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5 rightists held over explosions

■ CRIME REPORTER

Police have arrested five rightwingers in connection with recent explosions and acts of sabotage on the West Rand Star 4/11/94

SAP spokesman Major Piet van Deventer confirmed that the five men — including AWB general Japie Oelofse — had been arrested by the SAP's Crime Intelligence Services Unit and were being held in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The other men arrested were Joe Basson, brothers Danie and Andre Visser, and a man named only as Vermaak. All were picked up early on Friday.

Police are investigating the possibility that the men at least supplied some of the explosives used in several bomb attacks in Krugersdorp and Munsieville last year. (344)

Right-wingers held for blasts

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'General' among those in custody

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have arrested five right-wingers in connection with recent explosions and acts of sabotage on the West Rand.

Police spokeswoman Major Henriette Bester confirmed yesterday the five men were arrested at their West Rand homes on Friday morning by the crime intelligence services unit.

They are being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. Police had 10 days to question the men before they had to appear in court and be charged, Major Bester said.

The men arrested are Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging "General" Jaap Oelofse, Mr Joe Basson, brothers Mr Danie and Mr Andre Visser and Mr Johannes Vermaak.

Major Bester said that for security reasons, and also because of the sensitivity of the investigation, police could not say exactly to which explosions the men had been linked.

But she confirmed police were investigating a possibility the men supplied at least some of the explosives used in bomb attacks in Krugersdorp West and Munsieville last year.

In the Krugersdorp attack on December 7, a powerful blast ripped through an electrical appliance and repair shop, causing extensive damage. The windows were blown out of 10 other shops in the area.

A few weeks earlier, teargas had been thrown into a hairdressing salon in the same vicinity catering for black people, and a shop belonging to an Indian businessman was destroyed by fire.

Shop owners in the area attributed the incidents at the time to "political unease". No injuries were reported.

Damaged

A municipal electricity sub-station was severely damaged in the blast at Munsieville on November 30. No injuries were reported in that incident either.

Police would not say where the men arrested on Friday morning were being held, to prevent other right-wingers from trying to spring the detainees from prison, Major Bester said. — Sapa

Pledge to defend right-wing radio

PRETORIA — The white Mineworkers' Union has offered to dig trenches around Radio Pretoria, Afrikaner Volksfront spokesman Mr Steve Manninger said yesterday. (344)

More than 250 men had pledged to go to the transmitter site and keep the station operating.

Meanwhile, the station's temporary licence has been extended to January 10, the broadcaster's management committee chairman the Rev Mossie van den Bergh said last night. — Own Correspondent, Sapa CT 9/11/94

Friends facing charges - witness

AWB leader 'reluctant to testify'

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■ PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche told a Goldstone Commission staff member he was not prepared to appear before the commission in connection with the storming of the World Trade Centre because his friends were facing criminal charges arising from the event.

Police Colonel Hendrik Heslinga, seconded to the Goldstone Commission, was giving evidence yesterday during TerreBlanche's trial for failing to appear before the Goldstone Commission on July 7 last year.

But the Pretoria Regional Court also heard evidence that TerreBlanche need not have appeared before the commission in person. Commission secretary Glen Cuthbertson said TerreBlanche could have sent a legal representative or made a statement to the commission explaining what he knew of the event.

TerreBlanche has pleaded not guilty to the charge against him which arose from his failure to testify regarding the storming and occupation of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park on June 25. (344)

Heslinga said he had received the notice which he was to give to TerreBlanche on July 2.

Later that day he went to a restaurant in Sunnyside where TerreBlanche was, but was denied permission to speak to him and was informed he should make an appointment at the AWB offices in Ventersdorp.

He did this and met TerreBlanche on Monday, July 5 when he handed over the notice.

During this meeting TerreBlanche explained he was opposed to testifying as he felt the matter was sub judice and friends were been charged.

Cuthbertson said no evidence heard before the commission could be used in court.

The hearing continues.

State closes case against right-wingers

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THE State yesterday closed its case against nine right-wingers accused of trespassing in connection with the right-wing occupation of the World Trade Centre on June 25 last year.

The extreme right-wing Resistance Against Communism movement's founder Eddy von Maltitz, along with Johannes Dippenaar, Alwyn Wolfaardt, Pieter Bornman, Izak Pieters, Albertus Schwan, Gerhard Jacobs, Johan Brits and Hennie Viljoen, pleaded not guilty to the charge at an appearance last year.

Yesterday they admitted they were present in the negotiating council chamber, making it unnecessary for the State to submit to the court video material to this effect as evidence.

Former World Trade Centre administrator Theunis Eloff testified that negotiators had permitted a delegation of only five right-wingers from the Afrikaner Volksfront — one for each of the organisations which made up the front — to hand over a memorandum during the protest.

A request to address the council was refused according to guidelines set down by the multiparty negotiators, he said.

Eloff told the court he had testified before the Goldstone commission that he believed "the police had not done its work on the day", but did not say they had acted negligently.

His testimony clashed with earlier evidence by East Rand police subdistrict commander Gen Jacobus Oberholzer who said police had been at the centre in sufficient numbers.

Von Maltitz told the court during his cross-examination of Eloff their actions would be justified "if we (the accused) can prove to the world that the Boers had a spiritual reason" to occupy the World Trade Centre.

During a break in court proceedings, Von Maltitz spoke in Sotho to black policemen about his beliefs.

Two of the accused appeared in the black uniform of the AWB's Ystergarde, two in civilian clothes and the others in khaki. Several other uniformed AWB supporters were present in court.

ET slates Goldstone

PRETORIA. — His criminal trial for failing to testify before the Goldstone Commission about the right-wing storming of the World Trade Centre showed Mr Justice Richard Goldstone did "exactly as he pleased, and there is something wrong with courts and with the country, AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said yesterday. (344)

Mr Terre'Blanche said he was disappointed his trial had been postponed to January 26.

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9 acquitted over Trade Centre siege

■ STAFF REPORTER

Nine rightwingers were acquitted in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of trespassing in connection with the World Trade Centre protest on June 25.

After the State closed its case, magistrate W H Olivier granted an application for their acquittal.

In his judgment, Olivier said the court decided that the position of the nine men at the time the glass doors were broken and the gates pushed open, could not be positively ascertained. Consequently, it could not be proven that they had trespassed.

He said the State had failed to prove that any of the accused were with an armoured vehicle when it rammed through the front of the World Trade Centre.

The magistrate also criticised the South African Police. He said they had initially "acted in a manner which did not help the situation later".

He also said the State had drafted the charge sheets badly.

Review

The senior State prosecutor is to forward the judgment to the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau for a decision on whether to take the case on review or to appeal against the judgment.

Speaking on behalf of the other accused, Johannes Diepenaar said they had thought they had permission to be at the centre.

He said the men, Eddie von Maltitz, Alwyn Wolfaard, Pieter Bornman, Izak Pieters, Albertus Schwan, Gerhard Jacobs, Johan Brits and Hennie Viljoen, had gone there "as good citizens to protest against the communist ideas being considered inside".

Right-wingers cleared of trade centre charge

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NINE right-wingers were yesterday acquitted in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court of charges of trespassing in connection with the June invasion of the World Trade Centre. (344)

Magistrate W H Olivier said the State had failed to prove that any of the accused were with the armoured vehicle when it rammed through the centre's glass front. The court did not know if the accused took part in the forced entry, Olivier said.

Protesters who arrived after the glass had been smashed could have gained the impression that "access to the premises was now possible", said Olivier.

MARIANNE MERTEN

After the court proceedings, Resistance Against Communism Movement founder Eddie von Maltitz, who was one of those acquitted, led a prayer of thanks.

The others acquitted were Johannes Dippenaar, Alwyn Wolfaardt, Pieter Bornman, Izak Pieters, Albertus Schwan, Gerhard Jacobs, Johan Brits and Hennie Viljoen. All conducted their own defence.

This is one of several trials of right-wingers in Johannesburg and Kempton Park following the incident. Charges included public violence, trespass and malicious damage to property.

In his closing defence argument, Dippenaar said the fight against communism was not illegal and said Communist Party multiparty negotiators "had declared their convictions on SABC".

He argued that the prosecution on trespassing charges was malicious. "Mandela gave police orders to arrest right-wingers in the knowledge they did not have a case," Dippenaar said. The State had looked for a

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loophole after it could not prosecute the men on the public violence charges for which they were initially arrested. (344)

It was also not proven that the World Trade Centre was private property or that the negotiators occupied it legally, he said.

Schwan and Jacobs said they had a right to be in the centre as they were, respectively, the leader of a large AWB district and Eugene Terre'Blanche's bodyguard.

The magistrate criticised police action at the centre, saying they initially "acted in a manner which did not help the situation later", as well as the Afrikaner Volksfront, whose members were called up in a manner which had created the wrong impression of the aims of the protest.

He also chastised the prosecution for badly drafted charge sheets and strongly criticised the State's contention that its witnesses could not appear at an earlier hearing because they were on study leave. This was later found to be untrue.

Reacting to the judgment, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the ANC would respect the court's decision, but it did not remove the threat from the broad right-wing alliance.

NP media spokesman Danie du Plessis said the party had never questioned a decision by a judge or magistrate, but "rejected the actions of far right-wing hooligans who damaged the buildings".

Talks invasion: 9 AWB men go free

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KEMPTON PARK. — Nine right-wingers were acquitted in the Kempton Park Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of trespassing arising from the storming of the World Trade Centre last June.

Speaking on behalf of the accused and dressed in an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging uniform, Mr Johannes Diepenaar said they had believed they had permission to be at the centre and that it was a public place.

They had not been told by police to leave the area and East Rand sub-district commander Major-General Jacobus Oberholzer had admitted saying "there would possibly have been a bloodbath if we had told them to leave".

In his judgment, magistrate Mr J Norville said the position of the nine men at the time the World Trade Centre's gates were pushed open, could not be positively ascertained. Consequently, it could not be proved they had trespassed. — Sapa

'Rights' body for right-wingers

JOHANNESBURG. — The Political Rights Organisation (PRO) was launched on Wednesday night to campaign for the amnesty of rightist political prisoners.

PRO also intends to draw public attention to the plight of "hundreds of policemen" in prison. — Sapa

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Racial killings: 9 held

CT 8/1/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Nine men have been arrested in connection with the racial killing of black travellers near Randfontein on the West Rand last month, police said yesterday.

The men were arrested on Thursday and are being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, police spokeswoman Major Henriette Bester said in a statement.

She added that West Rand Deputy Regional Commissioner Major-General Braam Strauss wished to thank members of the public who came forward with information.

In the December 13 attack on the Randfontein/Ventersdorp road, a group of white armed men forced the black occupants of two cars out of their vehicles before firing on them. Three people, including an 11-year-old boy, were killed and four were wounded. — Sapa

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Police name AWB men

JOHANNESBURG — Police have released the names of nine AWB members held on Thursday in connection with the racist West Rand attack last month in which four blacks were murdered and three wounded.

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SAP Major Joseph Ngobeni said those held were AWB "chief commandant" Phil Klopper, "commandant" Deon Martin, "candidate officers" Gert Diederichs and Piet Matthews, Mr Andre Visser, Mr Etienne Visser, Ms Carol Meiring, Mr Marthinus van der Schyff and "junior officer" Jaco Badenhorst. — Sapa

Former AWB 'general' granted R10 000 bail

SUSAN RUSSELL

FORMER AWB "general" Dirk Ackerman, held in police custody since his arrest four months ago on charges relating to the World Trade Centre siege, was granted R10 000 bail by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday.

Ackerman, 46, took his application to the Supreme Court after he was denied bail by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate on December 30. B1804

Bail was opposed by the State. After hearing argument from Ackerman's counsel, Judge H C J Flemming overturned the magistrate's decision finding that the right-winger had shown he would stand trial if released.

Ackerman is due to stand trial with 17 other right-wingers in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court in March on public violence charges relating to their alleged involvement in the siege on June 25 last year.

Some of his co-accused were released on warning after their arrest while others were granted bail of varying amounts from R500 to R1 000 each. 11/1/94

Ackerman was arrested at a Kroonstad resort on September 11 by police acting on a tipoff. He evaded arrest for a few months, travelling around SA in disguise.

During his bail application in the Johannesburg Regional Court, Ackerman denied he had been attempting to evade police investigating the World Trade Centre incident. He said he fled to evade the crime intelligence service which he feared would detain him under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. (344)

Ackerman was held under Section 29 after his arrest and charged with terrorism, including placing a bomb outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court last year. He was granted R20 000 bail by a Bloemfontein court, but rearrested in connection with the World Trade Centre incident shortly afterwards.

He told the Johannesburg Regional Court last month that he had resigned his position as "general" in November, but was still an AWB member.

In terms of the bail order granted yesterday Ackerman must report to the Brandfort police daily between 8am and 12pm. He is also prohibited from inciting or participating in any political violence.

ANC 'prepared for rightwing worry'

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JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress was prepared to address the concerns of the rightwing, but would not accede to the demand for a separate white homeland, said ANC president Nelson Mandela. ARG 12/11/94

His comments yesterday follow a statement by Conservative Party and Afrikaner Volksfront leader Ferdi Hartzenberg, who said on Monday that the AVF had suspended further talks with the ANC.

Talks — which would have ended on January 20 — were suspended because Mr Mandela said categorically at the weekend that the ANC would not consider a separate white homeland.

Speaking yesterday after a meeting with President De Klerk at the Union Buildings, Mr Mandela said the differences between the ANC and AVF could only be addressed through further negotiations.

He said that he had informed Mr De Klerk of ANC talks with the AVF as well as his meeting on Monday afternoon with Dr Hartzenberg.

Mr Mandela said the rightwing was still influenced by a "master race mentality" and believed that it could dictate when negotiating with blacks.

During his meeting with Dr Hartzenberg, Mr Mandela said he urged the CP leader to refrain from inciting those wanting a separate homeland.

Blasts: AWB men charged

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JOHANNESBURG. — Nine Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members were released from detention under section 29 of the Internal Security Act and appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday on charges of sabotage.

The charges relate to three explosions in the Krugersdorp district on the West Rand and one at a sub-station in Pretoria.

There was a heavy police presence at the court and many AWB members were also present.

The nine appeared before Mr W Wiegand, and state advocate Mr P J Louw asked for a postponement to January 24.

It was indicated to the court that the attorney-general's office was expected to issue a certificate prohibiting the granting of bail to the accused.

Those who appeared were Mr Johannes Vermaak, 23, Mr Johannes Grimmick, 33, Mr Sean Arie, 23, Mr Roelof Viljoen, 25, Mr Joseph Basson, 43, Mr Japie Oelofse, 33, Mr Daniel Visser, 28, Mr Johannes Visser, 37, and Mr Albertus van der Merwe, 55. — Sapa

Two 'race killers' hunted by police

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have launched an extensive search for two white men who allegedly abducted a black man, forced a steel rim around him and threw him into a Benoni dam at the weekend.

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East Rand police liaison officer Constable Liesl Basson confirmed yesterday that a hitchhiker had reported the attack to the police and given the names of the two men.

Police divers have been combing the dam for the victim for three days.

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Const Basson said the hitchhiker told police he was given a lift by the two men on Saturday afternoon.

"He said he saw a black man walking along the road. The men stopped and forced him into the boot of the car and assaulted him. They put a steel rim round him and threw him into the dam," said Const Basson.

She said the hitckhiker was frightened and called radio control to report the attack. — Sapa

'Boer army' death threats

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JOHANNESBURG — The Boer Republican Army (BRA) has warned foreign peace observers to leave the country or face death, and has also threatened to paralyse South Africa's economic infrastructure through "unheard-of economic sabotage". (344)

The warnings were contained in a message sent to Sapa yesterday.

The BRA also declared war on the "communist anti-Christian" TEC. It had previously claimed responsiblity for several bomb blasts, including last month's sabotage of a powerline tower near Boksburg Prison in which two people died and 14 were injured. — Sapa

Uneasy calm in Pofadder

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STEFAANS BRÜMMER
Weekend Argus Reporter

■ Police reaction to simmering anger in the Northern Cape town of Pofadder after two coloured men were killed by an alleged Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging commander has provoked a protest from the Peace Committee.

ALLEGED police intransigence in Pofadder — engulfed in turmoil after the killing of two ANC supporters by a man said to be an AWB commander — is to be taken up by the Peace Committee.

Life in the tiny far Northern Cape community has returned to a semblance of normality, but residents are bracing themselves for the return to court next month of Bertie van der Sandt to face two counts of murder.

On January 6, the day of his first appearance in the Pofadder Magistrate's Court, police arrested 16 demonstrators, allegedly while they were kneeling to pray at Pofadder Hotel in the centre of town, the scene of the killings.

The Peace Committee this week charged police had been unco-operative and violated the National Peace Accord by arresting people "without warning" — which police deny. The 16 were released after negotiations with a peace monitoring team of Peace Committee, United Nations and European Community observers.

Mr Van der Sandt was not asked to plead at the January 6 appearance, which community members charge was brought forward by about 30 minutes so they could not attend.

Mr Van der Sandt, from Vredendal and said to be an AWB commander, allegedly gunned down local ANC supporters Frikkie Witbooi and Niklas Engelbrecht at the hotel on November 19, in an altercation following racist remarks made to local ANC chairman Dennis Nel and secretary Lucas van Rooy.

Mr Van der Sandt was arrested, but released after a special bail application that evening. Bail was fixed at R500.

On January 6 a group of about 30 ANC supporters made their way to the court premises to attend the preliminary hearing, but found it was already over.

Police instructed them, through Peace Committee mediators, to disperse, said Peace Committee spokesman Ramotena Mabote.

"At that stage tensions were very high and the group demanded not to disperse but to proceed to the place of the killings to say a short prayer," he said.

A Warrant Officer Dumas, police station commander, then radioed a Captain Gerber of the Internal Stability Division. The peace team used the opportunity to speak to Captain Gerber and ask him not to use force against the protesters.

When the peace monitors arrived at the hotel Captain Gerber's men were already arresting, "without warning", members of the crowd who had knelt to pray, said Mr Mabote.

"Audrey Baardman, who was the leader of the Peace Committee group, requested to speak to Gerber and ask him to stop, but he refused."

Sixteen of the protesting group were arrested.

Captain Gerber finally agreed to talk to the peace monitors at the police station, where more protesters were heading to demand the release of their comrades. The peace monitors asked the protesters not to overreact.

After lengthy negotiations with the peace team, police released the arrested, who now face a R100 admission of guilt fine each. The crowd dispersed.

At 5pm community members arrived at a hall for a report-back on a meeting three days earlier between the municipality and the local ANC on water and electricity disconnections. The meeting had been agreed to by both sides and Mr Baardman was to have been present to ensure the impartiality of information conveyed, said Mr Mabote.

But people found a large Defence Force contingent outside the hall. "At that time it became apparent the meeting could not continue," Mr Mabote said. Police commanders were "very surprised" to hear the army presence had deterred the meeting.

Mr Mabote said: "We want to note that the community's anger was justified in that Van der Sandt was given bail at a special court hearing and also that unlike normal the (January 6) court hearing happened at 8.30am instead of 9am so that the people could not get to court in time...

"The Peace Committee therefore would like to take several issues to higher authority, including the presence of the ISD and SADF without informing the Peace Commitee. The arrest of people without a warning is viewed as a violation of the Peace Accord."

He said the Peace Commitee executive wanted to discuss the matter with the police and Defence Force.

AWB leader hails Natal supporters

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The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche has done a "military assessment" of the organisation's Natal "forces" and has found them and the support for the AWB in Natal exceptional, claims the movement's Natal leader Nick Fourie. ARG 17/1/94

He would not say today how many people attended a camp near Manderstam, south of Maritzburg.

AWB members in camouflage, some with weapons, took part in the parades in the area as AWB flags flew. Volkstaat signs were pasted over road signs.

Mr Fourie said Mr Terre'Blanche wanted to see support for the AWB in Natal and preparedness for any events that might involve the movement.

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Pretoria council warns rightwing against protest

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The Pretoria city council today warned that it would react 'pro-actively' against any attempt to disrupt its next meeting, following rightwing threats to occupy council chambers on January 25.

Sources in the Afrikaner Volksfront-aligned citizens' council confirmed weekend reports that rightwingers were preparing to occupy the council chambers in Munitoria on January 25 in protest against local government reform.

The chairman of the city council's management committee, Pieter Smith, said he was aware of plans to occupy the council chamber.

Dr Smith said the city council would not allow its proceedings to be disrupted by any pressure group.

Groups will have the opportunity in the next city council elections, within the next year, to show how much support they have, he said.

The citizens' council was established in December last year when alternative city councillors were appointed in 22 city council wards held by the National Party (NP).

Its aim is to mobilise the far-right in Pretoria against the establishment of a non-racial metropolitan council and to fight for an Afrikaner volkstaat with Pretoria as capital.

A spokesman for the citizens council, Koos van Rensburg, today said the council was meeting on Wednesday to finalise plans for protest actions.

"We are definitely planning action for the day of the city council meeting," he said.

Mr Van Rensburg refused to divulge details, but rightwing sources said the action entailed the occupation of the city council chamber by the citizens' council and supporters.

They plan to remain in the council chamber until they are arrested and forcibly removed.

At its previous meeting, the citizens' council said it had asked the city council to be given a right to address the council, but this had been refused.

French minister on three-day visit to SA

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□ Juppe to meet leaders and see Franschhoek

JOHANNESBURG. — French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe has arrived in South Africa for a three-day visit during which he is to hold talks with some of the country's top political figures.

Mr Juppe is the first French foreign minister to visit South Africa in 18 years.

He will meet President De Klerk at the Union Buildings today and will also hold talks with his South African counterpart, Pik Botha, before touring Soweto.

Mr Juppe's visit takes place just before the Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini, is due to meet Mr De Klerk, and the French minister will witness the spectacle of tens of thousands of Zulus with traditional weapons marching outside the Union Buildings.

The talks between Mr De Klerk and King Goodwill will include discussions on the constitutional position of the Zulu monarch.

Tomorrow, Mr Juppe will meet African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and the organisation's secretary-general, Cyril Ramaphosa.

He will also meet Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He will address a news conference at the French Consul's offices in Johannesburg tomorrow.

Before leaving for Egypt on Wednesday afternoon, Mr Juppe is to visit Franschhoek, where Huguenots settled after fleeing religious persecution in France in the 17th century.

A French embassy spokesman said Mr Juppe's visit was intended to mark French support for the transitional process and to improve relations with South Africa. — Sapa-AFP.

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Maseru calm for second day after army factions clash

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MASERU. — Maseru was calm for a second day running after Friday's clash between two armed factions of the mountain kingdom's defence force.

Sporadic firing was heard on Saturday night, but according to reports it wasn't serious.

The shots came from the Makoanyane military base, about 11km outside the capital, home of the faction whose demand for a doubling of army salaries led to the clash.

Residents nearby said yesterday that it appeared the shots had been fired into the air. There were no reports of injuries.

Members of the Royal Lesotho Defence Force's reccie unit — the faction which is believed to be loyal to the government — remained stationed in the mountains on the outskirts of Maseru yesterday.

Fears of a possible coup in the tiny enclave were quashed on Saturday with the help of South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha.

He flew in at the request of the Lesotho government, met separately with all the parties involved and brokered a truce.

But Mr Botha told his guests South Africa would not tolerate a Lesotho government which came to power by force, and vowed to bring it to its knees.

Lesotho and South African government officials confirmed the pay issue was believed to be a smokescreen for political opposition to the ruling Basotholand Congress Party, which swept to power in elections last year.

Mr Botha also met the leader of the main opposition Basotho National Party during his one-day visit.

The commander of the Lesotho Air Force, Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Majare — who was wounded in the skirmish — was flown to Ladybrand in the Free State with the help of the South African consulate in Maseru. — Sapa.

Roadside killings: Accused also assaulted pedestrians

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The nine Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members accused of the gruesome roadside murders of four black people last year also allegedly searched several cars and assaulted a number of black pedestrians on the same night.

This is part of the state's case against the men, accused in the Randfontein Magistrate's Court yesterday of four counts of murder, six of attempted murder and several other charges.

Petrus Johannes (Piet) Matthews, 26, of Krugersdorp, Martinus Lodewickes van der Schyff, 25, of Randfontein, Frederick Jacobus (Jaco) Badenhorst, 20, of Randfontein, Marius Etienne Visser, 23, of Randfontein, Karel Hendrik Meiring, 28, of Krugersdorp, Deon Martin, 30, of Randfontein, Andre Franswa Visser, 39, of Randfontein and Phillipus Cornelius Kloppers, 40, of Randfontein were present in court. Gerhardus Johannes Diedericks, 34, of Randfontein is being treated in hospital for a stomach complaint.

The men were told that their case would resume in the Rand Supreme Court on February 7. They were not asked to plead.

They have been held under the Internal Security Act since their arrest earlier this year following the gruesome murders on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road.

The state also alleges that the men fortified themselves with alcohol after meeting at a roadhouse on the night of December 12. Eight of them were wearing AWB uniforms.

The group left the roadhouse and moved to several other locations, armed with firearms and blunt objects which looked like batons.

At some stage during the evening the group decided to stop black roadusers, harass them, intimidate them, assault them, search them, rob them and then shoot and kill them.

The men were not granted bail after a certificate was handed to the court by Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau which stated that because of the special circumstances surrounding the case, the men could not be granted bail unless otherwise decided by the Attorney-General.

Mr Diedericks will appear in the Randfontein Magistrate's Court once he is medically fit.

AWB men planned black deaths — claim

CT 18/1/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Nine Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members accused of shooting dead four people and injuring three others in the Randfontein area in December last year planned beforehand to kill black people, according to the charge sheet.

Eight of the nine accused appeared in the Randfontein Magistrate's Court yesterday, on charges which included four counts of murder and six counts of attempted murder.

They are Mr Johannes Matthews, 26, Mr Martinus van der Schyff, 25, Mr Jacobus Badenhorst, 20, Mr Etienne Visser, 23, Mr Karel Meiring, 28, Mr Deon Martin, 30, Mr Andre Visser, 39, and Mr Cornelius Kloppers. The ninth accused, Mr Gert Diedrichs, did not appear as he was in hospital.

According to the charge sheet the men gathered outside a roadhouse and allegedly agreed to spend the afternoon harassing and intimidating black people, searching their cars, assaulting and then shooting them dead.

They allegedly set up a roadblock on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road, pretending to be traffic police officers. The state alleges the men pulled over cars with black occupants, who were questioned, searched and assaulted. Four passengers in the last two cars that were stopped died after allegedly having been shot.

Bail was refused yesterday. The case was transferred to the Rand Supreme Court to resume on February 7. — Sapa

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'Save SA from war' — Mandela

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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela warned South Africa was faced with a civil war similar to those in Angola and Mozambique if a solution was not found to Afrikaners' demand for a separate state.

"We are not going to accept this demand, but we are prepared to discuss a solution. I would like you to support this to save our country from unnecessary bloodshed," he told a "people's forum" at the SABC's Johannesburg head office.

Mr Mandela acknowledged the ability of the ultra-right-wing to derail a future government as they had "significant support in the public service, army, police and sympathisers in important and strategic installations".

● Speaking at a Black Lawyers Association function in Johannesburg last night, Mr Mandela said the right-wing was looking for trouble which would trigger even higher levels of violence if it persisted with separatist demands.

He said the right-wing posed a far more serious threat in South Africa than the likes of (Unita leader) Dr Jonas Savimbi posed in Angola.

"We are facing even more violence than that which is raging now," Mr Mandela said. "... the ultra-right is powerful in the proper sense of the word. They are trained and experienced and they know the country better than we do. They are likely to create havoc." — Sapa

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De Klerk warns rightwingers

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☐ Negotiations the only way to achieve peace, stability, says FW

ROBERT BRAND
Political Staff

POTCHEFSTROOM. — The government will act firmly against rightwingers who present a threat to stability, President De Klerk said.

Speaking to journalists during his whistle-stop campaign tour of the Western Transvaal yesterday, Mr De Klerk said he still believed the concerns of the far-right could be addressed through negotiations.

Leaders like General Constand Viljoen, who this week threatened "limited violence" to achieve an Afrikaner homeland, were still involved in negotiations with the government and ANC, Mr De Klerk said.

"And the signs from those negotiations are positive. But if anyone breaks the law, we will act against them.

"If the rightwing presents a threat to stability, through insurgency or violence, we will act firmly against them."

Mr De Klerk's campaign yesterday took him to Fochville and Potchefstroom.

Today he is scheduled to visit Klerksdorp, Rustenburg and Ventersdorp — the latter for the first time since the bloody clashes between rightwingers and police in 1991 while he was addressing a National Party meeting.

At Kokosi township in Fochville, NP supporters were allegedly pelted with stones, according to presidential aide Chris Fismer. Otherwise, the visits to Fochville and Potchefstroom went smoothly, with none of the protests that marred the first leg of Mr De Klerk's campaign in the Western Cape on December 28.

In Fochville, Mr De Klerk addressed supporters in the civic centre before touring Kokosi.

In Potchefstroom, he was greeted with thunderous applause by about 1 500 students in a packed auditorium at the University of Potchefstroom.

Addressing the students, Mr De Klerk launched strong attacks against the ANC, which he described as "a dangerous party", and the Conservative Party, which he said had a "nice-sounding" policy in principle but failed to understand the realities of South Africa.

"The ANC wants to replace one form of repression with another form of repression. They preach tolerance but they practise aggression."

Mr De Klerk then moved to the Potchefstroom civic centre, where he spoke at a mixed-race gathering of NP organisers.

Again he attacked the ANC, saying the organisation's policy of intimidation against opponents proved it could not be trusted.

He appealed to the NP organisers to call police if they were intimidated and gave warning that the NP would turn to the Independent Election Commission for protection.

Mr De Klerk asked forgiveness for the injustices of apartheid, drawing loud applause from the coloured section of the audience.

"There are some of us here who are bitter, some of us have been in opposite camps.

"We seek forgiveness from those who have been wronged and whose dignity has been impaired."

Mr De Klerk said that in spite of the NP's poor showing in opinion polls, he believed the party could win the election.

Right 'has potential for havoc'

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — The right wing has the potential to create havoc in South Africa, says ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

Addressing a meeting of the Black Lawyers' Association last night, he said that with 16 000 people already killed in political violence, South Africa could face even worse violence.

Because of the potential for more bloodletting, the ANC had to transform itself from a resistance movement into an organisation which would address socio-economic problems as well as the fears of the minority.

"The ultra-right wing is powerful in the proper sense of the word and a threat," he said.

The ANC leader noted that the right wing obtained at least 500 000 votes in the 1989 general election and more than 800 000 votes in the 1992 referendum.

He reiterated his organisation's view that "there is no question" of accepting the rightwing demand for a white homeland. It would be suicidal to accept an ethnically-based solution, he said.

As the architect of negotiations, the ANC should come up with a solution to the problem.

"The demands of the ultra-right wing is a challenge to us which we must sort out," he said.

The April election was not only a historic event, but also a means to destroy the vestiges of apartheid and to lay the basis for a democracy.

He hoped that all political parties would take part in the election.

Mr Mandela said it was important to address the injustices caused by apartheid immediately after the election.

The challenge was to bring blacks into the epicentre of the economy because a white-dominated economy was incompatible with a nonracial democracy, he said.

'Chaos to go on until SA is free'

We set off explosions — rightists

Star 24/11/94

TWO rightwingers claim responsibility for a string of recent explosions in the western Transvaal and Free State (344)

■ CRIME REPORTER

Two rightwingers purporting to be members of the Boere Republikeinse Leër have claimed responsibility for recent explosions in the western Transvaal and the Free State.

The past week has seen several power lines and railway tracks damaged in blasts which police believe could be linked.

Sapa reported receiving two calls, one on Saturday night and another early yesterday, from people claiming to be BRL members. One caller said the chaos would continue until the country was free.

In the latest of a series of blasts, a Randfontein power line was damaged on Saturday.

Police said commercial explosives were used in the 4.50 am blast, which caused extensive damage to a pylon on the Matimba/Midas No 1 high-voltage power station near the Midas sub-power station.

In the Free State, where the Bothaville and Harrismith ANC offices and the home of a Harrismith ANC leader were bombed recently, a blast damaged part of a railway line on Friday night.

At about 10 pm a section of railway line between Kroonstad and Hennenman was destroyed, causing four goods train trucks to derail.

Free State police said commercial explosives were used and they were investigating a case of terrorism.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Captain Koos Degenaar said the first railway line blast in the region occurred on December 22 when coaches were derailed in a explosion on the tracks in Rigina Silos, outside Orkney.

On January 8 a blast damaged the railway line at the Orkney-Klerksdorp railway bridge, he said.

This was followed by another railway line blast in Harrisburg, near Orkney, on January 14.

On Tuesday a blast occurred on the lines between Potchefstroom and Stilfontein and on Wednesday a power line tower between Potchefstroom and Buffels East was damaged in a blast, said Degenaar.

On Friday a power line on a farm between Stilfontein and Klerksdorp was also bombed, causing about R500 000 damage, he said.

Western Transvaal police have offered a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the bombers.

Volksfront 'has no civil war plans'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Afrikaner Volksfront has denied it is involved in planning a civil war but has warned it will defend its planned alternative government structures with force if necessary.

Volksfront member and former SADF General Tienie Groenewald dismissed reports in yesterday's Rapport that the organisation was setting up assassination squads.

He said the underground structures mentioned did not form part of the Volksfront's plans.

Rapport said detailed secret plans had been partially revealed to the newspaper, including the use of cyanide bullets in taking over 52 towns.

Weapons, ammunition and armoured cars were being stashed on farms between Brits and Thabazimbi in an operation co-ordinated by the Volksfront.

Gen Groenewald described the newspaper report as a "pseudo-operation" designed to spread false and damaging propaganda about the Volksfront.

Though the Volksfront would defend itself "by means of force" if essential, it was oriented towards "our own kind of mass action", which involved civil disobedience campaigns.

Law and Order spokesman Mr Craig Kotze said the government would not hesitate to take action against the right-wing.

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Rightists in court over Reef sabotage

Eight camouflage-clad AWB members appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with various acts of sabotage on the West Rand.

A ninth rightwinger, Johannes Vermaak (23), failed to appear after suffering an epileptic fit.

Albertus Francois van der Merwe (55), Johannes Grimmick (33), Daniel Visser (28), Johannes Visser (37), Sean Arle (23), Roelof Viljoen (25), Joseph Basson (43), AWB "general" Japie Oelofse (23) and Vermaak were all arrested late last year.

The nine men, who are accused of supplying some of the explosives used in several bomb attacks in Krugersdorp and Munsieville last year, were not asked to plead as charges against them had not yet been formalised. (344)

The case was postponed and they were remanded in custody. — Court Reporter.

Sabotage: AWB 9 refused bail

CT 25/11/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Nine AWB members accused of sabotage were refused bail in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday (344)

Their trial was postponed to March 21.

The men are accused of causing explosions last year at a power station in Munsieville on the West Rand, in Commissioner Street in Krugersdorp, at a Transvaal Provincial Administration weighbridge in the area and at a substation in Pretoria.

Several sympathisers attended the proceedings. — Sapa

Protest over multiracial local government plan

Rain puts damper on right-wing rally plans

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■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER
PRETORIA BUREAU

The weather was the winner yesterday when right-wing plans for a major rally in Pretoria to protest against multiracial local government legislation were squelched by persistent rain.

Only about 400 people, instead of the expected thousands, crowded the steps of the local municipal complex to complain about the new move.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters held flags and produced dogs to keep away photographers as rightwingers protested against legislation which will turn town and city councils into multiracial groupings from April.

Some AWB members were in camouflage uniform, complete with balaclavas and their weapons. There were few police in the immediate vicinity.

The Pretoria demonstration took place during the height of rush hour in the central business district, which was paralysed for hours.

The only previous occasions on which city traffic has been seriously affected in recent years was during the farmers' invasion four years ago and the Zulu march last week.

Rightwingers — waving South African, Vierkleur and AWB flags — gathered in the rain outside Munitoria, the city council headquarters, in support of the establishment of a "burgerraad" to take over administration of the city from the council.

The illegal Radio Pretoria station yesterday broadcast appeals to rightwingers to brave the rain and gather in Vermeulen and Van der Walt streets.

Most people stood in the portico of the municipal buildings, while a handful huddled against shopfronts on Sammy Marks Square opposite Munitoria.

Many attempted, after singing the national anthem while the rain was pelting down, to enter the public chamber at the city council chamber, but were unable to do so.

AWB leader Eugene Terreblanche did not make an appearance, although he had earlier told Radio Pretoria listeners that he would do so.

Pretoria burgerraad chairman Jan du Toit and the CP leader in the Pretoria City Council, Paul Fouche, were at the gathering.

Fouche, dressed in his full council regalia, told rightwingers it was a disgrace that there would be multiracial councils.

Meanwhile, Afrikaner Volksfront leader General Constand Viljoen — a former chief of the SA Defence Force — postponed his planned address to the all-white Mineworkers Union yesterday because of ongoing negotiations between the AVF, the ANC and Government.

Viljoen is scheduled to address the MWU today.

■ Five detained rightwingers have been on a hunger strike since yesterday morning, the Department of Correctional Services confirmed.

The strike began soon after nine members of the AWB, accused of sabotage, were refused bail in the Johannesburg Regional Court on Monday after the Transvaal Attorney-General issued a certificate prohibiting bail.

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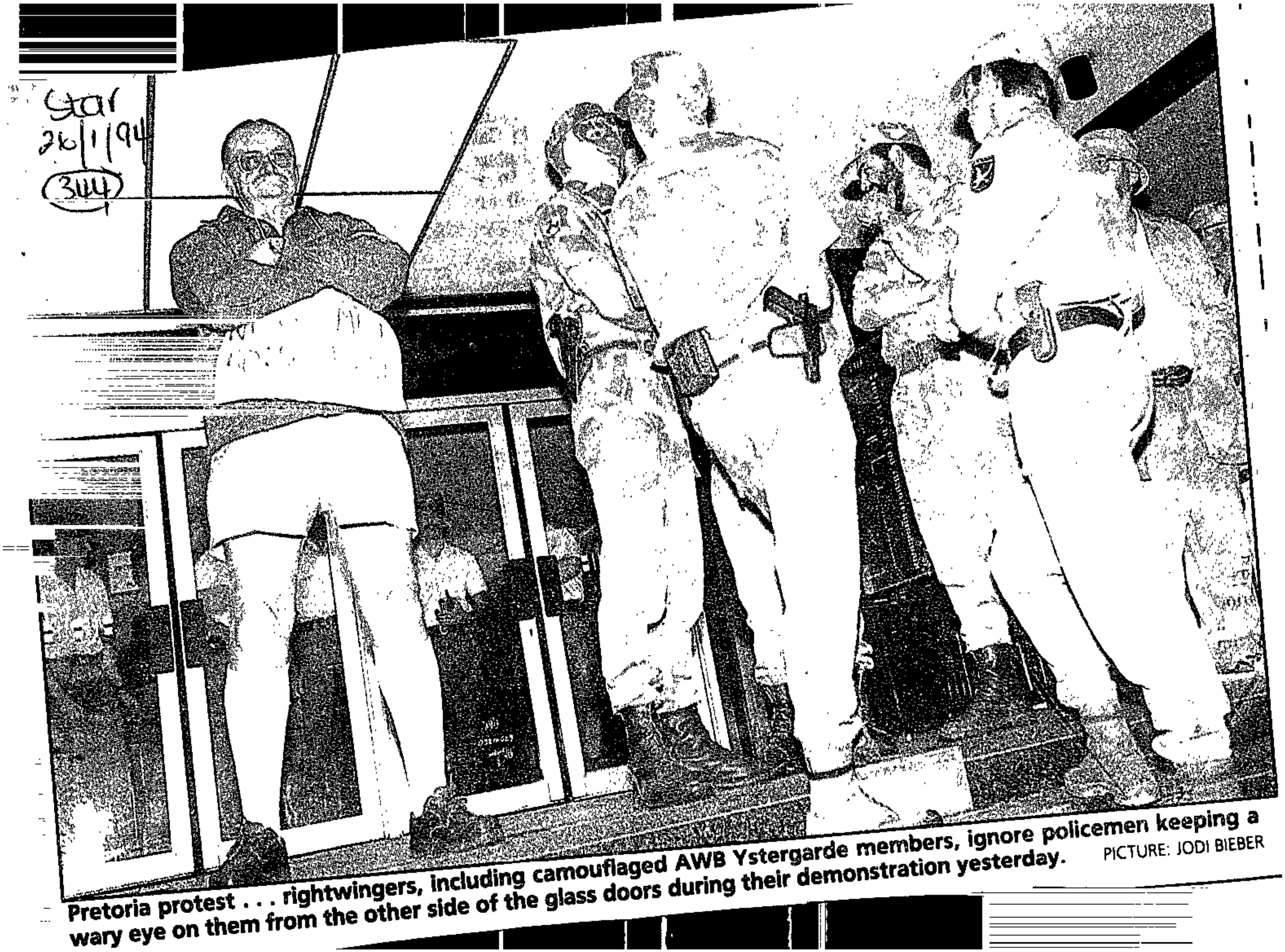

Pretoria protest . . . rightwingers, including camouflaged AWB Ystergarde members, ignore policemen keeping a wary eye on them from the other side of the glass doors during their demonstration yesterday. PICTURE: JODI BIEBER

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Right bid to hijack council squelched



WATERED DOWN: Rightwingers gather in the rain outside Pretoria City Council headquarters, where they hoped to establish a "burgerraad" to run the city.

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The weather has washed out right wing plans to set up a "burgerraad" to administer Pretoria.

A giant rally planned for yesterday to protest against multiracial local government legislation and set up the burgerrraad was squelched by the steady downpour.

Only about 400 people, instead of the expected thousands, yesterday gathered at the steps of the municipal complex to protest at legislation that will turn town and city councils into multi-racial groupings from April.

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) supporters displayed flags and used dogs to keep photographers away.

Some AWB members were in camouflage uniform, wore balaclavas and carried weapons. Few police were around.

Some demonstrators displayed placards reading "The idiots are giving Pretoria to the communists" and "War is inevitable".

Waving South African, Vierkleur and AWB flags, they proclaimed their support of a "burgerraad" to take over administration of the city from the council.

Many tried — after singing the national anthem as the rain pelted down — to enter the public area at the city council chamber but were prevented from doing so.

Inside Munitoria the monthly council meeting was delayed for an hour.

The illegal Radio Pretoria station yesterday broadcast appeals to rightwingers to brave the rain and gather.

The AWB contingent staged a parade under the command of "Commandant" At Oosthuizen.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche — who is to appear in the Pretoria Regional Court again today to answer charges of refusing to appear before the Goldstone Commission — did not make an appearance, although he had earlier told Radio Pretoria listeners that he would do so.

The demonstration was held during the height of rush hour in the central business district, which was paralysed for hours.

The only previous occasions on which Pretoria traffic has been seriously affected in recent years was during the farmers' invasion four years ago and the Zulu march last week.

Pretoria Burgerraad chairman Jan du Toit and Conservative Party leader in the Pretoria city council Paul Fouche were at the gathering.

Mr Fouche, who was dressed in his full council regalia, addressed the crowd.

● Afrikaner Volksfront leader General Constand Viljoen will address the all-white Mine Workers Union today.

Five detained rightwingers have been on a hunger strike since Tuesday, according to prison officials.

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Western Transvaal rail line blown up

The Argus Correspondent

KIMBERLEY. — The railway line between Klerksdorp and Leeudoringstad was blown up today, shortly before the Diamond Express was to pass, the second time the line has been sabotaged this month.

Police spokesman Koos Degenaar said the driver of the the Diamond Express passanger train saw the line was damaged and stopped the train.

He said police were still investigating the incident.

The Diamond Express to Pretoria was delayed for three hours and Spoornet public relations manager Frikkie du Plessis appealed to people who knew anything about the sabotage to come forward.

The line was first sabotaged on January 11 and 14 trucks and two locomotives were derailed between Lava and Orkney in the Transvaal.

● Rightwing saboteurs who have claimed responsibility for blowing up electricity pylons and railway lines in the Western Transvaal and Northern Free State are being sought, police reported in Pretoria.

The saboteurs, members of the elusive Boere Republican Army (Boere Republikeinse Leer), have threatened to paralyse the economy.

ET tells why he ignored summons

Star 27/11/94

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche said yesterday that the summons served on him to testify before the Goldstone Commission in July was unfair, against the sub judice rule, and he had either deliberately or because of laxity not been informed of his rights.

Appearing in the Pretoria Regional Court, TerreBlanche defended a charge that he had ignored a summons to testify before the Goldstone Commission at an informal hearing on July 7 to investigate the right-wing storming of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park in June. (344)

He described as strange the evidence by a Goldstone Commission member that an attempt had been made to contact him through the Afrikaner Volksfront. The AWB and AVF had no ties, although he was an executive member of the AVF, he said.

He said the first time he heard of the summons was a day and a half before he was supposed to testify. He believed the short warning was a deliberate attempt to discredit him and the AWB.

He said the commission was a "make-believe court that is politically orientated" and Mr Justice Richard Goldstone had proved himself to be against the Afrikaner.

The trial was postponed to February 7. — Sapa.

ET claims summons was unfair

PRETORIA. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said yesterday the summons served on him to testify before the Goldstone Commission in July last year was unfair and against the sub judice rule, and he had either deliberately or because of laxity not been informed of his rights.

Appearing in the Regional Court here, Mr Terre'Blanche defended a charge that he had ignored a summons to testify before the Goldstone Commission informal hearing on July 7 last year to investigate the right-wing storming of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park in June. CT 27/1/94

The trial was postponed to February 7. — Sapa (344)

AVF to keep open 'violence option'

PRETORIA. — The government and the ANC should take cognisance of the angry mood of militant right-wingers who gathered here demanding self-determination and a volkstaat, Afrikaner Volksfront leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg said on Saturday.

He was speaking at a news conference after a meeting of the AVF's own transitional assembly at the showgrounds hall.

Earlier, a suggestion by General Constand Viljoen that they participate in the April elections to prove their support was dismissed with derision by a large part of the audience.

"Today we'll have to decide: If we want a volkstaat before April 27 we would have to seize it violently ..."

The crowd chanted: "Now, now."

Gen Viljoen said the violent option would be considered if the AVF was driven into such a position.

He then proposed that all Afrikaners should vote for the AVF in April to prove its support among Afrikaners.

A motion from the floor was accepted that the AVF be mandated to to establish a transitional assembly to function until free elections in the volkstaat could be held.

Mr Frank le Roux was elected chairman of the transitional assembly and Dr Hartzenberg president.

Dr Hartzenberg said the AVF's transitional assembly would try to establish a volkstaat through peaceful means, but would keep the violence option open. (344)

It would be irresponsible to pursue a volkstaat by violent means if it could be established through peaceful means, he said. — Sapa

CT 31/1/94

Coetsee: Govt told of threats

PRETORIA — The government has confirmed it was informed by the SADF of threats of armed resistance by right-wingers, it was reported yesterday (344)

Defence Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee was reacting to reports in Sunday newspapers which said the general staff of the SADF warned President F W de Klerk that the country's security situation was extremely volatile, and that right-wingers could resort to violence and even a coup attempt.

He said the security forces analysed the situation from time to time in reports to Mr De Klerk, and that threats of armed resistance had to be brought to the government's attention. — Sapa CT 31/1/94

ANC demands blast arrests

THE ANC is to ask the TEC to intervene in investigations into the spate of bombings in the western Transvaal and the Free State in recent weeks. B1Day

Four explosions in the two areas yesterday brought the total to 27 since November. All the latest attacks were against ANC-linked targets. 4/2/94

Police in both regions said yesterday they had not made any arrests or taken in anyone for questioning (344)

"When you strike you want to catch all the perpetrators," Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said.

Referring to claims by the ANC alliance that the right wing was responsible, he said

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police had a "great success record" of more than 80% against right-wing terror.

Cosatu added its voice to those calling for a TEC probe, accusing the police of not taking effective steps to apprehend the criminals. "This creates the clear impression to these elements that they are being given licence to sow terror and mayhem."

Recently, the offices of three Cosatu affiliates were badly damaged by bomb blasts in Klerksdorp and Harrismith.

Cosatu said if "serious" steps were not taken to arrest and charge the perpetra-

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tors, "we will have to investigate other methods of dealing with the problem".

The attacks began in November in the Free State with the bombing of power pylons and railway lines. But ANC offices and businesses linked to the organisation have become the latest targets.

The ANC head office would request the TEC to intervene, ANC western Transvaal region deputy chairman Zakes Tolo said yesterday. ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the TEC's law and order subcouncil would request police reports before looking into the matter.

On Wednesday night an explosive device was detonated at the gate of the Potchefstroom farm of Jan Serfontein, a white ANC member who accompanied ANC president Nelson Mandela during his tour of the western Transvaal this week. Damage was estimated at R2 000.

Early yesterday the ANC office in Letsopa township near Ottosdal in the western Transvaal was destroyed by commercial explosives and four shops in the predominantly Asian business centre in nearby Kōrannafontein were petrol-bombed. The owner of one of the worst damaged shops is an ANC member.

Tolo said a white minibus with no number plates and carrying at least five whites was seen at the scene of both attacks.

A mother and son living next to the ANC office in Letsopa were slightly injured in the blast which, according to the ANC, caused damaged estimated at R100 000. Tolo said 29 nearby houses were damaged.

The latest attacks brought the total in the region to 15 since December 22.

In the Free State, the ANC office in Tumahole township near Parys was bombed. Police said they had not yet calculated the extent of the damage, but the office had suffered structural damage and 74 windows had been blown out.

There have been 12 blasts in the Free State since November 11. Investigating officers were "very busy" with investigations, Free State police spokesman Capt Johlene van der Merwe said.

Western Transvaal police have offered a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bombers.

Meanwhile, the right-wing-aligned Mine Workers' Union described as "laughable" an NUM accusation that it was responsible for a bomb blast that caused damage of R250 000 to the NUM's Klerksdorp office.

Blasts hit farming towns

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GROOT MARICO. — More bombs have exploded in Western Transvaal farming towns, extensively damaging a community hall at Groot Marico and slightly damaging buildings at a taxi rank in Delareyville, police said today. ARG 4/2/94

No casualties have been reported in either explosion. There have now been 17 bomb blasts in the region in the past six weeks.

Damage to the hall in Groot Marico, used mainly by the town's black community, is estimated at R80 000.

Police said a home-made bomb caused minor damage to toilets at the Delareyville taxi rank. — Sapa.

■Report by Jan Taljaard, 139 Smit Street, Johannesburg

Fight for 283 towns

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Chris Louw

RIGHTWING *burgerrade* (civil councils) are poised to take over about 283 town councils in a bid to thwart the integration of local government.

With the elections due next month, the battle has shifted from national level to city and town councils in a groundswell described as "extremely dangerous" by local government officials.

Transvaal Boerekommando members have started barricading municipal offices with razor-wire and sandbags. They have declared open war on the Local Government Transition Act, which allows for the replacement of all-white councils by appointed non-racial councils.

The Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) is ready to play its final trump card to thwart the transitional constitution — by hijacking town and city councils in all four provinces.

The four provincial administrations are readying themselves to clamp down on far-right resistance to the new constitution.

A senior Transvaal Provincial Administration official said: "The town councils issue is clearly just an excuse for whipping up emotions to mobilise their people.

"The ultimate aim is to force political concessions on the national level, and to get the idea of a volkstaat accepted. The broader aim makes their actions on the ground extremely dangerous."

Open confrontation seems inevitable. The AVF and other groups have been warned by the authorities that attempts to take over control of councils would be "unconstitutional and unlawful".

Transvaal Local Government MEC Burger Lategan has said the full force of the law will be used to counter these attempts. A TPA spokesman said yesterday that May 2 would be the cut-off date for the implementation of "local transitional councils", he said.

But the AVF has also made clear its intention to use its power at local government level to thwart agreements reached at the Local Government Negotiating Forum last year, allowing for non-racial city councils during the transition.

A list of 283 cities and towns declared as "volkstaat territory" was given to the *Mail & Guardian* by Conservative Party organising secretary Wouter Hoffman. The AVF is establishing *burgerrade* in these towns, poised to take over their administration when non-racial councils come into being.

Hoffman claimed the towns — stretching from Richards Bay in Natal, through the Transvaal and Free State to the Cape Province and as far north as Namaqualand — had indicated their intention to become part of an Afrikaner volkstaat.

The CP determines majority support for a volkstaat by council decisions, opinion surveys and a clear "trend" among whites.

A senior CP member in Natal said his party believed existing councils had no legitimacy after the postponement of the 1993 municipal elections and the appointment of councillors by administrators. Elected councillors enjoy greater protection in terms of the law. If appointed, they become employees and may be fired. "We expect councillors to be fired any time from now. That is why we have instituted our own *burgerrade*, which will function when they lose their positions."

In parliament this week, President FW de Klerk slammed the idea of a volkstaat in Pretoria. The city's economy would be destroyed, said Pretoria mayor Nico Stofberg.

In Akasia, National Party councillor Hannes van Schoor resigned in protest this week after a council decision to break ties with the Rosslyn Industrialists' Association and to donate R20 000 to Radio Pretoria. The decision could lead to a loss in income of R85-million a year.

A recent decision by the CP-controlled Transvaal Municipal Association not to participate in forums for a new local government dispensation sparked a government warning that local councils may be dissolved.

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Document reveals rightwing's war plan

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A secret document outlines a rightwing plan to hijack key South African Defence Force units and seize control of communication structures in the event of open conflict, reports **Jan Taljaard**

THE cabinet has been briefed about a comprehensive rightwing war plan that has been in existence since the end of last year.

The cabinet was told — in a document marked "secret" leaked to the *Mail & Guardian* — of rightwing plans to hijack the South African Defence Force's Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) at the outbreak of hostilities and use former SADF Special Force members to neutralise key communication structures.

They also plan to "neutralise" SADF generals in the event of martial law.

These allegations are made in an intelligence document drafted for the cabinet. Divergent sources contacted in connection with the document after it was faxed anonymously to the WM&G, confirmed it was authentic.

According to the document, the Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) has information about a secret agreement between the government and the ANC providing that martial law will be declared in the case the AVF seceding.

All functions of government will then simultaneously be transferred to the Chief of the Defence Force. In the event of this happening, it is alleged that the AVF will react by "neutralising all hostile SADF generals" within 48 hours after the declaration of martial law.

In this regard, the document reads, contingency planning is in place.

Rightwingers allege that virtually the whole of the command structure of RDF is loyal to the Freedom Alliance and AVF in particular.

Through counter-intelligence networks inside the government's intelligence services, they also believe that they will be able to thwart any planned action by the government.

The next step will be the mobilisation of the total support of the Freedom Alliance for a conventional civil war. This support is estimated to be as much as 2,7-million people.

These disclosures follow claims by both the rightwing and the government claiming the allegiance of the security forces, and the ongoing shambles around the National Peacekeeping Force.

Independent sources also confirm that while the rightwing may not truthfully claim the support of the entire defence force, those who are part of the all-white commando system, especially in many rural areas, seem to have strong rightwing sympathies.

Some commando members have refused to obey to call-up orders while others are reported to have hoisting the Vierkleur in front of their offices.

The document also contains "unconfirmed" allegations concerning military co-operation between the different members of the Freedom Alliance. Among these allegations are that members are supplying, securing and caching arms.

According to the document, several people formerly linked to the SADF or South African Police are also involved in training Inkatha Freedom Party members in rural Zululand. Mention is also made of the possibility of heavy armaments, including aircraft and artillery, being available to the Freedom Alliance.

These allegations were given substance this week when ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said at a session of the Transitional Executive Council that people were being trained and armed in Natal with the apparent aim of "serving the stated goal of certain parties".

He added that between 500 and 1 000 people were being trained and armed in Northern Natal every fortnight.

The document reasons that the AVF and its Freedom Alliance partners have the capacity to seriously destabilise the security situation in South Africa, but that this will depend on a "collective will" to actually embark on destabilising actions.

The authors of the document estimate the AVF's active paramilitary capacity at between 20 000 and 30 000 people.

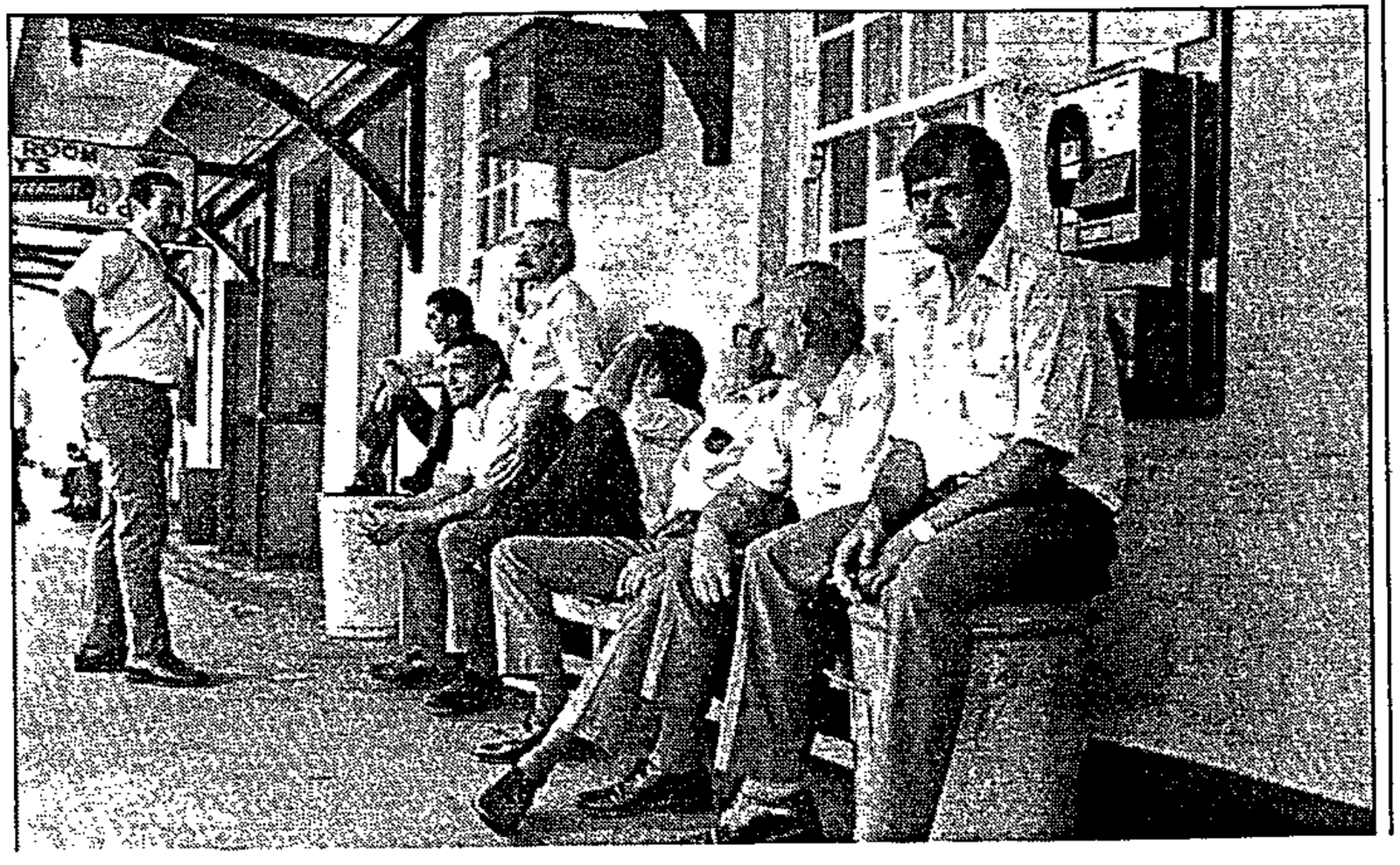
Factors favouring the AVF are seen as the concentration of supporters in the Transvaal and Free State and the high level of military and intelligence expertise of some of its leading members.

A "collective will" to go into action will be strengthened by a perception that the option of negotiation has failed and that resistance may be the only alternative to realise the right's political ideals.

Other factors bolstering the rightwing are "a government policy perceived to be unsympathetic" and "socio-economic realities such as unemployment".

The document nevertheless concludes that the following factors, among others, may "inhibit" the potential of destabilising actions:

- A moral tradition in conservative communities of reluctance to become involved in passive or violent resistance.
- A fear, especially among whites, of loss of material possessions and jobs if they participate in violence.
- Dedicated security force action aimed at nipping rightwing resistance in the bud.
- Uncertainty about the support of "black" Freedom Alliance members.



Train reaction ... Rail services in the PWV were disrupted earlier this week after conductors went on strike for equal pay between black and white Spoornet employees. The strike action was supported by white conductors

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that no new developments had occurred in police investigations, and no arrests had been made.

The ANC and its affiliates have criticised the lack of progress in police investigations of the bombings.

Mr Maninger said: "Afrikaners feel they are being sidelined in the negotiating process while they watch the ANC negotiate its way to power.

"We have seen the levels of frustration at meetings (of the far-right). Indications are that these frustrations are quite widespread and that we are losing control.

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Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotzé said the government and the police shared the ANC's concern at the recent spate of bombings but denied police were doing too little to catch the culprits.

● Sapa reports that ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said all signs pointed to right-wing involvement. "Who else do they think is attacking us?" he asked.

"We are very concerned that the SAP has not found the culprits," he added. "A pattern has emerged and police in the areas must have the resources and contacts in right-wing communities to find the criminals.

Cosatu has threatened consumer boycotts in right-wing towns if the police do not apprehend the culprits.

Defending the SAP, another police spokesman said it had not been proved that right-wing elements were involved in the bombing campaign.

'Right-wing anger at dangerous pitch'

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By DAN SIMON

THERE is "deep concern" in the Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) that frustration among Afrikaners is reaching "dangerous levels", an AVF spokesman said yesterday.

The AVF's Mr Stephan Maninger said the AVF feared the spate of bombings in the western Transvaal and Free State could escalate along with a rise in Afrikaner "frustration".

Saboteurs the ANC alleges to be right-wingers have staged 27 attacks in the past nine weeks.

Mr Maninger said some AVF members were "out of control".

He said the AVF feared the wave of sabotage could increase as "frustrated Afrikaners" had lost faith in their leadership's ability to reach a negotiated settlement ahead of April 27 elections.

Saboteurs have been targeting ANC-linked sites, including offices and homes, and economic targets such as rail links and electricity pylons.

In Thursday's attacks:

● A bomb exploded at the gate of the Potchefstroom farm belonging to ANC member Mr Jan Serfontein.

● A bomb destroyed a community hall used mainly by the black community in the far Western Transvaal town of Groot Marico about 11.30pm. Damage was estimated at R80 000.

● A home-made pipe bomb caused damaged to toilets at Delareyville taxi rank.

No one was hurt in the attacks.

Police said two people were slightly injured on Wednesday when a blast damaged an ANC office near Ottosdal in the western Transvaal.

Trade union offices in Klerksdorp and in Harrismith, in the Free State, have also been bombed recently.

Last month nine AWB members, detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, appeared in court in connection with acts of sabotage on the West Rand and in Pretoria. The case was postponed.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ray Harrald said from Pretoria

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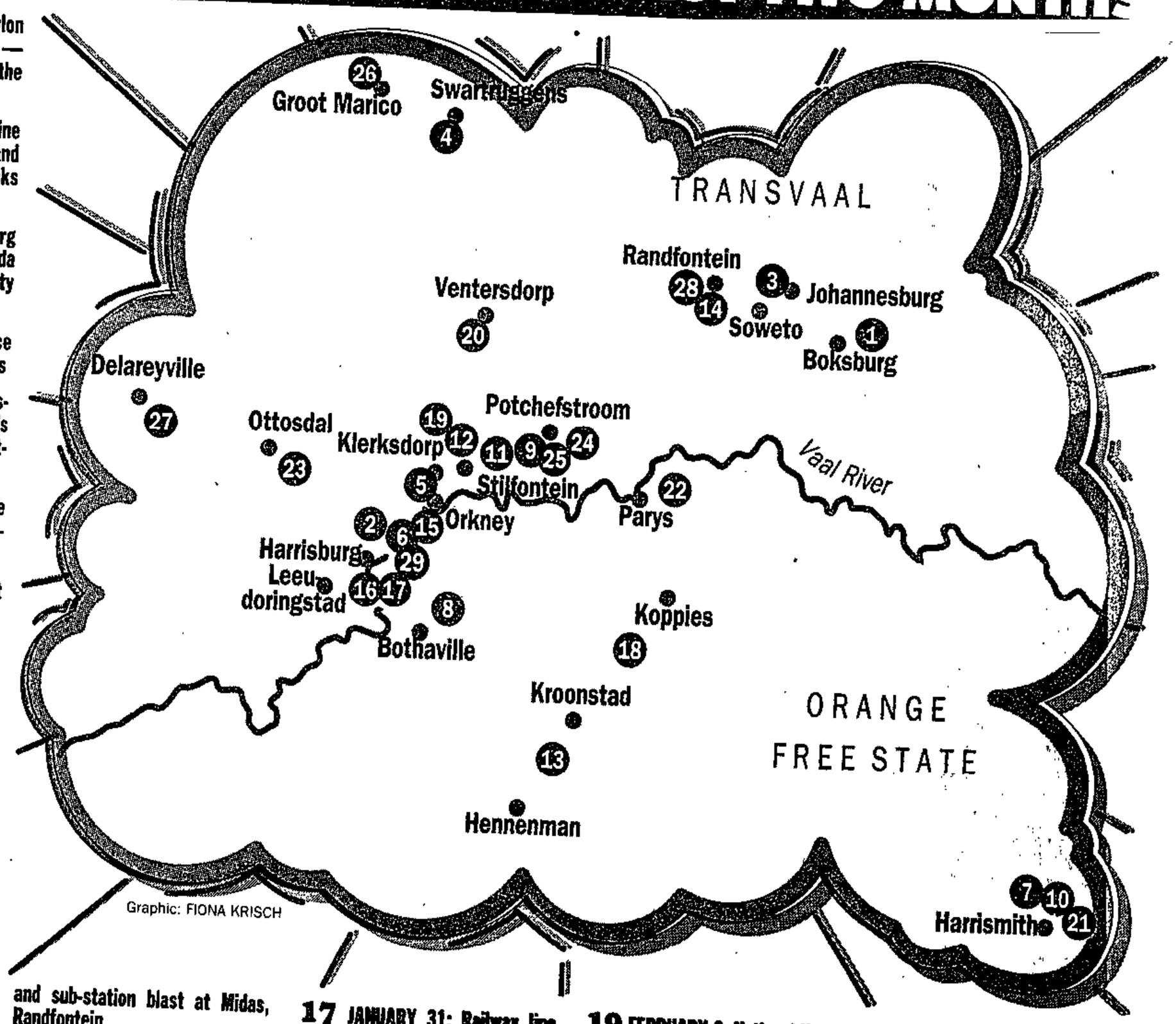
SABOTAGE ATTACKS IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS



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1 DECEMBER 3: Power pylon blast near Boksburg Prison — two die when minibus hits the wreckage later

2 DECEMBER 22: Railway line blast between Leeudoringstad and Klerksdorp — 11 goods trucks derailed

3 DECEMBER 24: Johannesburg line blast between New Canada and Crown stations — empty passenger train derailed

4 JANUARY 3: Municipal office blast at Borolelo, Swartruggens

5 JANUARY 8: Orkney-Klerksdorp line blast — 14 goods trucks derailed, damage estimated at R3-million

6 JANUARY 14: Railway line blast between Orkney and Leeudoringstad

7 JANUARY 16: ANC office blast in Harrismith

8 JANUARY 17: ANC office blast in Von Abo Centre, Bothaville — damage estimated at R200 000

9 JANUARY 18: Railway line blast between Orkney and Potchefstroom — damage estimated at R50 000

10 JANUARY 19: Home of ANC member Cas Human bombed in Harrismith — damage estimated at R5 000

11 JANUARY 19: Power pylon blast at Khuma

12 JANUARY 21: Power pylon blast on Klerksdorp-Stilfontein road — damage estimated at R500 000

13 JANUARY 22: Kroonstad-Hennenman line blast — four trucks derailed

14 JANUARY 23: Power pylon and sub-station blast at Midas, Randfontein

15 JANUARY 26: Railway line blast between Orkney and Leeudoringstad

16 JANUARY 28: Railway line blast between Harrisburg and Leeudoringstad — damage estimated at R5 000

17 JANUARY 31: Railway line blast between Harrisburg and Leeudoringstad — damage estimated at R20 000

18 FEBRUARY 1: Kroonstad-Koppies line blast — nine trucks derailed, damage estimated at R20 000

19 FEBRUARY 2: National Union of Mineworkers and National Union of Metalworkers of SA offices blasted in Boom Street, Klerksdorp — damage estimated at R250 000

20 FEBRUARY 2: ANC advertising board blast in Ventersdorp

21 FEBRUARY 2: NUM office blast, Harrismith

22 FEBRUARY 2: Building housing ANC office blasted in Tumahole, outside Parys — damage estimated at R5 000

23 FEBRUARY 3: ANC office blast at Letsopa, outside Ottosdal — two people slightly injured, damage estimated at R80 000. Several shops owned by Indians in the town petrol bombed

24 FEBRUARY 3: Petrol bomb thrown at Potchefstroom mayor Willie Viljoen's car fails to explode

25 FEBRUARY 4: Gatepost blast on farm of ANC member Jan Serfontein, Potchefstroom

26 FEBRUARY 4: Black community hall blast in Groot Marico — damage estimated at R80 000

27 FEBRUARY 4: Toilet blast at taxi rank, Delareyville

28 FEBRUARY 4: Three explosions destroy power pylon at Holfontein, Randfontein — damage estimated at R500 000

29 FEBRUARY 4: Train line between Harrisburg and Leeudoringstad blown up

Modern-day 'stormjaers' are modelled on the IRA

By NICK OLIVARI

IN the main street of Ottosdal, the Vierkleur was flying high this week.

The Western Transvaal farming town lies in the heart of an area that has seen at least 29 sabotage attempts on train lines, ANC offices, power pylons and private property in the past two months.

In the pub where hunting trophies adorn the walls, pot-bellied farmers, furniture salesmen and minor government functionaries down their beers and say little, beyond agreeing that the only newspaper worth a damn is Die Patriot, mouthpiece of the Conservative Party.

But somewhere in this area, operating in small cells or singly, is the modern-day equivalent of the Stormjaers, the armed wing of the Ossewa Brandwag.

Using the same tactics, operating from the same strongholds as the "stormtroopers" of World War 2, men who could be their grandsons are waging a campaign to restore the Boer Republics.

In 1942, electricity pylons, transformers and communication lines were cut in an effort to hamper the governement's war effort against the Germans.

OB leader Hans van Rensburg, a staunch admirer of the Irish Republicans, took the Stormjaer oath almost word for word from the Sinn Fein movement.

This week, intelligence sources said the rightwingers responsible for the sabotage campaign that has included targets in the PWV area, the Free State and the Western Transvaal, had clearly modelled themselves on the IRA.

Using cells of only one or two members, they are completely independent and operate without orders.

ANC organiser Moses Mothupi said Wednesday's attack on the organisation's offices in Letsopa was a retaliatory raid for the distribution of ANC election posters the week before.

Neighbours said they neither heard nor saw anything suspicious on the night of the blast, though several residents had heard rumours of a mysterious white minibus cruising the township streets the night before.

In Ottosdal itself, the townsfolk say it's too early to say who was behind the blast — but they wouldn't be surprised if it was the ANC themselves.

The police in the Western Transvaal say they have had no luck so far in identifying anyone in connection with the spate of blasts in the area. Intelligence sources said they doubted any arrests would be made "unless the police get lucky".

Intelligence officers are combing thousands of files in an attempt to identify radical rightwingers, but they frankly admit there is little chance of stopping the saboteurs unless a cell can be infiltrated — something that has proved difficult in recent months.

The explosives used include home-made devices concocted from diesel fuel and fertiliser, but commercial explosives have also been used in several blasts.

One intelligence source said outdated stock from mines was the main source.

Security forces are desperate to put an end to the bombings — but intelligence sources say the right wing has the capability to "completely disrupt this country — and there is little we can do about it".

"We don't have a plan to combat them, we are undermanned and our biggest problem is that everything we do gets leaked to them in advance," said one frustrated senior SADF source, who believes the rightwing campaign will "get worse" as the election date nears.

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□ Police raid nets 'OFS, Western Transvaal bombers'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police today launched a massive crackdown on rightwingers and others thought to be responsible for terror attacks across the Western Transvaal, Free State and Northern Cape.

Several arrests are understood to have been made and shots were exchanged in at least one incident, sources have indicated. A rightwinger was injured in a shoot-out in the Klerksdorp region.

At the time of going to press the operation — spread across a massive area from the southern Free State to near Bophuthatswana — was still continuing and police said details were yet to be collated.

In one incident, police swooped on a house in the Klerksdorp area to be met by gunfire. They returned fire, injuring one of the occupants.

It is understood that a group of rightwingers thought to be responsible for some of the recent spate of blasts in the Western Transvaal and Free State were arrested. Police declined to say how many arrests had been made.

One police source said the operation extended beyond a hunt for rightwingers, but declined to elaborate.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze refused to comment this morning, saying only that by 11.30am, operatives were "still in the field" and that Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel would release a full statement later in the day.

More than 30 blasts in the past two months were followed by another four bombings at the weekend, all of which bore the hallmarks of previous attacks though to be the work of the right wing.

Among the targets in IRA-style terror attacks have been power stations, railway lines, ANC and ANC-aligned organisations and businesses.

In the Free State, about three weeks ago, the ANC offices and the home of white ANC member Cas Human were blasted.

The latest target was a day-care centre for black children in Warmbaths, north of Pretoria, last night.

Police spokesman Major Arno Vogel said the blast occurred at the Hluvulani Development Agency, in the centre of Warmbaths, at 11.30pm. No-one was injured in the blast.

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Mandela urges right to settle

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Blasts hit rail line, pylons at weekend

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WARNE WINS FANS . . . Leg-spinner Shane Warne signs an autograph after being mobbed by fans upon his arrival at Jan Smuts Airport with the Australian cricket team yesterday. About 300 fans braved the wet Highveld morning to welcome the Australians to South Africa for their first tour since the sporting ban was lifted. Picture: AP

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At the same time he reiterated his earlier warning to right-wing extremists that the ANC could retaliate within weeks if its offices continued to be bombed.

Mr Mandela said the demand by the right-wing Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) for a "volkstaat" was being negotiated in talks with the government, the ANC and the AVF and he urged a peaceful solution.

"You (the AVF) are making an important demand, but we are not going to give you that demand. But at the same time, we want peace and we want to settle. You are our brothers and our sisters."

On Saturday Mr Mandela said that the ANC would retaliate with force against the right-wing if attacks on the organisation continued.

Mr Hernus Kriel, Minister of Law and Order, rejected Mr Mandela's warning as "hysterical and irresponsible", adding that right-wing retaliation to this could unleash a new cycle of violence.

Two people have died in 29 attacks on ANC offices and electrical and railway structures since the start of December. At the weekend there were three more explosions. Pylons in the Free State and western Transvaal were damaged in blasts and railway carriages were derailed near Leeudoringstad.

In his Saturday statement, Mr Mandela said the ANC was prepared to use its armed wing, uMkhonto weSizwe, to retaliate.

Cosatu has announced it will consider mass action if the spate of bombings continues.

Mr Mandela's warning of action came after AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, threatened "total war" unless whites got a "volkstaat". (See Page 2)

Cosatu and the ANC will ask the TEC this week to investigate the attacks. — Own Correspondent, Staff Reporter, Sapa

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ET promises 'war' if no Volkstaat

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LICHTENBURG. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Mr Eugène Terre'Blanche threw down the gauntlet on Saturday to the ANC, promising "total war" if Afrikaners were not given their own republic.

"Mandela, give us a volkstaat or you'll have total war in South Africa," the AWB leader said at an Afrikaner Volksfront (AVF) rally here.

The 400-strong crowd cheered wildly when the AWB leader made his threat.

Earlier, quoting private security companies, Mr Terre'Blanche said 41 bombs had exploded in the western Transvaal in the past few days.

"Professionals are destroying South Africa's railway tracks to fight the ANC ... More explosions will occur from tonight (Saturday)," he said.

At the same rally AVF leader Major-General Tienie Groenewald said, evidently contradicting Mr Terre'Blanche, the AVF would use any peaceful means to achieve its goals.

But he said he expected no settlement at the end of current negotiations. — Sapa

AWB leader acquitted

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PRETORIA — AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche was acquitted in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday on a charge relating to his failure to appear before the Goldstone commission.

Terre'Blanche had been called to give evidence to the commission on the storming of the World Trade Centre by right wingers last year.

An armoured truck was driven through the centre's plate glass windows.

Magistrate M de Witt ruled that Terre'Blanche had not been given sufficient time in which to consult his legal advisor prior to his appearance before the commission. 3444

Terre'Blanche was summonsed on July 5 last year to give evidence to the commission on July 7.

Outside the court yesterday, Terre'Blanche said he was thankful Roman-Dutch law had not been so corrupted that judgments were made solely on a political basis. The commission had hoped the court would do "its dirty work and find me guilty", he said.

Witness says A man feared f

PATRICK Ronan, the former personal assistant to former Allied MD Kevin de Villiers, felt his position could be threatened by the setting up of Absa, the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard on the first day of the fraud trial of Ronan and De Villiers yesterday.

Manpower Department industrial inspector Jacques van der Merwe testified that Ronan told him he had come across irregularities regarding the takeover bid with United and Volksbank and he felt his position could be threatened.

Van der Merwe said Ronan told him he had asked De Villiers to change the terms of his employment contract to include a 12-month notice period.

Van der Merwe, who dealt with Ronan's severance pay claim for more than R115 000 in 1991, said they spoke after he met Absa group personnel manager Petrus Claassen on August 1 1991.

De Villiers and Ronan pleaded not guilty to charges of fraud, alternatively attempted theft and perjury last year.

The State has alleged that Ronan and De Villiers conspired to arrange that Ronan was entitled to a 12-month notice period as from March 2 1990. The accused then falsified an employment contract.

Both men were charged with perjury after they appeared as witnesses in court in January 1992 regarding the severance pay claim.

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Goniwe: call to charge MI chief

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PORT ELIZABETH — Military Intelligence chief Lt-Gen Joffel van der Westhuizen should be charged with the murder of Matthew Goniwe and three other eastern Cape activists, the Goniwe inquest heard yesterday.

Senior legal counsel for the families of the deceased, George Bizos, also argued that Van der Westhuizen should be charged with conspiring to murder former Ciskei president Lennox Sebe and others named in the Operation Katzen document which detailed plans to rid the eastern Cape of government opposition.

During final argument in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court, Bizos said Van der Westhuizen's testimony had been "I don't remember" when he was asked about a June 7 1985 SADF signal recommending the "permanent removal from society" of Goniwe and two other activists.

He said Col Lourens du Plessis and Gen Johannes van Rensburg, who were also said to be involved in sending the signal, should also be charged with murder.

On June 27 1985 Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkonto and Sicelo Mhlauli were killed between Cradock and Port Elizabeth. The signal mentioned Goniwe, his brother Mbulelo and Calata. — Sapa.

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AWB group in court over roadblock killings

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NINE AWB members who allegedly murdered four black people and attempted to kill six others they stopped at a roadblock on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road in December last year appeared briefly in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

One of their alleged victims, who died at the scene, was 13 years old. Another, who died from his injuries five days later, had an ear cut off.

Petrus Matthew, 26, Martinus van der Schyff, 25, Frederick Badenhorst, 20, Marius Visser, 23, Karel Meiring, 28, Deon Martin, 30, Gerhardus Diedericks, 34, Andre Visser, 39, and Phillipus Kloppers face 13 charges each.

These include four counts of murder, six of attempted murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, assault with intent, two counts of malicious damage to property, and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

Eight of the men were allegedly wearing AWB uniforms at the roadblock on December 12.

It is alleged the group, armed with weapons including homemade firearms, and using a blue light and reflective jackets, set up the roadblock intending to intimidate, assault and kill black motorists.

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They allegedly stopped various cars, searched them and assaulted some of the occupants. (344)

The four dead and six people they allegedly attempted to murder, were all passengers in the last two vehicles stopped.

Various items were allegedly stolen from the occupants before they were ordered to sit on the ground.

The accused then allegedly shot them without warning.

Teboho Makhuza and Patrick Gasemane died on the scene. Kau Theophilus More died shortly afterwards and Thembani Nkompone died from his wounds five days later on December 17.

Three of the people named in the attempted murder charges were not hit. The three others, Petrus Mothupi, William Segotsane and Abram Mothupi were wounded in the arm, upper leg and face.

The trial has been set for March 7.

All nine men are in custody and have been precluded from applying for bail by the attorney-general.

Heavy clouds raise fears of more flooding

LADYSMITH — Heavy rain clouds over the Drakensberg yesterday raised fears of further flooding in parts of northern Natal, including Ladysmith, which is still reeling from last week's floods.

At least 210 families are homeless in Steadville and Mativaanskop, near Ladysmith, which was flooded again on Friday when the Klip River burst its banks.

Civil defence officer Pieter Hattingh said 100 families were left destitute after the flood waters hit Steadville. A community development project funded by the Natal Provincial Administration had provided tents and other amenities for the homeless.

Damage estimated at R50m was caused by the flood, which affected thousands of residents, 150 business premises and more than 12 farms.

Environment and Water Affairs Minister Japie van Wyk will visit Ladysmith on Thursday.

□ Natal's four vital Umgeni River dams are now more than 70% full.

Chelmsford Dam has begun spilling, making a total of five overflowing dams. — Sapa.

Apla five held after pool attack

Police swoop on right wing after blasts

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POLICE expected to make further arrests after detaining five right-wingers in connection with the spate of bombings of electricity pylons, railway lines and offices in the Transvaal and Free State, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

He said the suspects were linked to "far right-wing organisations" and had been arrested at Orkney in the western Transvaal and in Welkom in the Free State.

The swoop, in which a policeman was injured, followed six weeks of investigations into extremist activities. Explosives and firearms were seized in the raids.

The men are being held in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act.

During a raid on a house in Orkney a suspect fired a shotgun through a closed door, hitting a policeman in the chest. The officer was wearing a bullet-proof vest and escaped with only minor injuries.

Kriel said the arrests, as well as those of seven left-wing extremists linked to a weekend attack on a Richard's Bay swimming pool, should serve as a warning that police would act against extremists.

The Richard's Bay suspects included five Apla members. In that incident, gunmen threw grenades and fired on bathers at a public pool, wounding a teenager.

Kriel said that, in light of the arrests, ANC president Nelson Mandela should apologise for recent remarks criticising President F W de Klerk and the SAP.

Mandela welcomed the arrests, saying such action, if properly pursued, can only serve to restore the image of the SAP as a force capable of impartial and effective

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action on behalf of all South Africans.

"We can only hope that these arrests signal the beginning of a comprehensive strategy designed to bring to justice those elements that wish to frustrate non-racialism, peace and democracy," he said.

Mandela accused Kriel of abusing the situation to make "cheap political capital".

At least 30 bombing attacks have taken place in the western Transvaal and the Free State since November. Railway lines, pylons, ANC and Cosatu offices and business premises belonging to ANC supporters have been targeted.

The ANC alliance has blamed the right wing and accused the police of being lax in apprehending those responsible.

Mandela said last week that unless the attacks were stopped the ANC's armed wing Umkonto we Sizwe would be used against the perpetrators.

However, AWB leader Eugene Terre-'Blanche warned yesterday that SA could soon look like Guy Fawkes if government and the ANC continued to stand in the way of a boerestaat. "The Boer will strike with bombs and any other means to defend his land." He said he knew nothing of the arrests or who had been behind the attacks.

In one of the latest attacks, a refuge for black children at Warmbaths was damaged in an explosion late on Sunday night. The building's roof was blown off and surrounding buildings were damaged. No one was injured.

Sapa reports the Federation of SA La-

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bour Unions (Fedsal) condemned the sabotage attacks. It said the blasts had not only endangered the lives of the public but also of Fedsal members in the transport and electricity industries.

SA Footplate Staff Association chief secretary Chris de Vos said innocent railway staff did not want to be part of Terre'-Blanche's Guy Fawkes.

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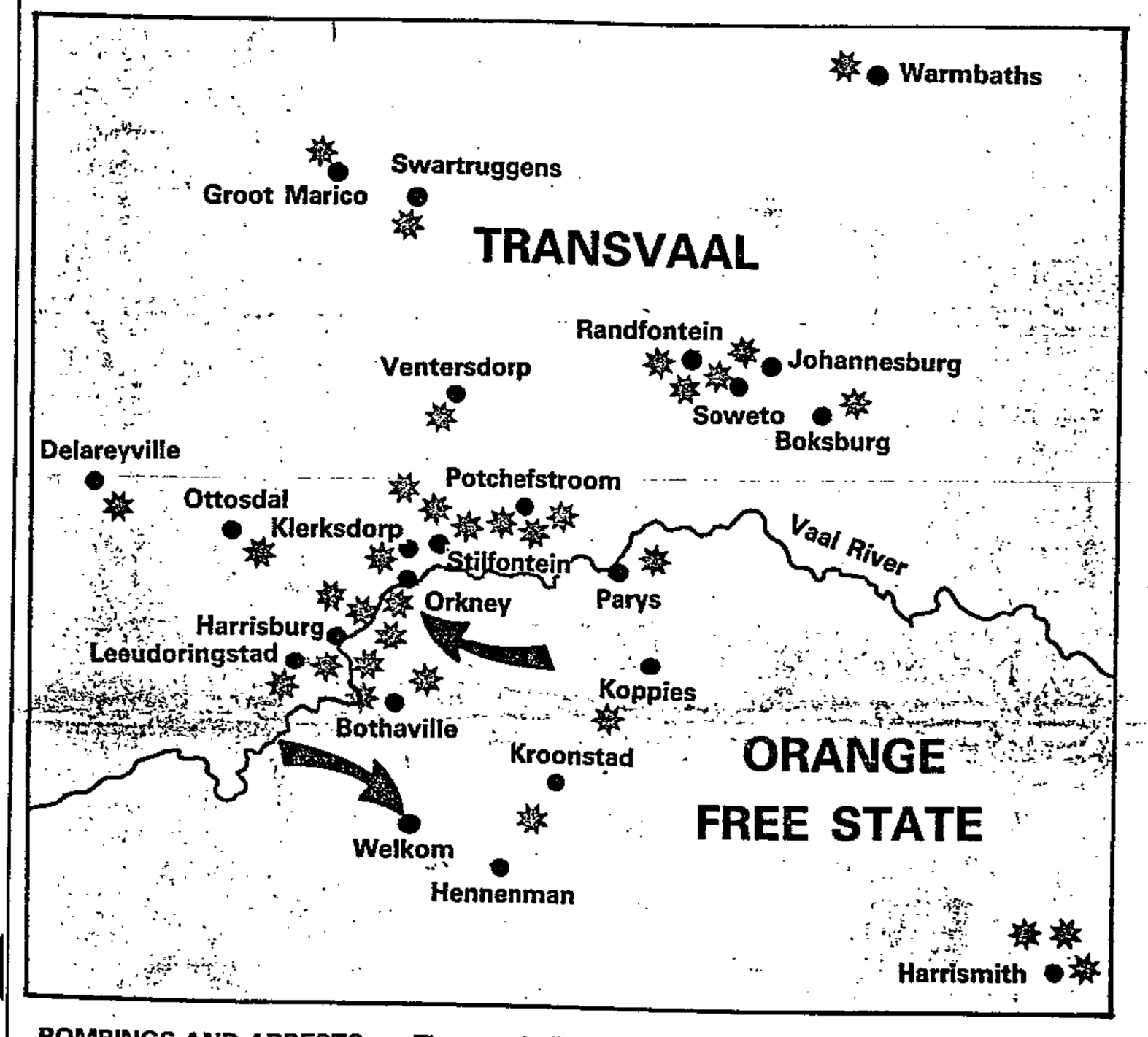
Association members belonged to a range of political organisations, including those on the right wing. He challenged CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg to state whether he supported attacks that threatened the lives of association and CP members.

☐ Cosatu said it wanted to clarify its stance on possible mass action in protest against the bombing campaign. A spokesman said Cosatu would first approach the TEC, and measures such as consumer boycotts would be taken only if approved by the organisation's local regions and if police continued to fail to protect people in the affected areas.

Crackdown



BOMBINGS AND ARRESTS . . . The stars indicate where 33 bombings have taken place in the Western and Northern Transvaal and the Free State since December, and the arrows where police swooped on five right-wing suspects at Orkney and Welkom yesterday. Illustration: LESLEY STACEY

'More bombers to be arrested'

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police expect to make more arrests after detaining five right-wingers in connection with the spate of bombings of electricity pylons, railway lines and offices in the Transvaal and Free State.

Police have also made arrests in connection with an attack by left-wing extremists in Richards Bay at the weekend.

This was disclosed yesterday by Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel who disclosed that explosives and firearms had been seized in the raids.

Last night ANC president, Mr Nelson Mandela welcomed the arrests.

"Such action, if properly pursued, can only serve the process of restoring the image of the SA Police as a force capable of impartial and effective action," he said in a statement.

Last night, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche warned that South Africa could soon look like "Guy Fawkes" if the government and the ANC continued to stand in the way of the establishment of a "boerestaat".

He denied any knowledge of the arrests and of who had been behind the attacks but said Afrikaners had fought a "bitter war" against the British and would do the same against the ANC and the NP.

"The Boer will strike with bombs and any other means to defend his land," he said.

Shot fired

In the latest blast, an explosive device went off at a refuge for homeless children in Warmbaths, in the Northern Transvaal, just before midnight on Sunday. Earlier an electricity pylon near Bothaville in the Free State was damaged by an explosion.

Mr Kriel said the held suspects were linked to a variety of "far-right organisations" and had been arrested at Orkney in the Western Transvaal and Welkom in the Free State.

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The Federation of SA Labour Unions (Fedsal) yesterday condemned the attacks and called on the people responsible to start realising the harm they were doing.

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Court acquits Terre'Blanche

PRETORIA. — AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was acquitted yesterday of failing to testify to the Goldstone Commission last July.

Magistrate Mr M C de Witt found that the summons on Mr Terre'Blanche to testify about the June 25 right-wing occupation of the World Trade Centre had been served on him only two days before the preliminary commission hearing into the incident.

Mr De Witt said the summons had not been served a reasonable time before the hearing and Mr Terre'Blanche's failure to respond to it could not be viewed as an offence. 844 CT8/2/94 -

He said Mr Terre'Blanche was a busy man who lived in Ventersdorp, 176km from Pretoria.

The night before he was meant to testify, the AWB chief had spoken at a Kimberley meeting, which would have had to be postponed at short notice and great expense if he was to testify in Pretoria the next morning.

Mr De Witt said it had not been unreasonable for Mr Terre'Blanche to think that the matter was sub judice, and he could not testify. — Sapa

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TerreBlanche acquitted

PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

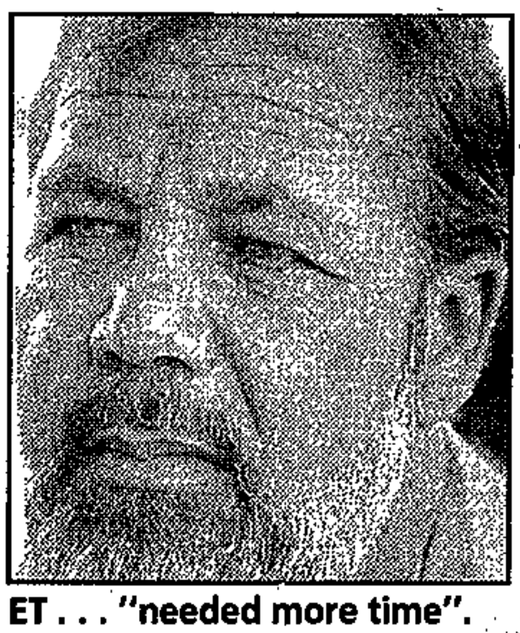
AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche was acquitted yesterday on charges of failing to appear before the Goldstone Commission following the storming of the World Trade Centre last year. (344)

"I am very thankful that Roman Dutch law has not at this stage been so corrupted or politicised that judgments are made on a political basis," Terre-Blanche said outside the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday.

Supporters crowded around TerreBlanche to congratulate him after magistrate M de Witt acquitted him of the charge.

De Witt said it was not unreasonable that a person would want to consult his legal adviser before appearing in front of the Goldstone Commission. He said the time between the summons being served on TerreBlanche and the date on which he was due to appear was insufficient.

TerreBlanche was summonsed on July 5 to appear before the commission two days later.



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Right-wingers may be detained

GAVIN DU VENAGE B/Day

THE four right-wingers remaining in custody following Monday's arrests might soon be detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said yesterday.

He said one AWB member had been released after questioning. 9/2/94

AWB secretary-general Nico Prinsloo confirmed that at least three of the five people originally detained were AWB members. Burger Terre'Blanche and Neels Labuschagne, who were arrested in the western Transvaal, were senior members. Cas Groenewald was arrested and later released. (344)

The men were arrested in connection with a series of bombings of ANC offices, electricity pylons and railway lines.

Kotze said although the suspects were being held under the Criminal Procedure Act, it was not certain when they would appear in court. It was possible that they would be held under the Internal Security Act to allow more time for investigations.

Two of the four detained men were farmers, one an AWB member and the other an Afrikaner Volksfront member. The other two were unemployed and their political affiliations were not known.

Prinsloo said the AWB was being targeted after ANC president Nelson Mandela's call to arrest right-wingers. Police were arresting prominent AWB members on flimsy evidence to appease the ANC.

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Groenewald's release soon after his arrest bore this out.

"We expect our people to be arrested under the Criminal Procedure Act, and as soon as they are inside, to be held under Section 29," he said. (344)

Sapa reports that western Transvaal police Commissioner Maj-Gen Tokkie Nienaber said in Potchefstroom a meeting had been held with the ANC. Police agreed to step up patrols of ANC offices and asked the organisation to also guard its offices.

Meanwhile Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel welcomed Mandela's praise of police action against the right wing, but said the ANC leader "still had a very long way to go" to redress the propaganda campaign the ANC had waged against police.

Namibian president Sam Nujoma pledged assistance to the ANC in the struggle against the right wing. He called on Namibians to help the ANC, financially or materially, saying the right could not be allowed to halt the progress to democracy.

2 more rightwingers held over bombings

ARG 9/2/94 (344)

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Another two rightwingers have been arrested in connection with the recent spate of bomb attacks in the Western Transvaal and the Free State.

The two were arrested in the Western Transvaal. One of the men is a doctor.

Six suspected rightwingers are now being held, some in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act and others under the Criminal Procedure Act.

On Monday police arrested five men. One, a 38-year-old businessman and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member, was freed after questioning.

A 35-year-old farmer and AWB member, a 32-year-old farmer and Afrikaner Volksfront supporter and two unemployed men whose political affiliations are not yet known, are still in custody.

Meanwhile the house of white ANC member Cas Human has been targeted by saboteurs for the second time.

Police said a bomb exploded on the pavement outside Mr Human's home in Harrismith in the Free State about 11.15pm yesterday.

Witnesses told police they saw the occupants of a yellow Ford Cortina hurl the bomb towards Mr Human's house as they sped down the street.

But the explosive landed on the pavement, damaging only a parked vehicle.

On January 10 a bomb put on the window ledge of Mr Human's lounge caused damage estimated at thousands of rands.

A Free State police spokesman said the type of explosive in yesterday's bomb had not yet been established.

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Rightwingers disrupt meeting in Free State

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — Rightwingers have disrupted a meeting at Reddersburg called to inform people about the interim constitution.

Two officials from the South African Communications Service, which organised the meeting held last night, were escorted out of the town.

SACS regional director Corrie Evert said it was regrettable that people were being prevented from exercising their democratic right to be informed about current affairs.

The meeting was one of the first of a series to be held by the SACS in the Free State before the April election. — Sapa.

Rightists face detention law

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Police may need time — Kotze

CT 9/2/94

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The four-right wingers remaining in custody following Monday's arrests may soon be detained under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, Law and Order spokesman Mr Craig Kotze said yesterday.

One suspect was released soon after his arrest.

And yesterday Namibian President Sam Nujoma pledged assistance to the ANC in the struggle against the right-wing. He publicly called on Namibians to provide assistance to the ANC, either financially or materially. He said the right could not be allowed to halt the progress to democracy.

Five men were initially arrested in early-morning raids in the western Transvaal and Free State in connection with a series of bombings that have targeted ANC offices, electricity pylons and railway lines.

Mr Kotze said one suspect, an AWB member, had been released after being questioned.

Mr Kotze said the suspects were presently being held under the Criminal Procedure Act, and it was possible they would be held under the Internal Security Act to give police more time for their investigations.

Two of the four suspects held were farmers, one belonging to the AWB and the other to the Afrikaner Volksfront. No details on the other two were available.

AWB secretary-general Mr Nico Prinsloo said at least three of the five people originally detained were AWB members.

He said Mr B Terre'Blanche and "Col" Neels Labuschagne, who were arrested in the western Transvaal, were "senior members" of the organisation. "Staff Sergeant" Cas Groenewald was arrested but later released, he said.

Mr Prinsloo said the organisation was being targeted after ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela's call to arrest right-wingers.

● Meanwhile Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday although he welcomed Mr Mandela's praise of police action against the right-wing, Mr Mandela "still had a long way to go" to redress the progaganda campaign the ANC had waged against the police.

Commercial 'bomb' hits pipeline

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JOHANNESBURG. — Commercial explosives caused the blast which ruptured a Sasol pipeline near the Vaal river yesterday, causing a wall of explosive gas to collect over sections of the river, police confirmed.

No one was hurt in the 3am explosion which occurred underneath a bridge crossing the river on the Golden Highway between Vanderbijlpark and Sasolburg.

Sasol technicians managed to cut the supply of gas to the pipeline and were busy repairing the leak.

The gas presents no immediate danger to residents and the area was sealed off. — Sapa

'Afrikaners must oppose right-wing'

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC on Saturday called on all Afrikaans speaking South Africans — young and old, urban or rural — to voice their opposition to right-wing demands for a volkstaat and to their threats of "limited violence".

"Unless they do so," said senior ANC executive officer Mr Steve Tshwete, "there is a very real danger that the new South Africa could be plunged straight back into bloodshed and civil strife.

"People can't sit back and say: 'I'm a businessman not a politician,' or 'I'm a sportsman not a politician'.

"If we are plunged into a civil war by a lunatic right-wing fringe — no matter how small their numbers might be — the entire country will suffer." — Sapa

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AWB's war 'nonracial'

IT made no difference if opponents of a volkstaat were "white or black or Technicolor", the AWB would wage war against them, Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said on Agenda last night.

Mr Terre'Blanche denied a contention by interviewer Mr Max du Preez that he "romanticised" violence with his threat to "burn down South Africa" if the right-wing was denied a volkstaat. CT 15/2/94

Despite being pressed by Mr Du Preez, he declined to specifically name who would be targeted by the AWB.

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Right-wing detainee released

■ PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

A prominent Klerksdorp surgeon, who was held in connection with several bombings connected to the right wing, has been released from detention after a day of drama involving two court hearings.

The Pretoria Supreme Court first ordered the immediate release of suspected bomber Dr Tinus Maartens, who was being held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

The release was ordered by Mr Justice Spoelstra yesterday.

After an application brought by his wife, Dr Louisa Maartens, he was released and arrested earlier this month in connection with 22 bomb explosions which had occurred in the western Transvaal.

Dr Louisa Maartens submitted an urgent application for his release this week, saying there was no reason to suspect he was involved in any crimes.

She said it was true he was an outspoken supporter of right-wing sentiments, but as a member of the Afrikaner Volksfront and Conservative Party he firmly believed in negotiations.

Louisa Maartens said police had searched their house on February 6.

Switches

Among the items confiscated were empty beer cans, pieces of metal, plastic packets containing some unidentified substance, electrical switches, a video camera battery with wires attached, and steel pipes — all items which police said could be used in the manufacture of bombs.

A blue kitbag was found by police sniffer dogs, indicating that it could once have contained explosives. Counsel for Louisa Maartens said it had been used to carry spent cartridges after target-shooting, and the dog could have smelt gunpowder.

Mr Justice Spoelstra found in favour of Louisa Maartens's application, saying there was no indication that the items found proved her husband's possible involvement in the bombings.

He added that her counsel was correct in saying it was pointless detaining a suspect for questioning when he had used his right to remain silent.

Maartens later appeared in Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court where the State asked for bail of R5 000 to be set.

The magistrate, Riette de Beer, released Maartens on his own recognisances, saying she was bound by the Supreme Court ruling.

Maartens was warned to appear in court again on March 2.

No call to end violence from rightwing church

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Pat Sidley WM 18-24/2/94

THE far rightwing Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk has declined to call on its members to desist from violence. This emerged from a press statement it released after a meeting with the five white Afrikaans churches on Wednesday night.

The church, a breakaway from the Dutch Reformed Church, has among its estimated 30 000 members Conservative Party leader Ferdie Hartzenberg and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terreblanche. The APK called on FW de Klerk to call off the April 27 elections. If this was done, it said, it would go to its members and ask them to refrain from violence.

The other four churches — the Dutch Reformed Church, the Gereformeerde Kerk, the Nederduitsche Hervormde Kerk and the Apostolic Faith Mission, who together account for about two million white Afrikaners — issued a statement after the meeting calling for continued negotiations and peace.

Rightist 'trains Zulus'

NEWCASTLE. — Orde Boerevolk member Mr Leonard Veenendal says he is prepared to go to war for an Afrikaner volkstaat and is training Zulus to defend themselves militarily against an ANC "onslaught".

"If it means going to war to keep what is mine, then we'll go to war."

The prominent right-winger, who is also the officer commanding of the Northern Natal Boerekommando, said in an interview yesterday: "It's no secret that we're training them ... we have trained them offensively."

Newcastle ANC leader Mr Mandla Cele said he was aware of training sites in the district and had requested the Transitional Executive Council to act against them. 344

Mr Veenendal would not disclose the camps' whereabouts or give details, and refused reporters access to the camps. — Sapa CT 23/2/94

'Police fight all terrorism' reply to BWB threat

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PRETORIA. — The police will continue to combat "all forms of terrorism" with all the power at their disposal.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said this yesterday.

He was reacting to a warning by Boere Weerstandsbeweging leader Andrew Ford to Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel that arrested rightwingers should be charged or immediately released.

Failure to do so, Mr Ford threatened, would lead to resistance and the start of "the freedom struggle".

Mr Ford condemned the detention of rightwingers in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, saying they did not have access to their wives and children.

If Mr Kriel did not want to release those arrested they should be treated in accordance with the Geneva Convention because they were "freedom fighters", Mr Ford said.

All BWB officers would in future have bodyguards for protection and if they were fired at it might start the next freedom struggle, he added.

"This war would rest entirely on your (Mr Kriel's) shoulders." — Sapa.

(Report by E van Wyk, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.)

Namibia fugitive heads Natal boerekommando

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APG 24/2/94

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A man wanted for questioning in Namibia about a variety of crimes, including murder and terrorism, has emerged as a powerful figure in the far right in Northern Natal.

Leonard Veenendaal, who is now the "officer commanding" the Northern Natal boerekommando, admits he's wanted for murder, and other assorted crimes he cannot remember.

Mr Veenendaal, who also claims to be the chief of staff of the ultra-right wing Orde Boerevolk, fled Namibia a few years ago just ahead of that country's security forces.

He is reluctant to speak of that episode in his life, but admitted in an interview with The Daily News, sister paper of The Argus, that he was still wanted in Namibia on nine charges.

"I'm wanted for murder, terrorism, possession of arms and explosives, escaping from lawful custody ... I can't remember all of them."

Mr Veenendaal was somewhat vague about why the South African government had not handed him over to the Namibian authorities. "The issue is more complex ... ".

He said he had come to terms with the possibility that a South African government might one day extradite him. "It is more of a burden to my family — to my wife and children. I've made peace with it."

Mr Veenendaal remains "fully employed" in a military capacity. He refuses to say who his employers are but admits he has given military training to "more than 1 000 Zulus".

AWB commandos outnumber security forces, claims ET

☐ 'Give us a Volkstaat or face revolution'

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JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's Wenkommando outnumbers the security forces of the state, says AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

In a typically fiery address in the Cape Town City Hall last night, marked by repeated threats of a violent rightwing struggle for a volkstaat, Mr Terre'Blanche warned of a revolution after April 27 "bigger and more terrible" than the French revolution.

AWB members allowed only white journalists to cover proceedings inside the hall. Before Mr Terre'Blanche arrived a group of 10 journalists, including three black photographers, were forced to leave.

Black photographers were manhandled by uniformed and armed AWB members as they were forced back from the hall entrance, watched by curious streetchildren and black onlookers.

Inside, Mr Terre'Blanche told a crowd of about 800 the claim to a volkstaat was "a humble request" which ANC president Nelson Mandela had denied.

Afrikaners had asked for just 14 percent of their own land but been refused. But if Mr Mandela blocked the demand for a volkstaat, the AWB would fight "with the barrel of a gun".

Then Mr Mandela and his henchmen would have to negotiate about land, he said.

If the "reasonable" request for a volkstaat was rejected it would be clear who the aggressor was.

"Give the volk just a piece of land where he can live in peace. Leave him so that he can pray in the name of his people," Mr Terre'Blanche said.

"We will fight, we will fight, we will fight, we will fight, until we get it," he said to thunderous applause and cheers.

According to figures he had read in a newspaper, the Defence Force had 30 000 permanent force men, 60 percent of whom were black, Mr Terre'Blanche said.

The AWB had twice as many soldiers to call on. The organisation's 60 000-strong Wenkommando was well-trained and ready to fight and the days of the AWB being outnumbered were over.

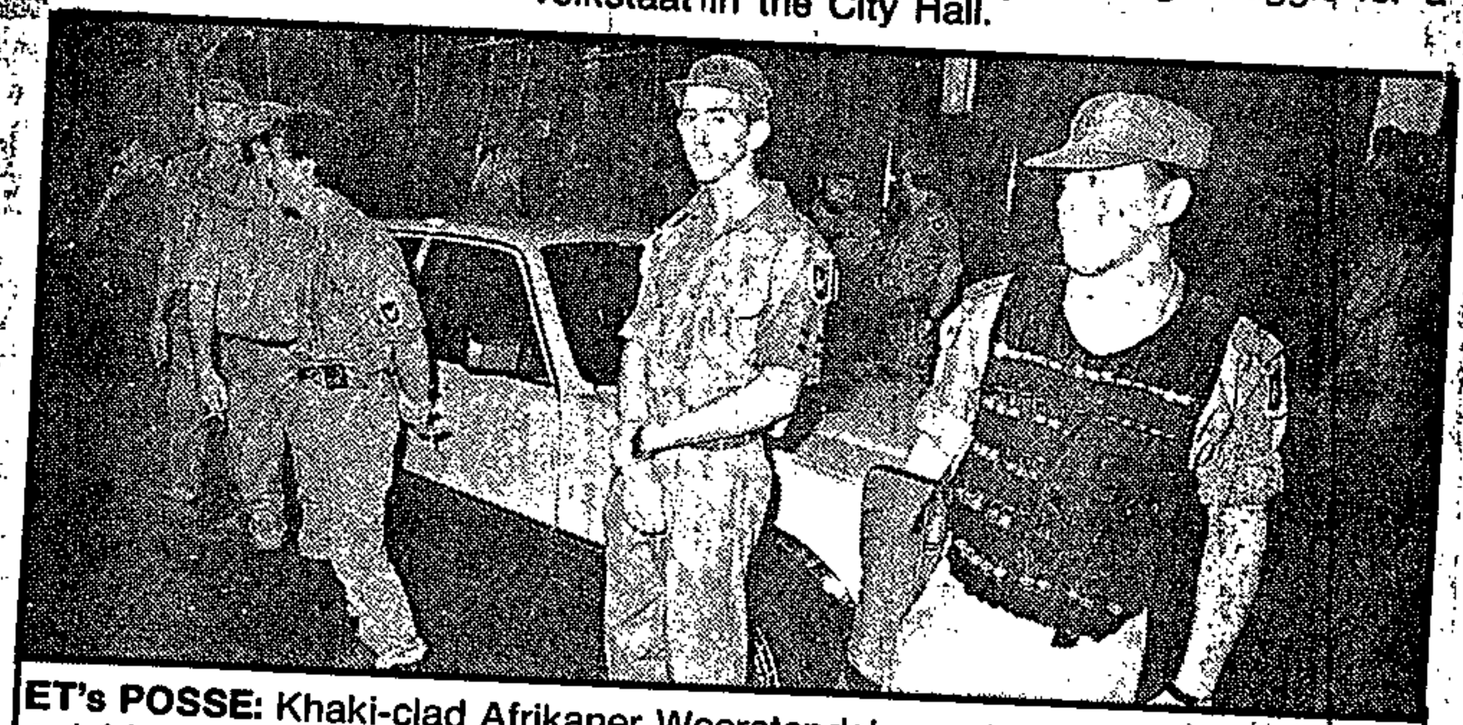
The state could muster a force of about 220 000, but two-thirds of this were rightwing supporters.

Police and the SADF would refuse to obey orders "from communists" to fire on the Boers, he said.

After Mr Terre'Blanche had spoken the crowd was asked to contribute to AWB funds. The organisation had spent R300 000 on legal fees alone in 1993 and needed money for the "final struggle".



RIGHTWING RHETORIC: Fiery Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche repeated threats of a violent right-wing struggle for a volkstaat in the City Hall.



ET's POSSE: Khaki-clad Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members on guard outside the City Hall where their leader Eugene Terre'Blanche spoke last night.

Pictures: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

Blasts 'welcome' new black Pretoria family

PRETORIA. — A black family who moved into a Silverton home received a rude welcome yesterday — two petrol-bombs were thrown into their yard. (344) CT 1/3/94

A police spokesman said one petrol bomb exploded in the house, causing great damage.

The pre-dawn attack followed the placement of Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging flags outside the home on Sunday night. — Sapa

Right-wing group claims second town

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE municipal offices of another northern Transvaal town were barricaded yesterday by right-wingers demanding that it be incorporated into a volkstaat.

Members of the Pretoria Boer Commando laid barbed wire and sandbags around the offices in Rayton.

Last month, the same group temporarily barricaded the offices in Akasia, north of Pretoria.

The right-wingers erected barricades during the early hours of the morning, said Rayton town clerk Nick Ebersohn.

He said the barricades had been put up — without the permission of the council — as a symbolic gesture. During the day at least three men stood watch over the barricades, although access to the buildings was unrestricted.

A special meeting of the seven-member council last night unanimously decided to call for the removal of the barricades, Ebersohn said.

He refused to comment on whether the council supported inclusion in a volkstaat. The councillors were all independents, he added.

Ebersohn said the town was complying with the Local Government Transition Act, which calls for the implementation of a negotiating forum by early May. He said talks with the local civics were continuing.

Sapa reports that Boer Commando commandant Willem Ratte said on Radio Pretoria that the Rayton council's offices had been barricaded at the request of the mayor and the local community.

He said it was at local government level that the volkstaat would stand or fall.

The Act allows for provincial administrators to impose a temporary nonracial council on a town if it refuses to set up a negotiating forum.

□ Volksfront leaders Tienie Groenewald and Constand Viljoen met an ANC delegation led by Matthew Phosa in Standerton yesterday to discuss a planned ANC march through the town tomorrow.

Other issues discussed included the declaration of Standerton as part of a volkstaat and the consumer boycott of Standerton businesses.

Last month the ANC attempted to hold an illegal march in the town to protest against calls to include Standerton in a volkstaat. Police fired on marchers, injuring dozens of people.

Report by G Duvenage, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Black newsmen at AWB meeting

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CT 2/3/94

Staff Reporters

TWO black photographers evicted from an AWB meeting at the City Hall on Monday night were last night allowed to cover the right-wing organisation's meeting in the Kraaifontein town hall.

Earlier in the day AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche, explaining the ban, said at a press conference he could not guarantee the safety of black journalists covering his meetings because "nationalist emotions run high" and people "don't understand the tension of the Afrikaner who is under threat of losing his land".

He also accused journalists attending Monday's meeting of being "confrontational" and said their bosses should know better than to send black journalists to right-wing meetings.

Last night the two photographers — Mr John Christopher of England and local photographer Mr Bernard Perez — were searched entering the hall and greeted with discontented murmurs when they sat down at press tables at the front of the hall.

The meeting was attended by about 700 people. Mr Terre'Blanche said to thunderous applause that the media "wants the freedom to go where they like but are not prepared to write about the 'Boer' who wants their own freedom in his own land".

Mr Christopher said: "I am just doing my job but I would be lying if I didn't say I was scared."

Meanwhile, the TEC yesterday called on Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel to say what the police had done to prevent the AWB from acting against journalists because of their skin colour.

SA Communist Party representative Mr Joe Slovo said the AWB action was "one of the most outrageous events since we been engaged in the process to democratic transition".

"The security forces must prevent them from acting against people purely on grounds of their colour."

The Democratic Party's media spokesman, Mr Peter Soal, said the AWB action was "as racist" as the attitude the PAC and Azapo's displayed towards journalists at Apla commander Mr Sabelo Phama's funeral at the weekend.

"It is the duty of the press to mirror society, warts and all, and the AWB should desist from their undemocratic tactics," Mr Soal said.

The Media Workers' Association of South Africa (Mwasa) said the AWB had a right to hold its beliefs and ideals, but no right to threaten journalists covering news events. Mwasa said the incident should be viewed as an effort to undermine the freedom of the press.

The union called on the Independent Electoral Commission to act against the AWB.

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SMILE, PLEASE . . . AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche — flanked by "Ironguards" including the man who evicted black journalists from a City Hall meeting — leaves the Kraaifontein City Hall last night as British press photographer John Christopher captures the moment. Picture: ANNE LAING

'Racism': Council sticks by decision

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THE City Council has come under pressure to refuse to hire the City Hall to the AWB because of the organisation's racist stance — but has refused to do so. CT 2/3/94

On Monday the AWB refused to admit black journalists to the City Hall, which it had hired from the council for a public meeting.

Executive committee chairman Mr Clive Keegansaid if one believed in freedom of speech and association, then one must allow the AWB to call a meeting for whomsoever it liked.

Spokesman Mr Ted Doman said that while it was clear the council would not agree with much the AWB said or did, its attitude was like that of Voltaire, the French Revolution philosopher who had claimed he was prepared to defend "to the death" someone's right to say something with which he disagreed.

● The SA Union of Journalists said yesterday it found the AWB's behaviour "petty and infantile".

Right 'ready to act if martial law imposed'

CT 4/3/94 (344)

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Afrikaner Volksfront believes the government and the ANC have struck a deal to declare martial law if attempts are made to create a breakaway volkstaat, according to a secret document allegedly prepared by state intelligence for the cabinet.

The document, acquired by the Weekly Mail & Guardian, details right-wing contingency plans if martial law is declared.

These include hijacking the SADF's Rapid Deployment Force, which the document claims is loyal to the Volksfront. Former SADF Special Forces members would take control of key communication structures, and hostile SADF generals would be "neutralised" within 48 hours.

The right-wing believes it can counter any move by government because it has infiltrated state intelligence networks.

The document also contains "unconfirmed" allegations of military cooperation between Freedom Alliance members, involving the supplying and stockpiling of arms.

The document estimates the Volksfront's paramilitary capacity at 20 000 to 30 000 members, and lists as its strengths its concentration in the Transvaal and Free State and its leaders' high level of military and intelligence expertise.

Bombed by 'rightwing bandits'

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

KIMBERLEY. — The African National Congress has accused rightwingers of planting the bomb which damaged an ANC office in Kuruman early yesterday.

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The explosion, which blew out windows in buildings up to 200m away, is estimated to have caused about R200 000 damage to the building, which housed an ANC advisory office.

It blew a two-metre hole in the pavement.

ANC spokesman Pakes Dikgetsi said it was the second bomb at the Kuruman office. He said an explosive device was found on February 15 but it failed to detonate.

"Our security man was inside the office early yesterday and he noticed about six cars passing slowly, with the occupants peering at the offices on the ground floor.

"Later two white men wearing balaclavas placed a parcel next to the door.

"Our guard went to investiate and the men ran away. Our guard chased them.

"Within seconds a huge explosion occurred and extensive damage was caused to the building,' Mr Digketsi said.

He said the ANC condemned a "blatant act of terrorism" and believed it was the work of enemies of democracy and peace, like the "rightwing bandits".

He said the right wing had clearly embarked on a campaign to spoil and wreak havoc in the region.

"Since the beginning of this week heavily armed rightwingers have disrupted three Northern Cape local government forums which were trying to establish transitional councils.

"The ANC will not be intimidated by these actions but will remain steadfast in its commitment to work for peace and a better life for all," Mr Dikgetsi said.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has meanwhile denied responsibility for the blast.

AWB general secretary Nico Prinsloo said his organisation would do everything in its power to resist the ANC government which was being "forced upon us" and would fight back with all it has.

'The AWB will definitely not bind itself to a government that consists of the ANC and SACP. We just won't accept such an authority.

'We do not want to be part of the boiling pot that the government wants to put us into with the ANC communist set-up."

Mr Prinsloo said the government and the ANC should give in to the AWB's demands, which included acknowledging the Boerevolk, their right to self-determination and the right to be ruled by their own people.

"The government and the ANC must immediately give in to these demands or chaos will continue until our demands have been met."

The National Party has condemned the blast, saying it is against violence of any form.

Democratic Party spokesman George Pressley described the bomb blast as "senseless, barbaric and pointless".

'We can not tolerate the bombing of a political opponent's office as it augurs badly for free and fair elections and indicates the intolerance of certain elements, said Canon Pressley.

'It sugggests that there are elements on both sides of the political spectrum that want to make people afraid and who want to create no-go areas.'

He added that the DP was anxious to know who was responsible for the blast.

Conservative Party provincial secretary Koot Jonker said the CP did not know who was responsible but he blamed President De Klerk.

"By unbanning the ANC and negotiating the constitution, the State President has brought about violence in the country," Mr Jonker said.

A Kuruman resident, who did not want to be named, when asked how the right felt about an ANC office in Kuruman, pointed at the remains of the office and said: "That should be proof enough".

Police, investigating terrorism, said they would know later what type of explosive was used.

Ramaphosa murder plot

ARG 5/3/94 (344)

JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa says reports of a rightwing plot to murder him "leave one numb".

Speaking on independent Radio 702 yesterday, he said: "It causes a great deal of concern that there could be a bunch of people out there who want to eliminate one."

The Sowetan newspaper said Constand Viljoen, leader of the Afrikaner Volksfront, told the ANC about the alleged plot.

The ANC had confirmed that General Viljoen "volunteered information linking the plot with covert military operations," the Sowetan reported.

The paper said General Viljoen had approached the ANC with the information to draw suspicion away from his own people.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said police wanted an urgent meeting with General Viljoen to check the reports.

"If there are such threats, it is considered conspiracy to commit murder, which police view very seriously," said Mr Kotze.

General Viljoen said it was not the Afrikaner Volksfront's policy to become involved in hit-squad activites.

He said the Sowetan story was probably aimed at discrediting the rightwing.

The assassination of Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani was a clear example of an incident from which the country, and especially the AVF, had not benefited at all.

"On the contrary, it caused more damage," said General Viljoen.

"I am not involved in the alleged activities and play no role in such planning.

"If I should become aware of such planning, I would report it to the police and do everything possible to prevent such a dangerous deed," said General Viljoen.

Police chief of intelligence Krappies Engelbrecht has been designated to urgently interview General Viljoen in connection with the plot, Mr Kotze said last night.

Police had sought an interview with General Viljoen earlier, but he was "out of town". As soon as the general was available, Major-General Engelbrecht would personally interview him, said Mr Kotze.

The Sowetan said Mr Ramaphosa's security had been stepped up.

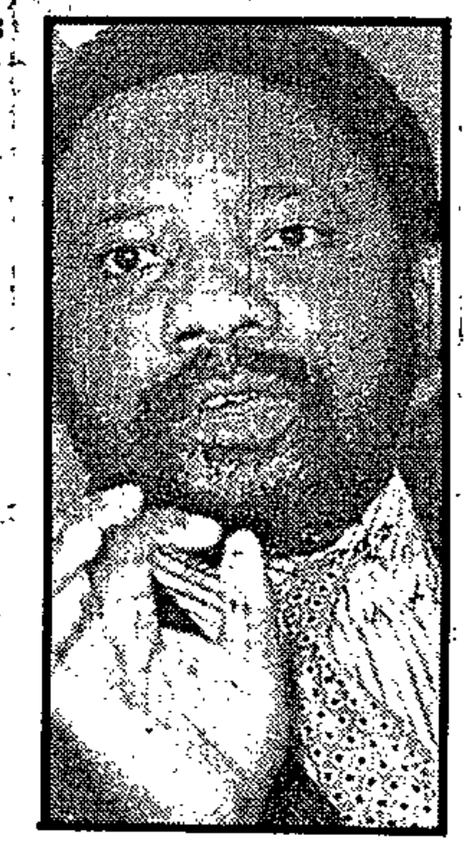
Mr Kotze said that the matter was seen in an extremely serious light as South Africa could not afford another incident such as the assassination of Mr Hani.

The ANC said late yesterday it had received information from "independent sources" about the plot to murder Mr Ramaphosa.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the organisation was calling on law enforcement agencies to institute a thorough investigation to determine whether there existed a broader plan to kill ANC leaders.

The Weekly Mail yesterday ran a story about an alleged rightwing war plan to hijack the Defence Force's rapid deployment force and strategic installations and to "neutralise" hostile generals at the outbreak of hypothetical hostilities. — Sapa.

(News by N Patterton, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg).



Cyril Ramaphosa ... target of murder plot

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The 66 hotbeds of the right in the Transvaal, Free State

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — In the Transvaal and Free State 66 towns and villages have shown by their statements or their support for the Conservative Party that they favour a volkstaat.

The CP claims that its surveys have shown that another 57 centres in the Transvaal, 21 in the Free State and 132 in the Cape have indicated their support.

And on the map the small Vierkeur flags mark the spots — Newcastle and Richards Bay — where northern Natal's right-wingers have declared their support for a volkstaat.

The 66 pro volkstaat centres in the Transvaal and Free State:

1. Amersfoort
2. Balfour
3. Bethal
4. Carolina
5. Delmas
6. Greylingstad
7. Devon
8. Lydenburg
9. Middelburg
10. Piet Retief

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11. Standerton
12. Groblersdal
13. Hendrina
14. Barberton
15. Carletonville
16. Fochville
17. Stilfontein
18. Ventersdorp
19. Lichtenburg
20. Schweizer Reneke
21. Wolmaransstad
22. Swartruggens
23. Sannieshof
24. Delareyville
25. Ottosdal
26. Bloemhof
27. Rustenburg
28. Brits
29. Potgietersrus
30. Naboomspruit
31. Marble Hall
32. Nylstroom
33. Thabazimbi
34. Meyerton
35. Akasia
36. Krugersdorp
37. Springs
38. Bloemspruit
39. Boshoff
40. Bothaville
41. Dealesville
42. Edenburg
43. Excelsior
44. Heilbron
45. Hennenman
46. Hertzogville
47. Jagersfontein
48. Koffiefontein
49. Koppies
50. Odendaalsrus
51. Oranjeville
52. Parys
52. Parys
53. Petrusville
54. Reddersburg
55. Rosendal
56. Senekal
57. Springfontein
58. Theunissen
59. Ventersburg
60. Viljoenskroon
61. Villiers
62. Virginia
63. Vrede
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65. Wesselsbron
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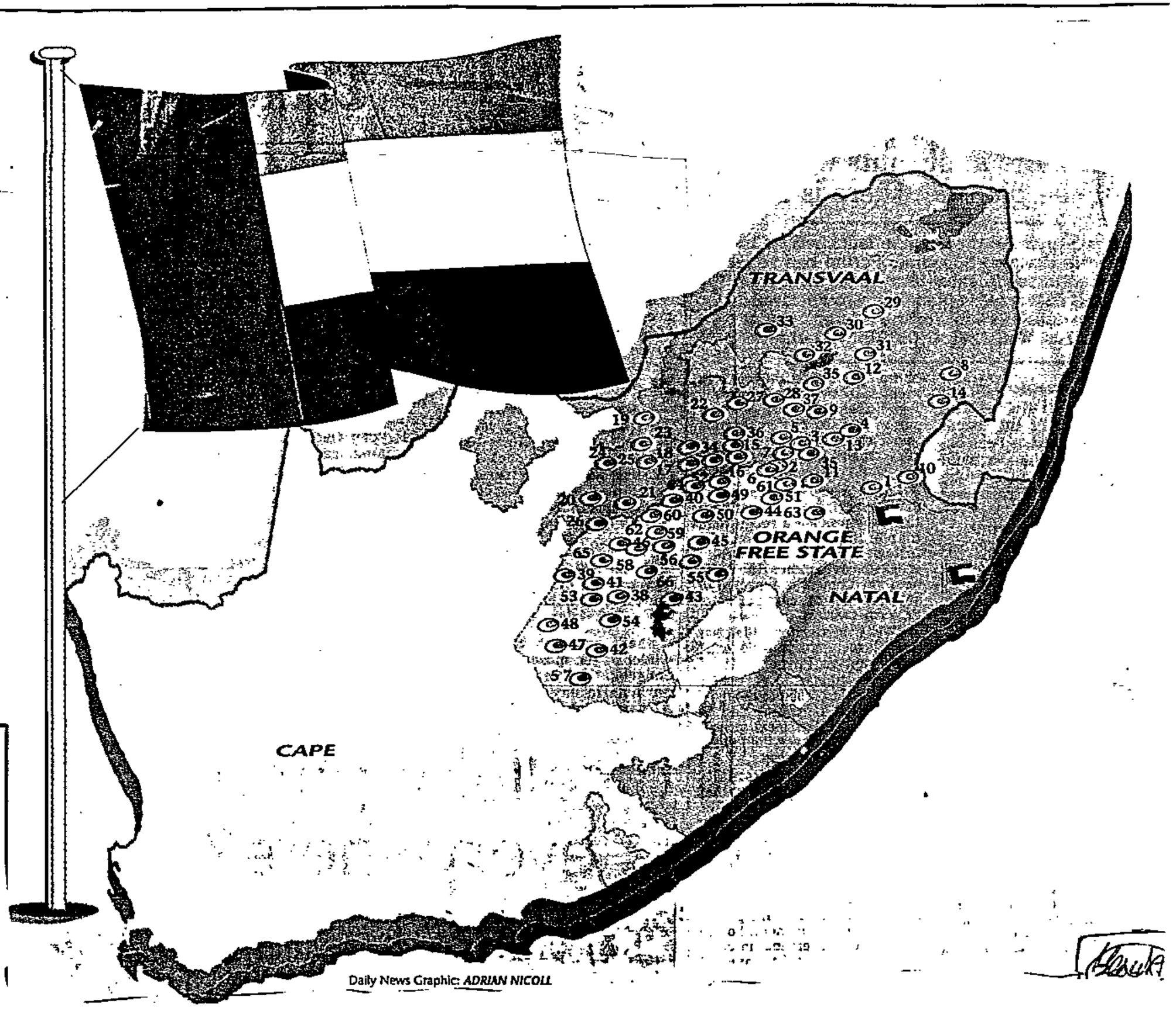
(News by K Ross, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg).



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Viljoen to hone the right's military might

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AVF leader Constand Viljoen will relinquish his political role and focus on rightwing military strategy, reports **Jan Taljaard**

AFRIKANER Volksfront leader General Constand Viljoen is to withdraw from politics and focus on honing the far-right's military plans.

On the record as saying he is more comfortable in a military milieu, Viljoen this week indicated he would be taking a back-seat to politics and would instead concentrate on building and maintaining the armed potential of the Afrikaner Volksfront.

But Viljoen does not see a military option as the only one remaining. Perhaps more than any other rightwing leader, he realises a volkstaat emerging out of armed conflict would have a very limited lifespan.

A firm believer in the concept of a "balance of powers", Viljoen sees a strong military potential as a way of forcing other parties' hands in granting concessions and even in getting an internationally recognised volkstaat deal.

It is understood that while Viljoen will leave the Freedom Front (Vryheidsfront) as a vehicle for any rightwingers willing to test their support at the polls, it is unlikely he will get into the driving seat.

Perhaps too eager to retain broad rightwing unity, Viljoen has expressed himself on numerous occasions as unwilling to cause a split in rightwing ranks.

His political position within the AVF has, however, become untenable. With old-style apartheid advocates in the Conservative Party leading the way, even former supporters of Viljoen have joined the chorus accusing him of being a sell-out and traitor by ostensibly trying to force them to take part in the election.

And while Viljoen may privately be of the view that the ballot box is the best place to prove support for a volkstaat, he is held back by his desire not to split the ranks.

While he is still pushing for a plebiscite among whites before April 27 to determine support for a volkstaat, it is highly improbable Viljoen will get his wish.

On Wednesday evening he spelled out the new role he envisages for himself on the SABC's *Agenda* programme. Interviewed by Freek Robinson, Viljoen said in future he would act more in an advisory capacity to Volksfront politicians.

Claiming that the military potential of the Afrikaner and the AVF constituted an integral part of their power base, Viljoen stressed his future task would be to build up and maintain that power. (344) ~~(344)~~

Apart from numerous private armies such as the Wenkommando of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and the Pretoria Boerekommando Group (PBKG), this military potential is thought to largely consist of ordinary rightwingers who are part of the SADF commando structures.

Rightwing sources supportive of Viljoen say his decision to step down from a political platform also enables him to bypass his hardline detractors within the AVF.

Viljoen's registration of the Vryheidsfront last Friday night nevertheless left open an option that may still come into play if the Inkatha Freedom Party and other members of the Freedom Alliance decide to contest the election.

Apart from the registration stirring up vehement feelings against Viljoen within rightwing ranks, it also postponed the long-awaited public disclosure of the borders of the volkstaat.

Last weekend everything was ready, with a large number of maps already printed for circulation among AVF members.

The "new" map, that is still being kept on ice, differs in important aspects from the earlier volkstaat map that originated from the Vekom think-tank of Major General Tienie Groenewald and Koos Reynecke.

While advocates of the Vekom volkstaat were at pains to prove that demographics may be on the side of their boundaries, the new map has reverted back to old historical claims involving the restoration of the Boer republics.

Another significant change is that the envisaged corridor cutting through Northern Natal to Richards Bay has been discarded for the more historical option of finding a route to the sea via Maputo.

'Folly' to use private armies

PRETORIA. — There was no room for private armies in South Africa, President F W de Klerk said yesterday.

Referring to events involving the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging in Bophuthatswana, Mr De Klerk told journalists here: "The far right proves the absolute folly of private armies poking their noses in things which should be and are in fact state business."

Commenting on reports that three AWB members were killed by a Bophuthatswana Defence Force member in Mmbatho yesterday, Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha said: "There was a severe clash between the AWB and the BDF."

The AWB claim that they stood for independent homelands had not impressed BDF members.

"I hope this is a very good lesson to (AWB leader) Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche," he said.

Mr De Klerk said the right-wing action appeared to be in contravention of the law.

"We will use all the facilities of the state to suppress any efforts at sedition. It is the task of security forces to maintain the law and private armies will be breaking the law if they transgress on to the field of authority of the security forces." — Sapa

Right-wingers fire on newsmen

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AWB members opened fire on an SABC television crew filming their withdrawal from Mmbatho yesterday.

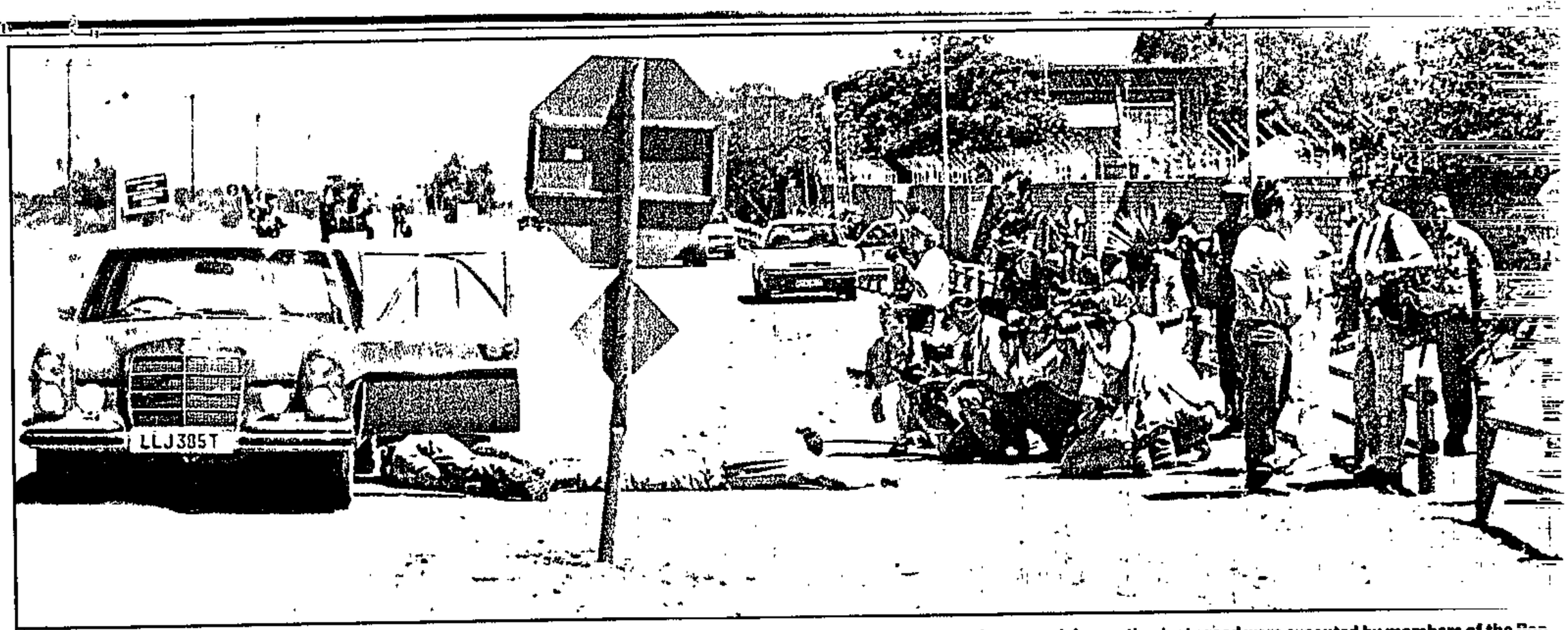
This was one of several incidents in which right-wingers and supporters of President Lucas Mangope assaulted, shot at, and harassed journalists covering the Bophuthatswana uprising.

Two senior journalists, Mr John Battersby of the Christian Science Monitor and Mr Paul Tayler were severely beaten and kicked by the retreating AWB members outside Mafikeng as they went to the aid of the SABC crew who were shot at. The crew was filming the tail end of the AWB's retreat from Mafikeng.

SABC radio journalist Mr Eugene Yssel was earlier beaten and kicked at the AWB's so-called campaign headquarters, the Bophuthatswana Defence Force airfield.

Star photographer Mr Ken Oosterbroek was assaulted and his film confiscated, and Cape Town freelance photographer Mr Fanie Jacobs was also assaulted.

● The SA government has made "strong representations" to the Bophuthatswana government about the beatings, Minister of Foreign Affairs Pik Botha said yesterday. — Sapa



LAST INTERVIEW ... minutes after answering questions from this group of SA and international journalists, the three men lying on the dusty road were executed by members of the Bop

Volksfront's day of 'glory' ends in hasty retreat

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THE WEEK THAT BROKE BOP



By DIRK VAN EEDEN

AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche was ordered to withdraw his ragtag army of rightwingers from Bophuthatswana by a fellow rightwing officer and the head of the homeland's defence force. He agreed to do so and then reneged.

The result: three of his men were killed after a shootout with Bophuthatswana Defence Force soldiers and an unknown number of black civilians were slaughtered or injured in shootings by out-of-control rightwingers.

Allegations of random violence emerged in the wake of the rightwingers' brief "invasion" of Mmabatho this week.

An estimated 500 members of Mr Terre Blanche's AWB entered Bophuthatswana uninvited on Thursday night along with a larger force of 3 500 rightwingers called up by General Constand Viljoen at the invitation of President Lucas Mangope to suppress the uprising.

On Friday morning, orders came for the AWB members who had joined the Volksfront men at the air force base to withdraw. This followed a confrontation on Thursday night between Mr Terre Blanche and Major-General Jack Turner, chief of the BDF.

General Turner said yesterday that when he heard that heavily armed AWB members had assembled at Roolgrond on Thursday night, he instructed Colonel Manne Botes to tell Mr Terre Blanche to withdraw his men immediately.

"His reaction was that he did not take orders from colonels. Mr Terre Blanche was accompanied to Mmabatho, where I personally made it clear to him that he and his men should leave.

"Mr Terre Blanche was visibly upset but, after lengthy discussion, agreed to leave. Regrettably, he reneged.

On Friday, after AWB members had opened fire on BDF troops at the Molopo military base, the man in charge of the AVF force, former 32 Battalion commander Colonel Jan Breytenbach, told AWB chief of staff "General" Alec Cruywagen to withdraw. The AWB men at first refused.

When the AWB did move out, according to the Sunday Times source, "it wasn't even in a proper convoy, and they started firing at random".

"Shortly after three AWB members were shot in the street, they radioed back to the airport that a convoy of BDF armoured vehicles was heading our way."

Most of the 3 500 men at the base then withdrew in convoy, leaving about 150.

At dusk, General Viljoen arrived and the SADF moved in to secure the area. "That's when we left, under SADF escort. But on the way back to SA, we ran into four ambushes", said the source. One AVF member was killed and three wounded.



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By JOCELYN MAKER

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The bullets that no one expected

By PETER De IONNO

THE execution of the rightwingers in Mafikeng was as unexpected as it was brutal.

No one expected it to happen. Not the journalists crowding around the scene to see and interview some of the gunmen who invaded Bophuthatswana, not the black civilians, not the police who had them under arrest, and certainly not the victims themselves.

When the man who had killed one of the rightwingers turned his gun on journalists and others, cover and safety were my only thoughts. As others sheltered behind a brick wall, I dived into an ornamental garden.

A minute before I had interviewed both the victims. They were subdued and frightened but spoke readily. They were under arrest and the police, although agitated, were not mistreating them.

Every journalist at the scene treated the three men with compassion. But for the execution, it was like any other event in the middle of the week's turmoil that produced hundreds of casualties.

A short while before, colleague Ray Hartley, who saw the rightwingers surrender, had asked a Colonel Marx of the Bophuthatswana Defence Force to call for medics. He was told an ambulance was on the way.

Then suddenly they were all shot dead.

It was horrific and it was shocking, a sight I never want to see again. It was murder. Neither cold-blooded nor premeditated, but a crime of passion.

At least one other policeman had vented his anger by abusing and threatening them. I urged him to stay calm and he seemed to listen.

But after four days of rioting, shooting and bodies it was hard to find sympathy for the men who had come to the homeland armed and looking for trouble. They were the aggressors and were singled out by two angry men who made them pay the ultimate price.



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Sunday Times 13/3/94

By MPHO KOBUE

MORE than 80 Bophuthatswana policemen and defence force members in the Odi region were seen slinging their rifles and other weapons over their shoulders and looting shops in the Mabopane Central City shopping complex on Friday afternoon.

Defence Force members began by helping themselves to goods left behind by fleeing looters who had torched the complex.

Then police used teargas and birdshot to disperse rioters before breaking into the OK Bazaars store. Policemen were seen carrying off electrical appliances and loading them into their vehicles.

Police shot dead at least four civilian looters

And residents claimed they had seen 11 injured people and bodies lying in the doorways of other shops inside the complex.

There was also looting at the Garankuwa shopping complex, and other businesses in the area were looted and burnt down.

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WIDOW AND DAUGHTER ... Ester with daughter Annalise, 8, who saw AWB 'colonel' Alwyn Wolfaardt executed on TV Picture: CHRISTINE NESBITT

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He was a building contractor in Natal and stood as a Conservative Party candidate at Umlazi in the 1989 general elections.

Mr Fourie leaves his wife, Kitty, and four daughters.

'Bitterly hurt' Cronje cuts his losses

By RAY HARTLEY, PETER De IONNO and CHRIS BARRON

LUCAS MANGOPE'S righthand man, Rowan Cronje, says he is "considering" his political future, but informed speculation is that he will resign from the Bophuthatswana cabinet this week.

His relationship with the man who offered him a job as his advisor 14 years ago is said to be "strained". Mr Cronje says he was "bitterly hurt" by last week's cabinet decision to stay out of the April elections.

Now, after the virtual disintegration of the country he once described with wide-eyed enthusiasm as having "much going for it", he says sadly: "I never wanted it to end this way".

Sad endings and enthusiastic beginnings have been the stuff of this former Dutch Reformed Church dominee's life for longer than he probably cares to remember.

He thought Rhodesia had a lot going for it when he was an up-and-coming 36-year-old cabinet minister in Ian Smith's government.

Then he thought Bishop Abel Muzorewa's government had a lot going for it. After Robert Mugabe took over just one year later, he left Zimbabwe "with great sadness" and headed south for the Ciskei, where he became President Lennox Sebe's adviser.

He thought Mr Sebe was "a very sincere man" — and his country had a lot going for it.

Nine weeks later he was fired and set a course for Bophuthatswana, buoyed up with the hope that "because something happens in one country it doesn't mean it will happen in another".

It has, of course. And it is much much worse than the ever-optimistic Mr Cronje could ever have guessed.

Judging from his hesitant refusal to answer the question yesterday, it seems he doesn't even know who is controlling the country anymore.

All he does know is that "legally and constitutionally" there is still a country to be controlled. Even though "from the perspective of SA, you are sitting in SA".

This may sound confusing, but confusion is something on which Mr Cronje, chairman of the Freedom Alliance, has learnt to thrive.

So confused have people been about his motives that there has been supposedly informed speculation — in parliament no less — that he was once, and may still be, an SA intelligence operative.

Right now though, while he says his North West Christian Democratic Party will "definitely" contest the elections — although he can't say if Mr Mangope will lead the party — he is, probably not for the last time, considering his future.

● Three Bophuthatswana cabinet ministers are reported to have resigned on Thursday, writes MPHO KOBUE.

Health Minister Dr Nat Khaole, Manpower Minister Simon Seodi and Local Government Minister Hendrick Tlou are reported to have quit after disagreeing with Mr Mangope about his refusal to participate in the elections.

Dr Khaole confirmed his resignation to the Sunday Times yesterday.

Reports quoted Dr Khaole — said to be the youngest member of the cabinet — as saying he was "tired of listening to a 70-year-old saying he would die for the sovereignty of the homeland".

Dr Khaole could not confirm the resignation of the other two ministers, but said he had heard that "many" ministers had resigned. He refused to name them.

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'Body snatch' claim denied

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Crime Reporter

THE AWB claimed yesterday they had snatched the bodies of five of its members and smuggled them out of Bophuthatswana — but the SAP deny this.

AWB spokesman Mr Nico Prinsloo told the Cape Times yesterday his organisation "had to steal the bodies" in a clandestine operation and then hand them over to the SAP.

Mr Prinsloo said: "We cannot tell you when we snatched the bodies or how. This is confidential information. The SAP will release a statement later."

However, police denied the AWB's involvement in moving the bodies from Bophuthatswana, saying the SAP together with a major from the Bophuthatswana police force had fetched the bodies on Saturday.

The bodies of Mr Francois Alwyn Venter, Mr Francois Janse van Rensburg, Mr Alwyn Wolfaardt, Mr Fanie Uys and Mr Nick Fourie were in Lichtenburg mortuary, the spokesman said.

The Afrikaner Volksfront yesterday admitted five white right-wingers were killed in clashes with Bophuthatswana forces.

"In total we lost five ... two of the dead were AVF members, three were AWB members," AVF spokesman Mr Stephan Maninger said. (344) (48)

Water Week launch in Alex

Star 17/3/94

■ BY ANITA ALLEN
SCIENCE WRITER

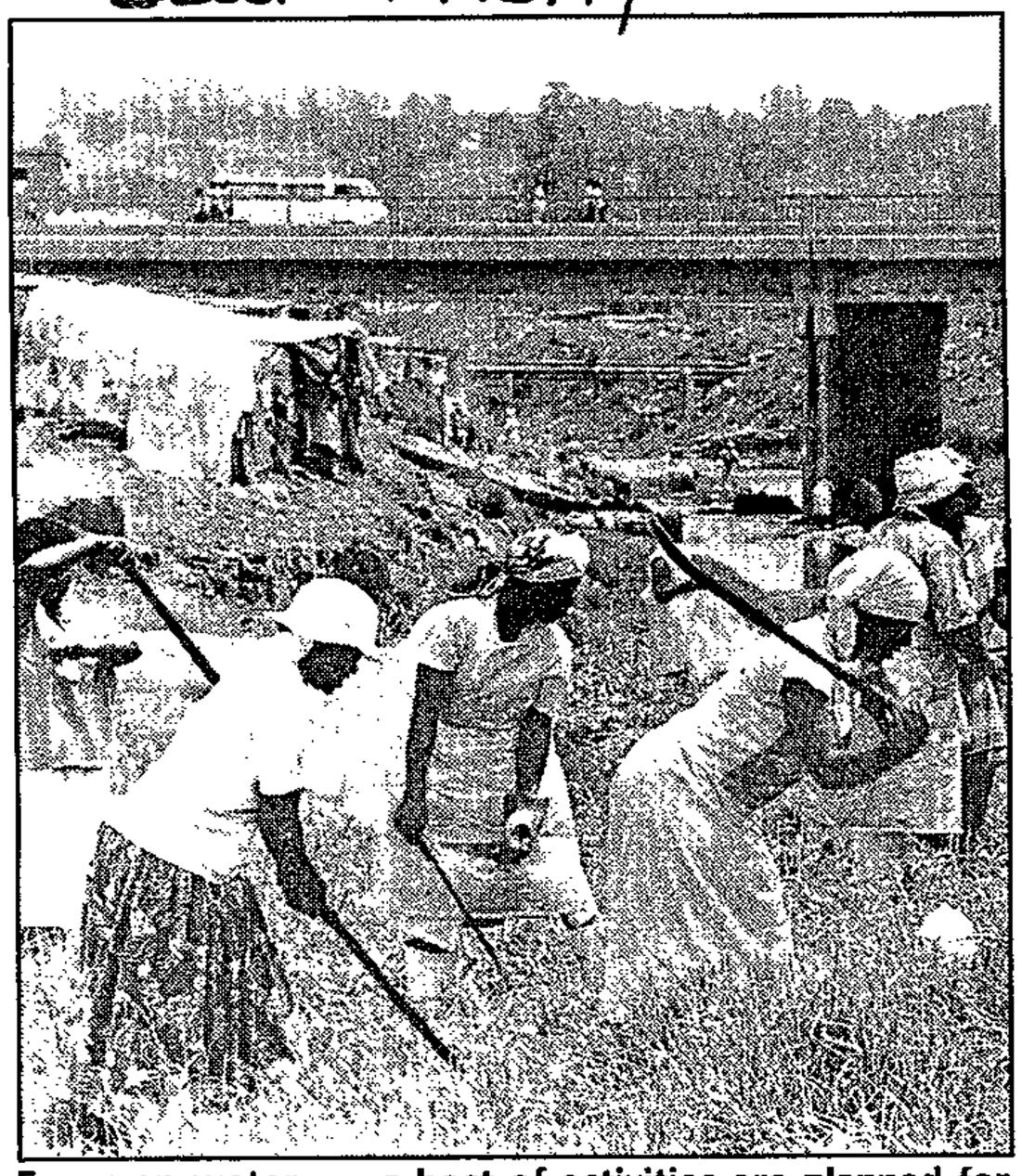
National Water Week, which includes World Water Day on March 22, will be launched officially in Alexandra this weekend, and numerous other activities will be taking place throughout the country.

The ceremony on Saturday in Alexandra marks the "excellent co-operation" between the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF), Work to Win and the 11 municipalities involved in the clean-up of the Jukskei River, one of the most polluted rivers in the country, according to a DWAF statement.

Minister of Environment Affairs and Water Affairs Japie van Wyk will hand over 28 waste-collecting skips and newly erected ablution blocks to the community of Alexandra.

Other events have been planned, including an open invitation to residents of Bedfordview to a clean-up of the Jukskei where it runs through the town. Derek Day, head of the parks department, can be contacted at 455-1610 for details.

In addition, an open invitation has been extended to join the congregation of the New Apostolic Church in their clean-up operation. It will start at 9 am from the corner of Cook and Terrace avenues, Edenvale, and will end with a bring-meat-and-braai in the afternoon. Contact Thinus Coetzee at 622-9245.



Focus on water . . . a host of activities are planned for Alexandra, where the clean-up of the Jukskei River is under way. PICTURE: SEAN WOODS

On World Water Day an environmental competition for schools, Jukskei Eco-monitor '94, will be launched. Schools in the Jukskei catchment area can take part in the clean-up action and will be provided with water quality-test kits and the competition brochure. For more information, contact Marie at the DWAF on (012) 299-2526.

AWB men deny firing at 'roadblock' victims

Star 17/3/94

■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

Three AWB members charged with the murder of four blacks handed in their written plea explanations at the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Karel Meiring (28), Gerhardus Diedericks (34) and Andre Visser (39) are part of a gang of nine accused of the slaying of the four along the R29 on December 12.

They, together with their co-accused, Petrus Matthews (26), Frederick Badenhorst (20), Marius Visser (23) and Martinus van der Schyff (25), have pleaded not guilty to the four counts of murder and six of attempted murder.

The men have also pleaded not guilty to one count of robbery with aggravating circumstances, two of malicious damage to property, one of assault and one of the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Two other co-accused, Deon Martin (30) and Phillipus Kloppers (39), will be tried separately. Their trial was separated from that of the rest after they were sent to Sterkfontein for observation.

In the first full day of testimony, Meiring, Diedericks and Visser admitted being present at a "roadblock" after receiving instructions to attend an AWB gathering.

They also admitted they were aware that they were to set up roadblocks to enable them to search the cars of black occupants for unlicensed weapons.

"Any unlicensed weapons we found would be handed over to the police for a reward . . . But I never foresaw the possibility that any of the occupants would be assaulted, injured or killed," the statements read.

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Too scared

All three denied firing at the occupants of the two vehicles they had pulled over, claiming that when they heard the first shots they jumped into their cars.

All claimed that they were too scared for themselves and their families to report the incident to the police.

Meanwhile, Matthews and Van der Schyff identified Kloppers as the person who had cut off the right ear of one of the black men, and set fire to one of the vehicles, in confessions made to police which were handed in as evidence by the State.

Badenhorst also submitted a written plea explanation yesterday, and Visser pleaded guilty to the charges of illegally possessing arms and ammunition.

The case continues today.

Clash: German/SA rightist links probe

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PRETORIA. — Police are investigating possible right-wing links between South Africa and Germany after one of three Germans opened fire on a passing police patrol in Pretoria this week.

Two policemen were injured in the ensuing shoot-out and a German "tourist" was killed.

The incident sparked speculation of possible gun-running. Police seized an AK-47 rifle, a Scorpion machine-pistol and a number of light weapons, and army browns and water bottles.

Mr Thomas Kunst, 32, was killed and Mr Stephan Rays, 26, is being detained. Police are looking for Mr Heinrich Simms, 57. They were in the country illegally as their visas had expired.

The two police constables injured in the shootout, which occurred while they were on a routine patrol, are recovering. A police spokesman said the German embassy had been informed of the incident. — Sapa

Right warned not to attempt town takeovers

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Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — President De Klerk last night warned the right wing that it would be in conflict with the law if it tried to physically "take over" any town's authority on March 31.

Speaking after the government's regular bi-monthly cabinet meeting, he said contingency plans were in place to deal with what "the Conservative Party-cum-Afrikaner Volksfront have in mind for certain towns".

Mr De Klerk would not elaborate on these plans.

"We will act firmly against any action or deed which constitutes a transgression of the law," the State President said.

He said at the Union Buildings that Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members involved in crimes in Bophathatswana last week would be charged in the homeland.

The government was also considering any evidence of the AVF or the AWB having transgressed any South African law.

Referring to the fears of civil servants, Mr De Klerk assured them that their positions were guaranteed in terms of the Interim Constitution.

"Your positions are secured. Your pensions are safe. All of you will become part of the civil service, the defence force, regional police forces and the national police force. Your careers are safe," he said.

The cabinet, he said, also yesterday discussed preparations for the implementation of the interim constitution.

Steps ensuring a smooth transition after the election varied from enlarging the large chamber in Parliament, where the Senate will sit for the inauguration ceremony of the new government to the election ceremony, he said.

Turning to Bophuthatswana, Mr De Klerk disclosed he had yesterday morning received a telephone call from the homeland's former president, Lucas Mangope, about him being placed under house arrest.

In view of the relative stability in the homeland, Mr Mangope would not be required to be confined to his home, but at his request an SA Defence Force unit would remain with him and accompany him, Mr De Klerk said.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha told journalists at the same Press conference that SADF troops had been sent to Bophuthatswana because the homeland government and Mr Mangope had lost effective control.

(News by E Waugh, Johannesburg).

Rightist 'plot': FW takes hard line

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — President F W de Klerk warned the right-wing yesterday that its plans to occupy certain towns on March 31 in support of a volkstaat would be firmly resisted (B44)

Mr De Klerk said he had heard rumours that members of the AWB and Afrikaner Volksfront were planning, among other actions, to "take charge physically of a particular town" on March 31. ACT 17/3/94

He warned the right-wing that the government would act firmly.

"We will not and dare not allow the consitutional process to be disrupted or undermined by anybody."

Any right-wing attempt to usurp any existing local authority or agency would amount to a criminal action.

Plans had also been framed by the government, in consultation with the TEC, to ensure "the right of all people in the Natal/KwaZulu area who want to vote is protected".

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Shot tourists (344) far-right links

Stephen Laufer and Jan Taljaard

THE German tourists involved in a shootout with police this week are Hamburg "flotsam" with criminal records and links to the South African far-rightwing.

One of the tourists involved in the gunfight during which his travelling companion was killed has been detained under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. Police invoked the provision against Stephan Rays because they believe there is a political background to the shootout in which two constables were wounded, confirmed Brigadier Victor of the Pretoria CID.

Reliable right-wing sources say Rays and Thomas Kunst were in contact with a wealthy Pretoria man who has long been prominent in white extremist politics. It is believed he accommodated them for at least part of the two months they were in South Africa before the shootout.

The men, both of whom have criminal records in Germany, are understood to have been recruited for unspecified duties in South Africa by a third German involved in the incident, Heinrich Siems. According to sources in Germany, Siems travelled to Hamburg last October, where he met Rays and Kunst on the notorious Reeperbahn, a red-light district which attracts criminals from across Europe.

Siems, also known as Klüger, is still on the run.

Details as to Rays' and Kunst's activities in South Africa are still sketchy, but there have been hints that they were recruited as hit-men for assassinations by the white right.

Rays is reported to have told police the group got their weapons from Horst Klenz, a German arrested three years ago in South Africa on murder charges. Klenz was freed from jail by sympathisers, said one report.

Kunst and Siems are described by German sources as "typical Hamburg harbour flotsam". They lived in cheap hotels in the red light district and were known on the Reeperbahn for their big mouths, speaking frequently of their allegedly heroic deeds as mercenaries.

It is understood they spent time in Croatia between meeting Siems last October and coming to South Africa in January.

As far as could be ascertained, neither man has a history of right-wing activity or connections in Germany. According to official German sources, Kunst has at least one previous conviction for a serious crime of violence. Rays was convicted in Germany on robbery charges.

German issued a warrant for Kunst's arrest in December in connection with the armed robbery of a post office in the northern town of Lübeck. He is said to have netted DM20 000 (R40 000).

AVF man slams AWB 'rabble'

A HIGHLY placed Afrikaner Volksfront official has described the AVF's co-operation with the AWB in Bophuthatswana last week as a dismal failure.

The official declined to be named because "I have had death threats all week from the AWB". He said any notion that the operation was a victory was "ridiculous". Star 19131194

The operation, he said, had failed because of "the AWB's unwanted presence and the absence of logistical support".

Describing the behaviour and performance of the AWB, he said: "Their (the AWB) leaving their wounded behind, and the atrocities they allegedly committed, is the final proof that the AWB is in no way a capable military force.

"In fact, its incompetence and undisciplined behaviour is an embarrassment to the Afrikaner military tradition," said the official.

He was happy that General Constand Viljoen had distanced himself from "this rabble, which utilises every opportunity to discredit the Afrikaner cause".

"They made it a race issue, something we wanted to avoid." (344)

Asked what the AVF had intended to do in Mmabatho, he said they had gone "to help an alliance partner".

"The mission was to protect government buildings and private property in support of the Bophuthatswana Defence Force (BDF).

Police seek 'dangerous' rightwinger

PRETORIA. — A German citizen sought for an attack on two policemen apparently has rightwing connections and uses a false name, police said yesterday. ARG 19/3/94

A police spokesman said 57-year-old Heinrich Siems whom police were looking for was, in fact, Alfred Horst Klenz.

Klenz apparently was connected to several rightwing organisations and was extremely dangerous, he said.

Klenz was allegedly one of three German citizens who fired on a police vehicle in Pretoria East on Monday night. One of them, Thomas Kunst, was killed by police, another was arrested and Klenz escaped.

Two policemen were wounded in the attack. The detained man is Stephan Rays.

Police said they were investigating possible links between rightwingers in South Africa and Germany. News reports have alluded to gun-running — an AK-47 rifle and a Scorpion machine-pistol found in the Germans' car were among a number of light weapons seized by police.

No documentation was found, but army browns and water bottles were discovered in the car.

The Germans were in South Africa illegally as their visas had expired. Police are investigating the possibility that the three had been in contact with local rightwingers.

The injured policemen, Constable Juan van Schalkwyk and Constable Danie Pretorius, are recovering after emergency treatement.

The German embassy had been informed of the incident. — Sapa.

Funeral of executed AWB man

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GREG KNOWLER
Weekend Argus Correspondent

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's southern Natal commander Nick Fourie, killed by the Bophuthatswana security forces last week, will be buried in Amanzimtoti on Tuesday with "military honours".

His body was recovered from the homeland this week along with the bodies of two rightwingers who were executed before a crowd of local and international journalists.

Police said the Bophuthatswana police had handed the bodies over to the South African Police and, after a post mortem examination, they had been released to the families.

A large contingent of rightwingers is expected to attend the funeral, which will be held at the Amanzimtoti Civic Centre.

Traffic police have been notified in case there is a motorcade.

Bruce Scott, a close friend of Mr Fourie's, said AWB leader Eugene Terre' Blanche would address the gathering, and the service would be conducted by the organisation's chaplain-general.

"There will be no political speeches during the funeral. It will be a solemn and sincere occasion and people will be talking about the man and not the AWB," he said.

The AWB's dislike of the Press has resulted in journalists being barred from attending the funeral.

Mr Scott said there was a lot of bitterness towards the Press because of the perception that they stood back and watched the Bop police execute the wounded men.

"We will not be calling for revenge or anything like that. Nick had a saying that people should 'keep a cool tool' and we will respect that."

Mr Scott said the Fourie family had received many calls from political parties opposed to the AWB, but who liked the leader "as a person".

"Everybody loved Nick. He could go to the most liberal of places and change people's minds."

The rightwinger was an accomplished sportsman who completed five Comrades Marathons and six Duzi canoe races. He and his wife, Kitty, also swam the Midmar Mile together.

"He stood up for what he believed in and that's what he died for," said Mrs Fourie yesterday.

Mr Fourie's death was a major blow to the AWB's Natal structure, said Mr Scott.

"The AWB will find a person to take over Nick's rank, but the man himself can never be replaced. South Africa has lost a great man."

Grim tale of AWB men's racist attack unfolds in court

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THE fates of Mr Theo More, Mr Tehobo Makhuza, Mr Patrick Gasenene and Mr Simon Nkompane became inextricably linked on the night of December 12 last year.

The four were gunned down on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp roadside — victims of an alleged attack by AWB members.

Rightwingers Mr Petrus Johannes Matthews, 26, Mr Martinus van der Schyff, 25, Mr Frederick Jacobus Badenhorst, 20, Mr Marius Visser, 23, Mr Andre Visser, 39, Mr Karel Meiring, 28, and Mr Gerhardus Johannes Diedericks, 34, have pleaded not guilty to several charges including four counts of murder and six counts of attempted murder.

By MARGARET JARVIS

Mr Marius Visser has admitted to being in possession of an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

The trial of the alleged brains behind the attack, Mr Deon Martin, 30, and Mr Phillipus Cornelius Kloppers, 40, was separated from the main trial this week after they were sent for observation.

The story of the victims' last desperate hours unfolded in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

In affidavits, Mr Meiring, Mr Diedericks and Mr Marius Visser said they had been told to meet Mr Martins at a cafe, although they did not know the reason for the gathering.

There they learnt that a roadblock would be set up to look for unlicensed weapons, which would be handed over to the police for a reward.

One of the survivors of the attack, Mr Gabriel Shabangu, recalled what happened: "We stopped when we saw a flashing blue light and men wearing gear resembling those of traffic officials.

"A bakkie full of blacks was already there and a Cressida was pulled off soon after."

Another survivor, Mr Petrus Mothupi, said: "The 'traffic officers' told us to get out of the car and searched us and asked us questions."

Mr Shabange said: "One of our assailants kept asking us why we had slowed down before the roadblock. When Theo (More) tried to answer, the man would not listen. He said Theo was trying to be clever and that we did not respect the '*base*', before they hit us with batons.

"After two or three of them spoke, one walked back to us. I thought he was going to let us go, but he cocked the pipe (firearm) and I heard a shot.

"I saw a child falling. Then I lay flat on the ground and covered my head with my hands. After that several shots followed."

Mr Mothupi said: "One of the men asked if we were ANC members. Simon (Nkompane) said he did not know anything about the ANC.

"Then they had a meeting. One of them went to the car and pulled out a firearm. He was walking towards us, and suddenly started shooting. I was hit in my chest and fell to the ground, face first.

"When the shooting stopped, I lifted up my head slightly and saw some of the men cutting something on Simon's head, but I could not see what it was."

Mr Nkompone, whose right ear had been sliced from his head, later died from multiple bullet wounds.

Mr Shabangu said that after the assailants drove away he saw Mr More was breathing with difficulty, but that Mr Makhuza was not moving at all. He tried to get help from passing mororists but nobody would stop.

He ran away when police arrived "because they were all white and the men who shot at us were white". He only heard the next day that Mr More was dead.

Mr Mophuti spent several months in hospital and underwent two operations.



ALIVE . . . five of the seven survivors. Abram Mothupi has a plaster across his nose Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

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WEST RAND Roadblock survivor cannot work

Man disabled after rightwing attack

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■ RUNNING SCARED AWB members flee injured and dying:

By Tsale Makam

A SURVIVOR of an attack by rightwingers in Randfontein on December 12 last year could no longer work because of injuries sustained during the shooting that left four people dead and six injured. (344)

Mr Petros Mothupi, a former construction worker, told Mr Justice D Marais in the Rand Supreme Court how their car was stopped by men in camouflage attire on that night.

Seven self-confessed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members have pleaded not guilty to four counts of murder, six of attempted murder, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, malicious damage to property, robbery with aggravating circumstances and unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition.

They are Mr Petrus Matthews (26), Mr Martinus van der Schyff (25), Mr Frederick Badenhorst (20), Mr Marius Visser (23), Mr Karel Meiring (28), Mr Gerhardus Diedericks (34) and Mr Andre Visser (39).

Two other accused, Mr Deon Martin and Mr Phillipus Kloppers, have been sent for psychiatric observation. They will stand trial separately.

Mothupi told the court that after being stopped, the men ordered them out of their car. They were told to kneel down and one of the men started shooting. Mothupi was hit in the chest and fell.

Unemployed

He said his arm was injured during the attack and, as a construction worker, could no longer use his arm effectively.

"I am presently unemployed as a result of the injuries sustained during the shooting incident and am just spending my time with my children at home," he said.

Mr W Kok, who represents Andre Visser, Diedericks and Meiring, said Diedericks, who was identified by Mothupi, would say that he only helped to search the cars and that he never fired a shot.

In their statements handed in last week, Diedericks, Meiring and Visser admitted they were AWB members. They said they had an AWB assignment to set up a roadblock and stop all cars driven by blacks to search them for unlicensed firearms. The guns were to be taken to the police.

They said in their statements they were busy, or looking some other way, when they heard the shots. They claimed they did not see who of their men had fired the shots.

On hearing the shots, they got scared and jumped into their cars and drove off.

The case continues today.

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Sins of the sons haunt the fathers

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Seven AWB members are on trial for killing blacks at a bogus roadblock last year. **Cathy Powers** spoke to the relatives of the victims and the accused who sit in the courtroom each day

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THE man in the witness box is tall, with a disfigured profile. A beige plaster covers his upper lip where his nose should be. He is impassive as he describes being shot in the face by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members on December 12 last year and the plastic surgery he has since undergone.

Abram Mothupi is testifying in the trial of seven AWB members accused of murdering four black people, including a 13-year-old child, and injuring three others at a bogus roadblock on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road. The seven are charged with murder, attempted murder, robbery, the illegal possession of arms and ammunition and malicious damage to property.

On one side, the parents and wives of the accused sit in a huddled group. On the other sit the friends and relatives of the victims. All follow the trial avidly; some take notes, others whisper angrily to each other.

Alfred Makhuza is especially interested in the outcome of this trial. It is dissecting events that led to the death of his 21-year-old son, Teboho Lordly Makhuza. "We want to nail them," he whispers as he sits down.

Makhuza, a teacher, tells how Teboho was to graduate this year and take up a scholarship in Germany for further engineering studies. "I can bring some of his designs to show you," he says. The family is still trying to get to grips with what has happened.

Makhuza's wife first learned of her son's death when she saw the victims' names on the evening news. "She was hysterical," Makhuza says. He has often feared political violence would touch his family in the townships, but "it never did".

In the courtroom, Makhuza steers clear of the accused's families as, polystyrene cups of coffee in hand, they seat themselves close to the dock.

"*Senuwees* (Nerves)," says a smartly dressed mother, pale and drawn under thick make-up, attempting a tense smile. "*My hart voel nie te goed nie* (My heart doesn't feel too good)." They share cigarettes and joke about the time spent in the courtroom.

When the seven accused appear, seemingly unperturbed, they tell their supporters about the "*pap en hoender*" they were fed the night before. Letters are exchanged and hands are clasped for as long as possible before the order to "rise in court".

The court hears how the seven — along with two co-accused who have been sent for psychiatric observation — met other AWB members at a Randfontein roadhouse before ritually drinking a bottle of whisky "for courage". Later that night, at a crossing on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road, a roadblock — complete with blue light — was set up. Vehicle number plates were obscured by masking tape; the men were armed with shotguns, homemade guns and batons.

The idea was to search vehicles for illegal arms and hand them over to police for a reward. During the course of the night, the state alleges, brutal assaults took place, leading to the deaths of Teboho Makhuza, Patrick Gasemane (13), Theophilus More and Thembane Nkompone.

More and Nkompone died later in hospital of multiple injuries, including, in Nkompone's case, a severed right ear — allegedly perpetrated by Phillipus Kloppers (40), described as the AWB kommandant in charge of the group. He has been sent for psychiatric observation along with Deon Martin (30).

Those standing trial are: Johannes Matthews (26), Marthinus van der Schyff (25), Jacobus Badenhorst (20), Marius Visser (23), Karel Meiring (28), Gerhardus Diedericks (34) and Andre Visser (39).

Diedericks' father, a retired train-driver, is visibly ill with worry. He says he knew nothing of his son's AWB involvement and less of what happened that night. He believes his son would "never hurt anything — not even a bird". He won't give his name because his church "doesn't want anything like that" and sits alone, hunched over a child's brown school suitcase.

Van der Schyff's parents are equally tight-lipped: his father says his son, a railways worker, was coerced into joining the AWB. "As soon as I heard of the incident on the radio I knew immediately he was involved. He told me he was going to an AWB meeting that Sunday night and I said 'at this time of night?'" Now he is tired of waiting: "these benches are hard".

His wife, too, is tired of waiting. "We told him he was looking for trouble if he joined. He didn't want to join — he said they're mongrels."

Makhuza, whose son is dead, is bitter. "Whenever I see an Afrikaner I think AWB and I hate them — for the brutality with which our children were murdered." He has taught Afrikaans for 25 years: now he no longer feels comfortable doing so, feeling he "wouldn't do it justice — my attitude has changed completely".

Ratte trained Germans

The Germans who were involved in a shootout with police last week had received training from Willem Ratte, leader of the Pretoria Boerekommando Group. Jan Taljaard and Stephen Laufer report

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TWO Germans involved in a shootout with police near Pretoria last week received military training in South Africa from Willem Ratte, commander of a group which occupied Fort Schanskop late last year and whose recent occupation of Wonderboom Fort has been ignored by the authorities.

Stephan Rays is understood to have told police interrogators this week that he and Thomas Kunst, who was killed in the firefight, became involved with Ratte's Pretoria Boerekommando Group and that they were forced to stand guard shifts of up to 24 hours at Radio Pretoria.

Ratte is reported to have praised the men as "good chaps".

Rays and Horst Klenz, who fled the scene of the shooting but was later arrested, appeared in the Bronkhorstspruit Regional Court this week. Another German who allegedly entered South Africa with Rays and Kunst earlier this year, Alexander Neideneleun, appeared in the Cullinan Magistrate's Court in connection with the illegal possession of firearms.

Although the accused Germans claim they came to South Africa in the hope of finding work among rightwingers, an investigation indicates that they may have been part of an elaborate underground strategy to infiltrate "terror squads" posing as tourists into the country.

Rightwing sources in Germany have confirmed that the ultra-rightwing there has been establishing three-man "terror squads" who are sent to South Africa as tourists. With prior convictions for crimes of violence, Rays and Kunst appear to have fitted the bill for recruitment to the squads.

There are strong indications that the rightist "Aid Committee for Southern Africa" in Coburg may be involved. The group first gained notoriety in South Africa when it emerged that former *Citizen* journalist Arthur Kemp had spoken at one of their conferences.

He was later arrested in connection with a death list found in the house of Clive Derby-Lewis, convicted of the murder of Chris Hani.

Once in the country, the squad members are accommodated at various places, never staying more than a few days at any of the venues. The names of two of the South African contacts are known to the *Mail & Guardian*.

Klenz, who has lived in South Africa for at least a decade, appears to be a key link between German and South African rightwing circles.

Arrested in Namibia in 1989 after an attack on a United Nations office in Outjo, he shared a cell with Leonard Veenendal before a jailbreak in which a policeman was killed.

Veenendal is a well-known figure in ultra-right circles who has reportedly been training Inkatha members near Newcastle in recent months under the banner of his own Boerekommando.

"Oh, my friend Horst Klenz," sighs Veenendal. "We have co-operated and sat in jail together. A good fighter, like all our friends from Germany."

Klenz claims he came across Rays and Kunst at Radio Pretoria. He says he took pity on them as they were "made to work like white kaffirs" filling sandbags and doing guard duty. Shortly after he took them in, they were involved in the shootout with police.

AWB accused 'distraught'

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A rightwinger accused of complicity in the slaying of four blacks was distraught to see innocent people being shot, the Rand Supreme Court heard.

Petrus Johannes Matthews, 26, was testifying yesterday at a trial in which he and six other members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) are being charged with murdering four black travellers along the Ventersdorp-Krugersdorp road near Randfontein on December 12 last year.

He told the court he had got a big fright when he heard shots being fired at 11 blacks sitting on the ground.

"It was a distressing experience, but it was impossible to ask why because everyone was being shot at the time ... I knew what was expected of me. I had to fire at the people because I knew Deon Martin (his brother-in-law and a co-accused) would want me to shoot them. So I aimed above their heads and fired. I did not know if Deon would turn on me if I did not shoot," he said.

Mr Matthews, Martinus van der Schyff, 25, Frederick Badenhorst, 20, Marius Visser, 23, Karel Meiring, 28, Gerhardus Diedericks, 34, and André Visser, 39, have all pleaded not guilty to the four charges of murder and six of attempted murder.

"I don't know why they were shot and I did not ask, but I knew it was expected of me," Mr Matthews maintained under cross-examination by State Prosecutor, André de Vries.

He also said he felt nauseated when Phillipus Kloppers, a co-accused who was sent to Sterkfontein for observation along with Mr Martin, showed him an ear — in a plastic bag — of a black man

But, Mr Matthews did concede that no one had ordered him to assault black men before the attack on the travellers.

"I hit the man out of my own free will, but I don't know why I did it. Assaulting the man did not shock me as badly as when we fired," he said.

"I simply followed the other guys in the group when they jumped out of the car and chased the man. But, after that I concluded that the aim of the evening was to assault blacks," he conceded.

Mr Matthews, who allegedly only joined the AWB two months before the attack, had initially testified that he had not known that blacks would be assaulted when he met with his fellow rightwingers.

He admitted that he had not run away after André Visser had told him he had just shot a "kaffir" through the head because it "was difficult to get out of the situation".

"I was scared that they would do something to me if I ran away, but after that I did conclude that it was acceptable to the group to kill blacks," he said.

The trial continues on Monday.

Find AWB 7 guilty, pleads the State

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By Tsale Makam

THE seven Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members should be found guilty of murdering four blacks, including a 13-year-old boy in Randfontein last year, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

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State advocate Mr A De Vries said during his closing argument that although some of the accused disassociated themselves with the shooting, they were liable for murder by common purpose.

The court had earlier heard evidence that nine AWB members set up a bogus roadblock at the Radora crossing on December 12 last year.

The accused testified that the aim of the roadblock was to search all vehicles driven by blacks for illegal firearms and hand the guns over to the police.

The seven, all self-confessed AWB men, have pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and attempted murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and malicious damage to property.

The accused are Mr Petrus Matthews (26), Mr Martinus van der Schyff (25), Mr Frederick Badenhorst (20), Mr Marius Visser (23), Mr Karel Meiring (28), Mr Gerhardus Diedericks (34) and Mr André Visser (39).

Defence counsel Ms S Lotter, who represents Matthews and Van der Schyff, said to prove common purpose the court had to look at who of the accused, if any, had planned the shooting.

Mr H Klein, representing Badenhorst and Marius Visser, said the two also disassociated themselves from the shooting. He said there was no evidence of a plan to murder people.

The case continues.

Killing of blacks shocking–judge

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By Tsale Makam

THE INCIDENT IN WHICH four black people were allegedly killed by AWB members at an illegal roadblock on December 12 last year shocked all right-thinking people in South Africa, Mr Justice D Marais said in the Rand Supreme Court.

He was giving judgment yesterday in the trial of seven Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members charged with killing four black people on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road. The accused also face six attempted murder charges. Summing up, the judge said nine white men, all AWB members, set up a roadblock and stopped only blacks. The occupants were ordinary people on their way home.

"The blacks were ordered out of their cars, ordered to sit in a row on the ground, insulted, assaulted and shot."

Although nine men were arrested, two of the accused, Mr Deon Martin and Mr Phillipus Kloppers, were sent for psychiatric observation and will be charged separately.

The seven other accused have pleaded not guilty on all counts, including robbery with aggravating circumstances, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and malicious damage to property.

They are Mr Petrus Matthews (26), Mr Martinus van der Schyff (25), Mr Frederick Badenhorst (20), Mr Marius Visser (23), Mr Karel Meiring (28), Mr Gerhardus Diedericks (34) and Mr André Visser (39).

"The victims' wounds leave no doubt that the intention was to murder them. There is no doubt that the survivors were also meant to die," the judge said.

Thirteen-year-old Patrick Gasamane was among the four people killed. Half of his head was shot off.

Others who died were Kau More, Teboho Makhuza and Tembani Nkompone, whose ears were cut off. Judgment is expected to end today.

Tavern killings: 5 face charges

Court Reporter

FIVE PAC members implicated in the Heidelberg Tavern massacre will be served with indictments to face four charges of murder, five of attempted murder and charges relating to terrorism and the illegal possession of weapons when they appear again on May 20, the Cape Town Magistrate's Court was told yesterday.

They have been not been asked to plead and no charges have been put to them.

Four people were killed when gunmen burst into the Observatory tavern and opened fire in December last year.

Eskom probe into gun sales

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JOHANNESBURG. — Eskom said yesterday it had agreed to hold an urgent investigation into alleged arms sales by some employees of the parastatal.

To be co-ordinated by the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa, the investigation will focus on further arms sales, surplus arms, the possibility that some Eskom employees are supporting destabilisation and, for political ends, could interrupt electricity supplies.

Last month, two Eskom employees were suspended after they apparently concluded a deal to sell weapons to the KwaZulu Police. — Sapa

Judgment in AWB 9 trial

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JOHANNESBURG. — Judgment in the trial of nine AWB members charged with killing four blacks at an illegal roadblock on the Ventersdorp-Krugersdorp road last year began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice D Marais described the December 12 incident as "a cold-blooded killing".

Thirteen-year-old Patrick Gasemane, Mr Kau More, Mr Teboho Makhuza and Mr Tembani Nkompone, whose ear was cut off, were killed at the roadblock.

The nine accused face four counts of murder and six of attempted murder, as well as charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, robbery with aggravating circumstances, malicious damage to property and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

The judge said one of the accused, Mr Petrus Matthews, had told the court he knew the roadblock was illegal, but it had been set up with the aim of collecting illegal firearms to hand over to the police for a reward.

He said he had not expected violence even though the group was heavily armed.

Judgment will continue today in the cases against Mr Matthews, 26, Mr Frederick Badenhorst, 20, Mr Marthinus van der Schyff, 25, Mr Marius Visser, 23, Mr Karel Meiring, 28, Mr Gerhardus Diedericks, 34, and Mr Andre Visser, 39.

Judgment in the cases against Mr Deon Martin, 30, and Mr Phillipus Klopper, 40, who were sent for psychiatric observation and are believed to have been the leaders, will be delivered on Thursday. — Sapa

Killings at roadblock: AWB men found guilty

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Tebogo Makhuza, Theo More, Simon Nkompone and 11-year-old Patrick Gasemane died of bullet wounds after the attack.

Mr Justice Marais is expected to decide today whether two other accused, Gert Diedericks, 34, and Andre Visser, 39, are also guilty of murder.

All the men were convicted of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Matthews and Van der Schyff were also found guilty of theft and ofthe illegal possession of homemade shotguns and ammunition. Meiring and Andre Visser were also found guilty of theft. — Sapa.

AWB five guilty of murder at 'roadblock'

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Mr Justice D Marais said he found the testimony of the survivors of the attack to be most credible and that it was to be preferred to that of the accused.

He rejected claims by the accused that they had set up a roadblock to search for illegal weapons.

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OCCUPATION . . . Northern Natal Boerekommando members Mr Neels Strydom and Mr Juan van Wyk take up position on the vacant lot, in Newcastle's central business district, that the Boerekommando occupied yesterday.

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Right-wingers occupy plot

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NEWCASTLE. — A group of about 40 armed white ultra-rightists, led by a man wanted for murder in Namibia, have occupied a vacant lot here for the past 10 days and surrounded it with barbed wire, police said.

Town clerk Mr Dawie Schutte said the municipality had given the group from the Northern Natal Boerekommando written warning to evacuate. The town council was due to meet last night to discuss the "illegal occupation".

Northern Natal Boerekommando leader Mr Leonard Veendendal yesterday vowed to remain on the municipal land. He said the group believed the local council to be illegitimate.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Steve Naude said police would not take any action until they received instructions to do so from the municipality.

● The presence of the armed right-wingers had resulted in a decrease in crime in the area, said a police spokesman. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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Council beefs up emergency measures

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The Transitional Executive Council (TEC) moved yesterday to force the KwaZulu government to co-operate in election procedures by agreeing to extend the powers of the state of emergency in Natal and KwaZulu.

The reinforcement of the powers, by the addition of several new regulations, was necessary to prevent KwaZulu government officials from interfering with the requirements and duties of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC).

SACP representative on the TEC, Joe Slovo, said the elections could not be left "to the goodwill of the KwaZulu government". There should be no element of discretion in whether officials and facilities, such as government buildings, were made available for the elections. The current emergency regulations were inadequate to ensure the KwaZulu government's co-operation, he said.

The TEC, noting the reluctance of the KwaZulu government, some traditional leaders in the region and members of the public service to participate in the elections, resolved to allow its joint executive secretariat and state legal advisers to draft the new regulations.

Details of the new regulations had not been finalised and government TEC representative Dawie de Villiers said only that "further steps may be necessary to enhance the democratic process".

The content of the new regulations would be based on the needs of the IEC and the security forces, he said.

Sapa reports that at least 11 people were killed after violence erupted again in KwaMashu, Ntuzuma, Ndwedwe and Bambhayi, near Durban, on Monday.

The latest reports push the toll in Natal to at least 178 since the emergency was declared 12 days ago.

□ About 40 000 people are expected to march on the magistrate's offices at Vryheid in northern Natal today in support of the Zulu monarchy.

Police have appealed to marchers to heed the emergency regulations, in terms of which they are not allowed to carry traditional weapons.

Report by A Hadland, TML, 216 Vermeulen St, Pta.

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AWB men found guilty of roadblock killings

SUSAN RUSSELL

FIVE AWB members who shot at 10 blacks including three children they stopped at a bogus roadblock last year were found guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday of murder, attempted murder and assault.

In a marathon judgment which resumes for the third day this morning, Judge D Marais and two assessors found all five men guilty on four counts of murder and six counts of attempted murder.

The men were part of a group of nine armed right-wingers who set up a bogus roadblock on the Krugersdorp-Ventersdorp road on December 12 last year to apprehend black motorists.

The 10 victims, four of whom died from their wounds, were travelling in two vehicles stopped at the roadblock. They were ordered out of the cars and told to sit on the ground.

The AWB men opened fire on them at close range and without warning.

The judge found that four of the men, Petrus Matthews, 26, Martinus van der Schyff, 25, Frederick Badenhorst, 20, and Marius Visser, 23, had intended to kill their victims when they opened fire.

He found that they had fired their weapons in accordance with a decision taken at the roadblock by at least six of the AWB men.

He said the four at the very least should have, and must have, foreseen that their unlawful activities could lead to deaths.

The fifth man, Karel Meiring, was also convicted of murder yesterday.

The judge said there was no direct evidence that Meiring had fired his handgun, but he rejected Meiring's testimony that when he had heard a shot he had jumped into a car used by the right-wingers and had not asked his friends what had happened afterwards.

There was also evidence that Meiring had told his friends after the incident that he had fired two shots.

The court found the five men and two co-accused, Gerhardus Diedericks, 34, and Andre Visser, 39, guilty of assault.

Marais said the men had gone out on the night of December 12 intending to apprehend, assault and intimidate blacks. They were all guilty of the assaults that had taken place.

Marais will continue with his judgment this morning.

He has still to give his finding on the murder and attempted murder charges against Diedericks and Visser.

Two other co-accused, Phillipus Kloppers, 40, and Deon Martin, 30 — who were allegedly the leaders of the group — were referred for psychiatric observation last month and will be tried separately.

Sixth AWB man guilty of murder

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■ BOGUS ROADBLOCK Three men to go for psychiatric observation:

By Tsale Makam

ANOTHER MEMBER of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was yesterday found guilty of the racist killing of four blacks and the attempted murder of six others at an illegal roadblock near Randfontein last year.

André Visser (39) became the sixth AWB member to be convicted by Mr Justice D Marais in the Rand Supreme Court this week on four counts of murder. They were also found guilty on six counts of attempted murder and others of assault.

Culpable homicide

Mr Justice Marais yesterday acquitted Gerhardus Diedericks (34) on all four counts of murder but convicted him on four counts of culpable homicide. Diedericks was also acquitted on the six charges of attempted murder.

Diedericks was one of seven AWB men who had pleaded not guilty to the attack, in which half the head of 11-year-old Patrick Gasamane was blown off and Mr Simon Nkompone's ear was cut off on December 12 1993.

Petrus Matthews (26), Martinus van der Schyff (25), Frederick Badenhorst (20), Marais Visser (39) and Karel Meiring (28) were each found guilty on Tuesday of four counts of murder and six of attempted murder.

Although the court did not find a direct intention to kill, the judge said they should have foreseen the possibility that someone could get killed.

All seven were also found guilty of the theft of their victims' belongings. The court had earlier heard evidence that ordinary citizens were stopped by men in camouflage uniforms at a bogus roadblock.

They were ordered to sit on the ground and shot at point-blank range with heavy-calibre pistols.

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Found guilty

Schyff, Matthews, Meiring and André Visser were found guilty of robbery with aggravating circumstance for stealing cassettes, a cassette case, a tool case and a leather jacket from their victims.

The judge granted defence counsel Mrs S Lotter permission to lead psychiatric evidence in mitigation.

Defence counsel Mr H Klein was also granted permission to send three of his clients for psychiatric observation. The reports will be used in mitigation.

The case was postponed to April 21.

existed between his organisation and the IFP. The AWB leader said he was in contact with the Transvaal branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party every week, and claimed a pact between the two parties was still effective.

Terre'Blanche has repeatedly maintained that an alleged alliance between Inkatha and the AWB remains strong, despite previous denials by IFP Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

But IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu denied the AWB was training IFP members.

Ndlovu said he was not aware of any pact or alliance between Inkatha and the AWB.

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Mangope must wait

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JUDGMENT in an urgent application by former Bophuthatswana president Lucas Mangope challenging his removal as head of state was on Wednesday reserved in the Mmabatho Supreme Court.

Defence counsel argued that Mangope's government had been unconstitutionally removed.

Counsel for the joint administrators who replaced Mangope's government submitted that their appointment was necessary as the then government had lost control and failed to cope with the situation which led to Mangope's ousting.

Mr Justice Robert Comry said the matter was complicated and judgment could only be passed next week. —*Sapa*.

focus on AWB

Despite the hammering his men took in the recent Mmabatho fiasco, the lion of the right wing, 'General' Eugene Terre'Blanche, has lost none of his bravado, **Glenn McKenzie** discovers:

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DEEP IN the lion's den, the king of the jungle is irritated.

Eugene Terre'Blanche, general and leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbewiging, is asked if his organisation commits terrorist acts. His large frame leans forward menacingly.

"Listen! Do you want some information? I'm not in a debate with you," he roars.

Later, and calmer, Terre'Blanche is ready to talk about terrorism.

"The AWB never, never were terrorists," he insists.

"If you listen to the name of the movement, the Afrikaner Resistance Movement is to resist the onslaught of the communist forces, and we are preparing ourselves to do exactly that."

Terre'Blanche has threatened war for more than two years. Now the battle has started, he says, and it is about to become a major conflict.

"It's just the starting point of the greatest conflict and revolution ever known in the history of South Africa. And, by God, I hope it will not become a racist war," he says.

But it is already a war of races. The proud Afrikaner and Zulu nations against an evil ideology — communism.

"The Afrikaner and the Zulu. He is both a proud nation. He is a farmer, he loves the veld, he loves cattle, he loves dogs. And he won't allow himself to be destroyed," ET says.

Terre'Blanche states proudly that a pact between the AWB and Transvaal branch of the Inkatha Freedom Party is still strong despite repudiations by IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, a man Terre'Blanche has never met.

And training of "non-whites who are opposed to communism" continues near Ventersdorp. The reason: Terre'Blanche is preparing for a Zulu-Afrikaner alliance in this "inevitable war".

"You can be sure in war where the enemy will be the communists of the ANC, the Zulu and the Afrikaner will combine their forces. And then I think we will knock the daylights out of them," says the leader.

One-time allies

But does ET feel increasingly isolated from his one-time allies? The homeland governments of Chief Lucas Mangope and Brigadier Oupa Gqozo have fallen. And former AVF General Constand Viljoen has given up war-talk for electioneering.

"I have learned a very important lesson. You must never trust a politician," he says.

Both Viljoen and Freedom Front chairman Rowan Cronjé misinformed Terre'Blanche during the Bophuthatswana uprising, the leader says. They told him that Bop soldiers would support him. And the South African Government betrayed him when it intervened in the crisis.

But the "betrayal" of Terre'Blanche has increased support for the party, the leader boasts. Former Viljoen supporters are turning to the AWB. He refuses to give numbers.



A man and his dog ... Terre'Blanche and Wolf.

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Bophuthatswana taught Terre'Blanche another lesson, he says. You can never know what the SADF will do.

"In the end, I don't believe that 90 percent of the SADF, who are trained to fight the communist, will turn against their own Afrikaner people," he says.

But he is not sure how he will fight the impending war.

"That all depends on the actions of the South African Defence Force. What will they do? Your guess is as good as mine," he says.

When conversation turns to Terre'Blanche's private life, the lion stiffens.

Terre'Blanche rejects claims that he is racist. He treats his servants well, and no man had ever run away from him.

But Africans need people to "lead" them. And they should not be paid too much. They won't know what to do with the extra money.

"It only costs R2 to send their children to school. If you give them more money they will only get drunk," he snaps.

Just as they don't need money, the lion says his black staff aren't interested in voting.

"There will be no elections here. Well, the National Party will have their elections. But blacks are not interested in that," says Terre'Blanche.

He won't say whether his party will try to disrupt the polls.

Near the end of a 90-minute interview, a question is thrown to the leader almost as an afterthought.

"In the end, I don't believe that 90 percent of the SADF, who are trained to fight the communist, will turn against their own Afrikaner people"

"Mr Terre'Blanche, where is your gardener?"

Last week the wife of Terre'Blanche's gardener, Mr Meshack Tawana, told *City Press* that her husband had been missing for two weeks. The woman claimed she last saw her husband drive away with his boss, who looked angry.

At this last question, Terre'Blanche the lion becomes Terre'Blanche the kitten. A smile crosses his face.

"That's a beautiful story," he purrs.

"This man Meshack has been working for us for nine years. And we love him and he loves us. I can assure you that I have not kidnapped him, and I can take you to see him and let you talk with him," he adds.

Terre'Blanche says Meshack had an argument with his wife, and that she poured hot water on his face, leaving a "nasty burn".

To prove his point, the leader puts aside an "important appointment" and invites his visitors to his home in a "half-loaf" kombi.

A man 'inspired'

On arrival, Terre'Blanche shows off his garden, ostensibly the work of Meshack, who is a man "inspired". "You see how a slave works," he says with a laugh.

Of course Meshack is paid very well, Terre'Blanche adds. He is not sure exactly how much. (*City Press* reported last month the man makes R50 a week.)

But Meshack is not in. Terre'Blanche says he can be found at the pension pay-out point in Tshing, the township outside Ventersdorp.

A search of the town reveals no Meshack, and no wife.

ANC officials confirm that Meshack was seen earlier with an unexplained burn on his face. They did not believe the wound was the result of a family argument.

The AWB's 'last stand'

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Jan Taljaard

THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging is gearing up for a last stand in parts of the Transvaal.

In anticipation of armed conflict, AWB members' wives and children were last week sent to "safe havens" on farms in the Eastern Transvaal.

Apart from stockpiling food, other signs of preparations for war include the purchase by rightwingers of at least 30 Saracen armoured vehicles at SADF auctions over the last month.

Sources said the AWB's plans centred on a "mini-secession" of certain towns in the Western Transvaal — including Ottosdal and Schweizer-Reneke, which in recent months granted their "freedom" to the para-military AWB Wenkommando.

Other sources said there were indications that parts of the Eastern Transvaal and Pretoria could be simultaneously declared "independent" in the week before the election.

The AWB allegedly has plans to blockade the towns to make the election impossible in these areas. Although it is envisaged the secessions will be achieved peacefully, sources close to the AWB fear that it will provoke the SADF and black inhabitants of the towns to react.

Some are pinning their hopes on kwaZulu/Natal erupting into anarchy and tying down the security forces to the extent that they will not be able to act in the Western Transvaal.

Three rightwing sources said that women and children have been sent to "safe havens" on Eastern Transvaal farms.

Of the Saracen armoured vehicles bought over the past month, a Free State rightwinger has bought two, while parties linked to the Pretoria Boerekommando Group and the Akasia Town Council have also shown interest.

'Right-wing fighters train in Swaziland'

MBABANE. — A white South African private army is training fighters in the Swaziland mountains, a Swazi tribal chief said.

"We fear that our people may be caught in the crossfire if the South Africans start shooting at anybody during the elections," Chief Mnikwa said on Saturday.

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The rightist Afrikaaner Volksfront (AVF) was reported to have started training a few weeks ago, he said. Residents in the Lubodlwana area had recently witnessed an AVF mass meeting.

A Swazi army spokesman said they were investigating the reports. — Sapa-Reuter

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Right wing clipped

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POLICE intervened yesterday to stop the rightwing Viljoenskroon Town Council building roadblocks, watchtowers and guard-posts at the entrance to the Orange Free State town. The Conservative Party-controlled council had asked a military commando to draw up security plans for the town in the event of Bophuthatswana-style looting and violence on election days, a senior police source said.

Battle lines drawn in Eugene's backyard

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The AWB has its HQ in Ventersdorp — and both whites and blacks in the dorp live in fear of the rightwing. Stefaans Brümmer reports

COMEDIAN Frikkie Smit's election skit in the Ventersdorp Hotel this weekend features a rugby match between the Boerevolk (captain: Afrikaner Weeerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche) and Nelson Mandela's "New South Africa" team — with Bill Clinton as referee, Sam Nujoma as linesman and Saddam Hussein tending the injured ...

It's a brand of humour which should go down well with the *manne* in the hotel bar who gulp beer and brandy and coke and spice their conversation with racist jokes. (Heard the one about Van der Merwe who went hunting on a friend's farm and all he found to shoot were haubas? Every time he took aim, his prey would throw hands in the air and say, "*Haau*, baas!")

But in Tshing, the shanty town where Ventersdorp's black residents live, the election is no laughing matter. Nor among the town's white NP supporters: in the past month, five bomb explosions have targeted both black and white. Such is the fear pervading the tiny Western Transvaal town — headquarters of the AWB — that few





Two faces of a town ... (Left) One of Steven Mokone's relatives stands outside his Tshing shack which has been rebuilt after being bombed (Right) Rightwinger 'Kool' Botha in the Ventersdorp hotel bar where the 'manne' gather to share racist jokes

dare point fingers at whom they believe responsible.

From his hospital bed, Steven Mokone, a man in his fifties, offers his left hand in greeting. He can't use his right: it was blown off in a blast which destroyed his Tshing shack on the night of March 31 and severely lacerated the legs of his wife and daughter, both named Martha.

Mokone this week claimed he had no idea who was responsible. No, he said, no one had mentioned to him the possibility it might be the men of the right. It seemed a possibility he'd rather not consider.

Up to nine other home-made bombs were defused by police in the township at the time.

At about 4am on Monday, another blast shattered the sleep of residents of white Ventersdorp. Gerhardt van Zyl, who was living alone in the large house now reduced to rubble, was out of town and there were no casualties. The house belonged to his in-laws, Frikkie and Elize Badenhorst. Frikkie Badenhorst said he did not know who was responsible. "Yes, we have our politics ... but we do not have a problem with politics. We get on with everyone," he insisted.

Locals said Badenhorst had been involved in a public dispute with rightwingers last year; Badenhorst himself would only acknowledge "people are scared".

In the hotel bar, the spate of bombings, which included the local National Party offices, the white-owned Monandi beer hall and a white-owned filling station, were put down to the Pan Africanist Congress and its armed wing, Apla. A patron who would not give his name "because of my standing in town" opined: "Clearly, it's PAC all the way."

Where white residents were targeted, it could not possibly be the AWB, he said. "Eugene Terre'Blanche will not blow up his own people. He is an Afrikaner and a strictly Christian person."

As for the bombs in Tshing, they also could not have been set by rightwingers as no whites could enter the township: "If you can get out of there in one piece you are better than me."

But a (white) *Mail & Guardian* team gained easy access to Tshing, where local ANC Youth League secretary Thobile Sephanyane, who said he no longer dared venture into the white town, had several ideas about who was responsible for the reign of terror residents are living under.

The weekend before the Tshing blasts saw the funeral in the township of a Bophuthatswana soldier killed in the melee that erupted when

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Target ... The NP offices in Ventersdorp were bombed recently

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OFFICIALS of South Africa's three main union federations met for the first time last week and called for a minimum wage for all workers. (345)

An important step towards trade union unity, the workshop was attended by the Congress of SA Trade Unions, the National Council of Trade Unions and the Federation of Salaried Staff Associations.

"Cosatu, Fedsal and Nactu will spearhead trade union unity, while striving to involve other unions and federations," a joint statement said. ARG 23/4/94

An urgent priority for reconstruction and development was permanent job creation and provision of basic goods and services.

Calling for a minimum wage, they said the Wage Board should be restructured to set minimum wages in unorganised sectors.

OFS town hit by 'laager mentality'

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VILJOENSKROON — White rightists have turned their clock back 150 years and re-created a "laager" of barbed-wire fences, road blocks and military watchtowers — to keep out blacks.

Viljoenskroners say they are preparing for a second historic "betrayal" with all-race elections next week.

To hardline whites, the first was the killing of Afrikaner Voortrekker Piet Retief in 19th century "peace talks" with Zulu warrior chiefs.

"You can't trust these black bastards. I'm proud of my white skin ... but this election is history coming back after 150 years. Just look what happened to Piet Retief," said traffic police chief Gert van der Merwe.

"If trouble's going to start, it will start there," said Mr Van der Merwe, pointing towards the Rammolutsi black township as white workmen welded metal barriers.

The security measures clearly angered the township's residents who gathered disapprovingly by the watchtowers.

"They're going back to apartheid, they want a Boer state," said Gilbert Bobbjan.

An official of the African National Congress, said: "I strongly believe they (the right wing) are going to kill our people."

A white café owner, who did not want to be named, said they had managed to persuade the ANC not to enforce a consumer boycott.

Whites in the town had stocked up with at least four days of food supplies, but all this "nonsense" was being orchestrated by about 200 right wingers, she said. — Sapa-Reuter.



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GOD BLESS AFRICA: Archbishop Desmond Tutu leads prayers for peace at a special 'Mass for Africa' in St George's Cathedral.

Tutu pleads for calm in face of attacks by 'ghastly' men

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Staff Reporters

SOUTH Africans have been urged to stay calm in the face of violence on the eve of the country's first democratic elections.

The Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu, reacting to yesterday's Johannesburg car bomb, which killed nine people and injured 92, said the "ghastly creatures" responsible would not derail the elections.

"We are going to vote and elections are going to be free and fair, and so there to all those ghastly creatures who are trying to subvert us."

There were those who wanted to subvert peace efforts but there was not as much violence as they had hoped for, he said.

"As long as security forces show they are effective in following up this kind of thing we must not panic," Archbishop Tutu said.

"Let us say no to evil, no to corruption, no to hatred and oppression, no to intimidation and violence, disease and ignorance. Let us say yes to forgiveness and reconciliation, laughter and joy, caring and sharing," he told a congregation at St George's Cathedral.

The mayor of Cape Town, Patricia Kreiner, urged people not to respond in kind to violence.

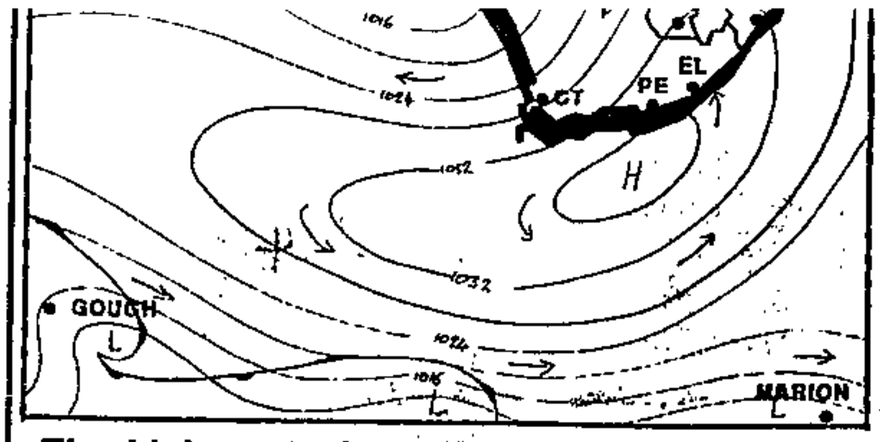
Mrs Kreiner, who this weekend led Cape Town in joining a national peace initiative, said it was clear there were elements intent on disrupting democracy.

"I urge people not be disheartened, not to panic, and to continue and renew efforts for peace."

African National Congress national chairman Thabo Mbeki said terrorism should not be allowed to succeed or force the postponement of the election.

Mr Mbeki said the perpetrators of the "ghastly" act wanted democratic change to collapse.

But people should do everything in their power to ensure this did not happen.



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Bombers will not succeed, says Boesak

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☐ Blasts 'intended to intimidate'

DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

ALLAN Boesak says that although the spate of bombings on the Reef and elsewhere have clearly been "intended to intimidate people", he does not believe those responsible will succeed.

"Only by voting for a democratic government will we be able to stop these desperate people," he said at a Press conference today to introduce Martin Luther King III, the American civil rights leader's son, who is visiting the Western Cape at the invitation of the African National Congress.

Dr Boesak, the ANC premiership candidate in the Western Cape, said it was a pity that at a time when South Africans should have been exuberant and celebrating the advent of democracy, violence and the threat of violence hung like a dark cloud over the country.

"South Africans are entitled to safety and security," he said.

People who threatened the lives of others "should and will be severely dealt with" by a new government.

Dr King said that had his father still been alive he would have been in South Africa at this crucial moment, calling for an end to the violence.

Dr King, of the Martin Luther King Centre for Non-Violence in Atlanta, said the eyes of the world were on South Africa now.

"Thirty years ago my father wrote a letter to Chief Albert Luthuli about the conditions under which Africans lived in this country. He saw enormous parallels betwen the conditions blacks knew in America and those of black South Africans."

The ballot was "the most powerful weapon of all people" in their striving for peace.

Since his arrival in the country, Dr King said, he had seen a considerable amount of violence.

"The same intimidation tactics were used on black Americans to keep them away from the polls.

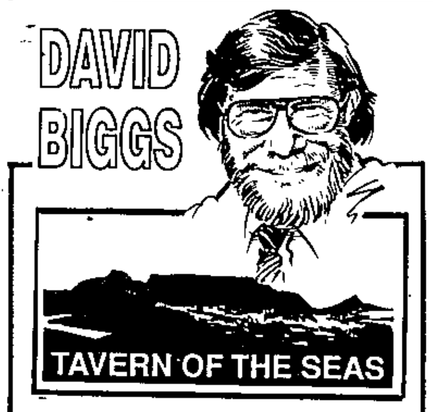
"Intimidators did not succeed in the United States and they will not succeed here."

Endorsing the campaign of the ANC and Dr Boesak, Dr King described the organisation as "visionary, focused and politically astute".

Dr Boesak said that if he were elected prime minister, the first thing he would do would be to visit three old-age homes where he had been "received in a most marvellous way".

Then he would make a pilgrimage to his father's grave in Kakamas, where he was born, to "spend a few hours in solitude".

(News by D Yutar, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town.)



ALONG our stretch of the False Bay coast, trees are about as scarce as rocking horse manure.

It's the south-easter, you see.

You plant a tree in Fish Hoek, and nurse it until it's about a metre high, then the wind comes blasting through and moves the tree to Hout Bay. (Well, where did you think Hout Bay got all its hout?)

The few trees that have survived grow sideways. You need never lose your way in that area. You just follow the trees. They all point to the north-west.

Of course there are exceptions. In odd sheltered spots you sometimes come across a real tree that has managed, by some miracle, to grow upright.

There was such a tree in St James — a Norfolk pine, and it grew to a great height. Everybody along the coast was proud of that tree.

I am told Fish Hoek parents used to take their children for Sunday outings to St James "to see the tree".

Imagine my horror when I passed it on my way to work the other morning, to find that it had been stripped of all but its top two branches. It stood there naked and embarrassed, like a telephone pole with a poodle balancing on it.

The next day it was gone.

I believe it was a rather sick tree and had to be put down, but that doesn't reduce the sadness I feel at its passing. I do hope somebody plants a new tree in its place. It must be one of the very few spots in the area where a tree can actually grow upwards.

In the meanwhile, I suppose a generation or two of deprived False Bay children will reach adulthood never having seen a tree.

Wait for it

TALKING about efficient

URBAN TERROR

'That was a bomb'

24 HOURS NEWS WATCH

ARG 25/4/94 (344)

Argus Correspondents JASPER MORTIMER, LANNIE MOTALE and MORGAN NAIDU report from Johannesburg.

GLASS carpeted the street. The explosion had punctured the tarmac, hurled a car through the burglar bars of a shop, and shattered windows right the way up Shell House tower.

The bomb explosion in Bree Street was heard up to 10km away. In the lounge of a reporter's flat in Yeoville 7km away it sounded like dynamite blasting rock. A flatmate said slowly: "That was a bomb."

At the scene, police quickly cordoned off the site with red and white tape, leaving photographers to point their long lenses at an upturned car chassis that had bounced halfway into a wrecked furniture shop.

Carl Niehaus, the ANC spokesman, was walking up and down the barrier tape rattling off reports into his cellular phone ...

An eyewitness said he saw a wheel fly 100 metres down the road. One could believe it. The blast had blown out the windows of shops as far as three blocks away.

Moments before the explosion two white men ran down Bree Street, one carrying something under his jersey, said a witness.

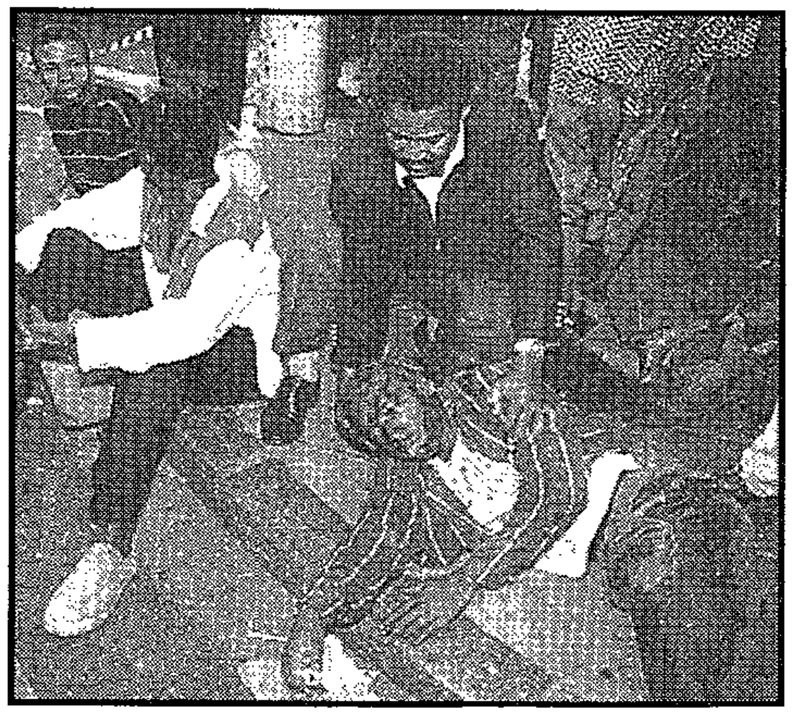
"I looked to see what they were running from," said the man, who would not give his name, "but there was nothing."

He said the men got into a car driven by a third white.

Five SADF armoured personnel carriers rolled slowly up. Soldiers trooped out, reinforcing the barrier tapes, guns at the ready.

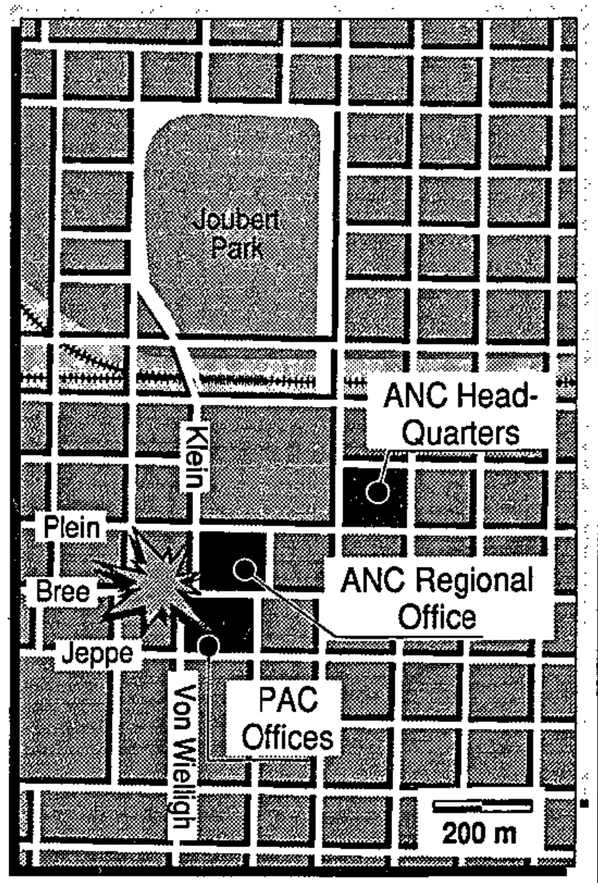
But the crowd of several hundred in Jeppe Street did not appear hostile. They knew who the bomb was aimed at: the shattered win-

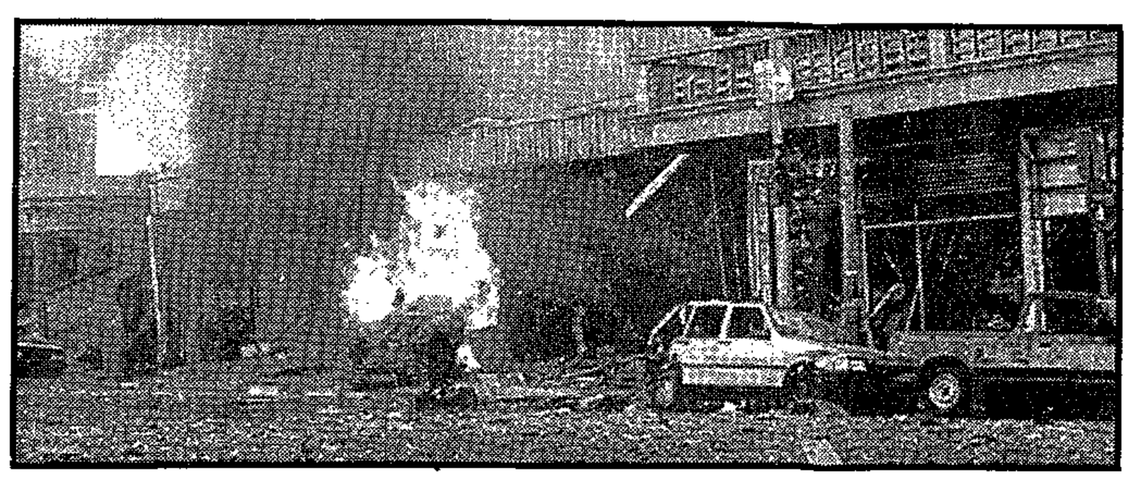




THE VICTIMS: Dazed and injured pedestrians on the pavement after the blast near the ANC's headquarters in Johannesburg.

THE TOLL: The body of a car bomb victim, left, is carried past devastated buildings in central Johannesburg.





THE AFTERMATH: A car still burns and the street is littered with rubble and glass — the aftermath of the huge bomb blast



THE PASSER-BY: Shocked UK journalist Simon

league told me he was rather embarrassed when he took an American friend to a Camps Bay restuarant in December.

As they entered the restaurant, the friend asked the maitre d' for a "table close to a waiter, please."

He'd obviously visited the Cape before.

Laugh, SA!

I COULDN'T help overhearing a political conversation in the pub the other day. Somebody shook his head in wonderment and said: "Jislaaik, you gotta laugh hey, 'cos if you don't, you're gonna cry!"

Ja, you gotta laugh.

Luckily, we can still laugh, in spite of it all. In fact, South African politics has always provided a good laugh for those with the eyes to see it.

And one of those who definitely sees the humour in our sometimes rather humourless situation is Cape Town cartoonist Tony Grogan.

His new collection of cartoons, published just in time to offer a pre-election giggle, is an absolute must.

Called *Keep the Funny Side Up* or *A South African ODDyssey*, it's a selection of his funniest political cartoons published during the past three momentous years.

They're as hilarious now as they were when they were first published. In his foreword, Bishop Tutu describes the book as a "delicious collection".

Which is a good description.

It's published by Tafelberg and costs about R28.

One of the characters in the book says: "Ja, gun-running is rife in the country. If you see a gun, you run like hell!"

The last cartoon in the book shows a whole lot of voters trying to reach the ballot box under a hail of fire. I hope Grogan's wrong about that one, at any rate.

★★★★★

TWO DEFINITIONS:

Money: The thing which stops people calling you: "Hey, you!"

A sadist: Somebody who sends a "Get Well" card to a hypochondriac.

The Wanderer

ANC's national headquarters, and at Lancet Hall, the party's regional offices, were plain for all to see. But the look in their eyes was that of people weary of violence, not seething with anger.

Who was behind it, white rightwingers or Inkatha?

"The right wing," each pedestrian replied.

"I suspect the right wing," said the ANC's Mthetheleli Mncube from Lancet Hall, where a voter education class was due to begin minutes after the explosion.

"They are against the elections, this was done to intimidate."

One of the victims of the bomb attack was a teacher who ran naked into the street after the blast shattered windows and furniture in her flat.

Nokwazi Gumbi said she was in the bathroom when "I heard a strong, forceful wind and the windows began to rattle".

She was struck on the face and arms by shrapnel. She grabbed her teenage son and fled the building on the corner of Smal and Bree streets.

Hillbrow Hospital treated scores of people hurt in the blast. A spokesman said that although 22 of the victims were not seriously injured they were severely shocked and had to be calmed before being discharged.

Hospital staff battled for three hours to save an unidentified man who was admitted with multiple injuries, but he died.

One of the survivors, Levy Khumalo, 51, said he had just crossed Bree Street on his way to visit his children when the bomb exploded.

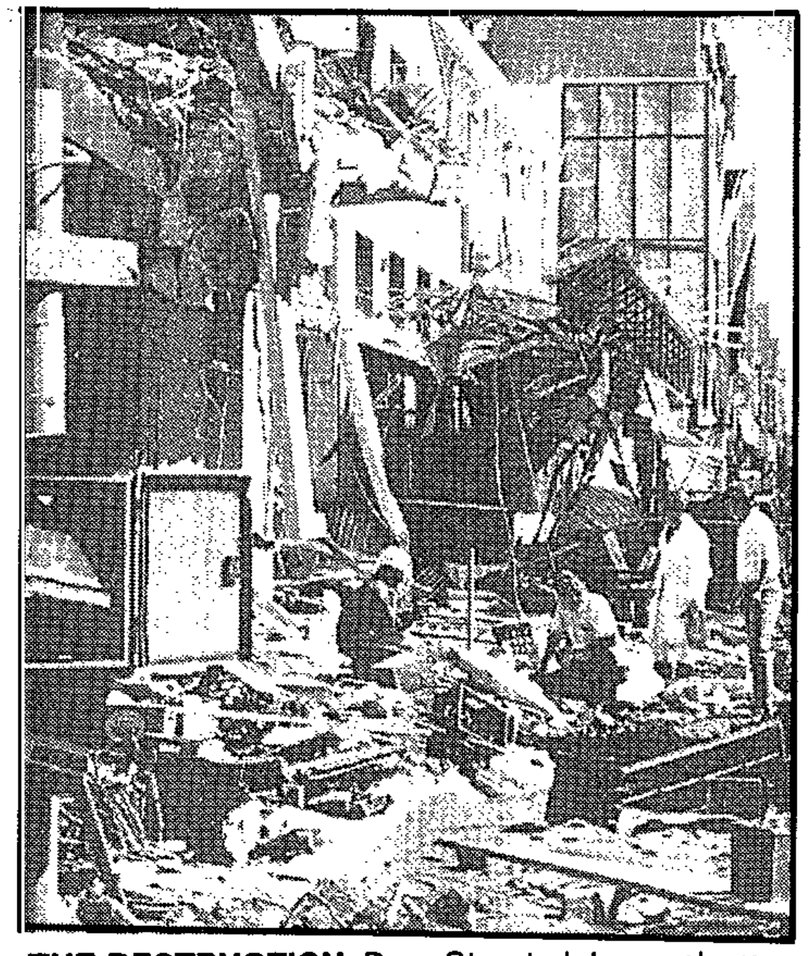
"I heard a big bang. I was still on my feet and tried to run when I realised that my right leg was unable to move and I collapsed and awoke in hospital," he said.

Another survivor, Richard Dladla, had been sitting on the balcony of his Bree Stree flat when he was struck by shrapnel.

"I was drinking tea when it happened and I felt something hit me and I fell."

He was struck on his face and chest.

Asked if the bomb attack would keep him from going to the polls this week he was adamant that he would vote "even if I have to get up from my hospital bed to do it."



THE DESTRUCTION: Bree Street, Johannesburg, resembles the scene after an earthquake.

ANC's 'unselfish' Susan dies in friend's arms

The Argus Correspondent reports from Johannesburg.

THIS time next week Susan Keane might have been an elected African National Congress representative to the first PWV legislature.

But she was killed by yesterday's car bomb while on a typically helpful errand.

Susan, 37, and ANC regional executive member Joan Fubbs were driving to the organisation's offices at Lancet Hall to deliver material needed for a workshop on local government.

"We got to the robot at Bree and Von Wielligh streets. The lights changed and in a split second it was like all hell breaking loose," said Joan.

"There were flames in front of us and Susan said: 'Oh God, a bomb blast'."

Joan, who was unhurt, said she urged her friend to drive on. But Susan, bleeding from the nose, said: "I can't drive."

Susan struggled out of the car before dying in Joan's arms.

Susan was a town planner and headed the finance and services task team of the Tripartite Alliance's local government working group. She was also secretary-general of the ANC's Johannesburg subregion.



SUSAN KEANE ... killed in the blast.

"We will be lost without her — she was the best," said Mathole Motshekga, deputy chairman of the ANC region.

At 41 on the list of ANC candidates for the 86-member provincial legislature, she stood a good chance of election.

Both Mathole and Joan said Susan was generous in the way she used her considerable expertise. "She gave unstintingly of herself," said Joan.

As they flipped through photographs taken during ANC study tours and functions, searching for a good likeness of their friend, Joan remarked: "Susan was always the one behind the camera — that's why there are so few pictures of her."

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CHAOS: Policemen and emergency services staff at the scene of the bomb blast in Germiston which killed 10 people and injured many more. The remains of the car in which the bomb was placed is top left.

The Argus Correspondent ARG 25/4/94 (344)

JOHANNESBURG. — A powerful car bomb exploded at a crowded taxi rank in central Germiston today, killing at least 10 people and injuring more than 50.

Witnesses said parts of bodies were lying in the street.

Today's blast was one of nine in the past 24 hours.

The force of the blast near Germiston's busy taxi rank shook windows up to a kilometre away. Panicky people ran for cover.

Buildings were extensively damaged and human remains could be seen in the street.

At least 20 vehicles were damaged.

Police have offered a R1 million reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

African National Congress spokesman Carl Niehaus said it appeared that a white man in a minibus had set off the bomb.

"A VW Kombi parked in the middle of the taxi rank. A white man got out and left in a rush. The vehicle exploded," said Mr Niehaus.

The blast was 800m from the sub-regional offices of the ANC and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu).

The blast in Germiston follows yesterday's car bomb blast which killed nine people and injured about 100 near the African National Congress offices in central Johannesburg.

Security forces cordoned off at least four blocks around the bomb scene and shops and buildings in the Germiston town centre were evacuated and closed.

A severed hand wrapped in a piece of newspaper lay in the centre of the street after the blast.

A witness, Peter Looptjie, said he was walking down the street when the bomb went off.

"I saw a big ball of flame, the ground shook. Pieces of metal, human flesh and everything was going up in the air. I've never seen anything like it," said Mr Looptjie.

In other parts of the country, six polling stations were bombed yesterday after the blast which killed nine people in central Johannesburg.

And in a seventh reported blast, a public toilet at a taxi rank in Randfontein was destroyed early today.

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Potgietersrus police reported a blast at the town's polling station in the Department of Home Affairs building.

The town hall at Steynsburg in the Karoo was damaged in an explosion. It caused about R10 000 damage to the building, which was to have been used as a polling station. A short while later the polling station in adjoining Khaymnandi township was also bombed.

On the East Rand a polling station was petrol-bombed in Dinwiddie, Germiston. Damage was minimal.

In another attack police arrested two men, aged 19 and 20, after a petrol bomb was thrown against the security door of Primrose Primary School hall — also a polling station in Germiston — on Saturday night.

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BOMB HORROR

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9 killed, 100 hurt in blast

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A second car bomb was found a stone's throw from an earlier blast that killed nine people and injured 100 in the city centre yesterday.

The first explosion, a 90-kg car bomb, went off on the corner of Bree and Von Wielligh streets close to the ANC offices shortly before 10am, instantly killing a pavement fruit seller and causing extensive damage to surrounding buildings.

VICTIMS TELL OF HORROR
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A reward of R500 000 has been offered for infor-
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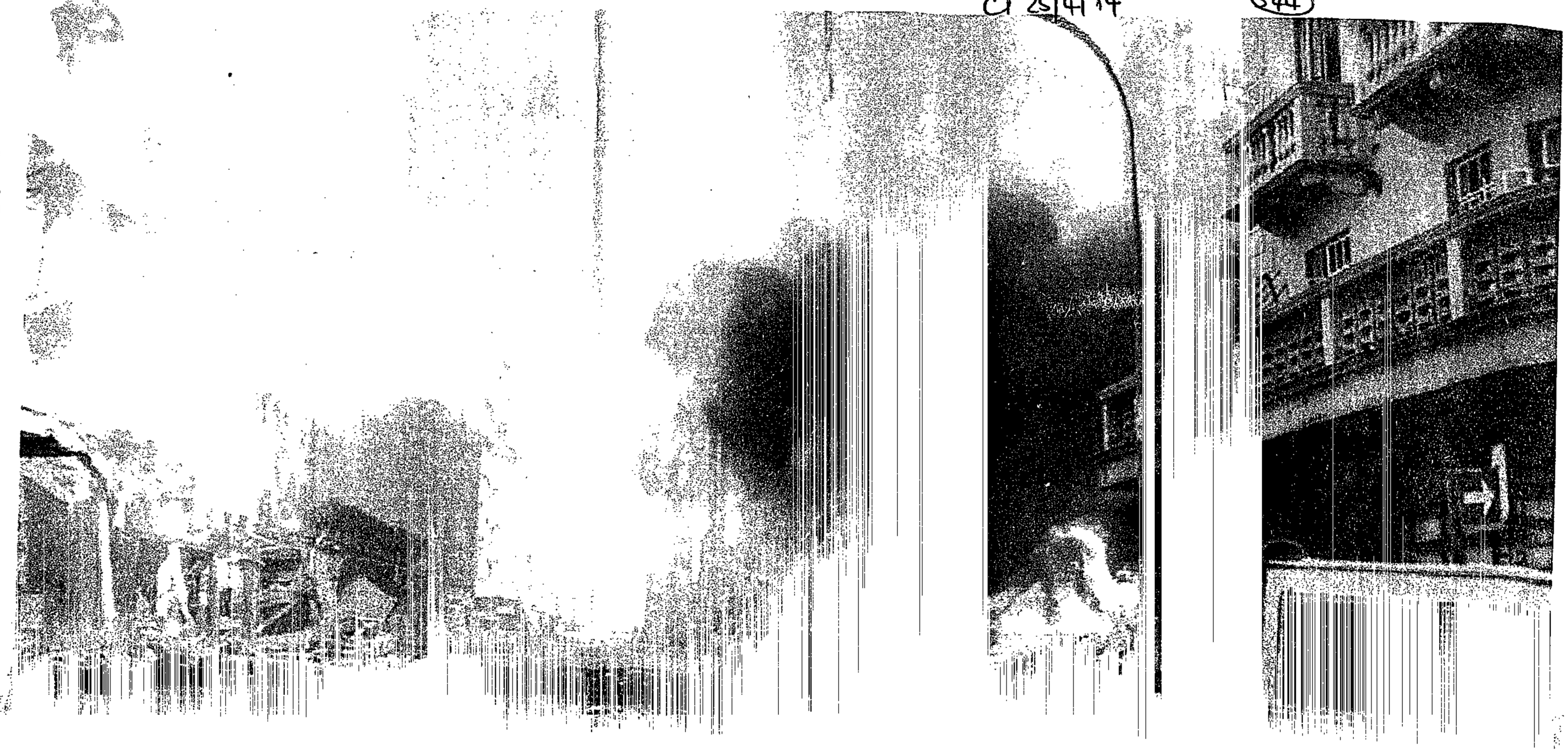

list, Ms Susan Keane, died in hospital after being injured in the blast.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Eugene Opperman told Sapa police were preparing to defuse the explosive device about 12.20pm, failing which they would detonate it in a controlled explosion.

He said police earlier received a telephone call to the effect that another bomb had been planted in the same area. They had searched non-stop until the bomb was traced.

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said yesterday ANC offices were undoubtedly the target. The bomb was placed half a block from ANC PWV headquarters in Jeppe Street, and one block from its national headquarters at Shell House.

Six ANC staff members in the building were hospitalised with injuries from schrapnel and flying glass.

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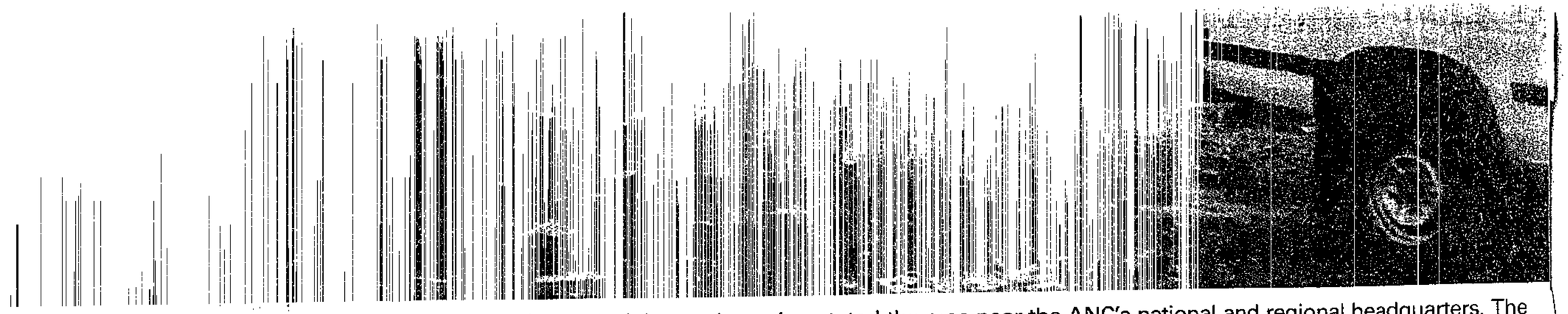

STREETS OF FIRE . . . A bombed-out car burns yesterday after the largest bomb ever in Johannesburg devastated the area near the ANC's national and regional headquarters. The bomb exploded on the corner of Bree and Von Wielligh streets. Nine people died and about 100 were injured in the blast. Among those who died was Ms Susan Keane, a candidate on the ANC's regional list.

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TODAY we publish a list of all the shops, cafes and other outlets where the Cape Times will be sold on Wednesday, April 27, voting day — see Page 11.

They beat all odds

THE stories of the winners of the Against All Odds Competition appear on page 5 today.

Please vote in peace

TOMORROW the Cape Times is to publish a page of advertisements in the Classified section in which advertisers call on readers to vote in peace on Wednesday.

Where you can vote

IN the Cape Times today we publish a comprehensive election supplement which gives full details of where you may cast your vote.

Election countdown

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

SOUTH AFRICA's 22 million voters have just 24 hours to wait before their date with destiny begins.

The country's first non-racial poll after centuries of white rule will extend over three days, with special voting by disabled, ill and pregnant persons taking place tomorrow at 800 polling stations.

The bulk of voters will flood to about 9 000 polling stations across the country on Wednesday and Thursday.

Parties are obliged by law to cease campaigning by late this afternoon and the outcome of the historic poll should be known by this weekend.

As parties wrapped up their campaigns yesterday, the ANC was predicting a landslide win in the national assembly election and a "clean sweep" of the nine provincial elections.

And smaller parties like the Democratic Party and the PAC were confident of holding the balance of power in a number of regions where none of the larger parties is expected to achieve a clear majority.

The battle royal between the ANC and the NP for the Western Cape saw both parties claiming their victory was assured.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said his party had been able to "turn around our campaign in the past few weeks and reverse the tide completely".

Speaking to more than 10 000 NP supporters in the Good Hope Centre at the party's final rally at the weekend, Mr De Klerk said there could be "no doubt" about an NP victory, while NP premier canidate Mr Hernus Kriel said: "The Western Cape deserves an NP victory."

A MANDATE FOR LIBERALISM

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But the National Party was confident of victory in at least the Western Cape and the Northern Cape, with Inkatha predicting a surprise win in KwaZulu/Natal.

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Uys satire ban angers viewers

Staff Reporters

THOUSANDS of TV viewers were infuriated last night when the SABC cancelled the broadcast of Pieter-Dirk Uys' political satire, One Man One Volt, at the last minute.

The SABC switchboards locally and in Johannesburg were flooded by angry callers.

Mr Uys said the programme had been banned because the SABC felt it was politically incorrect and over the heads of South African viewers.

SATV publicity manager Mr Johan van Rheede said last night the show had been cancelled in consideration of the section of the Electoral Act that says no broadcaster may criticise any political parties for 48 hours before polling.

As far as he knew no political party had pressured the corporation to cancel the show.

Mr Raymond Louw, Commissioner of the Independent Media Commission, expressed surprise.

British husbands getting battered

LONDON. — The British male is under growing threat of domestic violence, with the number of cases of husbands and boyfriends being beaten up by their wives or girlfriends doubling in the past five years.

Last week a national helpline for battered husbands in Surrey was set up to counsel the unprecedented number of men being physically assaulted by their partners. Police statistics on domestic violence show male victims represent 12%.

Police officers called to scenes of domestic unrest have been shocked at the violence meted out by women. Inspector Stephen Bloomfield of London said: "Ten years ago it wasn't thought possible that a woman could beat up a man. Now it's a regular occurrence."

The University of London has begun a study into the causes of female domestic violence.

Missing girls — new twist

Crime Reporter

POLICE may have made another breakthrough regarding the disappearance of six young girls following the re-arrest of a man who knew Pretoria paedophile Gert van Rooyen.

A police spokesman confirmed that Mr Barney Smith, who escaped from custody in Pretoria in March, was re-arrested on Friday and has allegedly been linked to Van Rooyen.

The spokesman would not say how the two men were linked.

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Bombers face united front

☐ Security dragnet as leaders vow to crack down

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

THE largest peacetime deployment of soldiers and police reached full strength for the start of voting today as South Africa's political leadership stood united in their vow to crack down hard on the anti-election terror campaign.

President De Klerk and African National Congress president Nelson Mandela spoke with one voice in condemning the bombers and appealing to voters to remain calm and to cast their ballots.

At least 21 people have died and more than 150 have been injured in the string of blasts in the past two days, most directed against crowds of black people or polling facilities.

No arrests have been made yet but "a number of people" have been questioned, say West Rand police investigating the bomb attacks.

A R1 million reward has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bombers.

Security contingency plans were in place, said Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh.

"More than 100 000 policemen and women will be deployed to ensure the safety of polling booths and stations throughout the country."

The Argus tomorrow

THE Argus will be published as usual tomorrow, election day, bringing readers the latest news on the election and from around the world.

Newspaper House will be closed to the public but advertisers will be able to phone in advertisements between 8.30 and 11am. The number is 488 4891 for classified advertisements and 488 4147 for retail.

● Where to buy your Argus tomorrow — page 12.

The police and other security forces would "immediately start implementing security measures such as cordon and search operations throughout the country in order to reduce the chances of further bomb blasts and other atrocities".

Police deputy commissioner Johan Swart appealed to voters to remain calm and not to overreact — and to leave voting stations reasonably quickly after voting to avoid congestion.

Mr De Klerk vowed that government and security forces would not rest until the perpetrators of bomb attacks had been "tracked down, convicted and punished as they deserve to be".

Mr Mandela, who had lengthy telephone conversations with Mr De Klerk on Sunday and yesterday, agreeing on "tough measures" to end the violence "and bring to book" those responsible for the bomb blasts, said

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Leaders unite to fight bombers

(From page 1.)

it was important that public confidence was raised.

Mr De Klerk told parliament the bombers had declared war on the rest of society and the police had concentrated all available resources on arresting them.

Calling for calm, he added: "A strong voter turn-out would be the best possible response of most South Africans to this attempt to intimidate them."

The attacks were the work of "a group of desperate people who will stop at nothing in their efforts to disrupt the election".

"It is difficult to imagine the mentality of people who promote their cause by killing and mutilating innocent people.

"The fact that they have resorted to such measures is an indication of the bankruptcy of their ideas.

"If they were real men, they would come out into the open and discuss their concerns and proposals with their fellow South Africans and not kill and maim innocent men, women and children.

"They have declared war on the rest of society and we will not rest until they have been tracked down, convicted and punished as they deserve to be."

He said that after last week's agreement paving the way for the inclusion of the Inkatha Freedom Party in the election, "there can be no doubt that all the major parties are included in the constitutional process and are participating in the election".

Mr De Klerk said there could be no place in South Africa for those who wished to impose their will through violence.

In another reaction, Foreign Minister Pik Botha said the bombers were stupid and spineless if they believed they could stop the elections.

"We will not allow ourselves to be scared off. I appeal to all South Africans to take part in the elections with even greater dedication and determination."

DP MP for Pinetown Roger Burrows said the DP utterly condemned the bombings and the bombers responsible for the blasts.

"The people of South Africa must go to the polls with the firm belief it is democracy they are going to achieve."

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

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Cafe bomb kills two, injures 29

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were killed and 29 injured in a bomb attack on a cafe in Marabastad in Pretoria last night. The blast was the 13th in three days and took the death toll to 21.

Police said two white men in a blue car drove past Solly's Restaurant in 7th Avenue, threw a bomb at black diners and sped off. The blast ripped a hole through the corrugated-iron structure, close to a bus depot.

The attack came hours after a car-bomb explosion at a taxi rank in Germiston killed 10 people and injured 41.

There was also a petrol-bomb attack in Bez Valley here last night. A parked car and a house were damaged.

Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said detectives were close to a breakthrough. They believed main polling began tomorrow.

Police spokesman Colonel Steve Senekal said no arrests had been made and the people who were being questioned could not be regarded as suspects.

The Germiston bomb, placed underneath a trailer in a congested area near the corner of Odendaal and Simmonds streets, exploded at 8.45am. The b[illegible] blew vehicles and pe[illegible]

Witnesses to many of the bomb attacks have made similar claims, saying they have seen whites leaving the scene just before the bombs have exploded.

The ANC's national chairman, Mr Thabo Mbeki, said a citizen's arrest had been made outside the Home Affairs offices in Benoni after passers-by became suspicious of a white man in a parked Mercedes-

men were travelling damaged three minibus taxis parked under a bridge on the Johannesburg/Potchefstroom road near Westonaria.

At least four polling stations were bombed on Sunday night and early yesterday. These were in Potgietersrus, Boksburg North and Bloemhof in the Transvaal and in Steynsburg in the Eastern Cape.

Police have detained a ma[illegible]

LATEST

JOHANNESBURG. — A man claiming to be a spokesman for the Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging (BBB) telephoned a Johannesburg newspaper early this morning claiming his organisation was responsible for the bomb in Germiston which killed 10 people and injured 41.

The man was reported to have said: "The blast in Germiston will seem like a Sunday school picnic compared with what's to come. We will keep going until we get our volkstaat."

BBB leader Prof Johan Schabort said he knew nothing about the claim. — Sapa



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the same person or people.

Reward

The R500 000 reward offered after Sunday's blast was doubled to R1 million — the largest in South African criminal history.

Police said a person had been detained for questioning in connection with the spate of bomb attacks.

Deputy Minister of Law and Order Mr Gert Myburgh said police were interrogating a person.

The terrorists responsible for the blasts would be "hunted down ruthlessly", he said. He was confident the culprits would be arrested before the

Forensic teams had to collect human limbs which were blown into car parks more than 100m from the taxi rank. Police liaison officer Captain Wikus Weber said the device used 100kg of explosives. The bomb was larger than Sunday's bomb in central Johannesburg and the most powerful yet in South Africa. It left a crater in the road and destroyed the roof and front wall of a supermarket.

African National Congress spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said witnesses had seen a white man running away from a minibus moments before the explosion. Police could not confirm this.

He said the man had run away and had been pursued by the crowd, members of which found explosives in the car. Police denied this, saying the car had been searched but no explosives had been found.

Other explosions across the country caused hundreds of thousands of rands damage, but no casualties were reported. Many of the targets were polling stations.

A bomb, made with 3kg of commercial explosives and concealed in the women's toilet at Randfontein taxi rank on the West Rand, went off at 7.40am yesterday. No one was injured.

At 11.45am, a bomb thrown from car in which three white

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Krugerscorp, on Sunday. Forensic experts said the device was home-made.

Two unexploded bombs were found.

Two white men, aged 19 and 20, were detained in Germiston following an attempted petrol bomb attack on the Primrose School polling booth on Saturday afternoon. The bomb failed to detonate.

An Eskom pylon supplying electricity to Wonderfontein in the Eastern Transvaal was damaged by an explosion yesterday morning. Power was restored before lunchtime.

Police refused to comment on



EXTRA PRECAUTIONS . . . The entrance to the District Six/Walmer Estate polling station at the Zonnebloem Nest School was guarded by Constables Shaun Smith (left) and Reinold Jansen yesterday. ● Report Page 2. Picture: BENNY GOOL

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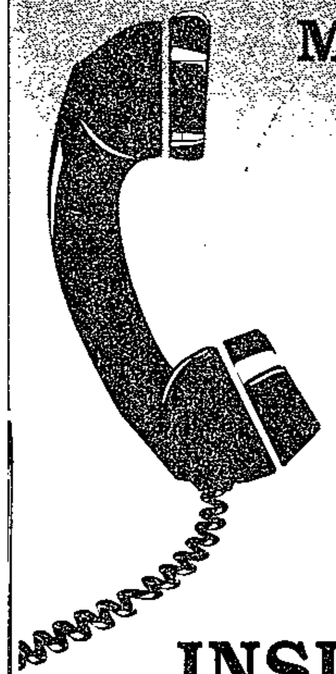

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Prisoners' right to vote not finalised

WHETHER all prisoners will be able to vote still hangs in the balance, with the fraught issue not being finalised as expected yesterday.

In spite of discussions between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, a government spokesman said the matter had not been resolved, and further discussions would take place. CT 26/4/94

Parties originally agreed during negotiations that prisoners who had committed serious offences would not be allowed to vote, although awaiting trial prisoners and people imprisoned who had been given the option of a fine could vote.

The Transitional Executive Council reversed this decision after protests by prisoner representatives and unrest in prisons. But the government refused to comply with the TEC's decision, resulting in the impasse.

FW predicts amnesty after the election

CT 26/4/94

Political Staff

PRESIDENT F W de Kerk predicted yesterday that a general amnesty would be declared after the election.

Mr De Klerk — who is understood to have discussed the matter with ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday — said the ANC's position on amnesty had changed.

It seemed amenable to a general amnesty for all people guilty of, or associated with, political crimes.

Mr De Klerk has been under pressure to resolve the issue by security force members who fear they might be made scapegoats under the new dispensation.

Speaking in Parliament, he said important breakthroughs had been achieved. The ANC realised there would not be a new police or defence force after the elections and broadly the same people would have to run the forces.

The ANC said last night its position was that, subject to full disclosure, it was fully committed to granting indemnity to all members of the security forces for acts of commission or omission that violated the rights of others, committed before the agreed October 8, 1990, cut-off date.

Kiwi vote gives ANC early lead

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE ANC took an early lead in the election at 9pm yesterday when Mr Nelson Mandela's niece became the first person to vote in South Africa's all-race poll.

Ms Nomaza Paintin, who cast her ballot in the New Zealand capital of Wellington, said she "felt the spirit of all my people back home" as she cast the historic first ballot of election '94.

"I felt ecstatic, euphoric and emotional all at once because casting the first vote of the election symbolized the victory for the restoration of the dignity of my people," she said minutes after making her cross, which she celebrated with a cry of "Amandla".

"I had to be careful not to start crying because I did not want my make-up to be ruined in front of all the television cameras," she admitted.

Ms Paintin is among 15 000 South Africans eligible to vote in New Zealand.

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OF course they couldn't have Pieter-Dirk Uys on TV. Viewers would have demanded another sticker on the ballot paper for Eva Bezuidenhout.

ANC backed for 57%

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg Stock Exchange was dealing in an unusual commodity yesterday. It was taking bets (or futures contracts) on the outcome of the election.

Yesterday's closing positions indicated a 57% poll for the ANC.

"The predictions are a decent indicator of what the financial market thinks," SA International Money Brokers (SAIMB) director Mr Colin Greff said.

The contracts — known as Exotic Elections Contracts — were facilitated by SAIMB.

The positions were based on predictions of the percentage of votes each party would secure.

Yesterday's closing positions predicted the NP would get 25,5% of the poll, the Inkatha Freedom Party 7,5% and the DP 5,75%. The PAC with 3.5%, Freedom Front at 4% and Soccer party at 0,5% would not score enough to secure cabinet places.

Mr Greff said punters could take bets at R100 "minimum" for every percentage point.

Investors jump on low prices

INVESTORS saw weakening share prices on the JSE early in the day as a buying opportunity. By the close of business the Overall Index was 28 points up, with the Industrial Index 43 points up and the Gold Index 11 points up. Full report — Page 10.

BUSINESS BRIEF

Gold (Ldn) (close)	$372,65
Gold (NY) (close)	$373,75
Dollar	R3,6140/55
JSE Overall Index	5068
FT 100	3106,1
Dow Jones	3706,0
Nikkei	19709,1

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Lost boys found on berg

TWO teenagers trapped overnight in mountains near Stellenbosch walked to safety yesterday while a search party, an Air Force helicopter, police and a Metro Rescue combed the area for them.

"I'm furious with them, but also pleased and happy they're safe," said Mrs Linda Winterbach of Stellenbosch after greeting her 16-year-old son Uys and his friend Gunnar Bloomer, 15, of Somerset West.

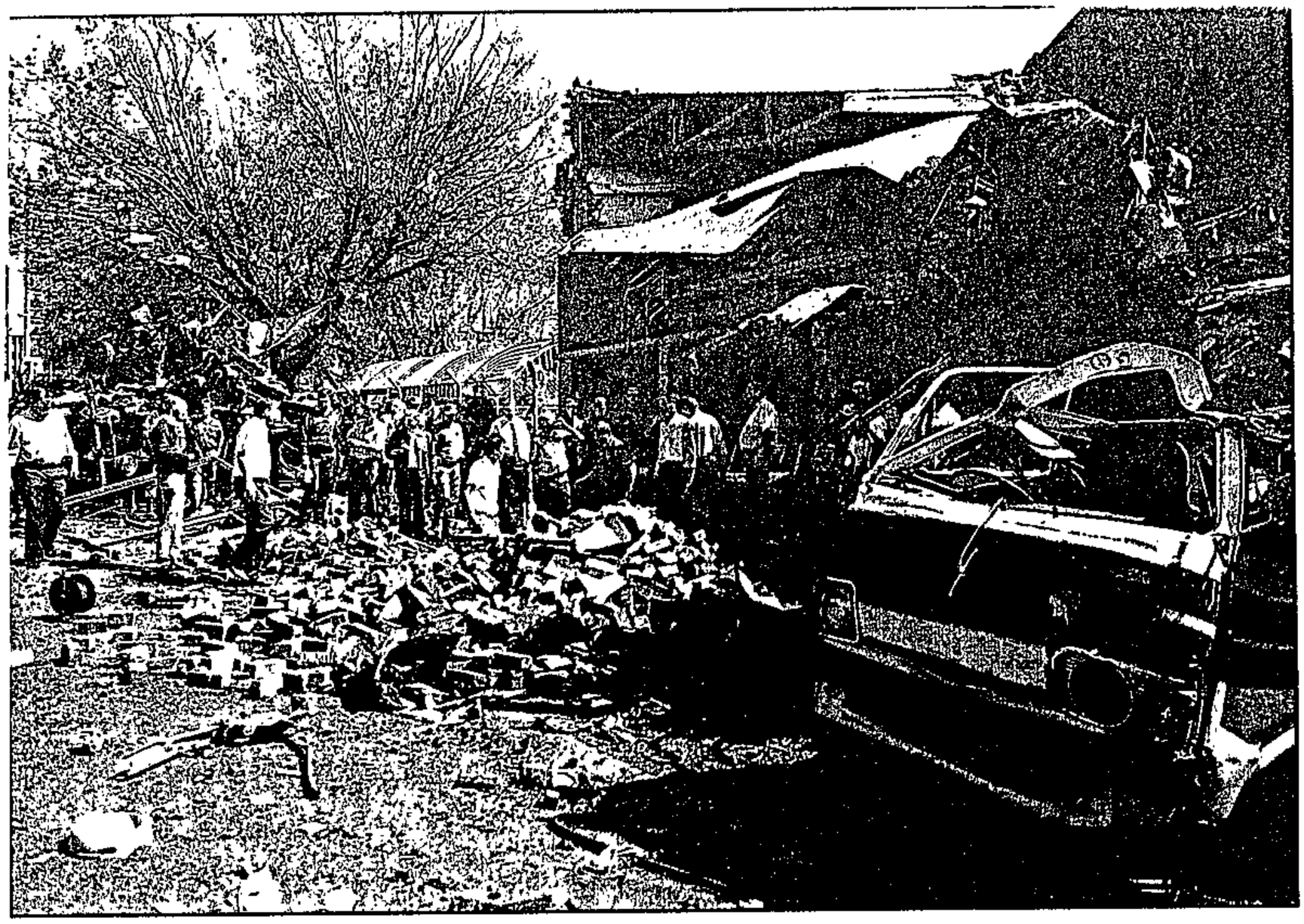
Clad in shorts and T-shirts, the teenagers were trapped overnight on a high mountain in the Jonkershoek Valley. A third friend, Dian Matthee, reached safety on Sunday afternoon and alerted rescue services.

Late yesterday afternoon the Air Force was just about to conduct another sweep of the mountainside when a whistle alerted them to the boys strolling casually 300m away from them.

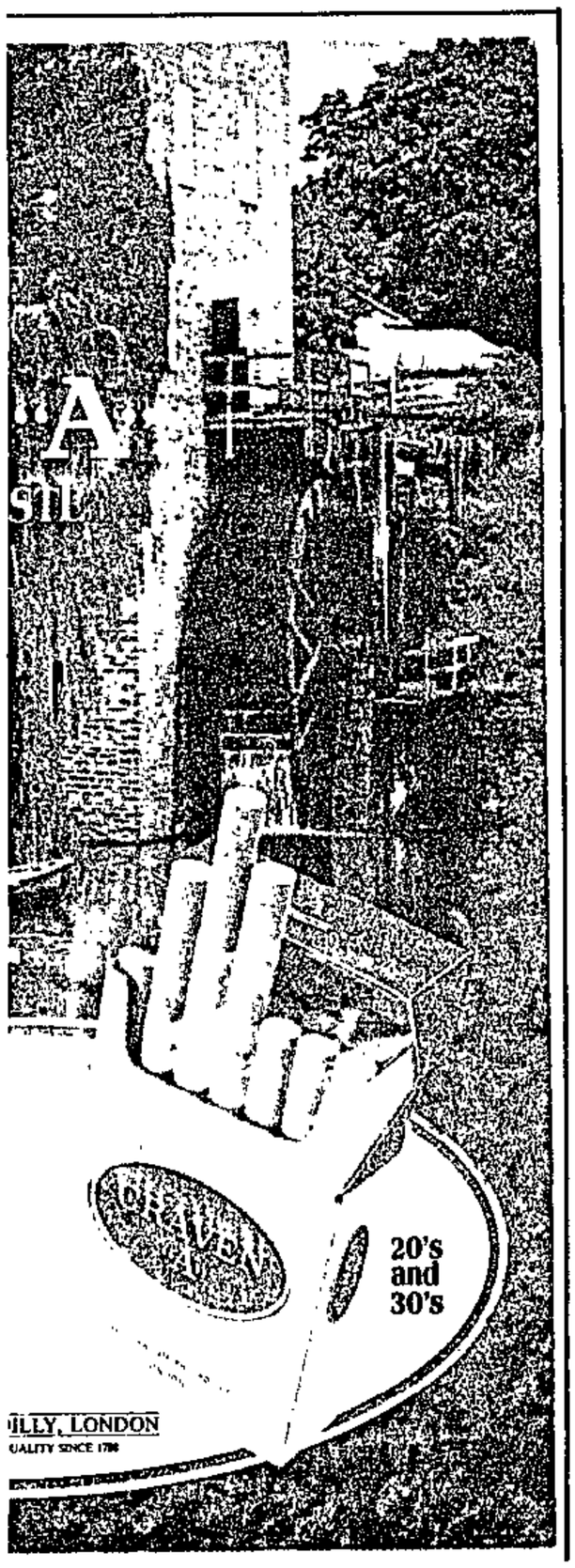
"We went up to second waterfall and kept on climbing," Uys said, "It was steep and before we knew it we were in trouble. We could only go up and we had to find a path to get down again."

After spending the night under a rock, they walked around the mountain to safety.

Mountain rescue co-ordinator Mr Lester Coelen warned inexperienced hikers to carry a map.



Police and bomb experts search for clues at the Germiston taxi rank. The explosion killed 10 people and injured 50. PIC: LEN KUMALO



Bombs

carnage

Sowetan 26/4/94

■ DINERS ATTACKED Two white youths speed off after attack on Pretoria restaurant:

AT LEAST 21 people have been killed and 179 injured in bomb blasts around the country over the past two days — the eve of South Africa's first nonracial elections.

Ten people were killed and 36 wounded when a bomb tore through a taxi rank in Germiston yesterday, just a day after a huge bomb blast killed nine people and wounded about 100 in central Johannesburg.

In Marabastad, near Pretoria, last night, two people were killed and 29 injured in a bomb attack at a restaurant. (344)

Police spokesman Lieutenant David Harrington said the attack on diners at Solly's Restaurant in 7th Avenue was launched by two white youths who sped off in a car.

Police yesterday reported 11 other bombings in which no injuries or deaths were reported.

An explosive device was thrown at parked minibus taxis near Westonaria. The device exploded, damaging several vehicles.

Another bomb exploded at a Randfontein taxi rank, causing extensive damage to a building.

Two bombs ripped through polling booths in Germiston on Saturday and Sunday nights.

The other bomb blasts took place on Sunday at the Home Affairs offices in Potgietersrus, two at polling stations in Steynsburg in the Karoo, one at the Bloemhof Magistrate's Court in the Western Transvaal, one in Nelspruit, one at Dan Pienaarville in Krugersdorp and one at a polling station in Boksburg North.

Police found a second bomb on Sunday night in a car parked on the corner of Jeppe and Von Wielligh streets, Johannesburg, not far from the scene of an earlier explosion.

Police have increased to R1 million the reward for information that could lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the blasts.

No one has claimed responsibility for the blasts, but the ANC said it suspected rightwingers boycotting the historic poll.

● See page 2.

AWB 'not involved in bombings'

HUNDREDS of "fringe" right-wing groups numbering from two to 20 were active across South Africa and it would be impossible for police to infiltrate them, AWB spokesman Fred Rundle said yesterday.

Rundle said recent bombings could have been carried out by any number of right-wing groups operating outside usual right-wing structures, and denied the AWB was involved in any of the incidents.

"We warned ages ago that all hell would break loose if attempts were made to install a communist government. We have repeatedly said the majority of the Boer nation will not accept this," Rundle said.

He said thousands had lost their jobs because of affirmative action and consequently had nothing to lose.

Analyst Mark Shaw, who writes for the Centre for Policy Studies, said the attacks were probably a "last-ditch" effort to halt the transition.

GAVIN DU VENAGE

He said it was of concern that security forces seem to have been caught unaware by the attacks.

Shaw speculated that more attacks could be expected unless sweeping arrests were soon made. These would probably take place wherever whites could operate without being conspicuous.

It was therefore unlikely that many attacks would occur in townships but would probably take place at polling stations in white suburbs or at major transport nodes such as taxi ranks, Shaw said.

He said the attacks were probably carried out by small, highly professional groups. While mainstream right-wing organisations such as the AWB were probably successfully infiltrated by security forces, smaller groups were difficult to trace.

However, he doubted whether the bombings would dissuade people from voting but they might prompt voters to cast their ballot on Thursday, overturning predictions that most would vote tomorrow.

Meanwhile, police yesterday refused to disclose the amount of commercial explosives and military equipment unrecovered following robberies at military and mine depots over the past year. (344)

However, sources have indicated the amount could be "substantial". Very little of the missing explosives were recovered.

□ Fifty-three detained Boer "freedom fighters" should be released, the Boer Republican Army demanded yesterday, Sapa reports.

The Political Rights Organisation, which is fighting for Boer rights, also demanded that "the torturing of Boer political prisoners in South African jails cease forthwith".

Report by G du Venage, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

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Turnover		**629 461**	602 245
Operating income		**33 702**	32 457
Interest received		**4 252**	1 902
		37 954	34 359
Taxation		**6 187**	5 973
		31 767	28 386
Non-consolidated subsidiary's earnings		**4 142**	3 794
		35 909	32 180
Outside shareholders' share of profit/(loss)		**207**	(888)
Preference dividends in subsidiary		**4 496**	7 164
Attributable earnings		**31 206**	25 904
Extraordinary items	3	**(2 435)**	(5 063)



focus on rightwing

Sowetan 27/4/94

THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA have come to learn a long list of acronyms on the eve of the election: these include the ACDP, ADM, AMCP, AMP, FP, FF, WLP, KISS and SAWP.

Now, in the aftermath of several bomb blasts in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, they have to add some frightening new acronyms to their list.

These include the BRL, BBB, BWB, BSP and the OBV. These militant rightwing groups have been around for a while, but a shaken South Africa will now be looking at them anew.

Any one of these organisations could be responsible for the bombs; but it could also be none of them. It may be yet another new group that has mushroomed overnight.

Or it may just be some individuals, acting on their own without a mandate in a desperate attempt to disrupt this week's elections.

And while the bombs may seem to be aimed at creating death and fear indiscriminately, political analyst Dr Wim Booyse draws attention to a key difference between the blasts.

"It would be wise to distinguish between the car bombs (in Johannesburg and Germiston), and the other explosions," he says.

"The explosions are sabotage, which falls into the ambit of armed propaganda. But the objectives of the car bombs are clearly aimed at terrorising society."

But, stresses Booyse, all the incidents have the same overall objective: "to destabilise the democratisation process and the election".

He expects incidents of sabotage to continue after the election. "I was surprised by the fact that the car bombs exploded," says Booyse.

"There was no indication that the level of terror would escalate so quickly. And the fact that it has, does not bode well for stability after election."

State of emergency

He urges a newly elected government to act strongly against the perpetrators of such attacks and specifically calls for a state of emergency.

"It will be important for the democratically elected government to clamp down on those sinister forces," he says.

"The government of the day will have no choice but to call a national state of emergency."

The spate of bombs on the eve of the election was a long time in coming.

Those opposed to the election, like the AWB, have been refusing all these years to accept the constitutional settlement being worked out by the Government and the ANC.

They have been making ominous noises about violent resistance for a long time. AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche has often threatened to rock the country if he did not get his way.

This was indicated by the AWB's invasion of the World Trade Centre in June 1993 during multiparty negotiations.

Other groups, like the Boere Republikeinse Leer, Boerestaatparty, Boerevryheidsbeweging and Boereweerstandsbeweging, have also been lurking in the shadows for a long time.

Robert van Tonder's Boerestaatparty, for example, has consistently and vociferously warned about its intentions to prevent a new order in South Africa. (3444)

The Orde Boerevolk is another determined opponent of nonracialism and its leader, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, helped lead a protest against president FW de Klerk in Ventersdorp in 1991.

In what became known as the "Battle of Ventersdorp", shooting broke out between the police and rightwingers, and several people ended up dead. But in many ways it is those groups who are unknown and operate on the fringes of society that constitute the most dangerous threat to the birth of a democracy.

This is indicated by numerous raids on ammunition depots over the years. And there have also been bomb blasts for many years, especially in the Western Transvaal and Free State.

These were shrill warnings that the threats from the rightwing were not idle chatter. Some arms raids were traced to AWB, Boere Republikeinse Leer and Boereweerstandsbeweging members.

Yet, still ammunition continued to disappear from army depots, a sign both of the skill and the determination of the militant right.

It was from one of these raids on an SAAF depot that the weapon was stolen that was eventually used to kill SACP leader Chris Hani.

Several of these rightwing groups have broken up and splintered into smaller groups. Even the tiny Wit Wolwe, once led by Barend Strydom, suffered from these splits.

Strydom once expelled some Wit Wolwe because they were members of the Church of the Creator, a rightwing fundamentalist church group who believe in the "White Man's Bible".

These splits have undoubtedly weakened the right wing. But it can also make them more dangerous as ousted members then do not fall under the discipline of an organisation.

There are many questions hanging in the air in the aftermath of the bomb blasts. It is clear the new government will be searching for the answers for a long time.

But what is also clear is that a military solution alone may not succeed. The security forces have, after all, been boasting for a long time about how they have infiltrated the right wing.

This has brought its successes but this week's blasts indicate that the threat posed by the militant right wing is by no means contained.

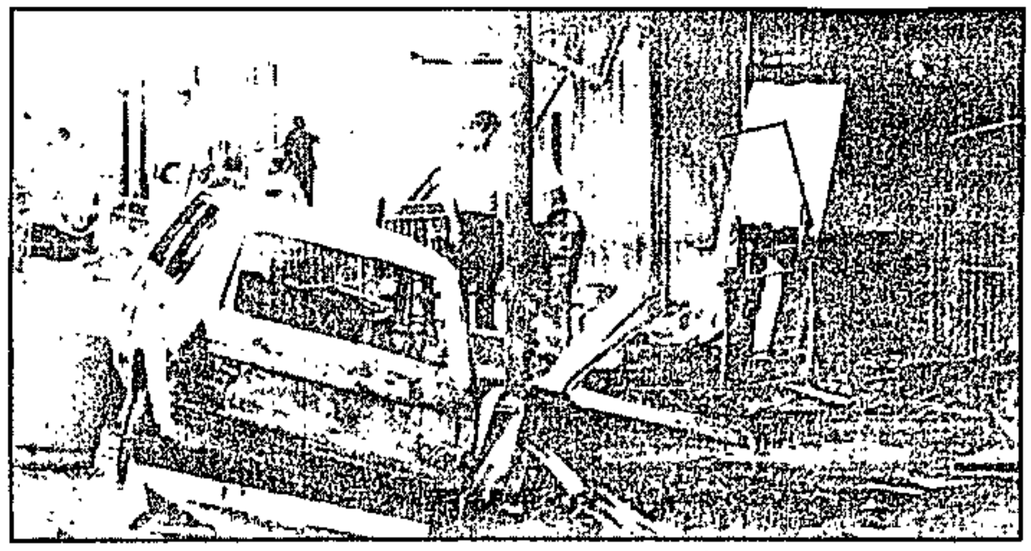
The new government will need to continue the search for some kind of political resolution to the deadly stalemate.

Because, while many of these attacks are vicious and cold-blooded, it may be no more than the expression of the fear and uncertainty of ordinary people.

But whatever the reason — fear or racism — it cannot be ignored.



The recent acts of terrorism are aimed at destabilising the democratisation process. South Africa's new government will have to act strongly against the perpetrators of the bomb attacks. Tyrone August reports:



Sign of the times ... Car bombs are not a new phenomenon in South Africa. But they may occur more often in future as the militant right wing becomes more desperate.

Police arrest 32nd bomb blast suspect

ARG 28/4/94 (344)

☐ 'Most belong to Ystergarde'

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Police arrested another suspect today after a string of Reef bombings, bringing to 32 the number of rightwingers being held. Police Commissioner-General Johan van der Merwe said more arrests would follow.

Most of the rightwingers arrested in swoops yesterday were members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's highly trained Ystergarde, police said.

It is understood that one of the men detained was "general" Alex Cruywagen, the AWB's chief-of-staff, and a Jaco Nel, who was allegedly detained in connection with the bombing in Marabastad on Monday night.

Addressing a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday, General Van der Merwe disclosed that one of the detainees was a policeman and another a police reservist.

Police also seized a large quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives.

General Van der Merwe said the suspects' motives were clearly to derail and disrupt the election process, but added it was too early to say whether the campaign was an "AWB conspiracy".

He said police had good reason to believe the detainees were the "brains" of the operation, but the AWB leadership "may also be involved".

The rightwingers — later referred to by top ANC candidate Jay Naidoo as "brandy-and-Coke terrorists" — were detained in the Johannesburg, Rustenburg, Ventersdorp and Pretoria areas.

They were being held in connection with the bomb blast in Johannesburg on Sunday and those in Germiston, Marabastad, Westonaria and Randfontein on Monday. In total 21 people died and more than 173 were injured.

However, the man suspected of bombing Jan Smuts Airport yesterday was still at large.

The first of the rightwingers was detained on Sunday after the Johannesburg blast, in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. Most others were detained yesterday in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act.

General Van der Merwe said some suspects had "given themselves up" while others were detained with the help of AWB informers.

But the breakthrough could also be attributed to "sheer hard work of the investigation teams involved, as well as to exceptional intelligence work", said General Van der Merwe.

Two explosives experts, Major Lionel Palmer and Warrant-Officer Johan Venter, showed the media a homemade bomb that was seized from a suspect in Benoni, allegedly while he was looking for a location to detonate it.



SCENE OF TERROR: Policeman examine the remains of the car used to bomb Jan Smuts Airport yesterday.

Hundreds of voters | Party yesterday stopped the ANC from | IEC agreed to extend the Clarement | for hours to cast their vote on a day | before 7am. started to vote at 7.20am. | A CAMPS BAY woman

Bombs 'breakthrough': AWB elite arrested

By ANDRE KOOPMAN

POLICE have arrested 31 people and confiscated a large haul of arms and explosives related to the spate of murderous car bomb blasts which rocked the PWV area before the election, killing 21 and injuring at least 173.

Most of those arrested were members of the AWB's elite Ystergarde (Iron Guard Unit), police headquarters confirmed last night, and some were held in connection with yesterday morning's massive blast at Jan Smuts airport which left three people critically injured and caused structural damage to the building.

A policeman and a police reservist were among those arrested.

The arrests were announced soon after the Jan Smuts blast by Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe at a press conference at Braamfontein, where exhibits and a special video tape were displayed. The press was shown 4kg of fertiliser explosive which police experts said was "amateur" but the effect of which, packed in a 12cm diameter by 60cm steel pipe, was "utterly professional".

General Van der Merwe said police teams had worked around the clock to hunt down those responsible for the blasts and to prevent further blasts.

The arrests were carried out in Rustenberg, Ventersdorp and Pretoria.

Some of those arrested had given themselves up to police.

Police confirmed that AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche was not among those arrested, and his organisation said last night that their leader was somewhere in the Western Transvaal.

Gen Van der Merwe said those arrested were the brains of the group and it could not be ruled out that others were involved.

This was currently under investigation, he said.

The first suspect was arrested and held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act on Sunday, but the rest were regular arrests, the general added.

He said the suspects were being held at various secret locations.

"Investigation teams have been working around the clock over the past few days to hunt down those responsible for recent terror blasts and in an attempt to prevent further blasts," Gen Van der Merwe said.

It is believed that the R1 million reward — the largest in SA history — as well as the work of undercover police operatives within right-wing circles, led to the arrests.

"Using violence to achieve their aims is not only futile and pointless, but will ultimately lead to their own destruction," Gen Van der Merwe said.

Meanwhile President F W de Klerk promised firm future action against elements resembling the "Irish Republican Army".

● The bomb at Jan Smuts yesterday was placed inside a white Peugeot vehicle, and exploded at 7.15am on the elevated roadway adjacent to the international departures terminal. An incoming flight was diverted to Bloemfontein, and outgoing flights were delayed until mid-afternoon.

Police could not confirm the racial breakdown of those injured. However, the target of the bomb contrasted with previous attacks in which most of the casualties were black. A white man was detained at the airport but released after questioning.

The police were confident there would be no bombings in the immediate future, as the arrested men were "the brain behind the blasts".

But radical right-wing terrorism was a threat that would have to be dealt with in the future, he warned. (344) CT 28/4/94

POLLING DAY 2

Violent attempts to spoil poll fail

CT 28/4/94 (344)

A SPATE of violent incidents — including bombings — occurred throughout the country yesterday, but these did not significantly affect the election.

● Two houses were damaged by an explosion near Postmasburg in the northern Cape, police spokeswoman Captain Rita Crafford said.

No one was hurt and police are investigating a charge of terrorism.

● An explosive device found outside Potchefstroom's main polling station was "rendered harmless" before it could explode. It contained commerical explosives.

● Police defused a home-made bomb set to explode against a water tower outside Soutpan, about 50km west of Bloemfontein.

A spokesman said the bomb consisted of two hollowed-out 14kg gas bottles joined together and filled with plastic explosives with an electronic timing device and a detonator. No further details were available.

● The National Party office in Newcastle was damaged at 4.15am when a petrol bomb was thrown through a window.

Police arrested two men, aged 24 and 29, shortly afterwards in Newcastle, said police spokesman Lieutenant Nasser Mohamed.

● Police bomb disposal experts rendered a suspicious looking vehicle parked in Yeoville, Johannesburg, harmless with a controlled explosion. Police spokesman Cpt Eugene Henning said sniffer dogs had indicated the car could have contained a bomb. However, investigation of the car wreck found no evidence of a bomb. The car had been stolen.

● Telephone lines were cut between Three Sisters and Victoria West in the Karoo. Sabotage was suspected.

● Nails thrown on roads at Ermelo in the south-east Transvaal punctured tyres of cars heading for voting stations.

● Shots were fired from a vehicle at policemen guarding a polling station in Oranjeville in the nothern Free State abouf 9pm on Tuesday.

Police returned fire and the vehicle sped away, the Independent Electoral Commission and police said. — Sapa, Own Correpondents

Tight security at D F Malan

Staff Reporters

D F MALAN security staff are on full alert in the wake of the bomb blast at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport.

No cars are allowed to park near any of the terminal buildings at D F Malan and sniffer dogs are being led through continually, the airport's general manager, Mr Hennie Taljaard, said yesterday.

He said all baggage was being subjected to a 100% search and security staff were working 12 hours at a stretch "so that we always have 50% of the staff here".



Voters queue at one of the polling stations in the city centre of Boksburg, a stronghold of the right wing. Most of the black voters came from the neighbouring townships of Tsakane and Vosloorus because of a shortage of ballot papers in those areas. PIC: MOFFAT ZUNGU

Bombs: SAP swoops

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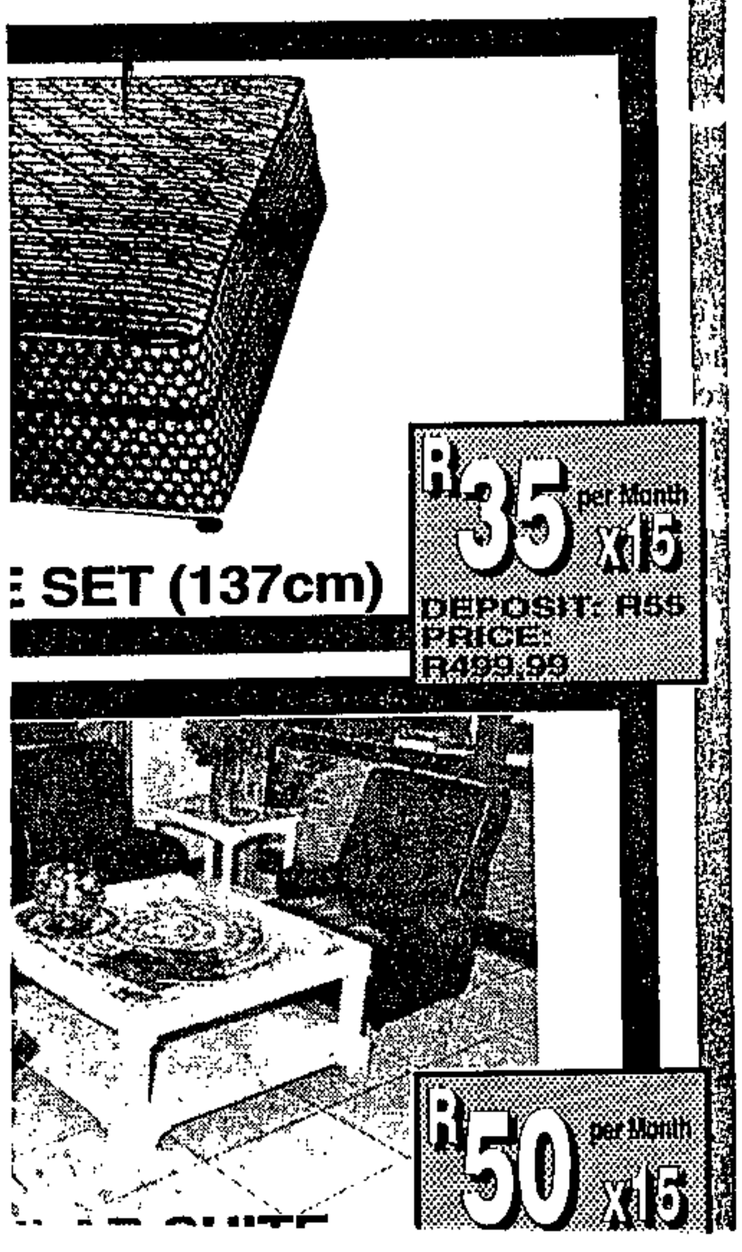

By Mokgadi Pela and *SA Press Association*

THIRTY-ONE SUSPECTS — some of them members of the AWB's elite Ystergarde unit — have been arrested and are being held in connection with several bomb blasts which have hit the Witwatersrand and Pretoria areas since the weekend.

Two of the men are policemen, one a serving member and the other a reservist. All those arrested are being held at different places and investigations into further connections, perhaps at leadership level, are in progress. (344)

This was announced at a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday by Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe, who said those arrested were the brains behind the AWB.

A confiscated pipe bomb and its explosives were exhibited to the media and a special video tape was released to SABC TV and other television journalists. At least 21 people have been killed and 173 others injured in the blasts.

In the latest bombing attack — at Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg yesterday morning — at least 16 people were injured, two of them seriously. Police were questioning a man in connection with the car bomb blast, police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said.

He said the car containing the explosives was left on the first floor outside the international departure hall and blew up at about 7.15am. Air traffic was suspended for a short while.

Also yesterday, police defused a homemade bomb set to explode against a water tower outside Soutpan, west of Bloemfontein.

In another explosion yesterday, two houses were damaged near Postmasburg in the Northern Cape.

On the arrests of the AWB men, Van der Merwe said: "Investigation teams have been working around the clock over the past few days to hunt down those responsible for recent terror blasts and in an attempt to prevent further blasts." This team effort had resulted in a remarkable breakthrough.

"The achievement again illustrates the will, commitment and ability of the SAP to maintain law and order and should also be seen as a strong warning to those who wish to achieve their aims through violent means.

"Using violence to achieve their aims is not only futile and pointless, but will ultimately lead to their own destruction," he said. The media conference was shown 4kg of fertiliser explosive which police experts said was "amateur" but the effect of which, packed in a 12cm diameter steel pipe 60cm long, was "utterly professional".

It was confiscated at a roadblock at which the particular suspect was expected. — *Sapa.*

Bomb blasts suspects 'from AWB Ystergarde'

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BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

Most of the 31 rightwingers being held in connection with a string of Reef bombings were members of the AWB's highly trained Ystergarde, police said yesterday.

Many of the suspects were arrested in swoops yesterday.

It is understood that one of the men detained is "General" Alex Cruywagen, AWB chief of staff, and a Jaco Nel, who was detained in connection with the bombing in Marabastad on Monday night.

Several of those arrested were picked up at a shooting range outside Rustenburg.

Addressing a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday, police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe revealed that one of the detainees is a policeman and another a police reservist.

Police also seized a large quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives.

Van der Merwe said the suspects' motives were clearly to derail and disrupt the election process, but added it was too early to say whether the campaign was an "AWB conspiracy".

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Detained

He said police had good reason to believe the detainees were the "brains" of the operation, but the AWB leadership "may also be involved".

The rightwingers — later referred to by top ANC candidate Jay Naidoo as "brandy-and-coke terrorists" — were detained around Johannesburg, in Rustenburg, Ventersdorp and Pretoria.

They were being held in connection with the bomb blast in Johannesburg on Sunday and those in Germiston, Marabastad, Westonaria and Randfontein on Monday. In total 21 people died and more than 173 were injured.

A man suspected of bombing Jan Smuts Airport yesterday was still at large. A suspect questioned after the blast was released.

The first of the rightwingers was detained on Sunday after the Johannesburg blast, in terms

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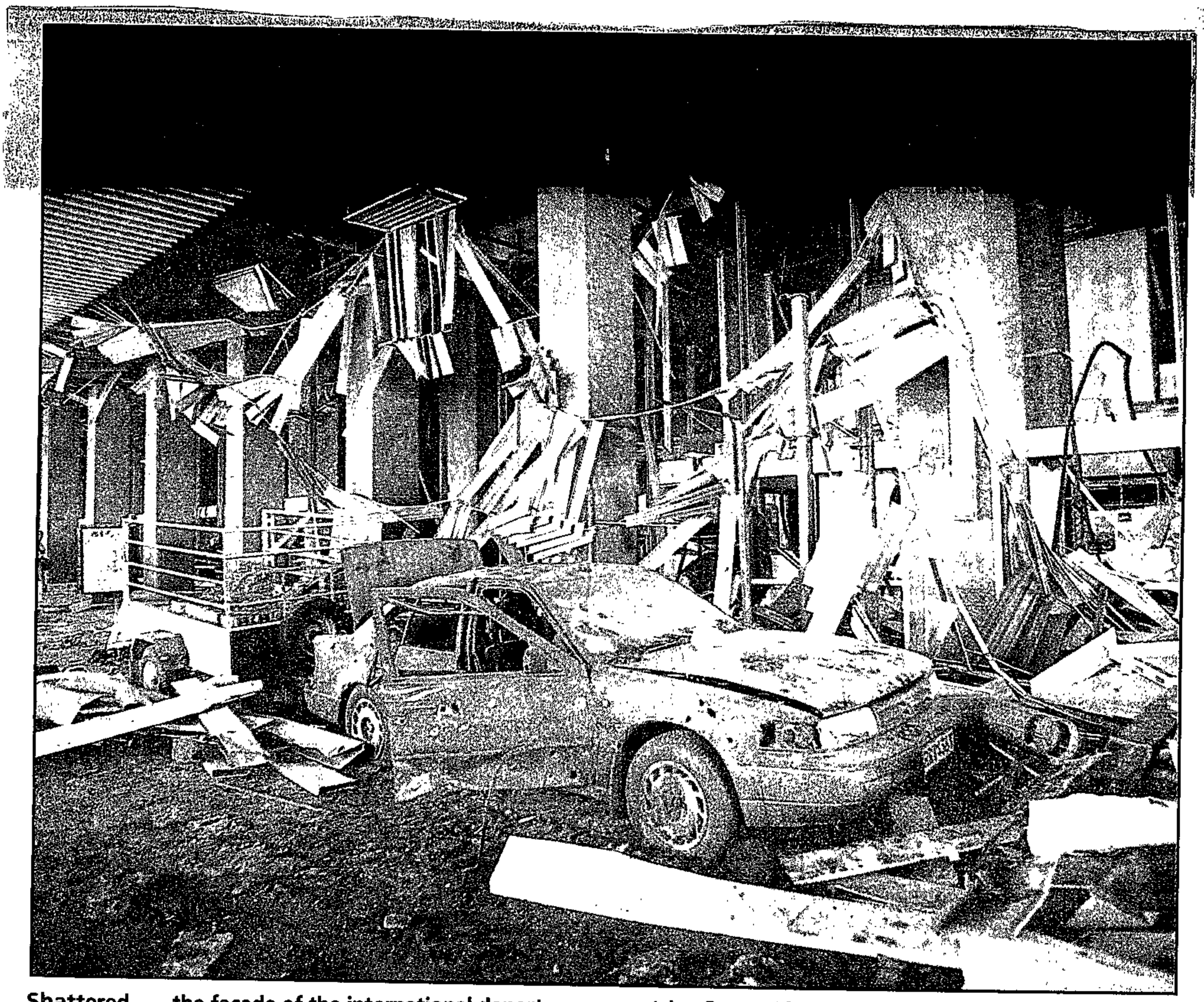

Shattered . . . the facade of the international departures area at Jan Smuts Airport. PICTURE: ETIENNE ROTHBART

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Suspects' AWB links

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of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. Most others were detained yesterday in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Van der Merwe said some suspects had "given themselves up" while others were detained with the help of AWB informers.

But the breakthrough could also be attributed to "sheer hard work of the investigation teams involved, as well as to exceptional intelligence work".

Experts Major Lionel Palmer and Warrant Officer Johan Venter showed a homemade bomb seized from a suspect in Benoni, allegedly while he was looking for a place to detonate it. The bomb was 4 kg of explosives in a metal cylinder about 60 cm long and 12 cm in diameter.

AWB spokesman Fred Rundle refused to comment on the arrests yesterday before discussing them with AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche.



Crackdown . . . police explosives experts explain how a homemade bomb seized from a rightwinger works. PICTURE: BEELD

Bombs cause rift in right wing

BIDay 28/4/94

THE bombing campaign in SA has highlighted the growing rift in right-wing circles, with Freedom Front officials now openly criticising the militant far right.

Any members of right-wing organisations which might be involved in bombing soft targets and killing civilians were sick and cowardly, Hoopstad Freedom Front chairman and SADF Sergeant-Major Obie du Plessis said this week.

"I call them Klipdrift soldiers — they get drunk and then go around trying to be soldiers. They are fighting a war of cowards and we are not sympathetic to their cause. It is wrong to kill innocent people."

Du Plessis, a member of the SADF's special services, was instrumental in organising eight mobile polling stations to visit rural areas where farmers had refused to provide transport to polling stations for their workers.

He denied farmers in the Hoopstad, Wesselbron and Bultfontein districts had been intimidating farm labourers, but claimed that Freedom Front supporters were being threatened by extreme right-wingers.

Du Plessis said he and Freedom Front leader Gen Constand Viljoen had received death threats. Businessmen in the area were being threatened with boycotts if they voted for the party.

"We are accused of being traitors

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— of betraying the volk. But they pose no real threat. These right-wingers are hopeless and stupid. All they do is play soldier games. The Freedom Front knows what real war is, which is why we are negotiating, not fighting for a volkstaat."

Du Plessis, a farmer himself, believed the Front had the support of 90% of the farmers in the Hoopstad district. (3+4)

However, many had recently resigned from the party, not wanting to be seen to be supporting the organisation publicly, following threats from CP and other right-wing organisations' supporters.

Du Plessis, who said he would not serve in the SADF under a black government, doubted whether there would be an uprising of farmers against a black-led government.

However, he said attempts by the new government to disarm the farmers, most of whom fought in the Angolan and Namibian campaigns, could trigger a "10 or 20-year-long civil war that would make the war in Bosnia look insignificant.

"We would not fight a guerrilla war. After all those years of fighting against the ANC and the communists precisely because they fought a terrorist war, how could we turn around and do the same thing? No — we are gentlemen and we would never resort to terror tactics."

Police arrest 'brain behind bomb blasts'

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POLICE have arrested 31 white right-wingers in connection with the spate of bombings in the PWV area that have killed 21 people and injured 176 in the past week.

The arrests included members of the AWB and its elite Ystergarde unit, a policeman and a reservist, Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said.

The announcement came hours after yesterday's car bomb at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport injured 16 people and caused massive structural damage to the north face of the building. (344)

The bomb, inside a white Peugeot, exploded at 7.15am on the elevated roadway adjacent to the international departures terminal. An incoming flight was diverted to Bloemfontein and outgoing flights were delayed until mid-afternoon.

A white man was detained at the airport but released after questioning.

The SAP was confident there would be no further bombings. "We have good reason to believe that we have hit the brain behind the blasts in Johannesburg, Randfontein, Germiston, Westonaria and Jan Smuts Airport," Van der Merwe said.

Although those arrested made up the "core group of bombers", he warned that radical right-wing terrorism was a threat that would have to be dealt with.

Large quantities of explosives, weapons and ammunition were seized during the swoop, which took place early yesterday in Rustenburg, Pretoria and Ventersdorp.

One man was detained on Sunday in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, which expired at midnight last night. No charges have been laid. In terms of the Criminal Procedure Act suspects must be charged within 48 hours of arrest.

Van der Merwe denied speculation of "third force" criminal activity within the security services, adding that no leaders of

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right-wing groups had been implicated and there was no evidence that terrorists had been assisted by sympathisers abroad.

Part of the R1m reward would be divided among witnesses and informers — some of them members of right-wing organisations — who had assisted the investigation.

Police arrested a man in Benoni on Tuesday evening after two improvised explosive devices containing 3kg of fertiliser and 400g of commercial explosives, as used on mines, were found in his car. The fuses on the devices allowed a 20- to 25-second escape time, SAP forensic experts said.

AMANDA VERMEULEN reports that AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche is to outline the organisation's plans at a rally in Rustenburg today. AWB media spokesman Fred Rundle said Terre'Blanche would talk to the media after the rally, breaking a three-day silence.

The AWB had mobilised its supporters and established safe houses to retaliate against the "euphoric ANC and communist retribution" against the right wing.

Bomb disposal teams yesterday carried out a controlled explosion on a suspicious vehicle in Bellevue, Johannesburg. The registration plates had been removed and sniffer dogs reacted positively to the car although no explosives were found.

In other incidents yesterday:

☐ Police defused a home-made bomb on a water tower outside Soutpan, about 50km west of Bloemfontein;☐ Two houses were damaged by an explosion near Postmasburg in the Cape;

☐ The NP's Newcastle offices were petrol-bombed and two men were arrested; and

☐ An explosive device outside Potchefstroom's main polling station was "rendered harmless" before it could explode.

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Black US reporter 'beaten at AWB rally'

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JOHANNESBURG. — A black American reporter was allegedly beaten by South African white rightwingers and expelled from a rally against the elections.

New York Daily News reporter Michael Allen said he was grabbed and punched by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging at a rally near Rustenburg.

"I was standing there and I noticed a guy to my left was getting a bit agitated; he was talking to people and pointing at me and I was surrounded," Allen said.

"Before I knew it someone took a swing at me and they pulled me out of the house," he said of the incident outside the former home of Paul Kruger president of the Boer Transvaal Republic from 1883 to 1902.

A reporter on the scene said Allen and two black women journalists were pushed away with the man in the AWB uniform saying: "Let the slaves go. Let the press stay."

Allen said he was punched. He said he visited a doctor who gave him an injection but reported no broken bones. He said he had a cut across the bridge of his nose.

Asked if he was scared, he said: "No, I'm not scared. I am a reporter and you don't want to become part of the story and unfortunately in this case that's what happened."

Allen said the incident had helped bring home to him the harsh reality of life in South Africa.

● In Washington, the United States condemned the attack "in the strongest terms".

"This is not the first time the AWB has been accused of repugnant racial acts," the State Department said in a statement.

"The US Embassy in Pretoria has been instructed to ascertain all the facts, including whether security forces were present at the time of the attack, so that appropriate action can be undertaken," it said.

The State Department said the press had been invited to the event by the AWB and that Allen and two female colleagues from the Daily News, both of whom were verbally harassed at the rally, were virtually the only black journalists present.

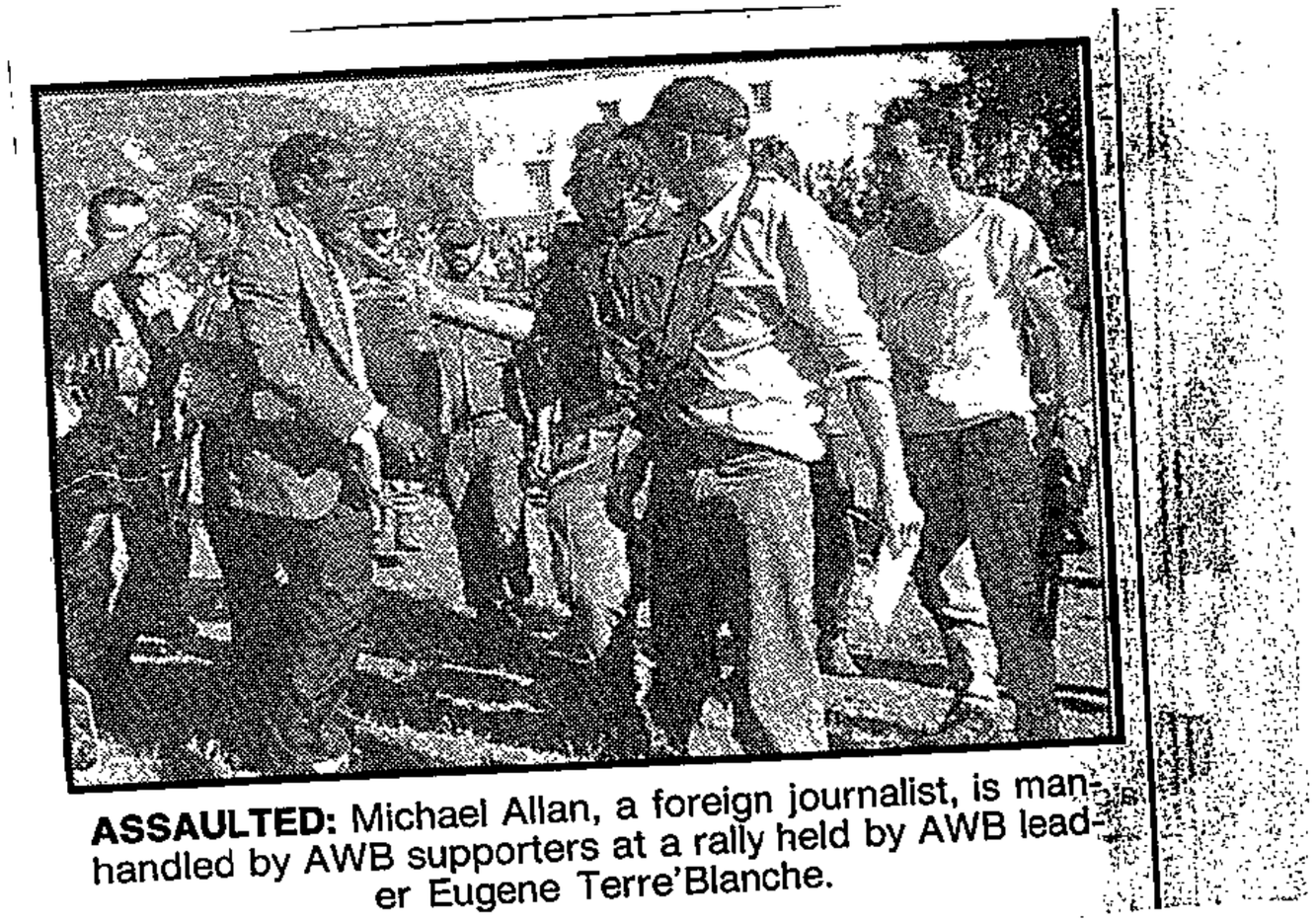
"The circumstances suggest that the unprovoked attack was racially motivated," the statement said.

The US, it continued, deplored any action that inhibited the freedom of the press to cover South African political events "crucial to the democratic process."

In Johannesburg, the International Press Institutealso protested against the AWB attack.

The IPI said it "protested strongly" against the incident.

"It is especially regrettable that, during the final stages of the elections, there appear to have been no other incidents of intimidation of reporters," the IPI said. — Sapa-Reuter.



ASSAULTED: Michael Allan, a foreign journalist, is manhandled by AWB supporters at a rally held by AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Hell, terror pledge by ET at Paul Kruger farm

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☐ AWB will become third force

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members, bristling with weapons, gathered at Paul Kruger's old farm yesterday to commit themselves to the "struggle" and to assault and abuse journalists.

Amid a heavy police and army presence, the roughly 150 AWB supporters cruised through Rustenburg and on to Boekenhoutsdrif some 30km away.

Here leader Eugene Terre'Blanche led them in a religious ceremony and said that "hell and terror" would emerge weeks after the installation of the new government.

In spite of an invited media presence — only slightly smaller than that of the AWB — a black American journalist was assaulted.

Other, white, journalists were verbally abused, roughed up and threatened by young AWB members wearing balaclavas.

Commenting on the arrest of members of the Ystergarde — the AWB's most militant faction — Mr Terre'Blanche said he would stand behind those arrested because they were using "other methods to resist the sellout of people's rights".

Asked if he was acknowledging that he ordered the bombings of the past week, he replied: "I couldn't do that.

"From next week we are not resisting the National Party, we are preparing to resist the radical black communists."

Mr Terre'Blanche said the AWB would become the third force.

In response to questions on assaults on journalists, he said angrily: "Don't try to be funny and create confrontation because then you will get confrontation."



DEFIANT: AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche addresses a crowd of 200 supporters on a farm near Rustenburg in the Western Transvaal. He vowed to fight against the emerging democracy.

Gunman burnt after shots fired at voters

CT 29/4/94

MMABATHO. — A white gunman who opened fire on voters at a polling station at Taung in Bophuthatswana was under police guard in hospital last night.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave George said the suspect was severely burnt when angry voters set his vehicle alight after the shooting.

The incident was one of several developments which are believed to have lead to 15 magisterial districts in Western Transvaal being declared unrest areas from noon yesterday.

The areas, listed in a special Government Gazette, are Ventersdorp, Potchefstroom, Lichtenburg, Schweizer-Reneke, Klerksdorp, Rustenburg, Koster, Christiana, Swartruggens, Groot Marico, Coligny, Delareyville, Wolmaransstad, Bloemhof and Oberholzer.

No reasons were given for the declaration, but Western Transvaal police spokesman Captain Koos Degenaar said the decision was made "mostly because of the right-wingers, but also because of possible violence that may occur".

The area has been marked by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) as the base for the Afrikaner volkstaat.

Last night police said they could not comment on the shooting incident and the burning as it occurred in an area under the control of the Bophuthatswana police.

Sources in the region said, however, that right-wingers had been involved in the incident.

There were also reports that AWB members and security forces levelled their weapons at each other in the Rustenburg area yesterday, but police could not confirm the incident.

Defence Force Ratel armoured vehicles and black Defence Force troops lined the streets of Rustenburg yesterday when an AWB convoy of about 100 cars moved through the town for an AWB rally.

● Cape Times reporter WILLEM STEENKAMP reports that last night the AWB accused police of "tearing up" the Bill of Human Rights by not bringing the 32 AWB members detained for bombings in the Transvaal this week before a court within 48 hours of their arrest.

AWB spokesman Mr Fred Rundle said from Johannesburg that if the 32 arrested men do not appear in court by this morning, 48 hours after the first arrests were made, "then they (authorities) are tearing up the Bill of Human Rights before it's even 48 hours old".

A police spokesman said the men were being detained in terms of section 50 of the Internal Security Act, which allows for suspects to be held for 48 hours "where public safety is at stake". (344)

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Bomb arrests grow as ET warns of 'terror'

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JOHANNESBURG. — More arrests would follow that of a 32nd suspect yesterday in connection with the bomb blasts on the Reef, Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said.

His warning came as Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said he thought there would be more explosions if the government ignored the Afrikaners' claim to land.

Members of the AWB's Ystergarde are among the men arrested in connection with the bomb blasts.

Commenting on this, Mr Terre'Blanche said although the AWB executive had not given instructions for bombs to be placed, he would not turn his back on the suspects and would support them in court.

Gen Van der Merwe said there was prima facie evidence that the suspects had been involved in the explosions. They would be brought before the courts soon.

It was difficult to say if more Ystergarde members were involved, but the suspects were members of a "certain circle" in the AWB, General Van der Merwe said.

Police were investigating intimidation charges countrywide, but the charges could not be described as "widescale".

He was speaking at the former home of Transvaal Republic president Paul Kruger outside Rustenburg in the Western Transvaal.

'Revolution'

Mr Terre'Blanche said South Africa was heading for revolution and war, but from this chaos would rise a Third Boer Republic.

"Long live the Third Boer Republic which is already emerging," he declared before about 200 AWB supporters.

The supporters were escorted to the meeting by security forces and SA National Defence Force vehicles lined the route.

A lone black journalist was surrounded by about 50 armed AWB members who made racist remarks to him and, fists flying in the melee, threw him out.

Standing on the verandah of the house, while his followers stood in the shade beneath thorn trees, Mr Terre'Blanche made a vow and asked God to protect his nation.

"The struggle our fathers have started will continue until we have died or won," he said.

When the Zulus found they had lost the elections and once they realised they were "the biggest nation" in South Africa, the "hell and terror will go on where it left off a day or two ago".

Afrikaners would not be crushed in this struggle but would emerge as the third, civilised and stronger force, Mr Terre'Blanche said.

From next week the AWB would resist the radical black communist government "who we know are trying to destroy us".

An AWB spokesman, Mr Fred Rundle, called on the media not to perpetuate the "farce" of the election being free and fair. — Sapa-Reuter

Where the bombs were made

The source of the bombs that rocked the country this week was a shooting range near Rustenburg, write **Jan Taljaard** and **Stefaans Brümmer**

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A SHOOTING range outside Rustenburg was turned into a bomb factory where the explosive devices that rocked the Reef, killing 21 people in the run-up to the election, were assembled, sources said this week.

Police seized large quantities of arms, ammunition and explosives — including home-made bombs — at the range after a dramatic pre-dawn swoop that smashed a hard-core cabal of rightwing militants within the AWB.

Among the 32 members of the AWB's elite Ystergarde detained in a series of raids in the Transvaal are Ystergarde commander Leon van der Merwe, "General" Nico Prinsloo, the AWB's secretary-general and Eugene Terre'Blanche's right-hand man, as well as Alec Cruywagen, the AWB chief of staff and the man who led the AWB's ill-fated expedition into Bophuthatswana last month. Cruywagen's son Alec is also being held. A policeman and a police reservist are among those detained.

It also emerged that a week before voting began, AWB generals gathered in the Western Transvaal to hone a battle plan, while members of the AWB's Wenkommando also assembled in the region, an area they declared a "liberated zone" in anticipation of a guerrilla war. It appears the AWB had been steadily preparing for the start of the terror campaign and a subsequent guerrilla war, sending women and children to safe havens on farms in the Eastern and Western Transvaal, and even to the rugged Meiringspoort area in the Little Karoo.

Police are still investigating links to other organisations and individuals with sinister connections. They were not willing to divulge details and sources described the investigation as "extremely sensitive".

Battling against time and exploding bombs, investigators got their first breakthrough on Sunday night when a man was taken into custody. The big haul came on Wednesday, while police yesterday announced the arrest of a 32nd suspect and said they expected more arrests to follow.

In one of the last interviews before his detention, Prinsloo told the *Mail & Guardian*: "A *volkstaat* we will definitely get, whether through negotiations or violence. We will definitely get it, even if we have to go underground."

He said the AWB had been "readying itself through the years as a para-military defensive organisation. We have been stocking up to defend all that is dear to us.

"The man on the ground feels he is being cornered. Righwingers will never accept an ANC-communist regime.

"Who wants war, because innocent people will die? But if it is forced on us, we will have to defend ourselves and launch actions. Here comes conflict."

He said the AWB's Wenkommando numbered 65 000 active members. "One hell of a surprise awaits FW de Klerk and the new parliament ..."

Monday's explosions in Germiston and other places signalled the start of a new era in rightwing terror. The bombings differed in important respects from almost all previous rightwing acts of sabotage.

The devices were bigger than anything rightwingers have ever used before, while a new sophistication was also apparent. Perhaps most significantly, the explosions were specifically aimed at causing loss of life. Barring two incidents in 1991— in which the same terror cell was involved — rightwing bombers have taken care to avoid or minimise loss of life.

The Ystergarde can be regarded as a much more polished fighting unit with several of its members being former members of the SADF and SAP Special Forces.

At one stage new members were inducted at a rate of 20 per month, but it seems they have reached a ceiling of about 200 men.

SAP liaison officer Colonel Steve Senekal yesterday said police were convinced "the brains behind the actions are indeed behind bars".

Terre'Blanche said in Ventersdorp headquarters of the AWB, that Prinsloo — his right-hand man — had offered no resistance during a police swoop in town on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning "as he is innocent".

He claimed the arrests were a ploy by the Crime Intelligence Service to boost members' demand for amnesty.

Senekal said although the rightwingers had been detained "as individuals" all 31 were members of the Ystergarde. They were being held under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act, which allowed for 48-hour detention, to be extended by 14 days at the discretion of a magistrate or the Minister of Law and Order.

He said police were looking for more rightwingers, including a man whose identikit was released after last Sunday's Johannesburg explosion, in which nine were killed.

fatal bomb attacks seemed to be aimed specifically at buildings to be used as polling stations, or simply at sowing terror.

At the time of going to press, deputy Law & Order Minister Gert Myburgh announced that someone was being interrogated in connection with the blasts. He said he could not divulge any details. A reward of R1m was offered by the police. Commissioner Johan van der Merwe said a breakthrough was expected soon in the investigations.

Before going to address the last sitting of the tricameral parliament, President F W de Klerk promised to crack down on the white extremists. "We are not going to let the Right delay this election," he said.

By Monday afternoon, nobody had claimed responsibility for the blasts. The rightwing Freedom Front, which is taking part in the election, said it condemned all acts of terrorism. FM 29/4/94

Among the incidents which rocked the country just days before millions of voters prepared to go to the polls, were:

☐ The Johannesburg car bomb which killed nine people and injured about 100; (344)

☐ The Germiston taxi rank bomb which killed 10 people, injuring about 50;

☐ A suspected petrol bomb damaged a polling station in Bloemhof, western Transvaal;

☐ An Eskom pylon damaged by an explosion on the road between Wonderfontein and Stofberg in the eastern Transvaal;

☐ Extensive damage to the Home Affairs Department offices in the northern Transvaal town of Potgietersrus.

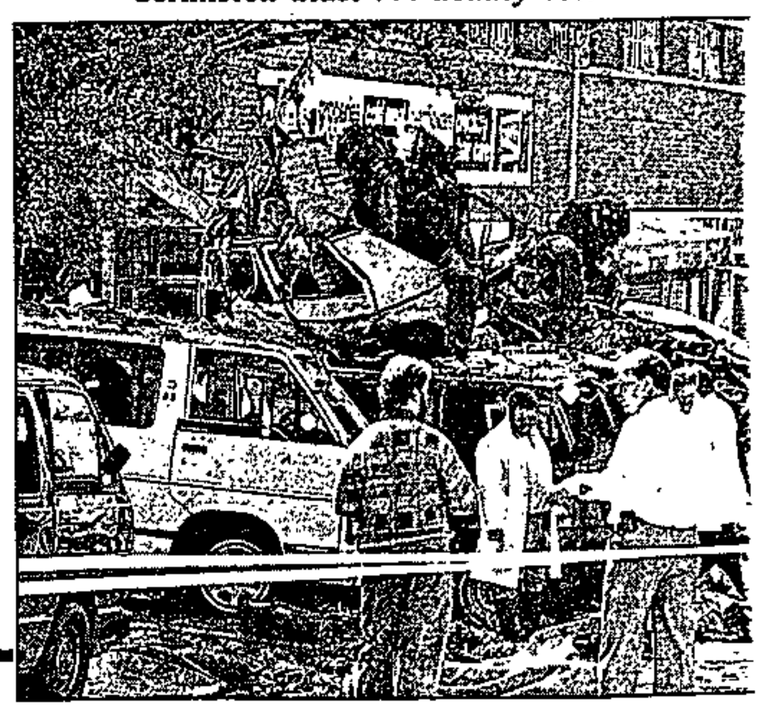
☐ An explosive device was thrown at minibus taxis parked under a bridge on the Johannesburg/Potchefstroom road near Westonaria on Monday morning;

☐ In the Karoo town of Steynsburg, an explosion caused R10 000 damage to the town hall and a polling station in the nearby township was damaged in a separate blast; and

☐ Other explosions around the country were reported on Monday morning — two at polling booths in the Germiston area, one in the northern Transvaal, two in the Karoo and one at Dan Pienaarville in the Krugersdorp area. (344)

It is understood two people were arrested after Saturday's blast at the Primrose Primary School polling booth in Germiston and a man was detained after the Krugersdorp explosion. ■

Germiston blast ... *deadly toll*



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Final solutions

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White terrorism, in its ugliest form, apparently reared its head in Johannesburg and other Transvaal towns this week. Several

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All's quiet in the west as the AWB vanish into the bush ... but why?

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■ THE new South African flag fluttered outside Ventersdorp's police station, a mere street block from where the Vierkleur — symbol of volkstaat aspirations — marked the entrance to the offices of the rightwing town council.

Midway between the two, a steady trickle of voters, black and white, came to cast their vote at the magistrate's offices, defying boycott calls and threats of violence by the far-right.

Change encountered few stumbling blocks this week on its march into Ventersdorp, headquarters of the AWB and hub of rightwing activity in the North-West province.

The threatened large-scale disruption by the right failed to materialise and the IEC declared 95 percent of polling stations in the region to be running smoothly.

Not that there weren't mutters of dissent: "Some things one can never accept," a senior police officer mumbled in reference to the new flag.

But acceptance of the new came in the form of cattle-trucks and tractor trailers packed with farmworkers, that rolled up at voting places, often driven by white farmers who conceded that all deserved the opportunity to make their cross.

Conspicuous by their absence were the men and women of the AWB. The streets were eerily quiet, devoid of the usual rumble of their patrolling bakkies and cars; a phenomenon of many a Transvaal rightwing stronghold.

Ventersdorp townsfolk said most AWB members had already left by last Friday, some heading for a destination some kilometres out of town where they camped out in a thicket of thorn bush.

Speculation over reasons for the AWB withdrawal from platteland towns was rife. In Lichtenburg, also deserted by many rightwingers, an NP official thought their game was "cowboys and crooks", while prominent rightwinger Manie Maritz said from Brits that it was a defensive strategy, a "tendency" among rightwingers to seek retreats.



Taking no chances ... a sandbag and iron wall for the AWB headquarters

He said many rightwingers from Johannesburg were camping on his property. "People are very uncertain; not scared, but uncertain. It is like on the eve of the Battle of Blood River."

At an AWB retreat at a campsite outside Koster, where two bombs exploded in the weeks before the election, uniformed, armed men guarded the entrance and refused access.

On Wednesday, after a police swoop in Ventersdorp on rightwingers suspected of involvement in the PWV bomb-blasts, the AWB left their hide-out and were said to be bound for Rustenburg and a massive AWB rally.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche confirmed that his right-hand man, "General" Nico Prinsloo was among those detained. He protested the AWB's innocence, saying the arrests were a ploy by the SAP's Crime Intelligence Service seeking to reinforce members' demands for amnesty for "political" crimes.

An ANC Youth League representative in Ventersdorp said he had information from police sources that "an attack is being planned" on Ventersdorp's black township, Tshing. A senior IEC source thought part of the AWB strategy might be to avoid its members being detained.

Whatever the game of the men and women of the Right, there was a beneficial spin-off: an absence of fear in the North-West when thousands upon thousands of voters went to the polls. Said a 65-year-old black man in Ventersdorp casting his first vote: "This feels right."

Stefaans Brümmer

Journalists beaten up by the AWB

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■ PARTY RALLY Terre'Blanche says he did not order spate of bombings:

By Glenn McKenzie

MINUTES after journalists were beaten and threatened by angry supporters of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche said he did not order the recent spate of bombings in the PWV area.

But he sympathised with the reasons behind the attacks.

Terre'Blanche had called a meeting of rightwingers and journalists outside Paul Kruger's farmhouse near Rustenburg "to spread the message to the world that this week's elections were not free and fair".

He predicted that bombings would continue until the new government allowed Afrikaners to have their own *volkstaat*.

He added that journalists who spread the message that the elections were democratic would be seen by the right wing as part of a communist conspiracy.

During the meeting, which attracted several hundred armed and uniformed rightwingers, a black journalist from the *New York Daily News* was repeatedly beaten and driven out of the area.

Reporter Michael Allen said he was grabbed and punched by the members of the AWB.

"Before I knew it someone took a swing at me and they pulled me out of the house," he said.

Allen said the incident had helped bring home to him the harsh reality of life in South Africa.

"You understand a little bit about what this country is all about and what this conflict is all about," he said.

Other journalists were also kicked, punched and threatened with death.

Earlier AWB spokesman Mr Fred Rundle told journalists that they were safe and welcome at the meeting.

Terre'Blanche predicted that Zulus would not accept the results of the elections and would fight the new government.

"In a few days, Zulus will realise they are the largest nation in South Africa yet they lost the elections. They will continue the revolution where they left off," he said.

Terre'Blanche called the elections a "farce" and added that the conditions of these elections would not be accepted in most democratic nations.

He added that Afrikaners had an internationally respected right to self-determination and that they would not stop fighting until they received their *volkstaat*.

NEWS Concern about security of

The elite Iron Guard of AWB

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By Tyrone August
Political Reporter

THE AWB transformed itself from an opposition movement into a much tighter organisation in 1991, when it adopted a military structure.

It divided its Wenkommando, which claims around 30 000 members, into separate units.

The elite Ystergarde (Iron Guard) is regarded as a much more skilled fighting unit than the other Wenkommando units as many of its members were once part of the SADF and SAP Special Forces.

At one point, the Ystergarde was recruiting about 20 members a month, but its total membership is now estimated to be around 200.

Leon van der Merwe, a protégé of Terre'Blanche, initially led the Ystergarde. (344)

The unit is now led by Keith Conroy, an Irish expatriate.

Conroy, who was apparently trained by the elite British SAS, was also once the military training commander of the AWB's Aquila members in the Cape.

Guns cocked, trigger fingers itch

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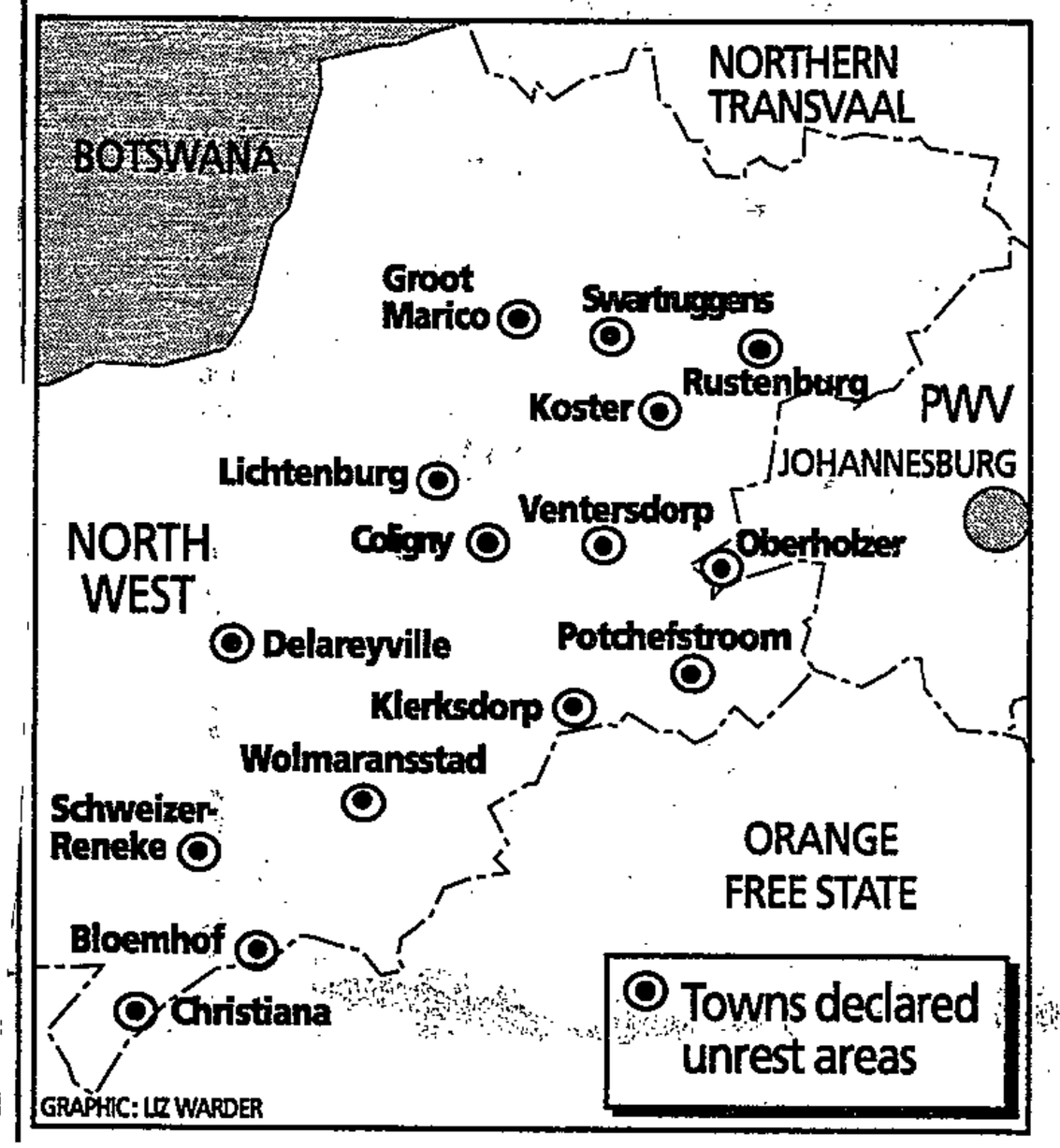

■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER
PRETORIA BUREAU

An Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging Wenkommando unit and security forces confronted each other near Rustenburg yesterday as police disclosed they had found two AWB arms caches in the Brits area.

The incident resulted from the arrest of seven Wenkommando members who shot up a polling station in a village near Brits on Wednesday. The men are being held at the GaRankuwa police station outside Pretoria.

The large arms caches were found on a farm owned by former wrestling champion Manie Maritz and on an adjoining farm.

Maritz has claimed that all that had been taken from his farm was a "shotgun for which I did not have a licence".

Police have so far declined to comment on the number of weapons found at the farms.

The unit which was stopped by security forces was apparently on a mission to rescue seven men, whom GaRankuwa police named as John Webb, Stephanus du Plessis, a Croatian named as Valk Simaivg, Travis Marincowitz, Tony Marincowitz, Yuri Wyngaardt and Dries van der Walt. Their home addresses and ages are unknown.

Travelling in a brown Chevrolet car, the rightwingers had shot up a polling station at Bapong village near Brits. Seven men were arrested by local policemen after being severely beaten up by irate villagers.

Confiscated

Witnesses at Bapong village told The Star that after the seven had been beaten up, their car was set alight before they were taken to the nearby Bethanie police station and later transferred to GaRankuwa. Weapons and ammunition were confiscated.

An SAP spokesman said last night: "It is expected that the seven will be transferred to Pretoria for investigation." He declined to give further details of the incident.

The security forces then attempted to remove an illegal machinegun which was mounted on the roof of the vehicle and shooting was apparently narrowly averted when the rightwingers agreed to move the machinegun inside the vehicle after both sides had cocked their weapons.

As far as is known, no one was injured in the incident.

Security forces had earlier turned back hundreds of AWB members bound for the meeting.

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Machinegun

There was confusion today over whether shots were fired during the confrontation between the AWB and security forces.

It is understood that security forces stopped a vehicle in a rightwingers' motorcade travelling to a meeting called by AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche at the historic Boekenhoutfontein farm of Transvaal Republic president Paul Kruger.

Army halts AWB wreath ceremony

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

RUSTENBURG — A huge army deployment blocked a planned AWB wreath-laying ceremony at a polling station, forcing the organisation to divert its meeting to another venue 15km away.

The AWB planned to lay a wreath at the foot of a statue of Paul Kruger in Rustenburg.

However, the statue was within the boundaries of a polling station. In terms of the Electoral Act, political activity of any kind within a polling station is prohibited.

Troops backed by armoured personnel carriers cordoned off the station. A few right-wingers turned up but soon drifted away.

The gathering was moved to a farmhouse outside the town that once housed Paul Kruger.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, speaking publicly for the first time during the election, said the organisation had nothing to do with the suspected right-wing bomb attacks that had rocked the country since Sunday.

However, he said the AWB would support the men who had been arrested and would assist them when they appeared in court.

Sapa reports Terre'Blanche said he thought there would be more explosions if government ignored Afrikaners' claim to land.

He said the AWB had no respect for the new government or the new flag. The Boer nation had earned its land through the "blood of its fathers and tears of its mothers", Terre'Blanche said to rousing cheers from his small group of followers.

While he was speaking, a black American journalist was hounded out of the gathering. And a Japanese reporter was called "monkey" by AWB followers.

Most of the AWB members were heavily armed with shotguns, automatic rifles and sub-machine guns.

Troops in armoured vehicles were deployed along the route between the gathering and Rustenburg.

Black residents of the area, which lies in what was Bophuthatswana, cheered and waved at the multiracial troops. 344

Meanwhile, voting continued at polling stations in the region. Up to 200 people stood in queues to receive temporary voter cards in Rustenburg. Polling stations throughout the region reported a sharp drop in voter turnout, probably due to a high turnover on Wednesday, officials said.

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Bomber suspects appear in Johannesburg court

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Thirty-four rightwingers, including chief-of-staff face multiple charges

JOHANNESBURG. — Three senior Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging officials were among 34 rightwingers who appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday in connection with bomb attacks in the PWV region since Sunday.

AWB chief-of-staff Josias Alexander van Cruywagen, Ystergaarde commander Leon van der Merwe and the organisation's executive secretary Nico Prinsloo were among the accused.

Assistant police constable Hercules Jacobus Coetsee and police reservist Andreas Coetzee also face charges ranging from 19 counts of murder, 191 counts of attempted murder, vehicle theft, malicious damage to property and charges under the Arms and Ammunition and Explosives Acts.

A 34th accused, Mr P Koekemoer, could not attend the hearing because he was in a Rustenburg hospital after being shot in a foot.

The rightwingers are relying on the interim constitution to protect their rights.

Defence counsel quoted fundamental rights enshrined in the new constitution to argue for his clients' rights to bail, not to have information withheld from them by the state and not to be tortured or assaulted while in police custody.

The accused packed the courtroom, dressed casually rather than in AWB uniforms, and occupied benches brought in to expand the dock.

The group included a father and son, both named Cornelius Johannes Botha.

Relatives and friends, including AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche's brother Andries, sat in the public gallery and a large contingent of local and foreign media jammed the courtroom.

■ Rightwingers, 34 of them who have been accused for the bombings in the PWV region last Sunday, are relying on the interim constitution to protect their rights.

The men, many in their late teens and early 20s, were not asked to plead and state advocate Brink Ferreira requested that they be remanded in custody until July 10.

Counsel for the defence, represented by advocates H L Prinsloo and H van der Walt and attorney Fanie van Vuuren, argued that proper consultation with their clients for a bail application was impossible because the charge sheet did not provide sufficient detail.

They submitted that, according to the interim constitution, every person had the right to information in the possession of the state or its agents to protect their rights.

They also submitted that bail was a fundamental right protected by the constitution, the accused were entitled to bail unless the state could prove on a balance of probabilities that the granting of bail was not in the interests of justice.

Mr Ferreira argued that the constitutional provisions to the right to information applied only to the accused on trial.

As they had yet to plead to charges the provision could not apply.

Magistrate C J van Heerden ordered the state to provide additional information so the defence could prepare for the bail application.

He added that, according to the constitution, the state had the burden of convincing the court on a balance of probabilities why bail should not be granted.

After a short adjournment the state expanded on the charge sheet, saying six of the murder charges related to the Bree Street, Johannesburg, car bombing on March 24, a further eight murder charges related to the bomb in Germiston on March 25 and the rest to a bombing in Blood Street, Pretoria, later the same day.

The vehicle theft charges related to cars used in the three bombings.

Details of the identity of the deceased would be given to the defence once the information became available, Mr Brink said.

The 34 accused were facing charges in their personal capacity and as part of a conspiracy.

Mr van Heerden then ruled the bail application should be heard in the Johannesburg Regional Court on May 16 and that the accused be remanded in custody until then.

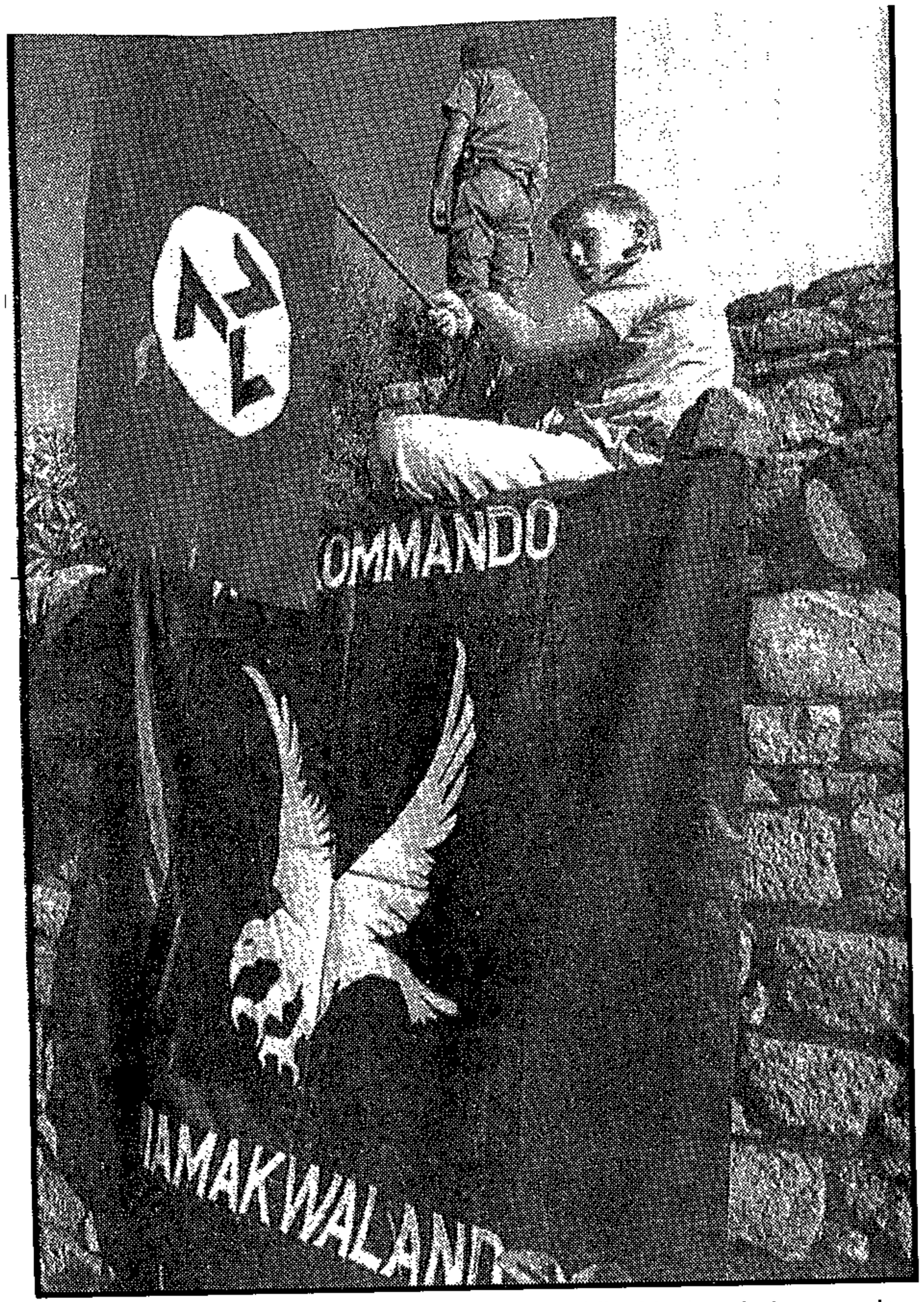
Another of the accused, who cannot be named because he is a minor, appeared briefly in court after the main hearing.

He was released into the care of his mother and was warned to report twice a day to the Rustenburg police station.

The other accused, from Randfontein, Carletonville, Ventersdrop, Rustenburg and Pretoria, include: Clint Ellish, Abraham Liebenberg Myburg, Pieter Daniel van der Merwe, Nicolaas Clifton Barnard, Jan Antonie Oelofse, Serge Marie Joseph Dabbabie, Douglas Pieter Taylor, Gerhard William Antonius Elbers, Dirk Jacobus Coetzee Meyer, Marthinus Albertus Deysel, Nelson George Woutberg, Gustav Woutberg, Gert Kruger Jacobus Albert, Louis Johannes Fouri, Hermanus Steyn Luyt, Theunis van Schalkwyk, Andries Wilhemus Nel, Milestone Sharp, Zacharius Johannes Beneke, Willem Frans Johannes Hattingh, J P Olivier, Jacobus Petrus Nel, Johannes Coenraad Smit, Pieter Duvenhage and Roelof Johannes Fouche. — Sapa



IN SUPPORT: Wives of AWB members gather outside the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday as their husbands appear in connection with the recent bomb attacks in the PWV.



DEFIANCE: A boy holds the AWB flag while his hooded comrade stands watch during a meeting addressed by Eugene Terre'Blanche on a farm near Rustenburg.

AWB a matter for the police, says Mandela

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JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, answering like a president-elect in a round of interviews yesterday, ruled out a ban on pro-apartheid neo-nazis and said he might raise taxes to pay for South Africa's vast development needs.

Mr Mandela said the AWB should not be subjected to "extraordinary measures" even though police have linked members to terror bombings that killed 21 people this week.

Thirty-one white extremists, including senior AWB members, have been arrested in connection with the bombings. On Thursday an arms cache was seized at a farm near Pretoria and AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche said his followers would fight on "until we die or have won."

Mr Mandela, however, spoke of the AWB's insignificance as a threat to a nonracial South Africa.

"Up to now they've remained a tiny minority and I think one would be giving them too much importance if they were banned," said Mr Mandela, whose own ANC blossomed into a mass movement during the time it was banned from 1960 until 1990.

"It is better to deal with organisations like that above ground." I think they are really a police matter."

Offering a glimpse of toughness that he might bring to the post of president, Mr Mandela said he would not tolerate insubordination within a future coalition government, which is to be made up of all parties winnning more than five percent of the vote in the election.

"If I am the president, I am the president," said Mr Mandela, when asked how he would treat a minister following narrow party interests. "No minister is going to do something which is contrary to the decision of the government of national unity."

As president, Mr Mandela would be in charge of allocating portfolios to parties entitled to be in the cabinet.

"Every minister, whether he comes from the African National Congress, from the National Party or some other organisation, is there to carry out the decided policy of the government."

Asked what would happen if the ANC's reconstruction and development plan would cost much more — as some critics have alleged — than the 39 billion rands the ANC estimates, Mr Mandela indicated that he would raise taxes rather than cut back on the plan. This would hit mainly at the biggest earners, the whites.

"Everybody is bound to pay a fair tax — everybody. That is the principle in every country. The basic policies set out in the plan is the minimum policy which we have to address the basic needs of the people. It is inconceivable that at any time we will cut down on that policy," he said.

However, he added that his aim remained "to have a tax system which is fair, which is low, so as to encourage investors." — Sapa-AP.

Airport bomb caused R2m damage

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JOHANNESBURG — Wednesday's Jan Smuts airport bomb caused R2 million damage.

"The damage has been assessed and construction work has already commenced," said Braam Loots, director of the Airports Company, in a statement yesterday.

"Fortunately, little structural damage was caused. Temporary repair work is expected to be completed by May 9. However, as a result of unavailability of certain items, final repair work will be completed only by June."

Mr Loots added that the company had implemented contingency security plans before the election week and they had been in place since April 22.

These included:

■ A 24-hour joint security operations committee consisting of the Airports Company security management, the South African Police and Defence Force and airline and state security representatives.

■ SAP roadblocks and patrols at the airport.

■ Deployment of a SAP bomb detection and disposal unit, including sniffer dogs.

■ Increased SADF commando patrols around the perimeter of the airport.

■ Securing the airport terminal building and the implementation of security checks at the entrances to the terminal buildings by the Airports Company security staff.

The statement did not explain how the bomb got throught the upgraded security network. — Sapa.

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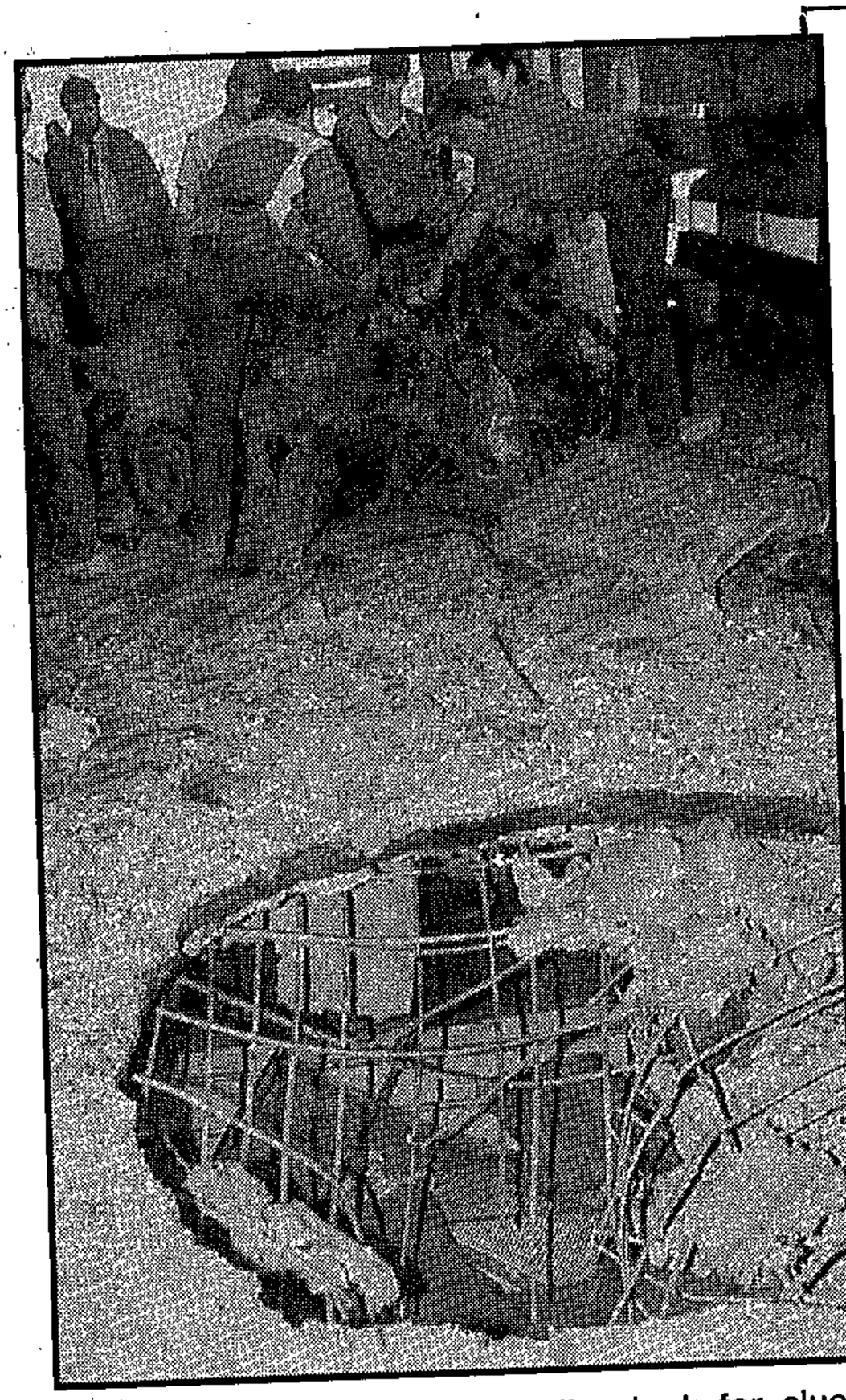

□ **BOMBED:** Bomb Squad police look for clues amid the remains of the car that exploded on the international departure ramp at Jan Smuts airport. At least 11 people were injured in the explosion, two seriously.

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'Rightwing extremists set to fade away'

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■ Is South Africa entering a new era of "bomb politics" and rightwing terrorism after the elections? This is unlikely, according to some leading analysts.

BOMBINGS and other violent attacks before and during this week's elections are regarded by experts as a passing phase rather than a new trend in South African politics.

They see a possibility — depending largely on the election results and the performance of rightwing voters — that militant rightwing extremists will be increasingly isolated and driven into obscurity.

One prediction is that General Constand Viljoen's Freedom Front could gain control of rightwing politics if it gets a significant portion of votes — at least 450 000.

Veteran peace specialist Professor H W van der Merwe — who observed the election during a brief visit from Washington where he is doing research — said it was significant that rightwing leaders like General Viljoen and Professor Carel Boshoff and their followers had been drawn into negotiations.

In the past, there had been a big danger that such people would be "written off" by other leaders. A lesson to be learnt from the latest developments was that there was always a possibility that people could be swayed towards negotiation.

However, it should be borne in mind that undergound activities by dissidents could intensify in the new dispensation. Before the new government took over the reins, violence could be brought about by uncertainty and feelings of insecurity.

One matter that would have to be dealt with was the possible intensification of sabotage.

Once the new government had taken over, a platform and new institutions would have to be created for involving "hardliners" in an on-going debate.

Professor Van der Merwe said he had compared the situation in South Africa with conditions in Northern Ireland and Israel after visits to those countries. He found more hope in South Africa for a settlement. Conflict and animosity in those countries were more deep-seated than in South Africa.

He believed South Africa could overcome racist mentalities on both sides of any remaining divisions.

Professor Van der Merwe said he was optimistic about peace prospects in South Africa. He saw a hopeful sign in the fact that a conservative-minded leader like Professor Boshoff — "a man from the heart of Verwoerdian ideology" — had opted for negotiation.

South Africa's nationwide reform and peace efforts over the last four years had, in fact, been unequalled in the world.

"We have had benefits from this tremendous input. We have won over an unexpected large portion of diehard rightwingers, and it has been shown that one can win over people who appear to be intransigent in their attitudes. But, we must work at it," said Professor Van der Merwe.

Since his return to South Africa, he had been struck by "the tremendous goodwill on the one hand, and the level of intolerance on the other".

He said he believed that once a new government was in power, South Africa would move into a "a whole new phase of peacemaking".

Pretoria-based political analyst Dr Wim Booyse said he saw a possibility that the relatively small groupings of far-right white militants such as the Afrikaner-Weerstandsbeweging would find themselves isolated after the elections. They could even fade away into obscurity.

Dr Booyse predicted that if the Freedom Front received more than 450 000 votes, General Viljoen would gain control of conservative white politics in South Africa.

This would mean the majority of white conservative-minded people would have opted for negotiation rather than violence.

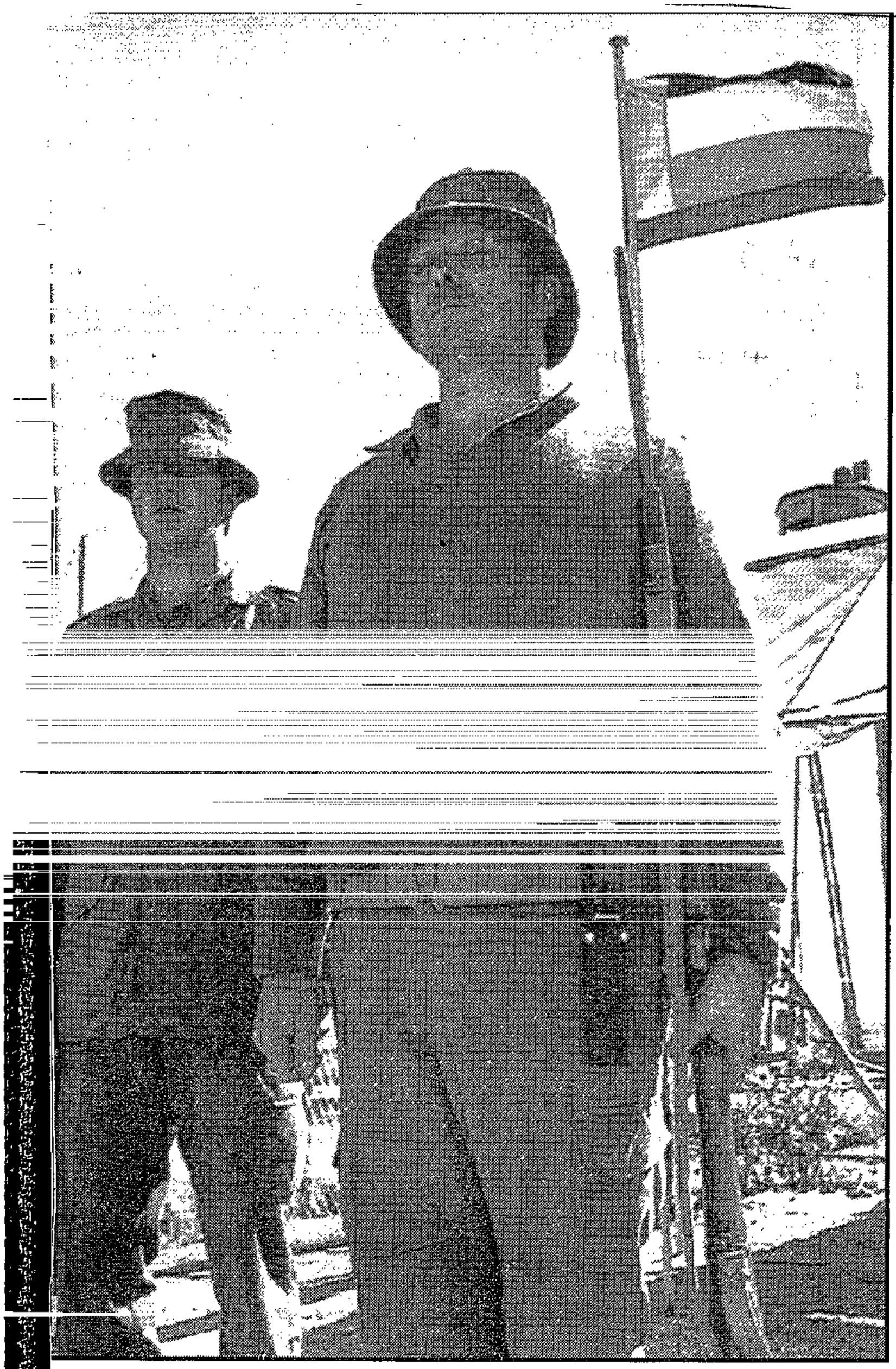
It also would mean that leaders like the Conservative Party's Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg no longer would have a valid claim to speak on behalf of the Afrikaner people. They would be isolated further and could disappear from the political scene.

If the far-right groupings chose to continue with a campaign of terrorism, they would find it increasingly difficult to do so against the background of the remarkable successes of the police in coming to grips with rightwing violence and terrorism.

Dr Booyse said that since 1990 the police had maintained an 85 percent success rate in tracking down rightwing terrorism. This was one of the highest figures in the world for such police investigations.

However, Dr Booyse did not expect rightwing terrorism to disappear altogether. Even if it continued, its intensity was likely to decline.

The latest spate of rightwing terrorist actions should be seen against the background of political developments. Such actions were likely to be a passing phase rather than a long-term trend.



OLD GUARD: Two rightwingers in the brown uniform of the Pretoria Boerekommando and guard at the pirate Radio With Borders station under the battle flag of the old Boer republics.

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Rightwing families sell up to trek out

KLERKSDORP — Rightwingers in Western Transvaal mining towns are hastily selling their possessions and buying caravans, apparently to move to Hartswater in the northern Cape to join their Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging counterparts before the election results are released.

A second-hand furniture dealer told of several families, especially in Stilfontein and Orkney, who were selling off all their furniture in such a hurry they were accepting any price.

Meanwhile, several other rightwingers in Klerksdorp who intend staying have been barricading their homes, sometimes welding steel plates several inches thick on bedroom windows to discourage intruders.

Some of the houses resemble fortresses and contain supplies which would last a long time. — Sapa.

7 arrested for 'intimidation'

PRETORIA. — Seven men with possible rightwing links have been arrested at Betanie in the Odi region for attempting to intimidate residents into not voting, police in Bophuthatswana said. — Sapa

THE KINDERGARTEN COPS

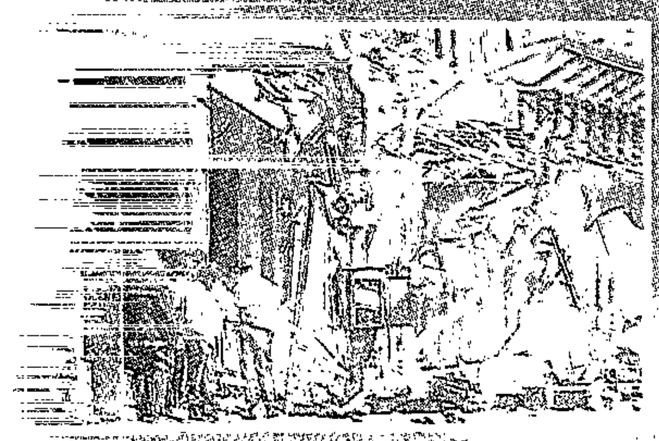
The A... consider... right and this week's arrest of a number of members in connection with bombings has, for many, justified a long-held fear. But a renowned anti-fascist... Nowadism... much more than a joke. Lurking in the shadow of Freedom... that a far more... front leader Constand Viljoen. JANINE LAZARUS spoke to Dr Wim Booyse

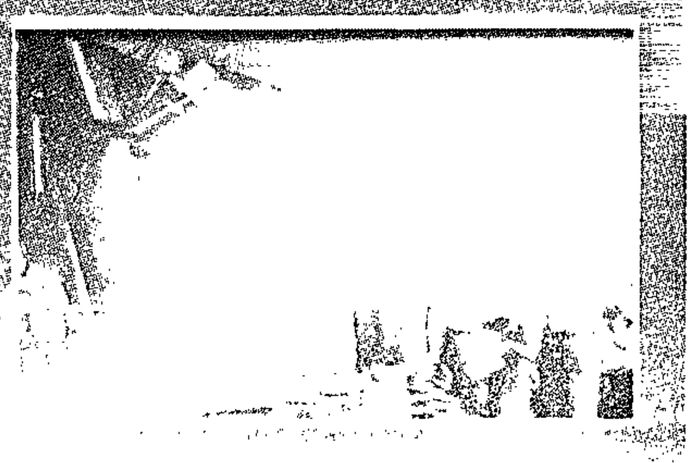


"... before or after the election... then we will ponder you harder than we have ever pondered you."

"They're brandy and coke terrorists"

–Leading ANC candidate Jay Naidoo speaking on TV after the 32 suspects, among them leading members of the AWB, had been arrested.





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AFTER this week's bombings, a top political and labour-risk consultant has dismissed the AWB as "kindergarten cops" with "Mickey Mouse structures". lurking in the shadows behind the -clad commandos, said Dr Wim yse, is something much more sinister "could blow everything out of the ". Should anything go wrong in the itional process, the elite Volks (People's Army) would stop at hing to get their message across. hey are a safety net for the stand) Viljoens, for those in favour negotiations. They support iations to attain determination," Booyse said. hese guys will not get involved in violence while Viljoen participates the constitutional process. But if he withdraws from this process, it's tough say what they would do. This would determined by the mood on the at that stage and how they react developments. But you will a totally new, militarised ..."

A mixed bag of experts

Booyse said if this "mixed bag" of men infantry, armour and airforce trainwere to be deployed in the IRA, "it IRA) would be chuffed with them. are really good. They won't go to lenburg, make a little vow in front of press and beat up black journalists. know what to do, when and how to it."

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believe if these buffoons (the B) are running around, sending ... why should they?" Booyse he wasn't clear about how the top ...ture of the group worked, but ...ed there is good intelligence and intelligence within their ranks. ...s why it is not clear who the top ...s in their ranks are."

Booyse said he did not believe the ... knew how to wage a low intensity war. "I don't see them having that capability this century. The AWB is only dominant in the minds of the press. They were brought to their current position by the press and they have quite cleverly exploited this position." When the AWB emerged as the "so-called" paramilitary right-wing force of 60 000 members in 1993, a membership figure of 10 000 to 15 000 – 5 000 of whom are active – was closer to the truth, Booyse said.

Referring to the Volks Leer as "militarist," he said he believed there was enough understanding on their part of the consequences of war. "They would rather go the other route. They are not in the same class as the (Eugene) TerreBlanches and (Ferdi) Hartzenbergs who talk of war in a haphazard manner."

Commenting on the recent arrest of 32 rightwingers in connection with a string of Reef bombings, he said: "The overnight threat (of the AWB) has been extinguished. The SAP has foiled the immediate, short-term threat. But this does not mean we won't have bombs in four weeks time.

"The planning of a sabotage campaign doesn't take place overnight. There are other cells that are active. You can't stop the new threat from coming through. You can kill the man, but you can't kill the idea." Three of the men detained, "Veg Generaal" Alex Cruywagen, Brigadier le Roux, officer commanding Ystergaarde, and a man by the name of Prinsloo who is secretary general, were the "brains" behind the AWB, said Booyse.

"Boere Krisis Aksie members were also involved. It's a case of birds of a feather flock together. They all drink brandy and coke and have the same ideals." Booyse attributed the right wing arrests to the "bickering" within their ranks.

"It's one of the reasons why the police were so successful. This bickering started at the very beginning. Every guy wants to be king of his own mountain. One of the dilemmas the right wing has faced since 1990 is that they are not sure who is on their side." But Booyse said there was significance behind Sunday's Bree Street and Wednesday's Jan Smuts Airport blasts.

"The goal is to get maximum coverage in the press, to send a message to South Africans, to stop people from voting. The purpose of terrorism is to coerce people to do something specific.

Booyse said he did not believe that the spate of bombings was the start of a more sophisticated terror campaign by the right wing. "These guys go out and manufacture their own explosives. That is an indication that they do not have access to sophisticated explosives. They do not have the capability. It's a practical thing." The real military might of the Right is to be found inside a "home guard" built up around structures of the SADF's Citizen Force and commando systems, according to an article by Jan Taljaard, a journalist specialising in the right wing, for Work in Progress.

Three paramilitary groups – the AWB's Wenkommandos, the Eastern Transvaal Boerekommandos and the Pretoria Boerekommandogroep – are said to spring from a similar but distinct social basis, from "ordinary" farmers and workers, to blue collar workers – many of whom are unemployed – and members who are viewed as outcasts in the broader white community.

The Wenkommando is subdivided into the elite Ystergaarde and the Rooivalke which are the Ystergaarde's female counterparts. The Witkruisarende is a battlefield medical team, while the Penkoppe is made up of children of active AWB members, according to Taljaard.

The Eastern Transvaal Boerekommando are mostly ex-AWB members under the leadership of Gawie Volschenk. Dormant until recently and with a membership of about 400, its influence extends from the Eastern Transvaal into Northern Natal and parts of the Free State. This group broke away from the AWB's Wenkommando in early 1992 in the wake of the Paardekraal debacle.

The Pretoria Boerekommandogroep is led by Willem Ratte, a former intelligence officer with 32 Batallion, and Jan Groenewald, brother of AVF strategist Major-General Tienie Groenewald. It was central in the creation of right wing Radio Pretoria.

Highly politicised and ostensibly organised along "community watch" lines, it sees Pretoria as the "holy city" of Afrikanerdom.

Formed in 1992, it grew rapidly and soon boasted 1 000 members in 14 commandos in the Pretoria area. Its numbers might have since swelled to 3000. Only about 150 members around Ratte are likely to undertake serious military action.

Little support among police

Booyse didn't think there was much SAP support for the AWB. "The SAP has had an 87 percent success rate in (right wing) arrests, so I don't believe there can be a high level of support for them."

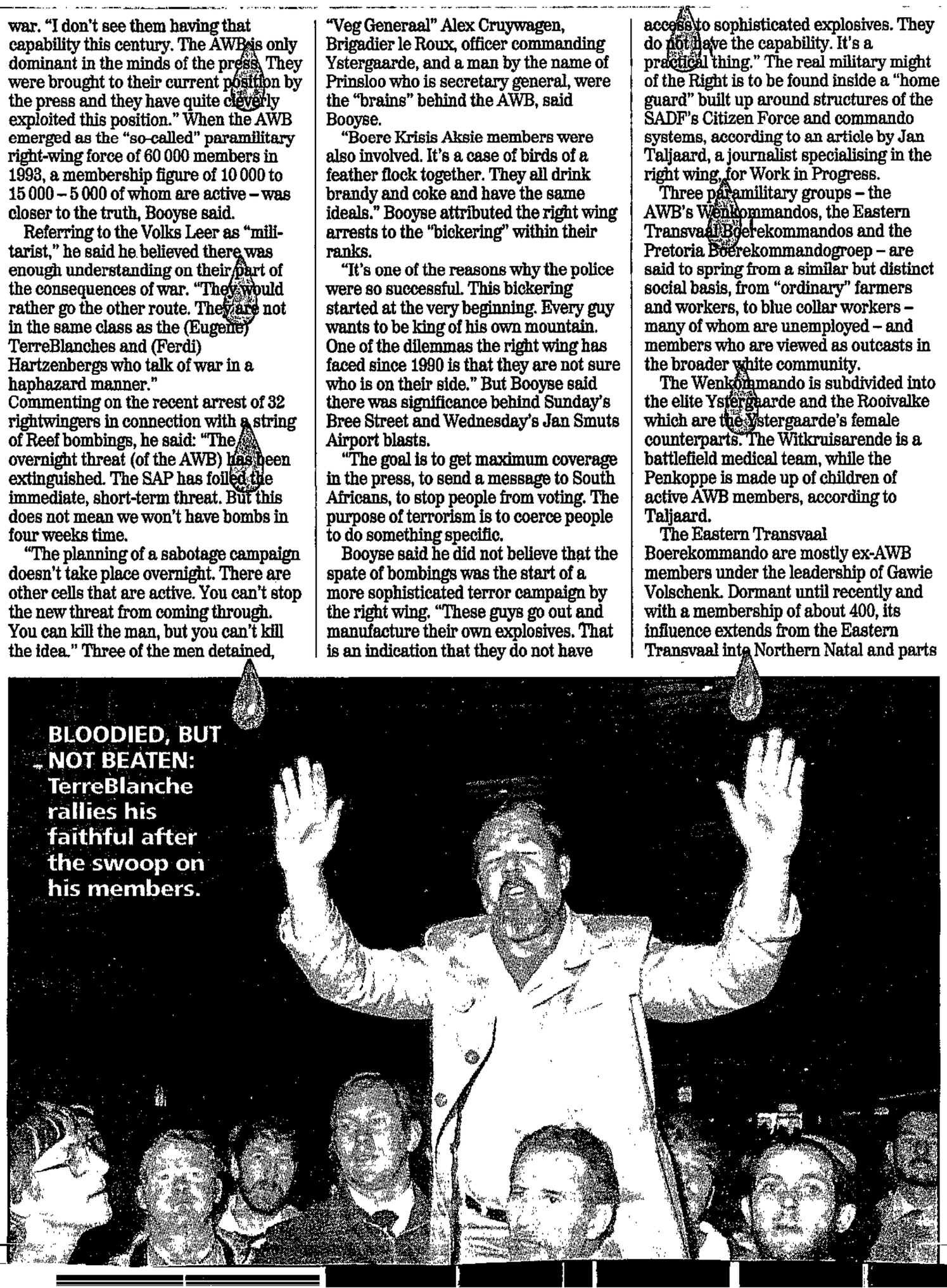
A police spokesman said that it was "strict policy" that policemen were forbidden from belonging to any political organisation. "We can participate in political activity like drawing a cross – but that's as far as it goes."

But the police this week remained tight-lipped about whether other bombs were defused throughout the country. A spokesman from the Witwatersrand liaison office was adamant.

"No bombs were defused," he said. However, another police spokesman said a claymore anti-personnel mine was defused at Rustenburg. "A number of stolen cars were also found in Rustenburg with a large quantity of explosives designated for car bombs."

On Monday, an explosive device was used to open the boot of a vehicle near the Garden Court Hotel in Johannesburg as suspicions had been aroused.

An explosive device was also used to open the boot of another car in Bezuidenhout Street in Yeoville on Tuesday night. The spokesman said sniffer dogs trained to detect explosives reacted to a certain smell from a vehicle parked in Natal Street, Yeoville, on Wednesday. A water explosive device was then used to kill off any possible explosion.



BLOODIED, BUT NOT BEATEN: TerreBlanche rallies his faithful after the swoop on his members.

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Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital, which had made emergency plans to handle victims of expected el "histo quiet this week as voting proceeded peacefully. The hospital's casualty section reported admissions.

AWB forms its laagers, but Reds fail to appear

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

VENTERSDORP — Bands of AWB families, in heavily loaded cars and bakkies, spent the election week moving from farm to farm in the western Transvaal, forming laagers in the koppies and bushveld in anticipation of "the great communist onslaught".

But the Reds never came. And ANC supporters in townships and squatter settlements in the area celebrated the birth of the new SA in their own territories — specifically to avoid confrontation with the AWB convoys.

The right-wing groupings consisted of up to 25 cars, all in citizen band radio contact and under the protection of heavily armed men in khaki on the back of bakkies.

Vehicle registration numbers indicated some of the right-wingers had come from as far afield as Vredendal, on the Cape west coast.

Although it was impossible for journalists to overtly approach AWB members for interviews, and a large "no media allowed" notice prohibited entry into the organisation's headquarters, sources said groups of AWB members and their families had spent the week camping on farms in the area, drawing laagers in different spots every night to protect themselves against the "communist-dominated ANC".

With cars loaded to the roofs with sleeping bags, camping equipment, food and Coca Cola, the convoys were easily recognisable by their long CB aerials. They all converged on Boekenhoutsdrift outside Rustenburg last week to hear Eugene Terre'Blanche address them and declare the area the "Third Boer Republic".

He told supporters that when chaos broke out in the country, the AWB would be ready to defend them. In the meantime, he added, they would remain in the western Transvaal "safety zone".

However, the Boekenhoutsdrift meeting again saw an attack on journalists by the right-wingers. American journalist Michael Allen and freelance photographer Sylvia Moresch were assaulted despite an earlier statement by Terre'Blanche that his organisation supported freedom of the Press.

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Meanwhile, Sapa reports that the Northern Natal Boerekommando has quietly withdrawn from the camp it occupied defiantly in central Newcastle for the past month. The camp was set up by the kommando to show support for right-wing Afrikaners' demand for a volkstaat.

□ Reuter reports that the SAP said on Friday its Pretoria criminal intelligence and firearms investigation unit swooped on a farm near Brits on Thursday and seized weapons and ammunition allegedly belonging to white right-wingers.

Capt Evan Johnson said police had searched the farm of Manie Maritz, a founder member of the AWB.

About 160 whites are living on the farm. "One man was arrested and further arrests could follow," Johnson said.

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Security forces supposedly uncovered the plot when they stopped a car packed with explosives in Natal on its way to the Union Buildings, the London Evening Standard reported on its front page yesterday.

AWB supporters, with the backing of Belgian and German neo-nazi groups, were alleged to have been behind the plot.

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But SAPS spokesman Major Burger van Rooyen denied that police had uncovered such a plot and called it "mere speculation".

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

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He said none of the rightwingers had claimed to be drunk at the time. "It appears as if alcohol was only imbibed to prepare them for the action they were planning . . ."

The judge also said: "They have displayed no real remorse; it appears to us they are more concerned about the consequences their actions have for them."

He also rejected the argument that the six had been influenced by other AWB members, saying the "crass and unprovoked" way in which the blacks were gunned down could not be overlooked.

He said the fact that the murders had been racially motivated was an aggravating factor.

"Actions like this have an adverse effect on race relations. As a result, there may well be a perception among blacks that whites are arrogant bullies. Blacks may exact revenge by attacking whites. This will lead to a vicious circle of violence and counter-violence."

The judge said the attack had also undermined black people's confidence in the police in particular and whites in general. (344)

"I have no words to describe the evilness of this deed. People were shot simply because they were black. What sets this murder apart from most murders is the number of people, including children, who were fired at. It was a simple execution," he said.

"This was a gruesome act which led to unending pain and bitterness. Many families were broken up. Two young men on the brink of successful careers were killed, an older man's ear was cut off while he was still alive and a child was murdered. And the lives of those who were injured were destroyed. They cannot work anymore and because of this their families are suffering."

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He said the court had considered mitigating and aggravating factors put before it, including that all of the men were first-time offenders, that they had consumed alcohol, that they claimed to have been influenced and that they felt remorse.

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The fact that the murder had been racially motivated was an aggravating factor which counted against the men, he said. — Sapa

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Death for rightwing murderers

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□ ANC branch welcomes sentences

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Sapa reports from Klerksdorp that the African National Congress's Western Transvaal region today welcomed the sentences.

A statement said: "Although the ANC is opposed to capital punishment, we welcome the verdict handed down by the court and hope that this will serve as a deterrent to other rightwingers bent on creating havoc in this province."

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Relatives and friends of the rightwingers gasped audibly when the death sentence was passed, and sobbed loudly as the men were led away.

From war talk to a whimper

The only bangs heard at the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela were those of the 21-gun salute, reports **Jan Taljaard**

UNPRECEDENTED security measures and pre-emptive swoops on the lairs of potential troublemakers saw this week's presidential inauguration go off without a hint of a threatened last stand by the far rightwing.

After the initial bangs at the start of election week, the rightwing threat has since then dissipated into one long drawn-out whimper or, rather, rumour. Never before had a non-war been preceded by so many rumours of war.

The following acts were said to be in the planning:

●A light aircraft packed with explosives and flown by a rightwing kamikaze pilot would crash into the dignitaries at the Union Building, destroying all the rightwing's bogeymen, notably Fidel Castro and Yasser Arafat.

●The same dignitaries were going to be the target of an RPG7/mortar attack.

●A delivery van/bogus police vehicle would be detonated as a car bomb close to the inauguration proceedings.

One source tells of a prominent lady of means and rightwing leanings who had envisaged that mass riots on inauguration day would spill into her well-to-do suburb. For this eventuality she had decided to charter a crop sprayer loaded with with caustic soda and water, which would be used to drive back the rioters.

In the end even the Conservative Party mouthpiece, *Die Patriot*, had to bow to the inevitable: *"Kommuniste Nou Baas"* (Communists now in charge), read the newspaper's lead headline.

Sources say that at the beginning of this year elaborate plans were laid for creating havoc and anarchy during the election. The turning-point came when general Constand Viljoen decided to pursue his ideals through the ballot box, leaving the far right in disarray.

CP spokesman Brigadier Cyrus Smith admitted as much in a recent interview when he was asked why the CP had not won a Volkstaat before April 27. "We said that when general Viljoen was still with us," he said. "Without him it was no longer possible."

In an interview shortly after the elections the usually wary Viljoen said the occupation of a *volkstaat* before elections "would have been the easiest thing in the world. But," he added "... the implications would have been too far-reaching". One of the consequences would have been "to break the SADF apart and divide them".

The AWB threat dissipated within days of the first bombs exploding, after the arrest of more than 30 rightwingers, most of them members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, in predawn raids.

The last wild card remaining was the Pretoria Boerekommandogroup of commandant Willem Ratte. While police raids on their strongholds a few days before the inauguration did not deliver much in arms or evidence, a strong message had been sent out that no last stand was going to be allowed. (344) wm 13-19/5/94



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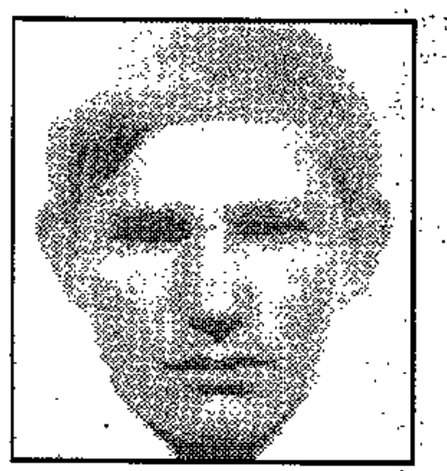

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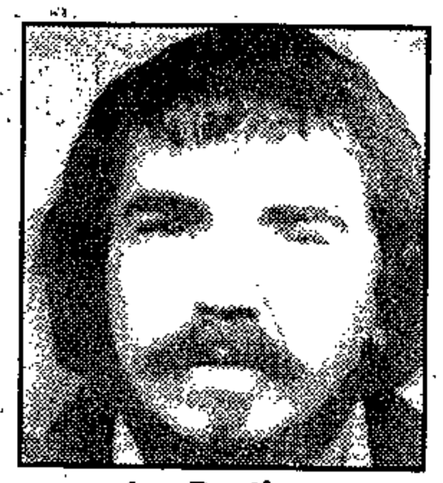

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Accused 'wanted to disrupt inauguration'

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'Five-ton bomb plot'

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around the shooting range.

"We almost captured two suspects, Etienne le Roux and a kommandant 'Doepie', a day after the inauguration, but the men managed to escape via another exit. We believe that they were in possession of a working police radio. This is hampering our ability to arrest the suspects," Van Wyk said.

Van Wyk, on behalf of the State, asked the court to deny bail because evidence was still being gathered and because he was convinced that the men were part of a group who would "go ahead with their activities".

He added: "From the targets and the timing of the blasts we concluded that their aim was to disrupt the elections ... And in the light of the utterances of their leaders, I am convinced that the chance of continued violence is great."

When asked by Harry Prinsloo, representing seven of the accused, how long it would take to complete the investigation, Van Wyk said: "Six weeks."

Disbelief

This was met by gasps and mutters of disbelief from the rightwingers and the packed gallery.

The AWB men present



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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

JAN SMUTS named as possible target of proposed May 10 attack, investigating officer tells court

Rightwingers had planned to detonate a massive bomb at Jan Smuts Airport on May 10 to disrupt President Mandela's inauguration, the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Witwatersrand Crime Information Services head Colonel Cornelius van Wyk told the court that police had received information that between 3 and 5 tons of explosives would be used.

He was testifying at a bail application for 32 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members who were arrested in connection with six blasts in the Transvaal between April 24 and 27.

Twenty people died and 181 were injured in the blasts, which have so far been estimated to have caused more than R75 million damage.

Among the blasts was a car-bomb explosion at Jan Smuts Airport on April 27, which Van Wyk said injured 21 people.

Referring to the planned May 10 blast, he said: "Jan Smuts was named as a possible target and there was talk of 3 to 5 tons of explosives being used."

Van Wyk said 27 of the rightwingers had been arrested at the Waterval shooting range near Rustenburg in the western Transvaal after police had received a tip-off that the bombing campaign was being launched from there.

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Six other rightwingers were arrested later at their homes.

Van Wyk said police were looking for at least 10 other AWB members — and a possible 11 more — who had escaped the cordon thrown

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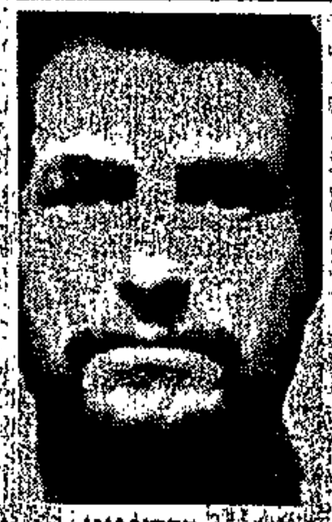
Police hunt 21 AWB suspects



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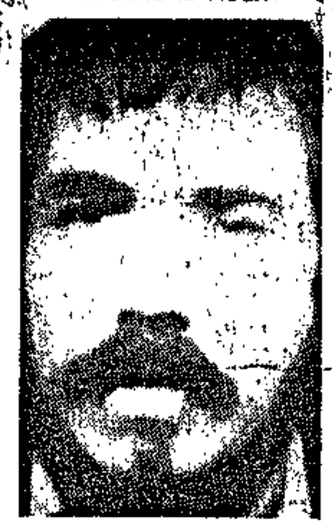

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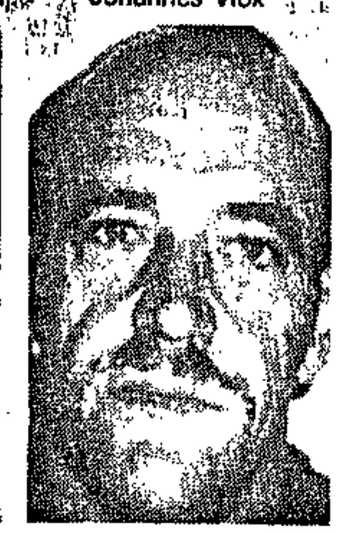

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TWENTY-ONE AWB members suspected of a bombing campaign in the run-up to last month's election are still at large, and police fear the organisation's terror attacks may not be over.

This emerged yesterday during a bail application in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court by 33 AWB members arrested on April 27 after blasts in the PWV killed 20 people and injured 191 others.

Colonel Cornelius van Wyk, the investigating officer, said there was a good chance right-wing terror acts would continue if bail was granted.

Opposed

He said the men were part of a "fanatical and dedicated group" and the chances of violence continuing if they were released on bail were "very good".

The SAPS has offered a R400 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of eight prominent members of the neo-nazi organisation.

Called to testify on behalf of the state yesterday, Colonel van Wyk, Criminal Investigations Services commander, strongly opposed the bail applications, saying he feared the accused would hamper police efforts to track down remaining suspects if they were released.

Col Van Wyk said he also had reason to believe the right-wingers, the majority of whom were members of the organisation's elite unit, the Ystergarde, would continue their bombing campaign if they were granted bail.

He said it was clear the bombings were designed to disrupt the elections and they had instilled a "fear psychosis" in the population.

He said police had information the AWB members had planned to detonate a three-to-five-ton bomb at Jan Smuts Airport during the presidential inauguration.

The right-wing movement had threatened to launch a terror campaign should their demands for a volkstaat not be met, and he believed the accused would not readily accept the new constitution.

Col Van Wyk said that judging from the size of the bombs detonated on the Reef and the number of explosives found at the Waterval shooting range in Rustenburg — where the majority of the AWB members were arrested — the right-wingers obviously had easy access to explosives.

Sixty kilograms of explosives were found at Waterval. A 90kg car bomb had exploded in Bree Street, Johannesburg, and a bomb of 100kg had been detonated at a Germiston taxi rank. A similar sized bomb had exploded at Jan Smuts Airport.

The blasts had caused damage estimated at more than R76 million.

Col Van Wyk said police had also seized 17 automatic weapons, a light machinegun, hand weapons, shotguns, four crossbows and more than 30 000 rounds of ammunition at the shooting range.

They had also confiscated 15 defence force radios, 103 bundles of camouflage uniforms and several pipe bombs.

He said it was imperative that the right-wingers remain in custody until his 32-man team had completed their investigation. Many witnesses still had to be contacted for statements, and lengthy forensic tests were still under way.

He firmly believed the accused would try to hamper these investigations if they were released. He could not say when the investigation would be completed.

Mr Sidney Alberts, counsel for 10 of the right-wingers, submitted that his clients had the right to bail under the new constitution.

The state could also set stringent bail conditions prohibiting his clients from making contact with witnesses, or any of the AWB members still on the run.

The accused face 20 charges of murder, 191 of attempted murder, malicious damage to property, illegal possession of arms and ammunition and contraventions of the Explosives Act.

Those arrested include AWB secretary-general Mr Nico Prinsloo, AWB chief of staff Mr Josias Alexander Cruywagen, Ystergaarde leader Mr Leon van der Merwe, SAPS assistant Constable Hercules Coetzee and his brother Mr Andreas Coetzee, a non-active police reservist.

The bail application continues today.

Ms Louisa van der Walt and Mr Harry Prinsloo, SC, also appeared for the accused.

'5-TON BOMB PLOT TO BLOW UP JAN SMUTS'

The eight suspects still wanted by police are:

- Mr Jan Bastiaan de Wet, 37, of Hartbeesfontein.
- Mr Etienne Jacobus le Roux, 41, of Heidelberg.
- Mr Ronald Pierre "Doppies" Treurnicht, 30, of Durban.
- Mr Johannes Abraham Vlok, 21, of Ventersdorp.
- Mr Petrus Paulus Steyn, 32, of Sundra.
- Mr Johan Wilhelm du Plessis, 32, of Ficksburg.
- Mr Abraham Christoffel Fourie, 43, of Vereeniging.
- Mr Gerhardus Daniel Fourie, 37, of De Deur.

A reward of R50 000 for each suspect has been offered.

Anyone with information should telephone (011) 948-8103 or 0 800 11 12 13.

5-ton disaster 'planned for Jan Smuts'

☐ Bail opposed after swoop nets 27 alleged rightwing bombers at shooting range

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"We received information that a group of people — most of whom were members of the Ystergarde, the AWB's elite paramilitary squad — had gathered in the Western Transvaal and that it was from there that the terror campaign was being orchestrated.

"On April 27 we raided Waterval and arrested 27 people and confiscated a large quantity of arms, about 30 450 rounds of ammunition, 17 vehicles — one of which had a false bottom and another false registration — radios and clothing," he said. Six other rightwingers had later been arrested at their homes.

But Colonel Van Wyk said that several rightwingers escaped in spite of the cordon that was thrown around the range. At least 10 AWB members — and a possible 11 more — were still at large.

"We almost captured two suspects, Etienne Le Roux and a Kommandant "Doepie", a day after the inauguration, but the men managed to escape."

Colonel Van Wyk asked the court to deny the rightwingers bail because he was convinced that the men were part of a group who would "go ahead with their activities".

"From the targets and the timing of the blasts we concluded that their aim was to disrupt the elections ... and in the light of utterances of their leaders, I am convinced that the chance of continued violence is great," he said.

When asked by Harry Prinsloo, who represents seven of the accused, how long it would take to complete the investigation, Colonel Van Wyk said: "Six weeks." This was met by gasps and mutters from the rightwingers and a packed gallery.

The rightwingers present yesterday were Clint Ellish, Abraham Liebenberg Myburg, Cornelius Johannes Botha (sen and jun), Pieter Daniel van der Merwe, Nicolaas Clifton Barnard, Jan Antonie Oelofse, Serge Marie Joseph Dabbadie, Douglas Pieter Taylor, Gerhard William Elbers, Dirk Jocobus Meyer, Nelson and Gustav Woutberg, Gert Kruger Aberts, Louis Johannes Fourie,

Police hunt AWB men: R400 000 reward offered

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have offered a R400 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of eight Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members wanted in connection with a series of terror bombings on the Reef last month.

Twenty-one people were killed in the bombings, which were aimed at disrupting the election.

Witwatersrand police released the names and pictures of the suspects yesterday, but warned that the eight could be wearing disguises.

Police spokesman Dave Bruce said the suspects were wanted in connection with the bombings in Johannesburg, at Jan Smuts Airport and in Pretoria's Marabastad. More than 30 rightwingers appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Colonel Bruce said the eight men were known members of the AWB and a R50 000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest of each one.

They were identified as Jan Bastiaan de Wet, 37, Ettiene Jacobus Le Roux, 41, Ronald Pierre Treurnicht, 30, Johannes Abraham Vlok, 21, Petrus Paulus Steyn, 32, Johan Wilhem du Plessis, 32, Abraham Christoffel Fourie, 43 and Gerhardus Daniel Fourie, 37.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of these men should call the police on ☎ (011) 948 8103 (all hours) or on the toll-free Crime Stop number ☎ 0800-11-12-13.

Andreas Stephanus Coetzee, Hermanus Steyn Luyt, Theunis van Schalkwyk, Andries Wilhemus Nel, Milestone Sharp, Hercules Jacobus Coetzee, Zacharias Johannes Beneke, Willem Frans Hattingh, AWB secretary Nico Prinsloo, Leon van der Merwe, J P Olivier, Jacobus Petrus Nel, AWB "chief of staff" Josias Alexander Cruywagen, Johannes Coenraad Smit, Pieter Duvenhage and Roelof Johannes Fouche.

They are provisionally facing 20 charges of murder, 181 of attempted murder, four of contravening the Explosives Act and an array of lesser charges.

The case against a 33rd rightwinger, P Koekemoer, was dropped while the trial of another rightwinger was separated because he was a minor.

The bail application continues today.

Senior State Prosecutor Brink Ferreira appeared for the State. Prinsloo, Louisa van der Walt, Famie van Vuuren and Sydney Alberts represented the rightwingers and Magistrate C J van Heerden was on the Bench.

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The inauguration of Nelson Mandela as the first black president of South Africa may have taken place a week ago, but the celebrations marking the event continue in all sorts of ways. Mlungisi Zikalala of Dube Village, Soweto, hoisted the new flag for all to see.

PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

AWB men 'victims of racism'

Sowetan 17/5/94

By Glenn McKenzie

AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging members were the victims of "racism", an AWB spokesman said outside the Johannesburg Regional Court where 32 rightwingers are being tried in connection with pre-election bombings in Johannesburg.

Mr Fred Rundle, a Johannesburg spokesman for the AWB, said rightwingers were not treated fairly by the courts and the police.

"The Government is not treating our people fairly. For instance, our white people on trial are automatically expected to come up with more bail money than Pan Africanist Congress members accused of bombings," said Rundle.

Rundle said he could not comment on allegations that children living on AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche's farm had bragged of committing bombings in the Ventersdorp area. 3444

"You are telling me something I know nothing about," he said.

During a recess in the bombing trial yesterday, sobbing wives and mothers of the accused passed meat pies and soft drinks to the prisoners through the bars of a consultation room.

A female AWB "officer", who would not give her name, said families of the accused were not feeling optimistic. Most were upset about the possibility that the men may not receive bail.

AWB 33 not held for bombs at first

B'Day 18/5/94

THE 33 AWB members accused of planting bombs on the Reef last month were not initially arrested in connection with the blasts, but only as a preventative measure in terms of the Internal Security Act, a Johannesburg magistrate heard yesterday.

Testifying at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court during a bail application by the right-wingers, Crime Intelligence Service commander Col Cornelius van Wyk also admitted the men had been charged in connection with the blasts only 48 hours after their arrests, when they were due to be released.

He made these concessions during cross-examination by defence counsel Louisa van der Walt, who submitted Van Wyk was angry with her clients because they had refused to assist police with their investigations.

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Twenty people were killed and 191 injured in the blasts. (344)

Van der Walt also attacked his evidence that AWB members had travelled in secret convoys to the Waterval shooting range in Rustenburg, where 27 of the accused were arrested during a police swoop on April 27.

Guns, ammunition and explosives were confiscated by police at the scene.

Van der Walt submitted the AWB had informed the Rustenburg police beforehand that they intended moving on to the shooting range as part of a community protection exercise.

She questioned his submission that her clients should be denied bail because they would hamper police efforts to track down 21 AWB members still wanted for questioning in connection with the bombs.

"There are thousands of AWB members out there who could hamper your search, but you take it out on these people because you're angry they won't cooperate," she said.

Durban advocate Sid Alberts, also appearing for the accused, said at the close of yesterday's proceedings that the right-wingers would not testify, but would all hand in affidavits today which would "allay the State's fears".

State prosecutor Brink Ferreira SC has opposed the bail application on the grounds the AWB members will not stand trial, will attempt to intimidate witnesses and will hamper police investigations.

The right-wingers face 20 charges of murder, 191 of attempted murder, malicious damage to property, illegal possession of arms and ammunition and contraventions of the Explosives Act.

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The proposed system is based on the idea of the National Qualification Framework (NQF) as the way in which education must move.

Essentially, the NQF will eliminate the current distinctions between diplomas, degrees, certificates and so on by offering a series of national awards.

The awards will range from NQF1 (equivalent to Standard 7) through NQF8 (post-graduate degrees).

"There is a wide degree of acceptance for the system, though it is a difficult strategy to implement. It is

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32 right-wingers arrested first as a 'preventive measure'

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JOHANNESBURG. — A police colonel admitted under cross-examination in the Johannesburg Regional Court the initial arrest of 32 right-wingers had nothing to do with charges arising from the pre-election bombings in the PWV region.

The attacks killed 20 and injured 190.

Neels van Wyk, head of the Witwatersrand Crime Intelligence Service, admitted yesterday the men were arrested under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act.

The section provides for any person regarded a threat to state security to be held for 48 hours as a "preventive measure".

Defence counsel Fanie van Vuuren told the court the men were told they were suspects in the pre-election bombing case only when the 48-hour period was about to run out.

One of the accused was told in the presence of his lawyer there was no case against him and he was being held merely a sa preventive measure.

The defence also discounted earlier state evidence that the men gathered secretly at a shooting range near Rustenburg to continue their bombing campaign.

Louisa van der Walt, who is investigating the case, said Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leaders had told the Criminal Intelligence Service of the Rustenburg police that right-wingers would be gathering at the Waterval shooting range.

Under re-examination by the state, Colonel Van Wyk said it would be impossible to police the 32 accused should they be released on bail.

It would be difficult to ensure they complied with bail conditions set by the court. — Sapa.

AWB arrests 'preventative'

CT 18/5/94 (344)

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The 33 AWB men accused of Reef bomb blasts were not initially held in connection with the blasts but as a preventative measure under the Internal Security Act, Crime Intelligence Service (CIS) commander Colonel Cornelius van Wyk conceded yesterday.

Testifying during a bail application by the right-wingers, Col Van Wyk, investigating officer, conceded the men were only charged for the blasts 48 hours after their arrests, when they were due for release.

He was being cross-examined by defence counsel Ms Louisa van der Walt, who submitted Col Van Wyk was angry with her clients because they had refused to assist police investigations.

Twenty people died and 191 were hurt by a spate of Reef blasts in the run-up to elections.

Ms Van der Walt disputed Col Van Wyk's evidence that AWB members had travelled in secret to a Rustenburg shooting range where 27 of the accused were held in an April 27 police swoop.

Many weapons, 30 000 rounds of ammunition and 60kg of explosives were confiscated at the scene.

Ms Van der Walt said the AWB had informed the Rustenburg CIS beforehand they intended moving onto the shooting range as a community protection exercise.

The accused face 20 murder charges, 191 of attempted murder and several other charges.

The hearing continues today.

ET's threats 'nonsense'

Star 19/5/94

■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

Utterances by AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche that people who tangled with rightwingers would be "dealt with" was a "lot of rhetoric from a leader trying to save a lost cause", the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Defence counsel Sid Alberts was responding to the State's arguments that bail should not be granted to 32 rightwingers accused of bombings before the election.

He said TerreBlanche's comments — in which the AWB leader threatened retribution against anyone who dared to attack any rightwinger — were "nonsense" and not necessarily the sentiments of all AWB members.

"The deafening silence from TerreBlanche since the elections is unbelievably striking. Nothing was said about the arrest of these AWB members for the blasts," he said.

Senior State prosecutor Brink Ferreira argued that the AWB members should not be granted bail because the court was dealing with a rightwing "conspiracy" to sow terror, murder and carnage. (344)

He said the men were facing 20 charges of murder, which were the most serious offences, and they could possibly be sentenced to death.

"National security and the safety of the public must be considered together with the rightwingers' propensity to commit crime.

"They are part of a dedicated task group who will go ahead with their activities and not accept a new dispensation in the country," Ferreira said.

The rightwingers submitted affidavits yesterday, agreeing not to abscond or interfere with State witnesses if granted bail. The hearing continues tomorrow.

FOR THE RECORD

Senior State prosecutor Brink Ferreira has denied that he confirmed, in a report in The Star on Wednesday, that there was a possibility that an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging member would testify in the Rand Supreme Court against fellow AWB members.

The AWB members are accused of being responsible for a spate of bomb attacks.

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'Right-wing rally no picnic'

CT 19/5/94

JOHANNESBURG. — The gathering of right-wingers at a shooting range near Rustenburg shortly before their arrest in April was "not a Sunday school picnic" but a conspiracy to sow terror and to sabotage the elections.

This was the submission made by the state yesterday in the Johannesburg Regional Court when opposing a bail application by 32 right-wingers arrested in connection with a spate of pre-election bombings in the PWV region.

"It is clear we are dealing with a conspiracy. This was not a gathering of law-abiding citizens," said Mr Brink Ferreira, for the state.

He said as early as April 24 police had information the men had gathered at a hunting farm near Koster in the Western Transvaal. Two days later, they moved to the Waterval shooting range near Rustenburg.

They had used secondary roads. One car in the convoy had false number plates and another a false compartment.

Equipment found at the shooting range on April 27, when 27 men were arrested, was indicative of a conspiracy. Sixty kilograms of explosives and 10 pipes used to make bombs were similar to those found at the scenes of three explosions.

The large arms cache could not be viewed as innocent.

Between the time the accused arrived in Koster on April 24 and their arrest three days later, there were at least six explosions.

A further two explosions, one at Benoni and another at Jan Smuts Airport timed for May 10, had been pre-empted by the arrests.

The terror campaign left 20 dead, 190 injured and caused more than R70 million damage.

It was important to note, Mr Ferreira said, that after the arrests there were no further similar blasts.

The application continues. — Sapa

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Rightwingers 'not directly linked to pre-poll bombings'

ART 19/5/94 (344)

JOHANNESBURG. — The State had failed to lead any evidence directly linking 32 rightwingers to the pre-election bombings in the PWV region, defence counsel said in a bail application in the Johannesburg Regional Court.

Sid Alberts said there had been no direct evidence by the State setting out a foundation for a conspiracy theory.

In fact, the very grounds used by the State to keep the men in custody had fallen away, he said.

The 32 rightwingers have been in custody for three weeks.

Earlier the State said that the bombing rampage had been calculated to sow terror and sabotage the elections.

"But it's over, whatever was guarded against is history ... The elections have taken place, we have a new South Africa, the need to keep them in custody has fallen away," Mr Alberts said.

He questioned the State's submission that the only inference that could be drawn from the lack of similar blasts since the men's arrest was that they had planted the bombs.

The State's submission that the accused should not be granted bail because of the seriousness of the charges they faced, including murder and attempted murder, was not borne out by the evidence before the court.

"None of the accused was caught at the scene of the bombings. The only thing we can say is that the State probably has a case relating to the explosives found at the shooting range," he said.

He was referring to 60kg of explosives found at the Waterval shooting range in Rustenburg, where 27 of the men were arrested on April 27.

Earlier the State alleged that the gathering of rightwingers at the shooting range shortly before their arrest in April was "not a Sunday school picnic" but a conspiracy to sow terror and to sabotage the elections.

"It is clear we are dealing with a conspiracy. This was not a gathering of law-abiding citizens," said Brink Ferreira.

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The court's findings will be made tomorrow at 8am. — Sapa.

AWB trio face violence charge

ST 20/5/94

Court Reporter

FORMER AWB Western Cape leader "General" Stephen Jacobson, his son and another AWB member appeared in the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday in connection with a charge of public violence (344)

No charges were put to Mr Jacobson, 45, his son Dirk, 18, both of Nerina Avenue, Fish Hoek and Mr Frederik van Vuuren, 40, of Klein Zouterivier, Melkbosstrand.

The men were allegedly part of a group of about 30 AWB members and supporters who threw a teargas grenade into the Fish Hoek Civic Centre during a public meeting adressed by Simon's Town ANC MP Mr Jannie Momberg.

The matter was postponed to June 9.

Confiscation threat to farmers aiding AWB

ST 23/5/94

MMABATHO. — North West executive committee member Mr Rocky Malebana Metsing said his administration would not hesitate to confiscate land, without compensation, from farmers who allowed Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging activities on their farms. (344) (271)

Addressing a meeting at Bapong near Brits on Saturday, Mr Metsing, whose portfolio is agriculture, said the government would not allow farm land to be used for storing weapons or for training members of the AWB's military wing.

He said the state would do all in its power to ensure that people who were forcibly removed under apartheid laws got their land back. — Sapa

Mandela to discuss amnesty with ET

Star 26/5/94

Cape Town — President Mandela is to meet Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene TerreBlanche on Monday to discuss his demands for a separate white homeland and amnesty for jailed right-wingers.

After separate talks with Freedom Front chief General Constand Viljoen and Conservative Party leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg in Cape Town, Mandela said he hoped a peaceful solution could be found to assuage right-wing fears about majority rule.

"Dr Hartzenberg has assured me that he has arranged a meeting with Mr TerreBlanche for early next week — probably on Monday," Mandela said.

Earlier yesterday, TerreBlanche said Hartzenberg had no mandate to negotiate with the ANC on behalf of the AWB.

He would hold talks with Mandela's Government of National Unity only on condition that all right-wing prisoners, sentenced or awaiting trial, be released.

However, after meeting Viljoen last night, the President said he was to hold a meeting with TerreBlanche and Hartzenberg next week.



Shake . . . President Mandela meets Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg yesterday. PICTURE: DOUG PITHEY

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Mandela said he had discussed with Hartzenberg the CP leader's request for an amnesty for rightwingers, including 33 AWB members set to stand trial over a bomb blitz before the election.

Mandela said an amnesty was "premature".

Justice Minister Dullah Omar was drafting legislation on the issue which would be presented to Parliament next week for debate, he said.

Viljoen said that if right-wing parties refused to take part in the proposed Volkstaat Council he would try to secure their involvement through liaison.

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tions . . . I will inform them as we make progress. If they want to present any ideas to the Volkstaat Council through me, they are welcome. (344) (252)

Earlier, speaking in Parliament, Viljoen said that the attainment of a volkstaat was the cornerstone of his party's policy.

Viljoen said Afrikaners differed on how to achieve self-determination. He had come under great pressure to pursue the military option.

Many Afrikaners refused to vote because the issue of a volkstaat had not been resolved.

He praised people in the ANC who had made it possible for his FF to enter the election. — Sapa, Reuter, Staff Reporter.

Amnesty for rightwingers then we'll talk, says AWB

B Star 27/5/94

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging yesterday ruled out any meeting with President Mandela before all rightwingers had received amnesties.

But it said the ANC was welcome to contact it to discuss the clauses of an amnesty Bill.

Mandela, after talks with CP leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg on Wednesday, said he expected to meet AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche on Monday. But an AWB statement said such a meeting would not take place.

"The executive council of the AWB has decided ... our stated precondition of unconditional amnesty for all sentenced and awaiting-trial rightist prisoners must be met," it said. (344)

About 30 AWB members have been charged in connection with a series of bombings before last month's election.

Several rightwingers are on Death Row for murder, including the April 1993 assassination of communist leader Chris Hani.

Mandela said this week that amnesties would be considered for political crimes. But he said the case of Hani's killers, Janusz Walus and Clive Derby-Lewis, required special consideration.

The AWB statement said: "The ANC is ... welcome to contact our organisation directly and not through any third party."

TerreBlanche has repeatedly said he would meet Mandela only over the barrel of a gun. — Reuter.

AWB warning to police

ST Times 29/5/94

By DIRK VAN EEDEN

THE AWB warned yesterday it would not co-operate with police after a task force disrupted an AWB officers' meeting near Heidelberg. (344)

AWB spokesman Fred Rundle said the police demanded to search everyone, but were denied access to the hall where the AWB had gathered.

"The police then decided to leave," he said.

Police spokesman Major Burger van Rooyen could not state the reason for the swoop, but said it might have had something to do with the spate of bombings before the elections.

Right seeks amnesty

Mandela, Hartzenberg hold talks on indemnity

Star 3/15/94

IT IS unclear whether men accused of pre-election bomb attacks will qualify for indemnity

■ POLITICAL STAFF

The right wing looks almost set to benefit from indemnity from prosecution for politically related crimes following another round of talks between President Mandela and Conservative Party leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg in Pretoria yesterday.

However, there was no clarity yesterday on whether the 32 men who allegedly carried out pre-election bomb attacks would also benefit from the imminent indemnity.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar told Parliament last week he was drafting legislation for amnesty for politically motivated crimes, but said crimes committed after the December 6 cut-off date entrenched in the constitution would be excluded.

After meeting Hartzenberg yesterday, Mandela said his Government would apply the same criteria for amnesty to rightwingers who committed offences of a political nature between October 8 1990 — the old cut-off date — and December 5 last year, as had been applied to those on the Left.

Mandela, who was accompanied by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, said the Government did not want to have parallel discussions with those inside and outside Parliament, and would prefer talking to Freedom Front leader General Constand Viljoen and Hartzenberg at the same time on the question of an Afrikaner volkstaat.

"It would be more fruitful if we went through one channel," he said, without indicating when the envisaged trilateral talks agreed upon would get off the ground. Mbeki has been asked to arrange the meetings.

Hartzenberg, whose CP and Afrikaner Volksfront boycotted the poll, has agreed to take part in the three-way talks.

Hartzenberg will hold talks with Omar at a time still to be determined to discuss the question of indemnity, and whether those whose crimes were committed after December 5 — including the 32 men allegedly responsible for the election bombings — should also be considered.

However, Democratic Party leader Tony Leon has come

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out strongly against the extension of the cut-off date beyond September 14 1991, the day on which the National Peace Accord was signed.

Leon said it would be "obscene" to indemnify criminal acts committed after that date, and that such a move would "reduce any reasonable concepts of justice, law and order and judicial independence to political bargaining chips".

Hartzenberg said it was important that his party discussed the contents of draft legislation on indemnity before it went to Parliament.

AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche, who has demanded indemnity for the men held over the election-related bombings, rejected an invitation to yesterday's meeting. He said he would not talk to Mandela until he had seen the draft of the new indemnity Bill.

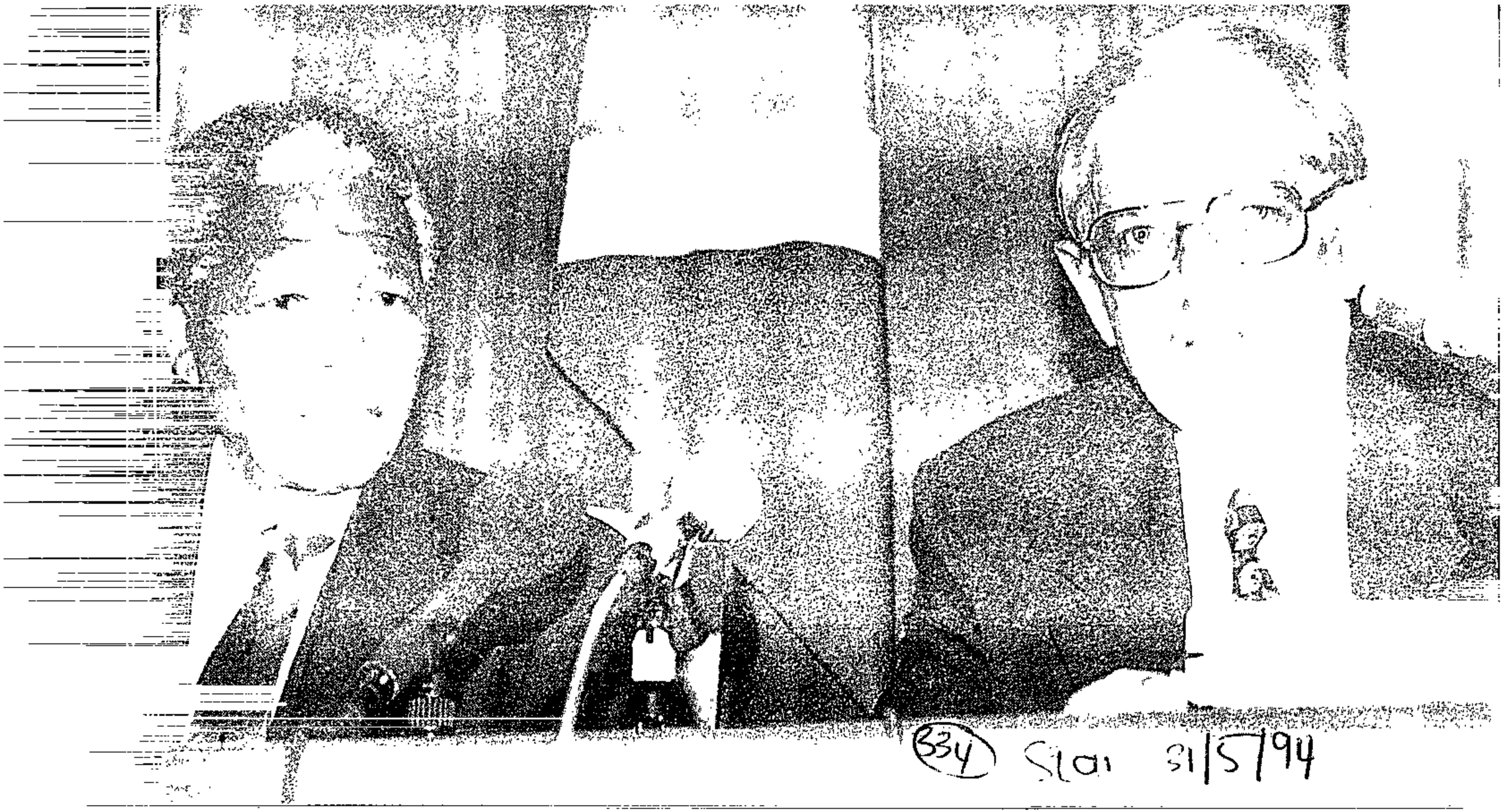
Meanwhile, Idasa executive director Dr Alex Boraine says consultation involving victims of human rights abuses should precede any legislation on amnesty.

Writing in the latest issue of his institute's Democracy in Action newsletter, Boraine says the country has a chance to work towards genuine healing by dealing honestly, fearlessly and sensitively with past violations of human rights.

In all this, the plight of the victims should never be ignored or forgotten.

"To ignore the suffering of the victims and to focus only on the violators of human rights is to get it only half right. The impression will be that the victims don't really matter," Boraine writes.

He says it is vital that any amnesty for human rights violators be accompanied by full and truthful disclosure.



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Working it out . . . President Mandela and Ferdi Hartzenberg in Pretoria yesterday. PICTURE: JULANI VAN DER WESTHUIZE



Putting up a brave front . . . AWB supporters show their colours. However, although the Right still represents a threat, many right-wing groups have toned down their rhetoric, or become silent, since the election.

Rightists have lost bark, but not bite

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FOLLOWING the recent crackdown, the far right wing is bowed, but not beaten, says John Soderlund

The far right wing, punch-drunk and humbled after recent police crackdowns on its members, is not necessarily out for the count.

Far right-wing groupings are estimated to number in excess of 120, up from an estimated 80 this time last year. Many of these have only a handful of members and only 15 are believed to have any real capacity for violent disruption, says Wits University political analyst Dr Tom Lodge.

But, as University of Cape Town political studies lecturer and right-wing terrorism researcher Professor David Welsh explains, the fact that many are nameless and untraceable makes them more dangerous.

Welsh is adamant that, although most of the Right "hasn't the stomach for violence", we haven't seen the last of the "fitter and turner generals".

The next flashpoint of right-wing violence, says Welsh, is likely to be the implementation of new local government structures.

"Once the new local government dispensations have been implemented I fear there will be small-scale confrontations, but after that I doubt there will be much rearguard action," he forecasts.

The 640 000 regional votes for the Freedom Front in the election shows a strong support base of people who at least sympathise with the aims of those willing to fight to hang on to what they have, Dr Lodge points out.

The simplicity of the methods of the far-right terrorist element is such that to crush them completely would be extremely difficult — as has been the case with other terrorist organisations worldwide, he explains.

More obvious than right-wing violence this year has been the fact that attitudes among the far Right have softened considerably over the past couple of months, facilitated by the participation of the FF in the election and evidenced by the denunciations of violence by former warmongers.

Among them, the Afrikaner Volkstaatbeweging, and Wit Wolwe leader and Strijdom Square mass murderer Barend Strydom, declared they will cease all deeds of terror and back Constand Viljoen's Freedom Front.

Other such groupings are fading into the wings or becoming quieter and only a handful have continued their threats of armed resistance.

The AWB's Fred Rundle explained this week how his movement has shifted focus to more defensive activities. One of these is to secure jobs for unemployed Afrikaners in an odd brand of reverse affirmative action.

Manpower

Guaranteed non-striking manpower is available to fill manual labour positions in factories and even as domestics, explained Rundle.

The AWB is also establishing "safe houses to which our people can take their women and children when they are raped, attacked and plundered by the communists", he said.

Apart from the AWB, many of whose key members have been arrested following bombings leading up to the election, the most feared far right-wing grouping is the Boere Republican Army (Boere Republikeinseleer).

Grouped in cells, members are known only to their cell leaders, making it impossible for activists to blow the whistle on colleagues under police scrutiny.

The Northern Natal Boerekommando, headed by Leonard Veenendal, had set up camp in Newcastle a month before the election and was threatening joint military action with IFP supporters demanding sovereignty. It slipped out quietly two weeks ago.

Veenendal also claims to be chief of staff of the Orde Boerevolk, conspicuous by its inactivity for months. Equally inactive have been the Boerestaat Weerstandsbeweging, the Boerestaat Party and the Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging.

Some far rightwingers are reportedly leaving the fight for whiter pastures.

Dr Jan Smith, former head of the white supremacist Church of the Creator, reportedly had his immigration application to New Zealand held up after Immigration Minister Roger Maxwell chose to look into his background. The church was allegedly linked to at least two black killings in South Africa.

For the most part, it seems the new South Africa might not prove too unpalatable for many right-wing groups, which will adapt to the new circumstances without hauling out the guns.

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Threat to lives of AWB members held over bombings

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police fear for the lives of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members who have given them information about the pre-election terror campaign, according to an affidavit submitted to the Rand Supreme Court.

The statement by police officer Neels van Wyk, who is investigating a spate of bomb blasts which rocked the PWV region between April 24 to 27, was handed in as an application to review the granting of bail to 32 rightwingers arrested in connection with the blasts.

Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres, who brought the application, asked the court to allow the State to bring another bail application before another magistrate, or to order magistrate C J van Heerden to hear the evidence of Colonel Van Wyk.

Mr Van Heerden granted the rightwingers R10 000 bail each on May 20 after ruling that the State had failed to link the men to any of the blasts.

He said it was not the duty of the court to speculate about the rightwingers' role in the bombing campaign and that it was unfortunate the State had not submitted evidence of their direct involvement to the court.

Mr Van Heerden also said the State had failed to prove that further blasts could follow if the men were released.

But he also set strict bail conditions, amounting to virtual house arrest, to ensure that the rightwingers did not abscond.

According to the conditions, the rightwingers have to report to police twice daily, can only leave their houses to go to work or church and have to hand over any travel documents.

Yesterday Colonel Van Wyk revealed that some of the rightwingers arrested in connection with the bomb blasts had turned State witness.

He said police had received information that there were plans to eliminate the informers and that it was therefore important that the rightwingers be remanded in custody. — Sapa.

Govt rules out amnesty for 34

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Cut-off date 'won't change'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE government last night flatly ruled out amnesty for the 34 right-wingers accused of a pre-election bombings spree.

Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar also announced after a meeting with Conservative Party leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg that "it should not be assumed" that the definition of politically motivated offences would be broad enough to free Mr Chris Hani's assassins.

However, death row prisoners Clive Derby-Lewis and Janusz Walus "will have the right to apply (for amnesty) like everyone else," the minister said.

Mr Omar — who was also confronted yesterday with an amnesty ultimatum from hundreds of prisoners "who fought the apartheid regime" — was adamant last night that the cut-off date for amnesty settled on by multi-party negotiators — December 6, 1993 — would not be extended.

Mr Omar's position yesterday contrasted with statements by Mr Nelson Mandela after talks with Dr Hartzenberg on Monday, in which the president said his government was keeping an open mind on amnesty for crimes committed after December 5.

A draft amnesty bill for political offences is expected to be tabled in Parliament soon but the government is consulting widely before settling on the final formulation of the legislation.

Before yesterday's meeting between Mr Omar and Dr Hartzenberg, CP spokesman Mr Jurg Prinsloo said he was confident the CP could secure amnesty for over 50 right-wing prisoners.

Meanwhile, hundreds of prisoners claiming "political" status yesterday threatened hunger strikes and work stoppages in South African jails unless they were granted political amnesty and released.

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said the minister was prepared to meet all parties to discuss government policy and hear their views.

● Lawyers for Human Rights said yesterday granting amnesty to individuals who committed crimes with ideological motives based on racism would run counter to the constitution's spirit.

Hunted man gives himself up

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JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Petrus Paulus Steyn, one of eight AWB suspects being sought by police in connection with a series of bomb blasts on the Witwatersrand, handed himself over to authorities on Wednesday, SAPS spokesman Col Dave Bruce said yesterday.

Mr Steyn, 32, is expected to appear in court for a bail application today.

"He is being charged with murder, attempted murder and various contraventions of the explosives and arms and ammunition acts," said Col Bruce.

He was the only one of the eight AWB suspects being sought who had been arrested.

A review application to set aside the bail granted to 32 right-wingers arrested in connection with pre-election bomb blasts on the Reef will also be heard in the Rand Supreme Court today.

Mr Steyn has been charged on a separate charge sheet from the 32 other right-wingers and three co-accused who were added last week. All 35 were released on bail of R10 000 and placed under house arrest.

They were held on 20 charges of murder, 190 counts of attempted murder, malicious damage to property and illegal possession of explosives. — Sapa

Cabinet to review clemency deal, says Justice Ministry

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Cape Town — Three rightwingers reprieved from the gallows by former president F W de Klerk will stay on Death Row while President Mandela's Cabinet reviews the clemency deal, officials said yesterday.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar would discuss with the Cabinet the case of the three rightwingers and of 70 other people reprieved from the gallows before deciding whether to endorse De Klerk's clemency decision, Justice Ministry spokesman David Porogo said.

"The minister will not do anything or say anything about this case until it has been before the Cabinet," he said, adding that De Klerk's order had been suspended.

Richard Carter, a spokesman for De Klerk, said the reprieves and a decision on indemnity from prosecution for 14 agents of the former government had been put on hold.

He said the men facing execution remained on Death Row.

Major-General Eddie Webb, former commander of the army's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau, was among the men granted immunity from prosecution.

Carter said De Klerk had signed the orders during his final days in office because it was his duty as president to do so. "All these decisions were referred to the Transitional Executive Council, who asked that they be put on hold until they could be assessed by the Government of National Unity," he said.

Judge orders rethink on bail for rightwingers

JOHANNESBURG. — A decision by a magistrate to grant bail to 33 rightwingers arrested after a spate of pre-election bombings should be set aside and reconsidered by another magistrate, Transvaal Judge President Frikkie Eloff ruled today.

"Proceedings between May 15 to 20 at a bail hearing of 33 accused should be set aside. The matter will be referred back to the magistrate's court for reconsideration," Mr Justice Eloff said.

Mr Justice Eloff ruled that there had been irregularities in magistrate Carel van Heerden's decision to grant the 33 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members bail of R10 000 each on May 20.

The fact that the magistrate had placed the burden of proof on the State to show why the accused should not be granted bail was irregular.

The magistrate's ruling that he did not have statutory powers to allow the State to reopen its case and present further evidence had also been a mistake.

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Police investigating officer Colonel Neels van Wyk said a decision would have to be taken by the state prosecutors on whether the accused needed to be arrested, or if a date should be set for them to appear in the magistrate's court for another bail hearing. — Reuter

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Judge withdraws bail for 34 right-wingers

JOHANNESBURG. — Bail was withdrawn yesterday for 34 right-wingers arrested in connection with pre-election bombings on the Witwatersrand.

In the Rand Supreme Court Mr Justice C F Eloff ruled that the bail applications should be referred to another magistrate for a decision.

Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau had asked the court to set aside the R10 000 bail granted to each of the men on May 20. He submitted the Johannesburg Regional Court erred on two points of law when granting the bail. — Sapa

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Rightist gave himself up, must remain in jail

JOHANNESBURG. — The right-winger who handed himself to the police nine days ago after being sought in connection with the pre-election bombing spree on the Witwatersrand, was refused bail yesterday. (344) CT 11/6/94

Mr Petrus Paulus Steyn, 34, learned in the Johannesburg Regional Court that he was unable to exercise his rights in terms of the interim constitution to apply for bail.

He faces 20 charges of murder and 190 of attempted murder arising from the bombings which started on April 24 with the car bomb in Bree Street here.

Bombers must pay R95 000

By YVETTE VAN BREDA

TWO AWB members convicted of terrorism after they bombed a swimming pool in Kimberley last year were each fined R15 000 (or 18 months) in the Kimberley Regional Court yesterday.

In addition, they were ordered to pay R63 000 to the city council as compensation for damage done to the pool. (344) CT 14/6/94

Regional magistrate Mr I J Nel said he wanted mineworkers Eugene Groenewald, 27, and Gabriel du Plessis, 30, and the AWB "to pay", otherwise damage costs would fall squarely on the shoulders of the taxpayer.

Both men had pleaded guilty to terrorism. They also received a further three years' imprisonment, suspended for five years, and were each fined R1 000 (or one year) for the illegal possession of explosives.

Mr Nel ordered that they pay the Kimberley City Council R63 000 before the end of the year as compensation for damaging the Karen Muir swimming pool in November last year.

The attorney-general for Kimberley, Mr Charl du Plessis, said yesterday he was not prepared to comment on whether the sentence was lenient or not. The maximum sentence a regional court was allowed to impose for terrorism was R200 000 or 10 years' imprisonment.

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32 rightists free to appeal

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JUDGE orders new bail hearing for rightwingers to be brought before another magistrate

■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

Thirty-two rightwingers accused of a spate of bombings in the PWV during the run-up to the election were granted leave to appeal yesterday against the setting aside of their bail.

Judge President Mr Justice C Eloff yesterday ruled that the rightwingers' appeal against his decision setting aside their bail would be heard before a full Bench of the Witwatersrand Provincial Division of the Supreme Court on July 13.

He had found on Friday that a Johannesburg magistrate had committed a gross irregularity when he ruled that the State had failed to prove the rightwingers should not get bail.

Mr Justice Eloff said the responsibility for proving that the rightwingers should not be granted bail did not rest on the State and ordered that a new bail application be brought before another magistrate.

The AWB members, who were arrested at a Rustenburg shooting range on April 27, were granted bail of R10 000 each on May 20 and had to adhere to strict conditions. (344)

However, the rightwingers' right to bail hit headlines again last week when Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres brought an urgent application asking for bail to be set aside because the magistrate had committed "gross irregularities" in coming to a ruling.

The rightwingers reported to the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Monday for a new bail hearing after the court ruled that the magistrate had erred in his judgment. The new hearing was postponed once again on Monday when counsel for the AWB members lodged an appeal against the Judge President's ruling.

Mr Justice Eloff also ruled yesterday that an application by Von Lieres to have the rightwingers detained pending the appeal be postponed.

Foreign 'hooligans' embarrass AWB

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Foreigners recruited by the AWB are proving a handful for the organisation, reports **Claus Stäcker**

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'Callous' AWB pair sentenced to death

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LEE-ANN ALFREDS

TWO AWB men were sentenced to death four times each in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday for the brutal murder of blacks on a West Rand road last year.

Deon Martin (30) and Phillipus Cornelius Kloppers (40) were also sentenced to 82 years in prison on six counts of attempted murder, two counts of grievous assault and one of the illegal possession of arms. They will serve an effective 20 years.

Six other rightwingers also received four death sentences last month for firing at the 10 unsuspecting blacks they had ambushed at a bogus roadblock on the Ventersdorp-Krugersdorp road on December 12 1993.

Mr Justice Michael Stegmann said although Martin and Kloppers, both AWB "commandants", had initially claimed they had set up the roadblock to protest against the slaughter of white farmers, the alleged political motive for the murder was not a mitigating factor. (344)

He said Martin and Kloppers could not be seen as AWB soldiers fighting to keep their freedom as they had targeted "ordinary, completely innocent blacks" who had done nothing to merit being murdered.

"A soldier looks for a specific target; he does not murder totally innocent people, including three children, who have done nothing to him or his family and who were just innocently travelling though his area," he said.

Mr Justice Stegmann said the court had regarded Kloppers's and Martin's leadership of the group as an aggravating factor. Further aggravating factors had been the fact that they had planned the roadblock from the beginning of December and had extended it until it had encompassed the murder of innocent people.

"The callousness of the murder so comprehensively overshadows the possibility of their rehabilitation that the death sentence is the only appropriate sentence," Mr Justice Stegmann said.

Martin and Kloppers were granted leave to appeal against their sentence.

ure of the coalition in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

atrocities.

AWB leaders in roadblock killing sentenced to death

B Day 20/6/94

THE two leaders of an armed AWB group which shot dead four black people they stopped at an illegal roadblack near Randfontein last year were sentenced to death four times each for murder in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday.

Deon Martin, 30, and Phillipus Kloppers, 40, were asked by Judge M Stegmann if they had anything to say before sentence was passed.

Both men said they had nothing they wished to say to the court.

They were also both sentenced to an effective 20 years in prison on six counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and one count of unlawfully possessing firearms.

Martin, Kloppers and seven other armed AWB members set up the roadblock late on December 12 last year after embarking on an expedition to apprehend and assault black road users.

Their victims were the occupants of two vehicles stopped at the bogus roadblock. After searching the cars the AWB men opened fire on the occupants who had been ordered to sit on the ground.

Four people, including an 11-year-old boy, were fatally shot at close range. Three

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others were seriously wounded and another three managed to escape injury.

Describing the murders as cold-blooded, Stegmann said the fact that Kloppers and Martin had had the direct intention of killing their victims was an aggravating feature of the case.

Another aggravating factor was that their victims were innocent and vulnerable people, including children. The murderers had also cut off an ear of one of their victims while he was still alive.

The court found the fact that the roadblock was planned some days in advance was an additional aggravating feature.

Stegmann rejected submissions in mitigation that their actions had been politically motivated in retaliation for the murder of white farmers and old people.

Six of their seven co-conspirators who were tried separately were sentenced to death four times each for the murders last month. (344)

Kloppers and Martin have an automatic right of appeal against the death penalty, but the court also granted them leave to appeal against the judgment as well as their convictions on the six attempted murder charges.

Homeless raise R100 000 to build houses

HOMELESS people have raised R100 000 to build their own homes and are demanding land from government to do so.

The SA Homeless Federation (SAHF) told a conference in Johannesburg attended by Housing Minister Joe Slovo on Friday it had raised R100 000 in two years and needed land with infrastructure to build houses. B Day

The organisation said its 25 000 members began collecting money with the aim of telling government they wanted to develop land and build houses. 20/6/94

Federation spokesman Mary Letlahadi said the project had been motivated

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by dissatisfaction with land developers, particularly in informal settlements.

Funds donated by the Independent Development Trust to homeless people had not alleviated their plight, she said.

She claimed that instead of developing land for squatters, the IDT had built toilets only. People wanted houses, running water, proper sanitation, clinics and schools, and did not need toilets.

If government could develop land for them and instal and build infrastructure, squatters could build their own homes with the money raised. (R2)

Terrorism threat by Terre'Blanche

PRETORIA. — Renewed right-wing terrorism would hit South Africa unless the government agreed to amnesty for right-wing political prisoners, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr Eugene Terre'-Blanche said here on Saturday.

"The pre-election bombing blitz on the Reef proved that there were people who know how to plant bombs. No force in the world will be able to stop right-wing terrorism if the government does not accede to our demands," he said.

He was speaking after a protest march in the city centre by about 120 right-wingers demanding the cut-off date for political crimes be set at April 27 this year.

In a memorandum handed to an official of the Justice Department, the right-wingers also said Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar was biased against the right-wing in his definition of political prisoners. CT 20/6/94

"Mr Nelson Mandela's conciliatory statements must be translated into conciliatory actions," the memorandum stated.

Well-known right-wingers such as Mr Barend Strydom, Mrs Gaye Derby-Lewis and Mr Piet Rudolph took part in the protest.

Conservative Party leader Dr Ferdi Hartzenberg did not attend. (344)

Mr Terre'Blanche told a small crowd the government had to release right-wing leaders if it was really interested in peace.

"Today we came in peace to put our request. The next time we may not be so peaceful as our leaders in prison cells will start calling for revenge," he warned. — Sapa

Irish place entry ban on De Kock

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If Eugene de Kock emerges from prison, he will not be allowed to enter Ireland. **Stephen Laufer** reports

ALLEGED "third force" kingpin and former Vlakplaas death squad commander Colonel Eugene de Kock was on his way to a new life under an assumed identity just before his arrest on charges connected to "third force" activities which claimed thousands of lives.

This is one of the theories being investigated by Irish authorities, who slapped an exclusion order on De Kock when they heard he was on his way to Ireland from Switzerland. Dublin's *Sunday Business Post* says the authorities are also examining two other possible reasons for De Kock's journey to the Emerald Isle:

- He may have been trying to link up with right-wing Ulster loyalists with whom he had dealt on a 1989 weapons shipment.
- He was preparing to blackmail the British authorities by threatening to reveal what he knew about their involvement with a container load of Soviet weapons sent from South Africa to loyalist forces in Northern Ireland in 1989.

The Irish government has issued a formal exclusion order banning De Kock from "landing in or entering into Ireland". South Africans do not need visas for travel to Ireland. A spokesman for the Irish embassy in Pretoria, Eamon MacAodha, said the order had been issued by Justice Minister Máire Geoghegan-Quinn "on the advice of the Irish police. They advised the minister that De Kock had been named in the Goldstone report." The spokesman was unable to comment further.

In a related development, De Kock is understood to have sent an emissary from prison to ANC intelligence in the hope of negotiating a last-minute pardon.

Arrested following the Goldstone Commission's "third force" revelations and investigations by an international team, De Kock is apparently hoping to do a deal whereby he would exchange his knowledge of the group's destabilisation strategy for indemnity. His evidence could further implicate former SAP deputy commissioner Basie Smit, named by Goldstone as one of the brains behind the "third force".

De Kock had been in touch with ANC intelligence prior to his arrest, but was reportedly kept at arm's length because of suspicion about his true motives. Since being arrested, he has admitted firing an R1 rifle "in the general direction" of two policemen ambushed by two German rightwingers near Pretoria. One of the officers was hit. Police are investigating whether De Kock's involvement was more than pure chance.

Besides Ireland, the immigration authorities in several other European countries appear to have moved to exclude De Kock. Some have officially placed him on their watch lists. A German embassy spokesman said any application by the former Vlakplaas commander for a visa would not be favourably received.

De Kock's position in the United Kingdom remains unclear, due to a general British policy not to reveal the names of those who may be seen as undesirable entrants into the country. South Africans do not require visas, said a spokesman for the British embassy in Pretoria.

Wanted: 'Young, sturdy and usable' neo-Nazis

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German far-rightists were recruited for the AWB's planned terror campaign before the April election. **Claus Stäcker** reports

GERMAN neo-Nazi Horst Klenz, facing attempted murder charges in South Africa, reportedly tried to recruit mercenaries for a South African mission at a secret island training camp of the German far-right.

Sources say Klenz last year visited the camp on the island of Rügen, off the East German coast, in search of "young, sturdy and usable" neo-Nazis to fight in South Africa. It is understood that the camp has since been closed down by the German government.

The 57-year-old Klenz, arrested after a firefight with the South African Police in March this year near Pretoria, in which another German died and two policemen were injured, apparently played a key role in recruiting German far-rightists for the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's planned terror campaign before the April election.

Sources say he worked closely with Kempton Park rightwinger Monica Huggett, and that he may have had contact in Europe with former Vlakplaas hit-squad base commander Eugene de Kock.

Police spokesman Captain Dave Harrington said Klenz's apparent aim was to establish a private army in South Africa.

But an AWB source said the German was involved in plans to assassinate leading ANC politicians, including President Nelson Mandela.

Klenz, also known as Heinrich Siems or Kluger, was a well-known neo-Nazi in Germany in the early '70s. In 1980 he was arrested for the illegal possession of a firearm. After his release in 1985, he came to South Africa and lived in Duiwelskloof in the Eastern Transvaal.

In 1989 he was allegedly involved in an attack on a United Nations office in Outjo, Namibia, in which a security guard was killed. Klenz was detained together with South African ultra-rightwingers Darryl Stopforth and Leonard Veenendal in connection with the attack.

The three later escaped and fled to South Africa, where they were arrested in February 1991. After a hunger strike they were released on condition that they attended an extradition hearing in April 1992.

But Klenz failed to appear, and is believed to have moved back to Munich.

With Veenendal, he worked hand in hand with German-speaking Pretoria Boerekommando chief Willem Ratte and was allegedly involved in the training of Inkatha Freedom Party members in Natal. He also has close links with the Bavarian far-right organisation, Aid Committee Southern Africa (HSA), in which many leading German neo-Nazis are prominent.

The HSA has close ties with the now-banned German organisation Free Labour Party (FAP) whose leader, Friedhelm Busse, this year demanded Mandela's death. In a "solidarity demonstration" in Germany for three AWB members executed in Bophuthatswana in March, the FAP crowd shouted the slogan "hang Mandela".

During his stay in Munich, Klenz may have met former Vlakplaas commander De Kock, who was also involved in the March shootout with the SAP. De Kock, whose bullet injured one of the policemen, is known to have travelled to former Yugoslavia via Munich last year. In Bosnia he may also have met the other Germans involved in the shootout, Franz Thomas Kunst and Stephan Rays, and another rightist mercenary recruited to work in South Africa and now in custody in Germany, Alexander Neidlein.

The AWB is understood to have called off its overseas recruitment drive after paying hefty legal bills for supporters in several terror trials, despite continued funding from ultra-right sympathisers in the United States, Britain, Germany and Greece.

Colonel says Kiwi hitmen helped AWB

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two New Zealanders arrested this month for the illegal possession of arms were mercenaries helping the right-wing to fight against the South African government, a police colonel said yesterday.

Colonel Neels van Wyk, who is leading the investigation into a spate of pre-election bombings, was testifying during a bail hearing for three rightists arrested in connection with the explosions.

"Information we have is that the Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging (AWB) said it would seek assistance from the outside, including Europe, to continue its struggle," Col Van Wyk said.

"Since that time, there have been foreigners arrested who have links with the AWB — one in Krugersdorp and two New Zealanders in Randburg. The New Zealanders are mercenaries and were arrested with a third person who is a member of the AWB."

Col Van Wyk did not identify the foreigners.

Two New Zealanders, Robert and Christopher Grose, appeared in Randburg magistrate's court on Thursday in connection with charges of bomb threats, illegal possession of arms and the negligent use of weapons.

He said police had evidence that the AWB would continue its bombing blitz if the government did not pardon the 42 alleged bombers, among others.

Three men — Abraham Fourie, 42, his brother Gerhardus, 37, and Jan de Wet, 37, who were arrested on June 17 in the Western Transvaal — appeared yesterday for a bail hearing.

A fourth man, Albie Briers, who was arrested with them, was earlier granted R10 000.

A total of 42 men, including high-ranking members of the AWB Iron Guard, were arrested in connection with the pre-election explosions in Johannesburg, Germiston and Pretoria.

Col Van Wyk said police were seeking 12 more suspects in connection with the bombings — four of whom "were leaders in the planning of the bombing".

He said 27 of the 43 accused were arrested at a Rustenburg shooting range. All three of the bail applicants had been there but had escaped.

"We arrested 27, but our information is that there were at least 50 people there . . . involved in a conspiracy to disrupt the election."

He said the Fourie brothers were arrested on a lawyer's farm in Brits and Mr De Wet was caught on his farm in Ottosdal.

Col Van Wyk said Abraham Fourie had been linked to the planning of some of the bombs including the pipe bombs in Randfontein and Westonaria.

"A witness will say that he was one of the commanders that planned the bombings and he was present at a meeting at which the attacks were planned," Col Van Wyk said.

Police witnesses would testify that Mr Gerhardus Fourie was linked to a bomb which killed two people at a restaurant in Pretoria's Bloed Street and Mr De Wet was linked to a car bomb in Germiston.

Defence lawyers said the three accused denied charges, including 20 counts of murder and 91 of attempted murder.

They are to appear again on Tuesday. — Reuter

Right-wingers denied bail

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JOHANNESBURG. — Bail was denied in the Regional Court here yesterday to three right-wingers suspected of involvement in the pre-election bombing spree on the Reef, it was reported.

Mr Abraham Fourie, of Mooinooi, Mr Gerhardus Fourie, of Springs, and Mr Jan de Wet, of Ottosdal, will appear again on July 22. — Sapa

Star

Right wing 'smashed by arrests'

The far right wing in the Northern Transvaal has been smashed, provincial police commissioner Major-General Bertus Steyn assured PWV legislators this week. 7/7/94

"Since the election most of the far-right-wing organisations are in disarray and their members scattered," Steyn said in his briefing to the new PWV safety and security committee. (344)

The arrest of Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members suspected of involvement in the wave of bombings over the election and of other right-wingers had almost halted their activities. But he cautioned that the ultra right wing was trying to attract foreign mercenaries. — Reuter.

AWB seeks indemnity

WM 1-7/7/94

Jan Taljaard

IT was a far cry from the rabble-rousing rhetoric of earlier days. In a 13-page memorandum handed to Justice Minister Dullah Omar this week the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging almost pledged everlasting peace. (344)

"We all have wives, children, family, property and things we hold dear. No one in their right mind would choose a state of war or conflict ... if they had a choice or alternative," the document read in part.

But there was a catch. At stake was the issue of indemnity and the plight of rightwingers in custody for alleged offences committed after the cut-off date of December 5 1993.

The document argues that Apla leaders have received *de facto* amnesty beyond the cut-off date by not being prosecuted in cases such as the Heidelberg pub massacre.

The document also says: "No Boer involved in any of the above mentioned acts was paid by the state, nor motivated in any way to protect apartheid or enhance racial domination. Anything that might haverbeen done was done for the ideal of freedom for the Boer nation, and nothing else."

No ruling on right-wingers' bail

CT 14/7/94 — 34U

JOHANNESBURG. — Judgment was reserved in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday in an appeal against the withdrawal of bail to 32 right-wingers arrested in connection with a spree of pre-election bombings in the PWV.

The men were charged with the murder of 20 people and the attempted murder of 190 others in six bomb blasts on the Reef and in Pretoria from April 24 to 27. The blasts caused damages estimated at R75 million.

Police arrested 27 right-wingers at Waterval shooting range near Rustenburg on April 27 when they were found in possession of about 60kg of illegal explosives.

Johannesburg Regional Court Magistrate Mr C J van Heerden granted the right-wingers bail of R10 000 each on May 20 after deciding the state had failed to prove the men would continue their bombing spree and interfere with witnesses if granted bail.

Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus van Lieres und Wilkau contested the finding by bringing an appliction to the Rand Supreme Court to have the bail decision set aside and reconsidered before another magistrate.

Judge President D F Eloff found on June 10 there was an irregularity in the proceedings and that bail should be set aside. The right-wingers immediately lodged an appeal. — Sapa

AWB leader let off the hook

By DAN DHLAMINI

BLACK court spectators were angered this week when the Potchefstroom Regional Court found fiery AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche not guilty of breaking into a black family's home, maliciously damaging their property and assaulting them.

Magistrate J D Pretorius said the three State witnesses had contradicted themselves and that the State did not know exactly what had happened at the Galo home on September 11 last year.

The magistrate said Cornelius Galo (70), Stephen Galo (26), and Petrus Galo (18) could not have inflicted injuries on themselves, but the question was who had assaulted them.

Stephen Galo, who sustained a skull fracture, said eight men on horseback had demanded to enter their home to look for missing sheep. When the Galos refused, they left and returned with Terre'Blanche.

He said all hell broke loose when Terre'Blanche said "grab the baboons and beat them up". He said he saw his father being attacked by Terre'Blanche and all eight men. He himself was sprayed with teargas, hit with a rifle butt and an iron rod and dragged on the ground, he said.

Terre'Blanche said he had asked a number of white youths to look for missing sheep on his farm. He said after they had called him to the Galo home, the youths started beating up the family.

He denied having given instructions for the attack.

the AWB waited for war

Jan Taljaard visits the camp where the AWB awaited the apocalypse

As South Africa went into the last stages of its transitional period, stories emerged ... of AWB families who had resigned their jobs, sold their houses and packed up their belongings to wait for the war ... of the war not coming and the food running out. ... of illness breaking out among the children.

Still, these were all rumours. The forbidding presence of guards at the entrance to Terre'Blanche's camp saw to it that the stories could not be verified.

But as the rumours faded away, so did the guards — until they all vanished. This week only rubble remained where up to 400 AWB members once waited for their time to come. Dilapidated buildings and structures, including an empty swimming pool, a signpost to an (empty) kiosk and a hall complete with stage, were all that still stood there.

Amid hundreds of empty cigarette boxes, torn sachets that once contained high-energy drinks and empty brandy bottles, poignant left-overs pointed to Terre'Blanche's lost cause.

There were broken ampules of Baralgan, an intravenous remedy for serious stomach cramps in children. A small girl's shoe forlornly waiting for little Cinderella. Detailed lists of guard duties. The torn pages from a Johannesburg telephone directory. A birthday card from a father and brother.

But more telling than anything else about the far-right desperadoes who waited here for a war that would never come, was a letter from a son to his mother

The letter — reproduced word for word here — was dated May 11 1994, a day after a flight of jet fighters stamped their approval on the inauguration of a new president:

Dear Ma,

How are you doing down there, I hope well. Up hear all is going ferly well.The goverment has not done anything to us yet but the kaffers are giving us a bit of up hill.

Ma I do not want you to worry about me because of the kaffers, we can handel them with ees.

The men that are hear are top soldiers and we all know what chances we have here but you must not forget that I am fiting for a caus and I will not give up untill we have reched ower goll and we will.

Ma. I am strugling hear with out mony I do not have any sope left and there are a few other things that I need so pleas ask papa to pout some mony in the bank for me thank you.

The reason why I do no want to let you send me a parsel is because if this letter dous not rech you then no one can find us. I am shower that you know which town we are near so if things get to hot for you and the family you know were to go.

I am in town quit often and you can even ask the pepol in town and they will know where we are. Where food is consined we are very well loked after, there is two woman, that have been doing all the koking for the brakpan men. I have moved in to a bungelo with the brakpan group because I was the only purson from ower regen that went and they liked me so I moved in and took over second in command of them dew to me being an assistant komandant.

British experts write off ET's men

Jan Taljaard

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and his organisation have been written off by an authoritative British publication. In a special report on the AWB, *Jane's Intelligence Review* says "there can be no doubt that for all his bellicose and theatrical war-talk Terre'Blanche has had his bluff called.

"He has failed dismally to lead his *volk* into battle and nowhere is that failure more evident than in the behaviour of the AWB's rank and file."

About this rank and file, *Jane's* comments: "Disillusioned and dejected, many of his supporters are returning to their former towns and cities where they will have to pick up the pieces of their shattered aspirations."

But while *Jane's Intelligence Review* may have written Terre'Blanche off, comments like these do not seem to have subdued the irrepressible leader.

Speaking in Uitenhage last week during his first public appearances since the election, Terre'Blanche vowed that the AWB will physically fetch the executor of three AWB members in Bophutatswana if the perpetrator is not brought to justice very soon.

Addressing a less than half full town hall, Terre'Blanche warned that "the icing sugar of the Kempton Park baked cake was melting" and that chaos was inevitable.

"But the AWB has fully prepared for this. We will use that moment to rise and regain our *volk's* freedom," he told an applauding 300 supporters.



At the Uitenhage meeting, Eugene Terre'Blanche gets down to the serious work of kissing children

PHOTO: JOHANN VAN TONDER

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Just a pile of empty bottles where

ALL along the road to Koster, signposts remind one of the Afrikaner battles of the past: Nooitgedacht, where Boer general Koos de la Rey ambushed the British; Tweebosch, where the same De la Rey captured Colonel Methuen, and outside Koster itself, the small railway siding carrying the self-explanatory name of Skermutseling - skirmish.

These heroics may be what Eugene Terre'Blanche and the AWB had in mind when, some days before the April election, they gathered at their own hide-away just outside Koster, waiting for the war that Terre'Blanche had promised would come.



Yesterday's heroes ... Piles of debris at the last-stand camp
PHOTO: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

If we move from hear then I will let you know when I get to the new desternashen but I will not be abell to tell you where we are for sekurity resens. Oh well I must end this letter know dew to dewty that have to be sorted out. Please tell papa I am ok and not to worry about me.

From X (name withheld)

While I read this letter, a woman ambled up from the river, a holstered revolver hanging from her giant brass belt with a Harley Davidson logo.

No, she was not an AWB member, she said. The gun was only there to shoot snakes. She was part of a consortium that bought the place to restore it as a holiday resort again.

A while later she changed her story: no, someone else had actually bought it, but she was helping them.

She was joined by a younger woman who admitted to seeing the AWB members while they were still there in full strength. No, she was not an AWB member herself, she said.

They said their goodbyes, turned around and followed a path that led to a bungalow hidden from view by the trees. Next to it a green Ford Sierra with a remarkable number plate, LZK 777T, was parked.

It was bought in 1987 for the then deputy leader of the AWB and registered to the AWB. Three cars, all carrying the triple-seven number plate, were bought at that time, a former AWB member tells me later.

While I waited, an Eskom technician drove up and stepped out of his bakkie. He had been sent, he said, to cut the power supply to the resort.

AWB meets Omar on amnesty

PRETORIA. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and Justice Minister Dullah Omar today discussed amnesty for rightwing political prisoners.

The talks were held in good spirit and there was a possibility of another meeting, deputy AWB leader Ernest van der Westhuisen said.

Mr van der Westhuisen and legal experts Fanie van Vuuren and Chris de Jager met Mr Omar at his Pretoria office.

The talks, at the request of the AWB, focused on the movement's demands that rightwing political prisoners also qualified for amnesty — including those who committed political offences after the cut-off date of December 5, 1993. (344) (352)

"I would not exclude the possibility of further discussions," he said afterwards, but declined to elaborate.

Justice ministry spokesman David Porogo said Mr Omar would issue a statement later. — Sapa. ARG 12/7/94

AWB men guilty of bombings

DEBORAH FINE

SEVEN AWB members were convicted in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday on various charges of sabotage, causing explosions and the illegal possession of explosives.

Albertus van der Merwe, 55, Johannes Vermaak, 23, Johannes Visser, 37, Sean Arle, 23, and Roelof Viljoen, 25, were found guilty of blowing up a substation in Munsieville, Krugersdorp, on December 1 last year. Van der Merwe, Vermaak, Visser and Johannes Grimmick, 33, were also convicted of placing explosives in a substation near the Voortrekker Monument on December 15. 8 Dec

Van der Merwe, Visser and Arle were found guilty of causing a further two explosions in Krugersdorp.

All of the accused and another right-winger, Japie Oelofse, 33, were convicted of illegal possession of explosives. Magistrate F Booyens said there was no direct evidence linking Oelofse to the explosions. 27/7/94

AWB member Daniel Visser, 28, was acquitted on all the charges.

Booyens rejected evidence by a psychiatrist that the accused were below average intelligence and were unable to appreciate the consequences of their actions or follow their trial proceedings. (344)

He also dismissed allegations that Van der Merwe — who was declared a habitual criminal in 1971 — had forced the other accused into committing the crimes by threatening them with death.

He found the men had knowingly threatened public interests. Evidence in mitigation will continue today.

NEWS Court case begins for alleged kidnappers of six from Shell House

Seven AWB men guilty of sabotage

SEVEN members of a so-called Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging task-force were found guilty in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday on various charges of sabotage and possession of explosives.

The convictions relate to a spate of bombings on the West Rand.

Albertus van der Merwe, Johannes Visser, Johannes Vermaak, Sean Arle, Johannes Grimmick and Roelf Viljoen were found guilty of sabotage and the possession of explosives, while AWB "general" Japie Oelofse was convicted for possession of explosives.

Evidence in mitigation of sentence will be heard today. — *Sapa.*

Five witnesses disappear

POLICE yesterday made an urgent appeal to five men "who have disappeared without trace" to come forward in connection with their alleged abduction and assault at the ANC PWV headquarters in Johannesburg in April.

"All but one of the six witnesses recently disappeared without trace. All attempts by the investigation team to locate the witnesses at the addresses supplied by them failed," police said in a statement.

Seven men who allegedly held the six against their will in the basement of the ANC PWV headquarters are to appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court tomorrow. The case concerns the alleged kidnapping of the six, including a 14-year-old boy, on April 17 this year.

A police patrol stumbled on one of victims who had apparently been assaulted but had managed to escape.

Police are looking for Themba Khumalo of Zola North, Prince Pitse of Naledi, Matsamai Moloi of White City, Jabu Mlotswa of Senator Hotel in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, and Christopher Dube of the Europa Hotel in Hillbrow, Johannesburg.

Anyone with information can telephone Warrant-Officer Smith during office hours on (011) 678-4445.



AWB commander jailed

JOHANNESBURG. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging "special task force" commander Albertus van der Merwe was yesterday jailed for eight years for sabotage and illegal possession of explosives.

He and six other AWB members were found guilty of offences relating to bomb blasts at Krugersdorp's Munsieville power station and the Voortrekker Monument in Pretoria last December.

They were also held responsible for blasts at an agricultural weighbridge on the West Rand and at a Krugersdorp shop. CT 28/7/94

A Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate said the bombing of the power station was political and racist, intended to deprive thousands of township residents of electricity.

Suspended sentences and fines were imposed on Johannes Vermaak, Johannes Grimmick, Sean Arle and Roelf Viljoen. — Sapa (344)

The far-right's chosen few

WMS-11/8/94 (344)

Jan Taljaard

IT was truly a gathering of the faithful. In contrast to the milling throngs of the past, just over 800 supporters turned up at the Pretoria City Hall this week to listen to the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's Eugene Terre'Blanche.

In the past, the Pretoria City Hall had served the AWB well as a recruiting point. At previous meetings the plastic collection buckets virtually bulged in gratitude to the leader.

Was it to happen again? Even taciturn AWB spokesman Fred Rundle got caught up in the momentousness of the occasion-to-be: "Very important meeting — the leader's first public appearance after the elections," he broadcast on the media pager.

As it turned out, no lists were circulated to ensnare potential recruits. The faithful were there already — a small band of people, perhaps not very well-to-do and not as tauntingly aggressive as the multitudes of the past, but a group which was still blindly loyal to the leader.

On stage were Terre'Blanche's brother, "general" Andries Terre' Blanche, and a few others: loyal "general" Willem Etsebeth from the Free State, deputy leader Ernie van der Westhuizen and, perhaps the most loyal of them all, AWB stalwart "chaplain" Coenie Snyman.

The rest of the general staff, among them Alec Cruywagen, were either in jail or had apparently decided to pursue their interests apart from the organisation. Beneath the stage, only the faithful remained.



Faithful volk ... Only a core of supporters turned up to hear Terre'Blanche
PHOTO: DANNY HOFFMAN

This became a recurrent theme of the meeting. Snyman started off the evening by recalling how Moses was rejected by the majority of his *volk* after leading them into the desert. A parallel existed today: only a pure minority remained loyal. But not to worry, Snyman assuaged them: history teaches that God never needed numbers when his work was to be done.

Terre'Blanche himself made a grudging concession: "The time has come," he said. "We have been sifted. The traitors have voted. But those remaining are ready for what lies ahead."

A bit vague about what actually lay ahead, Terre'Blanche nonetheless seemed certain the country would be plunged into economic chaos. Once again it would be the work of the communists. In an unprecedented gesture, he was so gracious as to alert President Nelson Mandela to communist plans to undermine his government: "I want to warn you, Nelson Mandela, the communists are going to rip your authority from underneath you." Not your run-of-the-mill racist, Terre'Blanche.

He reserved his sharpest criticism for Minister of Housing Joe Slovo. "This former KGB colonel has now become a brickie," he told his appreciative audience. "He is now building houses."

The faithful lapped it all up. Why not? They had been purified. They had become the leader's chosen few.

'Volkstaat' declared at Vaal tech

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Armed white students at the Vaal Triangle Technikon are terrorising their black college mates and have declared a white "volkstaat" at a hostel within the campus.

This is the claim from black students who say life at the technikon has become a misery. 344

Black students say the white students — mainly from Vanderbijlpark — have declared "whites-only territories within the campus" and brandished fire-arms threateningly at them. ARG 6/8/94

The black students said Decima hostel had been identified as a "source of terror, humiliation and misery". They said block L had been designated a white "volkstaat".

"Only those who are tired of living can pass by Block L at night," said a female student who chose to be identified only as Mantwa.

The black students said white students said "there is no kaffir who will come into this place alive and leave alive". They also alleged that white students brandished fire-arms at black students.

One black female student, who lives in a hostel adjacent to Decima, said: "I am scared of that place, particularly when those white boys are drunk."

Right-wingers lose appeal against bail withdrawal

JOHANNESBURG. — Right-wingers accused of killing at least 20 people in a pre-election bombing blitz have lost a court appeal against the withdrawal of bail.

CT 20/8/94 (344)

A magistrate had granted bail to the 32 members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging but a judge later revoked it.

The Rand Supreme Court yesterday dismissed their appeal against the decision. — Sapa-Reuter

Re-arrest of right-wingers

CT 22/8/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Thirty-two right-wingers allegedly responsible for a series of pre-election bombings will be re-arrested today after their bail appeal was dismissed in a Rand Supreme Court on Friday.

They were arrested in April in connection with pre-election bomb blasts on the Witwatersrand which left 20 people dead and caused an estimated R75m damage. (344)

They have been provisionally charged with 20 counts of murder and 190 counts of attempted murder.

A Johannesburg regional court magistrate initially granted the men bail of R10 000 each in May.

The right-wingers' bail was revoked, however, by Transvaal Judge President C Eloff after a successful urgent application by Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau. Their appeal against Judge Eloff's decision failed.

Bail for 15 right-wingers

JOHANNESBURG. — Fifteen of the 32 right-wingers who handed themselves over after their bail appeal failed last week, were awarded bail yesterday after the state withdrew its objection.

An earlier decision to have their bail withdrawn was dismissed last week in the Witwatersrand Local Division.

The 32, as well as 11 other right-wingers, appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday for postponement of their case on 20 counts of murder, 190 charges of attempted murder and various allegations of contravening the Explosives Act arising from the PWV pre-election bomb blasts.

Bail was set at R10 000 each for Mr Pieter Van der Merwe of Volksrust, Mr Jan Oelofse of Utrecht, Mr Douglas Taylor of Utrecht, Mr Gerhardt Lebers of Durban, Mr Dirk Meyer of Utrecht, Mr Marthinus Deysel of Rustenburg, Mr Nelson Woutberg of Brighton Beach, Mr Gustav Woutberg of Durban, Mr Louis Fourie of Rustenburg, Mr Hermanus Luyt of Rustenburg, Mr Theunis van Schalkwyk of Rustenburg, Mr Andries Nel of Rustenburg, Mr Josias Cruywagen of Leydenburg, Mr Pieter Duvenhage of Pretoria and Mr Roelof Fouche of Virginia.

They are to appear again on October 3.

The bail application of the other 17 will be heard today. — Sapa

(344) CT 23/8/94

Colonel seeks to establish direct involvement in bombings

Bid to deny AWB men bail

Star 24/8/94

■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

A senior policeman yesterday provided evidence in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court seeking to link 18 rightwingers directly with a spate of blasts in the PWV in the run-up to the election.

Colonel Neels van Wyk was testifying at a new bail application for 17 of 32 AWB members whose bail was set aside last week after the failure of an appeal that their bail not be reviewed.

The 18th rightwinger, Johannes Venter, never formally applied for bail at earlier hearings as he is serving a sentence for a separate offence.

The 32 rightwingers had all initially been granted R10 000 bail in May after a three-day hearing.

The State vigorously opposed the granting of bail at the time, arguing that their release could threaten national security and public safety and hamper further police investigations.

But the rightwingers were granted bail after the court found that the State had failed to provide evidence linking them directly with the blasts.

This ruling was overturned by Witwatersrand Judge President Mr Justice C Eloff in June.

An appeal against this decision was dismissed on Friday and a new bail application launched in front of magistrate J J Esterhuizen yesterday.

Van Wyk testified that AWB secretary-general Nico Prinsloo, AWB head of security Leon van der Merwe and senior Ystergarde officer Johannes Coenraad Smit were leaders involved in the planning of the terror campaign while the other rightwingers had been involved either in the assembling or planting of the bombs.

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He conceded under cross-examination that the 17 rightwingers had adhered to their bail conditions and had not interfered with State witnesses or evidence in the almost three months that they had been out on bail.

Before the case was adjourned for the day, Esterhuizen indicated to the State that he would require "more direct information of each of the rightwingers' involvement" so as to be able to determine the strength of the State's case against them.

The other rightwingers applying for bail are Clint Ellish, Abraham Liebenberg Myburg, Cornelius Johannes Botha (sen and jun), Nicolaas Clifton Barnard, Serge Dabbadie, Gert Kruger Alberts, Andreas Coetzee, Milestone Sharp, Hercules Jacobus Coetzee, Zacharias Beneke, Willem Frans Hattingh, Andries Nel and J P Olivier.

Cop points to AWB big names

(344) CT 24/8/94

JOHANNESBURG, — A senior policeman yesterday said AWB secretary-general Nico Prinsloo, AWB security chief Leon van der Merwe and senior Ystergarde member Johannes Coenraad Smit had planned the bombs and the other accused had assembled or planted them.

Col Neels van Wyk was giving further evidence in the Magistrate's Court linking 18 right-wingers to a spate of bomb blasts in the PWV shortly before the April election.

Thirty-two Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging supporters arrested after the blasts were granted bail of R10 000 each in May, but 17 had their bail rescinded.

AWB case told of fear for lives

JOHANNESBURG. — Members of the AWB's Ystergarde who agreed to testify against their colleagues in connection with pre-election bombings feared for the lives of their families, the Regional Court here heard yesterday. (3444)

Investigating officer Colonel Cornelius van Wyk urged the court to deny the accused bail.

Forty-four people have been charged with 20 counts of murder and 190 charges of attempted murder. CT 25/8/94

The bail application continues today. — Sapa

Bail of AWB

men restored

JOHANNESBURG. — Seventeen of the 44 AWB members charged in connection with pre-election bombings in the PWV, were freed again on bail yesterday.

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The Regional Court here granted them bail of R10 000 each, on condition they submit to house arrest, except for purposes of work or religion, and report to the police twice daily.

They and 15 other AWB members were initially freed on bail of R10 000 each that was withdrawn on appeal.

CT 30/8/94

They appear again on October 3.

● The AWB has appealed to President Nelson Mandela to temporarily halt prosecutions for politically motivated offences. — Sapa

Young rightist jailed for life

CT 6/9/94 (346)

PRETORIA. — Right-wing extremist Cornelius Johannes van Wyk, 24, was sentenced in the Supreme Court here yesterday to life imprisonment for various crimes aimed at the ANC.

Co-accused Jean Prieur du Plessis, 24, was sentenced to 12 years for car theft, attempted robbery, robbery, housebreaking and charges under the Arms and Ammunition Act.

The two conspired with fellow "National Socialist Partisans" Jurgens White and Johannes Grobbelaar to commit military-style crimes.

In October 1991 Van Wyk and White went to Clouds End in Louis Trichardt district to steal rifles from an SADF installation, but instead ended up murdering Mrs Maria Claudine Roux and her servants Mrs Makwarela Dobani and her husband Wilson, in a bid to discredit the ANC.

Police found the bodies of White and Grobbelaar with gunshot wounds in the dunes near Noenieput. Various fire-arms were near their bodies and their stolen car carried army equipment.

Du Plessis told the court he no longer belonged to the Church of the Creator, which believed white people were the supreme creation and that there was no God. — Sapa

AWB keeps hope high for the rightwing prisoners

(344) ARG 10/9/94

PRETORIA. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging chief negotiator Fred Rundle is optimistic that agreement will be reached on amnesty for rightwing political prisoners.

After a 90-minute meeting with Justice Minister Dullah Omar in Pretoria yesterday, the AWB had been assured amnesty would be applied in an even-handed manner, he said.

Mr Rundle was accompanied by the AWB's legal team — Harry Prinsloo, Fanie van Vuuren and Luisia Prinsloo.

He said AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche could not attend because it was not possible for the movement's executive council and general staff to convene.

"There has to be a joint sitting of these bodies before Mr Terre'Blanche can be mandated to negotiate with the government.

"Some of our staff members are subjected to such heavy bail restrictions that it is not possible for them to attend." — Sapa.

Viljoen hatches a reborn 'New Right'

WM 14-20/10/94 (344)

A possible coalition between political parties, including the NP, could see a shift in rightwing politics, writes Jan Taljaard

THE Freedom Front's Constand Viljoen has called for co-operation between the political parties "representing the Afrikaner", fuelling speculation about the emergence of a "New Right" that would bring a radical realignment of traditional "white" politics.

Viljoen has been speaking of a possible loose coalition between the National Party, FF and Conservative Party and has disclosed talks with NP leader FW de Klerk and CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg on the issue of Afrikaner self-determination.

Viljoen nevertheless cautioned supporters that any agreements are still a long way off.

Embarking on a speaking tour to inform supporters on the "state of the *volkstaat*", Viljoen picked his hometown of Standerton as a departure point where he addressed a gathering of about 150 supporters on Tuesday.

Last night he was due to speak in Pretoria and take up the same theme.

If the Afrikaner is to realise its ideal for self-determination it will only come about if the NP, CP and FF agree on proposals which they can jointly put to the ANC, he is arguing. "If we (the three parties) stand united then nobody will be able to stop us," Viljoen said in his Standerton speech.

Viljoen, who recently returned from a fact-finding mission to Europe, also indicated that the emphasis has now also shifted from the initial proposals for a single large area for a *volkstaat*, to a view favouring several separate "cantons" spread across the country.



Constand Viljoen: Now for the Brussels option ...

He also disclosed proposals for "self-determination for those Afrikaners who will be living outside these cantons while emphasising the need for independent *volkstaat* areas to serve as "the engine room" for Afrikaner nationalism.

As far as those Afrikaners outside the *volkstaat* areas are concerned, Viljoen proposed a system of "community councils" similar to the Brussels model where the different communities (German, French and Flemish) are respectively represented by community councils that in turn have representation on a central council.

In the proposed South African model the community councils may have control over issues such as education, he stated.

He was nevertheless at pains to point out that these proposals do not represent a return to apartheid.

"We do not want segregation or apartheid, but the conservation of our own," he said.

According to him the community councils also do not need to be established along racial lines but one such council can, for instance, represent the farming community — white farmers as well as black labourers.

Explaining the differences between the three "Afrikaner parties", Viljoen said the CP may be persuaded to co-operate with the FF in pursuing a sovereign *volkstaat* as it had this ideal as its stated aim.

The CP is nevertheless not interested in other measures that will stop short of independence and may not be that willing to work alongside the FF in its quest to establish community councils.

The NP on the other hand is not in favour of a *volkstaat* as it still regards it as unfeasible, Viljoen said.

De Klerk had also mentioned to him that any such co-operation will result in the NP alienating its coloured and black supporters.

On the way future negotiations between a possible tripartite alliance and the ANC should take place, Viljoen warned that the time of "*kragdadigheid*", threats and "political clichés" is in the past.

"I have found that when you talk to the ANC you better do your homework properly and keep to logical arguments", he said.

But while Viljoen may be trying to put together an alliance that may yet prove to be extremely fragile from the outset, other alliances in the rightwing sphere are already in the making.

Next month will see a "*volks congress*" under the chairmanship of professor Adriaan Pont taking place in Pretoria followed by an "Education Congress" hosted by the Afrikaner Volksfront/CP alliance.

And if these latter groupings have one common denominator going for them, it is a serious distrust of and even aversion to Viljoen and the FF.



Coen Vermaak: Wants a fast-breeding volk and gays behind bars

More sex please, we're Afrikaners

Jan Taljaard

COEN VERMAAK is a champion of free sex, bigamy, unbridled procreation and democracy. But a very unlikely champion at that.

"The Afrikaner must be taught that sex is not a sin but as natural as breathing," he proclaims. "Nor must churches be allowed to preach against sex — be it part or not part of marriage."

Vermaak is also an executive member of the ultra-right Boerestaat Party (BSP), a man who would like to see gays sent to prison for 20 years without the option of a fine and a man who quotes freely from Marcuse, Heracleitos and Zola.

Not one for keeping his somewhat strong views to himself, Vermaak is the author of two books, *Sex and Politics* and *Diary of a Revolution* in which he expounds merrily on his central theme, namely that for the Afrikaner to become a majority in a true democracy he must have sex, sex and more sex — or rather procreate, procreate and procreate.

For in any conversation with Vermaak it soon becomes clear that while he may urge fellow compatriots to give themselves over with (gay?) abandon to sensuous pleasures it is not so much with the feelings of the flesh in mind but rather to ensure a lineage.

If there is one thing that Vermaak can't tolerate and that he will have outlawed in any future Boer democracy, it is the use of contraceptives.

So strong does he feel about it, that purveyors of contraceptive contraband will face a minimum of 20 years in prison.

Abortion will carry the death penalty.

With views such as the above it is small wonder that Vermaak does not always have a sympathetic audience among fellow right-wingers.

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Bombings: Police nab AWB fugitive

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Staff Reporter

POLICE have caught a pimpernel-like AWB member, believed to be one of the masterminds behind the right-wing bombing spree shortly before the April election, who has been on the run for nearly six months.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said from Johannesburg yesterday that Mr Ettienne le Roux, 41, of no fixed address, had been arrested at a "routine" roadblock at Pietersburg on Wednesday.

"We've been looking for him since the election," a delighted Col Bruce said yesterday.

"It shows how ordinary crime prevention can nab a wanted person."

Police believe Mr Le Roux to be "an important member of the people responsible" for the bombings.

AWB spokesman Mr Fred Rundle yesterday confirmed that Mr Le Roux was a member of the organisation, but he had no further information.

Mr Le Roux appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday and was designated accused No 45 along with others facing 20 counts of murder and 190 charges of attempted murder.

He was remanded until November 3, when he will appear in court with the other accused, but will make a bail application on October 19.

● Mr Rundle also said the AWB had applied for political indemnity for all 45 accused, despite the indemnity cut-off date being December 5 last year.

Church trial tomorrow

Supreme Court Reporter Argus

THE Supreme Court trial of an 18 year-old Guguletu scholboy, accused of taking part in the St James Church attack, has been postponed until tomorrow. 21/10/94 (344)

Gcinikhaya Makoma faces 11 murder and 57 attempted murder charges — condensed into one — and other charges. All relate to the July 25 attack last year on the Kenilworth church.

His trial was to begin today, but his pro deo advocate Siraj Desai asked for a postponement to allow an interpreter to consult Mr Makoma.

Mr Justice Marais is on the bench; Willie Viljoen appears for the State.

Arrest over Bop murders of AWB men

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JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman from the former homeland of Bophuthatswana has been arrested in connection the murder of three Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members in Mmabatho in March, his lawyer said.

"I can confirm that the client has been arrested, but he has not been charged," Sechele Keembime said yesterday. (344)

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) said earlier the policeman had been "charged with three counts of murder following the killing of rightwingers in Mmabatho".

The three rightwingers were ambushed as they attempted to leave the homeland capital on March 11.

LHR said it was concerned at "apparent bias", saying there had not been a thorough investigation of the deaths of more than 50 people during the homeland fracas. — Reuter.

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Hitman

'A giant of the church in SA'

JOHANNESBURG. — Tributes to Professor Johan Heyns continued yesterday, with praise for his contribution to peace and reconciliation.

President Nelson Mandela said he was outraged at the cold-blooded murder of Prof Heyns, whom he described as "a soldier of peace".

The South African Council of Churches said Prof Heyns was a "giant" in the church in South Africa who had "persisted in following his conscience".

It was "appalled at the act that has taken a life that has contributed so much to healing our land".

Prof Heyns had often been able to open doors to negotiation during the "crucial days before the election when deadlock threatened progress".

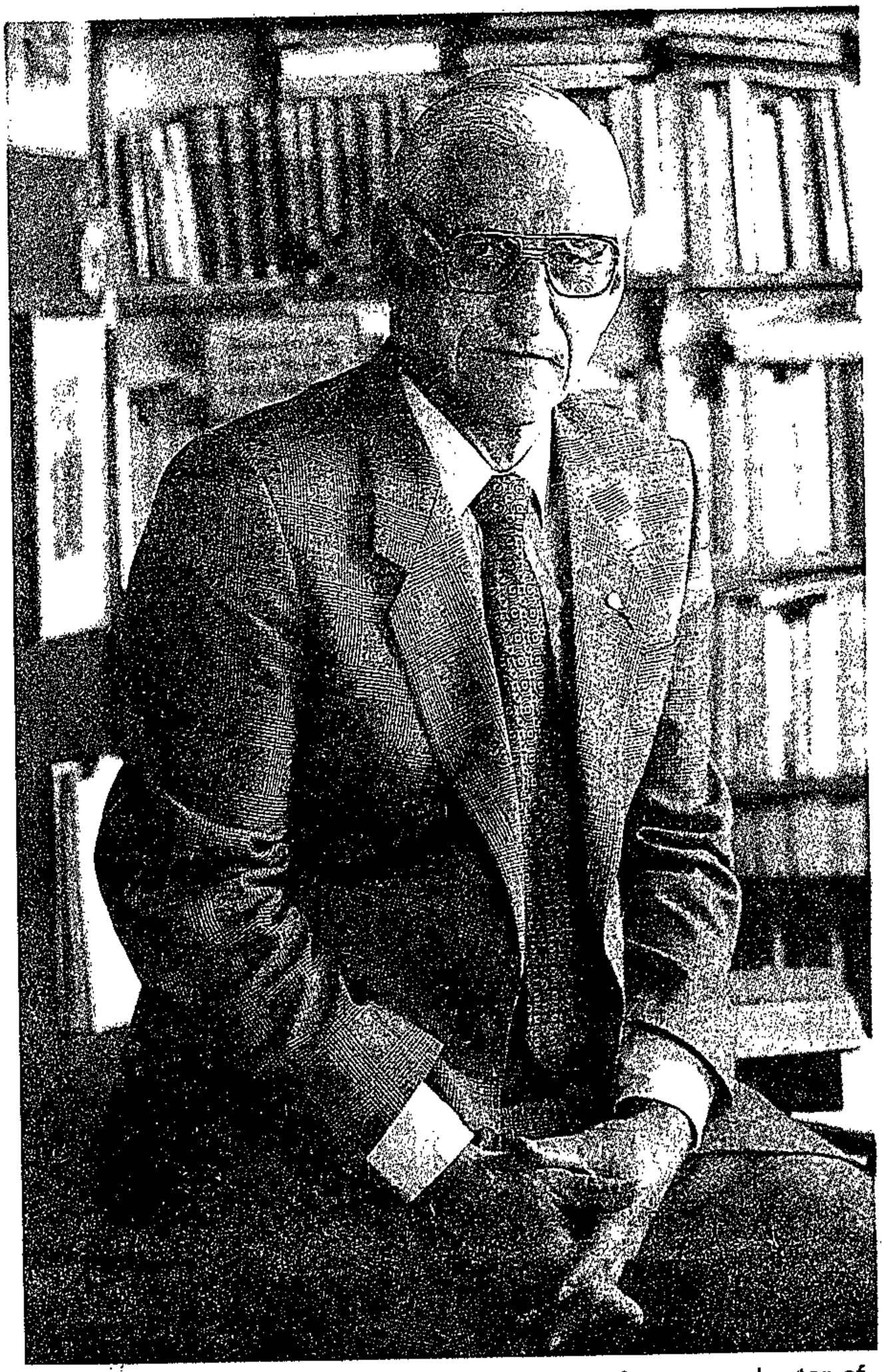
General Constand Viljoen of the Freedom Front said the "assassination underlined that violence and anarchy are just below the surface".

Prof Heyns' son, Mr Dirk Heyns, 33, said: "I hope the murderer finds peace for what he has done."

National Peace Committee chairman Mr John Hall and National Peace Secretariat chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys said Prof Heyns was one of SA's "outstanding peacemakers".

Rustenburg Committee chairmen, Dr Louw Alberts and Dr Frank Chikane, said "his imprint will remain on the pages of SA history forever".

Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha said: "He was an Afrikaner who helped to prepare his church and his people for political reform ... he believed from deep religious conviction that racial discrimination in South Africa had to go in order to free his church, his people and South Africa as a whole."



ASSASSINATED? ... Professor Johan Heyns, former moderator of the General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church, who was shot dead in his home on Saturday night as he sat playing cards with his young grandchildren.

Picture: DIE KERKBODE

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Police probe right-wing link in Heyns killing

By JACKIE CAMERON and PETER DENNEHY

FAR right-wing involvement in the weekend slaying of former Dutch Reformed Church moderator and liberal theologian Professor Johan Heyns is one of the possibilities being investigated by the police.

And last night Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe told the Cape Times in an interview the killing looked like a planned, professional hit.

He said: "We do not know if the murder was politically motivated at this stage and are looking at all the facts."

Prof Heyns was shot in the head in his Waterkloof Ridge home in Pretoria as he played cards with his grandchildren on Saturday night.

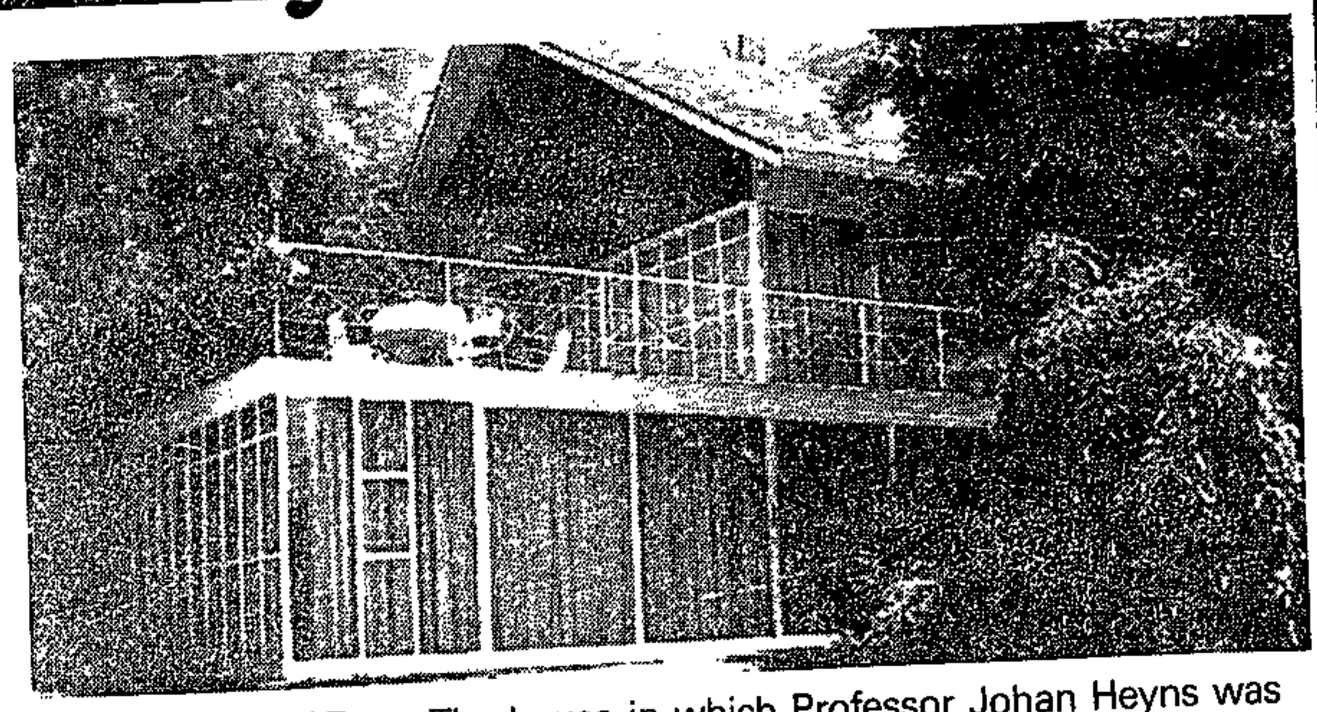
The theologian aroused the hatred of the extreme right with reforms he introduced in the NGK from 1979.

Dr Beyers Naudé said the event that triggered the assassination may well have been last month's general synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in Pretoria, which was addressed by President Nelson Mandela.

Mr Mandela received a standing ovation after his speech which may have been interpreted as "the ultimate betrayal" by the far right.

Dr Naudé was thrown out of the NGK for his stand against apartheid in the 60s but at the synod last month the church apologised to him and Prof Ben Marais for ostracising them.

Dr Naudé said threats had been made against Prof Heyns after the publication of the ground-breaking document "Church and Society" in 1986.



DEATH HOUSE . . . The house in which Professor Johan Heyns was shot on Saturday night. Police have said the killing appears to have been a "well-planned professional hit". Picture: BUSINESS DAY

Stellenbosch professor of Philosophy, Professor Willie Esterhuyse, said Prof Heyns' role in last month's synod meeting had been "decisive", despite his retirement.

The events at the synod may have had a tremendous effect on reactionaries within the church.

The Afrikaans Sunday newspaper Rapport said Prof Heyns had in 1990 been accused of "treason" by disenchanted church members.

He was also accused of "twisting" the scriptures and making "communist" statements.

Rapport said it received numerous calls at the time accusing Prof Heyns of being a Jew named Heinowitz, a puppet of the then apartheid government, and a person who was using his Christianity for his own gain.

Sapa reports that police said Prof Heyns died instantly when an assailant fired a single shot through the window of the family room.

The assailant apparently fired from slate paving about six metres away.

Prof Heyns was playing cards with his grandchildren Johan, 11, and Theo, 8, while his wife Renee was sitting next to him.

Mrs Heyns immediately called their neighbour, family doctor Dr J N Kriel, who took the grandchildren to hospital where they were sedated. Mrs Heyns was later also sedated and treated for shock.

Murder and Robbery detectives, forensics, and ballistics experts left the house shortly before noon yesterday after spending the morning combing the area for possible leads.

They found no tracks.

Police expected the investigation into the murder to take "a long time".

A R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers was posted by the police yesterday.

● **Johan Heyns — Death a devastating blow — Page 6**



HEYNS MOURNED . . . Western Cape Minister of Finance Mr Kobus Meiring and Freedom Front leader General Constand Viljoen and his wife Risti at the memorial service held for Professor Johan Heyns at Ysterplaat yesterday. Picture: ALAN TAYLOR

Right wing link logical — Viljoen

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Staff Reporter

LINKING the right-wing to the assassination of former Dutch Reformed Church moderator Professor Johan Heyns was a "logical deduction" but one which would have to be proved, Freedom Front leader General Constand Viljoen said yesterday.

General Viljoen was attending a memorial service for Prof Heyns at the Ysterplaat Dutch Reformed Church.

Prof Heyns was shot in the head in his Waterkloof, Pretoria, home on Guy Fawkes night last Saturday while playing cards with his grandchildren.

Also attending the service were Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs Mr Pik Botha, former Democratic Party leader Dr Zac De Beer, and Western Cape Minister of Finance Mr Kobus Meiring.

About 120 people attended the service.

In his tribute, the moderator of the Western Cape synod, the Rev Kobus van der Westhuyzen, said that Prof Heyns was a "loyal son" of the Afrikaner.

Commenting on the strong possibility of a far right-wing link to the killing, General Viljoen said: "It is a logical deduction but it hasn't been proved. I hope it is not so but, if it is then I think it would have been carried out by the far, far right-wing."

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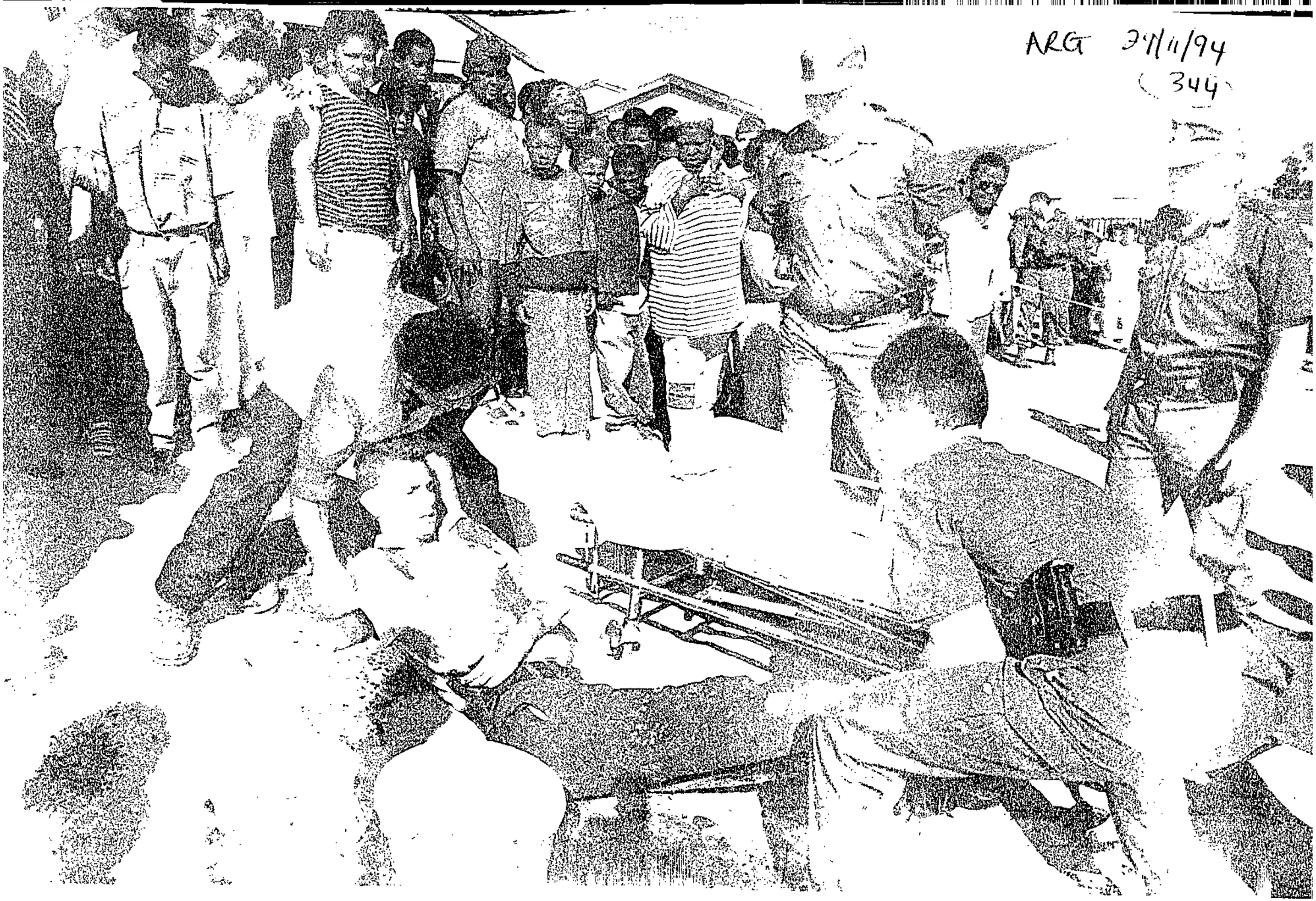

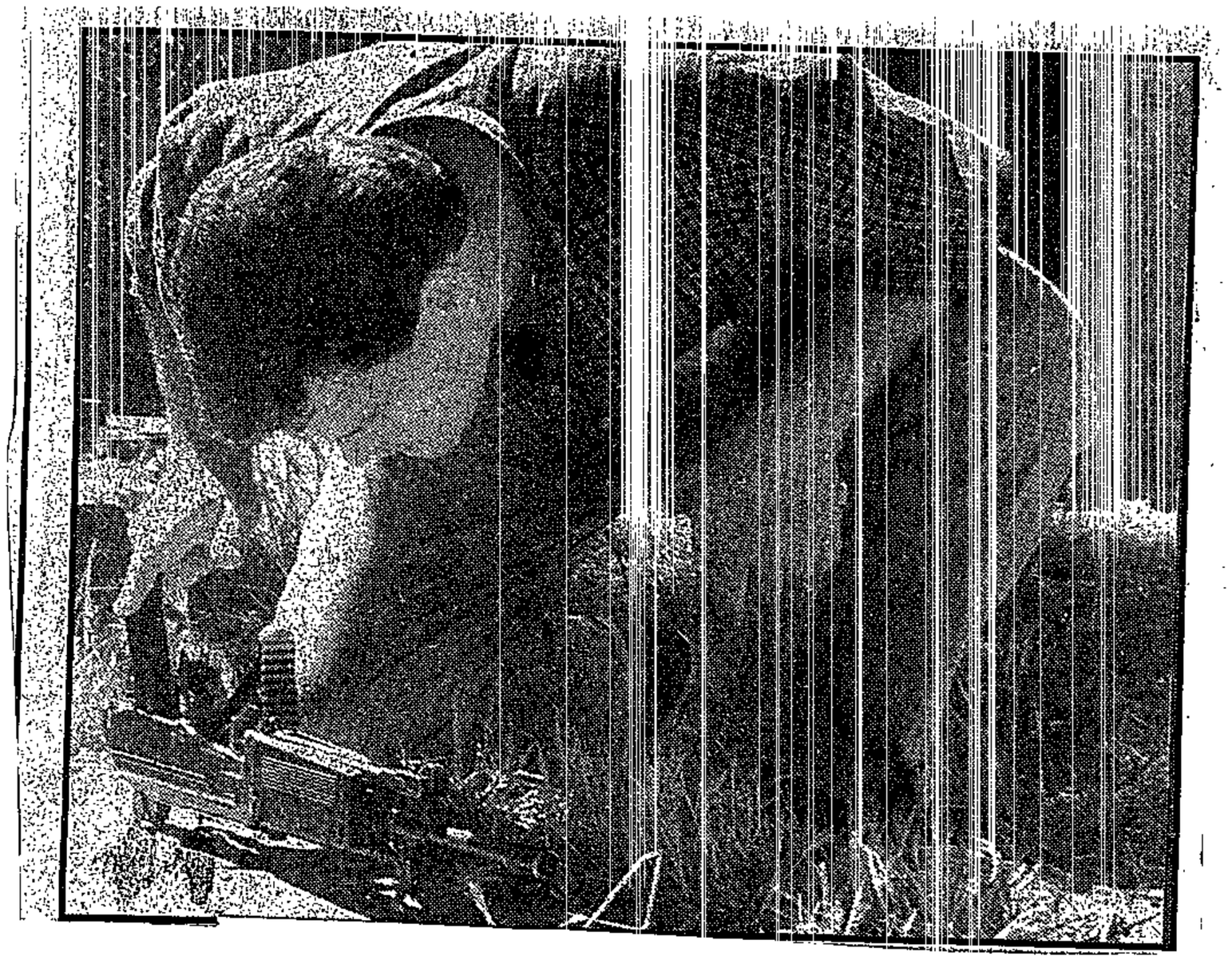

Pictures: OBED ILWA, The Argus.

SHOT GUARD: Ambulancemen, above, lift a seriously injured Wayne Mostert onto a stretcher after he was shot and seriously wounded in a robbery in Guguletu today. Two of his colleagues were shot dead. LEFT: A policeman inspects an R4 rifle found hidden in long grass a few blocks from the attack.

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2 security guards die in Guguletu

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JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, Crime Reporter

TWO security guards were shot dead today and a third guard was seriously wounded in an attempted robbery in Guguletu.

No cash was taken but two pistols are believed to have been stolen.

Police said an armed gang attacked three cash van guards from Springbok Patrols outside T & T Tavern in Zamile Close off NY 7 soon after 8 am.

A police spokesman said that when the gang pounced the guards had not yet collected the cash from the tavern.

Gasant Reynolds, 30, driver of the van, was reversing towards the tavern entrance when two attackers appeared on each side of the vehicle and produced guns.

The gunmen opened fire without warning. Mr Reynolds died instantly of a bullet wound.

Joseph Mgwena, 34, of Khayelitsha, who was in the passenger seat, was shot in the head and died soon after he arrived at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Wayne Mostert, 24, of Goodwood, who had alighted from the vehicle earlier and was walking towards the door of the tavern, was seriously wounded in the stomach, chest, legs and an arm after he came under fire from a third attacker.

Four held over blast in election run-up

DURBAN. — Three Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members and an Inkatha Freedom Party supporter have been arrested in connection with a pre-election bombing and an attack on a police station, police said. (3444)

Crime Combating and Investigations Unit head Johan Meintjies said in a statement yesterday that four men were arrested and had appeared in court in connection with the attacks.

"No further details will be made available at this stage," General Meintjies said.

He identified the men as Harry Simon Jardine, 40, Morton John Christie, 31, Roy Lane, 35 and Sipho Ngcobo, 38. AKG 11/2/94

General Meintjies said Port Shepstone police had solved the case of an attack on a police station in Flagstaff. — Reuter.

Call for death for tavern killers

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By RONALD MORRIS and DAN SIMON

Judge allows 'force' to get men in court

THREE alleged Apla members convicted on charges of murder and attempted murder in an attack on the Heidelberg Tavern in December last year, should be sentenced to death, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This was said by Mr Chris Cilliers, counsel for the state, in the trial of Brian Madasi, 19, Zola Mabala, 21, and Luyanda Gqumfa, 24, who were convicted on Wednesday on four counts of murder, four counts of attempted murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances and the unlawful possession of assault rifles, ammunition, handgrenades and rifle grenades.

Drama followed a refusal by the men to participate in proceedings. Attempts by their counsel, PAC national organiser Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanana and PAC lawyer Mr Don Qusheka to get them to court were unsuccessful.

But they volunteered to leave their cells when Mr Justice J H Conradie ordered that force, if necessary, could be used to ensure they attended their trial.

After a joint statement was read out, the men left the dock and Mr Justice Conradie ruled that they had made themselves guilty of misconduct and that proceedings could continue without them.

They said the judge's order that they be brought to the courtroom by force and that police reinforcements should be arranged was "indicative of the violation of our fundmental rights as evidenced by our conviction and the extremes this court will go to regardless of the consequence.

"We are here because we are disciplined and responsible.

"In our view, our conviction on the flimsy evidence adduced by the state, amounts to a violation of our fundamental right to a fair trial."

The men said there was no sense in their further participation in the proceedings as it would make no difference to the result.

Mr Cilliers said Section 277 of the Criminal Procedures Act (relating to the death sentence) was still on the statute books.

He urged the court to consider the death penalty especially for such a "cold-blooded, reprehensible and cowardly" attack.

Aggravating factors were the manner in which they had committed the crimes, that they had had the direct intent to murder and that they had planned the attack and had stolen a car for that purpose.

Asked by Mr Justice Conradie what the motive could have been, Mr Cilliers said there was no evidence of its being a political attack.

Mitigating factors were the relative youth of the men and the fact that Mabala and Gqumfa had no previous convictions.

Should the court find the death sentence was not the only proper sentence, the only other sentence should be one of life imprisonment, Mr Cilliers said.

In their reply, counsel for the men, Mr Denzil Potgieter, Mr E Kuzwayo and Mr Nathan Erasmus, all argued against the imposition of the death penalty.

Mr Justice Conradie said he would pass sentence on Monday morning.



AT COURT . . . PAC national organiser Mr Maxwell Nemadzivhanana (left) arrives at the Supreme Court yesterday to attend the Heidelberg Tavern trial. Picture: BENNY GOOL

Retrenched employee to be paid R450 000

Iscor's unfair labour practice

Star 23/12/94

■ PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

Iscor has been found guilty by the Industrial Court in Pretoria of committing an unfair labour practice against a former employee at its Pretoria works and was ordered to pay R450 000 in compensation.

The award was made to Cedric Meyer, a senior designer in the electrical section of the drawing office who was retrenched on July 31 last year after being employed by Iscor for more than 33 years. Iscor has appealed against the judgment.

But the judgment could have serious financial implications amounting to up to R75 million for Iscor if the appeal is unsuccessful.

The case revolved around an amendment to the pension fund rules which resulted in employees whose services were terminated before or on October 1 last year but were fortunate enough to have work extending beyond October 1 receiving a bonanza early retirement but at full pension.

The Industrial Court's senior member who heard the case, Arthur de Kock, said in his judgment this group of retrenched employees received a substantial benefit which other employees in the same category of employees did not receive.

Employees were clearly treated unequally.

Meyer claimed R897 560,41 as compensation of the difference between the pension benefits he has and is receiving, and the benefits he would have received if he had been able to exercise the option available in terms of the amended pension fund rules.

Meyer's claim followed Iscor's implementation of a rationalisation programme which made Meyer's post redundant and led to his retrenchment.

Iscor had decided to embark on a retrenchment programme in 1992 and last year decided a further retrenchment programme was necessary.

In terms of pension fund regulations, Meyer received the pension he would have received at normal retirement age but decreased by 0,4 percent for each completed month he retired before reaching the pensionable age of 63.

Amendment

But on September 20 last year, the trustees of the pension fund adopted a resolution which was specifically applicable to all members who reached the age of 50 years on or before December 31 1993 and who during the period October 1 to December 31 of that year retired prior to March 31 1993.

De Kock said a pension fund rule was amended in respect of that category of employee so that:

■ They would not suffer the decrease of 0,4 percent in pension for each completed month of early retirement before attaining the age of 63.

■ They would be credited with one month's pensionable service for each completed year of pensionable service up to a maximum of that which would take the employee concerned to his normal retirement date.

De Kock said as Meyer's services were terminated on July 31 1993, he did not have the opportunity to exercise the option granted by the amendment to the pension fund rules, adding that Meyer would have exercised that option if it had been available to him.

And steel giant coughs up for second worker

■ PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

A former specialist designer in the drawing office at Iscor's Pretoria Works was paid R90 000 as an ex-gratia payment following his retrenchment.

Rudolph Steuer, who worked for Iscor for 32 years and was retrenched two months before his 52nd birthday as part of a rationalisation programme, was paid the amount in September in an out-of-court settlement after he had taken his case to the Industrial Court.

Steuer, a German, said he had claimed his retrenchment was discriminatory because he was the only foreign passport holder in the drawing office at Iscor.

An Iscor spokesman said the ex-gratia payment was made to Steuer after the company reconsidered his case prior to it going to court and decided the company had not fairly considered alternative employment options for him within Iscor.

Armed whites attack family

By Joshua Raboroko

AN ARMED group of white rightwingers attacked a black family, seriously injuring three people and destroying their shack at a plot in De Deur near Vereeniging last Friday. Mr Samuel Mazibuko (48) was assaulted with iron bars, fists and trampled on.

His brother, Mr Jacob Mazibuko, suffered injuries to the body and refuses to go to hospital because "I fear the whites may attack my family again".

Samuel's daughter, Miss Mitta Mazibuko (30), was allegedly kicked and punched while she carried her two-month-old baby Brenda on her back.

The incident took place at Plot 114 Dennis Street in the suburb of Dreamland in De Deur, where many blacks have complained of being terrorised and insulted by white property owners. Vaal Triangle police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Piet van Deventer yesterday confirmed the incident. He said the police were investigating a case of assault. (344)

He was not aware of similar attacks on blacks by whites. He said there were few incidents of racial conflict in other suburbs in the Vaal Triangle.

Mazibuko said the group came to his plot and accused him of being a "clever kaffir who drives a car and buys land in a white area". He was assaulted when he did not reply. His shack was completely demolished. The group ordered him to vacate the area and threatened to shoot his family. "My family was left destitute in the rainy weather. My expensive furniture and other household goods have been damaged by the rain," he said.

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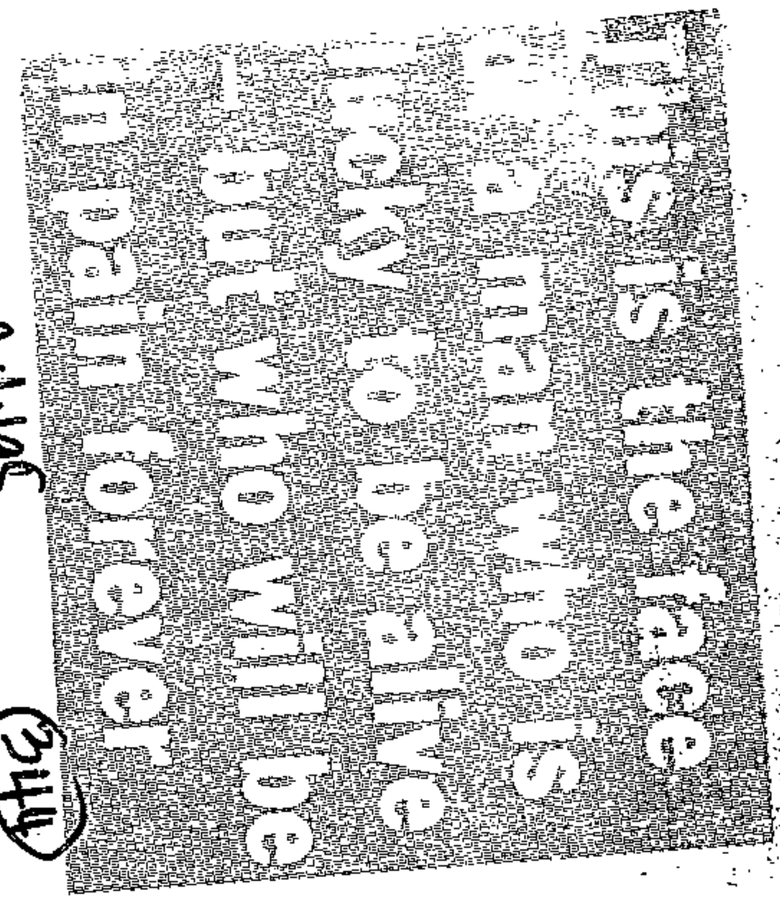

This is the face of a man who is lucky to be alive – but who will be in pain forever

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

THE battered face on the right belongs to a very lucky man.

Kaizer Mboweni is simply lucky to be alive, but his life will be filled with pain and discomfort, a Supreme Court judge heard recently.

In a civil claim, Judge Cloete heard in the Rand Supreme Court how Mboweni survived a brutal attack by three rightwingers on October 27, 1990.

Cloete ruled that Chris Human, of Marlene Street, Birchleigh North, Kempton Park, his brother M R Human and an unknown friend carried out the brutal assault.

Chris Human was formerly a neighbour of Mboweni's employer, Richard Green.

Judge Cloete found the men to be responsible for Mboweni's injuries and ordered them to pay R127 955 in damages.

Mboweni was attacked with a pickhandle and an iron bar and was threatened with a firearm. Shots were also fired at his room.

His life was saved by co-worker Vincent Ngcobo.

Judge Cloete said the amount was compensation for Mboweni's loss of earning capacity, the pain and suffering he experienced, his loss of amenities of life, disfigurement and permanent disability.

The attackers left him with a fractured femur, a broken left arm, three broken ribs, eight missing teeth, and lacerations to his forehead and all over his body.

His left-hand index and middle fingers were also injured, which has meant that he is unable to close his left hand properly. The injury to his left leg has made him limp.

As a result of his incisor teeth being broken, he can no longer chew normally. He says eating causes him discomfort.

He was hospitalised at the Thembisa Hospital from October 28 to November 30 in 1990.

After his release from hospital, he walked with crutches for eight months, and still tires easily.

Doctors must still remove plastic implanted in his right femur and left arm, which will mean another 10 days in hospital.

Future medical procedures are needed on his right knee.

At the moment he is in a knee brace, takes anti-inflammatory drugs and uses a walking stick.

A medical report revealed that discomfort would, in fact, increase as he grew older and would become severe during old age.

After his injuries he was unable to work for seven months, which meant he lost most of his income.

He is now employed at a lower rate of pay, because he is unable to work properly.

When a City Press team visited Mboweni at his employer's plot this week, he was doing the only job he can manage – mowing grass.

Recounting his ordeal, Mboweni said he was standing next to his room, when he saw three white men entering the yard.

They asked him why he and his people were making a noise, but he had answered that he was alone and that nobody was making a noise.

He said Chris Human had pointed a firearm at him, while the other two started beating him until he passed out.

He had cried out for mercy while heavy blows rained on him. He tried to ward off the blows, but said the attackers just carried on.

Mboweni said he passed out but regained consciousness as Ngcobo – who had arrived, heard groaning and found him lying in the grass – was carrying him into his room. Ngcobo had gingerly put him to bed.

He said during the night he became very thirsty, but was unable to move out of his bed.

The following morning Ngcobo went to call an ambulance which took him to Thembisa Hospital.

Ngcobo said he was threatened by the men once before. They had come to his home and Chris Human allegedly fired shots at his room.

Mboweni a keen footballer and athlete, says he is frustrated because he can no longer play sport.

He says he used to jog around Pomona Smallholdings near Kempton Park in the mornings or afternoons when he had the chance.

Despite demands by his lawyers, Mboweni says the Human brothers and their friend had not paid him.

They are also liable to pay his legal costs.



RACIST LEGACY ... Kaizer Mboweni suffered terrible injuries after three rightwing thugs beat him up for no real reason in 1990. A judge recently ordered the men to pay him R127 955 – but they are not paying, he says. Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Chase after drama at roadblock

AWB trial told of pipe bomb plot

COURT hears that places where blacks gathered were being indentified by suspects for lethal attacks

■ STAFF REPORTER

An AWB member accused with 25 others of a pre-election bombing campaign told police after a high-speed car chase that a pipe bomb found in the vehicle was destined for a place frequented by blacks, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The 26 AWB members are accused of setting off six bombs before last year's general election, and they face 96 charges, including 20 of murder and 45 of attempted murder.

Frederik Wolmarans, who was doing a military camp with the Benoni Commando on April 26 last year, told the court he saw a white Cortina stop short of a roadblock in the area.

Something was thrown into the grass next to the road, and the Cortina drove up to the roadblock before speeding through it, pursued by police.

Benoni traffic officer Hendrik Jansen van Rensburg, who gave chase, said he had heard shots being fired at him. When the car was forced to stop after its way was blocked, the two white occupants fled.

He and other officers arrested one suspect.

According to Major Lionel Palmer, suspect Nico Prinsloo admitted that there was a pipe bomb in the car, and that his companion had thrown another one out of the car just before the roadblock.

Palmer said Prinsloo admitted to him that the pair had identified a target in Boksburg which was frequented by blacks — where they were going to place the bomb. They were on their way to Benoni to identify a target for the second bomb when they came upon the roadblock.

Prinsloo's defence advocate, Willem Prinsloo, put it to Palmer that the accused was assaulted by police, was not read his rights, and never admitted that there were targets identified for the pipe bombs.

He added that the accused had been threatened with a handgun by his companion, who was not arrested, and forced to drive through the roadblock.

In other evidence, witnesses said they saw a man drop off a package in a toilet at a Randfontein taxi rank shortly before an explosion there.

Another witness said he had seen men in a car throw a pipe bomb under a taxi at Westonaria, which exploded soon afterwards.

All those involved in the incidents were white men.

The trial resumes today.

'SADF would have helped right-wing bombers'

AWB witness called sellout

Star 21/2/95

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■ BY MICHAEL SPARKS and HOPEWELL RADEBE

A member of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was told yesterday he had sold out the organisation for "30 pieces of silver".

Barend Honiball (28) had been giving evidence in the Rand Supreme Court that the SA Defence Force at Potchefstroom would be helping the AWB if the right-wing organisation got into trouble during a pre-election bombing campaign.

Honiball, who claims he was a member of the AWB during the campaign but has since turned State witness and is on the witness protection programme, had during the morning session recounted to Witwatersrand Deputy Judge President H C J Fleming the chain of events before the bombing campaign began.

When the court adjourned for lunch, one of the accused, Johan du Plessis, who is alleged to be a member of the AWB bombing campaign, called out to Honiball: "Thirty pieces of silver" as he was led from the court.

Honiball told the court that in April he was a member of the AWB and received a telephone call from Jaco Nel saying there were problems and that he should report for duty with his kit and weapons.

He did so and he and Nel went to the houses of a number of AWB members and picked them up, before going on to the farm of Cliff Barnard near Ventersdorp, where other members had already gathered.

PRE-ELECTION bombing campaign planned as AWB prepared to go underground and wage war, court told

Before doing so they had been given written notes at AWB headquarters that they should hand in any illegal weapons. The instructions were given in writing because of concern that the premises were bugged.

He said many poeple brought food, medicine and weapons with them, because they believed that war was certain although it was not necessarily going to be started by the AWB.

They were then told that the defence force in Potchefstroom would give assistance if they got into trouble.

One of their duties in Ventersdorp was to stand guard at the home of AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche, "to give protection to our leader", he said.

After being at Barnard's farm for four or five days they moved to a game farm near the Magaliesberg. On the second night at the game farm there was a meeting at which Jan Kruger and Johan du Plessis discussed plans for stealing cars.

The next day a red Nissan Skyline arrived and Honiball and others unloaded a number of pipe bombs, some of which were between 40 and 80 cm long.

On the third or fourth day they heard about an explosion in Johannesburg and Honiball said he became aware that the bomb was the work of those at the farm.

Clint Ellish said to him that the explosion was "just the beginning", but when Honiball asked who set off the bomb, Ellish had just smiled and walked away.

Then Du Plessis asked for volunteers with cars. Three people were chosen and were told they would get R50 per group "for petrol" if the operation were successful.

Honiball said he then heard that their task was to set off pipe bombs in Germiston and Pretoria.

It was also discussed that a white bakkie would be used for a bomb attack in Benoni.

After reports that the bombings were successful, they went to a shooting range in five-car convoys. They were told to go home and bid their families goodbye because the AWB was preparing to go underground.

He said he went to the police after he was dropped at home because he realised the incidents were serious. Police told him to continue with the AWB and be their contact until further intructions.

"I realised that the bomb in Pretoria was placed near the area where my mother was working. She could have been injured and even white poeple could have been killed," said Honiball.

The trial continues today.

Court told of bombings (344)

FORMER AWB candidate officer Barend Honiball, 28, informed police of the AWB's alleged involvement in last year's pre-election bombings in Gauteng after the Pretoria bomb exploded close to his mother's workplace, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Honiball told the court although he had been part of the large AWB task force which had assembled at a Magaliesberg farm and later at a Rustenburg shooting range just before the elections, he had been "disturbed" when he realised the group had perpetrated the bombings.

"I thought we had gathered to carry out community protection if there was violence or war. I was not told about killing anybody," he said.

Testifying at the trial of 26 AWB members who have denied complicity in six blasts which killed 20 people and wounded 46 others between April 24 and 27 last year, Honiball said he believed the task force was responsible for the Bree Street, Germiston and Pretoria bombs.

A member of the Ystergaarde, the AWB's elite guard, Honiball said he had heard news of the Bree Street bomb, near the ANC's regional head office Shell House, when some of the group had gathered around a radio at the Magaliesberg game farm, Springfontein.

DEBORAH FINE

He testified that one of the accused, Clint Ellish, 24, had said: "This is just the beginning. There will be many more."

"I asked him if he did it. He and the others just smiled and walked away," Honiball said.

The following day he heard members of the group say the bombings at Germiston, Pretoria and "another place" had been "successful". He also heard AWB members from Natal discussing the possibility of planting a bomb in Benoni.

He had wanted to leave the farm immediately and return to his Pretoria home, but had been informed by Ystergaarde Major Johannes Smit, 26, that anyone who left the farm would be shot.

He said the group was later informed they would be moving to the Waterval shooting range "because police might be looking for us". Smit had also said there would be a "shootout to the death" should police attempt to arrest the task force.

Asked by defence counsel what had motivated him to inform the police, Honiball replied: "I realised I was in big trouble, and the Pretoria bomb was near my mother's work. My brother also works in Pretoria."

Police swooped on the task force on April 27, just as they prepared to leave.

Houses 'to be assigned' (345)

GAVIN STAFFORD

HOUSES in Lenasia extension 13 south of Johannesburg would be allocated to people by Friday and a list of the names would be made available, Gauteng housing minister Dan Mofokeng said yesterday.

Lenasia Residents' Association chairman Gash Rangasamy said residents had called on police to cordon off the area where squatters were camping as the settlement was disrupting their lives. Squatter representative Jeffrey Ntsomi said squatters would not occupy houses but would stay in the camp alongside the houses to make sure no one else moved in.

Rangasamy said residents had given government until Friday to move squatters out of the houses they illegally occupied, otherwise they would throw them out forcibly.

Employment of cadres

AWB informer knew about reward

DEBORAH FINE (344)

AN AWB candidate officer who told police of the right-wing group's alleged involvement in pre-election bombings in Gauteng last year was aware of a R1m reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible before he contacted police, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Barend Honiball, 28, a former member of the Ystergarde, the AWB's elite guard, said his girlfriend had told him about the reward a few hours before he had decided to inform police he believed the organisation was responsible for the blasts. Twenty people were killed and 46 wounded in the explosions.

Honiball made this admission during cross-examination in the trial of 26 AWB members who have denied planting the bombs in Johannesburg; Germiston; Pretoria; Randfontein; Westonaria; and at Jan Smuts Airport in April.

Earlier he said he had joined the AWB special task team because he thought it intended carrying out community protection. It was only after the group had gathered at a Magaliesberg game farm that he suspected some of them might have been responsible for the bombings.

Shocked by the killings, he had decided to abandon the AWB after the group moved from the farm to the Waterval shooting range in Rustenburg. He had fled when members were given permission to visit their families because they would soon "be going underground" and would not be able to return home for some time.

Members of the group had given him a lift to his girlfriend in Valhalla, where he had decided he "was in big trouble and could not keep quiet".

Asked by defence counsel Louisa van der Walt why he had left his car, firearm and personal belongings at the camp if he had not intended returning, Honiball said he had just wanted to get away and "did not care" about his possessions.

Ystergaarde major Johannes Smit had said anyone attempting to leave the group without permission would be shot, Honiball had testified.

"But this time you had permission to leave. You could have made an excuse to take your car. And how could you just leave your firearm behind?" Van der Walt asked. BD 22/2/95

Honiball conceded that he was not aware the task force had informed Rustenburg police, the army and the local election authorities of their presence at the shooting range.

Van der Walt submitted that the task force had intended visiting 16 different towns during the elections as part of their community protection plan.

New student code bans violence, vandalism

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MDUDUZI KA HARVEY

STUDENTS will be called on to reject acts of violence and vandalism and to work for education and economic growth in a disciplined manner, when the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) launches its code of conduct next week.

The code aims to create a harmonious relationship between teachers, students and parents. It also calls on all the parties to protect school property.

The code would be implemented through student, teacher and parent associations. It was drawn up in consultation with such bodies over nearly two years.

Both students and teachers would be expected to commit themselves to their school work, and students would be urged to refrain from victimising teachers.

Selling drugs, consuming and distributing alcohol, and bringing weapons or any instrument which would endanger the safety of students and teachers would not be permitted and harsh measures would be put in place to curb these acts.

Punctuality would be encouraged and students would be expected to leave their classes at times agreed on by their schools.

Cosas leaders said students should also understand that the call for an end to corporal punishment did not imply that there should be no discipline or disciplinary measures at schools.

Serious cases would be dealt with by parent, teacher and student bodies where parents would play an active role in seeing to the discipline of their children.

Punishments envisaged by the code include a reprimand, which would be carried out during assembly as a reminder to all students of the standards of behaviour expected of them.

Students may also be called on to perform useful tasks at schools, such as preparing a class lesson or working in the school library. Suspension from school would not necessarily exclude students from academic activities but from other school activities, and exclusion would not exceed three months.

Expulsion from school would normally be followed by criminal charges and would be used for crimes committed at schools which included assaults, stabbing and the rape of students or teachers. Students would also be expelled for the deliberate burning or damaging of school property.

AWB 'offered to provide protection'

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■ STAFF REPORTER

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members contacted Rustenburg police and a defence force commando shortly before the April election to tell them they would provide "protection", Barend Honiball told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

State witness Honiball, who claims he was an AWB member during a pre-election bombing campaign, said that before moving from a Magaliesberg game farm to the Waterval shooting range near Rustenburg, accused Abraham Myburgh told members that devices they had unloaded from a car were pipe bombs.

Myburgh allegedly explained how the bombs worked just after asking for volunteers with cars to go on a mission. Honiball said he presumed the mission entailed placing the bombs.

He later heard Natal AWB members asking if anyone was familiar with Benoni, as they needed to do something there. He presumed that meant planting one of the six bombs which went off before the election.

The trial continues today.

'Bomb trailer belonged to AWB'

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■ BY MICHAEL SPARKS

It was "most likely" that the trailer used in a pre-election bomb blast in Germiston was owned by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, Warrant-Officer Eugene Pitout told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Pitout, who was one of the investigating officers in the pre-election bombing campaign, told the court he had gone to the farm Koesterfontein near Magaliesburg, owned by the father of accused Abraham Myburgh.

There he had found a plaque, bent in two, bearing the serial number for a Karet trailer registered with the AWB. Evidence has been led during the hearing that a Karet trailer had contained the Germiston bomb.

Pitout said he had gone to the Ventersdorp farm of AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche to establish the whereabouts of the trailer which, although registered with the AWB, was the responsibility of TerreBlanche.

TerreBlanche referred him to Nico Prinsloo, also one of the accused and who was responsible for AWB vehicles. Pitout said Prinsloo did not know where the trailer was.

A total of 26 AWB members are on trial for allegedly being involved in six explosions in the days before the election. The explosions led to 95 charges, including 20 for murder and 46 for attempted murder, being laid.

During cross-examination, Barend Honiball told the court that the accused, Johannes Smit, had told people at the Waterval shooting range that if any policemen arrived they would "shoot the shit out of them".

Also giving evidence, witness Lizanne Kuhrau said another accused, Jaco Nel, had tried to get her to make a false statement saying he had been with her for two days at a holiday resort near Brits from the morning of Monday April 25. She said he had not been with her at the resort all the time, but had left in the early hours of April 26. He returned later.

The hearing continues.

AWB 'traitors' tell all

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

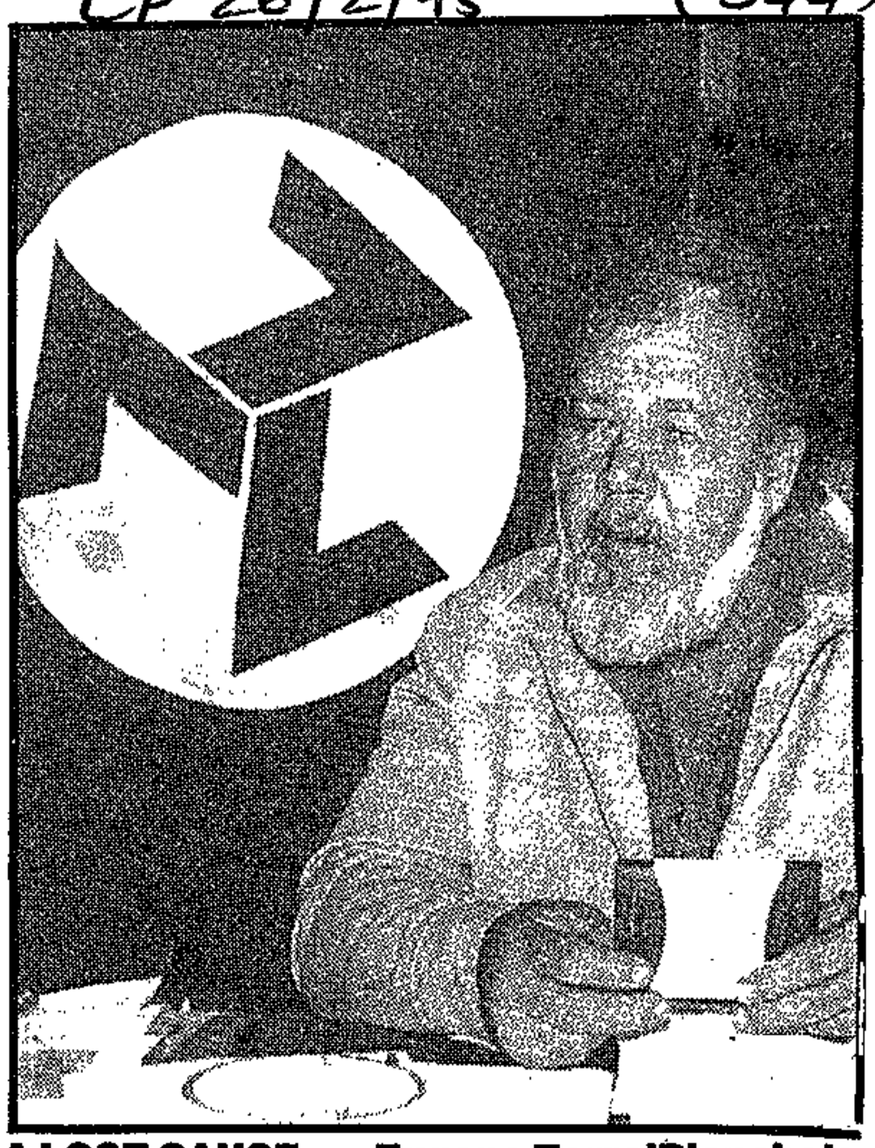
AWB comradeship was severely dented as some of its members testified against their leaders before Judge Flemming and two assessors in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

Twenty-six men are facing 20 counts of murder and 191 of attempted murder. They are also charged with illegal possession of ammunition and explosives.

Barend Honiball (28), dubbed "Judas", the first State witness, told the court how he was trained in Pretoria by Ystergarde captain Jaco Nel (37).

A few days before the elections he got a telephone call from Nel who ordered him to pack his bags as there was an "emergency" and Ystergarde members were being killed.

He and others were driven to Ventersdorp to protect their leader, Eugene Terre'Blanche. They were then driven to a farm belonging to another accused, Cliff Barnard, where they were given instructions on how to steal cars by Jan Kruger (20) and Johann Du Plessis. Fourie asked those with cars to transport those without cars to places where bombs were to be planted.



A LOST CAUSE . . . Eugene Terre'Blanche's base is crumbling beneath him.

When he later read in a newspaper about the bombings in Johannesburg and Pretoria, he had been shocked because his mother and brother worked close to the place where the Pretoria bomb had exploded, and he contacted the police.

Lizanne Kuhrau told the court that Jaco Nel came to her flat with two others on April 25 and said the police were looking for him.

Another State witness, Dawid Potgieter, said he was chosen with Martin Wiebosch and accused Jan Kruger (20) to set off bombs in Westonaria.

On Friday Jacob Koekemoer told the court that he was approached by Abraham Fourie who asked him if he had any knowledge of explosives.

When he replied that he had qualified as a blaster at the mines, he was asked to accompany accused Ettiene Le Roux, Cliff Barnard and Abraham Myburg to a farm in Koesterfontein near Magaliesburg, where they unloaded six 50 kg bags of anfax explosive from a car.

Koekemoer said Barnard had told him he wanted to plant the bomb at a taxi rank in Johannesburg.

Tux man tells of election bomb

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MICHAEL SPARKS

THE man who said he had made the Bree Street bomb that killed nine people days before last year's election does not fulfil the mental picture of a member of the AWB's "elite" Ystergaarde.

When Jacob Koekemoer appeared in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, he was dressed more like the entertainment manager of a cruise liner, in a white tuxedo with black buttons and trim on his jacket, and black shoes. His white shirt was offset by a pale blue tie, the whole outfit completed with a black cummerbund around his waist.

But his testimony proved far different from his appearance as he told Witwatersrand Deputy Judge President H C J Flemming how he and three of the accused made the car bomb that exploded in Bree Street on Sunday morning, April 24, killing nine people.

Koekemoer told how he and accused Ettienne le Roux, Cliff Barnard and Abraham Myburgh had mixed

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200 kg of Anfax explosive with diesel before loading half of the explosive into an empty metal grass-roller.

It then took all four of them to lift the roller with the explosive and put it in the boot of a blue/grey Audi, along with booster explosives. They then placed bricks in the boot to stop the roller from moving around.

They put the remaining 100 kg of Anfax into the boot, and added bits of steel which they put in the explosive to act as shrapnel. They also put some plastic explosive next to the petrol tank, he said.

Koekemoer then led a fuse, which was supposed to burn for about six minutes, from the bomb, through a hole in the backboard to between the front seats.

Barnard then told them that he and Myburgh would drive the Audi to central Johannesburg while Koekemoer and Le Roux would drive in front, Koekemoer told the court.

The car in front was to warn the car behind of any roadblocks.

Barnard also told them that they were building the car bomb to prevent the blacks from going to vote.

The trial, which finished its second week, has 26 AWB members facing 96 charges, including 20 of murder and 45 of attempted murder.

Earlier Koekemoer, who is in protective custody, told the court he had been a lieutenant in the elite Ystergaarde of the AWB at the time of the bombing campaign.

Killing believed to be 'legitimate operation'

BD 28/2/95

STEPHANE BOTHMA

PRETORIA — Former Vlakplaas C10 ... commander Col Eugene de Kock believed the killing ... four suspected bank robbers outside Nelspruit in 1992 ... been a legitimate anti-crime operation, the Transvaal Supreme Court heard yesterday.

"Should my client testify, he would deny any involvement in the planning of the operation at any stage or the execution thereof. To him it was nothing but a bona fide murder and robbery operation with which some of his men had assisted," Flip Hattingh SC for the defence said.

Former murder and robbery captain Chris Geldenhuys testified that the cold-blooded killing of four suspected robbers in an ambush on March 26 1992 had been a carefully planned setup by C10.

De Kock is charged with the four murders. He also faces 117 other charges including murder, conspiracy to murder, theft, fraud, assault and the illegal possession of weapons and ammunition.

Nelspruit chief detective Col Denn ... berts, who had arrived on the scene about half an hour ... ter the alleged ambush, testified that he had noticed De Kock on the scene only about two hours later.

Earlier, Geldenhuys had identified himself as the senior officer in charge of the operation, Alberts told Judge Willem van der Merwe and two assessors.

In a preliminary report on the shootings in which Alberts had listed the policemen present, the name of De Kock had also been omitted.

Despite earlier evidence by Geldenhuys that the so-called robbers had not fired on the police, Alberts told the court that eight spent AK-47 cartridges ... d been found at the scene.

The policemen involved in the alleged ambush had been armed with R5 automatic rifles ... 252 spent R5 shells were also found. Evidence state... hat the "robbers" had been unarmed and that AK-... d handgrenades had been planted in the minibus ... ed by them.

The trial continues today when a video of the ambush scene will be shown in court.

Meyer embroiled in local govt row

BD 28/2/95

WILSON ZWANE

THE Constitutional Development Ministry yesterday accused KwaZulu/Natal traditional affairs minister Nyanga Ngubane of "ignoring provincial autonomy for local government concerns" by requesting direct central government intervention.

Ngubane, in turn, accused Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer of holding up voter registration in areas under chiefs' control by not endorsing a document outlining local government structures for traditional areas.

The Ministry said Ngubane had been informed that the document, known as Annexure A, had to be addressed at provincial level because it fell "within the responsibility of the provincial authority".

"It is, therefore, incomprehensible that Ngubane is now blaming Meyer for not endorsing the Annexure A document. By doing so, he is shirking the responsibility of his provincial government."

The Ministry added that the provincial minister was also "ignoring provincial government concerns by requesting direct intervention from central government".

Nothing should prevent the province from proceeding with voter registration while consultation about the Annexure A document continued.

Ngubane has said chiefs had resolved to allow voter registration in areas under their control only if Meyer endorsed the document.

A key Annexure A proposal is that there should be only traditional councils in traditional areas. It has been estimated that 2,5-million eligible voters live in areas under chiefs.

Meanwhile, the province's local government ministry is fine-tuning a campaign aimed at encouraging eligible voters in the province to register for local government elections.

Provincial local government minister Peter Miller's spokesman Warrick Dorning said the campaign, to be launched soon, would run parallel to a national programme. To date, "just under 1%" or 45 000 people had registered for the elections.

The bulk of the R825 000 to be pumped into the campaign during the current financial year would come from central government, he said.

He said while voter registration in areas under the control of chiefs was the responsibility of Ngubane, some aspects of the communication campaign by Miller's department, such as radio advertisements, "know no boundaries".

AWB members 'laughed over people killed in blast'

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DEBORAH FINE

AWB members laughed and cheered when they heard several people had been killed by the pre-election bombs they planted in Germiston and Pretoria, former AWB lieutenant turned State witness Jacob Koekemoer told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

He said also the right-wingers had planned to plant a 8- to 5-ton bomb "intended for foreign dignitaries... coming to attend the presidential inauguration" outside Jan Smuts Airport, but the plan had been abandoned because they had been unable to steal sufficient explosives.

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Koekemoer was testifying at the trial of 26 other AWB members who have pleaded not guilty to a total of 96 charges in connection with six bomb blasts in Gauteng in April of last year.

Twenty people were killed and 46 wounded in the blasts.

Koekemoer told the court how he helped build the trailer-bomb which exploded outside a Germiston taxi-rank on April 25.

He and four other accused — Etienne Le Roux, Nico Barnard, Abraham Myburgh and Jan de Wet — had placed watergel explosive material plus 40 sticks of plastic explosive into the trailer, which they had then filled with 50kg of an explosive called Anfax, mixed with diesel fuel.

They had used a large steel plate, a sickle, a counterweight, bicycle parts and car tyre rims as bomb schrapnel.

The bomb was taken to Germiston where it was detonated by De Wet and another AWB member — 21-year-old Johannes Vlok, who the police are still looking in connection with the blasts.

Koekemoer had also heard that accused Gert Fourie, Jaco Nel, Petrus Steyn and Jan Kruger had planned to unleash pipe bombs in Pretoria and Westonaria on April 25.

Later that night the AWB members, part of a large task force which had gathered on the Magaliesberg game farm Springfontein, had watched television and had cheered when they heard about the people killed in the blasts.

Kruger had recounted how a black man had picked up the pipe bomb in Westonaria and thrown it under a taxi.

"He laughed when he told us," Koekemoer said.

The case continues today before Deputy Judge President HCJ Flemming and assessors.

NEWS

Royals in Gauteng for only two days

■ STAFF REPORTER

Johannesburg will not see much of Queen Elizabeth II during her South African visit from March 19 to 26.

British High Commission spokesman Nigel Casey said the Queen, accompanied by her husband, Prince Philip, would spend two days in Gauteng — March 23 and 24 — after visiting Port Elizabeth.

She will spend the morning of March 23 in Soweto and will follow the township tour with a luncheon to be hosted by Gauteng Premier Tokyo Sexwale in Midrand.

The royal party continues to Pretoria en route to the presidential guest house, where they will stay on March 23 after attending a Commonwealth dinner hosted by the British High Commission.

Outlining the Queen's itinerary, Casey said the royal yacht Britannia would arrive in Cape Town a few days before the royal couple jetted into the city.

After boarding the yacht in Simon's Town on March 20, the royal couple — accompanied by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and South Africa's High Commissioner in London, Mendi Msimang — will sail from Simon's Town to Cape Town, where they are to be met by President Mandela.

Bits of bicycles used as shrapnel

Accused tells how he made bombs

■ BY MICHAEL SPARKS

An alleged accomplice in the pre-election bombing campaign, allegedly launched by the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday how he and a number of accused built a trailer bomb which exploded in Germiston on April 25 as well as the car bomb which exploded at Jan Smuts Airport on April 27.

Jacob Koekemoer said that he, Etienne le Roux, Cliff Barnard, Abraham Myburgh and Jan de Wet mixed 100 kg of Anfax explosive with diesel and placed it along with a gas bottle which had explosives wrapped around it in the trailer which belonged to the AWB.

Metal sheets, car tyre rims and pieces of bicycles were put in the trailer to act as shrapnel.

Koekemoer said that after the Germiston bomb, Barnard had said he just wanted two more bombs: one three- to five-ton bomb to be built into a tanker similar to a petrol tanker which would scare away dignitaries from the inauguration of President Mandela, and another to go off at Jan Smuts Airport.

Koekemoer said that he, Le Roux, Barnard, Myburgh, Cornelius Botha jun and Gert Alberts had all built the bomb in a white Peugeot which Hercules Coetzee and his brother Andreas had stolen. Hercules was to drive the car to the airport.

Koekemoer told the court how they manufactured the bomb.

The Peugeot left the Waterval shooting range early on the morning of April 27. Soon thereafter they heard cars coming towards them and realised they had better leave the shooting range if they were to escape.

Koekemoer said the car he was in was fired on by police, wounding him in the leg. They later arrived and arranged an ambulance for him and took him back to the shooting range where he was questioned.

The trial continues today.

AWB trial: Bomb maker to face cross-examination

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The chief State witness in the AWB bombing spree trial — who has told the Rand Supreme Court he helped assemble some of the deadly bombs — is due to come under cross-examination today.

Jacob Koekemoer last week told the court he had helped some of the 26 accused AWB members assemble the bombs used in central Johannesburg, Germiston and at Jan Smuts airport before and during last April's election.

His cross examination was postponed to give defence counsel some time to prepare their questions.

All 26 of the accused have pleaded not guilty to 96 charges, including 20 of murder and 46 of attempted murder.

Mr Koekemoer said one of the bombs he helped build was placed into a trailer that he was told belonged to AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Metal sheets, car tyre rims and pieces of bicycles were put in the trailer to act as shrapnel, he said.

Yesterday's proceedings were taken up with the cross examination of State witness Paul Bezuidenhout, who said he had arrived at a secret base near Rustenburg thinking he and other AWB Natal members were there to guard farms in the district. He had been shocked when he realised they were expected to take part in a widespread bombing campaign, he said.

Much of yesterday's court hearing was taken up explaining differences between Mr Bezuidenhout's testimony and disclosures he made in sworn affidavits before the trial.

Mr Bezuidenhout gave evidence in a quiet voice and sometimes contradicted himself on small matters. He said he could not remember others when pressed by defence counsel.

The AWB was in a war situation before general election, court is told

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was in a "war situation" in the days before last year's general election, alleged accomplice Paul Bezuidenhout has told the Rand Supreme Court.

Mr Bezuidenhout said that on Monday, April 25, AWB "general" Nicolaas Prinsloo told those assembled at a game farm near Magaliesberg that the AWB was in a situation of war and that there were "no more games".

He told the court that, later that Monday, people in the hall at the game farm had cheered while watching television news footage of the debris of one of the bombs allegedly planted by rightwingers, with parts of human bodies "lying everywhere".

Mr Bezuidenhout claimed that he had not himself been involved in throwing any bombs, but after moving from the game farm to the Waterval shooting range near Rustenburg, he had seen Serge D'Abbadie going off with a "granny bomb", a kind of pipe bomb which he understood would be used in Benoni.

He had also seen Andreas Coetzee and Johan du Plessis arrive in a white Peugeot that had allegedly been stolen. He later saw Mr Du Plessis leaving in a different car and Mr Coetzee left with the Peugeot soon afterwards.

On Monday, another alleged accomplice Jacob Koekemoer testified that he had built a bomb, which exploded at Jan Smuts Airport, into the boot of the white Peugeot.

Mr Bezuidenhout said that early on the Wednesday morning, people began packing up at the shooting range and were planning to leave the area. However, when the car he was in started to drive away, they realised there was a roadblock so they turned around and raced off in a different direction, and he threw his automatic rifle out the window because he was "not prepared to shoot anyone".

The driver had to turn the car headlights on to see the road as they were going around a corner and police opened fire on them, injuring one of the occupants and puncturing the front wheel.

The car drove on for a few kilometres before it stopped and three of the occupants, including Mr Bezuidenhout, fled, leaving the injured man in the car.

The trial has been postponed to Monday. ARG 1/3/95

AWB was in war situation, court hears

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■ STAFF REPORTER

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging had been in a "war situation" in the days before last year's election, an alleged accomplice to an AWB bombing campaign, Paul Bezuidenhout, told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Bezuidenhout said that on April 25, AWB "general" Nicolaas Prinsloo had told those assembled at a game farm near Magaliesburg that the AWB was in a situation of war and that there were "no more games".

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AWB mutineers 'would be shot'

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DEBORAH FINE

AWB members were told they would be shot if they mutinied or tried to leave the large right-wing task force allegedly responsible for the pre-election bombings in Gauteng last year, former AWB member turned State witness Paul Bezuidenhout told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

He was testifying at the trial of 26 other AWB members who have denied complicity in six bomb blasts which killed 20 people and wounded 46 others last April.

Bezuidenhout, of Durban, said he and other AWB members in Natal had been asked to move to Utrecht in the Transvaal for two weeks during the election period to protect farms in case of violence or war.

Instead, they were taken to the AWB's headquarters in Ventersdorp and then moved to a game farm in the Magaliesberg where they were informed they would be part of a large AWB task force. The force would operate in northern and western Transvaal for about three months.

When the men complained about the length of time they would be required to stay in the Transvaal, they were told they would be shot if they attempted to leave.

Bezuidenhout said he had been shocked when he realised the task force had been planting bombs in Gauteng, but had been too afraid to attempt to flee.

He described how he had heard "talk" of plans to throw pipe bombs in Carletonville and the East Rand and the placing of a large bomb at Jan Smuts Airport.

He had also seen quantities of explosives and hand grenades at the game farm.

The trial was postponed until Monday.

Court is told of 'missing' evidence

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

PRETORIA — Detectives combing the scene where four suspected bank robbers had allegedly been ambushed and killed by Col Eugene de Kock and his underlings had found 252 spent R-5 rifle cartridges, but only 222 of these ended up in the hands of ballistic experts, the Transvaal Supreme Court heard yesterday.

De Kock has pleaded not guilty to 121 charges, including murder, conspiracy to murder, theft, illegal possession of weapons and explosives and fraud.

The court heard that the former Vlakplaas C10 unit commander, several of his men and three Pretoria Murder and Robbery Unit detectives had gunned down the four "robbers" outside Nelspruit on March 26 1992. They were reportedly on their way to rob a bank in Pretoria.

AK-47 rifles and hand grenades were planted in the minibus in which the "robbers" had been travelling before it had been doused with petrol and set alight, the court heard.

Those involved in the ambush later claimed they had fired in self-defence after the "robbers" had opened fire on them with AK-47 rifles.

Nelspruit chief of detectives Col Denn Alberts, who had arrived at the scene shortly after the alleged ambush, stated in his incident report that 252 spent R-5 shells had been found on the scene. Some AK-47 and 9mm shells were also found.

Nelspruit investigating officer Capt Leon Brand had taken possession of the cartridges and without counting them had placed them in a safe at the police station.

When he had counted them a few days later, he had found only 230 R-5 shells and had delivered them personally to the ballistics unit in Pretoria. However, a ballistics report before the court indicated that only 222 shells — 30 fewer than found at the scene — had been tested.

"It is possible that some of the shells had been removed from the scene by policemen," Brand testified, but said he had not witnessed any such action.

Despite the large number of spent R-5 cartridges found on the scene, Brand told the court he had not believed the policemen involved in the shootings had exceeded acceptable force in defending themselves.

"At no stage did I believe that they had fired too many rounds," he told Judge Willem van der Merwe and two assessors.

Trial of AWB members hears of talk on pipe bombs

Sowetan 1/3/95

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By Charity Bhengu

A WITNESS testified in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that while he was at Watervaal shooting range near Rustenburg he heard discussions about a pipe bomb which would be planted in Carletonville.

Mr Paul Bezuidenhout also told the court that at about 3.50am he saw a car leaving the shooting range. There was a bomb in the car, which was destined for Jan Smuts Airport.

Bezuidenhout was giving evidence for the State in the trial of 26 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members who are facing 96 charges which include murder, attempted murder, damage to property, theft and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

The men were allegedly involved in pre-election bombings in April last year.

He said that while leaving the Watervaal shooting range with other AWB members they came to a roadblock where about 20 of them were arrested.

Bezuidenhout, a former AWB member from Natal, told Witwatersrand Deputy Judge President HCJ Flemming that on one occasion when they were at a game farm near Magaliesburg they were told that if they absconded they would be shot as traitors.

They had provisions for only two weeks, but were told that they were going to stay for three months.

The trial will resume on Monday.

NEWS Blacks living in Westonaria constantly harassed by groups of white racists



Businesswoman Mrs Mabel Chappie points to a window pane that was broken when a group of rightwingers stoned and damaged her home in Westonaria on the West Rand. PIC PAT SEBOKO

Fierce rightwingers threaten black lives

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By Joshua Raboroko

RACIAL WAR Fears of a blood bath if blacks retaliate:

SCORES OF BLACKS living in the former Conservative Party-controlled suburb of Westonaria this week claimed their lives were threatened when groups of rightwingers stoned their homes and assaulted their children.

There are fears that this might spark a racial bloodbath.

Residents told Westonaria district police commander Captain Erick Pretorius at a meeting in a private home on Monday that they were subjected to racial hatred from rightwingers who called them "kaffirs".

Reported incidents include an attack on the home of Mr Peter Chappie and a burglary at his hair saloon.

Other incidents include:

- An assault on Ms Nomonde Mvunyiswa's children;
- The arrest and assault of a hawker, Mrs Lena Nkoane, and threats to evict blacks from the suburb.

Others said their complaints were not properly investigated by the police, who formed part of their problems.

Pretorius said they would investigate all the complaints reported to them.

He urged blacks and whites to report criminal behaviour to him or senior police officials. "We have entered a new South Africa and cannot allow injustices in our townships."

Pretorius said he was aware of the racial tensions but appealed to residents not to take the law into their own hands.

He suggested that residents join the Westonaria Committee Police Forum.

Chappie said he was attacked at night last Thursday and Friday. Whites urinated and threw empty cans on his lawn and insulted him. He fired a shot in the air to scare them off last Friday night.

"I punched one of them and my wife Mabel stopped me. I was angry and probably would have killed the man."

The following night his hair saloon was broken into and products estimated at more than R3 500 were stolen. He reported the matter to the police.

Mvunyiswa said she was slapped in the face and her children assaulted with sticks by neighbours. The children were cycling in the street when they were attacked and they sustained injuries.

The matter was reported to the police but nobody has been arrested so far. Nomonde said the neighbours had since fled the area.

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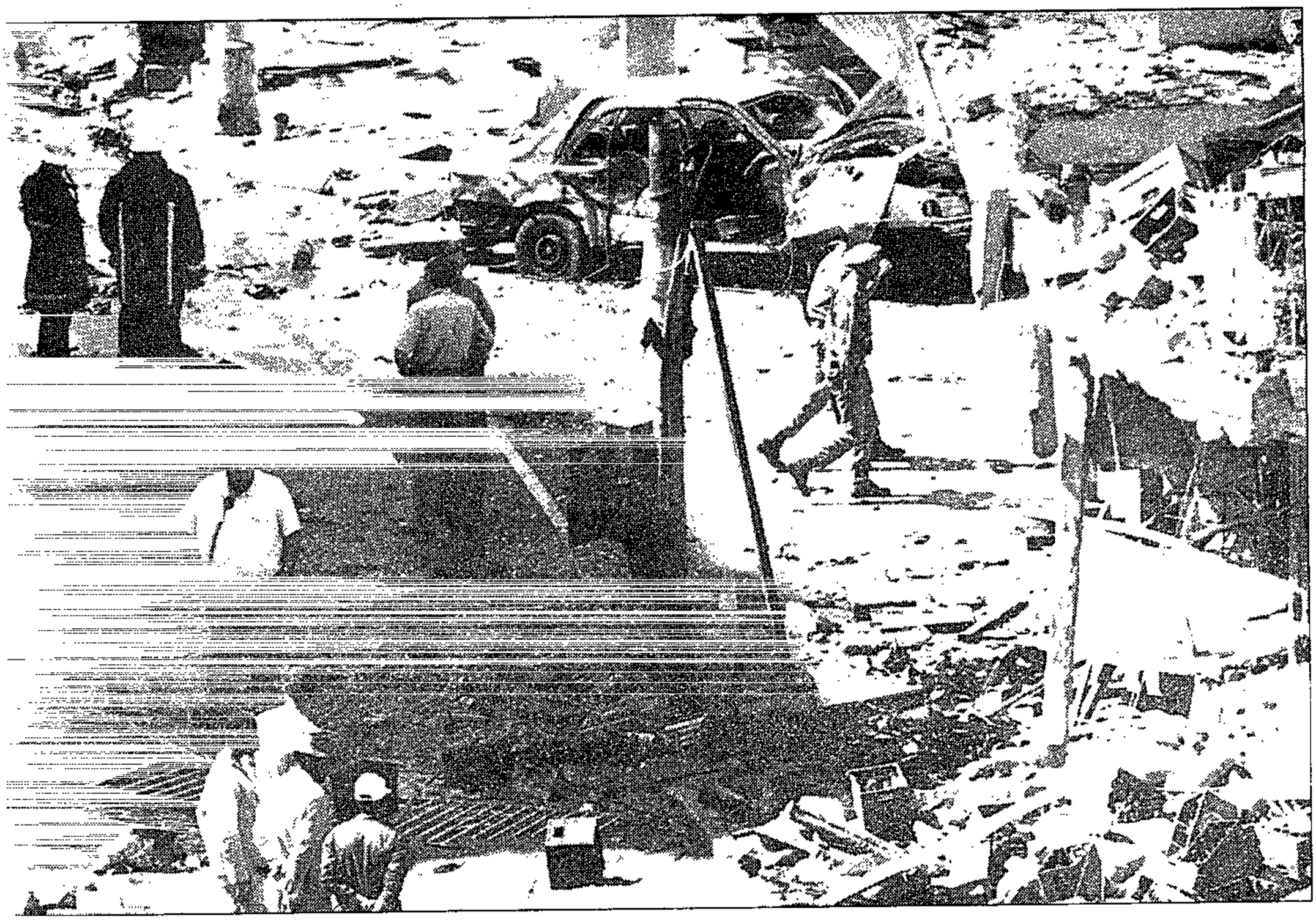

Flashback: The scene of devastation after the explosion in Bree Street just before the elections in April last year

PHOTOGRAPH: HENNER FRANKENFELD

Trial of the bloody bunglers

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Tales of incompetence emerged during the trial of the 26 rightwingers who allegedly went on a bombing spree on the eve of the April elections, reports Gavin du Venage

THE rightwing bombing campaign on the eve of South Africa's first non-racial election, in which at least 20 people were killed, proved to be as vicious as it was incompetent.

The bomb attacks — at Jan Smuts Airport, in downtown Johannesburg and in Germiston — were at the centre of evidence led in the Rand Supreme Court this week during the trial of 26 men charged with 96 counts ranging from murder to illegal possession of explosives.

The court heard that:

- The bomb at the Germiston taxi rank was mounted on a trailer belonging to the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader, Eugene Terre'Blanche.
- AWB members borrowed a car from a Ventersburg resident which was then destroyed in the Bree Street, Johannesburg, bombing.
- AWB members used their private vehicles on the bombing missions.
- AWB members left large quantities of ammunition and explosives in their vehicles at two bases used during the bombing campaign.

At least four former AWB members have testified that they were duped into joining the bombing campaign. Some claimed they were threatened with execution if they attempted to desert.

The star witness for the state, former Ystergarde (Iron Guard) lieutenant Jacob Koekemoer, told the court he had manufactured three of the bombs used in the terror campaign — those used in the Jan Smuts, Bree Street and Germiston taxi rank attacks.

"We were told that the bombs would be used in terrorist attacks against blacks," he told the court.

Koekemoer said he was an expert in using explosives and held a commercial blasting licence.

The Germiston bomb, he said, was built into a trailer that was the personal property of Terre'Blanche. The trailer's registration plate was found by police at one of the AWB bases. The organisation had claimed it had lost the trailer during its disastrous Bophuthatswana campaign.

The Bree Street bomb, he testified, was built into a green Audi driven by one of the accused, Clifford Barnard. Koekemoer said Barnard had borrowed the car from a Ventersdorp resident who had attempted to get his car back on the day it was used for the bombing.

The trial continues on Monday.

AWB 'cheered' bomb blasts

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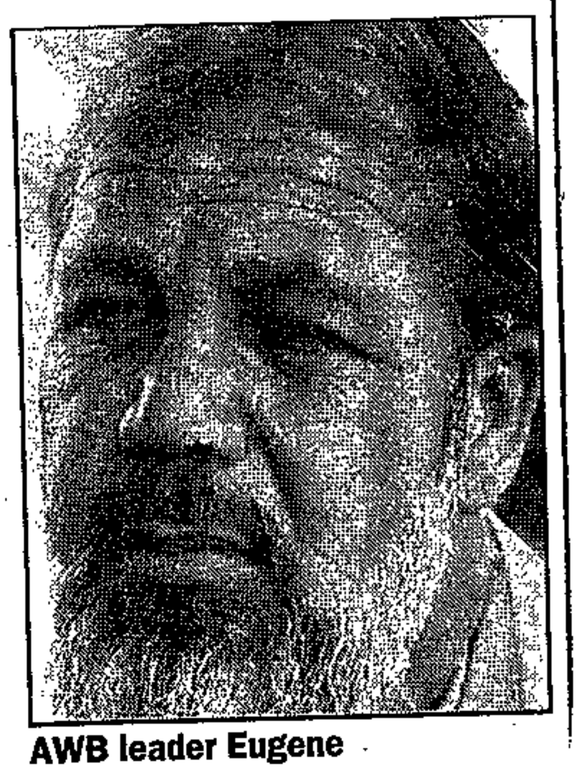
AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging members at a secret base near Rustenburg cheered loudly when they saw a television news programme of the aftermath of one of the bombs set off shortly before last year's election, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Paul Bezuidenhout was giving evidence in the trial of 26 AWB members who have been accused of organising the bombing spree that rocked South Africa. Bezuidenhout claimed a bucket and a cooler box containing explosives were brought into a store shortly after his arrival. He saw an AWB member take a homemade handgre-nade out of the cooler box.

He could not identify under cross-examination the man who brought the explosives in and he admitted that he could not say for sure that the bucket contained pre-mixed explosive powder. Natal AWB members had been brought to the Waterval game farm outside Rustenburg to protect farms in the area for two weeks, he said. He became frightened when told that any deserter would be shot because "a state of war existed", he said.



AWB leader Eugene Terreblanche

Bezuidenhout was asked why he had not tried to escape while on guard duty a few days later. His fellow sentry was a small boy he could easily have overpowered.

"Have you ever seen little boys who can pull triggers?" Bezuidenhout asked, attracting muffled guffaws from AWB supporters in the public gallery. — *Sowetan Correspondent.*

'Cheers' over blast scene

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The case continues. — Sapa

'Betrayal meant death'

'Man of steel' tells of oath to movement

■ BY BRENDAN TEMPLETON

AWB "man of steel" Jacob Koekemoer took an oath of allegiance to the movement's Ystergaarde by saying: "If I turn around, shoot me," the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

He was being cross-examined by defence counsel in the trial of 26 rightwingers accused of involvement in last year's pre-election bombings.

They have pleaded not guilty to 96 counts, including 20 of murder and 46 of attempted murder.

Koekemoer, a State witness, said last week he had helped assemble two bombs, including the Bree Street device that killed nine people.

Defence advocate Louisa van der Walt yesterday asked him why he had felt intimidated when told at a gathering of rightwingers shortly before the bombing campaign that there would be no turning back.

Koekemoer was after all "a man of steel" who had voluntarily been inducted into the Ystergaarde, where he took the oath while a gun was pressed to his head, Van der Walt asked.

Also, he had not yet been told what was to be expected of the men who had gathered at "general" Leon van der Merwe's farm on April 22.

Koekemoer said he was frightened because the instruction meant he would be a "dead man" if he turned away.

He denied he had been drunk when he arrived at the farm. Ystergaarde members were not allowed to drink while on duty and he would have been "disciplined" if inebriated, he said to gales of laughter from rightwingers in the gallery.

Van der Walt also accused Koekemoer of casting in an unnecessarily sinister light a right-wing meeting held on April 2.

She told the court that the meeting had not been a secret gathering of senior AWB officers, but had been open to the public and had been attended by Conservative Party and Boere Krisis Aksie members.

The hearing continues.

Bomb-maker was informer

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JOHANNESBURG: A prosecution witness who built the three car bombs allegedly set off by AWB members before last year's April election was under police orders at the time, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Mr Jacob Koekemoer told the court he had joined the AWB as a police informer — on instructions from his "handler" in the Criminal Intelligence Services.

Defence counsel Mrs Louisa van der Walt put it to him that he had been instructed by the police to build bombs for acts of terror as part of the "third force".

He denied this, but admitted building the three bombs.

He had not contacted his police "handler" while at the farm where the bombs were built, because he had been told that if he deserted he would be shot.

Mr Justice H C J Flemming said there was no sign that he had attempted to stop the course of events from unfolding as they did.

The trial continues. — Sapa

AWB mole badgered on stand

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■ BY BRENDAN TEMPLETON

The chief State witness in the Johannesburg bombing spree trial was hard pressed yesterday to explain his involvement as a police informer in the assembling of three explosives.

Jacob Koekemoer last week told Witwatersrand Deputy Judge President H C J Flemming in the Rand Supreme Court that he had helped build the bombs which rocked Johannesburg and Germiston in the run-up to last year's election, killing 20 people and wounding 46.

Defence advocate Louisa van der Walt yesterday harried him mercilessly: How could he work for the police and simultaneously assemble enormous bombs which he knew would be used to kill innocent people?

The public gallery watched in delight as Koekemoer and Van der Walt crossed swords in heated argument.

Van der Walt wanted to know why Koekemoer, who had worked as a police informer for two years at the time, had not informed the police of the bombs before they exploded. Without his expertise, the bombs could not have been built, it was submitted.

Koekemoer insisted his life was in danger — he was on a remote farm near Rustenburg; he had been told that if he turned tail he would be shot; he dared not call the police on the antiquated party-telephone lines at the AWB base because they were prone to eavesdropping; he believed he would be killed if he did not build the bombs; and his attempts to alert the authorities had come to naught, he said.

After Van der Walt had pressed on with this line of questioning once too often, Koekemoer turned to the judge and pleaded: "If the advocate could have been in my shoes, how would she have felt? It was my life or another person's life."

Mr Justice Flemming retorted: "Not another one person, but another 20 or 100 other people. Answer the question."

Van der Walt continued, insisting he had actively participated in the bombing campaign and had made only "poor, little attempts" to stop the carnage.

The 26 AWB members on trial have pleaded not guilty to charges arising from the bombing campaign, including murder and attempted murder.

The trial resumes today.

AWB bomb builder 'a third force agent'

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FORMER Ystergaarde lieutenant Jacob Koekemoer, who turned state witness against 26 alleged AWB bombers, was accused yesterday of being a "third force" agent after he told the Rand Supreme Court he had been a police spy.

Defence counsel Louisa van der Walt accused him of being an operative who was ordered to disrupt last year's elections and smear the AWB's name. She made the accusation after Koekemoer, who earlier admitted to building the six bombs which killed 20 people and wounded 46 others in Gauteng last year, made a surprise announcement during cross-examination that he was a police informer.

Koekemoer told the court he had been an informer for the Criminal Intelligence Service (CIS) for two years before he had volunteered to infiltrate the Ystergaarde, the AWB's elite guard, in December 1993.

He maintained he had joined up with a special AWB task force shortly before the elections simply to gather information, but had been forced to build bombs for the 26 accused because he feared they would suspect he was an informer and kill him. A qualified mine blaster, Koekemoer admitted the accused could not have built the bombs without his help.

He was asked by Van der Walt why he had not contacted his CIS "handler" after the first bomb exploded in Bree Street, Johannesburg, on April 24, but had continued to build more bombs until April 27. Koekemoer replied there had not been "a safe opportunity" for him to do so and he had been given strict orders not to endanger his life.

DEBORAH FINE

He strenuously denied he had deliberately failed to inform police of the planned terror campaign because he had been ordered to build the bombs by a third force.

"The Bree Street bomb was terrible. You built that bomb. You saw the damage it caused, you saw the fatalities and injured people. You did not share Ystergaarde sentiments, you were a police informer, yet you were not prepared to risk telephoning the CIS to prevent further deaths. Your safety was more important," Van der Walt said.

"You built the bombs because you were ordered to make the AWB's name mud. You were ordered to create chaos, sow a fear psychosis and disrupt the elections," she said.

"No. If they were prepared to kill all those innocent people, what would they have done to me if they had found out I was an informer. They would not have hesitated to kill me," Koekemoer replied.

"But the CIS would have arrived within minutes with helicopters and automatic weapons to rescue you and stop the bombs if you had phoned. You were left completely alone part of the time, you could have phoned or even tried to run away," Van der Walt submitted.

"What if I had run onto an AWB farm? What if one of their patrols had found me. It was a 'my life or yours' situation. I did not plant the bombs, I only built them," he replied.

"It was not one life. It was 20, 40 or 100 lives," presiding Judge HCJ Flemming said.

'Lack of clarity' in Bill of Rights

MARK ASHURST

THE intentions of the drafters of the interim constitution would not carry "too much importance" with judges, who would struggle to interpret the legislation consistently, Wits law professor Dennis Davis claimed yesterday.

Judges would try to compensate for a lack of clarity in the Bill of Rights, he told an Institute for the Advancement of Journalism workshop on human rights and the media, held in Johannesburg.

"They have to give this legislation as much coherence as possible ... it is quite clear judges are not going to pay too much attention to what the drafters said."

The Bill of Rights in chapter 3 of the constitution enshrined vertical rights of citizens in relation to the state, but neglected horizontal rights between individuals.

He said this was largely due to the perceived past failures of judicial interference. BD 9/3/95

He predicted chapter 3 would become contentious as courts came under pressure from claimants seeking protection in disputes related to discrimination and affirmative action.

Davis said judges would not be "particularly interested" in the debate over horizontal and vertical rights.

The entire Bill was "up for grabs" pending review of the interim constitution by the Constitutional Assembly.

Right-wing bombing trial fizzles along

A POLICE mole had difficulty explaining to the Rand Supreme Court this week how he could build bombs he knew were to kill innocent civilians, writes BRENDAN TEMPLETON.

THE Rand Supreme Court trial of 26 rightwingers accused of pre-election bombings is no African version of the O J Simpson trial. While the testimony of a string of State witnesses has shown signs of igniting a tinderbox of damning evidence, much of it has fizzled along amid uncomfortable contradictions.

Chief among these is the star witness for the State — Jacob Koekemoer, police mole and supposed mastermind behind the construction of bombs which killed 20 people and caused damage estimated at about R75-million before the April election.

Koekemoer has had difficulty explaining how he, as a police agent, could build three massive bombs and about 20 smaller ones which he knew were intended to kill innocent civilians.

He has been harried mercilessly by defence counsel Louisa van der Walt on his failure to alert his handlers as the bombs made their deadly way to the Reef from an AWB base on a Krugersdorp farm.

He admitted he was alone on the farm while other AWB members delivered the lethal cargo that shook Bree Street, Johannesburg, on April 24.

The farm was equipped with a telephone and a radio linked to a nearby police station. Koekemoer, a solidly built, tall man, has repeatedly insisted that he feared for his life. The telephone was on a party line and he feared that a radio call to the police could be intercepted by other rightwingers who would not have hesitated to kill him.

On this point Van der Walt harried Koekemoer for two days. The advocate made a habit of extending a bony finger at Koekemoer, asking whether he seriously expected the court to believe that he — a "man of steel", a police informer used to working undercover on dangerous missions — was capable of experiencing fear. Koekemoer admitted to it on each occasion: yes, isolated in a situation which was rapidly running out of control, he was terrified.

On Wednesday he took "great exception" to the advocate's insinuation that he had been ordered by police to build the bombs. At one stage, he turned to Mr Justice H C J Flemming and said: "If the advocate could have been in my shoes, how would she have felt? It was my life or another person's life."

Flemming retorted: "Not another one person, but another 20 or 100 other people."

Van der Walt's apparent refusal to accept his testimony has Koekemoer constantly on the back foot. It is also affecting his evidence. He was asked on Thursday to say whether a mugshot in the court photograph album was of one of the accused. After examining the picture for several seconds, he was unwilling to give an unequivocal answer. Whether this was because of inconsistency in his evidence or nervousness will have to be decided by the court.

Van der Walt has also managed to worry several other witnesses, much to the delight of family of the accused, who have sat through the proceedings in virtual silence.

Whether her tactics will undermine the solid wall of evidence the State is attempting to build around the men in the dock remains to be seen.

AWB man 'trained Inkatha hit squads'

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG: A man who claims to have trained "Third Force" assassins and Inkatha members for the AWB has been arrested after police found two bodies in graves on a Heidelberg farm.

The man told police he had been a member of the British armed forces until he became a mercenary here in 1993. He joined the AWB when they approached him to train Inkatha members for hit squads.

Claiming to have been a key operative in a destabilising campaign aimed at fomenting black-on-black violence, he provided police with nooses, guns and a map of secret graves last week before leading them directly to the two bodies of youths he said he had killed.

The suspect claimed there were at least 15 more bodies buried on the farm where he allegedly ran a training camp.

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UK mercenary claims he enjoyed killing for AWB

BY CHERYL HUNTER

A British man who claims to have trained Third Force assassins and Inkatha members for the AWB has been arrested after police found two bodies in graves on a Heidelberg farm on Saturday.

Police spokesman Colonel Piet van Deventer said the bodies were badly decomposed and had been buried for at least 18 months.

The suspect said he had killed both youths found in the grave. He apparently told police that one of the bodies was that of "Lucky", a 17-year-old from Katlehong who was, the suspect said, nervous during a raid and fired too few rounds. The other was an unnamed 19-year-old youth, also from the East Rand.

He claimed that there were at least 15 more bodies buried on the farm where he allegedly ran a training camp.

Police confirmed that they would be searching for further bodies on the property and that evidence had been found of shooting ranges, ammunition hides and an assault course on the property.

The self-confessed mercenary claimed to have sent his charges out on raiding parties to local ANC settlements with instructions to come back with prisoners. The man, who cannot be named until he has appeared in the Heidelberg Magistrate's Court today, told police he had been a member of the British armed forces until he became a mercenary here in 1993.

He claimed to have joined the AWB that same year when he was approached to train Inkatha members from the East Rand for hit squads.

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Mercenary in AWB killings

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He said the trainees had killed the prisoners on at least six occasions.

Two of the 36-year-old Briton's associates — identified only as "British twins" from Nuneaton, central England — were questioned at the weekend, but later released because there was no evidence to link them to the murders.

The mercenary claimed to have been paid by the AWB in itially, but said his payment was taken over by hostel dwellers.

The man has admitted to taking part in hit-squads responsible for attacks on minibuses and taxi ranks, the manufacture of bombs and the hanging of four Inkatha trainees.

He said he had killed the men because he was angry with Inkatha for not paying the money he was owed for recruits. He hanged a man for every hour's delay after demanding payment.

"I would be a liar if I said I didn't enjoy killing, but I don't want to sound deranged," he told a London journalist.

He told the same reporter that the AWB was "a farce — fighting with a gun in one hand and a beer in the other" and that he had infiltrated the organisation at the request of his handler — "Riaan" — in the National Intelligence Service.

AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche said the organisation would hold a press conference in the Pretoria City Hall tomorrow night to respond to the claims.

IFP general secretary Dr Ziba Jiyane has denied the IFP ever received training from the AWB.

AWB bomb maker 'in fear of life'

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☐ *Could have warned police*

JOHANNESBURG. — Police informer Jacob Koekemoer told the Rand Supreme Court that while it would have been possible to sabotage the bombs he was making for the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), he feared for his life if he did so.

Mr Koekemoer said that although it would have been posssible to not connect the fuses properly on the 16 pipe bombs he made, he would not have been able to get away with it.

He said Cliff Barnard was the "brain behind the bombs".

"I built those bombs to save lives. If I had not built them someone else would have and they might have built them stronger," he said.

He admitted it was a mistake not to try harder to contact the police and warn about the bombs.

Mr Koekemoer was giving evidence against 26 AWB members facing 96 charges, including 20 of murder and 46 of attempted murder, for their alleged part in the pre-election bombing campaign last year.

During his fourth day of cross-examination, Mr Koekemoer spent much of the time trying to explain apparent discrepancies in three statements, his evidence-in-chief and answers under cross examination.

But there were a number of errors, he said.

He apologised to the court a number of times for any mistakes he had made.

The trial continues today.

ET storms out of TV debate

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) leader Eugene Terre'Blanche ripped off his microphone and stormed off the set of CCV's Newsline programme in a fury over a discussion about last year's shooting of three AWB members in the former Bophuthatswana.

Newsline presenter Leslie Mashokwe said tension arose earlier yesterday evening when fellow studio guest, North-West premier Popo Molefe, tried to shake hands with an Ystergaarde member and was ignored.

Mr Terre'Blanche had then refused have a black make-up artist assist him.

During the TV discussion he burst out that since President Mandela had said it was useless to talk about bringing the killer of the AWB three to justice, there was no point in talking — so he was leaving the set.

He then dumped his microphone in Mr Molefe's lap and stormed out.

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AWB wants Bop 'murderers'

The AWB would act if the policeman who shot and killed three AWB members in Mmabatho last year was not brought to justice, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche warned last night.

He told a crowd of about 700 in Pretoria City Hall he had lost all confidence in a judicial system "where murderers are maintaining law and order".

TerreBlanche said North West premier Popo Molefe admitted in a discussion they had had on CCV's *Newsline* on Monday night that the policeman was still employed.

When he asked the premier where the policeman was, he reacted with "obvious venom and hate against my people, saying I was trying to conduct inferior negotiations".

Addressing himself to Molefe, he added: "Murderers are maintaining your peace. I want nothing to do with your peace. I will rather opt for war."

Among the enthusiastic crowd were children dressed in AWB uniforms and a boy carrying a gun on his hip.

AWB publicity official, Fred Rundle, who was the first speaker, warned the Government it had to produce a positive response to the movement's submissions on amnesty for rightwingers in prison before April 13.

"After that I will wash my hands and then they can deal with the militants. I am becoming a militant myself."

Rundle, who delivered his speech in English, said the AWB would "seriously consider" a request to open an overseas office if its demands on amnesty were not met.

"We will use the office to raise funds for our people in this hell-hole which has been created for whites and we will tell the world they cannot invest in chaos. If necessary we will petition the United Nations."

TerreBlanche called on his supporters not to register for local elections.

"I also plead with the Conservative Party not to give this communist system legitimacy by taking part in the election. It is not too late to withdraw."

— Sapa.

AWB slams George Fivas

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THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging executive council at the weekend accused Police Commissioner General George Fivaz of attempting to gloss over the killing of three AWB members in Bophuthatswana last March.

Fivas said AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche had admitted the group "murdered" 50 people in the former homeland.

The council called statements by Fivaz blatant lies and said after a March 13 TV debate on *Newsline*, when North-West premier Mr Popo Molefe admitted the policeman responsible for shooting AWB members was still employed, it was obvious Fivaz was also protecting the "brutal murderer".

The council said gross negligence and cooperation with the African National Congress-led Government had forced Fivaz to attempt to move attention away from the shooting of their men. "The general staff and executive committee of the AWB regard Fivaz' statements and his undertakings as pathetic," the AWB council said.

Describing the AWB version of events, the council said the AWB convoy was led into an ambush after being ordered to leave Bophuthatswana by the former homeland's foreign affairs minister Mr Rowan Cronjé, Colonel Jan Breytenbach, representative of General Constand Viljoen, and the then South African army chief General Georg Meiring. The ambush against the withdrawing AWB convoy of bakkies and cars was apparently planned and implemented by the mutinous Bophuthatswana army using armoured vehicles armed with 40 cannon.

When a number of AWB vehicles were destroyed, the organisation's officers transferred wounded members to other vehicles while able AWB retaliated to enable the wounded to be evacuated. Three members of the AWB who apparently left the convoy to get petrol were then "cold-bloodedly murdered". — *Sapa.*

State witness accused of telling 'a bunch of lies'

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FORMER AWB commandant turned State witness Ronald "Doppies" Treurnicht yesterday accused another AWB member turned State witness, Jacob Koekemoer, of telling the Rand Supreme Court "a bunch of lies".

Treurnicht, who was arrested in Port Nolloth last week after spending 10 months on the run, was testifying at the trial of 26 other AWB members accused of complicity in six bomb blasts which killed 20 people and wounded 46 others in Gauteng last April.

Koekemoer, who claims to have infiltrated the AWB as a police spy, said last week the accused had forced him to build two car bombs, a trailer bomb and about 19 pipe bombs with which to conduct a terror campaign against blacks and disrupt the elections.

He said Treurnicht had "enthusiastically volunteered" to throw a pipe bomb at a taxi rank on the East Rand.

Accusing Koekemoer of lying, Treurnicht denied he had volunteered to throw the bomb and said he had simply accompanied another accused, Johannes Olivier, to the East Rand.

He and Olivier had been stopped at a police roadblock near Benoni on April 26. Olivier was arrested after a shootout with police, while he had managed to escape.

At the start of the trial, before Treurnicht's arrest, advocate Harry Prinsloo, appearing for Olivier, said Olivier would testify Treurnicht had held a firearm to his head and forced him to crash through the roadblock.

Olivier had not known about the pipe bombs in the car and had assumed Treurnicht had put them there.

Treurnicht said Olivier had decided of his own accord to drive through the roadblock. He said Olivier had been very aware of the bombs in the car.

Admitting there was "bad blood" between him and Olivier, Treurnicht said he was involved in a relationship with Olivier's daughter. The case continues today.

Sold out to police - for a good story?

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The actions of a British paper led to the arrest of a mercenary accused of third force killings. Did they double-cross a murderer for the sake of a good story? **Eddie Koch** reports

THE London *Sunday Times* is facing controversy over its role in the arrest of a mercenary who was its source in an exposé of South African third force murders.

that shows where Lucky and 14 other victims of the third force unit were allegedly buried.

Rayment's newspaper, *The Sunday Times* of London, then decided to fly Chadwick and the reporter out to South Africa to corroborate the claims. During the expedition, the journalist interviewed a number of contacts who partially confirmed the mercenary's story — and then he went out with four companions, armed with the sketch map, to find the hard evidence.

"We worked quietly by moonlight: a quarter of a mile away was the home of a white farmworker known as the



In the firing line: British mercenary Tyrone Chadwick with rightwing SA friends

PHOTOGRAPH: JOHAN KUUS

When Tim Rayment's shovel touched the head of a black youth who had been shot in the back of the head and buried in a mielie-field on a Heidelberg farm, in Gauteng, the reporter uncovered the biggest story of his life and an ethical nightmare.

Rayment and his colleagues had been digging for a few hours in the middle of the night hoping to find evidence that would support claims by a British mercenary called Tyrone Chadwick that the farm was a base where Inkatha hit squads were trained by members of the AWB, when they came across the corpse of "Lucky".

In London six weeks earlier, Chadwick had told the reporter that British mercenaries and members of the Afrikanerweerstandsbeweging (AWB) had used the farm to train black volunteers for hit squads and that these units were then sent out to attack minibuses, taxi ranks and "ANC settlements" on the East Rand.

Chadwick said he personally shot Lucky, a 17-year-old from Katlehong, in the neck because the youngster had shown a marked lack of enthusiasm during one of these hit squad operations. The mercenary said he then finished the boy off with a bullet in the back of the head and killed another youth before burying both. And in an effort to back these grisly claims he drew a sketch map of the training base 'colonel', whose sitting room is dominated by two portraits of Eugene Terre'Blanche, the AWB leader and a drinks bar fashioned by an upright coffin. Chadwick was there enjoying a braai with the colonel and plying him with whisky so that he would not notice our camera flashes," explained Rayment.

"After 20 minutes an armed farm patrol came across our car, which was parked at the side of a remote dirt track, and moved towards us with their guns cocked (during these tense moments one of the spades was standing in a heap of fresh earth clearly visible in the moonlight). Two of our party went to greet them, claiming to be looking for the colonel's barbecue. While they drove off to join the braai, we kept absolutely still, then returned to dig ... His head emerged first, coated in dark grey soil, three or four feet down."

With the discovery of the corpse, *The Sunday Times* terminated its trip, flew back home and published an exclusive inside story. That report notes Chadwick's evidence could provide the government here with vital evidence about "one of South Africa's dirtiest secrets" — the third force and the causes of internecine violence in the country.

But before they left the reporters did something else. They consulted lawyers and, apparently as a result of this, details given to them by their source reached police investigators. Within hours, Chadwick and an alleged accomplice in the AWB were arrested and are now sitting in prison.

Did the British reporters "shop" their source? If so, did they breach an ethical code that governs journalists doing this kind of investigation? Rules that say your sources have to be protected no matter how unsavoury they may be. Should they have warned Chadwick before going to the lawyers? The reply from Richard Ellis, managing editor of *The Sunday Times*, is unequivocal.

"Chadwick agreed to be named in any article, and was willing for his incriminating claims about his alleged part in atrocities to be printed, even though he was aware of the dangers to himself. He co-operated by providing information, posing for photographs and giving names of alleged associates. There was never any question of protecting his identity as a 'source'. We had a clear moral, ethical, legal and journalistic duty to act in the way we did ..."

Experts on investigative reporting say this is a real-life case study of the kind of moral and professional conundrums they put to cadets back in journalism school — but they are undecided about how these issues should be handled by members of the media, on which journalist practise is based ...

Jeanette Minnie, executive director of the Freedom of Expression Foundation, said: "It's a real dilemma. In circumstances like this they were walking a fine line between publishing an important story in the public interest and aiding and abetting a possible crime. Had their information not been handed to the police as soon as practicable, they could have been accused of helping a criminal escape from justice. They could even have faced criminal charges themselves."

David Dison, a media lawyer in Johannesburg, said: "The rules of ethical journalism state clearly that journalists should not become players in the events they are reporting. In this sense, they should publish their stories and then leave it up to the police to investigate details. I would say there was a slight breach of these ground rules in this case but that this was overridden by the political morality of their behaviour."

Hugh Lewin, acting director of the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism, commented: "It sounds to me like these guys were ill-prepared and they now look slightly ridiculous because they had not equipped themselves for the obvious possible consequences of their investigation. They have got themselves into a difficult situation by breaking every moral precept

"You don't make an agreement with crooks, you don't make deals with people who come to you with dubious motives especially when you are dealing with a delicate situation like that in South Africa where we have issues concerning third force activities, amnesty and the Truth Commission. This is not a game."

The reporter, Tim Rayment, says: "This was a difficult assignment, with moments of acute soul searching. Even after finding the body, I found large parts of Tyrone Chadwick's story very doubtful. But important parts were true, and the young man's corpse was real. My instinct was to keep going.

"In *The Sunday Times* office 6 000 miles away, my employers were more objective. They felt that with the discovery of a murder victim, a journalist's duty to research gives way to another imperative: to consult lawyers about what you have found ... I did not speak to the police, played no part in Chadwick's arrest, and refused to be part of any entrapment."

●Chadwick and alleged accomplice Marthinus Venter have already appeared in court on murder charges and have been refused bail. Police unearthed two bodies on the farm but have so far failed to find evidence of other corpses that Chadwick claims are there.

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four rightwingers held, more inauguration targeted: Bomb plot

Bomb plot

NORMAN CHANDLER

A 10-MONTH investigation by a police undercover team has resulted in the detention of four rightwingers who were allegedly part of a plot to bomb last year's presidential inauguration.

Had the bombing succeeded, it could have had incalculable international repercussions.

Among the victims may have been, besides President Mandela and members of South Africa's new Cabinet, world leaders such as United States Vice-President Al Gore, Hillary Clinton (wife of US President Bill Clinton), the Duke of Edinburgh, United Nations secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali, PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Cuba's Fidel Castro. The four men detained — they have not been identified as yet, but at least one of them is alleged to be a policeman — are due to appear in the Pretoria Regional Court next week on charges relating to theft and the illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives. This is, according to information given to the WeekendStar, the first step in a wider investigation.

How close were they to being attacked?



US FIRST LADY: Hillary Clinton.



AMERICA'S No 2: Al Gore.

A spokesman for the Regional Court prosecutor's office told WeekendStar yesterday: "The case has been set down for a five-minute hearing." Charge sheets are in the process of being formulated.

A member of the undercover team has told WeekendStar that other, more serious, allegations are being looked into.



UN CHIEF: Boutros-Ghali.

There are also certain to be more arrests, including some of the country's top right-wing personalities. The list of these names is said to "read like a who's who in right-wing politics".

A decision is to be taken soon on whether the suspects are to be charged jointly or separately on various counts, or be given the chance to become State witnesses. A decision is expected to be taken by the attorney-general of the Transvaal.

The appearances by the four next week will mark the culmination of months of work by a special taskforce and comes as a result of the successful infiltration of right-wing organisations throughout the country.

For months before the inauguration, there was continual speculation about the possibility of a "spectacular right-wing plan" to disrupt the inauguration. It was said variously to be either a mor-

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tar or rocket attack, a bomb planted somewhere in the area, or that sharpshooters would fire at people on the podium.

Also there were published reports of how police had foiled a plot which police immediately denied as speculation.

But it can now be revealed that evidence of a plan to attack the inauguration was discovered only days before the inauguration took place. That information resulted in an immediate and unprecedented security operation being put into place.

It involved the police, army, air force, the secret services of all arms of the defence force, and the then National Intelligence Service (now split into the National Intelligence Agency and the South African Secret Service).

Special mortar-proof sheets of glass were fitted to the podium at the Union Buildings and regular checks were made of the construction site.

Suburban areas close to the site were also cordoned off and stringent security checks made of parked vehicles and civilians in the area.

First disclosure on the nature of the security blanket came from General Georg Meiring, Chief of the SA National Defence Force, when he addressed the media on the defence budget in Cape Town two weeks ago.

He said fighter aircraft had been airborne throughout inauguration day to "prevent a rumoured crank from bombing the president ... with a hand grenade".

Inauguration bomb plot: Arrests made

By DESMOND BLOW

FOUR right-wingers have been arrested for an alleged plot to bomb last year's Presidential inauguration at the Union Buildings in Pretoria which was attended by many of the world's leaders.

When City Press disclosed the plot last year, the police, though admitting they had been informed about such a plot, denied that it existed. CP 26/3/95

The four are due to appear in the Pretoria Regional Court next Friday.

They will be charged with offences relating to the theft and illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and explosives. B44

Police are also investigating further charges and more arrests are expected.

It is believed police have infiltrated right-wing organisations since the City Press report and top right-wing personalities could be among the expected further arrests.

City Press reported last year that there was a plot to mortar bomb the inauguration which would have imperilled the lives of State President Nelson Mandela and world personalities and leaders such as Al Gore, vice-president of the United States; Fidel Castro of Cuba; Hillary Clinton, wife of US President Bill Clinton; the Duke of Edinburgh; United Nations secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali, PLO leader Yasser Arafat and numerous others.



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The police admitted to City Press at the time that they had been tipped off about such a plot and said they had taken pre-emptive measures.

They had raided various right-wing organisations but had failed to find any mortars.

In fact, they said, they had not found anything to support the information they had received.

However, according to City Press's informants, the plotters were tipped off about the intended raids and the mortars were removed and the plot aborted.

One of the four people arrested is believed to be a policeman.

Rightwing gears up for local poll

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Jan Taljaard

THE first salvoes in the battle for the rightwing vote in November's local government elections have been fired by two big rightwing guns, Ferdi Hartzenberg and Constand Viljoen.

Competing against the rain, rugby and Queen Elizabeth's visit to the capital last week, neither the Freedom Front's (FF) Viljoen nor Conservative Party (CP) leader Hartzenberg succeeded in drawing the kind of pre-election crowds so reminiscent of yesteryears' Afrikaner politics.

Ironically enough it was the Viljoen who struck the more militant chord when he stated that the ANC's idea of a "rainbow nation" was a failure and the only road for the Afrikaners was to unite and strive for self-determination.

For his part Hartzenberg explained at length why it was necessary for CP supporters to vote, also stating that the CP has irrevocably come to the conclusion that President Nelson Mandela and the government have no intention of accommodating the Afrikaner.

Surprisingly, Eugene Terre-'Blanche, who had ostensibly been on his way to being written off as a political figure, managed to draw almost twice as many supporters as Viljoen and Hartzenberg combined when he addressed a meeting in the Pretoria City Hall the week before.

Apart from the usual belligerent rhetoric, his message on voting was unequivocal: AWB supporters will not vote and neither should those supporting the CP.

Behind the public platforms, some strange potential bedfellows are nevertheless warily starting to eye each other.

While the National Party, FF and CP have consistently denied there is any possibility of an election coalition between any of them, speculation is rife about a recent meeting held between NP leader FW de Klerk and Viljoen.

Purportedly an attempt to investigate possible avenues of co-operation as far as "cultural" self-determination for Afrikaners is concerned, the meeting has also given rise to rumours of a possible election pact.

These rumours have since been strongly discounted by NP spokesmen such as Nick Koornhof, who said any such alliance would be impossible as long as the FF does not regard "coloured" Afrikaans speakers as Afrikaners.

But even those who do not want rightwingers to vote in the local government elections readily acknowledge the socially redeeming value of voting.

Says one, Fritz Meyer, chairman of the so-called Boere-Republikeinse Verkiesingskommitee (Boer Republican Election Commission or BVK): "The Afrikaner likes to vote. The social aspects associated with this will once again build up their morale, self respect and expectations for the future".

For Messrs Van Zyl Slabbert and company of the Local Government Elections Task Group, this is not necessarily good news. The enthusiasm Meyer speaks of is aimed at a "Boere Election" to be held quite separately from the local government elections.

"There will be those participating in the Azanian elections and those participating in the Boer elections," Meyer declared when he introduced the BVK. In cahoots with Meyer are organisations such as the AWB and the Boerestaat Party.

The only party not wanting any part of any elections — be they official or alternative — is the staunchly belligerent Herstigte Nasionale Party. Holding its annual congress behind closed doors for the first time in 25 years this year, the party nevertheless let it be known that come election day its supporters will not be making their crosses anywhere.

Inauguration bomb plot: (344) 4 in court

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NORMAN CHANDLER

A SECURITY force strategy to neutralise an alleged plot to bomb the presidential inauguration last year had its sequel in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday when four men appeared briefly on charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

Other counts, such as illegal possession of explosives, are being considered.

Charges against three of the four were "temporarily withdrawn" for what a spokesman for the office of the Transvaal attorney-general called "logistical reasons". It is understood that they might, at a later date, be charged separately.

The men were arrested 17 days before the inauguration took place, a move which sources in Pretoria said yesterday was indicative of police infiltration of suspect political organisations.

The men were identified in court documents as Christiaan Hendrik Jansen (36), policeman Dirk Cornelius Janse van Noordwyk (37), Oelof Vorster (no age given) and Jacobus J Kotze (40). All are from Pretoria.

Kept in custody

Vorster is now the only one who is due to appear again in the same court on June 6.

According to the charge sheet, the men were arrested on April 24 and kept in custody until August 12, when they successfully applied for bail. Jansen, Van Noordwyk and Vorster received bail of R2 000 each and Kotze R5 000.

Attorney-general spokesman Riegal du Toit confirmed yesterday that Vorster alone would appear in regard to the charges. His appearance is scheduled for June 6. Du Toit said: "When I have finished with Vorster I will proceed against the others separately."

He said he was not aware of the four having been allegedly involved in a plot directed at the inauguration, but added: "We will have to wait and see what emerges during the course of the trial. The charges that are being drawn up involve the alleged illegal possession of weapons, ammunition and explosives."

It was revealed by WeekendStar last week that a police undercover team had swooped on alleged right-wingers in advance of and during the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela in order to ensure the safety of the leaders of 182 nations and organisations present

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at the ceremony.

There was widespread speculation at the time that swoops had taken place and that police were particularly concerned about mortar or bomb attacks being launched on inauguration day. It was for this reason that special mortar-proof glass was installed on the presidential podium, but police denied at the time a bomb plot had been uncovered.

It is understood that because of what the undercover team found, a decision was taken to put a massive security blanket in place. This resulted in hundreds of troops being moved into strategic positions, the cancellation of police and army leave, and special security checks being carried out on vehicles.

Five days prior to the inauguration, the South African Air Force announced that the skies above Pretoria would be kept as "uncluttered as possible" and that air space would be strictly controlled.

A radar curtain was also put into operation.

Three hundred provincial traffic police and every available Pretoria traffic constable worked with the military, and hospitals throughout the capital were placed on standby in case of emergencies.

In some cases, complete wards were emptied of patients to make available as many beds as possible. Anyone entering the security area around the Union Buildings was searched twice.

There was speculation that the measures adopted "appeared to be aimed at curbing any airborne threat to Mandela". This was confirmed in Cape Town three weeks ago by General Georg Meiring, Chief of the SA National Defence Force, who told a defence budget media briefing that the air space had been cleared to stop "a crank" from bombing the inauguration.

AWB formed by Vorster government

Plan backfired and resulted in rise of militant neo-Nazis, says secret document

THE Vorster government anticipated a black majority government and set out to form the nucleus of a right-wing army 'to protect the whites', according to an official document leaked to WeekendStar. NORMAN CHANDLER reports.

AN astonishing official document leaked to WeekendStar claims the AWB did not arise spontaneously from the political urgings of conservative Afrikaners but was formed by the B J Vorster government "to protect the interests of whites".

It says the AWB was established in 1973 as "a resistance organisation" and to provide the basis of a right-wing army. It was hoped that this, with the volkstaat concept, would appease militant rightist aspirations.

The dream of a volkstaat is still the rallying cry of Afrikaners, and even Parliament has established a Volkstaat Council which is advising the Government of National Unity on how self-determination for the Afrikaner can be attained.

The council will table

Describing how the AWB was formed, the document says "(General Tienie) Groenewald and other persons were brought together by a government representative (not named).

"It was said (to them) that a resistance organisation had to be established, and an army built up, to protect the interests of whites."

Members of the group were apparently consulted by the Ministry of Law and Order (now known as Safety and Security) and became founder members of the AWB.

TerreBlanche was chosen as leader and the rest of the founders, including Groenewald, were appointed to the management council (hoofraad) — "the management council worked in association with the Government and Terre-

The result of this pressure was the release of Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the ANC, PAC and South African Communist Party.

This was followed by negotiations between the Government and various parties which culminated in the formation of the Government of National Unity, with Nelson Mandela as the country's first black president.

The document gives this background to the formation of the AWB: "As a result of pressure from outside the country and from certain political groups, the National Party (then the governing party) was encouraged to state its future policy and was at the same time under the impression that it was losing support from the electorate. This meant also that right-wingers would lose."

later this month in the Constitutional Assembly various proposals for such a state, including its boundaries and a viability study. Maps of the proposed "homeland" are to be provided as well.

AWB denial

Reacting to the contents of the document, the AWB denied it was ever government-backed. But a top right-wing source is adamant that the claims are fact and that the AWB formed part of government strategy at the time.

According to the document, the AWB project was hatched during the time of the Vorster government and was in full swing during the administrations of P W Botha and F W de Klerk.

"The Botha era was noted for warnings of "total onslaught" while the De Klerk period immediately after was to usher in democratic elections which saw the election of a Government of National Unity.

The document says the AWB project backfired to an extent as it inadvertently resulted in the rise of a more militant and neo-Nazi right wing, particularly after the organisation's leader, Eugene TerreBlanche, apparently broke away three years ago.

"Rhodesia (now known as Zimbabwe) was already at that stage in a fight against a black majority takeover."

The bush war in Rhodesia — in which the UDI government of Ian Smith fought ZANU and ZAPU — resulted in Robert Mugabe becoming president of a newly-independent Zimbabwe.

Blanche was appointed to handle co-operation with the Government," the document says.



ROBERT MUGABE: Took over newly independent Zimbabwe.

Years later, TerreBlanche became involved in a power struggle with other council members and it was apparently demanded in 1990 that he resign his post as leader. He refused, with the result that several AWB members then resigned.

TerreBlanche is then said to have called a secret meeting to reconstitute the AWB and this was held in Kibler Park, Johannesburg, in November 1992.

At the same time, he established another organisation called the Peoples' Unity Committee (Volkseenheidskomitee, known as VEK).

VEK is known to be a key group with tentacles throughout the country. But according to some right-wing sources, it is now going through what was described as "a lean period".

VEK came into being at a time when F W de Klerk was in office as executive president and international pressures on South Africa were increasing.

also claimed, the Conservative Party, came into being 20-odd years ago (to) "provide a political balance as (a result of) the Government changing its policy". It was apparently decided to form a party to the right of the political spectrum but "in such a manner that the public would not know about it (the government interest)".

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The document says the AWB began to espouse volkstaat ideals and Professor Carel Boshoff, at the time deputy leader of the Broederbond — then a powerful secret Afrikaner organisation — was allegedly ordered by the Government "to wring the neck of AWB ideas".

To give further credence to right-wing aspirations, disinformation was apparently sown about the buying of Orania, a small hamlet in the northern Cape where supporters of the right wing could ostensibly continue with their volkstaat ideals.

Boshoff has played a leading role in the development of Orania.

Meanwhile, Groenewald formed the Boerevryheidsbeweging (BVB) which brought into the political spectrum the militant Mine Workers' Union and prominent rightwingers such as Andrew Ford, Gawie Volskenk and Piet Bester.

According to the document, the then government and the ANC had by then agreed on the identification of part of the country as a volkstaat which would stretch from East London to Prieska.

Rightwing implicated in major weapons thefts

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Weekend Argus Reporter and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people, a former police major, a special task force member and two civilians, have been held or charged in connection with massive weapons thefts involving the far-rightwing.

The weapons were stolen last year from the police forensic laboratories in Pretoria and a police training centre in the Northern Transvaal.

A former police colonel based at Vlakplaas, headquarters of the disbanded counter-insurgency police unit east of Pretoria, is also under investigation in connection with the thefts, said Lieutenant-General Wouter Grove, chief of the National Crime Investigation Service.

Police spokesman Colonel Ray Harrald said the Vlakplaas colonel under suspicion was not Colonel Eugene de Kock, who is facing 121 charges in the Pretoria Supreme Court, including nine of murder.

Former SAP major P C Snyders was arrested in connection with one of the caches after police searched his house and discovered an arsenal including mines, grenades, explosives and ammunition. He appeared in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court on Thursday this week and the case was postponed to May 31.

Police unearthed one of the largest arms and explosives caches ever found in South Africa when they dug up almost half a ton of commercial explosives and various other weapons on a farm near Bronkhorstspruit this week.

This was the second major cache to be found near Pretoria in the past week.

Ex-major Snyders, a constable of the SAP Special Task Force and two civilians were arrested in connection with the earlier cache and police are investigating the possible involvement of a colonel from the C10 unit at Vlakplaas. This arsenal had been stolen from the police training centre at Verdrag last year.

The second cache, unearthed by farm labourers on Thursday, included 473kg of commercial explosives.

SAPS spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Lesch said last night farm workers had been searching for firewood when they came across a peculiar wooden pole stuck in the ground.

Other arms discovered on the farm were two loaded Umbrust anti-tank rocket launchers, 7,5kg of plastic explosives, 1 360 ammunition rounds, an R-5 assault rifle, rolls of detonating fuse and various timing mechanisms

No arrests have been made, but police are following "hundreds of leads", according to Colonel Lesch.

Mbeki: No rightwing threat

MELBOURNE. — South Africa no longer faced a serious threat of right-wing violence because most whites now felt more secure under a multiracial democracy, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki said. ARG 29/4/96

But Mr Mbeki said there could still be extremist individuals who wanted to assassinate President Mandela.

"They (whites) see themselves as South Africans and I think they see that democracy brought them better security than apartheid ever brought them," Mr Mbeki said yesterday.

He said right-wing violence which marred the lead up to last year"s election emanated from a fear of the future. (344)

Many whites fled South Africa before the poll fearing they would be slaughtered for the atrocities of 50 years of apartheid, he said, adding: "It hasn't happened since".

Mr Mbeki said there may be "mad people who might want to shoot Nelson Mandela", but there was now not a sufficiently large right-wing element for large-scale violence.

Police probe plot to poison Kwazulu Natal's water

By CYRIL MADLALA

POLICE are investigating a post-election plot by right-wing extremists to wipe out blacks by poisoning Kwazulu Natal's water reservoirs with cyanide.

Police believe this was part of a plan to force President Nelson Mandela's government to accede to Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) demands for a volkstaat in northern Kwazulu Natal, a police source said this week.

Sources closely involved in the plot said they had planned to give "Zulus" control of the rest of the province.

A member of the shadowy Natal Liberation Army — a black force trained and equipped by AWB members over the past few years — was to have administered the poison, but the police moved in and the plan fell apart.

Five people, including a French national who was in the country illegally, have been arrested.

They were found in possession of several bottles of cyanide powder.

The police have seized a map which allegedly indicates places along the main routes into the province that were to have been targeted.

The five people arrested — Gerrit Phillipus Anderson from Newcastle, Allan Nolte and Sharon Jean Hatting from Durban and the French national Patrick Jacques Rosseau and Gerald Veltman from Theunissen in the Free State — have appeared in the Ladysmith regional court on charges including possession of commercial explosives, detonators, ammunition, firearms and four bottles of the poison.

The trial is expected to begin in July. The five, who are on bail, have not been asked to plead.

They have not been linked directly to the broader alleged activities of the liberation army.

Sources close to the underground force said this week that a core group was selected to carry out hit-squad work and random shootings in Kwazulu Natal.

The army has claimed responsibility for the massacre in December 1993 of nine people in Bhambayi, north of Durban; for the bombing of a Port Shepstone restaurant and for the murder of the ANC's South Coast chairman, George Mbhele, last year.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Bala Naidoo declined to comment.

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Judges back ruling against Terre Blanche

ST 11/6/95 (344)

By MARLENE BURGER

A DEFIANT challenge four years ago to F W de Klerk's government over squatters on state-owned land has cost the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader, Eugene Terre Blanche, dearly.

This week, his reputation for credibility torn to shreds by a magistrate, Mr Terre Blanche lost his bid in the Transvaal Supreme Court to avoid compensating victims of a raid by western Transvaal farmers and AWB members on May 11 1991.

Mr Terre Blanche instructed his lawyers to appeal against the findings of the magistrate, Ben Bester, who last December ordered him to pay nearly R43 500 to 14 residents of an informal settlement on the farm Goedgevonden, near Ventersdorp.

But the appeal was never filed, because of the Christmas holidays and a lack of communication between two partners in the same law firm.

On March 4, the sheriff of Ventersdorp seized Mr Terre Blanche's Opel Rekord, price tag R124 134, to cover the squatters' claim, and legal costs of more than R30 000.

When the AWB leader realised his lawyers had not carried out his earlier instructions, he launched a fresh legal assault, filing an application for condonation of late filing of the appeal.

On Wednesday he not only lost that battle, but was told by Mr Justice J P Roux and Mr Justice M M Joffe that his chances of successfully appealing against the lower court's ruling were "rather gloomy".

The judges based their findings on those of Mr Bester, who bluntly declared Mr Terre Blanche's credibility to be "under suspicion" and dismissed his evidence that he and the AWB had been at Goedgevonden on the night of the raids only "to protect ... women and children from armed terrorists" as "so far-fetched that not even the most gullible Sunday school child would believe him".

Nor could the magistrate accept Mr Terre Blanche's claim that he and his followers, armed only with side arms and truncheons, had gone to the camp to rout "Apla and MK terrorists armed with AK-47s".

Mr Bester rejected evidence that Mr Terre Blanche had abandoned his intention, stated at an AWB meeting three weeks before the raid, to have the AWB remove the Goedgevonden squatters unless the government did so within 30 days.

Fourteen Goedgevonden residents were awarded damages ranging from R800 to more than R8 000.

Mr Terre Blanche's lawyer, Aubrey Shapiro, said his client had informed him that he would be paying the amount required to meet the claims, with interest, to the sheriff. Payment of legal costs was still to be discussed.

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Trade Centre fracas: 15 AWB are acquitted

ARG 20/6/95

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Fifteen of the 17 Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) members accused of storming the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park during multiparty negotiations in 1993 were acquitted in the Regional Court here after a two-year trial.

Judgment is expected today in the case of the remaining two accused, Dirk Ackermann and Josias Alex Cruywagen, who, according to evidence, were seen driving the jeep which crashed through the centre's glass doors.

Cheerful AWB members shook hands and hugged one another after the judgment, while one of them kept shouting: "We are free."

Jacobus and Annetjie de Lange, Japie and Susannah Oelofse, Gordon Dickson, Karen Brazao, Lynn Finley, Cornelius Joubert, Keith Conroy, Stephen Fourie, Susanna Lousa, Christiaan Welgemoed, David Niemand, Abraham Fourie and Andries Terreblanche were acquitted.

Magistrate J J Esterhuizen said the state had failed to prove charges of public violence (alternatively malicious damage to property), unlawful entry, interfering with the police and assault.

AWB 'siege' pair sentenced

Susan Russell (344) BD 21/6/96

TWO senior AWB members who took part in a right-wing storming and siege of Kempton Park's World Trade Centre during multiparty negotiations in June 1993, were sentenced in the Johannesburg Regional Court to six years suspended for five years for public violence.

Josias Cruywagen and Dirk Ackermann were identified as the driver and passenger of a armoured vehicle known as a Viper which drove through the glass front and into the foyer of the centre on June 25 1993, allowing scores of other protesters to pour into the building.

Fifteen co-accused won an application for their discharge on Monday on the grounds that the prosecution had failed to prove the charges against each of them.

Counsel for Cruywagen and Ackermann closed the case without calling witnessess or leading evidence from either of them. However, AWB leader Eugene Terre-'Blanche testified in mitigation.

The AWB leader, who was present at the siege, denied there had been any right-wing plan for violent protest and said the intention was to hand over a written protest to the multiparty negotiators.

Sapa reports that Terre'Blanche said the AWB's coffers had been depleted by R500 000 spent providing legal representation and bail funds after the invasion.

Magistrate JJB Esterhuizen found that the state had proved a charge of public violence against Cruywagen and Ackermann beyond reasonable doubt.

He said, however, there was evidence that the offence had occurred during the emotion of the moment. The magistrate said the failure of Cruywagen and Ackermann to testify had also made sentencing difficult.

He compared the present case to one he had tried in 1992 in which an MK member was charged with attempted murder for planting an explosive device which caused no injuries. During the trial the late MK leader Chris Hani had testified on the unlikelihood of the accused committing a similar offence again due to the changing circumstances in the country. The accused then was given a suspended sentence.

Not guilty of axe murder

Deborah Fine

GAUTENG salesman Stefanus Schultz, 38, was found not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday of killing a woman with an axe and setting her alight.

Judge G Gordon said he was acquitting Schultz "with regret" but the State had failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the East Rand salesman had murdered Wondra Pieterse, 42, in Alberton on April 21 last year.

It had emerged that Schultz and Frans Page met an intoxicated Pieterse at the Elsburg Hotel, near Germiston, and had then driven her to a gravel road to have sex with her.

Pleading not guilty to murder, Schultz claimed he could not remember going anywhere with Pieterse. He could only remember being with her at the hotel and then waking up at his Elsburg home the following morning.

Judge Gordon said Page — the State's only eyewitness — had sought only to distance himself from the murder and had given thoroughly unreliable evidence.

Arms exports do not pay — expert

BD 21/6/95

Edward West

CAPE TOWN — SA's arms exports provided only marginal financial gain and net returns were even more negligible when subsidisation and other hidden costs were taken into account, the Cameron commission heard yesterday.

This was said by London University Centre for Defence Studies senior research fellow Susan Willet who, with UCT Centre for Conflict Resolution researcher Peter Batchelor, submitted to the commission a cost-benefit economic analysis of SA's arms trade.

They argued that in the long term, arms exports could have significant opportunity costs, could be detrimental to industrial development and economic performance, and that resources should be released from subsidising arms exports and be redirected towards civilian investment and the creation of employment.

Willet told the commission that those in SA who defended arms exports pointed to foreign exchange earnings, job creation, lower production unit costs, recovery of local research and development costs and technology spin-offs for civilian production, as the major economic benefits.

In 1994 arms exports — supporting about 15 000 jobs — amounted to R854m or 1% of total exports and 2% of manufactured exports, a far less significant economic contribution than claimed by its proponents, said Willet.

In 1993, R206m, nearly half of total defence research and development, was spent on subsidising research and development in private firms.

Defence research and development had in the past accounted for more than 30% of total government research and development spending, with little visible benefit to civilians.

The demand for labour in the armaments sector was predominantly for highly skilled workers.

Without more exports, the industry was likely to downsize even more.

The defence labour market distorted human capital formation by absorbing disproportionate numbers of science and technology graduates and technicians.

About 40% of SA's total arms procurement needed to be imported, and if exports were highly dependent on imported components, net foreign exchange benefits would be significantly reduced.

And while SA had managed a trade surplus in military technology over the past two years, arms trade figures did not include the import of capital goods for weapons production, which, if included, would probably mean a deficit in the military technology trade balance, said Willet.

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Trade Centre invaders convicted

Suspended terms for 2 rightists

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■ BY HOPEWELL RADEBE

MAGISTRATE takes into account that AWB has not resorted to violence since last April's election

Two AWB members received suspended sentences yesterday for their part in the invasion of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park during multiparty negotiations in 1993.

Josias Cruywagen (47) of Barberton and Dirk Ackermann (48) of Brandfort were sentenced to six years' jail each, suspended for five years.

They were earlier convicted on charges of public violence and damage to property for ramming a Viper jeep through the glass doors of the World Trade Centre during a right-wing protest in June 1993.

Fifteen other AWB members and sympathisers were acquitted on similar charges.

Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate J J B Esterhuizen said the State had proved beyond reasonable doubt that Cruywagen and Ackermann were the pair who drove the Viper jeep.

He said that since April 27 last year things had changed in the country and the court noticed that the AWB had refrained from violence.

"I trust you will turn off the road of violence, follow the light at the end of the tunnel and have faith in the future of our country," Esterhuizen said.

He said the community rejected violence that also caused enormous damage — estimated at R700 000 — at the World Trade Centre. The court was also aware that they were influenced by their political beliefs and conditions at the time.

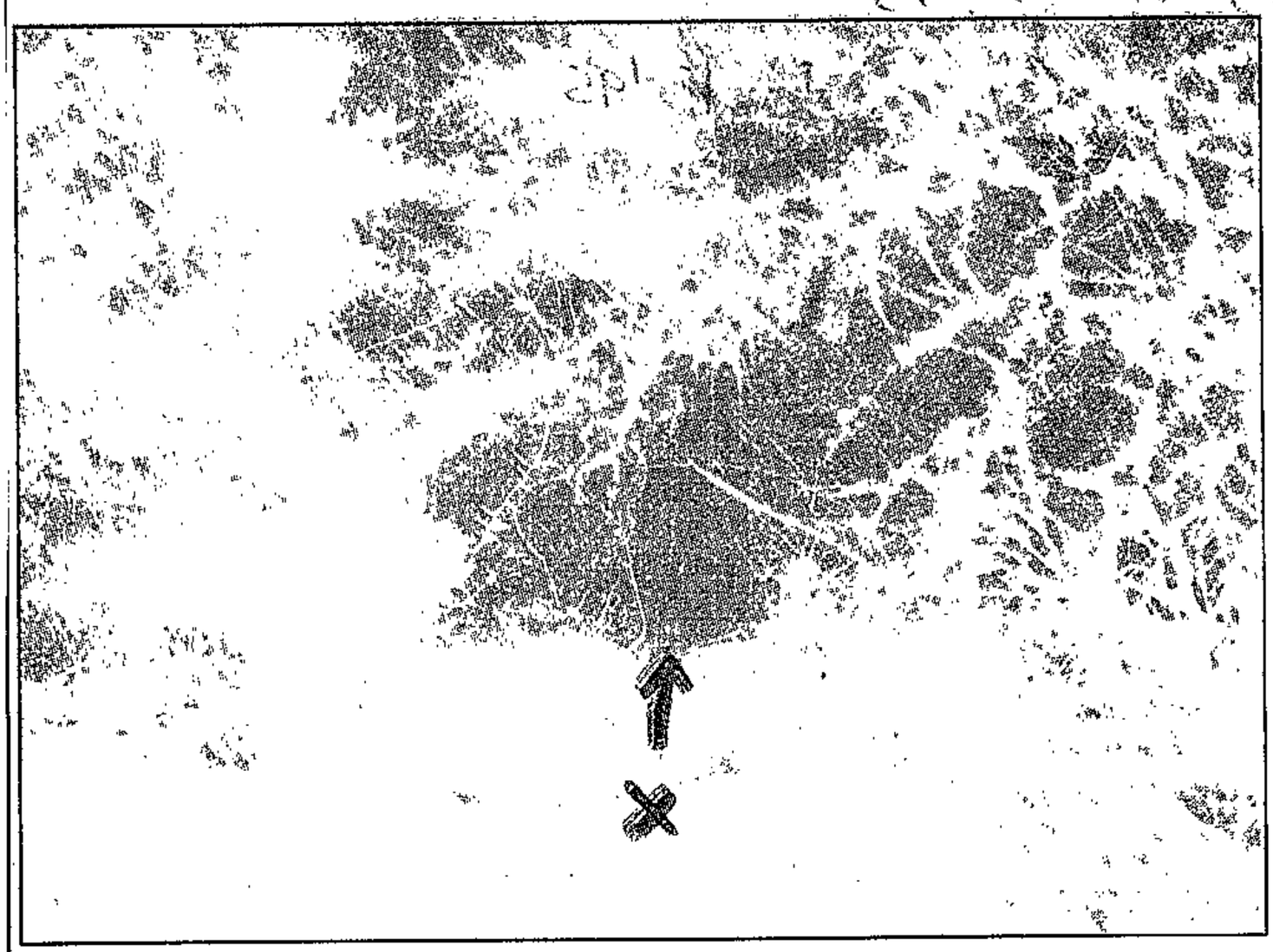
The men were obviously unable to pay for the damages and this made it difficult for the court to find an appropriate sentence.

Esterhuizen said that although the State had relied on the testimony of only one witness, Barry Paxton, the court had found him reliable and trustworthy. He said Paxton had not contradicted himself and was sure that he saw Cruywagen driving the jeep and Ackermann in the passenger seat.

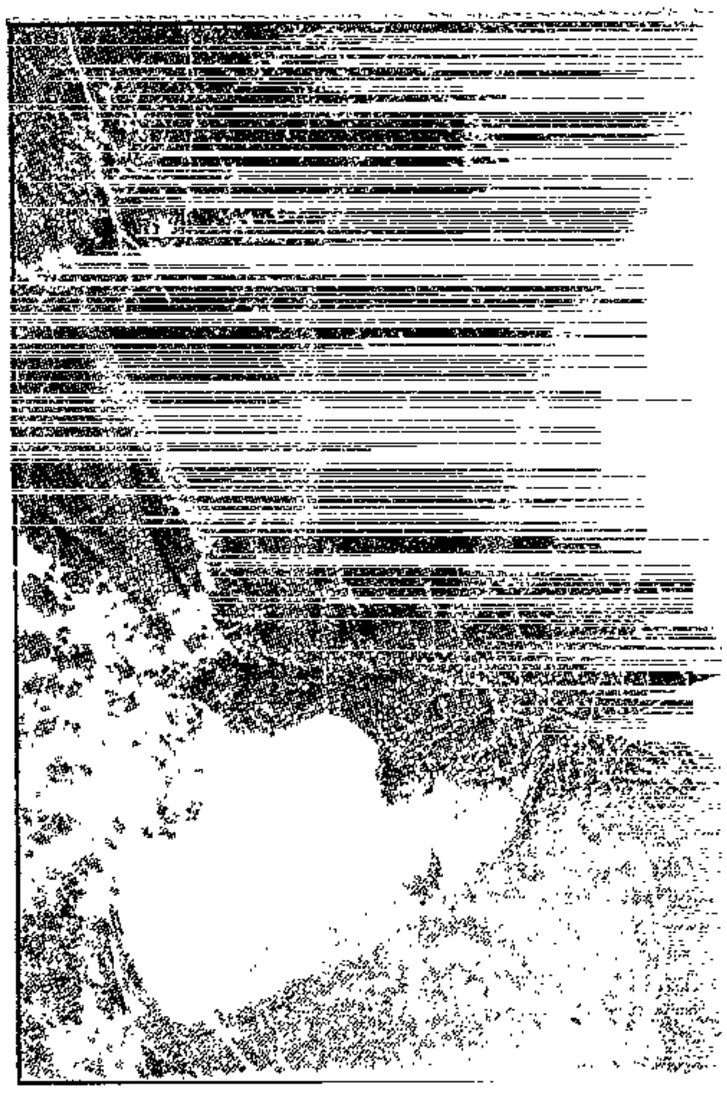
AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche, testifying in mitigation of sentence, said he would not attempt to excuse himself because he had made the call for protest and resistance and he knew he could influence people.

However, he denied having seen Cruywagen driving the jeep even though he personally climbed on to its roof to address his followers who were storming the corridors of the centre.

INSIDE KAALVOET



HIDEAWAY . . . the arrow shows the tiny entrance into the thick bush where the fugitive was so well hidden even the sniffer dogs could not smell him



INHOSPITABLE HOME . . . the bakkie in while on the run was hidden in dense

The soldier who waged a one-man war to save his beloved Boerevolk

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By MARLENE BURGER

ON AN early autumn day in 1987, a farmer's son from the Western Transvaal took a solemn vow. He pledged to "mercilessly pursue and destroy the RSA's enemies, wherever they are, over any distance, alone or with support, fearlessly. . ."

Aged 21, Corporal Matthys de Villiers had joined the elite band of fighting men in 4 Reconnaissance Regiment, the SA defence force's finest.

Eight years later, Kaalvoet Thysie, the barefoot warrior reputed to suffer shoes only for the duration of a church service, is behind bars, facing three murder charges and the prospect of answering for another five violent deaths, including that of the former NG Kerk moderator Professor Johan Heyns.

Arrested on June 9, he eluded police for 18 months, using every survival technique he'd learnt during five years as a "Recce". His parents seldom saw him while he was in uniform, but when he came home from the war they found him changed, "a man who had developed a violent temper".

When police tracked him down a month ago, hiding in dense thornbush on a farm near the sleepy Free State towns of Luckhoff and Fauresmith, his first words were "don't shoot".

What emotions coursed through his veins at that moment, we may never know but, according to one of the arresting officers, Thysie "appeared wild . . . shocked . . . the last thing he expected was that anyone would come through that bush for him".

The man whose flight had taken him from Messina to Humansdorp, Lambert's Bay to the banks of the Orange River, in between sporadic visits to his family at Ottosdal, had gone to ground in an inhospitable terrain in a manner that anyone without his military training would not have survived.

Schooled in the art of escape and evasion, he eschewed all but basic human needs. He was so at one with nature that highly trained police sniffer dogs passed right by the bush under which he was finally found without picking up his scent.

A witness who caught a glimpse of him running through the bush told police she thought she'd seen a baboon.

Police had been tipped off th... Kaalvoet Thysie was on the farm but finding him turned out to ... sheer luck.

A dog handler caught sight ... his quarry's fingertips peeping ... from the cunningly disguised ... into which he had crawled. Ent... was via a hole Detective Consta... ble Dennis Jansen says was "... small for a normal, well-built m... ... like one animals might use ... force a footpath through the bush"

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At Permanent Bank

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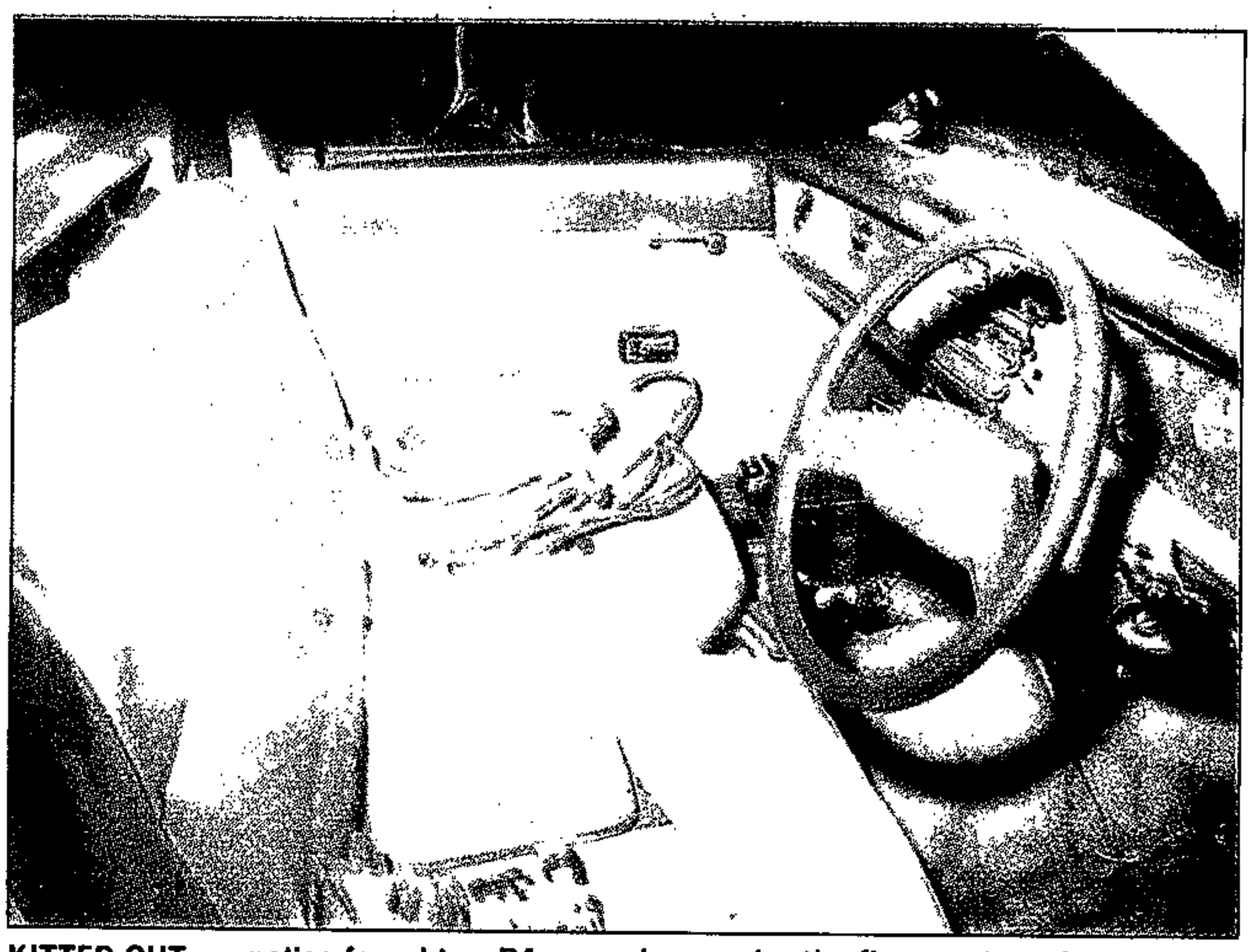


KITTED OUT . . . police found two R4 magazines under the floor mat on the driver's side and a shooting lamp plugged into the cigarette lighter socket

rucksacks containing tinned food and other provisions.

In the vehicle, police found an array of equipment, including four defence force radios, R4 magazines, several penknives, a powerful torch, a shooting lamp connected to the cigarette lighter, a gas stove and various vehicle spares and tools.

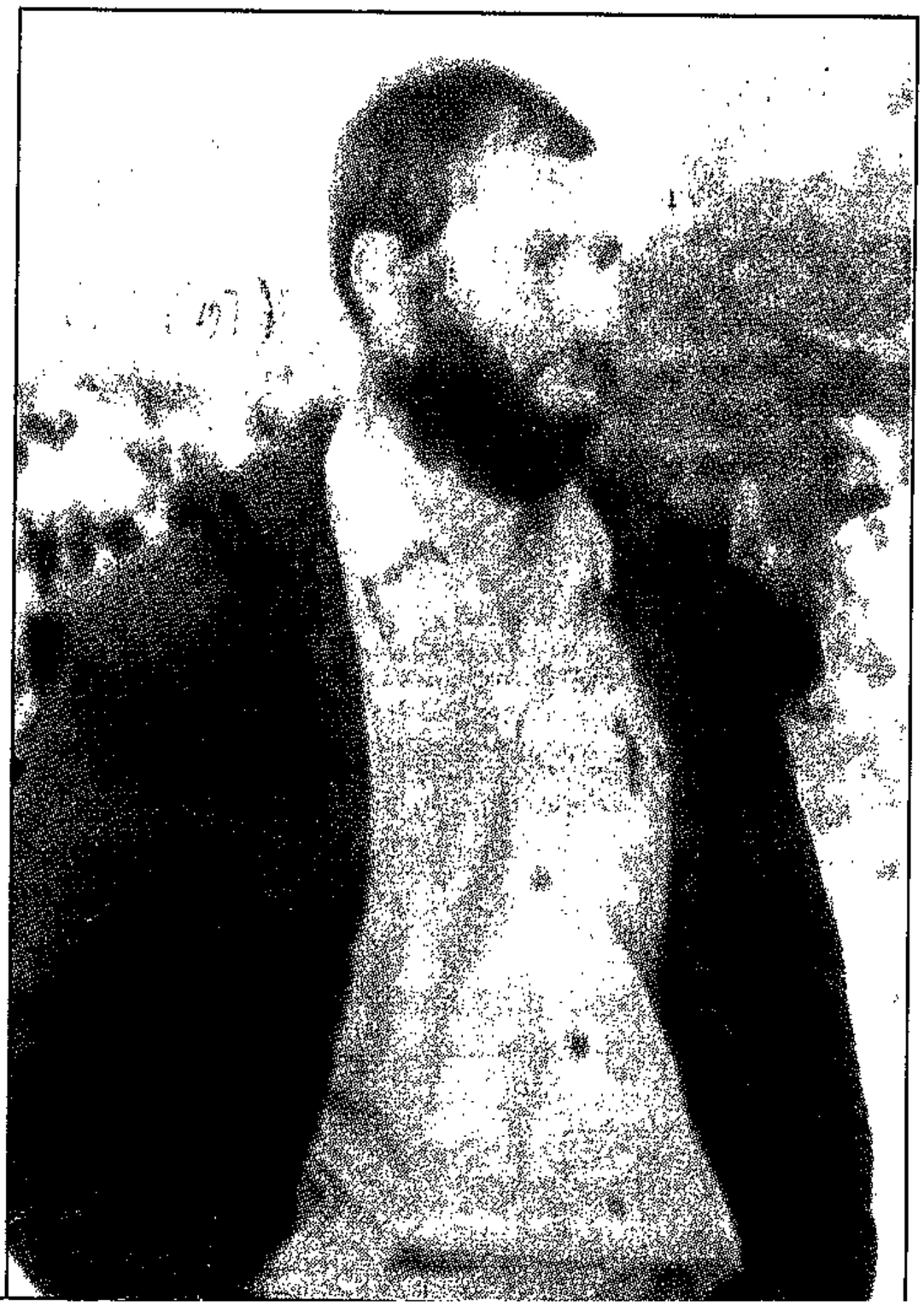
They also found a diver's knife, similar to the one believed to have been used to stab another former "Recce", Andre Klopper, 44, to death at a house in Wapadrand, Pretoria, on the night of May 10. His is one of the three murders with which Kaalvoet Thysie has been charged.

But police believe the trail of evidence against the man clinical psychologist Professor Charl Vorster of Medunsa says shows no signs of being a psychopath goes back to early March last year.

According to Professor Vorster, Thysie — an assertive, confident individualist of above-average intelligence — had been told in the weeks before the April elections to prepare for war.

Believing his beloved Boerevolk would take up arms, Kaalvoet Thysie prepared once more to do his duty, defend his ideals and, if needs be, lay down his life for the cause.

Kaalvoet Thysie has a rigidly conservative attitude with "elements of racism" honed by his military training. He was "utterly



Pensioner challenges church expulsion

By CARMEL RICKARD

A DISABILITY pensioner, expelled from the Jehovah's Witnesses for "rebelliousness", wants the Supreme Court to order that the church reinstate him because he fears for his soul if he remains an outcast.

Ossie McPhee, 61, was "disfellowshipped" by the Jehovah's Witnesses in 1986 for "continued rebelliousness and disrespect for the elders". He says that during the hearing which led to his expulsion, the church elders did not follow the procedures laid down by the church.

Mr McPhee told the Sunday Times he was bringing the court action because he believed in the church. As a result of his expulsion, he was considered "dead".

He said that when God came to cleanse the world of its evil, He would destroy everyone not recognised by the Jehovah's Witnesses

convinced" the Boer nation was preparing for war, "that it was inevitable, had indeed already broken out, and that he was not the only one who would fight for the cause".



According to police, his first priority was to procure arms and ammunition needed for the struggle. They allege he was involved in the theft of sophisticated weapons, explosives and other equipment from military installations in Pretoria on three occasions between March and April last year.

Some of the stolen arms were recovered three months ago, hidden in a booby-trapped cave in a remote area near the Loskop Dam and in a 5 000*l* tank buried on a farm near Bronkhorstspruit.

Some time between April and June last year, Kaalvoet Thysie was featured on the TV programme *Crime Stop* in connection with the weapons thefts.

Police believe he was recognised by a farm worker, Boytjie Ntombeni, and that, on the night of June 20, Thysie and his cousin Adriaan — on whose farm Mr Ntombeni lived — opened fire on the farm worker's hut, killing him and wounding his wife, Sara Legaba, and four-year-old daughter, Monica.

Thysie has not yet been charged with this murder, but 34 R4 shells found at the scene have been ballistically matched to those found at Speskop, a military installation outside Pretoria, where two defence force members were shot dead in January.

On Thursday, Kaalvoet Thysie was charged with the murders of the two guards, John Lebelo and Francis Nemarivhoni.

Andre Klopper died less than a month after police found the two arms caches in the Eastern Transvaal. Jailed in 1991 on charges of smuggling AK-47s, he had been recruited as a police informer a week before his death.

According to Thysie's co-accused, the former Civil Co-operation Bureau member Heckie Horn, 31, Thysie had threatened at a party on the night of May 10 to "take out" Klopper after learning that police had asked him to help them track down the fugitive.

Three days later, three men, including an ANC official from Welkom, were shot dead in their car a kilometre from the Grassmere Toll Plaza, south of Johannesburg. Ten R4 shells retrieved from the scene have been ballistically matched to those found at Marble Hall and Speskop. So far, Thysie has not been charged with these murders.

Nor has the murder weapon been found, though police divers have been searching the Vanderkloof Dam (the old P K le Roux Dam) in the Free State since shortly after Kaalvoet Thysie's arrest. His unsuccessful bail hearing learnt that he had shown police where he had thrown a weapon into the water near the dam wall.

Claims that he was involved in the November 5 assassination of Professor Heyns have not been put to court, but police say they are still investigating.

Thysie's psychological evaluation reveals that he is an anachronism. Disillusioned by the results of last year's elections, he refuses to recognise the new government.

According to Professor Vorster, at some point in the past 18 months the man who passed most of his military training courses with distinction realised that "no one else was going to stand up for the Boer cause ... that it was senseless to continue waging his one-man war".

But he has still to accept "the reality of the political situation" and in order to do so, Professor Vorster believes, he will need counselling.

"His only loyalties now are to his parents, his pregnant wife, the Boer people ... All he wants is to put this whole business behind him, go back to his farm and get on with his life."

His pending criminal trial aside, however, this can be no more than an impossible dream for the soldier who regards himself as an honourable man.

"The fact is, he cannot retreat to his farm as though it is a separate little independent state. As he sees it, nothing and no one could touch him there, he could simply live in peace," says Professor Vorster.

"But, inevitably, he'd have to go to town to do his shopping."



DRESSED TO FACE THE LAW ... the outlaw, his bare feet in shackles, outside court this week **Picture: BEELD**

[illegible] as "living". Millions would be annihilated and Mr McPhee did not want to share their fate.

Mr McPhee has filed papers in the Maritzburg Supreme Court and has given the church two weeks to reply to his legal challenge.

In his papers he gives details of an alleged campaign of harassment by the Jehovah's Witnesses around the time of his expulsion. He says they used church members in government and professional offices to provide confidential information about him, kept him under surveillance, and impersonated him on the phone to obtain private records.

He has asked the registrar of the Supreme Court to appoint a lawyer to help him argue the case as he has no money to pay legal fees.

A senior church official, Piet Wentzel, said this week that the Sunday Times inquiry was the first that he had heard of the matter, and that he could not comment until he had seen the court papers.

In another application against the church in 1989, Mr McPhee claimed the elders had defamed him when they called him a liar during a disciplinary hearing. Mr McPhee lost the case.

AIDS scare for offside rugby fans

By CAS St LEGER

NOT all of the hookers encountered by Rugby World Cup fans were on the field.

At least 2 000 Gauteng rugby fans who attended the opening match in Cape Town have taken AIDS tests, after apparently scrumming down with the city's prostitutes, says Sister Elna McIntosh of Disa Nursing Services.

"Gautengers who went to Cape Town for the rugby have been swamping us for AIDS tests after visiting hookers there," she said.

Although many believed they showed symptoms of infection, not one of them tested positive.

"It's guilt," Sister McIntosh said.

"They arrived here complete with symptoms like night sweats, only 48 hours or so after their encounters with prostitutes."

Disa recently advertised anonymous AIDS tests in the classified sections in newspapers.

The test, using a new method called the HIV Polychain Merase test, can detect AIDS as early as two weeks after infection. It costs R240 as opposed to R110 for a conventional test.

Wayward rugby fans paid the full rate of R240 rather than risk detection by visiting the family doctor.

AWB puts a smile on Mr Phapama's face

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By ANDREW TRENCH

RICHARD PHAPAMA, an unemployed carpenter, could soon be driving a car — compliments of the Afrikaner Weerstands-beweging.

On Friday Mr Phapama, 38, beamed as he took a R5 870 cheque from human-rights lawyer Kate Owen, ending a saga which began four years ago with an AWB attack on squatters at Goedgevonden farm near Ventersdorp.

Seventeen of the squatters sued for damages, and this week 14 of them received cheques for amounts ranging from R800 to R8 000 — R43 500 in all.

Mr Phapama woke to the sounds of an AWB attack on his community on May 11 1991. As the AWB and white farmers smashed shacks, furniture and bodies, Mr Phapama ran to hide with the rest of the squatters.

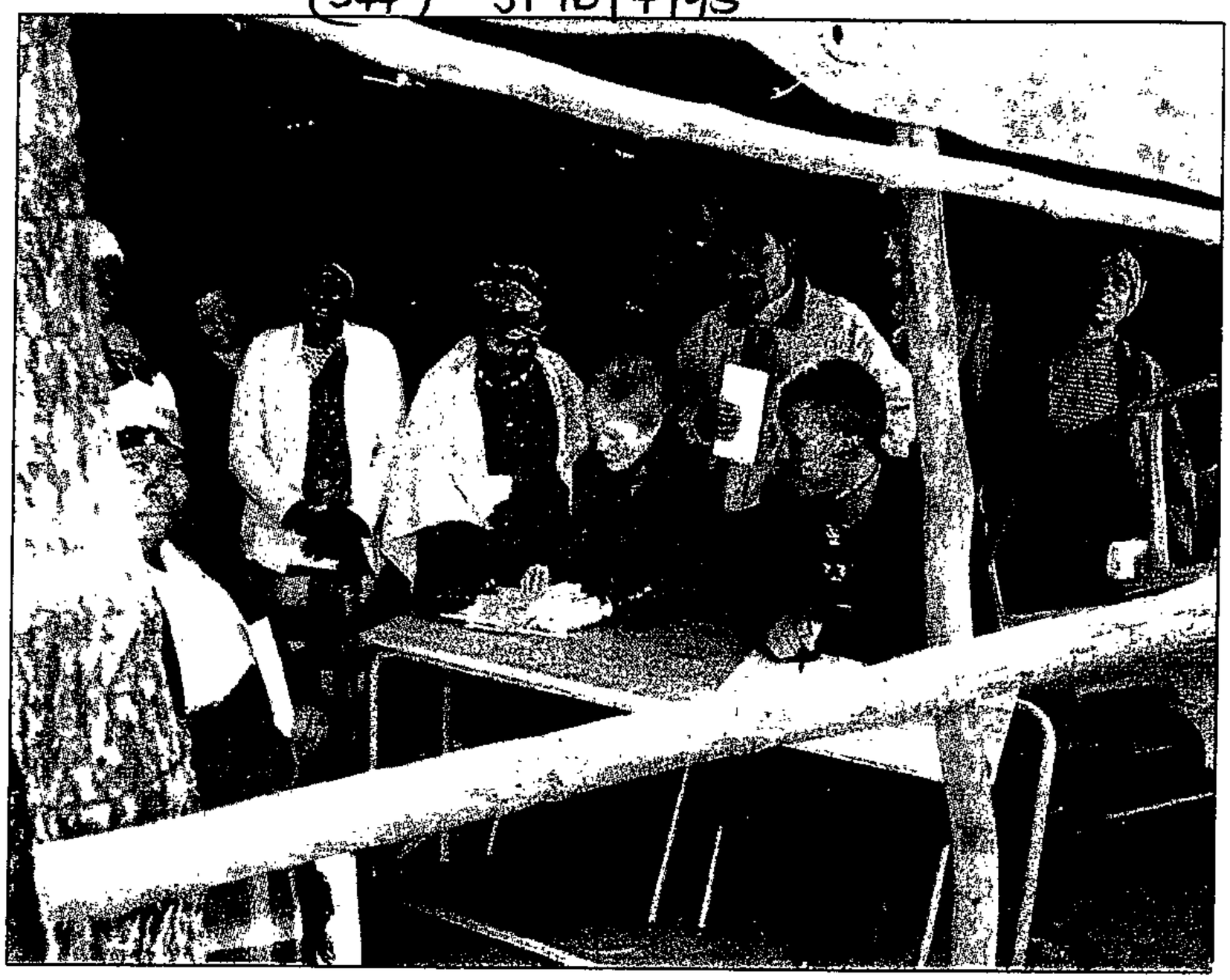
The next day he found the yellow Ford Cortina, for which he had scrimped and saved R3 000, rolled on its side and hammered by the invaders, who claimed to be protecting women and children from terrorists.

The AWB had vowed to eject the community from the farm — land it had once owned and from which it was forcibly removed during the 70s.

"My heart was very sore when I saw my car was all broken," Mr Phapama recalled. "I wasn't sure I would get money from the AWB because they are so aggressive ... but God was on my side."

The squatters were awarded damages, but the AWB took its time in paying. In the end the AWB paid up and Mr Phapama may now get his car.

He hopes to get his beloved Cortina back from a Vereeniging panel beaters but "I could decide to get another car".



PAYOUT ... members of the Goedgevonden community receive cheques from their lawyer, Kate Owen, after winning damages claims against the AWB Picture: CHRISTINE NESBITT

Gathered in a lean-to which serves as the community's school, the Goedgevonden residents applauded each other politely as they came forward to collect their award.

They chuckled when they heard how AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche nearly lost his R120 000 Opel Rekord to pay their damages, but reacted nervously as a large truck rumbled down the dirt road behind them — the memory of the AWB assault not quite gone.

Joanna Mogopi, 70, had never had so much money in her life. The R8 000 the court awarded her would be used to buy a new wardrobe, stove and television to replace those the AWB attackers smashed, she said.

But it would not still the anger she feels when she recalls how the attackers beat her and sprayed her young grandchildren with teargas.

Even those who did not get money won something. Koos Makhotsi, who was one of three whose claim was rejected, told the others: "Today you have shown South Africa you are also people.

"You have shown the AWB that you are also people with dignity,"

On the road back to Johannesburg, Mrs Owen contemplated the saga's end and concluded: "A part of this whole thing was that it vindicated their humanity."

Behind her, Goedgevonden disappeared into the distance without a rightwinger in sight.

Man died 'for two beers'

Two whites jailed for killing black

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BY SUSAN MILLER

A young white Krugersdorp man and his 17-year-old friend were sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court to jail terms of 12 and eight years respectively yesterday for killing a black man who had refused to give them a cigarette.

The two, Frikkie Theron (18) and the youth, were both released on their own recognisances by Mr Acting Justice Hannon after he granted them leave to appeal against their sentences and convictions. The judge did this against the advice of the prosecutor.

In delivering sentence, Judge Hannon ordered that a transcript be made of his remarks earlier in the case about the police's failure to inform a district surgeon that she was investigating a possible homicide.

He ordered the transcript to be sent to the Commissioner of Police and the Minister of Justice.

The accused had earlier been found not guilty of murdering Sam Khoza (38), who died after being attacked by Theron and the youth when he refused their request for a cigarette. The attack occurred in September near Quellerie Park, Krugersdorp.

Judge Hannon said the two had pawned Khoza's watch and shoes for two beers at a nearby shebeen after the attack, adding that a "decent man had died for two beers".

The youth was sentenced to eight years' jail for culpable homicide and six years for robbery with aggravating circumstances and Theron was sentenced to 12 years for culpable homicide and eight years for the robbery.

Judge Hannon ruled that the sentences should run concurrently.

Fraught

He said the attack had been racially motivated to some extent, and comments made by the two accused during the trial and after the attack indicated that in their social milieu blacks were regarded as "things and not as human beings".

"In a racially fraught society such as ours, which is in a process of transition from a disastrous past, it is the duty of the courts to punish these kinds of destructive attitudes," he said.

Judge Hannon said both youths had come from dysfunctional family backgrounds which were financially strapped and their attack should be seen against a general background of increasing random everyday violence, a drop in moral standards and collapsed family structures.

White right 'has nuclear weapons'

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Eddie Koch

THE right-wing movement in South Africa has advanced nuclear weapons and can drop these on any town in the country by using a squadron of Impalas or at least five G6 cannons which are in their possession. This is the most astonishing in a string of startling claims presented in a book by Peter Hounan and Steve McQuillan which is due to be published next week.

The authors of *The Mini-Nuke Conspiracy*, due to be published today, say they have been told by numerous sources that an arsenal of state-of-the-art nuclear bombs is being used by the white right wing to back demands for an Afrikaner *volkstaat* and to keep the new government from making too many radical changes to the country — and President Nelson Mandela is aware of this.

The book's claims, some of which have already been published in a national newspaper, are shocking enough to make governments around the world tremble and to send the local stock exchange into a tailspin. That they have not done so is probably because the allegations come from a string of unnamed "intelligence sources", "security agents", and "sources close to British intelligence".

A man given the pseudonym Jan, and described as a "senior intelligence agent", is quoted as saying: "They have more than one shell — the standard tactical nuclear shell — and the present government knows about their capability ... The G6, the system designed to deliver a nuclear shell, is the weapon. They have five of them, and a stockpile of shells, all being moved around the country to strategic positions — the majority within easy reach of Gauteng."

The book adds: "A committee of right-wing retired senior police, military and Military Intelligence officers, some of them generals, were commanding the weapons ... 'to prevent even renegade elements of the right wing from getting hold of them'."

Another source named as Rick, "a government agent who had penetrated the right wing", is quoted as saying that he had personally seen a warhead and a long missile like a Scud that was under guard by the right."

Nuke link (344) claimed in 'AWB report'

PRETORIA. — Enough raw material and equipment to build a nuclear device might have been removed from the premises of the Atomic Energy Corporation in 1993, according to what is given to be an internal Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging report.

The report, said to have been commissioned by the AWB and compiled by its "intelligence unit", was sent in part to Sapa yesterday. ARG 24/10/95

The report was prompted by claims in a book by two journalists that South Africa had not destroyed all its nuclear weapons in 1993 and that some nuclear devices might have fallen into the hand of right-wing extremists.

The report said it had never been any secret that virtually all the experts involved in South Africa's nuclear programme were sympathetic to the right wing.

"The AWB would be extremely foolish to admit to possessing any nuclear weapons as this would cause a huge police crackdown," said the report.

"However ... it is not beyond the realms of possibility that enough raw materials and equipment might have been removed from the nuclear project site (at Pelindaba near Pretoria) during the winding-down phase to enable such a device to be assembled elsewhere."

The report said several people involved in the nuclear programme had been interviewed. It was not totally out of question that a nuclear device, even a low-grade one, was in the hands of "white patriots".

"At the very least, the raw materials, parts and expertise are available to the right to build such a device at short notice," said the report. — Sapa.

Right-wing troublemakers warned

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Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi yesterday ordered police surveillance of organisations threatening mayhem following President Nelson Mandela's rejection of indemnity for rightwingers on trial for bombings in the run-up to last year's general election.

"I have instructed the national commissioner (of police, George Fivaz) to monitor the activities of those individuals or organisations threatening to break the law," he said.

Mufamadi said his ministry was treating the threats seriously, and warned of a police crackdown on individuals or organisations bent on destabilising the country.

Earlier this week, in talks with Freedom Front leader General Constand Viljoen, President Mandela refused to extend the indemnity deadline.

"We want to assure the public and to place on record that the Government will not be intimidated by such threats," Mufamadi said in Pretoria.

"Any threat to public safety must be treated seriously," he added. – Sapa

ANC changing rules, says NP

Govt braced for backlash by right wing

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Tim Cohen

THE safety and security ministry yesterday declared itself "fully prepared" for any right-wing backlash following the proposed indictment of 11 former high-ranking military officials for murder, while right-wing parties expressed outrage at the pending arrests.

KwaZulu-Natal attorney-general Tim McNally had earlier ordered that the officials, including former defence minister Magnus Malan, be charged with the killing of 13 people in KwaMakhutha in 1987.

Local government elections safety services communication director Ray Harrald said contingency plans were in place for all eventualities concerning the election.

Safety and security ministry spokesman Maxwell Mulaudzi stressed that the arrests had nothing to do with the elections.

However, NP executive director Fanus Schoeman said there was an understandable feeling of anger in his party and other parties.

As president, FW de Klerk had granted temporary amnesty to ANC members in good faith, but now that the ANC had more power it seemed "a different set of rules" existed.

"The way in which the matter is handled in the next few days will be a test of the integrity of President Mandela and the ANC," Schoeman said.

IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said there was a "likelihood" that right-wing groups would feel threatened and react violently.

The impending arrests appeared to violate an amnesty agreement between the ANC and the NP and the move would hinder reconciliation if it appeared people were being victimised for past events, he said.

CP defence spokesman Willie Snyman said the arrests demonstrated that co-operation with the "ANC communist regime" was a dangerous practice which had prejudiced and caused misery for Afrikaners.

Double standards were being applied and this was demonstrated by the fact that no one had been arrested for last year's Shell House shootings.

An AWB spokesman said that the "communistic-Islamic cabal" was not in the least interested in reconciliation. The Freedom Front had achieved nothing for the "volk" by participating in Parliament.

Cosatu said veiled threats made by De Klerk and Freedom Front MP Tienie Groenewald that they could not guarantee the response of the right wing (after the denial of amnesty) should be "laughed off".

De Klerk had often said that vio-

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lence was a result of a political feud between the ANC and the IFP. "Now that it is shown that his regime was involved, he owes the country an apology," he said.

Meanwhile, **Nicola Jenvey** reports that indictments against seven alleged hit squad members were not served in the Durban Regional Court yesterday due to the new developments in the case. The matter was postponed until December 1.

Deputy KwaZulu-Natal attorney-general Bennie Schonfeldt said the State would issue arrests for Malan and 10 senior military officers and they would appear in court on Thursday.

However, the case against former Durban security branch member Louis Botha, 49, former intelligence officer John More, 51, IFP deputy secretary-general Zakhele Khumalo and three others would be postponed until December so that they could appear with the 11 new accused.

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Turning the first sod: Water Affairs and Forestry Minister Kader Asmal sets the example in a programme launched by his department to get rid of alien vegetation — especially Port Jackson trees — in the Western Cape. The programme has a second goal: job creation, as 2 000 jobless people are employed

PHOTOGRAPH: RODGER BOSCH

'AWB planned nationwide chaos and destruction'

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Ann Eveleth

WHILE most South Africans were preparing for last year's elections, an ambitious group of right-wingers was plotting to sieze control of KwaZulu-Natal, the Estcourt Regional Court heard this week.

AWB member Freddie Steyn testified that he and five right-wingers on trial for illegal possession of weapons, explosives and poison had planned to seize control of Durban's South African Defence Force Recce base after the elections by poisoning the base's water supply. Police say they confiscated three plastic bottles containing a cyanide-based powder from the car of the accused last June.

Steyn — a State witness who tipped-off the Goldstone Commission about the group's intentions — told the court the group had planned to "isolate" KwaZulu-Natal from the rest of the country through acts of seizure and sabotage with the help of Inkatha Freedom Party members.

Steyn testified that the group planned to sabotage main transport routes linking the province with South Africa by destroying roads, bridges, railways and petrol depots, as well as both provincial harbours at Durban and Richards Bay. Durban's Louis Botha airport was also targeted.

Steyn said accused Gerrit Anderson was instructed to implement the plan in April 1994 when he attended a meeting of senior AWB members at a game ranch near Magaliesburg.

Anderson was ordered to form a network of AWB members in the province and — to swell the ranks of the insurgent force — to enlist the support of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

A plan to arm "200 000 Zulus" and provide them with combat training via 200 members of the French Foreign Legion was also discussed. (Accused Patrick Rousseau is a French national.)

Steyn said he, Anderson and a Frikkie Vos had subsequently returned to KwaZulu-Natal, where they made contact with Returned Exiles Committee founder Pat Hlongwane — who told them he could make available 15 000 ex-MK soldiers — and another IFP member, John Milligan and two other accused, Sheron Hattingh and Allan Nolte.

Rousseau and the fifth accused, Gerald Veltman, arrived later from the Transvaal with a supply of explosives, homemade guns, commercial firearms, ammunition and cyanide.

Steyn said he and Nolte later buried the cache in the sand on an Umdloti beach — not far from the flat rented by Anderson's girfriend, where the group plotted their next move. Steyn subsequently informed the Goldstone Commission about the cache, but the five accused had allegedly unearthed it.

Steyn is the first of a string of "secret" witnesses expected to be called by Prosecutor Ian Cooke over the next two weeks. Cooke told Magistrate Barend Willemse in his opening statement in June that the accused had transported the weapons to KwaZulu-Natal from the Orange Free State on May 17, 1994 before proceeding with "various plans to destabilise" the province.

Fivaz fears backlash from the right wing

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Police Commissioner George Fivaz fears that a right-wing backlash following recent arrests of former security force members could destabilise South Africa, according to a document released yesterday.

Former defence minister Magnus Malan and a number of former top officers of the South African Defence Force were arrested recently for alleged "third force" activities in KwaZulu Natal.

The document, drawn up by Lt-Gen Wouter Grove, divisional head of the National Crime Investigation Service, under which the Crime Intelligence Service falls, was distributed to provincial heads of the crime investigation services and all regional heads and commanders of the division, as well as divisional CIS chief Maj-Gen S D Radu.

Fivaz said he was releasing the document to demonstrate his commitment to transparency in policing.

The document sent out by Grove said Fivaz had on October 30 expressed "grave concern" that recent and pending arrests of former security force members could have serious consequences in regard to safety of the country and its citizens.

Because of this it was important to analyse possible threats, including:

- The resurgence of right-wing militancy.
- The polarisation of security force members around the arrests.
- The unification of former security force members around the issues mentioned; and
- The mobilisation of elements to destablise law and order and common ground to show their disapproval of the arrests.

Police chiefs were asked to conclude investigations and report within a week. – Sapa.

I'm not for coup – Malan

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Sowetan 7/11/95

FORMER Defence Minister General Magnus Malan said yesterday he would never become involved in any attempt to seize power in South Africa by undemocratic means.

Malan, who is facing 13 charges of murder in KwaZulu-Natal along with 10 former senior SA Defence Force officers, said the chances for political hijacking in South Africa by groups who were not interested in democracy might be a real threat.

"But I support democracy and although I might disagree with certain things, I would only support democratic means to bring about change. I am not available to leftist or rightist radicals," he said.

Malan said he was seriously concerned "about our newly-born democracy" and its chances of survival. Democracy was in fact going through a difficult phase in South Africa. "I believe that we as South Africans simply must establish this democratic system successfully."

On the charges against him, Malan said: "I am not worried. I know that in respect of charges against me I have nothing on my conscience."

Malan, who makes his next court appearance on December 1, said: "What bothers me in this instance is that I am being accused of a despicable deed, namely the murder of children and innocent people, which happened during the violent era of the eighties.

"I ask that justice be done speedily and fairly. That is why I personally went to court in Durban – so that the case could be expedited, not delayed," he said. – *Sapa.*

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President unmoved by right-wing rumblings

Mandela warns De Klerk and Viljoen not to use the threat of insurrection when discussing the criminal case against 11 former members of the South African Defence Force

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President Nelson Mandela has dug in his heels and has yet again refused to intervene in the prosecution faced by 11 former South African Defence Force members who have been charged with the 1987 murder of 13 members of a KwaMakhutha, KwaZulu Natal family.

The president has also warned deputy president FW de Klerk, in a meeting last week to discuss the generals' plight, that the National Party leader should not use the threat of right-wing violence when discussing the criminal case against the generals.

Mandela repeated this message after a meeting with Freedom Front leader Gen Constand Viljoen and FF MP Dr Corne Mulder at Mandela's Houghton residence yesterday. Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi also attended the meeting.

The Star understands that intelligence information made available to the president indicates that while not acting under the instruction of the organised right wing, there was still a segment of the Right that was involved in the continuing violence in KwaZulu Natal.

The escalating violence in KwaZulu Natal, where a family of five was massacred this week, was believed to be one of the reasons Mandela has not changed his stand, despite mounting threats from the right wing.

After yesterday's meeting, Mandela told journalists that he was not intimidated by fears expressed by Viljoen.

"Nobody should lecture me about reconciliation. I started reconciliation in South Africa after a lot of humiliation," Mandela said. "I am the architect of reconciliation."

Mandela said although he had a lot of respect for Viljoen, calling him a man of "real honesty", reconciliation did not need a weak president.

"I must put my foot down when it is necessary. We want to create a culture of respect for law and order in South Africa," the president said, adding that the lack of such a culture in the past was why the country was in trouble today.

"My interfering in the judicial process would be undermining that process and the authority of the Attorney-General, who must remain independent," he said.

The generals were released on bail of between R4 000 and R10 000 and ordered to stand trial on December 1.

Malan and his co-accused, including four other generals and an admiral, were charged with the murder of 13 people, including 11 women and children, at a prayer meeting at the home of an ANC-aligned family in KwaZulu Natal in 1987.