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Cheap power waits to be switched on

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PETER DELMAR

WHEN Eskom announces that its annual electricity sales are down for the first time in 50 years, the economy is clearly in trouble The utility's 1992 financial report, released this week, shows that power consumption dipped 0,4% from 1991 levels, the first year on year decline since 1943.

Sales would have been even lower were it not for growing domestic and rural demand. Industrial, mining and transport consumption all declined as the wheels of industry slowly ground down.

Generally, overall electricity sales enjoy a 1,5%-2% lead over GDP growth (or shrinkage) and the small reduction in output serves to confirm that local industry is simply going nowhere.

Several years ago the Megawatt Park planners drew up blueprints to build huge new power stations to meet an expected annual growth in demand of 7% or more. Today Eskom sits with almost 40% in unutilised capacity. Installed capacity is almost 37 000MW Last year peak demand was up by less than 1% to just over 22 600MW.

Projected increase in demand for the current year is 2%, but as finance and services executive director Mick Davis acknowledges, even that meagre forecast could prove to be optimistic.

The utility's scope for expansion remains inextricably tied to economic growth. This year Eskom will connect 158 000 households, more than the 140 000 linked up last year and five times the number electrified two years ago.

But, at best, the five-year electrification drive can soak up only 15% of excess capacity. Like any other statistic, electrification figures can be deceiving

In 1992 Eskom increased its customer base from 278 000 to 542 000, the result of electrification and taking over supply from embattled black local authorities. Domestic users represent 70% of Eskom's customers, but consume only 1% of its total output

Even the expansion of large power consumers, such as Alusaf, will account for only a small portion of Eskom's mothballed generators. Despite being one of the biggest single electricity consumers, Alusaf in its enlarged form will consume only about 800MW.

Similarly, the envisaged southern African electricity grid, which Eskom CE Ian McRae said this week had moved beyond "being on the verge of reality", will do little to get all of SA's power plants up and running, such is the comparative insignificance of our northern neighbours' economies.

New pricing options have added R155m to Eskom's income and last year time-of-use customers accounted for 1 000MW

The poor consumption trend recorded in 1992 enabled Eskom to undertake programmes to improve productivity and maintenance which would not have been possible in times of full capacity demand

A steadily shrinking labour force has been maintained with small but sustained improvements in productivity, and the debt to equity ratio fell in 1992 from 2,49 to 1, to 2,21 to 1, reflecting Eskom's reduced dependance on borrowings and a shrinking interest bill

Despite falling revenue, Eskom achieved a real price reduction of 4,9%, keeping it on course to meet its undertaking to reduce actual electricity prices 20% by 1996

Eskom has traditionally made much of the importance of readily available, cheap power to economic takeoff, as was the case with the "economic tigers" of southeast Asia.

While labour costs soar in reverse proportion to productivity levels, SA has one comparative competitive advantage over almost every other industrialised nation — cheap and abundant electricity

Eskom produces power at a third of the cost of Italian electricity, less than half the price of US power and only marginally more expensive than the cost of New Zealand's hydroelectric driven energy

It is time that local industry got switched on to this fact.

☐ McRAE

REVIEW

SABC board gets extension: Secret Nat plan alleged

MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Correspondent (260)

THE government has drawn sharp criticism over its controversial decision to extend the present SABC board's term of office by two months.

The board's tenure was to have expired last night, but outgoing Minister of Home Affairs Mr Louis Pienaar said negotiations on the appointment of a new board were continuing in the absence of consensus. ARG 1/4/93

In a debate in parliament, he said negotiations were expected to continue today and tomorrow.

But he faced tough criticism from Democratic Party media spokesman Mr Peter Soal who said the government — whose intentions on this critical issue were "opaque and murky" — had been dragging its heels.

The government had to recognise that it could no longer control and manipulate the flow of information.

Mr Soal said he understood the government had a "secret" plan to avoid placing the SABC under impartial control. This involved the secret appointment of seven members of a 21-seat board by a panel, the appointment of a further seven by the President and the retention of seven from the present board to ensure continuity.

"Fourteen board members will be appointed by the government. So the more things change the more they stay the same."

However, Mr Pienaar insisted that the government endorsed the idea of a board that was broadly representative of the whole population.

He said he believed it would be possible to achieve that objective through negotiations.

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VACANCY IN THE ELECTORAL DIVISION OF GLENVIEW

Pursuant to section 188 of the Electoral Act, 1979, I hereby declare that on account of the resignation of Dr Jagaram Narainsamy Reddy with effect from 1 April 1993, a casual vacancy has occurred in the representation in the House of Delegates of the Electoral Division of Glenview

R. C. DOUGLAS,
Secretary to Parliament
Parliament, Cape Town
1 April 1993

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RAAD VAN AFGEVAARDIGDES

VAKATURE IN DIE KIESAFDELING GLENVIEW

Ooreenkomstig artikel 188 van die Kieswet, 1979, verklaar ek hiermee dat daar weens die bedanking van dr Jagaram Narainsamy Reddy met ingang van 1 April 1993, 'n tussentydse vakature ontstaan het in die verteenwoordiging in die Raad van Afgevaardigdes van die kiesafdeling Glenview

R. C. DOUGLAS,
Sekretaris van die Parlement
Parlement, Kaapstad
1 April 1993.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1993 TO 31 MAY 1993

It is hereby published for general informaton that the State President has, under the powers vested in him by section 4 of the Broadcasting Act, 1976 (Act No 73 of 1976), with effect from 1 April 1993—

(a) appointed the following persons as members of the Board of the South African Broadcasting Corporation for the period 1 April 1993 to 31 May 1993

Mrs M S Ackermann
Prof E (Elize) Botha

ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING

KENNISGEWING 303 VAN 1993

DEPARTEMENT VAN BINNELANDSE SAKE

AANSTELLING VAN LEDE OP DIE RAAD VAN DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE UITSAAIKORPORASIE VIR DIE TYDPERK 1 APRIL 1993 TOT 31 MEI 1993

Hiermee word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Staatspresident kragtens die bevoegdheid hom verleen by artikel 4 van die Uitsaaiwet, 1976 (Wet No 73 van 1976), met ingang van 1 April 1993—

(a) die volgende persone as lede van die Raad van die Suid-Afrikaanse Uitsaaikorporasie vir die tydperk 1 April 1993 tot 31 Mei 1993 aangestel het

Mev M S Ackermann
Prof E (Elize) Botha

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Mr R Donner
Mr L Gordon-Hughes
Dr R N Gugushe
Dr D S Henderson
Dr V E Hesse
Mr C K Hickling
Prof L Konar
Prof T H Links
Mr H A Sloet (Vice-Chairman)
Mr J H Taylor
Maj-Genl J A van Zyl
Prof H C Viljoen (Chairman)

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(b) designated the said Prof H C Viljoen as Chairman for the period 1 April 1993 to 31 May 1993,

(c) designated the said Mr H A Sloet as Vice-Chairman for the period 1 April 1993 to 31 May 1993

Mnr R Donner
Mnr L Gordon-Hughes
Dr R N Gugushe
Dr D S Henderson
Dr V E Hesse
Mnr C K Hickling
Prof L Konar
Prof T H Links
Mnr H A Sloet (Ondervoorsitter)
Mnr J H Taylor
Genl-maj J A van Zyl
Prof H C Viljoen (Voorsitter)

(b) genoemde prof H C Viljoen as Voorsitter vir die tydperk 1 April 1993 tot 31 Mei 1993 aangewys het,

(c) genoemde mnr H A Sloet as Ondervoorsitter vir die tydperk 1 April 1993 tot 31 Mei 1993 aangewys het

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SABC board gets reprieve

Political Correspondent

THE term of office of the existing SABC board has been extended for two months following the failure of last-minute negotiations yesterday to beat the midnight deadline (260) CT 1/4/93

The negotiations are expected to continue today and tomorrow

It is understood that the parties are close to agreement and a process will be agreed on which will involve a panel including judges and possibly senior advocates, to select the new independent board.

It is believed the stumbling block is whether or not the questions asked by the panel of prospective board members should be open to public scrutiny

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SABC board extension condemned

By Jacques Pauw (260)

The ANC, Cosatu and their allies are to engage in a campaign of mass action against the SABC after the Government failed to have a new board in place by midnight last night

Outgoing Minister of Home Affairs Louis Pienaar yesterday announced in Parliament that the term of the present board had been extended for two months

The ANC said there was a total deadlock between itself and the Government on the method of appointing members to the new board.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, the ANC, Cosatu and the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) slammed the Government for trying to retain direct control and influence over the SABC They said this would endanger the prospects for free and fair elections

However, the Government and the ANC were still engaged in talks late yesterday to try to resolve the deadlock

According to the CIB, there was little prospect of agreement and "a major crisis was looming for the corporation"

Speaking in an interpellation debate in Parliament, Pienaar said that regrettably it had not been possible to conclude negotiations on the appointment of a new board before the term of the present one had ended, Sapa reports

However, DP media spokesman Peter Soal said during the debate that the Government was dragging its heels and had a secret plan to avoid an impartial board to represent the broad South African population

The Government proposal is a 21-member board, of which seven would be secretly appointed by a panel of judges, seven by the State President and the remaining seven would be members of the existing board retained "for the sake of continuity"

The CIB said that according to the Government's proposal, De Klerk would retain a high degree of discretion over who served on a new SABC board

The CIB accused the Government of acting in bad faith, saying it had earlier this year committed itself to a free and independent board which was democratically elected and broadly representative of South African society.

"This week, only two days before the end of the term of the current board, the Government brushed aside its formal commitment to the principles outlined by the CIB and accepted by the Government," CIB co-chairman Raymond Louw said

Louw said the CIB would agree to an extension of the current board only to enable a process to be implemented

"We therefore oppose completely any unilateral action by President de Klerk or his Government to extend the terms of the current board or to replace it in any way with a caretaker board," Louw said

Pienaar said talks would probably continue today

SABC board's term of office extended

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — The SABC board's term of office has been extended for two months after yesterday's last-minute negotiations failed to beat the midnight deadline.

Outgoing Home Affairs Minister Louis Pienaar said he regretted it had not been possible to conclude negotiations before the existing board's term of office expired.

Negotiations are expected to continue today and tomorrow, with government being represented by incoming Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte

It was understood that the parties were close to agreement on a process for a panel, including judges and possibly senior advocates, to select the new board. It was also possible that non-legal experts could be drafted onto this pannel.

The stumbling block was believed to be whether the questions the panel would ask prospective board members should be open to public scrutiny

Pienaar said although it had appeared that the negotiations would be concluded in time, it had not been possible to conclude the process of negotiations in time

Because radio and television were bound to play a central role in the coming election, government agreed that the SABC

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board should be recognised as being neutral and impartial.

DP media spokesman Peter Soal said government had a secret plan to avoid an impartial board and its intentions were opaque and murky. Government had to realise it could not continue manipulating the broadcasting process

Soal said he understood that government had proposed a 21-member board, with seven members being appointed by a panel, seven by government and seven retained "for the sake of continuity".

LLOYD COUTTS reports that media campaigners vowed to launch a concerted action on the issue. Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) co-chairman Raymond Louw said Pienaar's statement was unsatisfactory.

"Instead of negotiating, they have been chopping and changing their stance, moving the goalposts and in some cases reconstructing the goalposts. We reject this statement as merely a plot to delay the replacement of the present politically orientated board with a proper board.

"Government is trying its best to whitewash or give the impression that they are using a civil process to appoint a new board when in fact they are perpetuating NP influence," Louw said

He said government had brushed aside an earlier, formal commitment to CIB proposals, which specified that the process of selecting a new board be transparent, independent and free of government or party-political control.

Government's latest position included a secret process with no real public participation for the board's election, direct government influence on the process, the introduction of a new set of criteria that would entrench the positions of most of the current board's members and the removal of any reference to the board or the corporation acting in the public interest

A source said Pienaar's agreements with CIB had been made without a mandate from Cabinet, and these had subsequently fallen through.

CIB called on SABC board members to refuse to accept a unilateral extension of their term of office by resigning.

CIB warned that its affiliates — including Cosatu — would take "all action necessary" to force government to accept a democratic process.

CSIR and Comro combine

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Science Writer

The Chamber of Mines Research Organisation (Comro) was formerly merged with the CSIR in Johannesburg yesterday

Comro becomes the CSIR's Division of Mining Technology and will continue to be based at Melville, Johannesburg

All Comro staff have been seconded to the CSIR for a period of two to three years, with the option of taking up permanent employment at any time

Dr Geoff Garrett, CSIR executive vice-president of operations, will be responsible for co-ordinating all mining research within the CSIR and will act as director of the new Division of Mining Technology.

Dr John Stewart, research adviser to the Chamber of Mines and previously general manager of Comro, will now be based at the Chamber's head office and co-ordinate and advise on research matters for Chamber members

Bill allows for larger SABC board

TIM COHEN (260)

CAPE TOWN — Legislation was tabled in Parliament yesterday making provision for the enlargement of the SABC board from a maximum of 15 people to a maximum of 25 people.

The legislation, the precursor to a fundamentally changed procedure for selecting board members, deals only with the expansion of the board

The current board's term, which expired on March 31, has been extended for two months while negotiations continue on the composition of a new governing body.

A government source said yesterday the expansion was necessary to allow the board to include a broader variety of representatives

The Broadcasting Amendment Bill specifies that the minimum number of board members will be 21 compared to the current minimum of five

The selection of the board could be placed in the hands of an independent panel soon — freeing the selection process from government control for the first time

A government source said further progress was made in negotiations yesterday and an announcement on the subject was likely soon

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It was believed that the parties were discussing a process which would allow the appointment of a panel, including judges and possibly senior advocates, to select the new board

It was also possible that nonlegal experts could be drafted onto this panel

The stumbling block was believed to be whether the questions the panel would ask prospective board members should be open to public scrutiny

Because radio and television were bound to play a central role in the coming election, government had agreed that the SABC board should be recognised as being neutral and impartial

Cosatu gets serious

W/Mail 2/4-7/4/93 (260)

By FERIAL HAFFAJEE

THE Congress of South African Trade Unions outlined its mass action plans at a "Let's get serious" campaigns conference last weekend

There will be a call for a national TV licence boycott if the government does not show serious efforts to change the SABC.

Already posters have been printed in anticipation of a campaign Decorating the Cosatu boardroom, these read *"SABC board vat jou goed en trek"*, and "SABC remember — no service, no pay"

Other political campaigns will kick off on April 14 when Cosatu leaders will "address meetings in thousands of Cosatu organised workplaces around the country" to explain plans for a Reconstruction Accord and elections

The Weekly Mail was told this week told that the debate on these issues the longest and most vigourous at the conference

There has been some consternation in the federation about the top-down approach by which the accord was proposed "Cosatu will be embarking on a major process of going to workers to report on these and other decisions to ensure maximum involvement of workers and to empower them to intervene in the key political and economic issues of the day," it announced this week

It is likely that the federation will hold a reconstruction programme conference later this year to draw in a range of sectors and organisations who will plan for an "interim government of national unity and reconstruction"

Cosatu is also planning to "monitor profiteering" and consumer prices. Labour-centred campaigns include a programme to counter "a systematic attack on centralised collective bargaining throughout the economy"

The collapse of the industrial council in the building industry, Derek Keys' Normative Economic Model and employer resistance to centralised bargaining in the chemical, catering and commercial sectors all point to such an attack

Major affiliates spearheaded "a healthy debate" on the agency shop at the conference — a type of closed shop

Also well-received was the National Union of Mineworkers proposal for a Social Plan Act — an umbrella act to provide a social welfare net for retrenched workers.

On May 8 there will be a protest day in the public sector.

Durban's project to tackle power failures

MATTHEW CURTIN

THE Durban Corporation electricity department, the joint supplier of electricity to industry in Durban with Eskom, is building a new R15m substation in Isipingo to improve erratic electricity supplies which have cost local industry millions of rands in lost production.

Power failures and power dips have blighted industry in the area for some time. Engen's Genref oil refinery lost 20% of its output between October and February this year — only months after finishing a R670m plant upgrade and expansion — because of supply problems.

Genref's poor performance dented Engen's exports of fuel, chemicals and lubricants to southern and central Africa — exports account for more than 10% of its R3,6bn turnover. The fuels group imported product to meet demand. It is understood Mondi Paper's mill and the Shell/BP oil refinery have also been affected.

Eskom communications manager Bongani Khumalo said yesterday Eskom and the Durban Corporation regarded the problems faced by customers in a serious light.

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He said reinsulating problem lines to meet "adverse environmental conditions" was "already in hand" and would be finished this year.

Genref MD Errol Martin said yesterday even irregular electricity supply could seriously damage equipment and lead to shutdowns for repairs, while the costs of the refinery providing its own power were prohibitive.

He said the problem had its roots in the refinery having to draw its power from electricity generated in the Transvaal and transmitted over hundreds of kilometres of cables to Durban. Dirt on lines damaged insulation.

"A programme to clear sugar cane from beneath affected high voltage lines is under serious and urgent investigation," Khumalo added.

BUSINESS

Eskom's name goes up in lights

W/Mail 2/4-7/4/93. (260)

Eskom's profit surge in the teeth of the recession was based on a growing number of consumers and tight fiscal disciple. By **MICHAEL WANG**

IT WAS a buoyant John Maree who addressed reporters this week with Eskom's results for the year to December At a news briefing at the utility's plush corporate headquarters in Sandton, Eskom's chairman reported that net income soared 49 percent although sales of electricity fell 0,4 percent — the first decline in nearly 50 years.

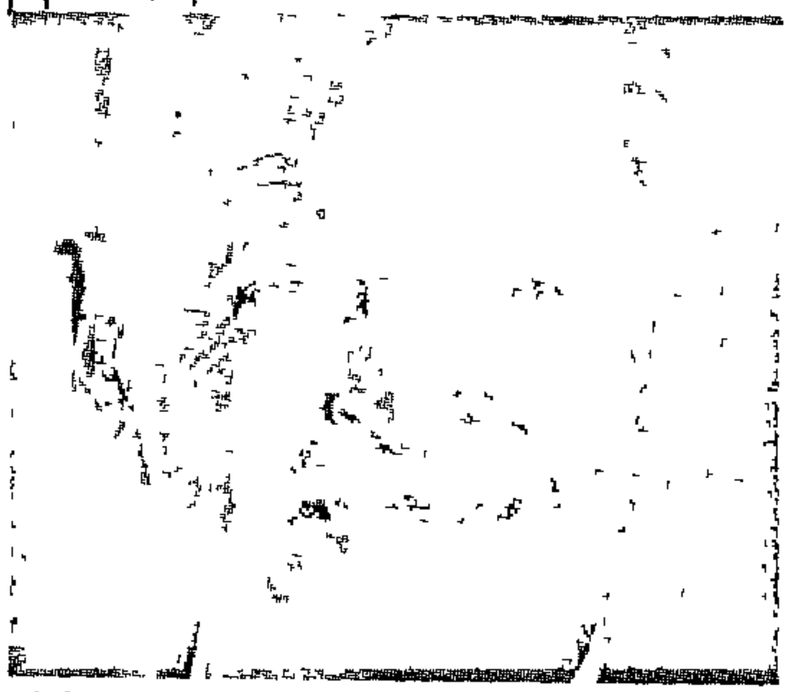
The improvement in the profit picture — from R1-billion to R1,5-billion — mainly came from a one-time R200-million windfall from a bad debts provision arising from arrears in Soweto, as well as significant reductions in interest and finance charges

Maree said this constituted a "solid performance" in the face of difficult social, political and economic conditions

Finance and services executive director Mick Davis reported that Eskom's customer base nearly doubled to 540 000 owing to new connection hook-ups and the securing of new distribution agreements with several townships He added that Eskom was presently negotiating to take over energy distribution from 11 black municipalities

Davis said Eskom spent R440-million — roughly 12 percent of capital expenditure last year — in installing new connections to 145 000 dwellings According to company estimates that translates into roughly one million more South Africans benefiting from electricity, still a far cry from the more than 20 million citizens who currently have no regular access to the energy

Electrification general manager Jan de Beer noted that the campaign was being further assisted by offering dwellers cash rebates of up to R400 and billing discounts if they sign up with Eskom.



John Maree ... Seeking evolutionary change

Ian McRae ... In search of an heir

However, Maree stressed that the purpose of the incentives was not for the power supplier to become the dominant retailer of electricity, but simply to allow more disadvantaged South Africans access to power

"And when people have electricity," said the silver-haired chairman, "the economy can lift off"

De Beer estimated current arrears at R400-million and growing at more than R15-million a month Last year, the utility wrote off almost R300-million in bad debts.

Eskom retained its postion as the world's second-cheapest supplier of industrial electricity behind New Zealand Maree said he would not stop there, and accordingly was holding energy price increases to eight percent for 1993. This is in line with a campaign to cut the real price of electricity by 20 percent over five years from 1992

Maree blamed the decline in electricity consumption on the poor economy and low commodity prices Industry consumption fell four percent, mining almost two percent and heavy consumer Transnet by more than three percent Eskom has forecast sales growth of two percent for 1993.

It is also anxious to cut its growing excess capacity and is moving aggressively to find new customers Last year, Eskom inked an innovative deal with Alusaf, whereby the Richards Bay aluminium smelter agreed to buy 800mw of unused power — roughly the amount used to light up Pretoria

The deal was solidified when Eskom agreed to supply an unprecedented R300-million loan to Alusaf to help to finance its huge smelting expansion.

Eskom has also made more inroads with neighbouring African states It has reached provisional agreement with Zimbabwe to supply 400 kilovolts of power through a line connected to Bulawayo.

Chief executive Ian McRae noted that the cessation of hostilities in Mozambique meant plans to rehabilitate the energy-rich hydro-electric Cahorra Bassa project were once again under way.

Maree gave some insight into the sticky problem of management representation. Operations policy at Eskom is overseen by the 19-member Electricity Council, whose appointments are up for renewal.

Trade union and township organisations have made it clear that the council — largely comprised of industry executives and academics, all appointed by the government — needs to be radically shaken up

"Its composition is not fully representative," admitted Maree, adding that he expected an announcement on its new make-up later this month.

"It is not something we fear," he said. "The changes will not be revolutionary, but evolutionary"

As far as succession was concerned at the executive level, Maree would only say that an heir to McRae would only be made public "in a couple of months". Company insiders suggest that high-flying Davis is a front-runner.

"Davis is the personal favourite of Maree," said a middle management watcher of the succession stakes. "But, he may be too young."

Davis, age 35 and a member of Eskom's Management Board, declined to speculate on his chances.

Asked about Maree's own retirement plans, the 68-year-old chairman said he felt it would not be prudent to leave his post at a time when the chief executive's position was up for grabs.

"I think it is important that we have an overlap in welcoming in a new chief executive," said Maree.

CSIR comfortable with its 'objectivity' over St Lucia

MARIANNE MERTEN

THE CSIR has said it "felt very comfortable" with the process leading up to the publication of the St Lucia environmental impact study and was looking forward to proactive responses from the public on the titanium mining debate

CSIR consultation manager Alex Weaver said this week its role was to support informed decision-making by its client, the SA public

Weaver said principles of environmentally integrated management which included accountability, reliable information gathering, consultation and a multidisciplinary approach, had been developed locally over the past four years and were comparable to international standards

The CSIR denied accusations of bias in favour of mining, saying it had been careful to retain its objectivity by opening up the consultation process. Its credibility would be seriously damaged if actions based on the report's information led to an environmental disaster, Weaver said

There was a tremendous amount of energy that needed to be harnessed and used to help identify problems which the study might have been overlooked, he said

The CSIR had received more than 500 individual anti-mining letters so far, but was unable to deal with them on an individual basis because such comments were not based on the report

However, the letters would be mentioned, albeit not fully reproduced, in the response report. The report would be published in May

The Zululand Environmental Alliance's alternative report and the Ramsar convention findings that government should refuse a mining licence because the area was an internationally important wetland were also welcome, Weaver said

The impact study had been criticised for not sufficiently considering the role of the communities in the St Lucia area, but their reactions were incorporated into the study and local community representatives would attend the public hearings before the review panel later this year.

"St Lucia is a test case in that there seems to be a dichotomy between environment and development. It is generally accepted we must get out of this syndrome if we want to attain sustainable development," Weaver said

Securocrats setting up De Klerk — Holomisa

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Transkei military council chairman Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said yesterday he would warn President F W de Klerk that he was in danger of being "set up" by his securocrats.

Speaking after delivering a speech to a Cape Town Chamber of Commerce conference on local government, Holomisa suggested the security forces were feeding De Klerk false information about the perpetrators of recent killings near Johannesburg

He said the findings of the Goldstone commission, which provisionally implicated the Transkei and Apla in armed conflict, were one-sided These provisional findings had been used by the NP for its own agenda

"The report has a background to it The armed conflict between the SA government and the liberation movement has not yet been addressed fully The ANC has just suspended it.

"The government has not met the leadership of the PAC and addressed the issue and come to an agreement in the same way it has done with the ANC"

Holomisa said the establishment of an international commission of inquiry chaired by UN or OAU representatives was the precondition for his handing over files implicating the security forces in fomenting violence

Holomisa said he had instructed his team at the multiparty talks at the World Trade Centre yesterday to put the Operation Katzen files on the table so they could be used as a guide as to how black on black violence had been fomented by the P W Botha and present governments

"There was a policy of destabilisation approved at the highest level," he reiterated and said he was afraid to release the information outside of a commission

Proposal to help jobless

ERICA JANKOWITZ

COSATU has proposed a special youth employment programme as part of its campaign for labour intensive construction projects

In a presentation to civil engineering profession representatives recently, National Union of Metalworkers of SA spokesman Tony Ruiters gave guidelines for the programme

He said an age limit of 17 to 25 years should be applied in a bid to employ unemployed, disaffected youth

Youths who participated on such construction projects should be given preference in being placed in "proper jobs" upon completion of the contract, he said

The drive was aimed at the estimated 300 000 to 400 000 black youths out of work As most of them were first-time job seekers, they stood little chance of getting employment, thus contributing to the "disintegration of the social fabric in the townships"

waited for all the pieces to fall into place, it would be left behind" *Marina Bidoli*

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Power up for grabs

There's high tension at Megawatt Park as Eskom's senior executives wait to find out how the Electricity Council, which controls the government-owned utility, and the management board, which oversees its day-to-day running, will be reconstituted in the coming months

The three-year term of the 18-member council, which is appointed by government, expires this month It now consists of representatives of Eskom's biggest customers — Transnet, agriculture, mining and other in-

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dustries — and expert appointees Critics argue that the all-male, overwhelmingly white council should also include representatives of local civic organisations, Eskom's labour unions and the municipalities that distribute the electricity

John Maree, who has chaired the council since its formation in 1985, says Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers can be expected to announce changes to the council this month that will go into effect when the new term begins at the end of May

"It's not fully representative," Maree says "There is going to be, undoubtedly, some shift in the council that will broaden representation Some old faces won't be there"

Nevertheless, he says he doesn't expect a major change in focus from supplying electricity as cheaply as possible and electrifying homes Eskom spent R442m last year connecting 145 522 dwellings Still, at least two-thirds of the country remains unelectrified

Says Maree "All indications are that there will be a shift in emphasis, but I don't believe there will be major shifts I think we are respected by our customers and they are happy with the way we do business, and they should be, they are on the council with us"

Maree doesn't seem to believe his job is in jeopardy "I will be 70 in about 18 months Then one will have to see whether one wants to go on"

He adds that he doesn't think it's usual business practice for the chairman and CE to move on at the same time CE Ian McRae (63), who joined Eskom in 1947 and was due to retire last month, was given a one-year extension by the council in November Maree says the decision on who will succeed McRae will be made in the next few months *(Business & Technology* November 13)

Maree left no doubt that McRae's successor will be promoted from within "I believe the talent is on the management board" The frontrunners for the job of overseeing 44 000 employees and R40bn in assets appear to be executive directors Mick Davis (35), the head of finance and services, Johan van den Bergh (46), generation, and Jac Messerschmidt (48), marketing

Van den Bergh, who was formerly head of management services, joined Eskom in 1970 Messerschmidt, who joined in 1967, was formerly GM in McRae's office

But it is Davis, an accountant who joined Eskom in 1986, who certainly has the highest profile When Eskom released its annual results at a press conference this week, it was Davis who was given the task of explaining the numbers

Under Davis, the treasury saw net interest and finance charges drop by 8% and the debt equity ratio improve from 2,49 1 to a still dismal 2,21 1 But Eskom's economic predictions have been far too optimistic, some would say downright bad

Electricity sales for 1992 were budgeted for 3,3% growth, but the reality was a decrease of 0,39% — R573m below budget on turnover of R12,6bn Sales were down 4% to industry, 3,2% to Transnet and 1,7% to the mines Sales were up slightly to towns and up 8,8% to rural buyers Davis called the figures a trauma situation

Eskom faces another trauma this year unless the economy and world prices for minerals make a sharp turnaround soon In setting this year's price hike at 9% last October, the assumption was made that the economy will grow 2% and sales will grow 3,5% The way things are going, it looks as though Eskom will be forced into another round of *mea culpa* this time next year ■

SABC 'should tune in to feelings and needs'

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THE LATEST demand for an independent SABC has come from the University of the Western Cape's Bush Radio at a meeting of members.

Bush Radio pointed out that the SABC is "public property to be shared by all" and condemned President FW de Klerk's "reluctance to relinquish control". SOWETO 3/4-7/4/93

It also noted the "impact" broadcasting had on negotiations and could have on the upcoming democratic elections.

The organisation adopted the following resolutions:

- To do all in its power for communities that have been maltreated by apartheid institutions (the SABC included),
- To call on all South Africans to demand that the SABC be more sensitive to their needs and feelings,
- To fight for a representative and accountable SABC, independent of party-political interests

Radio Xhosa in W Cape

PORT ELIZABETH. — The SABC's Radio Xhosa service is to be extended to the Western Cape and the PWV region from April 15. CT 3/4/93

The decision to extend the service beyond the Eastern Cape would enable Xhosa-speakers in the Western Cape and PWV to tune into their favourite programmes in stereo, the SABC said.

The broadcast in the Western Cape would begin at 8am and at midday for PWV listeners — Sapa

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Blow for arms industry plans as Auckland Park defies state

SABC SCUPPERS SPACE PROJECT

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Rugby-mad Carmen was just beginning to display top form for SA in Hong Kong ... when she was tackled right out of the game

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By CHARMAIN NAIDOO

THE SABC has scuppered a bid by the South African arms industry to develop its own multimillion-rand missile and satellite programme.

After a bitter behind-the-scenes dispute which has waged for months, the corporation rejected government pressure to sign a satellite deal with a French company, Eutelsat.

Instead, the SABC went for a cheaper but more limited American system. Both services would use satellites in orbit over South Africa to bounce signals back to the country for broadcasting radio and TV programmes

But the French company had in addition promised to provide Denel, the commercialised wing of Armscor, with satellite facilities which would enable them to use satellite links for a proposed lucrative mobile cellular-telephone network in South Africa. And it had promised to help Denel develop its own satellite.

Without the French company's service, Denel's plans for entering the cellular-phone market in South Africa have been dashed. And with it goes all hope of getting the money needed to develop eventually its own missile and satellite programme.

The remarkable details of the high-stakes row were disclosed this week by top officials involved in the negotiations

On one side stood the SABC, anxious to strike the cheapest deal On the other an armaments industry desperate to find a ...

Transvaal thrash the Blue Bulls

TRANSVAAL thrashed Northern Transvaal 42-22 in the first round of the new southern hemisphere Super 10 inter-provincial rugby championship at Loftus Versfeld yesterday

Transvaal completely outplayed Northerns at forward to signal their intention of claiming the inaugural tournament, which features teams from New Zealand Australia and West in Samo

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On one side stood the SABC, anxious to strike the cheapest deal On the other an armaments industry desperate to find avenues into non-military hi-tech manufacturing and a government concerned about the economic future of the country's armaments industry.

Limiting

Now, in the wake of the signing of the deal, senior government sources have spoken bitterly of the SABC board acting in its own rather than "national" interest.

"They are behaving selfishly, and have acted without consulting the broader body of public opinion to establish what is best for South Africa," said one source.

"The American choice might be cheaper but it is extremely limiting in its applications, which are restricted to broadcasting and nothing else."

SABC board chairman Christo Viljoen was unrepentant.

"We are not willing to subsidise a government department Ours was a business not a political decision," he said

Denel spokesman Paul Holtzhausen, meanwhile, denied that the missile programme had been shelved, and said that a commercial study into the viability of a space programme was still under way.

Implication

Yet on Friday 340 employees at Denel's Cape subsidiary, Somchem, and its missile test range at Overberg, near Bredasdorp, were retrenched.

The SABC deal with the American company, PanAmSat — made in conjunction with pay station M-Net — will extend viewing of existing channels to all parts of South Africa by the end of 1994 It will also provide a service for cellular phones.

The SABC does not intend applying for a cellular-phone licence — "our business is broadcasting and we will stick to that", said Professor Viljoen — but M-Net has already done so

The implication of the SABC deal is that additional satellite time would have to be acquired for the cellular-phone system — but this service alone would not make it economically viable for South

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Satellite row

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Africa to launch its own satellite (260)

The PanAmSat deal will cost the SABC and M-Net a set rate of US$2-million a year The European option would have cost twice as much

According to a Home Affairs source, the Eutelsat deal was preferred because it could provide a wider range of applications

"More importantly, the Cabinet believed that the increased cost would have been worth it, since one of the clauses in the contract included helping South Africa launch its own satellite Every government wants the total control that having your own satellite gives a country," he said.

Professor Viljoen said the decision to go with the American deal was made after three stringent conditions were put to the test

"I insisted that the price be right, reliability comparable and the technology acceptable

"On all three questions PanAmSat was best. We have not had a narrow, selfish interest We were just not willing to pay double the price for a service that we could get more cheaply elsewhere," he said

Last month Foreign Minister Pik Botha told American officials in Washington that the government had stopped funding SA's ballistic-missile programme but hoped it could be turned into a purely commercial satellite launch venture

Mr Botha asked the US to help Denel launch its commercial project, but the Americans continued to apply pressure to get South Africa to scrap the missile project because they feared its military application

Shortly before this Somchem managing director Jacob van Wyk said a partnership with "a European partner" would generate enormous revenue and create as many as 12 000 jobs by the year 2000

Eskom shines a light on secret of success

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MONEY TALK

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THE rapid changes SA is undergoing is underscored by the annual report of Eskom, one of the world's top five electricity utility companies. It supplies more than half of the total amount of electricity consumed by the African continent

One of the most important features of the report is that Eskom has succeeded, by treading carefully through political minefields, in ensuring that the upheavels of the past few years affected its service to a very limited extent. In fact, the Electricity Council which controls this state-owned utility, and the management board, which oversees the actual running of Eskom, is to be reconstituted in the future. It is expected that representation will be broadened and that a number of black faces will make their appearance

Yet no substantial changes in policy appear to be necessary Eskom's key focus is to supply electricity as cheaply as possible and to electrify as many homes, mainly black-owned residences, as soon as possible. Last year it spent R442-million to supply electicity to almost 146 000 dwellings At the moment 640 houses a day are being connected However, around two thirds of the country is still without electricity.

Another important point of the annual report is that Eskom is financially sound. At the end of 1992 it had total assets of R42,5-billion, turnover for the year was R12,6-billion and net income amounted to R1,5-billion. It is self-financing, which means that taxpayers need not support it financially in spite of the fact that its electricity tariffs are among the lowest in the world.

Yet Eskom was badly hit by the shrinking SA economy during 1992 It had budgeted for growth of 3,3 percent, but instead it experienced a decrease of 0,4 percent. Sales to the nation's industrial concerns dropped by four percent The mines consumed 1,7 percent less There was some improvement only in the case of towns and rural areas. Indications were that 1993 would be another bad year.

Finance remains a constraint to electrify more homes and chairman John Maree pointed out in his annual review that the availability of development funds with preferential rates of interest and repayment terms was important.

The World Bank has carried out studies in SA which confirm the importance of electrification in the upliftment of the disadvantaged in SA, but funding from sources such as these will depend on the establishment of consensus government in SA.

Meanwhile, Eskom is playing a key role in normalising supplies to certain large municipal areas It has taken over distribution from black local authorities and is in the process of re-establishing efficient systems This includes Soweto

Another important development is the closer linking of Zimbabwe to the SA grid. This will relieve the power shortages in Zimbabwe in due course. At the same time the supply to Botswana will be improved

Way opens to accord over SABC board

ALAN FINE

A STATEMENT is expected this week announcing an agreement on the appointment of a new SABC board

Sources close to the negotiations involving government, the ANC and the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting said it appeared that President F W de Klerk had dropped his insistence that he have the final say over the composition of the board.

Government had insisted that it be permitted to appoint at least some of the board's members to ensure "continuity". This had been the biggest obstacle in the way of a deal

The source said the parties were close to agreement on the composition of a panel of four to seven senior members of the legal fraternity which would interview and nominate prospective board members.

The panel would probably include Codesa co-chairmen Judge Ismail Mohamed and Judge Petrus Schabort.

In addition, the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting and ANC believed the panel should reflect broad racial representation, so it would probably include at least one black senior counsel

Government's negotiating partners recognised the need for continuity and they would not object to current board members applying for membership of the new board

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Reserves strained by loan repayments

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TIM MARSLAND

ESKOM had repaid R600m in foreign loans in the past few weeks, prompting the Reserve Bank to draw on foreign credit lines to shore up its reserves, economists said on Monday.

Eskom finance manager Theuns Kotze confirmed two foreign loans of DM100m and DM200m had been repaid — together worth about R600m.

The repayments were included in Eskom's financing plans for the 1993/94 year, he said.

Eskom budgeted to repay R2bn in foreign loans in the current year.

Kotze said Eskom had not raised additional foreign finance to roll over the loans.

Nedcor Bank chief economist Edward Osborn said the repayments were an important factor preventing a cut in Bank rate. The repayments were putting pressure on the capital account, which Bank Governor Chris Stals had highlighted as a key factor preventing such a cut.

"It seems the Reserve Bank drew on foreign credit lines in February to prepare the ground for Eskom repaying its loans," he said.

The repayment would put further pressure on the Bank's foreign exchange reserves. This would in turn put pressure on short-term interest rates on the money market.

Monday's money market shortage — which reflects banks' overnight borrowings from the central bank — rose to R4,638bn. High shortages reflect a lack of liquidity in the money market, which in turn puts pressure on interest rates.

A Bank spokesman warned that the shortage would increase over the next few weeks to about R5bn because of the outflows on the capital account.

There had also been an interest payment in March on foreign debt caught in the net. The Bank also sold government debt which had contributed to the shortage, he said.

The shortage would stabilise in the middle of June when government spending flowed into the market and RSA stock worth about R2bn matured, he said.

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BUSINESS BRIEF

Gold (Ldn) (close)	$336,50
Gold (NY) (close)	$337,95
Dollar	R3,1925/40
BD 100	5635,4
FT index (100)	2822,1
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Nikkei	19829,2

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Experts probe fainting spells

CAIRO. — Army chemical warfare experts have joined the investigation of mysterious fainting spells which have affected about 1 300 Egyptian teenage girls, Health Minister Mr Ragheb Dewidar said yesterday.

But he said all medical and environmental tests so far had been negative. He believes mass hysteria is to blame for the week-old phenomena. — Sapa-AP

Investors' interest in Iscor surges

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EDWARD WEST

THE 54% rise in Iscor's share price from a record low of 61c at the end of 1992 to 94c yesterday had been characterised by strong institutional backing and exceptionally large traded volumes, analysts said yesterday.

The 85 deals involving 3,56-million shares which pushed the share price up 1c to 94c yesterday followed active trade last week which saw almost 27-million shares trade hands in 275 deals.

The surge of interest in Iscor follows yesterday's release of a SA Chamber of Business survey of confidence levels which said steel and engineering companies were the most positive they had been for more than four years in February.

Although this level of optimism was expected to subside slightly in March, the rising trend was expected to continue, the survey said.

An analyst said Iscor's share price had been undervalued and the interest in Iscor shares had been led by overseas investors keen to invest in cyclical recovery stock.

Eskom overcapacity may delay Namibian gas fields

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MATTHEW CURTIN

ESKOM'S huge power generating overcapacity may postpone the commercial development of gas fields off the Namibian coast for many years

An exploration licence for the gas fields was awarded to subsidiaries of Shell SA and Engen by the Namibian government this week.

Namibia Mines and Energy Minister Toivo ya Toivo announced the four-year offshore concession would go to Shell Exploration and Production Namibia as operator and 75% shareholder in the project. Engen (Kudu), a subsidiary of the Gencor fuels group, would have a 25% stake.

Shell Namibia spokesman Phil Riddle said if the gas field stocks were large enough to make the field viable, the next step would be to find a market.

He said the government and Shell had commissioned studies into potential usage of the gas field.

"There are several possibilities, but the most likely is the supply of gas to SA for generating electricity."

Shell Namibia had had "quite significant" talks with Eskom, but he said gas could be a difficult commodity to market.

Eskom spokesman Peter Adams would not comment on the talks.

But an industry source said the utility's excess capacity would offset potential benefits of using gas to generate electricity for at least 10 years.

In the long term, costs of piping or shipping gas to SA were such that the best way to exploit gas reserves would be to build an multibillion rand gas-fuelled power station on the Namibian coast and transmit the electricity to SA, he said.

Namibia is a net importer of electricity, but for much of the year meets its power demands from the Ruacana hydroelectric scheme on the Angolan border.

The gas exploration licence, the fifth in Namibia's first licensing round, will be signed next month and will cover 4 073km² of sea bed, 170km west of Oranjemund.

Previous licences for oil exploration have been awarded to Ranger Oil, Hardy Oil and Gas UK, to Sasol and to a Chevron/Engen consortium.

Route to foreign borrowings easier

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GRETA STEYN

A FIRST sign that SA's problems in raising foreign capital are about to ease has emerged in Frankfurt with a fall in the interest rate premium on SA issues in the Eurobond market

The easing in the rate SA parastatal borrowers would have to pay has brought some relief after a sharp rise in foreign borrowing costs sparked by the collapse in negotiations and the Boipatong and Bisho incidents

A top financier who has just returned from Europe predicted the easing would continue, raising the possibility of parastatal borrowers entering the market against expectations earlier this year

Government and other borrowers said at the beginning of the year punitively high interest rates would rule out rollovers and new loans for 1993, putting pressure on SA's foreign exchange reserves. But market sources said the present level of foreign interest rates still seemed too high

When SA fell from favour, the premium it paid on borrowing in Frankfurt rose to 300 points above the interest rate on German government bonds This compared with 150 points in March last year, when faith in the country was at its peak. In the past few weeks, the premium has eased to 230-240 points

The improved climate is reflected in the heightened demand for SA's outstanding bonds in the secondary market Bonds that had been trading at a discount to face value were now trading at a premium An Eskom bond was trading at 104 from 98.

The financier said a factor in SA's favour was that the Eurobond issues so far this year had failed to satisfy the demand of private investors for high yielding investments SA bonds have traditionally been popular with individuals rather than institutions. If present trends continued, bond issues would become feasible this year. "Cautious optimism" was warranted

A Reserve Bank source said margins on short-term borrowings had remained more or less static with little sign of the negative sentiment feeding through on that end The rate on the Bank's own borrowings was in line with the market.

An analyst said improved foreign sentiment was further reflected in the narrowing of the discount between the financial and commercial rands

CITY

Selection panel for SABC board welcomed

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PETER FABRICIUS and MICHAEL MORRIS, Political Staff

THE government's decision finally to relinquish sole control over public broadcasting by agreeing that an independent panel of largely black jurists should appoint the new SABC Board from May 1 has been widely welcomed

After months of hard bargaining, Home Affairs Minister Mr Danie Schutte announced yesterday that a panel of four judges, two magistrates and two lawyers would select the 21-person board

While criticising the "unfortunate" extension of the term of office of the present board, the African National Congress welcomed the announcement

"An SABC representative of all South Africans, committed to peace and democracy, free flow of information, freedom of expression as well as non-partisanship is essential for the transition to democracy and the future . ."

However, the ANC added that it noted "that the management of the SABC continues to restructure the corporation unilaterally, including the setting up of a so-called voter education unit", describing this as "a blatant attempt on the part of supporters of the National Party government to pre-empt the appointment of the new board".

Democratic Party broadcasting spokesman Mr Peter Soal hailed the announcement as a "great victory for the DP and the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB)"

The procedure fell squarely within proposals made by the DP and the CIB.

Mr Schutte announced that the panel would sit in open session to decide on the criteria for appointing board members

Mr Schutte said the aim would be to appoint a new board by May 31 — the date when the present board's extended term expired. Nominees would have to be submitted before noon on April 23

Invited to serve on the panel are former Codesa chairmen Mr Justice Ismael Mahomed and Mr Justice P J Schabort, ex-judges Mr Wim Trengrove and Mr Gerrie Viljoen, prominent advocate Mr T L Skweyiya, Scottburgh chief mangistrate Mr S K Ndlovu, Kuilsrivier chief mangistrate Mr N Erasmus and attorney Ms Lillian Baqwa, a member of the National Peace Secretariat

Mr Schutte said the panel should take regard of the following broad principles, among others.

- Board members should be respected South African citizens reflecting the broad spectrum of SA society and with a balanced sense of judgement,
- The board should reflect the racial, gender, language, social and regional composition of South Africa,
- The board should have at least one business and finance expert and one expert in broadcasting technology, and
- Board members should be committed to peace and democracy, freedom of expression, the free flow of information, public accountability and high moral standards.

The following would not qualify

- Anyone with a direct financial interest in the SABC or other broadcasting or telecommunications enterprise. .
- Office-bearers in political parties or people "with a high political profile of a partisan nature" (exceptions could be made to the last rule if the person declared his/her political involvement and agreed to end it), and
- Public servants, including employees of State-owned corporations.

Independent panel appointed to elect boa

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New era for S

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By Peter Fabricius and Kaizer Nyatsumba

CAPE TOWN — The Government has finally relinquished sole control of public broadcasting by announcing that an independent panel of mostly black jurists will appoint the new SABC board from May 1.

After months of hard bargaining, Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte said yesterday that a panel comprising four judges, two magistrates and two lawyers would select the 21-member board.

Five members of the panel are black and the remaining three are white — a deliberate racial mix, according to sources.

Schutte's announcement has been welcomed by the ANC, the Democratic Party (DP) and the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB), but has been condemned by the Conservative Party which saw it as further evidence "of how the ANC is already running the country, because the present Government cannot resist ANC pressures"

The jurists invited to form the panel are Mr Justice Mahomed and Mr Justice Schabort, who jointly chaired Codesa meetings last year, ex-judges J J Trengove and G Viljoen, advocate Louis Skweyiya, magistrate S K Ndlovu, Kuilsrivier chief magistrate N Erasmus and attorney Lillian Baqwa.

A Durban-based advocate, Skweyiya chaired the ANC's commission of inquiry into allegations of torture in the organisation's military camps in exile last year.

The commission was critical of the ANC, and recommended that people linked to the alleged tortures should not be allowed to hold office again in future

The appointment of an independent group to choose the new board brings to an end 57 years of sole control of the process by the governing party.

Making the announcement yesterday, Schutte said the panel would sit in open session to decide on the criteria for appointing board members These criteria, he said, would have to follow certain broad principles

The panel would select board members "in accordance with the principle of transparency and openness"

Schutte said the aim would be to appoint a new board by May 31 — the date when the present board's extended life expires. Names of nominees for the new board must be submitted before noon on April 23

The Minister said the panel would have to take note of certain principles, such as that board members should be respected South African citizens who would reflect the racial, gender, language, social and regional composition of the country

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Dawn of a new era for SABC

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To retain experience, he said, it was essential to have "a degree of continuity".

Schutte said the board should have at least one business and finance expert and one expert in broadcasting technology, and members should be committed to peace and democracy, the free flow of information, public accountability and high moral standards

The ANC yesterday welcomed the Government's announcement, and called on "all democratic and patriotic forces" to take an active part in the process "to ensure the final product reflects the ideals of all South Africa's people"

The organisation said an SABC representative of all South Africans and committed to peace and democracy, as well as a free flow of information, was essential for transition to democracy and the future

These were values which had to determine the new Board's composition.

DP broadcasting spokesman Peter Soal hailed the new procedure and said South Africa was finally moving away from a National Party-controlled SABC

CIB co-chairman Raymond Louw said the decision was "a dramatic victory for the campaign to remove the State's long-lasting and dominant political control over broadcasting and a watershed event".

CP broadcasting spokesman Dr Pieter Mulder said the manner in which the new SABC Board would be appointed was "a clear victory" for the ANC

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Govt names panel to select SABC board

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Government last night finally announced a panel of four judges and four senior lawyers to appoint a new SABC board

The announcement — expected for weeks — was immediately welcomed by the ANC and the DP, while the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) hailed it as a "dramatic victory" However, the CIB described powers given to the President to refer back to the panel any choice which did not comply with specified guidelines as "extremely unsatisfactory".

Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte said in a statement the panel would appoint the new board after a series of public hearings. The procedure was agreed upon after extensive negotiations and bargaining with 15 political parties, including the ANC, the CIB and other groups

Schutte said President F W de Klerk had invited Judges Schabort and Mahomed, ex-Judges Trengrove and Viljoen, Lewis Sweyiya SC, S K Ndlovu, N Erasmus and Lilian Baqwa to act as the panel.

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Schutte said: "In the event of one or more of the nominees being found not to comply with the guidelines, the President will refer the matter back to the panel."

The Minister said the board should have at least one member with business and financial experience and one with broadcasting technology experience.

"Board members should be committed, inter alia, to openness and accountability in public life, the right of equality of opportunity and of access, peace and democracy, freedom of expression, a free and unrestricted flow of information and high ethical and moral standards."

It was also essential that a degree of continuity should be retained for the sake of retaining experience.

People not eligible would be:

☐ Those with a direct financial interest in the SABC or in any other broadcasting or telecommunications enterprise or people whose involvement in the SABC or other telecommunciations enterprises conflicted with their membership of the board;

☐ People who held office in any political party or organisation or "with a high political profile of a partisan nature, except in so far as such person declares such political involvement and agrees to remove himself or herself from such involvement in a manner which satisfies the panel";

☐ Public servants or people employed on contract by the state unless they declared their position and agreed to resign; and

☐ Employees of state-owned corporations unless they declared their position and agreed to resign.

Schutte said the panel would determine its own procedures. It would call for the submission of nominees by 12pm on Friday, April 23. It was envisaged that the process would be finalised and the board appointed before May 31.

CIB co-chairman Raymond Louw said although the move was a victory for the campaign, the process outlined by Schutte fell short of the ideal the CIB demanded.

The CIB said the power given to the President to refer nominees back to the panel "provides Mr de Klerk with an instrument to exclude any person who has ever opposed him or the NP".

DP media spokesman Peter Soal said the announcements "fall squarely within DP policy.... I just can't understand why it took so long to accept them."

STEPHANE BOTHMA reports that the ANC said the process now being set in motion was a result of protracted negotiations, during which government accepted basic democratic principles. However, government's delay in accepting the CIB's proposals had "unfortunately" extended the term of the current board

Eskom cuts supplier numbers for meters

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IN A BLOW for some companies which have spent millions on developing electricity prepayment meters, Eskom this week announced that it has cut the number of suppliers for its new standardisation programme from five to three

Winners in the new "standardisation scheme" are Conlog, AEG and Altech which are all assured of multimillion-rand participation in SA's electrification programme.

Eskom executive director of finance and services Mick Davis said Eskom's objectives were to ensure existing projects continue at full speed, and the standardisation on one common vending infrastructure in the medium term.

Altech, which is not an existing supplier to Eskom, came into the open tender with a "very favourable price", he said.

One Eskom source said there were about 11 meter manufacturers in SA, and Eskom has tried to support seven or eight of these, but to increase volumes and get better economies of scale, it was decided to cut the supplier numbers to three Also, he said that credit transferring mechanisms were different when there were several suppliers, leading to incompatibility.

"This led to the need for separate vending facilities, and we hope to standardise on one credit transfer mechanism," he said

He pointed out that the current contract was for two years, and it would be open to tenderers once the period was up, and suppliers could change

In the meantime, the existing suppliers could continue making meters for local authorities and municipalities, and export their systems.

It is believed that Eskom is responsible for about 75% of the local market, which Conlog said is worth "well over R100m a year, and is one of the fastest growing industries in SA"

Conlog has been awarded a contract worth at least R25m in the first year alone — to supply 75 000 prepayment meters.

In some areas there is still a need to supply more meters, because of the vending mechanism used. For this reason, Spescom has been awarded an extension of its existing contracts to supply its product into existing and select electrification projects

Spescom said this refuted earlier speculation about its future in the prepayment meter market, because of its exclusion from the new Eskom national contract.

Spescom sales director Carl Mostert was dismayed at his company's exclusion from the standardisation contract, because "our technology has proved highly successful in the field.

"Our pricing is highly competitive, but it was indicated that the volume discount provision offered in our tender proposal fell outside Eskom's adjudication criteria."

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Cutting more costs (260)

The CSIR continues to push ahead with its drive to operate like an efficient business and less like an unfocused government agency Last week saw another round of layoffs at the organisation's university-style Pretoria campus, part of an effort to cut costs by reducing the staff by 250

Since 1987, when the drive to become more commercially viable began, the CSIR has chopped its staff from 5 500 to 3 200 The reason for the latest retrenchments is an estimated R37m shortfall in expected sales revenue of R203m for the fiscal year that ended last week "Late in 1992 we realised that our anticipated external income would not be achieved," says Mike Groch, vice-president, marketing and business development "We embarked on a thorough investigation of cost structures and were forced to take firm action Unfortunately, this has meant more staff cuts

"Our policy is to offer early retirement schemes, not replace staff where natural attrition occurs and retrench only as a last resort The focus has been primarily on support staff but all levels in our structure have been affected "

While about 250 people will have left by the end of next month, a similar number will probably join the CSIR because of last week's merger with the Chamber of Mines Research Organisation Its personnel have been seconded to the CSIR for two or three years and staffers have the option of taking up permanent employment at any time

The CSIR — which no longer calls itself by its original name, the Council for Scientific & Industrial Research — began transforming itself into a market-orientated body after a government White Paper in 1985 It restructured 27 institutes into 13 business units and, for the first time, it required scientific and technical staff to market its services to industry Not surprisingly, many of these people, accustomed to an academic-style culture, resisted these moves

Since the changeover, government has cut its subsidies For the year ended March 31, government subsidised R205m of the CSIR's projected R408m budget, R5m less than for the previous year. But the organisation has partially offset this decline by increasing sales of its services The number of contracts has grown from an annual average of 2 500 in the mid-Eighties to 8 500 last year, mostly to the private sector. In 1991/1992, only 45% of sales were to traditional customers — government departments and the SA Defence Force

The CSIR's bumper year was 1991/1992 — it made a surplus of R23m after the government subsidy was counted and its sales income exceeded its subsidy for the first time in its 48-year history

The CSIR's commercialisation has focused the organisation on more useful projects In the past, it was criticised for not always providing appropriate solutions for the Third World, which has a limited ability to absorb technology that is too advanced or too expensive Several projects had to be disbanded

Now the CSIR is focusing more on areas such as the upgrading of human settlements, stimulating the informal sector and protecting the environment A major growth market is the export of technology to other African countries and elsewhere

Despite the success of its commercialisation programme, the CSIR is not interested in becoming self-sufficient, unlike the Post Office and other State entities that are working to get off the Budget Groch believes that the CSIR is "a vital national asset that will continue to require State funding" to ensure that its expertise and technology capability remain in place

Marina Bidoli

SABC to be free of Nat control

South 10/4-14/4/93.

By Justin Pearce

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THE South African Broadcasting Corporation is finally on the road to freedom from state control.

Home Affairs minister Mr Danie Schutte has announced the process for choosing a new controlling body for the SABC that will be representative of and accountable to the South African population.

The board is expected to take office by the end of May.

In terms of the new process announced this week, nominations to the board will be made by a panel of seven members of the judiciary and the legal profession.

In order to decide on criteria for the appointment of board members, the panel is to conduct hearings open to the public and media.

One of the principles to be respected by the selection panel is that the new SABC board should "broadly reflect the racial, gender, language, geographic/demographic/regional and social composition of South African society".

Objectivity pledge for SABC shuffle

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We'll give it best shot — panellists

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MANDY JEAN WOODS

SEVERAL members of the panel named this week to assist in the process of selecting and nominating new directors for the SABC board were surprised at being invited to become part of the panel

But all said they are committed to giving it their best — and most objective — shot. The first meeting of the panel is scheduled for April 16 in Pretoria

The panel comprises five blacks, three whites (seven men, one woman) Four are from the Transvaal, three from Natal and one from the Cape. They are retired justices John Trengrove and Gerrit Viljoen, justices Ismail Mahomed and Petrus Schabort, magistrates Nathan Erasmus and S K Ndlovu, advocate Louis Skweyiya and attorney Lilian Baqwa.

Objective input

Trengrove (74) spent six months in Namibia as an acting judge in the run-up to its first independent elections. "While I was there I saw what a positive role an impartial broadcaster can play in the transitional process," he says

Before he retired in 1986 after eight years as an Appeal Court judge, Trengrove served for 10 years as a judge in the Transvaal Provincial Division From 1966 to 1967 he was a member of the Pretoria Bar and a practising attorney for 20 years before that.

He is not a member of any political party although he describes himself as a "liberal conservative". He is at present a trustee and consultant with the Pretoria Legal Resources Centre.

He is married with four children (his son Wim is a practising advocate in Johannesburg, his other son is an attorney in the US) and has 10 grandchildren

Viljoen (75) admits to being a member of the National Party, describes himself as being more conservative than liberal, and is sure he will be able to give fair and objective input to the selection process and nominations.

He also admits to emigrating from the Karoo (where he was born) to Pretoria in 1939 to study at the University of Pretoria. He began his legal career in 1947 when he joined the Pretoria Bar. In 1963 he was appointed as a judge to the Transvaal Provincial Division, where he served until 1978 The subsequent 10 years were spent as an Appeal Court judge

In 1991 he was named as chairman of a panel of jurists selected to decide on the fate of Death Row prisioners who had been sentenced before July 1990

Schabort (55) has become familiar to South Africans as a co-chairman of the first official multiparty negotiations forum, Codesa Blanke Bevrydingsbeweging leader Professor Johan Schabort is a second cousin but Petrus Schabort's own political inclinations are not known In previous interviews he has "maintained a firm silence" when asked about this But he has been described by colleagues as "a man with a great sense of justice, conservative but fair"

He began his legal career in Johannesburg in 1960 after graduating from Stellenbosch University. He joined the Johannesburg Bar in 1963, taking silk in 1979. In 1984 he was appointed as a judge to the Transvaal Provincial Division, where he served until his appointment as Codesa co-chairman in 1991.

Schabort's co-chairman at Codesa, Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed, was recently named as South Africa's first black judge He is currently serving as the Acting Chief Justice in Namibia

Natal attorney and Goldstone Commission member Baqwa (46) also holds a position of pride in South African legal circles she was the first black woman to be sworn in as an attorney in Natal. Her first love in law was criminal law, but after joining the Legal Resources Centre she gained a reputation for being outspoken on matters such as housing, consumer affairs and labour

In her early years as an attorney she worked for murdered anti-apartheid activist and lawyer Griffiths Mxenge. She has been described as having "one of the best legal brains" in South Africa and as being very energetic.

Political trials

It fell to another Natal legal colleague, Skweyiya, to handle the inquest on the murder of Mxenge Skweyiya, who says he is "somewhere in my 40s", began his legal career in 1970 after graduating from the University of Natal He became an advocate in 1971 and took silk in 1989

He has been closely associated with human rights work and is a member of the ANC's national constitutional committee. He represented "many political organisations" at political trials in the past

He is a trustee of the SACHED Trust and the Legal Resources Centre, among others, and a member of the editorial board of the SA Journal of Human Rights. Most recently, he headed an ANC commission of inquiry appointed into the organisation's detention camps.

Erasmus (31) is also cagey about indicating his political affiliations. "I have my own opinions," he says with a chuckle, "but with my legal training I have developed a sense of looking at things objectively"

He attended the University of the Western Cape after matriculating from the Elsiesriver High School In 1983 he graduated from university with a B Juris degree, subsequently obtaining an LLB He joined the Justice Department in January 1984 and worked mainly as a prosecutor until 1990, when he was appointed a magistrate Erasmus is at present the chief magistrate of Kuilsrivier. He is married and has one child

Pirate radio broadcasts to challenge the SABC

S/Times 11/4/93

A GROUP of small, community-based radio stations from around the country will take to the airwaves without broadcasting licences on May 1.

Risking the possibility of being shut down by Telkom and facing fines of up to R15 000, the stations will broadcast simultaneously to their respective areas on the FM frequency

Among the stations set for the national switch-on are Voice of Wits, the campus station at Wits University, and Durban Youth Radio, on the University of Natal's Durban campus.

The May Day broadcasts are part of a national effort, led by organisations like the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting, to challenge the SABC monopoly on the airwaves

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The campaign also aims at championing the cause of community development through community-based radio.

At Voice of Wits, as at most of the other stations, final preparations to go on air are in full swing It will be the station's third shot at the Johannesburg airwaves.

In August last year, the station built a small transmitter and broadcast illegally to Hillbrow and Braamfontein.

The station broadcast an 18-hour-a-day schedule for 38 days, then Telkom officials sealed off the transmitters and barred any further broadcasts

Some six months later, the station went legal route and was given a one-week

By GRANT CLARK

temporary licence to broadcast during the university's Orientation Week

Station manager Damien Hardy said "We want to make sure there's a popular front for this venture

"While we plan to go on air on May 1, we are just going to watch the other stations and see how it goes."

Durban Youth Radio also got a temporary licence in March this year, at a cost of R1 800, to broadcast music, community news and educational programmes on 99 5 FM to the greater Durban area for two week

"At times, the broadcasting was scary, but I think we learnt a lot," said station spokesman Anton Pestana

Bush Radio, which serves the Western Cape, is in the line-up of radio organisations pioneering the challenge to the state electronic media machine.

"We haven't finalised details like the number of hours a day we will broadcast, but we will definitely be going on air," said Farah Moosa, the station's administrative co-ordinator

"We will possibly start with two hours' broadcasting in the morning and two hours in the evening, but whatever happens, we're going to continue broadcasting"

Bush Radio, however, plans to begin broadcasting one week before the other stations, from April 25 to May 1.

Telkom and SABC spokesmen were unavailable for comment.

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LIGHTING UP 42 223

(Bus. Day Times 11/4/93)

By CIARAN RYAN

ESKOM paid out nearly R40-million in a special bonus to staff last month after a year of record profits.

All 42 223 staff, with the exception of about 200 senior managers, received a R900 bonus "in recognition of the tough year they had to endure," says human resources executive director George Lindeque.

Eskom, which pays no tax, managed to lift net income by 49% in the year to December 1992 at a time when electricity sales declined by 0,5%. The embarrassment of riches enabled the group to drop debt: equity ratio from 2,49:1 to 2,21:1, aided by lower interest charges. The group plans to reduce the real price of electricity by 20% over the next four years.

"The R900 bonus was a vote of confidence in our staff," says Dr Lindeque "They had to put up with substantial organisational changes, tough cost targets and other constraints in what was one of our toughest years ever The bonus was just a way of acknowledging these difficulties and thanking staff for their loyalty.'

Dr Lindeque adds that the special bonus has nothing to do with annual wage negotiations under way.

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Joint air-pollution assessment

By Anita Allen
Science Writer

The much-debated question of air pollution in South Africa will be assessed in a joint venture between government, the CSIR and Eskom.

Known as Kiepersol, the venture will for the first time establish a national network for monitoring and research into acid rain Management of the project will be funded primarily by the Department of National Heath and Population Development, and also by the CSIR and Eskom Financial support for the running of the project will be sought from the private sector. (260)

The project will first seek to intergrate, standardise and expand existing individual facilities currently in place The ultimate aim is to obtain comprehensive information to formulate future policy.

Eskom has already invested R1 million in a network of monitoring stations around its existing power stations. Its Technology Research and Investigations unit, which won the 1992 Technology Top 100 award recently, has been involve in air pollution monitoring for 13 years.

Its extensive netwo and database will combined with that the CSIR's division earth, marine and atm spheric science and tec nology (Ematek) to pr vide data comparable international standard This has become an in portant consideration investment by oversea companies.

Eskom secures funding needs

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PETER DELMAR

ESKOM announced yesterday it had secured its R3bn funding requirements for the year.

Finance and services executive director Mick Davis said R1,6bn had been raised on the local capital market and R750m would come from maturing investments. He confirmed that R500m would be obtained through electrification bonds to be issued next month.

Eskom also held options worth R750m which could be used to reduce its money market liabilities.

A further R150m would be obtained from drawdowns in respect of export credit facilities.

Davis said Eskom had succeeded in obtaining its funding "at very favourable rates, enabling the corporation to save considerable amounts in interest and finance charges".

The finance was required for various projects, including electrification of 158 000 households this year.

Youths turn to looting as Hani march ends in chaos

B/Day 15/4/93.

CAPE TOWN — A march to the memorial service in St George's Cathedral for assassinated SACP leader Chris Hani deteriorated into an orgy of looting, stoning and arson as youths rampaged through the city yesterday.

Two people were reported to have died and 150 were injured, including a peace monitor, a policeman and ANC executive member Trevor Manuel, who was assaulted as he tried to stop youths pillaging a clothing store.

Vehicles and several kiosks were set alight on the edge of the Grand Parade, where thousands of people gathered for a rally after the march was abandoned.

As speakers addressed the crowd, youths on the edges of the Parade engaged in running battles with police as they looted and set alight vendors' stalls.

Flashpoints included the city's main bus terminus and the eight kiosks on the western end of the Parade, where police repeatedly fired birdshot and teargas to disperse stone- and bottle-throwing looters.

The crowd, which began assembling in Cape Town's black townships from early yesterday morning, and was transported to the centre by specially arranged trains and buses, was to have marched from the Keizergracht to St George's Cathedral.

But before the march was due to start, several hundred people following PAC banners moved off into the area between Canterbury and Buitenkant streets, smashing car windows while rushing towards Caledon Square police station

They then charged down Plein Street, past Parliament, vandalising cars and breaking windows.

The looting spread into St George's Mall and Adderley Street, where police shot two youths with birdshot and evicted looters from the OK Bazaars

In Stellenbosch, about 50km from Cape Town, a march by about 15 000 people went off peacefully

Dr Ivan Toms, one of about 10 doctors at a voluntary mobile clinic next to Cape Town's Grand Parade, said he and his first aid teams had treated at least 150 people, many with bird and buckshot wounds.

He said a youth had died from a bullet wound in the back of his neck and, according to unverified reports, another person seen at the first aid post had also died

Twenty seriously injured people were taken to Somerset and Groote Schuur hospitals by ambulance. Several people were treated after inhaling teargas

SAP spokesman Col Raymond Dowd later said police had fired birdshot only when teargas and rubber bullets failed to disperse crowds

A police sergeant suffered a glancing head injury from a gunshot — allegedly shotgun fire, according to police — and peace monitor June Humphrey was admitted to City Park Hospital after being stabbed.

Ten members of the SADF and one member of the public were slightly injured when a handgrenade exploded near the Castle.

"It seems that the march organisers lost all control," Dowd said. "Given the number of criminal deeds — arson, looting and vandalism — there was a large criminal element present." At least one looter was arrested, leading to a confrontation with members of the crowd when an attempt was made to free him

Damage estimated at R1,6m was caused to Metro trains after thousands of marchers caused havoc en route to Cape Town, the Metro service said last night.

Toyi-toying had caused one train to derail and another to hook and pull the overhead wires down

"This chaotic behaviour by the ANC marchers, and the destruction caused by them, is inexcusable. Society can no longer absorb such acts of senseless vandalism and violence," the Metro service said

"The marchers made an absolute mockery of the assurance given by the ANC on the organised manner in which the trains would be used."

About an hour later Nobel laureate and Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Desmond Tutu was hustled from the City Hall by aides after police had fired volleys of shots near the building.

Later he condemned the "lunatic fringe" in the crowds He said it appeared that police at the scene "tried to be relatively restrained", a Church of the Province of SA statement said

Relative calm returned to the Parade by 4pm — Sapa.

SABC unbowed over speech

MARIANNE MERTEN

THE SABC would not apologise to the ANC for cutting ANC president Mandela's "appeal to the nation" on Tuesday's main news bulletin, Televion News Productions editor-in-chief Johan Pretorius said yesterday.

There had been an arrangement with ANC's Gill Marcus that the contribution would "not be longer than three minutes, at most four minutes", but when the film was received it was eight and a half minutes long.

"We had to shorten it and only use what we thought were the relevant bites," Pretorius said

The speech was run in full at 7pm on CCV-TV and on TV1 at 11pm B/Day 15/4/93.

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Outsiders to join SAP probe

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PRETORIA — To allay fears of a cover-up, two experts would join SAP investigators probing the murder of SA Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announced yesterday.

Sapa reports that he said the national peace secretariat had been asked to select the two.

Coetsee said Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau had been approached by "various parties with a request to consider the merits of appointing one or two experts to the SAP investigations team into the murder of Mr Chris Hani"

"In the attorney-general's best judgment, such an addition may allay any fears of any cover-up which may exist with the public

"It also provides a guarantee for the most comprehensive investigation possible with sufficient depth in these circumstances"

Coetsee said Von Lieres approved the requests The two would be promoted by Von Lieres "through the normal international channels"

"The attorney-general assures the public that everything is being done to finalise the investigation as soon and as comprehensively as possible"

□ BILLY PADDOCK reports that Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said yesterday government was sticking firmly to its position that the government of the day controlled the security forces.

"When there is a government of national unity then it will control the security forces," he said in response to the ANC's demand for joint control of the forces

"Regardless of the transitional executive council being implemented, the government will still control the security forces"

IDC kicks off R100m agricultural expansion

B/DAY 16/4/93

PETER DELMAR

THE Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) would expand its extensive agricultural interests this year with investments worth nearly R100m, senior GM Malcolm Macdonald said yesterday

The IDC aimed to induce farmers to switch from lower-value conventional crops to ones with higher returns. It had decided earlier this year to invest R78m in a pistachio development near Prieska on the Orange River.

"With increasing health consciousness in developed countries, the world demand for nuts . has increased at nearly 5% a year over the past decade," Macdonald said

"After four years of research, the IDC decided in February to commence with commercial plantings of pistachios The (Prieska) project will eventually employ 300 people and generate foreign exchange earnings of R30m a year in current rand terms"

With more than 10 000ha suitable for pistachio cultivation, the Prieska district had the potential to become one of the major production areas in the world The IDC project would cover an initial area of 1 000ha The nuts could replace low-value crops such as maize and wheat.

The IDC, KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation and Unilever were expecting to launch a cashew project at Mosi, south of the Mozambique border, later this year Macdonald said this project would eventually cost about R13m, create 300 job opportunities and have a turnover of about R5m a year

It was envisaged that locals in the KwaZulu tribal area would be enabled to develop their own orchards adjacent to the core development.

IDC subsidiary Sapekoe grows and processes tea, coffee and other labour-intensive crops, while another subsidiary Deemster employs 1 700 in asparagus cultivation

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ESKOM

They've got the power

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If Eskom is so good, why does it need protection?

It is universally accepted today that most families in a modern state should have access to an affordable source of domestic energy For that to be possible, technical and economic efficiency are of paramount importance

In SA the cheapest and most widely available source of energy is electricity provided by the government-sanctioned monopoly, Eskom It has shown itself to be a technically efficient utility with a substantial generating capacity Yet there are millions of homes — almost exclusively black ones — that do not have access to electricity, let alone at affordable prices

The reason must be that Eskom is economically inefficient Blame for that, in turn, can substantially be laid at the door of government, which controls Eskom and during the apartheid years found it politically convenient to provide cheap electricity to its supporters at the expense of everyone else

What amounted to subsidised power kept the mine owners and industrialists compliant As soon as electricity prices began to move up — and reflect market realities — Eskom's surplus generating capacity became evident A prolonged recession has aggravated that situation but was not the cause

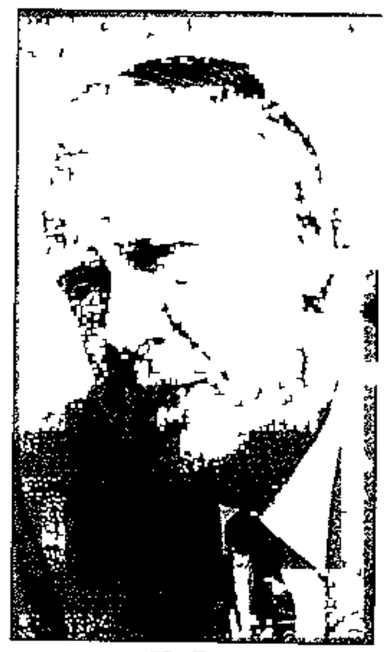
In recent years market and political realities have hit Eskom like a bucket of cold water on one of its high-tension wires During the Seventies, for instance, electricity price increases were held by government below the cost of Eskom's main input, coal

During the Eighties, commercialisation came to Eskom in the form of a new chairman John Maree, an ambitious private-sector industrialist, and an Eskom career engineer, Ian McRae, who as chief executive brought technical excellence and a profound understanding of the political economy of electrification in the sub-continent

Both have a common goal providing affordable electricity to a rapidly increasing number of households The backlog is enormous But substantial progress has been made, especially through technical innovation and better administration

The tenure of both is coming to an end During their period in office, the tension between them was discernible But it was a dynamic one Maree is a supreme egotist with close links to government and especially Armscor McRae, despite an engineering background, has a political instinct that has won the confidence of emerging black politicians who would clearly like him to have Maree's job, at least for an interim period

McRae has given no public indication that he wishes to succeed Maree At 63, he is young enough But whether he should become electricity supremo should be given close consideration, especially in view of his opposition to privatisation



McRae

The need to electrify substantial numbers of homes in a large country was one of the seminal tasks in the US in 1935 of President Franklin Roosevelt who mandated a campaign to "electrify America " In the depths of the depression then, only 11% of rural areas were electrified Five years later, that figure had trebled By 1950, the figure had jumped to 77% and 10 years later it was more than 96% In contrast, only 35% of SA is electrified and that percentage has been stagnant for years

The US did not form one giant monopoly to string lines to every backwoodsman Instead, Congress allowed local community residents to form co-operatives — some with fewer than 100 members — to set up their own utilities And the US then was only half as densely populated as SA is now

Though it is not a reason to prevent private companies entering the electricity generating market, they may find little commercial reason to do so in some rural areas

Of course, it would not be easy to start up electricity co-operatives in many of our rural areas, for reasons of poverty And not all American success stories were dependent solely on private initiative — the Tennessee Valley Authority was a successful semi-State electricity supplier

Eskom is the fourth-biggest electricity provider in the world, measured by sales and capacity It provides 95% of SA's electricity and half of Africa's SA's other 5% comes from bodies such as the Johannesburg municipal power plant — but the municipality cannot substantially increase its capacity without Eskom's approval

Though Eskom is proud of its "electricity for all" campaign, it made just 145 522 domestic connections last year The goal is 160 000 homes a year for the next five years, which is woefully inadequate In a report last August, the Department of Mineral & Energy Affairs estimated that to wipe out a backlog of 4,2m dwellings over the next 20 years, and allowing for population growth, the electrification rate would need to be 350 000 homes a year

The irony is Eskom's surplus generating capacity — and a real price of power that has been declining since the corrective price increases of the late Seventies As a result, Eskom was subject to widespread criticism (sometimes unjustly in view of government's interference) Since then, however, its public image has improved blacks in various townships have been only too happy to have Eskom take over distribution because of the incompetence of various black local authorities spawned by the apartheid system

Widespread access to electricity by itself does not promise a healthier economy It might be an insufficient condition, but experience suggests that it is a necessary one The world's poorest countries are invariably the unelectrified ones A study at the University of Cape Town shows that the level of global domestic electrification is 60% and the figure for the developing world 40% Thus, SA, at 35%, is under the Third World average

"We have been successful in providing electricity for the developed sector of the community," McRae says, "but we have not done so well in the developing part "

It stands to reason that the regulations that protect Eskom's monopoly also bring a structural rigidity that has prevented it from doing as much as it could in this area It is the cause of its economic inefficiency despite its technical achievements

Until the Eighties, Eskom's primary goal was to electrify white areas, indeed, apartheid theory assumed that after 1978 the flow of blacks to the cities from the homelands would reverse So Soweto's millions of inhabitants got their first connections only in the early Eighties

Eskom monopolised the generation of power and its transmission along high-voltage lines from the power stations What it didn't monopolise was power distribution More than 400 local bodies distribute electricity

A high number of distributors is not a problem in itself but has peculiar drawbacks in SA The trouble is that white local authorities have used the process for their own gains According to the Energy Affairs Department, income to white local authorities from electricity sales in 1989 was R4,7bn, or 39% of total local authority income, by far the largest input "The surplus on electricity distribution is used to subsidise rates and taxes," the department states

Yet "most black local authorities have always supplied electricity below cost and subsidised electricity from other income," it

CHRIS HANI

An injury to all

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An assassination is chilling because it reminds us how vulnerable we all are — and, in particular, how vulnerable are political leaders When a murdered leader is especially prominent and important and seems to express the aspirations of millions, the brutal intimation of mortality is all the more upsetting, an injury to one is indeed an injury to all

In the aftermath of the murder of Communist Party chief Chris Hani, there have been intemperate remarks from some of his former colleagues about a lack of protection for him — and the occasional inflammatory allegation of government involvement

This is bluster We all know very well that no politician on earth, however powerful, can be guaranteed protection against an assassin — provided that the killer is prepared, for reasons of principle or idiocy, to sacrifice his own liberty and risk his own life We have no understanding of such a strange animal — and, therefore, have no defence against him As those who fought the Japanese in World War 2 discovered, the terror induced by the *kamikaze* is that he is incomprehensible

Think of some of the prominent victims of assassination attempts in modern history — Abraham Lincoln, the Kennedys, Hendrik Verwoerd, Martin Luther King, John Lennon, Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II (the last two attempts unsuccessful) In almost every case, the assassin or would-be assassin was caught soon afterwards, in the case of Hani, a man was apprehended within an hour and was later charged with the murder

But then what? The trouble is that, in the eyes of society, no punishment for an assassin can compensate for the damage and the hurt In a strange way, the desire for personal vengeance against the assassin fades in proportion to the prominence of the victim An eye for an eye, the natural Old Testament response to loss on a personal level, seems quite pointless — because the victim and the killer are not equal in stature Indeed, after the event, the assassin (whatever his motive or sanity) appears steadily more pathetic as the victim becomes more heroic

It is that sense of impotent rage which lies behind the calls this week for mass action and wilder things As the week began with emotions running high, it seemed that the rage would have to be left to burn itself out

It has been a time for commiseration and symbolic gestures This was understood by individual leaders across the spectrum — and institutions such as the University of Cape Town, which decided to close on Wednesday

There was also the remarkable gesture by our embassy in Washington to fly the national flag at half-mast This might not have been a result of a policy statement from the Union Buildings, but it has apparently gone a long way to persuade Americans that Hani's death is accepted as a tragedy by government Statements of commiseration alone do not have much symbolic force

While some white South Africans may — let us be honest — have taken a grim, fleeting satisfaction at the demise of one of the leading figures in their traditional demonology, this was, at best, an insecure and irrational response The attack on Hani was an attack on the body politic, it imperilled us all and has removed a leading force for reconciliation and unity

Hani was the only alliance leader, apart from Mandela himself, who could command national support His departure weakens — though it does not remove — the ANC's capacity to sell a settlement among its supporters

The irony, of course, is that Hani the hawk had only recently become Hani the dove, preaching conciliation and exposing dangerous flaws in ANC structures We cannot yet know the precise motive for his killing, or if there was a conspiracy But the assassination would be even more sinister if it turned out that Hani was killed because his changed stance was perceived to be hastening a settlement

What has been heartening is the response, by and large, of the ANC leadership It is to be commended for setting out to channel the impotent rage into controllable public expressions, while trying to douse the rhetoric of its romantic youthful revolutionaries As the *FM* went to press on Tuesday, it seemed that, while there was nasty violence in many townships, it could have been much worse

Above all, the ANC has argued that talks must continue This approach is in sharp contrast to the hysterical way its leaders responded to the Boipatong massacre in June 1992, in which 41 people were killed The ANC pulled out of talks, Codesa was suspended and the future was desperate

Now the ANC perceives that there really is no alternative to talks — and argues, quite rightly, that the installation of a Transitional Executive Council and the setting of an election date are more urgent than ever

Meanwhile, the ANC has to be careful that its "channelling of anger" does not turn into encouragement of violence It described its Youth League's wild talk of revenge attacks on whites as "unfortunate" — a lukewarm response to outrageous racism And while it may well have had no option but to condone mass action, it must also have understood the risks of further violence

The test of a leader is to know when to go with the tide, and when to strike out strongly against it

The ANC leaders, as yet untempered in the practice of authority and rule, have not yet offered proof that they know the difference Chris Hani had increasingly been demonstrating that he did For that alone, he must be mourned ■

Broadcast demand 'dangerous'

S/Times 18/4/93 (260)

By BILL KRIGE

THE ANC's demand this week that a televised statement by Nelson Mandela be re-broadcast uncut was dangerous because it fostered doubts about what the organisation might do in government

So says former newspaper editor Raymond Louw, who heads the Campaign for Independence in Broadcasting (CIB), a pressure group seeking state disengagement from the electronic media.

Mr Mandela appeared on TV this week to plead for calm and peaceful nationwide protests against the assassination of SA Communist Party leader Chris Hani

Although broadcast at prime time for four minutes at the top of the 8pm TV1 news bulletin, the editing of the statement by several minutes drew an angry protest from the ANC The organisation demanded that the item be re-broadcast uncut.

Mr Louw said this week he had no problems with the ANC feeling aggrieved and seeking to have its complaint addressed

"That is an eminently reasonable request and something editors face all the time," said the former editor of the now defunct Rand Daily Mail

He was unsure of the substance of the ANC complaint, but felt it was "a dangerous request to have made, not in the sense of their being unreasonable, but because of the perception in the public mind that this is what could be expected of the ANC if it was in power".

Not knowing what had been edited from the statement — Mr Louw said he was unable to say if the SABC had used fair judgment

"If the ANC came to power and made such a demand, it would be very worrying indeed," he said

"But it is not in power It is an opposition party or group"

The CIB has been at the forefront of a campaign to restructure the SABC board

BROADCASTING FM

Not so fast

16/4/93 (260)

A panel of mainly judges and lawyers is to sift candidates and then propose a new SABC board to the State President — who, in the spirit of the compromise hammered out by the National Party and the liberation movements, will probably accept the proposal This, so far, is a major victory for the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB), led by former *Rand Daily Mail* editor Ray Louw and unionist Marcel Golding

But it is not clear why lawyers should be best qualified to select a board — and even less clear what criteria they will use

According to the Broadcasting Act, "the affairs of the SABC shall be managed and controlled by a board" consisting of at least five but not more than 15 members (soon to be increased to 25) The present board, whose five-year term has already expired, has the maximum complement of 15

According to the Act, "The State President may remove a member of the board from his office at any time if in his opinion there are sound reasons for doing so" In other words, SABC board members serve at the pleasure of the State President They also appoint the director-general of the SABC

The present board does not consist of politicians Among its members are a university principal (Derek Henderson of Rhodes), a prominent Afrikaner businessman (Hendrik Sloet of Saambou), several low-profile businessmen, a medical doctor, an opera singer (Mimi Coertse), a few academics and a retired chaplain-general of the SADF Of the 15, three are not white and two are women (both white), fewer than half are Afrikaners

Obviously, to be more representative, the board needs to have more blacks and more women But the only way that the SABC can be changed from outside is if the board appoints a director-general who has a radically different approach to that of Wynand Harmse, the present CE

How will this influence the eminent lawyers charged with finding candidates? Will they feel bound to resort to appointing politicians or unionists? If so, the SABC will once again be overtly politicised

If not, neutral candidates proposed for the board might not meet with the approval of the ANC, Cosatu, the SA Communist Party and the SA Council of Churches — the main signatories to the CIB

In which case, no doubt, they will demand another selection system ■

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Borrowed time

Ithuba Trust's million-rand Scratch 'n Win show on TV1 is living on borrowed time The State director of fund-raising has given the charity organisation a two-month extension to continue operating after the expiry of its fund-raising licence

This is the outcome of an emergency meeting between representatives of the SABC, the director of fund-raising, Ithuba and Games Africa, the organisation's sponsoring company The March 31 meeting at Auckland Park took place a week after Ithuba's fund-raising licence had expired At that stage the SABC was threatening to take the show off the air

Among those present were SABC chief legal adviser Leander Gaum, fund-raising director Alwyn Jacobs, Ithuba GM Gill Bates, and Hofmeyr Van der Merwe attorney Gerald Ramsden. Ramsden represented Games Africa in place of attorney Henry Vorster, who was unable to attend Vorster, who is also listed as a Games Africa director in the company's founding document, recently resigned as a senior partner and vice-president of Hofmeyr Van der Merwe

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Scratch-card games in general may now be in jeopardy as charity organisations and game show operators await the findings of the Howard Commission on lotteries.

It is clear that Jacobs is unhappy about the 19% of income that Games Africa contributes to charity — the generally accepted proportion is 27%. At this stage it seems Jacobs will consider a renewal of Ithuba's fund-raising licence only if Games Africa is prepared to increase substantially its contribution to charity — assuming that scratch-card competitions survive the Howard report.

The SABC has also exercised a contractual right, in terms of its agreement with Ithuba and Games Africa, to appoint two directors to the Games Africa board. Group financial GM Steve Schubach and TV1's Brenda Koornneef have been appointed

The SABC's Gaum and Ithuba's Bates were unavailable for comment this week

☐ Another player in the quest to run a national lottery has emerged Fontana Holdings executive chairman Taki Xenopoulos has made overtures to a UK-based international gaming company to join him in a bid However, in reply to correspondence from Xenopoulos, Automated Wagering Industries (AWI) has advised him to wait for government's decision on a national lottery

On March 18 Xenopoulos wrote to AWI to discuss an online lottery Xenopoulos wrote that he was aware AWI had, through a team of businessmen and the Board of Executors in Cape Town, investigated the market for such a venture. He was also aware that this team had not been able to progress in the way it had intended.

Xenopoulos said the "time was right to make full use of the enormous opportunities that may soon emerge" He believed Fontana Holdings could offer AWI the opportunity to develop its proposed venture "I also believe that a powerful team involving AWI could secure the rights to operate a Lotto-type game," said Xenopoulos

He says Fontana has had a number of meetings with Viva Trust, another fund-raising organisation A copy of Xenopoulos's fax was sent to Viva Trust GM Vincent Baasch

In reply to Xenopoulos, AWI vice-president D M Mahoney wrote that it was AWI's view that the group's involvement in any online gaming activity would be as a result of an approved licence or statement of support from government This would provide for the legal operation of a lottery, in favour of a named and strictly audited beneficiary.

Xenopoulos held discussions with Games Africa director Eytan Rechter to discuss a joint lottery venture The initial discussions have apparently failed to establish a working relationship

DP justice spokesman Tony Leon has urged Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to confirm that no particular organisation would be entitled to consider itself the potential sole operator of a national lottery, should one be introduced

Eddie Botha

NEWS ROUND-UP

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Stiff rules for 21 SABC hopefuls

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THE panel for the appointment of the new SABC board has introduced tough new conditions for candidates for the 21 positions available

A ban has been slapped on those

- Who have a direct financial interest in any broadcasting and telecommunications enterprises;
- Who hold office in any political party or organisation or with a high political profile of a partisan nature,
- Who are civil servants or employed on contract by a state department,
- And employees of state-owned corporations or enterprises

However, if those who fall into these categories and whose positions constitute a conflict of interest with membership of the board, are prepared to declare their positions their applications could still be considerd

concerned refused to prosecute members following the opening or referral of the said dockets, if so, (a) which attorneys-general and (b) in (i) how many and (ii) what matters? B490E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No

(a), (b), (c), (d), (2), (3) and (4) Fall away

Space industry: investigation into commercial feasibility

233 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister for Public Enterprises

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 298 on 19 June 1992, the investigation into the commercial feasibility of establishing a space industry in the Republic has been concluded, if not, why not, if so, what were the findings,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B534E

The MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(1) The investigation into the market opportunities, the competition in the market, the RSA's potential for a winning advantage and the risk factors, is already in an advanced stage

The investigation focuses on practical commercial opportunities for a low earth-orbit satellite vehicle, services and launching facilities Because parties from various countries are involved, and the best technical partners must be brought together, the investigation is taking a substantial amount of time The analysis of the market and the profitability of each project is time consuming

(2) A statement will be made if the report is made known, and a statement is justified

Hillbrow/Berea area: crime statistics

235 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported in 1992 at police stations serving the Hillbrow/Berea area in Johannesburg? B536E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a)	111	(h)	2 875
(b)	51	(i)	1 377
(c)	601	(j)	1 604
(d)	1 350	(k)	173
(e)	168	(l)	375
(f)	735	(m)	0
(g)	2 507	(n)	5

Note Hillbrow and Berea are being served by the Hillbrow police station

Taxation Laws Amendment Act

238 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Finance.

Whether sections 12 (1) *(d)*, 13 (1) *(c)*, 15 (1) *(h)* and 16 (1) *(a)*, respectively, of the Taxation Laws Amendment Act, 1992 (Act No 136 of 1992), have come into operation, if so, when, in each case, if not, (a) why not, and (b) when will they come into operation, in each case? B541E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

No The relevant sections of the Taxation Laws Amendment Act, 1992 (Act No 136 of 1992), are amendments with regard to share-block schemes to the Value-Added Tax Act, 1991 (Act No 89 of 1991), and have not yet come into operation Following that announcement of the relevant amendments, practical problems were experienced with the implementation thereof and it has been decided to propose a further amendment in this regard The relevant section will come into operation on the date on which the proposed amendments come into operation

Detentions/arrests/charges for bombing

239 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether, with reference to the replies to Question No 28 on 27 March 1990, Question No 14 on 14 May 1991 and Question No 210 on 5 May 1992, any persons have been (a) detained, (b) arrested, (c) charged and/or (d) convicted in connection with the bombing of certain premises, particulars of which have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (i) what are the relevant details in regard to each of the bombings and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished? B543E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a), (b), (c) and (d) No

(i) Falls away

(ii) 31 March 1993

SAP: deaths in custody

247 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many persons died in police custody in (a) 1991 and (b) each specified month of 1992 for which statistics are available? B544E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 153

(b)	January	18
	February	13
	March	14
	April	16
	May	19
	June	15
	July	15
	August	21
	September	19
	October	23
	November	15
	December	22
	Total	210

Murders of 16 persons

248 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether, with reference to the replies to Question No 27 on 27 March 1990, Question No 55 on 15 March 1991 and Question No 131 on 18 March 1992, any persons have been detained, arrested, charged and/or convicted in connection with the alleged murders of 16 persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names of the persons (i) detained, (ii) arrested, (iii) charged and/or (iv) convicted in connection with each of these alleged murders and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? B545E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

No, nobody has as yet been charged or convicted in connection with these murders as there is no evidence to implicate any person

(a) (i–iv) Fall away

(b) 31 March 1993

SAP: criminal conduct/civil damages

249 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether any dockets were opened in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively, with a view to investigating alleged criminal conduct on the part of members of the South African Police in cases in which civil damages were paid by the Minister of Law and Order following a pre-trial settlement or a trial judgment; if so, how many were so opened in each of these years;

(2) whether any of the dockets so opened resulted in the successful prosecution of members of the Police, if so, how many in each of these years,

(3) whether the Attorney-General of the Transvaal refused to prosecute any members of the Police in respect of any dockets so opened, if so, in respect of how many such dockets? B517E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1), (2) and (3) Fall away

Note As a result of the magnitude of the administrative processes involved in order to determine the information, the information cannot, unfortunately, be made available at short notice

Railway stations open for passenger/goods traffic

250 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister for Public Enterprises

How many railway stations in the Republic

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Cash crunch in money market

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GRETA STEYN

HEAVY selling of government stock by the Reserve Bank — to the tune of R2bn — had drained liquidity out of the money market, Bank Deputy Governor Chris de Swardt said at the weekend.

He was commenting on Friday's surge in the market shortage to R6,8bn from R5,2bn He added institutional investors were exercising options to buy government stock issued by the Public Investment Commissioner last year.

The cash crunch put upward pressure on short-term interest rates and fuelled bearish sentiment in the capital market. Gilt rates rose 10 points on Friday, bringing the rise since the murder of SACP leader Chris Hani to more than 40 points. Short-term rates also rose with the liquid BA rate quoted at 12,15%-12,25% from 11,85%-12%.

The surge in the money market shortage towards the end of last week aggravated an already tight situation. De Swardt said the outflow of foreign exchange reserves as a result of a capital drain had affected money market liquidity, but there had not been signs last week that the foreign exchange reserves situation had worsened

Bankers said since liquidity pressure had not been caused by demand for credit, it was unlikely Bank rate would be raised

Six new projects in Sasol expansion drive

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SIX new projects worth over R1,5bn were being planned by Sasol, Engineering News reports.

These projects are in addition to eight projects totalling R5bn disclosed last year which are to be started over the next five years

The company said the ambitious expansion projects disclosed last year would be financed from internal resources.

There were no plans to resort to borrowings or another rights issue to fund the projects.

The new projects were expected to help Sasol achieve real earnings growth from 1993/94 onwards. Sasol hoped to at least maintain earnings during the current year.

Sasol MD Paul Kruger told Engineering News the new projects excluded the Pande gas field development project in Mozambique and the oil exploration project off the Namibian coast, which were unveiled last year.

He said nine projects were currently awaiting approval.

These included the Mozambican and Namibian projects and a joint venture project with an overseas company to produce explosive accessories systems.

Among the new projects are a R300m methanol ETBE/MTBE plant, a R350m biphenol A operation to produce epoxy resins and a R600m investment in coal mining for the export market.

The projects also include a R120m isomirisation unit for crude oil refinery for production of unleaded fuel, a R70m acetic acid and acetates project and additional spinning lines for the acrylic fibres plant.

Kruger said the first phase of the explosives accessories systems project — a joint venture between Sasol's mining explosives division, SMX, and international company Ensign-Bickford — would require an investment of R10m. — Sapa.

SABC Board: Date extended

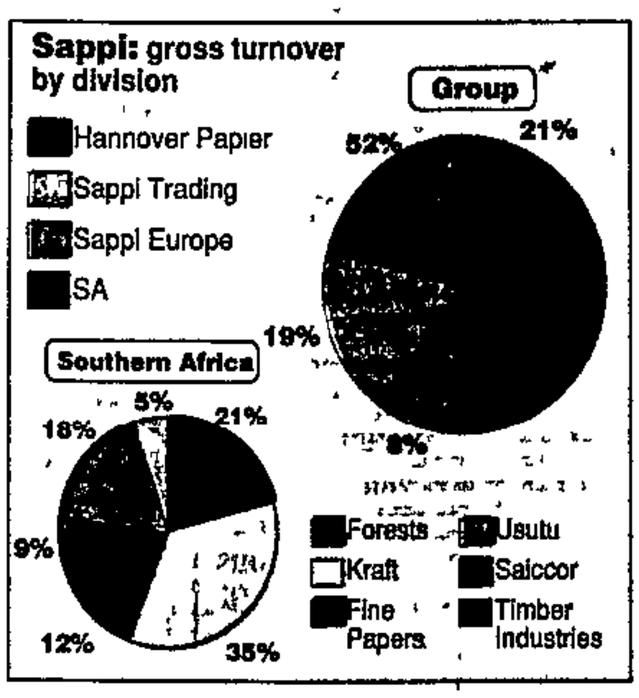
(260) CT 19/4/93

JOHANNESBURG — The closing date for nominations for the SABC Board has been extended by three days to noon on April 26.

The panel to appoint the board said written nominations should include signed acceptances by nominees

Representations were also invited before noon April 30 on criteria for appointments

Nominations may be sent to The Secretary, Box 307, Isando 1600 Fax (011) 3972211 — Sapa



IDC puts up R500m for Sappi project

MATTHEW CURTIN

THE Industrial Development Corporation would provide R500m in equity finance for the R1bn expansion programme at Sappi's Saiccor pulp mill, Sappi chairman Eugene van As said yesterday.

He said the IDC's decision to take a large equity interest in the project eliminated its funding risk. Sappi, SA's leading pulp and paper producer, retained the right to buy back the stake after 1996, either in shares or in cash.

IDC senior GM Malcolm Macdonald said the corporation decided to provide equity rather than loan funding because Sappi's balance sheet could not take a sharp increase in borrowings, given the group's recent and rapid capital expansion programme and the strain it was feeling from depressed world pulp and paper markets.

The Saiccor expansion was "a major new investment for SA" and confirmed the company's position as a major foreign exchange earner, he said.

The Saiccor project would lift the mill's capacity by a third, entrenching its position as the world's largest, lowest-cost producer of dissolving pulp.

Van As said the group expected market prices for dissolving pulp would have improved sharply by the time the project was

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commissioned in early 1995.

Saiccor's yearly turnover is in the order of R800m. It exports all its output, largely to rayon manufacturers abroad.

Sappi bought Saiccor for R1bn in 1989, acquiring the controlling stake held by UK-based chemicals and textiles group Courtaulds and the IDC's 33% holding. At the time, Courtaulds signed a 10-year supply contract with Sappi.

It is developing a new cellulose-based fabric, superior to rayon, which is likely to boost demand for Saiccor's production.

Sappi, which derives nearly a fifth of its R4,68bn turnover from Saiccor, reported a 16% fall in earnings a share to 262c (312c) in the year ended February 28.

news in brief

180 names for 21 posts

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Eskom appoints CE

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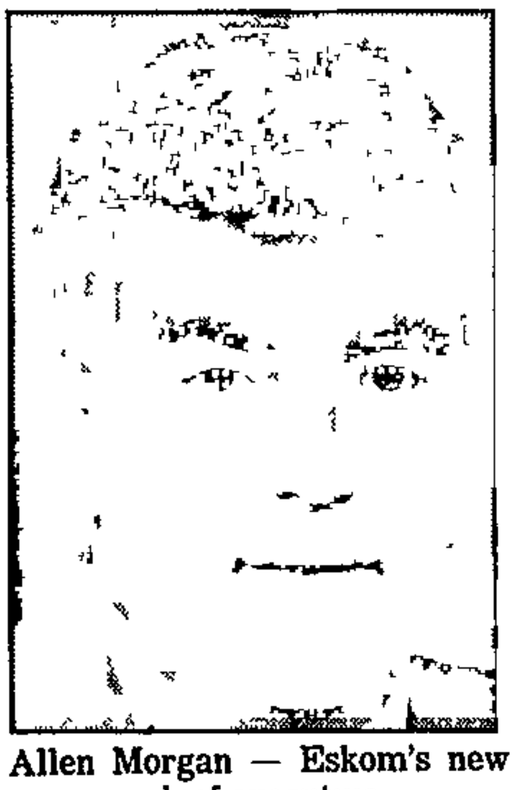


Allen Morgan — Eskom's new chief executive

By Sven Lunsche (260)

Eskom yesterday announced the surprise appointment of Allen Morgan, executive director of its sales and customer services group, to succeed Dr Ian McRae as chief executive

Dr John Maree, chairman of the 15-man Eskom Electricity Council, made the announcement today following on a vote by the Council earlier this month

Morgan will take up his appointment in March next year when McRae retires

The brief announcement issued by Maree states "Mr Morgan brings to his new position a background of electricity distribution and marketing

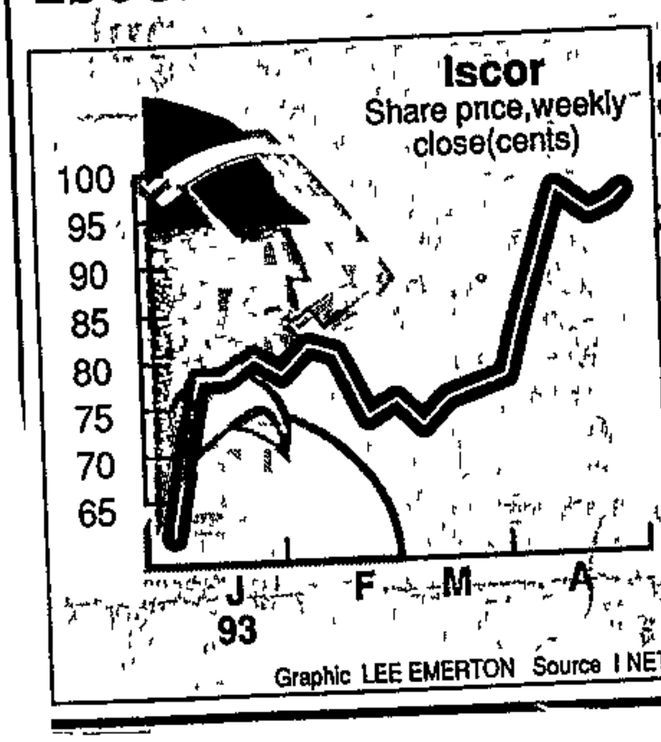
"He plays a leadership role in Eskom's electrification initiatives"

Morgan appointment has surprised many analysts, who believed that finance and services director Mick Davis was a certainty to succeed McRae.

Morgan was considered to be too "low profile" to succeed the popular McRae, who spearheaded Eskom's township and Southern African expansion

The vote in the Electricity Council, which comprises a number of public, business and government representatives, is believed to have been very close.

Iscor sees China as long-term target



PETER DELMAR

ISCOR said yesterday it had targeted mainland China in a new export drive.

Deputy MD Nols Olivier said Iscor was "doing brisk business" as a result of China's industrial growth.

But he said the steel company was being much more selective in its export efforts and aimed to halve the 70 countries to which it currently exported.

Analysts said China had already emerged as one of Iscor's key markets, although as in most other markets, it was selling at prices which would only enable a contribution to overheads. But China's

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Iscor

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growing demand and the bullish international outlook for steel prices could turn the country into a lucrative market. The 53% of production which Iscor exported in 1992 was likely to rise to more than 60%.

Predictions earlier this year of improved international steel demand were being realised. It now appeared likely that worldwide consumption would grow by 1,5% this year, with capacity being cut back by about 3,5%.

Improved international trading conditions helped push Iscor shares to a high of 97c this week, compared with a record low of 61c in December. Analysts said domestic prices had also started firming and some steel prices had gained up to 25%.

Olivier said that more than 50% of Iscor's total production was exported and the recent weakening of the exchange rate was boosting export earnings. The normalisation of Iscor's international standing meant it no longer had to spread itself over as many markets as possible.

While not specifying quantities, Olivier said Iscor had been exporting to China "from time to time".

"With the enormous development going on there, they are sucking the world dry of all kinds of steel. With the continued growing demand, we expect that our prices (in China) will improve."

Media monitored

A MEDIA monitoring project initiated by the Campaign for Open Media has become an independent research project based at Wits University

Organisers say the Broadcast Monitoring Project will monitor news, current affairs and voter education programmes on SABC radio and television in the run-up to elections.

B/Day 22/4/93

CCV news reader criticised

Sowetan 22/4/93. (260)

By Mathatha Tsedu

■ Irate callers label Freathy unpatriotic over Nkosi hymn:

IRATE whites jammed the SABC switchboard on Monday, complaining about the live broadcast of the funeral proceedings of slain SACP leader Mr Chris Hani

Some of the wrath was directed at CCV News Roundup reader Mr Paul Freathy, who was accused of unpatriotic behaviour by referring to *Nkosi Sikelele iAfrika* as the national anthem The SABC was also criticised for giving the funeral prominence

CCV consumer marketing manager, Mr Alwyn Muller said other callers had complained that they could not understand the black announcers, Ms Noxolo Grootboom, Mr Silas Lemekwane and Mr Sebota Lekhelebane

ESKOM

Appointing an heir

After six months of public speculation about who will succeed Ian McRae as CE of Eskom, it was announced this week that the high-profile job will go to Allen Morgan The 22-year veteran is seen as a seasoned negotiator who can lead Eskom through the period of political transition.

In a closed-door session on April 1, the Electricity Council, which controls Eskom, chose Morgan (45) to succeed McRae, who will retire in March after 46 years at Eskom, including eight as CE The results of the vote were not announced until Tuesday

In an internal memo, McRae says he is "delighted to hand over the reins to such a worthy successor" John Maree, the council's chairman, adds that Morgan "enjoys a high level of respect and credibility among Eskom's customers as well as other stakeholders" Morgan was unavailable for comment

Morgan, an electrical engineering graduate of the University of Stellenbosch who joined the utility in 1971, took over as executive director of sales and customer service last year. Before that he was executive director of marketing and electrification It was his handling of that sensitive portfolio, which included responsibility for planning, negotiating and managing electrification projects, that made him the frontrunner One member of the council says "the strength of his negotiating ability" scored a lot of points

Last year, Eskom was invited to take over distribution from nine black local authorities and is negotiating to take over 11 more this year Under Eskom management, payments for electricity in Alexandra have gone from practically nil to 90% and the utility cancelled Soweto's arrears in exchange for taking ownership of the township's R204m electricity network.

Morgan's personality, says the council member, was seen as a plus compared with

the other two main contenders for the job finance director Mick Davis (35) and generation director Johan van den Bergh (46)

Morgan's support was not unanimous The council reportedly voted for him with a bare 8-7 margin (not all 18 members were present) in an executive session this month

The council member says some members held it against Morgan that he had been appointed only last year to the 10-member management board, which oversees Eskom's day-to-day operations Davis and Van den Bergh were appointed in 1988

The council's three-year term expires at the end of next month and Maree said recently that Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers is expected to announce replacements to the all-male, mostly white council by the end of this month Automatic memberships are reserved for several government departments while other seats are given to academics and Eskom's main customers FM 23/4/93

Now, however, it appears that the current council's term will be extended, possibly until next year, because of delays in deciding which new members to include Council members say the Minister wants to appoint representatives of the civic organisations, trade unions and small businesses but that process is "easier said than done" The council is also considering a move that would expand its membership to 25 ■

Eskom set to tackle rural electrification

B/DAY 23/4/93. (260)

PETER DELMAR

SA's electricity industry plans to bring power to 20-million people in rural areas at a cost of more than R10bn.

Eskom electrification GM Jan de Beer said yesterday the utility's planners believed their ambitious project to electrify SA's rural areas could be achieved within four to five years.

Almost 1-million people, or 150 000 urban households, would also be connected this year An accelerated electrification programme could create tens of thousands of jobs

De Beer said Eskom would not be able to electrify all the approximately 4-million households needing power. It had supply rights to about half of these. The co-operation of other electricity supply industry players would have to be secured. Rural electrification would be a priority of the multiparty electrification forum, which would be launched formally next month.

"If the money is available, it really is not a major problem," he said, adding that electrification would have to compete for foreign funding with housing, education and other national priorities. Suggestions that rural electrification could cost R10bn might prove to be optimistic.

Electrification could attract soft loans from abroad While SA's GDP-per-capita levels could preclude it from World Bank funding, the bank was an enthusiastic supporter of the electrification drive

Part of the proceeds of the R3bn Electrification Bond, to be launched within weeks, could be used for rural electrification

Eskom calculated that electrification cost about R3 000 a household However, this figure rose substantially when taking power to remote areas

One option being investigated was "three-amp limited supply", which would power rural lights, television and radio, while paraffin and wood remained the energy sources used for cooking

Although photovoltaic systems had a high start-up cost, in the longer term they were an inexpensive way to supply power for platteland schools and clinics, which could also receive power through electromagnetic induction from transmission lines.

Eskom was already providing farmers with separate remote area power supplies (RAPS) Negotiations being pursued with a number of development agencies could free R20m to R30m for RAPS soon.

BROADCASTING FM 23/4/93

Verbal promises

(260)

The SABC has completed filming a co-produced series of the TV hit *Tropical Heat* at a cost of R21m — but without having signed a contract with its distributing partners

Now a major dispute is brewing between Auckland Park and its US co-investors in the project, the Kusher-Locke group, over the SABC's refusal to sign the contract for the distribution of the 22-part series There has also been a veiled threat from the SABC that it will not release the completed series

The point of dispute is the definition of a clause which dealt with "a material breach of the contract" and it was felt that the SABC was not adequately covered against financial losses in such an event

Apparently a breach of the contract could have affected any SABC profits from distribution of the series — a major incentive which initially influenced the SABC to enter the deal

SABC CE Wynand Harmse admits there still is an outstanding point of dispute with Kusher-Locke The contract with the producer, David Goldstein, has, however, been signed, says Harmse

But he denies that the SABC is considering not handing over the completed episodes of *Tropical Heat* to Kusher-Locke Almost all the completed episodes are locked in an SABC vault But the US producers are obliged to deliver the completed series to US

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network CBS next month for screening The SABC has no contract with CBS (260)

In the event of a breach of the (unsigned) agreement between the SABC and Kusher-Locke, the losses incurred by Auckland Park

SABC's Harmse *there still is a point of dispute*

at this stage would merely be of the profits from distribution The initial investment would be covered by the local screening of *Tropical Heat*

The SABC succeeded in operating inside its R21m production budget and has, in effect, showed a saving of about R1m In terms of the deal this saving would eventually have been shared with Kusher-Locke Some of this amount was recently used to pay for the travelling and accommodation costs of a number of SABC management members (some with their wives) to Mauritius, where part of the series had been filmed

While Harmse views the matter in a serious light, he backs his legal and financial team who opted not to sign the contract The corporation is taking legal advice and it is expected that representatives of Kusher-Locke will soon meet with the SABC to try to resolve the matter

At this stage, it is unclear what the legal implications are for the SABC It has fulfilled its production and financial obligations agreement — but in the absence of a signed distribution document *Eddie Botha*

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY: ANC president Nelson Mandela chats to Daniel Motaung, who was shot during the slaughter in Sebokeng on Sunday night. ● Photographs: JOE LOUW

Reporter missing, colleague injured

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STAR 24/4/93

SABC cameraman Dudley Saunders was attacked and injured by a mob in Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle yesterday and his reporter colleague, Calvin Thosago, has disappeared.

An SABC TV spokesman said the two men had been on an assignment in the Vaal Triangle when the attack took place Saunders, who was admitted to the Vereeniging Hospital, is the son of SABC TV news producer Cliff Saunders.

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"We do not know what happened to Mr Thosago and we are extremely concerned about him," SABC TV news producer Peet van Staden said.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said Saunders had been "fairly seriously" injured when he was attacked with "sharp objects" Police intervened — apparently just in time — to save Saunders's life

Opperman said an SAP Internal Stability Unit was patrolling near the four-way stop outside Sharpeville when they saw about 30 youths surround and begin to attack a car.

The ANC condemned the attack as the work of criminals, and said it was concerned about Thusago's safety "Such attacks can only inhibit the right of journalists to inform the public without fear of harassment or intimidation," the ANC said. — Sapa

The flipside of a maturing SABC

ARGUS 27/4/93 (260)

DANIEL SILKE, researcher at the University of Cape Town Institute for the Study of Public Policy, believes the assassination of Chris Hani sparked a change in the SABC's approach to political reporting. Is it a new beginning?

JUST four years ago Cliff Saunders would have been busy. During times of political unrest Saunders represented the worst of state-controlled television. Hatchet jobs, selective use of film footage and blatant National Party (NP) propaganda were the staple diet for millions of SABC-TV viewers

The Chris Hani assassination has changed all this

Gone are the days where the political and moral high ground was monopolised by the NP The last few weeks have altered the face of South African television permanently, with both positive and negative consequences

Even in the "new South Africa" state-run television has been firmly in white control This legacy has its roots in direct state interference from presidents John Vorster and, later, P W Botha Both had used television for their own party ends by simply demanding an appearance to present his, and *only* his, side of the story

On the night of the assassination, however, things changed

This time Nelson Mandela was the person calming the nation He was instructing South Africa in the appropriate response to the crime, and appealing for calm Mandela had taken charge

Prior to the day of protest — the Wednesday following Mr Hani's death — Mandela addressed the nation yet again on national television This time he enjoyed prime time coverage on both CCV and TV1

In a presidential-style delivery he appealed for calm and discipline and gave a brief eulogy Mandela appeared with the backdrop of a study and wore a conservative dark suit His sombre address was broadcast at the beginning of both evening newscasts as if *he* was the commander-in-chief

Mandela, clearly, was regarded as the man of the moment Only he could diffuse and hopefully stabilise the volatile situation that existed Mandela was still in charge

How unfortunate, therefore, that the editing of his message that evening on TV1 brought a degree of political interference from the ANC, reminiscent of the worst of the P W Botha era The ANC had objected to Mandela's eight-minute speech being reduced to only four minutes on the 8pm TV1 newscast and had pressured the SABC into re-broadcasting the message in its entirety.

The SABC buckled under and presented the unedited version at 11pm the same day. Such direct intervention from a party-political source brought condemnation from the head of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting, Raymond Louw, as an indication of what the public "may expect of the ANC if it was in power"

The SABC, meanwhile, continued to present the assassination objectively, if somewhat reverently, of the slain leader of the ANC alliance Government ministers were noticeably absent in the *Agenda* debates

News programmes eulogised Mr Hani Considering his position as secretary-general of the Communist Party, perhaps the most hated and criminalised organisation in the old South Africa, this was no less than remarkable Talk show guests referred to Mr Hani's "ceaseless struggle against apartheid".

The five-hour broadcast of the Hani funeral was nothing less than a watershed in the television history of South Africa. Not since the funerals of presidents Diederichs and Vorster have South Africans been witness to such a spectacle played out live in their homes

Again, the tables had turned Whereas state funerals were once the sole domain of the government, the ANC had taken charge Viewers were treated to hours of speeches and eulogies filmed through the silhouette of a huge hammer and sickle which adorned the canopy over Mr Hani's coffin.

In the past messages of support for the South African government often came from Taiwan or Paraguay At the FNB stadium the only full message of support read aloud was that from Cuba's Fidel Castro

For the majority of whites these scenes must come as quite a shock Television has given the country a glimpse of the post-NP South Africa, with all its advantages and potential pitfalls

On a positive note the demonisation of the ANC and the SACP in the past has been replaced by a legitimisation of the liberation movements as truly patriotic South African political actors.

Perhaps most importantly, the once dreaded communists and "terrorists" of the ANC were protrayed to whites as normal human beings with very fair and egalitarian demands for this country.

The sycophantic treatment of the National Party of yesterday seems to have been replaced by a similar attitude towards the ANC — and they are yet to even officially hold office

While we can all applaud the SABC for shedding its pro-government bias, the flipside of the coin looks equally grim The question remaining is whether a post-apartheid South Africa will still enjoy media freedom. Or will the dominant factor simply be a change of ideology and governing party that continues to demand its way with this all-powerful medium?

According to *Inside The League*, the ster Mr John Forster.

Mr Derby-Lewis's fellow detainee, promi-

The WACL also has close ties with the extreme rightwing National Students Federa-

large numbers of foreigners, especially Eastern Europeans.

Tune out Auntie Auckland, tune in (illegal) Bush Radio

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STEFAANS BRÜMMER
Weekend Argus Reporter

CAPE TOWN gets its own community radio station tomorrow when Bush Radio switches on — in contravention of broadcast licensing law

When the Salt River-based volunteer outfit goes on air, it will mark the start of a countrywide challenge to the government's control of the airwaves

Community and campus radio stations as far afield as Soweto, Johannesburg, Grahamstown and Durban plan to follow suit, most on May 1.

Bush Radio maintains the move is not a challenge for the sake of challenge, but a commitment to free speech and representative broadcasting in the crucial negotiations period and run-up to elections

Bush Radio applied for a broadcasting licence from the Ministry of Home Affairs and approached Codesa in May last year, said staff member Mr Edric Gorfinkel.

"The response was: 'We're handling it, please wait' That's the kind of response we've been getting for about two or three years now ..

"The government consistently has demonstrated its reluctance to relinquish control of the broadcast medium ..

"We've been wanting to go on air now for a year, a year-and-a-half. What decided us was we'd had enough of the stalling tactics of authorities, primarily the government...

"Airwaves are a public resource, they should be there for all to share."

The risk of being "switched off" or fined up to R15 000 does not faze Bush Radio Last year, a University of the Witwatersrand campus radio transmitter was sealed by authorities after more than a month of pirate broadcasting, but they were not fined.

Bush Radio — the name is provisional and may be changed after feedback from listeners — will transmit on 104 FM and target primarily the Cape Flats

Mr Gorfinkel said areas like Kensington, Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park, Guguletu, Manenberg, the City Bowl, Mowbray, Observatory and Woodstock would be reached, but there were blind spots.

"We aim to be able to cover the whole of the Cape Flats, but we'll have to sort our technology out."

Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, Weekend Argus

☐ **TAKING THE AIR:** Broadcasters, from left, Genevieve McDonald, Mervin Smith and Jeanne du Toit of Bush Radio are ready to take to the air tomorrow to give Cape Town its own community radio station.

The station philosophy is to be as participatory as possible

"It is very easy for one person to set up a radio station, but that won't be a participatory community radio station."

Concerns over age, gender, sexual orientation, language and religion, for example, had to be taken into account

"We want the project itself to be a melting pot for Cape Town culture, not just the material we send out, but also the people who are involved"

Programme content would not be "preordained", but would evolve with input from the listeners.

About half the time would be allocated to music, with a preference for local music and indigenous music from around the world.

"Michael Jackson is a great musician, but the point is that other musicians are not getting that much exposure. We are not going to squeeze local musicians off the air to give Michael Jackson more air time," he said

Funding would come initially from local and foreign development agencies, tape production and membership fees.

There was still a "heavy debate" over whether advertising should be allowed.

Mr Gorfinkel said. "My personal view is community radio should support the emergent informal small business sector."

■ Tomorrow's broadcast will be from 4 pm to 8 pm After that, regular weekly broadcasts are planned, including May 1 and 2.

Criticise, yes, but be fair to the SABC

STAR 24/4/93. (260)

FOLLOWING criticism of the SABC by Pat Rogers, Chris Gibbons and Bronwyn Keene-Young in last week's Saturday Star, JOHAN PRETORIUS, editor in chief of Television News Productions, has written this reply, which has been edited.

SABC colleagues and I have always welcomed media criticism of TV News, hoping that constructive remarks can contribute to an improvement in what we broadcast Allow me, however, to respond to misleading articles in the Saturday Star following Chris Hani's death. Bronwyn Keene-Young, Pat Rogers and Chris Gibbons have again refused to allow the facts to get in the way of their one-sided views of the SABC

In the past we criticised Keene-Young for viewing our broadcasts only from an ANC vantage point (excluding other parties) and her apparent lack of TV newsroom experience She finds it strange that an interview with President F W de Klerk was used by TV1 at 8 pm on Wednesday, April 14, but not by CCV News The fact is that De Klerk was interviewed at a few minutes to eight, too late for CCV's 7 pm bulletin.

The SABC is also accused of not contextualising on TV1 Keene-Young says that peaceful events on April 14 were reported as "an afterthought" What she does not say is that the introduction to the 8 pm news went out of its way to point out that the vast majority of the day's gatherings had been peaceful.

The time allocated to violent and non-violent video material was approximately 50.50. It is true that violence was given a slot above peaceful gatherings, but is Keene-Young suggesting that we should first have used long, peaceful visuals and then told viewers "By the way, there was unrest as well"?

She admits that some mention was made on TV1 News of the Protea police station shootings, but suggests that TV1 was unwilling to cover the story

On the night of the incident and the next evening, when eyewitnesses and the foreign press had criticised the police, we gave extended air time to the controversy The story was headlined by TV1 Keene-Young chose not to mention that.

TV1 gave ample time to criticism of the police — hardly the "police view" she claims

We also wonder why she refuses to evaluate news bulletins over, say, three or four evenings Broadcasters everywhere accept that it is often impossible to attain balance in one programme, although we strive to do so.

CCV and TV1 news bulletins are not exactly alike, nor should they be. Do our critics suggest that bulletins in seven languages serving a host of different communities should adopt a single approach?

We are unjustifiably accused of applying different criteria to TV1 and CCV news. Our policy is not designed to give different viewers different information. But there is room for varying visual, production, creative and journalistic approaches As long as facts are not changed and major news events not missed, we are comfortable with more than one approach in the non-exact science that is TV news broadcasting.

This is a healthy, not sinister, trend

While there is room for market segmentation, we have moved away from TV1 as a "white" channel or CCV carrying only "black" news and nothing else We deny that TV1 is a Government channel. Our criterion is newsworthiness We will unapologetically give excessive air time to the Government when news norms so prescribe, just as we unhesitatingly gave ANC spokesmen the lion's share after Chris Hani's assassination

We have given Nelson Mandela special air time on more than one occasion, including for a call for peace. This approach hardly gives credence to Keene-Young's picture of an SABC "only too willing to further conflict"

Mandela's peace call on April 13 was mentioned by Chris Gibbons I find it amazing that Gibbons, who works in the broadcast arena, can criticise the SABC for editing down an 8½-minute address to just under four minutes for a news bulletin He should know that it is perfectly possible to edit without losing essential ingredients.

The address had to be edited down because the ANC failed to honour an undertaking that the address would not exceed four minutes. We had to use the full eight minutes on CCV because there was no time to edit it We are satisfied that Mandela's peace appeal was in no way distorted by our editing

I must also take issue with Pat Rogers, who can do no better than dish up the pre-1990 days The SABC has come clean, and said it gave exaggerated coverage to the Government's side of things in the old days.

R25-m job for Cape companies

S/Times Cape Times 25/4/93

A R25-million contract to supply prepayment electricity dispensers to Eskom has been awarded to three Cape-based companies.

They are AEG Energy Control, the original designer and manufacturer of the dispenser, Conlog and Altech companies

MALCOLM MACDONALD: Capital raised for new ventures

IDC bails out of its mature investments

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THE Industrial Development Corporation plans to unlock billions of rands for industrial development by selling its listed investments. It will begin with the unbundling of investment trust companies, Natsel and Indsel, which will raise more than R900-million.

IDC announced the sale of its effective 16,7% interest in Richards Bay Minerals to Gencor this week for about R450-million and its decision to equity fund 50% of Sappi's R1-billion Saiccor mill expansion. IDC senior general manager Malcolm Macdonald says the group plans to sell its effective 20% in Sasol, worth about R2-billion, "when market conditions are right". IDC sold a third of its holding in Sasol for R1-billion and a minority stake in Sentrachem for R103-million in 1992.

By CIARAN RYAN

"This is in line with our commitment to mobilise capital for new industrial ventures," says Mr Macdonald. "To take part in the projects we have identified, we will have to liquidate most of our mature investments."

IDC has come under attack for sitting on billions of rands in mature investments instead of releasing the money for development.

Pension

"This is no longer applicable," says Mr Macdonald. "We will sell these investments when conditions are right."

Mr Macdonald says the unbundling of Natsel and Indsel should be completed by July. Shares in the underlying companies will be distributed to Natsel and Indsel shareholders. IDC holds slightly more than 50% of both companies.

It will sell its equity stakes in both to the Public Investment Commissioner, which manages the State pension funds. IDC is awaiting legislation for tax exemption on profits arising from unbundling.

IDC will buy back minority-held stakes in unlisted companies when Natsel and Indsel are unbundled.

IDC owns 16% of Iscor, worth R283-million, and all of unlisted phosphate producer Foskor Market conditions are unsuitable for a sale of these assets, says Mr Macdonald Demand for phosphate remains depressed and Iscor is trading at less than a third of its net asset value.

IDC has committed R3,5-billion in the past six months to three projects in which it has acquired equity stakes. the R7,2-billion Alusaf aluminium smelter expansion, the R3,5-billion Columbus Stainless Steel project and Sappi's mill expansion at Saiccor

A further R100-million has been committed for a pilot plant to recover alumina, magnesia and potash from phlogopite at Foskor. A total of R1-billion is allocated each year to fund small and medium enterprises.

Rim

Mr Macdonald defends IDC's role in financing capital-intensive projects such as Alusaf and Columbus in spite of IMF and World Bank criticism that they do little to ease unemployment. Fewer than 2 000 jobs will be provided by these two projects — at a cost of more than R10-billion.

"There are no viable alternatives," he says. "If we had a labour-intensive project which was viable we would fund it Our labour-intensive industries cannot compete with the Pacific Rim countries.

"SA has a high propensity to import and once the economy turns, we will start to run into balance-of-payments problems which constrain economic growth.

"We have to create the conditions which will allow the economy to grow and that requires a healthy balance of payments. These projects will earn foreign exchange which will help to pay for economic growth."

S/Times (Buss)

World post for McRae

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IAN McRAE has been elected president of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (Wano) until April 1995

Eskom has been a Wano member since the building of Koeberg — South Africa's only nuclear power plant. Almost all electricity suppliers operating nuclear plants are members of the organisation.

Eskom says Mr McRae's election "is seen as recognition of the way Koeberg is operated at the highest of safety standards worldwide" and of his contribution to nuclear-power generation and electricity matters

S/Times

Krypton at full steam

(Bus Times) 25/4/93

SASOL's krypton-xenon plant, commissioned last November, is producing to capacity The end-of-job cost of the project was R31-million — R6,5-million less than the approved amount, says Sasol.

The facility is part of Sasol's R3,6-billion capex programme, scheduled to run at least until the end of 1994

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Sasol MD defends state support

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By Derek Tommey

The MD of Sasol, Paul Kruger, has defended Sasol against charges of protectionism.

He said at a UPE function over the weekend that Sasol's synfuel division was commercially successful, with a protection level of only 11 percent

This made it one of the least protected industries not only in SA, where protection averaged 30 percent, but also in the world

The petrochemical industries of the US and Europe enjoyed 12,5 percent protection.

Kruger said manufacturing accounted for 25 percent of SA's GDP, and it was this sector that would have to provide an engine of growth He added that reliance on manufacturing meant it would have to grow by 12 percent a year if the economy was to grow by at least three percent

IDC lands foreign funding for projects

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PETER DELMAR

THE Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) has secured 100% off-shore funding for foreign tenders for the Columbus stainless steel project and is confident of doing the same for Alusaf. Foreign tenders are expected to win contracts worth about R3bn for the two projects.

Foreign export funding agencies usually provide only part of the finance needed for an export order, with the remainder generally provided by commercial banks in the exporter's home country. In recent years, however, foreign commercial banks have been reluctant to provide long-term loans to SA.

The funding was confirmed as Alusaf management announced that local tenderers would not be favoured over foreign companies for the R7,2bn project.

An IDC spokesman said that in the case of Columbus, the successful tenderers had qualified for 85% export finance from overseas agencies and the IDC had negotiated with foreign banks to supplement this to ensure they had full foreign financing. The spokesman said arranging the financing, which he believed was "a major achievement", had been done in a foreign exchange neutral manner and would not put any pressure on SA's balance of payments. This was achieved despite foreign banks' reluctance to take on long-term SA exposure, but was helped by the competitive nature of the bids.

Foreign companies were expected to win Alusaf contracts worth R2bn.

Meanwhile Alusaf announced at the weekend that it had started calling for tenders for the construction of the 466 000-ton smelter expansion

An Alusaf statement warned that the tenders would be sought worldwide. Alusaf MD Rob Barbour said many foreign companies had expressed interest in the project and these would bid in fair competition with locals.

"We are not in a position to show favouritism to local companies. Alusaf is a private sector, commercial venture. Our priority is to make good business decisions that will further promote our competitiveness on a global scale.

"If a local company tenders a bid comparable to that of an international company, all things being equal, the local company will be selected," Barbour said.

Alusaf has appointed Alptrom, an SA

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company jointly owned by EMS and SNC-Lavalin of Canada, as the engineering procurement and construction management contractor.

"Generally, a maximum of six tenderers will be subject to prequalification," the statement said. "Most supply and installation contracts will be packaged to enable SA contractors and fabri tors with suitable technical and fina capabilities to tender Pre-qualified bidders for turnkey packages will generally be international contractors coming into SA in association with established SA contractors"

Barbour confirmed that French company ECL, a subsidiary of Pechiney, which is supplying the aluminium reduction technology for the project, had been awarded a R240m contract for the supply of specialised troom equipment.

Call to guarantee safety of journalists

KATHRYN STRACHAN

MEDIA organisations yesterday called on political leaders to impress on their followers the need to guarantee the safety of journalists.

Following the death of a TV reporter at the weekend, and attacks on 40 other journalist in the past two weeks, the media representatives said it was important to maintain the free flow of information about events in townships.

The ANC praised members of its marshalling corps, who rounded up and handed over to police three men suspected of killing SABC journalist Calvin Thusago

Thusago was killed in Sharpeville at the weekend when about 30 youths attacked him and colleague Dudley Saunders Saunders, who was seriously injured, was in a stable condition yesterday after being moved from Vereeniging Hospital to Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg.

SAUJ president Dirk Hartford said at least 40 journalists had been victims of violence since the death of SACP leader Chris Hani two weeks ago Thusago was

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the third SABC journalist to be killed in two years. Hartford said the Sharpeville attack had injected urgency into a campaign to ensure the safety of journalists.

SABC TV CE Quentin Green said the corporation would reassess its approach to covering potentially dangerous situations. "We would hate to remove our presence from these areas, but at the end of the day the safety of our staff comes first."

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said his organisation was very concerned about the attacks which undermined freedom of the Press. He said the ANC was "very proud" of its marshalls who had displayed their community peacekeeping role.

Although the suspects claimed allegiance to the PAC, the PAC's Sharpeville branch denied they were members, Niehaus said.

The ANC marshalls — all members of the local Sharpeville branch — searched through the night and found the suspects after interviewing witnesses to the attack and questioning people in the community.

The ANC PWV region strongly condemned the "outrageous behaviour by criminal elements who use the name of the ANC and other political organisations to carry out their heinous acts".

The Conference of Editors called on political leaders at all levels to "condemn unreservedly any behaviour designed to impede the free flow of information"

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said his organisation was shocked by the "uncalled-for murder" and undertook to ensure the safety of journalists in the Vaal Triangle in future.

Sapa reports Azapo said: "However much we might disagree with the reportage of any section of the media, violence against its reporters is reprehensible .."

The Foreign Correspondents' Association said the deteriorating situation with regard to attacks on journalists had prompted it to hold meetings with the ANC and PAC in a bid to secure the safety of its members. "Both organisations assured us that they would take all possible steps to deal with the problem," said FCA chairman Patti Waldmeir.

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Surge in radio stations appears to be imminent

TIM COHEN (260)

CAPE TOWN — Hundreds of radio stations could take to the air sooner than expected, with a new broadcasting dispensation looking imminent.

Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte said at the weekend there appeared to be widespread support in negotiations for a new dispensation for electronic broadcasting. B/Day 26/4/93

The current parliamentary session could see the introduction of legislation instituting the new system, following its ratification in negotiations.

The proposed new structure would introduce policy guidelines for public and private electronic media.

It is believed the policy guidelines will include stipulations that the electronic media should include a certain amount of local content and adopt an even-handed approach to political matters, which could effectively exclude political parties from owning radio stations.

Schutte denied that the policy stipulation was an infringement of Press freedom, and said the electronic media used a public asset — the airwaves.

The legislation would also introduce a new licensing authority and an independent media commission, which would police the media to ensure it maintained the principles set out in the Act.

Argus defends 'area' inserts

SUSAN RUSSELL

PUBLICATIONS inserted into The Star aimed at advertisers and readers in particular areas of the Witwatersrand were supplements and did not fall within the definition of free or local newspapers, the Rand Supreme Court heard last week.

This submission was made by Argus Holdings counsel D Fine SC in an application brought against the company by one of its subsidiaries, CTP Ltd (Caxton).

CTP is asking the court for an order restraining Argus from publishing free or local newspapers in SA and Namibia which they allege is in breach of restraint agreements between the companies made in 1980 and 1985.

The company is also seeking an order prohibiting Argus from publishing a series of regular "focus" publications aimed at particular areas of the Witwatersrand and inserted into The Star

CTP allege that the Focus publications are an attempt to by-pass the restraint agreement and encroach on Caxton's free "knock and drop" market

Argus opposes the application on the grounds that the disputed publications are not free or local newspapers, but supplements. The company also contends that the restraint agreements are so wide as to be unreasonable.

Fine argued on Friday that the publications in question were an activity that his client would never have forsaken under the restraint agreements because local communities were very important as far as the company was concerned

He also argued there was a great deal of ambiguity about the definition of regional and local when referring to newspapers

The Focus publications, he said, covered areas which were in some instances far larger than local regions.

Fine cited the example of one area targeted by a Focus publication which was made up of four areas each of which had its own Caxton publication.

It was submitted that the court had to decide when a newspaper stopped being a regional publication and became local

"We do not accept that these supplements fall within the term free separate or local newspaper," Fine told the court.

The application, which was originally due to be argued over one-and-a-half days, was postponed until May 17.

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NEWS Three murder suspects in court today

Slaying widely condemned

By Abbey Makoe, Don Seokane and Sapa

FUNERAL PLANS TV reporter Calvin Thosago to be buried this Saturday in Pietersburg

THREE people arrested in connection with the killing of SABC journalist Mr Calvin Thosago in Sharpeville are to appear in the Vanderbijlpark Magistrate's Court today

Thosago and a colleague, Mr Dudley Saunders, were attacked by a group of youths while doing a story in the area on Friday

Saunders is in a satisfactory condition at the Vereeniging Hospital

The attack has been widely condemned by political and media organisations

Thosago (49) is survived by his wife Andrina, seven children and two grandchildren

He will be buried at Segopye, Ga-Mamabolo, in Pietersburg on Saturday

The SABC-TV news editor-in-chief, Mr Johan Pretorius, has described the attack as "outrageous and barbaric"

Mr Mokgadi Pela, Mwasa's *Sowetan* plant chairman, said "It is of no use that some organisations are paying lip service to the freedom of the Press and that of journalists in particular.

"Often they say things that incite people to attack members of the media."

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Condemned

Pan Africanist Congress secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander said the PAC was "shocked by the uncalled-for murder" and undertook to ensure the safety of journalists in the Vaal Triangle in future

The Azanian People's Organisation strongly condemned the attack "on journalists doing their job" Sowetan 26/4/93

"However much we might disagree with the reportage of any section of the media, violence against its reporters is reprehensible," the organisation said "

The Association of Democratic Journalists called on all people, regardless of their political persuasion, to respect the right of journalists to do their jobs

South African Union of Journalists general secretary Ms Karen Stander said the union was "shocked" by the attack

The ANC PWV region said the arrested youths were not members of either the ANC or PAC

SABC monopoly 'on the way out'

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

GORDON'S BAY — The government had drafted proposals to free South African television and radio from the SABC's monopoly control, the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Danie Schutte, disclosed over the weekend

"We have prepared legislation for discussion on a multi-party basis," he told a briefing for parliamentary journalists

Once the proposals are approved in multi-party negotiations and a broadcasting act is approved by Parliament, the SABC will face competition for the first time in its history — and a large number of local community radio services, possibly more than a hundred, could be started as a result

With nominations closing today for the selection of a new 21-member SABC board by a panel of three judges and four lawyers, electronic broadcasting will soon be free of government control

This has been one of the key demands for the so-called "levelling of the political playing field" for the holding of free and fair elections

The government proposals on broadcasting are based on agreements reached at Codesa II and in bilateral discussions between the different parties

It accepts that the draft legislation will have to have sufficient multi-party consensus before it can be submitted to Parliament, but believes this could take place during the current parliamentary session

ANC seeks change in financing

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CAPE TOWN — The ANC would introduce mechanisms to encourage private and public sector financial institutions to channel resources into productive investment, ANC economic planning department head Trevor Manuel said on the weekend.

Addressing the annual conference of the Southern African Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Manuel said these institutions would also be encouraged to develop the "basic needs" sector of the economy and to end lending discrimination against blacks, women and the informal sector.

Furthermore, specialised institutions and new instruments — such as subsidised interest rates — would have to be created to facilitate investment.

Manuel said public sector financial institutions such as the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), Land Bank and the Development Bank had to be substantially transformed The IDC had given birth to unviable projects such as Mossgas, the SBDC allocated 73% of its net lending to whites and the Land Bank aimed to keep white farmers on the land.

One of the problems with the private sector financial institutions was that they were owned by the large conglomerates, which dominated the economy, acting in effect more as treasuries for these corporations than as banks

Manuel questioned whether sound banking principles had not been eroded by the conglomerates' liquidity requirements

The cost of capital was prohibitive and created difficulties of access for the small and medium sized entrepreneur. Not having had the opportunity to accumulate assets and own land, blacks generally did not have the necessary collateral.

"Vast segments of the community are unbanked or underbanked while the products of financial institutions are by and large not user-friendly," Manuel said.

He stressed the need for the entire financial sector to be restructured.

New Sasol plant cost less than forecast

PETER DELMAR 260

SASOL's new krypton/xenon plant had an end-of-job cost of R31m — R6,5m less than projected, it was disclosed at the weekend.

Sasol said in a statement the plant, next to Sasol II's oxygen plant, was currently producing at full capacity after being commissioned in November last year.

The facility was an integral part of Sasol's R3,6bn capex programme started in 1990 and scheduled to run until the end of 1994, Sasol said. B/DAY 26/4/93.

Most of the new projects are for new or extended plants to enable the further beneficiation of downstream hydrocarbon products.

The new krypton/xenon plant is designed to extract the gases from the Sasol II oxygen plant.

Because of the dangers of gas leakages, the new plant incorporates joint-free piping which was assembled on site.

Most of the plant was built in France. Total production is exported to that country and is expected to amount to about R6m a year.

Krypton is used for fluorescent lights, while xenon is applied in advanced lighting systems and as a bloodstream tracer in medical scanners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three in court

THREE men appeared briefly in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the murder of SABC-TV reporter Calvin Thusago James Thlobane, Ezekiel Tyobeka and Lawrence Hlatshwayo pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder The case was postponed to May 3.

The Media Workers' Association of SA said it would organise a march in Sharpeville today to "protest against mindless thuggery directed at journalists".

B/DAY 27/4/93

Nominations flood in

LAST-minute nominations for the 21 seats on the new SABC board flooded into the board secretariate offices yesterday to beat the April 26 deadline.

Spokesman Rene Alberts said some were incomplete, and did not contain written acceptances from nominees

B/DAY 27/4/93

Tolls lose millions

THREE Natal toll road plazas lost R18,2m in the past financial year, said Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed in reply to a question by DP MP for Pinetown Roger Burrows They were the Oribi plaza, Mtunzini and the Tugela plaza

The Mooi River plaza, however, showed a R12,2m profit

Desecration denied

AN AWB officialcalling himself "General Terre'Blanche" yesterday denied AWB members had desecrated Sharpeville graves, and said the AWB's fight was against living communists.

It has been alleged the action was in retaliation for Germiston grave desecrations during SACP chief Chris Hani's funeral

Concern over payment

CONFEDERATION of Zimbabwe Industries marketing development officer Richard Mubayiwa urged local exporters to demand payment guarantees from US exporters after some complained about non-payment to Zimbabwe's Washington embassy

But Brian Hillen-Moore, executive director of Zimbabwe's Credit Insurance Corporation which covers local exporters, said he had not yet received any claims

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Subsidy for home owners extended

B/DAY 27/4/93

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — National Housing Minister Sam de Beer announced yesterday that the interest subsidy for black first-time home buyers would be extended to existing houses.

The department expected the extension — which would come into effect from May 1 — to almost double in one year the total number of black participants in the scheme.

The scheme offers a 33,3% subsidy on the interest on a bond. It will continue to be limited to home buyers earning less than R3 500 a month buying houses for less than R65 000 with bonds of less than R40 000.

The subsidy was introduced for white first-time home buyers in 1983, extended to blacks in 1985 and further extended to white buyers of existing houses about three years ago.

De Beer said it was hoped that the extension would have a positive effect on the second-hand house market and would achieve parity between racial groups.

Blacks were excluded from the extension of the scheme in order to encourage the building of new houses. The department continued to hope that the scheme would promote this goal by creating more mobility in black home ownership.

De Beer said the amount of R99,3m would be available for the 1993/'94 financial year and that an estimated 24 000 additional home buyers could be subsidised from this amount. R30m of this total was rolled over from last year

So far there were 29 000 blacks taking part in the scheme, and 49 000 whites, coloureds and Asians

Dealing with the national housing forum, De Beer said during his department's budget vote in Parliament that he was optimistic that international support for SA's housing backlog could be forthcoming

This, however, was dependent on agreement on a new constitutional dispensation and consensus at the forum.

Sapa reports that he said all political parties, including the DP and CP, ought to take part in the forum

The forum had a great degree of legitimacy, and its negotiated policy was expected to have broad community support. The most important aspects of this policy were expected to be in place before the end of the next financial year

It would meet on May 4 to formulate specific structures and set a target date for their implementation.

Replying to debate on the housing vote, he said red-lining — financial institutions' practice of defining areas perceived to represent undue risk, and within which bonds would not be granted — was an undesirable practice.

He believed the extension of the subsidy scheme would help alleviate the problem

Township development is held up

GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE proposed Liefde en Vrede township development south of Johannesburg may be put on hold for three months, after the Hong Kong developers failed to come up with bank guarantees within the stipulated period

Johannesburg Commerce and Industry director Colin Wright said yesterday he would recommend to the council that it put the project on hold for three months, when it would be reassessed.

The consortium of Chinese businessmen were planning to bring in R500m into the development, but political uncertainty in this country had sunk attempts to raise loans overseas

It was a suspensive condition of the deed of sale that the purchaser obtain financial approval within 45 days of the council giving its go-ahead

Wright said that although this was a setback to the city's economy, which was expecting to benefit from rates, as well as business opportunities created by Chinese immigrants, it was not a major loss.

He said the township infrastructure had been developed prior to the agreement, and would not be a financial burden to the city

Campaign is set to unleash blacks' business potential

(260) B/DAY 27/4/93

WILSON ZWANE

THE SBDC, Eskom, CCV-TV and NedEnterprise will launch a multimillion-rand campaign next month which is aimed at unleashing black entrepreneurship potential

The campaign will seek to instil and nurture an entrepreneuring culture in SA, introduce self-employment as a viable and exciting career choice and facilitate better use of existing business skills training facilities.

SBDC MD Ben Vosloo says entrepreneurship is the key to economic growth because entrepreneurs are people who identify business opportunities, break new ground and are responsible for job creation

"It is important that we inculcate a value system in this country which is based on self-reliance, individual achievement and free enterprise. People have to realise that ultimately their own potential as individuals is their most important asset," Vosloo said

The campaign, dubbed Be-In-Eduspekrum, will kick off with a six-hour programme on CCV-TV, on which established entrepreneurs of all ages will share secrets of their success. Information about organisations, which can provide entrepreneurship training and advice will also be given on the programme

Viewers will participate in the programme by phoning in their ideas for self-employment. Six regional winners will collect R1 000 each for their ideas The overall winner will take home R15 000

At the conclusion of the programme, SA's first millionaire to make his fortune in a newly-launched business venture will be announced The winner will be picked from 278 entrants in the Be-In/Enterprise Millionaire's Competition

Qualifying entrepreneurs are those who started their ventures between May 1 and September 1 last year Their ventures include the recylcing of old bottles into original wine glasses, food manufacturing and educational theatre productions on topics such as AIDS and ecology

The programme will be preceeded by a R1m advertising campaign on TV, radio and the print media

Other programmes will be screened on TV throughout the year on a weekly basis And as part of the Be-In-Eduspekrum campaign, a special youth magazine will be distributed to schools countrywide every quarter via the Economics Teachers' Society There will also be radio programmes and newspaper articles informing aspirant entrepreneurs about basic business principles

Entrepreneurship competitions have also been arranged for the SBDC's six regions

Eskom helps Chinese power authorities

PETER DELMAR

ESKOM was co-operating with Hong Kong and Chinese power authorities in the field of nuclear energy, the utility announced yesterday.

Eskom said CE Ian McRae signed a co-operation agreement on Monday with its counterpart in Hong Kong, the China Light and Power Co.

The protocol covers the exchange of expertise, information and technology.

McRae said the agreement underpinned an earlier one between Eskom and the Hong Kong Nuclear Power Investment Company and the Guangdong Nuclear Power Joint Venture Company.

Under this agreement, Eskom was helping China Light and the Chinese with the commissioning and operation of their nuclear power station at Dava Bay.

McRae said four Eskom employees had worked at Dava Bay for nine months and several Chinese staff were being trained at Koeberg. Nuclear fuel would soon be loaded into the first reactor at Dava Bay.

Visiting Dava Bay, McRae said co-operation with Eskom had become so firmly entrenched that it could be extended to the operation and maintenance phases.

In recent years Eskom, and McRae in particular, have negotiated co-operation agreements with countries throughout Africa, in Europe and elsewhere.

Last week McRae was elected president of the World Association of Nuclear Operators at a conference in Tokyo. B/DAY 28/4/93.

Pirate radio told stop or...

Staff Reporter (260)

POST Office inspectors have warned community radio station, Bush Radio, it will be closed if it continues to broadcast illegally. ARG 28/4/93

But the Woodstock-based station, which went on the air last Sunday, said it would broadcast again this weekend

"Our first broadcast was very successful and we have had a great response. We'll go on air again on Saturday," a spokesman said.

He said post office inspectors visited the station last night

"Evidence through intermediaries

170A. (1) Whenever criminal proceedings are pending before any court and it appears to such court that it would expose any witness under the age of eighteen years to undue mental stress or suffering if he testifies at such proceedings, the court may, subject to subsection (4), appoint a competent person as an intermediary in order to enable such witness to give his evidence through that intermediary.

(2) (a) No examination, cross-examination or re-examination of any witness in respect of whom a court has appointed an intermediary under subsection (1), except examination by the court, shall take place in any manner other than through that intermediary.

(b) The said intermediary may, unless the court directs otherwise, convey the general purport of any question to the relevant witness

(3) If a court appoints an intermediary under subsection (1), the court may direct that the relevant witness shall give his evidence at any place—

(a) which is informally arranged to set that witness at ease;

(b) which is so situated that any person whose presence may upset that witness, is outside the sight and hearing of that witness; and

(c) which enables the court and any person whose presence is necessary at the relevant proceedings to see and hear, either directly or through the medium of any electronic or other devices, that intermediary as well as that witness during his testimony "

(4) Statement

It is with pleasure that I announce that the actions regarding the implementation of sections 1 to 3 of the Criminal Procedure Amendment Act, 1991, which have the object of protecting child witnesses, by *inter alia* providing that a child under the age of 18 years who testifies be assisted by an intermediary and may give evidence elsewhere than in an open court, have now progressed to such an extent that the sections can be put into operation on 30 July 1993.

Actions regarding the purchase and installation of expensive and sophisticated equipment (which includes television sets and cameras, microphones, earphones, speakers, amplifiers and sound-dividers) had to be completed before section 1 to 3 could be put into operation Such equipment, all of which is not readily commercially available and had to be custom made according to specifications, has been purchased after being properly tested and approved by the South African Bureau of Standards The equipment will be installed in 10 supreme courts and in 59 magistrates' courts across the country (A list of these names is attached to the reply.) Installation of the equipment will commence in the near future and it is anticipated that installation will be completed during July 1993

The determination of categories or classes of persons who are competent to be appointed as intermediaries will also be effected on 30 July 1993 by notice in the *Government Gazette*

COURTS WHERE EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED

Supreme Courts

Bloemfontein	Durban
Grahamstown	East London
Johannesburg	Cape Town
Kimberley	Pietermaritzburg
Port Elizabeth	Pretoria

Chief Magistrates' Courts

Cape Town	Only at Regional Court
Port Elizabeth	Only at Regional Court
Wynberg	Only at Regional Court
Bloemfontein	Only at Magistrates' Court
Verulam	Only at Regional Court
Pretoria	Only at Regional Court
Durban	Only at Regional Court
Johannesburg	Only at Regional Court
Randburg	Only at Regional Court
Kempton Park	Only at Regional Court

Germiston	Only at Regional Court
Pietermaritzburg	Only at Regional Court
Pretoria North	Only at Magistrates' Court
Kimberley	Only at Regional Court

Decentralized offices of Regional Courts

Welkom	Potchefstroom
Bethlehem	Krugersdorp
Kroonstad	Klerksdorp
Harrismith	Boksburg
(Klipskool)	Vryburg
Virginia	Upington
Sasolburg	East London
Scottburgh	Wynberg
Ladysmith	Paarl
Port Shepstone	Worcester
Eshowe	George
Empangeni	Oudtshoorn
Vryheid	Bellville
Newcastle	Queenstown
Germiston	Middelburg (C)
Randburg	Beaufort-Wes
Roodepoort	Middelburg (Tvl)
Vanderbijlpark	Witbank
Randfontein	Ermelo
Springs	Pietersburg
Nigel	Nelspruit
Kempton Park	Rustenburg
Benoni	

Johannesburg: rapid rail transit system

'4 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport·

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 5 on 19 February 1992, any research has been undertaken regarding the financial aspects of a rapid rail transit system for Johannesburg; if not, why not, if so, (a) by whom, (b) what was the (i) nature and (ii) extent of this research and (c) what were the findings;

(2) whether the data pertaining to this research is available to the public; if not, why not; if so, in what manner? B646E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT·

(1) Yes.

(a) By the South African Roads Board in collaboration with interested bodies such as the Department of Finance, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the relevant regional services councils, the Johannesburg City Council, JOMET, ORMET, private business organisations as well as public and private transport organisations Full details of the organisations and people consulted appear in volume 1 of the study report

(b) (i) A full feasibility study into a mass transit system for Johannesburg This included, among other things, a further six transportation alternatives of which several variations were tested Four modes of transport, namely transport by train, bus, taxi and also private transportation were included

(ii) A comprehensive study covering all relevant modes of transport and also consideration of financial, economic, environmental, operational, institutional and legislative implications of various transport strategies The study started during February 1989 and came to an end towards June 1991

(c) The complete findings are contained in the study report and cannot readily be summarised

(2) Yes, the report comprising 9 volumes is available from the Department of Transport or from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, which is responsible for the implementation of the findings as it deems fit

Sasol fuel

*5 Mr G C ENGEL asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs

(1) What percentage of the fuel sold in the Transvaal over the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available was petrol blended by Sasol;

(2) whether any additional pipeline costs are incurred in respect of the transportation of petrol to be sold in the Transvaal, if so, (a) what did these costs amount to per litre as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how were these costs made up,

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(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B689E

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

(1) During 1992, 75% of all petrol sold in the Transvaal was manufactured by Sasol's synthetic plants If Sasol's production through the Natref crude oil refinery (in which it has a 63,64% shareholding) is added, the volume of petrol manufactured by Sasol as a percentage of sales in the Transvaal increases to 90% A portion of Sasol's fuel production from crude oil is also sold in the Free State, Northern Cape and Northern Natal.

(2) Sasol and Total, the latter having the balance of shareholding in the Natref refinery, who supply almost 100% of the fuel sold wholesale in the Transvaal, are responsible for the cost of distributing these fuel products by pipeline and other modes of transport from their plants in Secunda and Sasolburg to the various depots which constitute the total market

(a) Detail regarding specific cost elements is company confidential information

(b) Falls away

(3) No

Medicine: parallel importation

*6 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether, with reference to a press conference held by her on or about 11 March 1993, she intends proceeding with allowing the parallel importation of medicine; if not, why not; if so, (a) for what reasons and (b) what does the parallel importation of medicine involve;

(2) whether the same registration requirements will apply to parallel imported medicine as are applicable to locally manufactured medicine; if not, why not;

(3) whether steps will be taken to combat the importation of counterfeit medicine; if not, why not; if so, what steps,

(4) whether the economic and legal implications of parallel imported medicine have been assessed or will be assessed before parallel importation is allowed, if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant particulars? B690E

†The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE.

(1) Yes,

(a) parallel importation is already possible as the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965 (Act 101 of 1965) does not prohibit this and

(b) a parallel imported medicine involves the registration of that medicine, which is the same medicine as that already registered by the original applicant for use in South Africa, by a different applicant The parallel imported medicine should also originate from the same manufacturing facility as the previously registered medicine, or from manufacturing facilities belonging to, or falling under the control of the parent company;

(2) no, because parallel imported medicines are the same medicines as those which are known in South Africa, the data of which are already on file with the Registrar of Medicines Regulation 15, which sets out the format of an application for registration, will have to be amended accordingly;

(3) no, no specific steps are necessary as the medicine registration process lends itself to the combating of the importation of counterfeit medicines;

(4) no, the legal implications have not been assessed as these are the responsibility of the applicant in each case The economic implications are under discussion at the moment.

Air pollution

*7 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether air pollution reached unacceptable levels (a) at any city centres and (b) in any regions in the Republic in 1992; if so, at which city centres and in which regions;

(2) whether any steps were taken in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what steps in each case? B691E

The DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) (a) and (b) Yes,

Cape Town, Vaal Triangle region, Edenvale, Kempton Park and Modderfontein region, as well as unelectrified urban areas;

(2) yes,

Cape Town

The nitrogen oxide levels were exceeded a number of times Monitoring of the pollutant concentrations and research into the occurrence thereof are being carried out The pollutant mainly originates from motor vehicles Control thereof by means of catalytic conversion will be considered when lead-free fuel becomes available.

Vaal Triangle region

High levels of particulate pollution are experienced during the winter months. Research is carried out to identify the main sources Improved control of industrial sources is being continued but smoke from domestic coal combustion can only be reduced by the use of alternative forms of energy such as electricity

Edenvale, Kempton Park and Modderfontein region

An excess of particulate pollution was experienced a number of times Investigation into the sources causing the high levels is being carried out Industries in the area are, however, still engaged in reducing their emissions

Unelectrified urban areas

No control can be exercised before alternative forms of energy such as electricity are in general use Investigation into alternative fuels which will be less polluting are also being carried out

Goldstone Commission: reports

*8 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Justice

(a) How many reports of the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation (Goldstone Commission)* have been submitted to the State President to date and (b) what is the title of each of these reports? B692E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (for the Minister of Justice)

(Reply partially laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(a) Nineteen (19)

(b) 1 First Interim Report.

2 Interim Report on the Violence at Mooi River.

3. Report of the Second Committee appointed to inquire into the Violence at the President Steyn Gold Mine in Welkom

4 Second Interim Report

5. Report to the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation from the Committee established to inquire into the involvement of 32 Battalion at Phola Park

6 First Interim Report to the Commission by the Committee investigating Public Violence and Intimidation in the Taxi Industry

7 Interim Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into Train Violence

8 Second Interim Report to the Commission of Inquiry regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation from the Committee established to inquire into the Taxi Industry

9 Interim Report on the Violence in Hostels

10 Report on the Bisho Incident

11. Report on the Planning or Instigation of Acts of Violence by members of the South African Police in the Vaal Area

12 Report on the Inquiry conducted by the Committee of Inquiry into the Violence at Tokoza

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Eskom aid for nuke plant in China

Star 28/4/93

(260)

Finance Staff

Eskom has disclosed that it is assisting the People's Republic of China with the commissioning and operation of a nuclear power plant at Dava Bay in Guangdong province

Speaking at the signing of an agreement between the China Light and Power Company of Hong Kong (CLP) and Eskom, chief executive Dr Ian McRae highlighted the increasing co-operation between the utilities of SA, Hong Kong and China.

The agreement between Eskom and CLP covers the exchange of information, expertise and technology between the two organisations

Both groups use coal, nuclear power and hydro-electric generation technologies to produce electricity

Operation

In terms of the agreement, Eskom is helping CLP and the Chinese with the commissioning and operation of their twin reactor nuclear power station at Dava Bay

The nuclear installation is similar to that in use at Koeberg.

An Eskom spokesman confirmed that four Eskom staff members had been working at Dava Bay for nine months, while a number of Chinese staff were being trained at Koeberg

The Dava Bay project is the first major joint venture between Hong Kong and China in the field of nuclear power generation

McRae said the deal underpinned a previous agreement between Eskom, the Hong Kong Nuclear Power Investment Company and the Guangdong Nuclear Power Joint Venture Company

No satellite probe

INDUSTRIAL Development Corporation senior GM and chairman of the standing committee for electronics (SCE) G R Morse yesterday denied that one of the committee's working groups was investigating a geostationary satellite for SA (Business Day, April 27). Morse said an IDC statement in this regard had not been sanctioned by his office. He said the SCE's working group for projects of national relevance was investigating opportunities a ground segment would provide the local electronics industry should the SABC or other parties lease additional satellite transponders from foreign companies. (260)

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Suzman, Slabbert among SABC board nominees

PETER DELMAR (260)

FORMER Houghton DP MP Helen Suzman and Idasa leader Van Zyl Slabbert are among almost 500 people nominated for the SABC board. B/DAY

A spokesman for the board's secretariat said yesterday staff were processing the applications which might come to as many as 500. 28/4/93

Nominations had come from a broad spectrum of political organisations and interest groups.

The process of validating and screening applications is expected to take several weeks before an announcement on the new board is made. President F W de Klerk will announce the board members at the end of next month at the earliest.

The 20 places will be decided by a panel made up of judges, former justices and top lawyers.

Informed sources said "political" nominees included Suzman, former PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke, ex-Black Sash president Sheena Duncan and former Inkatha chairman and current Institute for MultiParty Democracy chairman Oscar Dhlomo.

Veteran ANC leader Govan Mbeki is understood to be among those nominated, as is his son, journalist Moeleti.

Stellenbosch economics academic Sampie Terreblanche is believed to have supported a bid for his re-election to the board. He resigned from the board during 1988.

Academics, lawyers, journalists and businessmen also figure prominently in the nominations. Fabcos CE Jabu Mabuza has been put forward, while a strong contender for the important position of chairman is believed to be University of the Western Cape vice-rector Jabulo Ndebele.

SA Council of Churches president Frank Chikane, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin and Rhodes Journalism professor Gavin Stewart are also contenders.

Sasol plant a big success

B/DAY 29/4/93.

EDWARD WEST (260)

SASOL had successfully commissioned a R300m ammonia plant and was saving about R42m in foreign exchange a year, a Sasol statement said.

The 240 000-tons-a-year ammonia facility at Sasol 1 in Sasolburg replaces Sasol 1's 17-year-old 68 000-tons-a-year plant.

The new plant uses Sasol 1 synthesis gas as its feedstock. The plant was commissioned in 28 months and erected by Babcock Contractors.

Ammonia is primarily used for making fertilisers and explosives through Sasol Fertilisers and the SMX explosives divisions.

nership costs men involved

Changes to Broadcasting Act come at a good time

B/Day 24/4/93

IN VIEW of the growing criticism of SA's telecommunications rules and regulations, the timing for a new Broadcasting and Telecommunications Act could not be better

Plans are well under way for new legislation to regulate all forms of broadcasting and communications, and this is due to be discussed by negotiators in multiparty talks

Criticism of current regulations comes from a wide range of industry groups, including Value Added Network providers, and the National Association of Business Voice Users They said there were too many regulations, and that an up-to-date book of regulations was not readily available.

The association said regulations were subject to different interpretations, and users were not involved in determining them

Its members, which comprise many of SA's largest corporations, said there was a need to deregulate telecommunications

Negotiators expected that tomorrow the negotiation council would approve the planning committee recommendation that a technical committee, of four or five people, be set up

It was understood that recommendations made at Codesa were being put into a discussion document which would form the basis for the new legislation

A government source involved in the discussions said "The planning committee made suggestions to the negotiation forum with regard to establishing a technical committee to draft a Bill on the principles of that document

"Government is now drafting something, which must be submitted to the technical committee Input is required from the industry, including Telkom"

He said it was possible for the legislation to be passed during the current parliamentary session

Three committees were envisaged — one to handle spectrum management, an independent media commission, and one to deal with telecommunications

Another source said that whereas initial draft legislation was prescriptive, the envisaged Act could lean towards having as few regulations as possible It would also be important to promote commercial certainty, because this would remove fears that laws would change under a new government

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It's time the print media took a long, hard look at itself

B/Day 29/4/93.

ANNA C STARCKE

(260)

THERE have been two strange developments in the English language print media in the wake of Chris Hani's assassination.

Leader writers and columnists across the spectrum of the "English" Press first lashed out at the SABC for having demonised the slain SACP general secretary during his lifetime instead of informing the public at large about what the man really stood for, and then hit on ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba for making inflammatory statements during and around the commemoration services

Both sets of accusations raise questions about the media itself. Questions like where was the English Press during the past two years in telling its readership about Hani the negotiator, the man concerned about peaceful solutions, or, for that matter, the private man? Where was a reflection of the confidential briefings that Hani gave to journalists or of insights gleaned in off-the-record interviews, which we are now told took place? The SABC incidentally stopped demonising Hani a couple of years ago Their biggest fault was not putting anything else in its place — exactly the same fault of omission the English language print media itself has been guilty of

Perhaps even more disqueting questions are raised by the Mokaba affair. Not that the preposterous chant of Kill the Boer does not deserve the strongest condemnation. What the public is entitled to know is why is that condemnation only forthcoming now?

The Not Afraid To Kill the Boers chant has in the post-February 1990 period been an integral part of every single alliance mass action happening, be it a march, a public rally, or any other kind of mass meeting — as PAC officials, piqued at being unilaterally taken to task for their equally repulsive chant of One Settler, One Bullet have repeatedly pointed out

Not that anybody took any notice I have had the same experience Those to whose attention I brought those nasty songs included individual editors, organisers at Idasa getting-to-know-each-other meetings (once by way of explaining why I could not join in the happy toyi-toying of the assembled sisterhood), and organisers of a Five Freedoms reconciliation march through Alexandra (when my fellow white reconciliators appeared to think I was not showing quite the right spirit), and I keep arguing about it with senior alliance members themselves

The former did nothing ANC alliance members have at least the grace to be somewhat embarrassed, before offering the same explanations (shouldn't be taken literally, just a traditional mobilising chant, etc) that PAC officials routinely offer about the settler slogan.

So now everybody focuses on Mokaba, the man officially charged with mobilising the shock troops in the '80s for making SA ungovernable, and who could perhaps be forgiven for thinking he is being made a scapegoat. After all, most of the time when he (or, dare I mention it, other NEC members) have been leading the rallies in the Not Afraid To Kill the Boers chant, the rest of the alliance hierarchy has shared the platform with him

Until Mokaba helpfully gave us the translation, the alliance killing chants, unlike that of the PAC, have been exclusively in Xhosa or Zulu. Obviously whites, those of the media included, could not be bothered to find out what black compatriots so passionately sing about when they toyi-toyi in the stadium aisles or down Main Street, SA.

And while we are at it could we please now have a line-for-line translation of the official MK dirge that was so movingly sung by Sam Shilowa at Chris Hani's funeral?

Still on the subject of Peter Mokaba, there was a previous eyebrow-raising remark of his that to my knowledge has never been followed up Some two years ago, after (subsequently squashed) rumours that Mokaba was an informer, he stressed in an interview with the Weekly Mail that he enjoyed the full confidence of his comrades If it were otherwise, he said, he would long ago have been eliminated, his death made to look "as if it had been done by the system" He was quoted as adding "as has been done many times before"

I am not the only one who thought at the time that this statement should have brought the combined political Press corps down on him. Instead — nothing. Have the dastardly deeds allegedly committed by the CCB led to the media going soft on the ANC, or was there another reason for such reticence?

Also underreported in connection with the Hani commemoration protests in Johannesburg on April 17 was the extent to which supposed ANC marchers — identified as such by T-shirts, banners and sashes, and including those in the lead car of the Alexandra contingent — were shouting mainly Viva Apla.

I should like to add for the record that I have personally heard Mokaba — the erstwhile prime proponent of no education before liberation — make a passionate plea in 1991 in front of a largely black audience for "putting the excesses of the past behind us" and turning the liberation struggle into "a struggle for knowledge, with respect for learning that will lead us to an understanding of constitutional options, as otherwise we will not have a true democracy"

Mokaba's speech was not reported in the mainstream media. Nor was that of MK chief Joe Modise in 1992 in which he argued in front of a similar audience for realistic expectations in relation to the structure of the anticipated integrated security forces I have also not seen a word reported on a recent address by ANC legal expert Penual Maduna at the Institute for Multiparty Democracy; it was one of the most forcefully pragmatic arguments in favour of a government of national unity, in the course of which he impressively demolished the opposing PAC and Azapo positions.

Conversely, at a subsequent meeting a man who called himself an Apla commander gave a speech of breathtakingly unbridled racist venom — and received the same sort of rapt applause from the same sort of black professional audience that had applauded Maduna. That is the kind of detail an informed public needs

I would go as far as to argue that the mainstream media's past treatment of the PAC as a bunch of inconsequential clowns contributed to that organisation's outbreak into stepped up violence at this stage of our political development.

Last year's mainstream media silence on the political activities of Winnie Mandela once the ANC had declared her persona non grata — during a period when she toured the country making rousing speeches — left the average reader dumbfounded about her "sudden reappearance" in January 1993, when Mandela chose an occasion (Helen Joseph's funeral) that ensured she could not be ignored.

It must also be said that Eugene Terre'Blanche's much-quoted remark about wanting to have killed Hani himself was incorrectly reported in every single English language newspaper. What he said was abominable enough without a news agency making it worse

Omissions of reporting by the mainstream media have another consequence In my capacity as a political consultant I am constantly struck by the fears expressed by members of the business establishment concerning the depth of skills — or rather the presumed lack thereof — among, especially, the ANC and its alliance partners in relation to the incoming public service

If there is one area in which familiarity brings pleasant surprises it is in discovering the breadth of new talent within the ranks of the alliance and other formations of the currently still disenfranchised The general public should be told more about them.

Chris Hani's obscene death will not have been in vain if we draw the right kind of lessons from it One of them should be the recognition of our urgent need for a more alert and less parochial media in this crucial period of transition

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Giant step forward for Sasol

By Derek Tommey

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Sasol's expansion programme has taken another leap forward with the completion at a cost of R300 million of a 240 000 tons-a-year ammonia plant at Sasolburg

It replaces a 64 000 tons-a-year plant built 17 years ago.

An official said yesterday the plant was part of Sasol's R3,6 billion capital expenditure programme

It would lead to large-scale extensions to existing production facilities and the construction of new ventures, which would beneficiate more valuable downstream hydrocarbon products

The ammonia will be used for making fertilisers and explosives

A large quantity will be feedstock for the manufacture at Secunda of acrylonitrile, the raw material for acrylic fibres

Politics delays new radio stations

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By Michael Sparks

The granting of new radio broadcasting licences in South Africa is on hold until an independent broadcasting authority (IBA) is set up to consider criteria and the number of licences to be granted.

In the meantime the Department of Home Affairs has received nearly 100 applications for radio licences pending the setting up of the IBA by parties involved in multiparty negotiations.

According to Democratic Party MP Peter Soal, multiparty negotiators could set up a technical committee to consider existing draft legislation as early as Friday.

He added that if all parties at the negotiations were agreed and no snags were encountered, legislation could then be submitted to Parliament and passed by the end of May.

Soal said since the majority of people in South Africa did not have access to television, radio was a very important communicator, particularly in getting the messages of political parties to people in the rural areas whose access to information was limited.

"Community radio will play a very important role in educating people about elections, and those kind of radio stations can be run very cheaply," Soal said.

He added that provided they subscribed to the norms expected of radio stations by society, "the number of radio stations should be limited only by the width of the radio band".

A spokesman for the department said "We probably have sufficient wavelengths to accommodate all the needs of South Africa".

Radio 702 managing director Stan Katz said he was not too concerned about the prospect of competition from new radio stations.

Katz said once licences were granted more freely, Radio 702 would seek to transmit on the FM band, setting up a number of stand-alone subsidiaries in major centres around the country.

Star 29/4/93

Eskom wins supply rights

Eskom has announced that negotiations to take over electricity supply rights to the Edendale and Imbali areas have been successful. Eskom will become the supply authority on 1 February 1994. The project will cost R150 million — Staff Reporter

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The same old master's voice?

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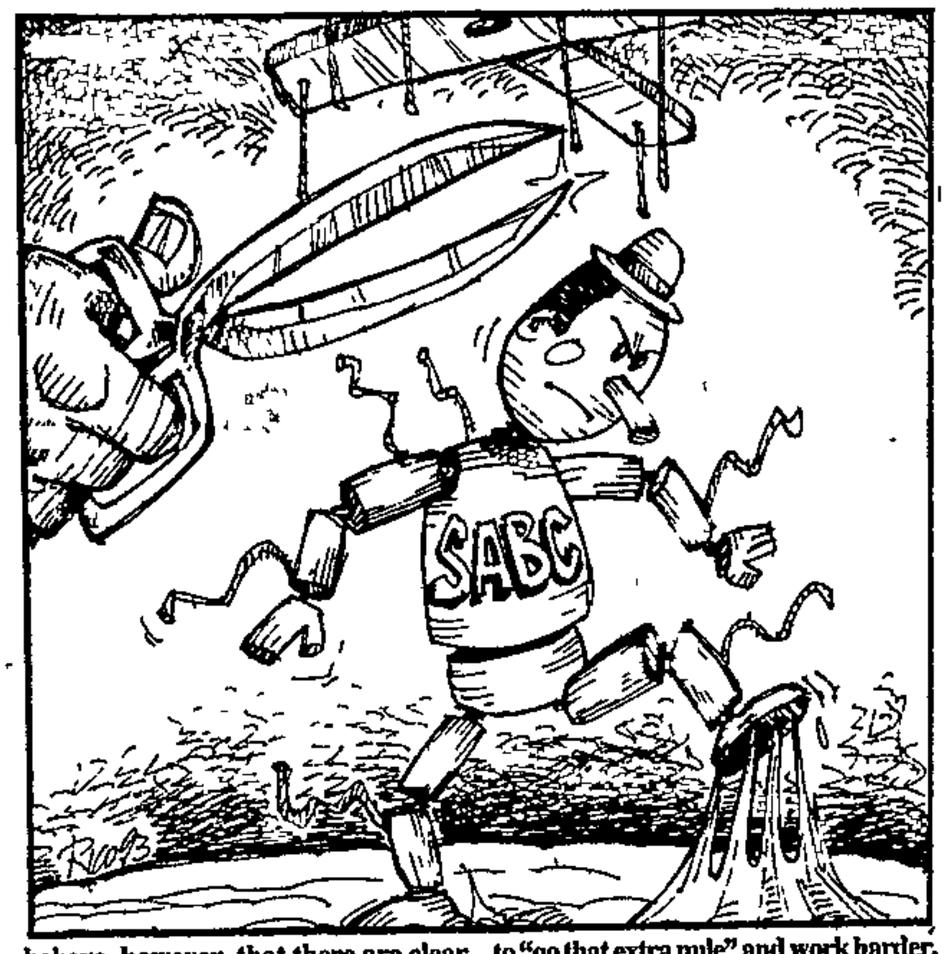
As the day of a new SABC board looms, the monolith begins to crack visibly

MARK GEVISSER *finds new signs of militancy at Auckland Park as broadcasting braces for change*



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She was talking about the Chris Hani funeral, about the way *TV1 News* "acquiesced" to an ANC complaint when Nelson Mandela's pre-funeral address to the nation was halved to four minutes and rebroadcast the entire address later that evening.

Others disagree with her, like the black CCV producer who says that "most of the news coverage of the Hani funeral was as biased as SABC has ever been".

But the fact that she — and many of her colleagues — already believe there is a new set of masters says much about how the SABC is coping with its transition into "the people's broadcaster".

As the future of the corporation is bashed out in public hearings and multi-party negotiations at the World Trade Centre, trouble brews back at Auckland Park, where there are new signs of worker malaise, militancy from black actors and rows over affirmative action.

During the course of May, a nomination panel led by Justices Ismael Mohammed and Petrus Schabort will conduct public hearings to choose a new board from nearly 500 nominations. By June 1, President FW de Klerk will appoint this new board.

And, if all goes according to plan at the multi-party negotiations, the transitional executive council (TEC) will appoint an independent media commission (IMC) This, says ANC negotiator Joel Netshitenzhe, "will be a body of people set up specifically to monitor the electronic media in the run-up to the elections. We are arguing that its rulings should be binding and that it should ensure coverage is unbaised and fair"

While there is agreement between the government and the ANC on the need for such a body, there is debate about how wide-ranging its powers should be.

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Some sources in the media world believe, however, that there are clear dangers in an IMC, because it will be the product of the new multi-party TEC, it might be a very political animal, and both the ANC and the government might be tempted to use it to control a newly independent SABC.

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Seventy-eight percent were dissatisfied with the salary structure, 82 percent complained of no career planning, 90 percent said work was unfairly divided and 91 percent thought that production quality could be improved.

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Whatever the reason, there is thus a serious malaise at the media industry's biggest employer.

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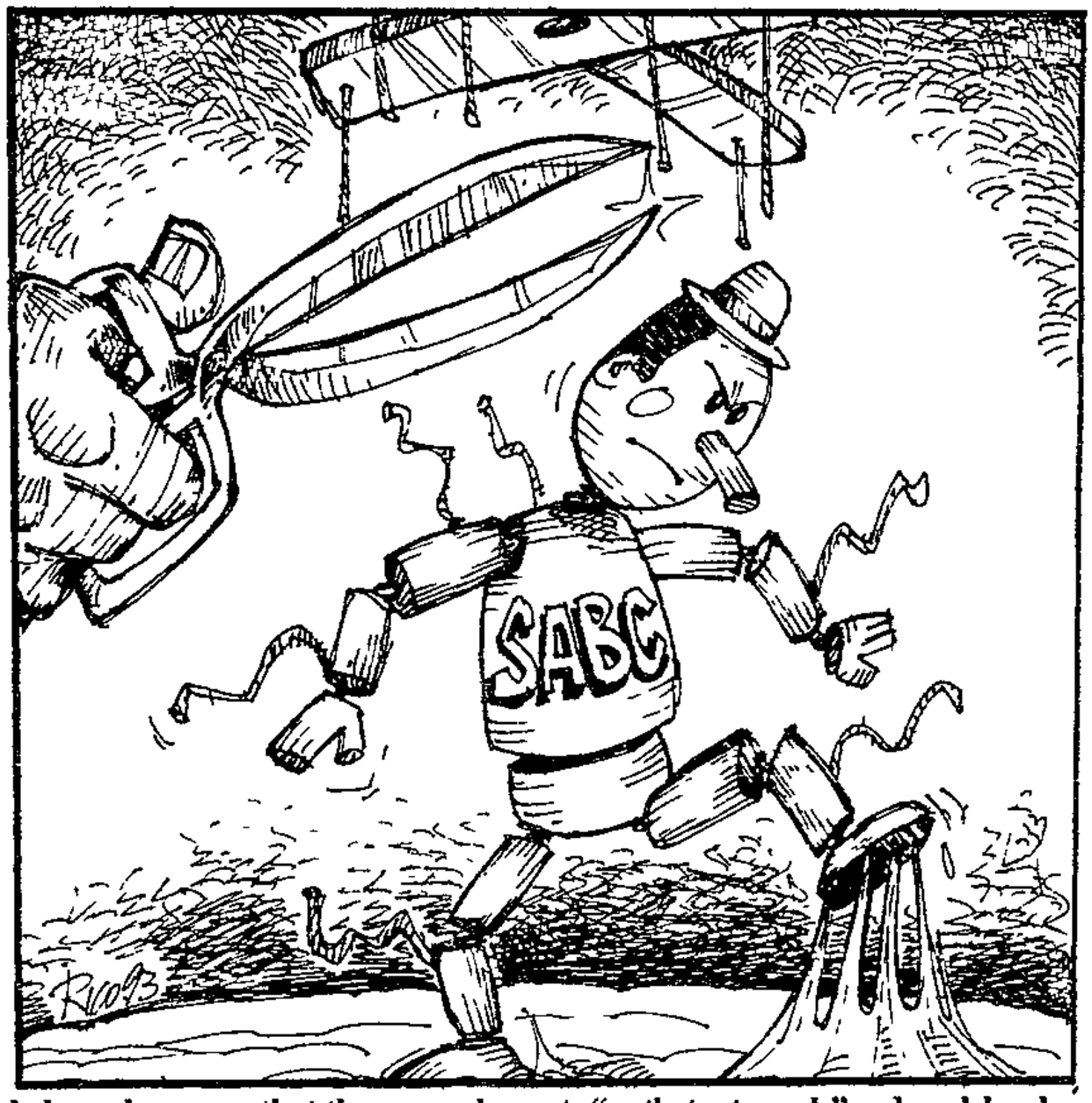

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Bush telegraph goes unofficially official

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Brave new community radio stations aim to listen to the masses. But the authorities are not pleased.

By **GAYE DAVIS**

TWO days after Bush Radio's first — and illegal — broadcast, four Department of Posts and Telecommunications officials were on the doorstep of the community radio station's Salt River offices, brandishing copies of the Radio Act of 1952.

The official visit wasn't unexpected Bush Radio's decision to go ahead with its first broadcast, lasting four hours on Sunday, was taken with due consideration of the risks

By operating without a licence, Bush Radio stands a chance of having its transmitter — hoisted on a nearby building — sealed or seized, while individuals face fines of up to R10 000 or three years' imprisonment, or both.

What happens next will largely depend on the government's will to stamp out unauthorised use of the airwaves and the resolve of community radio initiatives nationwide to force it to provide them with access

Bush Radio staffers are determined to go on air again tomorrow — a day which will see similar projects, in Soweto, Durban and Grahamstown, also switching on for the first time

"The officials told us that if we went on air again they would shut us down," Bush Radio staff member Edric Gorfinkel said this week. "But we'll be on air on 104 FM from noon on Saturday and plan to run another four-hour broadcast on Sunday."

The station — largely volunteer-based — has earned the appellation of pirate radio in the local press.

Gorfinkel said this was inaccurate. "It's true we're broadcasting illegally, but we're doing it in the context of unfair legislation." Applications for a licence to operate were turned down by the Department of Home Affairs last year on grounds that broadcasting was in flux and all applicants should wait.

This week, Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte announced that the government had drafted proposals to free South African radio and television from the SABC's monopoly control, based on agreements reached at Codesa II and in bilateral discussions with the different parties. The proposals first have to be discussed in multi-party negotiations.

Meanwhile, attracting official antagonism could work in Bush Radio's favour: "The project's largely about forcing appropriate change in the legislation," said Gorfinkel.

The station hopes to rally local, national and international support in a campaign to keep it on the air. It has been completely open about its intentions to broadcast illegally, but so far reaches only a limited audience.

A map on an office wall marks the areas Sunday's broadcast covered — mainly Cape Flats townships A melange of music, interviews, reports on education and other issues, and messages of support from organisations formed the basis for a transmission in English, Xhosa and Afrikaans which, though often bedevilled by technical problems and sheer organisational chaos, provoked lively debate as listeners started calling in

As co-producer Gabriel Urgoiti said during a snap post-mortem at the end of the broadcast· "Technical faults are one thing. The most important is the spirit we had here, the co-operation and mutual respect of those involved That's what community radio is all about."

A debate raging within the project is whether to accept advertising — a valuable potential source of revenue, but not without cost to Bush Radio's determined free spirit.

Mervin Swartz, a trade union shop steward, is one of Bush Radio's seven networkers who, representing the different cultures and languages in the region, plan and present the programmes

"We're talking about people using everyday language to bring their message across," he said

Radio stations signal defiance of govt ban

Staff Reporter

COMMUNITY radio stations throughout the country plan to broadcast illegally on Saturday as part of a nationwide campaign to pressurise the government into giving air space to community radio stations.

This was announced by the the National Community Radio Forum, a body of community radio projects and community radio interest groups, this week.

NCRF spokesman Ms Khanyi Mkhonza said some affiliates, such as Bush Radio in Cape Town, Durban Youth Radio, university radio stations and a community radio station in Soweto, had transmitters and would start the campaign on May 1.

She said affiliates such as the Grahamstown Community Forum were planning to acquire transmitters and would be joining the campaign later

Bush Radio spokesman Mr Edric Gorfinkel said inspectors from the Post and Telecommunications Department visited them this week and told Bush Radio staff that they were broadcasting illegally.

Mr Gorfinkel said it was pointed out that if Bush Radio broadcasted again the department could trace and seal the signals Mr Gorfinkel said Bush Radio was set on broadcasting at noonm on Saturday

"In our Saturday programme we will deal with the government's intention to switch us off, but as it is Workers' Day we will also address the role of workers in South African society," he said.

He said that they did not regard themselves as an illegal or "pirate" radio.

"One would first have to recognise the legitimacy of the National Party government before you could accept the term illegal or pirate We are a community radio station, not a pirate station," said Mr Gorfinkel

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Hundreds seek seat on board that will represent the people

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New SABC takes shape

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SABC board of directors nominations will be made public on Wednesday. MANDY JEAN WOODS reveals the names of some of the more prominent 500 or more nominations, which come from right across the spectrum.

THE names of more than 500 nominees to the 20 available positions as members of the SABC board of directors will be published in full by Wednesday, according to a spokesman for the panel established to make recommendations for the new board.

Criteria

The term of office of the present board members has been extended by two months and a new board must now be named by May 31.

While the panel will make recommendations, the appointments have to be finally confirmed by President de Klerk

The board has the function of setting policy for the SABC's 25 radio stations and three television stations

On Wednesday, starting at 10 am, public hearings will be held at the World Trade Centre, at which the panel reviewing the nominations will consider and establish criteria for the selection process.

Nominations received so far have come from across the spectrum, according to the spokesman And they came from a range of organisations and individuals

While no official confirmation of the nominees has been given, names of several of South Africa's leading politicians, academicians and businessmen have been forwarded to the panel

It could not be established whether any of the present SABC board members had been nominated again, the spokesman said.

The SABC board did make its own recommendations to the panel

Stockbroker Max Borkum, Sappi chief Ian Heron and Islamic Bank chief executive Ebrahim Kharsany are among the businessmen nominated

Political figures who have been nominated include former Democratic Party MP Helen Suzman, Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa leader Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, former Pan Africanist Congress member Dikgang Moseneke, Institute for Multi-Party Democracy chairman Dr Oscar Dhlomo and veteran ANC leader Govan Mbeki

Soccer supremo Solomon Stix Morewa has been nominated, as have SA Council of Churches president Dr Frank Chikane and Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Stellenbosch academic Sampie Terreblanche, a former SABC board member who resigned his position in 1988, has been nominated, as have University of the Western Cape rector Jakes Gerwil and vice-rector Jabulo Ndebele

Goldstone Commission member and Natal attorney Lilian Baqwa — who was also a member of the SABC board selection panel — this week withdrew from the panel because she had been nominated to the board and accepted the nomination

Former Black Sash president Sheena Duncan, Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin and Rhodes journalism professor Gavin Stewart are also in the running

In the running

Journalists nominated include Saturday Star columnist Pat Rogers, former SABC presenter Donna Wurzel, journalist Martie Meiring and former Sunday Tribune editor Ian Willie

Once a shortlist has been drawn up from the hundreds of nominees, the panel will then have to decide how to conduct the interviewing process, the spokesman said.

Threats to SABC staff

EIGHT SABC employees received death threats last week from a rightwing organisation calling itself the Boere Republikeinse Leër.

"Death certificates" were sent to Agenda presenters Penny Smythe, John Bishop, Freek Robinson, Adrian Steed and Clarence Keyter, executive producer Jeremy Thorpe, former GMSA presenter Bettie Kemp and SABC news director Johan Pretorius S/Times 2/5/93

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Bush radio is silenced

CAPE TOWN'S community radio station, Bush Radio, on the air since last Sunday, has been silenced after police and Telkom officials sealed and confiscated the radio's transmitting equipment on Friday.

The volunteer community workers, who were preparing for the May Day broadcast, have now been robbed of their voice, spokesman Edric Gorfinkel said yesterday. (260)

"This comes as a blow . . . to anyone who believes in a free flow of communication," he said — *Sapa*

Treated Hani 'like God' so journo is given hell

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By FRED KHUMALO

A RADIO Zulu journalist, who treated Chris Hani "like God", has been given hell.

Roving reporter Mtholephi Mthimkhulu delivered a moving message of condolence for Chris Hani – but was later reprimanded by station manager Rev Hawu Mbatha.

Mthimkhulu was accused of "over-zealous" coverage.

Critics have slammed the move as an indication that the SABC still clings to it's conservative, pro-Nationalist past.

SABC's Natal Radio news editor Judy Sandison confirmed that Rev Mbatha had complained about Mthimkhulu's reportage to her.

However, she hastened to add that Mbatha was merely "placing on record" complaints from listeners who thought the Hani funeral coverage was overdone and over-emotional.

Mtholephi, a few minutes after the news of Hani's death was broken, played an impromptu dirge on radio and eulogised Hani.

Liberation songs were also played.

Mtholephi, who was also on the air in the aftermath of the chaos that broke out in Durban and Maritzburg during the marches in protest against the murder of Hani, called for discipline and asked people to restrain themselves.

Callers to a talk show later on the station slammed him for being biased towards the ANC, a charge he has rejected on previous occasions.

The criticism was not confined to outside callers – some of Mthimkhulu's colleagues thought he had gone overboard.

In fact a source close to Radio Zulu told City Press that the coverage of the Hani story had created tensions between staffers at the station with some siding with Mthimkhulu and others saying the Hani story had received "preferential treatment – as if Hani were God".

"Some staff members said Hani was given preferential treatment just because he was a Xhosa," said a source

"Other leaders who recently died – such as Reggie Hadebe, (former ANC Natal midlands deputy chairman) Winnington Sabelo (the late Inkatha central committee member), and S'khumbuzo Ngwenya, (the late ANC Maritzburg leader) – were not given such in-depth coverage as was accorded to Hani because they were Zulus," said the source.

Although she was concerned with the complaints relayed to her by the Radio Zulu station manager, Sandison said in her capacity as news editor she was highly impressed with Radio Zulu's coverage of the Hani story.

"Our coverage was based on journalistic principles. However, we have to attend to our listeners' needs and listen to their complaints."

Sandison said the Hani story deserved the kind of coverage it received.

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	Paul Roux/Motlomo	105 994,00
	Petrusburg/Bolokanang	112 167,75
	Petrus Steyn/Mamafubedu	24 130,00
	Philippolis/Poding-tse-rolo	176 899,86
	Reddersburg/Qhoweng	210 036,15
	Reitz/Petsana	605 783,13
	Rosendal/Mautse	12 686,53
	Rouxville/Rweleleyathunya	248 257,73
	Senekal/Matwabeng	20 273,48
	Smithfield/Tshepong	293 831,60
	Soutpan/Ikgomotseng	65 572,96
	Springfontein/Maphodi	344 753,29
	Steynsrus/Matlwangtlwang	2 160,00
	Trompsburg/Madikgetla	210 168,16
	Tweeling/Mafahlaneng	107 346,87
	Van Stadensrus/Thapelang	11 888,00
	Viljoenskroon/Rammulotsi	202 413,35
	Villiers/Qalabotjha	2 025,00
	Virginia/Meloding	1 633 805,50
	Vrede/Thembalihle	157 750,28
	Vredefort/Mokwallo	60 681,38
	Warden/Ezenzeleni	0,00
	Welkom/Thabong	26 241 705,38
	Wesselsbron/Monyakeng	162 793,53
	Wepener/Qibing	474 542,34
	Winburg/Makeleketla	21 485 190,28
	Zastron/Matlakeng	4 321 907,95
	Bloemfontein/Mangaung	13 608 678,35
	Ficksburg/Meqheleng	2 964 979,67
	Kroonstad/Moakeng	8 185 348,81
	Ladybrand/Manyatseng	45 702,11
	Parys/Tumahole	4 065 452,94
	Tweespruit/Borwa	210 509,34
	Vanderbijlpark/Lekoa	45 747 138,00
	Vanderbijlpark/Evaton	9 420 658,00
	Oranje-Vaal	16 116 436,00
	Suid OVS	17 196 489,32
	Total	R195 524 056,98

Cape Province

Falls away

(2) (a) Transvaal—R361 565 939 at 31 March 1993
Natal—R891 900 at 31 March 1993
Orange Free State—None
Cape Province—None

(b) Transvaal—None
Natal—None
Orange Free State—None
Cape Province—None

Para-statal bodies: audits conducted

292 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister for Public Enterprises.

(1) (a) (i) How often are audits conducted in each para-statal body falling under his control, (ii) how does the regularity of these audits compare with that of audits in the private sector and (iii) what are the reasons for the intervals between audits conducted in para-statal bodies, (b) (i) what are the minimum qualifications for the audit staff of para-statal bodies and (ii) what, on average, is the (aa) nature and (bb) extent of the experience of such staff and (c) (i) what was the cost of each audit conducted in each para-statal body in 1992 and (ii) (aa) how many hours were spent auditing each such body in that year and (bb) what are the details of the time so spent,

(2) whether reports are produced as a result of each audit; if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, to whom are these reports referred,

(3) whether the results of each audit are referred to audit committees; if not, why not, if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) what are the functions of such committees,

(4) whether the results of these audits are verified by auditors in the private sector; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? B678E

The MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

The hon member refers to "each parastatal body". According to a definition of a parastatal body obtained from the Commission for Administration, it is "a State institution not falling within the purview of the Public Service Act but which can claim funding in part or in full by the Exchequer and/or which can attribute its right of existence to its own enabling act" In terms of this definition, only Eskom will fall within the scope of the question However, it is assumed that the hon member means all the public enterprises within the Minister's portfolio If so, only some of the subsections of the question will be applicable to the other public enterprises The public enterprises incorporated under the Companies Act are subject to the directives and disciplines of the Companies Act, also as far as their audits are concerned Their audits are carried out by auditors in the private sector and are, therefore, fully comparable to audits in the private sector

The reply is otherwise as follows

Eskom

(1) (a) (i) A variety of audits are continually performed throughout Eskom and its subsidiaries

(ii) The audit coverage is more extensive and regular than in the private sector

(iii) *Vide* (i) *supra.*

(b) (i) The requirement for entry to the Audit Department is a recognised qualification plus articles of clerkship with a recognised firm of registered accountants and auditors An appropriate university degree or a professional qualification, such as Chartered Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor, is preferred

(ii) (aa) On average, the nature of the experience of audit staff is financially orientated with specialisation in areas such as human resources, information technology, treasury, engineering and management consulting In addition, skills are bought in when necessary through external consultants

(bb) On average, the extent of the experience of the audit staff is vast, ranging from the longest serving auditor with 30 years' experience to new recruits with a minimum of three years' external audit experience There is a wealth of experience covering all different areas and disciplines, both operational and financial The current qualification profile of the Audit Department is as follows

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Category	Number	
Chartered Accountant—CA (SA)	10	
Certified Internal Auditor—CIA	2	
University degree	52	
Diploma	5	
Total tertiary education	69	75%
Studying towards degree/CIA	14	
Experience only	2	
Secretarial/administration	7	
Total	23	25%

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(c) (i) Approximately R13,9 million for 423 audits

(ii) (aa) Approximately 200 500 hours

(bb) A computer printout of 14 pages with particulars of the 423 audits is available

(2) Yes Reports are issued to management responsible for the function (area) reviewed and distributed to appropriate superiors Formal discussions are held with executive directors on a monthly basis where areas of concern are highlighted A summarised report containing the significant findings is issued on a monthly basis to the Chief Executive Officer, the Management Board, the Chairman and other selected officials.

(3) No The Audit Committee has a very high profile and consists of members of the Electricity Council, the Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Director Finance, the Accounting Manager, the external auditors and the Audit Services Manager The function of the audit committee is to be informed, vigilant and effective oversight of the financial reporting process and internal controls, and to enhance the credibility of that process and monitor the adequacy of the systems of internal control Only a broad oversight is achieved as there are too many reports (approximately 400 per annum) for this body to review effectively The Audit Committee meets at least twice per annum, once immediately prior to the submission of the annual financial statements to the Electricity Council

(4) Two firms from the private sector have been appointed as Eskom's external auditors They do independent audits and review Eskom's own audit reports and files, as appropriate

Alexkor

Alexkor can, according to the introductory paragraph above, be regarded as a para-statal body for the period 1 January 1992 until 1 November 1992 However, the position is that Alexkor's audits during this period were done by private auditors under contract with the Auditor-General Replies to the subsections of the question other than the following should consequently be obtained from the Auditor-General

(1) (a) (i) Twice annually viz an interim and a final audit

(ii) The regularity corresponds with that of the private sector

(c) (i) An amount of R131 500 was paid to the Auditor-General in respect of audit fees for the year ending on 31 March 1992

(2) Yes, to the audit committee, the board of directors, the Minister and Parliament

(3) (a) As required by legislation pertaining to audits

(b) The function of the audit committee is to evaluate the reports, refer them to management and to see to it that remedial steps, if any, are taken

(4) No. The audits are done by auditors in the private sector, under contract with the Auditor-General

Alexkor Limited

The undertaking was incorporated under the Companies Act on 2 November 1992 and audits from this date are done by private auditors in terms of the provisions of the Companies Act The replies for the period from 2 November 1992 are otherwise as follows·

(1) (a) (i) Twice annually viz an interim and a final report

(ii) The regularity corresponds with that of the private sector

(c) (i) No payments have yet been made to the auditors

(ii) (aa) and (bb) The information is not yet available

(2) Yes, the audit committee, the board of directors, the Minister and Parliament.

(3) Yes

(a) As required by legislation pertaining to audits

(b) The function of the audit committee is to evaluate the reports, refer them to management and see to it that remedial steps, if any, are taken.

(4) No The audits are done by auditors from the private sector

Denel (Pty) Ltd

Denel consists of a corporate office (head office) and a number of divisions and subsidiaries The auditing is carried out by private auditors as required by the Companies Act. There is an internal audit section stationed at the corporate office but is only for additional control purposes The replies are otherwise as follows

(1) (a) (i) External audit: An interim and a final audit is conducted at the larger divisions but only an end of the year audit at smaller divisions.
Internal audit: Once a year but if audit should reveal certain risk areas, internal control is increased and audits are conducted more frequently

(ii) Just as good, if not better than in the private sector

(iii) Refer to introductory remarks.

(b) (i) External audit As required by the Companies Act and legislation pertaining to audits
Internal audit. The persons must, from an academic and experience point of view be able to perform their tasks efficiently At present all staff members have post-graduate qualifications and two are qualified chartered accountants

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(ii) (aa) External audit Unknown.
Internal audit Experience in systems audit, operational audit and business audit

(bb) External audit Unknown
Internal audit With the exception of one person who has enough experience to do the duties, all the other staff have completed their clerkships at audit firms

(c) (i) For the year ended 31 March 1993:

External audit as prescribed by legislation	R1 611 000
Additional hours contracted	210 000
Internal audit	640 000

(ii) (aa) For the year ended 31 March 1993

External audit (minimum statutory audit)	14 531
Additional hours contracted	2 601
Internal audit	7 000

(bb) External audit: Normal audit activities as prescribed by law
Internal audit and hours contracted·

Time spent on Risk analysis	103 hours
Evaluation of internal control	4 912 hours
Value for money investigated	1 198 hours
Compliance with statutory requirements	403 hours

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Review of reporting 285 hours
Year-end confirmation 2 700 hours

(2) Yes To divisional general managers and divisional audit committees Any matter of substance is immediately submitted to the Financial Director, the Manager Director, the Chairman, the overhead audit committee, the board of directors and the Minister The final consolidated external audit report is also submitted to Parliament

(3) Yes

(a) See (2) above

(b) The function of the audit committee is to ensure, on behalf of the board of directors, that management creates and maintains an effective control climate and risk analysis in the organisation This is achieved by

— Evaluation of the mechanisms for ensuring effective control, including financial control, accounting systems, reporting, as well as observance of company policy and practices,

— Evaluation and revision of accounting policy,

— Evaluation of audit planning and of the amount of the total cost of auditing

(4) Reports and working documents of the internal audit section is reviewed by the external auditors to the extent to which they can be assisted by the reports in the execution of their audits

Transnet

(1) (a) (i) Internal auditing is performed on a continuous basis External auditing is undertaken according to a planning, interim and final phase for each financial year

(ii) In exact accordance

(iii) Falls away

(b) (i) Since 1990 for new appointments as internal auditors, a Diploma in Internal Auditing or an applicable degree

External auditors comply with Section 15 of the Public Accountants and Auditors Act, 1991 (Act No 80 of 1991)

(ii) (aa) For internal auditors, financial and for external auditors, the whole spectrum of business in South Africa

(bb) Internal auditors. Assistant Auditor No practical experience but a diploma or degree
Auditor Degree with three years practical experience

(c) 1992/93 financial year

(i) Internal auditing — R27 million
External auditing — R16,8 million

(ii) (aa) Internal auditing — 400 000 hours
External auditing — 120 676 hours

(bb) As far as internal auditing is concerned, acting supportive and complementary to external auditing As far as external auditing is concerned, to the evaluation in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the appropriateness of the accounting policies, examination on a test basis of the evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures included in the financial statements, the assessment of the reasonableness of significant estimates and the consideration of the appropriateness of the overall financial statement presentation

(2) Yes.

As far as internal auditing is concerned, to the chief executive officer of the relevant division or business unit and the relevant sub-audit committee

As far as external auditing is concerned, to the chief executive officer of each division and business unit and to the relevant sub-audit committee as well as to the Group General Manager (Financial Services), the Managing Director and the audit committees of the Board of Directors which report to the Board of Directors Audited annual financial statements are submitted to the relevant Minister in accordance with section 6 of the Reporting by Public Entities Act, 1992 (Act No 93 of 1992)

(3) Yes.

(a) All material issues and findings are submitted to audit and sub-audit committees

(b) — Ensure that no limit is placed by management on the scope of the audit

— Help establish an environment in which controls can operate effectively

— Oversee the monitoring of the organisation's systems of financial reporting and internal control to obtain early warning of systems weaknesses

— Review the company's accounting policies and reporting requirements

— Assess the adequacy of management reporting

— Review company "morality" and compliance with the law

— Review the intended scope of the internal and external audit and satisfy itself that no unjustified restrictions have been imposed by management

— Recommend the appointment and remuneration of the external auditors

— Review the terms of the audit engagement

— Invite communication of problems from both the internal and external auditors throughout the year

— Follow up the implementation of recommendations made by the internal and external auditors.

— Review any material irregularities reported by the external auditor in terms of Section 20 (5) of the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Act, 1991 and the steps taken by management to rectify the situation

— Ensure that any non-executive directors not on the Committee are kept briefed

— Ensure that all reports issued by auditors to management are received by the Board

— Review reports prepared by management for release to shareholders and third parties

— Review the financial statements and annual report prior to submission to the full Board

— Report to the Board on its findings

(4) Yes Ernst & Young are the lead auditors and are assisted by Deloitte & Touche, Coopers Theron du Toit, KPMG Aiken & Peat, Arthur Anderson and Price Waterhouse Meyernel

Clinics for sexually transmitted diseases

300 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare

What total amount was allocated for the (a) running of clinics for sexually transmitted diseases and (b) establishment of new clinics for such diseases in the Republic for the 1992–93 financial year? B673E

The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE.

(a) R195 318 086 has been allocated for subsidies to local authorities for the management of primary health services which incorporates sexually transmitted diseases and

HSRC overhauls finances

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — The HSRC had expanded and restructured its financial division and hoped to get it operational this year, HSRC president R H Stumpf said in a statement accompanying the 1992 annual report

The effort to tighten control followed previous auditor-general Peter Wronsley's report last year which said there were deficiencies in the HSRC's accounting system, systems of internal checking and control as well as application of accounting principles

Our political staff reports Auditor-General Henri Kleuver said last night as a result an audit opinion of the HSRC's accounts could not be expressed for its position as at 31 March 1992 and the results of its operation for the year ended

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However, Stumpf said as a consequence of Wronsley's report certain officials had been retrenched and a plan launched to improve and streamline financial control The accounting policy had been fundamentally revised and a computerisation plan would solve most of the accounting problems pinpointed

B/DAY 4/5/93.

The personnel section of the internal audit section had been reshaped. External auditors and the auditor-general's office would be closely involved in an audit committee.

Stumpf warned it would be some time before all improved systems operated optimally

CT 4/5/93

HSRC audit 'deficiencies'

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Political Staff

AN audit opinion of the accounts of the R106,4 million-a-year Human Sciences Research Council could not be expressed, the auditor-general, Mr Henri Kleuver, said last night.

This was "due to deficiencies in the accounting systems", he said.

His statement follows strongly worded criticisms last year by the previous auditor-general, Mr Peter Wronsley, about the HSRC's accounts.

However, the former HSRC president, Professor Johan de Lange, said in a report released last night that "the serious problem of inadequate financial systems" had been addressed, although this was a "slow process".

The new president, Dr R H Stumpf, said the financial section had been restructured and expanded.

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Media have vital role in elections – Minister

CAPE TOWN — Radio and television broadcasting had a particularly important part to play in preparing voters for the coming general election, Minister of Home Affairs Danie Schutte said yesterday.

Introducing debate on the Broadcasting Amendment Bill, he said the Government had proved its commitment to an impartial and credible SABC board by increasing its membership and appointing a panel of independent selectors.

The Bill under debate followed extensive negotiations with parties both within and outside Parliament.

It spelt out the process of appointing a new SABC board, laid down criteria and guidelines for new board members and expanded its membership.

The ANC had no interest in taking over the SABC where the National Party left off, Jannie Momberg (Ind Simon's Town) said.

Speaking in the debate, he said the ANC sought a fair and equal playing field where all parties would feel secure.

Jannie Momberg . . . need for access to unslanted news.

The expansion of the board, envisaged in the Bill, was a critically important phase in giving the country access to unslanted news. No one could deny that the way the SABC distorted the 1992 referendum against the "no" vote was a scandal.

Pieter Groenewald (CP Stilfontein) said the only reason the Bill was on the table was because the ANC was demanding it of the Government.

"This Bill will result in the NP losing control over the media when it believes it can win a one man, one vote election. Just as the Government used the media in the referendum to intimidate the 'no' voter, so will the ANC intimidate the Government in future."

Desmond Lockey (LP Northern Cape) said the Bill ended an era of flagrant interference by the Government in the electronic media. It would bring about a more democratic and representative board.

The new SABC board had the enormous responsibility of ensuring that the SABC reflected all views as fairly as possible in the run-up to the country's first nonracial, democratic election, Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North) said.

An ombudsman or media commission should be appointed to ensure politicians were denied control of the SABC.

It was not only the NP that was at fault. An example of ANC interference in a recent news broadcast was a demand that a speech by Nelson Mandela be aired in full. — Sapa.

Day Supermarkets

Credit facilities up to R2,7bn — IDC

EDWARD WEST

THE Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) said yesterday that despite a recessionary fall-off for credit lines, credit facilities abroad had risen to R2,7bn

IDC GM Louis Kingma said the total amount available under the foreign credit lines had increased to R2,7bn from R2,5bn since June 1992 The IDC now had credit lines with France, Germany, Switzerland, the UK, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Finland and Taiwan. Credit lines could also be established with Japan and the US in the near future B/DAY 5/5/93.

The lifting of sanctions had had a positive effect on the availability of credit lines as it enabled foreign export credit agencies to give medium-term financing suppport to exporters seeking opportunities in SA's manufacturing sector

The Reserve Bank had also been active in arranging foreign credit facilities — short-term bridging finance to shore up foreign exchange reserves.

Finance Minister Derek Keys said the Reserve Bank's credit-worthiness was highly rated overseas and was one of SA's most valuable assets

Short-term bridging finance was still largely unused and available facilities — recently increased — totalled more than what would normally be available through the IMF, he said.

Kingma said, however, that the recession had caused use of the IDC's foreign credit lines to fall by more than half.

Because of the lower industrial machinery imports, current authorisations for the use of the credit lines had dropped to about R220m from R463m in the financial year to end-June 1992, and from R583m in the previous financial year.

700 nominations for places on SABC board

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent and Sapa

MORE than 700 nominations have been received for positions on the new independent SABC board, said Home Affairs Minister Mr Danie Schutte.

And, speaking during debate on the Broadcasting Amendment Bill, he said the government favoured not only a monitoring commission but also an independent licensing authority.

He was responding to a suggestion by Democratic Party media spokesman Mr Peter Soal that a monitor or ombudsman should be appointed to ensure the SABC provided fair and neutral coverage

Mr Schutte said the government had already made proposals for a monitoring commission which he hoped would be accepted by the multiparty conference soon.

Earlier in the debate, ANC MP Mr Jannie Momberg suggested that foreign journalists, possibly from the BBC and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, should be brought in to watch over an independent SABC to guarantee that the "people" need not worry about how the news was presented.

He assured MPs that the ANC had no interest in taking over the SABC as the National Party had done.

However, Mr Soal accused the ANC of "interference in news presentation" a few weeks ago.

He said "They had provided the SABC with an eight minute tape of an address by (ANC president) Mr (Nelson) Mandela and when this was edited — without apparently any of the essential message being lost — the ANC complained to the SABC during the news broadcast, and demanded it be re-broadcast in full.

"Shades of PW Botha! We cannot return to that state of affairs and must ensure the control of the SABC is removed from the politicians."

While the CP argued that the Bill had been forced on the government by ANC demands, Labour MP Mr Desmond Lockey said the Bill — which provides for the expansion of the SABC board — ended an era of flagrant interference by the government in the electronic media

People had even doubted whether the SABC's weather forecasts could be believed

He said the new board would ensure balance and fairness for all parties in news coverage of the run-up to the elections

"Our hope is that the new board will inspire respect and confidence among South Africans

"If news coverage is not balanced and fair the election cannot be described as free and fair"

HSRC balancing its books now — new chief

(260) ARG 6/5/93

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) instituted an intense financial control programme started last year to get its books balanced after a sharp rebuke from the auditor-general

The new president of the HSRC, Dr Roelf Stumpf, said the new measures were aimed at improving its financial control systems before the end of this year

The financial shake-up followed sharp criticism levelled at the council in October last year for shortcomings and irregularities in its accounts by the parliamentary watchdog on public spending, the Joint Committee on Public Accounts.

However, commenting on the HSRC's annual report tabled in parliament this week, Dr Stumpf said a number of steps already had been taken to strengthen the financial control of the council and said further aspects of the clamp-down excercise would be initiated and completed this year

The annual report showed that parliamentary grants to the HSRC dropped from R71,1 m to R70,9 mwhile its commercial income from research contracts and sales increased by 28 percent to over R30 m

Included in the control measures was the extensive restructuring of the HSRC's finance division which, in future, would report directly to Dr Stumpf

As part of the stricter control on spending, a computerisation plan was to be implemented to "solve most of the accounting problems pointed out by the auditor-general".

Dr Stumpf warned it would still be "some time" before all the new and improved systems were operating optimally

Grill SABC board nominees in public, urges lobby group

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

A shortlist of nominees for the new board of the SABC should be subject to public hearings to reinforce the accountability of a public broadcaster, the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting said yesterday.

CIB spokesman David Dison was addressing the SABC board selection panel at the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park on the criteria and guidelines by which a new board should be chosen

On the selection panel are retired judges Mr Justice G Viljoen and Mr Justice J J Trengove, judges Mr Justice I Mohammed and Mr Justice P J Schabort, magistrates S K Ndlovu and N C Erasmus, and advocate T L Skweyiya

The CIB also called as an "expert witness" Friedrich-Wilhelm von Sell, director-general of the East and West German broadcasting corporations.

Von Sell said it was critical that the selection process should have legitimacy and the support of the public.

Democratic Party media spokesman Peter Soal, noting that the new Broadcasting Bill allowed the panel to appoint between 21 and 25 members to the board, urged them to appoint the maximum number since there was a possibility that if four seats were left open they could be filled by a particular party in the future

SABC executive director Wynand Harmse said the corporation was overdependent on advertising for revenue A new board would have to find alternative finance for its public-service function in a new, competitive broadcasting environment

Harmse was subjected to intensive questioning on the board and senior management's "political news policy" before the unbanning of the ANC and other groups in 1990

He said the SABC had had a code which prevented it from being a platform for groups which did not promote peaceful negotiation

The panel also heard submissions from Lawyers for Human Rights, the Broadcasting Interest Group, which supports the introduction of blacks into the ownership and administration of the electronic media, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches of SA; the National Land Committee, Electronic Media in Education, the Black Sash, the Sached Trust, and Anwar Ismail

Wide range of nominations

A total of 513 people, including President de Klerk's brother and opera singer Mimi Coertze, have been nominated to the new SABC board

Several references to the overwhelming number of nominees were made at a public hearing yesterday and it seems likely a shortlist will be chosen before nominees face questions from the public

Together with Professor Willem de Klerk and Coertze are actors, journalists and past or present SABC board members.

The list includes Ameen Akhalwaya, editor of The Indicator newspaper; Radio 5 deejay Alex Jay; actor Simon Bruinders; human rights lawyer Michael Cheadle; journalists Jo-Anne Collinge, Jon Qwelane and Allister Sparks; and SA Institute of Race Relations director John Kane-Berman.

University of the Western Cape rector Jakes Gerwel and former PAC vice-president Dikgang Moseneke are also on the list.

A former chairman of the board, Professor Christo Viljoen, is one of several nominees from SABC management past and present

Former Leader of the Opposition and talk show host Dr Van Zyl Slabbert and former SABC documentary producer and political interviewer Pat Rogers have also been nominated. — Sapa.

Radio wants air space

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BUSH RADIO, Cape Town's community radio station, has opened a petition calling on the government to return broadcasting equipment confiscated by Posts and Telecommunications officials.

The Salt River radio station went on the air for the first time on April 25, but on April 30 "officials, supported by police, came with a search warrant and seized all Bush Radio's broadcasting apparatus".

The station has called on the multiparty forum to speedily enable community radio stations to do their work without threat of legal action.

It has called on commercial media and would-be broadcasters to honour the right of communities to "own and control their own media"

In the meantime it was following up on legal avenues for licensing

"If this fails to show results, Bush Radio will go back on the air We will continue to challenge the state's monopoly of broadcasting until community radio is recognised," the station said yesterday. — Sapa

Urgency called for in local govt

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — Local government elections were so urgent they could be held before national elections, Local Government Minister Tertius Delport said yesterday. B/DAY 6/5/93.

Delport told a parliamentary mini-debate this depended on rapid progress in negotiations on the form of local government. He could not accept the demand of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) that all existing councils be scrapped. A process of reform was needed, rather than the sudden abolition of existing structures, he said.

A clear, legal and legitimate procedure was necessary to ensure lasting structures. Introducing the interpellation debate, Inkatha MP Mike Tarr said he was concerned about the lack or urgency in negotiations at local level, and many local councillors seemed to be affected by this.

The ANC's Rob Haswell said black local government was in crisis, while many, if not all, the white local authorities were unable or unwilling to meet the challenge of "one city, one tax-base".

"They are busy budgeting for another business-as-usual year, buttressed by the belief that their terms of office will be extended," he said.

It was vital the next Local Government Negotiation Forum meeting on May 18 produced proposals for interim local and metropolitan councils.

He said the country needed enabling legislation such as a Transitional Measures for Local Government Act, and a pooling of financial resources, so as to empower interim authorities by July 1.

Interest groups want open SABC board appointments

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LLOYD COUTTS

INTEREST groups represented at a meeting called by the secretariat selecting a new SABC board yesterday called for open hearings to ensure maximum public participation in selection of board members.

Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) spokesman Dave Dison told a panel convened by Codesa judges Ismail Mohammed and Piet Schabort that the large number of nominations (more than 700) pointed to a groundswell of public interest and support for the new process.

DP MP Peter Soal said the panel's acceptance of public hearings would help establish the principle of accountability.

Lawyers for Human Rights delegate Frans Viljoen supported the call for transparency, and proposed that anyone who actively promoted racism "should be viewed with extreme caution".

Electronic Media Education spokesman Kumi Naidoo called for the appointment of seven members actively involved in education and development, while Black Sash spokesman Laura Pollecut called for a 50% representation of women

SABC executive director Wynand Harmse suggested the election of four or five incumbent SABC board members to the new board to ensure continuity.

Harmse said financial and technical skills would be required to deal with the complex operations of the broadcaster.

He said the new board would face the challenge of determining a new role for the SABC, would have to investigate ways of funding the corporation in the light of pending deregulation and would have to consider the unbundling of certain sectors of the corporation.

The new board would come under political pressure and would be responsible for ensuring the independence of the SABC.

"We should have people (on the board) who have and feel a responsibility to serve the public of SA, the whole public.

"We should have people with the required skills, but we cover 360 degrees of life This board should see to it that the SABC fulfils its responsibility because it is a medium with great impact."

Harmse admitted that previous board members had been sympathetic to government. However, there had never been any "official" contact between board members and government. Top management appointed by the board had shown "a certain loyalty" to the board, he added.

Inkatha plans 'mass march for peace'

B/DAY 6/5/93

DIRK VAN EEDEN

THE ANC must stop its "nonsense" now, because SA could not afford to allow the negotiation process to be held hostage by its demands, Inkatha-supporting Jeppe MP Hennie Bekker said yesterday.

Announcing Inkatha's "march for peace" in central Johannesburg on Saturday, Bekker said moderates were "fed up" with violence and rolling mass action.

Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Carter Ndlovu said between 8 000 and 10 000 people were expected at the march. Bekker said it would be monitored by the SAP and Wits Vaal peace secretariat monitors. Inkatha would also appoint 100 to 150 marshals and 50 monitors.

Plans to deliver a petition to ANC headquarters calling for a halt to rolling mass action were cancelled after intervention by the peace secretariat. The petition would be handed over to a senior member of the secretariat at the City Hall, Bekker said. Another petition would be delivered to SABC headquarters in Auckland Park calling for the levelling of the playing fields regarding political coverage

448 nominations for SABC board

LLOYD COUTTS (260)

VAN Zyl Slabbert, Prof Wimpie de Klerk and former PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke are among an eclectic group of 448 people nominated to serve on the new SABC board. B/DAY 6/5/93

Others include an assortment of clerics, journalists, businessmen, actors — and even an ex-gangster.

A list of those people who have indicated their availability to serve was released yesterday by the secretariat appointed by President F W de Klerk to select the new board by the end of May More than 700 nominations were received by the secretariat, chaired by Codesa judges Ismail Mohammed and Piet Schabort

Featured on the nine-page list are whacky artist Nina Romm, soprano Mimi Coertse, actress Vanessa Cook, University of the Western Cape rector Jakes Gerwel, NGK moderator Prof Johan Heyns, controversial journalist Jon Qwelane, SA Institute of Race Relations chief John Kane-Berman, writer Ellen Khuzwayo and former Rand Daily Mail editor Raymond Louw They rub shoulders with flamboyant Radio 5 deejay Alex Jay, former Sofiatown gangster and now tycoon Godfrey Moloi, one-time Soweto mayor David Thebehali and top soccer official Ashwin Trikamjee.

ANC and SACP stalwart Govan Mbeki and peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys have also entered the race for the 21 positions on the board, as have acclaimed actor John Kani and charismatic preacher Ray McCauley

Sacob director-general Raymond Parsons and leading financier Marinus Daling are included in the business community's strong showing.

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IMPORT SURCHARGES

Taxing the telly

FM 7/5/93

Finance Minister Derek Keys has apparently defused government's multimillion-rand tax dispute with the SABC and M-Net over their unpaid import surcharges on movies and TV programmes Customs & Excise commissioner Daan Colesky has dropped his demand for almost R65m in back payments But the controversy may be far from over Government has not made up its mind whether to levy the surcharge in future and won't decide until at least December

Colesky's action came after SABC CEO Wynand Harmse and M-Net's Gerrie de Villiers met Keys six weeks ago to ask him to intervene "We had a meeting with the Minister but at this stage we cannot give any more information," Harmse says No-one in government is saying much either

At the centre of the dispute is a 5% surcharge levied by Customs & Excise, which falls under the Finance Ministry, on the total value of the content of imported video cassettes, including royalties So far the two broadcasters have paid only the normal import duties on the cassettes

In the case of government-owned SABC, it was estimated in February that the unpaid surcharges plus interest could amount to R50m, while JSE-listed M-Net is allegedly in arrears of about R12m (*Business & Technology* February 12) If forced to pay this tax, SABC would likely have to raise its licence and advertising fees and cut outside local productions M-Net would have to raise its subscription fees Says one senior SABC official, "We would have to find the money from somewhere to pay the surcharges"

Unwilling to budge

Despite the apparent compromise, Colesky is adamant that surcharges and other import taxes approved by parliament must be paid While he won't comment on this case, he defends his department's position "SA's customs and valuation legislation had been referred to a valuation committee of Gatt and the committee has approved it"

He says customs and excise duties were amended in the Eighties to bring them into line with the valuation code

But Trade & Industry Deputy Director-General Gerrie Breyl has said he believes that most of the important signatories to Gatt exempt movies and TV programmes from import taxes

The Motion Picture Association of America has also lined up against the surcharge It feels that taxing the contents of video cassettes could upset the status quo because of the exemptions in other countries

It's certain that if Keys doesn't make a final decision to scrap the surcharge, the dispute will soon flare again because Colesky doesn't seem willing to back off As the two broadcasters make clear, only a political decision can keep the matter from landing in court

Eddie Botha

SABC to hold public hearings

ES 7/5/93

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Short-listed nominees for the new SABC board would be interviewed at public hearings, the board selection panel announced yesterday.

Representations from interest groups and individuals had emphasised the need for selection procedures to be transparent, the panel said.

The panel — headed by Codesa judges Mr Justice Ismail Mohammed and Mr Justice Piet Schabort — held a public hearing at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park on Wednesday to discuss the criteria for election.

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The panel said the representations emphasised that the SABC board should be non-partisan.

It said it would consider the merits of nominees and called for written objections to be lodged with the panel's secretariat by May 11.

A short list would then be published and nominees would be interviewed at public hearings attended by the media and interested parties.

The panel would then make a final selection.

Objections can be sent to: The Secretariat, the Panel for the Appointment of the SABC Board, Box 307, Isando 1600.

Fighting rages on as Angolan talks falter

ARG 7/5/93

ABIDJAN. — Protracted Angolan peace talks in Ivory Coast went into a 48-hour recess yesterday with the warring factions still divided on key military issues.

As fighting raged on in Angola, the MPLA government delegation flew back to Luanda from Abidjan on Wednesday night for consultations with President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

The stalemate is over Unita's refusal to pull out its forces from townships it holds, as demanded in UN Security Council resolutions and stipulated in a memorandum drafted by the official observers at the talks, the United States, Russia and Portugal.

Unita delegation chief Mr Jorge Valentim admitted on Wednesday that "the negotiations are at a dead-end"

He said Unita, which claims to hold 70% of the country, wanted "symmetrical" demilitarisation of the towns, with government troops pulling out as well as Unita's

General Higino Carneiro, of the government side, said there was no way the Security Council resolutions could be ignored.

Mr Faustino Muteka, head of the government delegation, met with Mr Dos Santos in Luanda yesterday.

The two sides have agreed on a range of other issues, including release of prisoners of war, delivery of humanitarian aid to war victims, and the resumption of state administration in Unita-controlled zones. — Sapa-Reuter

10 Palestinians shot by Israelis

JERUSALEM. — Israeli soldiers shot and wounded 10 Palestinians, including a five-year-old boy hit in the eye, on the Gaza Strip yesterday, Palestinian sources said.

Meanwhile a Palestinian pumped five bullets into an Israeli policeman at Rehovot, near Tel Aviv, police said. The officer was seriously wounded in the chest and arm as he sat in his patrol car.

At Shati refugee camp on the edge of Gaza City, Mr Nidal M'Hassen was hit in the eye as he returned home from kindergarten, Palestinian sources said. Troops opened fire on stone-throwers, wounding two youths in the camp.

Soldiers also shot and wounded seven Palestinians during clashes at Maghazi camp, south of Gaza City.

Since Sunday eight Palestinians have died from Israeli bullets and more than 100 have been wounded. — Sapa-AFP

... after a group of youths on ... looting and looting shops, in the East Rand township yesterday.
Picture: George Mashinini

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5 days to object to SABC board nominees

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Staff Reporter

The panel appointed to select a new SABC board has announced that objections to persons nominated for the board may be lodged with the panel over the next five days.

In a statement released yesterday, the panel — consisting of seven judges, retired judges, magistrates and an advocate — said written objections should reach its secretariat not later than noon on Tuesday.

Names omitted from the published list of nominees should also be brought to the panel's attention, it said

It is expected that the panel will publish a shortlist of prospective board appointees on Thursday As recommended by the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting at a submissions hearing on Wednesday, these nominees will be subject to public interviews

R93m centre 'not approved'

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A R93 MILLION computer centre, originally estimated to cost R38 million, was never approved by the cabinet, Parliament's Joint Committee on Public Accounts said yesterday

The erection of the centre at Brakfontein in Verwoerdburg for the Commission for Administration was approved in principle, "probably by the State Security Council", but had no formal approval

Harmse under fire at hearings

W/Mail 7/5-13/5/93. (260)

SABC chief Wynand Harmse suffered a setback at the preliminary hearings for the selection of a new broadcasting board. By **STEPHEN LAUFER**

PRELIMINARY hearings on the selection of a new broadcasting board unexpectedly turned into a demolition derby for SABC group chief executive Wynand Harmse on Wednesday.

Harmse emerged with his prestige crumpled; his hopes for holding onto the top job seriously damaged

As long as Auckland Park's broadcasting supremo was able to read from prepared notes, things went swimmingly. Sidestepping questions on past government control of the electronic media from panel chairmen Judges Ismael Mahomed and JJ Trengove, he appeared to have pulled it off, neatly realigning himself with the proponents of media pluralism.

The panel released him with thanks, and turned to testimony from the National Land Committee Then a cinema owner from Cape Town fired a broadside which could scupper Harmse's hopes for the future. And it put a question mark over government attempts to reappoint some members of the old SABC board to public broadcasting's new controlling body.

Anwar Ismail, who is the owner of the Luxurama cinema in Wynberg and has himself been nominated for the new SABC board, submitted a damning 1989 statement by Harmse to the panel. In it, Harmse says· "In the event of the SABC's interpretation of the national interest corresponding with the actions of government, the corporation will naturally be inclined to reflect this in its programmes"

Adds Lucas Oosthuizen, who quotes Harmse in his aptly entitled book *Media Policy and Ethics*: "The present director general, Mr Wynand Harmse, has moreover pointed out that 'political news policy' at this stage specified that the SABC would not offer a platform for revolutionary groups or promote extra-parliamentary politics"

Recalled by the panel, Harmse proceeded to entangle himself in contradictions. Having emphatically denied in his first submission any knowledge of government attempts at control of the electronic media during his period of office, he now prevaricated.

The extra-parliamentary organisations had been unlawful, he argued Judge Mahomed pointed out that the UDF was a lawful extraparliamentary body.

He was unsure whether Oosthuizen's quote was accurate, said Harmse. Then he felt he might have said something resembling the quote.

Commented a participant at the proceedings· "The panel gave Harmse several openings during his initial submission which would have allowed him to distance himself from or apologise for government media policy prior to February 1990 But he didn't take them He ended up shooting himself and the other members of the current SABC board in the foot."

Capital market shrugs off options closeout

TIM MARSLAND

THE capital market ended stronger yesterday after shrugging off the midday options closeout which failed to produce the expected volatity, dealers said B/DAY 7/5/93. (260)

They said many of the options, which give holders the right to buy or sell stock at an agreed price, had been exercised earlier in the week, so the effect on the market had been limited Eskom's long-dated E168 bond ended at 14,95% from a previous 14,93% while Transnet's TOO4 closed unchanged at 14,95%. Some dealers said a large player may have attempted to influence rates just before the closeout to maximise profits However, others said this was unlikely due to the size of the market.

Goverment's key long-dated R150 bond traded at around 14,88% just before the noon closeout midway between the 14,75% and 15% levels at which options were written. Reserve Bank GM capital and money markets Andre Kok said demand for stock remained strong. He said the Bank had already completed its funding requirement for May.

Hearings for SABC board to be public

LLOYD COUTTS (260)

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The panel said the representations emphasised that the SABC board should be nonpartisan to serve the interests of the broad SA society

It said it would consider the merits of nominees who had accepted their nominations, and called for written objections to be lodged with the panel's secretariat by May 11

A short list would then be published and nominees interviewed at public hearings, which could be attended by the media and interested parties. The panel would then make a final selection.

The panel did not say how long the short list would be More than 700 nominations had been received However, the list had been whittled down to candidates willing to serve on the board

Objections can be sent to The Secretariat, The Panel for the Appointment of the SABC Board, Box 307, Isando 1600

Hopefuls for board like list of who's who

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ALEX JAY: "If chosen, I'll do my best."

ould give advice on this ide of things, rather han having a board ianted with moralists, ducationists and technical experts"

And Johannesburg's lirector of culture, Christopher Till, says he vould hope to bring a ultural component to he new board and argue or the development of ultural programming

Culture, he points out, is not some esoteric thing "It is how people respond to their fellow humans and their environment, and how they articulate the ideas and desires in expressing their own identities"

NINE members of the existing SABC board of directors have been nominated again They are opera singer Mimi Coertse, Reginald K Donner, Laurence Gordon-Hughes, Dr R N Gugushe, Professor Derek S Henderson, Colin K Hickling, Joseph H Taylor, Major-General Jacobus A van Zyl, Professor Christo Viljoen and Hank A Sloet.

Journalists form a large part of the hundreds of nominations received Many of them are current members of the Argus Group or are ex-Argus Group employees. These include The Star Metro editor Jo-Anne Collinge, Sunday Star assistant editor Denis Beckett, Saturday Star columnist Pat Rogers and Sunday Star columnist Jon Qwelane

Newsmen and businessmen

Other journalists nominated are The Indicator editor Ameen Akhalwaya, Foreign Correspondents' Association president Patti Clay, Engineering News publisher Martin Creamer, former editors Anthony Heard (Cape Times) and Raymond Louw (Daily Mail), Sunday Times legal journalist Carmel Rickard and former SABC journalist Donna Wurzel

Among the leading businessmen nominated to fill a position on the board are Nedbank general manager (marketing) Ivan May, Soweto businessman Godfrey Moloi, Ogilvy & Mather Rightford Searle-Tripp & Makin chairman Bob Rightford and his media director John Montgomery, Constance Nkosi (the first black woman to get a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wits Business School), SA Chamber of Business president Raymond Parsons, stockbroker Max Borkum, National Sorghum Breweries chairman Mohale Mahanyele, former banker Lawrie Korsten and Sappi chief Ian Heron

Public relations executives Peter Mann and Jenni Newman, Pastor Ray McCauley of Rhema Church, Minister of Public Enterprises spokesman Douglas McClure, Cosatu information officer Frank Meintjies and former PAC vice-president Dikgang Moseneke are also nominated

From the arts and entertainment field, nominees include film producer Roberta Durrant, actress Shirley Firth and actor John Kani

Johannesburg cultural director Christopher Till and National Soccer League chairman Ashwin Trikamjee have also been nominated for the board

Sisulu

Scientist Gordon Sibiya, ANC vice-president Walter Sisulu's daughter Sheila, who is a specialist in education, Professor Louise Tager; IDASA head Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, NICRO national director Ester Lategan, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu's spokesman John Allen are just some of the hundreds of nominations

Black Sash

Other notable nominees for the board include Wits University law professor Edwin Cameron, Cosatu legal adviser and Wits law professor Hilton Cheadle, motivation specialist Alan Chazen, Association of Advertising Agencies executive director Peter de Klerk and Lawyers for Human Rights president Brian Currin.

Also on the list are association of Marketers president Derrick Dickens, former Black Sash president Sheena Duncan, University of the Western Cape rector Jakes Gervil and Institute of Race Relations director John Kane-Berman.

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New broadcasting authority imminent

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Deregulation of the broadcasting environment has been mooted for some time, but looks set to be legislated within the next month or so. MANDY JEAN WOODS reports.

LEGISLATION for the deregulation of broadcasting in South Africa is in an advanced state of preparation, says National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) chairman Stan Katz.

Speaking to delegates at the Financial Mail conference on advertising this week, Katz said because Government had repeatedly stated that deregulation was in the pipeline but no legislation had yet been tabled, it had led to the general perception that the legislation was nowhere near ready

"However, I have recently been assured by senior officials of the Department of Home Affairs that the relevant legislation is in an advanced state of preparation and could be tabled in Parliament as early as June," he said

Diversity

He said NAB had been led to understand the broad terms of the new legislation would meet the demands for a fair and efficient new regulatory regime for broadcasting, one that would ensure the opening up of the airwaves a diversity of broadcasting voices

"Equally important, the legislation will, we are told, reflect the broad consensus pertaining to deregulation developed between Government, opposition parties and movements and other interested groups."

The NAB had made proposals with regard to the reregulation of broadcasting, he noted, the centrepiece of which was the establishment of an independent authority, responsible for licensing users of the airwaves

ON THE AIR: National Association of Broadcasters chairman Stan Katz.

"Since such users include not only broadcasters, but other electromagnetic animals, we have been lobbying for a single national telecommunications authority to regulate all users of the frequency spectrum," he says.

This authority would be free of Government or other political controls and independent in its composition and decision-making capabilities

"We further believe that authority should be established in such a manner so as to satisfy the reasonable expectations of a broad cross-section of South African society Through a representative and democratic mechanism there should be an open calling for nominations for commissioners of the authority who should ultimately be appointed by a fully representative government."

The commissioners should be able to offer expertise necessary for function fulfilment and should possess a balance of applicable knowledge — such as financial, legal, technical, marketing, economic and industry knowledge

They should be South African citizens of high standing and qualification and not office bearers in any political party or grouping

They should also not have any vested interests in telecommunications, including broadcasting, for the duration of their appointment

This independent body should have the overall goal of ensuring orderly, efficient and fair management of the electromagentic frequency spectrum and be responsible for the issuing of all broadcasting licences.

The NAB has proposed that licensing pertain to transmitter location specifications, specification of the frequency or frequencies to be used, power limitations, the bandwidth to be used, technical servicing and inspection and other relevant technical considerations.

Broadcasting content, Katz said, should be by way of self-regulation by broadcasters "The independent authority should not act as a policeman of broadcasters but should delegate such a role to another appropriate independent body."

Rip and read from Sapa

STAR 8/5/93

SAPA, the country's largest independent national news agency, is expanding, with its sights set on supplying news to new radio stations that could come about following broadcasting deregulation.

Sapa's editor Mark van der Velden says plans are well advanced to set up a separate unit which will provide affordable two- and three-minute news packages to small broadcasters.

This "rip and read" formula could prove very successful, Van der Velden says

Presently, Sapa's output of some 150 000 words a day would be too costly and unmanagable for a small broadcaster. "We will send out news packages hourly during the day," he says.

News is a proven generator of income, with advertising easier to sell around news bulletins as listernership figures always peak at that time.

The news packages will be fed directly into the station's computers.

And with the advent of modern digital technology, it would also be possible for SAPA to supply "sound bites" to client stations at a fraction of the cost of analogue equipment, he says.

"So stations which install the right equipment from the start will be able to receive ready-to-read news bulletins, complete wth sound-bites on their system."

IFP marches for airtime

S/Times. 9/5/93

THOUSANDS of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters led by National Party convert Jeppe MP Hennie Bekker, yesterday marched peacefully from downtown Johannesburg to the SABC.

They handed a petition to the corporation demanding "equal airtime for the IFP" and said the SABC favoured the government and the ANC.

To thunderous applause Mr Bekker called on the ANC to drop its proposed mass action programme. (260)

Eskom awards contract

S/Times (Buss) 9/5/93

ESKOM has awards a contract to Basil Read Mining for the loading of the Camden power station coal stockpile which has been sold to Shell SA's mineral division Between 20 000 and 70 000 tons a month will be moved from Ermelo to Richards Bay

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S/Times [Buss] (260)

Dawie against copper merger

9/5/93

MINISTER of Public Enterprises Dawie de Villiers has endorsed the Competition Board's recommendation that the proposed R600-million merger between Copalcor and Non-Ferrous Metals be blocked. A notice declaring the proposed merger unlawful will be published in the Government Gazette this week. The board opposed the merger on the grounds that it gave the two companies control of the copper scrap market.

SABC in dock as tables are turned

S/Times 9/5/93

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By JAMES BRITTAIN

IT MIGHT have been a trial.

In the long white-lit conference room the accused sat alone with his back to the gallery, facing the seven-member selection panel

South African Broadcasting Corporation executive director Wynand Harmse struggled to find words "We always had a news code but there was never a political news policy"

Wednesday's meeting at the World Trade Centre on the appointment of a new SABC board bore witness to the power of public hearings as the tables were turned on the SABC

Mr Harmse suggested that four or five current board members should be elected to achieve continuity, and talked of new financial and managerial difficulties that could face a future corporation

But, during a break in the proceedings, a lone hopeful nominee, Anwar Ismail, slipped the presiding panel a piece of paper

The paper — an excerpt from Lucas M Oosthuizen's book *Media Policy and Ethics* — quoted Mr Harmse as stating that, up until 1989, the SABC had operated a specific "news policy" of silencing extra-parliamentary political groups

Mr Ismail, a Durban-based businessman who studied broadcasting at the London School of Film, had opened a can of worms

Mr Harmse was called back from the tea-room and the panel cross-questioned him

"Would I be correct in saying that up to 1990 at least it (the SABC) was not independent of the government of the day?" asked advocate Louis Skweyiya

Mr Harmse "I would say that, if a group of people are appointed by the government of the day, then their way of thinking might not be independent of the government of the day."

Another panellist, magistrate King Ndlovu, asked whether Mr Harmse repudiated ever saying the SABC had run a political news policy.

Mr Harmse replied "Yes, I cannot think that I have said everything that is here"

Mr Ndlovu "In other words you repudiate it?"

Mr Harmse "Well I cannot say it is true"

Mr Ndlovu "It's not true?"

Panel chairman Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed intervened.

"You cannot say it's true Is it untrue?"

Mr Harmse "Well part of it may be true In 1989 there was a ban If you speak about extra-parliamentary politics then in any case you were not allowed by law to broadcast certain things."

Mr Justice Mahomed "Extra-parliamentary politics in 1989 was conducted by the UDF, which was a perfectly lawful organisation

"Did you have a policy of not giving a platform to the UDF?"

Mr Harmse "Chairman, it might have been so . . I will have to go and look"

The panel allowed him to step down

Inkatha marches on 'biased' SABC

Cpress, 9/5/93

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MORE THAN 6 000 Inkatha supporters took to the streets of Johannesburg yesterday to protest against alleged SABC media bias and to call for an end to violence

Wielding sticks, spears and bedecked in Inkatha colours, the marchers gathered at Johannesburg's City Library Gardens before marching to the SABC's Auckland Park headquarters.

Inkatha West Rand secretary Humphrey Ndlovu said the march was to protest against the SABC's sidelining of most political parties, including Inkatha.

Memoranda to the SABC and the print media – received by corporation communication manager Willie Visagie – said the Inkatha youth did not want special favours from the corporation, but wanted fair and equal coverage

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Police spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said no incidents of violence were reported. Sapa

ZOLA BUDDIES ... Protesters hitching rides on security force vehicles during the Inkatha march on Auckland Park. PHOTO: ANI SITHOLE

WAR GATHERING . . . Zulu women in tradition headgear gather in the foreground as IFP warriors with sticks prepare to march on the SABC's Johannesburg headquarters on Saturday afternoon. Picture: AP

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Inkatha marches on SABC

JOHANNESBURG — Security forces on foot and in scores of armoured vehicles threw a ring of steel around the SABC here on Saturday afternoon when about 6 000 Inkatha supporters arrived to hand over a memorandum protesting against alleged bias from the corporation.

They were in position in and around the SABC headquarters as the protesters massed in the street outside after marching from central Johannesburg.

Their leaders handed over three memoranda, addressed to the African National Congress-alliance, the print media and SABC management.

The IFP youth brigade, which organised the event, accused the SABC of marginalising the IFP and of biased coverage

It said in the memoranda it did not want to get special treatment from the corporation, or from the print media, but only fair and equal coverage, the same as that given to the ANC-alliance.

The memoranda also called on the ANC to halt its intended mass action campaign.

Traffic police and security forces monitored the whole march. — Sapa

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Eskom targeted in Soweto

Violence is threatening Soweto's electricity supply, according to Eskom sales and custom service manager Ken Green.

The past two weeks have been the most violent period for Eskom's Soweto employees since the electricity giant took over the supply of electricity in March last year, Green said in a statement.

During the past two weeks, three vehicles of a subcontractor were hijacked; a truck hired by Eskom was hijacked and burnt out, seven Eskom employees and contractors were stoned by mobs; and one employee was shot at, but the gunman missed. — Staff Reporter.

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FOR THE RECORD

We have received no reports of factual errors in The Star for today's column

IFP marches for 'fair' coverage

Sowetan 10/5/93

■ ANC's mass action also on receiving end:

SECURITY forces on foot and in scores of armoured vehicles threw a ring of steel around the SABC on Saturday afternoon when about 6 000 Inkatha supporters arrived to hand over a memorandum protesting against alleged bias from the corporation.

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One of the memoranda was addressed to the African National Congress alliance although the earlier plan had been to deliver it to the ANC offices at Shell House

Mr Hennie Bekker, the IFP's new white parliamentary recruit, said that in the interests of peace the party had rescinded this idea

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It said in the memorandum it did not want to get special treatment from the corporation, or from the print media, but only fair and equal coverage, the same as that given to the ANC alliance

The political playing field should be levelled, said the youth brigade

The memorandum also called on the ANC to halt its intended mass action campaign because it would create violence and was detrimental to the economy. -- *Sapa*

Star 12/5/93

Prospective SABC appointees named

Staff Reporter (260)

The panel selecting the new SABC board yesterday released a list of prospective appointees which includes journalists, businessmen, academics, and community and religious leaders.

The 86 nominees will be interviewed by the panel during public hearings to be held today at the World Trade Centre.

Among the journalists on the shortlist are. The Indicator editor Ameen Akhalwaya, Campaign for Independent Broadcasting head Raymond Louw, Tribute magazine editor Jon Qwelane and Carmel Rickard of the Weekly Mail

Allister Sparks and Govin Reddy of the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism are also on the shortlist.

Some of the most high-profile nominees include Current SABC board chairman Professor Christo Viljoen, Idasa founders Dr Alex Boraine and Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, legal academic Edwin Cameron, labour lawyer Halton Cheadle, SA Council of Churches head Dr Frank Chikane, communications professor Wimpie de Klerk, Professor Jakes Gerwel of the University of the Western Cape, former NGK moderator Johan Heyns, Institute of Race Relations director John Kane-Berman, rural development workers Tshepo Khumbane and Lydia Kompe, former KaNgwane chief minister Enos Mabuza, Cosatu/ANC media spokesman Moeletsi Mbeki, author and sociologist Professor Fatima Meer, former PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke, anthropologist Professor Harriet Ngubane, Raymond Parsons of the SA Chamber of Business, University of Cape Town deputy vice-chancellor Dr Mamphele Ramphela, engineering consultant Dr G Sibiya, educationist Dr Franklin Sonn, Methodist Church Bishop Peter Storey, Wits academic Professor John van Zyl and Opera singer Mimi Coertse

Other nominees are. Herman Bailey, Brigalia Bam, Advocate Fikile Bam, Leon Bartell, Anna Boshoff, Dr Manas Buthelezi, Charl Cilliers, Dr Gertina Cilliers, Advocate S A Cilliers, Dr Saths Cooper, Dr Aslam Dasoo, Professor A S de Beer, P J de Klerk, Dr A Gildenhuys, John Ernstzen, Johannes Fourie, Lawrence Gordon-Hughes, Patricia Gorvalla, Ian Heron, Colin Hickling, Professor Elwyn Jenkins, Professor Len Konar, Dr Robin Lee, Beata Lipman, Professor Mohale Mahanyele, Jenny Malan, Dr Rex Mathie, Dr Ivy Matsepe Cassaburi, Othnel Mazibuko, Khaba Mkhize, Khabi Mngoma, Billy Modise, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, Dr Phila Ndlovu, Bishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, Professor Petrus Nel, Professor A C Nkabinde, Professor Pieter Potgieter, Professor A W G Raath, Professor Jairam Reddy, William Rowland, Professor J H Senekal, Amon Sibisi, Patrich Sikhipa, Sheila Sisulu, H A Sloet, Mervyn Smith, Gassan Solomon, Dr Ruth Teer Tomaselli, Johan Terblanche, Professor Alex Thembela, Ashwin Trikamjee, Professor Herbert Vilakazi, Professor Caroline White, Dr Roy Williams and Ian Wyllie

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Majuba coal mine comes to grief

By Sven Lunsche

Randcoal yesterday announced the closure of its Majuba mine because geological snags had made coal supplies to Eskom's Majuba power station too expensive.

About 490 workers faced retrenchment, said chief executive Allen Cook.

In November Eskom suspended construction at Majuba because the geological problems would affect supply and cost of the coal from the feeder colliery.

Eskom manager, energy management, Brian Statham said yesterday construction of all six sets would now proceed, because different coal supply contracts were being negotiated.

The first set would be commissioned in 1996, as planned. Commissioning of the others would depend on details of the supply contracts and electricity demand patterns, Statham said.

Coal for the first three sets at Majuba will be supplied from Randcoal's Khutala mine, near Ogies.

Cook said discussions on supplies to the remaining Majuba sets were continuing

Randcoal, originally contracted to supply all the coal to Majuba, had been given three months to finalise its offer.

Randcoal had planned total investments of R1,4 billion at Majuba, of which R200 million had already been spent, Cook said

"R80 million worth of equipment will be salvaged and used to expand facilities at Khutala." Total cost of the Khutala expansion would be R560 million.

Neither Eskom nor Randcoal is expected to incur financial losses as a result of the closure.

Statham said the cost of the coal supplied would be in line with the original 1981 contract between Eskom and Randcoal.

The coal would be railed to Majuba on the existing Richards Bay line and a new 70 km link from Ermelo to Majuba.

The line, tippler and auxiliaries, would be built at a cost of R300 million.

Spoornet had offered a commercially attractive tariff to Eskom, Statham said.

Judges short-list 86 for SABC board

LLOYD COUTTS

NOMINEES short-listed for the 21 vacancies on the new SABC board are to be interviewed at public hearings from today at the World Trade Centre, Kempton Park.

The panel for the appointment of the board — headed by Codesa judges Ismail Mohammed and Piet Schabort — yesterday released a short list of 86 from the 448 nominees prepared to stand.

Idasa's Van Zyl Slabbert and Alex Borraine survived the cut, as did clerics Frank Chikane and Manas Buthelezi.

Three outgoing board members — incumbent chairman Christo Viljoen, Mimi Coertse and Colin Hickling — were also included. B/DAY 12/5/93

The short list has a strong academic leaning, and includes Wits University law professors Edwin Cameron and Michael Cheadle, University of the Western Cape rector Jakes Gerwel and UCT's Mamphele Ramphele.

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Several journalists remain in the running, including former Rand Daily Mail editors Raymond Louw and Allister Sparks, and columnists Jon Qwelane and Carmel Rickard

The business community is represented by Sacob executive director Raymond Parsons and Sappi's Ian Heron

Surprise nominees DJ Alex Jay and artist Nina Romm were not forwarded.

SABC Board: Shortlist out

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JOHANNESBURG — The panel for the appointment of the new SABC Board yesterday released the shortlist of prospective candidates, whittling the original number down from more than 500 nominees to 86

Public hearings, at which the nominees will be interviewed by the panel, will begin at 9am today at the World Trade Centre, a statement said

"These interviews may be attended by the media and interested parties Only panel members will participate in the questioning of these nominees"

The shortlist includes high-profile journalists, ex-editors, businessmen, academics and religious leaders

The full shortlist is

Ackerman-Coertse Maria Sophia Mimi
Akhalwaya Ameen
Bailey Herman
Bam Brigalia Ntombemhlope
Bam Fikile Charles (Adv)
Bartell Leon Petrus
Boraine Alex
Boshoff Anna Christina Petronella
Buthelezi Manas (Dr)
Cameron Edwin (Prof)
Cheadle Michael Halton (Prof)
Chikane Frank (Rev)
Cilliers Charl
Cilliers Gertina (Dr)
Cilliers S A (Adv Sc)
Cooper Saths (Dr)
Dasoo Aslam Ka (Dr)
De Beer A S (Prof)
De Klerk P J
De Klerk Willem Johannes (Prof)
Ernstzen John Henry
Foune Johannes Jacobus
Gerwel Jakes (Prof)
Gildenhuys A (Dr)
Gordon-Hughes Lawrence
Gorvalla Patricia
Heron Ian Campbell
Heyns Johan Adam (Prof)
Hickling Colin Kenneth
Jenkins Elwyn Rought (Prof)
Kane-Berman John
Khumbane Tshepo
Kompe Lydia
Konar Deena Dayalen (Len) (Prof)
Lee Robin Herbert (Dr)
Lipman Beata
Louw Raymond
Mabuza Enos
Mahanyele Mohale (Prof)
Malan Jenny
Mathie Rex Graham (Dr)
Matsepe Cassaburi Ivy Florence (Dr)
Mazibuko Othnel Paddy
Mbeki Moeletsi Goduka
Meer Fatima (Prof)
Mkhize Khaba
Mngoma Khabi (Prof)
Modise Billy Issac Letshabo
Moseneke Dikgang Ernest (Adv SC)
Ndebele Njabulo Simakahle (Prof)
Ndlovu Phila Hercules (Dr)
Ndungane Njongonkulu W (Bishop)
Nel Petrus Gerhardus (Prof)
Ngubane H (Prof)
Nkabinde A C (Prof)
Parsons Raymond
Potgieter Pieter Cornelius (Prof)
Qwelane Jon Dubula
Raath A W G (Prof)
Ramphele Mamphele (Prof)
Reddy Govin
Reddy Jairam (Prof)
Rickard Carmel Patricia
Rowland William Peter
Senekal J H (Prof)
Sibisi Amon Sipho
Sibiya G (Dr)
Sikhipa Patrich Mothoabonane
Sisulu Sheila Violet
Slabbert Frederick Van Zyl (Dr)
Sloet H A
Smith Mervyn
Solomon Gassan (Imam)
Sonn Franklin
Sparks Allister
Storey Peter (Bishop Dr)
Teer-Tomaselli Ruth Elizabeth (Dr)
Terblanche Johan David Villiers
Thembela Alex J (Prof)
Trikamjee Ashwin Hirsee
Van Zyl John (Prof)
Vilakazi Herbert W (Prof)
Viljoen Hendrik Christo (Prof)
White Caroline Francis (Prof)
Williams Roy (Dr)
Wyllie Ian Malcolm. — Sapa

MP's bid to lift ban on food firm

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE controversial Johannesburg food firm, Protol, and its managing director, Mr Chummy Lempke, had been restricted from all state business — but a National Party MP tried to get the bars lifted.

While the MP, Mr G C Oosthuizen of Pretoria Central, tried to help the company to secure government contracts, NP MP for Queenstown, Dr Manie Schoeman, made representations to President F W de Klerk to intervene against them.

The restrictions on Protol were disclosed yesterday by the Minister of State Expenditure, Mr Amie Venter, when he replied to questions tabled in Parliament by Mr Mahmoud Rajb (DP, Springfield)

He said Protol had been restricted from all state business and was not only limited to the supplying of food to the former Prisons Service.

Protol, which used to supply food to prisons, was blacklisted two years amid allegations of corruption, including payments to officials.

Protol recently tried to regain the contract and the Sunday Times reported that information about new specifications for soya products had been leaked to Mr Lempke and drawn up in such a way that only his company could meet them.

SA broadcasting monoply criticised

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IPI also singles out Russia and Kenya

VENICE. — The International Press Institute (IPI) has criticised government control of broadcasting in South Africa, Russia and Kenya.

It urged the three countries to grant their radio and television stations greater freedom

At the close of a meeting by the 70-nation, 2 000-member group, delegates also condemned Cuba for imprisoning and assaulting journalists trying to form a free association of reporters.

They paid tribute to dozens of journalists who were killed or who endured arrest, torture and injury during the past year while covering conflicts.

The IPI, which will hold its next meeting from February 13 to 16 next year in Cape Town, urged the South African government to "relinquish its stranglehold" on the SABC and to ensure that it "be controlled by people independent of political party influence".

Without taking sides in the dispute over control of the media in Russia, the IPI called on the Russian Congress of Deputies to reconsider a resolution which would impose control and supervisory councils on television and broadcasting

In its resolution on Kenya, the IPI noted that the government continued to hold a monopoly of the broadcast media and refused to license private television and FM radio stations. It also impounded opposition news magazines

At the end of the IPI's 42nd assembly, delegates elected as chairman Mr David Laventhal, president of the Times-Mirror Co and publisher of the Los Angeles Times.

Mr Johann Fritz, former managing editor of the Austrian daily Die Presse, will replace Mr Peter Galliner as director of the IPI Mr Galliner is retiring after 18 years

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Grilling for SABC nominees

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

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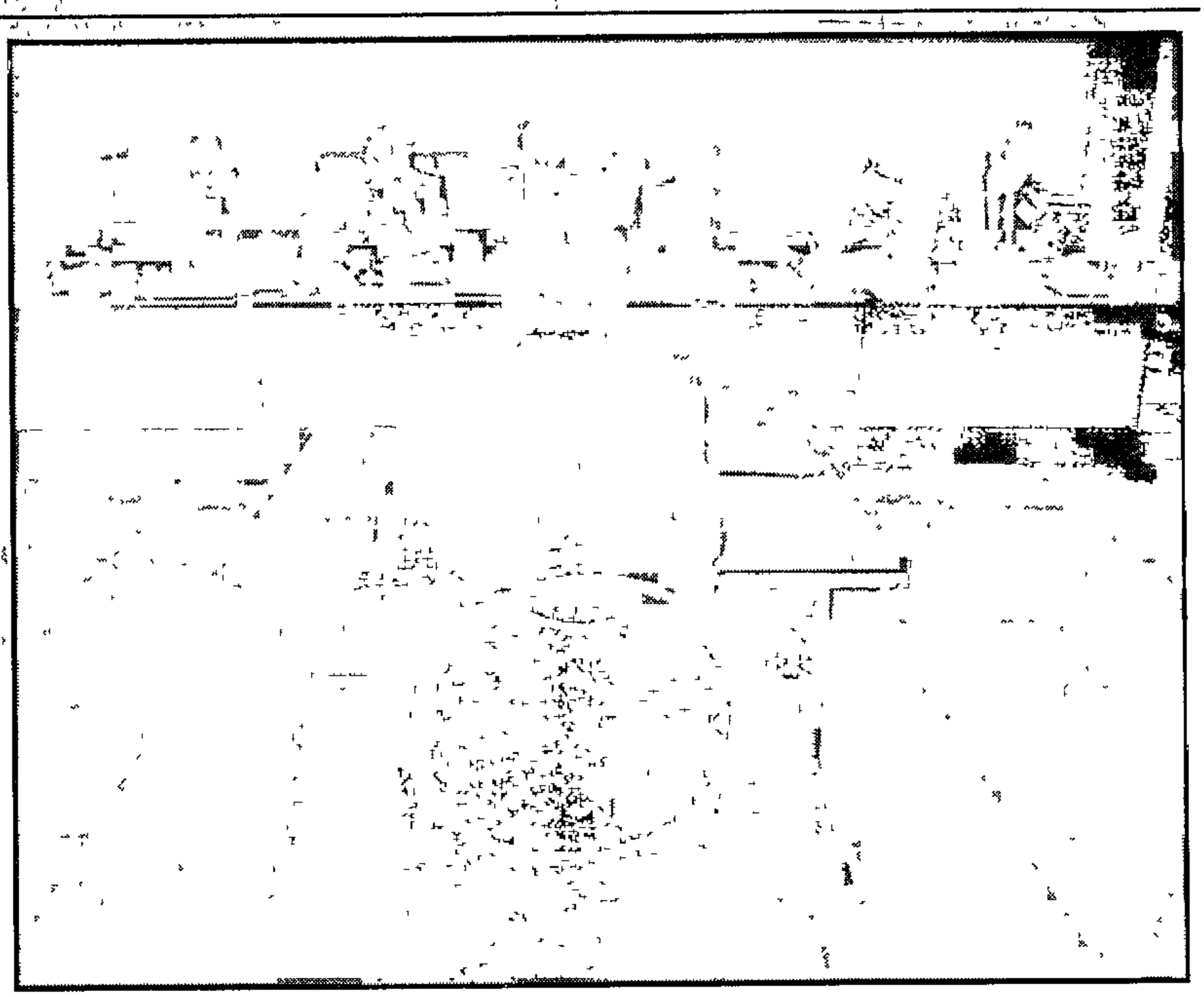
"It should be independent and impartial of the government of the day," urged Govin Reddy, deputy director of the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism.

"The government of the day should have no, but no, influence on the board of the SABC," Viljoen added.

Nominees said that the Board would have to work to change perceptions that the SABC was biased

Those interviewed included Anna Boshoff of the SA Women's Agricultural Union, Lydia Kompe of the Transvaal Rural Action Committee, Dr Robin Lee, former police brigadier Paddy Mazibuko and sociology professor Herbert Vilakazi

Opera singer and current board member Mimi Coertse faced questions about her role in the cancellation of a news insert about the controversial construction of her Cape Town home.



TESTING THE TEAM: Sacob director-general Raymond Parsons was one of the nominees for the new SABC board who faced vigorous questioning from a legal panel last night.

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The Argus Correspondent

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They also told of the contributions they could make in the fields of education, language, health and social welfare

Referring to affirmative action, SA Chamber of Business (Sacob) director-general Raymond Parsons said that in Sacob's three-year existence, one Indian man, one coloured man and one woman had served on its executive for two years each. The 45-man executive consisted only of white men at the moment.

Transvaal Rural Action Committee field worker Lydia Kompe being grilled yesterday by the panel appointed to select a new SABC board at a public hearing at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

Continuity call for SABC board

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LLOYD COUTTS

LONG-TERM projects being undertaken by the SABC made a strong case for continuity on the corporation's new board, outgoing chairman Christo Viljoen said yesterday.

Interviewed as a candidate for election to the new board, Viljoen indicated his willingness to serve under a new chairman who had a full understanding of the complex nature of the SABC and the capability to strategically guide the corporation through difficult years ahead.

Viljoen, who is also Stellenbosch University vice-rector and dean of the university's engineering department, defended the autonomy of the outgoing board, saying all government meddling in the board's dealings had been rejected or ignored.

He said government attempts to interfere in the acquisition of a satellite system for the SABC three months ago had been rejected by the corporation's board.

The SABC had called for three tenders for the satellite system, and had accepted the lowest tender Government had favoured a tender that would have cost twice as much, but board members had unanimously withstood the pressure.

"I would like to see a healthy distance between the SABC board and the (responsible) Minister."

Viljoen was grilled by the convening panel under the chairmanship of judges Ismail Mohammed and Piet Schabort. He admitted that past SABC policy of denying a platform to extra-parliamentary organisations had been erroneous and conceded the popular perception of SABC bias during the '80s was justified.

But said he had worked hard to guide the corporation in a new direction.

More than 15 candidates, including Sacob director-general Raymond Parsons, Indicator editor Ameen Akhalwaya, former police brigadier Paddy Mazibuko, incumbent board member Mimi Coertse and educationist Roy Williams, were subjected to close scrutiny by the board on their possible contributions to a new board.

The public hearings at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park continue today.

No insurance for mediators

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Political Staff

NO INSURANCE company had been willing to provide cover for members and staff of the 11 regional peace committees, the national peace accord reported yesterday.

The 78 staff members also did not receive fringe benefits, the internal peace institutions directorate said in its 1993 report, tabled in Parliament.

However, internal peace institutions executive director T D Rudman praised regional and local committees for their role in combating violence and intimidation at grassroots level.

"The object envisaged, which has in fact been achieved, was that the regional and local committees would, by negotiating with the parties involved,

Viljoen 'regrets' past SABC policy

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JOHANNESBURG — SABC Board chairman Professor Christo Viljoen said yesterday he regretted that the SABC had in the past barred extra-parliamentary viewpoints from being aired

He said this during rigorous questioning by a selection panel at Kempton Park near here for a new SABC Board

Questioned by Mr Justice Ismael Mohammed, Prof Viljoen said he was aware there had been a policy that the SABC should not offer a platform to promote extra-parliamentary viewpoints

Justice Mohammed asked whether these viewpoints had not been perfectly lawful

"Some were," Prof Viljoen said

Justice Mohammed asked whether it had been an erroneous policy

"In retrospect, yes," Prof Viljoen replied

The SABC's coverage had always been "balanced, objective and fair", Prof Viljoen said

Asked by Justice Petrus Schabort whether he would serve on the SABC Board under another chairman, Prof Viljoen said he would serve under "any chairman in which I have confidence". He argued, however, that there was a strong case for continuity — Sapa

SABC panel tests entrants

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■ **Nominees subjected to public interviews**

THE panel appointed to select a new board for the SABC yesterday grilled nominees on issues such as political bias, religion, human rights and education

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It was the first time in the country's history that nominees to the board of the SABC had been subjected to public interviews

The 86 short-listed nominees will appear over the next few days before a panel of judges, retired judges, magistrates and an advocate. The panel is being co-chaired by Mr Justice I Mohamined and Mr Justice PJ Schabort

Nominees who were questioned yesterday included Indicator editor Ameen Akhalwaya, Govin Reddy of the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism and Dr Aslam Vasoo of the SA Health and Social Services Organisation

They all stressed the need for an independent public broadcaster free of any influence of the government of the day — *Sowetan Correspondent*

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THE SABC

Symbolic gestures ahead

A new board will not necessarily make a difference

The great danger with the SABC is that one set of meddling political masters will be replaced by another Cynics regard this as inevitable They argue that, for all the pious ANC talk about media independence, when an ANC government is in power, it will simply not be able to resist getting its own way — just as the National Party did

But it is not as simple as that The Nat government has already admitted, in effect, that it hogged the airwaves for political purposes It is now committed, in the words of Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte, "to the appointment of an SABC board which should be, and be perceived to be, a nonpartisan body enjoying the confidence and trust of the broad spectrum of the South African society " By not digging in its heels over the SABC, the Nats may well have pre-empted direct control by the ANC after a general election

After extensive and unprecedented negotiations with more than a dozen political players, government agreed to a novel procedure for appointing the SABC board (the present board's term has already expired) The State President invited a panel of eight people, mostly lawyers and headed by judges Piet Schabort and Ismael Mohamed, "to nominate persons for appointment by the State President."

Under the Broadcasting Act, President F W de Klerk will still have the final say over the composition of the new board — but he would obviously be under great pressure to justify fully the rejection of any name put forward by this weighty panel Government expects the new board to be finalised by the end of May It will look very different from the present board, which was appointed in 1988 by former President P W Botha

More than 800 names were received by the panel, a maximum of 25 can be chosen The criteria for selection "shall take due regard" of certain principles which none of the major players has disputed New board members should be "respected SA citizens who reflect the broad spectrum of the SA society and have a balanced sense of judgment " They should "broadly reflect the racial, gender, language, geographic, demographic, regional and social composition of the SA society " They may not hold office in any political organisation and they may not be civil servants

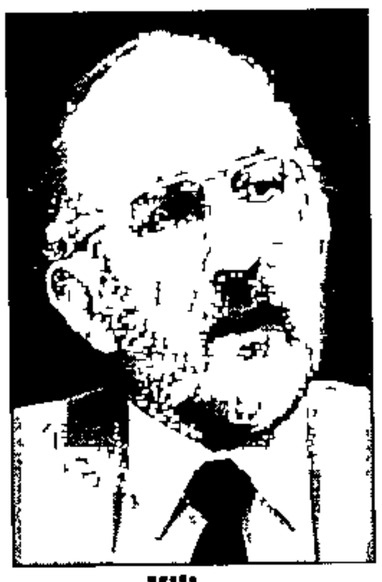
It will be fascinating to see how the panel applies these criteria but (assuming they all accept nomination) there are some obvious favourites on the shortlist of 86, which was released on Tuesday

These include former Prog MPs Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert and Alex Boraine, former editors Raymond Louw and Allister Sparks (*Rand Daily Mail*), Willem de Klerk (*Rapport*) and Ian Wyllie (*Sunday Tribune*), Race Relations director John Kane-Berman, educationists Jakes Gerwel and Franklin Sonn, and journalists Ameen Akhalwaya and Jon Qwelane Other prominent personalities are Edwin Cameron and Halton Cheadle (law), Raymond Parsons and Ian Heron (business), Ashwin Trikamjee (chairman, National Soccer League) and Peter Storey (Methodist Church)

Slabbert

Harmse

The panel might battle to find enough women and blacks from the list and to compensate for the preponderance of candidates based in Johannesburg The panel is also required to ensure some continuity between the old board and the new — nine from the present board have been nominated again — and there has to be at least one member with business and financial expertise and one with knowledge of broadcasting technology



Viljoen

Louw

Among the members of the present board are a university principal (Derek Henderson of Rhodes), a prominent Afrikaner businessman (Hendrik Sloet of Saambou), several low-profile businessmen, a medical doctor, a retired opera singer (Mimi Coertse), a few academics and a retired chaplain-general of the SADF Of the 15, three are not white and two are women (both white), fewer than half are Afrikaners, one of whom is Christo Viljoen, the chairman

It is clear that the new SABC board will be different But once it is appointed, what will it do? The board meets only eight times a year, it cannot and should not be an executive board; it will not in itself change the SABC In any case, if the board is drawn from broad society, it is by definition unlikely to reach agreement on political issues Whoever is appointed chairman of such a board will have considerable power

The board has one vital task though it must appoint the group CEO of the SABC According to the Broadcasting Act, this person may come from within or without the SABC, the board may also appoint one of its own members as CEO

The present CEO, Wynand Harmse, is unlikely to be retained in that position — not because he is perceived as incompetent but simply because the imperatives of the political transition demand a symbolic change at the top Harmse could well be selected to continue on the board, as one of the members with expertise and to ensure continuity

Whoever is chosen by the board as CEO, he or she is likely to set about measuring the SABC's performance against the broad aims of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) — which spearheaded the successful pressure on De Klerk to widen the board selection process

The guiding spirit of the CIB has been Raymond Louw, whose *Southern Africa Report* sums up the CIB's aim as "ensuring that news and current affairs broadcasts during the run-up to the elections will not be unduly influenced by the government and will be conducted independently and professionally this is to ensure that as far as the public broadcaster is concerned, the elections for the constituent assembly will be free, fair and open "

Harmse's successor will need remarkable managerial skills and rare judgment He or she will inherit a large organisation with a particular culture and a range of vested interests, dominated by "whams" (white Afrikaans men) But much of the deadwood was removed in the major restructuring of 1991, there are many people of talent in senior positions who will not easily be dispensed with Much authority has been decentralised, it would not be easy to reverse this

Above all, the political culture of the SABC has changed dramatically since February 1990 Staffers speak openly of the fresh winds that blew after the departure of

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Judges Mohamed and Schabort

President Botha, who liked to reach for the phone when he didn't like the way a political item was being handled

The new political environment created by President De Klerk was soon reflected in the SABC's news bulletins and political discussion programmes The ANC now gets extensive coverage, even radicals on the Left and Right, like the ANC's Peter Mokaba and the AWB's Eugene Terre'Blanche, are allowed to speak at length on TV

There are still major problems With a few exceptions, the standard of interviewing on programmes like *Radio Today* and TV1's *Agenda* ranges from barely adequate to abysmal But this is a failing readily admitted by senior SABC staffers, who argue that it has nothing to do with ideological persuasion and a lot to do with simple incompetence or a lack of experience They also wonder, with justification, where a new board and CEO will find hordes of new and politically correct reporters and interviewers The CIB was reported to be sending a dozen journalists abroad for TV training — but this would be a drop in the ocean rather than an infusion of new talent

Johan Pretorius, TV news editor-in-chief, has admitted that the greatest problem with TV news is consistency This is not peculiar to SA, but it assumes added importance because of our political volatility If one interviewer appears too gentle with Nelson Mandela and another comes across as unduly aggressive towards F W de Klerk, the SABC is accused of bias But, as Pretorius says, it is difficult to get an identical tone when different individuals are involved — and impossible to have one or two star interviewers do all the work

That said, it is of course possible that a new CEO will try to influence directly the content and style of TV news bulletins and interviews This could obviously be done by replacing senior news executives Like Harmse, Johan Pretorius is obviously a symbolic target But if he were to be replaced, it could not be by someone under him The symbolic impulse would demand an outsider And it is by no means certain that any outsider of sufficient seniority, experience and knowledge of local politics would be available

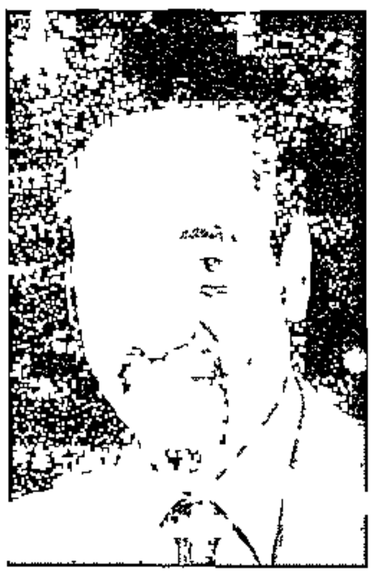
Though TV1 and CCV have separate news functions, both broadcast from Auckland Park and in practical terms could be politically controlled Radio — which has a far greater penetration of the black population — is another matter It's estimated that one in 10 South Africans read newspapers, four in 10 watch TV — but seven in 10 listen to the radio

The SABC runs 22 radio stations, broadcasting in 11 languages Malan Otto, head of radio news, points out that it was always impossible to have central control of 290 different news bulletins every day But in the old SA there was a considerable amount of self-censorship by regional radio news editors They were encouraged to check even the marginally controversial stories with Johannesburg There was a definite, if unofficial, party line which everyone was implicitly expected to follow

Pretorius acknowledged years ago that the SABC would have to work hard to throw off its image of being a government lackey In 1991 the SABC's own rigorous research indicated that progress had been made a survey of coverage of the Inkatha funding row found that 69% of blacks and whites thought it was "neutral" Passing judgment on the *Agenda* discussion programme, 74% of all viewers thought it was "very good" or "good" and only 9% found it "weak" or "very weak" More recently, blanket coverage was given to events surrounding the Chris Hani assassination and funeral

On radio, the regional news editors now enjoy considerable independence They report to their regional SABC heads, rather than a news commissar in Johannesburg Many of them are left entirely alone to exercise their judgment

The Durban radio news operation is an example of the new style Editor Judy Sandison leads a team of 38 full-time staffers and 150 part-timers who provide news for the Natal business unit They produce bulletins in English, Afrikaans and Zulu, meeting the 24-hour needs of RPN Stereo, Radio Lotus and Radio Zulu



Gerwel

Sandison, who fought long and hard for acceptance in the old-style SABC (as an English-speaking woman and as a vocal feminist), says she has complete editorial independence, subject to accepted news ethics She has to exercise that independence carefully the three Durban-based stations reach several million listeners daily, with an explosive range of political opinion Radio Zulu has by far the biggest radio audience in SA — an estimated 3,5m listeners, followed by Radio Lebowa at around 1,6m

While the Durban and Maritzburg staff also report for national SABC programmes like *Radio Today* and *Monitor*, the emphasis is on local needs The Natal radio organisation no longer even refers to itself as "the SABC" It is known as "Natal Broadcasting Services — a business unit of the SABC" As a result of this focus, the staff have got to know the political territory — with marked gains in credibility Sandison is regularly in touch with a range of local leaders — NP, DP, ANC, Inkatha — on issues of mutual interest

Clearly, it would not be easy for a new CEO to reel in the authority that has been devolved to the regions — though it could obviously be done, with enough political will

Hundreds of SABC journalists and broadcasters — many of them black — have relished the freedom of the past three years A few years ago, every radio and TV station was run by a white, now every black-language station is headed by a black, as is the CCV channel The SABC's regional radio stations have acquired new credibility, this has gained them many thousands of listeners, which is in turn reflected in increased support from advertisers Political interference from the centre would not only be frustrating to broadcasters and listeners, it could cost a lot of money

Protection for the new political freedom also comes, ironically, from the competition — independent stations such as Radio 702 (the PWV region), Capital Radio (Natal) and Radio Bop Radio 702's all-talk format offers endless political analysis and discussion in SA's industrial and political heartland It would not be possible to crack down on SABC radio without restricting 702 It is doubtful whether listeners of all political persuasions (and advertisers) would tolerate such a move by the politicians The same might apply to TV if the SABC were again to be perceived as biased, M-Net could conceivably enter the news market

It is not clear how long the new SABC board can expect to survive In theory, it will continue in office for five years But if the new CEO doesn't deliver what the ANC alliance expects, a new government might easily start interfering as the Nats did The State President still has the right to appoint and dismiss the board De Klerk's successor might choose to exercise this right without the help of benign lawyers

The new board will owe its survival under a new government to discernible changes in the SABC's political coverage What is not clear is exactly where and how such changes (apart from symbolic tinkering) can be made

If the new SABC board, as it must, lays down policy for reality, some political groupings will be disappointed Their reaction could well tell us how much media freedom we can expect in the new SA If symbolic gestures are not made with enough skill, the past three years could come to seem like a brief flowering ■

(b) With regard to the lease of the Westbank House premises it should be noted that there were three separate leases relating to the area occupied by the South African Rail Commuter Corporation Two of these expired prior to the physical move of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation to Lincoln Wood Office Park It is understood that the area covered by these leases is currently occupied by Transnet Limited

In connection with the third lease contract, it only expires on 30 September 1994 This lease, however, is in the name of the South African Transport Services and not the South African Rail Commuter Corporation With the consolidation of premises occupied by Transnet Limited, this organisation was pleased to have the opportunity to have the liability for this agreement revert back to it as it was eager to occupy the area governed by the lease

(c) The decision to relocate the offices of the South African Rail Commuter Corporation from Westbank House to Lincoln Wood was taken after extensive and comprehensive investigations, numerous reports and protracted deliberations

Ultimately, the primary reason why the Corporation transferred its offices to Sandton was that it was far cheaper to do so than to remain at Westbank House At the time of the investigation the present net value of the saving over a five year period amounted to R823 593 Even with the softening of the market at the time of the physical move and renewed offers by Anglo American at that time in an attempt to induce the Rail Commuter Corporation to remain in Westbank House, it still proved financially cheaper over a five year period to move from Westbank House to Lincoln Wood Office Park

In addition to the financial considerations, the following factors were also taken into account.

— Lincoln Wood is far more suitably located from the point of view of ease of access by clients, suppliers, tenants and employees

— Westbank House was extremely poorly designed from a space utilisation point of view and could not accommodate adequate design for efficient and effective internal communication and liaison, including the provision of meeting facilities and a reception desk

— Improved security and sufficient parking facilities (Within a six month period two of the staff members of the SARCC were stabbed and the entrance foyer was sprayed with bullets)

Toll plazas on N3: cost/toll money

325 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Transport.

(1) In respect of the N3 toll road between Heidelberg (Transvaal) and Pietermaritzburg for the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost of (i) operating the toll plazas, (ii) maintaining the stretch of road in question and (iii) further construction work on this section of road, (b) what total amount was collected in toll money and (c) what is the estimated monetary value of toll money forfeited through toll concessions to members of the public,

(2) whether, with reference to the above toll road and 12-month period, his Department paid over any money to a certain company, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) what is the name of this company and (b) how much was paid over in respect of (i) operating the toll plazas, (ii) maintaining the stretch of road in question and (iii) further construction work on this section of road? B749E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT.

(1) Information is available for the period 1 April 1992 to 31 March 1993.

Only preliminary results are available and these are subject to adjustment for provision and accruals

(a) (i) R10 467 463

(ii) R 3 324 449

(iii) No expenditure was incurred on construction work on this section of road

(b) R75 267 550 Value Added Tax is not included in this amount

(c) R1 405 268

(2) (a) Toll Road Concessionaires (Pty) Ltd

(b) (i) R10 263 279

(ii) R 3 324 449

(iii) No amount was paid over in respect of construction work on this section of road

Certain publication: analysis/cost of questionnaires

327 Miss M SMUTS asked the Minister of Communication

(1) Whether the readers of a certain publication, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, have been sent a questionnaire to complete and return, if so, what is the name of this publication;

(2) whether an analysis of the questionnaires returned by readers has been done, if not, why not, if so, (a) what was the result of this analysis in respect of readers' responses to Questions Nos (i) 26, (ii) 19 and (iii) 20, (b) what reader profile emerged in respect of responses to Questions Nos 5 and 7, (c) what percentage of questionnaires so sent to readers was completed and returned and (d) (i) how many copies of this publication are printed and (ii) what is the cost involved per edition? B750E

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION

(1) Yes RSA-Beleidoorsig/RSA Policy Review

(2) Yes

(a) (i) Yes 95,3%
No 4,7%

(ii) Read only certain articles 62,4%
Read all articles 33,6%
Only page through the publication 2,4%
Read only headlines and captions . . . 1,6%

(iii)

	Reguarly	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
Interviews . .	49,2%	40,5%	9,1%	1,2%
Articles	55,8%	38,5%	5,1%	0,6%
Newsflashes	64,5%	26,9%	6,9%	1,6%
Political snippets	65,5%	23,2%	8,2%	3,0%

(b) Semi-civil servant . . 51,1%
Employee . . 21,2%
Employer 10,3%
Pensioner 7,1%
In own employ 6,4%
Student/pupil . . . 3,0%
Housewife . 0,8%
As subscriber 62,1%
At friends/relatives 2,1%
Other 35,8%

(c) 18,4%

(d) (i) The circulation varies monthly, but averages at 3 300

(ii) The cost per copy is R5,50

Sentrachem and Sasol discuss export drive

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ANDY DUFFY

PETROCHEMICALS group Sasol and chemicals company Sentrachem are discussing a joint export drive into the sub-Saharan market.

Board-level talks cover Sasol supplying by-product raw materials from its synthetic fuel operations for Sentrachem to process, and further joint ventures to manufacture and distribute value-added chemicals.

Although discussions remain preliminary, Sentrachem operating companies have begun evaluating possible technical and marketing links with Sasol.

A recent R48m joint venture by Sentrachem subsidiary Karbochem and Sasol has added new momentum to the talks, under way now for at least a year.

Both companies are seeking to cut their dependence on the static SA market, Sub-Saharan countries have been identified as a key market.

Karbochem finance director Mike Gillatt said: "Sasol are saying: 'Here we are producing so many tons a year of this stuff, what do you think you can do with it?' We've got processes or technologies that are better able to handle raw materials," he said.

Sasol confirmed talks were under way, but refused to comment further.

The discussions are in line with Sentrachem's comments last week that exports and further ties with Sasol were integral to its expansion. Sentrachem draws around 13% of sales from exports and is planning to boost this.

Wits/Vaal violence reduced – Gildenhuys

Star 14/5/93

CAPE TOWN — There has been a general reduction in violence in the Witwatersrand and Vaal areas, which has permitted increased emphasis on violence prevention and social reconstruction, according to National Peace Secretariat (NPS) chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys

"There is generally a significant drop in political violence, particularly in the number of deaths," he said in the NPS annual report tabled in Parliament yesterday

Peace rallies could be a successful instrument in promoting peace Efforts were being made to get parties at loggerheads to meet on a grassroots basis as a first step towards reconciliation

"Joint rallies are the next step in the progress towards peace," the report said

Peace structures in these areas had been severely tested by the political activities which followed the assassination of Chris Hani

Negotiations between the ANC and SAP on steps to keep marches and gatherings peaceful had prevented the Wits/Vaal region being declared an unrest area

Tension still remained high in the Natal region, where the regional peace committee had focused on mediation and the resolution of disputes on a reactive, rather than preventive, basis

"The regional peace committee has been unable to establish local peace committees in a number of key areas Political parties laying down preconditions for the formation of committees was a major obstacle"

Workshops had established the three major stumbling blocks as the political climate, shortcomings in the security and judicial systems, and shortcomings in NPA structures

Problem areas included the Midlands, Mooi River, Bruntville and Estcourt, which were extremely tense and militant There was cautious optimism about progress after valuable co-operation from party representatives, it said

There had been an improvement in the Port Shepstone area where, six months ago, there were more than 70 killings a month

Bilateral talks between the ANC and IFP in northern Natal had heralded a change of atmosphere at committee meetings The two parties had also proposed the implementation of a number of resolutions to strengthen the peace process after the tragic killings in the Table Mountain area between Maritzburg and Durban — Sapa

Broeders praise 'open' selection

Star 14/5/93

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Grilled . . former Azapo chairman Saths Cooper

Interviewed . . Methodist Bishop Peter Storey

Two former Broederbonders said yesterday they welcomed the "transparent" process of selecting a new board for the SABC, saying they had rejected the secret nature of the Afrikaner organisation

A seven-member panel yesterday continued to delve into the personal and political background of nominees

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The panel, chaired by Mr Justice I Mahomed and Mr Justice P J Schabort, has interviewed 33 nominees during the past two days More than 50 interviews remain

A former Radio Moscow reporter for almost 30 years, Dr Phila Ndlovu, was asked to describe conditions in the Soviet broadcasting corporation

"Did you not find it utterly suffocating to be told by the party what could be permitted?" asked Mr Justice Mahomed

"I did," said Ndlovu

Others interviewed yesterday included Moeletsi Mbeki, a consultant to the ANC/Cosatu media department, social anthropologist Dr Caroline White, former Azapo chairman Dr Saths Cooper; Methodist Bishop Peter Storey, Sunday Times journalist Carmel Rickard, former Sunday Tribune editor Ian Wyllie, and former NGK moderator Johan Heyns

- The National Party strongly condemned the hostile style which marked Wednesday's board selection hearings, NP media liaison director Marthinus van Schalkwyk said yesterday, according to Sapa
- The spectacle on television of Mr Justice Mahomed questioning board chairman Viljoen reminded Afrikaner Volksunie MP for Bethal Chris de Jager of Hitler's SS generals, he said yesterday, according to Sapa

"We know about the Spanish Inquisition and we saw what kind of inquisition is waiting for South Africa," he said during debate on the Home Affairs budget vote

Immunity for observers

Star 14/5/93

By Helen Grange

International observers have been granted immunity and privileges similar to those enjoyed by diplomats.

The announcement was made yesterday in an extraordinary Government Gazette

In terms of the announcement, international observers have been exempted from all forms of taxation and have been granted legal immunity as far as their official duties are concerned

Visas are also to be issued to them free of charge.

James Canu, spokesman for the UN Observer Mission, said yesterday that foreign observers had been waiting for the announcement

"It is welcome news It comes in the wake of communication between the observer missions and the Government on the matter," he said

Canu said such immunities and privileges were common practice in other countries around the world where international observers were operating.

Foreign observers, he said, would be especially pleased with the news that they would no longer have to pay double tax — both in South Africa and their countries of origin

Other privileges would not make much difference to the way observers had been operating "We have had no problems moving around, but it is good to have that right recorded on paper"

86 pc of voters have their IDs

Star 14/5/93

CAPE TOWN — Abou 7 000 polling stations will be set up for the coming general election

Issuing of identity documents is going well and about 86 percent of the 22 million elegible voters already have these

Minister of Home Affairs Danie Schutte said more than 90 percent would have ID documents by early next year

These would be virtually impossible to forge as a special lamination process and laser printing had been used

Schutte would not comment, but it seems little is being done in the TBVC states about the election — Political Staff

Dawie breaks the ice

Star 14/5/93

By Gerald L'Ange
Star Africa Service

Zimbabwe's crumbling policy of refusing contact with South Africa at ministerial level will be virtually abandoned today when Dr Dawie de Villiers, Minister of Public Enterprises, goes to Harare to sign an agreement to build a power line to Bulawayo from Matimba power station in the western Transvaal

The policy, which was to have been enforced until apartheid was irreversibly abandoned, has been made impracticable by Zimbabwe's dependence on South Africa for transport and power

The signing will represent a big advance in Eskom's plans for a power grid across southern Africa.

The Matimba-Bulawayo project has been pushed forward earlier than planned to give Zimbabwe access to South African power if drought again cuts generation in Zimbabwe, as it did last year

The line will act as a backup until another line is built to Zimbabwe from the Cahora Bassa Dam in Mozambique It will also enable Zambia to draw power through its link with the Zimbabwean grid

Botswana will also sign the agreement in Harare because, although it will not initially draw power from Matimba, the line to Bulawayo passes through its territory

Freeze managers' pay, says chamber

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — A freeze should be placed on all remuneration paid to directors and managers in public and private enterprises until workers were granted increases at least in line with inflation rate.

This was suggested by Cape Town Chamber of Commerce president Herbert Hirsch in his presidential address at the chamber's AGM yesterday. B/DAY 14/5/93

"The suggestion that remuneration of directors and top management should be performance related should also receive more serious consideration in those enterprises where this system does not already pertain," Hirsch said.

He proposed also that instead of negotiated retrenchment packages, more managements should seek to negotiate short time at reduced wages if necessary. For this to succeed management would have to display a willingness to take a considerable cut in their own salaries.

Hirsch urged the private sector to put pressure on all the parties at the negotiating table to ensure that a transitional executive council was established, an election date announced and a government of national unity established as a matter of urgency.

He said he found several sources of optimism in SA at present including the progress made in negotiations and the release of the normative economic model.

SABC candidates tell of Broederbond connection

B/DAY 14/5/93 (260)

LLOYD COUTTS

TWO candidates for positions on the new SABC board admitted yesterday they had been members of the secret Afrikaner organisation, the Broederbond

Outgoing board member Hendrik Sloet and journalist and academic Wimpie de Klerk, who is President F W de Klerk's brother, told the panel interviewing candidates for the 21 positions on the new board that they had since resigned.

De Klerk told the panel he had left the Broederbond in 1991, but Sloet, who is also a Perskor director, declined to say after his interview with the panel when he had resigned.

Sloet told the panel he was aware of a political news policy which had denied extra-parliamentary organisations air-time on the SABC during the '80s, but said he had not been party to its introduction

The board had never discussed this policy, and he had never seen it in writing. With hindsight, he believed the policy had been incorrect.

De Klerk, asked how he reconciled his membership of the Broederbond with his belief in transparency, said he had agitated for openness and enlightened policies within the that organisation.

De Klerk said the new board should further the cause of professionalism in broadcasting and have integrity.

It should also remain independent of government, pressure groups and political organisations, De Klerk said

He believed the old board had been bound by government policy, but had no proof of this.

De Klerk said he had been asked by the SABC three months ago to monitor its news programmes, and had since noticed a marked shift away from the corporation's image of a one-sided NP mouthpiece.

Methodist Bishop Peter Storey told the panel of a history of difficulties with the SABC in his capacity as a cleric, and said he believed a recent invitation to him by the corporation appeared to be the beginnings of a new attitude in the corporation.

He described SABC interviews with him as being shrewdly edited to reflect a one-sided opinion

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that in Cape Town the NP strongly condemned what it described as the hostile style which marked Wednesday's public SABC board selection hearings. Media liaison director Marthinus van Schalkwyk said in a statement yesterday the independence and impartiality of some of interviewing panel were questionable.

Panel members seemed unable to distinguish between a process of fair public questioning and criminal court procedure.

Tough panel questions

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE National Party has "strongly condemned" the hostile questioning of prospective SABC Board members at the public hearings at the World Trade Centre

"What was supposed to have been a public hearing turned into an inquisition," NP media director Mr Marthinus van Schalkwyk said yesterday in an apparent reference to the grilling of SABC Board chairman Professor Christo Viljoen

Mr Van Schalkwyk said that although the NP supported "tough and penetrating" questioning, it could not help but question the independence and impartiality of some panel members

The Democratic Party's media spokesman, Mr Peter Soal, said "The Nationalists must take their medicine Robust questioning is the stuff of public hearings"

Mr Soal said that during negotiations on the new board, the Nationalists had tried to exclude Mr

upset Nats

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Justice Ismael Mohammed from the panel "This is clearly why they are now complaining about the cross-questioning of a President P W Botha appointee"

Among those who appeared before the panel yesterday was former newspaper editor and brother of President F W de Klerk, Mr Willem de Klerk

Ex-Broeders hail 'open' SABC board selection

ARG 14/5/93

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two former Broederbonders said they welcomed the "transparent" process of selecting a new board for the SABC, stating they had rejected the secret nature of the Afrikaner organisation.

In the tradition of the gruelling United States Senate and Congress hearings, a seven-person panel of lawmen yesterday continued to delve into the personal and political background of nominees.

Former Broederbonder and chairman of Saambou Hendrik Sloet, a member of the SABC board, said he had never "seen on paper" the news policy barring extra-parliamentary organisations from the airwaves.

Board chairman Christo Viljoen admitted on Wednesday there had been such a policy.

Said Mr Sloet: "I made the deduction when they were not allowed to have their say on TV. In hindsight, it was a wrong decision."

Communications professor and political analyst Wimpie de Klerk had resigned his membership of the Broederbond in 1991.

Mr De Klerk said he had always been, within the organisation, an advocate of "openness, progress and enlightened policies and a new approach to the problems of South Africa".

The panel, chaired by Mr Justice I Mohamed and Mr Justice P J Schabort, has interviewed 33 nominees over the past two days. More than 50 interviews remain, some of which will be conducted by telephone with nominees who are abroad.

Former senior personnel officer at Lever Brothers and a former Radio Moscow reporter for almost 30 years, Dr Phila Ndlovu was asked to describe conditions in the Russian broadcasting corporation.

"Did you not find it utterly suffocating to be told by the party what could be permitted?" asked Mr Justice Mohamed.

"I did," replied Dr Ndlovu.

Others interviewed yesterday included Moeletsi Mbeki, a consultant to the ANC/Cosatu media department, and former Azapo chairman Dr Saths Cooper.

Thrills and spills at SABC scrutiny

wlmail 14/5-20/5/93 (260)

The cutting edge of the SABC board selection process may be somewhat blunt — but it's certainly carving an historic path. By **MARK GEVISSER**

THE proceedings were hardly as electric as the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill disclosures in the United States, when the Supreme Court nominee was accused of sexual harassment Neither were there sensational disclosures about illegal Peruvian maids, à la Zoe Baird But at the public hearings for SABC board nominees this week at the World Trade Centre, the earth shifted significantly

For the very first time in our history, South Africans experienced the thrill of hearing a panel of inquisitors interrogate nominees for public positions

Senior Afrikaners were asked whether they were members of the Broederbond (they denied it, of course), SABC board member Mimi Coertse came under unexpected fire, and SABC chairman Christo Viljoen was finessed into acknowledging that the corporation had been biased in the past and that he had "regrets" about this

The thrill isn't simply that an independent and non-political panel is taking the SABC, once and for all, out of the government's hands; it's that future public officials are being submitted to scrutiny hitherto unimagined in this land of *broeders* and cabals

The selection panel consists of seven legal experts under the chairmanship of Judges Ismael Mahomed and Petrus Schabort. From more than 500 nominations, they culled a short list of 86.

After publicly interviewing all 86 and listening to public objections, the panel will submit 25 names to President FW de Klerk next week. The new board will be appointed by June 1.

'Completely faxed' . SABC chairman Christo Viljoen

Photo: RUTH MOTAU

some fiery interchanges that said much about how vitally probing this process can be When Viljoen, for example, refused to accept that the SABC had been biased during his tenure as chairman, he found himself at the receiving end of some brilliant courtroom cross-questioning by Judge Mahomed

The judge asked Viljoen if he was aware of an SABC policy, before 1989, to withhold coverage not only of revolutionary groups but also of all extra-parliamentary politics "Extra-parliamentary politics included politics that were perfectly lawful, did they not?"

"Well, some were at that stage excluded," Viljoen replied

"Well, what other politics could black people indulge in other than extra-parliamentary politics?"

right to vote in parliament, but to do it outside parliament? You have no answer ?"

"No, I have no answer "

"Well then, isn't it entirely arbitrary to say that the politics of the majority will not be given any time or airing on SABC? Is that not an entirely white perception?"

"That could be said, yes "

"Don't you think that was an error in news policy?"

"In retrospect, yes "

"And don't you think, therefore, that the perceptions that yours was a biased policy are perfectly justified and legitimate in retrospect?"

Finally, all Viljoen could manage was a "yes, sir"

He tried to defend himself by saying that he had only been chairman since

Mahomed would not let it lie he verified that Viljoen had been a board member since 1987, and thus must have approved of the policy beforehand

The unavoidable conclusion was that, since government policy itself changed in 1989, Viljoen must have still been following orders when he ordered the SABC to begin reporting on the country's liberation movements

Earlier, retired black police brigadier Othnel Mazibuko, who was nominated by the Zion Christian Church, was also subjected to the sharp side of Judge Mahomed's legal tongue After agreeing, with uncomfortable servitude, that black policemen were unpopular because they implemented unjust laws, Mazibuko

women do you have on this selection panel?", the answer would have been "none" And, of the 86 short-listed, only 17 are female

Perhaps the fullest benefit of public hearings came through when Coertse, a current SABC board member, was quizzed by another panellist, magistrate Nathan Erasmus, who read out a written objection that had been sent to the selection panel

Apparently the diva had attempted to use her SABC status to prevent TV coverage of allegations that her new home in Bloubergstrand contravenes local building regulations When confronted with evidence that she had phoned the SABC head office about a news crew poking about, Coertse claimed she did so because she did not believe the story to be "newsworthy"

She had called the head office, she said, because she wanted to make sure that "afterwards, it won't be said that my house is on TV because I'm a board member" Highly emotional, she burst out "I phoned as Mimi Coertse, not as a member of the board!"

The eruption demonstrated the vital importance of public participation without the intervention of some cranky member of the public, "Mimigate" would never have seen the light of day And it did make an important point if you become a member of the board, you relinquish your right to phone up the SABC as private citizen Mimi

If the knife of the hearings was often blunt, it was precisely because there were very few such objections. only five had been received by the time the hearings had begun — because the public had been given only 24 hours to respond And so, while the public had full observer status, there was very little it could do to influence the procedure

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ASSETS

Land and buildings(assume buildings are not depreciated)

RC: R90 000 X (240/35)+R260 000 X (240/112)

HC:At cost

Plant and machinery

RC: R600 000(39/120)(327/157) +R300 000 (8/10)(327/205)+ R215 000(119/120)(327/315)

HC: 600 000 X (39/120)+300 000 X (8/10)+ 215 000 X (119/120)

Research and development

RC: Write off

HC: Write off

Stock

RC: R375 000 X 327/[310+ (327-310)/2]

(an amount of 315 could also have been used for the denominator)

HC: At cost

Debtors

RC

HC: [0,5(780 000-380 000) X 0,9] + 380 000 + 200 000

TOTAL ASSETS

Creditors

RC: R250 000 - R2 000

HC: At book value

Bank overdraft

RC: R925 000 + R25 000

HC: R925 000 + R25 000

TOTAL LIABILITIES

NET ASSET VALUE

"I do not approve of it," he responded with some certainty.

What about affirmative action for women, the judge pursued.

"Women have definitely been inconvenienced ..."

"Inconvenienced? Is that as high as you would put it?" Judge Mahomed retorted, and the former policeman lost his confidence, fumbling through an account of the status of women in the ZCC: "We use a lot of ladies ..."

Raymond Parsons, director general of the South African Chamber of Business, came under similar fire when it was disclosed that, although he supported affirmative action, he had neither an African nor a woman on Sacob's 45-member executive board

Despite Judge Mahomed's indignation, however, women have little reason for confidence in this nominating process. If Parsons had asked Judge Mahomed "well, how many process. The legal men on the panel are not US congressmen. they have neither the resources nor the power to conduct their own investigations. They thus have to depend on the CVs of the candidates and on written objections The former obviously do not include titbits like "1967 — recruited by the Broederbond", and the latter were not forthcoming, because there was no time for their submission

But, flawed as the hearings might have been, they did, for the first time, put public officials and officials-to-be in the firing line

Responding to a question about his communication lines with SABC management, Viljoen offered a catalogue of his many fax machines: "I'm completely faxed," he declared. The neologism sounded like an amalgam of "flummoxed" and another, ruder word. Both seemed appropriate.

SABC: Tough talk praised

CT 15/5/93 (260)

JOHANNSBURG. — The ANC yesterday welcomed the tough questioning of nominees for the new SABC Board by the panel charged with selecting candidates — in sharp contrast to the National Party which earlier branded the public hearing an "inquisition".

Yesterday it was former Rand Daily Mail editor Mr Allister Sparks's turn to face the board. He said the SABC was potentially the most powerful instrument for creating a new South Africa, but was being run by an isolated community of people in a time-warp.

Mr Sparks said that if he was appointed to the board he could, with his contacts, "bring South Africa back into the world".

Meanwhile in reply to debate yesterday on the Department of Home Affairs' Vote, Home Affairs Minister Mr Danie Schutte said private initiative would soon be given an opportunity to fill the gap for an Afrikaans-language radio station similar to Radio 702 — Sapa

plan crime

5/5/93 (251)

Colliery, where 33 miners lost their lives in 1985.

Specially-trained teams are working against the clock in a search for four miners still missing following the methane gas blast which rocked the Middelbult Colliery near Secunda on Thursday afternoon, but hopes of any survivors are fast diminishing.

Rescue attempts were hampered by thick smoke and gases which filled the maze of underground tunnels as anxious family members awaited news of miners still missing.

President F W de Klerk yesterday expressed his deep condolences and sympathy to the families of the miners.

He said a full investigation into the disaster would be undertaken.

Fifty-three miners were 130 metres underground at 2.30pm on Thursday when the blast rocked the Eastern Transvaal "death mine".

Outrage

The accident is the second to hit the mining industry the past 24 hours Five people were killed in a rockfall at an Anglo Vaal mine near Orkney in the Western Transvaal on Thursday.

Condemnation and outrage has been expressed by the Chemical Workers Industrial Union (CWIU) as well as the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) who lashed out at inadequate safety and working conditions on South African mines.

Urgent steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of miners, Cosatu said following the two accidents.

Mixed bunch, mixed grill

Star 15/5/93

THE public quizzing of prospective candidates for a new SABC board is not unlike certain TV programmes, writes Chief Reporter JOHN PERLMAN.

LEGAL EYES- Co-chairmen Mr Justice I Mahomed and Mr Justice P J Schabort are putting prospective SABC board candidates through their paces in what is turning out to be a real-life drama ● Photograph. STEVE HILTON-BARBER

SOFTEN slightly, then grill . that seems to be the approach taken by the legal panel quizzing prospective candidates for a new South African Broadcasting Corporation board.

Each would-be board member on day three of the hearings yesterday was greeted with the utmost politeness "Mr Hickling, we have had the privilege of reading your curriculum vitae," said Mr Justice P J Schabort

Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed, his co-chair, welcomed nominees with a more elaborate version of the same Sometimes they responded. "Let me say how delighted I am to be here," said former parliamentarian Alex Boraine

And then it was down to business — lively in parts, at other times a bit like well, certain TV programmes Ears and interest have generally pricked up when members of the existing board take their seats

Yesterday there were two, both on the board since 1987 Colin Hickling, a Bloemfontein businessman, and Lawrence Gordon-Hughes, head of the South African Sugar Cane Growers' Association.

Hickling got off fairly lightly He was not aware of a policy to keep extra-parliamentary political groups off the airwaves, he said The board's policy was "an open policy of conveying factual news to the public"

Nobody frowned Nobody laughed. Thank you so much, said Schabort. "We are not as lucky as you are to be going back to Bloemfontein," he said The panel chuckled at that.

Then up came Gordon-Hughes The seven-man panel, all judges and lawyers, take turns to ask questions, but Mahomed is the most powerful presence. Quiet during Hickling's quizzing, he took Gordon-Hughes — "Mr Hughes" as he called him — firmly by the scruff The sugar man was also unaware of any policy to keep opposition groups off the air But wasn't it evident with every broadcast that this was happening, Mahomed asked Maybe the problem lay with these organisations and "their public relations departments", Gordon-Hughes suggested.

A total of 86 candidates will be interviewed by the time the panel finishes its work next week.

They are a pretty diverse bunch Yesterday morning alone included two church leaders, a law professor, an educationist working with black youth, an advertising executive, a human rights lawyer and a university professor who is studying language policy, "one of the most crucial and important issues in the country"

Also there to state his claims was Dr William Rowland, executive director of the South African National Council for the Blind. Rowland, who is blind himself and a leadership figure in other organisations for the disabled, said the management skills he had to offer were not much different to those of other candidates.

"What is different perhaps in my case is that I would bring with me the perspective of a constituency not normally regarded as vital in the media," he said.

The SABC had "an abysmal record in the employment of disabled people", Rowland said. And while there had been much said about affirmative action in regard to other groups, nothing was being said about disabled people.

Few of the candidates had much good to say about the SABC's past. And while the Rev Frank Chikane was well grilled about his possible bias towards the ANC, people with no ties to the Establishment or the SABC tended to get off fairly lightly

All the action took place under the white-hot glare of spotlights, with the TV cameramen occasionally taking aim — a bit like an audition, really If it were, none of the panel would shape too well as interviewers, although advocate Louis Skweyiya has potential.

As for the guests, it would be worth tuning in if Wits law professor Edwin Cameron were on the box. But by and large, it's probably good that the best 25 are heading for the boardroom

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Cut the curves, drive electric

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CONSTANT consumption is Eskom's goal, and there are ingenious plans afoot to have us using electricity even as we slumber.

MOST men that I know like curves. Carel Snyman doesn't As Eskom's top man dealing with the marketing of electric power for transport, part of his job is to flatten out curves

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That's why Eskom is so interested in this new electric car, the US-built Solectria.

If people drove to work in electric cars, leaving their batteries to charge during the night, then Eskom would not be experiencing these wild curves as demand for electricity soars during peak hours and slumps in between

Eskom is capable of putting out more than 30 000 MW of power, but average demand is only half that Although demand has, on exceptional days, gone over 22 000 MW, such peaks are sporadic But Eskom has to produce enough power daily to meet a "worst-case" peak.

The flatter the demand graph is over 24 hours, the less waste there is During the night, demand slumps and equipment worth billions of rands merely ticks over.

One thing seems sure after all these years of procrastination the world is at last swinging in the direction of electric cars A major reason is air pollution — and petrol-driven vehicles are a major source But Eskom's motivation is driven mainly by the need to sell more electricity to fill out the valley periods Fair enough — if it leads to a cleaner world

In the US, where the demand for electric cars is not expected to be high enough to warrant Ford, GM or Chrysler tooling up, the three giants have got together on battery technology.

The French are taking the trend more seriously, and Peugeot is already capable of making 50 000 a year The Japanese too are preparing for large-scale production

I wonder if America is not misreading public sentiment, just as the Swiss misread the advent of the electronic watch and so lost out to the Far East?

Ridiculous in US terms

Eskom wants South Africa to design a car, and Snyman believes it may be cheaper for the US to buy from us Currently we turn out about 200 000 conventional cars a year — an output that would be economically ridiculous in US terms,

The batteries are the biggest challenge Time magazine recently talked of an American price for an electric car being R250 000 — most of it because of the battery But the price of batteries, says Keith Taylor of Eskom's marketing division, is steadily coming down

He says South Africa is investigating the feasibility of a locally produced nickel-cadmium battery made from local materials

Sentech autonomy on the cards

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Sentech, the SABC's signal distribution arm, may soon fall under the authority of an independent broadcasting body, reports MANDY JEAN WOODS. 260

THE possibility of the SABC divesting itself as the sole shareholder in its signal distribution arm, Sentech, is being considered, industry sources said this week.

Sentech was formed in October 1992 as a limited company, wholly owned by the SABC and with four directors from the SABC: Wynand Harmse, Gert Claasens, Steve Schuhach and Neel Smuts.

Sources said the thinking at Auckland Park was that because of what Sentech does — install, maintain and operate transmitters for radio and television broadcasting — it would be a viable proposition to have it fall under the regulatory authority of an independent broadcasting authority (as proposed by the Government and its negotiating partners), with its own board of directors drawn from all sections of the community.

Sentech MD Neel Smuts, responding to the reports, said he would welcome such a move "We would like to serve all broadcasters in South Africa. We have the skills, the infrastructure and offer competitive services"

While the SABC is currently Sentech's major client, it also works for M-Net, Radio 702, the BBC, Radio Pulpit and some broadcasters in the TVBC states.

"We have not experienced any resistance from clients because we are owned by the SABC, but I know from my own observations that clients would be happier if Sentech were in control of an independent board of directors," Smuts said.

In the new broadcasting era where there may be dozens of radio stations and more television stations, it could be awkward if Sentech were owned by the SABC. "It may be difficult for it to resist the temptation to advantage itself," the sources said.

On another note, Smuts said Sentech was set to move into new markets beyond its established area of activity as a distributor of radio and television services.

"We are now offering radio paging signal distribution, datacasting and multi-point microwave distribution," he said These services are available to both the public and private sectors.

Smuts stressed Sentech would not be competing with radio paging operators, but would instead be providing them with supporting infrastructure and service

The datacasing services would distribute one-way computer-to-computer data on the FM signal Here, the banking and retail sectors were being targeted, he said

Multi-point microwave distribution would allow for the local transmission of video and audio signals, a technology being targeted at business, professional and educational customers as an encrypted signal.

Sentech would also offer transmission site-sharing to telecommunications operators as it owns and operates some 120 high sites nationally.

Mimi in spotlight over 'using influence'

MIMI Coertse should not be re-appointed to the SABC board if it was correct that she had abused her position by trying to censor a programme which would have put her in a bad light, said Mr Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North) yesterday.

Speaking in debate on the Home Affairs Vote, he said he noted she had been questioned at the SABC board hearings on allegations that she tried to have a programme on her controversial house at Blouberg-strand not screened in SABC's *Six On One* programme.

"I would hope the matter had been cleared up at the hearings," said Mr Soal.

Noting that the short list for the new board included a number of academics, Mr Soal said he hoped the panel would "not be blinded by professors".

In the present tough economic times, a number of hard-nosed businessmen would be needed to ensure the survival of the corporation

Also, attention would have to be given to privatising sections of the organisation, including one or more TV channels, and certainly some of the loss-making radio stations.

"Unbundling is in vogue at the present time and I think a degree of unbundling at the SABC is very necessary."

Replying to the debate, Minister of Home Affairs Mr Danie Schutte said he did not believe that MPs should promote or "demote" candidates while the SABC board hearings were in progress.

"We don't want a politically balanced board.

"What we want is an independent, unbiased board that will enjoy the credibility of all the people of South Africa."

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Broadcasting complaints body to be set up soon

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THE National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), established 14 months ago to represent electronic media broadcasters in SA, is setting up a Broadcasting Complaints Commission (BCC), according to NAB chairman Stan Katz

This follows the Press Council's decision not to allow any electronic media to join.

"The BCC will mediate in and adjudicate on complaints against those members of the NAB who submit themselves to its aegis .. and all full members of the NAB are likely to sign the BCC constitution and accept its code," he said.

Fines

The code covers the spectrum of broadcasting content, including political matters, issues of news and public morality. The code will be fully enforceable and transgressors can be ordered to broadcast corrections or apologies and pay fines.

And the BCC will be constituted under an independent chairman

"It will be a truly independent body, enforcing self-regulation of the highest ethical order .. and from our contact with Government and opposition political groupings," Katz said

DIAGONAL STREET

Defeat turns into victory for Majuba

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By Julie Walker

RANDCOAL and Eskom have made the best of a bad job in reaching agreement on the future of Majuba colliery —

Not only do they appear to have lost none of the R500-million and more invested in a colliery which is to be closed, they managed to come up with a solution about the supply of coal to the power station and largely absolve themselves of blame Pollution-control authorities are the unwitting villains

In brief, in 1981 Eskom invited tenders for a large power station to be built away from the Witbank coalfield It had been told by pollution officer Martin Lloyd that any new stacks would have to be fitted with equipment to prevent the addition of more filth into an already burdened atmosphere

Eskom accepted Randcoal's tender for Majuba, south of Amersfoort in the south-eastern Transvaal At that time, no coal was being mined in the vicinity and the field was relatively unexploited

The field was big and its coal of acceptable power-station quality. It was also deep — 300m against about 80m at Witbank. It was a single seam split into two blocks.

There was some devolatilisation — the burnable bits of the coal having been driven off

But the 181 boreholes drilled by then did not tell the whole story By 1986 another 200 boreholes enabled Randcoal geologists to recognise the potential for a dolerite problem, although no new disturbances were uncovered

Only in 1989, when the shaft had been sunk, allowing access to the coal seam, did the full picture begin to emerge

A series of horizontal boreholes into the coal seam disclosed high levels of dolerite dykes and sills around the shaft pillar.

Subsequently, a series of geological testing methods, previously unavailable, confirmed that the whole coalfield was riddled with dolerite dykes and would never be suitable for the planned and cheap long-wall mining method

In Australia, longwall mines simply plough through the dykes, but Majuba's dolerite is far too hard for that.

Conventional room-and-pillar mining would be too wasteful because large pillars would be needed for support at that depth Working costs would be too high, the amount of mineable coal jeopardised

Consistent

Moreover, the dykes caused devolatilisation of nearby coal, making it unsuitable for a power station.

The Majuba field could never economically yield enough coal to run six generating sets, three of which are nearly complete and three on hold.

This year, on the admission of disaster, Eskom asked suppliers if they could bring in coal from outside Majuba It received 17 worthwhile offers, several from Witbank producers

Eskom accepted Randcoal's proposal to increase the size of the consistent Khutala coalfield — it supplies Kendal power station — and rail the coal to Majuba, partly along the upper stretches of the Richards Bay line

A 70-kilometre link will have to be built, as will loading and offloading facilities

The Majuba mine will be closed and stripped Mining would have been hazardous at best because of poor roof conditions, methane gas and the need to treat high-fluoride water pumped out

But neither Randcoal nor Eskom will be worse off financially Randcoal chief executive Allen Cook explains "the secret of how this miracle happens"

Mining costs at Khutala are about R20/ton — half the expected cost at Majuba had it gone ahead This cost differential is enough to absorb the cost of railage and still service return on capital for the original Majuba investment and additional money required to expand Khutala.

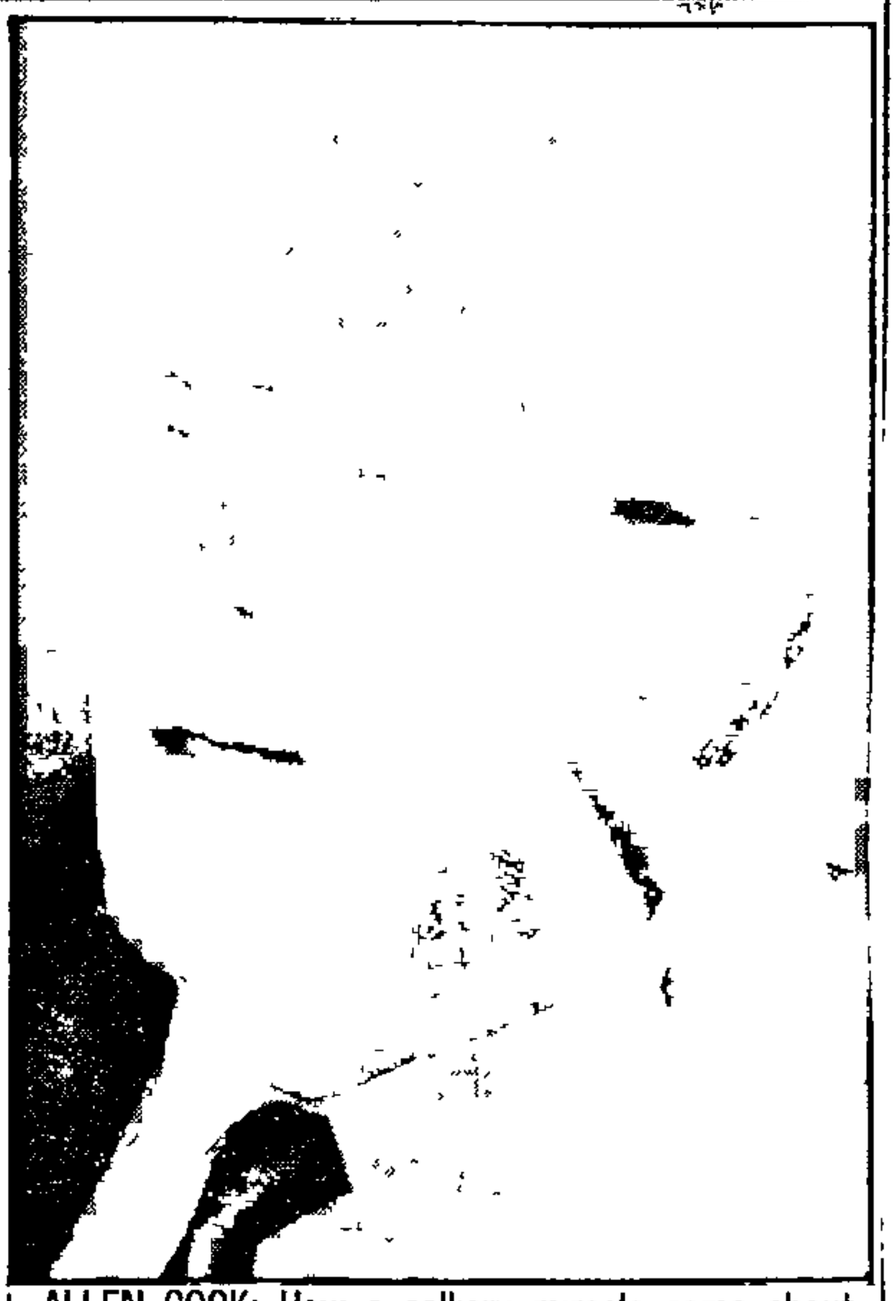
"In a weird sort of way, the R200-million Randcoal spent at Majuba will still be an asset," says Mr Cook

It will cost R560-million to extend Khutala, against which R80-million of salvageable equipment from Majuba can be offset

There will be short-term cash-flow benefits to Randcoal Eskom says it will build all six sets at Majuba now

"With 17 viable offers to rail coal to Majuba, there is more scope to build power stations away from the Highveld," says Mr Cook

"But if anyone had suggested that 10 years ago, he would have been laughed out of sight. The sums were not right at that time"



ALLEN COOK: How a colliery miracle came about

Power for Zimbabwe

[Times (Buss)]

THE governments of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana have signed an agreement allowing Eskom and the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (Zesa) to build connecting power lines through Botswana 16/5/93

It provides for the construction, operation and maintenance of a line between Matimba power station in the Transvaal and Insukamini near Bulawayo. The 410km line will cost R380-million and should be operational by the end of 1995. (260)

I survived the

IN THE SPOTLIGHT .. an SABC board candidate is questioned by the panel Pictures. HERBERT MABUZA

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SABC hearings

By CARMEL RICKARD who is on the shortlist for appointment to the SABC board

WHEN the call came for an SABC board interview I felt a moment's serious empathy with Clarence Thomas. What might those incisive legal minds find unsavoury about my past or present? What unexpected questions might they ask for which I had no answer?

Yet I was curious about how such a system of hearings would transplant from the US where I had seen it in operation, and decided to risk some first-hand experience.

Initial impressions that the hearings would be well attended proved misplaced Hundreds of cars parked outside the vast World Trade Centre and the crowds inside all belonged to an unrelated conference The hearing room lies in an obscure corner at the end of a dark and silent passage, distinguished only by a table with white tea cups.

Inside, the seven lawyers — two judges, two retired Appellate Division judges, a senior advocate and two magistrates — sit at a line of desks along one wall They take turns asking questions, and contrary to the impression on TV, Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed is not the only tough interviewer Behind and in front of them, piles of books flagged with yellow markers — no doubt candidates' CVs and nominations Halfway across the room, a single table and chair Behind this, rows of seating for the media and the public

During our five-hour visit only one person sat in the public seats and she turned out to be a candidate. A dozen journalists and staff at the centre

JUDGE ISMAIL MAHOMED
Not the only tough interviewer

wandered in and out. Watching everyone, four bright TV lights and several cameras.

My interview — three hours late — was hardly a grilling. But there were some odd questions.

In preparation I researched a number of issues, for example overseas party political election broadcasting policies which might be appropriate here. Instead of dealing with broad strategy or policy, however, many of the questions were personal.

Several began with reference to my being a Catholic. The first time, as I waited for the question to be formulated, I wondered how frankly I should comment on my feelings about the church — would it be appropriate to say I strongly support the actions of the church in promoting justice, but that I long for more openness and democracy within the church itself?

It turned out less searching, however — as a married Catholic woman how would I feel about an AIDS campaign promoting the use of condoms? (I would not have a problem.)

The experience raised a number of questions. Why is the SABC not broadcasting the hearings? They represent a significant step in democratising the political process. Few people can attend in person, but if they were broadcast, the public would be able to see democracy at work.

It would also give the candidates a stronger sense that they are making their undertakings to the public, and are accountable for what they say

Another way to ensure more public involvement would be to make the names of the candidates on the interviewing list available to the public well beforehand, so that objections and questions can be submitted to the selection panel.

The significance of these hearings to the development of a democratic culture is being missed by many Before the hearings, political parties negotiating the terms of reference stressed the need for adequate regional representation on the SABC board, yet coverage in regional newspapers has been paltry at best.

Also transport costs must be borne by the candidates. That is not likely to encourage people from outside the Reef

The interviewing list is far too long. A shorter list would have been cheaper, allowed for greater in-depth questioning and made it easier to schedule live coverage

Finally, why were there no women on the interviewing panel and so few among the candidates interviewed? Incidentally, I've long enjoyed a bumper sticker that reads, "I survived Catholic school" Now I'm having 86 new stickers printed. "I survived SABC board hearings"

Introducing a radio with new Afritude!

C/Press 16/5/93 (260)

By FRED KHUMALO

IF you thought the twangy pseudo-American accents of deejays on local black English-medium stations were signs of things to come in local broadcasting, think again:

Capital Radio, one of the "oldest" independent English language stations, this week unveiled its new broadcasting format which warned its staff to drop their "foreign accents" or face the boot.

The new format, which has raised brows and caused ripples of controversy in local broadcasting, will be officially implemented on July 1 when the station relaunches itself as a fully African medium with the catchline "Capital Radio, Radio with an Afritude"

The station will continue broadcasting in English, but with an African accent

"The station is at last coming home to Africa one of our goals is to produce relevant radio for SA," said managing director David Smith who added that since its inception in 1979 the station had been lacking direction

Instead of heavy metal and punk rock from the likes of Guns 'n Roses, listeners will be treated to music from as far afield as West Africa where the likes of Salif Keita, Fela Anikulapo Kuti, Manu Dibango, and Youssou N'dour have their roots.

"Obviously we will put more emphasis on local black music because the people we want to reach, the people in need of radio that talks to them and addresses their needs, are local blacks," said Smith.

Capital Radio hopes to be a station of the future whose forte will be a balanced mixture of African music and talk shows touching on issues relevant to contemporary South African society and, of course, in-depth news coverage.

Capital has been struggling to keep its head above the troubled waters of local broadcasting so much so that its owners, the Transkei Government, put the station up for sale The asking price was R6-million.

Uncertainty over the station's future led to seven resignations since the beginning of the year

The sale has now been put on hold.

Capital is available in the greater Durban area on Medium Wave 604, and in the Transkei it is available on FM

The latest AMPS figures showed that Capital had a measly listenership of 40 000

Advertising revenue, which is the life-blood of any media undertaking, is not forthcoming.

The target-market of the "old Capital", as Smith calls it, was not clearly defined, hence the reluctance of advertisers to invest in the station.

The regional station hopes to improve its listenership with the imminent release of the airwaves from the SABC stranglehold which will give it an FM signal and guarantee a good reception in Transkei and Natal

Test transmissions will be broadcast from 6 pm on May 21

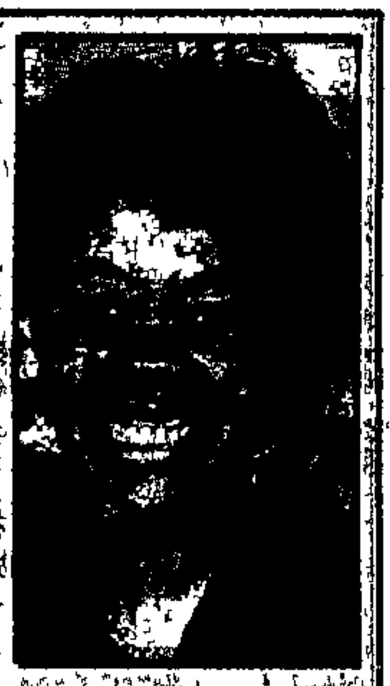
However, the new format will be fully implemented on July 1, bringing with it music presentation, comprehensive news and sports coverage

Capital has advertised in national newspapers, scouting for presenters and journalists

"There is a lot of talent in the country It is now time we tapped that talent, and gave opportunities to many people who, because of their colour, were not given the chance to try out their abilities and talent," said the man behind the men behind the mikes at the station with an Afritude

ZANDI ... Just wants to be herself

KHANYA ... Speaks English at home.



SHADO ... Speaks every language well.

This twang is for real!

By NOMVULA KHALO

THAT little English twang in the voices of our black ladies of the airwaves is deliberate, and they are not about to change it.

We spoke to three well-known broadcasters and they had plenty to say on the subject.

Said ZANDILE NZALO of Radio 702: "Our job is very demanding and you find it difficult to satisfy everybody. The community expects too much from us, more than we can deliver. I work for a station which is white-dominated and they expect me to be fluent and sound like them."

She added: "The best I can do is be myself and continue with my work or else I'll find myself frustrated trying to please everyone."

TV1 news reader KHANYISILE DLOMO-MKHIZE said: "When you change your accent people can hear that you are not genuine, and in my case I have been speaking English as long as I can remember. I have never attended a black school and at home we speak English most of the time

"I think I am natural so people must not generalise. They must look into each situation and individuals. This is the way I speak and I won't change."

Radio Metro DJ SHADO TWALA said: "Whatever language I speak I try to speak it fluently — so why shouldn't I change when I speak English? Sometimes people ask me what language I speak, because I speak so many African languages very well and with the right accent.

Twala said people have the right to criticise, but sometimes they pick up the "unpickable" things.

"If they did not understand or hear me when I talk I would understand. I think I am doing the right thing," she concluded.

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Exciting people nominated for new SABC board

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

SA judges Ishmael Mohammed and Piet Schabort are having a tough time.

They have the difficult task of selecting 21 people out of 86 nominees to serve on the new SABC board.

The judges are looking for people with an impressive record of impartiality.

The hearings at the World Trade Centre near Kempton Park have consisted mainly of testimony from the nominees themselves on why they should be appointed.

Among the nominees is Advocate Dikgang Ernest Moseneke, former vice-president of the PAC who resigned at the height of the Apla attacks on whites.

Also there is Prof Fatima Meer, who wrote the book *Higher than Hope*, which is largely based on Mandela's prison experience and his correspondence with his family while he was on Robben Island.

Prof Edwin Cameron of Wits University is another nominee who is an avid campaigner for the rights of gays and Aids sufferers.

The *Indicator* newspaper editor and seasoned journalist, Ameen Akhalwaya, has also been nominated. Although he is not a member of any political organisation, his advocacy of the black consciousness philosophy is well-known.

Another nominated black journalist who is likely to arouse public interest is the outspoken editor of *Tribute Magazine*, Jon Dubula Qwelane.

Other interesting nominees are the retired University of Zululand rector Prof AC Nkabinde (known to be a stickler for standards), Dr Gordon Sibiya of the Science and Engineering Academy of SA, outspoken black cop Brig Othniel Mazibuko and Enos Mabuza, former KaNgwane Chief Minister and a friend of Nelson Mandela's.

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibiya, headlines and sub-editing by B Keswa, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg

Puppet that pulled its own strings ... and made waves

Cpress 16/5/93 (260)

By FRED KHUMALO

FOR years local black radio stations have successfully served the ruling National Party government in fragmenting South African society across ethnic and linguistic lines.

But Radio Metro, South African broadcasting's *enfant terrible*, born seven years ago, has been a slap in the face of its very founders, the government-controlled SABC

This is the gist of Dr Victor Velaphi Mkhize's critique of black broadcasting in the country, delivered in a hard-hitting paper which explains the secret behind Metro's success

In its seven years of existence Metro achieved the impressive figure of 1,7-million listeners, and is growing from strength to strength

Other radio stations in the SABC fold have been left with no alternative but to follow in the footsteps of the trailblazing, innovative young station And they are failing dismally

In his paper, written exclusively for City Press, Dr Mkhize says the launch of Radio Bop and Radio Thohoyandou were seen as big threats to the SABC's black services – especially Radio Sotho in the Transvaal and Radio Zulu in Natal

Radio Metro was initially launched with the intention of satisfying the needs of a burgeoning class of yuppies who were also the targets of the "independent" Radio Bop and Radio Thohoyandou

METRO MANIA ... The station's general manager Koos Radebe lets the music talk.

The SABC thought the fragmentation of the black middle-class from their working class counterparts would further perpetuate divide-and-rule

But that was not to be Says Mkhize. "The establishment of Radio Metro and its success should be looked at as a crushing down of apartheid, tribalism and ethnicism. The station has a mixture of Zulu, Shangaan, Sotho, Tswana, Venda and Tsonga-speaking DJs, all fluent and artistic in their English"

So, is the ethnic mix of Radio Metro staffers THE secret of the station's success?

There are many other factors, Mkhize says

The simple management structure, the announcers' professionalism and presentation, their music, dedication, preparation and thorough research, are cited by Mkhize as some of Metro's strengths

Mkhize takes swipes at the management structure of SABC's black radio stations where "one finds a string of not less than four managers, some carrying more than one unrelated discipline"

In his experience at Radio Zulu, where he worked for some years as an announcer, Mkhize witnessed programme ideas being rejected just because that particular announcer did not know under which programme the idea could be broadcast.

He calls the recent restructuring of the SABC black services management "an imposition of order on chaos"

For many years announcers in black oriented services served under white direction and operated on the premise of the words of one of the early directors of the SABC who said "'n Omroeper is nie daar om te dink nie, maar hy is daar om te doen (an announcer is not there to think, he is there to do)"

Mkhize suggests that announcers at black oriented stations should be:

- Prepared to get more technical training,
- Do thorough research into their subject matter before going on air;
- Be prepared to learn and study further, particularly in the liberal arts discipline.

Dr Mkhize is the Director of Durban Media Consultants and Promotions He was an announcer at Radio Zulu for 11 years

R500m to bring electricity for all

S/Times [Buss] 16/5/93

By KEVIN DAVIE

ESKOM and the life assurers have struck a R500-million groundbreaking deal to part finance Eskom's R3-billion "electricty-for-all" drive (260)

The project — the assurers have agreed to a first tranche of R500-million — is the first by the Investment Development Unit of the Life Offices Association

The IDU was set up to facilitate the flow of funds under the control of the life and pensions industry to socio-economic development.

The IDU has been investigating mechanisms to do this A life-assurance source says Eskom involvement was the key to the scheme and the first tranche of R500-million.

The life business is expected to earn a market-related return on the 15-year bonds which Eskom will issue The bonds are structured so that yields are low in the early years but improve with time.

"There is no capital risk, although there is a risk on the yield," says a source.

Eskom intends to bring electricity to at least a million people a year.

It is better placed than most to enter the high-risk area of socio-economic upliftment because the pre-paid meters it installs ensure that it gets paid. (155)

Attempts to provide housing and other social services for blacks have, in contrast, largely been frustrated by rent, mortgage and service boycotts, high costs and poor quality and inefficient systems for collecting payment.

Two go

STELLENBOSCH-based Gilbey liquor group chief executive Peter Fleck and human resources director Anton Erasmus resigned at the same time this week to follow other interests.

Parent company International Distillers & Vintners president of the Africa region Howard Smith, says successors have not been appointed

Breaking up (not so) hard to do

S/Times [Buss] 16/5/93

SOME Sanlam-controlled companies were unbundled this week while another was bundled in a set of moves which have changed corporate SA forever.

Comment by KEVIN DAVIE

SA BUSINESS is characterised by an over-concentration of control in a few white hands while few blacks are shareholders.

There will be enormous pressure in a democratic South Africa for artificial barriers — such as pyramid controlling structures — to market entry to be dismantled and for have and have-not disparities to be dealt with as rapidly as possible.

Two deals — announced by companies in the Sanlam stable this week — have these objectives.

First Gencor said that its pyramid structure would disappear as soon as Finance Minister Derek Keys's unbundling legislation had been passed. Two companies would go, leaving five stand-alones in Genmin (to be renamed Gencor), Engen, Malbak, Sappi and Genbel.

The intention is to free control of these companies and unlock value for shareholders through improved share liquidity, management independence and competitiveness.

In the SA context this has come to be known as unbundling. A company increases its exposure to market forces by stripping away holding companies which may help thwart takeovers

Only days later Metropolitan Life, also part of the Sanlam stable, said that a new company, Methold, would be set up with a 40% stake in Metropolitan.

A special voting arrangement will ensure that control passes from Sanlam's industrial holding arm, Sankorp, to Methold.

Metropolitan has assets of R4,8-billion. Methold will have mostly black directors and blacks will make up 10% of the shareholders with a five-year option to increase this to 30%. Metropolitan has good growth potential as a savings and investment vehicle for blacks.

So desirable ends have been achieved in one case through unbundling and in another through bundling This suggests that the ends — improved competitiveness and wider ownership of the economy — are more important than the means.

Competition Board chairman Pierre Brooks takes a simple view on the unbundling issue. He says in the past there have been incentives to conglomeration. This needs to be changed so that the incentives favour de-conglomeration and the improved competitiveness which this will bring.

Much of corporate SA is at present impervious to takeovers because pyramidal control makes takeovers an unlikely possibility.

But attempts at big-stick solutions, such as enforced break-ups, could replace an unhappy situation with an even unhappier one. As Gencor and Metropolitan have shown this week, win-win solutions are possible without using big sticks

ment and technical expertise

SA Breweries says no single group has outright control of its shares and points to the threefold premium of the share price to net asset value.

"There is no value to unlock by unbundling SAB," says group financial director Selwyn MacFarlane. "We are a focused consumer group. Unbundling applies to conglomerates with interests which do not fit together, such as Gencor"

Rene de Wet, managing director of Pick 'n Pay, says unbundling would result in the Ackerman family's losing control

"From a shareholder point of view there is a lot of value attached to the Ackerman control of the group."

Business leaders praise Gencor's decision to demerge its non-mining interests Although Sankorp will retain effective control, the move is seen as an important step for shareholder democracy.

put unbundling on the corporate agenda when he was Gencor chairman, says "Gencor has an outstanding record as an entrepreneur I welcome the announcement of plans to unbundle in the belief that it will result in five entrepreneurs"

Brian Kantor, professor of economics at the University of Cape Towns, says that although control of Gencor's operating subsidiaries will remain with Sanlam, shareholders will have a stronger influence on affairs

"Now the operating companies will be controlled directly through Sanlam rather than through the intermediary of Gencor management which may not necessarily be a good thing.

"We need to persuade the ANC that tight control by shareholders is a good thing They appear to have picked up the US view of anti-trust behaviour which is outdated and un-

Association to ballot SABC staff on strike

LLOYD COUTTS (260) (162)

THE SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) is to conduct a strike ballot at the SABC after reaching deadlock on salary increases last week.

The deadlock was reached after a conciliation board meeting last week B/DAY 17/5/93.

Sabsa vice-president Anton Meyer said in a statement at the weekend SABC staff members were demanding a 10,3% salary increase, while management refused to negotiate more than 7,5%.

Meyer said the public corporation had reported a R64,1m surplus in the last financial year, and all indications pointed to an even larger profit in the first five months of the new financial year, started last October.

Sabsa's membership had accepted an 11% pay hike last year and had demanded just over 10% following an undertaking by SABC CE Wynand Harmse that "all SABC staffers will share in the wealth generated through the restructuring of the corporation".

Meyer said the SABC should be capable of increasing staff salaries by as much as 13% without any harm to the corporation's financial integrity.

Meyer also questioned the proposed enlargement of the SABC board, saying the 10 current non-executive members were paid a total of R367 000 in the 1991/92 financial year, a 17,6% increase over the previous year. This was in addition to the remuneration paid to five executive members

A panel of jurists is expected to conclude interviews with prospective candidates for the 21 to 25 available board posts today.

The panel, headed by Codesa judges Ismail Mahomed and Piet Schabort, is required to make recommendations to President F W de Klerk before the end of the month, when the term of the current board expires

Eighty-six candidates were short-listed and interviewed at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park.

Soldiers face Bisho charges

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BISHO — Ciskei Attorney-General Willem Jurgens was preparing to prosecute 70 people, most of them Ciskeian soldiers, for the massacre of 28 ANC demonstrators during a march on Bisho in September last year, foreign news agencies reported last week

Jurgens was also considering charging former ANC intelligence chief Ronnie Kasrils with culpable homicide, a lawyer who saw the charge sheet was quoted as saying

Kasrils was widely blamed for provoking the massacre by leading 80 000 ANC protesters into a line of soldiers. — Sapa

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Last SABC hopefuls to be quizzed

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Dr Van Zyl Slabbert of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa) is among the last group of nominees to the SABC board to be grilled by the seven-man panel of selectors today.

Slabbert has been tipped by observers as the most likely candidate for the post of board chairman.

By the end of today, the panel of lawyers — chaired by Mr Justice I Mahomed and Mr Justice P J Schabort — would have interviewed 86 nominees for the 25 posts. Sources say the panel hopes to submit its recommendations for a new board to the State President by the end of this week.

The Campaign for Independent Broadcasting urged recently that the final list of names should be made public at the same time as it was submitted to the State President, but panel members could not confirm this would be done.

On Saturday the panel conducted three interviews telephonically.

SA Agricultural Union chairman Boet Fourie was put out when asked the question which was posed to most candidates. (260)

"Do you belong to any secret organisation?" asked Mr Justice Mahomed.

"I'm not prepared to answer that ... that means you can ask me if I beat my wife," Fourie replied. He would not reply to a specific question on whether he was a member of the Afrikaner Broederbond.

Civil rights activist Professor Fatima Meer told the panel "a revolution" was required in the structuring of SABC television to alter the image fostered among blacks that they were inferior.

● The South African Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) has questioned the need to extend the number of people on the SABC board.

In a statement issued on Friday, Sabsa vice-president Anton Meyer said the 10 current non-executive members were paid R367 000 in the financial year 1991/92, a 17,6 percent increase over the previous year.

He said the response of management in proposing a 7,75 percent increase for SABC staff after record-breaking profits of R64,1 million was therefore unjustifiable.

Changed spots but still leopards

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JOHANNESBURG — They've changed their spots, but they are still leopards

This was the real-life experience of many ex-Broederbond National Party-aligned figures being grilled about their past by the SABC board selection panel in Kempton Park

The selection process is scheduled to end today with one of the candidates to appear before the panel being Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert.

Many nominees with government and Broederbond links left the hearing last week with a distinct impression their past association with apartheid may limit their chances of appointment

This was despite the fact that they had participated in a kind of mass purgatory service, confessing that apartheid had been wrong

These nominees have discovered their recent conversion from apartheid might not have been enough to give them a clean moral slate and ensure them a position on the board

That much was suggested by the attitude of the seven juridic panelists — four judges, two magistrates and an advocate, most of whom are not white

The outcome of the hearing will give Nationalists their first indication of their chances of surviving the transition process as senior public service figures in the new South Africa

— Sapa

Assurers to back Eskom bond for development

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ANDREW KRUMM

LIFE assurers and other financial institutions would fund an Eskom bond issue of about R750m on the capital market today, sources said at the weekend

The issue would be the first tranche of R3bn Eskom planned to raise over the next five years for electrification of impoverished areas, an Eskom spokesman said.

Life Offices Association (LOA) executive director Jurie Wessels said today's bond issue would mark the first time assurers would contribute overtly to development funding as a group, although they had been investing in development all along.

UAL senior manager Daan Wandrag, who was closely linked to structuring the bond issue, said life companies had agreed to fund R500m of the planned R750m first tranche "And we are burning the midnight oil to finalise which other financial institutions will take up the R250m balance by Monday," he said

Wandrag said a number of pension and provident funds had shown interest in the issue, but declined to disclose names, saying a list would be published soon

Wessels said the assurance industry was pleased to be taking the lead in openly funding social and economic reconstruction In the long run the entire private sector would have to address these needs

"It is also important that Eskom is involved. As it is a large, reputable organisation with a good track record, our members were enthusiastic in their support for the issue," he added

A source said the Eskom issue would likely be in the form of a 15-year bond. "Initially returns will be low, but will build to acceptable, market-related levels as the areas being electrified are developed"

Wandrag declined to say whether the LOA's part in the Eskom bond issue would spur similar organisations to do likewise, and so mobilise a spurt of institutional funds for development purposes.

Wandrag said UAL had previously assisted two R120m bond issues (CHIPS, and LIT) to fund Independent Development Trust projects through the capital market. This, taken with the Eskom bond issue, gave a measure of proof that institutions were willing to fund development at market-related returns.

LINDA ENSOR reports the Independent Development Unit established by the LOA last year was in the process of discussing financing of a housing project — estimated to involve R100m — with the New SA Housing Association, the unit's David Geary said at the weekend.

The project would involve development of 3 800 sites near Alexandra.

Newly appointed Metropolitan Life chairman Nthato Motlana is involved with the association, which is chaired by James Ngubeni. Ngubeni said that the LOA had agreed in principle to assist in a number of the association's low cost housing projects.

Geary said the negotiations were still at an early stage and the project might take some time to finalise. The IDU was awaiting the association's proposals outlining, inter alia, the quality of houses to be built.

Eskom council to present a new face

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PETER DELMAR

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ESKOM's controlling electricity council is set to get its first trade union and township civic members later this month

Sources in the electricity supply industry indicated at the weekend that Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers would nominate up to seven members from trade unions, community groups and the SA National Civic Organisation

This followed the successful launch of a national electricity forum on Friday The forum consists of representatives of Eskom, government, major suppliers, political parties and civic associations

The forum, which will operate by consensus, will seek to develop a strategy to speed up household electrification.

The forum's management committee said it was committed to "rapid progress and results on the ground". Committee members said the council would have to be restructured to reflect broader interests.

Numsa national organiser Bernie Fanaroff said a longer-term restructuring of the council would depend on how the electricity supply industry was restructured. This would be determined by the forum

Parties said that as an interim step, De Villiers could replace some of the council's seven "discretionary" members with candidates from Sanco and the unions

Sanco spokesman Dan Mofokeng said the forum would not "control" Eskom. Instead, Eskom was playing a leading role in talks on restructuring the industry

Listen! Free radio is coming but getting on the air costs bucks

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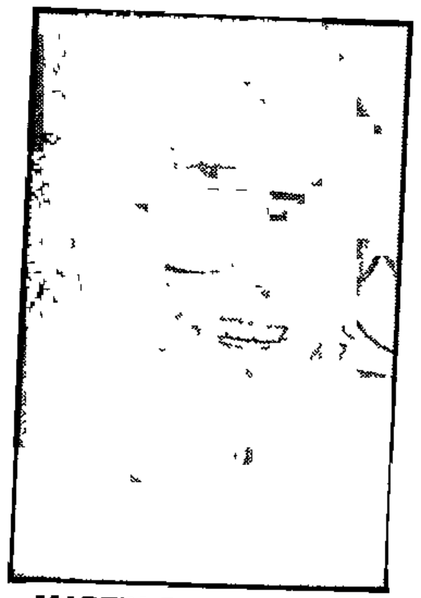
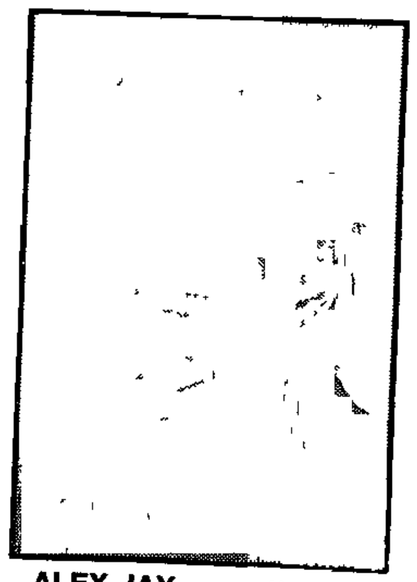
Broadcasting deregulation is on the way. In part 1 of a two-part series on independent radio, Tonight Reporter IAIN MACDONALD probes the costs of setting up a station.



MARTIN BAILLIE "a more viable station could cost R300 000 to half a million"



ALEX JAY .. setting up a Cape Town station with co-presenter Baillie

IN theory, the imminent deregulation of broadcasting in South Africa will free the radio airwaves, enabling anyone with some spare cash and the yen to go local to set up a radio station in his or her kitchen.

Kitchen radio is, of course, eminently feasible — Bush Radio, CTFM and campus stations have long proved that — but, in practice, it takes more than a little spare cash and the press of a button to get airborne and stay there.

Just how much it costs varies with the type of operation, but an across-the-board estimate from people in the commercial radio field puts start-up costs in the region of R50 000 for a basic station.

Announcer and personality Martin Bailie, on the threshold of launching his own station in Cape Town with co-presenter Alex Jay, says "You'd be looking at an investment of somewhere in the region of R30 000 to R50 000 for the kind of station which could broadcast in a limited way

"Varsity radio is generally this kind of basic setup I know of a hospital radio station set up in Ireland for £2 000 (R9 600), but it was built up from scratch

"But if you're looking for a more viable station, I'd estimate it would cost from R300 000 to half a million or more for a bigger studio, sound-proofing, computers, a decent mixing desk and so on," he said

Maintaining a station was also a costly business, requiring among other things the payment of salaries to on-air and back-up staff

Radio 5 chief Lance Rothschild agreed

"A rough guess is around R50 000 to start up Then there's the cost of a low-frequency transmitter, which, depending on the output, I'd say is around R100 000 for one which would cover a city

"But there are a lot of other costs SAMRO fees, salaries for operations staff, sales staff, financial, operations, music and marketing staff, for instance

"Radio 5 will probably go external with financial backers at some stage

"I know there are a lot of applicants, but no-one is automatically just going to get a licence," he said

The secretary of the Viljoen Commission Task Group, Pieter Cronje, said "people talk about freedom of the air, but it's not quite like that

"There are only a certain number of frequencies available and total deregulation of the airwaves could destabilise the industry

"There are enormous costs — and hidden costs — in establishing a radio station What you hear on air is just the tip of the iceberg

"In South Africa we don't have the economy to sustain limitless radio stations in the way it happens in the United States

"The key word is affordability — and a community station would cost around R50 000 a year to run

"But it is possible to build up a Do-It-Yourself type of station with very basic equipment which could then network into a bigger station, for instance

"At the moment there are no licence costs in South Africa, but that looks like changing soon

"In the UK, the right to broadcast is sold to the highest bidder In the USA it's free, but programme format is determined for the area of broadcast, so there is a quid pro quo situation

"The cheapest station to run, of course, is a music station and the cost of any station is generally determined by the type of service, the area, whether it's stereo, mono, FM or a talk-radio station like 702 where sound fidelity isn't as necessary and it can get by on Medium Wave

"Determining how much any station would cost is a little like asking how much a car would cost It depends on the kind of car

"It's a very, very complex industry and the bottom line is that a service has to be affordable," he said

At present, there is a moratorium on the granting of radio licences in South Africa, although the moratorium has never been formally accepted by the government

This will no doubt change with the establishment of a new national broadcasting authority and the various political parties' willingness to free the airwaves before the election

How this will be done, and what broadcasting will sound like in the next year or two is anyone's guess

The only thing that can be said for sure is that radio is in a period of dynamic transition which will have far-reaching consequences on our ears, and on our lives

● **In part 2 tomorrow: A look at some of the complications surrounding the birth of a deregulated radio broadcasting industry in South Africa.**

BUSHWHACKED: Flashback to the beginning of the month when Bush Radio which operated from premises in Salt River was closed down by Department of Posts and Telecommunications officials.

Sasol coal mines have top safety rating – manager

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By Michael Sparks

All Sasol coal mines — including the Middelbult mine at Secunda where a methane gas explosion killed 53 people on Thursday — have the highest safety rating accorded to mines, Sasol communications manager Jan Krynauw said yesterday.

Middelbult coal mine was given the five-star rating in 1986, he said.

And just two days before the disaster, Middelbult was given a Noscar — the mining industry's highest award for safety awarded by the National Occupational Safety Association.

The explosion occurred at 2 15 pm on Thursday, and mining teams searched until Saturday to find the bodies of the last missing miners. There were no survivors.

Krynauw said coal mines around the world, including Sasol's mines at Secunda, used various sophisticated mechanisms for detecting the lethal gas.

One of the difficulties with methane detection was that the gas was colourless, tasteless and odourless.

It was found only in coal mines and was a by-product of the process of decomposiing wood and leaves under pressure which resulted in the production of coal.

He said all coal miners were equipped with special lamps which were attached to their helmets These lamps flashed when the gas was detected.

Asked why the methane gas had not been detected before the blast, Krynauw said he could not comment because the matter was being investigated.

He added that part of the investigation was to see what had caused the explosion, since the gas needed a spark to ignite.

He said other mechanisms used to detect methane included panels connected to computers to continuously monitor the quality of air, including air that was in the ventilation system.

There were also various devices that were used before a shift began to ensure the air was safe before miners went underground, he said.

The death toll from Thursday's explosion was the highest in South Africa since 1987, when 62 miners died at St Helena gold mine near Welkom.

Eskom and LOA unveil funding plan which could unlock billions

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PETER DELMAR

ESKOM and the Life Offices' Association (LOA) yesterday unveiled a R500m commitment to a new electrification funding instrument The move could unlock billions in life investments for further development projects

The new funding instrument, Electrification Participation Notes (EPNs), consists of two parts. The first is a 6% fixed-coupon Eskom bond on which interest is payable twice a year. This is linked to a warrant for a variable element based on 30% of turnover generated by Eskom's electrification drive.

Eskom guarantees a return of not less than 11,98%, or 80% of the E168 value on May 13, on EPNs. The upside potential of the notes is not capped. Final payment is set for May 2008.

The EPN will be listed within three months, after which it will be available to non-resident investors subject to exchange control approval Eskom will not make a market in EPNs, but their listing will provide a degree of tradeability.

UAL Merchant Bank GM Leon Kirkinis told a news conference at Eskom's Megawatt Park headquarters an announcement on placing the balance of the first R750m tranche of EPNs would be made within days. UAL, which structured the new instrument, is believed to be negotiating with a number of pension funds on the outstanding R250m.

Eskom's programme to electrify a million households by 1998 is expected to cost R3,1bn. EPNs will be issued over the next few years as the need for finance arises.

LOA committee member Dorian Wharton-Hood said the EPN had been approved by all the LOA's member companies. "Every life assurer has come to the party," Wharton-Hood said, while declining to specify who had invested and how much

He said the LOA had anticipated pressure on its members to invest in "socially responsible" developments and had discussed the electrification bonds with various parties, including the ANC, PAC, Inkatha and government. He described the EPN as a "unique" investment instrument, offering a balance between a low initial yield and the need to guarantee policyholders a reasonable return

LOA chairman Neal Chapman said "Clearly, the more than R200bn belonging to the millions of our policyholders and pension fund members has been seen by many as a major resource to be tapped but, at the same time, our industry needed to find a way of responding which did not put the nation's savings at risk or at a disadvantage. Our criteria are, and must continue to be, market-related yields, marketable instruments which are safe. Eskom needed a low initial yield and therefore an affordable initial cost and we needed the

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yield to increase over the 15-year term to give us a return over the period which is acceptable. This has been achieved "

Wharton-Hood said the EPN represented "a massive vote of confidence in the future of our country It will contribute very significantly to a levelling of the playing fields, to improving the environment and the lives of our people."

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LOA investment development unit chairman Barry Adams said the unit was evaluating a variety of projects in the field of housing and rural health care, all worth more than R20m. Adams said it was premature to speculate how much the LOA might have available to invest in this area.

Eskom finance and services director Mick Davis said electrification was a "fundamentally important programme for our country" Eskom was discussing with the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the World Bank, EC and other groups additional funding for electrification.

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Eskom's shining light

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Eskom's new chief executive, Allen Morgan, foresees greater public involvement in determining the utility's future direction. SVEN LUNSCHE reports.

ALLEN Morgan, who has risen from virtual obscurity to the post of chief executive of Eskom, takes the helm at a time when the utility giant faces some of the most formidable tasks of its 70-year history

The challenge? To provide about 20 million South Africans with a basic privilege — electricity

Morgan (45) is not intimidated by the challenge and is certainly well suited for it, having overseen the nationwide electrification programme since 1991 as general manager of marketing and electrification, a position he will hold until Dr Ian McRae retires as chief executive in March

Yet he will have to work within two crucial parameters

Firstly, Eskom is halfway through a five-year programme to cut electricity costs in line with its philosophy of becoming the cheapest supplier of energy in the world. That puts a constraint on the amounts it can spend on electrification.

Second, and more importantly, Eskom has dramatically democratised its power structures over the past few weeks

Extra-parliamentary political parties, non-government organisations and trade unions are set to receive significant representation both on the Electricity Council, the 15-person governing body of the utility giant, and the recently founded National Electricity Forum.

It has been widely speculated that Minister of Public Enterprises Dr Dawie de Villiers will nominate up to seven members, representing trade unions and community organisations, to the council later this month.

Having been handed a larger say in the running of Eskom, it is inevitable that these organisations will push their agenda, namely speeding up the electrification of underdeveloped areas.

Morgan makes it clear that much of the future direction of Eskom will be set in the Forum, a body strongly promoted by Eskom and comprised of various political, community and economic groupings.

"We will not move unilaterally without consensus in the Forum. The days when we had a private agenda are over. I strongly believe that the Forum is the body to co-ordinate the electrification of South Africa, by looking at the optimum rate of construction for cost-effective energy supply," Morgan says.

He subscribes to the view that the electrification programme will play a crucial role in leading to sustained economic development for the country as a whole.

The relationship in the Forum is not as one-sided as it may first seem. Bearing recent rate boycotts and attacks on Eskom workers in mind, Eskom needs the Forum to overcome the obstacles that prevent its expansion into townships.

Stressing that he is not a "political animal", Morgan is adamant that Eskom has to show benefits first and foremost to its customers and clients, be they companies or individual households.

At the forefront of negotiations with community organisations and black local authorities during the turbulent days of boycotts and non-payments, Morgan is only too aware of the difficult task ahead.

However, since joining Eskom in 1971, armed with a degree in electrical engineering from Stellenbosch University, he has developed a pragmatic but tough approach to his job that has stood him in good stead.

As a result, Eskom's electrification programme is currently proceeding at lightning pace, with 2 000 homes being wired up every day

This year alone 160 000 should receive electricity and by 1997 he hopes that all one million households within Eskom's supply licence will be linked to the national grid.

Morgan .. facing formidable challenges.

This is not fast enough for the ANC, which argues that Eskom's recent strong financial results — it reported net income of R1,5 billion in 1992 — could have been trimmed to speed up electrification.

Morgan points out, however, that the enormous programme carries a price tag of some R10 billion, which would have to be financed by loans and cash generated by Eskom's other operations.

"Without running a tight ship financially we will not be able to fund the tasks ahead of us," he says.

Eskom recently received a considerable boost when life assurers agreed to back its electrification programme with a R3 billion loan — the first tranche of R750 million was raised on the capital market this month.

All the hype surrounding the electrification programme does not mean other issues — the Southern African Electricity Grid, for example, — will not feature on his agenda.

"We will maintain the contacts to establish and pursue the realisation of an electricity grid for the sub-region," he says, adding immediately, though, that a commitment from the politicians to closer economic co-operation is required if the plan is to proceed much further

Other issues, however, are clearly not a priority

The privatisation of Eskom — raised frequently by the private sector — is not on the agenda, given the success of Eskom as a commercial operation and the strong opposition with which such a move would be met by the ANC and trade unions.

Nuclear energy "will also not receive a higher profile", he comments, arguing that the Southern African Electricity Grid would provide sufficient power if required towards the end of the century □

SABC 'must learn from its mistakes'

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

A new SABC should learn from previous mistakes and maintain independence from the "new establishment", Dr Van Zyl Slabbert warned yesterday during his public hearing for a post on the SABC board

Widely tipped to become the chairman of the new board, Slabbert — who is director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa — provoked laughter from the panel of lawyers when he said he had not resigned from the Broederbond — because he had never been a member.

Asked what he thought the single biggest role of the SABC was, Slabbert said reliability in covering political news

"It has no image of reliability in providing news and views that cover the political spectrum, although I think it's improved quite considerably over the last 18 months.

"The other (role) would be for a more consistent educative role, to become more effective in helping to make information available"

He said he had a personal complaint about the SABC bias towards American soap operas and sitcoms

On the subject of affirmative action, Slabbert said the SABC could help to create an awareness of all kinds of discrimination, especially that facing rural black women

Slabbert added he had no plans to re-enter politics in the near future.

"I would never say 'never' to a question like that. I certainly don't see myself becoming politically involved before the first set of elections scheduled for April next year. It may be longer."

South African Institute of Race Relations executive director John Kane-Berman faced sharp questioning yesterday over a complaint regarding his nomination

In a formal objection to the panel of lawyers, Cosatu had claimed that Kane-Berman had displayed a bias in favour of Inkatha and that the reputation of his organisation was in tatters

Kane-Berman said the allegations were unsubstantiated and that the financial strength of his organisation proved that the institute's reputation had been strengthened.

Former PAC vice-president Dikgang Moseneke told the panel that political tolerance should be new SABC's credo.

Questioned about the PAC slogan "One settler, one bullet" and white perception of the organisation as racist, Moseneke said he did not believe it was racist. He said slogans were often inadequate and reflected only part of reality

Among others interviewed yesterday were University of the Western Cape Professor Jakes Gerwel, Campaign for Independent Broadcasting director Ray Louw, SA Jewish Board of Deputies chairman Mervin Smith, and Brigalia Bam, assistant to the general-secretary of the SA Council of Churches

SABC awash with soaps, moans Slabbert

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LLOYD COUTTS

AMERICAN sitcoms and soaps may be wiped off SA's TV screens if the man tipped to head the new SABC board has anything to do with it

Political commentator Van Zyl Slabbert told the panel interviewing candidates for the board at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park yesterday that he found the SABC bias towards these programmes "extremely irritating" The cultural boycott had meant "the worst the US has to offer often ends up on our screens".

Slabbert also raised a few chuckles by opening his interview with the remark "I have not resigned from the Broederbond because I've never been a member."

He believed the SABC could have a more consistent educative role, and be more resourceful as a competitive source of information Asked whether his other commitments would allow him effective participation on the board, Slabbert said he would have to simplify his life He did not rule out a return to politics.

Former Rand Daily Mail editor Raymond Louw told the panel certain key people in SABC management would have to be "moved" from their current positions — including the executive director and the head of news — in the interests of creating a "new look" at the corporation He said the SABC lacked a culture of professional, independent journalism, and had become steeped in ideology Managers, he said, had been appointed on this basis

Former PAC deputy president Dikgang Moseneke, asked if he could be regarded as independent, said he believed his neutrality had survived his political career

The hearings continue today

Investment boosts electricity for all plan

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Affordable electricity for all South Africans was given a major boost yesterday when the Life Offices Association (LOA) committed R500 million into an Eskom investment scheme.

Eskom has estimated that its ambitious plan to electrify a million households by 1998 will cost about R3,1 billion.

To raise the funds, Eskom has floated Electrification Participation Notes which allow institutions to invest in its growth.

These are being released in instalments over the next five years, Eskom media liaison officer Peter Adams said.

The first R750 million tranche would be made available "within days", but the LOA has already committed itself to R500 million of that.

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"Every life assurer has come to the party," was all he would say.

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SABC staff in strike ballot

Workers from the SABC's whites-only staff association are holding a three-day strike ballot. SABC labour relations manager Christo Pretorius said the ballot, on whether to start selective industrial action, started on Monday and will end tomorrow. The result will be known on Friday. The workers want a 10,5 percent salary increase, backdated to March 1. Management's offer is 7,5 percent. — Staff Reporters

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Slabbert: Cheers to Dynasty

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JOHANNESBURG — The amount of US sitcoms and soaps appearing on SATV may be cut if the man tipped to head the new SABC board has anything to do with it

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He hoped the SABC would remain independent from the new political establishment in South africa

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Asked whether his other commitments would allow him effective participation on the board, he said he would have to simplify his life

He did not rule out a return to politics but he did not see himself reentering the formal political arena before the first set of elections

Dr Slabbert also provided comic relief when he stated he had not resigned from the Broederbond — he was just never a member

He recounted how a meeting with former president Mr P W Botha had contributed to his decision to quit parliamentary politics

Dr Slabbert said he smiled when Mr Botha stated that he (Mr Botha) enjoyed the support of most blacks

When Mr Botha asked him why he had smiled, he realised they were "living in different worlds"

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Former PAC deputy president Mr Dikgang Moseneke, asked if he could be regarded as independent, said he believed his neutrality had survived his political career

The hearing ends today and a selection of 25 nominees will be given to President F W de Klerk, who will reveal the final selection

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What a sickening attitude

Sowetan 18/5/93

Comment by Elliot Makhaya

JUST a week ago Dr Gomolemo Mokae, publicity secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, was interviewed on *Newsline* by Leslie Mashokwe

During the interview, Mokae pointed out that Azapo was given very little time on the goggle box

A few days later Azapo held a special congress at the Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre in Roodepoort and the Auckland Park "boys" did not see it worthy to cover the congress

An Azapo member, Shiiko Ramasela, phoned the SABC during the 6pm news bulletin and asked why his movement's congress was not broadcast

A man who answered the phone allegedly told him "Azapo should not expect coverage as long as it does not join the multi-party talks at Kempton Park"

I am not a political animal, but I think this is not on If this is true, then it's definitely sickening

Only snippets of the congress were screened during the subsequent news bulletins

All movements, even if they are Phumelangaphandle Silwe Party of Tweebuttels, deserve equal treatment on the box and other media. They pay the same taxes as you and I do (260)

Azapo's Nchaupe Mokoape once asked "Has the SABC not forgiven the Black Conciousness Movement for dethroning white liberals as self-appointed thinkers of the black people?"

Can we argue with Nchaupe Mokoape?

It is about time the electronic media ceased to be a guardian of people's thinking The presence or absence of propaganda can only be measured by the amount of discussion that takes place on TV, and by the amount of suppression of dissenting views Sounds like propaganda, isn't it?

Leslie Mashokwe

It's bye, bye bias, say board hopefuls

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Last night, the men charged with the task of selecting a new SABC board completed the interviews. Now comes the hard part: finding 25 board members from the shortlist of 86 nominees. JACQUELINE MYBURGH reports.

THE Bold and the Beautiful will have to go, but educational programmes can stay. The news and Agenda can stay, but they will have to change their attitude.

That, in a nutshell, was the message given by prospective members of the new SABC board, interviewed over the past seven days by a group of lawyers at the World Trade Centre, Kempton Park.

Each of the candidates was asked what criticism he or she had of the way in which the SABC currently broadcasts, and what they would change if appointed to the board.

"It's just a personal thing, but I hate the SABC bias towards American soap operas and sitcoms," said Idasa director Frederik van Zyl Slabbert.

He and many others also had more serious grievances about biased news reporting.

One of the primary roles of a "new" SABC would be to target viewers that had been neglected in the past, most said.

This audience included women; "non-whites", rural dwellers and rural black women in particular; the "lost generation" of black youth; and the disabled.

The nominees having said what *they* wanted in a "new" SABC, it was time for the lawyers — chaired by Mr Justice I Mahomed and Mr Justice P J Schabort — to determine if the public would want the nominees. Although the selection of new leadership for our national broadcaster was a matter of national importance, the hearings had their lighter moments.

"You have an option: would you like to be well done or medium rare?" Mr Justice Schabort asked one nominee, responding in jest to reports that the panel was "grilling" candidates.

On a serious note, it became clear that uppermost in the panel members' minds was that the board they selected would have to be capable of scrupulous objectivity during the run-up to South Africa's first democratic elections.

The board will be reviewed once a new constitution is in place. The panel's choice, therefore, would have one important function — to gain legitimacy in the eyes of most South Africans while helping the corporation to shed its political baggage.

In this regard the panel closely questioned candidates on issues including:

- Affirmative action.
- How they would deal with the diversity of cultures in the way they scheduled programmes.
- The role of radio and television in education.

An extraordinarily large number of educationists were interviewed and all of them offered dramatic ideas of how the SABC could deal with South Africa's education crisis.

Moeletsi Mbeki, media consultant to the ANC and Cosatu, warned that the SABC was not going to solve the country's education problems — it could only supplement what was being taught in schools.

The panel also sought to ensure that the impartiality of new board members would not be compromised by their constituencies: Ashwin Trikamjee of the National Soccer League had to prove that he would support airtime for other sports. Former PAC leader Dikgang Moseneke was asked if his recent political profile would not be a disadvantage. Methodist Bishop Peter Storey had to state the case for other religions too.

Candidates were not consistently questioned along the same lines, however, giving rise to some criticism of the selection panel.

Most South Africans witnessed the virtual cross-examination of SABC board chairman, Professor Christo Viljoen, at the hands of Mr Justice Mahomed, and many objected. Whether it was a conscious decision or not, the ferocity of the questioning was clearly toned down after that incident.

Yet the consistency did not improve. For example, not every white Afrikaner male was asked if he had been a member of the Afrikaner Broederbond; not every candidate with political connections was asked to prove his commitment to objectivity. □

Panel vets final SABC board candidates

Star 19/5/93

By Jacqueline Myburgh

University of the North vice-chancellor Njabulo Ndebele — a popular choice for the job of new SABC board chairman — was interviewed in Stockholm by the selection panel yesterday.

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The acclaimed author was the last of 86 candidates to be interviewed by the panel.

Ndebele said the entire South African media had a responsibility to promote and facilitate the flow of information

Asked whether he would have the time to take on the job of board chairman, Ndebele said he was "overstretched" in terms of his commitments.

"But I'm aware that this is an historic moment in the country that calls for a great deal of energy"

Also appearing before the panel yesterday, Wits professor and media expert John van Zyl said there were several executives at the SABC who should not be allowed to maintain their positions

Van Zyl said a human rights ethos should be brought into the constitution of the SABC and "people with track records must be examined, and if they do not measure up to the ethos they should be asked to resign"

Tribute magazine editor John Qwelane and Rural Foundation public relations chief Herman Bailey were also interviewed yesterday.

For the next two days the seven lawyers on the selection panel will consider the eligibility of candidates and submit their recommendations for a new SABC board to the State President on Friday

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Institutions pre-empt prescribed investment

Star 19/5/93

By Bruce Cameron

CAPE TOWN — Financial institutions have taken a first step to ward off the threat of a new government reintroducing measures to force life assurance companies, pension funds and banks to invest in socially responsible development projects.

The step came with confirmation yesterday by Eskom and the Life Offices Association (LOA) of the first tranche of R500 million of a possible R3,1 billion to fund the electrification of black townships.

The Eskom scheme, with guaranteed returns and security on investments for the life assurance industry, has met the demands of the assurers.

LOA chairman Neal Chapman said the R200 billion belonging to policyholders and pension-fund members was seen by many as a major resource to be tapped.

But at the same time, "our industry needed to find a way of responding which did not put the nation's savings at risk or at a disadvantage".

Market-related

He said life assurers had a duty to achieve optimum long-term yields and to invest in instruments at an acceptable level of risk.

"Our criteria are and must continue to be market-related yields, marketable instruments which are safe.

"The new electrification coupon which was developed through co-operation of the LOA, Eskom and UAL Merchant Bank meets these criteria, Chapman said.

The threat of the reintroduction of prescribed investments to fund development projects — particularly in housing, health and education — has remained.

ANC economics department chief Trevor Manuel repeating this week that retirement funds should use part of their investment to help develop the economy and get rid of imbalances.

It was either that or face the prospect of having prescribed asset requirements reinstated, Manuel told the annual conference of the Institute of Retirement Funds at the Wild Coast.

However, the ANC has welcomed the life insurance industry's backing of Eskom's electrification programme.

SABC selection process is a model for the future

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LLOYD COUTTS

THE public scrutiny of candidates for the new SABC board ended yesterday, and with it an era in which public broadcasting was widely regarded as a tool of the NP

Three key issues emerged from the vigorous questioning of the 86 short-listed nominees at the hearings held at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park over the past week

First, the SABC's management structure and ethos were examined and found wanting Second, a set of guiding principles to steer the SABC through the new SA was explored in detail Finally, and most significantly, a model process for senior appointments throughout the public sector was established.

Within the first few days of the hearings, it had become clear that the "old" SABC had gone on trial, and its representatives found themselves floundering and on the defensive on almost all counts

Incumbents, including board chairman Christo Viljoen, were hammered mercilessly by the panel, headed by Judges Ismail Mahomed and Piet Schabort, on the corporation's failure to represent the interests of all South Africans and its ideological adherence to NP policy.

Viljoen, aware of what was required of him after watching earlier questioning, began by arguing that the winds of change had blown through the SABC since he took charge of the board in 1989 He argued for continuity on the new board, and specifically for his reselection as chairman given that he was one of the few people in the country with the combination of technical knowledge (he is Dean of Engineering at Stellenbosch University) and an inside comprehension of the corporation and its myriad structures

He was eloquent and "verlig", until he ran into Mahomed

Mahomed "Extra-parliamentary politics included politics that were perfectly legal, did they not?"

Viljoen "Well, some were at that stage excluded"

Mahomed. "Well, what other politics could black people indulge in other than extra-parliamentary politics?"

Viljoen "I'm not a political expert, sir."

Mahomed. "What other politics could a black person indulge in if he hasn't got the right to vote in Parliament, but to do it outside Parliament? (Pause) You have no answer?"

Viljoen "No, I have no answer"

Mahomed "Well then, isn't it entirely arbitrary to say that the politics of the majority will not be given any time or airing on the SABC? Is that not an entirely white perception?"

Viljoen. "That could be said, yes"

Mahomed "Don't you think that was an error in news policy?"

Viljoen. "In retrospect, yes"

Other incumbents were even less impressive than Viljoen Deputy chairman Hendrik Sloet, who earlier in the corridors demanded to know how the panellists dared to keep him waiting, was humbled and reluctantly disclosed his former membership of the Broederbond

Diva Mimi Coertse was reduced from a simpering, apolitical board member enthusing about SA's diverse culture to a flustered and angry woman having to defend herself against allegations that she had used her position to spike an SABC news report on the violation of building regulations at her Cape Town home

Other board members made no impression at all, apart from financial whizz kid and Reserve Bank director Deena Konar, who was appointed to the board in 1990

Of the incumbents, Viljoen and Konar are the only ones with realistic chances of being retained the former for his obvious abilities and the latter in the interests of sound financial management.

The list of other candidates brought to light the high calibre of prospective nominees from across the political and cultural spectrum. Academics, businessmen, journalists and lawyers rubbed shoulders with development workers, educationists, clerics and political analysts

The second salient issue concerned the options available to the panel, and their questions focused on three main elements

Almost all candidates were questioned about their background and political credentials. The requirements were clear. No office bearer of a political organisation would be acceptable, and nor would any member of a secret organisation Most candidates either never held such positions or had resigned.

Affirmative action and the requirements for the managerial and fiscal restructuring of the SABC were examined at length And, probably most importantly, candidates were asked for their views on the SABC's role in a new SA, and particularly in the run-up to elections.

Most agreed that a vigorous programme of affirmative action was required at the SABC and that this should be done judiciously while avoiding tokenism

They also agreed that the SABC had an important educative role to play, particularly its radio services for the far-flung rural population, as an informal educator and a facilitator for SA voters during the pre-election transition phase

And, in the main, they agreed that while the SABC should function primarily as a national public broadcaster, it should remain entertaining and avoid the pitfalls of boring broadcasting

All candidates were religiously tolerant and all believed in the freedoms of speech and expression. Most believed in degrees of censorship or "responsible" broadcasting And everyone, including the incumbents and former Broederbonders, agreed the new board should be free of interference and manipulation by the government of the day

Still, the non-starters were obvious, as were the clear-cut candidates Those most likely to be taken on board are Van Zyl Slabbert (white Afrikaner male with impeccable credentials), Fatima Meer (academic, human rights campaigner), Allister Sparks (former Rand Daily Mail editor), Dikgang Moseneke (advocate and former PAC deputy president), Sheila Sisulu (educationist), Jakes Gerwel (University of the Western Cape rector), Franklin Sonn (Peninsula Technikon rector), Raymond Louw (co-chairman of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting and another former RDM editor) and Frank Chikane (SACC general secretary)

Two strong possibilities are Transvaal Rural Action Committee field worker Lydia Kompe — representing the important rural constituency which remains largely in the dark about the changes sweeping the country — and Afrikaner Volkswag deputy chairman A W G Raath, representing the right wing

Finally, the process of electing a new board remains the most important consequence of the hearings

For the first time, public appointees have been subjected to thorough public scrutiny Although questions were not allowed from the floor, the public may rest assured that its interests were suitably represented by the panel Many of the questions were based on written objections to candidates received from members of the public

Public scrutiny's alter ego — accountability — has yet to be tested, but the groundwork has been laid with meticulous care to guard against the culture of secrecy which held the SABC in an iron grip for generations

As Louw pointed out, the one sure way of preventing subservience to a new orthodoxy remains in the creation of a culture of independence, integrity and professionalism at Auckland Park.

Whatever new board emerges from the groundbreaking hearings in Kempton Park, this has now become a real possibility.

SPOT DESK

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers demonstrate

A TRUCK was torched during a demonstration by farmers and businessmen against "selective business boycotts by the ANC" in Harding in Natal yesterday

Five men were arrested during the protest which blockaded the town centre The ANC, local action committee and other parties were meeting last night to try to solve the crisis

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ANC welcomes plan

THE ANCyesterday welcomed the funding of Eskom's electrification programme. The programme was announced jointly by Eskom and the Life Offices Association on Monday. "We welcome any such funding, provided it is properly discussed and negotiated with local communities," spokesman Carl Niehaus said.

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Hospital strike

THE National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) yesterday threatened to spread its industrial action campaign at the Johannesburg's Garden City Clinic to all Clinic Holdings' hospitals. The union said if management maintained its intransigent approach, the union would launch a national strike.

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Unemployment 'getting worse each month'

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GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Central Statistical Service (CSS) figures released yesterday showed unemployment in SA was worsening by the month and the sectors hardest hit were building, mining and quarrying.

In the four months to end-November last year, the number employed in the mining and quarrying industries dropped by nearly 10 000 to 588 966, and in the construction industry by a huge 7 700 to 360 700

The manufacturing industry, however, increased its workforce by 32 400 to 1 400 516

A separate set of CSS statistics, covering the whole of 1992, showed that employment levels had also fallen in the wholesale, retail, hotel and motor trades

Nearly 11 000 jobs were lost in retailing during the year and more than 3 000 in wholesale businesses. The figures for the motor trade were down 1 500 to 115 100, and in the hotel trade by 2 400 to 40 700.

Pick 'n' Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman commented yesterday that conditions had never been tougher in the retail sector. The job loss trend was likely to continue, he said

A glimmer of hope was that business confidence seemed to have strengthened, but consumer confidence had never been lower.

Only one development could restore consumer confidence and give the strapped economy the first real boost for three or more years This was politicians agreeing to an election date and the formation of a transitional executive council Until current negotiations achieved concrete results the slide in the retail trade was likely to continue, he said.

Stellenbosch University'e economic research bureau head Ockie Stuart said the increase in the number of workers in the manufacturing industry in the four months August to November could have been a seasonal hiccup which could be followed by a decline in the first quarter of this year

However, the loss of 7 700 jobs in construction highlighted the severe depression in the building industry.

This was unlikely to be relieved until well into 1994 and only then if violence subsided and real political progress was made, Stuart said

Mine blast payouts explained

B/DAY 19/5/93.

ERICA JANKOWITZ

SASOL has said compensation for the families of the 53 miners killed in the methane gas blast at the Middelbult colliery on Thursday will be based on each worker's income level

Sasol spokesman Jan Krynauw said this week the company provided insurance for accidents, as well as group life assurance, pension and provident funds with special provisions in cases of accidental death, an employees' assistance fund and the government-administered Workmen's Compensation allowance

"In some cases up to seven times the individual's annual salary could be paid to a miner's dependants," Krynauw said

In the interim, Sasol would adopt a sympathetic approach to the families of victims as it would take some time for the question of compensation to be sorted out and paid, Krynauw said.

No family would be asked to leave company-assisted housing and each case would be handled individually.

Chemical Workers' Industrial Union (CWIU) general secretary Rod Crompton said that as compensation was based on income, those in lower job categories would be paid significantly less than their more highly paid colleagues

Sasol said that in cases where negligence was proved at the inquest, workers would be entitled to additional compensation

The company said that if negligence was a contributing factor to the Middelbult mine accident, workers would have to to approach the commissioner and furnish evidence to that effect. The commissioner would consider the evidence and decide whether additional compensation was appropriate

In another development, Sasol said yesterday it had declared today a day of mourning. It said it would cease all underground operations at Secunda "to allow employees to attend memorial services"

Iscor sees windfall in Alusaf project

JONO WATERS (260)

ISCOR could earn R100m from the new R7,2bn Alusaf smelter project which would require about 100 000 tons of steel. B/DAY 19/5/93.

The corporation has undertaken to offer steel at competitive prices to local contractors and construction companies for the project

An industry source said Iscor sold hot rolled steel locally for R1 300/ton compared with prices in Europe of R1 000/ton. Iscor had an annual capacity of 7-million tons

Alusaf MD Rob Barbour said Alusaf could not favour local companies "We do, however, vigorously promote SA industry to all overseas companies with whom we deal."

Alusaf wanted to maximise the SA content, but local bids had to be competitive. If a local bid was comparable to that of an international company, "then the local company will be selected", he said

ISCOR & COAL EXPORTS

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Railage on the cheap?

Iscor is to break into coal export markets with metallurgical coal from its Grootegeluk colliery near Ellisras in the northern Transvaal. The scheme sets several precedents Iscor has bought the right from Shell SA to 200 000 t of its Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) quota and has an option on a further 100 000 t The agreement is effective for 1993, neither party will comment on the possibility of its renewal

Shell has an effective 12,5% shareholding in RBCT, which gives it an annual quota through the terminal of 6Mt rising to 6,8Mt when the new annual capacity of 54,5 Mt is attained. Spokesman Andre Liebenberg denies Shell has sold part of its RBCT quota to Iscor. "From time to time we enter into agreements with third parties to allow them to use some of our capacity," he says

He refuses to provide further details It's common knowledge that Shell buys in coal from other SA producers because it can't meet its full export entitlement from own production But this is the first time it has confirmed it allows other parties to use part of its entitlement.

Iscor's Neels Howatt won't say how much his group laid out for the export entitlement He confirms Iscor intends exporting metallurgical coal from Grootegeluk but will name neither customers nor expected prices.

And he is determinedly silent about the tariff to be charged by Spoornet to move the coal Industry sources say Iscor must have come to very favourable terms to permit the export of coal from such a remote location

The distance between Ellisras and Richards Bay is about 900 km of which about 500 km is on the Transvaal-Richards Bay line. The railage rate for RBCT users is negotiated on a contract basis, far below standard Spoornet rates. It now costs about R30/t to rail coal from Witbank.

Even if Iscor managed the miracle of negotiating a Richards Bay-line rate for the whole distance, it'll still cost around R52/t at best to get the coal to the coast

Rail rates are crucial to the development of the Waterberg field, where Grootegeluk is situated. The Waterberg contains 46% — some 55bn t — of SA's total coal reserves of about 121bn t.

The distance from Richards Bay has always been viewed as a major obstacle to exports. Grootegeluk, the only operating colliery on the field, is a multipurpose mine supplying about 2Mt coking coal annually to Iscor It is developing production capacity to 12Mt steam coal a year by 1996 to supply Eskom's Matimba power station

The lucrative export market has long beckoned Iscor, which is a member of the consortium involved in the so-called Red terminal, intended to export up to 12Mt a year in competition with RBCT Iscor's deal with Shell gets it into the export markets that much faster

Brendan Ryan

'Soap-less' Slabbert comes under fire

Staff Reporter

THE froth is bubbling over the soapy issue created by Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert who has claimed that US sit-coms and soaps "irritate" him

Dr Slabbert spoke in favour of more educational programmes when he interviewed as a candidate for the new head of the SABC board

Personalities and celebrities interviewed yesterday felt that the need for light entertainment far outweighed the need for education, especially in troubled times

Radio and television personality Mrs Isobel Jones said his statement "bothered" her, as light entertainment was a means of relaxation and of getting away from the harsh realities of life.

"I certainly like having a little giggle and a laugh," she said.

She felt that if Dr Slabbert were to be the new head of the board he would lose the bulk of South Africa's viewers and would be doing a grave injustice to the public

Prominent anti-drugs campaigner Mrs Adele Searll said his statement was not well-received.

"I feel people must watch TV for entertainment, as life is heavy enough as it is."

Renowned for his baggy pants and red veldskoene, performer David Kramer said there is an obvious need for education through the media — but not at the expense of entertainment. "I watch neither soaps nor educational programmes, as they're both boring and frustrating

"But I won't be thrilled with more education"

Western Province cricketer Adrian Kuiper said he enjoyed the odd soap and sit-com, especially Dallas and Orkney Snorkney

"Even if they are meaningless in terms of education, people do need them to get away from the depressing news we watch"

Dr Slabbert could not be reached for comment.

Packer

SYDNEY. — Media magnat Kerry Packer remains ur lenged as the richest Austr according to an annual mag survey.

Business Review Weekly, is not owned by Mr Packer, p personal wealth of the gam and polo-playing 55-year-o about R6,3 billion, up R630 million since last year

Mr Packer, owner of Austr highest-rating television ne

KKK assets go to enemy

NEW YORK — The assets of America's largest and most violent Ku Klux Klan organisation were seized yesterday in an attempt to halt the revival of the notorious hooded order.

Mr James Farrands, 57, Klan Imperial Wizard and his Invisible Empire — the so-called Knights of the KKK — were forced into apparent bankcruptcy by the creative use hate-crimes legislation by a civil rights organisation.

The KKK's chief enemy, the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Centre, has been pursuing Mr Farrands since a group of his men attacked black marchers in the nearly all-white Forsyth County, Georgia, outside Atlanta, six years ago

The centre, using its anti-KKK arm Klanwatch, sued the Klan, obtaining what was regarded as a largely symbolic $900 000 (about R2,7m) damages award from a jury that decided 50 of the marchers suffered civil rights violations

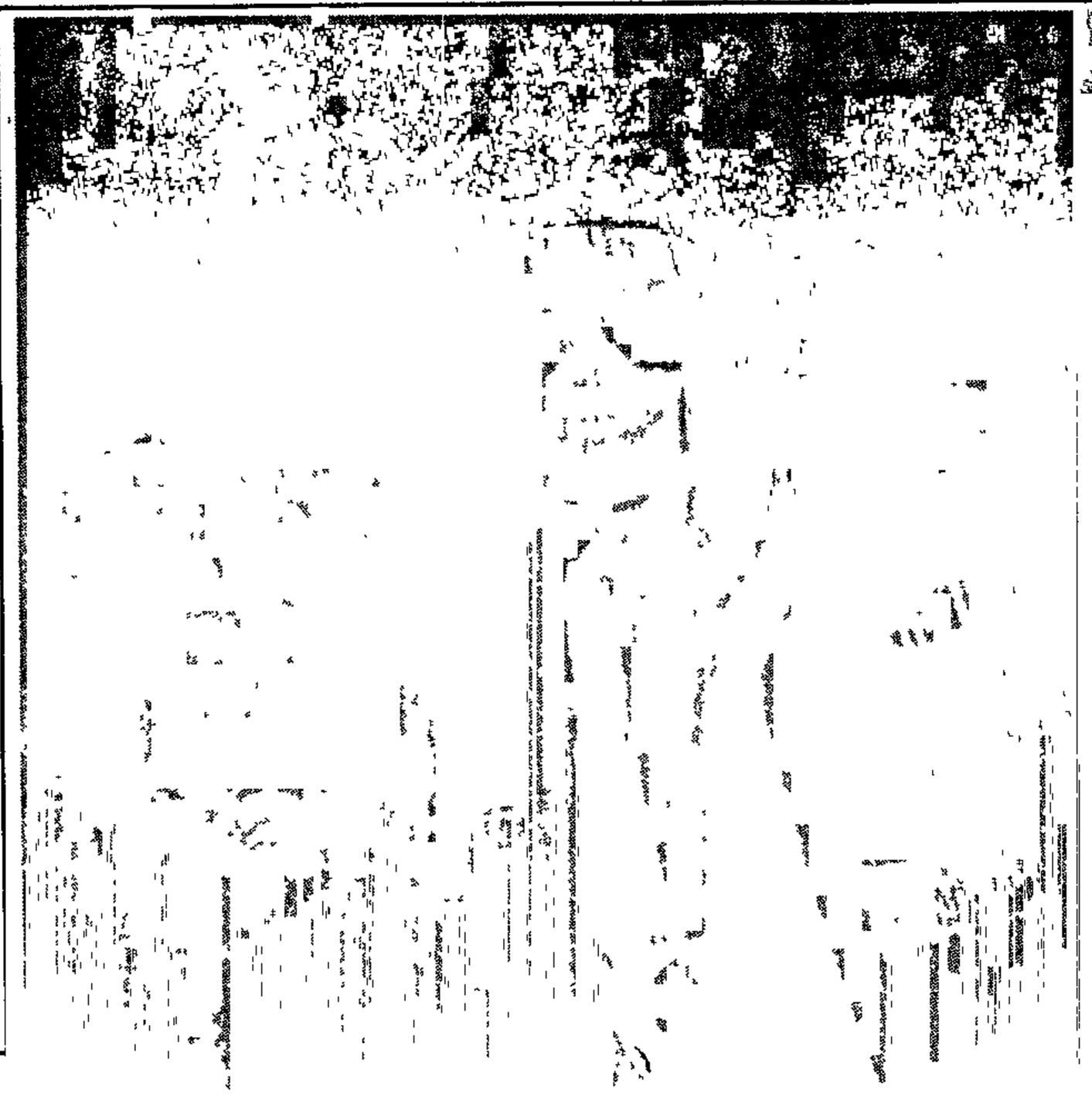
However, Klanwatch began burrowing into the Klan's secret accounts, and now, to seemingly halt the search, Mr Farrands has agreed to settle the suit by relinquishing his group's name, mailing and subscription lists, printing press and $37 500 (about R112 500)

Mr Morris Dees, a lawyer for Klanwatch, said "We're in effect taking everything. We're getting not only the Klan's cash but they're giving up the entire office equipment, their computer, the printing press" The press was used for The Klansman, a popular newsletter in the Deep South

Whether the tactic will put Mr Farrands out of business is debatable. He became the nation's top Klansman after the demise of Mr Robert Shelton, whose United Klans of America, based in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was hit by a $7 million (about R21m) judgment over the murder of a black person in 1987

Mr Farrands' lawyer said the Klansmen were "dedicated" and intended to start again

The Invisible Empire operates in at least 20 states and is thought to have about 11 000 followers of whom 3 000 are hard-core activists. Klanwatch calls it a group with "a long and sordid history of violence from cross-burning to murder" — © The Telegraph plc, London



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Sasol argues to keep its level of tariff protection

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LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — The level of tariff protection enjoyed by Sasol's synthetic fuel products was much lower than in other industries and should be retained in the interests of the SA economy, Sasol has indicated.

While oil companies favoured abolition of Sasol's protection as a way of strengthening their own position, a Sasol information document emphasised the importance of the industry for the economy justified a moderate level of protection.

Sasol argued that the protection afforded the synthetic fuel industry was relatively moderate, having averaged only 12,5% since 1979

This compared favourably with the levels of protection, which on average exceeded 25%, enjoyed by other local manufacturing industries. More than 80% of SA manufacturing industries enjoyed tariff protection, Sasol said

When the framework for protection for the synthetic fuel industry was introduced in July 1989 it provided for a 10% pre-tax return on assets. The $23 a barrel floor price had not been adjusted since, and the original level of profitability had therefore been eroded. The current level of protection provided only a marginal return on assets

Although the value of protection for the synthetic fuel industry for 1992 amounted to about R600m, a Sasol spokesman said it had to be seen in the context of an industry with an annual value of production exceeding R3,5bn.

He said contrary to popular misconceptions, government did not pay any subsidies to the synthetic fuel industry. The Equalisation Fund Levy was raised on imported petroleum products as well as on products manufactured from imported crude oil. This levy enabled Sasol to achieve higher nett prices on its synthetic fuel.

Government's investment of R4,9bn in Sasol I, II, and III had been repaid many times as it was paid more than R13,9bn in cash and shares when Sasol was privatised.

Sasol argued that its modest protection had to be weighed up against the fact that the synthetic fuel industry created wealth of more than R4,5bn a year and employed more than 28 000 people. Sasol's direct contribution to GDP amounted to 1,5%. Furthermore, the synthetic fuel industry saved R5bn a year in forex, representing 9% of SA's merchandise imports.

In a letter sent to its service station dealers Sasol stated that the pressures being exerted on government would inevitably mean that deregulation of the oil industry would occur in some form.

The letter emphasised, however, that it should take place in a phased and controlled manner in order to prevent disruption and urged formation of a working group representing all stakeholders to formulate a deregulation strategy.

Small profit, no dividend at Spanjaard

JONO WATERS

SPECIALISED lubricants and chemical manufacturer Spanjaard turned in a small profit for the year ended February 28 1993, but passed its dividend. B/DAY 21/5/93

Spanjaard, formerly Molyslip, reported a slight drop in turnover to R14,7m compared with R14,9m during the year to February 1992. Operating profit was lower at R538 000 (R1,11m) and financial costs rose marginally to R450 000 (R409 000).

Pre-tax profit fell to R88 000 (R702 000) and the company was not liable for tax. As a result, earnings dropped to 1,5c (12,4c) a share.

The profit of R88 000 (R360 000) was retained

Chairman Robert Spanjaard, said the results were worse than expected.

Trading up to the interim stage had been good but conditions in the usually better second half of the year were poor

Participation in foreign exhibitions would have a positive effect on the company's results in the current year.

M-Net, JCI sign on FilmNet financing deal

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From MARCIA KLEIN

JOHANNESBURG — M-Net and mining house JCI have struck a deal in terms of which JCI will invest about R140m to help meet financing requirements in European pay channel FilmNet.

The deal will make JCI — which has an indirect interest in M-Net through its holdings in Times Media Limited and Argus — an effective partner in M-Net's offshore interests.

M-Net today announced a 2% increase in attributable profit to R28,4m for the year to end-March, as its share of associate FilmNet's losses climbed to R27,6m (R4,9m) by year-end.

Chairman Ton Vosloo said M-Net, through its interest in Network Holdings (Nethold), would "continue to seek opportunities for expanding into new markets in Europe and elsewhere".

Luxembourg-registered Nethold is the joint venture between M-Net — through its subsidiary M-Net International Holdings (MIH) — and Richemont Nethold has 90% control over pay channel FilmNet. FilmNet has about 600 000 subscribers in six Benelux and Scandinavian countries.

FilmNet needed "intensive investment" in its initial growth phase. But Reserve Bank regulations introduced in November restricted M-Net's ability to fund offshore growth, "despite it having the capacity to do so".

"We have had to investigate alternative sources of funding in order to develop our interest in Nethold and ensure it reaches its potential," he said.

He added that Nethold was investigating opportunities to expand into other new market in Europe and elsewhere. "Other ventures undertaken by Nethold are expected to have a similar funding profile."

In terms of the deal, M-Net would enter into an agreement with JCI, which would, through its offshore structure, acquire an equity stake in MIH.

JCI would subscribe for a 25% equity stake in MIH, for NLG 82,5m (about R140m) cash in order for MIH to meet its share of the funding obligations. The money would be used to develop FilmNet over the next 18 months to broaden its audience appeal, improve its infrastructure, secure entrenchment in its national markets and generate returns once break even is achieved.

The deal would reduce M-Net's effective stake in Nethold from 50% to 37,5%. It would have a positive short-term effect on M-Net's earnings (from 14,4c to 18,5c) as part of Nethold's losses would be attributable to JCI.

He said the investment strategy was appropriate, but the benefits would only be felt in the long term. As a result, short-term earnings would continue to be depressed.

Letting the sun shine in at public hearings

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Despite some comparisons to the Spanish Inquisition, the open hearings for the new SABC board shed valuable light not only on the prospective board members, but on this method of selecting public officials. By **MARK GEVISSER**

'SUNLIGHT is said to be the best of disinfectants, electric light the most efficient policeman' The words were said by United States Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis at the beginning of this century He was talking about public hearings, not soap

At times during the public hearings for a new SABC board in recent weeks, Judge Ismail Mahomed's scowl was closer to a raincloud than a sunbeam And some, notably the National Party, believe that the selection panel — and Mahomed particularly — shone its light selectively "Unfortunately," says party spokesman Marthinus van Schalkwyk, "Mr Mahomed raised a question-mark about his own impartiality by grilling some people too hard."

In a press release after SABC chairman Christo Viljoen had been asked some tough questions by Mahomed, the NP said that while it "supports tough and penetrating questioning", it "strongly condemn[s] the hostile style which marked yesterday's proceedings. What was supposed to be a public hearing was turned into an inquisition"

In parliament, Afrikaner Volksunie MP for Bethal Chris de Jager put it more strongly Mahomed's style reminded him of Hitler's SS generals, he said "We know about the Spanish Inquisition, and we saw what kind of inquisition is waiting for South Africa"

"Are you, or have you ever been, a member of the Afrikaner Broederbond?" was a question asked of several senior Afrikaners during the hearings Certainly, it sounded uncomfortably similar to the notorious question during the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) hearings of the 1950s "Are you, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party?"

But there are several difference firstly, the omnipotent Broederbond wreaked more misery and iniquity in South Africa than the tiny American Communist Party could ever have done in the US Secondly, HUAC summoned private individuals against their will, while the SABC selection panel was interviewing prospective public officials for positions in which parliamentarians are constitutionally entitled to a say in all federal appointments, and even directly appoint half of the members of the country's highest court, the Federal Constitutional Court

In South Africa, only one of the three constitutional models currently in circulation deals specifically with public hearings the Democratic Party's proposed Bill of Rights, issued last week, states that the upper house of the legislature, the Senate, should have "the right of approval for senior civil service (including Defence Force and Police) apointments" and "the right of recommendation" of senior judicial officers

Neither the ANC's proposals, nor those of the Law Commission (which has done the government's constitutional work), mention the issue This, says the ANC's Maduna, is "because the issue is so new in this country But we are looking into it now" The legal fraternity — through the General Bar Council and the Association of Law Societies — has also just established a sub-committee to look into judicial appointments

Should appointments be vetted by an elected parliament, or by an independent panel, as happened with the SABC board? A democratically elected body has most authority But if a supposedly independent board, like that of the SABC, is to be appointed or vetted by parliament, isn't there the danger that the party in power — most likely the ANC — will stack it with sweethearts?

The independent panel option might seem better, but this too has its problems — primarily that it does not have the authority of democratic election Mahomed, for example, cannot reply to his critics that he is doing "the people's" bidding The selection panel, after all, was decided upon in horse-trading betwen the ANC and the government

Should there be rules governing conduct, so that individuals are prevented the indignity of sometimes irrelevant public disclosure? A major criticism of the American system is that it encourages mediocrity only those with little against them — and little to say — might apply, or accept nominations

Whatever the pros and cons of the public hearings system, says Democratic Party legal spokesman Tony Leon, "it is the best possible approach Not only does it lay the foundations for good government and accountability, but it brings corrupt practises to light"

If the constitution-makers learn the sunlight lesson from the SABC board appointment process, public hearings may well become the disinfectant of South Africa's transition to democracy

● The selection panel is expected to make its decision on the SABC board today The names will not be publicly announced, but will be forwarded to State President FW de Klerk, who has the right to challenge the panel if he is unhappy with its selection Government sources comment, however, that De Klerk is politically bound to accept the panel s recommendations He will formally and publicly appoint the board members by June 1

... Facing Ismail Mahomed's glower at hearings for the ...ard Photo: LUANNE CADD

ublic Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the upreme Court", and a host of other positions, cluding members of the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates American broadcasting In 1989 alone, the first year f George Bush's second term, the Senate recieved more than 48 000 nominations Most are passed pro forma — only the 600 highest-level positions underwent Senate scrutiny

The philosophy behind the American system is that "the people", through their elected representatives, the Senators, are given the chance to vet all presidential appointees In Germany, a similar philosophy applies although the process is not always as open.

The good book

WHEN a young man presented himself to Vereeniging city librarian, saying he had some books for the library, Rosemary Dirmeik thought: "Another rep." But when he opened his box, it revealed more than a dozen books, worth more than R1 000, stolen from the library. He also handed back records he had stolen from the library at the same time, and said the Lord had spoken to him and he had seen the error of his ways.

...ular. The burglars avoided the burglar ...ars covering such windows at a Sunninghill, Sandton, cluster home development — they simply removed the entire windows, frame and all. In a mass burglary, carried out so quietly that not even a dog was disturbed, they removed bags, purses, traveller's cheques, passports and similar light valuables. One victim said that not even a deadly Doberman/Rotweiler cross had reacted to the cat burglars.

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Panel mum on SABC board

Today is D-Day for the panel selecting a new 25-member SABC board, but yesterday the seven lawyers were keeping mum about their deliberations.

Co-chaired by Mr Justice P J Schabort and Mr Justice I Mahomed, the panel would not speak to the press, but a spokesman said they would send their list of recommendations to the State President in Cape Town today.

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President de Klerk has to announce the new board by the end of the month. — Staff Reporter.

Staff deny SABC strike

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JOHANNESBURG — The South African Broadcasting Staff Association (SABSA) late yesterday afternoon denied it had called for a "selective strike" starting yesterday evening, following SABSA members' rejection of the SABC's 7,5% pay offer.

In a statement, the association described the SABC's reaction to the pay dispute — the national broadcaster threatened to withhold salaries and to effect a lock-out — as overhasty, unreasonable, and illegal.

SABSA added that it rejected the SABC's contention that its wage offer was "market-related".

The offer was certainly not market-related, especially in light of the national broadcaster's good results in the last financial year, SABSA said. — Sapa.

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Battery cars a spark away

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ESKOM'S new, silent electric car will cost around 3c a kilometre to run, and its engine will literally last a lifetime.

ARE electric cars really just around the corner? Absolutely, insists Eskom Its researchers are even looking at the aesthetics of tomorrow's kerbside refuelling stations

Carel Snyman of Eskom's electric transport division — electric locomotives as well as the new experimental electric car are his domain — believes that electric car batteries will soon be rechargeable in the same amount of time it now takes to fill a petrol tank

The Japanese have aleady developed a 500 km-range battery They have another that can be 40 percent recharged in just six minutes.

Snyman believes supermarkets will have, as a customer service, recharge plugs available in their parking spaces for customers' cars The almost silent prototype car I drove a few days ago at an Eskom laboratory had a three-pin plug where one normally puts the petrol

Will we keep petrol cars for long journeys and use electric cars only for town?

Snyman says we might have to pull a small trailer with extra batteries for long-range travel But, when it comes to commuting, we may drive our electric scooters (I tried one out — it was a great experience) aboard flatbed railway trucks on suburban lines, where they will be recharged Once in town we could ride off again

He sees the advent of ultra-lightweight thermoplastic vehicle bodies being so vibration-free and rustproof that they will last a lifetime. The motor would last 1,6 *million* km!

Snyman adds "We'll probably swop the bodies every two or three years for something different or more stylish.

"The entire car will be recyclable That's not revolutionary of course — it's the way the industry was moving anyway."

The costs of running electric cars (fuel only) are very low indeed — about 3c a kilometre My present family car, which I consider very economical compared with most others, costs 17c a kilometre

Saving of 260 'cheap' coal

It would be to South Africa's enormous advantage if electric cars caught on. Apart from quieter and cleaner cities, these silent cars would ensure that South Africa's large reserves of near-surface "cheap" coal were not be wasted.

Ironically, just as Eskom has developed a way of producing electricity with minimum sulphur emissions, commerce and industry are moving towards conserving energy. Both sectors have tended to squander power in the past.

For the public — as well as Eskom, which can produce almost twice as much energy as we use on average — the electric car may just be on cue

FW to screen board hopefuls

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MANDY JEAN WOODS

THE names of the 25 members of the new SABC board selected by a panel of independent jurists at unprecedented public hearings earlier this month have been handed to President F W de Klerk

Their names will not be made known until next week, after the candidates have been interviewed again to ascertain whether they are prepared to abide by the criteria and guidelines laid down by the Government and its negotiating partners, De Klerk said in a statement yesterday

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The 25 board members were selected from a shortlist of more than 80 nominees by the independent panel, chosen after lengthy consultations

De Klerk said "The list of names will now be processed, inter alia, to ascertain whether the nominees comply with the guidelines and criteria previously agreed to with other parties"

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Can South Africans handle independent broadcasting?

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By PAT ROGERS

Tell Tales

WHEN white South Africans voted for negotiations, many were voting as usual for the National Party and their faith in its mastery of the three-card trick. That this time round change is not illusory is illustrated in the public interviewing of nominees for the new SABC Board to be announced on June 1, and in the reaction triggered.

Nothing could give more powerful symbolism to the new South Africa than the State broadcasting service, the SABC, screening the embarrassment of its own chairman and its own chief executive fumbling hopelessly in their attempts to plead ignorance of, or to justify, the propaganda policy of the past.

Few could have enjoyed their discomfort. Protests by the NP and letter-writing members of the public ("My heart went out to the SABC boss") are understandable.

Yet these are men who were clearly unfit for the roles in which they were cast, and would not have been in any meritocracy They presided over a key instrument in a government of oppression.

Sympathy tended to wither when vice-chairman Hendrik Sloet declined to clarify whether he had been, while serving in that capacity, a member of the Afrikaner Broederbond it was more important he said to look at the future than at the past. This is a widely held view, particularly among those who find themselves in Sloet's situation. But the board is not so easily wiped clean

The interviewing panel has given is our first first-hand example of the American process of open selection of candidates for public office. But it remains seriously flawed, as is its selected short list of nominees, by the absence of a single professional broadcaster

Broadcasters may have themselves to blame. But surely the fallibility of lawyers too has long been confirmed by the South African justice system, and of accountants and engineers by the tunnel-visioned performance of the Corporation's current board bosses

Perhaps of lesser concern is the paucity of professional broadcasters within the ranks of SABC management, which is top-heavy with bureaucrats (Those who can, do, those who can't, censor) This should at least ease the way to staff restructuring after the appointment of the new board in June, to ensure the proper execution of new policies.

Of those appearing before the SABC Board Selection panel, National Peace Committee chairman Antonie Gildenhuys was one who impressed Particularly relevant was his comment on the importance of the way violence was reported, citing its undue emphasis in coverage of demonstrations following Chris Hani's assassination.

In Washington, the question of TV violence was exercising minds in a House of Representatives sub-committee hearing

In Pretoria they banned the showing on SABC TV of Darrell Roodt movies *The Stick* and *A Place of Weeping*, both indictments of the violence of apartheid. But then that Bob Dylan classic was also still banned on our airwaves until recently:

"How may times/ Can a man look away/ And pretend that he just does't see/ The answer m friend/ Is blowing in the winc The answer is blowing in tl wind"

When and if South Africa get a public broadcasting s vice that tells it like it is, they be able to handle it?

Key training for journalists

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Local journalists are being trained in broadcasting to create a pool of skilled broadcasters available to the SABC, MANDY JEAN WOODS reports.

A GROUP of 14 senior, mainly print journalists, has been chosen for a special broadcast training course to form a core of skilled people who would be available to work in key journalistic positions at a future independent SABC.

SABC Television News Production head Johan Pretorius reacted to the news this week, saying if COM was planning to replace existing SABC journalists with the 14 trainees, "I've got news for them. It will take more than eight weeks to train print journalists for television ... and they will have to wait for vacancies to occur. That may take some time."

The eight-week training programme is funded by foreign money and was initiated by the Campaign for Open Media (COM).

The training includes a three-week stint at television stations in the UK and Canada

The project is co-ordinated by John Matisonn, also one of the 14 candidates. The others are: South newspaper deputy editor Rafiq Rohan, Sunday Star journalist Peta Thornycroft, Transkei Broadcasting Corporation's Siphiwo Magoda, CCV magazine editor Eric Nhlapo, CCV Newsline's Xoli Mazibuko, SABC Sotho radio news head Ramatsoso Mokebe, former ANC Radio Freedom's Clarence Kwinana, freelance journalist David Niddrie, The Indicator newspaper editor Ameen Akhalwaya, Eastern Cape News Agency (Ecna) editor Frans Kruger, Sapa chief sub-editor Juliette Saunders, foreign correspondent Sylvia Vollenhoven and Germany ZDF television producer Amina Frense.

Matisonn says the motivation for the training was that "there was not a big enough pool of trained broadcasters who understand the latest trends".

There were trained people in place at the SABC at the moment, he noted, but the problem was credibility

"That solution requires more than just hiring one more black face It requires a change in perception and reality. The journalists must be changed We are drawing on SA's rich tradition of courageous journalists and exposing them to broadcasting."

He was at pains to point out that if the 14 journalists — "if that many" — go into the SABC and work alongside the between 500 and 600 journalists already employed there, they would have the effect of exposing one another to different ideas.

SABC staff threaten blackout

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TERRY McELLIGOTT and MANDY JEAN WOODS

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ELEVENTH-HOUR talks to avert industrial action at the SABC reached a stalemate last night, opening national radio and television services to disruption by "rolling action" over the coming weeks A four-hour meeting between SABC executives and the South African Broadcasting Staff Association (SABSA) — which one member described as "bruising" — failed to reach a compromise following SABSA's overwhelming vote to go ahead with industrial action to support its pay demands

Anton Meyer, a member of SABSA's negotiating team, said they had "moderated" their demands and "bent over backwards. But we still came up with nothing".

Blackout

Mike Somes, SABSA's regional chairman, said the unspecified industrial action, which was to have started any time after 7.30 pm last night, had been put on hold temporarily in view of the talks.

He said the association had warned the SABC that it faced a simultaneous blackout of all its radio and television services

Rugby fans fear the angry broadcast staffers might target today's TopSport Super 10 rugby final between Transvaal and Auckland in order to obtain maximum impact for their pay fight

SABSA officials were

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tight-lipped about the type of industrial action — described in some reports as "selective strike action" — they were planning They said they wanted "to retain the element of surprise"

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The Super 10 match is a major television "happening", arousing almost test match fever in South Africa, and is scheduled to be broadcast internationally Another major sporting event which could be under threat is the Comrades Marathon on May 31

SABSA has 1 630 members, including engineers, technicians, network controllers, transmitter and signal distribution staff

The SABC warned viewers last night that programmes might be interrupted at times

The SABC was given 48 hours' notice of the impending strike on Wednesday after an overwhelming majority of the association's mainly white membership voted for strike action to back a wage dispute

The proposed industrial action affects mainly key behind-the scenes personnel who facilitate the broadcast of SABC programmes

SABC management yesterday threatened to withhold the May salaries of association members

The association has requested an urgent hearing in the Rand Supreme Court — scheduled for Monday — to apply for immediate relief from the SABC's threatened action.

Some 1397 of the 1630 members of the association voted for industrial action because management refused to move from its 7,5 percent wage increase The association is demanding 10,5 percent.

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Keep an eye peeled for censorship by stealth

NOTEBOOK

CHRIS *Gibbons*

BEWARE even the reduction of banal sitcoms on our screens; it is in the same arena as the gagging of unpalatable right-wing views.

THERE's a good deal of to-ing and fro-ing behind the scenes at the moment over new broadcast laws.

Over and above the very welcome public hearings to pick a new board for the SABC, lawyers from various parties have been working around the clock to draft legislation for radio and TV The aim, broadly speaking, is to get a new dispensation into place as far ahead as possible of the election

It would see a genuinely independent SABC, offering free and equal access to political players of all shades of opinion. At the same time, new commercial broadcasters would come into being, perhaps in both radio and TV.

The SABC and the new commercial operators would be administered by an independent communications commission

Much of this is familiar, foreshadowed by the Viljoen Task Group's work a while back It is also to be welcomed — but welcomed conditionally.

My political antennae started to twitch when reading reports this week about Dr Van Zyl Slabbert's opposition to American sitcoms on TV Dr Slabbert, a man of formidable intellect and integrity, expressed the view at the SABC board hearings that there were too many such sitcoms on our TV

All well and good He is entitled to his feelings But does this mean that if he becomes chairman of the new board he will start axing these shows?

I can't stand Tony Danza in *Who's the Boss?* either, but, judging by the ratings, it seems to be very popular And if sitcoms are in Dr Slabbert's gunsights, can soap operas like *Loving* and *Egoli* be far behind, I wonder?

More serious and more dangerous, however, is an alarming tendency for people to silence the things they dislike.

It's nothing new. The Nats have been banning and silencing since 1948 Hence the rise of communism

For years and years, opposition groups such as the ANC and PAC were taboo subjects at the SABC. It was official policy not to broadcast their views. Officials at Auckland Park would point to the fact that they were banned organisations. Their surrogates, like the UDF, were never banned, but they were ignored just as effectively.

What worries me is whether or not this will happen in the new South Africa to equally unpopular groups — like the AWB, the Volksfront and the Conservative Party.

As I have warned in this column before, the Left has a much worse record in this respect than the Right Amid fine phrases about freedom of speech and human rights, groups that are politically out of step find themselves gagged and ostracised just as effectively as under a right-wing dictatorship

Stop and think for a moment. You may hate the AWB with a passion. But the moment you even adjust your editorial "policy" so as to reflect them in a negative light, you join the ranks of the Nats who long manipulated the SABC.

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New-look SABC board likely

JEAN LE MAY
Weekend Argus Reporter

LET'S hope that Thursday night's Agenda programme, in which Lester Venter presented a cross-section of hopeful SABC board candidates being grilled, is the sort of thing we'll see more often once the new board is in place.

It will all depend, naturally, on who makes it onto the board The panel of seven lawyers, headed by Mr Justice Ismail Mohamed and Mr Justice Piet Schabort, submitted a list of names to State President F W de Klerk's office in Pretoria yesterday

A spokesman for Mr De Klerk said the list of names would be processed and no announcements would be made until next week

The nominees will be processed to make sure they comply with various criteria and guidelines. These include that the board should reflect the broad composition of South African society Office bearers of any party or political organisation were ineligible

After drawing up their list of names the two judges said that they had tried to select 25 people who were as broadly representative as possible of the South African community — an "agonising task", said Mr Justice Mohamed.

Meantime, until Mr De Klerk makes the announcement, speculation is rife about the composition of the board Who will decide how much boredom, entertainment or rage we'll be subjected to every time we switch on the box? Who will replace Professor Christo Viljoen as chairman?

In some circles, top favourite for the top job is Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, who had the guts to step down as leader of the opposition when he realised that apartheid was "failed and flawed"

Dr Slabbert admittedly blotted his copybook somewhat when he spoke out against soaps, which are apparently great money-spinners for advertising Everyone, it seems, wants their commercials screened during the soaps, presumably because viewers have been suitably softened up

Otherwise, Dr Slabbert's record is impeccable the only lingering doubt is whether he'd have the stamina to withstand the aggro which the new chairman, whoever he is, will attract

And what if it's Professor Viljoen himself? There was a good deal of glee in some quarters when he was reduced to an embarrassing silence by Mr Justice Mohamed's questions — but the point of view he represents does not lack supporters, as was shown by a letter published yesterday in The Argus

The interrogation was "vicious", especially as it was done by "someone whose grassroots are not from a South African country", said the writer, who signed himself as "Schreiner" from the Strand

All things considered, Professor Viljoen may well make it back onto the board, not only because he represents people like the Strand correspondent, but because of his undoubted experience in running the SABC

Another former member of the board who may be re-selected is Mr Colin Hickling, a Free State accountant and one-time United Party supporter whose financial expertise in broadcasting could prove invaluable

Mrs Brigalia Bam spoke up strongly during her questioning on the need for "gender representation", by which she was taken to mean that women's interests must be met, she, or Prof Caroline White, could be chosen for that reason

As for sport, soccer official Mr Ashwin Trikamjee pointed out that sport bodies were among the first to breach apartheid. He, too, could be on the new board

Many of the 86 people on the shortlist are virtually unknown to the broad South African public

But, say informed sources, some are "obvious" choices Among them

- Mr Raymond Louw, chairman of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting and former editor of the Rand Daily Mail,
- Journalists Mr Allister Sparks (former RDM) and Carmel Rickard (Weekly Mail),
- Sociologist Professor Fatima Meer, Natal University,
- Anthropologists Professor Harriet Ngubane and Professor Mamphaele Ramphaele, both UCT,
- Writers Professor Wimpie de Klerk, Professor Njabulo Ndebele and Professor John van Zyl,
- Educationists Mr Franklin Sonn and Professor Jakes Gerwel,
- Lawyers Professor Edwin Cameron and Mr Dikgang Moseneke, SC,
- Churchmen Professor Johan Heyns, NGK, the Rev Frank Chikane (SACC) and Dr Manas Buthelezi (SACC)

Others named as "probables" are Mr Meoletsi Mbeki of Cosatu, Mr William Rowland (who spoke up for the handicapped), Dr Enos Mabuza of the IDT, Dr Alex Boraine of Idasa, Mr John Kane-Berman of the SA Institute of Race Relations, Dr Antonie Gildenhuys of the Peace Committee and Mr Raymond Parsons of Sacob.

Curiously, the shortlist appears to lack an environmentalist.

Front-runners

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SABC says strike could interrupt TV programmes

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MANDY JEAN WOODS, Weekend Argus Reporter

MILLIONS of television viewers were warned by the SABC last night that programmes might be interrupted at times because of a strike, called by the SABC Staff Association (Sabsa) union and scheduled to come into effect last night.

The strike affects mainly key behind-the-scenes personnel who facilitate the broadcasting, including engineers, technicians, network control, transmitter and signal distribution staff.

The SABC was given 48 hours' notice of the impending strike on Wednesday after an overwhelming majority of the union's almost 2 000 members voted to strike over a wage increase dispute. The strike was to become effective at 7.30 last night.

Initially, union president Mr Johan Schreuder said the strike would take the form of "selective" action.

The SABC management used strong-arm tactics yesterday to try to quell what amounts to the first strike by the mainly white union since its formation in 1935 by threatening to withhold the May salaries of striking Sabsa members.

Sabsa has requested an urgent hearing in the Rand Supreme Court — scheduled for Monday — to apply for immediate relief from the SABC's threatened action.

Some 1 397 of the 1 630 members of the union voted on Wednesday to strike because the management refused to budge from its 7,5 percent wage increase to the 10,5 percent increase demanded by the union.

Panel gives FW names

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

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THE names proposed for the new SABC board were handed to President F W de Klerk yesterday by the panel of jurists that interviewed the nominees — but no announcement will be made this weekend while the names are being checked

The State President's Office said in a statement yesterday that the list was handed over at the Union Buildings in Pretoria

It said this list of names would now be processed to ascertain whether the nominees complied with the guidelines and criteria previously agreed to with other parties

Some of these guidelines were that board members should be respected South Afrfican citizens who reflected the broad spectrum of society and had a balanced sense of judgement; the board should reflect the racial, gender, language, geographic/demographic/regional and social composition of South African society, and that a degree of continuity be maintained

● A South African women's organisation — the Women's National Coalition — expressed regret yesterday that the interviewing panel for the selection of new members for the SABC board was all-male

No action at deadlocked SABC

By SHARON CHETTY

THREATENED industrial action by 1 600 SABC employees failed to take off yesterday S/Times 23/5/93

The mostly white SABC Staff Association (Sabsa) polled an 80,8 percent vote in a strike ballot this week, but despite reaching a deadlock with management in emergency talks on Friday night, no action was taken. (260)

Sabsa members include plumbers, electricians and producers, who warned of "massive disruption" of TV services after management refused a demand for a 10,5 percent salary increase and offered only 7,5 percent

Tempers flared at Auckland Park on Friday morning when employees were sent a memo warning that a lock-out would be instituted and May salaries withheld unless they accepted the SABC's offer.

A union spokesman Anton Meyer said Sabsa would take the matter to court tomorrow.

The SABC said contingency plans had been made to ensure that viewers would not suffer if workers went on strike.

SABC retreat in face of union demand

By Brendan Templeton and Own Correspondent

Rebellious SABC staffers yesterday decided to return to work today after giving the corporation a bloody nose over its refusal to pay their May salaries.

The SABC had been withholding the salaries of members of the SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) after they refused to accept a 7,5 percent wage increase.

Employees nationwide were ballotted yesterday and refused to work until the corporation agreed to pay them for their May services

Hours later, the SABC did an about-face and paid the outstanding salaries.

The move has staved off threats to disrupt weekend sports coverage.

But the war continues — Sabsa said it would continue with "selective industrial action" to pressure the SABC into granting it a 10 percent increase.

And the SABC has warned that it has "contingency plans" to deal with any Sabsa action

Earlier, staff members had threatened to disrupt the 11 hours of Comrades marathon coverage on Monday, and said they would target Wimbledon next month

This is the first full-scale rebellion the SABC has faced from its white workforce.

Group media manager Willie Visagie said the SABC would adopt a no-work, no-pay approach if union members continued with their strike after receiving their salaries.

Visagie reassured viewers that sports coverage over the next few days would not be disrupted.

Crime	Oct–Dec 1992	Jan–Mar 1993	Increase(+)/ Decrease(−)	Per (%)
Theft of vehicles	3 988	4 614	+76	+1,9%
Theft	6 232	6 232	0	0,0%
Theft out of motor vehicle	7 142	6 513	−629	−08,8%
All fraud	2 040	2 299	+259	+12,6%
All serious crimes	44 033	43 882	−151	−0,30%
Solution figure for all serious crime	25,5%	31,9%		+6,40%

(2) Continuous planning and the maintenance and evaluation of existing projects in the area receive priority in order to combat crime effectively In the Johannesburg region the South African Police is currently functioning on the highest level of efficiency with regard to every level of policing Planning is carried out on a daily basis in order to crack down on possible crime and violence

— Crime prevention as well as increased crime investigation currently enjoys priority attention, this is both pro-active and re-active policing

— Four hundred (400) extra members from elsewhere in the Republic have been deployed on detached duty in the Region Witwatersrand for a period of two months

— Police visibility is at present being maintained on the highest possible level in the Johannesburg area

— Additional satellite police stations are being built in the Highpoint Centre, and in Sandringham in the Lomdardy East area

— Special mopping-up operations are carried out on a regular basis in co-operation with the Traffic Department and the South African Defence Force in areas with a high crime-rate

— The establishment of Block and Neighboorhood Watches in all station areas receives priority and is encouraged by all station commanders

— All the crime prevention units at stations in the Randburg district have been incorporated into the district crime prevention unit

This has been done in order to increase the effectiveness of the unit The unit in Randburg at present comprises sixty members and it is envisaged that the manpower will be increased to one hundred and twenty (120)

— A recruitment campaign for reservists has been launched in the entire area On 17 and 18 April 1993, for example, 86 reservists were recruited during an image-building promotion in the Randburg police district

— The recently established Division Community Relations through community relation policing officials, also focuses on crime prevention and makes a contribution in this regard by means of many projects

— These projects include discussions with concerned parties such as, for example, taxi associations, schools, restauranteers, etc, where valuable crime prevention hints are given

Certain company: motor-car/housing benefits for employees

337 Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Public Enterprises † (260)

What (a) motor-car and (b) housing benefits do (i) employees below level 5 and (ii) managers on level (aa) 5, (bb) 6, (cc) 7 and (dd) 8 in the employ of a certain company, the name of which has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of the Minister's reply, receive? B777E

The MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

In terms of corporate policy, no employee receives a separate motor-car or housing allowance The company functions within a larger group and remunerates its employees along normal market principles on the recognized basis of a total cash package in accordance with each employee's contribution towards the organization

Since 1 September 1991 motor-car allowances to the management and professional group are paid as part of their total cash package and this approach was accepted by the employees Only employees on job level 5 and higher, whose job requirements demand it, receive motor-car allowances which is then administered as part of the total package

The company proceeded in terms of the corporate policy to incorporate housing subsidies into the remuneration packages and the process which started in 1987 was completed in March 1993 when the job level 4 and lower employees were transferred to the package remuneration system No employee suffered any adverse financial effect because of this

Own Affairs

Cape Education Department: special grants

69 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

(1) Whether any special grants were recently made to officials attached to the Head Office of the Cape Education Department, if so, (a) what amounts are involved and (b) what are the further relevant details,

(2) whether any similar grants were made at the same time to professional education staff, ie, (a) superintendents of education, (b) senior assistant superintendents of education, (c) deputy superintendents of education, (d) principals and (e) teachers in the various regions outside this Head Office, if so, (i) what amounts are involved and (ii) what are the further relevant details, if not, why not,

(3) whether the same criteria applied in respect of these grants for both of the above-mentioned categories; if so, what are these criteria, if not, (a) why not and (b) what criteria did not apply to both categories? B758E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes,

(a) R6 835,80,

(b) allocated according to the provisions of Staff Code B IX/II,

(2) (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) no, because no funds were made available for this purpose,

(i) and (ii) fall away,

(3) falls away

High school: visited by subject specialists

70 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

(1) Whether any subject specialists visited a certain high school, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, in 1992, if so, (a) how many, (b) from where did each of them come and (c) what were the travelling and subsistence expenses of each of the subject specialists in respect of this visit,

(2) whether at the time of this visit there were any subject specialists who were stationed closer to the school concerned and who could have visited this school instead of the subject specialists referred to in paragraph (1), if so, why was the use not made of their services,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B759E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Yes, specialists in the field of the particular handicap (Child Care School) from the Head Office of the Department of Education and Culture Administration, House of Assembly, as well as subject advisers from the Transvaal Education Department and the Cape

Sabsa suspends wage action

(260) CT 24/5/93

JOHANNESBURG — The SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) has suspended industrial action until legal steps against the SABC have been formalised

A Sabsa legal representative said yesterday that members and regional branches had been told "to suspend any form of industrial action".

These steps followed uncertainty about whether Sabsa members had been involved in the 10-minute blackout during the Super Ten rugby final on Saturday The blackout also disrupted broadcasts to New Zealand and Australia.

A Sabsa representative, who asked not to be named, said yesterday the association had been responsible for the blackout

However, an SABC spokesman said yesterday the break in transmission had been a "technical hitch"

SABC group manager labour relations Mr Christo Pretorius said yesterday the association had been in a position to take industrial action as of Friday evening

Sabsa president Mr Johann Schreuder has said the association will use "selective industrial action" to back its demand for a 10% increase The SABC has offered 7 5%

Staff did no cause blackout

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Staff Reporter

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The ABC last night denied the break in transmision during Saturday TopSport Super 10 rugy match had been caued by disgruntled emloyees

A corporation spokesma said the 10-minute blackout had been caued by a "microwave link that went down at the ost office ... not by stafmembers".

Te South African Brodcasting Staff Assocition (Sabsa) could not é reached for commen on reports that it had uspended its action yestrday, pending discussons with legal representatives.

Stike action was to be aken in retaliation for he SABC's decision to vthhold salaries due at te end of May after Saba refused to accept the corporation's final incrase offer of 7,5 percen Sabsa is demanding 0,5 percent

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Sabsa shuts five radio stations

By Tsale Makam

THE South African Broadcasting Staff Association blacked out TV and radio programmes on Saturday after wage increase talks deadlocked

Radio Zulu and Highveld stereo were among the five radio stations affected by the 10-minute blackout imposed also on TV, upsetting, among other programmes, a rugby game beamed internationally.

The 1 700-member union wants a 10 percent

■ TV also hit by workers' anger:

increase against the SABC's "final offer" of 7,5 percent.

The SABC threatened to withold the May salaries of those members who still rejected the final offer.

Refusing to be bulldozed Sabsa, which consists mainly of white technical staff, blacked out TV and radio channels.

They are fighting the May salary issue in the Industrial Court today

Industrial action suspended at SABC

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MARIANNE MERTEN

THE SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) yesterday suspended industrial action until legal steps against the SABC were formalised.

A Sabsa legal representative said yesterday members and regional branches had been told officially "to suspend any form of industrial action"

These steps followed the uncertainty of whether Sabsa members were involved in the 10-minute blackout during the Super Ten rugby final on Saturday, also disrupting broadcasts to New Zealand and Australia

A Sabsa representative who did not wish to be named said yesterday the association was responsible for the blackout, and warned that similar actions would "pick up" during the week as more members

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were informed of planned actions

"We are prepared to do whatever it takes to get our 10,5% (wage increase)"

However, an SABC spokesman said yesterday the break in transmission had been a "technical hitch"

SABC labour relations group manager Christo Pretorius said yesterday the association had been in a position to take industrial action since Friday evening

The SABC had made contingency plans, because "in the current climate one could expect action", he said

GAVIN DU VENAGE reports that Sabsa president Johann Schreuder said on Friday the association would use "selective industrial action" to back up its demand for a 10% increase The SABC had offered 7,5%

He said action would involve removing key personnel from working on targeted programmes, particularly live shows The action would begin at 7.45pm on Friday

The 1 600-member union represents mostly white-collar workers in technical and skilled positions

Schreuder said the SABC was "playing politics" with its wage offer It was bowing to pressure groups rather than taking its workers' interests into account.

Pretorius said the corporation would retaliate against industrial action by initiating a lockout, withholding May salaries Employees would have until next Thursday to reconsider their stance

Gone by the board

FM 28/5/93.

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A great deal of attention has been focused on the selection of the new SABC board Fragments of the public interviews of candidates have been broadcast on television and it has been dramatic stuff It's not often the SABC exposes itself quite like this I phoned up the Department of Politically Correct Appointments (Dopca) to find out what they thought about all this I got put through to their director, Dr De Valmonde Knoesen

"Frankly, we're a little pissed off," he began "Dopca has been handling the selection of not only SABC board members but a lot of other highly sensitive government bodies for some years now So what's wrong with us all of a sudden?"

"Perhaps it's because you refused to hold your hearings out in the open," I ventured

"We tried that when Albert Hertzog was still in charge Once a year we would summon the whole Cabinet for a picnic under a pleasant *knopdoring* on his Ermelo farm The entire selection process was done and finished within 10 minutes after they'd got the fourth bottle of Kommando down their throats And it would have gone on that way but for the tick problem "

"People are saying that when Dopca did the selection for the SABC board, you were biased in favour of the government "

I heard him snort "Nonsense We had very strict criteria No more than three people on the SABC board were allowed to be members of the prime minister's or State President's immediate family and no more than one for any full member of the Cabinet It was all completely fair and square "

"What do you consider some of your great successes?" I gasped

"They are simply too many to mention I sometimes look back in wonder at the sheer quality we managed to maintain on that board I mean, look at the kind of product we produced The SABC boards we appointed were made up of visionaries, as happy a mix of SA intellect, sensitivity and foresight as you could imagine "

"You must feel stricken to see all that go," I sympathised.

"What's more, the SABC board members we selected were fully interchangeable with the Mealie Board, the Publications Appeal Board, the Northern Transvaal Rugby Board, Vleissentraal and Avbob "

I waited politely as he sobbed a little "Get a hold of yourself, man," I said firmly

"I'm sorry," he said, "I've been letting it get to me But when they snatch the carpet away from under you " He sniffed loudly as he gathered moral strength

"We are very distressed at losing this account," he said, still with a tear in his voice "Dopca hasn't only been responsible for the SABC board, you know Ever since Dr Malan set us up in early 1949, we've had a hand in most of the other appointments in the corporation too We only started with the board. Then we slowly worked our way downwards through the news department, the security staff, the legal department, the secretaries, the drivers, the cleaning staff, the receptionists, the Radio Bantu staff and the English Service "

"Are you trying to tell me that Dopca actually appointed English-speakers right there inside the SABC?" I expostulated

"It wasn't our fault It was forced on us," he said "Some of them spoke English quite well too We called it our Concession to Reality Policy and I can tell you it didn't go down at all well at the time with Connie Mulder He said all that was necessary was that one or two people of proven low intellect should occasionally be heard on the air talking a sort of crude English dialect and that would satisfy everyone "

"What happened to these people?"

"They were a bit of an embarrassment until television came along But they're very happy now "

"But surely this new process has certain guarantees built into it? Surely this way we'll end up with a truly representative SABC board totally free of political bias and which will take us forward into a shining broadcasting future?"

"Only time will tell," he said gloomily "But I wish someone would tell me what we are now going to do with all the redundant staff from the President's Council. I'd hate to see Judge Mahomed let loose on them "

Robert Kirby

Unions get major say in Electricity Council

PETER DELMAR

RESHUFFLING the Electricity Council, which controls Eskom, has given trade unions and township residents a major say in the parastatal.

Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers, appointing the council for a two-year term, has replaced almost half its 19 members

The nine new members are Numsa national organiser Bernie Fanaroff, NUM national organiser Gwedi Mantashe, National Black Consumer Union president Ellen Khuzwayo, Dan Mofokeng of the SA National Civic Association; Gengold's Gary Maude, representing the Chamber of Mines; C Pretorius, representing the Eskom Employees' Association; C van Verjeren of the SA Agricultural Union, N Majija of the SA Housewives' League and S Immelman of United Municipal Management, representing large electricity suppliers other than Eskom.

Eskom chairman John Maree has been reappointed, while SABC board chairman Christo Viljoen is among those to lose their positions. Eskom CE Ian McRae will retire from the council when he leaves his position next March.

Maree said the new council would ensure continuity and that "we continue to run this business as a business".

The recommendations of the multiparty national electricity forum are expected to affect the future form and membership of the Electricity Council

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New Eskom council gives unions a say

Star 25/5/93

By Sven Lunsche

In a landmark decision the Government has appointed representatives of trade unions, civic and black consumer organisations to Eskom's Electricity Council. (260)

The announcement by Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister George Bartlett gives trade unions a direct say in programmes such as Eskom's huge electrification drive

The council's chairman, Dr John Maree, says the new council reflects the political transition taking place in SA

Analysts say the inclusion of employee representatives on the board of a major corporation is regarded as a more important move, as it will pressure private corporations to allow worker representation on management boards

The trade union representatives on the council are Dr Bernie Fanaroff of the National Union of Metalworkers of SA, Gwede Mantashe of the National Union of Mineworkers' Witwatersrand region and C Pretorius of the Eskom Employees' Association.

The unions, civics and black consumer groups — the latter represented by Dr Ellen Khuzwayo of the National Black Consumer Union and N Majija of the Housewives' League — are likely to call for a speeding up of the electrification programme.

SABC rugby transmission break probed

Star 25/5/93

By Paul Bell
Labour Correspondent

Industrial action by 1 650 technical staff at the SABC has been suspended and the corporation is considering declaring their weekend interruption of the Ellis Park rugby broadcast a breach of strike rules.

The dispute escalated on Saturday when members of the Staff Association, which is seeking a 10 percent salary increase — 2,5 percent more than the SABC has offered — interrupted transmission of the Transvaal-Auckland match at Ellis Park.

The union has told the SABC it is suspending its action, but SABC labour adviser Christo Pretorius said the corporation intended to pursue the lock-out, which involved withholding of May salaries. The union had until Thursday to respond.

It is understood that the SABC has instructed attorneys to investigate whether Sabsa's action on Saturday constituted a breach of strike rules.

If so, the SABC has the option of taking disciplinary steps against those involved, or withdrawing the legal protection currently afforded to Sabsa's strike action.

"We consider that kind of action to amount almost to sabotage," said a management spokesman.

Broadcast union to seek interdict

LLOYD COUTTS

THE SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) is expected to seek an interdict this week preventing the SABC from retaliating against industrial action at the corporation by withholding members' May salaries

Sabsa's industrial action began on Friday after a dispute was declared when SABC's management refused to move from its salary increase offer of 7,5% Sabsa was demanding a 10,5% pay hike.

SABC group labour relations manager Christo Pretorius said yesterday the association could be in breach of a strike agreement, which could negate the protection granted the industrial action

Pretorius said the SABC was investigating the possibility that the disruption of Saturday's rugby final on TV1 had been "sabotage"

He said the SABC was awaiting a response from Sabsa by Thursday to its proposals for settlement, but was unsure of the significance of Sabsa's weekend announcement that it would suspend industrial action until legal steps against the corporation were formalised

Sabsa spokesman Valerie Hopper yesterday refused to comment.

Seeff ties up with UK estate agency

LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Seeff International Properties has formed an association with UK-based real estate agency Hamptons International, a step which is expected to generate mutual referrals of business between the two companies

Seeff Residential Properties chairman Samuel Seeff said yesterday that an estimated 300 families in the UK were looking to emigrate to SA once they were able to sell their homes The Seeff group had recorded sales of about R150m to foreign investors during the past five years, he noted

He said the Seeff group was optimistic about the future of the new SA and felt it was time to lay the foundation for a future association with Hamptons Already Seeff properties had been marketed to Hamptons' exclusive client base by means of brochures

Seeff International Properties MD Carmella Seeff also believed that there were a growing number of British people considering a property investment in SA. Adding impetus to this trend was the favourable exchange rate and the close historical ties between the two countries

Hamptons' referral relationship with Seeff was the first of its kind with a foreign estate agency, Samuel Seeff said. Hamptons had more than 100 offices in 16 countries and territories including Jersey, the US, Guernsey and Hong Kong as well as associated offices in France, Spain and Portugal It was represented throughout the UK and in Scotland, serving the upper end of the property market

Hamptons was a separately managed subsidiary of a leading financial institution offering services such as lettings and management, surveying, relocation, and commercial services The Hamptons International division offered advice on the financial, insurance and legal implications of buying and selling property overseas

High incidence of rape in SA fuels the rapid spread of HIV

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THERE is growing concern among medical experts that SA's extraordinarily high incidence of rape — amongst the highest in the world — is fuelling the country's AIDS epidemic

Panos WorldAIDS reports in its latest publication that in SA a rape is carried out every 83 seconds on average Victims of sexual abuse are increasingly worried about the risk of contracting HIV.

Johannesburg AIDS Centre spokesman Melanie Sacks said the violence involved in rape meant that the threat of contracting the virus was greater "As the prevalence of HIV in the population rises, people who are raped will be at increased risk of infection," she said.

About half the rape victims seen at Baragwanath Hospital's special abuse unit in Soweto were less than 15 years old, and 40% of them were very young children, unit district surgeon Dr Thamsanqa Bomvana said

Patients attending the unit were not screened for HIV because the test was considered too expensive However, staff were pressing for routine testing because the risk of contracting HIV during rape was high and increasing steadily The virus spread at a rate of 400 to 500 new infections a day

A recent study by the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (NICRO) reached some stark conclusions one in four SA women would experience rape, there were 380 000 rape cases in SA each year, and 95% of victims were black

According to Wits Centre for the Study of Violence director Lloyd Vogelman gang rape, known as "jackrolling", had become a cult in certain deprived communities "In a society that condones violence, the more extreme the violence, the higher the status And gang rape is the worst kind of violence," he said

Refiloe Serote of the Alexandra AIDS action committee said child abuse was increasing in overcrowded townships as poverty, unemployment and despair undermined family life However, it was widely denied and rarely challenged

Arrest warrants for witnesses

SUSAN RUSSELL

A RAND Supreme court judge issued warrants for the arrest of two of Gary Beuthin's witnesses yesterday after they ignored warnings to be in court.

Soon after Judge M J Strydom issued the warrants, one of the pair, Edward Jacobs, arrived.

He said he had been delayed at a business meeting.

Meanwhile, the court was told the State and investigating officer had been unsuccessful in locating a number of people Beuthin wished to call as witnesses.

Beuthin had furnished the court with a list of more than 20 witnesses he wished to call.

He has pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and attempting to murder Jill Reeves, 33, on May 10 last year.

Beuthin admits assaulting Reeves at her Melrose flat, but claims he did so under the influence of steroids, cocaine and alcohol after she provoked him and took his car without his permission.

ensure that this document to which he referred cannot easily be forged In the second place, it is procedure to make use of fingerprints

Any person can be bribed in any circumstances No country in the world can prevent people from being bribed or forgery from taking place We can introduce measures, however, to prevent this I referred again to the document itself and to the fact that the procedures in all respects required fingerprints and also that we had made the legislation much stricter earlier this year We increased penalties, from a fine to two years imprisonment, and six months' imprisonment was increased to five years' imprisonment [Interjections]

I submit that it is very easy to present vague allegations here Hon members should present more positive proof and solutions I submit that this Government introduces the sternest measures to strengthen our identity documents

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply·

General Affairs

SABC: footage of Mr Hani's death/funeral

*1 Mr J H W MENTZ asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) Whether the South African Broadcasting Corporation was requested by the Goldstone Commission recently to furnish full and unedited footage of video material in respect of the death and funeral of Mr Chris Hani, if so,

(2) whether this request was acceded to; if not, why not, if so, to what extent,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B810E

†The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(2) Yes, all available material was furnished to the Goldstone Commission The SABC does not keep all unedited versions of material, because the video cassettes are used repeatedly All available material on the Hani funeral was however furnished to the Goldstone Commission

(3) No

†Mr J H W MENTZ Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister I wish to state that we have information that the footage of events inside and outside the stadium which was handed to the Goldstone Commission contains only positive aspects which portray the ANC in a positive manner and that the events surrounding the intimidation and the burning of people and animals were not supplied to the Goldstone Commission

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, if the hon member can give that specific information to me, I shall pass it on and specifically request that it be attended to I also want to say that at this stage I am not aware that the Goldstone Commission is not satisfied with the cassettes that were handed to them

†Mr J H W MENTZ Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply I wish to say that it is quite clear from his answer that that material no longer exists and that some of the material has been erased because of the reuse of the cassettes

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, one simply cannot expect the SABC to keep the cassettes of everything they record forever

Randburg City Council: Chairman of Management Committee

*2 Mr P H DE LA REY asked the Minister of Local Government †

(1) Whether a certain person, particulars of whom have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, was recently elected chairman of the Management Committee of the Randburg City Council, if so, (a) when and (b) what is the name of this person,

(2) whether, at the time of his election, the person qualified for election as chairman of this Management Committee, if so, in terms of what statutory and/or other provisions, if not, why not? B811E

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT·

†Mr Speaker, in opening, allow me to congratulate you on the fact that you are occupying the Chair on 26 May 1993, 45 years after 26 May 1948 [Interjections]

(1) (a) March 1993

(b) Councillor G C Cooney

(2) Yes—Chapter III of the Municipal Elections Ordinance, No 16 of 1970, Transvaal

Traffic officers: remuneration

*3 Adv C H PIENAAR asked the Minister of Education and Training and of National Housing (Minister responsible for the Commission for Administration) †

Whether, in the 1991–92 and 1992–93 financial years, the Commission for Administration took steps to improve the remuneration packages of provincial traffic officers, if not, why not, if so, what steps? B812E

†The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (for the Minister of Education and Training and of National Housing (Minister responsible for the Commission for Administration))

Yes *1991–92 financial year* In addition to the incorporation of the 10% non-pensionable allowance, which had been payable to all Public Service Act personnel since 1 April 1990, into basic pensionable salary and the granting of a differentiated salary adjustment of 9,6% at the lowest level and 6,6% at the highest level, the following steps were taken

— A non-pensionable occupational allowance of R1 200 per annum was instituted for the four lowest post levels of provincial traffic officers

— The gradings of the remaining two post levels were upgraded by one post level each

1992–93 financial year An average pensionable general salary adjustment of 9,2% was granted to all Public Service Act personnel

†Adv C H PIENAAR Mr Chairman, this question has arisen every year for the past three years now and I have also put it at provincial debates

Arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to ask why the remuneration package of provincial traffic officers, who make up the front line of law enforcement, especially on the roads, is still so far behind that municipal traffic officers generally get better remuneration packages than provincial traffic officers

Although these adjustments mentioned by the hon the Minister have been made, they are still so far behind that provincial traffic officers are some of the worst-paid law enforcers in this country I want to know why attention is not being given to this

If one asks the question on a provincial level, they refer one to the central level When one asks it on a central level, they refer the matter back and say that it has been attended to Why are these people's remuneration packages not brought onto the same level as, for example, the SA Police? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the hon member may table the question so that the relevant hon Minister can reply to it for him

Slagboom: accident involving school cadets

*4 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether, with reference to an accident which occurred at Slagboom on or about 18 March 1993 and in which a number of pupils were killed and injured, school cadets attending cadet camps have the same status as do members of the public undergoing national service, if not, (a) why not and (b) how does their status differ,

(2) whether the South African Defence Force has paid or intends paying compensation in respect of each pupil killed or injured in the above-mentioned accident, if not, why not, if so, (a) what amount and (b) how is this amount calculated? B836E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Mr Speaker, before I answer the question, on behalf of the Government and the SA Defence Force I should like to express our sincere sympathy to the parents and family and friends of the three boys who passed away in this tragic accident

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Govt pays R284m in property rates

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Details of government's 74 018-building property empire were disclosed in Parliament yesterday.

The government paid R284,86m last year in rates to local authorities for these buildings, the Public Works Department said in its 1992 report

This was almost four times higher than the R78,15m government paid in rates five years previously in 1988.

Between 1982 and 1991 state property worth R182,5m was sold

But in 1992 alone, government disposed of property worth R108,4m.

The department said government's policy was to sell any state property that could not be utilised in the foreseeable future.

"Property is usually sold on a competitive basis by tender or public auction, but can also be sold on application to bodies or persons who qualify to purchase government land out of hand," it said.

The latest statistics on sales indicated there was "a significant increase in property sales during the year under review".

"This was due mainly to the highly successful marketing campaign for selling redundant movable property which was launched early in the year.

"The sale of these properties will naturally also result in considerable savings in the amounts spent annually on maintaining and caring for properties."

The state's property portfolio consists of 37 059 government dwelling units, 4 090 rented dwellings, 30 780 government buildings other than dwellings, and 2 089 rented buildings other than dwellings

A computerised property management information system had been developed to create inventories of these buildings and integrate them with the Central Property Register, the department said.

SABC critical of union threat

JOHANNESBURG — SABC management has expressed regret over threats by the South African Broadcasting Services Association (Sabsa) to interfere with the broadcast of the Comrades' Marathon next Monday

The SABC believed that union chairman Mr Johan Schreuder had originally targeted the Comrades rather than Saturday's rugby coverage, which was interrupted on TV1 and five radio stations

"According to reports, Mr Schreuder said last week's rugby match was not Sabsa's target, but that the union could take action regarding the broadcast of Comrades," an SABC statement said

"Investigations are underway as to who was responsible for the interruption of services.

"The SABC's legal advisers have informed Sabsa that the interruption of television and radio services by members of the union was a breach of the strike agreements because they were not on strike," the statement said CT 26/5/93 (260)

It said the SABC therefore had the right to take disciplinary action against offendors

"Any further breaking of the strike rules will be seen in a serious light and disciplinary action could follow against people found guilty" — Sapa

'Business can help with privatisation'

B/DAY 26/5/93.

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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The private sector should get involved in identifying state-owned enterprises and services suitable for privatisation, newly appointed Office for Public Enterprises and Privatisation CE Evert van Eeden said this week.

Limited government resources together with a lack of interest in the private sector had made more difficult the task of identifying unproductive elements of the economy still under government control, Van Eeden said.

He urged business chambers and individual companies to point out areas of mismanagement and waste and to make recommendations regarding the privatisation of these sectors

These could include aspects of health, defence and education as well as the provision of services and the manufacture of goods, he said

More efficiency could be obtained if tasks that were not necessarily a political responsibility could be parcelled out to the private sector

The move to privatisation would aid economic growth, create jobs and contribute to the restructuring of a competitive economy, he said.

Van Eeden, who took over from Jasper Nieuwoudt on April 1, said privatisation had become popular during the Thatcher era

It had subsequently become mired in controversy, rooted in a narrow ideological framework, and was seen for a time as the "fanciful idea of free market fanatics"

The changes in eastern Europe had given the need for privatisation new impetus and legitimacy

The bottom line was to bring transparency and accountability to the management of public assets and thereby stimulate efficiency and economic growth, Van Eeden said

He appealed to the private sector to generate public support for privatisation and to involve itself directly in the consolidation of the commercial process

"We must overhaul the economic machine before it breaks down," he said

ANC officials return from four-nation visit

B/DAY 26/5/93.

TWO senior ANC officials returned to SA yesterday after a fortnight away visiting Russia, China, Singapore and Switzerland.

ANC foreign affairs director Thabo Mbeki and Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise had been invited by heads of government to brief them on the situation in SA.

Among matters discussed with the foreign leaders were measures to be taken to turn SA's economy around after sanctions were lifted This would happen after an election date was announced and a transitional executive council had been established.

"These talks were particularly important in Switzerland where, among others, we met banking chiefs to discuss the rescheduling of SA's debt after a new government is elected," Mbeki said.

The message the two ANC leaders received from the leaders they visited was that all were "keen there should be a speedy transformation (in SA) and would assist in any way they could in this transformation".

In Switzerland, the ANC leaders also discussed the controversial sale of the Pilatus PC-7 trainer aircraft to the SAAF.

Mbeki said he had pointed out that the deal violated a UN arms embargo.

Concerning the monitoring of a general election, Mbeki said the ANC was adamant there should be no recurrence of the UN elections monitoring debacle in Angola in September last year, when there were not enough observers at the polls to observe just and fair election processes. — Sapa.

30 years old, but OAU

Input needed from business in

SABC white-collar staff strike in pay dispute

B/Day 27/5/93 (260)

STEPHANE BOTHMA

ABOUT 300 SA Broadcasting Corporation Staff Association (Sabsa) members went on strike yesterday afternoon after SABC management announced it was withholding May salaries unless the union accepted a 7,5% salary increase offer

The walkout, which was part of selective industrial action, will last until 8am on Tuesday next week, a Sabsa spokesman said.

An SABC spokesman said programmes could be affected by the Sabsa decision. He did not know whether coverage of Monday's Comrades marathon would be affected.

Meanwhile, SABC management has adopted a policy of "no work, no pay" and officially announced a lockout of Sabsa members. Sabsa is demanding a 10,5% salary increase.

The 1 800-member union represents mostly white-collar workers in technical, clerical and administrative positions

The strike was voluntary, a Sabsa spokesman said, adding that at this stage it was confined to the Johannesburg region

He said the majority of members yesterday voted in favour of selective industrial action which would involve only the withdrawing of service

Sabsa had given SABC management an undertaking that no sabotage or any other such action would be taken.

He stressed the action would be called off if a settlement could be reached.

In a statement given to Sabsa members yesterday, SABC labour relations manager Christo Pretorius said: "The lockout by the SABC is now in force Consequently, Sabsa members in the bargaining unit will not receive their May salaries unless Sabsa accepts the SABC's proposal of an increase of 7,5% for the period March 1 1993 to February 29 1994"

Zambia fears Unita attack

SAO TOME — Zambia has deployed troops along its 850km border with Angola to stave off a possible Unita invasion, Zambian defence minister Mr Ben Mwila said in Lusaka yesterday

He was speaking at the start of a five-day Zambia/Angola Joint Permanent Defence Commission in the Zambian capital

Mr Mwila said thousands of refugees were fleeing war-ravaged Angola into Zambia, and his government wanted to stop this as it constituted a security risk (260)

The meeting is being attended by top military and police officials, and the two countries' defence ministers are reviewing bilateral defence issues affecting the two countries

● Unita yesterday accused oil companies in the captured north-western Soyo region of helping to arm the government and threatened to take reprisals against them

Unita radio said they were also blocking Unita's attempts to buy arms CT 27/5/93

Unita recaptured Soyo, a base for offshore oil operations, on Monday after occupying it for six weeks earlier this year

"Unita advises the multinationals to reconsider their investments at the risk of appropriate reprisals," it said — Sapa

Blackout threat to Comrades

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By DALE GRANGER

RADIO and TV coverage of the Comrades Marathon came under threat yesterday when — for the first time in 48 years — the SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) voted to strike in protest against an SABC offer of a 7,5% pay increase

Union spokesman Mr Gareth Lawrence said yesterday 200 to 300 Sabsa members in Johannesburg had decided to strike until 8am on Tuesday but the actual number of workers on strike would only be known by today

The 1 600-strong union, the biggest in the SABC, comprising technical, administrative and clerical staff are demanding a 10,5% pay increase

In a "selective strike action" they were yesterday given the option of resigning from the union and accepting the SABC's 7,5% pay offer or walking out and facing a lockout on a "no pay no work basis" without being paid their May salaries

SABC staff vote to go on strike for pay rise

Mr Lawrence said among the union members were about 40 "highly skilled" technical employees who have travelled to Durban to establish outside broadcast units for live coverage of the Comrades Marathon on Monday

In a bumper sports weekend the SABC is also to screen the Western Province vs Transvaal Currie Cup rugby match live from Loftus Versfeld

When asked if the sports coverage would go ahead, SABC spokesman Mr Willie Visagie said yesterday "Contingency plans are being made"

He added that it was "very difficult" to predict how broadcasting would be affected as "we don't know how many people have walked out at this stage"

Last weekend it was suspected that Sabsa members sabotaged live coverage of the Topsport Super 10 final between Transvaal and Auckland at Ellis Park.

Broadcasting was disrupted in a 10-minute blackout of the match which was screened live to millions of viewers in half-a-dozen countries

Mr Lawrence accused the SABC of unfair labour practice in refusing to pay striking employees their wages for May and said they were considering legal action

Mr Visagie rejected the allegation saying there was "nothing illegal or unfair" about the corporations actions

Yesterday union members were given a statement from the corporations group manager of labour relations, Mr Christo Pretorius, saying "the lockout is now in force"

SABC refuses to pay protesting staff

Star 27/5/93

By Brendan Templeton

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Confrontation between the SABC and its employees is set to escalate after the corporation yesterday refused to pay salaries for work done during May.

About 250 furious employees at Auckland Park, Johannesburg, yesterday walked out after being told that management was refusing to pay salaries because the workers would not accept the corporation's 7,5 percent annual salary increase.

SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) organiser Gareth Lawrence said members nationwide would decide today if they wanted to join their Johannesburg colleagues in the strike action. Sabsa is holding out for a 10 percent increase

SABC news last night said the union would be bringing an interdict against the corporation in the industrial court today

This, the first major strike action by white SABC employees, has been marked by accusations that Sabsa members have been using sabotage tactics to get their way.

But Lawrence emphasised that the strike action would not include acts of sabotage Sabsa had not been involved in the blackout during Saturday's Super 10 rugby match, he said.

This was confirmed by the SABC on Sunday. A spokesman said the blackout was due to a break in its microwave link.

SABC labour relations manager Christo Pretorius denied Sabsa allegations that the corporation was committing an unfair labour practice by refusing to pay union members for work they had already done

Since the union saw the SABC's refusal to pay as a breach of contract, the corporation had decided to lock them out from work, he said.

"Should Sabsa members decide not to report for duty .. such members will be treated on a strict 'no work, no pay' basis," he said.

Lawrence said the strike action would last until Tuesday The court action was in response to the corporation's refusal to pay.

Eskom board changes

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■ New appointments reflect SA today:

TWO unionists, two consumer leaders and a civic representative are among the nine people who were appointed to Eskom's board of directors this week.

The company's chairman, Mr John Maree, said the move reflected current changes taking place in the country

According to Eskom communications manager Mr Bongani Khumalo the appointment of these people to the company's policy-making body will bring it closer to meeting its customers' needs

Commonly known as the Electricity Council, the new board meets next week.

Among the new appointees are Mr Dan Mofokeng of the South African National Civics Association, Mr Gwede Mantashe of the National Union of Mineworkers, National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa's Mr Benny Fanaroff, Ms Ellen Kuzwayo of the National Black Consumer Union and Ms N Majija of the South African Housewives League

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Eskom's new faces

Unlike the hullabaloo surrounding the selection of the new SABC board, government this week reconstituted the Electricity Council, Eskom's controlling body, with little fanfare and no interrogations Consumer groups, trade unions, civic associations and other selected organisations named their nominees and Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers approved them

Unlike the SABC process, which seems to favour politically correct activists and academics who respond well to a public grilling, the council is jettisoning most of its academics and will get a healthy influx of grassroots representatives along with its usual line-up of businessmen In addition, for the first time there will be women on the council

An Eskom spokesman says a decision was made to follow the dictates of the Eskom Act in the selection process "This is not to say that the SABC route was not considered or that it could not be brought in at a future date The Minister and his staff consulted widely and effectively so that no objections were received to the nominations"

New member Gwede Mantashe of the National Union of Mineworkers agrees that there was "wide consultation within the democratic movement," including the ANC, on whom to nominate But he believes that the council still hasn't got the right mix "It's too heavily loaded with representatives of big business"

Of the 19 members, De Villiers reappointed 10 as "representatives of important customer groupings and experts in appropriate fields" Chairman John Maree, who has headed the council since it was formed in 1985, was reappointed to a two-year term Among the returning members are economist Aubrey Dickman of the SA Chamber of Business, Transnet deputy MD Barry Lessing, Dorbyl CE Dawid Mostert of Seifsa, and Eskom CE Ian McRae

Among the nine members who were not invited back are SABC chairman Christo Viljoen and Jacobus de Villiers, chairman of the Atomic Energy Corp

In addition to Mantashe, the new members are Bernie Fanaroff of the National Union of Metalworkers, Neels Pretorius, Eskom Employees' Association, Dan Mofokeng, SA National Civics Association, Ellen Khuzwayo, SA National Black Consumer Union, Nozizwe Majija, Electricity Forum; Stephanus Immelman, United Municipal Management, Charles van Veijeren, SA Agricultural Union, and Gengold MD Gary Maude, Chamber of Mines By law, the last two organisations have guaranteed seats

Mantashe, who has negotiated with Eskom on behalf of the mineworkers' union since 1988, says representation for labour unions was tabled three years ago. "The council is the political arm of Eskom because it represents various interests Generally, workers' interests were not taken into account. Our presence will ensure that the interest of the workers is taken into account, to ensure that there is job creation and that jobs are preserved"

Mantashe says Eskom has reduced its workforce by 30% — it's now down to 44 000 — since 1985 "That's a reflection of having no labour presence on the board They do not value workers." He adds that he is not against making any necessary cuts, but "our views will now be taken into account"

Mantashe says that in addition to presenting the labour unions' point of view, he will be pushing the whole question of electrification as a way to "redress the legacy of apartheid" ■

SABC backs down over withheld pay

STEPHANE BOTHMA

SABC management yesterday backed down on its decision to withhold the salaries of SABC Staff Association (Sabsa) members involved in industrial action following rejection of a 7,5% pay increase offer B/DAY 28/5/93.

The 1 800-member union, representing mainly white collar workers, is demanding a 10,5% increase.

A lockout announced by SABC management on Wednesday, whereby May salaries were withheld from Sabsa members involved in the bargaining unit, was lifted yesterday, a Sabsa spokesman said The announcement had resulted in about 300 Sabsa members going on immediate strike

However, the union continued with selective industrial action pending an improved offer, he said. (260)

He believed management's decision to lift the lockout was prompted by legal action which will be brought by Sabsa in the Industrial Court today.

It was reported yesterday that SABC group CE Wynand Harmse said management had also decided to implement unilaterally its offer of a 7,5% increase.

Sapa reports that he said nearly 500 Sabsa members had resigned from the union because of its strike.

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Innovative stuff

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Eskom's latest capital market issue, which is linked to its electrification drive, has been well subscribed The Electrification Participation Notes, essentially project bills, raised about R600m out of a possible R750m. Members of the Life Offices' Association took R500m and other subscribers the balance Leon Kirkinis of UAL, who is handling the issue, says. "We expected only the Life Offices' portion." The notes mature in 2008 and a listing is due within three months

Eskom will place further issues and hopes to raise R3,1bn to cover the estimated cost of electrifying 1m homes This figure could be higher should the utility get access to homes under the control of local authorities — possibly up to 3m

The instrument has a two-tier coupon

- A vanilla bond component, paying a twice-yearly nominal 6% coupon, and
- A share of 30% of the project's "unitised" turnover, paid annually

The total effective minimum payable each year is 80% of the yield on the E168 bond, or 11,98% over the life of the instrument Market players say that, based on Eskom's projections, which are "fairly conservative," the instrument offers a good return

The success of the issue, however, seems to depend as much on the institutions' desire to be "socially responsible" as on the returns

A secondary market is not expected for a while Says Kirkinis "It won't be a speculative instrument initially Investors will wait until they see where the electrification project is headed Then we expect to see a lot of trading."

The issue is the latest in a series of innovative instruments And it suits the market's favourable perception of medium-dated stock Instruments such as the R150 (maturing in 2005), the R147 (2000) and the R119 (1997), are popular on the gilt market

Reserve Bank market making has boosted the trading in the RSA bonds, notably the R150, which has now knocked the E168 from its position as the market benchmark The Bank is ensuring a favourable rate on its RSA holdings should it need to offload

The E168's slide could be due to lack of market making by Eskom With the utility facing overcapacity at its power stations, and with its medium-term funding needs largely met — and anyway probably focused on instruments such as the participation notes — it seems to be more concerned with long-dated stock such as the E170 (2020).

There isn't much of a secondary market, as yet, in the three zero-coupon bond issues — the two RSAs and one by Eskom (E171) The former issues were quickly lapped up by

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the Public Investment Commissioners and not much trade is taking place in the latter. Marilyn Visser of brokers Simpson McKie says the market sees the duration of the E171 (2002) as too long.

Market players suggest also that Eskom has not priced the instrument well and hence the yield is unattractive ■

The SABC backs down on salaries

CT 28/5/93 (260)

Staff Reporter

UNDER threat of court action by the SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa), the SABC backed down yesterday and agreed to pay union members' May salaries

A union spokesman said the SABC's decision late yesterday was a "massive victory" after the strike called on Wednesday to back the demand for a 10,5% pay increase spread to Cape Town and Durban

Sabsa has rejected the SABC's offer of 7,5%

The SABC offered Sabsa members the choice between accepting its offer and leaving the union, or facing a "no work no pay" lockout and not being paid their May salaries

A spokesman said the union considered this unfair labour practice and would take legal action in the Industrial Court today

The SABC's group chief executive officer, Mr W J Harmse, said yesterday that in the interests of industrial relations the SABC would lift the deadlock and pay Sabsa members' May salaries, but implement the 7,5% increase

A spokesman said the union would drop the court action but continue pressing for 10,5%.

Broadcasting board delay

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

DELAYS in announcing the new 25-member SABC board are understood to have occurred because some nominees do not satisfy the technical criteria for board membership.

President F W de Klerk has the power to approve nominees in terms of these criteria, which received multiparty endorsement.

The ANC's media spokesman, Dr Pallo Jordan, said he understood there were problems with some of the names

Sabsa threatens SABC 'sabotage'

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The new SABC board might be handed a political hot potato if a technicians strike is not resolved before it takes office next week...

By **FERIAL HAFFAJEE**

THE SABC could face "blatant sabotage" from the 1 600 workers whose salaries it is withholding as part of lock-out action

The workers belong to the mainly white South African Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) which is involved in a salary dispute with the corporation.

The new SABC board will step into the fray when it gets into the hot-seat on June 1, if the dispute is not sorted out by today.

Sabsa is pushing for a 10,5 percent increase this year; the SABC has offered 7,5 percent. It organises technicians, production and administrative staff who last week voted overwhelmingly in favour of "selective industrial action".

The SABC responded by declaring a lock-out in the form of withholding salaries. When all other staffers were paid this week, Sabsa members were not. Sabsa this week went to the industrial court to seek an urgent interdict against the SABC

"We have rendered services for the month. There is a lot of fear and anger among members," said the association's general secretary Valerie Hopper this week. She added that she has had to calm irate members keen on industrial action this week.

A unidentified Sabsa member claimed responsibility for disruptions to the broadcast of Saturday's Super 10 rugby match, but the corporation attributed this to technical hitches.

SABC head of human resources Christo Pretorius this week suggested Sabsa's action was politically motivated and fuelled by changes at the corporation.

It is a conservative association faced with tumultuous changes and the erosion by affirmative action of the privileged positions held by its members. It only opened to black members in 1985 and has attracted a small number of black staffers.

Hopper denies this. "Sabsa is not a political organisation, it is not politically affiliated And the requirement for a new board is that it should be apolitical. There is fear among our membership, but the situation is not exclusive to the SABC."

Sabsa, which was established in 1948, has always been something of a sweetheart union, which may explain why neither of the two other unions at the corporation have sent messages of support.

The company's 7,5 percent wage offer has been accepted by the Media Workers Association of South Africa (Mwasa) and has been implemented for non-unionised employees and the SABC branch of the South African Union of Journalists.

But sources suggest that Mwasa received an effectively higher increase this year and that this underlies the wage dispute.

Hopper this week claimed that "if you did your calculations" Mwasa received a higher increase.

Ironically, last year this time, the SABC faced a militant strike by 1 000 Mwasa members. Radio stations were brought to a standstill and CCV broadcasts were severely hampered

In the strike settlement, Mwasa members received a 15 percent increase effective until March this year to make up for not being paid for the two months they went on strike.

Hopper believes that taking this into account, Mwasa members received higher increases

Power to the people: Eskom surges into new SA

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Trade unionists, consumers and community representatives are among the nine new members on Eskom's governing Electricity Council, reports **MICHAEL WANG**

FOR the first time in Eskom's 70-year history, trade unions and township residents will have a major say in policy-making at the state-run utility

After several months of wide consultation and considerable soul-searching, Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers has appointed nine new members to Eskom's 19-member governing Electricity Council

New to the board are representatives from three trade unions, a township organiser and members from a black consumer group and the women's movement. They complement reappointed members from government, academia and industry

As one of the most influential corporate boards in the country — with access to billions in project spending — great care appears to have been taken to properly balance representation.

"It is far more representative," observed Eskom's chairman John Maree, himself reappointed "And it leaves open the possibility of being more reflective of our diversity in the future."

To accommodate further board changes from a new government, the term of council members have been reduced to two years from three

The new board, which took effect this week, consists of Department of Finance director Gerard Croeser, Eskom chief executive Ian McRae, South African Chamber of Business executive Aubrey Dickman, Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut executive Professor I Lambrechts, Spoornet chief executive B Lessing, engineer J Loubser, Dorbyl group chief executive D Mostert, African Bank vice-chairman A Nkon-yeni, Dept of Mineral and Energy Affairs chief director G Venter, National Union of Metalworkers of South Af-rica organiser Bernie Fanaroff, United Municipal Managment executive S Immelman, South African National Black Consumer Union president Ellen Kuzwayo, Housewives' League official N Majija, National Union of Mineworkers regional co-ordinator Gwede Mantashe, Gengold's Gary Maude representing the Chamber of Mines, South African National Civic Organisation's Dan Mofokeng, Eskom Employees Association leader Neels Pretorius, South African Agricultural Union's C van Veijeren, and Maree

Notable among members dropped from the council was SABC board chairman Christo Viljoen

Since Eskom's Electricity Council was first formed in 1985, Maree, as its chairman, has striven to convert the bloated instrument of government apartheid to a national utility operating on business principles Today, it claims to operate as the second-cheapest power supplier in the world.

Consumer interests ... Ellen Kuzwayo

Learning curve ... John Maree

More recently, Maree and McRae have moved to hook up townships and rural communities in a bid to correct previous imbalances and provide a much needed stimulus to the economy

Asked what he expected from sharing a boardroom with several new, politically charged members, Maree chuckled softly "It will be a learning curve for all of us. It will be interesting to see how it works"

But he pointed out that when board members convened they would be expected to "busy themselves with the affairs of Eskom, not with the particular interests of their organisations"

To initiate new members, a series of "intensive briefings" would be required, Maree thought. The revamped council is scheduled to hold its first meeting on June 3

But, some of the new members do not appear to share the opinion of its chairman "I am not an electricity counsellor," said Gwede Mantashe, the NUM's PWV co-ordinator "I am a representative of organised labour"

Mantashe said his agenda was to halt the steady number of layoffs at Eskom and press the utility to speed up the electrification of rural communities in order to stem the rapid pace of urbanisation and "create a livelihood that would contribute to the economy"

He insisted that the reshuffled council was no more representative than before and that it should be entirely restructured "They have just changed the pawns," he said "Business still maintains a monopoly on the interests of all South Africans"

Dan Mofokeng, Sanco general secretary for the southern Transvaal, said he felt there was still far to much duplication on the board

"Why are members from Sacob, the AHI and Spoornet not rolled into one member?" he asked

Mofokeng stressed that Eskom should also curb its intention to operate like a corporate entity "Yes, it should recover its costs, but not generate huge profits at the expense of the underprivileged in this country"

Last year, Eskom reported a profit of R1,5-billion, on which it is obligated to pay no tax

Still, Maree — who has fashioned himself as a leader in corporate South Africa's drive to restructure itself — felt strongly that the appointment of a new board was a "ground-breaking" event that could pave the way for other large corporate concerns to do likewise.

"It could very well change big business in South Africa," he said.

Aside from the new board, two developments last week also gave reason for Maree to smile

The long-awaited National Electricity Forum met to discuss ways to streamline the currently unwieldy delivery of power to communities, and Eskom's R500-million in long-term notes successfully placed with the Life Offices Association as part the utility's move to fund its electrification drive.

Eskom's chairman added that with a transitional government imminent, multilateral development agencies — such as the World Bank and the African Development Bank — would be prepared to finance electricity expansion.

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FW's objections linked to SABC board delay

Staff Reporters

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The new SABC board could be unveiled today or tomorrow — later than expected — following speculation that President de Klerk objected to certain names on the list

De Klerk this week met the panel of jurists appointed to nominate the new board members, Government sources confirmed yesterday

It was expected that at least the new SABC chairman would be announced after Wednesday's Cabinet meeting

A Government source said the names would probably be released today or tomorrow

However, Government spokesman Dave Steward said from Cape Town yesterday he was not aware of any "major hiccup".

"We are expecting an announcement, possibly by the weekend," he said.

Questioned on the speculation about a delay, Steward said "I don't think there is a delay or anything of great significance. The president is giving it his considered attention"

ANC media spokesman Dr Pallo Jordan said his organisation had been told there were problems "with some names on the list" and was urgently trying to find out from the Government what was going on

De Klerk was handed the list of 25 names by the panel last Friday. He immediately issued a statement pointing out that he would have to ensure that all nominees fitted the agreed preconditions to being a member

A panel member said yesterday he did not think too much should be read into the delay. "It is going through part of an envisaged process right now," he said.

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Caught between SABC rock and a hard place

PAUL BELL
Labour Correspondent

SEVERAL hundred SABC technical staff, caught in a financial nutcracker between their union and the corporation over a wage dispute, felt forced to resign from the union this week to get their May salaries.

By Thursday night, when the SABC finally withdrew its threat to withhold end-of-May salaries from members of the South African Broadcasting Staff Association — who have declared a dispute with the corporation and have been threatening "selective industrial action" — between 450 and 700 SABSA members had quit the union.

And both sides, while wanting to maintain the appearance of hanging tough, were clearly seeking to de-escalate the dispute But this week's flare-up, while it has aroused the ire and support of SABSA members, has left in doubt their ability — as a middle-class, mainly white technical union — to sustain concerted industrial action in the face of concerted management retaliation.

Court action by SABSA against the SABC was called off 90 minutes before time yesterday SABSA had intended to seek urgent relief, claiming the SABC had victimised and intimidated its members and was subverting the collective bargaining process The union reserves its position.

The resignations were caused by an SABC lockout involving the withholding of May salaries — as its response to SABSA's rejection of the corporation's 7,5 percent pay offer The union wants 10 percent.

SABSA's threat of court action was made against the backdrop of a flood of resignations by its members — the union claimed 450, the SABC nearly 700 — all caught short by the SABC's end-of-May "salary strike" The union is believed to be in possession of up to 100 letters of resignation from members citing this pressure as having "forced" them to resign.

The SABC had told SABSA staffers they would be eligible to receive the corporation's 7,5 percent increases if they resigned from the union The SABC will now unilaterally implement its offer, backdated to March 1, for inclusion in the June salary

Both sides, while anxious to avoid the impression of capitulation, yesterday maintained their readiness to go to court. The SABC believes its retaliatory "salary strike" was within the agreed definition of a lock-out. And SABSA believes it has sufficient evidence of intimidation

But both were equally concerned about the impact — on what they both referred to as "loyal SABC staff" — of the way in which the dispute was playing out.

SABC labour consultant Christo Pretorius said it was not the corporation's intention to destroy the union And SABSA's industrial relations spokesman Gareth Lawrence said the union had already received up to 50 new applications,

Lawrence also pointed out that, in SABSA's view, it had had strong backing from its membership "Eight-five percent of members were balloted — practically everybody who could vote, did vote — and the ballot was 80,8 percent in favour"

In the meantime, SABSA has agreed that, if its various regional branches do proceed with selective strike action, they will proceed in a manner that causes as little inconvenience as possible to the SABC's viewers and listeners.

SABSA will advise the SABC in advance of its intention, giving the SABC time to "get its act together" — which would probably permit the corporation to obviate disruptions to live coverage of Monday's Comrades Marathon.

Union pulls the plug on SABC

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DALE KNEEN
Weekend Argus Reporter

SABC technical staff disrupted a live broadcast of Capab's Madame Butterfly last night in apparent contravention of an agreement between their union and the broadcasting corporation. ARG 29/5/93

The unexpected strike action has sparked fears that members of the South African Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) will carry out their threat to disrupt coverage of the Comrades Marathon on Monday.

Thousands of TSS viewers' screens went blank last night about five minutes before the end of the first act of the opera, which critics have described as an "engrossing and worthy production"

Capab general director Mr George Loopuyt said the producer, Mr Raymond Sergeant, who is also a Sabsa member, had not been informed of the strike action.

The strike was in apparent contravention of an agreement between Sabsa and the SABC that all regional branches proceeding with strike action would advise the SABC in advance of their intentions to prevent inconvenience to viewers and listeners

Meanwhile the Weekend Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg reports that Sabsa and the SABC have been locked in a wage dispute The SABC offered the union a 7,5 percent pay increase, but the union wanted 10 percent.

The SABC threatened to withhold May salaries By Thursday night, when the SABC finally withdrew its threat, between 450 and 700 Sabsa members had felt forced to resign from the union to get their salaries

And both sides, while wanting to maintain the appearance of hanging tough, were clearly seeking to de-escalate the dispute

SABC board selectors told to think again

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Weekend Argus Reporter

THE panel selecting the new SABC board has been told to think again.

Cooling speculation that the announcement of the new SABC board was imminent, the chief government spokesman in the Office of the State President, Mr Dave Steward, said yesterday the selectors had submitted a list to Mr De Klerk on May 21.

The list "created concerns the State President discussed twice with the panel" and as a result an amended list has been submitted.

Mr Steward said an announcement on the new board would be made "probably on Monday, but no later than Tuesday, at which time, for the sake of full transparency, we will also issue the panel's original list."

African National Congress spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said the ANC objected to the State President turning down proposals made by very eminent persons chosen to make recommendations about the new Board.

The ANC found it disturbing that an independent process had been set up and its decisions given authority, yet their suggestions had been turned down twice, Mr Niehaus said.

He said this was a preliminary response, and a final response would be issued when the full facts were available.

Conservative Party broadcasting spokesman Mr Pieter Mulder said his party felt negative about the whole process because they had been ignored from the beginning.

He said the government chose to negotiate with the ANC and did not ask other parties to participate.

He said the new board would not be representative enough, particularly of Afrikaans-speaking people.

Comrades coverage threatened by staff

MEMBERS of the SA Broadcasting Staff Association (Sabsa) are threatening to disrupt the screening of Monday's Comrades Marathon following a wage dispute with the SABC. (260) (15)

The 1 600-strong union, representing workers in technical and skilled positions, voted this week to stage a six-day "walk-out" ending on Tuesday, after the SABC refused to accept a demand for a 10,5 percent salary increase ARG 29/5/93

The SABC has threatened a lock-out and to withhold May salaries of Sabsa members if its 7,5 percent offer is not accepted.

SABC board: FW rejects panel choice

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

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Strange

Conservative Party Broadcasting spokesman Dr Pieter Mulder said his party felt negative about the whole process because they had been ignored right from the beginning. He said the Government chose to negotiate with the ANC and did not ask other parties to participate.

"It is strange that the Government decided on the method but are now not satisfied with the outcome," he said.

SABC board named soon

CT 29/5/93

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk will announce the names of the 25-member SABC board on Monday or Tuesday, government spokesman said last night (260)

The original list submitted to him on May 21 "created concerns" which Mr De Klerk twice discussed with the legal panel that made the recommendations on the board's composition.

As a result the panel has submitted an amended list.

SABC: What a bunch of Vaalies

The selection procedure for a new SABC board has been hailed as a victory for democracy. But, as **QUENTIN WILSON** reports, the biases have still crept in, most notably in the shortage of Western Cape candidates: Sowetan 29/5-2/6/93

OBSERVERS agree that the procedure to select a new SABC board was a groundbreaking experience for democracy in South Africa. In the past, the government would secretly caucus and unilaterally decide who would take charge of the state broadcasting corporation. But this time round the selection was public

Nominations were broadly advertised, anyone could apply and seven panelists acting independently of the government were charged with drawing up a shortlist of 25 candidates

The panel's deliberations were also subject to public scrutiny. During the past few weeks, the public grilling of 85 board hopefuls was seen to typify the healthy transparency of the new selection procedure.

For once, South Africa was setting an example for other countries to follow. German broadcasters flew to Johannesburg to see for themselves if they could use the process in their country.

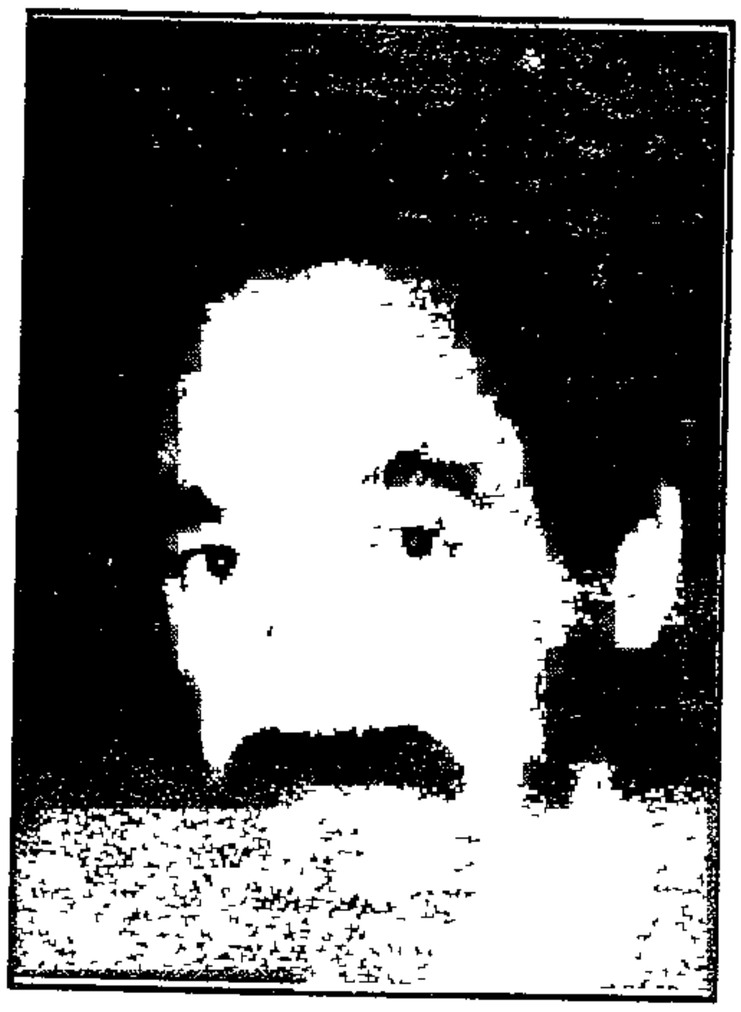
But amid the widespread euphoria, media workers in the Western Cape have raised a range of criticisms.

Mr Steve Markowitz, chairperson of the Film and Allied Workers' Organisation in Cape Town, pointed to some of the problems.

Said Markowitz: "We are concerned that not enough people in the region are represented on the panel's shortlist The selection criteria had, as one of the aims, to encourage a fair spread of people from each region and it is important for the new board to be close to people on the ground."

"That has not happened as far as the Western Cape is concerned. We nominated people who did not get onto the panel's shortlist, although their qualifications are equal to some of those who did get on."

Markowitz argued that Mr Tony Heard, former Cape Times editor who was not shortlisted, had the same qualifications as ex-editors who got the nod, Mr Allister Sparks and Mr Raymond Louw.



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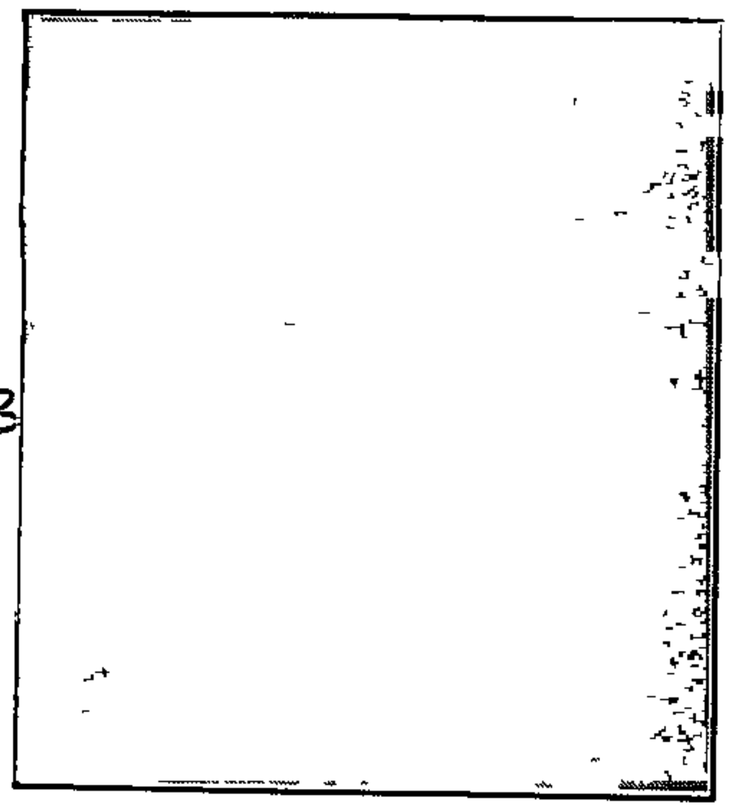
Similarly, Markowitz pointed out that University of Natal lecturer and media theorist Dr Ruth Tomaselli was chosen while her University of Cape Town counterpart Ms Ruth Tomaselli was not.

Mr Edric Gorfinkel, co-ordinator for Cape Town's Bush Radio, agreed.

"But it works both ways," he added. "While the panel did not accommodate enough nominations from the Cape, perhaps we did not lobby hard enough for them to get on."

The leading Cape candidates who made the shortlist are two educationists· University of the Western Cape and Peninsula Technikon rectors Professor Jakes Gerwel and Mr Franklin Sonn.

The choice of Gerwel and Sonn is seen to be consistent with the panel's approach of seeking high-profile candidates.



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This has also been met with mixed feelings While many agree that these type of selections will greatly enhance the legitimacy and popularity of the new SABC board, some warn that these candidates not only lack technical experience in the field of broadcast management but also have their hands full doing other work.

"Many of those nominated already have a tremendous workload," says Markowitz. "We just hope they have the time to commit themselves for the giant task ahead of restructuring public broadcasting."

Another criticism has been the composition of the selection panel. While the National Women's Coalition has complained that the panel consists entirely of men, the lack of media workers represented has also been a cause for concern.

The panel consists of seven male experts from the legal profession.

"How much do judges truly know about broadcasting?" Markowitz and others ask, adding they would prefer panelists who have had experience in the media world.

But in the end, most agree the selection process is a bold stride in the right direction and an agreeable example for other state-run sectors to follow.

The panel handed its finalised list of 25 names to President FW de Klerk last week for him to approve and announce.

Whether the process arrives at a popular conclusion or not, lies in De Klerk's ability to stomach democracy.

Demos put SABC on the blink

S/Times 30/5/93

By SHARON CHETTY

SABC TECHNICAL staff withdrew from the coverage of key sporting events this weekend as a wage dispute dragged on for a second week. (260)

Yesterday, 27 members of the outside broadcast team for tomorrow's Comrades Marathon — which will be televised live — returned to Johannesburg from Durban.

Two soundmen withdrew from the live broadcast from Loftus Versfeld of the Western Province-Northern Transvaal rugby match yesterday and on Friday night, eight crew members disrupted the live broadcast of the opera *Madame Butterfly* from the Nico Malan theatre.

The opera was replaced in mid-aria by a taped symphony concert.

Johan Schreuder, spokesman for the 1 600-member SA Broadcasting Staff Association, said the crew stopped working at 8.33 pm in a "peaceful demonstration".

Yesterday, SABC spokesman Willie Visagie said contingency plans were in place and coverage of major events was not threatened.

The industrial action was approved by 80 percent of Sabsa members in a strike ballot last week The predominantly white union is demanding a 10,5 percent pay rise. The SABC has offered 7,5 percent.

A threatened lockout by the SABC was withdrawn on Thursday — ahead of an industrial court action by the union on Friday

Sparks to fly in electricity body

S/Times 30/5/93 [Bus] (260)

By MICHAEL WANG

THE Electricity Council's new members — they include trade union, township and women's movement representatives for the first time — will not be puppets.

Responding to calls for a more representative council — the 19-member body steers Eskom's policy — care seems to have taken to achieve balanced representation

It is one of the most influential boards in the country, having access to billions in project financing.

"It is far more representative than before," says Eskom chairman John Maree, himself reappointed to the board "It opens the possibility of being more reflective about our diversity in the future."

JOHAN MAREE

In anticipation of changes a new government may wish to make, the term of council members has been reduced to two years from three.

But some of the new members have indicated that they will take a hard line.

Gwede Mantashe, National Union of Miners co-ordinator for the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area, says: "I am not an electricity counsellor. I am a representative of organised labour."

Accordingly, his agenda is twofold: to halt worker lay-offs at Eskom and press for the electrification of rural communities to be speeded up.

"We have a growing problem in rapid urbanisation," he says. "By giving power to the rural areas we give people a reason to stay where they are and to contribute to the economy"

Mr Mantashe insists that the reshuffled council is no more representative than before and should be restructured entirely.

Entity

"They have just changed the pawns," he says. "Business maintains a monopoly on the interests of all South Africans"

Dan Mofokeng, Sanco general secretary for the Southern Transvaal, says there is still far to much duplication on the board.

"Why are members from the SA Chamber of Business, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstitut and Spoornet not rolled into one member?" he asks.

Mr Mofokeng stresses that Eskom should curb its intention to operate like a corporate entity.

"Yes, it should recover its costs, but not generate huge profits at the expense of the underprivileged."

Mr Maree has no illusions that a reconstituted board will be business as usual.

"It will be a learning curve for all of us," he says

He is not prepared to see the board hijacked by special interests.

"Council members must busy themselves with the affairs of Eskom, not with the particular interests of their organisations"

A series of "intensive briefings" may be required to initiate members.

The revamped council is to hold its first meeting June 3.

Last year, Eskom made a profit of R1,5 billion, on which it paid no tax

Mr Maree, who has fashioned himself as a leader in corporate SA's drive to restructure itself, believes that the appointment of a new council was a "ground-breaking" event that could pave the way for other large corporate concerns to do likewise.

"It could very well change big business in South Africa," he says.

Dropped

The new council. Finance Director-General Gerard Croeser, Eskom's Ian McRae, Sacob's A Dickman, Handelsinstituut's I Lambrechts, Spoornet's B Lessing, engineer J Loubser, Dorbyl's D Mostert, African Bank's A Nkonyeni, Mineral and Energy Affairs' G Venter, National Union of Metalworkers of SA's Bernie Fanaroff, United Municipal Management's S Immelman, SA National Black Consumer Union's Ellen Kuzwayo, Housewives League's N Majija, NUM's Gwede Mantashe, Chamber of Mines' Gary Maude, National Civic's Dan Mofokeng, Eskom Employees Association's Neels Pretorius, SAAU's C van Veijeren and Mr Maree.

Dropped is SABC chairman Christo Viljoen

Veil lifts on some SA oil-industry secrets

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By KEVIN DAVIE

SOUTH AFRICANS got their first legal look in 16 years at a major chunk of the economy on Friday with the release of a report on the Government's involvement in the oil industry.

The report discloses some of SA's best-kept secrets in the sanctions age.

It says the SA oil industry made sales of R23-billion (7% of gross domestic product) at wholesale level last year.

Before their expansion began in 1991, SA's refineries produced 330 000 barrels of petroleum products a day.

Mossgas

Sasol's synthetic production was 150 000 barrels a day from an annual 34-million tons of coal last year.

Mossgas adds 45 000 barrels a day to SA's synfuel total.

Refinery expansions will bring capacity to 480 000 barrels a day by 1996. Four refineries and two synfuel plants supply 200 depots, 4 900 service stations and 100 000 direct users.

Refined product demand in 1992 was 19-billion litres, or 330 000 refined barrels a day.

The industry employs 111 000 people. Exports brought in R600-million in foreign currency. Refining returns (ROCE) averaged 12% before tax between 1988 and 1992.

The pump price of petrol has declined progressively in real terms since 1980, the period of high prices after the fall of the Shah of Iran in 1979.

Salaries paid by the refining industry totalled R1-billion in 1992. Retailers "added value to the tune of R2-billion during 1992 to wholesale turnover".

The report says deregulation increased prices in Greece, Spain, Singapore and New Zealand and lowered in the UK and France.

Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs George Bartlett told Parliament on Friday that the Cabinet had decided the current regulatory measures — they evolved over 50 years — should remain unchanged for the time being.

But "secrecy will be lifted to facilitate an informed debate by all affected parties", according to Mr Bartlett.

Secrecy will apply to the sources of petroleum, suppliers, shipping and strategic reserves while the UN oil boycott is in place.

Mr Bartlett says prospects of deregulation have been raised with his department by extra-parliamentary groups on the basis that their constituencies and members will be the first — and worst — affected.

The Government's decision has been severely criticised by Pick 'n Pay's Raymond Ackerman.

He says there should be a five-year ban on self-service and Sasol should be sold at an agreed price.

"Regulation benefits the vested interests of the oil industry and the bureaucracy at the customer's expense. This is anti-South African."

Pick 'n Pay could cut petrol prices without introducing self-service stations which would threaten the jobs of petrol attendants.

Mr Bartlett says concern that tariff protection provides an unfair advantage to Sasol in the market has been discussed with the company.

"After consultation, Sasol has decided to completely separate its oil refining and marketing activities from those of its snyfuel operations.

Mr Bartlett says Sasol's synthetic fuels supply 39% of SA's requirements. Its protection amounts to 10,8c a litre.

If the Government had not amended its original undertaking to Sasol, these payments would now have been 38c a litre.

Mr Bartlett says Engen has told the Government that it will not take up its 30% stake in Mossgas and will also withdraw from its management.

Lowest

The Central Energy Fund will now have to supply all funds needed for Mossgas.

The AA's Peter Elliott says a free-market system with minimal State intervention should result in increased competition, facilitating continuity of supply and the lowest possible pump price.

He says the AA's research shows that the exorbitant profits by Petronet on its pipeline have been used to cross-subsidise other Transnet operations, motorists receiving no benefit.

Battering for small business

S/Times [Buss] 30/5/93

By DON ROBERTSON

THE recession, now in its fifth year, has devastated small business.

Last year, 1 142 close corporations were forced into liquidation, a rise of 666% on the 149 that went bust in 1988. It also represents a 60% increase on the 712 liquidated in 1991.

In addition, 6 777 close corporations were deregistered in 1992 compared with 5 335 the year before.

But there was a modest increase in the number of close corporations registered at the end of 1992 — 35 005 from 34 553 in 1991 — says the report of the Registrar of Companies for the year to December.

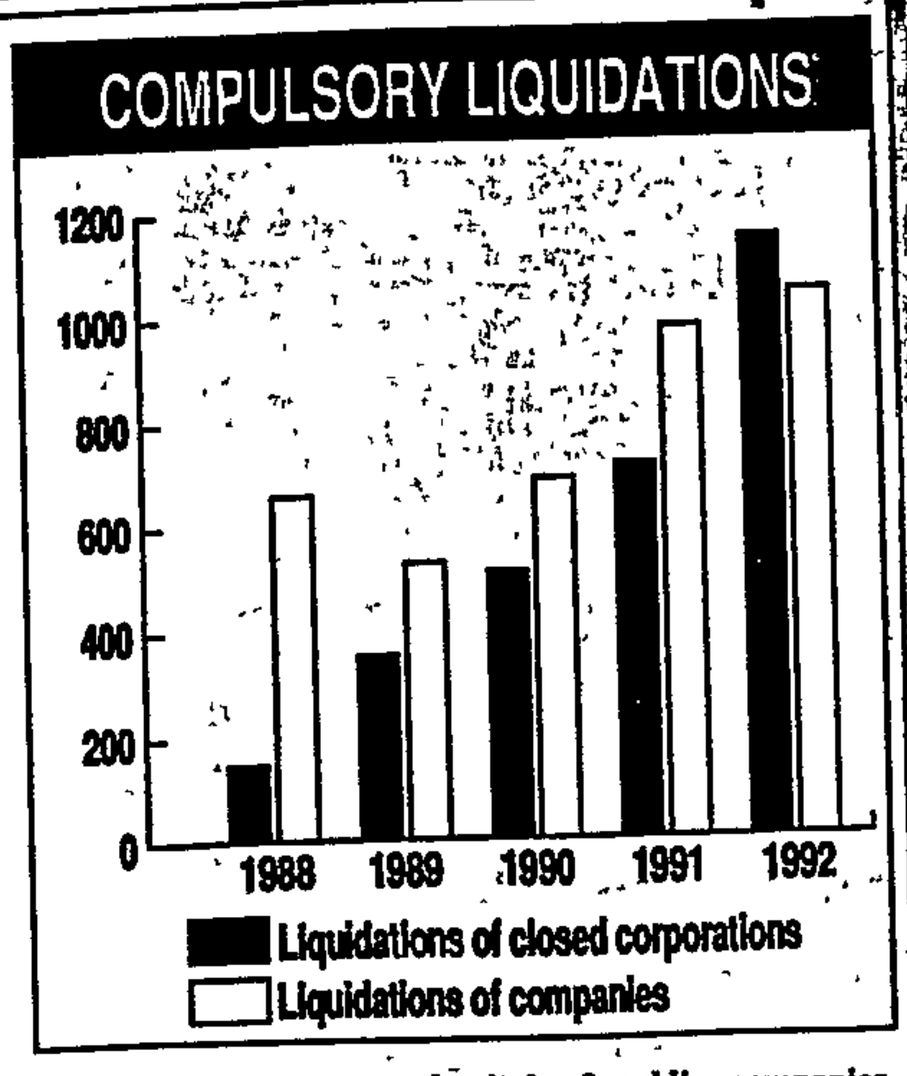
There is some indication that an end to the economic decline might not be far off. Forced liquidations of large companies between 1991 and 1992 rose by only 6,4% from 974 to 1 037. The number rose by 57% from 659 since 1988.

The incidence of voluntary liquidations was much lower for companies, declining by 12% between 1991 and last year. It increased by 188% for close corporations.

Airlines

The virtual lack of incentive to invest resulted in only 119 public companies being registered last year compared with 170 in the previous one.

A similar scenario existed for small companies, 6 252 private firms coming into existence against 6 145 previously.



Registrations of external companies rose to 110 from 77 in 1991, largely because of the increase in the number of foreign airlines.

There was a sharp rise in the authorised share capital of public companies, mainly because of the change in the nature of the South African Forestry company and Denel which added R2,9-billion in capital.

World Bank positive on SA loan

S/Times [Buss] 30/5/93

THE World Bank has an ... would be the engine that ... He said SA's "needs" included political stability,

New Chinese VW order saves 700 from lay-off

S/Times (Buss) 30/5/93

By DON ROBERTSON

VOLKSWAGEN SA will supply a further 17 000 left-hand drive Jettas to China, preventing retrenchment of about 700 workers.

The order, worth more than R500-million, follows one signed last year for 12 500 second-generation Jettas for FAW-Volkswagen (FAW-VW), a venture between Volkswagen of Germany and the Chinese Government.

The first shipment of this R400-million consignment was made in May last year and 10 000 cars have been delivered. It is expected that deliveries for the new semi-knocked down order will begin next year at a rate of about 1 200 a month.

Trade between China and SA has been in favour of the Chinese. Last year, SA imported goods worth R709-million from China and exported R489-million, most of which was Jettas.

Chairman and managing director Peter Searle says. "We believe exports to be of crucial importance to the present economic situation in the country. The increased order also protects about 700 jobs at VWSA and many more in the component industry."

Because of the stagnant motor industry, VWSA recently held negotiations with unions about possible forced retrenchment of between 500 and 1 000 workers. A voluntary retrenchment and early retirement programme is still in operation.

Lin Ganwei, president of FAW-Volkswagen, and his board visited the Uitenhage plant and announced the contract.

He says: "We are pleased to be able to continue our relationship with VWSA and see further opportunities for business as the Chinese economy is developing fast and we require this volume to support us through the start-up phase of our factory in Chang Chung"

The deal will go a long way to restoring VWSA's profitability. In its report for the year to December, Volkswagen AG said VWSA suffered a small loss.

Engen going for a London listing

S/Times (Buss) 30/5/93

By ZILLA EFRAT

ENGEN plans a London Stock Exchange listing, possibly before the yearend, to boost its international expansion.

Engen investor relations manager Abbas Gani says the main aims of the listing are to raise the company's international profile and to have structures in place when it needs to raise capital.

"Opportunities knock on our door frequently and we want to have everything in place so that we can take advantage of them quickly."

But the proposed listing is not linked to any specific project or acquisition at this stage, he says.

Engen is believed to be evaluating acquisition options involving oil in West Africa Its evaluation includes funding its growing exploration in the area.

Engen boss Rob Angel was in London two weeks ago introducing the group to the press, investment analysts and institutions. The group expanded its London office by moving part of its logistics division there a fortnight ago.

Mr Gani says the listing is in line with Engen's wish to be involved in the exploration and production of half of its crude throughput

"To do this will involve major capital."

One advantage of a London listing is that it could help to overcome the increasing foreign-exchange difficulties that SA companies face when making acquisitions abroad.

Mr Gani says Engen will be listed in London only when the political climate in South Africa is conducive.

He says Gencor's proposed unbundling is regarded favourably by British investors because it will improve the tradeability of Engen shares.

Once Gencor and Genbel release their 70% stake, the number of Engen shares in public hands will jump from 28,2% to 64,6%.

Sanlam is likely to be the largest shareholder with 22%, followed by Rembrandt Group and Old Mutual.

Gencor's unbundling may also result in its selling its 5,8% stake in the Alba and Britannia oilfields in the North Sea because they do not fit in with its core mining business. Engen holds a 2,2% stake in the venture

Mr Gani says Engen might be interested in buying these interests "if the price is right". It will depend on prospects for crude-oil prices.

Alfa takes on the biggies

S/Times (Buss) 30/5/93

By JEREMY WOODS

AS covers were whipped off imported Alfa Romeos in showrooms round the country this week, Brian Taylor, managing director of Alfa Romeo Concessionaires, said: "We are out to nail sales of BMW and Mercedes."

Alfa Romeo has returned with a range of cars not seen in South Africa before

Mr Taylor says: "If our prices are comparable — and in some cases more competitive — we believe the discerning buyer will prefer a fully imported European-built car to one built here."

Franchises to sell Alfa Romeos are "being snapped up at a frantic rate" both for SA and other African countries.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Russian gold forecast

RUSSIA lifted its veil of secrecy over gold production and exports, forecasting a steady 1993 production and promising a "balanced and moderate approach" to selling gold on world markets.

Yevgeny Bychkov, chairman of the precious metals committee, told a rare news conference that Russia had produced 146 tons of gold in 1992 and expected to produce the same in 1993.

Exports totalled 98 tons in 1992 and the country, a major producer, had sold 21 tons of gold abroad so far this year.

"I do not think sales of gold will change substantially," Bychkov said. "The government has a balanced and moderate approach to the matter."

Figures for gold production, exports and reserves were for long a closely guarded secret in the Soviet Union.

Eskom to help Cahora Bassa

S/Times (Buss) 30/5/93

THE Government has accepted a proposal by Eskom to help finance rehabilitation of the Cahora Bassa hydro-electric scheme in Mozambique, says Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister George Bartlett.

The scheme on the Zambezi River was financed by South Africa, Mozambique and Portugal in 1969, but has worked for only a few weeks.

Zambia buying SA petroleum

S/Times (Buss) 30/5/93

ZAMBIA has started importing all its petroleum products from SA after the temporary closure of its only refinery.

Indeni Oil Refinery in Ndola is being reconditioned. Zambia Deputy Energy Minister Colonel Patrick Kafumukache says supplies from SA have already started arriving in Zambia, which intends changing some of its petroleum product suppliers to SA.

Nigeria at SA exhibition

30/5/93 S/Times (Buss)

A MAJOR promotional drive is under way in Africa and the Middle East to attract high-level businessmen to South Africa's largest technology show ever, The Africa Initiative.

Nigeria, which still has sanctions against South Africa, is expected to send the largest delegation to this five-day business olympiad to be held at Johannesburg's National Exhibition Centre at the end of August.

SAA heads back to Angola

SAA, in association with Angolan carrier TAAG, will resume weekly flights to Luanda from next Monday. Flights started between Johannesburg and Luanda in April 1992 but were suspended in October due to the unrest in Angola. SAA said the new flights would leave Johannesburg at 9:15am on Mondays arriving in Luanda at 11:50 am.

Racy under investigation

A TRADE AND INDUSTRY inspector has been appointed to investigate the affairs of Racy, which sold its assets to three directors at a discount to net asset value earlier this year. The inspection follows the legal recourse offered disgruntled minority shareholders.

the police but no one was wounded.

ANC's Gwala infuriates Inkatha

C/Press 30/5/93

INKATHA filed a complaint with the National Peace Committee on Friday after alleged inflammatory statements by ANC Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala at Technikon Natal recently.

Gwala is alleged to have said: "We call on students of the South African Students Congress to learn how to handle firearms because if negotiations fail you must be prepared to win power through the barrel of an AK-47."

Inkatha said Gwala's statements were intended to "incite violence and hatred".

Mangope lashes out at ANC

BOP President Lucas Mangope says the ANC-alliance is paying students to instigate revolt at the homeland's Setlogelo Technikon.

Mangope said Bop was "in the grips of a sinister and well-orchestrated campaign to throw education into disarray". C/Press 30/5/93

He accused the ANC of paying Student Representative Council members to disrupt the institution.

Inkatha woman necklaced

INKATHA confirmed that the woman who was necklaced in the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park on Tuesday was Inkatha branch secretary Julia Mtshali.

An Inkatha statement said Mtshali was abducted last weekend and Inkatha officials had spent several days searching for her.

C/Press 30/5/93

SABC board announcement soon

THE names of the new SABC Board members will be announced by FW de Klerk early next week, according to a recent government statement.

The statement said the original list "created concerns which De Klerk discussed twice with the panel".

An amended list has now been submitted.

Sisulu calls for reincorporation

C/Press 30/5/93

THE ANC yesterday called for the reincorporation of all homelands into SA as well as the unconditional restoration of SA citizenship to all homeland inhabitants.

ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, speaking at Wits University, said linked to this central issue was the demand for free political activity and association in the homeland territories.

SABC board names today?

Political Correspondent

PRESIDENT De Klerk is expected to announce the new SABC board today ... and to release the first list of names of candidates he considers unsuitable. (260)

Mr De Klerk was strongly criticised at the weekend for "tampering" with the initial list — but government spokesman Mr Dave Steward said it was the president's prerogative to appoint the board and this was "hardly a question of tampering".

"Mr De Klerk has undertaken to release the original list so people will be able to judge for themselves," he said.

The panel selecting the new board submitted new names after Mr De Klerk rejected its initial list, handed to him on May 21.

But Mr Raymond Louw of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting (CIB) said yesterday that Mr De Klerk's rejection of the first list was "extremely worrying". ARG 31/5/93

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Criticism over SABC board 'tampering'

By Helen Grange

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The new SABC board is expected to be announced today — amid criticism against President de Klerk for "tampering" with the initial list of proposals for the board

The panel selecting the new board has submitted a new list after De Klerk's rejection of its initial list, handed to him on May 21.

According to Dave Steward, chief Government spokesman in the Office of the State President, the initial list "created concerns which the State President discussed twice with the panel".

Raymond Louw of the Campaign for Independent Broadcasting said yesterday De Klerk's rejection of the first list was "extremely worrying".

De Klerk had been given the right to refer back any name he deemed unsuitable, but "we believed that would be done with great caution", he said.

Louw said there had been a worrying delay since the first list was handed over, and the fact that there had been two meetings with the panel to change the list suggested the open process of the board's selection was being "tampered with, if not manipulated"

The ANC echoed Louw's sentiments, saying it was disturbing that the suggestions of a panel of eminent persons given authority over an independent process were turned down.