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Police round up dagga runners

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Staff Reporter

COURT cases were pending against many dagga-running gangs in the Free State, the OFS Divisional CID chief, Colonel F A Spies, said yesterday.

In the past few weeks, detectives have seized hundreds of bags of dagga, arrested many people, and confiscated their vehicles.

Colonel Spies said the dagga found its way into the Free State through many parts of the country, including Natal, and

through Lesotho.

In two recent raids, police caught five people, one a woman, and found 205 bags.

Colonel Spies said court cases were pending against dagga gangs in at least five towns. He did not have the number of people arrested available last night, but said there were many.

He stressed that a number of gangs were involved, and not just a single syndicate.

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Policemen face murder charge

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Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — Nine people are to appear in the Supreme Court, Bloemfontein, in connection with the death of a Welkom black security guard, Mr Jaantjie Matobako (25) on March 19 while in police custody.

Seven detectives — three white sergeants and four black constables and two white civilians from Welkom and Odendaalsrus have to appear on September 11. Charges of murder and assault with the intention to do grievous bodily harm have been laid against them.

Mr Matobako died in the Pelonomi Hospital in Bloemfontein after being involved with four black men in an alleged house-breaking case in the Welkom district on March 11.

Colonel H A du Plessis, CID officer said yesterday

the names of those who have to appear could not be released before September 11.

A Welkom attorney, Mr J J Klopper, confirmed at the time that he had been approached by Mrs Nonwandle Matobako for legal advice and that he had undertaken to act on her behalf.

The Anglo American Corporation, Mr Matobako's employers, expressed official concern about the circumstances surrounding his death, but a spokesman for the corporation would not comment on whether the corporation was assisting Mrs Matobako financially or in any other way.

Mrs Matobako is a cousin of Chief Buthelezi of kwaZulu, and is employed by the kwaZulu national movement, Inkatha, in Welkom.

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OFS police face trial for murder

JOHANNESBURG — Six Free State policemen and two civilians have been charged with murder following the death in police custody on March 19 of a Welkom security guard after he and four other men sustained a number of injuries. A seventh policeman has been charged with assault.

Disclosing this last night, the district CID officer for the Northern Free State, Col H. du Plessis, said all nine men would appear in the Bloemfontein Supreme Court on September 11.

An investigation three months ago established the dead man was Mr Jankie Mahlomola Matobako, a 25-year-old security guard.

He died in Bloemfontein's Pelomonomi Hospital eight days after he and the four injured

men, Mr Solomon Mosala, 25, Mr Hans Makhasi, 18, Mr Andries Toti, 20, and Mr Wiseman Marping, 35, were arrested and charged with housebreaking.

Col Du Plessis said one of the civilians was a Free State farmer but would not disclose his or the others' identity.

One white policeman faces assault charges while all the others have been charged with murder and assault.

The men were charged a week ago on the instructions of the Free State Attorney-General, Mr Mike Tucker, following an investigation into the injuries of the five men after an incident in the early hours of March 11 at the farm Nooitgedacht, of Mr B. H. Steenkamp.

Detailed descriptions of visible injuries were documented on the charge sheet and attached

papers.

On March 14, a magistrate, Mr F. C. Marais, noted in official court records that Mr Matobako's injuries included the following: private parts swollen; both feet swollen; 11 weals on the front of his body above the navel; three grazes over the lower rib cage; about 20 weals over the kidney area and about four grazes that appeared to have been caused by the point of the instrument that caused the weals.

He also noted that both eyes were blue, but not badly swollen; both hands swollen with blue marks over the pulse; upper lip swollen and cut inside the mouth and marks on both legs.

Mr Matobako is survived by his wife and a baby boy born only days before his death. — DDC.

most famous a Crucifixion which shows the crucified Christ noticeably larger than his swooning mother and St. John the Baptist; His twisted body is riddled with wounds and beginning to assume the color of decay; His blood flows freely; His head, lacerated by the crown of thorns, lolls helplessly on one side; His mouth is open; His hands are cruelly contorted. The whole seems like an aggression against the spectator, a pressing invitation to participate in the Lord's

Court told of police beatings and shocks

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By PAM KLEINOT

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Policemen allegedly hung six naked black prisoners by chains from a barn ceiling — then beat them and gave them electric shocks. One of the prisoners died eight days later, the Bloemfontein Supreme Court was told yesterday.

The Deputy Attorney-General for the Free State, Mr A R Erasmus, SC, said this evidence would be led during the trial of six policemen and two civilians who are charged with the murder of Mr Jankie Mahtobako, a 25-year-old guard at Welkom's Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital.

All those accused of murder, as well as another policeman, are also facing six assault charges.

Accused of murder are Mr Hendrik Steenkamp of Welkom, Mr John Jansen van Rensburg of Odenaalsrus, Detective Sergeant Johannes Prins, Detective Sergeant, Gideon Pieter van Eck, Detective Constables Dingaen Julius Kala, Sabata Molato, Jacob Mosobela and William Rakhometsi.

Detective Sergeant Wilian Ronald Hammond is charged with assault.

All have pleaded not guilty to the charges before Mr Justice L C Steyn and two assessors.

The charges follow an alleged burglary on Mr Steenkamp's farm Nooitgedacht, in the Welkom district, on March 11 this year. Mr Mahtobako and five others were later captured and allegedly beaten up for several hours.

The prosecution statement alleges the burglary took place at about 2.30 am and Mr Steenkamp fired shots at the thieves but they escaped.

The police were called and the six blacks were rounded up within two hours. They were then taken to the barn where the beatings allegedly took place.

They were allegedly hung from the ceiling by chains while their faces were covered with bags or pieces of rags. They were then beaten with a sjambok and hosepipe and received electric shocks over a prolonged period. All the accused allegedly took part in the beatings.

After the opening statement, technical evidence was heard from two police photographers who took

pictures of the prisoners after the alleged beating. The photographs were handed into court illustrating all the bruises and swellings on the bodies of the prisoners.

A Virginia district surgeon, Dr Willem Steyn, who treated Mr Mahtobako, said he arrived at the hospital on March 11 in a state of shock and pain.

He had severe injuries which included 18 long bruises on his back, eight on his chest, a graze mark on his face and swellings on his arms, hands, face and genitals. He died of kidney failure, eight days later.

Another of the alleged thieves, Mr Wiseman Mandleki, also received hospital treatment.

Thirty-one witnesses have been subpoenaed to testify for the State.

The hearing continues today.

Man mauled

PARIS. — A 68-year-old man who left his car to take photographs was mauled by a lion in a safari park at Sigean, and is reported to be in a critical condition. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Court told how six were beaten in barn

12/9/78
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BLOEMFONTEIN — A group of policemen allegedly hung six naked prisoners by chains from a barn ceiling then beat them and gave them electric shocks, the Supreme Court here heard yesterday.

The Deputy Attorney-General for the Free State, Mr A. R. Erasmus, SC, was opening a trial in which six policemen and two civilians are charged

with murdering Mr Jankie Mahtobako, a 25-year-old guard at Welkom's Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital.

All eight men, plus another policemen, are appearing before Mr Justice Steyn and two assessors. They also face six assault charges.

The accused are Mr Hendrik Steenkamp of Welkom; Mr John Jansen van Rensburg of Odendaalsrus; Det-Sgt Johannes

Prins, Det-Sgt Gideon Pieter van Eck, Det-Const Dingaen Julius Kala, Det-Const Sabata Molato; Det-Const Jacob Mosobela and Det-Const William Rakhometsi.

Det-Sgt William Ronald Hasmond is charged only with assault.

All have pleaded not guilty.

The charges follow an alleged burglary on Mr Steenkamp's farm, Nooit and five others who were district on March 11.

The police were summoned and the six men were rounded up. They were then taken to the barn where the beatings allegedly took place.

They were allegedly hung from the ceiling by chains. Their faces were covered by bags or pieces of rags and they were then hit with sjambok or hosepipe and received electric shock.

The hearing continues today. — DDC.

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Dead prisoner was beaten, says doctor

Staff Reporter

BLOEMFONTEIN.—There were indications that a "reasonable measure of violence" had been used on Mr Jankie Mahtobako, who died in hospital eight days after he and five others were arrested on a housebreaking charge, the Bloemfontein Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Professor J A Olivier, chief State pathologist in Bloemfontein, was giving evidence at the trial of six policemen and two civilians who are charged with the murder of Mr Mahtobako, a 25-year-old guard at Welkom's Ernest Oppen Hospital.

All those accused of murder as well as another policeman are also charged with assaulting Mr Andries Totoi, Mr Hans Makhasi, Mr Wiseman Mandlaka, Mr John Mofokeng and Mr Solomon Manyana.

Accused of murder are Mr Hendrik Steenkamp, of Welkom; Mr John Jansen van Rensburg, of Odenaalsrus; Detective-Sergeants Johannes Prins and Gideon Pieter van Eck; and Detective-Constables Dingaan Kala, Sabata Molato, Jacob Mosobela and

William Rakhometsi.

Detective-Sergeant William Ronald Hammond is charged with assault.

All have pleaded not guilty to the charges before Mr Justice L C Steyn and two assessors.

The charges follow an alleged burglary on Mr Steenkamp's farm, Nooitgedacht, in the Welkom district, on March 11.

Mr Mahtobako and the five others were arrested and taken to the barn where they were allegedly stripped, hung by chains from the ceiling, then beaten and given electric shocks.

Prof Olivier told the court he had conducted a post-mortem on Mr Mahtobako and found kidney failure was the cause of death. He said the malfunction of the kidneys was directly caused by the injuries to the body tissue and muscles.

"It is clear that extensive and serious wounds were caused by applying force to the body on numerous occasions," he said.

The hearing continues today.

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Reservist tells murder trial of victim's injuries

By PAM KLEINOT
BLOEMFONTEIN. — A black burglary suspect who later died in hospital had a badly swollen face and hands when taken to the Virginia Police Station, a police reservist told the Bloemfontein Supreme Court yesterday.

The reservist, Sergeant Denignus Anthony Haywood, told the court he failed to note the injuries of two prisoners in the station's occurrence book because he was "a novice".

Sgt Haywood was testifying at the trial of six policemen and two civilians charged with the murder of Mr Jankie Mahtobako, a 25-year-old guard at Welkom's Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital.

The murder accused are also charged along with another policeman, Detective-Sergeant William Ronald Hammond, with assaulting Mr Andries Totoi, Mr Hans Makhasi, Mr Wiseman Mandleki, Mr John Mofokeng and Mr Solomon Manyana.

Accused of murder are: Mr Hendrik Steenkamp of Welkom; Mr John Jansen van Rensburg, of Oden-dalsrus; Detective-Sergeants Johannes Prins and



Outside the courtroom . . . accused Detective-Constables William Rakhometsi, left, and Jacob Mosabela.

Gideon Pieter van Eck; Detective-Constables Dingaan Kala, Sabata Molato, Jacob Mosobela and William Rakhometsi.

All the accused have pleaded not guilty to the charges before Mr Justice L. S. Steyn and two assessors.

The alleged incidents which led to the trial follow a burglary investigation on Mr Steenkamp's farm, Nooigedacht, in the

Welkom district, on March 11.

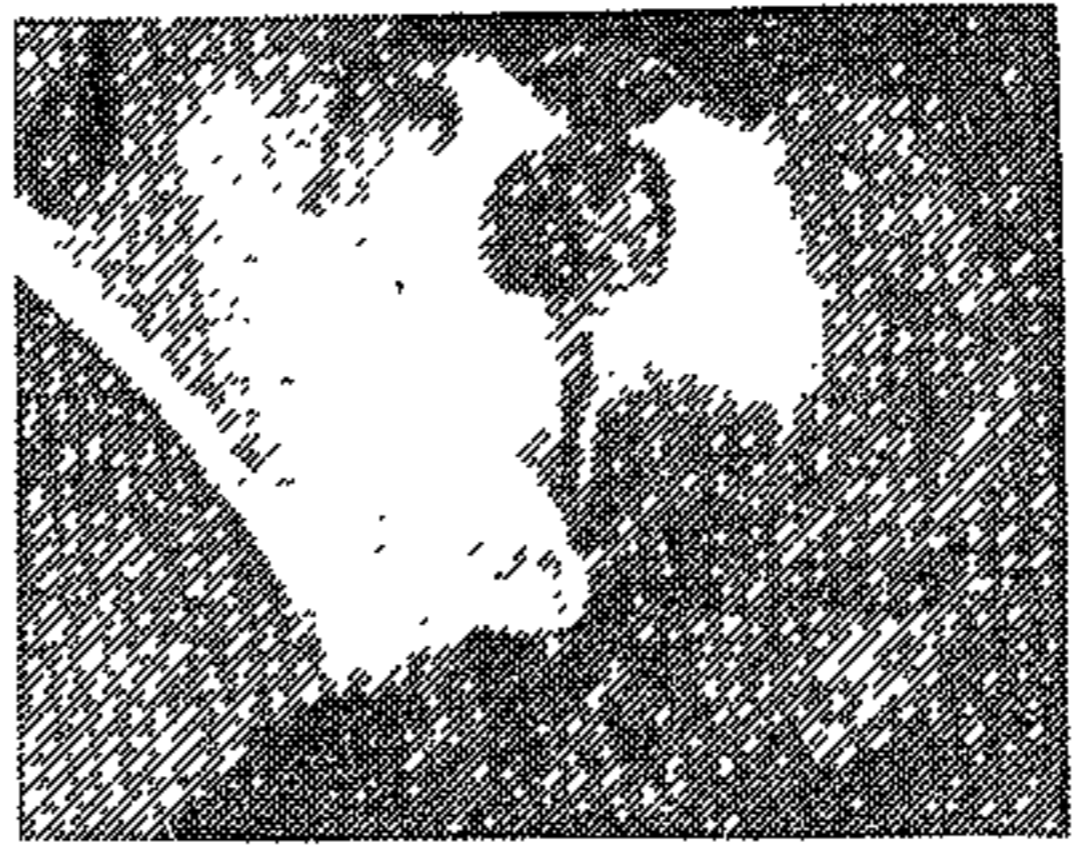
Mr Mahtobako and five others were arrested between 2 am and 4 am and taken to a barn where they were allegedly beaten up until noon that day.

Sgt Haywood told the court he was on duty on March 11 when Det-Sgt Prins and Det-Sgt Van Eck brought Mr Mahtobako and Mr Makhasi into

the charge office at 9 pm.

"I noticed they had a few wounds on their faces and hands and dried blood on them. Their eyes were swollen."

The were locked in the cells but later asked for medical attention and were taken to hospital, where Mr Mahtobako died of kidney failure eight days later, the court was told. The hearing continues today.



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BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court in Bloemfontein in a majority judgment, yesterday set aside murder convictions and death sentences on three prisoners convicted of the murder of two fellow inmates in Bloemfontein Jail on December 6, 1974.

Convictions of assault with intent to seriously injure were substituted. The sentences were changed to two years' imprisonment each.

Fourteen prisoners were convicted in the Free State Supreme Court by

Mr Justice R P B Erasmus on October 27, 1976, on charges of murdering Israel Kgobotha and Jan Moraile. They were all sentenced to death.

Subsequently two of them — Peter Morake and David Chaone — were granted leave by the Appeal Court to appeal against their convictions. On appeal, the Appeal Court changed their convictions to assault with intent to seriously injure and reduced their sentences.

Earlier this year, the

Minister of Justice, in terms of Section 323 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Act of 1977, referred the cases of five others to the Appeal Court, doubting the correctness of their convictions.

The Appeal Court found yesterday that the cases of John Sauls, Piet Ngalo and Manuel Leoatle were identical to that of Morake.

The considerations which applied in setting aside Morake's convictions for murder were therefore applicable. — Sapa.

Thus the older a worker was the longer the time he would have preferred to spend in the country between contracts. Also the larger were the number of sheep and the size of land cultivated, the greater was the desired period. The size of the landholding cultivated was of particular significance (Sign. Level = 0,00) and indicated that for every extra morgen cultivated the worker desired to spend an additional 3 weeks in the rural area. This bears out one of the expressed reasons on the part of the workers for desiring to stay a particular time in the country, namely that they wished to work on the land. The inclusion of number of sheep in the equation means that they also wanted to perform some tasks on the sheep.

We can shed some light on factors determining the length of the migrant workers' visits to the country because some of them explained the reasons why they actually remained for a specific time period. In most cases they explained why they had been in the country for an unusually long period. Two migrant workers had been ill, while four said they could not get a job. The average length of time (if we exclude an outlier of 4 years) in the country was 6 months for the job-seekers. Another 7 workers said they had to wait an average period of 5 months to get their contracts fixed up again.⁴⁹ We thus have direct evidence of unemployment and bureaucratic delays that kept migrant workers out of jobs.

49. This directly contradicts Orpen's argument that the migratory labour system encourages the idea "that it is the 'right' of every worker to have an extended rest-period in his rural home every now and then". (p.62).

Judgment reserved in death appeals

R.D.M. (31)
2/11/78

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Two men, sentenced to hang for murdering a 70-year-old man, yesterday appealed against their convictions and death sentences.

Mr Petrus Mokoena and Mr Michael Motaung were convicted in the Circuit Court in Bethlehem on December 8, 1977 of murdering Mr Jan Hendrikus Viljoen.

The men were also sentenced to three years' jail for arson.

Mr Viljoen's badly burnt body was found in his smouldering farmhouse in the Bethlehem district on July 30, 1977.

Medical evidence was that several blows had been struck to his head and face, but it could not be stated with certainty that they had killed him. He may have died in the fire.

Yesterday in the Appeal Court, Bloemfontein, judgment in the appeals was reserved.

The appeals were heard by Mr Justice Wessels, sitting with Mr Justice Muller and Mr Justice Hoexter (acting judge of appeal).

Mr J Lubbe, for Mr Mokoena, submitted that carbon-monoxide poisoning and heat coupled with carbonisation had been the direct cause of death, in spite of the serious head injuries.

Mr Lubbe submitted that Mr Mokoena should be convicted of culpable homicide and assault with intent to seriously injure or rob, and that the Appeal Court should interfere with the conviction for murder and impose a suitable sentence in place of the death sentence.

Mr A F Jordaan, for Mr Motaung, submitted that although he might have had a common purpose to rob and thief, he did not have a common purpose to kill and should not have been convicted of murder. — Sapa.

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'I was hit, hung and shocked'

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A 16-year-old youth claimed yesterday he was hung by handcuffs from a rafter at a farm storeroom, beaten and left there until the next morning when he was taken down, sjambokked and given shocks by policemen.

He was giving evidence before Mr Justice L C Steyn and two assessors at the Bloemfontein Supreme Court where eight men, six of them policemen, are appearing on charges of murder and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The trial arises from the death from kidney failure of Mr Jantjie Matobako 25 on March 19 after he and five others were allegedly hung up and assaulted at a farm storeroom.

A ninth man, Detective Sergeant William Ronald Hammond, is charged with assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

All have pleaded not guilty.

The other accused are: Mr Hendrik Steenkamp, of the farm Noolgedacht, near Welkom; Mr John Janse van Rensburg, of Morgen Street, Odendaalsrus; Detective Sergeants Jan Prins and Gideon van Eck, both of Welkom; and Detective Constables Dingaan Kala, Sabata Molapo, Jacob Moshobela and William Rakhomets, of Welkom. — Sapa

Statement not wholly true, says witness

R.D.M
17/11/78

BLOEMFONTEIN. — A 16-year-old youth, one of the five complainants in a murder and assault trial in the Bloemfontein Supreme Court, said under cross-examination yesterday that a police statement he is alleged to have made earlier this year was not wholly true.

He disputed that he made some of the utterances attributed to him.

Among the statements which were true was that a "shock" apparatus had been attached to his private parts, resulting in violent pains throughout his body.

"It is also true that I said I was given several blows, but I never said these could have been applied with a riem or a rubber pipe.

"I did not say I was handcuffed to a beam."

The 16-year-old is the last of the complainants to testify.

On trial are Mr Hendrik Petrus Steenkamp of Nooitgedacht, Welkom, Mr John Janse van Rensburg of Odendaalsrus, Detective-Sergeants Jan Prins and Gideon van Eck and Detective-Constables Dingaan Kala, Sabata Kolapo and Jacob Mosobela, all of the Welkom police.

They have pleaded not guilty to murdering Mr Jantjie Matobako, 25, who died of kidney failure in the Eplonmi Hospital in Bloemfontein on March 19.

They and Det-Sgt William Hammond of the Welkom police have also pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The State alleges that the five complainants, Mr Solomon Manyana, Mr Andries Toti, Mr Wiseman Mandleki, Mr John Mofokeng, the 16-year-old youth and Mr Matobako were stripped, handcuffed to beams in a storeroom on Nooitgedacht farm and assaulted with sjamboks, a garden hose and an electricity-conducting apparatus on March 11.

Referring to a statement by the complainant, Mr Toti, that he and others had gone to a farm homestead to get "ghost" money, the youth said: "I know nothing about the 'ghost' money."

He could not explain how his fingerprints could have been found in the homestead.

"I deny my fingerprints were there," he said.

Defence counsel, cross-examining the youth, submitted an admission that the fingerprints of the

youth, Mr Mandleki and Mr Matobako were found on a window in Mr Steenkamp's homestead on March 11.

The witness said that after a white man had emerged from the homestead, he hid himself among some trees.

"I thought the man wanted to pursue me. I wouldn't be able to recognise him — all I know is that he was a white man."

In the farm storeroom, while his head was covered with a rag, he could feel that he was being hit by three people, he told the court.

The youth said he could not identify Sgt Van Eck and Sgt Hammond in court. "If I knew Sgt Hammond, I would have pointed him out at the identification parade."

He identified Det-Consts Kala, Molapo and Mosobela immediately at an identification parade. "They were already known to me," he said.

"Const Molapo hit me with a sjambok while Const Kala and Const Mosobela applied shocks to my body with an apparatus."

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

the estate was beautifully illuminated. However, since then we have been disappointed that the situation has gradually deteriorated in some areas. The contractor gave us an excellent guarantee of his work for one year including replacement of the globes which failed during that time, but unfortunately we are having no success in getting him to honour his obligation. Sadly this means that parts of the estate are again very poorly lit. The globes are extremely expensive, and our budget does not allow us to replace the globes (which should last up to 2 years) every few weeks. We are doing our best against the contractor, but it is proving very difficult. We are also looking into the possibilities of getting a maintenance contract for the lights from another contractor.

8. PAINTING THE OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSES

This seems to be progressing very satisfactorily, weather permitting, with an average of 3 - 4 houses per month as an onward going project. If residents are dissatisfied with the work in any way when their houses are painted, please could they report this to Mr. D.S. Roberts (Tel. Office: 432086), as Mr. Roberts has kindly organised the work. The painting of the red chimneys is not included in the current contract, but this will begin as soon as the correct paint can be obtained. In the meantime it has unfortunately not proved practical to remove splashes of white paint from the chimneys and residents are asked to bear with this situation.

9. FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Should the need arise, our nearest Fire Stations (where:-

Ottery Fire Station, Ketton Road (near Traffic Depot)
 Next by Fire Station - Tel. 706130/707156

10. FORGOTTEN NAME BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in reading? Do you enjoy a cup of informal chat? If so, kindly contact any one of the further information:-

Jenny Herbert - Hse. No. 90 (Hamlet 1) Tel. 726498
 Kay Bennett - Hse No. 88 (Hamlet 1) Tel. 720027
 Hazel Fox - Hse No. 44 (Hamlet 4) Tel. 721718

11. ACQUITTUS NEARBY

Sports Club - (Membership necessary) - Constantia Sports Complex (near Alphen) - Tennis, Bowls etc.
 Walking Permits - Tokai Forest (above Manor) - available from Mr. Ward, Forestry Dept., Tokai Road., or P.O. Box 88, Retreat, Tel. 721331
 Library - (small, free, locally situated) - Limore Avenue Library - off Tokai Road. (larger, but membership fee necessary) - Meadowridge - Tel. 723900

12. IDEAS

Anyone who has any ideas about the improvement of the estate (must be cheap!), the solution of the problems we have discussed in this news letter, or the promotion of good neighbourliness is asked, may be asked, to contact the Directors with his scheme.

If you have managed to get through all this, you have definitely got staying-power. Many thanks for your attention.

Flora Greenleaf
 CHAIRMAN

Court told of flourbag gags

RAM 18/11/78 (37)

BLOEMFONTEIN. - Four blacks were sitting with their hands tied together and with flourbags over their heads, a detective-sergeant said in evidence during the Welkom murder and assault trial.

Detective-Sergeant F J S Schoeman was continuing his evidence in the Bloemfontein Supreme Court yesterday.

He found the four men

sitting facing away from each other in a farm store-room, he said.

"There was a wet spot on the floor. A black detective said somebody had urinated there and I deduced this person had been assaulted."

He said he later returned to the homestead on Nooitgedacht farm. He then saw three blacks sitting on the ground outside the store-room. They had bags over their heads. A fourth man was inside the room.

Three of the men had admitted to breaking into the homestead and had said two other men were involved, he said.

The hearing was adjourned to Monday morning with Sergeant Schoeman still in the witness box.

On trial are Mr Hendrik Petrus Steenkamp, of Nooitgedacht, Welkom; Mr John Janse van Rensburg, of Morgan Street, Odendaalsrus; Det-Sgts Jan Prins and Gideon van Eck, and Detective-Constables Dingaana Kala, Sabota Molapo, Jacob Mosobela and William Rakonesti, all of the Welkom police.

They have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice L C Steyn and two assessors to murdering Mr Jantjie Matobako, 25, who died of kidney failure in the Pelonomi Hospital, Bloemfontein, on March 19, this year.

They and Det-Sgt William Hammond, of the Welkom police, have also pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Sapa.

Acquitted of farm murder

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Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — The Welkom farm murder and assault trial in the Supreme Court, Bloemfontein, took a dramatic turn when one of the accused was found not guilty and discharged.

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He is Mr John Janse van Rensburg, of Morgan Street, Odendaalsrus. He was on trial for murder with Mr Hendrik Petrus Steenkamp, of Nooitgedacht, Welkom, Detective Sergeants Jan Prins and Gideon van Eck and Detective Constables Dingaan Kala, Sabato Molapo, Jacob Mosabela and William Rakhométsi (all of the Welkom police).

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3.4.2 Labour productivity projections, 1980-2000

All long-run projections must be highly tentative, but one has the feeling this is especially true for forecasts of technical progress.

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Welkom murder trial: Accused close cases

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Welkom farm-murder-and-assault Supreme Court trial took an unexpected turn yesterday afternoon when the cases of three of the accused were closed.

Mr Dirk H Kotze, SC, for Mr Piet Steenkamp; Mr Arrie Hattingh, for Detective-Sergeant Jan Prins; and Mr

Koos Malherbe for Det-Sgt Gideon van Eck, announced the closure of their clients' cases.

The three, together with Detective-Constables Dingaan Akala, Sabath Molapo, Jacob Mosabela and William Rakhometsi, face charges of murder.

They have pleaded not

guilty to murdering Mr Jantjie Matobako, 25, who died of kidney failure in the Pelonomi hospital, Bloemfontein, on March 19.

They and Det-Sgt William Hammond have also pleaded not guilty to causing grievous bodily harm to Mr Matobako.

The State alleges that four complainants — Mr Matobako, Mr Solomon Manyana, Mr A D Andries Toti, Mr Wiseman Mandleki and a 16-year-old youth — were stripped, handcuffed to the beams in a storeroom on Mr Steenkamp's farm and assaulted with sjamboks, a garden hose and electrical apparatus.

All the accused have been acquitted on a charge of assaulting Mr John Mofokeng, while Mr John Janse van Rensburg, who initially appeared with them, was acquitted on all charges and discharged.

A previous witness, Mr R M van Heerden of Bloemfontein, Mr Steenkamp's stepfather-in-law, was recalled and testified that he had a telephone conversation with a Mr Trevor Basel on March 11 in connection with a fertiliser delivery.

Mr Basel telephoned the farm at about 8 am and said he did not know what to bring.

When Mr Van Heerden could not find Mr or Mrs Steenkamp to ascertain what Mr Basel should do, he telephoned Mr Basel and told him to bring what he could.

Last week, Mr Basel testified that he had spoken to Mr Van Heerden over the telephone, but not on that particular day.

The case will proceed tomorrow. — Sapa.

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Girl chased from room where man hanged

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — A girl was chased from the door of a storeroom where a naked man was hanging from a beam, the Bloemfontein Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Constable Dingaan Kala, one of the six men charged with murdering Mr Jantjie Matobako, said another accused, Mr H P Steenkamp, chased the girl away.

Other accused are Detective Sergeants Jan Prins and Gideon van Eck and Detective Constables Sabata Molapo and Jacob Rakhomesthi of Welkorn police. They all pleaded not guilty. Mr Matobako died of kidney failure on March 19, with Detective Sgt Wil-

Ham Hammond they also pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Four complainants, Mr Solomon Manyana, Mr Andries Toti, Mr Wiseman Mandleki, a 16-year-old boy, and Mr Matobako were allegedly stripped, handcuffed to beams in a storeroom on Mr Steenkamp's farm and hit with sjamboks, a garden hose and apparatus conducting electricity.

Const. Kala said he saw three men in the storeroom on the night of the alleged incidents. A unknown naked man was hanging from the beams. When he was united his face was swollen and his body marked.

He did not report the incident to the investigating officer as Sgt van Eck was with him. Const Molapo said he saw Mr Steenkamp hitting the deceased with a hosepipe. "I thought Sgt van Eck would stop Mr Steenkamp, but he helped hang Mr Matobako up."

9.1 The effect of economic non-viability

In Part I, I show how the economic conditions in the reserves inhibit projects like the dairies from being able to work efficiently and that they do not directly benefit the poorer people involved.

I suggest that it is because of this that such a tiny percentage of the total population of an area join such projects the adoption of new techniques (e.g. in agriculture) is not worth the cost involved for the majority of people. "...it was striking how attitudes tended to correspond broadly with the ability to cope with the demands of existing methods. Those families who were struggling to stay alive ... had low morale and far less interest in hearing of new methods than were those who had some surplus ..."44

People see failed projects and lose faith in the institution concerned. For example, I asked people at the Umthi garden why they did not join. They replied that since 80 people had left, it obviously wasn't a helpful thing.

People at various places, who were starting projects, mentioned that the main response to their attempts to get something off the ground was amusement. People in one area of Umhlaba who are struggling to establish a communal garden said of the other people in the village: "They are watching us and our garden projects and they are full of laughter."

9.2 The effects of people's experience of exploitation

9.2.1 Exploitation by outsiders

Here one must consider the exploitation that isolated villagers have experienced at the hands of outsiders ostensibly involved in beneficial activities. Villagers have had to take incoming groups at face value because they cannot assess the real motives of these people and the power backing them up.

The exploitation of the difference in world view has a long history going right back to the first missionaries. Men such as Dr Phillip, "The Defender of the Hottentots", who were ostensibly aiming to benefit "the natives", advocated breaking down the power of the chiefs and expanding British interests: "Wherever the missionary places his standard among a savage tribe, their prejudices against the colonial government give way, their dependence upon the Colonial government is increased by the creation of artificial wants ..."45 John Mackenzie of Bechuanaland had interests beyond mere trade: "We invite John (Bull)'s attention to this delicious morsel of gold field, let him spread it like jelly over Transvaal and Bechuanaland and swallow the lot". 46

Killer to appeal

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court has granted Patrick Anthony leave to appeal against his conviction for murder with extenuating circumstances.

Mr Anthony was one of six people charged with the murder of a 20-year-old woman, Ms Pumla Ruth Kolese, in Port Elizabeth on July 30, 1978. Three of them were convicted by Mr Justice N C Addleson at Grahamstown on February 17, 1979.

Evidence was that the woman was killed because the six thought she had betrayed them.

Anthony was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. — Sapa.

1. The revised report eliminates the effect of increased production costs as they are not controllable by the branch manager. Other comments:
2. Increased contribution from increased prices.
3. The increased price of widgets may have caused the decrease in volume of widgets. As these have a much higher marginal income ratio than gadgets it might have been better not to increase the price. Consider reducing the price if it will stimulate demand.
4. It seems as though there has been a successful promotion of gadgets (volume-wise) in spite of the increased price, but these have a relatively low marginal income ratio which, combined with the reduced volume of widgets, has resulted in an adverse mix variance.
5. Increased selling effort is reflected in the 126% increase in travel and entertainment, and the 28% increase in office expense.

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Crimes mounting in Vaal Triangle

By Ernest Nkabinde
THE Vaal Triangle crime rate has increased in the past weeks, with robberies, housebreakings and thefts committed at an average of about four a day.

Businessmen are now closing their shops before time for fear of robbers. Residents who are working and get home at dusk fear for their lives, and also fear to go out to movies or parties.

Many businessmen claim that the increased rate in robberies is be-

cause of the high rate of unemployment among the blacks in the townships, the lack of recreational facilities, poor electrification in the townships and inadequate police patrols.

Most people agreed that something should be done to improve the conditions under which blacks are living in the townships to bring stability, and to improve their quality of life. They also believe some of the laws must be scrapped, and everybody given a chance to make a better living.

In the past months, several businessmen were robbed in separate incidents in which some violence was used. Mr Phillip Phatang, a Sharpeville businessman was robbed of R914 by a gang of robbers. Later Mr Samuel Kodisang, a garage owner, was attacked by a gang of robbers who shot him and robbed him of R2 000. Mr Aaron Yende, a businessman, whose shop was broken into by thieves who took goods worth over R1 000.

Mr Phatang said: "The

whole structure of the Government must be changed to give everybody a stake in the economy and wealth of the country. The robberies have been created by unemployment amongst the blacks. The authorities are aware of this, but they are playing it down, and do not realise its seriousness.

"Apartheid must go. If people are hungry they are bound to steal in order to feed their stomachs, as they are not working. Even those who are employed have to resort to crime to make ends meet, as the money they are getting is being 'eaten up' by the ever-escalating cost of living. Many are underpaid," he said.

Mr Shadrack Botibe, a boxing manager, said: "The lack of recreational facilities in the townships is a contributory factor to the rise in crime. The youth have nothing to do after school hours and late in the evenings."

Mr Don Vilakazi, the chairman of the Southern Zone District Football As-

sociations in the Vaal complex, said the absence of proper orphanages and reformatories for black youths contributes to the situation and creates potential criminals.

"Let us get rid of the boys who are hanging around the shopping centres and at street corners at night, and keep them busy with something in order to keep them away from evil," he said.

Mr Phatang believes police patrol beats by SAP and the Board Inspectors should be introduced in the townships to combat crime, and to prove that they are peace officers who are to maintain law and order. The townships must be electrified as crime is caused by poor lightning," he said.

Mr Billy Monamodi, the chairman of Sharpeville Traders' Association, said individual traders should apply for firearm licences for protection. He said the mother body which is Nafcoec approached the Government on the matter and is receiving its attention.

Die Sentrum word grootliks gefinansier deur die Abe Bailey-Trust wat ingevolge die testament van Sir Abe Bailey Gestig is. Dit is geregistreer as The Abe Bailey Institute of Inter-Racial Studies Limited (Beperk deur Garansie) - 'n maatskappy beperk deur garansie en sander 'n aandele-kapitaal kragtens die Maatskappywet 1973 (Wet Nr. 61 van 1973).

Trial of youths in 'hammer case' postponed again

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By ERNEST
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THE "hammer" case was again postponed to October 23 in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday when a Sharpeville youth appeared on three counts of robbery, three counts of assault and rape.

The court was packed with spectators when Michael Titi (19), appeared before P J Loock. The case was postponed because Johannes Mazibuko (19) who has

been charged together with Titi, did not turn up. The court was told that Mazibuko was appearing in another case in Residensia Magistrate's Court.

The allegation against them was that on July 31 this year, in Sharpeville, they robbed Mr Ishmael Masoeu (77) after threatening him with a knife. They also allegedly robbed Mr Samuel Mokele of a wrist watch on May 4 this year after hitting him with a hammer and a brick.

It is alleged that on August 8 this year, in Sharpeville, they robbed Mr Jacob Ndwene of R75, clothing, shoes, a hat and a radio. It is alleged that on August 8 they also assaulted Mr David Moleba-

tsi and his wife with an unknown instrument in Sharpeville.

The State alleges that on August 14 they raped a 37-year-old woman in Sharpeville after assaulting her with a hammer and threatening her with a knife. They allegedly assaulted Mr Elias Tsukudu with a sharp instrument on July 28 in Sharpeville and Miss Aletta Raphaele on August 4.

other three accused have pro deo counsel and is always on hand to shield him during adjournments. All four men are married and have been given bail. If they are found guilty they must be given the supreme penalty, death by hanging, if there are no extenuating circumstances.

The trial was transferred to Bloemfontein because of the anger of the black people in the Bethlehem area and in QwaQwa where the murdered girl lived.

There are reports that an attempt was made at a preparatory hearing in Bethlehem to injure Wessels, when black people attacked his car.

At the Bloemfontein Supreme Court - where the four have pleaded not guilty - security is tight, with guards with walkie-talkies at the various points when the accused arrive at and leave the court.

But in the court itself there is little tension, and only a handful of spectators, all of them white - except for a few black police and the dead girl's grandfather, Izak Mokoena, and her two cousins, allegedly robbed by the four white men at gunpoint before the killing. Both of them, Lesia Abedigno Mokoena, 19, and Petrus Nkomo, 21, were at a bus-stop with Elizabeth on January 11 at 5am when the four men are alleged to have driven up in a bakkie, claimed to be police and demanded to see their passes.

They allegedly assaulted the two black youths, took R30, and said Elizabeth was under arrest because she didn't have a pass. They allegedly threw her into the bakkie and assaulted her.

They are then alleged to have driven her to Loch Athlone dam where they each raped her in turn, then hit her with a cooldrink bottle until it shattered. Evidence is that Wessels stabbed her repeatedly with a fisherman's knife.

The bakkie was then driven over her shattered body several times.

The men surrendered to the police two days later after they learned the police were hunting four young men in a bakkie similar to that owned by Wessels senior.

Each one, the court heard, separately pointed out sites of the crimes to police, and three of them pointed out a pond where the murder weapon had been thrown in after the killing. With the aid of the SADF, the pond was drained and the knife recovered.

The four alleged they were very drunk when the crimes occurred and some pointed out where they alleged they had thrown an empty brandy bottle. No bottle was found.

Smuts and two assessors will have to decide whether the men were drunk or not when the crime was committed. Defence counsel claim they were. The State, led by Free State Attorney General Tim McNally, claim their memories of the incident - two days after the killing when they pointed out the site of the crimes - were too good for men who had been drunk. It would indicate they could not have been drunk if they could recall everything two days later.

The trial continues.

MARION DUNCAN relates the sad tale of a loyal man who has received a financial kick in the teeth

NO reward for loyalty

He works 43 hours a week for R15,50. He has never had a holiday. He buys his lunch — a loaf of bread — for 31c a day from his employer. Yet he has worked for the same shopowner for 26 years.

He is, needless to say, Black.

Matome Johannes Maitola is a small old man with watery eyes that plead at you through thick spectacles. His clothes are frayed, his hands shake as he lights an unexpectedly offered cigarette. He does not know his age, he has had minimal education, and speaks English hesitantly.

"I deliver vegetables with a bicycle that belongs to my boss, I have one child, a son, a big son. He has turned 21 now. He does not work,

and he lives with me. I have a wife, and she does not work also.

"I am in trouble because I need money. I live in a house in Soweto, my cousin's house, and I pay some rent to him — R11 a month... But it is going up soon.

"The food for my wife and son is too much and to pay for the house is too much. I ask my boss for more money but he says, I have not got money. But I need it. What do I do?"

He sat on a low stool in the Johannesburg office of the Black Sash — appropriately housed alone on the first floor of an old central city building under reconstruction, with brick dust in the air and shattered walls and torn cables.

He had come for help with his reference book, his employer's carefully kept wage book (bor-

rowed for the occasion) and the story of his life.

He earns R15,50 a week, off which 10c a week is deducted for tax and another 8c a week for the compulsory Unemployment Insurance Fund, making his net pay R15,32 (R61,28 a month).

He then has to pay his own transport to work: R1,34 a week for the train and R2,20 a week for the bus — a total of R4,16 a month.

His rent is just over half of R21 a month (he pays R11). His employer does not provide any food or drink during the day — "not even any water" — so he buys a loaf of bread each lunchtime (at a cost of R7,44 a month).

That makes a total outlay of R32,60 a month, leaving R27,80 with which to feed, clothe and care for himself and his family. "My boss does not pay for multi if I am sick or my wife or my son is sick,

and if I am sick I must come to work. I do not work on Christmas Day or Easter or New Year, but other holidays for other people I must work."

In fact, Johannes is being paid well below the legal minimum wage for delivery men in the Commercial and Distributors trade, which has been fixed at R25,30 a week.

And his tax deductions are also illegal, according to the office of the Bantu Commissioner in the Johannesburg Department of Co-operation and Development, because the latest tax table decrees that nobody earning under R35 a week should be taxed.

Last year's table pegged taxable income at R23 a week, and going back through the 26-year history of Johannes's employment it is clear he has been overtaxed since 1954.

His employer, Mr M G Fugareu (owner of Mel-

park Gardens' cafe) said, when confronted, that he "did not know" about the taxation or minimum wage rulings. "I do what my bookkeeper told me to do," he said, claiming he has paid Johannes R20 a week "for as many years as I can remember," and that he did not take off tax.

"The wage book is not right," he said. "I only do it that way because my bookkeeper showed me to do it."

He denied that he charged for the daily loaf of bread, saying Johannes "used to take" bread and milk every day "but I do not think he takes it any more."

"I have not been able to give holidays (to him)," said Mr Fugareu. "He gets his money for it."

He could not say whether he is registered as an employer, or with which department, and

blamed all irregularities on his bookkeeper. "I wanted to do everything in the right way. He said, do it like this, so I have been doing it that way."

The bookkeeper could not be traced for comment.

The Industrial Aid Society has taken up Johannes's case, and is hoping to get him back pay through either moral persuasion or legal proceedings.

But Johannes was warned, by both the Society and the Black Sash, that he is likely to be fired when his employer discovers what he has done.

"I do not mind," said Johannes. "My pay is too little. I have tried to look for other work but I could not find it. But I will try very hard, and I can maybe be lucky."

He looked down at the bare concrete floor. "I must be lucky maybe soon, no?"



Matome Johannes Maitola: R15,50 a week after 26 years with the same employer. "What do I do?"

ARRESTED

★ Of raping a young schoolgirl, beating her with a bottle, stabbing her with a fishing knife, and driving a bakkie over her body

10/18/86
By DESMOND BLOW

A cherub-faced youth with his fair hair combed forward sat quietly in the dock in the Bloemfontein Supreme Court this week.

He was neat and clean, and his baby-face registered shock when evidence was given of a ghastly crime, of how a black schoolgirl was raped and brutally murdered by four young white men.

What makes the crime so ghastly is that after the four men violated her at gunpoint, she was hit with a bottle and then stabbed repeatedly with a fisherman's knife — and, as she lay bloody and dying, a bakkie was driven over her naked body several times.

Evidence was given by investigating officer W/O Johan Petrus Labuschagne that the cherub-faced young man, 18-year-old Johan Christiaan Wessels, is well-known to him in the Free State dorp of Bethlehem.

The young man's father is a Bethlehem businessman and Johan, as a dutiful son, often helped his father in his motor spares business. Labuschagne, 33, was a client of the Wessels' business, and young Wessels addressed him as "Oom Lappies" as a sign of respect, he said.

When "Oom Lappies" questioned Johan Wessels about his movements on the night of the murder, he told the policeman he had been out in his father's bakkie with a neighbour and his wife, had dropped them off later and then gone home.

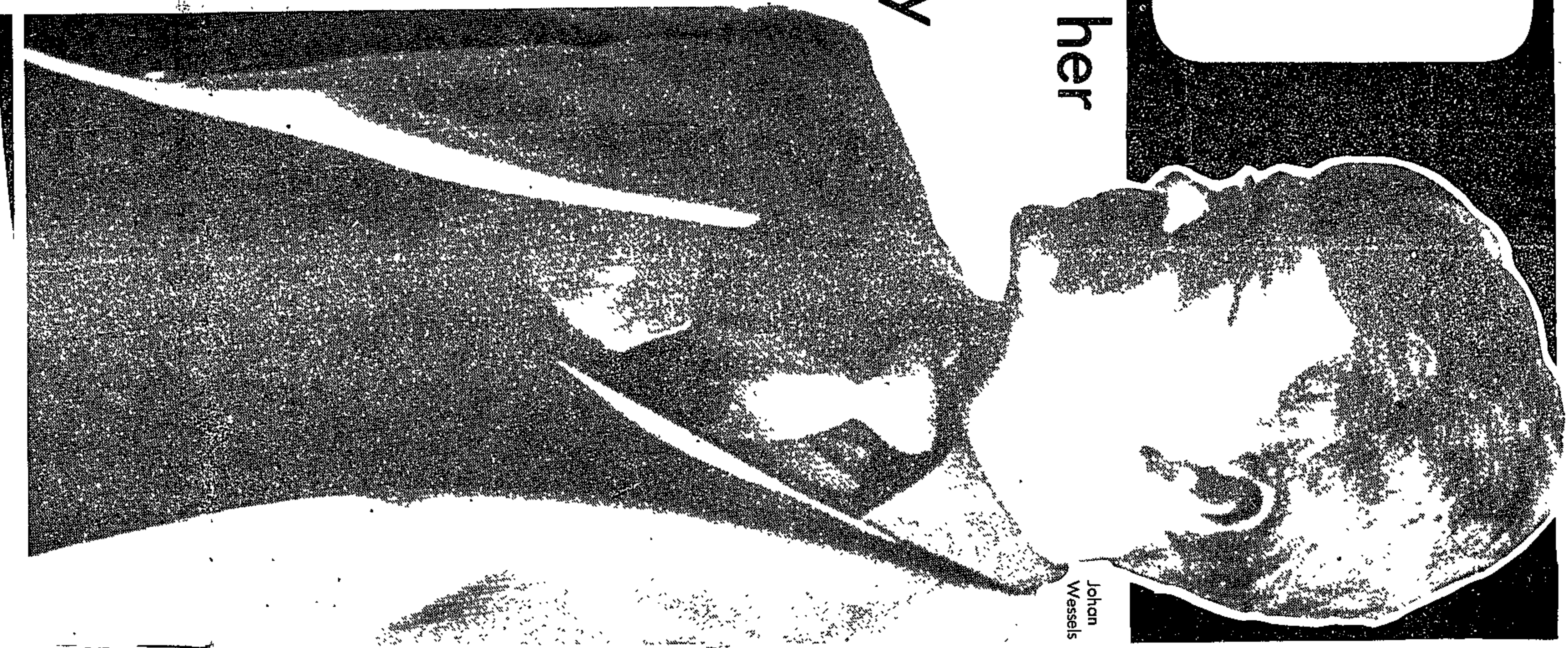
He gave the neighbour's name as Christo Viljoen, 19, who is No 2 accused.

According to evidence before Free State Judge President Frank Smuts, the two men, accompanied by Frederick Petrus Swanepoel, 24, and Michael Jacobus Mynhardt, 24, went on a crime spree which ended in rape and death. His father has hired him an experienced counsel — the

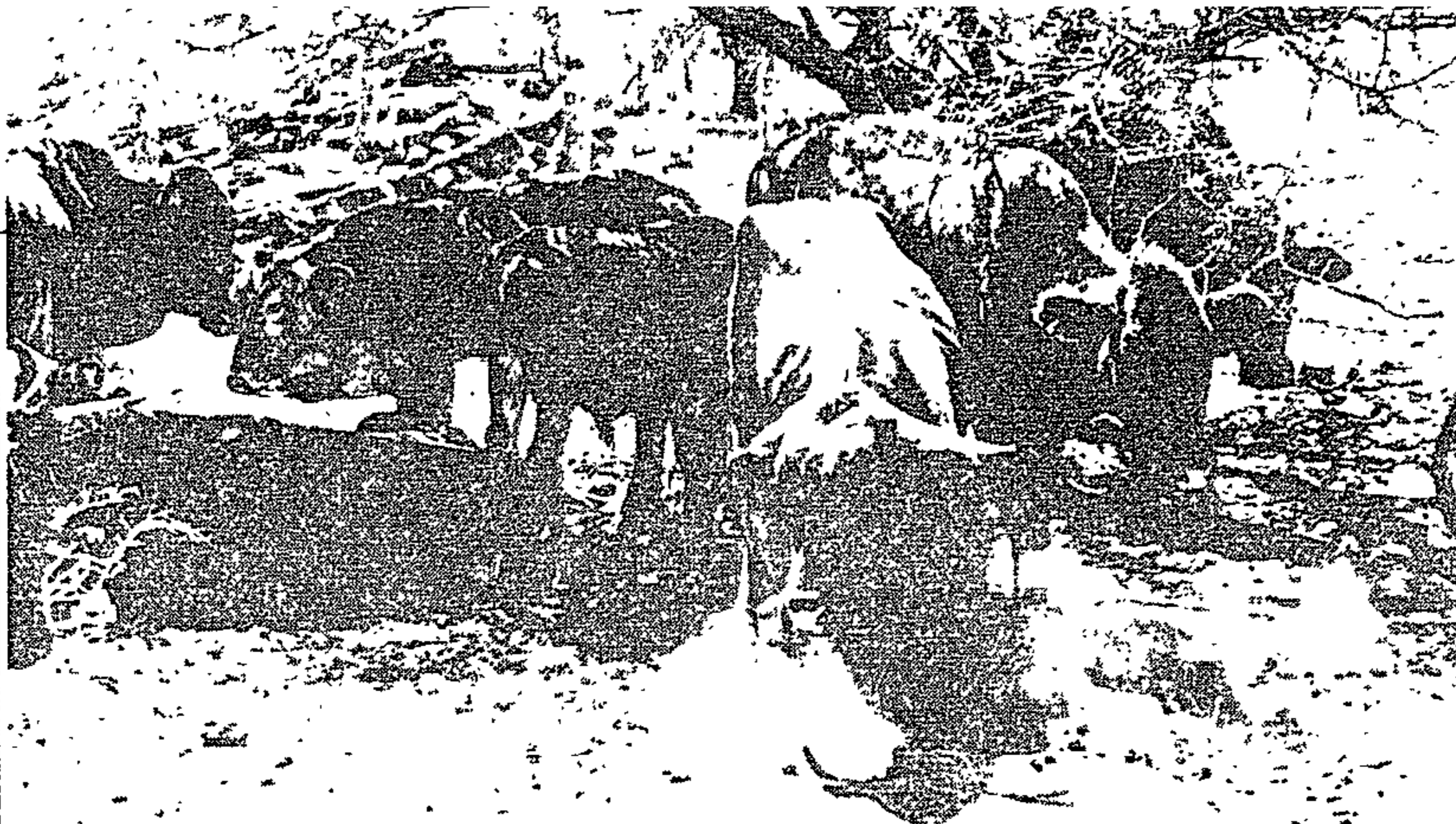


Accused Frikkie Swanepoel and Michael Mynhardt outside court.

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Johan Wessels



South African Police hard pressed to control stock theft

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By Mike Cohen,
Crime Reporter

Stock thefts across the South Africa-Lesotho border are on the increase — and police are hard pressed to control the situation because of apparent friction between the police forces of the two countries.

One of the reasons given for this apparent friction is the raid into Maseru by South African security forces late last year.

But the chief of the South African CID, Major-General Chrissie Zietsman, has denied that the raid has anything to do with lack of co-operation.

"We have received no reports of any lack of co-operation apart from normal problems of identification. Arrests are still being made in Lesotho and cattle recovered," he said.

An Underberg farmer recently lost 243 head of cattle which were taken across the border into Lesotho. The local stock theft unit was called in to track down the cattle.

The herd was tracked

to a border crossing by members of the unit.

But, the helicopter assisting the unit was delayed by police when it landed in Lesotho because of this apparent friction, said one of the local farmers.

Only 36 head of cattle were recovered and brought back to South Africa. The total loss was estimated in the region of R14 000.

Many of the farmers in the same area have been the victims of similar thefts.

An amendment to the Stock Theft Act has allowed for heavier penalties for convictions in terms of the Act, with fines of up to R2 000 now possible.

A court can also direct the attention of the stock owner suffering damage or loss to the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act.

Section 300 of the Act allows for an award to the owner of an amount not exceeding R10 000.

The fines are planned to act as a deterrent to potential stock thieves who have been operating in a highly professional

manner along South Africa's borders.

Heavy vehicles are now often used to transport the stolen cattle across the borders.

A special force has been appointed at various stations in an attempt to curb the growing stock losses, with experienced trackers, helicopters, motorcycles and horses being used to follow the trail.

The South African Police view the thefts in a serious light and have received outstanding assistance from local farmers in their drive to cut down the number of incidents.

Farmers attached to the police reserve have done much to scare away stock thieves in the border areas.

Mobile anti-stock theft units are on duty round-the-clock and as soon as one particular area shows an increase in the crime, the units move in with scrambler motorcycles and dogs.

The local farmers' associations are also assisting the police and the introduction of a stock theft register to assist in the identification of sto-

len animals has been planned in several areas.

The security fencing on the South African side of the South Africa-Zimbabwe border has been cut more than 300 times and stock thieves still strike regularly.

Reinforcements have been sent to the area — a strip almost 200 km long east of Messina — in an attempt to stop the incursions.

Last year it was reported that the South African Police were investigating the possible use of muzzle prints to identify stolen cattle.

The idea was investigated by Colonel Phillip Putter, former head of the fingerprint unit at Johan Vorster Square and a full report has been submitted.

Using this method a thick piece of absorbent paper is pressed against the inked muzzle of the animal.

It has been found that no two muzzle prints are the same.

The system has been proved to be more reliable than branding or tattooing in proving ownership.

400 held in 'crime sweeps'

Cape Times
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PRETORIA. — More than 400 people were arrested early yesterday when police supported by army units moved into black areas in the Eastern Cape and Free State in operations police described as crime sweeps.

Police and troops moved into Soweto near Port Elizabeth and the black township near Parys in the Free State.

The Public Relations Division of the SAP here said charges laid against those arrested included robbery, housebreaking, theft, rape, escaping from custody, possession of and dealing in dagga, damaging property, assault with intent, driving under the influence, brewing of illegal concoctions and possession of suspected stolen property.

In Soweto, 84 people were arrested and in Parys, 341 were taken into custody.

Meanwhile police reported isolated incidents of arson, petrol-bombing and stone-throwing in the Eastern Cape and on the East Rand and West Rand.

And six men and two women have been arrested on charges of arson and public violence in connection with the petrol-bombing of the home of a policeman in the township at Port Alfred on Monday.

Casspirs for Baragwanath

Sapa's correspondent reports that unrest at Bokgaga High School near Tzaneen has led to its closure until July 9. A policeman was stabbed on the school premises yesterday, but was discharged after receiving hospital treatment.

Meanwhile, more than 4 000 students at the University of the North yesterday resumed their boycott after the university reopened on Monday. It had closed for two weeks when the entire student body refused to attend lectures in sympathy with law students demanding the dismissal of a lecturer.

In another development related to disturbances, Baragwanath Hospital announced yesterday that it had acquired two Casspirs (armoured personnel carriers) to perform "vital duties" during unrest.

Dr Koos Bekers, superintendent of community health centres for Baragwanath — the largest hospital in Africa, said the Casspirs had been acquired as "thousands of rands' damage" had been caused to hospital vehicles in recent years.

He said the Casspirs would be used to transport hospital staff, patients and medical supplies to Baragwanath's 10 clinics in Soweto during "troubled times".

The hospital Casspirs would be distinguishable from similar "protective services" vehicles by their colour — white, with two large red crosses. — Sapa

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Sentence on (37)

Elsa Notley STAR 3/2/88 expected today

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — Sentence is expected to be passed on Elsa Notley in the Supreme Court here today for the murder of Mr Darryl McFadyen and Mrs Tania Swanepoel on March 1 last year.

A surprise last-minute witness yesterday was Mr Otto Mossetti, who said he was in Mr McFadyen's flat on the morning of the murder and had stayed there for two nights prior to the killings.

He said that Notley sat on Mr McFadyen's bed at about 6.30 on the morning of the shooting. She did not seem depressed and had made coffee.

Mr Fox, Copenhagen, for the defence, contended there were mitigating circumstances and these included emotional immaturity, depression and an intense love for Mr McFadyen.

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Mr. Copenhagen said Notley had received treatment for depression from 1980.

He said her love for Mr McFadyen was so intense that it was not always controllable.

There were other women in Mr McFadyen's life but when Mrs Tania Swanepoel appeared on the scene there was a conflict situation.

Said Mr Copenhagen: "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

He added that psychiatrist Dr P J Gouse had contended that depression had impaired Notley's judgment.

Double-killer Notley escapes death sentence

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — Elsa Notley will not get the death sentence, Mr Justice E.K.W. Lichtenberg said in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Notley will be sentenced today for murdering Mr Darryl McFadyen and Mrs Tania Swanepoel in Bloemfontein last March.

Sentencing was postponed yesterday afternoon when Mr Justice Lichtenberg made his announcement.

Mr Nic Saunders, for the State, had asked for long imprisonment and defence advocate Mr Fox Koppenhagen referred to previous sentences for cases with mitigation.

These ranged from seven years upwards. The courtroom was packed and people stood at the back as Mr Justice Lichtenberg began his judgment. When the court

adjourned for the day Notley, who was in tears as she entered the dock, broke down again and was comforted by her father, a Pongola bank manager who has attended the hearing every day.

Notley's mother, Mrs Beulah van Zyl, was again in court with her husband. Others in court included Mrs Tania Swanepoel's mother and her sister and husband, but Mr McFadyen's father did not attend.

The judge reviewed the State's entire case, which included details of the shootings, and said the court believed the shootings were intentional. Mrs Swanepoel was not killed by a fluke shot.

The judge referred to Notley's evidence on what was said just before Mr McFadyen was killed. He said the words "What the f... hell are you doing here?", quoted by

Notley, were more probably "What the hell are you doing" as a pistol was held against his head.

The judge said the court also accepted the view of psychiatrist Dr Johan Fourie that Notley knew what she was doing.

The court also accepted the evidence of Mrs van Zyl that a doctor treated Notley for depression for five months in 1980, but had said the treatment, ended by Notley, ought to have lasted longer.

The court also accepted the evidence of Mrs Thea van Rooy that Notley had made four suicide attempts with pills. Mrs van Rooy also testified to Notley's emotional immaturity.

In view of her emotional immaturity, depression, jealousy and love for Mr McFadyen, her blameworthiness was reduced.

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**Boy (8) ³⁷
STAIRS
shot by
councillor**

1913/86
A shot fired by a community councillor in the Kroonstad township of Seeisoville killed a boy of eight on Monday night.

After subsequent police action 15 high school pupils were treated in hospital for sjambok injuries and three activists arrested.

The dead boy was Vincent Mntuze, a pupil at Boiteko Lower Primary School.

Yesterday morning's police unrest report said the councillor opened fire and shot the child after being stoned.

Colonel Vic Haynes of the Police Directorate of Public Relations said the shooting was being investigated.

Residents said councillors and council guards have been involved in numerous shootings. Colonel Haynes said police were aware of several cases.

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER:

- (a) 150 persons.
- (b) 81 persons—injuries sustained before and during arrest; 6 persons—assaulted by fellow prisoners; 33 persons—suicide; 30 persons—natural causes.

- (1) (a) R5 728 000.
- (ii) R325 133 883.
- (b) 426 136.
- (2) (a) 8,83 per cent.
- (b) R15 480 233.
- (3) (a) R1 571 267.

Q 22 1019
Unemployment Insurance Fund
HANSA 1019
464. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Manpower:

- (1) (a) What was the total amount (i) paid into the Unemployment Insurance Fund by State employers and employees in 1985 and (ii) paid out in benefits in that year and (b) to how many applicants were benefits paid;
- (2) (a) what is the present average rate of interest received by the Fund and (b) what amount was paid from the Fund in 1985 in respect of administration costs;
- (3) (a) what total amount in unclaimed money is held in the Fund and (b) how many persons are involved in this amount;
- (4) how many employers were registered with the Unemployment Insurance Fund as at 31 December 1985?

(b) Figures are not readily available.

- (4) 131 806.

Note: Figures are provisional and are subject to audit.

Q 22 1020
Soweto East: offences
HANSA 1019
468. Mrs H SUZMAN 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) damage to property (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Soweto East police district in 1985?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Orlando.....	243	91	1 333	818	198	439	366	715	384	—
Meadowlands.....	211	52	1 105	656	152	313	157	528	173	—
Dobsonville.....	60	5	408	114	58	111	55	109	78	—

Note: These statistics are furnished for the period 1 July 1984 until 30 June 1985. Statistics with regard to the period 1 July 1985 until 31 December 1985 are not readily available.

Soweto West: offences

469. Mrs H SUZMAN 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) damage to property (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Soweto West police district in 1985?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Jabulani.....	244	41	1 094	951	195	290	210	689	207	—
Maroka.....	365	119	1 731	1 510	313	854	310	1 369	360	—
Klipptown.....	129	76	737	1 199	156	397	332	593	568	60
Lenasia.....	34	14	176	407	30	129	248	228	387	19

Note: These statistics are furnished for the period 1 July 1984 until 30 June 1985. Statistics with regard to the period 1 July 1985 until 31 December 1985 are not readily available.

Q 22 1021
Vereniging: offences
HANSA 1019
470. Mrs H SUZMAN 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) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the (i) Sebokeng and (ii) Sharpeville police station areas in the Vereeniging police district in 1985?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
(i) Sebokeng.....	336	75	1 716	1 030	250	749	155	951	589	—
(ii) Sharpeville.....	53	4	506	257	87	221	60	292	162	—

Note: These statistics are furnished for the period 1 July 1984 until 30 June 1985. Statistics with regard to the period 1 July 1985 until 31 December 1985 are not readily available.

Q 22 1021
Teacher training colleges
HANSA 1019
537. Prof N J J OLIVER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(a) How many colleges of education for the training of Black teachers were there under the control of his Department, and (b) how many students were enrolled in each of these colleges, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

	(a)	(b)	(viii)
Ten.....	—	—	—
(b) (i) Transvaal Teachers Training College.....	917	—	117
(ii) Soshanguve College for Continuing Training.....	60	—	—
(iii) East Rand Teachers Training College.....	627	—	—
(iv) Soweto Teachers Training College.....	784	—	—
*Molapo Teachers Training College.....	216	—	—
(v) Sebokeng Teachers Training College.....	719	—	—
(vi) Mphohadi Teachers Training College.....	425	—	—
(vii) Kasiganong Teachers Training College.....	151	—	—

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Farmer convicted of killing boys with bakkie

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Vereeniging Bureau

"You have enjoyed 73 summers on earth, but you have deprived two small boys of doing the same," Mr Justice F C Kirk-Cohen yesterday told Gideon Benjamin van der Watt (73), of the farm, Hartebeesfontein, who had killed two brothers by running them down with his bakkie.

Van der Watt was convicted in the Vanderbijlpark Circuit Court on two charges of murder.

He was sentenced to five years' jail, of which half was suspended, on each count, the sentences to run concurrently. He was granted leave to appeal and released on R500 bail.

Van der Watt had pleaded not guilty to murdering William and Sifo Mngomezulu, aged seven and nine respectively.

Mr Justice Kirk-Cohen said it was obvious from evidence led that the accused, angry with some 10 to 12 children trespassing on his property, had decided to frighten them.

The judge dismissed Van der Watt's testimony that the two brothers killed had broken away from the other children and had run straight towards his bakkie. The court also rejected his version that he swerved sharply to the right and slammed on his brakes to avoid knocking down the two children.

"The court has no other alternative but to find that the intent to murder was indeed present."

If the accused had been a young man of 25 years, the court would certainly have sentenced him to 12 or more years' jail.

Van der Watt said in mitigation yesterday that he and his wife of 50 years, Rosie, were in ill-health, that he had not had a crop for four years and that he was paying off a R12 000 loan.

Because of the nature of the crime, the judge refused requests from both the prosecutor, Mr J Fouche, and the defence advocate, Mr P Kemp, that the court impose a suspended sentence and/or a fine.

Pik, US hold 'secret' talks

SPAR 22/4/80 (37)

GENEVA — Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha and American Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Dr Chester Crocker have completed two days of talks here, shrouded in secrecy.

A brief statement said merely that talks had taken place without giving substantive details. They are understood to have focused on the issue of Namibian independence. More talks are planned in future in what a South African official described as "an on-going process". — The Star's Foreign News Service. ● See Page 15.

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I stabbed victim, says rape accused, 18

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Mr Johan Christiaan Wessels, 18, of Bethlehem, charged along with three friends in the Free State Supreme Court with the murder and rape of a young black woman, admitted he stabbed her several times with a knife.

The four were also charged with robbing her brother and nephew. Mr Wessels, Mr Christo Viljoen, 19, Mr Frederick Petrus Swane-poel, 24, and Mr Michael Jacobus Mynhardt, 24, all of Bethlehem, pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The State alleged that, about January 1, they threatened Mr Lesia Mokoena and Mr Petrus Nkomo with a weapon and robbed them of R10 and R20 respectively.

They allegedly pretended they were police officers and asked the men and Miss Elizabeth Mokoena, 18, for their reference books.

Miss Mokoena, who did not have a pass, was told she was under arrest, assaulted by the accused and taken away, the State alleged.

The four allegedly repeatedly raped her at the Loch Athlone

Dam, Bethlehem, before hitting her on the head with a bottle and stabbing her several times.

The accused also allegedly ran over Miss Mokoena with their bakrie and left her there, where her body was found.

Mr Wessels said he was he was under the influence of alcohol at the time and did not have a clear recollection of events.

He denied the allegations of robbery, but remembered that he had sex with the dead woman.

Mr Wessels was under the impression that she had consented, Mr Calle Cillie, representing the accused, said.

Mr Viljoen and Mr Swane-poel chose not explain their plea.

Mr Mynhardt admitted asking the two men for their reference books, but denied that he had a weapon or that he had used violence.

He added that he was not physically capable of having sex with the woman, but was under the impression that she had agreed.

The district surgeon of Bethle-

hem, Dr Herman van Schalkwyk, said he found six stab wounds in Miss Mokoena's back and neck.

He also found a bruise at the back of her head, her jaw broken and a minor cut at the throat.

The cause of death was massive loss of blood and collapsed lungs. He could find no evidence of recent sexual injuries.

The State would also lead evidence that a bakrie was driven over her and that blood was found on five places on its underside.

The case continues. — Sapa



Argus 5/8/86 (37)

I did have sex with her, alleged killer tells court

The Argus Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN. — One of four young men charged with the rape and murder of an 18-year-old woman admitted in the Free State Supreme Court to having had intercourse with her, but claimed it was with her consent.

Mr Johan Wessels, 18, also admitted through his advocate Mr Callie Cillier, to stabbing the young woman a number of times with a knife but could not remember the exact number.

Mr Wessels is charged with Mr Christo Viljoen, 19, Mr Frederick Petrus Swanepoel, 24, and Mr Michael Jacobus Mynhardt, 24, all of Bethlehem, with the murder and rape of Miss Elizabeth Mokoena in Bethlehem on January 11.

The four are also charged with robbing her brother, Mr Abednigo Lesia Mokoena, 19, and his nephew, Mr Petrus Nkomo.

Mr Mokoena, a Standard 7 pupil at a senior secondary school in Kwakwa, yesterday told the court that he, his sister and Mr Nkomo arrived in Bethlehem from Lindley on January 10 at 7.40pm. They stayed in the station waiting room until 4.30am the next day.

Reference books

They went to a bus-stop to find transport to Kwakwa. At about 18 minutes before 5am, four white men travelling in a bakkie stopped beside them.

It is alleged the men asked the group what they were doing and also asked for their reference books.

Mr Mokoena said that while the driver of the vehicle grabbed him, Mr Nkomo ran away, was chased by the other three men and was brought back to the bus-stop. He was robbed of R10, and a firearm was used in the theft.

He said the men then asked Miss Mokoena for her reference book. She did not have one and was put into the bakkie.

Police station

Mr Mokoena said the men told him they were taking the woman to the police station, and drove away. Mr Mokoena and Mr Nkomo went to the police station. Assisted by policemen in a vehicle, they toured the town but could find no sign of Miss Mokoena.

Earlier, the Bethlehem district surgeon, Dr Herman van Schalkwyk, told the court the cause of the woman's death was extensive bleeding and a collapsed lung. He said there were seven stab wounds in her body and the one in the lung was fatal.

Driven over

The State alleges that after being taken from the bus-stop, Miss Mokoena, in addition to being stabbed, was raped by all four men and later the bakkie was driven over her body.

Mr Wessels, in addition to admitting stabbing the woman, also said he had intercourse with her — but with her consent.

The hearing continues today.

Mr TP McNally, the Attorney-General of the Free State, is leading the case for the State assisted by Mr J Nel. The advocates appearing for the accused are Mr Cillier for Mr Wessels, Mr P Fischer for Mr Viljoen, Mr A Williams for Mr Swanepoel and Mr P Heymens for Mr Mynhardt.

The judge president, Mr Justice FS Smuts, is sitting with two assessors, Professor Johan van Schalkwyk and Mr WA du Plessis, the regional court president.

Kicks in mouth almost scrapped man

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — The brother of a young woman who was allegedly raped before she was stabbed to death with a fishing knife, yesterday told the Supreme Court here that her family did not complain so much about the money "taken away from us as about the person who was taken away".

Mr. Lesia Abendigo Mokoena, 19, alleged that he and his cousin, Mr. Petrus Nkomo, were robbed of R10 and R20 respectively by four men on the morning of January 11 this year.

His sister, Miss Elizabeth Mokoena, 18, was then "arrested" by the men because she did not have a passbook.

The State alleges that Mr. Johan Christiaan Wessels, 18, of Verda Court, Mr. Christo Viljoen, 19, of Verda Court, Mr. Frederick Petrus

Swanepoel, 24, of Ben Schoeman Street, and Mr. Michael Jacobus Mynhardt, 24, of McNicol Street, all of Bethlehem, raped the woman in turn before killing her.

The four men deny guilt on all the charges.

Mr. Mokoena said in evidence the R10 of which he was robbed was his fare home. A policeman, who is a family friend, had given him the money.

In cross-examination he acknowledged that he mentioned only one firearm in his statement to the police while he had said in court that all four men had been armed.

"The person who wrote the statement must have misunderstood me," he explained.

Mr. Mokoena said the men had made a noise to make them think they were drunk. "If they had been drunk they would

have killed Petrus immediately, because drunk people cannot think so clearly," he said.

He said that Mr. Nkomo had tried to run away and that three of the men aimed firearms at him and ran after him. They caught him and almost "scrapped" him by kicking him in his mouth.

Mr. Mynhardt will admit that he asked Mr. Mokoena for his passbook but deny that he assaulted him or pulled his jacket over his head.

One of the other accused had hit at Mr. Mokoena, but Mr. Mynhardt stopped them and told them not to hit the people, said Mr. Paul Heymans, appearing for Mr. Mynhardt.

Mr. Mokoena denied that any of the other men had hit at him.

Mr. Nkomo said in evidence that the three men who ran after him had pointed firearms at him which caused him to stop. They allegedly hit him on the mouth and asked for his passbook.

"When they finished they threw my passbook back to me and the money which had been inside was missing. They took the girl away from there and told us to look away and not at them."

The case continues. — Sapa.

Stabbings after drunken party

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Supreme Court here heard yesterday of a wild, drunken party after which a black woman was stabbed and died.

Mr Johan Christian Wessels, 18, appearing with three others on charges of armed robbery, rape and murder on January 11 this year, said they had given themselves up to the police the next day.

Appearing with Mr Wessels are Mr Christo Viljoen, 19, Mr Frederick Petrus Swanepoel, 24, and Mr Michael Mynhardt, 24, all of Bethlehem. All have

pleaded not guilty.

Mr Wessels said that on the evening of January 11 he had drunk six or seven beers, and had felt drunk when he and Mr and Mrs Viljoen arrived at the dance in a hall at the Loch Athlone Dam.

"I remember vaguely that there had been problems at the dance, but what it was about I cannot remember. The next thing I remember was that we were drinking in Mynhardt's house. It was the first time I met him."

Mr Wessels did not know at

what stage Mr Swanepoel

joined their group. After they had drunk a substantial quantity of hard liquor they left in his pickup truck. He did not recall who drove.

He remembered speaking to some black people, and that a black woman was on the back of the truck when they stopped behind the dam.

Mr Wessels remembers that he and one of the others drank a short distance away while the woman was undressing. He had sex with the woman at some stage, although incon-

clusively as he was feeling

nauseous and dizzy. "I got off the truck, took an empty bottle and hit her a glancing blow behind her head. The bottle broke on the side of the truck. I saw her struggling off the truck and fall. We left her there and took Mynhardt, who had to be at work by six, home," he said.

"From there we went back to the dam. When we stopped the woman was busy dressing. I stormed up to her and stabbed her several times with the knife. I felt as if I had

lost control totally.

"Back in the truck Viljoen drove and I felt that we went over her twice. Just before the bridge I saw the knife in my hand and told (Viljoen) to stop, and threw it into the water."

On the afternoon of January 13 Mr Wessels and Mr Viljoen went to tell Mr Mynhardt and Mr Swanepoel that they had decided to give themselves up to the police.

The case is proceeding. — Sapa

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Bethlehem killing four 'not so drunk'

The Argus Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The four men accused of raping and murdering an 18-year-old schoolgirl had overemphasised their degree of drunkenness, the Free State Attorney-General, Mr Tim McNally, said.

He asked that three of the men be found guilty of the rape and murder of Miss Elizabeth Mokoena at Bethlehem on January 11, this year, and that a fourth man, Mr Michael Mynhardt, 24, be found guilty of rape only.

Mr Mynhardt, Mr Johan Wessels, 18, Mr Christo Viljoen, 19, and Mr Frederick Swanepoel, 24, all from Bethlehem, are appearing before Mr Justice F S Smuts.

Mr McNally said they had overemphasised their degrees of drunkenness in order to minimise their responsibilities. This was especially so in the case of Mr Wessels, who alleged he was so drunk that he could not recall what happened, and that he was not responsible for his actions.

Mr McNally said that the circumstances under which the woman had intercourse pointed to the fact that she had not given consent willingly. She was confronted by four white men at a bus-stop and put on the back of a bakkie. There Mr Wessels had kicked her in the face, breaking her jaw.

Mr McNally said Mr Wessels had reason to stab the girl to death because if she went to the police to report the rape his part would be known. He was sufficiently aware of what he was doing when he stopped the bakkie to enable him to throw the knife into a place where it would be difficult to find.

He said if Mr Viljoen drove over the young woman's body he was also guilty of murder. Mr Swanepoel was equally guilty because he saw the assault before the fatal stabbing and should have seen that the earlier assaults could have further fatal consequences, yet he did nothing.

The hearing resumes on Monday.

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Inkatha chairman accused of murder

DURBAN — An Inkatha branch chairman, alleged to have shot and killed a member of his own vigilante group, pleaded not guilty today in the Durban Supreme Court to charges of murder and attempting to defeat the ends of justice.

Appearing before Mr Justice P M Nienaber, sitting with two assessors, was Mr Thembinkosi Nyameni (38).

His appearance follows an incident on December 6 1985, near Ntuzuma in the Inanda district in which Mr Fano Samuel Makanya was shot dead.

The State also alleges that Mr Nyameni attempted to defeat the ends of justice by instructing vigilantes under his control to remove the body and that he instructed someone else to confess to the killing.

The State claims that Mr Nyameni, the chairman of the Inkatha movement in the Dalmany farm area in Inanda, accompanied by a group of his vigilantes, had gone to recover a vehicle abandoned by one of their group after he had allegedly been chased by members of an Inkatha group from another area.

It is alleged he shot at a vehicle in which Mr Makanya was travelling, not knowing it was one of the vehicles carrying his vigilantes.

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Mr Mbuyiseni Boy Mdluli told the court he and Mr Makanya and Mr Nyameni had stayed on the same farm. Mr Nyameni was in charge of them.

He said that on the night of the incident he and other men had been summoned to Mr Nyameni's house and told that one of their group, Mr Phillip Khumalo, had been chased by members of another group. He had had to abandon his car.

Mr Nyameni had ordered his men to go and collect it. They set off in five vehicles to do so.

Mr Makanya was travelling in the back of a bakkie driven by Mr Mthethiswa Anthony Mabaso. When the abandoned vehicle was found, Mr Mabaso's bakkie and another car were no longer with the other three vehicles.

He said that while standing near the side of the road they saw two vehicles approaching. Shots had been fired and Mr Makanya was killed.

Cross-examined by Mr L J Botha, for Mr Nyameni, the witness said there had been a quarrel between Mr Nyameni and the chairman of the Lindelani Inkatha group, a man called Shabalala.

He said it appeared as though Mr Nyameni was afraid of Mr Shabalala and that on occasions he and other members of Mr Nyameni's group had stood guard all night over his home in case an impi from Mr Shabalala's group attacked it.

The hearing continues.
— Sapa.

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Murderer Wessels gets death

By PATRICK LAURENCE

AN 18-year-old white man, Johan Wessels, was yesterday sentenced to death for murdering a young black woman, Elizabeth Mokoena. The judge found no extenuating circumstances.

Only six whites have been hanged for the murder of blacks in South African legal history, according to Wits University Professor John Dugard in his authoritative book, *Human Rights and the South African Legal Order*.

The penalty for murder without extenuating circumstances is death. The courts have no discretion to impose a lesser penalty under South African law.

Wessels is fated to become the 210th man to occupy death row in Pretoria Central Prison, unless the judge grants him leave to appeal and bail pending hearing of the appeal.

Wessels was one of four men from the Free State town of Bethlehem who raped Mokoena, 18, after pretending to be

policemen and "arresting" her for not being in possession of a pass.

Another young man, Christo Viljoen, 19, was also found guilty of murder. The judge, however, found that there were extenuating circumstances in his case. Viljoen was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment.

Wessels hit Mokoena over the head with a bottle and stabbed her several times with a fishing knife. The judge found that he killed Mokoena because he did not want her to identify him.

Viljoen drove back to the scene of the rape with Wessels. He did nothing to stop Wessels from killing her, although when Wessels took out the knife, his intention was plain.

The court found that Viljoen had not planned the murder and that he had driven the truck toward but not over Mokoena after she had been stabbed. To that extent, there

were extenuating circumstances.

Death row already contains two young white men, Schalk Burger, 20, and George Scheepers, 21, who were each sentenced to death twice for the murder and rape of a young black nurse, Ginny Goitsione, last year.

They have been granted leave to appeal.

Rape is a capital offence in South Africa. In South African legal history, very few white men, if any, have been sentenced to death — and actually executed — for the rape of black women.

The Attorney General of the Free State, TP McNally, however, contended in the trial of the Bethlehem men yesterday that the court was dealing with an extreme case which justified the death penalty.

The four convicted rapists in the trial are Wessels, Viljoen, Frederick Swanepoel, 24, and Michael Mynhardt, 24. All four men were sentenced to eight years' imprisonment

Shebeen deaths: 26 in court

ODENDAALSRUS — Twenty-six males, 17 of them under 18, appeared in the local Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the deaths of four whites at a shebeen in Kutlwanong township at the weekend, SABC radio news reported.

They were not asked to plead and were remanded in custody to October 23. *By Dum 5/10/90 (37)*

The legal representative for some of the accused asked that the court record note they were allegedly injured after being arrested. They were bruised and it was alleged some of them had received electric shocks.

Two other men, Phillip Motale, 25, and Johannes Kole, 35, who appeared in court earlier in the week in connection with the deaths were each granted bail of R600.

Northern Free State police have arrested four more people in connection with the case.

The four victims were Basie van Niekerk, 32, of Welkom; Micheal Frederik Belelie, 33, Shirley Basson, 32, and Anthony Casey, 32, all of Odendaalsrus. — Sapa.



Swift justice for cheque fraud man



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Pretoria Correspondent

A man was arrested, charged, found guilty and sentenced to three years' jail by a Pretoria Regional Court magistrate all on the same day.

Walter Alexander Smith (26) of Schubert Park Flats, Pretoria, pleaded guilty yesterday before Mr R de Vos to two charges of fraud involving more than R30 000.

The State alleged that on November 19 last year, Smith deposited a cheque into his account knowing the cheque was invalid and that he was not entitled to the amount of R20 010.

It was further alleged that between November 19 and November 25 last year, Smith drew an amount of R18 500 from his account, knowing that he was not entitled to the money with which his account was credited.

Smith told the court he had taken a blank cheque from a company and had made it out to himself in the amount of R20 010 and signed it. He added that the firm owed him no money.

Smith, a employee of the Pretoria City Council at the time of the crime, said he had spent all the money.

The magistrate found Smith guilty on both charges.

In mitigation, Smith said he was willing to pay back the money at R200 a month. He said he had been unemployed since November last year until six months ago.

Mr de Vos said if he paid off the amount at this rate it would take seven years and eight months to repay the bank and this was not acceptable.

Mr de Vos said jail was the only suitable sentence and he sentenced Smith to three years' jail.

Cannibal



Van der Walt leaves court yesterday.

Former Deputy Minister is guilty of theft

POTCHEFSTROOM — Mr Hendrik "Hennie" van der Walt (52), a former Deputy Minister of Development and Land Affairs, was yesterday convicted on 15 charges of theft involving more than R800 000 when he appeared in a Potchefstroom Regional Court.

Van der Walt was charged with 28 counts of fraud. Yesterday 13 of the charges were withdrawn and the State accepted his plea of guilty to 15 alternate charges of theft.

The investigating officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Martinus Schoeman, said Van der Walt told a Law Society investigation into his conduct as an attorney that he invested some of the stolen money in secret projects for the Department of Information, but he could find nothing to substantiate this.

In his alleged involvement in "Info" projects Van der Walt had said he had dealt with the late Prime Minister Mr B.J. Vorster, the late Dr. Connie Mulder and Dr. Eschel Rhoodie.

The State alleged that Van der Walt stole money he received as an attorney and director and/or shareholder of several businesses.

One of Van der Walt's former constituents, Mr Joseph le Grange (61), said he first approached Van der Walt when his farm was expropriated. He told Van der Walt that he could not accept the price he had been offered for his farm.

MONEY DISAPPEARED

Van der Walt then negotiated a better price and said he would invest some of the money Mr le Grange received as payment for the farm.

An amount of R52 000 was still outstanding on the money Van der Walt had invested, said Mr le Grange.

Mr le Grange, who had been living off the interest from the sale of the farm, said he battled to find employment after the money he gave to van der Walt disappeared.

The disappearance of the money was "a great shock", Mr le Grange said, and he was still battling to put his two children through school.

He had found a job at a low wage but he might have to give it up when he turned 65 in four years' time.

A defence witness, Dr Wynand Botha, told the court that Van der Walt was a sick man as a result of his excessive use of alcohol and cigarettes. He said Van der Walt suffered from hypertension, chronic lung damage, a damaged pancreas, a heart condition and diabetes.

He said Van der Walt would not be able to receive proper treatment for his ailments if he were sent to prison.

Another defence witness, Mr Johan Schutte, a church minister, testified.

The magistrate is Mr P.A.J. Kotze and the prosecutor Mr P.A. van Wyk. Mr T. Grobbelaar appeared on behalf of van der Walt.

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the SBDC by the State in the 1987-88 financial year, (b) what total amount was (i) lent and (ii) written off as irrecoverable debt by the SBDC in the whole of the country in that financial year and (c) what percentage of the total amount lent by the SBDC in that financial year was lent to members of the White, Black, Asian and Coloured population groups, respectively?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

- (1) (a) Mr M J Pentz.
- (b) When the SBDC was established in 1981.
- (2) (a) R29,042 million.
- (b) (i) R114,064 million.
- (ii) R31,440 million.

Note: The amount of R31,440 million also represents bad debts with regard to loans granted in previous years. Since the SBDC's formation in 1981 until 31 March 1988 a total amount of R461,183 million was lent throughout the country. During the same period R48,020 million was written off as irrecoverable debt of which R3,675 million was since recovered. The net total accordingly amounts to R44,345 million which represents 9,6 per cent of the total loans granted.

(c) The SBDC grants loans to meritorious small business enterprises irrespective of the population group of the entrepreneur. It is, therefore, not the policy of the SBDC to furnish particulars of its clients on the basis of race.

Companies/close corporations registered

1043. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:

How many (a) companies and (b) close corporations had been registered in the Republic as at the first day of each year from 1980 up to and including 1988?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

Owing to factors such as an unknown number

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of dormant companies, particulars of the total number of companies which were incorporated and in operation on a specific date are not readily available. The number of companies and close corporations which were incorporated during each of the relevant years, is furnished below.

(a) Companies	New com-panies incor-porated	Close Cor-porations converted into companies	Year	Total
1980	11 819	—	1980	11 819
1981	12 587	—	1981	12 587
1982	11 912	—	1982	11 912
1983	14 100	—	1983	14 100
1984	11 601	—	1984	11 601
1985	5 836	12	1985	5 848
1986	5 188	47	1986	5 235
1987	6 395	278	1987	6 673

(b) Close Corporations	New Close Corporations incor-porated	Close Corporations converted into Close Corporations	Year	Total
1985	9 840	6 071	1985	15 911
1986	16 737	6 650	1986	23 387
1987	24 151	5 211	1987	29 362

Note: The Close Corporations Act, 1984 (Act 69 of 1984) came into operation on 1 January 1985.

The decrease in the number of new companies incorporated since 1985 compared with the preceding years is mainly due to the coming into operation of the Close Corporations Act, 1984.

Companies/close corporations liquidated

1019. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Justice:

How many (a) companies and (b) close corporations were liquidated in (i) each year from 1980 up to and including 1987 and (ii) 1988 as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) (i) I refer the Honourable Member to my replies to Written Questions Nos 104 of 1982, 302 of 1983, 514 of 1984.

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170 of 1985, 611 of 1986, 98 of 1987 and 476 of 1988.

(ii) 918 compulsory liquidations as on 29 April 1988.

(b) (i) The Close Corporations Act, 1984 (Act 69 of 1984) came into operation on 1 January 1985 and the information is, therefore, only available as from 1985:

1985 — 21
1986 — 116
1987 — 228

(ii) 108 as on 29 April 1988.

Umgeni Valley area/Riverview Trading Store: faction fighting/unrest

1020. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether there have been any reported cases of faction fighting and/or unrest in the (a) Umgeni Valley area below Waterfall in Natal, and (b) vicinity of the Riverview Trading Store, since 1 January 1988; if so, (i)(aa) which groups were involved in, (bb) what was the outcome of, and (cc) what weapons were used in, each of these incidents and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

(2) whether any persons were killed or injured during the course of these incidents; if so, how many were (a) killed and (b) injured in each case;

(3) whether any property was destroyed or damaged as a result of these incidents; if so, (a) what property, and (b) to what extent, in each case;

(4) whether any arrests have been made as a result of these incidents; if not, why not; if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 4 cases.

(b) 9 cases.

(i) (aa) Factions of the UDF and Inkatha.

(bb) various cases were reported, *inter alia*:

Murder 7 cases

Attempted murder 4 cases
Arson 2 cases

Some of these cases are at present being investigated, while several arrests have been made in certain cases. These persons are presently awaiting trial.

(cc) Mainly petrolbombs, sharp instruments such as knives and assegais, as well as homemade firearms.

(ii) 1 January until 30 April 1988.

(2) (a) and (b) Eight persons were killed and twenty-four persons were injured.

(b) Yes.

(a) and (b) 6 houses were totally destroyed.

(4) 34 persons were arrested on various charges and are presently awaiting trial.

Botshabelo: persons detained

1060. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether any persons were detained in Botshabelo between (a) 6 and 16 December 1987 and (b) 20 and 30 March 1988; if so, (i) how many on each specified day and (ii) why, in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) and (b).

A number of persons were detained in Botshabelo each day between 6 and 16 December 1987 and also between 20 and 30 March 1988 on various charges, *inter alia*:

Theft

Stock-theft

Arson

Housebreaking with the intent to steal and theft

Possession of suspected stolen property

Robbery

Illegal possession of ammunition

Child abuse

Trading in uncut diamonds

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Malicious damage to property
Murder
Rape
Possession of dagga
Drunkenness

(b) 7,87%.
(c) 3,92%.
(d) 33,81%.
(2) 10 May 1988.

SAP: racial group of members

1074. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) What percentage of the members of the South African Police are (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks;
(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
(1) (a) 54,4%.

Cradock police district: crimes reported

1088. Mr D J N MALCOMESS 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) malicious damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Cradock police district in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Cradock	19	14	508	352	22	51	42	104	263	—
Adelaide	2	5	83	49	6	4	8	14	55	—
Bedford	1	2	34	59	3	3	3	9	52	—
Cookhouse	7	6	82	75	10	3	5	20	68	—
Keeyspost	2	1	3	5	2	—	—	3	5	—
Middleton	1	1	36	17	3	—	1	1	14	—
Mortimer	1	1	28	23	2	1	3	7	9	—
Somerst East	7	1	179	100	15	8	13	29	107	—

Grahamstown police district: crimes reported
1089. Mr D J N MALCOMESS 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)

malicious damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Grahamstown police district in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Grahamstown	29	15	678	320	83	137	232	280	917	6
Alexandra	4	4	131	83	8	2	2	21	86	0
Alicedale	0	1	21	34	3	5	3	4	23	0
Balfour	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Bathurst	3	1	23	11	6	3	4	10	39	0
Committees	1	2	1	6	1	0	2	0	4	0
Doringkloof	0	1	4	4	1	0	2	0	183	0
Fort Beaufort	9	8	202	80	14	12	23	49	23	0
Fort Brown	0	2	14	3	1	0	0	1	21	0
Kaffir Drift	0	4	10	9	1	2	0	3	101	0
Kenton-On-Sea	4	4	62	69	6	0	2	19	27	0
Kinkelbos	1	6	8	8	0	1	5	4	61	0
Paterson	1	2	86	72	4	7	4	10	278	0
Port Alfred	2	2	131	214	9	9	11	47	4	0
Riebeeck East	8	0	10	13	2	0	1	0	4	0
Sevenfountains	1	4	20	8	6	1	7	6	26	0

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East London police district: crimes reported
1090. Mr D J N MALCOMESS 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)

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East London	55	21	536	577	89	217	265	340	1018	—
Tyityaba	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Duncan Village	33	6	435	297	71	86	21	82	200	—
Fort Jackson	6	3	54	27	21	18	4	6	55	—
Gonubie	5	7	30	37	19	15	19	12	217	—
Komga	2	3	26	28	11	1	5	8	49	—
Bluwater	13	2	69	15	27	7	5	8	54	—
Cambridge	9	2	105	145	31	72	189	89	994	—
Keimouth	3	3	12	19	—	—	3	6	56	—
Beacon Bay	5	11	47	17	15	14	32	20	145	—
King William's Town	10	16	172	223	32	49	87	75	488	—
Berlin	2	8	21	29	3	5	7	9	43	—
Bolo	2	1	13	—	5	0	1	3	15	—
Kent Road	2	1	22	22	6	3	—	8	21	—
Kubusie Drift	—	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	4	—
Sutterheim	18	11	224	50	17	15	13	35	119	—
Kidds Beach	4	3	21	19	3	2	8	6	165	—
Bj Schoeman Airport	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—
Buffels River	—	—	1	2	—	3	—	7	16	—

Film industry: external consultants/agencies used
1135. Dr P W A MULDER asked the Minister of Information, Broadcasting Services and the Film Industry:

Whether any division or directorate of his Department made use of external (a) public relations consultants, (b) public relations agencies, (c) advertising consultants and/or (d) advertising agencies in the 1987-88 financial year; if so, (i) for what projects, (ii) what total amount was spent on each project, (iii) what consultants and/or agencies were involved in each project and (iv) what procedure was followed in allocating these projects to agencies and/or consultants?

(ii) R2 090 592,00.
(iii) The Agency for Advertising and Marketing.

(iv) Tender Board approval for the continuation of an existing campaign.

- II (i) Group Areas Act Advertising.
- (ii) R141 976,00.
- (iii) KMP.
- (iv) Tender Board approval.
- III (i) Outdoor Advertising on:
 - ID campaign.
 - Rent and Service campaign.
- (ii) R3 007 319,00.
- (iii) Meister Outdoor Marketing (MOY).
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- IV (i) Economic Policy.
- (ii) R453 413,32.
- (iii) Bates Wells.
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The MINISTER OF INFORMATION, BROADCASTING SERVICES AND FILM INDUSTRY:

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a) No.	—	R2 090 592,00.	The Agency for Advertising and Marketing.	Tender Board approval for the continuation of an existing campaign.
(b) No.	—	—	—	—
(c) No.	—	—	—	—
(d) Yes.	1	(i) R141 976,00.	(ii) Group Areas Act Advertising.	Tender Board approval.
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		(iii) Tender Board approval.	(iv) Tender Board approval.	—

Schoolteacher convicted of immorality with boys

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BLOEMFONTEIN. — Society was looking to the regional magistrate to be the "instrument to protect their interests" in the trial of Martha Maria Vollgraaff, 23 — a former Grey College Primary School teacher here.

Mr Johan Nel, the prosecutor, said this in his argument on sentence after Vollgraaff had been convicted in the Regional Court here on six counts of immorality with boys of 13 years and 12 years and on one count of an indecent act with a boy.

The offences were committed between September and November last year.

Mr Nel told the court that he had been inundated with telephone calls from people who wanted her to be sent to jail for so long "that she would never come out".

Mr Nel submitted that if Vollgraaff had remorse, she could have testified to this. The case was adjourned to April 21. — Sapa

Murder accused 'were drunk'

BLOEMFONTEIN — A farmer and two of his workers, accused of beating a young boy to death, were drunk when police arrived.

This was said in evidence in the Free State Supreme Court yesterday. Warrant Officer G C Meiring was giving evidence in the trial of Heilbron farmer Mr Frans Smith and his employees, Mr Johannes Swebea and Mr Patrick Mngwevu.

The three pleaded not guilty to the murder of Fani Jacob Ga-

tebe (15) who was allegedly beaten with a sjambok, kicked and tied to a workbench.

Warrant Officer Meiring said Mr Smith had slurred his words and sounded as if he was under the influence of alcohol. Detective Sergeant J J van der Merwe, who accompanied the warrant officer, said he found the youth's body near a workbench. He had numerous head and body injuries.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

Budd tried sex assault, claims murder accused

BLOEMFONTEIN — A man accused of murdering the father of athlete Zola Pieterse told a magistrate here yesterday that Mr Frank Budd had tried to assault him sexually.

Mr Chris Barnard (26) was giving evidence in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court in an application for bail.

Giving evidence before the magistrate, Mr H Ladman, he said Mr Budd had also insulted his girlfriend, Miss Debbie Pretorius (18), before the incidents which led to the death of Mr Budd on Koppiesrus Farm near Bloemfontein.

Mr Barnard, who admitted 11 previous convictions, said in evidence he had moved into Mr Budd's house two days before Mr Budd's death as he was to do building work on the premises.

Mr Budd had told him it would be more convenient if he

lived there and he did not have to fetch him from Bloemfontein.

Under cross-examination by Mr Johan Nel, SC, Mr Barnard admitted he had killed Mr Budd.

Mr Nel showed Mr Barnard a statement made by the accused to a magistrate, and said Mr Barnard had stated Mr Budd had called Miss Pretorius "a bitch".

Mr Barnard: "Yes, and he also tried to assault me sexually."

Asked why he had fled after the death of Mr Budd, Mr Barnard said: "It is difficult to say, I was afraid."

Mr Nel: "Naturally, you realised you were in big trouble."

Mr Barnard could not say why he took Mr Budd's pick-up van. He said he told his sister in Welkom about Mr Budd's death and she then telephoned the police.

The case continues. — Sapa.

**Fish-pond
theft trial
postponed**

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The trial of a lieutenant-colonel in the public relations division of the SA Police, who allegedly stole a fish-pond during the Rand Show, has been postponed to February.

Pretoria magistrate Mr R van der Merwe yesterday postponed the trial of Colonel "Eddie" Everson, of Retief Drive, Lyttelton, to February 7 and 8.

At an earlier hearing he pleaded not guilty to stealing a rock pool/fish-pond worth R480 from the SAP garden building unit during an exhibition at the Rand Show this year. — Pretoria Correspondent.

Man says he saw murder

AN accused told a Pretoria Supreme court judge yesterday that he stood by and watched his co-accused attack and kill a white man.

Mr Mphiwe Nhlabathi (30) who is serving a sentence for a previous conviction, was testifying before Mr Justice Weyers and two assessors.

He, Mr Samuel Rapoo (26) and Mr Fosi Benjamin Maleka (27) are charged with the murder of Mr Johannes Henning Venter in Pretoria West on January 20 this year.

The accused are also facing further counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

They have pleaded not

By ALINAH DUBE

we came across a white man standing next to a parked car with one of the doors open. I heard Rapoo call out he saw money.

Knife

"As Maleka grabbed the man he was joined by Rapoo who produced a knife. They pushed him into his car and Rapoo or guilty to all charges.

Nhlabathi said: "On our way from gambling

dered me to be on the lookout for anyone coming.

"It was after Rapoo had called me from where I was standing that I saw the white man inside the car had blood all over his body."

When a court interpreter warned Rapoo and Maleka not to talk to Nhlabathi during an adjournment, Rapoo, apparently angered by the evidence Nhlabathi gave yesterday, retorted: "We are not going to talk to him. We have never seen him before this or spoken to him."

(Proceeding)

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LAWYERS acting for 34 members of Mineworkers, some of whom were assaulted by whites while playing in the CP-controlled town of ... day, are preparing a civil action.

Mr Sakkie Maboja, an attorney, yesterday confirmed that a letter of demand would soon be served on those allegedly responsible for the assault on the NUM workers. Nine of the NUM members who were allegedly assaulted have since been charged with trespassing, their lawyers said yesterday. The accused are all out on R50 bail each.

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'Beer used to remove blood'

A PRETORIA Supreme Court judge yesterday heard that two of the men charged with the murder of Mr Johannes Henning Venter went to a shebeen where they bought beer to remove blood stains from their clothes.

This was said by Mr Frans Masaga Mokanda who was giving evidence for the State in the trial of Mr Mphiwe Nhlabathe (30) of Madadeni, Mr Samuel Rapoo (26) of Garankuwa and Mr Fosi Benjamin Maleka (27) of

Mabopane. The three are facing further counts of robbery with aggravating circumstances and the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The accused have pleaded not guilty to all charges before Mr Justice Weyers and two assessors.

The State alleges that they unlawfully and intentionally murdered Venter, a security guard

at Perskor by stabbing him in Pretoria West on January 20 this year.

The dead man, who had 65 wounds, was found in his car the next morning.

Mokanda who was unemployed and staying at a shebeen run by Mrs Connie Mokanda said he and other people were enjoying drinks when the three accused joined them at night on the day of the al-

leged incident.

After consuming two quarts of beer, the three went away.

"As we were sitting Rapoo came in after midnight and said Nhlabathe and Maleka had murdered someone. Shortly thereafter, his co-accused also arrived," the court heard.

"They bought more beer, some of which they used to remove the blood stains."

Court bars man from sexual attacks on sons

Pretoria Correspondent

The Pretoria Supreme Court has granted an order prohibiting a Delmas father, who had been surprised by his wife while he was sexually molesting his son, from molesting his two sons.

The father, who may not be identified to protect the interests of the children, was yesterday prohibited by Mr Justice Stafford from molesting his two sons and told to pay the costs of the action.

The children's mother, a nurse at a hospital, told the court in an affidavit that she had previously been "married" but the marriage was annulled because her "husband" was married to another woman at the time.

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During this "marriage" her son, now 18 and in the SAP, was born, and after marrying her present husband, another son, now 14, was born.

The court heard that about five years ago she surprised her husband while he was sexually molesting her son — who was then 13 years old.

"When I confronted my husband about the matter, he as-

saulted me," she told the court.

She went to the police at Witbank and they referred her to the district surgeon.

While waiting for the surgeon, her son asked her to take him home as his father "did not achieve anything with him".

The police notified the Welfare Society about the incident, but when the father was confronted he denied the allegations, and later assaulted his wife again.

"I am convinced I am not aware of all the times that my husband had molested my son, or had attempted to do so," the mother said.

She also told the court that her younger son had informed her on various occasions that when his older brother was not at home, his father forced his attentions on him.

In an affidavit the 18-year-old son stated that he was in Std 5 when his father took him to the bathroom for the first time and told him he was going to show him "what a man looked like".

He told the court that on the strength of what his younger brother had told him, he feared that his father might do the same to him.

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sole survivor in the latest of a spate of attacks on farmers.

She saw her family shot dead one by one and saved her own life by pretending to be dead. When the murderers left in her grandfather's car, she ran 3 km to neighbours.

The slaughter took place on the Grootstry farm of Willie Engelbrecht at Verkeerdevlei near Bloemfontein.

Free State police spokesman Captain Hannes Wentzel said Mr Engelbrecht (70) and his wife Bettie (69) had just returned from Boshoff with their daughter Lena Smit (40) and her children Lizelle and Michelle (11), whom they

had fetched for Christmas when they found a man armed with a .22 pistol in the main bedroom.

He shot Mr Engelbrecht and forced the others into a wardrobe.

"The man then pulled Mrs Engelbrecht from the wardrobe and shot her dead. He did the same to Mrs Smit and Michelle," he said.

Lizelle was shot while she cowered in the wardrobe. Wounded in the head, she faked death. Once they had gone, Lizelle ran to a neighbour's house.

Five hours later, police found the car in Bloemfontein and arrested a man. He appeared in court yesterday. Police are still searching for three men in connection with the attack.

● On Saturday morning an armed robber assaulted and robbed an elderly couple on a farm in the Harrismith district.

Police said Samuel du Plessis (87) and his wife Susanna Magdalena Martha (85) were at home on their farm Mareesgeluk when the robber broke in at about 10 am. He beat up Mr and Mrs du Plessis up and took pistols, rifles and about R1 500 in cash.

● On Sunday night robbers entered a bedroom on the farm Duijnde, Bultfontein district.

Police said Willem Jacobus Britz (55) and his wife were assaulted and bound, while the robbers made off with handguns, furniture, a vehicle and about R5 000 in cash.

OFS farmers vow to fight murderers

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By Peter Davies

There is "an undeclared war situation" in the Free State farming community, with farmers poised to take the law into their own hands after Theunissen farmer Thys Maartens became the 15th victim of 11 separate attacks on farmers since December 1 last year.

Dr Pieter Gous, president of the Free State Agricultural Union, said yesterday: "We must look at the reasons for these attacks.

"They are nothing to do with economics or survival, but are gruesome, brutal, planned murders. They are a planned effort to scare farmers from their land. And the political forces are trying to play down

the seriousness of the situation."

Police on Tuesday arrested three suspects in connection with the killing of Mr Maartens — one of whom allegedly shot himself in the head as detectives closed in, said a police spokesman.

The man, aged about 26, is in a critical condition in the Welkom Hospital. He also had a bullet wound in the right leg, allegedly inflicted during the shootout with Mr Maartens (48) and his wife, Maria Jacoba (43), on their farm Groothoek.

Mr Maartens was killed in the exchange.

A second suspect, aged 23, was later arrested in the Theunissen district, said Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Fouche.

By evening, police had picked up a third man on his way to Bultfontein.

Dr Gous said: "We are in an undeclared war situation. These guys are

trained killers and can handle weapons better than most farmers.

"I can't stress it enough that the farmers are tired of being hunted like wild animals. If the law can't help it'll take just one more murder for this situation to explode."

Koos Pienaar, chairman of the Theunissen farmers district union and brother-in-law of Mr Maartens said: "We are more ready than ever after this attack.

"We'll fight for our lives. We are more determined to protect ourselves and criminals must take note of this."

There will be a top-level conference on farm security in Bloemfontein on February 25 attended by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk and Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach.

Another elderly OFS farmer murdered

By Guy Jepson and Bronwyn Wilkinson

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A farmer was murdered on his farm yesterday as furious Free State farmers were demanding protection from the Government at a Bloemfontein meeting.

Wessel Odendaal (68), who was stabbed to death at a kraal on his Katdoring farm near Reitz, was the seventh victim to die in attacks on Free State farms since December.

Angry farmers believe the attacks are part of an orchestrated terror campaign designed to drive them off their farms.

Police launched a massive search for the farmer's murderers and arrested a man and a youth some 25 km away only hours after Mr Odendaal was killed.

Free State police liaison officer Captain Johlene van der Merwe said Mr Odendaal, who had lived alone on the farm for about 30 years,

went to a kraal at about 5 pm, where he was stabbed several times and left to die.

The Free State Agricultural Union has demanded that the Government implement a comprehensive security package to protect farmers.

Hundreds of angry farmers from across the Free State, as well as politicians and top SAP and SADF officials, attended yesterday's special congress in Bloemfontein, which had been-

called by the union.

To loud applause, union president Dr Pieter Gous told the congress that farmers were no longer prepared "to serve as targets for terrorists and heavily armed criminals".

Deputy Minister of Law and Order Johan Scheepers was jeered during his address.

The delegates, many of them obviously rightwingers,

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chanted for Mr Scheepers to sit down when he pointed out that an investigation by the Commissioner of Police had shown that political motivations were not present in the majority of criminal attacks in South Africa.

A number of hard-hitting resolutions were formally adopted at the congress. Among them

OFS farmer murdered

were:

- That the number of policemen employed in the Free State countryside be drastically increased.
- That the authorities provide farmers with the financial support to buy 24-hour radio equipment and safety fences, to pay

for farm guards and patrols, and to make it easier for farmers to legally own automatic weapons.

- That anti-trespassing legislation be actively promoted by farmers' associations and more stringently applied by farmers.
- That illegal squatting be pre-

vented.

- That the Government be requested to allow national servicemen who have completed their basic training to do further military duties in their own areas in the countryside.

Deputy Minister of Defence Wynand Breytenbach appealed to farmers to join the SADF's Commando system to help fight crime.

Farmer admits ANC hate

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Staff Reporter (37)

A FREE State farmer has confessed to deliberately scrawling the African National Congress' name on a mirror at the site of an alleged burglary in a bid to discredit the police and generate anti-government feeling.

Police said yesterday the falsification had been done to involve the ANC in the recent spate of rural murders in the Free State.

The mirror was presented to the Free State's regional commissioner of police, Major-General Tertius Calitz, at this week's congress of the OFS Agricultural Union.

Gen Calitz had been assuring farmers there was no proof to support claims that attacks on farms during the past few weeks were politically motivated.

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The president of the agricultural union and Conservative Party MP for Parys, Dr Piet Gous, called on a farmer to show the policeman a mirror taken from the scene of a "crime" at Verkeerdevlei. On it were scrawled the letters ANC in blue khaki.

A police spokesperson in Bloemfontein said detectives had investigated the burglary but found no signs of a break-in.

● Sapa reports that the ANC in the southern Free State has denied claims in a pamphlet that the Bloemfontein City Council paid R32 000 for a party dinner during the ANC's recent birthday bash in the city.

The chairman of the city council's management committee, Professor Voet du Plessis, said the information in the anonymous pamphlet was "absolute rubbish".

Murders 'not ANC-linked'

WELKOM. — The African National Congress had nothing to do with the murders that were taking place in the Free State, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said here yesterday at the start of his visit to the northern Free State.

He is visiting the ANC's 14 regions in the country to ascertain the state of the organisation and to ensure that the ANC is ready to participate at all levels — national, regional and local — in the peace process.

Mr Mandela said the ANC could not be held responsible for any form of violence. The organisation was prepared to do whatever it could to put an

end to violent crimes, he said.

The ANC is also prepared to help people and organisations affected by the drought.

Mr Mandela said the ANC had been shocked by the widespread murders that had taken place in the Free State.

"The killing of any human being is a tragic event, especially when the killing appears to be systematic," he said.

The police had stated clearly that the deaths of the farmers were not acts of any political organisations but were purely criminal. Three businessmen had recently been murdered in the Welkom township of Thabong, he said. — Sapa

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PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK visits the frightened Free State where murder has become common and whites talk of revenge

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THE bakkie sped past in a cloud of dust and the driver signalled to us to pull over. It was Nick Pretorius, whose 82-year-old mother had been murdered in her farmhouse three days before. We had just talked to him back at the farm but he wanted to add something.

"I just wanted you to know she had no enemies," he said.

Pretorius got back in the bakkie and we saw him drive towards the cemetery to supervise the digging of a grave for his mother.

We had been driving slowly back towards Verkeerdevlei, the kind of place where TS Eliot could show you fear in a handful of dust.

Earlier, we found the town almost deserted. The only activity was a gathering of cars outside a derelict town hall for an Afrikaanse Protestantse Kerk bazaar. The people looked like they belonged in some mutant American Gothic painting and they eyed us with a faint air of menace.

Verkeerdevlei built both its cemetery and its black location a half a kilometre from town, removing the white dead and the black living to share the same flat empty vista.

Now death in the form of black men had come to visit their farms with a vengeance.

The widow Jani Pretorius was the seventh white to be murdered on a Free State farm since December and the sixth in Verkeerdevlei alone. Nothing was stolen, except a pistol.

The mystery of the motive for the killings touched a sore spot of enmity and insecurity that is as old as white occupation of the Free State, a mystery that is personified in the saga of Gabriel Mahakoe.

According to his own account, Mahakoe walked into the farmhouse of the Engelbrecht family on the farm Grootstry three days before Christmas, located the farmers' gun and ammunition, loaded the gun, tested it by shooting out a window and sat down in the lounge — "the holy room where a kaffir never sits" — to wait for the family to come home.

When they came in, Mahakoe told a magistrate in Brandfort: "I said to them 'Mauloye Afrika' That means Africa is back. Then I went on with my work."

"What do you mean when you say you went ahead with your work?" asked magistrate F van Deventer, as the stenographer scrawled away.

"I wanted to chop off the hand of apartheid but I only succeeded in chopping off the fingertips. We are tired."

"How did you go about your work?" The magistrate persisted.

"As I began to shoot I said: 'I am not shooting you, I am shooting the name dog, baboon' — this is what we are called. They kill us."

Despite his protestations that it was his intention to kill the four ("I could have killed 20 to 50") and not to steal, attorney-general Tim McNally insists that the motive was robbery and Mahakoe has been dispatched for psychiatric observation.

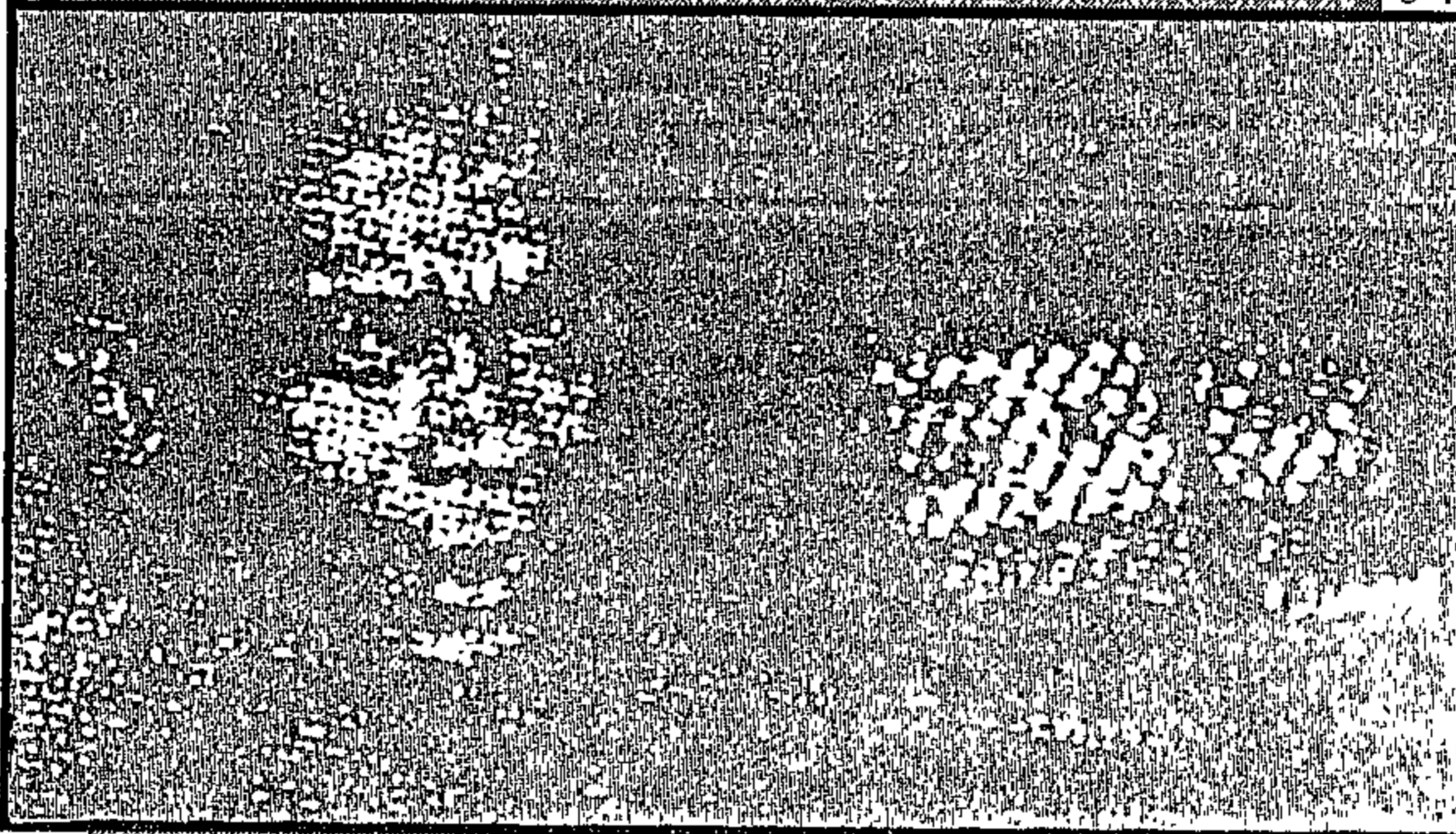
Major A van Deventer, of the Bloemfontein police, said this week that no political motive could be found in any of the seven murders.

Yet there is a curious synchronism between Mahakoe's testimony and the primordial fears of the white farmers.

"It's very clear they are not coming here to steal," said local Conservative Party chairman Chris Roux, whose brother Hansie found Jani Pretorius' body. He believes the killings have political overtones.

The Free State is "getting like Rhodesia", said Roux. There, farmers were "uitgemeor" — murdered to drive them off their land.

Gabriel Mahakoe may well be mad



But in his madness, he has struck a chord

Among the platteland's impoverished farm labourers, Gabriel Mahakoe, who murdered a white family 'to cut off the hand of apartheid', has become a legend. But among the white farmers, he is the personification of an ancient fear

"All because of (President FW) De Klerk's reforms, the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress and all the bandit organisations are in the townships now," he said.

"The educated ones who are not so stupid come and talk and the others listen to them. It's very clear that these killings are not just accidental."

In the Free State politics and revenge are a strong brew. Paranoia swept the province following a spate of murders and attacks early this year, fuelling Ku Klux Klan-style vigilantism.

The local community's natural reluctance to talk to strangers has turned to stony silence since the incident on January 12 after a break-in at the Grootgewag farm, in which the elderly Pienaar couple were shot and beaten by four intruders.

Even those farmers that will speak to the press leave out the bit about how an armed posse of farmers and townspeople captured three of the four suspects, and lynched them. One man died.

Police said they were opening a murder docket, but — even though prominent leaders of the community were implicated in the mass lynching — four months later no-one has been charged. The matter has been referred to the attorney general.

Last week the killers of Jani Pretorius made sure they got far away.

She was murdered on Tuesday but by Thursday police were saying they had extended their search to Thaba'Nchu and Botshabelo — which is like searching for a needle in a huge black squatter settlement. Once you have got that far it is very hard for the white man's law to follow you.

With fear and racial tension reaching breaking point, an emergency congress of the Free State Agricultural Union was held in Bloemfontein in February.

The upshot was an attempt to turn the Free State farming districts into virtual war zones with tough influx control and anti-squatting measures aimed at draconian controls on the movement of blacks.

One of the resolutions was a call to pull white policemen out of the townships to leave "feuding black political and ethnic groups" to their own devices and protect the isolated white farms instead.

It is probably a small footnote in the history of the saga, but residents of the Verkeerdevlei black location complain of a crime wave and say the police seldom patrol their township or even deign to come out when a crime has been committed.

The ANC has done its bit to ease the paranoia of the farmers. On April 8 South African Communist Party chief Chris Hani met senior police officers and farmers and assured them

that it was not ANC policy to nationalise farms by killing farmers.

Hani took the police to task for the groundless charge that ANC guerrillas were responsible for the murder of a young policeman in Bethlehem last month, a statement that predictably fanned the paranoia.

The ANC headquarters in the Verkeerdevlei location is marked by a milestone with the shield and colours of the movement painted outside. Local chairman Neo Banyane preaches the gospel of reconciliation, even as the township braces itself for another revenge attack from white farmers.

The Mahakoe myth has grown and been embellished as it reaches into the platteland. In Verkeerdevlei, they believe he is calling for the judge to exhume the unnamed graves of farmworkers killed by white farmers.

In fact, he does claim that he knows of a grave on a local farm where a friend of his who was beaten to death is buried.

But the myth, given wings, has turned into a demand that Judge Richard Goldstone come to Verkeerdevlei to exhume the anonymous bodies of farmworkers out of the red Free State dust.

Whether or not Mahakoe is mad, his plea strikes a chord.

"I wanted to show the tribe of Africa that we can do it, that we are tired of being slaves," he told the magistrate at Brandfort.

At the supreme court hearings in Bloemfontein last month, the courtroom was packed every day. At the adjournment blacks came to shake Mahakoe's hand and wish him well.

At Verkeerdevlei, there are old people, lifelong farmworkers, who talk of inhuman treatment, of being jailed and beaten for nothing and farmed out as convict labour for no wage, of being set on by dogs, but mostly of working a miserable job for a few rand and half a sack of mealie meal at the end of the month.

One old man has worked in the farms around here for decades. "We grew big under the white people," he says. He talks about which employers were *kwaai* (ferocious) and which were good people — Baas so-and-so was good but Miesies so-and-so poured porridge over us. He knows the murdered ones.

This is where the understanding of politics diverges. White farmers such as Chris Roux blame it all on big conspiracies — De Klerk's reforms, ANC machinations — in which the farmers are always innocent victims.

But in their fear that the land will be taken back from them lies a deeper insecurity. Verkeerdevlei is part of what is still referred to as the conquered territory — land stolen from Basutoland in the second Boer-Sotho war in 1865.

The once plentiful inhabitants of the farms in this entire swathe have been swept up and dumped in Botshabelo and Thaba'Nchu, so that all that remains on the farms are permanent workers.

There are two types of blacks in the Free State platteland today — the totally marginalised in the camps and the totally dependent on the farms.

Mahakoe's appearance in the supreme court was the ultimate rejection of the white man's domain. He refused to be tried or to testify before a white judge.

"I have a lot of things in my heart that I want to say," he said. "But I want to say them to a black person — an African that looks like me."

Back in Verkeerdevlei, the drought has hit so hard that the fields have been burnt yellow, the way they should look at the end of winter. Rain has hardly fallen this year.

You leave, knowing that its going to be a bad winter.

'Mahakoe found the farmer's gun, tested it by shooting out of the window, sat down in the lounge — "the holy room where a kaffir never sits" — and waited. When the family arrived, he greeted them with the words: 'Africa is back'

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Two cops charged with cell death

A MANGAUNG man, Michael Tafane, died in the Glen police station cells after he was allegedly assaulted with an empty cooldrink bottle, a Bloemfontein magistrate heard this week. *CIPed*

Lance Sgt Dreyer van Niekerk, 29, and Const Moihoa Jacob Pule, 32, both of the Internal Stability Unit, pleaded not guilty when they appeared before J H Wiehan on a charge of culpable homicide. *4/7/93*

Chief state pathologist Prof Johannes Olivier testified that physical force was used in three places on Tafane's head. The impact caused the brain to swell. The court also heard that if Tafane had received medical treatment earlier, his injuries would not have contributed to his death. *(31)*

No' Money

By CP REPORTERS

FREE STATE police have stopped a "get-rich-quick" racket that was sweeping the province and which has already cost gullible investors - mostly black - millions of rands.

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But the police action yesterday drew a furious reaction from hundreds of people who had invested their life savings in the scheme in small dorps like Brandfort, Virginia, Welkom and Wesselbron with the promise that their money would be trebled within days.

They claimed the police had prevented them from being paid out their fortunes.

They refused to understand that eventually most of them would lose their money.

■ In Brandfort crowds surrounded the local police station - threatening to kill station commander Captain Johan Geldenblom for stopping the scheme.

Police spokesman Captain Solly Lesia said from Bloemfontein that Captain Geldenblom had had no part in the police action - which was taken by the high command in Bloemfontein on advice of the attorney general, Muller van der Merwe.

The schemes are similar to the pyramid schemes which flourished in the 1960s and 70s which depended on Peter to pay Paul - and eventually collapsed when they ran out of investors, leaving thousands of people with burnt fingers.

■ Captain Lesia said police from Bloemfontein had seized a large amount of money at the offices of one of the schemes, the "Bambanani Shares and Buyers' Club" in Brandfort.

"We have not counted it yet, but it does not amount to the millions that we understand has been paid over to the club since its inception. I advise all those who have made investments to see their legal advisers about trying to claim back some of the money," he said.

The captain said no arrests had yet been made, but the police were stopping similar schemes all over the Free State.

The police were waiting to hear from Attorney General Muller van der Merwe on what charges to bring against the organisers of the racket - which was not run by one syndicate but appeared to spread quickly to other towns where unscrupulous people found it an easy way to fleece people of their savings.

■ An investigation by City Press earlier this week found that the schemes were flourishing in several Free State dorps - and had spread to the Northern Cape and KwaZulu/Natal.

Many of the schemes, including the Bambanani Shares and Buyers' Club in Brandfort, are run by people who claim to be "born-again-Christian" ministers - which helped to convince the public that it was honest.

Pastor David Kgwari (42), who ran the Brandfort club, charged potential investors R100 to join his club, plus another R30 non-refundable membership-fee.

The scheme promised to pay investors three times their initial investments in a short time from money

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Staffie (5) struggles to touch Father Christmas' beard at the Johannesburg Zoological Gardens Christmas Party.

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received from later investors.

■ In Welkom the scheme was being run by a pastor Tangawira - believed to be from Nigeria and the mastermind behind it.

He told City Press he was a "born-again" missionary who had come to South Africa to help boost the RDP.

■ The Free State Registrar of Banks, C Wiese, on Friday warned people to take extra care when considering investments in so-called "high return" ventures.

He said such schemes depended on increasing numbers joining - and when there were eventually no more investors funds dried up and no more money was available to pay out investors.

■ In Bultfontein, 60 km from Brandfort, many residents had already been stung.

That scheme, operated by an unknown man claiming to be a Pastor JR Sello of Vereeniging simply disappeared - taking along an estimated R7 million of investors' money.

Police are looking for him on charges of fraud.

■ When City Press reporter Elias Malulele arrived in Brandfort this week, he found long queues of potential investors who had withdrawn their life savings from the banks and post offices in the belief they would make a quick financial killing.

this is every wife

would never do it again.

■ Her husband was sentenced by Magistrate D Wet Oosthuizen to 150 hours in jail suspended for five years and three years correctional supervision.

Furstenburg was placed under house arrest for 15 months.

Oosthuizen also sentenced Furstenburg to a further 1000 hours of correctional service which could be reduced to 500 hours.

Furstenburg was further

stated that the boy had told another person about the sexual incidents after Furstenburg suggested they have sex.

■ In her testimony, Mrs

Crime-hit farmers boycott levy payments

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Louise Cook

FREE State farmers would stop paying regional services council levies next month because the safety situation had deteriorated so badly in the province, Free State agricultural union president Piet Gous said yesterday.

Farmers would pay the money to special anticrime trust funds instead, and lawyers had been appointed to prepare draft documentation to set up the trusts, he said.

The decision followed the failure of the union to secure tangible results from the provincial government in the fight against runaway crime.

Transvaal Agricultural Union director Johan Hartman said his union had not taken such a decision, but was "very worried" about crime in rural areas. This threatened not only farming but the economy in general.

The Transvaal union and Mpumalanga government asked the army recently to assist the police with crime prevention in rural areas. Mpumalanga premier Mathews Phosa said action and not promises was needed.

Free State farmers said drastic steps had to be taken to stop the spate of murders, robberies and stock theft.

KwaZulu-Natal agricultural union president Graham McIntosh said

farmers in the province were spending millions in the fight against crime.

At Lowlands, near Estcourt, 62 farmers spent R250 000 a year to pay police reservists who provided a support service and patrolled the area.

Another group of 22 farmers was spending R200 000 a year to employ a security company to protect their area. The crime rate had since dropped from 30 incidents a month to about six.

However, McIntosh said his union did not want levy payments withheld because it believed SA as a whole had been hit by crime. He claimed the solution was hard labour, chain gangs and the return of the death penalty.

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*No evidence of a black third force
behind murders of Free State farmers*

By **DESMOND BLOW**

INVESTIGATIONS by the Free State Murder and Robbery units into the attacks and murders on Free State farmers and their families do not support the allegations by the province's PAC chairman, Mofihili Likotsi, that renegade former Apla and MK guerrillas were responsible.

This was told to City Press yesterday by SAPS Director "Suiker" Brits, who heads the country's Murder and Robbery units. He said there was no evidence to show there was a black third force.

Brits said it was true a number of former freedom fighters were involved in crimes ranging from theft to hi-jacking to multi-million rand heists.

However, he denied Likotsi's allegation that the attacks on farmers were being committed by former liberation fighters disillusioned with the pace of change in the country who had reverted to the armed struggle as an act of revenge.

"None of our investigations has produced any evidence of this," said Brits.

Some political observers see Likotsi's claims as a political ploy against the government - as his allegations are bound to disturb the farmers' unions and, as Deputy President Thabo Mbeki warned on Friday, it could lead to a racial war.

Mbeki told the Free State legislature in Bloemfontein that normality had to be brought back to the rural areas, Sapa reports.

"If the violence and murders afflicting farmers continue, it will lead to racial tension which all of us worked so hard to consign to history," he said.

Mbeki said it should be established why rural violence was so in-

tense, specifically in the Free State, and why the "body count is consigned largely to whites".

The possibility could not be ruled out that there was a third force representing the past who wanted to weaken democracy through crime, he said.

□ Police Commissioner George Fivaz has promised that Likotsi's allegations will be investigated.

□ A lawyer representing one of the former MK cadres arrested recently for his alleged part in a R17 million hi-jack robbery blamed the government for not taking care of former guerrillas sufficiently.

"These men were taken out of the country, usually as teenagers," he said. "They were taught to fight and kill when others their age were at school, so this is their only education.

"On their return to a new, democratic South Africa many of them were found to be unsuitable for the regular SA army and were given a lump sum payment and virtually thrown into the streets.

"The lump sum payment does not last long and then some of these men, unable to find other employment, turn to the only thing they know - killing."

□ Addressing the Free State legislature, Mbeki stressed that socio-economic transformation was also important in the elimination of tension in the rural areas.

"The attainment of safety and security hinges on our ability to effect transformation," he said.

Another problem afflicting not only the province, but the whole country, was a collapse of moral boundaries, which Mbeki said could cause people to regress to an animal state.

There was a need for a moral renewal of South African society, he said.

NP leader calls for judicial inquiry into farm

Wynndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — Differences of opinion on the state of crime in SA between President Nelson Mandela and his deputy Thabo Mbeki made a judicial commission of inquiry into the murders of farmers necessary, National Party (NP) leader Marthinus van Schalkwyk said yesterday.

Van Schalkwyk pointed out in Parliament that while Mandela had said the battle against crime was being won, Mbeki had acknowledged it was a very serious problem.

Mandela had accepted that farm murders could be the work of a rogue, former Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) and Umkhon-

to we Sizwe (MK) soldiers, while Mbeki said it was more likely to be the work of the "third force".

"The killing of farmers illustrates the contradictions in government thinking," Van Schalkwyk said. This raised serious questions about government's information on the farm killings and "their crime intelligence in general", he said.

Van Schalkwyk's statement follows a further spate of farm murders in the Eastern Cape and Free State and the dramatic admission by officials of the Pan Africanist Congress that rogue members of its former armed wing Apla and from the African National Congress's MK were involved in the attacks on farmers.

"Deputy President Mbeki on Friday acknowledged all the National Party's criticism of the government by openly admitting problems with regard to corruption and crime. Admitting these problems is one thing, but taking bold and corrective steps is quite another. President Mandela's approach of denial also does not contribute to the finding of solutions. The government's present confused state of mind creates the impression that they are not in control of the basic functions of government," Van Schalkwyk said.

The NP leader said the rate of farm murders in SA was 700% higher than the international average. There was a question of whether for-

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mer liberation army members were involved. This also had to be seen in conjunction with the dramatic increase in bank robberies, he said.

Van Schalkwyk, stressing that crime did not discriminate on the basis of colour, meaning that most victims were black, called on Mandela to "accept responsibility and exercise his duties with regard to the safety of South Africans properly".

He said government should first agree among itself on the nature and extent of the problem and take the public into its confidence.

He called on government to "immediately appoint a judicial commission to investigate the killings of farmers with a mandate to ascertain

who the elements are behind these killings, if these elements are linked to, or have been linked to any political party in the past, and whether they have access to arms caches which may still not have been revealed".

Late last week Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi acknowledged to Parliament that while in the whole of last year 109 farmers were murdered, 50 were killed in the first three months of this year. He said farm murders were not a special category and thus accurate figures could not be supplied. He said a new code for the Crime Information Management Centre was being campaigned for and this could enable better information in the future.

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'Main aim of farm attacks is to kill'

BLOEMFONTEIN — The main aim of attacks on Free State farmers was to murder and not to steal, president of the Free State Agricultural Union Pieter Gous, said yesterday.

He was reacting to the attack on Bothaville farmer Hennie Louwrens and his family on Sunday.

Louwrens was shot and seriously wounded when he and his family were ambushed by two or three assailants when they arrived home late on Sunday afternoon.

Police said that Louwrens, 45, his wife Snoekie, 43, and their daughter Karen, 17, had initially sought refuge in a lapa when they were fired on, but they decided to make a run for the farmhouse.

There, Snoekie Louwrens discovered her husband had been shot in the abdomen. She used a two-way radio to summon help from neighbours and police as the house's phone and power had been cut.

The house had been ransacked and six firearms taken, one of which had apparently been used to shoot Louwrens.

Gous said it was clear the type of persons which police had described as mere thieves in their recent report to President Mandela on the farm attacks, aimed to kill farmers and to sow a reign of terror.

Police said Louwrens was in a serious but stable condition in a Klerksdorp hospital. — Sapa.

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