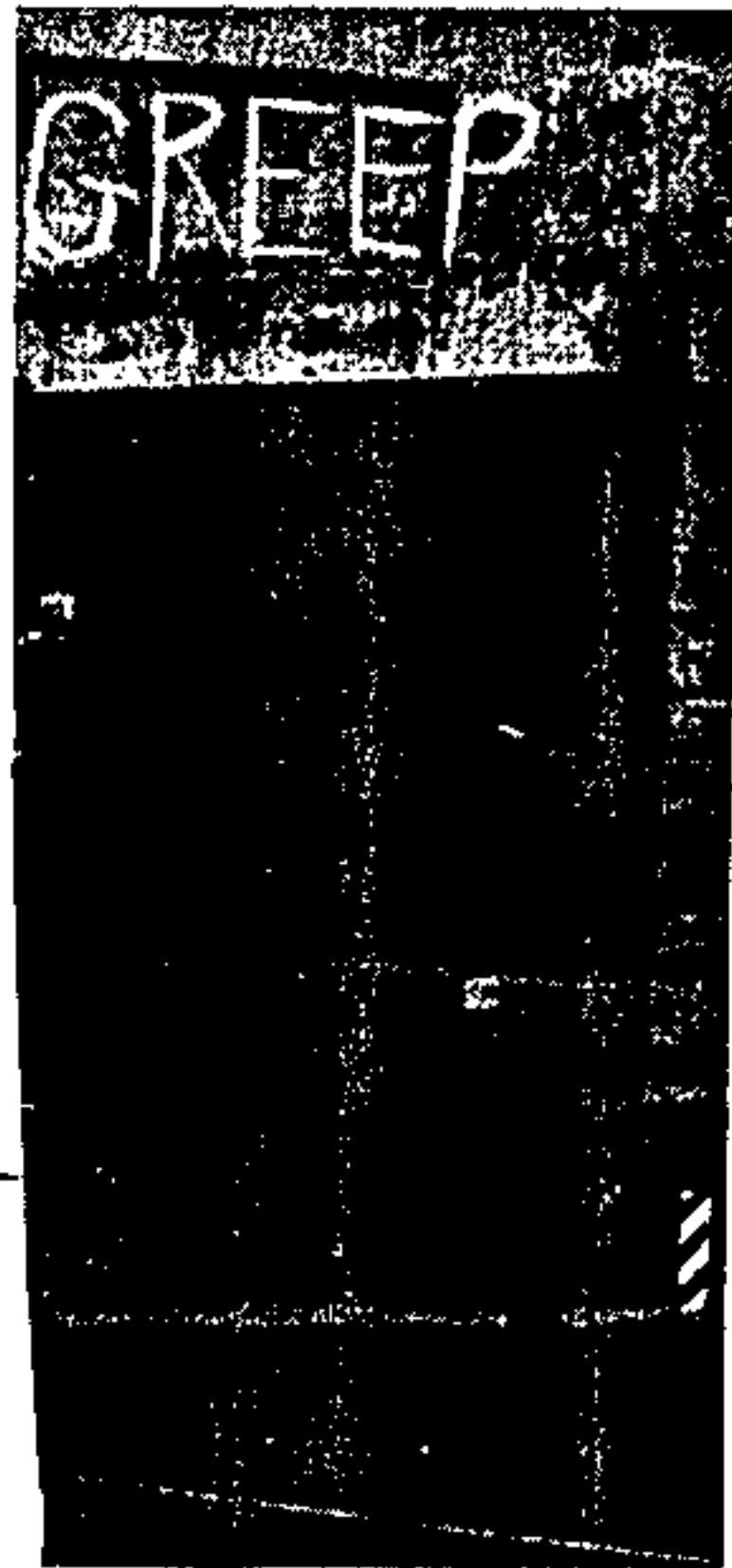
TerreBlanche showed more than a passing interest in Matthes — he came over, kissed her hand and stared at her intensely.

We had a long and lively discussion at the bar where TerreBlanche continued to impress the company with tales of innocence and being a righteous knight of his people.

Another mysterious darkish gentleman in TerreBlanche's company was wearing a light khaki uniform with a sea captain's hat, his hands covered in golden rings and bracelets, and disclosed that he was a Basque.

Every now and then TerreBlanche went to him and they spoke conspiratorially in low voices.

we are terrorists?"



Sign of the times ... Graffiti on an Eastern Transvaal bridge captures the militant mood of the far right
Photo: KEVIN CARTER

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The professor and a man known as the doctor — of geology, TerreBlanche informed us ("he studies rocks") — formed a banjo and guitar combo and launched into drunken renditions of *Please Release Me, Let Me Go* and songs gushing with Afrikaner sentiment.

"Play us more songs of suffering (*hartseer*)," said TerreBlanche.

"No, no songs of suffering," said a woman at the bar in disgust. "Songs of suffering are for kaffirs." *W/Mon 16/8 - 22/8/91*

So too, it seems, are political funerals. TerreBlanche shot down the prospect of a mass funeral for the fallen of the Ventersdorp war. "We are not the African National Congress. We boere have private family funerals."

The racist tone of the conversation worsened as the evening went on. "I don't like Jews," the professor, who claimed to own diamond and gold mines, kept repeating, explaining that "the Jews killed us in the Boer War and took away our mines".

As he departed, TerreBlanche asked us mockingly: "So now you've met the militant right-wing. Do you still think we are terrorists?"

"I am not a racist," he continued and then, with an exaggerated gesture of chivalry, he kissed Matthes' hand and said: "May a white light guide you."

When she looked puzzled, he joked: "You see? You are a racist. Have you ever seen black light?"

Leaving us to ponder the meaning of this, the self-proclaimed champion of the boer cause stumbled out of the Ventersdorp bar.

● A version of this story was published in newspapers in Holland, Britain, Canada and America earlier this week, unleashing a storm of controversy in the Afrikaans press and an indignant denial from TerreBlanche.

The AWB leader has told *Beeld* that he had not been in the company of women, but of businessmen.

He denied that he had popped the bullet onto the counter, saying: "It is a well-known fact that I don't carry a gun and so I would not have had a bullet on me."

Van Vuuren said that they went to the ladies bar to talk business and that TerreBlanche had not taken any liquor. He had said he was terribly tired and *hartseer* after the events of the night before.

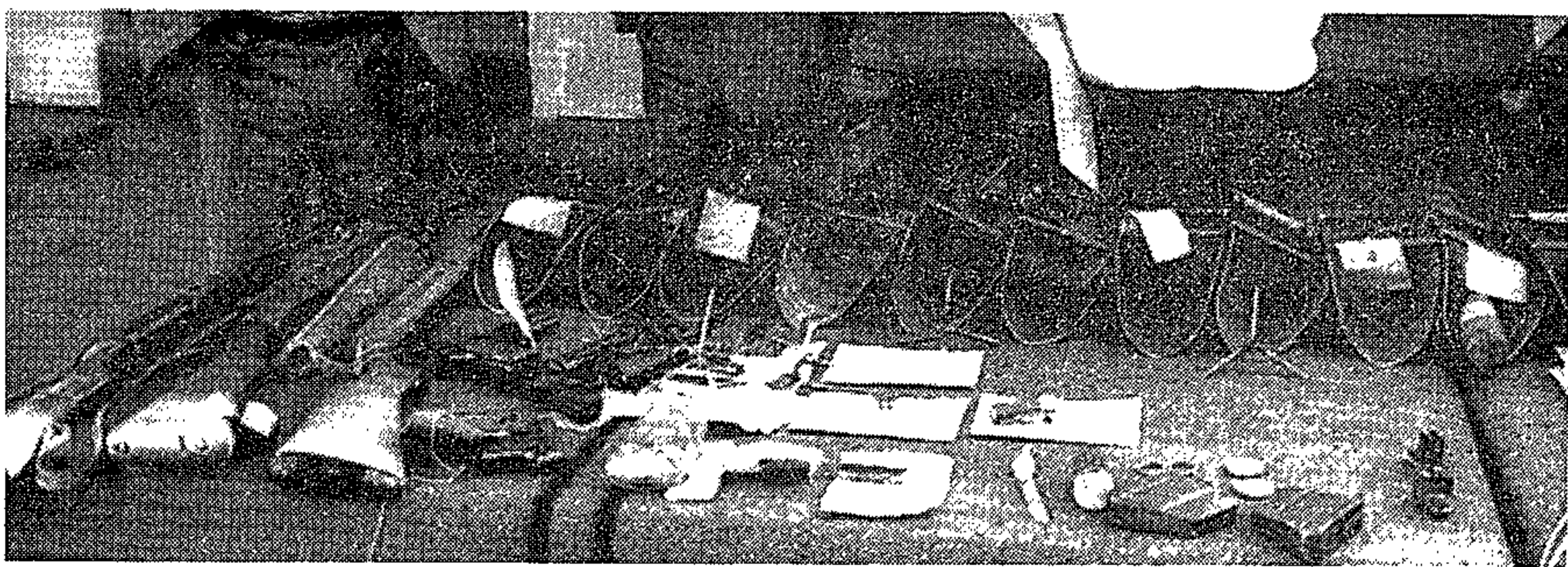
"We were continuously bothered by the Dutch lady. This lady appeared to be rather pissed and provocative. She forced herself upon Mr TerreBlanche and provoked him to talk about the events of the night before. He repeatedly sent her away politely."

According to Van Vuuren, they suspected that Matthes was either a journalist or an agent. He said that when she came and leaned against him and asked for a souvenir of Ventersdorp, one of the TerreBlanche's friends said: "Take this (six bullets) and give it to De Klerk if you want to."

TerreBlanche then left the bar, Van Vuuren said.

To which Matthes replies: "I was not pissed. I hardly drink. I was amused but certainly not trying to be provocative."

What lessons are there from the violent confrontation by the rightwing Afrikaner-Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) with the government at the "Battle of Ventersdorp" last weekend? Weekend Argus Political Correspondent FRANS ESTERHUYSE reports on the response of experts who see danger signals for South Africa...



□ **LETHAL:** Some of the weapons confiscated from rightwing members during last weekend's "Battle of Ventersdorp"

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'Disarm gun-toting political cowboys'

STOP private armies now. Also disarm gun-toting political cowboys and potential criminals who carry dangerous weapons in public places.

This is the message from politicians, academic specialists and opinion-makers across a wide spectrum — and most of them warn that the government can no longer afford to delay decisive action on this issue.

There are signs of mounting pressure on the government for an outright ban on certain war-like activities by militant groups on the right and the left.

The role of the AWB's nazi-style private "army" during last week's "Battle of Ventersdorp" has drawn fresh warnings from experts that a Lebanon-type conflict situation could develop if the government fails to take effective steps soon.

The most chilling of such warnings has come from a research specialist in conflict analysis, Dr Chris de Kock of the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). He has focused on the narrow dividing line between defence and attack — a blurred area where one false move in a conflict situation could mean death, chaos and disaster.

"Should the government permit private armies or private police, it would be only one small step before a Lebanon-type situation comes into being, where each party or group uses its own private army or police to control and defend an area against another party or group," he says.

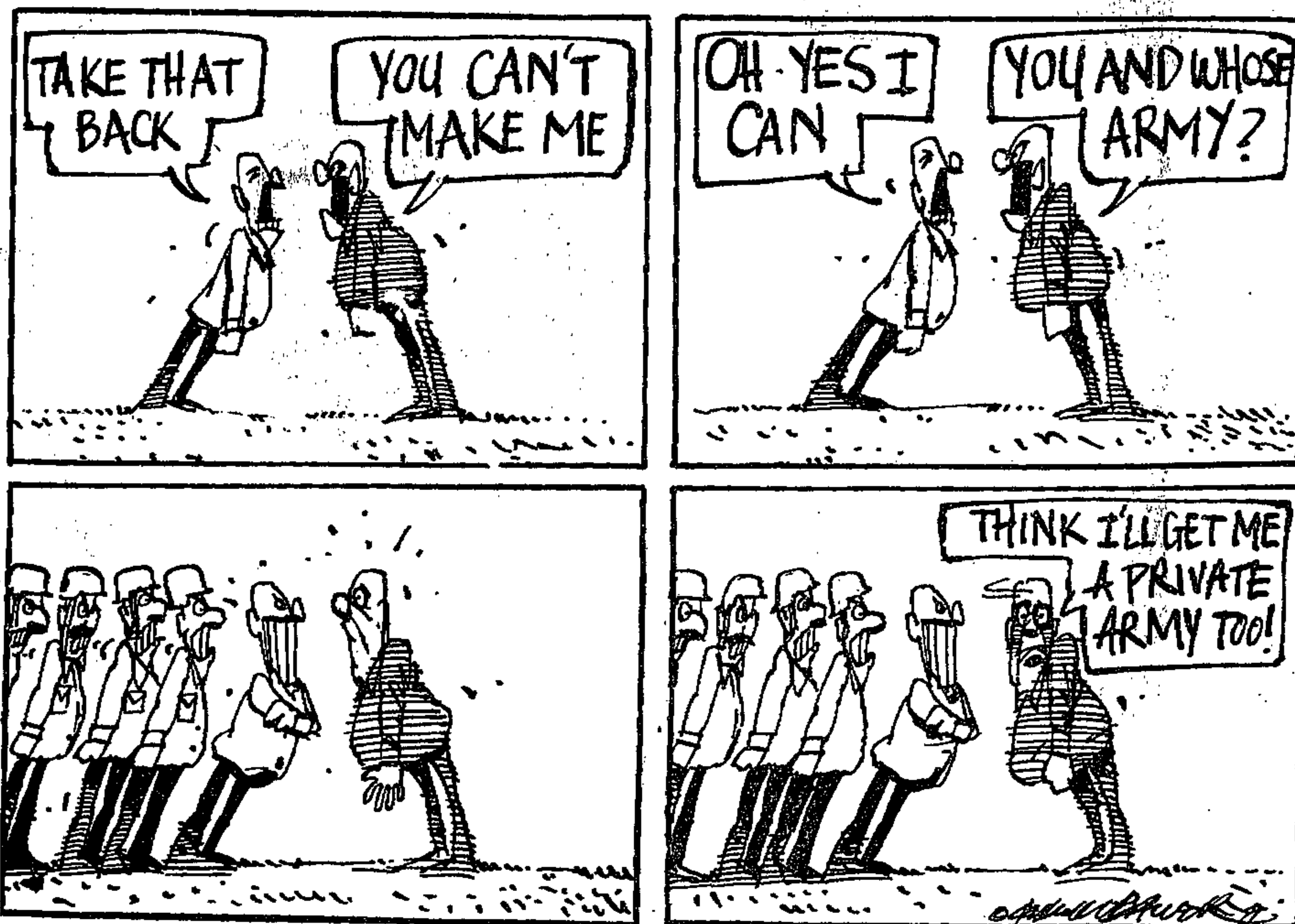
This week he still stands by earlier conclusions from his research indicating an urgent need to stop the activities and growth of private armies and to clamp down on the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons in public, especially at political meetings.

He rejects as "unacceptable" the argument that such self-defence mechanisms — like the neighbourhood watches — are needed to prevent crime and violence. He draws a distinction between the neighbourhood watch system and private armies. Unlike neighbourhood watches, the groups forming private armies will be armed and trained to use their weapons.

"In a competitive and tense situation between the different parties, it would take only one rumour to trigger the transformation of defence mechanisms into attack mechanisms."

The kind of thinking that brings this about is on the lines of "those who think they will attack us first will be surprised by an attack from us." Besides such preemptive strikes that can be set off by mere rumour, the "defence mechanisms" can also be used for intimidation.

Another call for urgent action to do away with private armies operating outside the state security system and to ban the carrying of firearms and other dangerous weapons at public gatherings has come from the Democratic Party's law and order spokesman, Mr Peter Gastrow, MP for Durban Central.



Like Dr De Kock, he sees a real danger of a Lebanon-type situation developing in South Africa if timely action is not taken.

"IN Lebanon, the existence and growth of private militias were a major cause of the long civil war which wreaked such destruction," says Mr Gastrow. "It took 16 years of conflict to exhaust private militias before they agreed to hand over weapons and disband at the beginning of this year. A fragile attempt at nation-building has now started again."

"South Africa, which has arguably deeper divisions and a greater potential for conflict than Lebanon, therefore urgently ought to address the phenomenon of private armies and partial police forces."

He regards South Africa's large assortment of private armies and military-style groups as "a recipe for conflict".

Mr Gastrow notes seven legal police forces operate in South Africa if the six self-governing states are taken into account. In addition, almost a dozen private armies, commandos and defence organisations are attached to political groups across the spectrum.

However, he warns that banning private armies by law or curbing them through one-sided executive action may not be as attractive an option as it may seem on the surface.

The consequences of such steps could exacerbate the deep divisions within the country, drive armed groups underground and start off a new cycle of repression and violence.

An approach with more lasting consequences for peace and stability would be a negotiated agreement to dissolve all private armies, militias, defence committees, and homeland police forces, and to incorporate their members into a broad

South African police force which was subject to all-party civilian supervision.

Mr Gastrow says he regards it essential that such an agreement be reached soon by all parties concerned. He suggests that it be done at the proposed all-party constitutional conference.

"Joint responsibility is required for the maintenance of law and order during the transition and steps to achieve this ought to commence now."

A broadly-based national police force should be subject to an agreed code of conduct and have greater all-party civilian supervision at all levels.

A real danger posed by private armies is that they feed on differences in society. This, according to Mr Gastrow, results in opposing political groups establishing their own armies. Private armies have a vested interest in maintaining divisions and even exacerbating them to justify their own existence.

On the issue of firearms and dangerous weapons at public gatherings, Mr Gastrow says stricter control measures, including prohibitions and heavy penalties for contraventions, are justifiable — "certainly during the present period of tensions and change in South Africa."

"This is something that must be dealt with by legislation as soon as possible. There has been too much prevarication on the question of carrying of weapons, including cultural weapons, in public places."

Warnings also have come from academic specialists about the dangers of private armies and of relinquishing control over security forces too soon during a transition period.

POLITICAL scientist Professor Hermann Giliomee of the University of Cape Town sounded a warning this week

about rightwing forces and their capacity "to wreak widespread havoc, to inflame black-white passions and to trigger a war between private armies." He also warned that the ANC's demand for an interim government — with control over the security forces — could lead to the destabilisation of society and the paralysis of the security forces.

What is the government doing about the issue of private armies and dangerous weapons in public?

After a seemingly lethargic response to numerous warnings from experts, the government at last seemed to be shaken into some kind of action — or at least a promise of action — this week by events at the "Battle of Ventersdorp".

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's early response was that banning of private armies was an option under consideration, but he said he preferred a different approach.

He warned that private armies were liable to contribute to violence, as had happened at Ventersdorp last weekend.

After a Cabinet meeting this week, Mr Vlok said in a statement the government was considering legislation to prevent the establishment of private armies.

On the issue of firearms and dangerous weapons, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said an outright ban on carrying firearms would cause problems.

Farmers, for example, claim a need to exercise their legal right to carry their licensed firearms for self-defence when travelling along lonely country roads. If they attended a meeting in town, they could not leave their firearms in their vehicles because of the danger of theft. They therefore might argue that they needed to take their firearms with them and that this was done in accordance with the law.

Going to Ventersdorp was right off the mark

Star 14/8/91.

ROLL UP, roll up. Yes, folks, welcome to the all-singing, all-dancing F W de Klerk show. Playing to-night in Ventersdorp for one night only.

And believe me, wrote critics afterwards, there certainly was plenty of action and all the fun of the fair.

But I regret to point out that this is South Africa — not a fairground. F W de Klerk is the man supposed to be leading the nation forward into peaceful negotiation, not a cross between a fairground barker and a TV soap opera good-guy.

Frankly, whoever advised him to stage his meeting in Ventersdorp deserves to be horsewhipped in public for gross stupidity.

From the moment the rally was announced — set in the very centre of AWB territory — violence was certain. The authorities knew as much, too, or they wouldn't have had extra forces on standby outside the town.

To what end, then, was this violence unleashed?

Perhaps to prove to the rest of the nation how serious the threat is from the right wing? But we know that.

Perhaps to prove how determined F W de Klerk is to deal with it, then? But if that's the case, we must question very closely the strong-arm tactics he seems to want to use.

Such tactics did not work against the Left, against organisations like the ANC and PAC. Nor will they



work against the Right. (And perhaps someone could remind Nelson Mandela of this when next he feels a need to add to the debate.)

So what other reason for Ventersdorp could there have been? Well, a real cynic might suggest it was a wonderful opportunity for President de Klerk to re-establish his image and deflect some attention away from Inkathagate.

Even those awful press people might now realise there are more important things on his agenda than a few rands here or there to Inkatha.

But if that were indeed the motive, it backfired. TV viewers saw a president who looked uncertain and nervous, ill at ease with the anger and violence of both rightwingers and police.

To have allowed him to attend the meeting really was a mistake. To have allowed him to do so, apparently badly prepared for the outcome, was a severe error of judgment.

What has happened is that the right wing itself has been galvanised. Even the staunchest critics of Eugene TerreBlanche now agree

that unity is necessary.

If De Klerk's aim was to force the rightists to cower, then the result was the opposite. Hence the charge of political incompetence.

TerreBlanche has also taken the high ground by inviting De Klerk back to Ventersdorp. De Klerk is now in a Catch-22 situation. If he goes, he will be dancing to TerreBlanche's tune; if he stays at home, he will be branded a coward.

You may indeed believe that the AWB and other groups like it belong in the realms of the circus or the comic opera. If you do, you are making a fatal mistake.

They have the potential to write a heart-rending tragedy, a tale of civil war and destruction on the lines of Lebanon and Cyprus.

They must be taken just as seriously as the ANC, the PAC and the rest of the black opposition. All the players who would sit at the negotiating table must shift up to make room for the likes of the AWB. These players must formulate their responses to the right-wing demands.

But most important of all, the right wing has to recognise the need to negotiate. This is critical. If it refuses at all costs and resorts to violence, it will achieve nothing.

It will only give ammunition to those who believe it should be ground under the heel.

● Chris Gibbons is head of news, sport and talk shows on Radio 702.

SA rightwingers must get it right

SOUTH Africa has just emerged from the so-called Battle of Ventersdorp, in which three members of the AWB were killed in clashes between that organisation and the police. The occasion was a National Party public meeting addressed by the State President.

Earlier during the week, the AWB and the CP had warned that President de Klerk "would not be welcome in Ventersdorp" and pressure had been put on him to cancel the meeting.

One would have thought that the era of creating no-go areas for political opponents had long passed. Apparently it is not so with the rightwingers.

AWB leaders have publicly admitted that they advised their members to bring their licensed firearms to the meeting but at the same time they claim that they wanted to gain admission into the hall so as to put questions to the State President. That is a new version of democracy where you need to be armed to the teeth in order to be able to question your political opponent at a public meeting.

The conduct of the AWB and its fellow-travellers is surprising, to say the least.

These are people who have all the political rights under the sun, including full representation in Parliament, and various other exclusive social privileges.

They are now turning their backs on all these rights and are choosing to put their case violently.

Not only that, they are also dragging in innocent black people as scapegoats in their war against civilised political standards and democracy.

The CP does not want to talk peace either, as it claims it is not involved in violence.

But, each time there is right-wing violence, CP leaders make very unhelpful statements

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which border on justifying the violence.

It is high time the CP leaders realised that they can't be democrats and closet revolutionaries at the same time.

They must publicly make a choice between peaceful and violent change.

I am not the one who blames the National Party Government for everything including the inclement weather, but I believe the Government is also to blame here.

The rightwingers are adherents of past National Party policies who feel betrayed by the sudden policy changes in that party.

While the National Party now sees democratic political transition as the answer for South Africa, the rightwingers still see it as the greatest threat to their salvation. The latter was National Party policy not so long ago.

Therefore, it is the duty of the National Party Government to take steps to condition the rightwingers and all South Africans so as to prepare them mentally and attitudinally for the changes that are coming with political transition.

The Government has radio and television to do this.

I am sure that once the Government takes up this challenge seriously, our own black political leaders, the press, church leaders and everybody else would be pleased also to make a contribution in promoting national reconciliation and political tolerance among all South Africans, including the rightwingers.

Racist killing a

White men

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'boasted

of murder'

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

CRIPPLED Johannes Masango lay spreadeagled in the middle of a road while being kicked, urinated on and doused with beer.

His body was then allegedly thrown in the back of a bakkie and driven to the nearby Newclare Station. A car tyre was placed around the neck before being set alight.

His assailants then went to the Belmont Hotel in Hillbrow with bloodied hands and allegedly boasted to a woman how they had murdered a "kaffir".

This ghastly tale unfolded in the Rand Supreme Court this week, where Deon Frederick van Deventer, 24, of Suikerbos Street, Jan Hofmeyer, and Evert Jan Jacob Boonzaaier, 23, of 150 Italian Street, Newlands, are appearing on a count of murder and one of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

They have pleaded not guilty before Judge Joffe and two assessors.

Boonzaaier is out on R3 000 bail and Van Deventer is in custody.

John Moeketsi told the court that on the night of September 14 last year, he was driving in Italian Street when he saw the two men assaulting a man.

He saw Boonzaaier pour beer over Masango's body and then urinate on him.

He said the two men tried to confront him, but he drove away at high speed.

He returned to the street and saw the men were still attacking Masango. He decided to report the case to the police.

He returned accompanied by two policemen, but the place was deserted. A search of the surrounding area proved fruitless.

Philemon Mthimunya told the court he and Masango were walking past a house when they heard two white men shouting: "Hey kaffir come here."

Mthimunya said he saw trouble and told his friend they must run.

But his friend replied: "You know

very well, my friend, that I am a cripple and I cannot run."

Maria Welgemoed, of Vrededorp, told the court she met the two at the Belmont Hotel in Hillbrow where they told her they had killed a "kaffir".

"I did not take them seriously because they treated the whole thing as a joke," she said.

Later, when they went to her flat, she realised their hands were covered with blood.

Welgemoed said the two did not stay long, saying they wanted to wash the bakkie before daybreak.

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Political comment and newshills by K Sibuya, headlines and sub-editing by S James, both of 2 Herb Street, Johannesburg.

'joke'

Bloody footprints led to arrest

CP Correspondent

18/8/91
A VAAL policeman this week told the Sebokeng Regional Court how a bloody trail of footprints led him to arrest three suspected killers.

Sergeant Louis Sibiwe testified that this happened soon after he had discovered a body lying spreadeagled in a Sharpe-

ville street in the early hours of February 15 this year.

John White, 25, Ben White, 26, and Joseph Phaka, 30, pleaded not guilty before Magistrate CJ Kruger to a charge of murdering Tshepo Chippa Mofokeng.

Sibiwe told the court that when he later arrested the White brothers and

Phaka, all had bloodstains on their shoes.

The deceased's wife, Dineo Mofokeng, said in her evidence that her brother John first ejected her husband from her home after they had quarrelled.

She told the court that while drinking with the White brothers and Phaka in a shebeen on the

same day, her husband arrived and had a row with the Whites and Phaka. A fight between the four men started outside the shebeen.

Her husband was repeatedly kicked by the accused and his body was discovered by police the following day.

The case was postponed to September 3.

Funeral with 'full honours'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The AWB will bury one of its members, killed in clashes with police in Ventersdorp on Friday night, in a military ceremony later today.

AWB "General" Con Stucki said Mr Jacobus Conradie, 32, would be buried with "full honours".

The families of the other two AWB members killed in the violence, Mr Gerhard Koen, 36, and Mr Andries Badenhorst, 37, had asked that they be buried in private ceremonies.

Mr Badenhorst will be buried later today on a farm near Fochville, and Mr Koen's funeral will take place tomorrow or on Friday in Bloemhof.

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Dangers of Boer violence

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IT IS possible to reach two very different conclusions about the likely impact of the "Boer-on-Boer" violence in South Africa.

Three members of the extremist Afrikaner resistance movement, the AWB, were killed on August 9 in the first substantial clash between that body and the police in Ventersdorp, the hometown of the AWB's leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Among the 60 or so wounded were seven policemen, three of whom were seriously hurt.

War

Terre'Blanche has warned that there might be a war if there is no whites-only election on political reforms.

On an optimistic analysis, these events could prove helpful to FW de Klerk in various ways.

At the most superficial level, they have already distracted attention from the "Inkathagate" scandal involving revelations that the Government had secretly subsidised the Inkatha Freedom Party while negotiating in apparent good faith with Mr Nelson Mandela's African National Congress.

Collusion

De Klerk admitted the payments, but denied collusion between the security forces and Inkatha in the latter's attacks on ANC members in the townships of Johannesburg.

The AWB clash turned ugly when the police decided to rescue some innocent blacks who were being attacked by heavily armed AWB members.

"Inkathagate" damaged De Klerk's reputation as a man of integrity. The Ventersdorp episode could help restore his credibility. He can show that the police are capable of taking action against rightwing extremists with whom they are thought to sympathise.

And he has an answer to those who accused him of building up those same extremists in order to slow down reforms.



TERRE'BLANCHE

"Look," he can say to the ANC, "they are just as dangerous as I always said they were."

The luckiest politicians are often those with the right enemies. The neo-Nazi insignia, rhetoric and crude thuggery of the AWB confront those whites who regard De Klerk as a traitor with the choice of falling into line with the president's reforms as they evolve in negotiations with all political movements; or aligning themselves with extremists threatening a Boer uprising.

Precedents

For that the precedents are not encouraging.

When white labour rose up in 1921 against the use of semi-skilled blacks in the mining industry, Prime Minister Jan Smuts crushed the movement with a loss of 230 lives.

During World War II, many members of the pro-Nazi Ossewa-Brandwag (Guard of the oxwagon) were ingloriously interned.

Historically, South Africa's neo-Nazis are losers.

The alternative view is that South Africa already has quite enough violence, without the addition of rightwing extremists bent on creating mayhem and preventing - or wrecking - a new order in which the black majority dominates a new government.

This they might try to achieve by random violence against blacks and/or liberal whites, or by other forms of IRA-style terrorism.

Vicious

The smaller the minority in which the AWB feels itself, the more vicious it is likely to be. Though some of its members talk of a white homeland (as do elements of the Conservative Party), the AWB has no coherent programme.

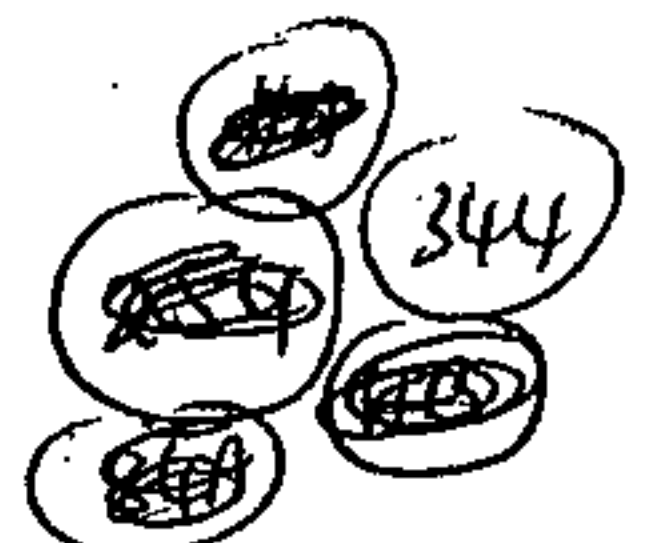
Like communism across the world, the doctrine of white supremacy has lost its legitimacy among a majority of South African whites. The AWB's extremism is a desperate reaction to that loss. - *The Independent, London*



Para-military forces look set to increase, says Helen Grange

Private armies left and right

Star 19/8/91.



DESPITE the Government's objection to the evolution of private armies in South Africa, there are indications that these military structures are heading for another phase of expansion and growth.

This trend has already manifested itself in the Inkatha Freedom Party's (IFP) announcement last week that it would review its options with regard to a private army of its own — in the light of the growth of other private military groups.

Referring to the clash at Ventersdorp and the training being given by five African states to Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), Inkatha appealed to the Government "to take the necessary actions before other parties may be compelled to match the growing number of private armies".

Last week, the Cabinet formally decided against banning private armies following clashes between police and the right wing in Ventersdorp. Driving militant organisations underground introduces a threat of intensified violence of which the Government is only too keenly aware.

In addition, banning rightwing armies would necessitate the same action against other military wings such as MK, a move which would have serious consequences.

With MK's recent announcement that it plans to turn itself into a regular army, the possibility of Inkatha forming its own army and the right wing's announced expansion of its military units, the Government faces a problem with no easy solution.

There are already a number of private armies in South Africa and its homelands — some well organised and others taking the form of self-defence units or para-military groups.

Apart from the ANC's MK and the AWB's Wenkommando (formerly Aquila), there are scores of other politically oriented military wings attached to various organisations.

On the left, there is the Pan Africanist Congress's Azanian People's Liberation Army and the Black Consciousness Movement's Azanian National Liberation Army. On the right the known militaristic groupings include the

Boerekommando (expected to become the military wing of the Boere Vryheidsbeweging), the Wit Bevydromsleer, the Orde van die Dood, the Orde Boerevolk, the Boere Vryheidsbeweging and the Boereleer.

In addition, there are trained armies in the homelands and self-governing territories, apparently formed to protect their governments, but increasingly perceived as being linked to political objectives in South Africa.

This is particularly the case in Inkatha's stronghold, KwaZulu, and the ANC's stronghold, the Transkei.

On a grassroots level, an increasing garrison mentality can be seen in the form of civil protection units, township vigilante groups and neighbourhood watches.

There is a massive build-up of weapons inside the country, with illegal firearms running into the thousands. The huge influx of AK-47 rifles into the country following the ANC's unbanning means these weapons are relatively easily bought on the black market by

anyone with a military cause.

Professor Mike Hough, of the Institute of Strategic Studies at Unisa, says it is MK which has the most access to such wartime weaponry — while soldiers on the right, most of them having been trained by the SA Defence Force, have the expertise.

Professor Hough feels strongly that despite the proliferation of private armies in the country, violent combat on any significant level will probably never materialise.

"I don't think the right wing wants to escalate conflict to civil war status. There will probably be a continuation of rightwing incidents as there have been in the past, but they would avoid open combat because they are not strong enough to confront the State," he said.

Wim Booyse, an expert on the right wing, says rightwing soldiers may choose to launch a host of weaponry thefts from State security keypoints — "in which case, they will be preparing for a revolution — although they are not nearly prepared at the moment".

Stabbing: AWB supporter not guilty of murder

PRETORIA — The Pretoria Supreme Court has acquitted Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporter Frederik Jacobus Viljoen, 29, on a charge of murdering a man in a Benoni street two years ago. (344) 10/12/91

Accepting medical evidence about Viljoen's diabetic condition, Mr Justice W J Hartzenberg said it was clear Viljoen had not known what he was doing when he stabbed Mr Daniel Matlala seven times on July 11, 1989.

Prof R J van Rooyen, of the H F Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria, testified that an insulin injection, coupled with a lack of food, could have caused a serious shortage of glucose and the accused's irrational behaviour.

Viljoen is presently serving a six-year prison term for house-breaking.

He claimed his sister-in-law was attacked by Mr Matlala, and in a fight he stabbed Mr Matlala because he was gaining the upper hand. — Sapa.

AWB 'will be
at NP meeting'

JOHANNESBURG. —

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging yesterday vowed to attend a National Party public meeting in Parys next Monday.

Apparently the meeting — to be addressed by the Minister of Agriculture, Dr Kraai van Nierkerk — has been organised along the same lines as President F W de Klerk's ill-fated Ventersdorp address.

In a press statement the AWB accused the NP of breaking an agreement between its leader, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, and Transvaal NP head, Mr Barend du Plessis. — Sapa

Necklacing (344) accused 'gave false name'

CT 20/8/91
JOHANNESBURG — A man accused of "necklacing" another man last year dyed his hair black, put on old fashioned black-rimmed spectacles and gave a false name when apprehended; the arresting officer Det-Sgt Jan Kruger, told the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The man, Mr Deon van Deventer, 24, and Mr Evert Japie Boonzaaier, 23, have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Johannes Masango and grievously assaulting Mr Philemon Motimona on September 14 last year.

Mrs Maria Welgemoed, who had testified earlier, was called back to the witness stand. She said she it was only when she noticed blood on the hands of the two accused when they washed their hands at her flat after giving her and her niece a lift home that she took seriously their claims of having "killed a kaffir".

The state closed its case and made two witnesses available to the defence: Mrs van Deventer and Ms Bernadette Ackermann who is Mr van Deventer's common-law wife. — Sapa

OB warns of violence if hunger striker dies

Star 26/8/91
By Shirley Woodgate

Violence would erupt if one of the three rightwingers on hunger strike in Pretoria died, Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom warned today.

Dr Lood van Schalkwyk (53) is in a critical state and Briton Henry Martin (50) and Adrian Maritz (43) have lapsed into a stupor in H F Verwoerd Hospital, he said.

"The men have vowed if one dies of starvation, the other two will fast to the death."

And now Mr Martin's 79-year-old mother, Milly, has joined her son on the hunger strike and is refusing food in a Pretoria old age home.

"In the present climate and with the Ventersdorp incident still fresh in mind, the men would inevitably be seen as martyrs. There would be violence, however undesirable, and the blame for their death would be placed on the Government."

Dr van Schalkwyk yesterday suffered his second heart attack since refusing food for 29 days and Mr Martin (43 days) and Mr Maritz (36 days) have lapsed into a stupor and are being woken every two hours by hospital staff to prevent them falling into a coma, said lawyer Wim Cornelius.

Today Mr Cornelius and British deputy consul-general Norman Ling will visit the hospital where Mr Ling will see Mr Martin. A short statement will be issued at the hospital at midday.

In another development, he said he expected to meet with President de Klerk this week to discuss granting political prisoner status to the three hunger strikers.

The three Orde Boerevolk members are awaiting trial for murder and attempted murder.

The charges relate to the bomb blast in Pretoria's Bloed Street a year ago and the death of a computer consultant in a parcel bomb explosion in Durban in October last year.

Mr Cornelius said the men would end their protest only when they are recognised as political prisoners and are granted indemnity.



Graham Stephen and Vusi Langa of Oh-Zone Clothing hold up the real Bart Simpson T-shirts. SA police have begun a clampdown on pirate copies of clothing bearing the now-famous character.

Picture: CATHERINE ROSS

SAP takes steps for Parys meeting

JONATHAN REES

POLICE said yesterday they would take all necessary precautions to prevent a repeat of the Ventersdorp police-AWB clash when Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekirk speaks in Parys on Monday.

The AWB has said it will be there in force next week, and has warned that any NP attempts to restrict access to the meeting could turn into conflict.

NP Transvaal leader and Finance Minister Barend du Plessis has said that right-wingers would be welcome at NP meetings if they were unarmed and did not disrupt proceedings.

Police have declined to give details of planned precautions.

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I hate blacks, necklace killer tells court

CT 2/18/91

JOHANNESBURG — One of two men found guilty yesterday of kicking a cripple to death before "necklacing" him told the Rand Supreme Court he hated blacks.

Deon van Deventer, 25, and Evert "Japie" Boonzaaier were found guilty of murdering Mr Johannes Masango on September 14 last year.

Giving evidence in mitigation of sentence, Van Deventer told Mr Justice M.M. Joffe he believed in apartheid, but if black people "leave me alone, I'll leave them alone".

Under cross-examination from state advocate Mr Danie Dorfling, Van Deventer said although he hated blacks, it was not his intention to kill them.

Sentence will be passed on Friday. — Sapa

Witwolf's family in protest

Sowetan 2/8/91 (344)

THE mother-in-law of Witwolf Barend Strydom chained herself to a public telephone booth outside the offices of the Minister of Law and Order.

She has sworn to stay there until three rightwing hunger strikers are released or President FW de Klerk makes an announcement.

Mrs Trudie Rautenbach, her daughter Mrs Karen Strydom, and the daughter of Boereweerstandsbeweging leader Andrew Ford, Miss Petro Ford, took up positions on the pavement in Pretorius street at 10.20am yesterday.

The three said in a statement: "We are here

out of sympathy and support for our freedom fighters who are dying of hunger strikes in the Boers' freedom fight."

According to the statement, the three had no choice but to go on a hunger strike to attract the Government's attention.

The three women have been on hunger strike since Monday and will continue with their protest until they are removed.

Mr Deon Rautenbach is also at the scene to support the women with water. He said he spent six months in custody with Dr van Schalkwyk and had permission to visit him this afternoon. - *Sowetan Correspondent*

Ventersdorp video (344) may lead to charges *Star 21/8/91*

Charges of attempted murder and assault may be brought against people who took part in the Ventersdorp violence, police said in Pretoria yesterday.

The police showed reporters a video of the violence which took place before President de Klerk was to address a meeting in the town.

Rightwingers were seen attacking vehicles, including minibus taxis. An aggressive right-wing group exchanged words with policemen who formed a chain around

the venue where the President was to speak.

Teargas was fired and shots came from the crowd. Policemen were seen lying on the ground with bullet wounds.

The video also showed a vehicle lying on its side with bullet holes in the windscreen. A person was seen apparently trying to get out.

A coffin being transported in a bakkie was on the ground and two black men, one still alive, were lying nearby.

— Sapa.

AWB threat to attend NP Parys meeting

KAIZER NYATSUMBA
Political Staff

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) has threatened to attend a National Party (NP) public meeting to be addressed by Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekirk in Parys in the Free State next week in spite of NP objections.

In a Press statement, AWB chief secretary Ernst van der Westhuizen said the government had to "adhere strictly" to the agreement AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and Finance Minister Barend du Plessis reached on the SABC's *Agenda* two weeks ago.

The AWB, Mr van der Westhuizen said, will attend Mr Van Niekirk's meeting on Monday and will not allow itself to be turned back "by closed doors, barbed wire and police dogs".

The AWB warned of a potential further tragedy if the NP meeting in Parys was held on the same basis as the Ventersdorp meeting addressed by President De Klerk.

Three people died and many were injured when AWB members con-

fronted the police and later allegedly assaulted blacks.

Mr Van der Westhuizen said the AWB executive council wanted to draw NP leaders' attention to the "agreement" between Mr Du Plessis and Mr Terre'Blanche on television.

The AWB leadership expected Mr Van Niekirk and the chairman of the Parys meeting to take note of the fact that the right of admission reserved to such closed meetings had now fallen away in light of the agreement.

"The AWB will fulfil agreements as witnessed by millions of television viewers.

"The audience will be orderly but will have the right to put motions, and nobody will be refused admission into the hall unless he is guilty of violence or bad behaviour," said Mr Van der Westhuizen's statement.

Contacted for comment this morning, NP spokesman Piet Coetzer referred questions to Mr Du Plessis's office.

A spokesman for the Transvaal NP leader's office, Mr Pieter Coetsee, said he had not yet spoken to the Minister who was attending a meeting.

Willing to die for their cause

Englishman a 'Boer' ally

HUNGER striker Henry Martin (50), a lonely Englishman whose commitment to the "Boer" cause has taken him on the road to wilful self-destruction, was an unlikely martyr before he joined the Orde Boerevolk a year ago.

The only notable thing about Martin in days gone by might have been his choice in living alone as a bachelor in a foreign country, with no relatives save his ailing mother who lives in an old-age home in Pretoria.

As Martin lay dying in hospital this week, his mother lay sick and helpless, unable to visit her son, only able to await word of his condition. She has told his friends that when he dies, she will follow him.

A once robust man, Martin arrived in South Africa in 1967, bringing his computer skills and setting himself up in a Pretoria computer company.

With his talent for breeding and training dogs, he launched a guard dog school, an occupation he loved, according to friends.

Martin quickly learnt how to speak Afrikaans, although his accent betrayed his roots.

He has always been staunchly anti-communist, say friends, but what drove him to join the Orde Boerevolk last year and the extent of his involvement in ter-

rorist activities on behalf of the "Boer" cause remains vague.

After Martin's arrest last November for his alleged involvement with Adrian Maritz and Lood van Schalkwyk in the Bloed Street, Pretoria, bombing last August — as well as a parcel-bomb explosion at the offices of a Durban computer consultant in October — his life took a tragic turn.

In his struggle for amnesty in terms of the Pretoria Minute, he has brought himself to the

As right-wing hunger strikers fast approach their deaths, HELEN GRANGE tries to find cause and reason.

brink of death — and despite the lack of signs that his release is imminent, he is determined to go on until the end.

"We really appreciate him," commented Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom, who adds that his organisation welcomes the commitment of non-South African citizens to its cause.

But one senses a tone of uncertainty among his friends and political sympathisers regarding the new, death-defying limit being set by Martin in fighting for release — because if and when he does become South Africa's "Bobby Sands", there will surely be more to follow.

According to Mr Strydom, Martin, Maritz and Van Schalkwyk have vowed to follow each other to the grave if any one of them dies. □

Now families bear the brunt

ADRIAN Maritz (43) and Lood van Schalkwyk (53) are "Boers" willing to die in their struggle for amnesty — regardless of the trauma they will leave behind for their families.

Both men, engaged in a hunger strike which is fast sapping their desire to live, have left

their wives to fill their families' financial vacuum since being arrested in November in connection with the Bloed Street, Pretoria, bombing.

Their destinies merged when their political leanings led them to join the Orde Boerevolk last year — but until then, Maritz and Van Schalkwyk had led very different lifestyles.

Van Schalkwyk, a retired medical doctor, owned at least two medical practices, in Middeburg and Ellisras, during his professional career, and specialised in homeopathy.

He was busy expanding the Hartbeespoort petrol garage he managed jointly with his British-born wife, Heather, when he was arrested.

Van Schalkwyk has five children from his previous marriages, while his current wife of

four years has three of her own.

Heather speaks readily of his domestic persona — his love of classical music and woodwork, his deep commitment to religion (he is an "Israelite") — but knows little of his political activities.

"We ladies weren't in on that, but I know he is very anti-communist."

"While I can understand in my head why my husband is hunger striking, it is difficult to understand it in the heart."

Van Schalkwyk had a heart bypass operation a year ago, and has suffered two heart attacks in the past week.

Maritz, whose condition deteriorated suddenly on Sunday night, lies motionless nearby — his wife Karen constantly at his bedside.

He used to "live, sleep and eat" computers, according to Mrs van Schalkwyk.

Born in Utrecht, Maritz moved to Pretoria, where he found his political aspirations locked in the Orde Boerevolk.

Before he was arrested last year, he and Karen ran a computer company in Pretoria. Now, Karen holds down two part-time jobs to cover the cost of living.

She and Mrs van Schalkwyk have had to relocate from their expensive Pretoria suburbs in their quest for financial independence. "It's a struggle to hold the fort, but we understand our husbands' commitments," said Mrs van Schalkwyk. □

Racists beat up man and leave him for dead

By Montshiwa Moroke

Police are investigating an attack on a 20-year-old man who was assaulted and left for dead by a group of white youths in Princess, Roodoort, at the weekend.

David Mogola, a machine maintenance worker from Luipaardsvlei, Krugersdorp, woke up at the Leratong Hospital on Saturday morning, but does not know how he got there.

The last thing he remembers is being hit

with a wheel spanner and blood trickling down his face.

Mr Mogola said yesterday he had been on his way to visit a friend at about 9 m on Friday and was walking between two plots when a car approached him.

"I had seen the car, a red Honda Ballade, a few seconds earlier on Corlett Avenue as it was turning into the dirt road. I was expecting the car to pass when suddenly I was struck in the back with a stick from



David Mogola . . . lucky to be alive.

the moving car.

"I tried to run away but felt slightly weak from the blow. The car stopped and three white boys got out of the car

and rushed towards me.

"Just then, three more joined them. Two of them grabbed me while the rest punched and kicked me, mainly in the ribs.

"They were swearing at me all the time. They also called me a 'kaffir' and 'Mandela'.

"One of them tried to strike me in the face with a wheel spanner as I lay on the ground. I raised my arm to parry the blows and I actually heard my bone breaking twice as the blows land-

ed," said Mr Mogola.

His life was saved by a passerby who came across him lying on the isolated dirt road and took him to hospital. He had two fractures in the left arm, a gash on the head and cuts and bruises.

Mr Mogola's employer, John Welsh, said: "We cannot have this going on. It is like the Ku Klux Klan in America."

Police have appealed to anyone with information to telephone (011) 760-1710.

SAP arrests

AWB men

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Three AWB members were arrested yesterday in connection with clashes between rightwingers and police in Ventersdorp on August 9.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Burger van Rooyen said the men would probably appear in court in Ventersdorp today.

Lieutenant van Rooyen did not identify the men and could not say on what charges they were due to appear.

"Investigations into the incidents at Ventersdorp are continuing and persons who committed crimes can expect to be brought before a court of law.

"There can be no excuse for committing any crimes even under the banner of a political party or organisation." — Sapa.

Necklace killers jailed for 25 years

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men of Newlands here, accused of kicking a black man to death in September last year before setting him alight, have each been jailed for 25 years.

Deon van Deyenter, 25, and Japie Boonzaier, 24, were sentenced by Mr Justice M Joffe and two assessors in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

No parts of their sentences were suspended.

Van Deyenter and Boonzaier murdered Mr Johannes Masango by kicking him to death on September 14 last year. They then necklaced him.

The court found that the only reason they had attacked Mr Masango was that he was a black man.

The judge said people like the accused had to realise no one was entitled to attack any person irrespective of their colour, creed or race.

The attack had been vicious and the victim was a cripple who was unable to defend himself.

The state yesterday called for the

death sentence to be passed on the white men.

Arguing before sentence, Mr Danie Dorfling, for the state, said the motive of the men had not been morally justifiable and called on the court to set an example to the community by expressing its disapproval.

Mr Dorfling said burning the dead man's body had been an aggravating circumstance which the court should take into account.

Pro Deo defence council for Van Deyenter, Ms Julie Vardy, asked the judge to consider that her client had not been brought up to respect blacks.

Mr J Steyn, for Boonzaier, said: "The crime is not of such a nature that the death sentence is the only way that the community can get its retribution."

They submitted that neither accused would be a danger to society or the prison community.

Van Deyenter was earlier found guilty of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm to Mr Philemon Motimona, Mr Masango's companion.

— Sapa

By WILLIE ESTERHUYSE of the University of Stellenbosch

THE tragic happenings at Ventersdorp once again drew attention to the high level of political tension and intolerance in the country.

The political violence which coincides with it has the potential to delay and even derail settlement processes. International experience with processes of transition, democratising and reconstruction prove that high levels of political violence and intolerance constitute one of the factors which could wreck these processes.

South Africans who tend to talk so easily about violence don't have the vaguest idea of what could happen should law and order collapse. To understand this they need to travel to Lebanon instead of inciting the emotions of people, revolver on the hip, at Sunday braais.

Political violence which eventually leads to anarchy eventually affects everybody.

Reactionary resistance means what the word says it is, namely a reaction against changes which will affect established political and socio-economic interests, will change power ratios and, like in South Africa, change the rules of the political game.

This is what "the struggle for self-determination" is all about in reactionary rightwing circles.

There are few things to which people cling so vociferously as political power, and to attain it they will even take up arms.

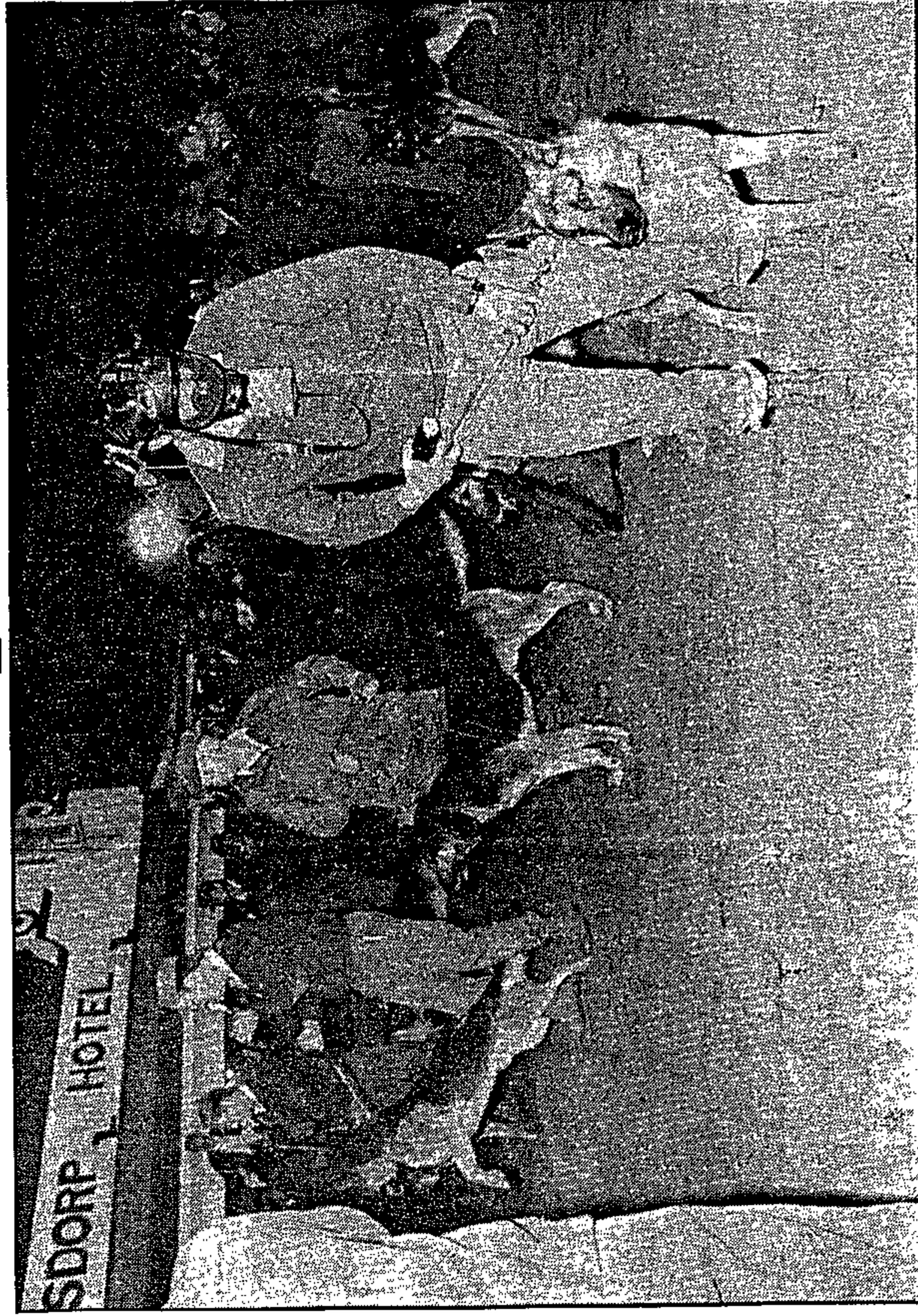
In harsh terms, the consequence of reactionary violence is moral bankruptcy. All too easily the credo can be established that reactionary political objectives justify the means.

The perpetrators of political violence eventually don't accept moral and civilised standards. They are

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they have also split families, friendships and institutions such as churches.

This process is already taking place in South Africa.

What should be done to make the law of the jungle ineffective?

People and institutions who value fundamental norms and civilised standards have a moral duty to protest against political violence. The same applies to political leaders.

However, protest is not sufficient. In societies like South Africa people should work hard to formulate agreements and conventions on codes for political conduct. This is probably the most important issue on the present agenda for negotiations.

Fortunately, there are good indications that something to this effect will be established. But that is not sufficient. Everything possible must be done to incorporate the reactionary and conservative groupings in the talks about the future of the country.

Conservatives who cannot associate themselves with violent actions – and there are many of them – will have to raise their voices.

The same applies to the leaders of the present extra-parliamentary opposition. Somebody correctly noted recently that white people take specific note of pronouncements by Nelson Mandela and his leadership corps and that they react to it.

These people do not only address their "own" audiences. Their audiences include people around the world. This is unavoidable. In such a situation good leadership demands that words should be carefully chosen.

In the last eight months nothing has impressed me more than the preparedness of people to co-operate and to turn South Africa into a prosperous and violence-free country.

The majority of South Africans are tired of violence. They want peace. What must happen is that seekers of peace declare "war" against violence.

STOP THIS CONFLICT ... AWB supporters disrupt a National Party meeting in Ventersdorp.

eradicated by violence. Human lives – especially the lives of opponents – are made cheap. Respect for others disappears along with self-respect.

The consequence of this is social disintegration and the crumbling of community life. Stability within society and healthy processes are after all not guaranteed by law alone.

A society which appreciates order and decency cannot allow its values and standards to be destroyed. Drawn-out reactionary violence will bring the country to its knees only along racial and ethnic lines,

economically and isolate it internally.

Rising levels of political intolerance and violence have established divisions which will take generations to eradicate. The divisions are not only along racial and ethnic lines,



CLOSE TO BLOWS ... Relatives leave the Rand Supreme Court after Van Deventer and Boonzaaier were sentenced.

Blood boils after killers jailed

By MARTIN NTSOENGOE

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THERE was nearly a bloody clash outside the Rand Supreme Court this week after two white men were sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment each for murdering an elderly black man.

The confrontation came when the brother of one of the two men tried to prevent newspaper photographers from taking pictures.

The man tried to grab Alf Khumalo's camera and pushed away another photographer.

Angered by this, a group of black people outside the court rushed towards the man, who ran to his car and threatened to shoot.

The altercation followed the sentencing of Deon Frederick van Deventer, 25, and Evert Jan Jacob Boonzaaier, 24, for the brutal murder of crippled Johannes Masango on September 14 last

year.

After severely assaulting Masango, the two men had burnt his body near Newclare Station. They then went to the Belmont Hotel with their bloodied clothes and hands and boasted to a woman that they had killed a black man.

Before passing sentence, Judge Joffe said Masango's only sin was his black skin.

Two innocent black men were going from a ship back to their room, when you decided to attack them for no good reason.

Everybody in this land has the right to move about without being molested or killed, irrespective of his colour, religion or sex," said Joffe.

He said the two men showed no remorse for their cruel deed.

According to Joffe, the assault had been cruel

and callous and convinced that the two white men had poured beer over the body and urinated on it.

Outside the court building after sentence was passed, Van Deventer's younger brother threatened to shoot black onlookers after he had confronted photographers.

One black man said to him: "Shoot right now and you will go to jail like your two AWB brothers."

Another black onlooker said: "You are a bunch of killers, but the day will dawn when you won't get the chance to kill blacks."

One man went to a young woman who was crying and asked: "Do you think they should have been given a suspended sentence? You must be crazy."

PICTURES BY ANDRIES MCINEREA

Cripple's cruel, lonely death

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

CRIPPLED Johannes Masango died after a cruel assault at the hands of two racists.

No bells rang to announce his death; no family member mourned his loss and no priest recited the requiem mass.

Masango earned his living as a builder, but was buried a pauper. He may have been buried with a dozen others in a single grave or coffin.

Masango lived with his friend Philemon Mthimunya in a backyard room in Newlands.

They were together on that terrible night when Masango was brutally killed.

After his death, Mthimunya tried unsuccessfully to locate Masango's family.

"He used to tell me that he had relatives in Daveyton. But after his death, I spent a whole week looking for them in vain. I could not find them anywhere in Daveyton," said Mthimunya.

He said Newlands police had also tried to find Masango's relatives, to no avail.

This week judge Joffe,

sitting with two assessors, convicted and sentenced Deon Frederick van Deventer, 25, of Jan Hofmeyer, and Evert Jan Jacobs Boonzaaier, 24, of Newlands, to 25 years' imprisonment each for murdering Masango last year.

The judge found that Van Deventer and Boonzaaier mercilessly kicked Masango on his body over a long period of time while he lay defenceless on the ground.

Their intention to kill was shown by the prolonged assault of a defenceless cripple.

He rejected an argument by both Van Deventer and Boonzaaier's defence counsels that the two had been under the influence of alcohol and could not have formed the intention to kill.

In mitigation of sentence, Van Deventer said he went to help Boonzaaier assault Masango because he was a friend.

He raised his eyebrows when asked by the prosecutor how he felt about black people.

He said: "I believe in apartheid.

"I will not say I hate blacks. I just cannot stand them."

The average AWB guy 'wants to be responsible'

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ANDRE Schoeman, naartjie farmer and butcher, describes himself as an "average guy" just trying to be responsible in life.

Sitting behind a busy desk surrounded by hefty pink carcasses in his Brits butchery — smoking John Rolfe cigarettes and chatting to his customers, he strikes one as just that — an average guy.

He is also a good representative of the AWB supporter — a humble family man making a moderate living, but with a fierce conviction about conserving the "Boer tradition" amid what he perceives as political chaos and economic ruin.

Mr Schoeman responds to all questions, including the most bland ones, cautiously and with a little suspicion.

It tends to bolster the impression that fear plays a large part in the politics of the right-wing — fear of black majority rule, fear of communism, and fear of being added to someone's hit list.

It is only after I have smoked a John Rolfe and swapped writing for better eye contact that Mr Schoeman becomes less rigid and more himself.

"I always vote for the Conservative Party, but the way I see it, the CP has no chance now of ever realising our ideals. In Parliament, its winner takes all and it's going to be the blacks this time."

"Ever since the early 1980s, I have sympathised with the AWB as the only way for the

An "average guy" who loves rugby, braaivleis, supports the AWB but is not a member — spoke to HELEN GRANGE.

Afrikaner to survive. The last good parliamentary leader we had was Hendrik Verwoerd. Since then, we have been heading for integration and eventually, it will be black majority rule."

Mr Schoeman's most influential lesson in politics was a comment his father, an Outshoorn farmer, made to him when he was in Std 3: "He told me when the first All Blacks rugby team arrived here that this meant blacks would start being integrated on every level. And that's exactly what's happening."

"It's not that we're kaffir haters. We're just normal people who want respect for our own traditions."

"We want a part of South Africa that belongs to us. Any real Zulu or Xhosa would want the same as we do."

The AWB, apart from its politics, also appeals to the grassroots kind of Afrikaner like himself, he tells me.

"They speak the language guys like me understand. The CP and NP go for the top guys, the doctors and the lawyers, and my experience with CP politicians is that they'll bow and scrape for you for as long as it takes you to vote for them."

"But when we walk in with our khaki clothes and we do our thing, it's obvious we're not part of them. They'll just use the AWB because we're prepared to offer ourselves physically."

Mr Schoeman is evidently fond of his khaki, a colour which has become the official dress of the AWB — derived from the dress of the Boer during the Anglo-Boer war.

He wears khaki shorts and shirt, with heavy duty leather shoes. His round face is sunburnt and his hands show he is no stranger to hard labour.

At home on his Bokfontein farm (about 15 km from Brits), his wife manages the farm "very well" during the day while he runs the butchery — and looks after the needs of his two young daughters and his 11-year-old son.

There will be no National Service for his son if he can help it.

"The people we once fought as enemies have now become our allies, and I won't allow my son to be part of it."

Again, he talks of responsibility: "I have a business and family that I am responsible for. The problem with blacks is that they haven't learnt how to be responsible, and now the Government is handing the country over to them."

"English whites in this country can fly away, but the Afrikaner can't go anywhere, so we'll have to stand up and fight for our rights here. We'll have to fight for our survival." □



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We just want a piece of land . . . says "Oom" George (76).

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

NP sets 'dangerous precedent' by calling off meeting

Political Staff 27/12/91
 THE National Party has bowed to the threat of AWB disruption by calling off a scheduled meeting of Agriculture Minister Dr Kraai van Niekirk in Parys in the Orange Free State at the last moment says the Democratic Party.

The DP slammed yesterday's decision and said the NP had set the "dangerous precedent" of submitting to threats of disruption by political opponents.

NP Free State leader Mr Kobbie Coetsee said yesterday he had decided to postpone the meeting and that he and Dr Van Niekirk would address a joint meeting later. He said large

numbers of AWB supporters had been planning to converge on Parys to disrupt the meeting.

Many NP supporters in Parys were elderly people whose safety could be threatened. Other people feared damage to their vehicles.

NP Parys vice-chairman Mr Hennie Stander said last night he was "very sure there would have been bloodshed" if the meeting had been held. At 5.45pm he had posted a notice on the door of the town hall saying the 7pm meeting was off. About 50 AWB supporters were gathered at the time.

AWB sources confirmed last night that they had intended to

disrupt the meeting — but Conservative Party Parys chairman Mr Gerrit van den Berg claimed that the NP had called off the meeting because it was afraid it would lose face if the CP succeeded in passing a motion of no-confidence in the government at the meeting.

The postponement of the meeting followed an agreement between the local CP and NP that CP members could attend the meeting if they did not disrupt it. Rules of conduct were laid down and the CP agreed to help maintain order.

It was widely thought that this might defuse a potential confrontation. However CP Free State

secretary Mr Gustav Claassen said yesterday that the agreement had never been binding on any other parties.

AWB sources said last night that the movement was "waiting for the next meeting". It would continue to disrupt meetings until the government agreed to implement procedures for conducting meetings agreed to by AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and Transvaal NP leader Mr Barend du Plessis during a television debate.

The AWB sources believed this agreement entitled them to unrestricted attendance at NP meetings if they remained orderly.

It is understood that police

were "ready for any eventuality" and had deployed sufficient forces and back-up to deal with a threatened disruption.

Mr Coetsee said in a statement that it now appeared that groups such as the AWB would not honour the CP/NP agreement and intended "imposing a procedure which can only lead to disorder and confrontation".

He apologised to the people of Parys for any inconvenience that the postponement might cause.

DP law and order spokesman Peter Gastrow said: "Come what may, you have to really dig in your heels on a principle as important as free speech."

January last year and May

1991.
The IBIIR said Shadrack Motoung, who died in May this year, was last seen alive in police custody at Khutsong Police Station. Witnesses said he was shot dead within an hour after police removed him from the police station.

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Plight of right-wingers draws fire from ANC

THE ANC was deeply concerned about the possible deaths of Orde Boerevolk hunger strikers Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz, it said yesterday.

Since it was within the power of government to resolve the whole issue of political prisoners, their deaths would be tragic and totally unnecessary, the ANC said.

Government should long ago have had discussions with them.

"The government's behaviour is even more disturbing because Martin and Maritz were apparently members of the NIS and Military Intelligence," the ANC said.

To allow persons who had

actually operated for government to deteriorate to the point they were likely to die showed "the most appalling cynicism".

In Pretoria, AWB secretary-general Piet Rudolph welcomed the concern expressed by the ANC.

Rudolph said President F W de Klerk was "taking politically foolish decisions" by not releasing Martin, Maritz and Lood van Schalkwyk.

"It is, however, heartening to note that the ANC views (them) as political prisoners," he said.

Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom said the men were in a critical condition when he visited them at Pretoria's H F Verwoerd Hospital on Sunday. — Sapa.

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NP calls off Parys meeting

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The NP yesterday called off a public meeting in Parys as reports were received of thousands of right-wingers moving into the Free State town.

National Party Free State leader and Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee said the meeting had been rescheduled because of fears that the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging would cause chaos and confrontation.

Sources in Parys said about 100 AWB members claiming to come from the all-white town Morgen-zon roamed the streets claiming victory over the NP.

The AWB said last night that it seemed the NP was finally taking notice of the organisation, adding that its members had been instructed to attend the meeting in force but to be well-behaved.

AWB secretary Mr Ernest van der Westhuizen accused the NP of sidestepping a recent televised agreement between NP Transvaal leader Mr Bar-end du Plessis and AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre-Blanche to hold open NP meetings provided right-wingers attended unarmed and did not disrupt proceedings.

DP Law and Order spokesman Mr Peter Gastrow said that postponing the meeting had set the dangerous precedent of giving in to threats by political disruptors. At a time of heightened political tension parties should stand firm to defend free speech, even if police protection was required, he said.

Nats give in to AWB threats

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Elderly people

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SOWETAN Correspondent

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Extremist attacks: US warns visitors to SA

Own Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The US embassy and consular facilities in SA, are possible targets for attacks by right-wing extremists, the State Department warns in its latest travel advisory for visitors to SA.

The new warning, which updates notices the department has been issuing annually for the past decade, cautions that "as the situation in SA becomes less favourable to hardline apartheid supporters, the potential for right-wing

violence may increase.

"While the official US presence is the most likely target for such violence, private American citizens should exercise caution as well. There have been bomb explosions against civilian targets, such as hotels, shopping centres and bus terminals."

While previous warnings against falling foul of government security regulations have been dropped, visitors are also urged to stay clear of political demonstrations.

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'Chicken Nats' slated

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

THE National Party has been criticised by its white political opponents after it bowed to rightwing pressure and cancelled a public meeting in Parys on Monday night.

NP Free State leader Mr Kobie Coetsee said the meeting was postponed because they feared a confrontation with the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

This was after sources said hundreds of AWB supporters would be brought from outside the Free State town.

Meeting

AWB sources confirmed they intended disrupting the meeting and were "waiting for the next one".

Democratic Party Law and Order spokesman Mr Peter Gastrow said: "If a party as powerful as the NP starts making exceptions, others to the left and right might think they can intimidate political opponents in the same way."



Jammer ou maat, jy's laat . . . a latecomer is refused entrance to the National Party meeting in Dewetsdorp. Pictures: John Hogg



On patrol . . . policemen and dogs guarded the town hall, where the meeting was held.

Rightwingers locked out at NP meeting

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

DEWETSDORP — About 150 people attended the National Party meeting behind locked doors in the town hall last night as a cordon of police held about 10 rightwingers at bay.

The khaki-clad rightwingers circled the square in a bakkie

and then disappeared.

Four men claiming to be NP supporters from Bloemfontein, who arrived late for the meeting, were not admitted because they were not known by any of the guards at the door.

Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs, National Housing and Local Government Leon

Wessels told the gathering neither the Right nor the Left could deal with the country's problems as effectively as the NP. He said the respect in the country for President de Klerk far outstripped that held for the NP itself.

"We will all have to work on this," he said.

Linden to fight highways and business development

Staff Reporter

Ratepayers in Linden, Johannesburg, vowed last night to fight multilane highways and commercial development in their north western suburb.

At the inaugural meeting of the Linden Ratepayers' Association last night, about 200 residents elected a steering committee to fight business development and preserve the suburb's residential status.

The eight-man committee is headed by resident Blackie

Swart.

Residents were warned their suburb was under threat from large scale business development — including an office park in Darrenwood adjacent to Linden — and plans to turn Republic Road and Third Avenue into a six-lane highway. This would link with DF Malan Drive and split Linden in half.

More than 2 000 children crossed these roads daily, the meeting was told.

Vice-chairman of the committee, Bobby Heaney, accused

authorities of attempting to use the suburb to achieve commercial aims. He said commercialisation would result in residents becoming increasingly demoralised.

"This is the warning to the authorities that residents are not interested in the upgrading of roads.

"We will find ways to make Linden the safest suburb for our children. We've got something for them and that is they ain't seen nothing yet," Mr Heaney said.

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**US tourists get
attack warning**

The US State Department has warned its citizens travelling in South Africa of possible attacks by pro-apartheid whites on American buildings and facilities. *Star 29/8/91*

"As the situation in South Africa becomes less favourable to hardline apartheid supporters, the potential for right-wing violence may increase," says a travel advisory.

"While the official US presence is the most likely target, private American citizens should exercise caution as well," it adds.

There was an explosion last year at the back gate of the US Embassy in Pretoria which caused minor damage but no injuries. Rightwingers were suspected.

Right-wing whites oppose President de Klerk's reforms aimed at ending apartheid and sharing power with blacks.

The travel advisory also reiterates warnings of violence at political demonstrations in Natal and areas near Johannesburg.

Black faction fighting in townships has killed 6 000 people in five years. — Sapa-AP.

Government keeps out of mining town's race row

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The government will not intervene in the row over mining companies' plans to move senior black employees into "white" suburbs of CP-controlled Phalaborwa in the northern Transvaal.

The plan has been opposed by right-wing groups in the area who have threatened violence if black families move in.

The ANC plans to start a consumer boycott of the town next week.

The chief director of land allocation in the Department of Lo-

cal Government and Housing, Mr Nevil Karsen, said there was nothing that the government could do to help solve the problem.

Mr Karsen said: "Since the Group Areas Act has been repealed, there is no law restricting people from staying where they want to."

He said "there is no law precluding non-whites from occupying houses in white areas".

Mr Karsen advised anyone threatened with violence for moving into "white" areas to report the matter to the police.

The Phalaborwa Town Council

held an urgent referendum on the issue after the news of the plans by the mining companies to move their senior black employees into the white-only suburbs.

The mayor, Mr Jan Grobbelaar, said that of a voters' roll of 6 400 white Phalaborwa residents, only 1 328, representing 19,6 per cent, took part with "only 45 voting yes to mixed suburbs".

Mr Grobbelaar said the other 1 283 voted against integration.

He said the council resolved on Tuesday night to send the results of the referendum to all employers in the area so they knew the feeling of residents.

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NP will not be scared off — FW

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Political Correspondent

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk yesterday vowed that the National Party would not be scared off by political thuggery or threats from holding political meetings throughout the country.

His promise not to bow to pressure follows the cancellation of an NP meeting in Parys this week and reported division among NP leaders about how best to handle right-wing threats.

Mr De Klerk, leader of the NP, yesterday denied that there were differences of opinion on the handling of threats to NP meetings.

He said in a statement that the NP did not allow itself to be intimidated by threats "which come almost exclusively from right-wing elements".

The party would continue to put its case throughout South Africa "in a sensible manner". This included meetings.

Mr De Klerk said the four provincial leaders — Ministers Mr Dawie de Villiers (Cape), Mr Kobie Coetsee (Free State), Mr Barend du Plessis (Transvaal) and Mr George Bartlett (Natal) — had been in complete agreement with him over the continuation of the Ventersdorp meeting as well as the postponement of the Parys meeting. CT 30/8/91

Detective was involved in blast - SAP

Staff Reporter
and Sapa

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The South African Police last night denied allegations reported almost a week ago that the Security Branch was involved in far-Right "terror" acts.

In a statement issued in Pretoria, the police also admitted the involvement of a trainee detective constable in a Durban blast, in which Nicholas James Cruse (23) was killed. The detective has been suspended and is to be a State witness in a court case.

Two of the three Orde Boerevolk members now on hunger strike in Pretoria, Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz, have claimed they were State agents when they exploded the Durban bomb.

Another OB member, Leonard Veenendal, backed up their claim and said they were assisted by a security policeman. He also said Mr Martin and Mr Maritz were members of the National Intelligence Service and Military Intelligence. SADF and NIS spokesmen have previously denied the two men had worked for them.

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In its statement last night, the police said further disciplinary action against the force member would be considered once court proceedings were completed.

The statement further denied the allegation of police agent involvement as "unsubstantiated".

The police objected to reports on the matter, saying they were "unreasonably prejudiced"

The police statement stressed that the case was sub judice.

Homes for blacks in CP town

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Northern Transvaal Bureau

The Palabora Mining Company is going ahead with plans to house black employees in a "white" suburb of the town, despite threats from right-wing extremists.

General manager George Deyssel told The Star yesterday that the company's first consideration was the welfare of its employees. It was simply implementing a scheme which did not allow for discrimination, he said.

"Applications from our employees for housing are

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treated on merit. Naturally, we expect certain minimum living standards from all who make use of company houses," he added.

He said he expected that only a few black families would be settled in the Phalaborwa suburb.

Security arrangements would be made if employees were threatened.

In a white "referendum" conducted by the CP-controlled Phalaborwa Town Council last week, 1 280 voted against the mines move and 45 in favour.

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The percentage poll was 19 percent.

The local leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Fritz Meyer, said he was quite happy with the poll.

The National Party and the chamber of commerce in the town said the matter had been blown out of proportion and made a highly emotional issue. They reiterated their opposition to the town council's actions.

The ANC said it was disappointed with the referendum and would go ahead with a consumer boycott.

Too willing to kill for power

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My Eyes

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THE fact that the National Party was forced to cancel its planned meeting in Parys because of the threat of a possible Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) armed invasion should be cause for concern to all South Africans who wish to see political tolerance and pluralism thrive in South Africa.

It should be remembered that a few weeks ago the same AWB strong-arm tactics actually led to the loss of three lives in Ventersdorp.

It would appear that this unfortunate incident has not dampened the AWB's apparent determination to use force and not persuasion to sell their policies — whatever they are.

While there is merit in the argument that the leaders of the NP might have created an unhelpful precedent by postponing their meeting because of threats of violence, there is perhaps more merit on the NP's part in putting the lives of their followers above personal political gain.

In this sense, NP leaders need to be commended for they are doing what some of our own political leaders are failing to do. There is still a tendency to sacrifice innocent lives at the altar of political expediency.

Politics that has sunk to that level is not worth having in any civilised and democratic society.

It is amazing that any sane and self-respecting political leader could live with a situation where his organisation becomes topical, not as a result of the policies it espouses, but rather as a result of the amount of violence it can unleash and the extent of the political intolerance and barbarism it can exhibit.

What will be counted in the

future election is the number of votes each party has won, and not the number of citizens its members have managed to kill or terrorise.

It is high time the leaders of the AWB also took note of this fact.

Having said all the above, I must nevertheless express concern about the Government's apparent reluctance to deal firmly with the AWB or any other similar elements that are trying to introduce the law of the jungle into our politics.

A democratic culture does not simply grow like wild berries in a forest.

It has to be taught, learnt and practised.

It also has to be nurtured and enforced if necessary.

It is this element of enforcing a democratic culture that seems to be disturbingly lacking in the Government's kid-gloves treatment of the AWB and its fellow travellers.

The enforcement needs to start with AWB and other right-wing leaders who must be pinned down to specific procedures and rules of the game.

If they fail to observe these procedures, then they must be effectively penalised without any mercy.

At a time when all South Africans are trying desperately to create a common vision of a future democracy those who use extra-constitutional and violent methods to promote their political viewpoints do not deserve abundant mercy or respect from the State.

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AWB 'has about 2 500 members'

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By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

Despite its boasts of huge membership and support, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has a recognisable core of about 2 500 active and visible members, say the organisation's critics and observers.

A group of these members, augmented by an identifiable group of active AWB sympathisers, can be seen at every National Party meeting where the AWB has decided to protest, the National Party has claimed.

"Most of them are recognisable as the same people attending protests. They are bused in from all over," said NP organiser Dr Gerhard Koornhof.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis took a hard line last week on the AWB's transportation of supporters to meetings to show force.

He said the AWB was ferrying large groups of people from distant areas to NP meetings, an action which had little political meaning.

It was nothing more than a blatant logistical exercise to get people to a certain place, he said.

Dr Wim Booysse, political risk analyst and right-wing specialist, said he believed had AWB between 2 000 and 5 000 card-carrying members — although other observers lean toward the lower of the two figures.

"There is a very identifiable group of committed AWB members and supporters who attend these meetings. Most of the members belong to the Wenkommandos (the AWB's military wing)," said Dr Booysse.

In response to the NP's remarks, AWB spokesman Ernie van der Westhuizen said it was "typical of the Nats to spread this kind of disinformation".

"The NP has painted itself into a corner and is now trying to discredit us," he said.

The membership of the AWB is secret, but Mr van der Westhuizen, on being asked whether there were about 2 500 signed-up members of the organisation, commented: "That is laughable".

Whites on trial for fatal assaults on blacks

TWO unrelated murder trials in which groups of young white men are alleged to have beaten black men to death began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

In the first trial, Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 19, Deon Meyer, 25, and a 16-year-old youth, all of Germiston, pleaded not guilty to murdering a still unidentified black man on an open piece of ground near where they lived on November 12 last year.

The State alleges the three assaulted the man with a wooden bed leg and karate sticks, as well as their fists and feet. His body was found in the veld the next day.

The trial is being heard in camera by Mr Justice Stegmann and two assessors be-

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cause the youth may not be identified.

A State witness, Dorris Olivier, told the court that the morning after the alleged murder, the youth had told her he had beaten a "kaffir" to death with a bed leg. She said he had laughed as he watched police remove the body.

She described how the three had bathed and washed their bloody clothes after coming home the night before.

In the second, unrelated trial, before Mr Justice Laubschagne and two assessors, four Edenvale teenagers, Brian Derek

Scheepers, 19, Brenden Greig Hastings, 18, Craig Lambton-Carr, 18, and Gary Richard Martin, 19, pleaded not guilty to murdering Sicelo William Mbethe on May 26 last year.

The State alleges Mbethe was walking down Van Riebeeck Avenue in Edenvale when the four youths drove past before allegedly getting out of the vehicle and attacking him. B1047 319191

Mbethe ran down the road in an attempt to escape, but the four allegedly caught him and attacked him again, using their hands and feet, a hammer and a hockey stick. He was also stabbed several times with a sharp object and died on the spot.

Both trials continue today.

Race-murder trials told two were beaten to death

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JACQUELINE MYBURGH
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Seven men have appeared in the Rand Supreme Court in two separate cases of race violence.

Three Germiston men appeared before Mr Justice M S Stegman yesterday on a charge of murdering an unidentified black man.

Mr Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 19, Mr Deon Meyer, 25, and a third accused, a minor who may not be named, pleaded not guilty.

The State alleged that on the night of November 12 last year, the three men repeatedly assaulted the black man using a wooden bed leg and karate sticks, their fists and feet.

Mrs Doris Roda Olivier said in evidence she and her husband lived with the accused at the time of the incident and she

had seen them with blood on their clothes and bodies the night of the alleged murder.

The men had awakened Mrs Olivier and Mr Ferreira had said: "Ons het 'n kaffir gebliksem."

She said the youth told her they had hit a "kaffir" to death with a bed leg and the next morning had laughed when police found the body.

"He thought it was a big joke," Mrs Olivier said.

State Advocate Mr H J Broodryk handed in statements made by the two men before a magistrate on November 16 last year.

The youth said the two men had been drinking at Germiston Lake, after which they went for a walk in the veld.

They came across a black man whom they hit repeatedly with a bed leg.

The hearing continues today.

In a hearing before Mr Justice J J Labuschagne, the State alleged that four Edenvale youths killed Mr Sicelo William Mbethe on May 26 last year by repeatedly assaulting him with a hammer, a hockey stick and other weapons.

He was allegedly also stabbed several times with a knife or sharp instrument and later knocked down by the accused in a vehicle.

Mr Brian Derek Scheepers, 19, Mr Brenden Greig Hastings, 18, Mr Craig Lambton-Carr, 19, and Mr Gary Richard Martin, 19, all of Edenvale, pleaded not guilty to murder.

In a statement to a magistrate, Mr Lambton-Carr pleaded innocence on the grounds he was drunk and under the influence of dagga.

Mr Scheepers said in a statement he and the other accused had been driving Mr Lambton-

Carr's mother's car when they saw the man, beat him up and bumped him with the car. Mr Martin said they were drunk and had assaulted the man with a hammer.

Miss Mavis Mugongwa, the deceased's girlfriend, testified that her boyfriend left home at 4 am that Saturday to go to work at Modderfontein, but he never came back. The court heard earlier in evidence from Edenvale police Sergeant Deon Smit that Mr Mbethe was killed 400 metres from his home and 250 metres from the home of Mr Lambton-Carr.

The deceased had wounds on his legs, face, skull, back and chest, according to Dr J D J de Villiers, a Germiston district surgeon. There were gaping wounds in his lungs and kidney, and head wounds had been inflicted with a blunt object such as a hammer.

The trial continues today.

Youth 'told me he had beaten a kaffir to death'

Staff Reporter

Two Germiston men and a teenage boy appeared before Mr Justice M S Stegman in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday charged with beating an unidentified black man to death with karate sticks and the leg of a bed.

Ettiene Thomas Ferreira (19), Deon Meyer (25) and a 16-year-old, who may not be named because he is a minor, pleaded not guilty.

The State alleges that on the night of November 12 1990 the three repeatedly assaulted the black man using a wooden bed leg and karate sticks or "nunchakkas" and/or their fists and/or their feet.

Giving evidence in court yesterday, Dorris Roda Olivier said she and her husband had lived in a house with the three at the time and she had seen them with blood on their clothes and bodies the night of the alleged murder.

'Laughed'

The men had woken Mrs Olivier, and Mr Ferreira had said: "Ons het 'n kaffir gebliksem."

She said the youth had told her they had hit a "kaffir" to death with a bed leg and the following morning he had laughed when the police discovered the body of the deceased.

"He thought it was a big joke," Mrs Olivier

said.

State Advocate H J Broodryk handed in statements which had been made by the youth and Mr Ferreira before a magistrate on November 16 last year.

The youth said he and the other accused had been drinking at Germiston Lake, after which they had gone for a walk in the veld.

They had come across a black man whom they hit repeatedly with a bed leg.

Mr Ferreira said they had found the black man sleeping under a piece of plastic.

They had hit him with a bed leg and karate sticks.

The case continues today.

'Evidence was dumped'

SUSAN RUSSELL

A GERMISTON man tried to protect his brother and two friends by throwing away a wooden bed leg allegedly used by the three to beat a black man to death, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Johannes Olivier said he had thrown away the leg after finding it in the kitchen of the house he shared with the three.

He was testifying on behalf of the state at the trial of his brother Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 19, Deon Meyer, 25, and a 16-year-old youth who may not be identified.

The three have pleaded not guilty to murdering an unidentified black man in open veld in Germiston on November 12 last year.

They allegedly attacked the man after finding him asleep and beat him to death with a wooden bed leg and karate sticks.

The trial continues.

TPA under fire for stance on squatters

THEO RAWANA

A ROW has broken out between the Soweto City Council and the TPA over the resettlement of the 1 500 people in the troubled Mshenguville squatter camp.

At least six people died in the reputed Inkatha stronghold at the weekend, prompting Soweto mayor Oscar Maseko to declare it a "crisis area" and call for 24-hour police protection for its residents.

Soweto council PRO Mojalefa Moseki yesterday accused the TPA of "not applying its mind" to the urgency of providing land for the resettlement of the residents of Mshenguville.

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit in turn called the accusation "utter rubbish" because, she said, the council had failed to stop more people from flocking to the area when the original residents were moved to Orange Farm in 1989.

There were no more stands available in serviced areas and the identification, acquisition and developing of more land for squatters required money and time, Du Toit said.

Maseko said that since fighting had

broken out in the area in July, the Soweto council has done all in its power to stop the violence. "On the other hand we have held several meetings with top TPA officials for more than a month to provide land, either at Doornkop or elsewhere, for the permanent resettlement of all Mshenguville families."

Moseki said all the council was getting from the TPA was promises.

Meanwhile, Inkatha secretary for the West Rand Humphrey Ndlovu dismissed allegations that Mshenguville was an Inkatha stronghold, saying the area was occupied by people of mixed political affiliation.

"We don't go about creating strongholds, but people themselves go out and seek Inkatha membership," he said.

Ndlovu denied allegations that his organisation was involved the fighting at Mshenguville.

But he welcomed the council's moves to bring order to the camp and said his organisation had been holding talks with other groupings to resolve the issue.

Post mortem to determine

AS ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela engages in unlikely statesmanship in trying to save the lives of rightwingers, an opposite drama is building in Phalaborwa.

There, in the northeastern, sleepy town of about 6 700 whites, an ANC member who plans moving into town faces lynching by rightwingers intent on keeping the town white.

The ANC member, mine supervisor Mr Mackson Ngobeni (46), apparently intends to run the full rightwing gauntlet.

Durability

And so the durability of the current *toenadering* between opposing groups, as seen by the meeting of Mandela and Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Nic Strydom in Pretoria on Monday, may be put to the test sooner rather than later in Phalaborwa.

While everyone we spoke to, including Conservative Party members, town mayor Mr JH Grobelaar and Phalaborwa Mine Company spokesman Mr Tony Moore, all expressed hope that no violence would erupt, the AWB has said it will shed blood to stop Ngobeni from moving in.

It is a threat that cannot be dismissed lightly, considering the AWB's indiscriminate attack on blacks in Welgevonden, Ventersdorp, Louis Tricardt and Krugersdorp.

And so, what was once a sleepy town that only made the news as the hottest part of the country, may ex-

plode onto the front pages of newspapers showing rampant lynching mobs reminiscent of the film *Mississippi Burning*.

Ngobeni, bondholder of a house in Zone C, Namakgale, was a content man doing his job as assistant shift foreman, a senior position at PMC.

His house had been valued at R9 700 and he had been paying rent of R6,09 a month, excluding water and electricity.

PMC, a subsidiary of the British company RTZ, had since 1983 become an "equal opportunities" company that did not discriminate except in its housing policy, which was governed by legislation.

The company has houses for its black employees in Namakgale Township, about 12km from the town and for its white employees in town itself.

When State President FW de Klerk scrapped the Group Areas Act in June, PMC wasted no time in amending its housing policy.

Being the biggest single estate owner in town, with 1 160 stands out of the total 3 100 in town, PMC wasted no time in advising its employees that those who qualified in terms of their grades for town houses could apply.

Uncertainties

A notice dated July 19 to all employees tried to allay fears of white workers.

"Clearly South Africa is going through a process of change," the notice said.

"To many of us this creates uncertainties and even

Drama in a sleepy town

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and residential quarters would not be affected; and

"That the residents of Phalaborwa consulted by way of a survey to determine whether they support the council in its opinion that occupation of properties by families of other races is not acceptable because an own community life, value of properties, First World standards and good order will be affected and lowered."

Ngobeni made his application, which was duly processed. He was allocated house No 5 on Knoppeldoring Street, Phalaborwa.

The council did a three-day opinion poll from August 22 to 24, in which residents were asked: "Are you in favour of the occupation and inhabitation of properties in Phalaborwa by families of other races?"

Town clerk Mr Willy Fouche said the outcome was a less than 20 percent poll, with only 1 328 people out of the 6 700 registered voters taking part.

Of the respondents, an overwhelming majority of 1 280 voted against blacks moving in - they wanted their "First World standards" to be kept.

The outcome was controversial. The CP and AWB say the majority are against the move while other people say a 19 percent poll is no barometer.

Others also argue that if the "silent majority" had been against the move, they would have taken part in the poll.

But for Ngobeni and PMC, the whole exercise was academic. The Group Areas Act was out and there was no legal basis on which the council could stop Ngobeni moving in.

Violence

The mayor, when asked yesterday what would be done with the outcome, said it had been communicated to all employers in the hope that they would heed residents' feelings. But he said the council could do nothing to stop PMC as it would be illegal to interfere.

He also said he hoped there would not be violence as his party did not support violence.

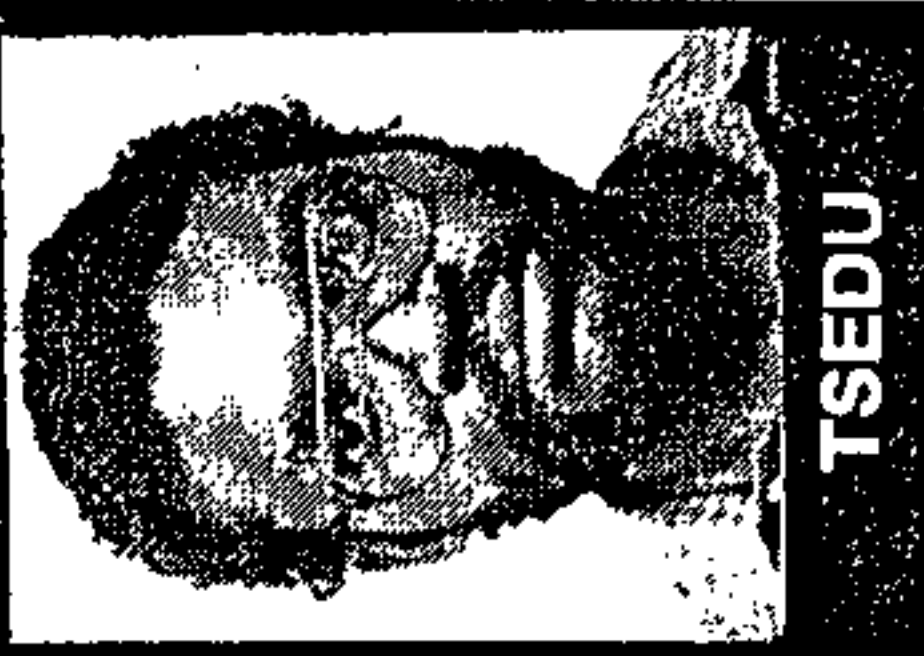
PMC was this week renovating Ngobeni's new house, which has air conditioning in all rooms and which will cost him a mere R16,35 a month, excluding water and electricity.

But the threats of rightwing violence are not being taken lightly, Moore said, and security will be provided for the family.

Perhaps Ngobeni should also approach his president, Mandela, and ask him to speak to Strydom, father of mass murderer Barend Strydom, about a reciprocal gesture.

Lynch mobs may form to keep blacks out of town

BY MATHATHA



The resolution passed on July 30, highly insulting to blacks, read:

"That the standard of service and all other standards set by and adhered to by the council shall be kept up and not be lowered to Third World standard; that its own community life

"That the council will endeavour to do everything in its power to protect the community life and welfare of its residents, despite the political deception of the Government, which had assured the community that its own community life

fears. It must be known that Phalaborwa (PMC) supports these changes and asks all employees to exercise patience, tolerance and understanding as we move into the new era."

As soon as this notice was out, the town council of Phalaborwa, made up of five CP and four independent councillors, resolved to oppose the PMC move. The vote was five votes to three.



NP crackdown on meeting 'busters'

Political Correspondent

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — The proposed referendum on a new constitution could degenerate into an intimidation contest, the Free State leader of the National Party, Mr Kobie Coetsee, said yesterday.

Opening the party's provincial congress here, he hinted that the government might take further steps to crack down on groupings resorting to violence and intimidation to break up or prevent political meetings.

Mr Coetsee, who recently called off a planned NP meeting in Parys because of fears of right-wing disruption, said that intimidation was the "twin brother of blackmail" and could not be tolerated.

In an apparent reference to the AWB, he said that some groups were under the misapprehension that it was acceptable to walk into a meeting, propose a motion and take over the meeting.

● The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, yesterday issued a strong warning to people intent on disturbing or disrupting political meetings, Sapa reports.

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

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an unidentified man on Novem-
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The trial is being heard in
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of the youngest accused.
The State has alleged the
three assaulted the man with a
leg of a wooden bed, karate
sticks, and their fists and feet.

State witness Johannes Jaco-
bus Olivier, brother of Mr Fer-
reira, told the court yesterday
that on the night of the alleged
murder there had been a party
at the house where he lived with
the three accused.
They had smoked dagga, and
drunk brandy and champagne,
he said, adding that one of the
accused had later tried to wake

him (Mr Olivier) to ask him for
his firearm, but he had failed
to respond.
The next morning he had
found the bed leg in the kitchen
and driven to the Heidelberg
road where he dumped it, Mr
Olivier told the court.
On November 16 he had
shown the police where the bed
leg had been dumped.

The court also heard that po-
lice forensic laboratories had
identified blood on the bed leg
as the same type as that of the
murdered man.
In a sworn statement submit-
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blood on a pair of jeans that had

belonged to one of the accused,
but it could not be analysed.
Earlier, the doctor who had
carried out the post-mortem on
the deceased's body said the un-
identified black man had died of
a fractured skull and cortical
contusions.
Death had been due to a hard
blow, Dr Jan Georg Pieterse
said.

Blood found on bed leg 'same type as murdered man'

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The head injuries would h-
been caused by a blow wit-
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bited before the court, he said.
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appearing for Mr Ferre-
whether the blows could h-
been caused if the deceased h-
fallen on to a stone in a hole,
Pieterse said this was possi-
He estimated that the vic-
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Man hid bed leg 'to protect housemates'

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JOHANNESBURG. — A Germiston man tried to protect his brother and two friends by throwing away a wooden bed leg allegedly used by the three to beat a black man to death, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Johannes Olivier said he had thrown away the leg after finding it in the house he shared with the three.

He was testifying on behalf of the state at the trial of his brother, Mr Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 19, Mr Deon Meyer, 25, and a 16-year-old youth who may not be identified.

The three have pleaded not guilty to murdering an unidentified black man sleeping in an open veld in Germiston on November 12 last year.

The trial continues today.

Accused's brother threw away weapon

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JOHANNESBURG. — The brother of one of three Germiston men accused of murdering a black man testified in the Rand Supreme Court that he had thrown away the alleged murder weapon to protect the accused.

Mr Ettiene Thomas Ferreira, 19, Mr Deon Meyer, 25, and a youth have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice MS Stegman and two assessors to murdering an unidentified black man on November 12 last year.

The trial is being held in camera.

The State has alleged the three assaulted the man with a wooden bed leg and karate sticks as well as their fists and feet. His body was found in the veld the next day.

State witness Mr Johannes Jacobus Olivier, brother of Mr Ferreira, told the court that on the night of the alleged murder at a party at the house where he lived with the three accused they smoked dagga and drank.

One of the accused later unsuccessfully tried to awaken Mr Olivier to ask him for his firearm.

The next morning Mr Olivier found a bed leg in the kitchen and drove to the Heidelberg road where he dumped it.

The court heard that police forensic laboratories had identified blood of the same type as that of the murdered man on the bed leg.

In a sworn statement submitted by State Advocate Mr H J Broodryk, Major Johannes Claasens of the SAP's forensic laboratory said there was also blood on a pair of jeans belonging to one of the accused, but it could not be analysed.

Earlier, a doctor, who had examined the deceased, said the black man had died of a fractured skull and cortical contusions. Death had been from a "hard blow with a blunt object", Dr Jan Georg Pieterse said.

We tried to help black victim, claims murder accused

A 19-YEAR-OLD Germiston teenager told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he assaulted a black man with karate sticks after encountering him on a piece of open veld, but that he had no intention of killing him.

Etienne Ferreira is one of three young white men charged with murdering an unknown black man in Germiston on November 12 last year.

Ferreira, co-accused Deon Meyer, 25, and a 16-year-old youth have pleaded not guilty to the charge.

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across the veld when the black man suddenly jumped up in front of them and the 16-year-old hit the man with a wooden bed leg he was carrying.

Ferreira said after this he also hit the man with his karate sticks.

The man fell into a ditch and they went home.

Later they returned to help the man, who then tried to grab Meyer, and he (Ferreira) kicked him twice.

He said they went back to assist the man a second time and found him climbing out of the ditch.

They helped him out and went home. The trial continues.

Uganda suspends arms haul pilots

KAMPALA — The Ugandan government has suspended five pilots suspected of smuggling weapons from SA to Yugoslavia in a Ugandan-registered plane.

Transport minister Ruhakana Rugunda announced the pilots' suspension and the establishment of a six-man committee to investigate the incident, Sapa-AP reports.

The plane was impounded in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, on Saturday after being found carrying 19 tons of arms and ammunition that had been picked up in SA.

Rugunda said the plane made several flights to pick up arms in SA, but declined to say how many or give any other details on the apparent gun running.

And in Belgrade a Croatian-born Canadian businessman Anton Kikas, who was aboard the plane, was fined nearly \$1m for attempting to smuggle 18 tons of weapons into Croatia.

Yugoslavian military spokesman Col Miodrag Starcevic said on Tuesday the fine was levied by customs authorities. Kikas remained in custody and could still face criminal charges.

He said the shipment worth \$1.1m, which included 520 Singapore-made automatic rifles, 1 350 rifle-launched grenades and 621 000 bullets, had been impounded.

Kikas told military investigators the

arms had been bought for the Croatian government with money collected by the Croatian National Fund in Canada. He arranged a deal for the weapons with a British citizen living in SA, Starcevic said.

The Boeing 707 used in the operation had been leased by Uganda from the Kansas City-based Aviation Leasing Group from October 1990 until August 15. It had not been deregistered, however, because Uganda planned to lease it again in October, a Ugandan government spokesman disclosed earlier.

In Pretoria Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said yesterday government had not authorised the sale or delivery of arms to Yugoslavia. He said government believed arms should not be delivered to any of the conflicting parties in that country.

Armscor has already denied supplying weapons to groups in Yugoslavia.

KIN BENTLEY reports from London that a Jane's Defence Weekly spokesman says weapons allegedly bought in Johannesburg and flown illegally from Mmabatho to Yugoslavia could have come from the Bophuthatswana Defence Force.

He stressed, however, that there was no evidence to confirm this.

Armscor was unlikely to want to risk damage to its international reputation for such a small order, he said.



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Cautionary announcement

'Blood will flow over land in SA'

PRETORIA. — Blood would flow over land in South Africa, right-wingers warned at the Transvaal Agricultural Union's annual congress here yesterday. (344) CTS/9/91

TAU vice-president Mr Willie Lewies told delegates that, historically, white farmers had occupied their land

because it had been left vacant after "nomadic cannibal tribes" had eaten up previous black occupants.

He warned the authorities to heed the warning of Ventersdorp farmers.

"Let's not play with fire," Mr Lewies said. "The question of land ownership is

emotional. Blood will flow over land."

And TAU executive committee member Mr Egbert Hiemstra said: "Famine is on the cards for SA."

Boers and the government could not prevent this, he added.

Another delegate, Mr Gert Smit, said labour legislation

regulating farmers would promote joblessness.

The real culprits regarding unemployment were parents who conceived children regardless of the poor labour market conditions, he said.

The congress will discuss the rural security situation tomorrow. — Sapa

Teenager tells of assault with karate sticks

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A Germiston teenager told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he assaulted a black man with karate sticks after encountering him on a piece of open veld, but said he had no intention of killing him.

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I was in state of shock, says alleged killer

By Philip Zoio

A Germiston man accused of murdering a black man told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that his 16-year-old companion hit the man with a wooden bed leg after taking fright when the black man suddenly appeared in front of the youths.

Ettiene Thomas Ferreira (19) said that his co-accused, who is a minor and may not be named, struck the unidentified man while they were walking in the veld near Germiston Lake.

Mr Ferreira said that he himself then hit the man three or four times with his karate sticks, which he always carried for self-protection, because he was in a "state of shock".

The two youths then returned to their residence in Germiston, where 25-year-old Deon Meyer was living, Mr Ferreira said.

The three returned to Germiston Lake to help the man they had just attacked, he said. The man who they had just beaten tried to grab Mr Meyer, but he couldn't see if Mr Meyer hit him, Mr Ferreira said.

Mr Ferreira then

kicked at the man but was not sure whether he made contact.

The youths left the lake and returned a third time. After flashing a lighter they saw that the man had blood on his face. They then saw him walk away, Mr Ferreira said.

The three youths have been charged with murdering the man by assaulting him with the wooden bed leg, karate sticks and with their fists and feet on November 12 last year.

Mr Ferreira said, under cross-examination that a photograph of the deceased showed a different man from the one they had assaulted.

He said that the man in the photo had head injuries, and that they had not struck the man on the head.

Earlier yesterday shortly after the State closed its case against the youths, Mr Justice Stegmann rejected an application to have charges against Mr Ferreira and Mr Meyer withdrawn on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

The defence counsel had argued that there was no evidence to prove that the person they admitted assaulting was the same as the man delivered to the mortuary the following day.

The hearing continues.

'Murder' scam is exposed

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SIX whites have been arrested and charged with the murder of a black worker initially believed to have died of natural causes.

The whites are charged with the murder of Mr Phineas Mmethi, a member of the Steel, Engineering and Allied Workers Union of South Africa and an employee of the Pietersburg company NTY.

Nactu regional spokesman Mr Theophilus Ramalamula said the company informed Mmethi's family that he fainted and fell while working on March 8 last year.

The union had called for a post-mortem, which the local district surgeon

had at first agreed to do. He later reneged on the agreement.

The post-mortem was eventually done by Dr LL Monyamane, who took the corpse to Lebowa-gomo after the Pietersburg government mortuary refused to allow him to do it there.

Monyamane's report led to a police investigation that ended with the arrest of the six whites, who were employed at NTY.

The six are Mr James van der Merwe (35), Mr Willem Burger (32), Mr Abel Pienaar (30), Mr Jacobus Schutte (20), Mr John Jones (22) and an

underage youth. They appeared before Mr MJ du Toit on Monday.

The case was postponed to September 30 for the Attorney-General's decision. All except Van der Merwe pleaded not guilty to the charge.

In testimony during the preparatory examination, Van der Merwe said he had been told that Mmethi was a member of the Mafia and possessed a "pink letter" authenticating his membership.

He said he had gone with the other accused to Mmethi to demand the letter. He admitted to slapping Mmethi and being present while the man was assaulted. But he said he did not intend to kill Mmethi.

By MATHATHA
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Trouble for 'AWB' nine

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THE Attorney-General of the Transvaal has decided to charge nine men, believed to be AWB members, in Louis Trichardt who allegedly assaulted Sunday School children last November.

Regional prosecutor for Pietersburg Mr JH Viljoen said yesterday the men, against whom charges were dropped two months ago, now would be charged with public violence.

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

Viljoen said the men were presently being sought so they may be recharged. No date for a court appearance had been decided yet, he said.

The men are: Mr Lucas Beyer (31), Mr Bernard Jordaan (24), Mr Jeffrey Sculliard (38), Mr William Schaap (31), Mr Christoffel Wolvaard (45), Mr Jerhadus van der

Linde (25), Mr Bernard Terreblanche (48), Mr Stefanus Jacobs (40) and Mr Jan Beyers.

They allegedly assaulted children aged six to 15 on November 24 last year, using sjamboks, dogs, fenbelts and sticks. The men found the children resting at a park in the town.

Charges against them were provisionally withdrawn after several court appearances.

Murder accused sheds tears in court

SUSAN RUSSELL

AN EDENVALE man broke down and cried while telling the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he did not know why he had fatally assaulted a black man.

Craig Lambton-Carr, 20, and three co-accused have pleaded not guilty to murdering Sicelo William Mbethe in Edenvale on May 26 last year.

Lambton-Carr, who was driving the car at the time

of the attack on Mbethe, told the court yesterday he remembered seeing Mbethe walking along the road.

He could not remember stopping the car.

He said yesterday that all four assaulted the man.

Lambton-Carr said he remembered making stabbing motions with the knife

that had been given him by co-accused Derek Scheepers, 19, but could not remember actually stabbing Mbethe.

Asked yesterday why he had assaulted Mbethe, Lambton-Carr replied: "Out of stupidity."

He began crying in the witness box and told the court he felt "pretty disgusted" with himself.

The trial continues.

George police chief mocked by crowd at AWB meeting

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AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging bodyguards surrounded and mocked the police district commissioner for George when he intervened in a scuffle between the guards and a heckler at a meeting addressed by Mr Eugene TerreBlanche.

Mr TerreBlanche was speaking to about 1 000 people in the George Town Hall last night.

Brigadier J A Swart said he went to the meeting in plainclothes to keep an eye on proceedings.

About 8.50pm, when Mr TerreBlanche was listing a number of actions taken by President De Klerk, a man in the audience called out "Hoor, hoor!" (Hear, hear!) several times in apparent support of these actions.

The calls did not go down well with the majority of the audience and four men in khaki with AWB insignia walked up to him.

"They hauled him out of his seat and pushed him down the stairs at the back of the hall.

"I went up to them to make sure he was not assaulted," said Brigadier Swart.

He said a small crowd had gathered by that time and they surrounded him, thinking he was a friend or associate of the man who had supported Mr De Klerk's actions.

The crowd then mocked him.

"As soon as I identified myself they backed off and apologised," said Brigadier Swart. After the meeting, one of the men apologised to him again.

OB threatens bomb revenge over fasters

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STAFF REPORTER and CORRESPONDENT

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He would not be drawn on further details.

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"This will be symbolic target bombing — organised revenge attacks like the Bloed Street taxi rank bombing."

"The policy through our leadership ranks is that you can only negotiate from a position of strength. We are not soft and as a result of this action (the planned bombings) hundreds of our men will go underground."

"Our leadership has been restructured and it is tight and strong. Emotions in the OB and the

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OB threat

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Star 7/9/91 right wing are very high concerning the trio in hospital.

"The OB chief of staff is directly co-ordinating all the OB cells and units to the state whereby they can be activated into immediate attack."

"Since suspending our struggle in December 1990, all our cells and units have stayed intact, armed and ready," the source said.

The Bloed Street bomb, as well as a computer bomb explosion in Durban last October which killed technician Nick Cruise, are crimes which led to the arrest of the three hunger strikers at the end of last year — crimes against which they unsuccessfully demanded indemnity from the Government.

During the interview with the OB member, it was clear he was anxious to hurry the delivery of his message.

He sat in the passenger seat of the Saturday Star's vehicle in the parking lot of the Southdale shopping centre reading from handwritten notes.

He avoided elaborating or answering further questions.

As he read quickly from the notes, taken from a large, black brief-

case, he frequently looked out of the car windows as afraid he was being watched.

The interview could not take place by telephone because his phone had possibly been tapped, he said.

● Medical experts are sceptical about claims that the three hunger strikers are taking in only water.

Professor Roy Keeton, of the University of Cape Town's medical school, yesterday expressed surprise that the three men had not taken any form of vitamin or glucose supplement for almost two months.

He was reacting to a statement by Wim Cornelius, the men's legal representative, that the rightwingers were drinking only water and were not taking any form of supplements.

Professor Keeton said it was a well-documented fact that the body ran out of water-soluble vitamins three to four weeks after the intake of vitamins stopped.

If supplies of vitamins such as thiamine were exhausted, there was a strong possibility of brain haemorrhaging or of beri-beri heart disease.

Professor Keeton's observations are based on his experience of treating Robben Island hunger strikers at Somerset Hospital in Cape Town earlier this year.

Accused 'washed blood off'

JOHANNESBURG. — A 19-year-old white youth, accused with two others of killing an unidentified black man, told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he went home after a fight with the man to wash blood off his hands. (344) CT 7/9/91

Mr Etienne Ferreira denied evidence that his companion, a 16-year-old who may not be named, repeatedly hit the man with a wooden bed leg each time he lifted his head.

Mr Ferreira, the 16-year-old and Deon Meyer, 25, have pleaded not guilty to murdering the man on November 12 last year by beating him

with the bed leg and karate sticks and by kicking and punching him.

Mr Ferreira said he could not remember how much blood was on his hands, but could recall that it was dry by the time he got home. He said his hands became bloody when the three youths tried to help the man out of a ditch after an initial attack.

Earlier, Mr Ferreira said, the 16-year-old had struck the man with the bed leg. Mr Ferreira then hit him with karate sticks.

The 16-year-old and Mr Meyer have declined to testify.

The trial continues. — Sapa

Rightwing fears have to be answered, says Mandela

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Weekend Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Nelson Mandela says attempts have to be made to accommodate South Africa's rightwing regardless of how repugnant the ANC finds its beliefs and actions.

The African National Congress president was speaking at the University of the Witwatersrand after receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

He said those on the extreme right formed a part of South Africa's present and future.

"We do not want them to remain in the future South Africa as a Renamo-type force. Let us try to reach these people now and assure them they have nothing to fear from majority rule, nothing to fear if the ANC becomes the future government of this country, nothing to fear from black people and from equality."

This was a task the ANC as an organisation committed to creating a South Africa a home for all had to undertake, Dr Mandela said.

He was awarded his LID by the university's chancellor, Dr Mike Rosholt. The three-hour ceremony was marked by political slogans and songs clashing with orchestral and choral music.

Mr Mandela said the National Party's constitutional proposals tabled at Bloemfontein by President De Klerk were a recipe for governmental paralysis and were simply aimed at preventing majority rule from having any meaning.



THE GRADUATE: Mr Nelson Mandela at yesterday's Wits graduation ceremony

He said the NP's blueprint was aimed at ensuring accumulated privileges of white minority rule remained inviolate.

"The proposals are a recipe for continued conflict. They are proposals that, if advanced seriously, can only retard progress toward a negotiated solution."

He dismissed the proposals as a cynical exercise designed under fancy constitutional language to dupe South Africans.



We will start bombing, say rightwingers

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Cops are assault suspects

CP Correspondent

POLICE are investigating the alleged assault of a Randburg City Council ambulance driver by six policemen.

Police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester told City Press the victim had laid charges and police were investigating the incident. *CP Press 8/9/91*

Edward Nethwadzi Ramudzuli, 27, of Kagiso was brutally attacked, allegedly by six white policemen, after he parked in a wrong lane.

He was allegedly kicked, punched and urinated on.

The incident took place near the Savoy hotel in Roodepoort, where Ramudzuli had gone to fetch a friend. He was with a policeman friend, Edward Muthala.

"I had just parked when two police cars parked next to where I had parked. One policeman said to me F... kaffir, why do you park like that?"

While he was trying to explain, one of the policemen hit him in the face.

Ramudzuli tried to run away, but his assailants caught up with him. He fell to the ground, and one of them urinated on him.

Orgy horror "a big joke"

By MARTIN
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A TALE of horror in which white youths allegedly beat a black man to death in a wild orgy of "kaffir bashing" unfolded in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

Ettiene Thomas Ferreira, 19, Deon Meyer and a 16-year-old youth pleaded not guilty to murder before Judge M Stegmann and two assessors.

In November last year the three allegedly came across the unidentified black man sleeping under

a sheet of plastic, and started attacking him.

The youth beat the man with a wooden bed leg and Ferreira assaulted him with karate sticks.

Later they tried to wake up Ferreira's brother, Jacobus Olivier, to borrow his firearm.

Olivier's wife, Doris who shared a house with the three accused at the time of the alleged murder, told the court the three came into the bedroom where she was sleeping with her husband.

Ferreira asked her to lend them her husband's

firearm, but she refused.

Ferreira allegedly told her: "We have beaten up a kaffir". She saw the three men had blood on them.

The following morning the youth boasted of how he had beaten up a black man.

"He treated it as a big joke," she said, adding her domestic servant discovered the wooden bed legs under Meyer's bed.

Olivier said she threw the bed legs away to protect the three youths, but later showed police where she had thrown them.

Hatred of hungry

BLACK people should be kept in zoos to preserve peace. They are also unintelligent beings who blow up post offices and fill their hospitals with dead and maimed women and children.

The writings of blacks are filled with hatred and they advocate total destruction and annihilation *down*

These were messages of rightwing hunger-striker Adrian Maritz, sent on the Beltel computer system to Henry Martin, another hunger-striker. The Afrikaans weekly, *Vrye Weekblad* this week published messages sent between the two men in July 1988. 8/9/91.

Today is the 63rd day Martin has been without food. Maritz has been without food for 56 days and another hunger-striker, Lood van Schalkwyk, has been without food for 49 days.

Martin, in Ward 12 of Pretoria's HF Verwoerd Hospital, has instructed his lawyer that he should not to be resuscitated once he entered a coma.

IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands died in Belfast's Maze prison in 1981 in the 66th day of his hunger strike.

Sands entered a coma the day before his death. Doctors say such a coma already indicates that brain and nerve cells have stopped functioning - and that death is close.

The three, who are charged with murder and attempted murder, demand indemnity from the government.

They have been held responsible for the bomb explosion in Bloed Street, Pretoria, in which 13 people were injured, and an explosion in a Durban shop which killed a computer consultant.

The men claim they were operatives of ~~Military Intelligence and the National Intelligence Service.~~

Maritz said in a message to Martin: "A thought for this year: Peace on this continent will be when you have to go to a zoo to see what a negro looks like."

And in a message to a certain "Tony" he says research purportedly done at European universities showed that "the negroid could achieve only limited intellectual development because of anatomical restrictions", adding that blacks were 23 percent less intelligent than whites.

In a message to Tony, Martin says: "My kind is one who does not pour his hard-earned cash into the ever open 'Black Hole'. He does not take days off work whenever he feels like it, he does not roll up to work paralytic drunk ... he does not skin nurses alive."

■ Following threats of a Orde Boerevolk bombing campaign if the hunger strikers were not given indemnity, police yesterday warned: "Any such proposal will be relentlessly opposed by the full resources of the police".

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'Friend of Buthelezi' ordered killing

A Pietermaritzburg Special Branch policeman who told five men to kill Chief Mhlabuzima Maphumulo in February this year was known as a "great friend" of kwaZulu's Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi.

The Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court was told this on Friday by Siphos Madlala, a key witness in the inquest into Chief Maphumulo's death.

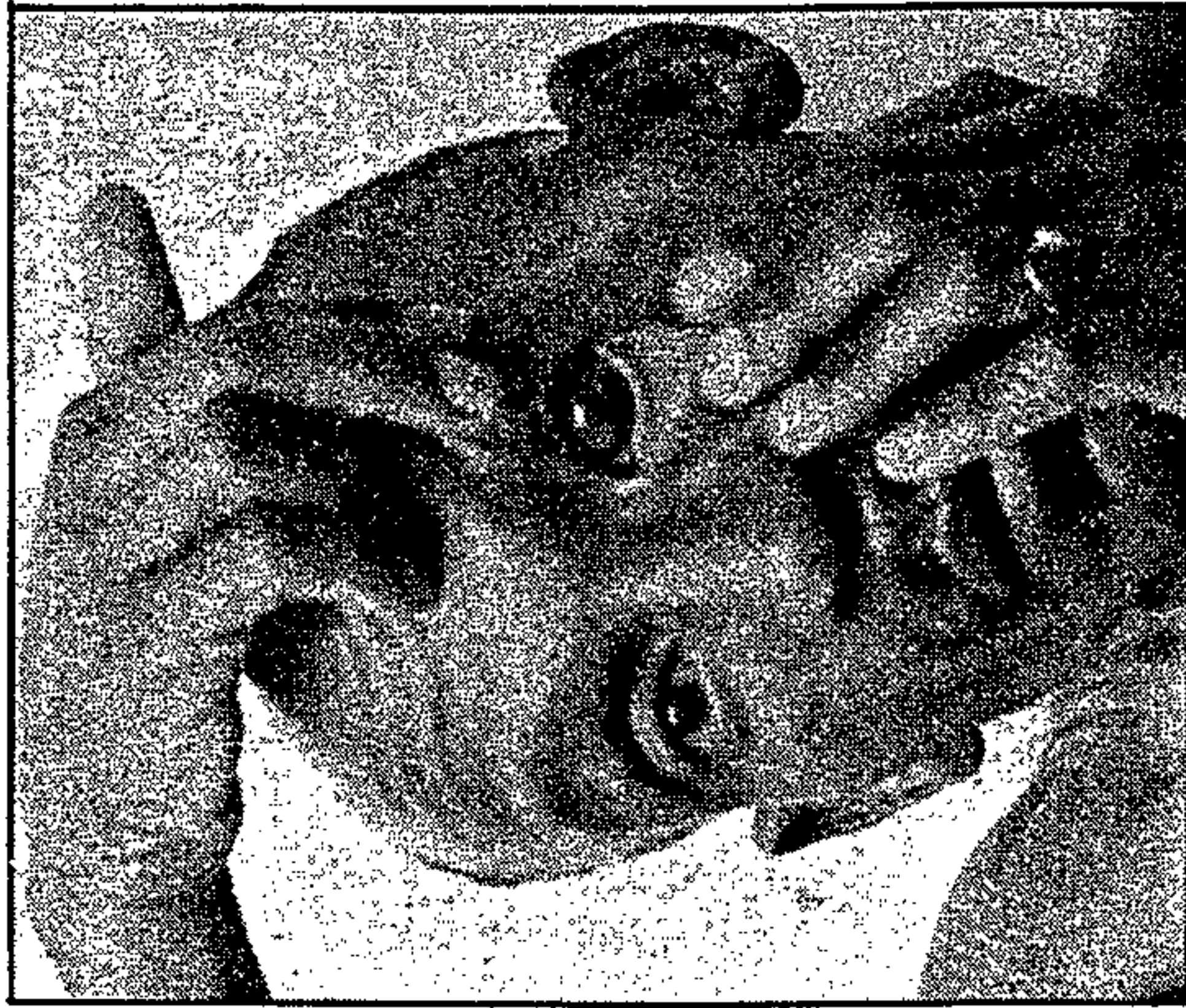
Appearing before Judge Page and two assessors, he told the court of his role in the assassination of the chief at his Havelock Road home.

Madlala said a security policeman, Warrant Officer Wolfgang Warber, who ordered the assassination because the chief was "a danger to the government", had supplied people in Imbali with firearms with which to kill "comrades". He had been doing this since 1986, Madlala said.

Warber had supplied certain leaders in the Inkatha movement with firearms.

Earlier, Madlala said Warber had instructed him and four others to kill the chief.

The hearing continues. — Sapa



TERRENCE SETHOGA ... was left for dead.

By ELIAS MALULEKE 8/9/91

A TEACHER at Marble Hall, in the north-eastern Transvaal, says he was brutally assaulted and tortured by two farmers and a policeman and left for dead last Wednesday.

The allegation was made by Terrence Shimaki Sethoga, 55, father of four and a teacher at Onverwacht Farm School, who says the incident happened at a farm in Roedtan, about 50 km from Marble Hall.

He named his assailants as Schalkie Pretorius, a businessman who owns a butchery and a farm known as Eland's Kurk in Roedtan; his brother, Abie Pretorius, and an unnamed policeman.

Sethoga says he was mercilessly punched and kicked, had his private parts squeezed, was dragged from behind a bakkie and had shots fired close to his head in an ordeal that lasted more than three hours.

He has laid charges with the Marble Hall police and engaged lawyers to press charges.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Maj W Pienaar confirmed charges were laid on August 8.

Sethoga's ordeal started when his car stalled on the Marble Hall-Roedtan road due to a snapped clutch cable.

He went to a farm for help and the farmer, Schalkie Pretorius, arrived home with his son, aged about four.

Sethoga told Pretorius he was a teacher.

The farmer "grabbed at me and said teachers were members of the ANC. He started to strangle me and said I was in AWB territory," Sethoga said.

He alleged that Pretorius then dropped him to the ground, punching and kicking him and demanding to know what Sethoga had done with his cows.

"The farmer fastened a rope around my ankles tied the other end to the bakkie and dragged me," Sethoga said.

He lost consciousness and when he came to, Abie Pretorius was at the scene and the two again punched and kicked him.

Abie called for a knife to castigate "die kaffer" but was not given one. "He then grabbed my private parts and squeezed until I fainted."

Sethoga showed City Press the marks and scars all over his body.

He was dragged and beaten again before a uniformed policeman arrived. The policeman punched and kicked him before he was dragged around again. The policeman also fired three shots near his head and then put the barrel to his forehead.

After all this Sethoga was dumped on the road and left for dead.

Boy ... I mean Mr Postmaster

Special Correspondent 8/9/91

DEWETSDORP, a sleepy little Free State town, is all abuzz about the new postmaster — because he is black.

NM Ramatlaping takes up his new job on November 1.

And to crown it all, the postmaster's official residence is next-door to Abrie Oosthuizen, Conservative Party MP for Smithfield.

Oosthuizen has taken

up Ramatlaping's appointment with the Postmaster-General.

But Joe de Jager, a senior manager of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications in the Free State and northern Cape, has bad news for Oosthuizen. He said Ramatlaping was promoted to his new job on merit.

"We promote people according to a merit system," he said.

Ramatlapeng started working for the Post Office as a clerk on May 8, 1979. He is now branch postmaster in QwaQwa.

Oosthuizen said: "It does not bother me that he will live next to me. I greet black people, but the residents of the town are upset. This is a conservative community."

"It is unfair to expect from a platteland community to welcome a black postmaster in their midst."

Readers pick City Press

FOR the second year in a row, City Press has come out on top as the nation's favourite Sunday newspaper among black readers.

AMPS research for 1991 has recorded a total of 1 122 000 black readers for City Press. This is the highest black readership for any weekly newspaper in the country — with 19 000 more black readers than the Sunday Times.

This total is less than

the 1 160 000 readers measured in the 1990 AMPS survey, but there have been some significant changes in our readership profile.

The number of male readers has increased by 17 000 (2 percent) to 846 000, while female readership has declined to 276 000.

Changes in our readership profile, which will be of great value to advertisers, include increases in the number of readers in the upper income brackets; in the economically important age group of 35 to 40 years and in the Super Lifestyle groups.

City Press reaches 75 percent of black people with a monthly household income of more than R2 000.

It is clear that City Press remains "The People's Paper"

I'm no racist

- Strydom snr



STRYDOM ... "Mandela is a nice person."

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 ORDE BOEREVOLK leader Nic Strydom is a changed man - he says he is no longer a racist.

The rightwing leader is even prepared to have ANC president Nelson Mandela as his future State President if he wins a democratic election. Strydom expressed these sentiments in an exclusive interview with City Press outside the Pretoria Central Prison minutes after he had visited his son, Barend, on Wednesday. Barend is serving a life sentence for murdering eight black people in Pretoria in 1988.

The turning point in the Orde Boerevolk leader's life came when he met Mandela this week at the HF Verwoerd Hospital when the ANC leader visited the three rightwing hunger strikers.

"Although it was difficult for me to get an overall impression of Mandela, whom I met for the first time during the visit, he struck me as a nice person. I think he is human. Many people ask me how I feel about him now and I find it difficult to give a considered answer," Strydom said.

He said he and his organisation were tired of the violence in the country.

"We feel there has been enough bloodshed, and we now want to join other parties at the negotiating table to discuss the future of this country. There is no need for differing organisations to fight each other. We can fight for years and years, but in the end we will be forced to talk to one another."

"Why should we then waste time?" Strydom asked.

He was prepared to talk to anyone, including SA Communist Party general secretary Joe Slovo, to find the solution to the country's problems, he said.

Although he did not agree with all of the State President's reform initiatives, Strydom believed political differences could be ironed out at the negotiating table.

Son Barend was a changed man too, his father said in the interview. "Although white prisoners are separated from

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Goat lands

Eugene in court

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE Transvaal Attorney-General has decided to prosecute Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging (AWB) leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, who allegedly assaulted 70-year-old William Mashiya for refusing to sell him his goat.

The decision follows numerous inquiries by City Press regarding the case - and Mashiya's vow to sacrifice his goat to his ancestors "so that they can help me get Terre'Blanche charged".

It has taken almost six months to bring the rightwing leader to book for allegedly assaulting traditional healer Mashiya at his Klipplaatdrift, western Transvaal, home on March 9 this year, after allegedly accusing him of stock theft.

Attorney-General Don Brunette told City Press he only received the Terre'Blanche case docket in May.

The reason for the delay in deciding whether or not to prosecute Terre'Blanche, he said, was that he had to refer the docket back to the Ventersdorp police because he was not satisfied with some aspects of the evidence and some queries had to be cleared up first.

The A-G confirmed that Terre'Blanche would be charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and malicious damage to property as a result of the incident on March 9.

Asked if he could indicate when the trial would start, the A-G said he had instructed the Ventersdorp senior public prosecutor on August 30 to proceed with the case.

However, Prosecutor S van Tonder told City Press the case had not yet been placed on the roll. He had also not yet re-

Assault case to go ahead at last

ceived any correspondence from the A-G's office relating to the Terre'Blanche case.

A receptionist at the AWB's Ventersdorp offices said Terre'Blanche was unavailable for comment as he was attending a meeting in Cape Town.

AWB spokesman Piet Rudolph said the matter did not involve the organisation and he could not comment on behalf of Terre'Blanche.

Mashiya's lawyer, Aubrey Khanyile, claimed his client had been turned away by Ventersdorp police when he tried to lay a charge against Terre'Blanche in March.

He said he wrote a strongly worded letter to the Station Commander.

Mashiya said: "I was arrested a day after making a statement to the police and was released after three days without being charged. In May about five white policemen came to my place late at night and accused me of selling dagga."

"I have already appeared in court on several occasions on the dagga charge, but Terre'Blanche is still free."

Western Transvaal Police spokesman Maj Ben van Heerden has denied that there was any reluctance on the part of the police to investigate Mashiya's case.

He confirmed Mashiya had been detained and said four charges of stock theft were being investigated against him.

No blitz plan, says OB

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ORDE Boerevolk leader Mr Nic Strydom yesterday rejected charges that the OB was planning a bombing blitz to avenge the Government's refusal to grant three hunger strikers indemnity.

"Our policy at this stage is to negotiate. Even if the men die, we won't resort to violence."

"Other people phoned us, however, and threatened that, if the three died, they would resort to violence. I had to talk sternly to them to dissuade them from their path of violence."

Future

"We are talking about the future of the country, not only about the lives of three men."

Strydom also denied that the men were eating secretly. - Sapa.

Murder trial judgment awaited

By Philip Zoro

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Grab

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Massacre trial adjourned

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The trial of two hunger-striking AWB members, who face murder charges for their alleged part in the bus massacre near Kwa Mashu last year, was yesterday adjourned in their absence until tomorrow.

Mr Justice Squires heard yesterday that Mr Piet Botha and Mr Adriaan Smuts, who have been on a hunger strike since August 19, were not fit to stand trial. Although not "in dire straits", they were experiencing "dizziness".

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that the two accused have reaffirmed that they will continue their fast until "unfairness with regard to the freeing of right-wing political prisoners is resolved".

2 jailed for killing black man

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The courts must act to stop the increasing number of unprovoked attacks on black people by white people, a Rand Supreme Court judge said yesterday in sentencing two teenagers who beat an unidentified black man to death in Germiston.

Ettiene Ferreira, 19, of Germiston, wept in the arms of his mother and his 16-year-old co-accused yesterday after he was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for murdering a black man.

Ferreira and the 16-year-old fa-

tally assaulted the man after finding him asleep on a piece of veld close to the house they shared on the night of November 12 last year.

The Rand Supreme Court sentenced the 16-year-old, who was 15 at the time of the murder, to be held at a reformatory. He may, in terms of the law, be held there at the discretion of the relevant authorities until he is 21 years old.

A third accused, Deon Meyer, 25, was acquitted yesterday after the court found the state had not proved he was involved in the man's death.

The court found the teenagers had set out armed with a bed leg and karate sticks intent on finding a victim to assault.

Their victim, whose body was found on the spot the following day, has still not been identified.

According to the evidence, Ferreira assaulted the victim with the karate sticks after his companion attacked the man with the bed leg and struck him on the head.

Mr Justice Stegmann, sitting with two assessors, accepted that the pair had not formed the direct intention to kill their victim.

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12 years' jail for beating man to death

By Susan Smuts

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A third accused, Deon Meyer (25), was acquitted of murdering the man last November.

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It appeared that this kind of crime was on the increase and the courts should act to stop it, the judge said.

However, mitigating factors included the ages of the men (who were 18 and 15 at the time), that they had been drinking alcohol, and they had shown genuine remorse.

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"You must serve a lengthy sentence. It is late in your career to send you to a reformatory, because you can only stay until you are 21 years old.

"You have taken a life and this demands a longer sentence."

The youth would probably stay in a reformatory until he was 21, the judge added.

Ferreira and the youth, in separate statements to a magistrate, said they had armed themselves with nunchaka sticks and a wooden bed leg, and walked into a veld opposite their house.

A black man, who had been sleeping, leapt up and they attacked him.

They went home and fetched Mr Meyer, who accompanied them to the veld to see if the man was injured.

The man lunged for Mr Meyer and the men assaulted him again. They went to the veld a third time and found the man trying to climb out of a ditch.

Mr Meyer was not present at the main assault, and the only witness to link him to it, D R Olivier (who lived in the same house as the accused), was an untrustworthy witness, the judge said.

The two should have foreseen the man's death, he said.

Racial attacks must stop, says judge

The Argus Correspondent

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Meyer was not present during the main assault. - Sowetan Correspondent

They knew black man could die, says State

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APROSECUTOR yesterday asked a Rand Supreme Court judge to convict four white teenagers charged with the brutal murder of a black man.

Mr Herman De Beer, said the teenagers - Mr Brian Derek Scheepers (19), Mr Brenden Greig Hastings, (18), Mr Craig Lambton-Carr (18) and Mr Gary Richard Martin (19), all of Edenvale - were poor witnesses, had selective memories and at times deliberately lied.

Judgment is to be handed down on Friday by Mr Justice Labuschagne and two assessors.

De Beer said the youths attacked and killed the dead man, Mr Sicelo William Mbethe, in Edenvale in the early hours of May 26 while he was on his way to work.

Mbethe died from a fractured skull, cerebral contusions and penetrating incisive wounds in the lungs. He had allegedly

By SONTI MASEKO

been bumped with a car, assaulted with a hammer and a hockey stick and stabbed.

A total of 45 different wounds were found on Mbethe's body - 19 of them, including two incisive wounds penetrating the lungs, in the upper body.

Thirteen different injuries likely from a blunt object were found on the head.

The accused could be convicted of murder on the

doctrine of common purpose alone.

All four have admitted assaulting Mbethe.

De Beer submitted that the accused should be found to have had a direct intention to kill because of the places in the body where the wounds were inflicted, the nature and the number of wounds.

While he accepted that the accused were under the influence of liquor at the time of the crime, the court could not find that they had reached a state of not being criminally responsible for their actions.



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7 Edenvale youths intended to kill, court told

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Court Reporter

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Four Edenvale teenagers intended to kill a man whom they repeatedly stabbed, hit with a hammer and hockey stick, and knocked down with a car, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

State advocate H de Beer said the four acted

with common purpose, and the State had proved their intention to kill Sicelo William Mbethe on May 26 last year.

Brian Derek Scheepers (19), Brenden Greig Hastings (18), Craig Lambton-Carr (19) and Gary Richard Martin (19) have all pleaded not guilty.

They inflicted about 45 wounds on Mr Mbethe,

Mr de Beer told Mr Justice J J Labuschagne. He added that they must have planned the assault because they all had weapons. *Star 12/9/91*

Their claim of being drunk at the time did not diminish their responsibility, he said.

J van Vuuren, acting for Mr Scheepers, Mr

Hastings and Mr Martin, said the most his clients could be found guilty of was attempted murder as they had not had the intention to kill. IP

They had armed themselves against attack when they went to buy dagga, he said.

Judgment will be given tomorrow.

return of exiles

TALKS between the Government and the visiting delegation of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees continue in Pretoria today after the group's return from Cape Town last night.

The delegation is in South Africa to discuss "technical" aspects of the repatriation of an estimated 36 000 exiles.

A spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday talks were proceeding well and "both sides are very happy".

Matters being discussed include points of entry, reception centres, the setting up of an UNHCR office and transport arrangements for the returnees. - *Political Staff.*

A day in the park

Staff Reporter

TO escape the stress of city life over a long weekend, think about the country's national parks for a well-deserved breather...

South Africa's 17 national parks offer a rich variety of natural assets from green forests to desert-like landscapes, golden beaches to dramatic sand dunes, majestic mountains and African bush.

National Parks Board chief executive Dr Robbie Robinson says all South

Africans can look at the national parks with new eyes.

"Until now, only affluent whites have had the opportunity of appreciating the beauty of our parks, even though the national parks were open to all races before the repeal of racial legislation.

"Black people dominate our society in terms of

numbers. A lot more emphasis will have to be placed on introducing everyone to the national parks."

Robinson says parks offer a value for money package that is unmatched by any holiday.

"From the country's 17 national parks you get the choice of camping, from about R9 to R55 a night for fully equipped huts with toilet and showers to luxurious chalets.

OB two guilty of murder

TWO Orde Boerevolk members were yesterday found guilty on seven counts of murder and 27 counts of attempted murder in the Durban Supreme Court for attacking a bus with machineguns near KwaMashu in October last year. *South African Press Association.*

24-day fast

Mr David Petrus "Piet" Botha and Mr Adriaan Smuts had earlier pleaded guilty to the charges.

Mr Justice Galgut found the men guilty "as they have pleaded".

The rightwingers ended a 24-day fast on Wednesday which was aimed at trying to secure their release as political prisoners. - *South African Press Association.*

Funeral of MK cadres

Staff Reporter

TWO Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres who died in exile in Tanzania will be buried this weekend.

Mr Benedict Kgori of Orlando West, Soweto, and Mr Sammy Baepi of Bothaville in the Free State were flown back to South

Bothaville Cemetery tomorrow.

They left South Africa in 1981 and both died on July 6 1991.

Kgori died of diabetes and Baepi was killed in a car accident.

Friday, September 13 1991

Orde's policy 'one of revenge killing'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN.—Convicted AWP man and member of the Orde Boerevolk Piet Botha said it was the organisation's policy that for every white person killed as a result of politically inspired violence, 10 black people "had to die".

Botha and Adriaan Smuts pleaded guilty and were convicted by Mr Justice Galgut in the Supreme Court here yesterday on seven counts of murder and 27 counts of attempted murder.

Both were involved in last year's bus massacre near KwaMashu which they launched as a revenge attack for a killing by a group of blacks on Durban's beachfront.

Making their first court appearance since the beginning of their hunger strike 24 days ago — which they ended on Wednesday, the two seemed to be in good spirits. Although having reportedly lost 16% of their body weight, outwardly the men appeared in good physical condition.

During his evidence in mitigation and subsequent cross-examination, Botha stood in the dock for two-and-a-half hours without having to sit down.

Botha told the court that after the killings had been carried out he had not felt proud.

However, during cross-examination Botha said he felt the same remorse a soldier would after killing an enemy. He said nobody liked doing it or derived any pleasure from it — it was just something that "had to be

done".

"It was a 'war' situation."

Asked whether the attack had been justified, Botha said he felt it had.

As justified, he said, as the bombing of Hiroshima.

Smuts declined to give evidence in mitigation. An investigation by a psychiatrist showed him to be of "borderline intellectual ability" and possessed of poor judgment.

Argument on sentence will begin today.

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Judgment ³⁴⁴ day in teen murder trial

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— Own Correspondent
and Sapa

New killing trend as old order decays

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ON THE NIGHT of September 14 1990, Deon van Deventer (24) and Evert Boonzaaier (23) assaulted a crippled black man, Johannes Masango, who was walking near the Newclare railway station.

They beat him, poured beer over him, urinated on him and necklaced him.

The two men were sentenced to 25 years each in prison.

On November 12 1990, Ettiene Ferreira (19) and a 16-year-old youth who may not be named beat an unidentified black man to death with a wooden bed-leg and karate sticks in Germiston.

Ferreira was jailed for 12 years and the minor will spend five years in a reformatory. A third man was acquitted.

These are two of the four cases that in the past month have pointed to an increase of white-on-black violence.

Two similar cases are currently being heard in the Rand Supreme Court and the Pietersburg Magistrate's Court.

In one, four Edenvale youths have been accused of bludgeoning to death a black man on his way to work. The State has claimed they attacked the man with a hammer, knocked him down with a car, hit him with a hockey stick and stabbed him. Judgment was due to be handed down today.

And in Pietersburg, six whites have been arrested and charged with murdering a black worker. The case was postponed until September 30 for the Attorney-General's decision.

Why all this violence?

Fink Haysom, deputy director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies, offers two explanations for the apparent increase in white-on-black crime.

On the one hand, there had been a general increase in in-

In the past month, Transvaal courts have heard evidence in four separate cases in which gangs of white men killed, or were accused of killing, innocent black men.

JACQUELINE MYBURGH reports.

terracial violence — arising out of the growing insecurity of whites — and the increase in the number of trials might indicate more effective policing of the crimes.

There had been a change in the political attitudes to crimes committed by whites against blacks, Mr Haysom added. Now there was pressure on the police and judiciary to be seen to be prosecuting whites as vigorously as they prosecute blacks.

The words of a Supreme Court judge this week illustrate this change in attitude.

In sentencing Ferreira and the minor earlier this week, Mr Justice MS Stegmann said the courts had to act to stop the increasing number of unprovoked attacks on black people by whites.

Similarly, Mr Justice MM Joffe pointed out that the two men who had murdered Johannes Masango had done so only because the crippled man had been black. Defence counsel had argued in mitigation that the men had not been brought up to respect blacks.

Graeme Simpson, acting director of the Project for the Study of Violence, said white South African males were struggling to cope with the new South Africa.

In the process of moving to-

wards the new dispensation — with negotiations and the peace process being the order of the day — white male South Africans who had previously been accustomed to exclusive access to political and economic power now felt threatened.

A combination of the objective political reality, the economic recession and the required adaptation to a new lifestyle had resulted in a feeling of a loss of power.

The consequence was that they felt impotent. "The sources of the loss of control were inaccessible, and they did not feel there was anything they could do to influence the political or economic situation," Mr Simpson said.

"That's when we find this reassertion of control taking a symbolic form."

He added that the violence was reflected in other dimensions and not only in the political sphere: these included child abuse, wife battering and assaults on domestic workers.

The ultimate expression of the white male's feeling of impotence was the family killing — men asserting their control in the only remaining arena they felt they commanded.

He said the only solution to this worrying phenomenon was the start of a real peace process to allay white fears.

The project earlier suggested that in unbanning the ANC and other political organisations, what President de Klerk had done was to unshackle the enemy within — rather than convince whites that these were no longer external enemies.

"It may sound like a hack comment, but that is when society turns on itself to purge the pain within," Mr Simpson said. □

In the middle
being fired

'OB policy means 10 must die'

Own Correspondent

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Killer tells of Boerevolk's revenge policy

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DURBAN — An Orde Boerevolk member convicted on seven counts of murder and 27 of attempted murder told the Durban Supreme Court yesterday that it was the organisation's policy to kill 10 blacks for every white killed in political violence.

David Petrus "Piet" Botha, 47, was giving evidence in mitigation of sentence.

He and Adriaan "Arrie" Smuts, 38, both of Richards Bay and Orde Boerevolk and AWB members, were convicted yesterday on all counts after pleading guilty.

The charges arose after the men attacked black bus commuters with automatic rifles near KwaMashu last October.

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On Wednesday the two ended a 24-day fast aimed at securing their indemnity.

--Botha, an Orde Boerevolk cell leader, told the court their attack was an act of revenge following a stabbing spree by a group of blacks on white shoppers in Durban. One person died in that attack.

He said he, Smuts and Eugene Marais — sentenced to death seven times earlier this year — had decided to "launch a counter-attack against blacks in Durban".

The three went to Durban from Richards Bay and Smuts and Marais opened fire with an AK-47 and an FN rifle on passengers when they came across a bus. — Sapa.

"I'll win the duel with Naas," a confident Sherrell

Death for AWB men

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DURBAN. — Two AWB men were yesterday each sentenced to death seven times for killing seven people in a machinegun attack on a bus near KwaMashu last year.

Mr Justice Galgut sentenced David Petrus "Piet" Botha, 47, and Adriaan "Arrie" Smuts, 39, both of Richards Bay, to death for their "cold-blooded, gruesome and cruel" attack on the bus full of passengers on October 9, last year. Twenty-seven people were injured in the attack.

The judge also sentenced them each to 12 years' imprisonment to run concurrently on each count of 27 charges of attempted murder.

About 10 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters sporting khaki uniform and the organisation's swastika-like insignia broke into a boer freedom song after their comrades were sentenced.

A Vierkleur flag was also held aloft in the courtroom which was packed with people — many of them relatives of victims of the bus attack — squashed next to about a dozen uniformed right-wingers.

Botha and Smuts, both members of the Orde Boerevolk and the AWB, saluted their compatriates in

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AWB fashion after being sentenced, and appeared stony-faced as they sang in the courtroom.

Passing sentence, the judge said the aggravating factors in the case outweighed the mitigating factors and "in my view, the death sentence is the only suitable sentence".

Mr Justice Galgut said the public, black and white, had to be reassured and warned that "acts of terror" such as the bus attack would not be tolerated.

Their "gruesome, cold-blooded and cruel" attack on innocent people was deliberate and gave rise to further violence or attacks.

He said he could not be sure a long prison sentence would prevent the men from repeating their crime and would not have as strong an impact on the public as the death sentence.

Mr Justice Galgut also rejected the defence argument that the men had not intended to kill, but merely wanted to avenge an earlier Durban beachfront stabbing spree by a group of blacks reportedly wearing Pan Africanist T-shirts.

That attack left one white man dead and several others injured.

"The attack was planned," he said, adding that the men had intended to kill when they took AK-47 and FN machineguns with them on the drive from Richards Bay to Durban.

Their victims were also not PAC members and they were not "emotionally loaded but were carrying out their duty as OB members".

Botha had on Thursday told the court it was OB policy to kill 10 blacks for every white killed by blacks in politically related violence.

The men had not shown remorse "as remorse goes", the judge continued.

Mr Justice Galgut described Botha — an OB cell leader in Richards Bay — as an intelligent person of strong character and "he should have known better".

Smuts, however, had a low IQ and was a negative, withdrawn person. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

4 whites guilty of 'brutal' killing

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four white Edenvale men were yesterday found guilty in the Rand Supreme Court of murdering a black man in an attack described as extremely brutal, senseless and unprovoked.

Mr Justice J J Labuschagne found that Brian Scheepers, 19, Brenden Hastings, 18, Craig Lambton-Carr, 20, and Gary Martin, 19, murdered Mr Sicelo William Mbethe on May 26 last year.

They stabbed Mr Mbethe 32 times, knocked him down with a car, beat him with a hammer and hockey stick and kicked and punched him.

Sentencing will be September 25. — Sapa



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Verdict follows bus massacre

Weekend Argus Correspondent
DURBAN. — Two Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members were sentenced in the Durban Supreme Court to death seven times each for the massacre last year of black bus passengers.

Minutes before sentencing yesterday a crowd of uniformed AWB members rose from an overflowing public gallery, saluted and sang traditional folk songs for the condemned men.

Mr Justice Galgut, with two assessors, said Piet Botha, 47, an AWB commandant and Orde Boerevolk cell leader, and Adriaan Smuts, 39, both of Richards Bay, launched a "gruesome and cold-blooded" machinegun attack on the bus near Kwamashu.

Death was the only fitting sentence.

They were sentenced to death seven times each for killing seven passengers and a further 12 years' each, 27 times, for attempted murder. The 12-year sentences are to run concurrently.

As the judge left the courtroom, crammed with people and beds provided for the ex-hunger strikers to rest on, Botha smiled and defiantly held aloft a large Transvaal Vierkleur flag and waved it.

The large black audience, who closely followed the proceedings in Zulu, were taken by surprise when AWB members sitting among them burst into chorus.

Botha and Smuts shook hands with high-ranking AWB officials and were wished well.

They appeared relaxed.

In between smoking one of many cigarettes after sentence, Botha said he felt justice had run its course and the sentence was justified.

The judge said aggravating factors far outweighed mitigating ones.

The two, with former co-accused

Eugene Marais, 28, also sentenced to death seven times in a separate trial, planned the attack to avenge a rampage by black youths on Durban's beachfront where several whites were stabbed — an elderly man fatally.

"It was a heinous and gruesome attack aimed at innocent people. Machineguns are deadly weapons," said the judge.

The court doubted a long-term prison sentence would rehabilitate the two men, whose beliefs were deeply rooted.

The court felt the death sentence would be a much stronger deterrent on others.

The judge agreed with Mr Justice Hugo, who said the bus attack would only increase racial tensions in the country, when sentencing Marais in April.

The beachfront stabbings, allegedly by Pan Africanist Congress members, would also lead to more violence, warned Mr Justice Galgut.

"Members of the public must be warned — and reassured — that this sort of terror will not be tolerated," he said.

Mitigating factors included: slight remorse felt by Botha and Smuts because innocent people died in the attack, but they felt the attack itself was justified.

They firmly believed it was Orde Boerevolk policy that 10 blacks had to be killed for every white person killed by blacks in political violence and they believed whites were engaged in a war and they were "soldiers" representing whites.

According to a psychologist's report, Smuts, married with five children, had "poor judgment and an inability to handle frustration".

He had been persuaded by Botha, who the court found to be a particularly intelligent and strong character.

The two men have an automatic right of appeal.

By MARTIN *apress*
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Killers await their fate

FOUR whites who killed a black man by beating him, knifing him, hitting him with a hockey stick and knocking him down with a car, were found guilty of murder at the Rand Supreme Court on Friday.

They will be sentenced

on September 25 after a probation officer's report has been heard.

Their victim, Sicelo Mbethe, died after sustaining 45 wounds - 13 to his head and 32 to his body.

The judge described the early morning attack

on Mbethe as "extremely brutal, senseless and reckless".

Before convicting Brian D Scheepers, 19; Brendon G Hastings, 18; Graig Lambton-Carr, 19; and Gary R Martin, 19; Judge Labuschagne and two assessors, said the

four had a common purpose to murder Mbethe on May 26 last year.

"You armed yourselves to attack blacks after Hastings was hit with a bottle by a another black man during the day," said the judge.

The judge also found

that Lambton-Carr and Martin left their car and started punching and hitting Mbethe with a hammer.

Scheepers got out of the car and started chasing Mbethe down the road on foot, while Lambton-Carr and Martin got into the car and joined in the chase.

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Sentences racist, says legal body

By MARTIN
NTSOELENGOE

THE sentences passed on two young racists who murdered a defenceless man they found sleeping under a plastic sheet is causing an outcry in public and legal circles.

The two attacked the unknown man three times with wooden bed legs, karate sticks and by punching and kicking him last November 12.

Judge Stegmann of the Rand Supreme Court this week sentenced killer Etienne Thomas Ferreira, 19, to 12 years' imprisonment and his 16-year-old minor friend and fellow-

murderer, who may not be named, to a reform school. A third accused, 25 year-old Deon Meyer, was acquitted.

The national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Brian Currin, said his organisation believed there was racial discrimination in the administration of justice in South Africa.

Currin said there was substantial evidence demonstrating that among the factors which influenced sentencing, the race of both victim and accused plays a significant role. He added that the entire bench (with one notable exception) was white.

Two jailed for orgy of terror

By DAN DHLAMINI

TWO men who virtually replayed scenes from the

Later that evening, after they had been drinking, they terrorised every



Janet Wilhelm

OF all the comments I've heard about the trial of the four Edenvale youths who beat a black man to death, the weirdest was "but blacks do it all the time". *SI Times 15/9/91*

By some inexorable logic the young man who said this to me had worked out in his mangled mind that because blacks kill one another it did not matter that some whites killed another black man. With logic like this you could argue that the man who invented television is to blame for excessive TV violence.

But the young man trotting out this bewildering perception had no shame. Naive yes. In a way even a victim.

The kind burdened with parents who tell him not to step on bugs because he could hurt them — but never to run his fingers along the escalator railing because blacks may have touched it.

I doubt he would, but if he ever killed anyone, would his childhood be the reason? No doubt someone would trot it out as the sensible explanation. So he can bash an eight-year-old never seen before on the head with a brick. Or wipe out the wife. Or grab the Magnum and take pot-shots at strangers in the street. And some expert will be dredged up to argue that it's the fault of a lousy childhood and that this in turn made him seek refuge in drink and drugs.

Such defences are usually not enough to get people acquitted. But they do sometimes count as extenuating circumstances, and hauling out some psychologist to defend the position is the norm.

The current case is no exception. And from the psychologist's report we learn that 20-year-old Craig Lambton-Carr is a man who used to go around beating up blacks until he stopped doing so two years ago.

SEMINAL events in his childhood include the death of his grandmother, after which his behaviour changed, his schoolwork deteriorated, and he became withdrawn and needed to sleep with his bedroom light on. When he was 16 years old his 14-year-old cousin committed suicide. When he was 17 he was waiting for a lift home from school when he was set upon by a gang of seven youths and was unable to defend himself as he was recovering from a foot operation.

These are only highlights from the report, but enough to show the drift and, quite frankly, if little life blows like this can turn people into mindless killers, there is no hope.

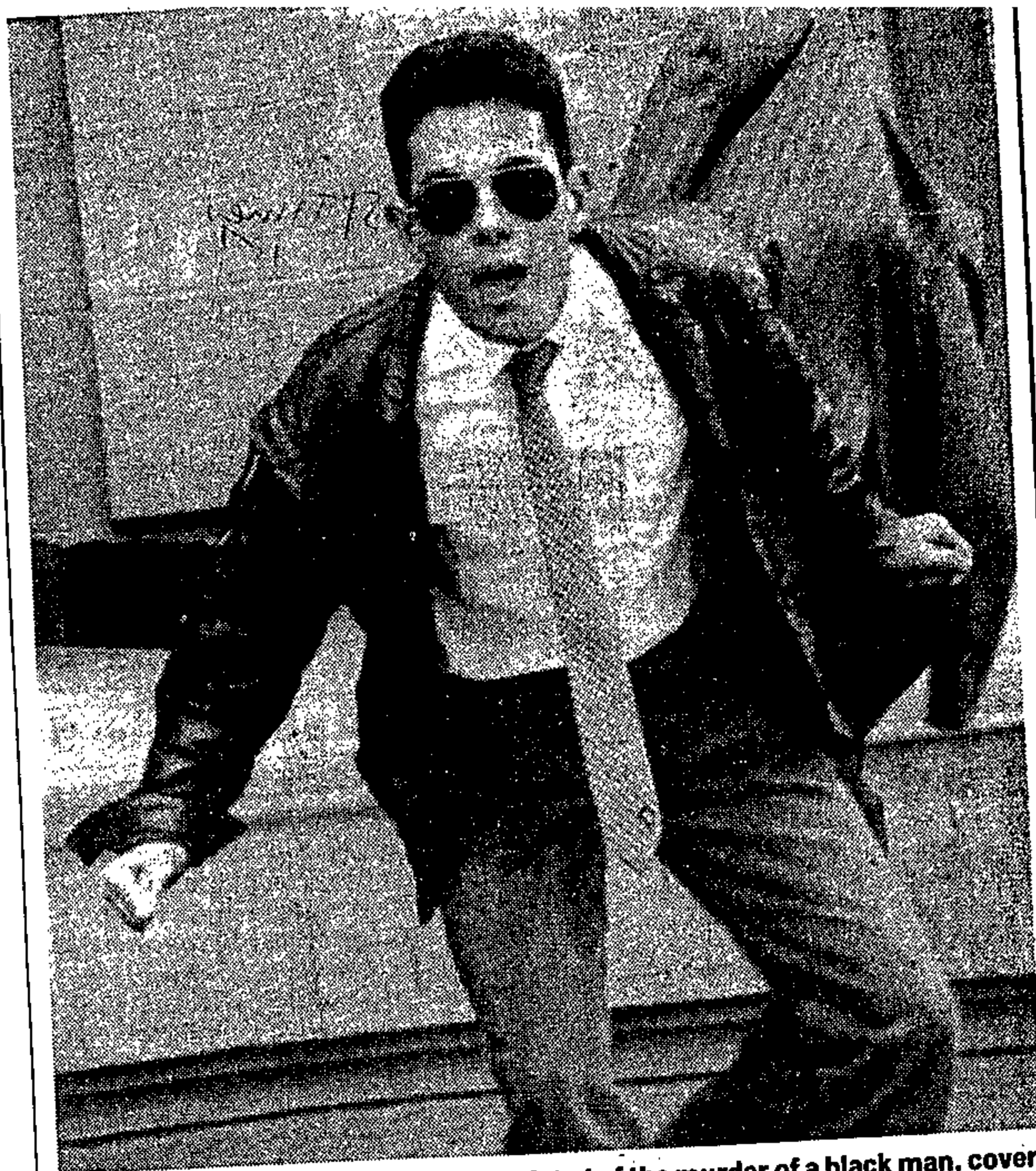
Twisted logic of our sick society

It's woolly psychology. It does the discipline a disservice and would be better left to trivial chat shows about deviant social behaviour.

Where's individual blame? Many suffer extreme childhood trauma without becoming killers, and most of us have a liking for a little bit of alcohol without feeling the desperate need to go out and commit murder.

Or are we going to allow ourselves to slip into the modern American way of life where individuals are no longer culpable and are driven to find someone to blame — and hopefully sue — when tragedy strikes. If you get sick it's because you smoked or because of something you ate, too much fibre, or too little fibre. And what about that extraordinary story of the woman who got off killing her mother on the technicality that she had been affected by a sleeping drug she'd been taking — and is now suing the drug company.

In convicting Craig and his accomplices the court turned its back on the psychological evidence. Here, at least, a supposedly horrid childhood was not enough to excuse murder. So another four have joined that seemingly endless parade of young white men willing to kill a complete stranger merely because he is black.



GUILTY: Craig Lambton-Carr, 20, convicted of the murder of a black man, covers his head as he leaves the Rand Supreme Court, as his younger brother runs towards the photographer
Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

New trend emerges in white-on-black attacks

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CRIMINOLOGISTS and social psychologists say recent cases in which young white men have hunted in packs to kill single, unarmed blacks may reveal a new trend.

In the Rand Supreme Court on Monday, Mr Justice MS Stegmann found that two youths from Germiston had set out with the common purpose of finding a victim. They armed themselves with a bedpost and Oriental fighting sticks, went into the veld opposite their home where they found a sleeping black man and murdered him, the judge said.

"It appears that this type of crime is being committed more frequently and the courts must act to stop it," Mr Justice Stegmann said.

Masculinity

On Friday, four white youths from Edenvale were found guilty of murdering Mr William Mbethe as he walked along the main street on his way to work. Mr Justice J Labuschagne described the attack as "brutal, senseless and unprovoked".

Mr Mbethe was punched, stabbed, hit with a hammer and a hockey stick and struck by a car.

Professor Don Foster, of the University of Cape Town, said the attacks had to be seen in the context of the deeply racist nature of South African society. It was possible the young white men were trying to defend what they saw as their rightful place.

Heather Regenass, of Nicro's Johannes-

By CATHY STAGG

burg office, said: "The boys need to prove themselves and do so by not going one-to-one with someone who has the same position in society as themselves. It is yet another legacy of apartheid. They have got to prove their masculinity, but do not pick on an equally strong, young black man. This is a type of sub-gang which acts because of a number of causes."

"Never before have white males felt as uncertain as they do now. Twenty years ago the white male was supreme."

The Edenvale accused will not be sentenced until the court has heard evidence from a criminologist and probation officers. Brian Scheepers, 19, Brenden Hastings, 18, Craig Lambton-Carr, 20, and Gary Martin, 19, have had their bail extended and they will return to the Rand Supreme Court on September 25.

The Germiston incident resulted in a 12-year jail sentence for Etienne Ferreira, 19. His 16-year-old co-accused was sent to a reformatory.

Three weeks ago, two white men from Newlands, Johannesburg, Deon van Deventer, 25, and Evert Boonzaaier, 24, were each sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment for necklacing a black man.

Earlier this year, four scholars at Dale College in King William's Town were convicted of culpable homicide and of assault after beating an elderly coloured man to death.

PRETORIA. — The clear message emanating from the Conservative Party's two-day Transvaal congress which ended on Saturday was that the F W de Klerk government must be destroyed.

There was a distinct atmosphere of militancy at the congress.

At the public meeting on Friday night, which was attended by about 1 300, there were frequent interjections of "traitors", "to the firing squad" and "joiners".

Dr Andries Treurnicht's statement that the third freedom struggle had begun was met with a standing ovation.

The two recurring themes of the congress were that the party had to force a general election before the government handed the country over to black majority rule and that the Afrikaner nation had a right to its own fatherland.

CP message: Destroy govt

The party's strategy for attaining this is to take charge of every possible organisation, from local blood transfusion services and school boards to town councils and the SADF.

In other words "the volk" has to be mobilised.

The most militant speech at the congress was made by CP general secretary Mr Andries Beyers.

He said there were enough Afrikaners who loved freedom more than life — this was not a threat but a reality.

"We demand a general election because that is the only way the volk can

be freed constitutionally."

The congress rejected the National Peace Accord signed in Johannesburg on Saturday by Mr De Klerk, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

It also rejected the government's mixed race education policy and the National Party's constitutional plans. — Sapa

Death threats after hoax AWB ad in newspaper

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DURBAN. — Two Maritzburg businessmen have had death threats and abusive telephone calls after they were named as AWB officials in a hoax newspaper advertisement.

The advertisement named Mr Ken Dennis and his partner, Mr Miles Sharpe, as members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and listed their company's addresses.

"It was a cruel and sick hoax by someone with malicious intent to embarrass us in the eyes of our customers," said Mr Dennis.

They have armed themselves for fear of their lives.

"We are afraid to open our mail and even after we placed a disclaimer advertisement the next day, people still called us," said Mr Dennis.

He and Mr Sharpe have denied emphatically ever having been associated with the AWB and have sought legal advice.

Mr Dennis said their forklift company had customers of all race groups and many of them expressed concern after the advertisement appeared.

"It was obviously intended to maliciously discredit our good name, which has taken us a long time to build up."

While many callers were abusive, Mr Dennis said at least half offered support and wanted to know where they could "sign up".

SA right wing linked to Irish attack

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Mr Adrian Guelke, the South African academic in Northern Ireland who earlier this month narrowly escaped a mysterious assassination attempt, believes the attack could be connected to his research into extreme right-wing violence in South Africa.

Cape Town-educated Mr Guelke became a lecturer in politics at Queen's University, Belfast, in 1975.

At 4.30am on September 5 this year, gunmen broke into his home near the university. A shot was fired and the bullet passed through his body. His wife Bridget screamed and the three men fled. He subsequently found out that his life was saved because two other guns jammed.

"I had been aware of some strange connections between factions in Northern Ireland and in South Africa," he wrote in yesterday's Guardian, "but the idea of an international conspiracy to kill me

BELFAST. — A Protestant gunman yesterday shot and killed a councillor of the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, provoking an angry attack on the British security forces by Sinn Fein president Mr Gerry Adams and warnings of an escalation in Ulster's sectarian strife.

Mr Bernard O'Hagen, a 37-year-old business studies lecturer at the Magherafelt Further Education College, was gunned down as he stepped from his car yesterday morning at the college. — UPI

seemed far-fetched and paranoid."

Later, he said, the Loyalist paramilitary organisation, the Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF), claimed responsibility for the attack — although he had assumed his assailants were Republicans.

Mr Guelke said the UFF statement had accused him of importing arms from the Middle East for the Provisional IRA, a

claim he described as "ridiculous".

A Sunday newspaper journalist with good security forces contacts claimed the UFF had got the wrong man. He said the UFF now believed they were deliberately misled into attacking Mr Guelke — who wonders by whom, and why.

He feels the attack could somehow be linked to a visit to South Africa in March and April this year when he did research into far-right violence.

He had written about a 1988 shipment of arms from South Africa to Loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland.

"Armscor had supplied the Loyalists with weapons to enlist their help in getting surface-to-air technology from Shorts for use in the war in Angola.

"But many others had written about these links and, anyway, that was in the past. Furthermore, my liberal views were no longer markedly out of step with the South African government," he said.

Man escapes lynch mob

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

A VANDERBIJLPARK man has survived to tell how six white men, four allegedly wearing police uniforms, assaulted him, tied wire around his neck and then dragged him behind their car. 244

Mr Michael Nashoa (34), a labourer of Plot 12, Steel Valley, broke his jaw and seven ribs in the incident last week.

Mumbling his story from his hospital bed this week, Nashoa said the owner of the plot next door and his son had accused him of trespassing.

They vowed to teach "the kaffir a lesson" and started beating him.

They dragged him,

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tossed him over a fence and then continued hitting him.

Minutes later, four white men who Nashoa and his wife, Josephine, said wore police uniforms, arrived.

"They hit and kicked me all over until I could no longer breathe," he said.

"One 'policeman' tied a wire around my neck and told me 'this is how we treat blacks'. They tied me behind the car and started the engine.

"They did not realise the wire had broken after they drove off. I crawled back to my house," said Nashoa.

A white motorist took Nashoa to hospital.

Vaal police liaison officer Captain Piet van Deventer told Sowetan police could not trace a file number for Nashoa.

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24 policemen are now suspended 344

Twenty-four policemen have been suspended, and seven of them charged with assault or murder, in connection with political violence, police said yesterday.

Major-General Ronnie van der Westhuizen said the other men might face criminal charges after investigations are completed.

General van der Westhuizen was confirming a newspaper report yesterday which said 24 policemen were suspended after investigations by a special unit set up this year to probe political unrest.

The general, who heads the special unit, said six policemen had been charged with murder in connection with

the deaths of 11 people during a police raid in 1988 at New Hanover, Natal.

A seventh policeman faces assault charges relating to a public unrest incident.

General van der Westhuizen said 11 policemen attached to a riot investigations unit near Carletonville on the West Rand had been suspended.

They are expected to face assault charges in connection with incidents last year.

Four more policemen were suspended in connection with the death of a man during interrogation.

Another two were suspended in connection with a killing in Natal.

General van der Westhuizen said all the suspensions stemmed from incidents in 1990 and 1991.

The suspensions are "normal procedure" when a policeman faces serious charges, General van der Westhuizen said.

The suspensions follow a series of meetings between General van der Westhuizen and representatives of the African National Congress, which accuses Government security forces of having a hand in political violence.

The violence has killed thousands of blacks and threatens President de Klerk's reforms.

In the latest unrest, police said yesterday, three people died in

Soweto in clashes overnight.

Most violence in black townships is attributed to the long feud between supporters of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Leaders of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party joined Mr de Klerk on Saturday in signing a peace pact, but clashes have continued.

Both the ANC and Inkatha oppose apartheid but have deep tribal and ideological differences.

The ANC is refusing to begin negotiations with the Government on a new constitution ending white-minority rule until the violence stops. — Sapa-AP.

Right-wing warns against ANC dinner

By DE WET POTGIETER

RIGHT-WINGERS have warned that they will not allow the ANC's foreign affairs director Thabo Mbeki to speak at a fund-raising dinner.

The dinner, to be held in the Transvaal town of Brits this week, was originally planned for August 16. It was cancelled in the wake of the

clash between the AWB and the SAP in Ventersdorp.

This week a right-wing leader in Brits said: "This dinner will not take place in our town. We have no plan of action, but it takes us less than a day to mobilise our people."

The manager of the Overberg Protea hotel, Mr Harry Dressel,

confirmed the ANC had booked the venue for Friday night and said he was due to discuss final arrangements with the organisers this week.

The regional organiser of the ANC in the PWV, Mr Elliot Mayisela, said the organisation was taking the right-wing threats seriously.

RIGHTISTS⁽³⁴⁴⁾ BURN TV IN SABC DEMO⁽⁴⁾

^(Time) By CHARIS PERKINS 22/9/91

A GROUP of 50 khaki-clad right-wingers yesterday set fire to a television set outside the SABC to protest against the corporation's "left-wing slant".

They also accused the SABC of defiling Afrikaans culture and demanded that it kept TV1 racially pure.

"Moral standards are being undermined," said organiser Johannes van den Berg.

"We are sick and tired of racially integrated advertising. Blacks have TV2, 3 and 4. We don't want to see them on our screens," he said.

The demonstration was organised by an obscure right-wing group called Quo Vadis, which was established in Pretoria in October 1990 to challenge the SABC's policies.

The general manager of the SABC's communication department, Mr Theo Vorster, said the protest was "lamentable".



A RIGHT-WINGER at the SABC protest Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

AWB men to stand trial

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THE trial of nine AWB members from Louis Trichardt, who allegedly assaulted Sunday school children in November last year, will begin on November 22.

Announcing this yesterday, Pietersburg senior prosecutor Mr JH Viljoen said the trial would be held in Pietersburg. The men would be charged with public violence.

The men allegedly assaulted Apostolic Faith Mission children from Nzhelele at a park in Louis

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

Trichardt on November 24 last year. The children, whose ages range from six to 15, were attacked with sjamboks, dogs, fan belts, sticks, spiked knobkerries and also kicked around while at a park during a church outing.

Many of the children had to receive medical treatment while a few were admitted to hospital. The trial comes two days before the anniversary of the incident.

Rightwing protests SABC

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FIFTY rightwingers marched on the headquarters of the South African Broadcasting Corporation in Auckland Park at the weekend and burnt a television set to protest racially integrated programmes and advertisements.

The 50, members of the SABC Licence Payers Action Group, held the demonstration early on Saturday. Traffic officials and police monitored the

protest, which was peaceful.

The group complained about the SABC's use of American programmes which depict blacks and whites together.

It also protested the corporation's alleged bias in favour of the ruling National Party in news broadcasts.

Mr Theo Vorster, SABC general manager of group communications, said the criticism was sub-

jective. He denied that the SABC promoted specific political aims through its programme content, advertisements and news broadcasts.

Ethics

Vorster said the corporation complied with a strict code of ethics and could be considered conservative compared to overseas and other local broadcasters.

Vorster said indepen-

dent market research had revealed news items were regarded as well-balanced and truthful.

He added that the SABC reflected national and international events based on the newsworthiness of an event, which was evaluated using accepted news principles.

Vorster said the SABC reported facts and all the differing political views.

The fact that every

political organisation, including the National Party, accused the SABC of political bias suggested that the corporation was doing something right, said Vorster.

With regard to "mixed" race advertisements, Vorster said the SABC could not forbid advertisements which featured both blacks and whites because such mixing was a fact of life.
- Sapa.

No jail for farmer who tortured, but he still has to pay:

The price of

Youth to get R40 000 from farmer

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suffering second-degree burns that took more than four months to heal.

Mokwati also told the court that a policeman summoned by Van der Westhuizen had kicked him as he writhed in pain, still welded to the table.

He said the policeman had taken him, handcuffed, to the back of an open van to Messina Police Station where he was kept for several hours before being taken to hospital.

Van der Westhuizen pleaded not guilty but admitted through his lawyer that he had welded Mokwati's hand.

He did not give evidence and his lawyer did not oppose the application by Mr Morris Pogrand, for the State, that Van der Westhuizen be found guilty of attempted murder.

Before yesterday's proceedings Mokwati's attorney, Mrs Catherine Owen, spent more than two hours pushing for the out of court settlement that left Mokwati with R40 000.

Van der Westhuizen agreed in the settlement that he would pay the amount if he was not sentenced to a prison term.

The court heard that the Van der Westhuizen earned R2 000 a month and only possessed a motorbike.

His employers were, however, prepared to give him a R40 000 loan to pay any fine imposed on him if he was not sent to jail. He would then repay the money to them.

Mokwati confirmed before the court that he had accepted the deal in full and final settlement of claims that he had made against Van der Westhuizen.

The money will be paid in three instalments, the last on November 15.

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freedom

By MATHATHA TSEDU

A WHITE farmer who torched a 15-year-old boy and then welded him to a table near Messina last year was yesterday fined R5 000 or two years' imprisonment.

In addition the magistrate, Mr GJJ van Deventer, sentenced Johan van der Westhuizen in the Louis Trichardt Regional Court to five years' suspended imprisonment on condition he pays R40 000 in damages to the youth, Frank Mokwati.

The sentence was a climax to a bizarre incident in which Van der Westhuizen (31) accosted Mokwati on Hayoma farm near Tshipise on December 8 last year and promised him a job.

Kicked

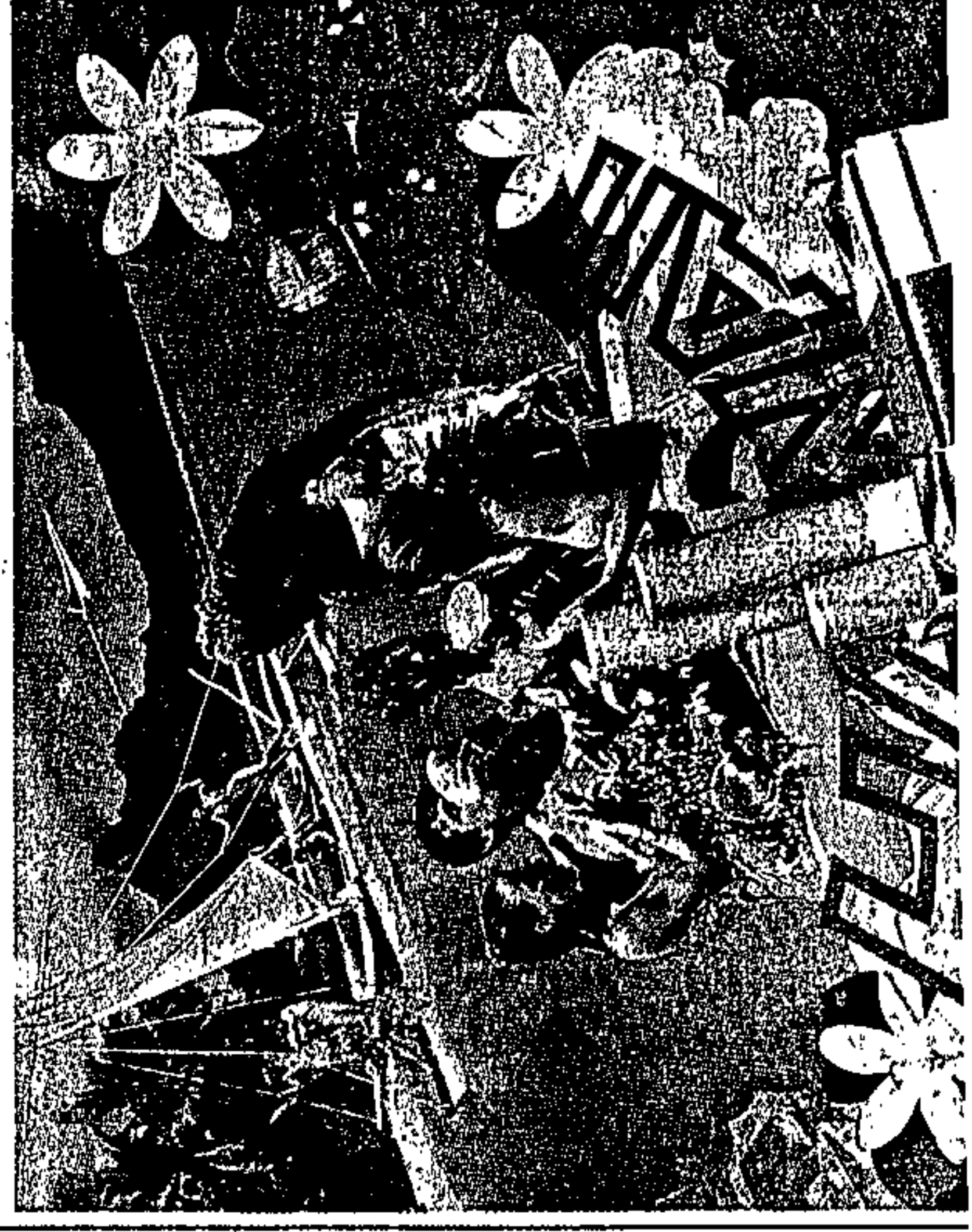
Mokwati told the court that instead of the job, Van der Westhuizen had:

- * Punched and kicked him all over the body;
- * Chained his feet and then welded the chain around his feet;
- * Welded his left hand to a steel table before pouring petrol over him and setting him alight using sparks from the welding arc;
- * Laughed as the screaming youth burnt his face, chin, neck and hands,

Welded boy gets R40 000



Van der Westhuizen - suspended sentence.



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**2 AWB members
appear in court**

Two AWB members appeared in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of public violence following the battle between the right-wing movement and police over President de Klerk's visit to Ventersdorp on August 9. Henry de Beer (40), of Krugersdorp West, and Cornelius Mostert (46), of Stilfontein, were warned to appear again on November 19. Their 12 co-accused are expected to appear in court today. (344)

Farmer charged with killing worker

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A. WHITE Delmas farmer, who allegedly clubbed his worker to death with a stick early this month, has been arrested and charged with murder.

By IKE MOTSAPI

Mr Pieter Botha of Waaikraal Farm near Delmas is to stand trial in the Delmas Regional Court

on November 1.

Botha's arrest and subsequent court appearance followed the death of Samuel Mahamba (43) who was clubbed to death on September 4 this year next to a shop in Delmas.

Captain Ida Van Zweel, the East Rand police spokesman, said Botha made his first appearance in court on September 9 1991 and was released on R1 000 bail.

Meanwhile another farmworker, Mr Lucas Ndzimande, who was allegedly assaulted by his

boss, is to appear in the Sundra Magistrate's Court today charged with trespassing, say Lawyers for Human Rights.

Ndzimande was taken into custody last Thursday.

Fasting power loses weight

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HUNGER striking, as a tool of political pressure in South Africa, has lost its edge in the wake of the evident deception by three Orde Boerevolk prisoners who embarked on what is now widely considered to have been a faked hunger strike.

A number of politicians and human rights experts believe the well-publicised event will substantially undermine the efforts by hunger strikers across the political spectrum to be taken seriously in future.

Indeed, political risk analyst Wim Booysse speculates that hunger striking — especially in right-wing quarters — could regain public attention and sympathy only if a future hunger striker fasted to the death.

Although the 'rightwingers' fast has undoubtedly induced much cynicism in both the media and the public's perception of hunger striking, their case was not the only contributor to such a perception.

It is known that, when a large group of Bophuthatswana prisoners were hunger striking for indemnity recently, several media organisations lost inter-

Alleged cheating by three rightwingers has harmed the hunger strike as a tactic. HELEN GRANGE reports.

est in the story because of an evident lack of commitment among the strikers to continue after a certain period without food.

Little attention is now being paid by the media to Bophuthatswana prisoner Johannes Simelane, nearing his 40th day without food and beginning to suffer brain damage, according to the Human Rights Commission.

Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin believes the media must be more careful in reporting on hunger strikes.

"It is up to the media not to accept at face value what is being said about hunger strikers. The right questions must be asked and access should be given to medical reports."

"I still think hunger strikes can be effective — although the public is more cynical now than ever before," he added.

The level of public sympathy for a hunger striker was invari-

ably linked to the political cause, said Tony Pfanner, head of the SA delegation of the International Red Cross.

"Certainly, in Europe, there was little attention given to cases in Germany and Israel where terrorists were hunger striking. Here, the three right-wing hunger strikers were linked to a fairly developed political cause, and they received a lot of publicity after they had reached a certain number of days into the strike."

It is for this reason that Willie Hofmeyr, a Cape Town attorney working for the ANC and former representative for hunger strikers on Robben Island, believes the hunger strike as a tool of ANC-related prisoners is not yet dead.

"If people see your cause as a good one, they will sympathise. The hunger strike is a moral weapon and if you are not moral yourself in the way you

conduct the hunger strike, then that reduces the effectiveness of the action. I do think the right-wing hunger strike will make things difficult and hunger strikers will have to try harder to be taken seriously, but there will still be public sympathy for a moral cause."

DP MP Peter Gastrow said that now, with the hunger strike as a weapon somewhat blunted, the only way a future hunger striker would be taken seriously was if medical reports were issued backing up his or her proclaimed condition.

"It is understandable that so many hunger strikers were never taken seriously. Hunger striking has been used as a relatively cheap publicity stunt and has lost its impact as a serious method of mobilising support. The three hunger strikers' conduct has led to a considerable degree of cynicism in the public, and future hunger strikers will have to prove their authenticity through medical reports."

Mr Gastrow does believe, however, that hunger strikes will remain a recognised and powerful method of protest and mobilising sympathy. □

Threat to ANC fails

By DESMOND BLOW

THE threatened action by rightwingers against an ANC fund-raising dinner in Brits on Friday night drew 30 journalists - but no protesters in the rightwing stronghold.

However, the threat seemed to have intimidated many people who had bought tickets for the dinner at R50 a head. Only about 50 of the 100 people who had paid for the dinner attended. (344)

The dinner, at the Overberg Protea Hotel in the centre of Brits, began 45 minutes late because of the late arrival of guest speaker Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's international affairs chief.

Earlier, the hotel staff and security men were tense. They closed off the first floor stairway in the hotel and took guests upstairs through a side entrance.

A few policemen sat in cars in front of the hotel.

Mbeki arrived with about a dozen ANC members. There were about a dozen whites, including four women, half-a-dozen Indians and about 30 blacks.

Mbeki congratulated them on attending despite threats and said that South Africans should not allow themselves to be deterred by either the rightwing or the leftwing from exercising their democratic right to attend meetings and hear different points of view.

He noted with amusement that guests sat separately - whites with whites, Indians with Indians and blacks with blacks.

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By **MONWABISI
NOMADOLO**

I NOW know that there are no-go areas for blacks in the northern Transvaal.

On Wednesday a City Press team set off for the far flung *dorp* of Messina on Zimbabwe's border.

Our brief was to cover a story of a 15-year-old black boy who was welded and set alight by a white farmer.

The farmer received a R5 000 fine, a five year suspended sentence and must pay the boy R40 000.

City Press had received numerous reports of widespread violence against black farm labourers by white farmers.

We'd heard that the area was plagued with foulmouthed white racists who openly called blacks "kaffirs" and "bobbe-jaan" with impunity.

It didn't take long for all of this to impress itself upon us.

Our arrival at the Impala Lily Motel at 8 pm was greeted by a wall of hateful stares.

Unknown to us, we'd entered a "no-go area".

It had been a long, hot day and the three of us - driver Lucas Ntsoelengoe, photographer Siphwe Mhlambi and myself - were keen to wash away the dust with a few pints.

We ignored the glares and ordered a round from a somewhat perplexed barman.

We were later joined by two white English-speaking travellers from Johannesburg.

One was a businessman who had just arrived from



LICKING HIS WOUNDS ... Photographer Siphwe Mhlambi nurses the gash in his leg.

Zimbabwe and the other was a young tourist.

Feeling famished, I headed for the adjacent dining hall and tried to order a humble toasted cheese and tomato sandwich.

I was studiously ignored by the waiters who were nervously serving

the whites.

Call it a black sport in a snow-white hall, but after waiting a full 30 minutes, I realised that my humble toasted sandwich was beyond the culinary comprehension of this lowlife joint.

Back in the bar, there was much merriment as

our party enjoyed a liquid meal.

One of our companions had a liberal background while the other admired Nelson Mandela.

I had just got into my room when I was rudely disturbed.

"They are beating us ... they are beating us!"

came the cries of our by now visibly terrified young companion.

Rushing into the main building I came upon a man who could easily be mistaken for an Afrikaner bull.

He seemed to herd me into the building while uttering strange words.

He suddenly gave me a terrific elbow blow in the stomach and I instinctively fired off a blow against his ribcage.

I surprised myself: It was an uppercut Mike Tyson might have approved of. I was not sorry.

I headed for the front door which was barred by another thin white.

We collided, fists flew, and I hurled him into his buddy, who was loping up behind me.

My colleagues had been enterprising. They were in the car outside with the engine running. I leapt in and we lit out.

Bleeding from an ugly gash in his leg from a broken glass, Mhlambi said that he was prevented from leaving the bar by two Afrikaans-speaking whites.

However, his new found friend, the white youngster, had stepped in to defend him. The thugs had jumped on the youth, kicking and punching him on the ground.

He said a group of SADF men drinking at the bar had ordered him to "sit down" when he wanted to stop the brawl.

He said it wasn't long before he too found himself on the ground being beaten.

Without apologising, the motel manager has suggested we lay a charge.

APARTHEID BAROMETER

RIGHT-WING ACTIONS (344)

A PORT-ELIZABETH man, Samuel Africa, 60, was kicked and beaten to death last week by three men believed to be members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging. W/Ment 4/10-10/10/91

The Human Rights Commission weekly report claims that several white men drove around the area, shouting AWB slogans, on the afternoon of the alleged incident.

AWB leader in court

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE atmosphere was tense in the Ventersdorp Magistrate's Court this week where AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche appeared on seven counts of assault and one of malicious damage to property.

However, Terre'Blanche's first appearance in his hometown court before magistrate Chris Nel did not attract many spectators.

The State alleges that the rightwing leader assaulted 70-year-old William Mashiya, threw him to the ground and punched, kicked and throttled him on March 9.

Terre'Blanche is also alleged to have hit Louis Karenz with a sheet of corrugated iron on the head and kneed him in the private parts.

He also allegedly assaulted Evelyn Mashiya, Doreen Sebothe, Magaret Visagie and Angeline Mothobi.

Terre'Blanche is also alleged to have broken Mashiya's three chairs, three headboards, six glasses and six cups valued at R220.

Dressed as usual in khaki, but not as usual surrounded by AWB Commando members, the burly Terre'Blanche appeared cool and relaxed in the dock.

He was not asked to plead and Nel warned him to appear in court on December 6 for trial.

Black family moves in amid AWB threats



FEARLESS ... Mackson Ngobeni and his wife, Gelly, who say they will not be intimidated
Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

A BLACK family moved into a white suburb of a right-wing town this week after their lawyers warned the AWB to stop its death threats and racist talk.

The threats against Phalabora Mining Company father of five, Mr Mackson Ngobeni, 46, and his wife Gelly, 42, have sparked a massive ANC consumer boycott which will begin in the mining town on Tuesday. *S/Times 6/10/91*

Legal Resources Centre lawyers informed Mr Fritz Meyer, leader of the AWB Wenkommando in Phalaborwa, that an urgent court interdict would be sought if he did not stop verbally harassing Mr Ngobeni.

Mr Meyer, who is also a spokesman for the CP, HNP, Phalaborwa Tuiswag and Boerevryheidsbeweging, confirmed he had been asked not to infringe on the rights of Mr Ngobeni, but added that "nothing much would come of this".

"Mr Ngobeni's lawyers said the interdict would forbid me from going within a one-kilometre range of his house. In that case they will have to get an interdict against almost every citizen of Phalaborwa, because we do not want this family to live among whites.

By JOCELYN MAKER

"No matter what happens, he and his family are not safe. Every black man who moves into our town will leave us no choice — they all will become targets.

"Open war has been declared now that he has moved in and I can do nothing to stop people from harming them," he said.

Mr Meyer said "blood would flow" in the streets of the CP-controlled town if black families moved into houses allocated to them by the PMC.

Mr Ngobeni has been an assistant shift foreman at PMC for the past 20 years. He said his new home was like a dream come true.

"I was so happy when I was told we could move here. We lived in the Namakgale township, which meant I had to travel 43km to work and back every day.

"The people who make these threats and those who do not want us to live in our house do not know what kind of man I am. I am a Christian man who lives a religious, good life with my family.

"But I believe that no one will harm us; I believe in the goodness of mankind.

"My neighbours have been very friendly and I am sure no one will interfere with us."

He said his children had also settled down in their new home.

Mr Paul Clothier, a PMC spokesman, said yesterday his company would continue implementing its non-racial housing policy.

The spokesman for the local ANC branch and the Consumer Boycott Committee, Mr Ludwig Raklaba, said: "The boycott will go ahead and it will continue indefinitely.

"We have handed our demands over to the council, but they refuse to speak to us. The local Chamber of Commerce has also been informed," he said.

Farmer slays squatter ^{21/10/91} (344)

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

A resident of the Majakaneng squatter camp near Brits was shot dead and another seriously wounded by a Brits farmer at the weekend.

Liaison officer for the northern Transvaal SAP, Lieutenant Jan Crouse, said the incident occurred on Friday night when three white boys, all aged 16, went to hunt in the nearby open veld at about 9.30 pm.

The three, driving in a bakkie, got involved in a quarrel which resulted in a fight with a taxi driver near the Majakaneng squatter camp.

"One of the boys ran away

and the other two drove off and informed the missing boy's father about the incident," said Lieutenant Crouse.

He said the three went to the squatter camp to look for the missing boy. "On arrival they were allegedly attacked by two black men, one armed with a 1,5 m chain.

"The father of the missing boy fired a shot at the man with a chain, killing him instantly and wounding the other in the right arm," he said.

The wounded man was rushed to the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital for treatment.

No arrest was made but police have opened murder and attempted murder dockets, according to Lieutenant Crouse.

Arson: Family undaunted

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Members of the Singh family here — whose home was firebombed by suspected right-wing arsonists — said yesterday that they would not be scared out of their former whites-only neighbourhood.

"We are hurt and upset — but we aren't going to run away," said 17-year-old Shevani Singh, who was at home with her two younger brothers and grandmother when the attack happened on Monday night at their home in Jacques Road.

Shevani said her brother Shrivvaar, 16, found a crumpled note in the postbox at lunchtime with the warning: "You Indians must move out or we will kill you bastards — CP in this area."

Shrivvaar later took the note to a neighbour who told them to contact him immediately if they needed any assistance.

"Just after 8pm we heard the maid screaming that the garage was on fire."

The children's parents, Mr and Mrs Eshwar Singh, were away on holiday in Eastern Europe when

the blaze broke out next to the wooden garage door of the family's comfortable duplex.

They moved into Mayville about six weeks ago from a farm at Isinembe, near Tongaat.

"This is the first time anyone has threatened us," said Shevani, a matric pupil at Our Lady of Fatima Convent in Durban North.

Mr Carl Werth, Natal chairman of the CP and a member of the President's Council, dissociated the party from the attack.

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AWB suspends trio

The AWB has suspended three senior members of the organisation who appeared in Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the escape of an awaiting-trial prisoner, Richard Barry Nel, from the HF Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria and the theft of a motor vehicle.

Con Stucki, Sannie van der Merwe and Piet Barnard, members of the AWB's executive council, were not asked to plead and no charges were placed before them. *Star 10/10/91*

The case was postponed to November 5 and the three were released on their own recognisances. — Political Reporter and Sapa.

Home of black supervisor in 'white area' attacked

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Own Correspondent

The house of Palabora Mining Company supervisor Mackson Ngobeni, who became the town's first black resident last week amid threats by right-wingers, has been attacked.

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Mr Ngobeni said he called the police and mining security, who responded speedily.

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"This is our home and we are not going anywhere. Many whites have also phoned to welcome me and some sent my family cakes and cards," he said.

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Teacher claims cash for assault

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A NORTH-EASTERN Transvaal teacher, Terrence Shimaki Sethoga, 55, has served a letter of demand for R250 000 on the Minister of Law and Order, the Commissioner of Police, two farmers and a policeman after allegedly being beaten and dragged behind a bakkie.

He was allegedly attacked in Roedtan, about 50 km from Marble Hall, when his car broke down.

He is demanding the money to compensate him for pain, shock, suffering, temporary and permanent disability, discomfort and disfigurement as a result of his injuries.

The letter from Willy Bhila, Sethoga's attorney, claims Sethoga was severely assaulted by farmer Schalkie Pretorius, his brother Abie and a Const Badenhorst.

It is also alleged that Sethoga was punched, kicked and had his genitals squeezed until he fainted.

"When constable Badenhorst, stationed at Roedtan, arrived, he ordered Sethoga's arms and legs tied.

"Badenhorst also hit Sethoga with his fists, kicked him, fired three shots near his head and then put the barrel to his forehead."

The letter alleges that Badenhorst took the injured man in a "State vehicle" and dumped him on the road near Onverwacht Farm, leaving him to die.

Right-wing force exposed

SITimes
A POLITICAL scientist has disclosed in a new book how a secret Broederbond-style body has its claws firmly imbedded in most Afrikaner institutions.

Professor Hennie Kotze, of the University of Stellenbosch, says the organisation, called Toekomstgesprek (TG), was established in secret in 1983.

The book, called *Political Organisations in SA — A to Z*, discloses that by the beginning of this year, TG's membership had mushroomed from 500 to 3 000.

Professor Kotze says TG was established as an alternative to the NP-dominated Broederbond (BB) by the far-right. It is said to be the force behind the influence of Dr Andries Treurnicht's Conservative Party in cultural and agricultural institutions in rural and semi-urban areas.

The chairman of TG is believed to be an engineer who lives on the East Rand.

The secret organisation has close links with the CP and other right-wing movements. Membership — as

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By NORMAN WEST
Political Reporter

with the Broederbond — is by invitation only, Professor Kotze says.

Mr Hans Strydom — an expert on Broederbond activities and the co-author of a best-seller on the BB, *The Super Afrikaners* — said he was aware of the existence of TG.

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"It operates like a 'super caucus' of the CP," he said. "It is, therefore, a 'caucus within a caucus' and takes decisions over the heads of rank-and-file members of the CP."

Professor Kotze says the TG is headed by a "gesprekshoofraad" which serves as its executive. Its members are divided into "branches" or "cells" called "gespreks-groepe" (discussion groups).

According to Professor Kotze, the TG's ranks were boosted when about 1 000 Broederbond members deserted the BB because of their far-right sentiments.

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Professor Kotze says information gleaned from secret circulars and documents leaked from the TG shows the organisation's strategy is to infiltrate the Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuur (FAK) with the help of the Afrikaner Volkswag.

However, the Afrikaner Volkswag has denied it is a front organisation for the TG.

Professor Kotze says the aim of the TG is to propagate conservative Afrikaner ideology on the broadest possible level by infiltrating cultural organisations, school committees, church councils and agricultural bodies.

Verdict stays for killers

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EVERT Japie Boonzaaier, convicted earlier this year of a vicious and unprovoked necklaced murder of a black man, has been denied leave to appeal against his 25-year sentence.

Boonzaaier (24) and Deon van Deventer (25), both of Newlands, Johannesburg, repeatedly kicked and assaulted Mr Johannes Masango on September 14 last year. They loaded his

body on to a bakkie and took it to the Newclare railway station, where they placed a tyre around him and set him alight.

During the trial, the court heard how they boasted of "killing a kaffir".

Mr Justice MM Joffe, who convicted them in the Rand Supreme Court, yesterday refused leave to appeal.

AWB chief for trial over assault

EUGENE Terre'Blanche, leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, is to stand trial on December 12 for allegedly assaulting a 70-year old pensioner earlier this year.

The decision to prosecute Terre'Blanche came after a lengthy legal process between Krugersdorp attorney, Mr Aubrey Khanyile, representing the 70-year-old complainant, Mr

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By SONTI MASEKO

William Mashiya, and the Ventersdorp police. (344)

Mashiya, a traditional healer from Klipplaatdrift, alleged that he was assaulted at his home by the AWB leader on March 9 this year. He said Terre'Blanche accused him of having stolen a goat.

Mashiya claimed he was assaulted after he refused to sell his ram to Terre'Blanche, a farmer in Ventersdorp. (252)

At the time, Khanyile said, he had had to write a directive to the police station commander in Ventersdorp to have the charge investigated after his client was turned away when he went to lay the charge following the assault.

Instead, a day after he made a

statement, Mashiya was detained for three days and released without being charged.

Mashiya was charged with stock theft, a charge which never materialised, his lawyer said.

In May, Mashiya was also raided by five white policemen and on May 3 he appeared in court on charges of possessing dagga. The case was withdrawn on September 10.

Right-wing politics 'absurd'

By Peter Davies

RUSTENBURG — Former Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) member Nicolaas Johannes Kotze condemned the "absurd politics of the right wing" before being sentenced to a year in jail (or R1 500 fine) for conspiring to kill the leader of another ultra right-wing group on July 16.

The Rustenburg Regional Court found Kotze (30) of Barkley West and co-conspirator Carel Willem Pieter Swart (20) of Kimberley guilty of conspiring to kill Blanke Weerstandsbeweging leader Andrew Ford.

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On a second charge of the unlawful possession of an AK-47 rifle, Kotze was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for five years. He was fined a further R500 (or six months' jail) on a third charge of possessing 15 rounds of AK-47 ammunition.

His co-conspirator Swart was given a one-year jail sentence or the option of a R1 500 fine, suspended for five years.

Kotze told the court that the publicity surrounding his case had cost him his job, and he was now also separated from his wife and two-and-a-half year old daughter.

He condemned the AWB leadership, saying he had previously been treated like a son but now the leaders had "turned their backs on me".

AWB men slam rightwing ideal

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leaders had "turned their backs on me".

Kotze said: "I want to tell every young person in the New Republic that violence is no solution, the only answer is to look up and ask the Lord for help. The politics of the rightwing is absurd."

Swart said he had given his heart to the Lord and condemned violence. He said at the time he "thought he was doing something good".

Union chief in blazing house eludes killers

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THE Vice-chairman of the Lydenburg region of the National Union of Mineworkers is living in fear after his house was burnt down and attempts made on his life.

The union said a group of four white and four black men surrounded Mr Jackson Tsatsi's house at Penge Mine on October 13 and started shooting into his bedroom.

"Tsatsi managed to climb through the ceiling and survived the attack. He heard one of the white men telling the others they should leave as they had killed him.

"On their way out they poured petrol into the house and on his car and set them alight. He managed to get out while the

house was burning," NUM said.

Lebowa police spokesman, Captain LM Tlomatsana, said police were aware of the incident.

He said police were alerted and they went to check the damage caused by the fire.

Tlomatsana said police could not continue with investigations until Tsatsi had laid a formal charge with the police.

"Police have asked him to come and open a formal charge so that probes can be started."

By DON SEOKANE

2 ex-hunger strikers 'on the run'

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

PRETORIA — Two of the three right-wing hunger strikers discharged from the HF Verwoerd Hospital last month have allegedly broken their bail conditions and are on the run.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frank Alton yesterday said warrants of arrest had been issued for Henry Guy Martin and Adrian Hendrikus Maritz for failing to comply with their bail conditions.

The men, who are scheduled to appear in the Pretoria Supreme

Court on Monday, are believed to be in possession of false passports and trying to make their way to London, according to sources. Mr Martin is a British citizen.

They were first arrested more than nine months ago in connection with a bomb blast at the Bloed Street taxi rank in Pretoria and a parcel bomb explosion which killed a Durban computer technician with ANC links.

The two men, who ended their hunger strike on September 9, have not reported to the police since Wednesday, nor have they been found at their given addresses, Colonel Alton said.

The third hunger striker, Lood van Schalkwyk, has not broken his bail conditions.

In terms of the conditions, all three men were obliged to report daily to their nearest police station.

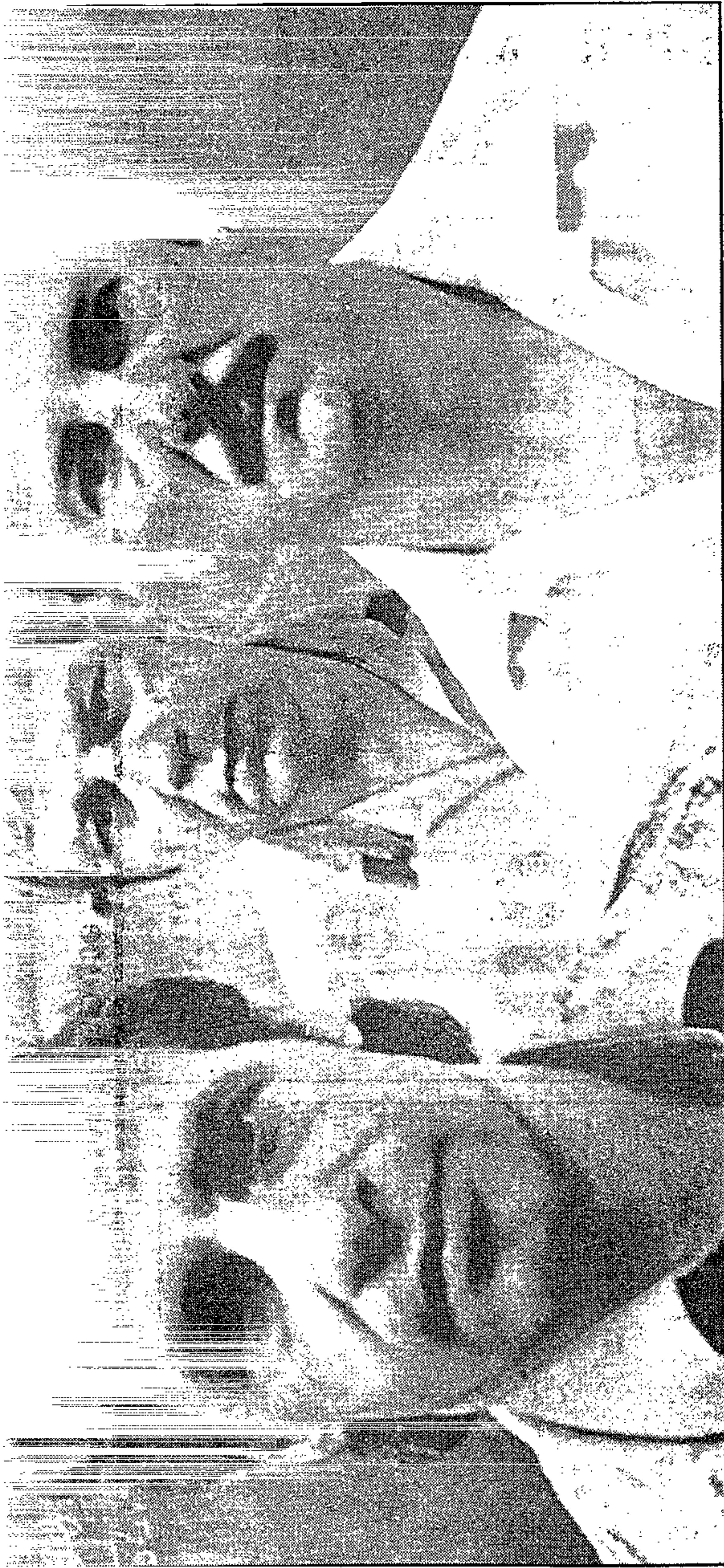
They were also required to hand in their

passports and any other travel documents, and were not permitted to apply for passports.

They also undertook not to leave the magisterial district of Pretoria without police permission. Bail was set at R5 000 each.

Mr Martin and Mr Maritz were believed to be driving a silver-grey BMW 318i.

Anyone with information should telephone Colonel Roelf Venter at (012) 310-1326 (office hours), or at (012) 998-9881 (after hours).



Pioneers . . . the first white members of the National Union of Mineworkers. J C Vorster, on the left, signed up then resigned under right-wing pressure; but Louis Vosloo (back) and Wille van Staden are determined to stay with the union. Picture courtesy of the South African Labour Bulletin.

White miners taunted, threatened by AWB members for joining NUM

By Shareen Singh

Two white miners have joined the National Union of Mineworkers in the right-wing town of Rustenburg. They say that as a result they are being harassed daily and called racist names.

"We have no more white friends. They don't visit us any more and call us terrorists, 'kaffir boetie' and other racist names," said Louis Vosloo and Willie van Staden, employees at the strife-torn Impala Wildebestedfontein platinum mine in Bophuthatswana.

Mr Vosloo said that about

three weeks ago a few AWB members arrived at his house and hurled abuse at him and his family, and last week some of his colleagues from the mine harassed him at his home.

Mr Vosloo's daughter who was at a high school in Rustenburg was also being harassed by fellow students, he said.

Some rightwingers had threatened to burn down Mr van Staden's house.

But the men were determined that these threats would not stop them from belonging to the union of their choice, unlike their colleague J C Vorster for

whom the intimidation was too much. Mr Vorster had also joined the NUM but resigned.

"I did not join the NUM to be a terrorist, like they accuse me," Mr van Staden said. "I joined the union to fight for human rights. For many years I saw different kinds of victimisation and intimidation of black workers and I can no longer be part of it."

"Some mine overseers hate blacks and use the shift supervisors to victimise and intimidate workers who have done nothing wrong. This is inhuman and something I cannot understand," he said.

Mr Vosloo, who is an underground miner, said when he started work at the Wildebestedfontein mine about two years ago, it was his first experience of working side by side with black miners.

"I soon learnt that they are just like me and have the same problems. We started talking and became friends. It hurt me to see them being treated as though they were animals."

He joined the NUM about two months ago as an active member and it was not long before he was elected by thousands of workers to join the committee.

"When we signed up with the

NUM, we were treated like kings," Mr Vosloo said.

"The workers cheered us. I feel relieved that I left the all-white Mine Workers Union which was full of promise but no action. Our doors are open to anyone irrespective of race."

"My conscience is clear because I am no longer associated with a racist structure."

"I feel proud to be in the NUM. In this union an injury to one is an injury to all and I know that if anything happened to me thousands of workers would rise in my defence," he said.

We have Ventersdorp film - AWB

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The AWB claims it has a video of a policeman firing on Ventersdorp voters, and will hand it over to the Goldstone Commission into Intimidation and Violence.

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche said in Pretoria yesterday the video showed a policeman on a hotel roof firing with an automatic weapon at people heading to the public meeting addressed by President de Klerk in Ventersdorp on August 9.

Mr TerreBlanche said AWB secretary Piet "Skier" Rudolph's wife and daughter had been "harassed" by security police "probably looking for the video".

Mr TerreBlanche announced that the right wing would unite to protest against the "Government's attempt to disarm the Boers" through its recent proposed legislation restricting firearm ownership.

A rally was planned for Saturday in Church Square and a march would proceed to Strydom Square where the rightwingers would hand over a petition.

The Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) has agreed to join Saturday's protest.

Mr TerreBlanche said the proposed Arms and Ammunition Act would turn the "legal owners of this land into criminals".

Terre'Blanche offers tape

PRETORIA. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche yesterday said he would hand the Goldstone Commission into Intimidation and Violence a video tape of a police officer firing a hand carbine into civilians at Ventersdorp.

Two right-wingers were killed and several people wounded when a gunfight allegedly resulted from police attempts to restrain right-wingers from entering the hall where President F W de Klerk was to speak.

Mr Terre'Blanche told a news con-

ference the video tape showed a policeman firing three bursts into a crowd from a hotel roof during Mr De Klerk's meeting.

AWB secretary-general Mr Piet Rudolph also announced that "security police", probably after the video, had searched his daughter's flat in Pretoria on Tuesday.

Mr Terre'Blanche said that, on the basis of legal advice, he had declined to hand a copy of the video to the "security police" and would submit it to the Goldstone commission. A date was still to be determined. — Sapa

AWB fury over gun control

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Sowetan Reporter

NEW legislation limiting the number of firearms one person is allowed to own will result in "the most serious resistance ever" from the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche issued this warning in Pretoria yesterday.

The proposed legislation has become a rallying point for rightwing groups, which will hold a protest meeting and march in Pretoria on Saturday.

For the first time, both rightwing political parties - the Conservative Party and the Herstigte Nasionale Party - will appear together with the AWB and the conservative Mine Workers'

Union.

The Farmers' Crisis Action group has also voiced its support.

The CP will be represented by MP Mr Koos Botha, the HNP by Mr Willie Rust and the MWU by its general secretary, Mr P Ungerer. The meeting will be chaired by the AWB, with Terre'Blanche as one of the main speakers.

Terre'Blanche said the proposed legislation would penalise "law-abiding citizens" who would not be able to defend themselves against AK-47 attacks by terrorists.

He said the Government

had capitulated to an African National Congress demand that whites be disarmed. The ANC, however, had refused to hand in its arms.

"The circumstances in South Africa make it impossible for a man to own only one gun," he said.

While Saturday's protest would focus on the firearm issue, further action by Rightwing groups against other issues would follow. The Government's multiparty conference would be the first target, Terre'Blanche said.

Rightwing fugitive asked ANC for aid

JUST before he jumped bail this week, right-wing murder accused Adrian Maritz tried to persuade the African National Congress to spirit him out of the country in exchange for information he claimed could bring down the government.

In an interview shortly before he and fellow accused Henry Martin disappeared, Maritz told *The Weekly Mail* he had access to information which would make the Inkatha scandal "look like a non-event" — and that he was hoping to sell the ANC on the idea that they arrange safe passage for him in exchange.

The ANC, however, refused to take the bait. There were meetings with Maritz, but he insisted on first being flown out of the country before handing over any information, an ANC source said this week.

Aiding Maritz and Martin's escape was "out of the question" for the organisation. Instead, the ANC tried unsuccessfully to persuade President FW de Klerk to grant the men amnesty, so they could release the information they claimed to have — especially concerning their claims that they were National Intelligence Service operatives acting under orders.

Whether Maritz's attempt to do a deal with the ANC was a desperate last pitch or whether he is genuinely in possession of potentially explosive information is unclear.

In the tiny flat he occupied with his wife Karen and step-daughter Toni (13), Maritz showed *The Weekly Mail* a variety of documents, including

what he claimed were telexed "shopping lists" for illegal arms deals he was involved in and a contract purporting to cover the sale of a number of Northrop F5E fighter planes to the Republic of Taiwan.

He claimed he could solve the political murders of Anton Lubowski, David Webster and Fabian Ribeiro.

He claimed he could provide hard evidence surrounding the provision of arms and ammunition for Inkatha groups in the Transvaal: specifically, he said he could supply documentary proof of the handover about two months ago of three truckloads of AK47s, pistols and ammunition to "an Inkatha group" at a warehouse in Selby Road, Booyens, and of the delivery in October 1988 of 10 000 R4s to Inkatha. He claimed he could supply the names and ranks of security force officers involved in the transaction.

Maritz also claimed the South African government was still providing Mozambique's rebel group, Renamo, with logistical and military support: that arms were flown via Swaziland to an island off Mozambique, from where they were ferried to the mainland by high-powered speedboat. He said he could provide the registration number of the aircraft involved.

Maritz did make a statement to police while in custody, which he claims is false.

He believed their trial — to have started on Monday, but now postponed to January 27 — would have been conducted in camera, and that its outcome was a fait accompli. "We have already been sentenced," he said.

Maritz and Martin last reported to police in terms of their bail conditions last Tuesday and Wednesday and were next heard of when Maritz's wife Karen, who holds a British passport, telephoned a Sunday newspaper claiming the men were safe in the United Kingdom.

Police are now searching country-wide for the two fugitives, indicating they might not have left the country.

Perhaps they have found the help they sought: Maritz boasted about the right-wing's penetration of the country's security forces, saying: "Trying to root the right-wing out of the SAP and the SADF is like trying to take salt out of stew."

Fearful his Pretoria flat would be raided by security police, Maritz said he had deposited his most sensitive documents with Pretoria advocate Freddie Klein — the man appointed to defend him pro deo in his murder trial.

He claimed Klein's office had subsequently been broken into and his case file tampered with, but that the documents had not been discovered. This week Klein would neither confirm nor deny the incident.

Maritz told how his computer, confiscated by security police when he was first arrested in November last year, was allegedly deliberately damaged while in the hands of the police.

Both Maritz and Martin are skilled computer-systems analysts. The company they ran as partners installed computer networks for a range of companies, government agencies and anti-apartheid organisations.

He maintained that he was recruited by NIS in 1985 and was initially involved in information gathering — using his knowledge of computers — as well as arms deals, in which he claimed to later specialise.

Towards the end of 1989, he was given "a firm brief involving Maputo — not guns, but computers". (It is known that he installed computers at Maputo's Eduardo Mondlane University.)

"I had to get into systems, find out what their computers knew about ours, spread disinformation and get names and addresses," he said. He carried out this task from Swaziland.

At the end of 1990 his brief changed — he was now to take part in a campaign to destabilise "black groups". This involved drawing up pamphlets geared to foment friction between the ANC and Inkatha which were then distributed by police in Reef townships.

Maritz claimed that Martin acted as an NIS mole in the Durban computer company, PC Plus, where Nick Cruse was killed by a parcel bomb on October 20 last year.

Initially, Martin and Maritz thought their arrest, along with co-accused Lood van Schalkwyk — whom Maritz referred to deprecatingly as "just a mule" — was just "a token, to draw the fire at first. Then when we didn't get indemnity we realised we were going to be buried because we knew too much".

He showed a sworn statement he made at the Akasia police station saying he feared he would be forced to make a false confession and that if so he would use a false signature to distinguish it. An example of the false signature he planned to use appears on the affidavit, alongside his usual signature.

Right-wing attack on black homeowner

By PETA KROST

A BLACK man has vowed not to let violent right-wingers drive him from his dream home.

Yesterday, Mr Bennet Makgatho's attractive house in the quiet Randfontein suburb of Greenhills still showed the evidence of an ugly incident — profanities and threats spray-painted over the front of the house.

Mr Makgatho, 45, who bought the house three weeks ago, said: "I left the township for peace and quiet, but instead I got this ugly welcome on Tuesday night."

Lying in wait for him at 10pm that night were 10 abusive young men clad in black with their sleeves cut off.

Gun

Mr Makgatho said: "As I got out of my car, two black women across the road warned me these people were in my garden. Then I saw them and asked what they wanted."

"When they started swearing and threatening me, I realised there was trouble."

Once behind a locked door and security gate in the darkened house, Mr Makgatho peeped out of a window and saw a white man shaking the gate and motioning others to join him.

"When the others came closer they covered their heads with balaclavas and I saw one of them had a gun tucked into his pants."

"I wasn't afraid, just angry."

The intimidators then slit all the tyres of Mr Makgatho's German car and came back to shout more abuse.

They disappeared for 15 minutes, but returned to



STANDING FIRM ... Bennet Makgatho outside his new home
Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

spray-paint vulgarities over the front of the house.

Once the men had left, Mr Makgatho made his way "ducking and diving" to the police station a few kilometres down the road.

Watching the incident from a neighbouring house was a family and their domestic worker.

The family, who asked not to be named for fear of retribution, had been woken by their domestic worker, who had warned Mr Makgatho while she was waiting for her friend's lift to arrive.

"I heard them threatening to kill that man. We saw the whole thing."

Her employer said: "I phoned the police four

times and it took them an hour to get here."

"If they had come when we phoned, they would have caught these men."

This weekend, Mr Makgatho, who owns a bottle-store and beerhall in Kagiso, was insistent: "I'm staying in my new home."

"I'm not afraid. Living in the townships, I've got used to worse things than this ... it happens all the time. I have always fought intimidation."

"Once they realise I don't scare easily, maybe we can become friends."

Mr Makgatho will eventually bring his wife, Lebo, and two daughters, Npho, 11, and Lesego, 5, to live in their Greenhills home.



IN FULL CRY ... AWB supremo Eugene Terre Blanche, who urged followers to steal guns in the face of proposed new laws to limit private ownership

ET tells whites to to defy arms curbs

AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche said yesterday he would order his followers "to steal weapons" if the government limited private ownership of firearms.

Guarded by members of his heavily armed black-uniformed Aquila unit, Mr. Terre Blanche rode on horseback in pouring rain from Pretoria's Church Square to Stridom Square

By DE WET POTGIETER

to hand a petition to the SAP's Brigadier Jumbo van de Wall against the proposed legislation.

Crowds of amused black and white residents — on their way home after a morning's shopping — watched as the procession moved down Church Street.

"Arm yourselves," Mr. Terre Blanche told 1000 uniformed members of his movement. "Spend your last pennies on guns to fight for your land."

He added that the Boer and his firearm were inseparable and said it was the duty of every white man who wanted to survive in Africa to be properly armed.

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Rightwingers wait
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The hearing on their requested extradition to Namibia of right-wingers Leonard Veenendal, Darryl Stopforth and Horst Klenz to stand trial for two murders, for bombing a United Nations base and for escaping from police custody, has been postponed to February 3.

Afrikaners will go to war, warn rightwingers

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG

Rightwingers have warned of a "racial war" in South Africa should the government try and disarm the Afrikaner nation.

About 3 000 members of the the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, the Conservative Party, the Herstigte Nasionale Party, the (white) Mineworkers Union and the Dietse Federasie gathered on Saturday on Church Square in Pretoria to protest against the new Weapons Act.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said his organisation would "go to war" should the government try to take away the Afrikaner's weapons.

He said the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress and the South African Communist Party had access to vast quantities of weapons, including AK-47s.

Mr Wouter Rust of the HNP said whites would be at "a great disadvantage" if the new legislation on weapons was allowed to take effect.

"We need our weapons to protect ourselves from criminal acts," he said.

He noted that in many instances AK-47s were being used for murder and armed robbery.

Earlier a group of police-women, led by Captain Marietjie Louw of the Northern Transvaal Liaison Office, handed out pamphlets explaining the new Weapons Act.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frank Alton said the handing out of the pamphlets was an "image-building exercise" and to inform the protestors of the new legislation.

AWB secretary-general Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph urged supporters to throw the pamphlets away as the government was trying to mislead the public.

Defying adverse weather conditions, Mr Terre'Blanche — who, like several other leaders, was on horseback — led protestors on a march from Church Square to nearby Strijdom Square.

A petition slamming the new Act was then handed to Brigadier Jumbo van der Walt, head of the South African Police Operational Unit.

Whites aimed guns at us, say youths

By Zingisa Mkhuma

Two ANC Youth League members were allegedly intimidated and threatened with death by white occupants of a minibus in Soweto yesterday for wearing ANC and SACP T-shirts.

The men said they were on their way to a branch meeting to discuss the National Peace Accord in Meadowlads Hall when they were stopped by the men in a white Nissan minibus.

Mandla Skosana said the same minibus had stopped next to him and one of the occupants had pointed a gun at him and threatened to kill him if he was seen wearing the T-shirt again.

The men had earlier ripped off Sipho Makama's ANC T-shirt after they made him turn around to enable them to read the inscription on the back of the shirt, Mr Makama told The Star.

Tension grew when people standing outside the hall spotted the minibus driving past several times.

Speakers inside the hall urged the community to stand up and defend themselves.

Said one speaker: "The Accord was initiated by the ANC to bind all other signatories to follow the peaceful road, but unfortunately the Accord cannot ensure peace."

Keep your guns oiled, says AWB leader

By Clyde Johnson
Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche yesterday advised white South Africans to keep their guns clean and oiled and to stock-pile ammunition.

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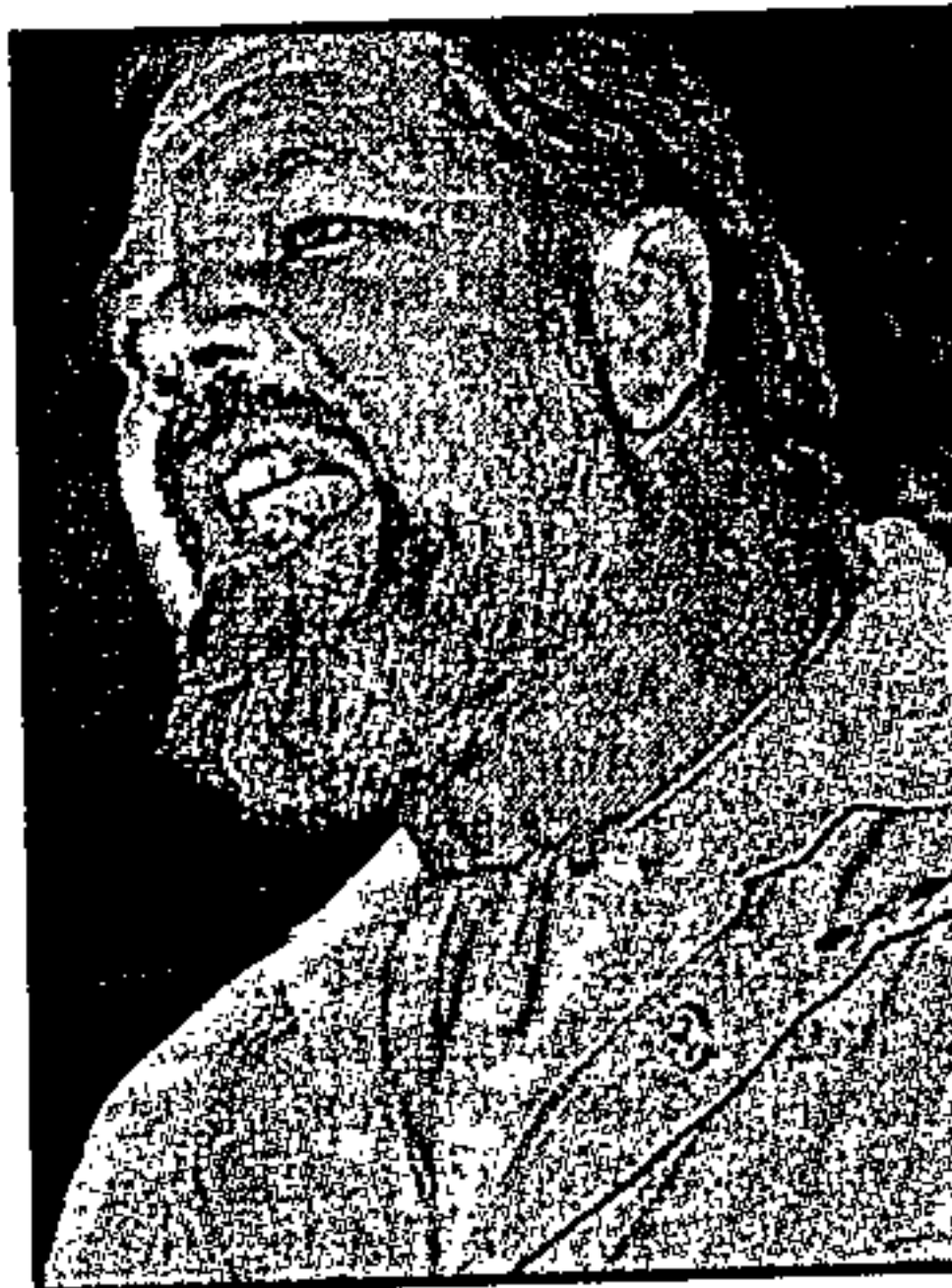
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Yet, when it came to paying tax, whites accounted for 87 percent compared to 13 percent paid by Indians, coloureds and blacks, he said.

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throughout the country had drivers, our Post Offices remained open and Eskom continued to produce electricity."

If, on the other hand, a fraction of whites had decided to go on strike for the same period the country would grind to a complete standstill "with blacks looking on helplessly", he added.

Asked if whites would ever realise their ambition of a white homeland, Mr TerreBlanche replied: "It's quite simple. All people on farms and in towns in the Old Boer Republic must simply fire all their black staff."

"They will leave and seek employment in the urban areas then, hey presto, we will have our own Boere homeland. And it will be quite legal."

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Shootout in desert

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The search of the Slabbert and White homes took place about 4.30am, according to Mrs Slabbert.

White of Hartbeespoort were taken to Pretoria for questioning but were later released. They could not be contacted for comment.

Mr White is apparently not related to the man who killed himself on Thursday.

Mr Martin had rented a room at Mr Slabbert's home until his disappearance.

And the Slabbert couple also recently applied for firearm licences at a police station after buying Mr Martin's hunting rifle and Mrs Karen Maritz's 0.9 mm parabellum pistol, Mrs Elize Slabbert said.

Mr George Ehlers, a farmer of Maluti, 50km north of Pretoria, was questioned at his farm, which was "invaded" at 4am by heavily armed men in two helicopters and two cars, family members said in telephone interviews.

She claimed heavily armed men, some in civilian clothes and others in camouflage uniforms without insignia, pointed firearms at the children while the homes were searched.

She said the three men, who are friends, were not involved in any political organisations.

The fugitive pair, Mr Martin and Mr Maritz, were members of the now defunct right-wing Orde Boerevolk and were facing five charges in connection with bomb attacks against a computer facility in Durban and a taxi rank at Bloed Street in Pretoria last year. One person died and 13 were injured in the attacks.

Their trial, with fellow right-winger Lood van Schalkwyk, who is seriously ill, has since been moved to next year.

Police say suicide pair linked to hunger-strikers

Weekend Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Two fanatical rightwingers have died in a bloody shootout on the fringes of the Kalahari desert in what police say is a breakthrough in the search for fugitives Adrian Maritz and Henry Martin.

The two men, Mr Jurgen Matthews White, 22, from Louis Trichardt, and Mr Johannes Jurgen Grobbelaar, 19, from Krugersdorp, both members of the rightwing Church of the Creator, were alleged to be linked to the former hunger-strikers.

The pair committed suicide by shooting themselves after being cornered by police near Upington on Thursday.

Mr Maritz and Mr Martin fled from Lanseria Airport to Gaborone, Botswana, using false passports on October 23, the police public relations division said yesterday.

A civilian tracker was shot dead and a police sergeant wounded in a shootout with the men before they committed suicide. The policeman is in a satisfactory condition in the Upington Hospital.

Large numbers of arms, including automatic rifles, hand grenades and mines, were found in their car.

After the incident, police swooped on three Transvaal families allegedly linked to the dead men, taking three people into custody for questioning.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said police near Upington in the North Western Cape spotted a suspected stolen vehicle with two white occupants on Thursday and gave chase.

The occupants drove into the veld and left the vehicle. When the police arrived they were ambushed and the tracker and police sergeant were shot.

Police confiscated an AK-47 rifle, an R-1 rifle, two R-4 rifles and 15 spent cartridges at the scene, and found 2 630 rounds of 7,62 ammunition, 510 5,56 rounds, mortars, smoke-grenades, anti-personnel mines, 40mm snub-nosed rounds, thunderflashes, instant light grenades, groceries, wigs and false moustaches in the vehicle.

"The SA police are investigating the possibility the two belonged to the same organisation as Adrian Maritz and Henry Martin, who fled the country from Lanseria Airport to Gaborone on October 23 using false passports in the names of Johan George White and Jacob Abraham Johannes Slabbert."

Captain Van Rooyen said Mr Jurgen White and Mr Grobbelaar were apparently on their way to Namibia.

He said the investigation into the activities of the four led to the swoop on the homes of three families in the Transvaal early yesterday.

Police expected several arrests soon, Captain Van Rooyen said.

Mr Johan Slabbert of Pretoria and Mr Johan

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Student warned he wouldn't return

Staff Reporter

MR Jurgens Grobbelaar, a bright Tukkies student and right-winger who died in a shootout with police in the Kalahari this week, told his family three weeks ago that they would not see him again.

This was in a letter to his parents after he quit his studies at Pretoria University, according to Vrye Weekblad.

The newspaper said the 19-year-old Mr Grobbelaar was a member of the neo-nazi Church of the Creator, the World Apartheid movement, and an Afrikaner National

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Loyalty

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MASTHEAD ... From the Church of Creator's newspaper, Racial Loyalty.

Socialist.

Police told his parents that he and a fellow student, Mr Jean du Plessis, who also quit his studies at the same time, had been seen with Mr Henry Martin and Mr Adriaan Maritz after the two fugitives had been granted bail.

The head of the Church of the Creator in SA — or "Primus Dominus" — Mr Jan S Smith, confirmed this week that Mr Grobbelaar had attended services.

He also confirmed that Mr Maritz had attended the church.

The church has about 150 members who attend weekly services

in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

The church views Christian practices as devil worship and propagates the extermination of Jews and the "mud races" (blacks). It measures time as years since the birth of Hitler.

It was founded in 1973 by the Russian-born Mr Ben Klassen, who moved to the United States in 1945 from Germany.

Mr Klassen was elected to the Florida House of Representatives.

The church has branches in the United States, Sweden, Australia, Britain and South Africa.



Death run

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BY SYBRAND MOSTERT and DAN SIMON
TWO young right-wing radicals shot themselves in the Kalahari after a four-hour chase and gunfight with police.

The two men — one a former Tukkies student — were suspected of smuggling guns, grenades and disguises to Orde Boerevolk fugitives Mr Adrian Maritz and Mr Henry Martin in Botswana.

The fugitives are believed to be in Botswana though they claimed in a phone call to Sapa last week they had reached Britain.

Police cornered Mr Jurgens Grobbelaar, 19, an anti-apartheid activist, and a high-speed car chase near a Botswana border on Thursday.

In a Kalahari shoot-out the men ambushed pursuing police, killing a police tracker and wounding a policeman before turning their weapons on themselves.

Police seized a large cache consisting of assault rifles, thousands of rounds of ammunition and explosives devices, Wigs and false moustaches were also found.

Police believe the cache was destined for Botswana, where the two men were expected to link up with Mr Maritz and Mr Martin.



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Death run

later died of a serious chest wound that evening," Capt Van Rooyen said.

He said that police found an AK-47 rifle, an R-1 rifle and two spent cartridges were also picked up.

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The men were released after a hunger strike and fled to Gaborone by air in October on false passports bearing the names White and Slabbert.

Capt Van Rooyen said that Mr Grobbelaar and Mr White were pulled off the road between Upington and Noenepuit about 10am on Thursday morning when two Upington Vehicle Theft Unit detectives noticed they were travelling in a stolen car.

The road from Upington to the Kalahari Gemsbok Park runs adjacent to the Botswana border for several kilometres.

The car suddenly pulled off in the direction of Upington and the police gave chase.

About 40km outside Noenepuit the car veered off the road into the veld, racing through rough terrain for 10km before stopping.

The police followed the two suspects on foot for about 10km before the men opened fire on them.

A police sergeant and a tracker were seriously wounded by the suspects. Police returned fire and when the shooting stopped, found that the two men had committed suicide.

The wounded policeman and tracker were flown to the Upington Hospital, where the tracker

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ARMED FUGITIVE ... **ADRIAN MARITZ**
 ... **JERRY MARTIN**

In a follow-up operation yesterday, police raided three family farms in the Transvaal, taking arms in for questioning.

Mr Grobbelaar and Mr White are members of the radical neo-Nazi group, The Church of the Father, an organisation based in the US.

Last night police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen said police were investigating several criminal incidents recently linked to Mr Grobbelaar and Mr White.

He said a golden thread linked the two dead men, the arms seizure and Mr Martin and Mr Maritz.

The latter two men, former members of the now-defunct Orde Boerevolk, were facing five charges in connection with bomb blasts at a computer facility in Durban and a taxi rank at Bloed

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Mr Johan Slabbert of Pretoria and Mr Johan White of Hartbeespoort were taken to Pretoria for questioning. An angry Mr Slabbert was released yesterday afternoon.

It was not known when Mr White was to be released. Police would not confirm whether Mr White was related to Mr Jurgens White.

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Two in custody after right-wing suicides

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Sunday Times Reporter

TWO men have been arrested in Pretoria in connection with crimes committed by two arch-rightwingers who committed suicide during a police operation near Noenieput in the north-western Cape on Thursday.

Police have not given the arrested men's names.

The dead men have been linked to right-wing fugitives Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz, who jumped bail and left South Africa on false passports two weeks ago.

The firearms, ammunition and explosives recovered during the Noenieput operation have been identified as those stolen earlier in the week from SADF installations at Potchefstroom and Wahlmanstahl near Pretoria.

The men — who shot themselves after being trapped by police in the sand dunes — were Jurgen Matthews White, 22, and Johannes Jurgen Grobbelaar, 19, members of the neo-nazi Church of the Creator.

Helicopters

On Friday morning, police briefly arrested Mr Johan George White and Mr Jacob Abraham Johannes Slabbert (known as Johan), whose passports police said were used by fugitives Maritz and Martin when they flew to Gaborone from Lanseria Airport on October 23.

A third man detained on Friday in connection with the missing men said yesterday he might take legal action against the police after an early-morning swoop on his house described as "a scene from the Vietnam movie *Apocalypse Now*".

Millionaire farmer Mr George Ehlers was questioned about the whereabouts of his friend and associate, Mr Slabbert, after two helicopters landed on the lawn of his house near Soshanguve at 4am.

He and his family were awakened when men dressed in camouflage uniforms and with balaclavas over



FUMING . . . Johan Slabbert, who was arrested in the swoop

their faces jumped from the helicopters and surrounded the house.

"I didn't know what was going on. I grabbed my rifle and ran to the front door," said Mr Ehlers.

He was grabbed and forced into the house at gunpoint.

Unknown to Mr Ehlers, raids were being carried out simultaneously at Mr Slabbert's Rietfontein home and that of his brother-in-law, Mr Johan White, near Hartbeespoort Dam.

Mrs Elize Slabbert was breastfeeding her daughter Gwyneth, 12 months, in her bedroom when her husband noticed figures moving outside the window.

"I grabbed my handgun, jumped out of bed and was confronted at my bedroom door with a hallway full of armed men in camouflage uniforms and wearing balaclavas," said Mr Slabbert yesterday.

Four of the men entered the bedroom and shone the spotlights mounted on their rifles at Mrs Slabbert.

"I was deeply embarrassed and badly frightened. They just stood there while I tried to cover myself. Even when the baby started crying and I asked them to let me put on a dressing-gown, they didn't leave.

"I was told to go outside and wak-

en my mother-in-law, who lives in the granny flat," said Mrs Slabbert.

Former Springbok juksekei champion Mrs Louise Slabbert, 80, said she got the fright of her life when she heard people clambering on the roof of her flat.

"Then the front door opened and men with guns came in with Elize.

"I have no idea what they were looking for because no one gave us any explanations and I didn't know who they were," said the elder Mrs Slabbert.

Shortly afterwards, the four older Slabbert children — Johan, 21, Lindy, 17, Vicky, 10, and Monique, 8 — were ushered into their parents' bedroom and kept there at gunpoint while the men searched the house for three hours.

The family members said none of the men told them they were policemen until shortly before their departure, when they handcuffed Mr Slabbert in front of his weeping children and took him away.

"Just before they put the handcuffs on, a guy with blond hair waved a piece of yellow paper at me and said it was a search warrant. He wouldn't let me read it," said Mr Slabbert.

Disappeared

All three families visited by the police on Friday morning said they had never been politically active or involved with any political organisations.

"My only link with the missing right-wingers is that I rented a room to Henry Martin until shortly before he disappeared and my brother-in-law, Johan White, knew him through his work on computers," said Mr Slabbert.

Both Mr White and Mr Ehlers said they had no political ties with the fugitives.

They said they had not even realised their passports were missing until the police told them.

Revamp awaits manpower body

BILLY PADDOCK

GOVERNMENT supported proposed changes to the National Manpower Commission which would make it broadly representative of the major employer and union organisations, Manpower Minister Eli Louw said at the weekend.

He was speaking after a meeting of the commission which was attended by Cosatu — the first since the labour federation withdrew five weeks ago.

Louw said he had put forward at the meeting his provisional views on restructuring the commission.

In essence Louw's view was that the commission should be restructured to incorporate union and employer organisations such as Cosatu and Saccola. The commission would then negotiate policy to reach consensus and after this was achieved, make its recommendations to him and government.

"But it would remain advisory and it should be understood that such negotiation cannot bind me or the government... Parliament should retain the final say in respect of legislation," he said.

Louw said he told the commission that all labour legislation would be considered by the commission before submission to Parliament.

He added the commission should also have direct access to Parliament.

Any changes to the commission's

relationship with Parliament should be made at the multiparty conference.

He added that if the commission did incorporate Cosatu, Nactu and Saccola, its recommendations would be seriously considered.

Louw said he did not know whether Cosatu and Nactu would reverse their decision of five weeks ago and rejoin the commission. As far as he was concerned, government had not been dragging its feet on restructuring the commission, nor on extending labour legislation to the agricultural sector — key Cosatu reasons for withdrawing from the commission.

Louw also released details on the extension of the Labour Relations Amendment Act and the Wage Determination Act to the agricultural sector which Cabinet had approved in principle.

The final decision on how these acts would be made applicable was subject to a process of wide consultation.

The Wage Act should be extended to agriculture, but with the proviso that its application be delayed for 24 months after approval by Parliament.

Louw said the commission's recommendation that the Labour Relations Act should provide for no-strike agreements under certain circumstances was acceptable.

Killers linked to right-wing fugitives

JONATHAN REES

TWO men who committed suicide after killing a policeman and wounding another in an ambush in the Kalamasari last week might be linked to fugitive right-wing murder accused Adrian Maritz and Henry Martin.

Jurgen White, 22, and Johannes Grobelaar, 19, were members of the secret, ultra right-wing Kerk van die Skepper (Church of the Creator) in Pretoria, according to police.

Police said they were investigating the possibility the pair also belonged to the Orde Boerevolk (OB) — the same organisation as fugitives Maritz and Martin, who fled SA using

false passports on October 23.

Maritz and Martin, who recently ended a prolonged hunger strike in a Pretoria hospital, are wanted on charges of murder and attempted murder relating to several bomb blasts last year.

At the time of the hunger strike, they were members of the ultra-right OB founded by Piet Rudolph, now a spokesman for the AWB.

OB leader Nic Strydom recently said he no longer had dealings with White and Grobelaar.

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Mine's policy blamed for arson

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By Dirk Nel
N Transvaal Bureau

PHALABORWA — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has blamed the Palaborwa Mining Company's mixed housing policy for the burning of a black employee's luxury car.

The AWB said the company settled black families in white suburbs against the will of the townspeople.

Police are investigating charges of arson and malicious damage to property after mine foreman Tennyson Pilusa's

car was gutted early yesterday.

Local AWB leader Fritz Meyer said he was not surprised.

"Regrettably, there will be many more such incidents if the mining company persists with its provocative action."

"I have tried to persuade our people not to act irresponsibly while moves to impose the new South Africa on us go ahead, but they feel threatened, and will not accept integrated residential areas and schools," he said.

Referring to an opinion poll on mixed housing, organised earlier this year by the Phalaborwa Town Council, Mr Meyer said the mining company had to note that 96 percent of those who voted were against the idea.

Mr Pilusa said he moved into Phalaborwa from Namakgale Township on October 15. Three other black families had also settled there and all were on good terms with their neighbours.

No comment could be obtained from the mining company.

Double deaths anger AWB

MOOINOOI. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche last night blamed the scrapping of apartheid legislation for the deaths of a mother and her child in the Western Transvaal town of Mooinooi last week.

The police have arrested two black men in connection with the killings. The victims were strangled in their home near Brits.

Addressing about 350 people at an AWB meeting in Mooinooi last night, Mr Terre'Blanche said he placed the blame for the killings "on the . . . infamous government".

The meeting adopted a resolution that a state of emergency should be declared in the town and that blacks, "layabouts and criminals" be barred from entering the town.

A committee, which includes Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolf, secretary-general of the AWB, was elected to discuss this resolution with Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel. — Sapa

Right-wingers: Link to killings?

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PRETORIA. — Two rightwingers who committed suicide in the Kalahari last week after being cornered by police could be linked to the murder of a Louis Trichardt farmer's wife and two labourers, police said yesterday.

Mr Jurgens White, 22, and Mr Johannes Grobbelaar, 19, shot themselves rather than surrender to police after a shoot-out in the Kalahari sand dunes near Noenieput.

After the firefight near the Botswana border, police found a cache of weapons in a stolen white Golf. Police believed the two were trying to link up with fugitives Mr Henry Martin and Mr Adrian Maritz.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said yesterday the two dead men and two other suspects had also been involved in a robbery at Potchefstroom, and in a theft of firearms at Walhamsdahl.

Two suspects were arrested in Pretoria last week.

Mother of three

A number of firearms — an R-4, R-1 and AK-47 — impounded in connection with the case were displayed at a press conference.

"The investigation and exhibits which were seized indicated that the men were linked to the gruesome murder of a Mrs Roux and two farm labourers near Louis Trichardt on October 14 this year," the Commissioner added.

Mrs Maria Roux, 46, a mother of three, was found shot dead in a cupboard on a smallholding outside the town.

Two employees were also shot and hacked to death by two men in brown overalls.

In a similar attack two days before, Mrs Leander Glover, 28, was also murdered in the district. Her killers made off in a white Golf.

Police were thoroughly investigating all aspects of the suicide, General Basie Smit told the conference.

He said this included the rightwingers' alleged links with a fanatical right-wing church and their connection with Mr Maritz and Mr Martin. — Sapa.

White backlash hits strifetorn Richmond

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Just hours after a meeting in which residents threatened to introduce their own measures to combat violence, two white men abducted and assaulted an Indian garage worker in Richmond on Wednesday night.

Police said at least four people had been killed in fighting in the area early yesterday.

Tensions are running high in the town following warnings by white farmers and residents yesterday that they would take the law into their own hands to try to stop attacks on their farms, families and livestock — and to end what they say is ANC intimidation in a consumer boycott that is threatening to cripple many white-owned businesses in the town.

Garage handyman Mankulall Sawshunker was sleeping in a van in the back of Desco Garage at about 9 pm when two white men forcibly abducted him in their white bakkie.

The two men had just warned a petrol attendant at the garage that if he continued to work there they would kill him.

Mr Sawshunker said the two men had hit him and kicked him

on vacant land outside the town, firing shots at the ground around him.

He was then taken back to Richmond and dumped outside a shop.

"They told me to tell my boss I was the first Indian to get f... up in Richmond and this was only the beginning," a badly bruised and shaken Mr Sawshunker said.

Two dockets have apparently been opened, one on a charge of attempted murder and one for alleged intimidation. But this could not be confirmed as all available policemen in the town were out in the field because of the violence earlier in the day.

Intolerable

White farmers say their problems are reaching intolerable levels. Cattle have been stolen and hamstringed, fences cut, farm equipment stolen and vandalised, labour intimidated and white families threatened and shot at — all part, they claim, of a "planned strategy" to oust whites from the area.

"It seems we are being dictated to from the outside as to how our farms are going to be run," one farmer said.

"This town is like the Wild

West, emotions are running high, and we want the situation sorted out," said another.

Farmers have warned that the next time a white person is "touched in any way" there will be a wave of retaliation.

At a public National Party meeting to discuss the situation, residents warned it was "the Government's last chance" to introduce law and order into the area.

There is already a white boycott against the Indian shop-owners who many people feel are capitalising on the situation, with some Indians allegedly giving "protection money" to the ANC.

Peter Miller, MEC, who addressed the explosive public meeting on behalf of the NP, said afterwards: "It would take only one incident to make the situation ugly ... The mood of the people is: 'If you don't defend us, we'll defend ourselves'."

There was a high level of support for the Inkatha Freedom Party with one member of the audience stating to loud applause: "If the police and army were to move out, Inkatha would clean this whole situation up in two days."

Arson: Racists are suspected

Soweto
15/11/91 By DON SEOKANE

ONE of three blacks living in a house belonging to Phalaborwa Mining Company had his luxury German car burnt beyond repair in what is believed to be a racist attack.

Mr Tennyson Pilusa, of Grosvenor Street, Phalaborwa, said he was awoken about 1am on Monday morning by a ringing phone. No one responded when he picked it up.

"I could not get to sleep and I later saw flames flickering outside and on probing found that my car was burning," he said.

Pilusa, an assistant foreman at PMC, said his car was burnt beyond repair.

Police spokesman Captain Cas Jones confirmed the incident and said investigations were continuing. No arrests have been made yet.

Rightwingers in the town have in the past voiced anger at the two mining houses, PMC and Foskop, for allocating company-owned houses in the town to black employees.

Another PMC employee, Mr Mackson Ngobeni, had his house attacked with a brick soon after he moved in a month ago.

PMC spokesmen were not available for comment yesterday.

No bail for 2 linked to N Tyl murders

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Pretoria Correspondent

Two rightwingers who allegedly stole two rifles, and who were found with weapons connecting them to the murder of a Louis Trichardt woman and two employees, have been refused bail in the Pretoria Regional Court.

Magistrate A F Snyman yesterday dismissed the bail application by Cornelius Johannes van Wyk (21) and Jean du Plessis (21), both of Pretoria.

Mr Snyman said there was no proof that the two men, who allegedly stole two R-4 rifles used in a shootout with police at Noeniepunt in the northern Cape, would stand trial.

He said there was also the possibility they would commit further crimes while awaiting trial.

The two are alleged to have been involved in a break-in at a Defence Force base in Potchefstroom and the theft of weapons from a base near Pretoria.

The chief investigating officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Roelof Venter, of the SA Police Crime Information Service, said the four weapons found in the men's possession connected them to the October 14 murder near Louis Trichardt of Marie Roux (46), and two employees.

Colonel Venter referred to Jurgens White (22) and Jurgen Grobbelaar (19), who killed

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themselves at Noeniepunt after a gun battle with police. He said Mr White had been friendly with Mrs Roux's daughter and the two had been involved in a relationship at one time.

The main reasons for recommending that Mr van Wyk and Mr du Plessis not be granted bail were the fact that they had contacts overseas; they were unemployed and devoted themselves fulltime to their political beliefs; their connections with the men who died at Noeniepunt; the seriousness of the crime with which they were connected, namely armed robbery; and their connection with rightwingers Henry Martin and Adriaan Maritz, who skipped bail while awaiting trial on charges of murder.

Mr van Wyk and Mr du Plessis were close friends of Mr White and Mr Grobbelaar. The four had formed a "cell" within the neo-Nazi Church of the Creator.

Advocate Koos Smit, defence counsel for Mr van Wyk and Mr du Plessis, said Mr du Plessis owned one-third of the flat in which he was staying and was negotiating to buy the other two-thirds. He also had R12 000 in trust and R130 000 as part of his inheritance. These were reasons for him not to flee the country.

The case was postponed to December 12 for further investigation.

Bail refused for right-wing pair

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PRETORIA — Two members of the ultra right-wing Church of the Creator who apparently formed an underground cell were yesterday refused bail in the Pretoria Regional Court.

The two former University of Pretoria students are allegedly responsible for the murders of three people in Louis Trichardt earlier this year, and the robbery and theft of arms from the SA Defence Force.

Investigating officer Lt-Col R J Venter of the SAP opposed the bail application by right-wingers Cornelius Johannes van Wyk and Jean du Plessis, both 21, of Pretoria.

The two men face a charge of armed robbery following an incident at a SADF unit at Wallmansdal, outside Pretoria, during which two R4 rifles stolen.

According to Col Venter, the two rifles were later used to fire on police by two friends of the accused — Jurgens Matthews White, 22, and Jurgen Grobbelaar, 19, who committed suicide after a shoot-out at Noenieput on the Namibian border. — Sapa.

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Copperton to become 2nd 'Orania' for rightwingers

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PRIESKA. — The deserted northern Cape mining town of Copperton is to be made a whites-only town for Afrikaners.

The rightwing Orandee Development Corps, which is working towards the creation of a Boere Volkstaat, is to co-operate with a private developer to populate and develop the town.

Copperton will be South Africa's second Volkstaat town: the town of Orania in the north-western Cape was turned into a whites-only town earlier this year.

Copperton's copper mine was closed for economic reasons in January this year. The town, with 300 houses, was sold by the mining group

to a private developer, who demolished about 220 of the houses before being approached by the Orandee Development Corps.

The remaining houses are to be made available to Volkstaat supporters.

Copperton has its own business complex, a primary school that still belongs to the State, a nursery school, an office complex, a drive-in theatre and sports facilities.

The 300ha mine area will be used for industrial development.

Agriculture, as well as light industry such as steel, rubber and textile industries, are expected to be developed in the town. — Sapa.

New all-white town planned

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Even whites fear the AWB

By JOCELYN MAKER

UNLIKE other white businessmen in boycott-stricken Phalaborwa, motor mechanic Willie Struwig, 27, is doing just fine.

Mr Struwig lives and works among the town's blacks.

Four months ago he arrived in Phalaborwa with his wife Truir, 25, and their baby son, to start a new life. They could not find a house to rent so the Struwigs moved into a black-owned rest camp on the border of Namakgale township and he set up a car repair business.

He is happy living and working among blacks, but he lives in fear.

"I am terrified that the AWB will kill me and my family when they find out I am not being boycotted," said Mr Struwig.

"It's time for everyone to realise that this war must end. I am only a mechanic

who wants to survive."

"The people are friendly and there is no tension between us. I want to live in peace and don't want to become embroiled in politics."

He said he had no fear when he and his family visited black friends and many were good to them.

Chaos

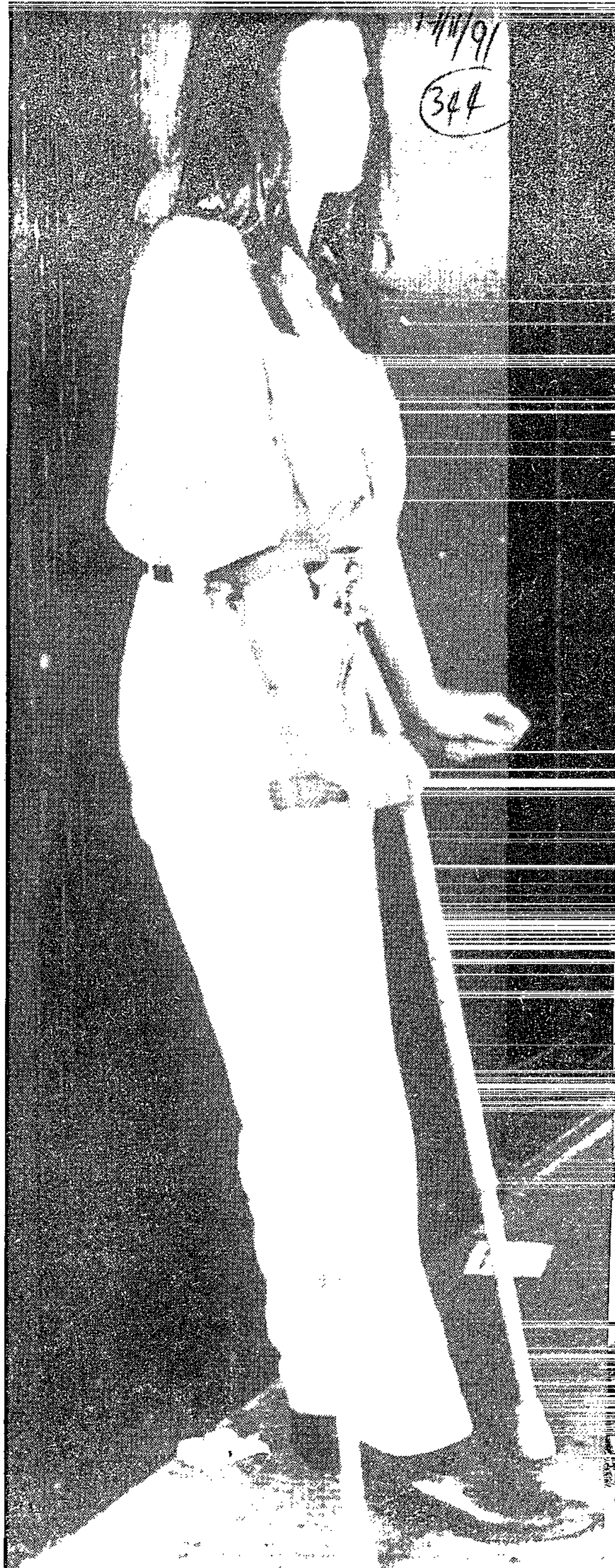
"I am more afraid of the white man. I am sure I will be hounded out by right-wingers in the same way they attack blacks who live in the white suburbs.

"This country is in chaos and we should all get down to making it the best place in Africa."

Mrs Struwig said her black neighbours were good to her family.

"There is another white man who lives here and he is just as happy."

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NOT TALKING: Christine Beausard, girlfriend of a Frenchman on the ru

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

A MYSTERIOUS young French-woman this week emerged as a link between right-wingers in South Africa and France.

The woman, who is on crutches after a car accident, is the girlfriend of a fugitive French extremist who is wanted in France for his neo-Nazi and anti-semitic activities.

The French connection came to light on Thursday when the tall brunette attended a bail hearing in the Pretoria regional court for Cornelius van Wyk, 21, and Jean du Plessis, 21. The two are facing charges of armed robbery after the theft of weapons from an SADF installation at Wall-mansthal.

The attractive woman, later identified by the Sunday Times as Christine Beausard, refused to talk about herself or her right-wing links.

But the Sunday Times established that she came to South Africa this year with her boyfriend, Olivier Mathieu, who is on the run from the police.

Until a few weeks ago she worked as a waitress at Pretoria's Hansa Restaurant, owned by Dr Pol Dussey, a member of the right-wing Church of the Creator, which holds regular meetings in the Dussey Trust Building in Pretorius Street, and of which Van Wyk and Du Plessis were active members.

Contact

Miss Beausard had been sharing a flat in Pretoria's Sunnyside flatland with the two right-wingers since her boyfriend left South Africa. He is now believed to be in hiding in Italy.

Mathieu was the right-wing cell's main contact in France before fleeing to South Africa, according to Lieutenant-Colonel Roelf Venter, chief investigating officer in the Du Plessis-Van Wyk case.

Colonel Venter told the court on Thursday that the cell members had many overseas contacts and that Du Plessis had regularly received correspondence from France at a post box registered in the name of a Jean-Pierre du Toit at the Hercules post office.

He said Van Wyk and Du Plessis had been planning

Mystery woman is linked to cell of European and SA right-wingers

By CHARLES LEONARD and DE WET POTGIETER

to skip South Africa for France when they were arrested.

The men — members of a splinter right-wing group called the National Socialist Partisans — have been linked to two self-confessed neo-Nazis who shot themselves 10 days ago after being cornered by police in the sand dunes of the Kalahari.

One of the men, Jurgens Grobbelaar, 19, apparently modelled his life on Adolf Hitler. Like the Nazi leader, he was highly intel-

ligent and was said to be anti-semitic despite having Jewish blood. Grobbelaar was also an amateur artist and writer.

His mother, Mrs Hester Grobbelaar, confirmed this week that Jurgens was not her husband's son.

Unfair

"His father is a doctor at a military hospital. His grandmother was a Russian Jew who fled the Soviet Union and settled in Namibia.

"When I married my husband, he adopted Jurgens and brought him up as his own son," she said.

Jurgens and fellow-fanatic Jurgens White, 22, shot themselves after being trapped by police in a desolate area of the north-western Cape near Noenieput following a shootout on November 7.

Police have linked them to the recent murder of Mrs Marie Roux, 46, and two of her black workers, shot in daylight on October 14 on a smallholding out-

side Louis Trichardt in the northern Transvaal

In the face of overwhelming evidence that her son had been deeply involved in neo-Nazi activities, Mrs Grobbelaar is asking why.

"He didn't learn these things in our home. I knew he was a member of the World Apartheid Movement, but I refuse to believe he had any part in the Church of the Creator," she said.

"Jurgens was brought up in a Christian home and, now that he's dead, he can't defend himself. I don't believe he had anything to do with the murders at Louis Trichardt. People can blame him for anything now, and it's so unfair. I haven't seen any proof that he was involved."

According to Mr Grobbelaar, Jurgens never displayed any racist attitudes while living with them.

"He always treated black people with respect," he said. "When he died, our domestic worker's family sent a sympathy card."

'Racist shot me for no reason'

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

A BOILERMAKER's assistant employed by A-Leita Steel Construction in Pretoria was allegedly shot and injured at work by a "racist" white supervisor, and claims no disciplinary action has been taken since the incident two months ago.

Ben Kanyane, 29, a Mamelodi hostel inmate who has been in the employment of A-Leita in Silverton for eight years, alleged he was shot at and injured for no apparent reason when Jan Henning, a supervisor, opened fire on him without any provocation on September 18.

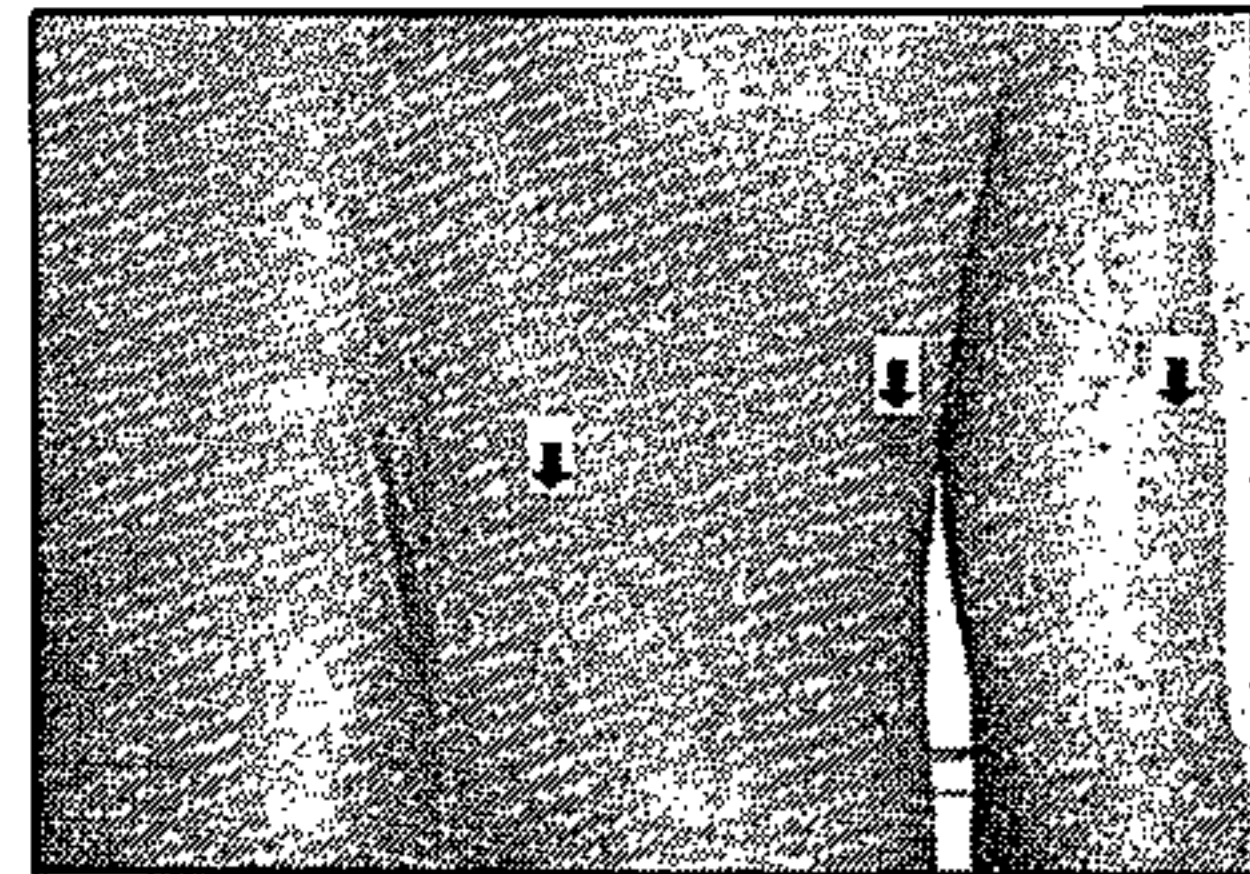
The bullet struck him in the arm, went into his right ribcage and came out through the back.

He alleged the gun-toting Henning had threatened to shoot "kaffirs", but that management had done nothing to stop him from carrying the weapon at work.

Henning and his employers have not responded to various requests for comment.

Apart from reporting the matter to the police, Kanyane has also instructed Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) to claim for damages against his employers and assailant.

Police confirmed they were investigating a charge of attempted murder, but they added that no arrests have been



NO STEPS ... victim Ben Kanyane says no action has been taken against the man who allegedly shot him. In the inset he shows the wounds he got from a single bullet.

Before I could do or say anything, a shot went off.

"I fell down in pain, my body became hot and, as I closed my eyes, I saw him smile like an evil-minded person," Kanyane said.

He lay there for a while before his colleagues came to offer assistance, but none of the directors, who were in the office, came to investigate.

"I was taken to the Mamelodi Day Hospital where I was kept until the following day. On my discharge, I went to work and one of the directors said he was sorry about the incident, but I should not take it further," he said.

However, he reported the matter to the police and the LHR that day.

LHR Regional Director Lucrecia Seafeld confirmed that the organisation was to institute claims on behalf of Kanyane, but summonses have not yet been served.

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Kanyane told City Press he was working at the plant when Henning

came to him and ordered him to sit down. He refused as he was working and it was not time yet for

his break.

"He then pulled out his firearm and said he would shoot me if I did not sit.

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The ANC is asking British intelligence to help investigate claims by the white extremist escapers Mr Adrian Maritz and Mr Henry Martin that they carried out terrorist-style bomb attacks for the South African security services.

Within hours of learning that Mr Maritz and Mr Martin were in Britain, the ANC, in co-operation with British intelligence, moved renegade South African policeman Mr Dirk Coetzee to a new secret address, believed to be on the outskirts of London.

Mr Coetzee fled into ANC custody in Zambia in 1989 after his self-confessed activities with police "death squads" were revealed.

Mr Mandla Langa, the ANC's deputy chief representative in Britain, indicated that the ANC was suspicious about the ease with which Mr Maritz and Mr Martin escaped, although they should have been under close and constant scrutiny.

"We have good reason to believe that Coetzee is in danger from his old friends. We would most certainly not risk bringing him together with Martin and Maritz without taking elaborate security precautions which would obviously include consulting British authorities," he said.

In a message through a third party, Mr Coetzee said: "There is very high security around me at the moment. I cannot say more than that."

Mr Langa said the latest fugitives were being regarded with "extreme suspicion" and considered them an "unattractive pair" apparently intent on saving their own skins.

ANC asks UK to probe escapers



OUT OF HIDING ... Henry Martin (left) and Adrian Maritz outside South Africa House in London last week.

Picture: SUNDAY TIMES

However, the ANC and the British government had a duty to investigate everything they said.

"Whether or not we regard people like this with distaste, they are making grave claims supporting other evidence of state terrorism to destabilise the negotiating process and neighbouring countries."

There was "no question" of their being introduced at this stage to Mr Coetzee.

Mr Coetzee, who has been living in safe houses in England for the past year, is the ANC's prime witness to allegations that senior security services officers he dealt with, some also allegedly known to Mr Maritz and Mr Martin, controlled

"third force terrorism".

The pair say they can prove that they planted two bombs at a black taxi rank in Pretoria last year on the orders of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, and that the security services have continued to supply automatic weapons to Inkatha and to MNR terrorists in Mozambique.

Mr Maritz, 44, who is South African and Mr Martin, 50, a Briton, say they jumped bail last month because they had been made scapegoats to cover up the alleged security service operations and claimed that their lives were in danger.

They say they fled to Britain using stolen passports, contacted the ANC shortly after their arrival to offer full co-operation — and are now hiding out at a safe house in a city in England's Midlands awaiting developments.

So far they have made only telephone contact with the ANC but it is understood that they have been extensively interrogated by British Special Branch officers.

The pair spent a year in prison, charged with murdering an ANC official by planting a bomb in a computer in Durban, and with the attempted murder and wounding 15 black people by planting two bombs at a taxi rank in Pretoria in August last year, before being granted bail after going on hunger strike.

Mr Maritz, whose wife Karen and 13-year-old daughter are with him, is asking the ANC to support him in an application for political asylum and immunity from deportation. As a Briton, Mr Martin is immune from deportation.

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ANC wants probe

An SADF spokesman reiterated that the pair never had any links with Military Intelligence or the disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau. Guy Oliver reports the ANC as saying that the fugitive pair attempted to bargain with the ANC for safe passage out of South Africa in exchange for information on alleged security force destabilisation.

ANC uMkhonto weSizwe chief of Staff Mr Chris Hani said yesterday that his organisation had been asked by the two murder suspects for "help" to escape the country.

They had offered information on alleged hit squad activities in exchange. However, the ANC had not acceded, "as we do not need to bargain".

He said the ANC had suggested to President F W de Klerk that he grant amnesty for all who fear arrest for disclosing classified information related to CCB-style operations.

Mr De Klerk had not responded to the request, he said.

He said that "depending on the nature of the allegations", Mr De Klerk should "set up a real impartial commission".

The leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, declined to comment on the issue yesterday.

However, Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Nic Strydom yesterday said he knew Mr Maritz was involved in national and military intelligence operations before joining his organisation. He said many of his organisation's members had been involved in similar activities.

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Right-wingers have yet to give security info to ANC

RIGHT-wing former hunger strikers Henry Martin and Adrian Maritz, who recently jumped bail and fled to the UK, have yet to approach the ANC with information about alleged security forces' involvement in political violence.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday that while the two men were on hunger strike in August and September, they had indicated that they had "a lot of information" that might be of interest to the ANC.

Marcus said the two men should have been allowed to tell all they knew in return for immunity from prosecution. It was in the public's interest that they should have been allowed to speak, she said.

The ANC would probably not attempt to contact the two men.

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"They know where to find us. It's up to them to contact us," she said.

According to a report in yesterday's London Sunday Times, the two fugitives claimed to have proof that SA was supplying arms to Renamo last year, despite the 1984 Nkomati Accord under which SA promised to cut arms supplies to the movement.

They also claimed to have proof that security forces had given Inkatha three truckloads of AK-47s and 10 000 R4 assault rifles.

"While we cannot comment on those specific allegations, the current nature of violence indicates that this type of activity must be going on," said Marcus.

She said the ANC had been aware of allegations that weapons were being handed over to Inkatha sup-

porters in townships.

Maritz also claimed he was a Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) member, and had been instructed to join right-wing movements to recruit more people to join the CCB as agents.

Orde Boerevolk leader Nic Strydom said yesterday he knew Maritz was involved in national and military intelligence operations before joining his organisation. He said many OB members had been involved in similar activities.

"They told me everything they knew while they were on (hunger) strike and discussed going to the ANC, but I tried to discourage that because I felt it would cheapen them."

Strydom said he expected the two men to contact him but did not think they would do so directly as he believed security police were watching him.

Fears over march by AWB

Weekend Argus
Correspondent

DURBAN. — The planned march through the busy streets of Durban by members of the ultra-right Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging next Saturday morning is raising conflicting emotions in the minds of a number of people — with fears of a possible confrontation looming.

And the Management Committee wants the Chief Constable to seek a limitation on any public display of firearms by the marchers.

However, guns will be carried during the march by the AWB members — but they are legal, the AWB commandant for Northern Natal, Mr Monty Markow, said.

Mr Markow said AWB members with licensed handguns would carry them in holsters, as was legally required. He said no shotguns or rifles would be displayed.

"We will not carry guns for offensive purposes, but for de-

fensive purposes," he said.

Mr Renier Schoeman, chairman of the National Party in the Durban area, said if the AWB felt emotional enough to want to conduct the march they should be allowed to do so.

He was commenting on this week's announcement by Durban Management Committee chairman, Mr Peter Mansfield, that the committee had granted permission for the march. Mr Mansfield said, however, that he was still "concerned" at the possibility of confrontation.

AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche wants to lead 250 of his followers in the march — headed by several commandos on horseback.

The march will culminate with Mr Terre'Blanche addressing supporters and marchers from the steps of the city hall.

The mayor, Mr Gys Muller, said: "If it were up to me personally, I would not allow the march to go ahead. But you must realise there are many

other factors you need to take into consideration.

"We have allowed the African National Congress and other organisations to march in our city, so we cannot now refuse the AWB permission.

"But I sincerely hope this will not turn into a public weapons display. The ANC did not march through the streets with guns waving."

Councillor Mr Derrick Waterson said the issue was "quite simple. If you allow the ANC and Inkatha to march, then you must allow the AWB to march. But I would attempt to limit the display of weapons."

Mr Bheki Cele, the African National Congress's regional organiser reconfirmed today the democratic right of every person to take part in mass action "so long as that does not lead to any kind of violence".

The need to prevent violence was especially important at this time when "we are all pulling together with our hands and in our hearts to let peace prevail".

Unfortunatley, the AWB had not honoured the National Peace Accord by signing it, Mr Cele said, so there was not much chance of their activities being checked to make sure they kept the peace.

Mr Geoff Tyler, chief executive of the Durban Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce said that if the magistrate approved the march, his chamber hoped it would take place at a time when it was least disruptive to business.

The chamber had advised the appropriate authorities that if such marches were to be permitted, then they should take place outside of normal business hours.

■ The Azanian People's Organisation has demanded that the AWB march be banned.

Azapo publicity secretary Mr Strini Moodley, said the AWB were neo-facists and the march "demonstrates the degree to which we are light years away from a democracy".

ANC man slams threats

By THEMBA KHUMALO

AN ANC official in Klerksdorp has been singled out as a rightwing target — not because he's with the ANC, but because he lives in the white town.

Hate pamphlets bearing the AWB logo and calling for "Mass White Protest to Keep Klerksdorp Clean" have been distributed in town.

Trained MK cadre Isaac Moroe said he was prepared to defend himself at all costs, and would also take the matter to the Commission on Violence.

The pamphlet described Moroe as a "black adder" and expressed indignation that whites should live near blacks.

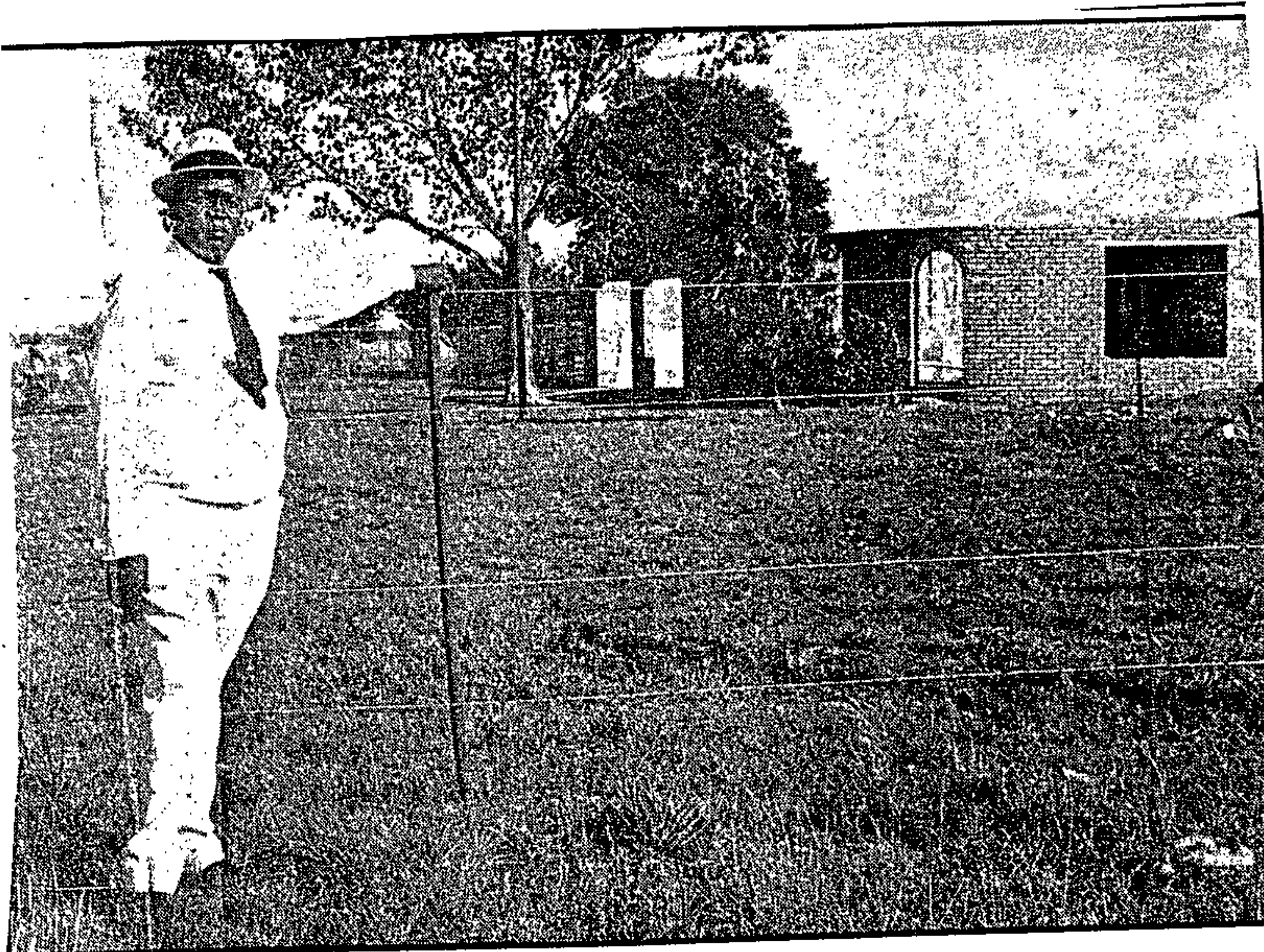
Moroe said the clash started when a friend of his Afrikaner neighbour came over and asked to speak to the "baas".

"When I told him there was no such animal here he promised to fix me up."

On another occasion Moroe was visited by his ANC comrades and local rightwingers threatened to assault them.

AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche denied issuing the pamphlet.

"I fight with bombs and donner (beat up) any man with stinking communist ideas," he said.



PLOT THICKENS . . . The ground rules? What exactly are the ground rules? John Mxesibe, on the land he recently bought in so-called AWB country. Pic: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

Hard times in heavy territory

By **MONWABISI NOMADOLO**

WELL-KNOWN herbalist John Mxesibe, 54, says white racists are intimidating and harassing him.

The flamboyant Mxesibe says rightwingers are trying to force him out of his plot in the conservative area of De Deur in the Vaal.

Mxesibe, from Rockville in Soweto, told City Press he was told by police that the area "belonged" to the AWB.

The herbalist, who bought the plot for R70 000 from an estate

agent five months ago, blamed a neighbour for orchestrating harassment.

"The man is a policeman and I don't understand his behaviour."

He says he was intercepted by the policeman — in full uniform — driving a car two months ago while on his way to his Soweto house.

The policeman complained about noise from his plot.

The neighbour also warned him to ensure that his employees did not steal his goats, he said.

Three days later armed policemen came to his plot and searched workers

without explanation, he said.

Mxesibe, who runs a tuckshop and sorghum beer outlet, said the police demanded to see his licences. They took the sorghum licence, he said.

Two days later another group of policemen returned in three cars but did nothing, he said.

In a subsequent incident, police told him not to continue with the roofing of his house "because I would be in trouble".

Mxesibe also said he suspected the CP-controlled Vereeniging council was harassing him.

"I've been paying

R150 for three months but since trouble started, I received an account of R800," he said.

Mxesibe's aide, Richard Kalongau, said on November 8 police arrived and found the workers drinking in a garage.

They ordered everybody to leave and later returned.

"Workers were beaten and others got injured while a number of them were arrested," he said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Captain Henrietta Bester, could not confirm the alleged incident.

Smear letters urge murder and rape

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

26/11/91

As the National Party and Conservative Party wrap up their campaigns for Thursday's parliamentary by-election in Virginia, smear letters have been circulated in the Free State town ordering black domestics to murder white children and rape white women.

NP candidate Jac Kloppers said yesterday he interpreted the letters as a "deliberate, calculated effort by certain whites to sow panic and fear".

He did not believe the letters were written by any black organisation. They were not attributed and had been posted from East London to white families for the attention of their domestic workers and gardeners.

The pamphlet advises "domestic workers and garden boys" how they should shape a sharpened fence wire into a weapon to murder whites.

"The action is to be taken in towns and smallholdings, when parents are at work or when you are with white children alone. Use the weapon from the

collarbone to the heart or, from the bottom rip to the heart. This method can be used for the elderly people too. You can hide your weapon easily."

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said it appeared the letter had been written by the ultra Right.

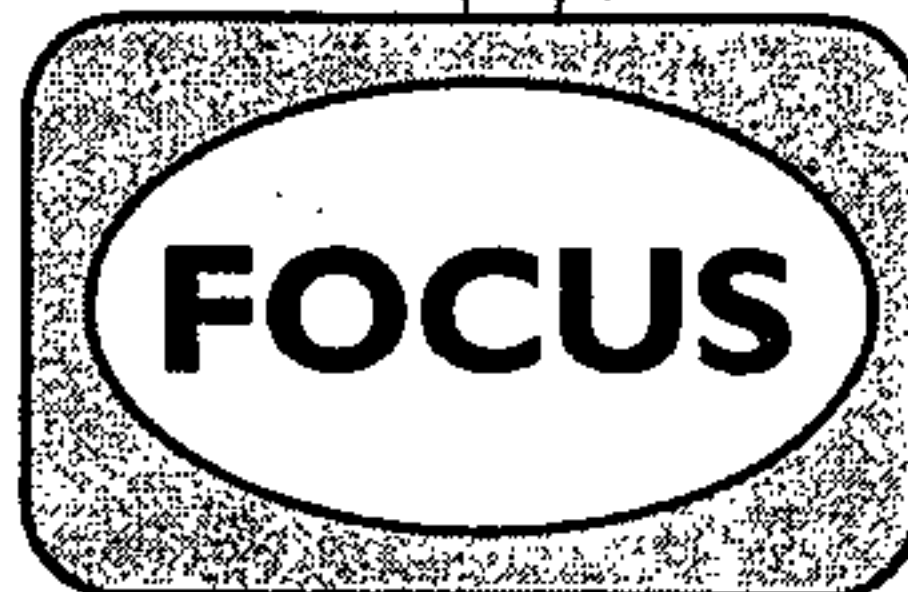
"The ANC strongly condemns the letter and calls on all South Africans to work for peace. We particularly call on the Right to stop fuelling racist emotions."

The police called on the public to ignore the smear letter.

(Report by E van der Merwe,
47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)

Pioneers who shun rightwing madness

Sowetan 26/11/91



By
MATHATHA TSEDU

MARCH of this year was a particularly important month for businessman Mr Madala Mukhondo.

Mukhondo made history on the 23rd of that fateful month by becoming the first black person to open a shop in the Conservative Party-controlled town of Louis Trichardt.

Owner of a fleet of taxis which run between Johannesburg and Louis Trichardt and between that town and Messina, he has been undaunted by threats of a rightwing backlash.

Mukhondo, who made it the hard way in life, went on to also open a hair salon in the town last month.

Travelling daily to Tshikwarani in Ha Kutama after the day's work was done, the trip soon became a problem for Mukhondo and his wife Gladys.

House

It wasn't long before they were toying with the idea of buying a house in the town. If the right price came up, they would buy, they decided.

When they heard that 58 Kruger Street was for sale, they immediately concluded a deal. The house is an old building with a large yard. Trees are growing and look very lush.

For the Mukhondos, the move to No 58 was to alleviate the burden of daily travel to Ha Kutama. But it was not to be.

Since moving into the old-style house on October 8, rightwingers have been throwing stones on to the roof every night at about midnight.

Two weeks ago a brick was thrown through a window, but the very worst was still to come. White resistance to blacks moving into the town was still to show itself in even more serious ways.

That came last Wednesday when, from a white Toyota Corolla cruising past the house at about 9pm, nine rifle shots were fired into the house, narrowly missing Mukhondo.

The bullets, from an R-1 rifle, pierced iron window frames and smashed through walls.

The Mukhondos have joined the trend of black people moving into hitherto white areas since the repeal of the Group Areas Act.

While the move to suburbia has gone off smoothly in major metropolitan areas such as Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, the ride for plattelanders has been pretty rough.

Besides the Mukhondos, Phalaborwa Mining Company assistant shift supervisor Mr Mackson Ngobeni moved into the town amid calls for his blood by rightwingers.

His house was later stoned, leading to a 24-hour guard by company security.

Burnt

Another PMC employee, Mr Tennyson Pilusa, had his expensive German car burnt to a cinder in another rightwing attack three weeks ago.

In Pietersburg, a few black lecturers have moved into university-owned houses, but no incidents have been reported.

This was in direct contrast to the uproar that greeted the move into the

town's suburbs several years ago by Venda consulate staff.

The Mukhondos are adamant they will not move out. "This is our house. We bought it and we are not going to move out.

"If they want, they can come in and kill us. That is the only way we will move out of here," Gladys Mukhondo told *Sowetan* this week.

Ngobeni was more philosophical: "These people are not used to having black neighbours as their equals. They only want us as their maids and servants.

"But that era is now over and we are moving in to stay."

On the danger of violent attacks by rightwingers, Ngobeni said he saw himself as an ambassador: "I am a pathfinder and an ambassador.

"Whites think we are just noisy people and I am out to prove them wrong."

Bullets

It is this do-or-die attitude that drives people like Mr David Mureri - an insurance consultant from Venda - to move into what others have described as the lion's den.

After buying a R100 000 house at 85 Kameel Street in Louis Trichardt, Mureri is set to move in next week.

I was with him when he inspected the bullet damage to the Mukhondos' house.

He said: "These people think they can scare us away with these things, but they are too late. They cannot change or turn the tide." He shook his head and muttered: "They really wanted to kill Mukhondo!"

Mureri (34), a father of one, and his nurse wife Mulatwa, say their immediate neighbours have accepted them and they expect no problems after moving in.

They have not, however, made arrangements for their son's schooling and expect him to travel daily to Makhado township in Venda, about 50km away.

But not all those who have bought houses in the town want to be heroes. Businessman Mr Joseph Baloyi also bought a house in Louis Trichardt but since paying for it in August, he has not moved.

He said: "These guys are cruel and I am scared of moving in. They can kill me, you know."

Resistance to blacks moving into these areas is not restricted to houses.

Recently, when former Venda Development Corporation chief executive Mr Wilson Muvhulawa bought a farm outside Louis Trichardt, he was threatened with the poisoning of his water supply.

Today, Muvhulawa carries his drinking water from his rural home at Murungwa, about 35km away.

Muvhulawa has turned his hill-top house into a fortress, with expensive security lighting and high fences.

Near Pietersburg, the Motimele brothers bought a farm near Boyne, but had the only access road to their farm blocked by their white neighbour.

Road

Previous white owners of the farm had used the road past the neighbouring farm without any problem. The matter is still pending in the Supreme Court, where the Motimeles have sought relief.

These self-styled ambassadors face a few social problems too. Who do they mix with?

Coming from the carefree life of townships and suddenly becoming an isolated minority in the self-centred cultural zones of whites, is going to take some adjusting.

3 injured as teargas disrupts Ermelo party

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

Revellers at a company Christmas party in Ermelo left the hall in tears and terror when teargas poured from a sabotaged air-conditioning system.

A seven-month-old baby and two women were admitted to hospital after the party turned to pandemonium in the latest episode of racial hatred in the eastern Transvaal town.

A source close to Ermelo Mines said the trouble started when the company applied to have the annual bash at the town's civic centre.

"Ermelo Mines has always fought for its nonracial policy," he said. But, knowing the issue was probably a sensitive one, management decided to apply for permission to allow black employees to a function on council property," he said.

After several delays, a

court order was granted on November 12, to the effect that the party could go ahead and blacks would be welcome.

"But black staff decided not to attend the party because they had been threatened and intimidated and they said they did not want to be the cause of any embarrassment or trouble."

Company staff who prepared the hall on Friday night found nails in their car tyres.

Also that evening, several shops and homes had slogans such as "landsverraier" (traitor) painted on the walls.

By the time guests arrived at the hall on Saturday night, a crowd of protesters had gathered outside.

Eastern Transvaal police liaison officer Major Schalk Pienaar said the crowd of about 50 held placards "expressing their dissatisfaction at the multiracial party being held there".

He confirmed that no

black guests had arrived.

Major Pienaar said the crowd was addressed by Conservative Party MP for Ermelo, Moolman Mentz, who asked them not to disrupt the party. The crowd promised Mr Mentz the protest would be peaceful.

"Then, at about 7.20, the caterer asked for the airconditioning to be switched on to keep the food cool," he said.

"The next thing I knew, it was pandemonium," he said.

A baby lying near an airconditioning unit started struggling and crying.

"There were several elderly people in the hall and one woman who had recently had an operation injured herself again," he said.

Two women and the baby were taken to hospital, but were later discharged.

Police are investigating a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. No arrests have been made.

AWB march through Durban (344)

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche yesterday threatened war against an ANC government at a march through Durban by about 300 rightwingers bearing firearms, flags and posters.

"If we have to talk with the ANC we will meet them over the barrel of a gun," Terre'Blanche told the marchers on the steps of Durban's City Hall.

"If the ANC governs this country, we will make war against the ANC... We have no other choice but to fight the communists," he said.

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Five held after dam killings

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FIVE whites have been arrested in connection with the murder of two black men who were abducted and stabbed to death in the early hours of yesterday morning.

One of the alleged murderers gave himself up to the police at Marble Hall in the Eastern Transvaal. He told police he could not live with the guilt and named his friends.

The five men, aged between 24 and 32, are in custody and will appear in court tomorrow.

The men allegedly seized three black men on a farm, bundled them into a bakkie and drove them to the nearby Arabie Dam.

One of the black captives escaped en route, but the other two were

By PETA KROST
and JOCELYN MAKER

assaulted and stabbed to death.

The police do not know the identities of the dead men and have not been able to trace the man who escaped.

Residents of Marble Hall were shocked last night as news of the murders spread. A resident who asked not to be named said the men came from respected families and could not accept the changes taking place in South Africa.

The men — two brothers, their brother-in-law and two friends — had been at a party on a farm and had been drinking, said the resident.

"Over the past month, racial tension has been building up in Marble Hall," he said. "This is the beginning — many of the people in Marble Hall and surrounding farms belong to right-wing organisations."

A number of local black farmworkers said they feared for their lives.

Mr Isaac Aphane, 20, a worker on a Marble Hall farm, said he was attacked at 2.30am yesterday.

"I was sleeping in my house when three white men burst into my room.

"They hit and kicked me and with every blow kept on saying they would give nothing to the ANC or Nelson Mandela."

It'll be war if ANC takes over - AWB

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AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche threatened war against an ANC government during a march by rightwingers carrying firearms, flags and posters through Durban's city centre at the weekend.

"If we have to talk with the ANC we will meet them over the barrel of a gun," the fiery rightwinger told about 300 people on the steps of Durban's City Hall.

"If the ANC governs this country, we will make war against the ANC ... we have no other choice but to fight against the communists," said Terre'Blanche who addressed his khaki-clad supporters on horseback.

He said State President FW de Klerk was declaring war against "boere" by "giving over to Joe Slovo and the Communist Party".

The marchers had intended to deliver a letter of thanks to the

police for maintaining law and order, but police earlier indicated they would not accept the letter.

Trust

In a brief interview before the march, Terre'Blanche said he believed police had refused to accept the letter because they could not trust their members anymore.

"Ninety percent of the force support the AWB anyway... Police are afraid of force members' loyalty to the AWB."

Terre'Blanche, however, thanked the police during his address, but warned that "boere" would never again allow police to set their dogs or fire on them as happened in the recent clash in Ventersdorp.

If this happened again "we will shoot the hell out of you".

Referring to the recent Virginia by-election, Terre'Blanche said the swing to the right there indicated that the voters knew De Klerk, who he called a "jellytot", had lied to the nation. - S a p a .

By Rehana Rossouw

AN EASTERN Cape hotel manager was whipped and assaulted after speaking out against alleged racist practices at the resort.

Eastern Cape police confirmed that the assault had taken place and that police had intervened to stop it.

Mr Ray Curtin was fired from the hotel last week while he was recovering from a beating by a fellow employee and his family.

Despite numerous attempts, the fellow employee, a maintenance manager, could not be contacted for comment.

While hotels in the picturesque Hogsback area gear up for the influx of summer visitors, Curtin claims the beauty of the indigenous forest and mountain covers up festering racial hatred.

Curtin was recovering this week from a sjambok whipping which left him with lacerations on his back, bruised ribs and swollen kidneys.

He was employed at the hotel as assistant manager and his wife as catering manager and housekeeper.

"My wife and I established a very good relationship with the black staff," he said. "This seems to have been a problem.

"The maintenance manager and his wife pointed out to us that we must sit on these people and 'treat them like the dirt they are'."

Curtin claimed he was instructed to fine the black staff between 50 cents and R1 when he caught them eating

Whites 'whip hotel manager for supporting black workers'

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scraps from the kitchen or drinking anything, and also when tools went missing or were broken.

He said he did not hold with this kind of treatment and made it plain to the staff that this would never happen when he was on duty and that it was against the law for an employer to open wage packets and take out money for fines.

Curtin said this did not go down well with the maintenance manager, "who has said his motto was to hit them with baseball bats until they bled.

When Nelson Mandela came to visit the Eastern Cape for the first time,

there was a stayaway from work, said Curtin.

The maintenance manager had to drive down to Alice for hotel supplies on that day "and he took his sjambok with, saying the blacks could get restless.

"On one occasion, he also attempted to hit one of the black staff members with his sjambok," alleged Curtin.

Curtin said he had several complaints from guests that the maintenance manager's racist comments upset them.

He complained to the owner, a Mr Ressel, but to no avail, he claimed.

Things got worse and on Novem-

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ber 26, he and the maintenance manager had an argument regarding the off-loading of a van.

The owners were away for a week's holiday. In their absence the maintenance manager told Curtin and his wife "we were fired and should be off the mountain at 9.30pm".

Curtin said when he and his wife walked out, the maintenance manager and his family were waiting for them.

He never carried weapons but on that evening took two bank bags filled with R1 coins to defend himself "just in case".

The man hit him with a sjambok "and I went down," he claimed.

"His son threw himself on top of me and held me down" while the father "was hitting and kicking me," he alleged.

The maintenance manager's wife managed to get the sjambok, saying, "You will kill him".

Curtin said the son "tried to strangle me and get the coins out of my fists.

"His mother telephoned the police, who arrived very quickly. Because of the coins in my hand I could ward off some blows.

"I was face down in the dirt with the two of them on top hitting and kicking me, and the arrival of the police saved my life."

The next morning, he went to the Cathcart Hospital. After being X-rayed and undergoing tests he was released into the care of his wife, a qualified nurse.

"I have detailed all my injuries to a district surgeon."

Curtin said he had filed charges against the maintenance manager and his son, but Eastern Cape police said they have no record of a charge being laid.

The black staff have been to visit him and have started a petition demanding the maintenance manager's dismissal and threatening to strike if their demand is not met.

Curtin said while he was on sick leave he got a letter dated November 30 from the owners of the hotel, saying he had been fired.

The owner of the hotel said he could not comment on the incident as it had taken place while both staff members were off duty and while he was in the Western Cape.

"It has nothing to do with the hotel at all," said Ressel.

He denied Curtin had complained to him about racism at the hotel, before or after he was dismissed.

Asked why he had dismissed Curtin while he was on sick leave, Ressel said he had given him the option of resigning.

"He insisted, after getting legal advice, that I should dismiss him."

Numsa official survives assassination attempt

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AN East Rand organiser of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, Mr Jeffrey Khubeka, was nearly killed when his car was fired on in Springs last week.

Mr Moses Mayekiso, general secretary of Numsa, told *Sowetan* that the attack on Khubeka took place last Friday on November 29 1991 about 9pm.

He said one of the attackers was white and they were driving a dark grey Toyota.

Mayekiso said: "The gunshots struck at different parts of the car including the petrol tank. "Another passerby's vehicle was also struck and the owner has been hospitalised."

Mayekiso said police have so far made no progress in arresting any of the assailants.

"We call upon those responsible for the security of society to convince us that they have really changed and as such can be relied upon.

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By IKE MOTSAPI

"The object is to bring those responsible to justice," Mayekiso added.

Lieutenant Wikus Webber, the East Rand police spokesman, said the matter had not been reported to the police.

Webber appealed to Mayekiso or the victim to report the case to them.

Mayekiso also revealed that another union official, Mr Johannes Mosia, chairman of the Western Transvaal region, is also under constant threats by elements closely associated with KwaMadala Hostel. He has not been sleeping at home for the past two weeks.

"These latest developments follow the death of Pepsi Mahlangu, a union official who was killed in July this year as well as threats made four weeks ago to another official, Mr Andries Malaudzi.

Activist gets death threats

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A MARBLE Hall activist, who is helping families of two men killed by white men in a racist attack at the weekend, has himself been threatened with death.

Mr Hendriek Ngwenya, a trade unionist and member of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, told *Sowetan* that he received a telephone call soon after returning from the police station to identify one of the victims.

"The white male, who spoke English with a heavy Afrikaans accent, said I was behind the problems of the two deaths and I would be killed like those two men," Ngwenya said.

Ngwenya said only one of the dead men had been identified.

He was Mr Lloyd Ntswane of

Schoonoord in Sekhukhuniland.

Ngwenya made an appeal to the public to help identify the second man.

He said a third man, Mr Jackson Shirinda, who escaped after jumping off a moving van, was discharged from the Philadelphia Hospital on Tuesday.

Attacked

Five white men have appeared in the Marble Hall Magistrate's Court in connection with the murders.

The two were allegedly attacked while sitting at Ivols Square.

Ngwenya said five white men attacked a group of blacks sitting at the square and loaded three of them into a security firm van. The van then drove off towards the Arabie

Dam.

The two bodies were found with stab and gunshot wounds at the banks of the Arabie River.

Ngwenya said the attack was apparently in retaliation for the recent killing of a white man.

The five who appeared in court for the two murders are Mr Johannes Lodewikus du Plessis (29), Mr Fanie du Plessis (26), Mr Douglas Swart (29), Mr Hermanus Duvenhage (24), and Mr John van Heerden (35), an employee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to Tuesday next week.

They were released on R1 000 bail each and have to report daily at the Marble Hall police station.

Five whites abduct three blacks at the Don't Worry Be Happy café. It's just the start of a bad day ...



'People are angry. They even feel we should have another consumer boycott over the killings.'

Photograph: KEVIN CARTER

A big mistake in Marble Hall

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A DAY after South Africa's political leaders began to negotiate the end of white minority rule, a white mob in Marble Hall lynched two black men they had randomly abducted, in an apparent revenge killing.

No one disputes the facts. After a braai five whites, four of them security guards, abducted three blacks from a Marble Hall shopping centre around the corner from the Don't Worry Be Happy Restaurant in the early hours of Saturday morning.

One of the abductees managed to escape by jumping off the back of a speeding bakkie, breaking his leg.

The other two were murdered and their bodies dumped in the Arabie Dam. When their corpses were found, one was immersed in the water, the other lay half-way down the dam ledge.

About four hours after the abduction one of the white men, 32-year-old John van Heerden, turned himself in to Warrant Officer Bischoff, the investigating officer, and confessed all. "He said they had made a big mistake," said Bischoff.

On Monday, four security officials from Waterberg Security company and a provincial administration worker appeared in the Groblersdal Magistrate's Court. They were not asked to plead and were released on R1 000 bail.

That night they were back on patrol in their security bakkie, armed and protecting the white residences of Marble Hall.

White people in Marble Hall claim the incident was merely an aberration. "Nobody says it's right," said Chris du Plooy, a local businessman who runs a photo lab and a television repair business. "Everybody damns it."

He said he could see no motive for the murder, adding: "They are a low-class kind of people. You get them in all walks of life. It's lack of brains, a

sign of a low IQ."

Adam Ehlers, town administrator and the chief of protection services, including fire, traffic control and civil defence, concurred. "I was telling my son, it's so easy to get involved in the wrong things. You can get into terrible trouble just riding around," he said.

Louw de Beer, a farmer and local chairman of the Conservative Party — which dominates the local council — said it was an exceptional event: "I reject it completely. These young men, they worked each other up and then the trouble started. It's completely wrong."

"I work with a lot of black people and I have no trouble. I live in Marble Hall. Black people live in Lebowa. They come to work at my farm. I go and fetch them. Lebowa is their country," De Beer said.

But this rosy picture of race relations in Marble Hall does not extend across the colour line.

Slogans of the extreme right wing — *Eie Volk, Eie Land* and *Geen Vrede Sonder Vryheid* — are daubed on every road sign for kilometres around. In the local hotel a portrait of former Rhodesian prime minister Ian Smith hangs in the snooker bar.

When we asked black people in town for directions to the township, no one seemed to know. Eventually an elderly man agreed to show us in return for a ride.

Uncomfortably he squeezed into our car full of white people. But one word from a blank-faced group of black people gathered outside the car was enough to send him bolting in fear for his life, out of the car and into a store.

Trade unionist Hendrik Ngwenya later explained: "You were all whites and you know what is happening in this country."

There is no township in Marble Hall. The centre of a fertile farming region irrigated by the Loskop Dam, it lies between the homelands of kwaNdebele and Lebowa. A 20km

The small town of Marble Hall is a Conservative Party stronghold, where almost every road sign is festooned with the graffiti of the far-right. One day after the peace talks, two black men were lynched, apparently in revenge for the murder of a white man the week before.

PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK visits a town where tensions between white and black run deep ... only, the whites don't seem to have noticed

drive takes you to the nearest township, Leeuwfontein, behind a large koppie in Lebowa.

Catherine Ntsong, caretaker of the Catholic Church in Leeuwfontein, has a picture of the Last Supper on her wall. On the other side of the room, a portable black-and-white television is playing an American soap opera.

"We won't dare walk across the farm of a white man because they shoot us down," she says, describing the state of race relations in the area in pithy language. "We don't like the white people because they are dangerous. You can't like a person if they don't like you. It would be like liking a poisonous snake."

THERE is another gulf in perceptions between black and white in Marble Hall, and it relates to the recent death of Jasper Ferreira.

Ferreira, the local director of Maizecor, had allegedly trapped two black employees in the act of stealing bags of mealie meal they were supposed to be delivering. He apprehended them and put them in his bakkie.

On the way back there was an argument, Ferreira pulled his gun and shot one of the men, but was overpowered and killed with his own gun. His body was thrown in the bush near the Arabie Dam and covered in grass and

leaves.

A massive bushveld manhunt led to the capture of the killers and the recovery of the body.

Whites in Marble Hall are adamant that there is no link between Ferreira's death and the murders of the two black men a week later.

However, trade unionist Ngwenya, who is national organiser of the National Workers' Union of South Africa, found the survivor, Reckson Shirinda, the caretaker of a rightwing Afrikaans church, on Saturday morning, and he told a different story.

Ngwenya took him to the police station that morning — even though three days later Bischoff still claimed he did not know the identity of the third man — before taking him to the Philadelphia hospital.

Ngwenya recounted what Shirinda had told him: "The three victims were inside the security company bakkie. There was an argument over whether they should be killed. They (the whites) said 'our brother (referring to Ferreira) was killed, why not kill them?'"

"They (the blacks) were told to lie down at the back, but one of them would not lie down and he was shot in the cheek. The whites were beating them, asking 'where is our brother? What about what happened to our brother?'"

"Shirinda was so scared he jumped off the bakkie while it was moving and broke his leg. He hid in the bush in the dark while the men tried to find him. At dawn he caught a taxi back to town."

For his troubles Ngwenya has had death threats. The phone rings and a tape recorded voice says: "You are dealing with the story of the Arabie Dam and we are around your neck."

He is used to it. During a consumer boycott of the town last year, armed men burst into his office looking for him. "My secretary escaped and since then I haven't had a secretary," says Ngwenya.

What perturbs him now is that the security guards, accused of killing

people with a firearm, should be out and about carrying firearms.

"We don't know how this thing can be stopped. I'm worried more is going to happen."

"People are angry. They even feel we should have another boycott to express our dissatisfaction with the killing."

Which could explain why the whites of the town are downplaying the murders. They don't want a repeat of last year's consumer boycott because the town is 80 percent dependent on black trade.

Ehlers said the boycott was for "better facilities, better working relations, that sort of thing. All their demands were met. We don't even mention it any more. We don't want to talk about it."

But it wasn't politics that inspired the murders, say the whites. "No," says Du Plooy, the businessman. "This is the centre of the right, you might say. People here don't like the changes. There's resistance against it. But they don't have a single positive word to say about the murder."

No, he shook his head. "It didn't have anything to do with politics, nothing. It was just alcohol and stupidity."

When it is pointed out that the CP itself has threatened violence if the constitutional road is blocked, CP chairman De Beer responds: "If our rights are taken away from us, and our land is taken away from us, we know the answer. People just won't accept it."

"But the difference is this is non-political. It is not in our nature to do this... these people were just doing their own thing."

Ask Hendrik Ngwenya whether any sign of the new South Africa has reached Marble Hall and he shrugs.

"Maybe if we did have a one man, one vote election, things would get better," says Maria Ntsong, daughter-in-law of Cathrine Ntsong.

"Maybe..." adds her mother-in-law, staring off into some far distant space as if at a mirage.

'One word from the crowd was enough to send the black man scuttling'

'You can't like a person if they don't like you. It's like liking a snake'

'TFP leader at Midlands massacre'

TOWNSHIP residents in Bruntville, near Mooi River allege they saw Inkatha leader David Ntombela at Bruntville hostel shortly before hostel-dwellers staged a bloody massacre that left about 20 people dead.

The volatile Natal Midlands township erupted at dawn on Wednesday when witnesses say men armed with spears and pangas stormed out of the hostel gates and indiscriminately attacked residents.

Ntombela said he went to the Bruntville hostel on Tuesday night to collect two residents, Alex Sokhela and Heavystone Zaga, for a meeting in

Estcourt. While at the meeting, Ntombela said, they heard that members of the African National Congress had attacked the hostel. One Bruntville resident, however, charges that Sokhela was one of a group of men who stoned his house.

This latest spate of violence brings the death toll in Bruntville since September to almost 70, according to lawyers. Lawyers have estimated that this week's figures include nine women, two pensioners and two children. Scores of people have fled the devastated area after their homes were petrol-bombed or stoned.

The trouble began on Tuesday

A three-phase attack that began early on Tuesday morning and ended 24 hours later left at least 20 people dead. **CASSANDRA MOODLEY** reports on the bloody Mooi River massacre

when hostel inmates allegedly went on the rampage twice in less than 10 hours and then unleashed the final attack early on Wednesday morning, say residents.

Accounts by witnesses detail a seemingly expertly planned three-phased attack; Ntombela's co-incidental presence; a police raid on resi-

dents' homes for AK47s and police allegedly failing to apprehend hostel-dwellers during the attack.

South African Clothing and Textile Workers' Union organiser Mali Maphalala, who lives in Bruntville, related how it all started: "On Tuesday morning 300 armed hostel-dwellers began advancing towards the location."

According to Maphala about 80 "comrades" brought the mob to a halt when they "fired a few shots into the air".

"At about 7pm I saw Ntombela coming out of the hostel. He spoke to some policemen in a Sierra and then

drove off. Fifteen minutes later a larger mob emerged from the hostel, this time with guns." Maphalala said a battle broke out when ANC supporters tried to prevent the mob from entering the location. A South African Defence Force Casspir and a police van drove past the scene but "they did nothing to stop the inmates from advancing". The scene ended in one resident being stabbed and later dying.

Shortly after this second attack, alleges Robinson Ngubane, "police fired on me. Two police Kombis and a van were parked under the trees. As I approached, I saw a flash of light and heard a shot coming from where the police were parked."

After the 7pm attack police allegedly began raiding residents' homes. Mxolisi Mthembu told how "four white policemen stormed the house. They held a gun to my throat, hit my friend and demanded we give them our guns".

Apparently an off-duty SAP member, Lucky Madlala, intervened and then only did the police leave the house. Shortly before midnight Maphalala said he spotted a "big truck, Kombi and two cars arrive at the hostel. Some people got out and then the vehicles drove away".

The final scene of the massacre began at about 4.30am. Mncedisi Mthetwa said he was awakened by gun shots. When he looked out the window he saw two SAP vans parked outside and hostel inmates brandishing traditional weapons descending on the sleeping location.

Witnesses say the group split into two and surrounded the location, making it impossible for the residents to escape. While fleeing his house later, Mthetwa said he saw police fire tear-gas over the hostel-dwellers and into the mass of fleeing residents. "I heard shots coming from around the vicinity of the police van." He also alleges he saw Ntombela near the hostel.

But many who fled the advancing mob did not survive. Miriam Zoka related how she saw Khanyisele Majola stabbed on her doorstep. "About 4.45am I heard somebody crying and banging on my door. When I opened the door I saw a man with a red head band pulling a spear out of Khanyisele's body and a group of men running towards the house."

Lawyers and residents believe this week's massacre was a revenge attack on ANC supporters for their march through Mooi River last Saturday. The march was to demand that police enforce the prohibition of the public bearing of weapons.

Bruntville residents have alleged in affidavits that the hostel dwellers armed with traditional weapons have intimidated, assaulted and killed community members, and that police have acted in a biased fashion.

Two weeks ago the National Peace Commission of Inquiry said it was referring these allegations to the Peace secretariat of the National Peace Accord because it did not have the resources to investigate the matter.

The police have announced that as from Wednesday the bearing weapons publicly in Mooi River and Bruntville will be prohibited and a mobile police station is to be set up in Bruntville.

Asked for comment, SAP representative Captain Henry Budhrum said police were in the area at the time of the attack. "Police realised there was trouble only when they saw a house on fire, and they were there within seconds." He said several arrests were made and that they were investigating a case of public violence against the hostel-dwellers.

Police have confirmed they raided the homes of Bruntville residents on Tuesday evening. They denied gun shots were fired but said teargas was fired on the attackers.



White is still right ... Diana Tilden-Davis and her two princesses

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Black beauty loses pulchritude race

BLACK might be beautiful, but in the commerce and politics of the South African beauty industry white is still right.

This, really, is the significance of the row surrounding Diana Tilden-Davis' racial gaffe this week, when she allegedly told the visiting Miss Nigeria that the Miss South Africa contest attracted few black entrants because most black women "fall pregnant by the age of 15".

The day before the row broke, the co-organiser of the Miss South Africa contest, Vanessa Chemaly, told *The Weekly Mail* she thought "one reason why we have so few black contestants is that to enter, you have to be single and without children". Chemaly said out of 500 entrants only 50 were black, but emphasised that "we are fully multiracial and the winner is chosen by a multiracial panel. But, ultimately, we have to choose the best girl — not only in looks but in personality".

Tilden-Davis has tried to be sensitive about race: after her crowning in August, she said: "I believe we can all be sisters under the skin." Nice sentiments — but in this business, it is the skin that counts: its colour, its complexion and the way it fits over certain crucial bits of flesh.

Tilden-Davis, South Africa's first Miss World contestant in years, is being touted in the newspapers which have sponsored her — the *Sunday Times* and *Rapport* — as

The stakes are against black contestants in the beauty industry — that's the bottom line of the racial gaffe by Miss South Africa this week. By MARK GEVISSER

"our" representative in the international world of beauty. And so a few weeks ago in the *Sunday Times*, we saw photos of her trying out different kinds of national dress: the stereotyped Afro-ethnic and the equally stereotyped Voortrekker rokkie.

Which would she wear, asked the front-page story, acknowledging that in the "new" South Africa she had to represent all the people of the land.

Not surprisingly, it was revealed the next week that she would be wearing a more "neutral" number which served to accentuate her curves and her long, flowing hair rather than make her representative of any group of people.

In a statement issued a couple of weeks ago, the African National Congress Women's League said it "disassociates itself from the beauty industry generally", not only because beauty contests "vulgarise women and make them objects for money-makers" but because "the current white Miss South Africa does not represent the majority of our women".

If, with her blonde hair and blue eyes, Tilden-Davis does not repre-

sent the majority of South African women, who does she represent?

The answer is simple: She — or any "national" beauty queen, for that matter — is a commodity; a marketing device in the commerce of promotion and advertising which has "scientifically" determined what will attract attention, products and money.

What is odd, however, is that the choice of a rather standard blonde beauty contrasts so strongly with the marketing values of the "new" South Africa — values which, recognising the power of the black market, now place blacks with whites in advertising, and which the government itself has espoused in its "new" South Africa campaign.

Marketing experts insist that the future, commercial as well as political, is multi-coloured — in terms of what sells within the country and of how we wish to present ourselves to the international community. But Miss South Africa remains as white as ever, as white as the skins of the national cricket team. Why? The answer the promoters give is the same as the one given by the selectors of the cricket team: We chose the best people.

Comments Jane Raphaely, editor of *Femina* and *Cosmopolitan* magazines: "While black South African models do excellently here, they don't make it in the rest of the world."

The annual Cosmo Supermodel

competition, which aims to introduce top local models to the international scene, has had one black winner: Innocentia Moephuli. But, says Raphaely, "though she's top class she hasn't done so well elsewhere because magazines in the rest of the world prefer white to black models".

Even if the advertising and publishing worlds do not choose Miss South Africa directly, it is this set of interests that ultimately decides what she should look like. While a black winner would be a boon to magazines like *Tribute* and *Pace*, the magazines that make Miss South Africa a household name fear a black face on their covers would alienate readers and reduce advertising revenue.

"We would be delighted to carry a black Miss South Africa on our cover," says Raphaely, "but I doubt she would get as much coverage in the weekly and fortnightly publications as a white would."

Chemaly disagrees: "I really don't think it would make any difference if she were black or white. We would love a black Miss South Africa, but she can't just be a token."

Should there be affirmative action for black beauty-competition contestants?

"What difference would it make?" asks one woman. "If they chose a black Miss South Africa, they'd just be replacing a white bim-bette with a black one. Big deal."

Special Correspondent

AN elderly man this week testified in the Ventersdorp magistrate's court that AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche repeatedly slapped him after Terre'Blanche came to see him about sheep that were allegedly stolen.

William Mashiya, 71, said Terre'Blanche spoke calmly to him before he became "wild". Terre'Blanche grabbed him and throttled him, giving him "many slaps" and threw him on a fence.

Terre'Blanche, of Roth Street, Ventersdorp, pleaded not guilty to three charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, four charges of assault and a charge of malicious damage to property.

Terre'Blanche was dressed in a neat grey suit. He was accompanied by his brother, Andries.

His appearance stems from incidents on March 9 on the farm Klipplaad-drif which belongs to

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beat us up,

says old man

farmer Koos le Roux.

Seven blacks, among them Mashiya, his grandson Albert, 14, and his daughter Evelyn, were allegedly assaulted.

Another black man, Louis Karong, was allegedly hit with a piece of corrugated iron over the head on the same afternoon, while three women, Doreen Sebotho, Margaret Visagie and Angelina Mothobi, were allegedly slapped.

The charge of malicious damage to property stems from damage of about R220 to Mashiya's furniture.

Mashiya testified that

he, his family and friends, were gathered in front of his house at about 4 pm on the afternoon of March 9 when a bakkie with Terre'Blanche and another man stopped at the house.

Terre'Blanche told him to put his hands in the air. He took Mashiya around the house and throttled and hit him. He also kneed him in the chest before throwing him against the fence, Mashiya said.

"There was blood" and his shirt was torn. Terre'Blanche then entered the house and scattered household goods."

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White gangs

By JOCELYN MAKER

WHEN darkness falls over Marble Hall in the Eastern Transvaal black residents fear for their lives.

It is after nightfall, they say, that groups of whites attack them if they are found in town or walking at the roadside.

Racial tension is mounting in the CP stronghold, where almost every road sign is daubed with stickers and slogans which read Eie Volk, Eie Land and Geen Vrede Sonder Vryheid.

The town's white leaders say they know nothing about night attacks on anyone and are not aware of any tension between the race groups.

Yet on Monday morning four white officials from Waterberg Security and a provincial administration worker appeared in the Groblersdal magistrate's court in connection with the killing last weekend of two black men.

Mr Johannes Lodewikus du Plessis, 29, Mr Fanie du Plessis, 26, Mr Douglas Swart, 29, Mr Hermanus Duvenhage, 24, and Mr John van Heerden were each released on R1 000 bail.

Their appearance arose from the alleged abduction last Friday night of three black men from a Marble Hall shopping centre. They were forced into a bakkie. One man was able to escape, breaking a leg in the process, before the other two were killed and their bodies dumped at the Arable Dam.

Boycott

The local ANC leader, Mr Bright Selo Mashego, 34, and the Leeuwfontein village community are planning a consumer boycott in retaliation.

"The CP town council does not want to talk to us and the police do nothing when we report the assaults," Mr Mashego said.

"The whites in Marble Hall are taking violent action against us when it is dark. They are assaulting people in front of cafes and on the side of the road. We are terrified.

"We are not safe in this town. These white gangs are well armed, and our people have said they have seen revolvers and rifles.

"Gardeners are suffering most. Some whites employ them for a day's work and then refuse to pay them. Often they are beaten while they are working.

"It's a racist town with

in reign of terror

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SCEPTIC: CP chairman Louw de Beer, who is 'not aware of tension' Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

Blacks plan economic boycott after three die in horror killings

many rightwing farmers who do not care about blacks. Many pay appalling wages and expect their labourers to work long hours.

"They pay them between R2 and R3,50 a day and expect them to work in all weather. Marble Hall and the surrounding farming community refuse to accept changes in South

Africa.

"If we are found wearing T-shirts with political slogans we are beaten up. I was attacked and thrown out of the town for wearing a Cosatu tracksuit. I reported it to the police."

Mr Mashego said the consumer boycott committee would be drawing up a list of demands this week which would be handed to

the town council.

The local CP chairman, Mr Louw de Beer, said he did not believe white gangs were attacking blacks.

"I do not think the killings at the dam were political. I am good to my farm labourers and do not have any trouble. If blacks are being attacked it's a matter for the police. They must report these incidents.

"If the blacks want a boycott they can have one. It will not work. I am not aware of any racial tension."

Despite last weekend's murders, few people in the town acknowledge that there is racial tension.

Customers

One of the few, Mrs Marietjie van Zyl, a furniture-shop manageress, said she had heard from black customers that people were being attacked in the town and on farm roads.

A petrol-pump attendant said he feared for his life when he had to serve a vehicle occupied by more than one white man at night.

"I do not want anyone to know my name. The white men will find me and I will be killed. I know the young white men from the farms ride around town looking for black people to attack."

A police spokesman said some incidents of assault on blacks by whites had been reported.

He denied that little was being done in cases that were reported.

Night of white madness

Report and pictures by

ELIAS MALULEKE

BLACKS in the north-eastern Transvaal dorpie of Marble Hall went through hell last Friday when racist whites went on the rampage.

A City Press investigation has revealed that the arrest of five whites in connection with the murder of two blacks in the town that night is merely the tip of the iceberg.

Police have confirmed that they are investigating numerous charges of assault on blacks in the town that night.

Police have not yet linked the assaults to the killings but our investigation shows otherwise.

City Press found that rightwingers, including alleged AWB fanatics, went on a 12-hour "black bashing spree" which survivors and witnesses have described as "hell Friday".

The attackers punched, kicked and battered their black victims with gun butts and fired shots at them in a frenzy of hate that has left even Conservative Party supporters "shocked".

According to our investigation the attackers used two cars and a bakkie during their reign of terror.

In each attack witnesses said four or five whites were involved.

Witnesses said the thugs attacked without provocation.

Ten farmworkers were attacked while asleep in their quarters shortly after midnight.

Others were attacked in the streets, robbed and



BULLET SPREE ... Augustino Gwambo, 36, points at the wall shattered by wild firing by a mob of white racists.



RACIST MARK ... Morris Gwambe's injury.

then battered with gun butts before shots were fired at them.

Locals claimed the attacks were sparked off by the slaying of Jasper Ferreira, the managing director of Maize Corp in Marble Hall, whose bloodied body was found in Lebowa on Sunday November 24, a day after he went missing.

He was allegedly killed in a fracas with his black employees whom he had

caught illegally selling some of his products in Lebowa.

Morris Gwambe, 45, a labourer at Andre and Aletta du Toit's farm in Marble Hall, alleges he was woken up by cars pulling up in front of his quarters on the farm. Before he had time to get out of bed the door was booted open and four whites stormed in.

"Without saying a word two of them started

ransacking my room. The others beat me with fists, boots and a gun butt. I screamed for help but was throttled and thrown outside and ordered to stand against the wall where the beating continued," he said.

He managed to break free and ran into bushes as shots were fired at him. During his ordeal, the attackers loaded two cases of beer into a white Ford bakkie. He also discovered that R60 he had saved under his pillow was missing.

The attackers then attacked other workers, breaking bones and inflicting cuts and bruises.

Hernest Guni told how he was attacked on his way home from a drinking session at a farm.

He alleged a sedan and a bakkie pulled up next to him and five whites started beating him for no apparent reason. He managed to break free and ran into a farmyard. The at-

tackers chased him while firing shots but he got away with minor leg injuries.

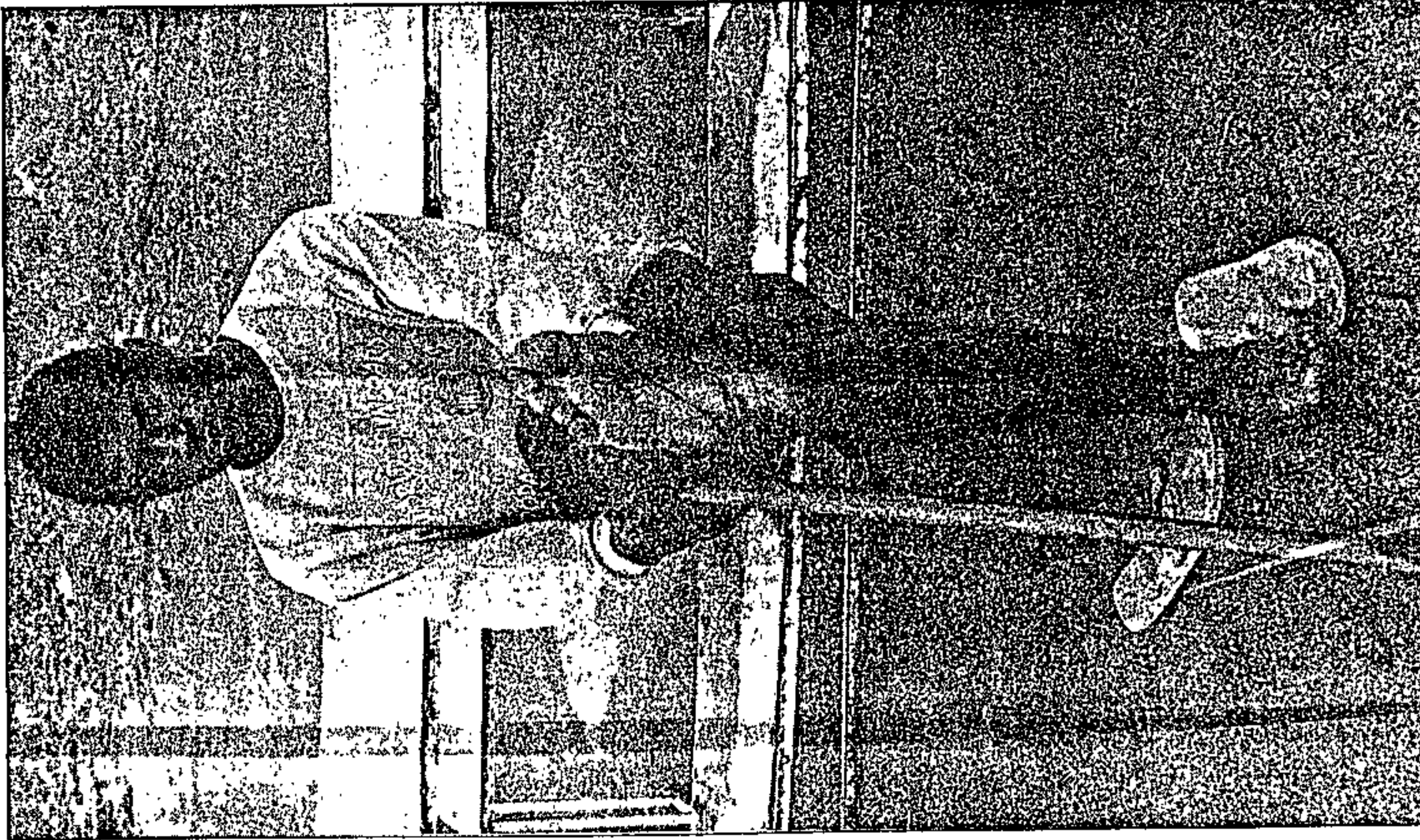
Ouma Mopadimo had two front teeth caved in when a white mob attacked her in her room on another farm.

Her husband Johannes, a farm induna, survived by running out of the room before the mob arrived and woke up a farmer who then called the police.

"I had heard about the whites in two cars and the bakkie who attacked my neighbours and I looked out and there they were," he said.

Meanwhile, five whites from Marble Hall charged with murdering two black men had their case set back to this week.

The accused are Johannes Lodewikus du Plessis, 29, his brother Fanie, 26, Douglas Swart, 29, Hermanus Duvenage, 24, and John van Heerden, 35.



LYNCH VICTIM'S PAIN ... Sam Chauke, injured in the legs and arms.

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Rightwingers call off attack

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A BLACK family that moved into the conservative Northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt has had peaceful nights lately as stones that have been raining on their roof have stopped.

Mr Ducksy Mukhondo, who moved into a white Louis Trichardt suburb in October, said the attacks stopped last week after a report in the *Sowetan* highlighting his plight. His family had been a victim of rightwing attackers who:

- Threw stones on his roof every night without fail since October 4;
- Fired nine rounds of high-calibre rifle shots at the house, missing Mukhondo by inches; and
- Invaded his yard and

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

when confronted, told him they owned the town and could walk anywhere they wanted.

The *Sowetan* reported that after the last incident Mukhondo was allegedly expelled from the police station where he reported the matter. Police allegedly told him that the white prowler had the right of movement in the town and if Mukhondo did not like that, he could go back to his village.

Mukhondo yesterday said he met the station commander to complain.

"The station commander appeared very upset by the matter and said it was still being investi-

gated. He however told me that the white man's wife and children had made statements that the man had been outside my yard and not inside.

"I told Captain Pretorius, the station commander, that I knew my yard and its boundaries well enough. The man was inside my yard. He said he would see to it that I am safe here and since that day we have had peaceful sleep.

"We now wonder what it is that was done by the police that could not have been done when we were complaining about the stones since October," Mukhondo said.

Police comment could not be obtained at the weekend.

AWB is poised to go to war

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has refused — despite last-ditch talks with the Government last night — to take part in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche — with AWB secretary-general Piet Rudolph and publicity secretary Ernie van der Westhuizen — met Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen on the question of participation — but left

saying their demand for a "volkstaat" had not been acknowledged.

"The Government is waiting for the Boere to deal with communists and has offered us no other forum to negotiate. Therefore, we have decided to fight for our own fatherland," said Mr TerreBlanche.

Mr van der Westhuizen said the AWB's legitimate claims had been "thrown off the table" and it was apparent the Government had no intention of acknowledging what the AWB had said.

Codesa committee makes progress

TIM COHEN

ENCOURAGING progress was made at a Codesa steering committee meeting yesterday, with a consensus being developed that the group should meet on a monthly basis until a new constitution was in place, sources said.

The steering committee, which was given the task of preparing next week's first Codesa meeting, ended yesterday without issuing a formal statement.

But sources said the committee intended to propose that Codesa should meet monthly or at least bi-monthly, even if agreement was reached that a Constituent Assembly should draw up a new constitution.

There was growing consensus that even if there was acceptance of proposals by the ANC and other groups for a constitutional assembly and interim government, there would still be work for Codesa to do, the sources said.

Between Codesa meetings, it is proposed that task groups should be formed to discuss and achieve consensus on specific issues.

Three task groups have already been established by the steering committee. The first has been charged with drawing up a statement of intent, which will be Codesa's founding charter.

This task-group has been further charged with discussing, among other things, a statement of commitment which will indicate Codesa's guiding principles.

The second task group has been discuss-

ing the organisation and planning of Codesa while the third, called the "process task group" has been discussing possible future mechanisms such as the Constituent Assembly and how the country should be governed during the transitional period.

This task group will continue meeting during the week, and will report back to the steering committee, which is due to meet again on Wednesday next week.

Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen said yesterday encouraging progress had been made, emphasising that a personal understanding was developing among negotiators.

Chairman of yesterday's meeting, DP leader Zach de Beer, agreed, saying many of the participants did not know each other before the meetings began and so the development of mutual trust was of the utmost importance.

De Beer said the issue of Inkatha's demand that it, the KwaZulu government and the Zulu king all be represented independently of one another was not debated at yesterday's steering committee meeting, apart from the meeting deciding this issue should be discussed at a later date.

Delegates said the steering committee was making substantial progress and there was, at this stage, no intention to delay Codesa, which is due to take place on December 20 and 21.

Government slams AWB war talk

TIM COHEN

THE ministries of Law and Order and Constitutional Development slammed the AWB yesterday for its "irresponsible" war talk. Law and Order predicted the AWB could expect to be monitored by state security forces.

Their statements follow AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche's threat this week that the AWB would prepare for war after he walked out of a meeting with Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen on Monday.

Viljoen said yesterday it was unfair and irresponsible of the AWB to conclude there was no alternative to armed conflict and added that the door to Codesa remained open.

Terre'Blanche said yesterday that the AWB was not prepared to present its demands in front of communists and anti-Christians and claimed government was not prepared to consider its demands for a Boerestaat in any forum other than Codesa.

Viljoen said it was incorrect for the AWB to presume its policy would be dismissed when it took part in debate.

"The purpose of Codesa is to achieve consensus between opposed and clashing points of view through negotiation ... instead of resolving differences through violence," Viljoen said.

Law and Order spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said yesterday that there was a direct correlation between war talk and acts of violence.

People or organisations making such statements laid themselves open to monitoring by the state's security organs.

Boere Weerstandsbeweging (BWB) leader Andrew Ford said yesterday he was pleased that the AWB would not take part in Codesa, reports Sapa.

Ford said he had stated three years ago that should the AWB get involved in a war, the BWB would give it its full support to restore "our Boer republics".

The Boerestaat Party said yesterday that the AWB had no option but to turn down the invitation to take part in the negotiations.

Six fired as wages used to pay bail

Sowetan 12/12/91

SIX workers at Waterberg Security in Marble Hall were last week dismissed without pay after their salaries were allegedly used to bail out two white employees charged with murdering blacks.

The two white employees, Mr Fanie du Plessis (26) and Mr Johannes du Plessis (24), sons of the owner of the firm, Mr J du Plessis, allegedly murdered two blacks about two weeks ago.

They are charged with murder and abduction together with three other white men.

The six workers were dismissed last week following the first court appear-

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ance of the five men.

They said Du Plessis, the father, told them they were fired and he could not pay their November wages because he had used all his money to pay bail for his sons.

They then approached the National Workers Union of SA for assistance, said union spokesman Mr Hendrik Ngwenya.

An official at the Groblersdaal office of the Department of Manpower confirmed that the six men were being assisted by his office.

4 years in jail for 'horrific' murder

FOUR white men found guilty of "the brutal, horrific and senseless murder of an innocent and defenceless man" were yesterday each sentenced to effective four and six year jail terms by a Rand Supreme Court judge.

The murderers, all from Edenvale, had attacked and killed a black man, Mr Sicelo Mbethe, by knocking him with a car, stabbing him 45 times, punching and kicking him, and hitting him with a hammer and a hockey stick.

Mbethe, who leaves a two-year-old baby, died from a number of wounds on his skull, face, back, chest and legs. He was attacked near Modderfontein at 4am on May 26 while he was on his way to work.

Mr Justice JJ Labuschagne sentenced Brian Scheepers (19), Graig Lambton-Carr (20) and George Martin (19) to

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By SONTI MASEKO

12 years in prison, six years to be suspended for five years and Brenden Hastings, who was 17 at the time to eight years, four years suspended for five years.

The judge said the principal mitigating factors were that all four were young and first offenders, which outweighed the aggravating factors, that they came from normal backgrounds and the brutality of the offence.

The court's impression was that the murder was not pre-planned but committed on the spur of the moment.

In favour of the accused he said it was highly improbable that they would in future repeat the crime and that chances of their rehabilitation were favourable.

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Senior Assistant Editor Joe Latakomo on the prospects for continued inter-

Reading the writing on the wall

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THE message is quite clear: there will be no peace without freedom. It is not a message from the African National Congress nor its military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. Nor is it from the Pan Africanist Congress nor its military arm, the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

This message, which adorns overhead bridges, road signs and every possible visible point in some towns and cities, is from the right wing. That it is in Afrikaans is perhaps a measure of the bitterness that seems to have revisited the Afrikaner, reminiscent of the old anti-British sentiment that resulted from the Anglo-Boer War.

There is an irony in this message, though. For years, the Afrikaner, through the National Party, and even before that, systematically eroded the rights and freedoms of the black people of this country. When blacks spoke of the doctrine of consent, which states that no government is legitimate if it governs without the consent of the governed, they

were jailed and banned. Through repression, white interests were protected and black interests suppressed.

Even as the right wing — and it would be wrong to assume it is only Afrikaans-speaking — preaches its message of fight or be doomed and pleads the need for its own freedom, the Azanian People's Organisation is making the same statement. For it, too, there will be no peace without freedom. Its statement, however, is made for different reasons, but it is significant that both organisations have chosen to use the same clarification on call.

Pandelani Nefholovodwe, president of Azapo, declared that without the involvement of his organisation, the Black Consciousness Movement of South Africa, the PAC, the New Unity Movement and the Workers' Association of South Africa in real negotiations, there would be no peace, justice or freedom in this country.

When people no longer feel obliged to obey those in authority, the slide to anarchy clearly

begins. While the ANC and the National Party may believe they have the support of a reasonable majority of people, it must be clear that — unless they wish to rule through sheer terror and repression — political and democratic demands, based on legitimate issues, will continue being made. The very instruments used by particularly the ANC can and will be used in pursuit of political ideals. Only this time it will not only be black opposition engaged in these activities of making the country ungovernable.

The temptation to draw parallels with the events in the Soviet Union is often great. That Mikhail Gorbachev has been caught in the rush of his own creation could suggest that perhaps President de Klerk will face the same here.

Clearly, resistance to reform in the Soviet Union provided the initial inertia, and it is for that reason that Mr de Klerk and his partners will need to move with considerable haste if they are not to be caught in their own creation. He will need to deliver, and deliver

er well, to survive politically and create a climate that would say to the right wing, in particular, that it was worth it in the end.

Already, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has warned that it would be preparing itself to go to war after leader Eugene Terreblanche walked out of talks with Constitutional Development Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen. Mr Terreblanche even refused to be interviewed in English by an independent radio station. But the AWB's position was stated quite clearly: it would not negotiate with "communists and the anti-Christ".

While the AWB demands the creation of a *boerestaat*, it has stated clearly that it is not prepared to be ruled by "foreigners" — and that, to them, means blacks. The ANC's Pallo Jordan has called on the organisation to present its demand at Codesa, and said that it had a legitimate right to its view, which needs to be articulated. However, there seems no likelihood of right-wing participation in Codesa. Indeed, the AWB has said it would prepare itself for

war. But if wars were fought with slogans on walls and road signs, the world would be a different place today.

Many analysts play down the strength of the AWB. One often mathematically works out its strength on the basis of available data and generally comes to the conclusion that right-wing support is insignificant. To blacks, however, there is a growing realisation that inter-racial strife will grow rather than diminish as we move into a post-apartheid South Africa. Race hatred is certainly getting more and more evident; from the petrol attendant who has to deal with hostile whites, to the black supermarket manager who has to deal with responses like "Do I look like somebody who needs help?" when asked in the simply courteous manner demanded of him whether he can be of help.

To them the threat is real and not just a matter of politics. What leaves doubts in the minds of black South Africans is what the response of whites generally would be when the crunch came

office, then in an almost hostile manner demands of me whether his son has a future in South Africa. Even before I can answer, he declares that he will make sure that the boy has a future — even if he has to use his gun to secure that.

The boy is obviously proud of his father. But so is my son, and

and they had to make a cross in the appropriate box. Would commonsense prevail, and whites vote for the best person, or would they simply vote with their hearts and hope for the best? Privately, most whites express concern about their future. Like the filling station owner who invites me into his

the sons of other blacks and right-wingers. And so the stage looks set for continued hostilities. What if the Government and the ANC reached some solution excluding some of the major black and white political players, and civil war broke out? Could the country

deal with such a situation, or would we make Yugoslavia look like a Sunday school picnic?

To coin a phrase, the prospect is too ghastly to contemplate. □

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Rightwingers planned to kidnap 4-year-old as hostage

Plot to grab FW's grandson

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Sapa and Crime Staff

Startling revelations of an alleged plot by militant rightwingers to kidnap the four-year-old grandson of President de Klerk have come to light.

The Ministry of Law and Order yesterday confirmed police were investigating allegations that a cell of the extreme right-wing Boere-veerstandsbeweging (BWB) had plotted to kidnap young Frederik de Klerk.

Spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police were aware of the plot, which had reportedly been planned in October last year.

However, the information surfaced only this week after a BWB leader angered fellow rightwingers when he announced his intention to take part in the Codesa talks with a breakaway faction of the BWB.

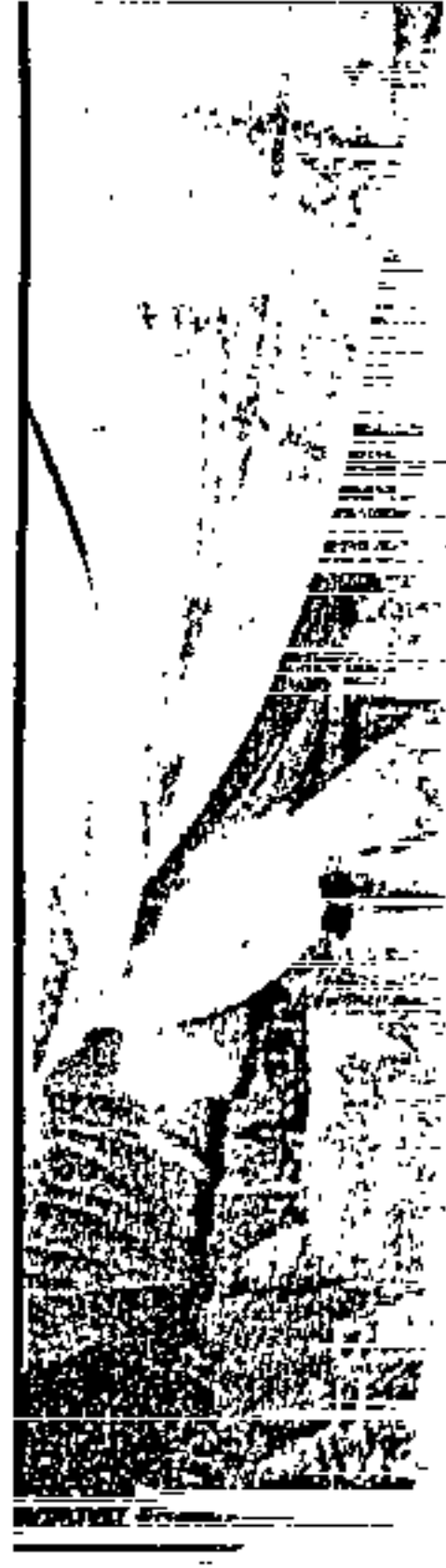
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The man had been the leader of the cell which planned the kidnapping, Mr Wiechmann charged.



Sunken treasure . . . a fire department diver searches for lost jewellery in the swimming pool.



On the brink . . . guests survey the damage.



Was not to be harmed . . . young Frederik de Klerk. Picture: Beeld

Aids will be Africa's top killer — expert

STAFF 17/12/91
DAKAR Aids will kill more than 6 million Africans in the next decade and eclipse all other diseases as the continent's number one killer, a World Health Organisation (WHO) conference was told yesterday.

Delegates were also told: ● There will be 4 million infants born with Aids in the next 10 years.

● The disease is already decimating Africa's population and in many villages entire families have died.

● In some African cities 80 percent of hospital beds are allocated to Aids patients. Half are suffering from tuberculosis.

“TB is a veritable epidemic within the Aids pandemic,” Dr Michael Merson, director of WHO's Global Programme on Aids, told the 6th International Conference on Aids in Africa.

He said the number of adult Africans killed by Aids during the 1990s would double or triple the total number of deaths from other causes.

WHO estimates that about 6 million African men and women have been infected.

Dr Merson said Aids would have a far greater impact on Africa during the 1990s than the previous decade because 90 percent or more of those now infected, but not yet sick, would develop the disease and

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The man had been the leader of the cell which planned the kidnapping, Mr Wiechmann charged in the interview.

The BWB cell had allegedly wanted to use Frederik de Klerk as a hostage in exchange for two "Boer heroes", Piet "Skiet" Rudolph (arrested in September last year and given political amnesty in March this year) and mass murderer Barend Hendrik "Wit Wolf" Strydom, serving a life sentence for killing eight blacks.

Lunatic

Mr Wiechmann has resigned from the organisation, alleging that the BWB was "merely a money-grabbing hoax".

Approached by The Star for comment yesterday, a spokesman for the office of the state president said Mr de Klerk could not be reached and would not be available until early today.

Captain Kotze said if the kidnap allegations were true, they "merely illustrate and highlight the lunatic fringe of the extremist right wing".

A three-week Sapa investigation has suggested that the alleged kidnap plot was at an advanced stage when it was foiled by the security police.

Mr Wiechmann said he had undertaken one reconnaissance in October last year of the Ottosdal area, where Frederik de Klerk lives with his parents, but was arrested and questioned by the security police about the kidnap plans the next day.

The BWB cell was determined to carry out the kidnapping — but finally dropped the plans after it became clear that "the police already knew everything and were watching our every move".

Sapa has verified that Mr Wiechmann was arrested by security policemen a day after his visit to Ottosdal. He was taken away by policemen while he was in the middle of a job interview at a Carletonville gold mine in October last year and questioned at the Sandton CID offices.

He said that at the time, police were unable to obtain any evidence of the plot from him and other cell members. He was released the same day.

Mr Wiechmann said they would not have hurt the little boy in any way — but would

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definitely have kidnapped him.

He now wants to turn himself in for his role in the kidnap plot.

Captain Kotze said the SAP was keen for him to do so, and urged Mr Wiechmann to report to the nearest police station as soon as possible.

Police spokesman Captain Burger van Rooyen told The Star it was "a bit premature" to state whether other members of the BWB would be arrested.

"At this stage we're still investigating the veracity of the claims," he said.

Mr Wiechmann, now divorced, jobless, on the

run and penniless, warned other potential supporters of the Boer republican cause not to join the BWB's "Boer underground", claiming its "military training" programme did not exist and that BWB officials tried to use him as a "slave labourer" to build a game fence on a farm.

He claimed that the BWB also took all his money, and asked him to quit his job within 24 hours and sell all his belongings so that he could join the underground — which he did.

The then leader of Mr Wiechmann's BWB cell confirmed he did have advance knowledge of the plot.

He claimed it had been

hatched by Mr Wiechmann.

The present leader of the BWB, Andrew Ford, denied having known of the plot in advance. He also denied Mr Wiechmann's other allegations.

Mr Robert van Tonder, leader of the Boerestaat Party, said he was shocked at the revelations. He "completely distanced" himself and his party from the BWB leadership.

"I warned Mr Wiechmann that such cowboy games and cloak-and-dagger nonsense would merely discredit the Boer freedom cause and that many of our members would have ended up in jail. It was a shocking plan."

Blast destroys multiracial church school

AN EXPLOSION yesterday demolished a Klerksdorp church building which was being used as a private multiracial school in the Wilkoppies township.

Sapa reports no one was injured in the blast at Klerksdorp Christian Academy.

Police said they suspect the 1am blast was caused by commercial explosives and that right-wingers may have been involved.

Church pastor the Rev Andre de Kock said the centre was so badly damaged it would have to be rebuilt.

He said the worst damage was within the building, but newly built classrooms

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'nearby were also badly damaged.

The Klerksdorp Christian Academy forms part of the international Fellowship of Christian Churches and is registered as a private school by the Transvaal Education Department. The school has 250 pupils up to Std 7.

Classes would continue next year in buildings at the Klerksdorp showgrounds, about 3km away, according to one of the teachers, Driekie Kirsten.

Pastor Ray McCauley, president of Christian Education in SA, condemned the bombing as "a cowardly act by racist bigots" and "an ungodly act of terrorism".

Racist whites harass tenant

AN East Rand showbiz personality has been threatened with death for refusing to heed a call by anonymous whites to move out of his new house in Dalpark near Brakpan.

Mr Enoch Ndlela, promotions officer of Teal/Trutone Music, a subsidiary of Gallo Music, received the threat barely two weeks after moving in.

Dalpark is a white suburb of the Conservative Party-controlled town of Brakpan.

"When I moved in I noticed that the house had been broken into. Several fittings, including a sliding door, had been removed.

"Then in the morning of December 7, a group of whites were spotted by neighbours waiting in a car

next to my house.

"About 4.30am, my wife and I were awakened by the shattering of glass. When I went to investigate, I was greeted by a big stone dipped in blood with 'Get out kaffir, otherwise we will get you', written on it," Ndlela said.

He said he reported the matter to the police, who promised to investigate.

"I told them that this was not the first time that stones had been thrown into my house.

Colonel Dave Bruce, a spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said the matter was being investigated.

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Plot to kidnap FW's grandson is exposed

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THE Department of Law and Order is investigating allegations that rightwing elements attempted to kidnap State President FW de Klerk's grandson.

A spokesman for the department, Captain Craig Kotze, confirmed police were investigating allegations that a cell of the extreme right-wing, Boereweerstandsbeweging, were plotting to kidnap four-year-old Frederick de Klerk.

It is understood the plot was allegedly planned in

October last year.

However, the information surfaced only this week after a BWB leader angered fellow rightwingers when he announced his intention to participate in the Convention of a Democratic South Africa with a breakaway faction of the BWB.

Rightwingers, disaffected by De Klerk's reformist policies, have joined a host of underground and paramilitary groupings and splinter groups.

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The man had been the leader of the cell which planned the kidnapping, Wiechmann charged in the interview.

The BWB cell had allegedly wanted to use De Klerk's grandson as a hostage in exchange for two "Boer heroes", Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and mass murderer Barend Hendrik "Wit Wolf" Strydom, serving a life sentence for killing eight black people.

Open school 'blasted by right wing'

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Staff Reporter

A nonracial private school in Klerksdorp was completely wrecked after an explosion yesterday, police said.

Western Transvaal spokesman Major Abraham Harris said damage estimated at R500 000 was caused to the Klerksdorp Christian Academy in Wil Koppiess township — a school attended mainly by black children. No one was injured in the blast.

An explosion was heard at about 1.05 am and when policemen reached the scene, the building was completely wrecked, Major Harris said.

Window panes in the vicinity were shattered.

Police suspect commercial explosives were used and that the right wing was involved in the attack, which took place on the Day of the Vow, when Afrikaners celebrate their victory over the Zulus at Blood River.

ANC spokesman for the western Transvaal Ike Moroa said: "It was definitely the work of the right wing because the

school was nonracial."

He said the right wing in Klerksdorp was bent on keeping the town white. Pamphlets calling on whites to protest against blacks moving into the area had been distributed a few weeks ago.

Mr Moroa said he had personally received threatening letters written in abusive language.

The Rev Andre de Kock of the Klerksdorp Christian Academy said the building in Wilkoppiess was so badly damaged it would have to be rebuilt.

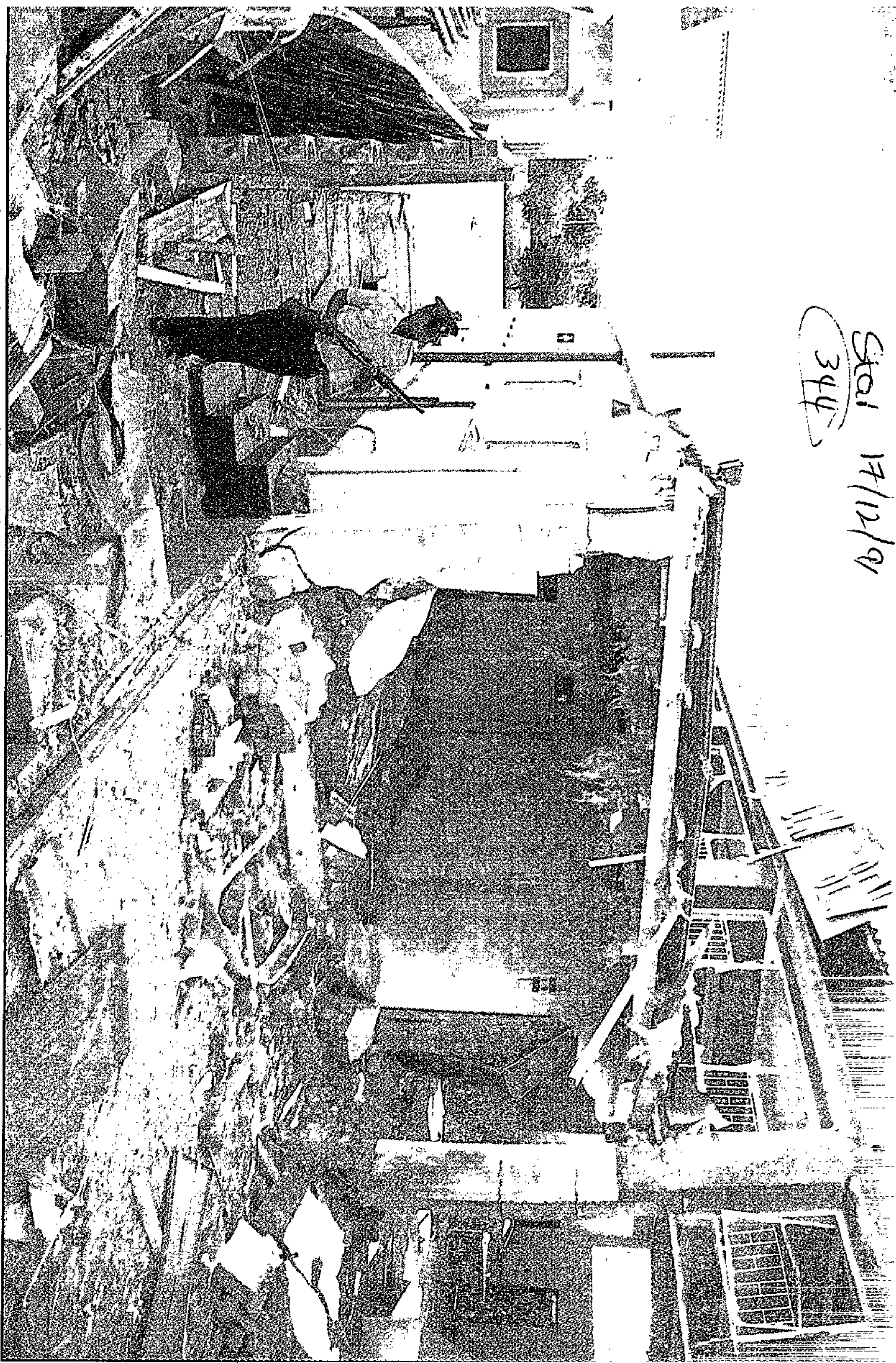
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The school teaches 250 pupils from Grade 1 to Std 7.

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Devastated . . . part of the church and nonracial school in Klerksdorp that was wrecked in an explosion yesterday. ANC spokesman for the western Transvaal Ike Moroa said he believed the blast was the work of the right wing.

Picture: Joao Silve

Support for bombed school

KLERKSDORP residents have rallied to the support of the private multiracial school which was destroyed by a bomb blast on Monday.

Pastor Andre de Kock said the Klerksdorp Christian Academy had suffered about R1.2m in damage, most of which was covered by insurance. He said one woman had donated her last R5 towards rebuilding.

West Rand police said they had not ruled out right-wing involvement.

REPORTS: Sapa, Business Day, Reporter, Own Correspondent.

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ANGER: An AWB supporter

THE Human Rights Commission (HRC) has found that incidents of white right-wing violence declined markedly in the second half of the year from July 1990 to June 1991. In these 12 months white extremists

Right-wing violence declining — HRC

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were involved in 93 incidents, including 14 bombings, 24 deaths and 246 injuries.

The HRC suggests the decline can be attributed to the state taking action against the right wing or the right wing's lack of manpower or resources.

In one of the latest attacks two black men were stabbed to death, allegedly by five white men, in the Northern Transvaal town of Marble Hall on November 30.

The HRC reports the white men allegedly abducted three black men from a farm and drove them by bakkie

to a nearby dam. One of the men escaped on the way. The attackers were arrested shortly after one of them gave himself up to the police.

The HRC reports that on the same day, a Marble Hall farmworker, Mr Isaac Aphane, 20, was also allegedly assaulted by white men.

Aphane claims the men burst into his house saying they would "give nothing to the ANC or Nelson Mandela" and they then assaulted him.

While some right-wing violence is directed at reform-supporting white groups, the majority of attacks is

against blacks, says the HRC.

The HRC identified two types of right-wing violence: semi-spontaneous and indiscriminate attacks by individuals or small groups driven by "emotional anger"; and organised incidents involving planning and marshalling of resources.

Targets of the attacks include:

- political organisations.
- workers, including trade unionists.
- the media generally, and journalists and photographers.
- black users of mixed amenities.
- black "invaders" of "white" areas such as housing, schools, farms.

There have also been indiscriminate attacks on individual blacks, railway stations, taxi ranks and a synagogue.

Most of the attacks take place in rural towns in the Eastern, Western and Northern Transvaal and the Orange Free State, says the HRC.

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We planted bomb — right-wing group

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Staff Reporters

A right-wing organisation calling itself the Boere Republikeinse Leër (Boer Republican Army) has claimed responsibility for the bomb blast that caused extensive damage to Cosatu House in Pretoria yesterday, police said last night.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Wil-

lie Vlotman said the group also claimed it carried out the bomb attack on Monday on the non-racial Klerksdorp Christian Academy.

Following the Pretoria blast, the 20-member executive committee of the Boerestaart Party yesterday staged a protest on the steps of the Rand Supreme Court and warned that "the Boer nation would fight for its freedom in any manner it

chooses, including the overthrow of any results growing out of Codesa".

Party leader Robert van Tonder also said the two bomb attacks "were only the beginning of the Boer's struggle".

He said he had no links with the Boer Republican Army — but fully supported them and expected this kind of action to increase.

"The Boer volk will

refuse to take part in any future referenda or elections which may result from Codesa. Instead we would prefer to fight for our freedom through other methods," he said.

He said any so-called Human Rights Manifesto which might be drawn up through the efforts of Codesa would be "nothing but a piece of paper which will be torn up by the new majority rulers".

'Plot' to kidnap FW's grandson — police ^{AGT 20/11/91} ³⁴⁴ reopen investigation

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have reopened an investigation into an alleged plot by a cell of the militant Boere Weerstandsbeweging to kidnap President De Klerk's grandson.

This was confirmed by Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

Once the investigation was completed, he said, the dossier would be referred to the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand.

The planned kidnapping was foiled by the security police late last year. A former BWB cell member, Mr Hansie Wiechmann, revealed details of the plot last weekend.

The cell members allegedly hatched the plot because they wanted to use little Frederik, 23 months, as a hostage in exchange for the release of two imprisoned rightwingers, Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and mass murderer Barend Hendrik "Wit Wolf" Strydom.

Mr Rudolph has since been granted amnesty by the State President, who also commuted Mr Strydom's death sentence to life imprisonment.

Captain Craig Kotze, spokes-

man for the Law and Order Ministry, said police had dropped the investigation at the time because of a lack of evidence.

Several members of the now disbanded BWB cell said this week that they had received visits from policemen this week, who took detailed statements.

They said the policemen had been "very courteous" and no one had been arrested.

Mr Wiechmann has resigned from the BWB after falling out with his former cell leader, Mr Piet Bester, and BWB leader Mr Andrew Ford.

Mr Wiechmann turned himself over to the police soon after his confession to Sapa. He was questioned at length by the police.

● A man who said he was a member of the Boer-Republikeinse Leer (the Boer Republican Army) telephoned Sapa yesterday to claim responsibility for the bombing of a multi-racial school in Klerksdorp on December 16.

He said that the explosion yesterday at Cosatu House in Pretoria was also the work of the BRL. — Sapa.

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Lawyer's home petrol-bombed (344)

UMTATA. — Arsonists have petrol-bombed the home of a lawyer who withdrew from negotiations with a trade union this week in protest against violence linked to labour disputes involving the union.

No-one was injured when two petrol bombs hit his house at 3am. About R5 000 damage was caused. **ARC 20/12/91**

Mr Danie Grundlingh said he had withdrawn from negotiations with the SA Catering and Commercial Workers' Union (Saccawu) because he objected to the violence linked to labour disputes involving the union.

— Sapa.

Rightwing: Blasts a reaction to Codesa

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — THE ultra rightwing Boer-Republikeinse Leër has claimed responsibility for the blasts which destroyed a non-racial school and trade union offices this week. (344)

A police spokesman said a man claiming to be part of the group said yesterday the blasts were "in reaction to Codesa".

The first explosion ripped through a non-racial school in Klerksdorp on Monday. Yesterday Cosatu House in Pretoria was rocked by an explosion.

Police reopen probe of De Klerk kidnap plan

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The planned kidnapping was foiled by the security police late last year. Former BWB cell member Hansie Wiechmann revealed details of the plot in an interview with Sapa at the weekend.

The cell members allegedly hatched the plot because they wanted to use the boy, Frederik, as a hostage in exchange for the release of two then-imprisoned right-wingers, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom.

Rudolph has since received political amnesty from the President, who also commuted Strydom's original death sentence to life imprisonment.

The story was confirmed this week by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze, who said police dropped the investigation at the time because of a lack of evidence.

Several members of the now disbanded BWB cell — their names are known to Sapa — said on Wednesday they had received visits this week from policemen who took detailed statements. No one had been arrested so far. BID 20112191

Wiechmann gave himself up to police shortly after his confession to Sapa.

Sapa editor Ed Linington was asked on Wednesday by a member of the Criminal Investigation Service to turn over the taped interview with Wiechmann. He refused the request. — Sapa.

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Political killings drop 26%

Monday 20/12/91 PETER DELMAR

DEATHS in political violence have dropped 26% this year, according to the SA Institute of Race Relations.

The institute said in a statement preliminary figures showed 2 510 had died in political violence compared to last year's record figure of 3 699.

Institute executive director John Kane-Berman said 11 748 people had died since September 1984.

He said 1991 had started off relatively calmly, but that the fatality rate had doubled in March to more than 11 a day.

The worst month was March when 351 people died.

The institute said in 85% of the 1 236 incidents of political violence it studied it was impossible to identify who were the aggressors.

Firearms were used in 30% of incidents, explosives and incendiary devices in 25%, instruments capable of inflicting hack and stab wounds in 16%, and stones in 15%. Common assault and burning of people accounted for 8% of cases.

Right-wingers admit to Cosatu bomb blast

Monday 20/12/91 JONATHAN REES

PRETORIA — A right-wing extremist group calling itself the Boer Republican Army yesterday claimed responsibility for the powerful bomb blast which caused serious damage to Cosatu's offices in Pretoria earlier in the day.

An anonymous caller with a muffled voice told Sapa that the army was also responsible for three explosions which destroyed a private multiracial school in Klerksdorp on Monday.

Details of the army remain unclear but a right-wing expert said yesterday it was believed to be an umbrella military front for extremist right-wing groups, used as a cover to avoid exposing leadership figures on that end of the political spectrum.

The bomb at Cosatu's offices exploded yesterday at 1.15am, blowing a 0.5m hole in the pavement outside the building and damaging several surrounding shops and offices.

A 41-year-old security guard sleeping on the first floor of a neighbouring shop was slightly injured. Police have made no arrests so far.

Sapa reports that the blast caused damage amounting to thousands of rands.

The explosion left Cosatu House offices in chaos with collapsed ceilings and smashed furniture.

Regional officials said they could not yet estimate the full costs of the damage and were not aware of anything which could have been removed from the offices.

A motorbike dealer opposite the offices, Lawrence van der Merwe, said he was still assessing the damage to his shop, customers' motor bikes and new bikes which were in the display window. He expected his replacement costs to be considerable.

A representative of a nearby stationery shop, Joe Frylitzck, said about 70 window panes from the shop were destroyed, while attorney Elias Pyekga, whose offices were about 500m away, said there were broken window panes strewn all over his premises.

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War threat by AWB

VENTERSDORP. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has threatened war if decisions taken at Codesa are enforced.

"Any attempt by Codesa to enforce its illegitimate discussions or actions will be considered by the AWB as an act of war and will be treated as such," the rightwing organisation said in a statement last night while President De Klerk was sharing with Codesa the government's willingness to admit black people to parliament.

"If ever the peace loving and law abiding Boers were to be aroused into resistance and total rejection of this renegade government we have now arrived at that moment in our history," the AWB said.

The "Boer people" regarded Codesa as a means to force them "into a unitary state to be governed by black majority rule"

The AWB could not be expected to ask the consent of communists to possess land "pleaded from God in prayer and paid for by the corpses of women and children." — Sapa.

Fifth blast as right-wingers talk of 'war'

TWO blasts rocked small towns in the Transvaal early yesterday — the latest in a wave of bomb attacks since the Day of the Vow on Monday.

The bomb blitz came amid protests from right-wing organisations against Codesa and the AWB's threat on Friday that if Codesa decisions were enforced, war would result.

Damage estimated at R100 000 was caused by an explosion at 3am yesterday in a multiracial beer hall next to the hotel in the western Transvaal right-wing stronghold of Koster.

Activists

On Friday night, an explosion at the magistrate's court in the Eastern Transvaal town of Sabie also caused extensive damage.

SAP liaison officer Major Ray Harrauld said last night that while each incident was being fully investigated, there was no evidence to suggest they were linked.

However, on Friday, the AWB warned: "If ever the peace-loving and law-abiding Boers were to be aroused into resistance and total rejection of this renegade government, we have now arrived at that moment in our history."

A little-known right-wing group calling itself the Boere Republikeinse Leër (Boer Republican Army) has claimed responsibility for two of the five blasts in the past week.

By STEPHANIE HULL

Major Harrauld said this was the first time police had heard of the BRL, but well-placed right-wing sources said it had emerged about a year ago. It was not a specific organisation, but an umbrella name used by underground activists.

The manager of the Koster Hotel, Mr Kallie Sander, who lives in a flatlet next to the hotel, said he was woken up by an "enormous blast".

"The bomb must have been placed on the wall outside the multiracial bar. Everything in it was destroyed. The buildings are wrecked and we will have to keep this section closed for about two months to rebuild the walls.

"The hotel bottle store, which is opposite the bar, was also damaged and much of the stock was lost.

"I feel nervous about what has happened," he said.

In other incidents this week, a Johannesburg newspaper received a letter ostensibly from the "Wit Wolwe" threatening to blow up Codesa.

The letter, addressed to the State President, said: "We will blow your Codesa up if you continue with negotiations and sell out."

On Thursday, members of the Boerestaat Party staged a protest against Codesa on the steps of the Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg.

The party's leader, Mr Robert van

Tonder, warned the bombings "were only the beginning of the Boers' struggle for freedom".

On Friday morning, right-wingers threatening war staged a protest outside Codesa.

The first attack of the week was at 1am on Monday, when three simultaneous blasts demolished a church building being used as a private multiracial school in Klerksdorp. The BRL claimed responsibility.

At about 1am on Thursday, a massive explosion caused extensive damage to the Cosatu offices in Brown Street, Pretoria.

The BRL also claimed responsibility for this blast, which police said was caused by "powerful explosives".

Fuses

Three successive explosions caused damage estimated at R750 000 to the Lichtenburg Technical College early on Friday. The college accepted its first black students last term.

The blast occurred shortly after 2am, minutes after two policemen on patrol had spotted packages with burning fuses at the college entrance.

On Monday, a fake bomb was found under the escalators leading to Sabie's multiracial cinema complex.

On Thursday, Mr Van Tonder said his party had no links with the BRL but he fully supported its actions and expected "these kinds of actions to increase very quickly from now on".

Extremists force family into hiding

Times 22/12/91
By CHARLES LEONARD

A WHITE miner and his family will spend Christmas in hiding after being hounded from their home by right-wingers.

Mr Vossie Vosloo, who joined the Cosatu-affiliated National Union of Mine-workers this year, fled his home in Rustenburg with his family recently after receiving death threats.

"Some right-wing organisations have put a price on my head," he

claims.

Mr Vosloo, his wife, Ann, and children, Pieter, 16, and Rosemary, 14, are staying at a hideout in Johannesburg.

Mr Vosloo lost his job at the strike-ridden Impala platinum mine in Bophuthatswana after being detained by the homeland's security police. He had travelled to Mmabatho

during a strike to try to secure the release of several detained NUM members, and was held for 24 hours.

"They warned me that I would be detained if I ever set foot on their territory again," Mr Vosloo said this week.

"That was about five weeks ago. At the same time we started getting death threats from right-wingers and our children

were being abused at school. The union decided it was safest for me to get out of Rustenburg. They have been paying for our accommodation and our food here.

"We have received several visits from union, ANC and SACP people interested in us as people and to offer us help. Last Sunday a family came all the way from Soweto to visit us."

Rightists' part in bombings probed

The police have embarked on a wide-ranging investigation of possible far-rightist involvement in the recent spate of explosions in the Transvaal.

In the latest incident, a hotel was destroyed at Koster, resulting in damage of at least R100 000. An explosive device was detonated in a beer hall at the hotel. *STAR 23/12/77*

Earlier last week, a technical college at Lichtenburg and a

private school at Klerksdorp were damaged in blasts thought to have been caused by commercial explosives. (344)

Yet another blast caused extensive damage to the magistrate's court in Sabie, eastern Transvaal, on Friday night.

The Pretoria branch office of the Cosatu trade union movement was also damaged in an explosion last week. — Sapa.

Top policemen to probe Natal youth's death

SA Press Association

POLICE investigations are under way over allegations that white rightwing policemen stoned and clubbed to death a black youth trapped in a canal at Richards Bay in Northern Natal. *Scwefan 24/12/91.*

Police spokesman Major Ray Harrald said allegations about the death of Mr Sibusiso Nyawo (19), of Mxingaxi near Richards Bay, were viewed in a very "serious light".

"The investigations are being undertaken at high level with a senior officer appointed to be in charge.

"There is no evidence at this stage to support the allegations. However, the SAP would like to give an assurance that if it is discovered that any member is involved in any way steps will be taken, including suspension if necessary," he said.

Details of the alleged incident were published in a Durban Sunday newspaper.

Harrald also denied the newspaper's claim that the Attorney-General had taken over the investigation.

The incident would be "thoroughly investigated" and on completion the docket would be forwarded to the Attorney-General for his decision.

According to the newspaper report, Nyawo had dived into a harbour canal while fleeing a policeman who suspected him of breaking windows.

About 20 policemen who arrived at the scene had directed their vehicle headlights at the trapped youth and allegedly proceeded to hurl rocks while some of their girlfriends watched and cheered, shouted "mooi skoot" (good shot) each time he was hit.

Information in the report was sourced to a witness, Mr Dean Smith, and a policeman, whose name was withheld to protect him.

The incident allegedly occurred one night this month.

The unidentified policeman was quoted as saying a police warrant officer, apparently in charge of proceedings, had ordered Smith and police colleagues to discontinue attempts to arrest Nyawo, who had been wading in one metre deep water.

Instead, police had allegedly thrown stones, and when Nyawo tried to clamber out of the canal, a policeman had allegedly bashed him twice on the head with a wheel spanner, forcing him back in the water.

Nyawo was allegedly left for dead and his body recovered from the water two days later. The corpse had been bloated and crab-eaten.

Harrald said the police had "on numerous occasions" said they would "not tolerate members taking the law into their own hands".

He asked anyone with information to contact the investigating officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Nel at (0354) 42424.

Rightwing plans to kill FW, Mandela and police generals

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POLICE have been aware of violent plans in rightwing organisations "for some time", a police spokesman said yesterday.

The plans allegedly include a hit list targetting prominent political figures, including President FW de Klerk and African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela, as well as several police generals.

At the National Party's Cape congress in October, Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel announced that police were aware of rightwing cells and their assassination plans.

"We are aware that certain targets have been iden-



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tified by them. They are fanatics prepared to ignore the laws of the country and of civilised behaviour to achieve their goals," he told delegates at the congress.

According to the SAP



FW DE KLERK

spokesman, the assassination plot was still being investigated.

Police are also investigating possible rightwing involvement in the recent spate of explosions in the Transvaal.

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In the latest explosion, a hotel was destroyed at Koster in the Western Transvaal on Saturday.

No one was injured in the 3am explosion at the Jump and Jive Beerhall in the multiracial Koster Hotel, but damage to the building was estimated at about R100 000.

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AWB training men for 'SS squad' at secret camp

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN (344)

THE AWB is training a crack unit of men for guerrilla warfare at a secret base on the Lesotho border.

The Ystergarde — Iron Guard — includes men who claim they are former SADF "recces", foreign right-wing sympathisers and ex-members of the South-West African Special Forces.

Police yesterday confirmed the existence of the group, which they are keeping under observation. They call the group the SS of the AWB.

The unit's existence has come to light on a rising tide of right-wing militancy.

Yesterday police also confirmed that they are investigating a "newsletter" from the shadowy Boer Republican Army, which claimed responsibility for a wave of bomb attacks last week.

The letter urges Afrikaners to adopt guerrilla tactics against the government.

Led by Leon van der Merwe, members of the Ystergarde are trained for a week at a time.

To distinguish themselves from "ordinary" AWB members, they wear navy-blue battle fatigues with AWB flashes on the sleeves, and balaclavas.

Their training ranges from marksmanship to proficiency in the martial arts, bush warfare, use of explosives and hostage rescue situations.

An American journalist, Anthony LoBaido, claimed this week that he had visited the training camp and spent 24 hours with 25 members of the Ystergarde.



According to Mr LoBaido — a former Mexico correspondent of the Arizona Recorder who is in South Africa on an exchange visit — the group included a Dutch mercenary, "Piet", 35, and a number of South Africans who claimed they had fought as mercenaries in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

Several other trainees told him they had been recces during the Namibian border war and had taken part in covert operations in Angola.

With the exception of Mr Van der Merwe, none of the men was prepared to be identified.

Denied

Mr Van der Merwe said training was provided by military experts from Holland and Ireland, but denied that there was any IRA connection.

"We are ready to fight and die for our fatherland. Soon others will be required to risk their lives, their families, their farms and their jobs to join the struggle. This is not a racial battle, but an ideological one."

"When the government tries

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Iron Guard of the AWB 'will fight revolution'

The Argus Correspondents

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's elite unit, the Ystergarde (Iron Guards), would fight to protect every man, woman and child from the onslaught of revolutionaries and communists, says AWB chief secretary Mr Erens van der Westhuizen.

Mr Van der Westhuizen was responding to a Sunday Star report on the elite unit, which has been compared by a Law and Order spokesman to Hitler's SS battalions.

The Ystergarde was one of several specialised units in the AWB's Wencommando, Mr Van der Westhuizen said. The unit received specialised training, but so did other units such as the dog, fire and other emergency units.

The Sunday Star reported the Ystergarde members were trained in covert war tactics, including assassination, at a secret camp somewhere in the Free State.

Foreign mercenaries, including an Irishman trained by the British SAS, and a Hollander, trained the Ystergarde, the report said. The mercenaries claimed they were not working for money, but out of conviction in the AWB's cause.

The Ystergarde recruits include former SADF Recces, former policemen, right-wing sympathisers and former South West African Special Forces members.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said police were carefully monitoring the unit, which was "to the AWB what the SS was to the Nazis".

Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe of the SA Police public relations division in Pretoria said unless the Ystergarde committed any offence, action could not be taken against them.

Any organisation which posed a threat would be closely monitored, Colonel Crewe added.

An SADF spokesman said they could not confirm whether the men were members of the Reconnaissance Commandos.

Police keep strict eye on AWB Iron Guard

Staff Reporter

POLICE are taking the existence of a secret AWB military training camp on the Lesotho-Free State border "very seriously" for fear of a political assassination, a top security source disclosed yesterday.

The source, intimately involved with the running of the newly created Criminal Intelligence Services (CIS), and with direct cabinet access, said the assassination of any main Codesa participant could "pose a threat to the whole negotiation process and cause chaos".

He was reacting to weekend reports that foreign professional soldiers were training a

shadowy elite corps of 25 AWB members in the use of explosives, bush warfare, hostage rescue, martial arts and marksmanship.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze also confirmed the existence of the Ystergarde (Iron Guard), but said police were monitoring them carefully.

"They are to the AWB what the SS was to the nazis," he said. "We are opposed to all private armies. Armed struggle is a doomed option, politically and militarily."

The army's members are reportedly led by ex-Soweto City Council electrical engineer

Mr Leon van der Merwe and number several foreign mercenaries.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Reg Crewe said: "The fact that the ANC's private army is still in existence makes it difficult for us to act against other organisations which form private armies of their own."

The CIS source said that contrary to weekend newspaper reports the primary purpose of the Ystergarde was to protect VIPs and they had been seen at AWB gatherings before.

"But if our monitoring shows there is any transgression of the law, there'll be no hesita-

tion in acting against them," he said.

● White Afrikaans-speaking men dressed in khaki allegedly attacked supporters of Bo-phuthatswana's banned opposition, the People's Progressive Party, at a hotel in Rustenburg yesterday morning.

● Police are investigating an underground newsletter, purportedly from the mysterious Boere Republikeinse Leer (Boer Republican Army), in which the BRL urges its supporters to commit guerilla attacks. The BRL has claimed responsibility for various bombings attributed to the right wing recently.

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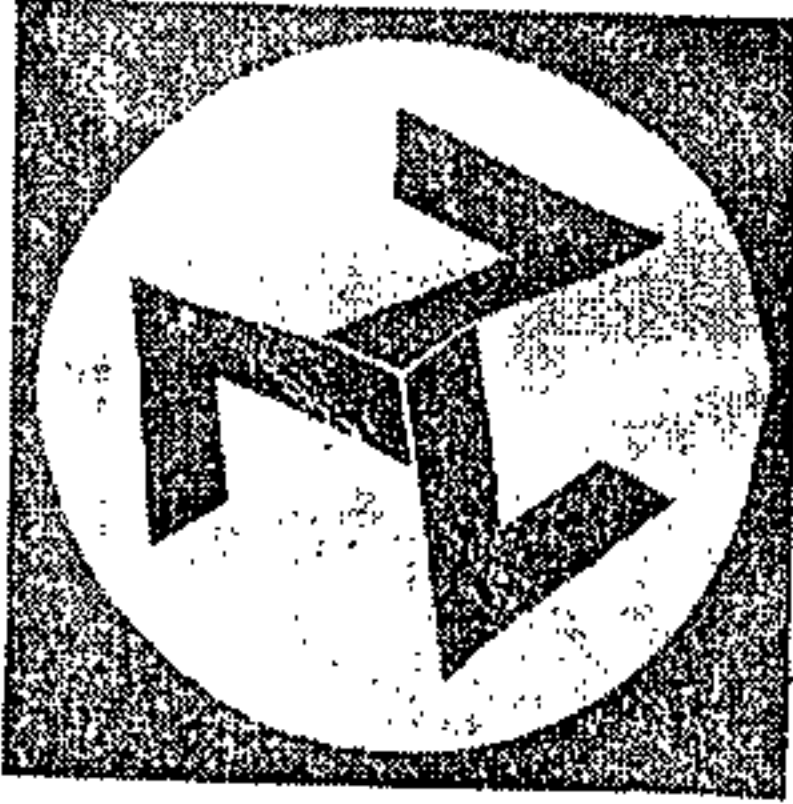
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The Ystergarde was one of several specialised units in the AWB's Wenkommando, Mr van der Westhuizen said. Other units, such as the dog, fire and other emergency units, also received specialised training.

Asked whether the Ystergarde's role was purely defensive or whether it would operate offensively in certain circumstances, Mr van der Westhuizen replied: "The Wenkommandos were established to protect house and heart. The day the revolution comes, they will look after property, women and children."

"We won't let terrorist groups slaughter our people. That is why we are training every man, woman and child."

Mr van der Westhuizen dismissed yesterday's reports as "sensation-seeking", adding that news was scarce at this time of the year.



Guards likened to Hitler's SS

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tions division in Pretoria said that unless Ystergarde members committed any offence, action could not be taken against them.

"To fire 2 000 rounds in the countryside or stage a baton drill is not an offence," he said.

He said the question of private armies had been addressed at state president level, but the issue remained a complex one.

"There's MK, there's Apla — if you act against one, you've got to act against the lot."

Any organisation which posed a threat would be closely monitored, Colonel Crewe added.

Spokesmen for both the ANC and PAC, which have come under pressure for maintaining military wings, have criticised the Government for allowing the Ystergarde to operate unhindered.

An SADF spokesman yesterday said he could not confirm whether Ystergarde members were former Reconnaissance Commandos members. Once their obligations were fulfilled, the SADF did not keep tabs on them, the spokesman said.

Only one member of the Ystergarde, Leon van der Merwe, was prepared to be identified in the report.

Sunday Star photographer Ruwan Boshoff and American reporter Anthony LoBaido were blindfolded and taken to the camp, about 90 minutes' drive from Bloemfontein, where they witnessed recruits training.



Iron men . . . the elite Ystergarde have pledged themselves to defending their people and property from attacks by communists and revolutionaries. The Ystergarde is one of several specialised units in the AWB's Wenkommando. Other units, such as the dog, fire and other emergency units, also received specialised training. Picture: Ruwan Boshoff