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Renewed claims of police brutality

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Chief Reporter

THE end of 1992 brought fresh allegations against Witwatersrand police of assault and brutality.

This week the Johannesburg Supreme Court granted John Combrink, a 43-year-old industrial chemist, a temporary interdiction restraining members of the SAP's Vehicle Unit from assaulting him.

The police gave this undertaking without admitting liability for any act that was alleged.

Combrink alleged that he had been arrested on December 23 by Sergeant Johan Botha of the Benoni Vehicle Theft Unit and three other policemen. In papers presented to the court he said he was questioned about individuals who had forged vehicle paperwork and altered engine block numbers, but could not answer to the satisfaction of his interrogators, who proceeded to assault him.

"They made me lie on the floor, tied my hands behind my back and attached them to my legs, and placed a wet cloth around my face. They attached a rope to my legs and hands which they pulled upwards, causing excruciating pain."

Combrink lost consciousness at one stage.

Eventually he "told the police the name and address of a person I knew who lived in Soweto, but who was not involved in any such activity, who might be able to assist them. This information was totally untrue, but I gave it in order to bring a stop to the assaults."

'Truth room'

The man he named was Robert Tsatsimpe, a Meadowlands businessman. He also submitted an affidavit to the court alleging assault by members of the same unit. Both men said the policemen had referred to the interrogation room as "die waarheid kamer".

Combrink said police removed his telephone from his house during his arrest. "My girlfriend, with whom I live, is a paraplegic, and she was consequently unable to inform anybody that I had been taken into custody. She was only able to make contact with the outside world the next morning when my uncle called around," he said.

● Two Verwoerdburg men, Robert Bardsley and Lance Haefliger — whose tip-off led to the discovery of an arms cache — this week laid charges of assault against police.

● Police announced they would investigate allegations that Norman Hlongwane (25) died in custody last week after being assaulted by police and traffic officers. Hlongwane, from Soweto, died six days after his arrest. His family has laid charges of assault and murder.

They prowl the empty streets . . . hounding

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NOT long ago I was a near victim of brothers who prowl the night like wolves in search of souls to rob, maim and leave for dead.

This realisation hit me like a bullet in the back, making me see that black lives in the townships are simply like those of sacrificial lambs — ended merely to ensure that the guns available in our community are used.

My answer to the "Why?" that pounded my heart was that things have fallen apart. Black families are without the power to censure the death and destruction wreaked by their own sons, our brothers. And the State is not willing to restrain the

movement of the violence and destruction that turns each against its own.

As I tried to find comfort and refuge in the security of my bed, I felt the agony of lonely nights, whey 18-year-olds can bang on any door to take you near. Or your life, for that matter.

To let the night reveal the truth of what goes on in Soweto streets after dusk is to discard peace of mind and allow fear to creep into your heart. A man who wakes to go to fend for his family has no guarantee that he will return home alive in the townships today.

The truth is that when you leave home you are not only exposing yourself

Life in Diepkloof is not the same as in the old days. In fact, life in the formerly peaceful township has become extremely cheap as SANDILE MEMELA discovered one chilling night on the lonely death route . . .

to the death that lurks in our public transport — like trains and taxis. Young black brothers carrying guns have become the more serious threat, especially because when they shoot it is just to see if the guns they carry function.

The motive for their crime is apparently to instil fear — and this they have effectively achieved in record time as today it is fear that rules the townships.

I drove away from Johannesburg's Market Theatre late on this Friday night, leaving a cen-

tre that inspired hope and revived aspirations for the realisation of a better life for all the people of this land. But no sooner had I left the M2 to take the Nasrec off-ramp than there was trouble and death lurking in the air.

Intense headlights from the car behind me were so sharp in the rear view mirror that they turned night into day. When I checked the mirror again, I could see four heads in the car, their eyes gleaming in the night as they focused on their next prey — in this case,

me.

As I changed gears, I instinctively knew that it could be for the last time in my life, especially if I allowed the brothers to overtake me. Cold sweat trickled down my armpits as I imagined my body being lowered into the coldness of a grave. For no reason, except that I dared to meet with friends at a popular venue to share a drink and enjoy good times.

Returning to Soweto at night is a life-and-death risk. As my eyes darted the dark for refuge, I realised that there were no police patrols manning the township entry point. Yes, I was alone on the Diepkloof Extension free-

way where innocents have been slaughtered while people watched television.

It was at that moment that my mind registered the senselessness of white and black lives that have been wasted by brothers on this route. The sweat trickling down my body became the tears that I shed for a generation gone wild with killing for no reason, except that they had guns.

My mind raced to the question: "Where do these guns come from?" This was echoed by a self-directed inquiry into why young brothers stalked the streets in cars in search of women to rape, men to rob and maim and

souls to snuff out simply because the dared to venture out into the night.

I took a corner, avoiding a rubbish heap, and the bright headlights followed me. Suddenly I felt very angry that the night could not wrap me. I could not use my backness as a shield to hide me from these marauding thugs. I thought of the brothers who retreated to the northern suburbs of Bryanston and others, people who were somehow obscured from this violent madness that township folks are imprisoned in.

My tyres screeched on blood-soaked streets as I tried to shake them off my tail. But they hung on

so senseless and wasteful that it fills one with terrible rage.

When I told my family, friends and relatives that it has crossed my mind to arm myself, none of them seemed surprised or opposed the idea. What has become of life in Soweto?

My eyes have seen hundreds of bodies bleeding to death, manifestations of the horror let loose upon the innocent. Why cannot a man return home in one piece after a night out with the boys? Perhaps no one can understand. It is a challenge that our leaders need to face. Gunsmoke hangs like a fragrance in the Soweto neighbourhood.

like bloodsucking leeches. In the silence of the night I raised my voice in anger at the fathers who barricaded themselves against these marauding thugs who preyed on the innocent.

But the heavy threat of violence and death that hung on the streets at night restricted my cries from reaching their troubled dreams.

It was only when I parked the car in a neighbour's yard, jumping out, that the prowlers lost me. I watched them speed off in a different direction in pursuit of tail-lights mistaken for mine.

As they disappeared into the dark a million

questions exploded in my mind. Who were they? Do they know me? Do I know them? Do they know the guy they were now following? A murderous aggression clad me as I battled to fall asleep.

On waking up I recounted the close shave to the neighbour who found my car mysteriously parked in his yard. And when he declared that the brothers must have a reason, I shrugged my shoulders in resignation.

I do not understand why so many people are shot dead in cold blood in the Diepkloof neighbourhood.

It is something that now happens so often. It is

the innocent

Women in protest over notorious gang

Southern 4/1/93
ABOUT 100 Thokoza women yesterday marched on the local police station to protest against the reign of terror allegedly conducted by the so-called Khumalo Gang in the East Rand township.

The alleged gang is led by gun-totting priest Archbishop Mbhekiseni Khumalo who is the head of the Light of God Church in Zion.

The march follows the killing of five people on New Year's Day.

The five were Panani Sibisi (29), Thapelo

■ Five New Year's Day deaths blamed on Khumalo Gang of Thokoza:

Leotlela (26), Donda Mbatha (20), Aaron Shongwe (32) and a youth identified only as Rabie.

The marchers blamed the so-called Khumalo Gang for the killings.

A witness said the killings took place at 2am on Friday while the youths enjoyed themselves at a New Year's Day party.

She said three of those shot died on the spot

in Mnguni Street and the other two in Nhlapo Street in Thokoza.

The woman said a youth who was seriously injured and was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital had to be whisked away after the gang allegedly followed him to the hospital.

The angry women could not hand over their memorandum because a policeman refused to accept it at Thokoza police station.

Cops arrested in 'chop shop'

TWO police constables were among those arrested when police swooped on a 'chop shop' in Mamelodi, Pretoria, yesterday.

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Police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch said police cracked down on an operation in which a car stolen in Soshanguve was in the process of being

cut up.

Two of the four men arrested at the scene, who had been caught in the act of cutting up the vehicle, were South African Police constables from the Mamelodi police station. "They are being detained and are being expelled from the police," Lesch said.

SA'S MURDER

By STAN MHLONGO

SHOCKING statistics revealed by police this week show that the politically volatile Vaal triangle has become one of the most dangerous regions in SA.

Over 400 people were murdered in the past six months in the Vaal and forecasts for the next six months could be worse.

It is not known how many of the deaths were a result of politically inspired violence and how many were criminally oriented.

However, it is known that political activists are spreading terror in the Vaal townships. The ANC-aligned Self Defence Units in the area have become a law unto themselves. They rape, kill and rob residents.

According to Meyerton MP Willie van der Merwe, the sprawling Sebokeng is the capital of crime and violence in the Vaal.

Township residents are pessimistic that this spiral of violence and mayhem could be curbed in the near future.

"God save the people if violence persists in the same trend this

Stop the carnage, cry Vaal residents

year," said Richard Mashigo of Evaton.

Sebokeng resident Joshua Mahlangu called on the government to do everything in its power to bring order to the area.

"The government needs to do something, and quickly, to stop the growing state of anarchy in the Vaal. The situation is getting bad and people are defenceless against these criminals," Mahlangu added.

The horror statistics below are for the six-month period between May and October last year:

■ In Sebokeng 186 people were

murdered, 464 robbed and 51 women raped.

■ Vanderbijlpark had 80 murders, 22 robberies and 31 rapes.

■ Third place goes to Evaton, where 50 people were murdered, 272 robbed and 32 women raped.

■ Sharpeville had 36 murders, 84 robberies and 21 rapes.

■ In Vereeniging, 24 people were murdered, with 188 residents being victims of robberies and 32 rapes.

■ In De Deur, 36 people were murdered, 170 robbed and 33 women were raped.

■ Meyerton takes seventh position with 10 people murdered, 32 robbed and 36 women raped.

■ In Klipriver seven people were murdered, 12 robbed and 34 raped.

■ In Ennerdale 10 people were murdered, 160 robbed and 43 women raped.

■ In Barrage near Vanderbijlpark, three people were murdered, 25 robbed and nine raped.

However, Vaal police spokesman Maj Piet van Deventer said the crime rate was much lower in December.

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Residents to check on police

By BERENG MTIMKULU

THE word "co-operation" was stretched further as the KwaThema Civic Association (KCA) and the local police "struck a deal" to co-operate and work hand-in-hand.

Although no formal agreement was signed at the meeting between the KCA and a local police delegation led by Maj TK Makhata, the two camps agreed that when the police probe any crime, "they should consult with the area committee of the respective area before suspects are apprehended."

KCA chief organiser Kenny Madalane said the association would

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first scrutinise the reasons for suspecting the alleged criminal before helping the police in apprehending a suspect.

"The civic association should come forward with the names of the people who are interested in joining the neighbourhood watch," noted Makhata.

But Madalane stressed the meeting was "only to establish rapport with the police but not a friendship".

KwaThema residents from the 10 sections (Goede, Masimini, Vergenoeg, Rest In Peace, Gugulethu, Highland, Interland, Zimisele,

Tornado and Hyanyadu) resent the police for allegedly not adequately policing the township.

According to Makhata, there were problems in spite of a Police Public Forum (PPF) being formed last year in response to last October's taxi wars in KwaThema.

KCA general secretary Jerome Nkosi said his association, representing KwaThema residents, does not recognise the forum.

He said the PPF had been formed "from the top" and imposed on the residents and consequently was ineffective.

Cop dies as gang springs suspect

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A POLICEMAN WHO WAS guarding a suspect at an East Rand hospital was gunned down late on Monday night when five men burst into a ward and shot him.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the five men then escaped from the Pholosong Hospital in Tsakane, Brakpan, with the suspect, believed to have been held in connection with an armed robbery.

Witnesses told police that the men, allegedly dressed in police uniforms, appeared to have planned the raid and the execution of the escape at about 11.30pm well.

Shot with an AK-47

Hospital superintendent Dr Koos Barnard said the night sister let the men into the hospital believing they were policemen.

Opperman said the men went into the ward in which detainees were being held under police guard while receiving treatment. He

By Lulama Luti and Sowetan Correspondent

said Constable D Khoza, a Tsakane policeman, was shot with an AK-47 rifle and killed.

Barnard said the night sister told him that the men ran out of the hospital with one of the patients a few minutes after they had entered.

Other witnesses told *Sowetan* yesterday that the men apparently gained entry the hospital via an unmanned front gate.

They made their getaway through a locked gate at the back of the hospital which they are said to have unlocked by pouring acid on it.

Barnard said it was very unfortunate that people were increasingly prepared to endanger the lives of hospital staff and patients to settle differences.

"The battle ground is spreading into hospitals," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad on 845-2820.

Bid to fence off suburb from criminals

By Anna Cox

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The Sandton suburb of Buccleuch plans to fence out criminals, becoming the country's first "safe" suburb.

If all the residents support the R3,5 million project, construction work will begin in June, according to Buccleuch Ratepayers' Association spokesman Peter Auld.

The fence will be funded by title-deed holders who will form a section 21 (non-profit) company. House owners will pay R80 a month, townhouse owners R40 a month and stand owners R30 a month.

Auld said there would be three controlled access points, three 24-hour fully-manned patrol cars and a sub-police station at the Bridge shopping centre.

"The response to date has been very positive but we have to have 100 percent support for the project to work. The benefits of having a 'safe' suburb are enormous. Besides peace of mind, insurance policies — both motor vehicles and householders — will immediately drop by a third.

"For example, if goods are insured for R50 000, the present monthly payment is R149

and this will drop to R66, offering a saving of R83. On R50 000 vehicles there will be a saving of R140 a month on insurance," said Auld.

"The fence will be attractive and will surround the whole suburb including the motorway and river sections. The entrances and gatehouses will be landscaped," he said.

If the plan succeeded, Buccleuch would become the country's first existing suburb to be fenced in, he said.

A presentation will be given to residents on Thursday at 8 pm at Buccleuch Primary School.

New taxi association welcomed as 'healthy'

Stan Hoppe

The formation of a new taxi body, Taximax, was yesterday welcomed as healthy competition by the giant Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sabta).

Sabta spokesman Mike Ntlatleng, yesterday said Taximax — formed recently with two former Sabta executives James Chapman and Enos Makena among its directors — posed no threat to Sabta. Both resigned from Sabta last year amid controversy.

A Taximax spokesman said that the new organisation was not set up as a rival to Sabta. Its main objective was to assist legal taxi owners in Pretoria, irrespective of their affiliation.

Ntlatleng said competition would serve the interests of its membership and the industry. Asked about the resignation of top executives, he said problems which had plagued

the organisation had been resolved and the executives were looking forward to turning Sabta into a profitable organisation.

A meeting to resolve a dispute over the Durban/Johannesburg route between Sabta and Eagle Liner bus company was postponed until February 4 after talks deadlocked yesterday.

This followed allegations by passengers that gunmen had forced them to leave a Johannesburg-bound bus and board minibuses at twice the price of the bus trip.

Passengers who attended the meeting said they had been threatened and accused of supporting white businesses. Many of them had lost their luggage and food parcels.

A bus company spokesman said it was the right of passengers to choose their mode of transport.

Poison' killer jailed for 15 years

A taxi driver who shot dead a former policeman and taxi owner from a rival faction, yesterday told a Springs Circuit Court that he committed the deed to "rid the community of poison".

Petrus Khumalo (38) was

sentenced by Mr Justice J.F. Myburgh and two assessors to an effective 15 years' jail for the murder of Pascallas Mea of KwatThema and for unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition. — East Rand Bureau.

11 appear over R30-m gold theft

By Anna Louw

East Rand Bureau

Eleven former employees of Rand Refinery appeared briefly in the Germiston Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the theft of unwrought gold valued at more than R30 million.

The accused are Jan Botha (25) of Germiston; Jan Fourie (45) of Germiston; Louis Snyman (27) of Johannesburg; Johan Fourie (30) of Primrose; Johann Smit (21) of Springs; Edward Pieterse (23) of Springs; Rudolf Olivier (23) of Springs; Johan Volschenk (25) of Meyerton; a 17-year-old youth of Elsburg; Andries Swart (32) of Elsburg; and Henry Howell (26) of Rosettenville.

Bail of between R1 000 and R5 000 was granted. Some were released on warning.

Two other former employees recently appeared in the Kempton Park Regional Court in connection with the same theft.

Jacques Jonck (23) of Heidelberg was jailed for nine years. Reuben Lezar (29) of Elsburg was jailed for five years.

The 11 accused will appear again in March. — Sapa.

Accused 'not trusted enough to get guns'

By Peter Davies

He was also sent to Natal

A Goldstone committee chairman investigating attacks on police yesterday told former Umkhonto we Sizwe member Brandon Samson it was unlikely that former ANC security boss Joe Nhlamhla had ordered him to Piet Retief, in the eastern Transvaal, to kill policemen because Samson was not trusted by the ANC.

Chairman Gert Steyn said, in Pretoria, that, despite Samson's insistence that Nhlamhla had provided him with weapons from ANC headquarters at Shell House in June last year, it was logically "dangerous to hand out weapons to people you don't trust".

Samson claims Nhlamhla ordered him to Piet Retief to monitor certain policemen, and later to return and kill them. He said only he and Nhlamhla, whom he referred to as "the old man" knew about the mission.

Samson admitted he had been considered a spy by the ANC after returning as a dissident from exile in 1991. He said that Nhlamhla had indicated his "case was still open" and that Samson must "show commitment to the movement" by "proving himself" on missions to Piet Retief.

He was also sent to Natal where he was to monitor the movements of alleged Inkatha man Pat "McGregor" Hlongwane. Hlongwane is the head of the returned exiles committee which campaigns on behalf of ANC dissidents.

ANC lawyer Azhar Cachalia said that Nhlamhla did not have the authority to dispatch weapons, and that Samson was lying.

Court records in Piet Retief indicated that Samson previously admitted he had received weapons from a man known as Mhobi.

Cachalia said Nhlamhla had admitted to "pumping into" Samson on a few occasions, but said they had never discussed any Piet Retief mission.

When quizzed by Cachalia, Samson said the ANC had an official and an unofficial policy towards the assassination of policemen.

He said the official version, as documented by Nhlamhla in Durban last year, was that the ANC opposed any campaign to kill policemen.

Samson insisted that this official policy was for "public consumption" and that there was an unofficial ANC policy which tacitly condoned attacks on policemen.



SA's most dangerous place



80 percent of car thefts reported in the PWV region during the past two years: *Sowetan 25/1/93*

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

THE PWV region is the country's most dangerous place to live in, according to statistics released by police at the weekend.

Eighty percent of car thefts in South Africa were reported in the PWV, Major-General Wouter Grove of the South African Police's Generals Staff said at a special police briefing in Knysna at the weekend.

According to the figures, 36 percent of criminal cases reported over the past two years were committed in the same region.

Grove said the crime in the country had over the past few years reached "disturbing proportions."

During the first 10 months of last year, almost one-and-a-half million criminal cases were reported. This, Grove said, included almost one million incidents of house-breaking.

"Socio-economic factors like unemployment, inadequate housing and insufficient provisions not only had a direct influence on the incidents of criminality, but also formed the base thereof.

"The simple and compound number of incidents of murder, armed robbery, house-breaking, rape and serious assaults in the police regions of the Witwatersrand, Natal, Western Cape and Eastern Cape does not only show the highest occurrence of the above-mentioned crimes in the country for the period January 1 to October

31, but also represents an increase of these crimes in the various police regions in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year," he said.

The incidents of crime reported nation-wide in 1992 are as follows:

Murder cases.....	15 772
Armed robbery.....	21 543
Rape.....	19 381
Serious assault.....	107 588
Fraud.....	52 931
Theft.....	484 312
Stock theft.....	21 072
House-breaking.....	150 248

The highest increase over the previous year was armed robbery (21 percent).

The decrease recorded was that of house-breaking (three percent).

The crime

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

FROM an oasis of peace and tranquility Diepkloof has become the crime centre of Soweto.

It has become a nightmare for the residents who moved in from other townships in the 60s in search of peace.

While political violence tore Soweto apart in 1976, Diepkloof remained unfettered by the events and most Sowetans wished they were residents of the township.

Groups of girls returning from parties and shebeens in the middle of the night were a common sight in Diepkloof. Murders and rapes were rare, and became the talk of the town whenever they occurred.

But today the sound of a gun in the township no longer raises eyebrows. The sight of a corpse lying on a sidewalk no longer sends shockwaves through residents.

Five-year-olds are amused rather than amazed by an ambulance rushing a dying patient to the nearby Baragwanath Hospital.

Nobody knows exactly what went wrong with

Pupils blamed for turning Diepkloof into a living hell

“Calvers”, as the township was affectionately called by youths during the quiet days.

Some people believe trouble started in 1985 after Makabasa, a notorious gang from the neighbouring Orlando East, fought pitched battles with Diepkloof pupils.

Although the pupils eventually won the bloody war, the situation did not return to normal.

Immediately thereafter the battle-weary pupils got involved in yet another war with the police during the State of Emergency.

From that period Bopasenatla High School in Zone 2 became a breeding ground for trouble in the area. The school principal of Diepdale-High

School and his colleagues were expelled in mid-1992 for what the Congress of South African Student said were their “reactionary tendencies and collaboration with the education authorities”

Local resident Senti Bhaduza thinks the wave of violence is caused by youths from other townships.

Last week the Soweto Council’s housing director Estelle Bester was dragged out of her car by eight youths in a busy Diepkloof Street. They fled after they could not start the vehicle.

The police have called for reinforcements to deal with the increasing crime rate in the township.

centre of Soweto

Northern suburbs hit hard by car hijackings

JOHANNESBURG's northern suburbs had been hardest hit by the "alarming" rate of car hijackings on the Reef, police said at the weekend.

Seventy of the 106 vehicles hijacked during December had been taken in Johannesburg and its suburbs, especially in the north, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Opperman expressed concern about the large number of daily hijackings, with 290 private vehicles, valued at R8,7m, taken during the past two months.

"It would seem as if the suburbs of Jo-

hannesburg, especially the northern suburbs, are more hard-hit than others," he said. Bakkies, minibuses and expensive German cars were the favourite targets.

"In nearly 83% of cases the drivers were threatened with firearms. A study shows that black (59%) and white (29%) men are more prone to become the victims of hijacking. Eleven females were victims during the same month," Opperman said.

He said of the 106 cases reported during December, 15 vehicles were stolen when

people stopped at traffic lights, 11 while the driver stopped the car in his or her own driveway and 13 while locking or unlocking the car in a public street or place.

Most hijackings took place on Thursdays and especially Fridays. (38)

Police were conducting a study of the crime to find ways to bring down the high incidence of hijackings, Opperman said.

The SAP appealed to the driving public to be vigilant and keep car doors and windows locked; to look out for suspicious characters near house gates and never to offer a lift to strangers.

STEPHANE BOTHMA

Star 11/21/93

270 arrested in Hillbrow, Soweto blitz

Staff Reporters

Police arrested more than 270 people in raids in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, and in Soweto at the weekend.

At least 90 people were held in the Hillbrow raid, conducted from 7.30 pm on Saturday to 3.30 am yesterday by more than 240 policemen.

One arrested man had fired shots at a pedestrian in Pretoria Street during the exercise, said SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Police also arrested two men on attempted murder charges and caught several breaking into a flat.

More than 300 vehicles were stopped and searched. Three stolen vehicles were recovered, and three firearms and a quantity of dagga seized.

Police raided several night-clubs and caught nine youths under 18 who had bought and drank liquor.

In Soweto, police made at least 179 arrests between 3 pm and 7 pm on Friday. A police

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spokesman said the operation was aimed mainly at retrieving dangerous weapons and unlicensed firearms.

At least 51 stolen cars were recovered and eight people were held in connection with the theft of three of them.

● A suspect was shot dead and two were arrested when police in Soweto witnessed the hijacking of a truck at a shopping centre. The vehicle, carrying cattle fodder worth about R50 000, was recovered.

Star 4/2/93

Police net big haul in suspected stolen goods

Pretoria Correspondent

Detectives have recovered suspected stolen goods valued at more than R1 million after raiding a storeroom in Pretoria's city centre.

Three men were arrested yesterday as they were carrying equipment into the storeroom, attached to the premises of Concorde Dry Cleaners in Proes Street.

Pretoria Central detectives swooped on the shop as two men were unloading a truckload of equipment.

Police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch said the storeroom and goods could be part of a crime syndicate's operations.

The goods hidden in the storeroom ranged from pens, paper and stationery to computers and laser printers.

Information found at the scene led the detectives to a house in Marlboro, Johannesburg, where further suspected stolen goods were found, including a piece of elephant tusk and several pieces of musical equipment.

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Magalies cops 'tortured me'

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By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

A MOHLAKENG man in Randfontein lost his job and his manhood after he was allegedly tortured by police at Magaliesburg Police Station on suspicion of theft.

Forty-year-old Doctor Mambeni's ordeal began on January 27 when he reported for duty at Delmas Milling where he worked part-time.

His superiors allegedly ordered him to wait in an office because "someone wanted to speak to him".

The police suddenly came and arrested him and his four colleagues and took them to Randfontein Police Station. They were later transferred to Magaliesburg, he said.

He said at Magaliesburg the police, four whites and two blacks, accused them of having stolen goods and selling them to a farmer who they said bought stolen bags of mealie meal from the drivers at the milling

Wife angry after punch wrecks husband's sex life

company.

Mambeni said: "The policemen took us each to an empty office which looked like a classroom and tortured us severely. They wanted me to tell them about the farmer and where he stayed. When I said I didn't know him and I hadn't stolen anything, they said I was talking s...t and continued to assault me."

Besides being kicked and punched, Mambeni said he was tied to a chair and electrocuted with wires which were attached to his fingers and neck. His interrogators

also punched his testicles, he said.

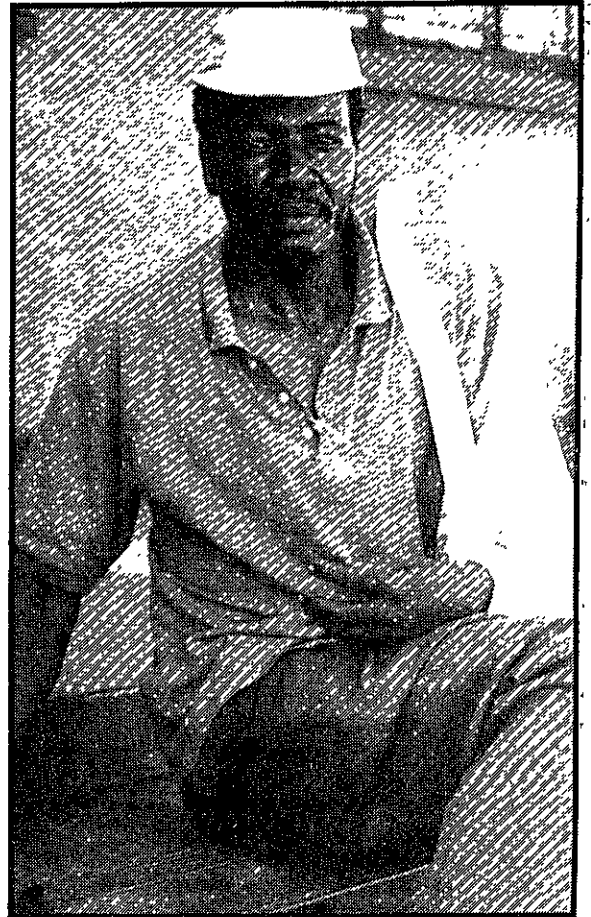
One of his friends, who cannot be identified because he is appearing in court, corroborated Mambeni's claims and said he was tortured in the same manner.

All five suspects appeared in the Krugersdorp Magistrate's Court on charges of theft. However, charges were withdrawn against Mambeni and he was acquitted.

Mambeni, the father of two children, said since his ordeal he could not get an erection and his wife was very angry with the police for what they had done to him.

West Rand police spokeswoman Maj Henriette Bester said the police had no record of Mambeni.

Delmas Milling spokesman Tommy Ferreira said they had never employed a man by that name. He further denied that four men were appearing in court on charges of stealing from his company.



ACCUSED . . . Cops assaulted Doctor Mambeni and four colleagues for allegedly stealing.

Commercial crime unit outlines its successes

STEPHANE BOTHMA (38)

COMMERCIAL crime unit detectives have arrested 62 people countrywide on charges ranging from fraud to possessing forged banknotes with a face value of about R26,7m. *BIDM 9/2/93*

Police said the arrests took place over three weeks.

Yesterday East Rand police arrested two men allegedly in possession of fake R50 notes with a face value of R164 000. They will appear in the Benoni Magistrate's Court today. *9/2/93*

Detailing the commercial crime unit's successes, the SAP public relations division in Pretoria said a man was arrested in Johannesburg for allegedly committing fraud by depositing an empty envelope into an ATM. An amount of R790 000 was involved.

Other arrests included that of a Johannesburg man for the alleged theft of R1,3m in company funds.

Bloemfontein police arrested four men for allegedly trying to sell fake R50 notes with a face value of almost R1m. They also arrested four other men who had forged R50 notes amounting to R980 000.

Pretoria detectives arrested three men on charges of fraudulently depositing cheques worth R1,6m. Another man allegedly deposited stolen cheques and withdrew R1,5m in cash.

Another three men, allegedly in possession of forged R50 notes with a face value of R5m, were arrested by the Pretoria police.

In Cape Town, a man was arrested for fraud after appropriating investments involving R8,7m from clients for his own use, police said.

'Few worried about AIDS'

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IN SPITE of efforts to create awareness about AIDS, South Africans are not doing much to protect themselves from contracting the disease, a study has found.

A five-year Markinor survey shows 40% of whites and 20% of blacks are not worried about contracting AIDS.

The survey, published in this month's issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, is based on a sample of 2 300 urban dwellers. It shows only 20% of blacks and 7% of whites have changed their behaviour because of the AIDS risk.

The survey also found that about eight out of 10 blacks think it likely that the disease will be a white epidemic, whereas 94% of whites think the disease will plague blacks. About 72% of whites and 68% of blacks think that AIDS will become epidemic among lesbians. *9/2/93*

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Troyeville's local heroes rush in where police fear to tread

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 Two Troyeville residents took charge when police seemed unable to put a stop to a crime-wave in this Johannesburg suburb. They solved the problem in two weeks, reports

PHILIPPA GARSON (38)

JOHANNESBURG'S Troyeville has its own local heroes: two self-styled crime-busters who rose to fame when residents of the suburb were hit by a crime-wave last year that shook yuppies and low-income inhabitants alike.

The two men, Gavin Malgas and Ghamiem Scheepers, became the suburb's resident vigilantes when Jeppe police seemed unable to stop the spate of robberies in the area or solve the mystery of a criminal hive in one of the suburb's steets — a crummy hole, inhabited by alleged drug addicts, where all stolen goods seemed to vanish.

Ostensibly the police have been investigating this sinister link in a crime syndicate for the past 10 years. But when dockets disappeared, raids fizzled into nothing but friendly chats between the inhabitants and police, witnesses were harassed by street thugs and the robberies continued, residents began to despair.

That's when Malgas and Scheepers, two Bellevue Street residents, took charge. Their street had been targeted time and again by a group of robbers well known to the Troyeville community. They had had enough.

It took them a couple of weeks to crack the problem still flummoxing the police. Thus was born a dual act which the suburb's residents would gladly pay for.

Armed with guns, batons and handcuffs, the two began to impose their rough street law where the local police couldn't — or wouldn't. The crime wave has been reduced to a trickle.

Over the past few months the two have arrested almost a dozen local criminals in the Kensington-Troyeville-Bertrams area, retrieved stolen property, badgered the police



Enforcing the law ... Crime-busters Gavin Malgas and Ghamiem Scheepers

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

into following up cases where others are too busy to do so — and been harassed for their efforts.

Their houses are constantly under surveillance by unknown people, rumoured to be a security firm with a monopoly in the area, and with strong links to the Jeppe police station.

Malgas, a mechanical engineer by trade, and Scheepers, a builder and one-time bouncer, began to co-ordinate a neighbourhood watch, encouraging the community to participate in foot patrols. But when the enthusiasm died down, they saw the need for a security company of their own which could stop the crime and pay their bills. Already they have the backing of scores of residents.

One resident, Ashley du Plooy, has been robbed several times, losing goods worth R20 000. Neither arrests nor the recovery of the property followed.

"These burglaries could have been solved, especially with all the leads they had," he said. "We've done all the

detective work ourselves."

He'll never call the police again, he says. "I'll call Gavin and Ghamiem. I feel very safe with them. Over a period of time my street has become a no-go-zone for the crooks."

With Malgas' academic training and business acumen and Scheepers' brawn and street wisdom, they make a zealous team. Malgas is in the process of registering a company which will offer around-the-clock foot patrols and a quick armed response for between R40 and R60 a month. Scheepers, currently employed, will probably join him as a full-time colleague.

"I would like the company to be more preventative; to have guys patrolling the streets, watching out, as a deterrent to robbers," said Malgas.

Comments resident Fiona Dove, a victim of two robberies: "I think it's a great idea. I would definitely support them. They take personal care; crime has dropped since they've been involved."

Many others, including Mike

Muller, principal of Eastside College in Troyeville, are enthusiastic about their efforts. Says Muller: "I respect what they're doing. I've got to know them. They are fine people."

Both have been approached several times to join the police force, but are reluctant to do so. With police leaving the force daily to join security companies, new, inexperienced policemen are battling to combat crime. Furthermore, say the two, some of them are without doubt in cahoots with local criminals.

"We're scared that if we join the police force we'll be sucked into that vacuum. If you can't make it right you don't want to be associated with it," says Scheepers, who has the strange gift of being able to sniff out potential criminals wherever they hide, and a sound knowledge of how the underworld operates. "You have to strike while the goods are hot, while they're busy moving the stuff. It's simple, actually."

Though they deal with tough street criminals almost daily, the two have never been injured or had to use their guns.

15 Statutory disclosure in accordance with the Companies Act and GAAP statement AC108 does not require disclosure of the following information relating to stock:

- a) Separate disclosure of the different categories of stock
- b) The accounting basis used to determine the amount at which stock is disclosed
- c) A statement that the method of determining the reported stock amount is consistent with that used in the previous year
- d) The cost of replacement
- e) Whether overheads progress

16 Which of the following result in a balance sheet replacement (constant)?

- a) FIFO
- b) LIFO
- c) Weighted average
- d) Specific identification
- e) None of the above

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- a) In most firms it is an approximation of the actual flow of goods.
- b) The goods considered to be sold first are those that were acquired most recently.
- c) Costs are identified with specific units, thus providing the opportunity for income manipulation.
- d) It has been disallowed by the Receiver of Revenue as a method of valuing stock for tax purposes.
- e) It assumes no particular flow of goods.

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Police arrest 498 people for drug trafficking over a week

POLICE arrested 498 people in connection with drug trafficking during the week ended February 1 this year.

SA Narcotics Bureau police confiscated 15 950 mandrax tablets, 1 810kg of dagga, 250g of cocaine and 40 units of LSD during the clampdown, a police statement said. Vehicles worth R29,2m were confiscated by police between January 28 and February 4 this year. Of 346 vehicles seized, 238 were identified as stolen.

Police spokesman Capt Nina Barkhuizen said the figure of 498 arrests for drug related crimes was "higher than normal", but vehicle confiscations were "normal". Twenty-nine people were arrested and R53 000 worth of diamonds, gold and precious metals seized.

A special operation in Kaitleng and Tembisa netted 13 stolen vehicles and led to four arrests. Meanwhile police said they confiscated three assault weapons and a significant quantity of ammunition from a hostel and private residences in Tembisa. Police spokesman Capt Ida van Zweek said an AK-47, a Makarov pistol and home-

RAY HARTLEY

made shotgun linked to criminal activity in the area were seized from Vushunusi hostel and houses in its vicinity. Four men were arrested in connection with the April 1992 murder of a Tembisa resident, she said.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports a man was shot through his car window and robbed of his firearm as he arrived at his work at Mariboro, Sandton, yesterday. His attackers ran away. Spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said Dirk Otto, 46, was dead on arrival at hospital. Late on Sunday night three men held up Marius Mulana, 59, with a pistol while he was counting money at Branigans Restaurant, Bedfordview, and forced him to open a safe. They escaped with R12 000.

On Monday four men attacked J M Booysen, 53, at his business, Rapid Scrap Metals, Braekpan. One man hit Booysen with an iron rod and tied him up before the gang made off with R17 000 cash, a camera and a tape recorder. Booysen received head wounds.

New system hopes to cut medical costs

A HIGH-tech system designed to cut medical health care costs to patients and medical aid societies, and to guarantee payments to medical practitioners, is about to be launched by a Johannesburg company. Entitled Prodoc, the computerised system, designed by HMS Health Services Management, pro-

poses to achieve this by ensuring swift payment to the medical profession, cutting medical aid societies' administration costs and by keeping in check doctors who abuse medical aid systems. One of the medical profession's major costs is credit which has to be extended to cover delayed payments due to slow medi-

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Pre-tax income dropped to R158m (R248m) and after lease, tax, royalty payments and tax provisions, after-tax profit stood at R83,3m (R97m).

Income from the company's 27% stake in Eastern Platinum and Western Platinum fell to R10,5m (R29,8m), resulting in a 25% drop in attributable income to R93,6m (R125m).

In the year ended June 1992, turnover stood at R2,26bn against cost of sales of R1,67bn. Pre-tax profit was R811m and after-tax profit was R233m. Borrowings increased by 69% to R210m. McMahon said industrial relations had

cal aid response. The system hopes to eliminate this problem by cutting the processing time for claims by medical aid societies. This will be done by linking various medical and paramedical practices with Prodoc through a computer network. The system will transmit information directly to the medical aids daily.

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industry standards. Retrenchment costs of R370/Kg were included in the figure. The company was still toll-refining some of its material overseas, including in Russia, and would continue to do so while it was commercially viable.

McMahon reiterated that Implats was interested in increasing its stake in Lonrho's Western Platinum and Eastern Platinum as it had pre-emptive rights, but he said no new approaches had been made. Prices were the only bad news, he said. "The passage of time has made fools of us all," he said, referring to expected increases in prices by the industry. Average



- (2) yes, the principal had an interview with both pupils and moved one of them to another class;
- (3) (a) 630,
(b) 101;
- (4) no.

Primary school in Parow: circular to parents

*2. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether the principal of a certain primary school in Parow, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, addressed a circular to parents on or about 3 December 1992 in which parents were informed that no exercise books and textbooks would be issued to pupils whose school fees for February 1993 had not been paid on the first school day; if so, what is the name of this school;
- (2) whether any of the pupils in this school did not comply with this requirement; if so, how many;
- (3) whether any action was taken against these pupils; if so, in what way;
- (4) whether the circular concerned has the approval of his Department;
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B84E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes, Laerskool Parow-oss;
- (2) yes, 173;
- (3) no;
- (4) no;
- (5) no.

Education: staff members in non-contact posts reduced

*3. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether his Department has reduced the number of staff members in non-con-

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station in the Johannesburg police district in 1992;

- (2) whether special steps are being taken to prevent any escalation of criminal activities in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg; if so, what steps are being taken in the (a) northern suburbs in general and (b) Johannesburg North Parliamentary constituency in particular? B22E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) The tables follows as set out in Annexure.
- (2) Yes.

(a)

The following steps are being carried out in the Northern suburbs of Johannesburg:

- areas are patrolled with radio-equipped vehicles on a daily basis. Helicopters are utilised in problem areas, when available;
- special crime-prevention units have been established at stations and a district crime-prevention unit has been established in Randburg. Patrols are carried out by members who are dressed in mufti;
- administrative personnel are also utilised on a regular basis in order to carry out crime-prevention operations;
- shops and businesses are also patrolled on foot by uniformed members of the Business Watch; and

- a contact point has been established at Gato Manor which operates successfully.
- (b) The following steps have been carried out in the Johannesburg North constituency:
 - crime-prevention units are utilised for the prevention of crime together with other units;
 - foot patrols are carried out on a daily basis by police assistants;
 - members on investigation duties concentrate on identifying criminals with the aid of computers with the aim of subsequent arrest;
 - administrative personnel are utilised at specific times for patrols on a daily basis;
 - reservists are also utilised on a daily basis for patrols and the attending of complaints;
 - established plot and neighbourhood watches are also utilised;
 - crime forums at which the South African Police and the public establish crime tendencies and strategies, take place on a monthly basis;
 - patrols by means of helicopters and mounted members take place regularly; and
 - crime-prevention actions such as footpatrols, cordoning-off and searching, roadblocks and searches are carried out according to determined crime tendencies.

For written reply:
General Affairs:

Johannesburg: criminal activities

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

- (1) How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported at each specified police

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(1)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
Booyens	65	72	281	1 078	90	567	1 705	1 756	614	1 765	93	263	0	0
Brixton	35	9	100	353	31	85	553	807	248	891	41	59	0	0
Cleveland	35	11	104	247	29	283	709	755	230	824	23	51	0	0
Jeppe	108	30	349	536	66	542	908	962	306	490	60	122	0	0

John Vorster Square	165	20	366	1 274	149	1 141	2 892	4 453	669	110	188	174	0	0
Langlaagte	9	30	135	277	18	216	256	533	166	158	25	58	0	0
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Fairland	3	6	27	100	5	38	155	247	58	314	30	16	0	0
Lombardy East	9	7	12	58	9	115	263	384	167	612	8	13	0	0
Norwood	3	12	56	199	15	142	513	797	347	741	44	24	0	0
Parkview	2	7	58	123	13	55	399	493	150	612	36	50	0	0
Yeoville	10	3	47	200	23	84	477	362	329	562	45	23	0	5
Rosebank	2	6	23	80	9	49	221	393	78	144	33	24	0	0
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14. Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs:†

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- The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:**
- Identify documents: backlog**
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The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

Yes.

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Duma S	92.09.26
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ANC man tells court of torture

By Tsale Makam

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■ R500 000 ROBBERY Accused was

forced to incriminate top ANC men:

ONE OF THE THREE ANC MEN charged with murder and robbery involving more than R500 000 yesterday said a policeman forced him to incriminate senior ANC members in the robberies.

Mr Solomon Mnqanqeni, who is appearing in the Rand Supreme Court with Mr William Makhosi and Mr Daniel Motaung, said a Captain Koekoemoer forced him to make a sworn statement saying he had committed the robberies on behalf of the organisation.

The three are charged with robbing the Southdale, Johannesburg, branch of Standard Bank of more than

R500 000 in May 1991 and of stealing a bakkie. They are also charged with robbery at Corobrick in Nigel on November 25 1991 in which two men were killed.

Traffic officer killed

The three are also accused of stealing a bakkie in Tokoza on March 12 last year and of killing a traffic officer in Alrode on March 27 the same year.

Mnqanqeni told the court that Koekoemoer and other policemen had tortured him. Koekoemoer then gave

him names of people he had to incriminate.

Koekoemoer then said Mnqanqeni should say in his statement to a magistrate "that the robbery money was to be given to (then) ANC chief of staff Chris Hani and Tokyo Sexwale who would then give the money to returned exiles".

Mnqanqeni maintained that what he said in his statement was not true and he had simply repeated to the magistrate what Koekoemoer had instructed him to say. The case continues.

NEWS State pathologist testifies that death was consistent with multiple injuries

Mandela to address *Sowetan* businessmen

18/2/93
Leader told to take rest:

By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela will address a R500-a-head fund-raising dinner at the Johannesburg City Hall tomorrow, a spokesman for the organisation has confirmed.

On Tuesday, Mandela was advised by his doctors to take a "complete rest" after suffering from exhaustion.

ANC chairman in the PWV region Mr Tokyo Sexwale said Mandela would address businessmen on the role of business during transition.

Drowning ruled out in Maphumulo inquest

18/2/93
Probably strangled before being thrown into pool:

By Mzimasi Ngudle

A STATE pathologist yesterday said it was unlikely that Mr Bethuel Maphumulo had died as a result of drowning as alleged by the police.

Testifying during an inquest into Maphumulo's death in the Johannesburg Regional Court, Dr Michelle Foster said his death was consistent with multiple injuries.

The doctor said after examining the body she had concluded Maphumulo had died as a result of multiple injuries. Foster catalogued numerous abra-

sions and injuries, including eight broken ribs and neck marks, on Maphumulo's body. She said there were "probably caused by manual strangulation".

She said fractures on his neck and haemorrhages on his skin appeared to have been caused by "extensive, substantial force".

Earlier, police Captain Henry Beukes said he was attacked by Maphumulo at the poolside after he escaped during interrogation at the Protea police station

on December 13 1990. Beukes said injuries in Maphumulo's body could have been caused by the "uneven paving" on which they struggled before they both fell into the swimming pool.

Maphumulo died on December 13 1990 after handing himself over to the police who were investigating a charge of robbery. Maphumulo handed himself over to the police on December 11. Police said he escaped and threw himself into a swimming pool.



**Ex-MD told
to repay loan**

SUSAN RUSSELL

FORMER African Bank MD and CEO Gaby Magomola has been ordered to repay R102 495 he borrowed from his former employees, in terms of a judgment granted against him in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

Judge H Daniels ordered Magomola to pay African Bank R102 495 plus interest of 22% a year from July 2 1991 to date of payment.

African Bank CE Jacobus Theron said in an affidavit the claim was for outstanding amounts which had been borrowed by Magomola under the bank's staff loan scheme.

Magomola had initially given notice that he intended opposing the application. But when the matter came to court this week the judge was told that Magomola would no longer oppose the application.

Residents hamper crime busting efforts

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THE uncooperative attitude of some residents in Johannesburg's affluent northern suburbs hampered police efforts to curtail crime there, the SAP said yesterday.

The suburbs of Sandton, Randburg and Houghton — where high walls surrounding mansions created a "burglar's paradise" — were hardest hit, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Police attempts to patrol the suburbs on horseback and by routine helicopter overflights had met strong resistance from residents who complained their privacy was being invaded, he said.

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Badly installed or incorrectly set alarms, or alarms set off accidentally regularly had police rushing to homes for no good reason, Opperman said.

"We are starting to look at alternative ways of dealing with these false alarms."

One option being considered would be to bill negligent residents for wasting state money and police time by regularly causing false alarms.

He said continued requests to residents going away to cancel newspaper deliv-

eries, have neighbours collect mail and to take measures to create the impression people were staying in the house, were being ignored.

Burglars were opportunists who soon realised when a house was unoccupied and took advantage of the situation.

"Only a small number of break-ins take place when residents are at home," Opperman said.

Alarms, dogs and burglar bars made it more difficult for a thief to enter a house, but could not guarantee complete security, he warned.

Violent crime on the rise in (38) Johannesburg

By Peter Fabricius *S. MAIL*
Political Correspondent 18/2/93

CAPE TOWN — A murder was committed on average every eight hours in Johannesburg last year as violent crime in the city continued to rise.

This was revealed by Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel in Parliament yesterday, replying to questions by Johannesburg North MP Peter Soal.

In 1992 there were 1 338 murders reported at Johannesburg police stations — excluding Soweto — more than 14 percent above the 1 169 in 1991.

Culpable homicide charges dropped slightly, from 496 to 450.

But charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm increased by 174 percent, from 3 596 in 1991 to 9 864.

Reported incidents of common assault rose by 6,7 percent, from 8 921 to 9 523.

Rapes reported at police stations increased 3,5 percent, from 1 084 to 1 123.

Property yields high returns over time

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There are considerable financial advantages in gearing residential property investments.

Richard Harman of the Board of Executors, explains: "Property values have traditionally grown at around 10 percent to 12 percent over time and due to the cyclical nature of the market, any investment in property should be seen as a long term investment so that the highs and lows of the market are smoothed out.

Return

"With unit trust and the equity market investments showing returns of between 15 percent to 25 percent, property would seem a poor alternative.

"However, the total return from residential property is not limited to 10 percent to 12 percent capital growth as this excludes any rental income derived from the properties.

"Residential property can normally be let for between 9 percent and 10 percent of the current market value of the property, giving a total return of 19 percent to 22 percent.

"The rental income should increase at the same rate as the value of the property.

"As the Receiver of Revenue currently allows expenses incurred in the production of income to be set off against income, gearing a property can increase the after tax return.

"Taking this concept to its limit, it is possible to match the rental income with the interest expense and calculate the level of

gearing required, subject of course to the Receiver's approval.

"Obviously, the lower the interest cost the higher one can afford to gear and therefore the higher the yield," he said.

Mr Harman cites an example:

Purchase price.....	R500 000
Rent at 9 percent..	R3 750 a month
Bond required.....	R293 000
Amount invested.....	R208 000
Value of home after one year at 12 percent.....	R560 000
Capital profit (R60 000/R208 000)	21 percent (after tax)

"This example is simplistic because it excludes operating costs and the cost involved in buying and selling property, not to mention the bond costs, but the latter costs become less and less significant over time and therefore the average annual yield should tend towards 20 percent over time.

Every four years

"At this rate of growth, an investment in residential property should double every four years."

Investment in residential property is not without its risks and allowances should be made for general maintenance, periods when the property is vacant, higher interest rates, dips in the economic cycle which tend to depress prices and of course the insurable risks of fire, water and subsidence damage.

All of these risks can be managed and depending on how well, the greater the likelihood of achieving a 20 percent annual return.

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The slow-grinding, murky wheels of justice

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JOHN PERLMAN
Chief Reporter

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TWO years and two months after his death, an inquiry into what really happened to Bethuel Maphumulo is finally under way. Maphumulo, a Soweto man who handed himself over to the Soweto Murder and Robbery Unit for questioning in connection with a cashbox robbery, died in the custody of the same policemen on December 13 1990.

The inquest before Johannesburg magistrate C de Lange is concerned with the facts surrounding Maphumulo's death and not the events that followed. Even so, evidence has emerged in the inquiry which suggests that the authorities may have been less than vigorous in their pursuit of the matter.

Assault charge

This is based on more than just the long delay in the matter coming to court. The SAP's internal inquiry was assigned to an officer junior in rank to two of the policemen who were under scrutiny: Lieutenant A J Radley, now captain, and Warrant-Officer Henry Beukes, who were the two officers who headed the investigation into the cashbox robbery and who were both present at Protea police station when Maphumulo died.

Detective-Sergeant David Haarhoff was assigned to investigate three things: Maphumulo's death, a charge of assault

laid by his mother Margaret, and the crimes in which he had allegedly been involved. A police representative said Haarhoff, who has now retired, was part of an investigating team led by a Lieutenant-Colonel Smuts. He said the investigation was now under the direction of a Major Coleman.

"It is not police policy to assign officers of junior rank to investigate the conduct of their seniors," the representative said. "However, it is quite impossible for the senior officer to conduct the investigation on his own, which explains why junior officers are called on to assist him with certain less important aspects of the inquest."

No documents from either Smuts or Coleman were submitted to the court. A full 10 months after the death, Haarhoff made an affidavit in which he detailed the progress he had made, a document presented to the court. Among the "less important aspects" he had handled was taking statements from five policemen at the centre of allegations.

Haarhoff said he had taken a statement from Beukes — who had since been promoted to lieutenant — and from four other policemen. He had not, according to his affidavit, taken any statement from Radley. Haarhoff had also neglected to make contact with Johannes Thabo Thabathe, who alleged in an affidavit that he was assaulted at

Protea police station and that Maphumulo was tortured at the same time in his presence.

Thabathe lives in Diepkloof, some 30 minutes' drive from Klipfontein. Haarhoff did, however, make the considerably longer trip up to Venda in a vain attempt to get a statement from a woman known as "Misekwa" — whose involvement in the case seems peripheral. "Misekwa", who is Margaret Maphumulo's sister-in-law, is mentioned briefly in the court papers — she was there when Margaret was picked up by the police but was then sent away — and witnessed none of the alleged abuses.

Haarhoff concedes as much by saying: "If it is really necessary to get her (Misekwa's) statement, I will make new arrangements and get the statement." Haarhoff also states that he spent some time tracing a black constable who had telephoned Margaret Maphumulo's husband in connection with the death. This man, he reported, had since beaten his wife's lover to death and was under psychiatric care.

The pocket books of Radley and Beukes for the period in question were not included in the court documents.

When these were requested, only Beukes's could be found. This book included a note that certain matters had only been recorded in Radley's (now missing) book.

Haarhoff's statement made no mention of having seen the post-mortem reports by State pathologist Dr Michelle Foster and by Dr Jonathan Gluckman, both of which recorded multiple injuries and a fracture to the hyoid bone in the neck, and which questioned the police explanation that Maphumulo had drowned in the police station swimming pool.

Haarhoff also had no progress to report on the assault charges Margaret Maphumulo laid soon after her son's death. She alleged she had been taken into the veld near Louis' Trichardt, where she was kicked and tortured using electric shocks. She said she was assaulted again at the Protea station.

A doctor's examination of Margaret Maphumulo soon afterwards recorded 21 marks on her body — "multiple bruises and abrasions, neck, shoulders, back of chest, abdomen". In her affidavit she names one policeman and says: "I can identify all the policemen when I see them." Yet Beukes told the inquest court he had never been questioned with regard to these allegations. His affidavit, taken by Haarhoff, makes no mention of it. Beukes said that in two years he had

not yet been called to an identification parade in this regard.

Bethuel Maphumulo's docket has gone back and forth between the police and the Attorney-General. On October 15 1991 the Ministry of Law and Order informed family lawyers that the "investigation has been completed". Five months later, SAP head office informed the lawyers that "the Attorney-General has given further instructions regarding the investigation to the police who are now attending to". In July last year, SAP notified the family that the Attorney-General has instructed that a further quest must be held.

Potently false

Ironically, one result of the investigation themselves in the past has been to leave Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel both in the spotlight and in the dark. In his report responding to allegations made by Gluckman, Kriel was clearly given information on the Maphumulo case that was, in all the essentials, false. "During interrogation he jumped through a window and attempted to escape. He allegedly fell into a swimming pool near the office and drowned." Not one of the policemen, either in affidavits or in court, claimed that this was in fact what happened.

Teamwork needed to pull in the customers

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THE JOHANNESBURG CBD

A safer city is their target

SI Times
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21/2/93

THE crime rate in Johannesburg's CBD is a major contributor to the inner city's loss of business tenants, but there are signs of improvement.

Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) executive director Neil Fraser says public safety must take priority.

He says: "We can get everything else right, but still have a disaster on our hands if the city is not safe."

The CJP started working on the problem in early 1992 from the perspective that the police could not cope and began looking at ways for business to fund a private security force, which would co-ordinate its work with existing private security firms.

Economic realities have pushed this idea on to the back burner while other options are explored.

Mr Fraser says: "We decided to see if the police could be assisted to make their job easier."

The CJP has offered to locate and equip satellite police stations and some of them have been put into operation.

The group now holds monthly meetings with the police.

Mr Fraser says the lines of

communication have improved.

He is also impressed with the commitment shown by senior police officers to improving security in the city.

Not unnaturally the issue of public safety is regarded as a priority by the Johannesburg City Council.

Johannesburg Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson says that in meetings with the Government, the council has pointed out that safety in Johannesburg is a national issue.

Mr Davidson says: "When potential investors visit South Africa, their first port of call is Johannesburg. If they are mugged during their stay here, we are unlikely to see that much-needed capital flowing into the country."

He says there are signs of improvement. From January 1 to August 31 last year there was an increase in the serious crime rate of 4,16%. But this was below the national average.

In addition, petty crime, such as mugging, showed a slight decrease.

Mr Davidson says a more optimistic view can be taken when it is considered that most of the police measures to improve public safety came into effect only in September 1992.

Mr Davidson: "We must correct people's perceptions. To do this we must show that not only has the situation been contained, but that there is a real improvement."



IAN DAVIDSON: Potential investors make their first calls in Johannesburg and

a mugging might put them off the whole country

R1m in books burnt

Si Times 21/2/93
By BILL KRIGE

THOUSANDS of Wits University students face a long wait for textbooks after arsonists set fire to a Johannesburg bookshop early yesterday, causing up to R1-million damage.

"It's desecration, like burning one's children," said Mrs Priscilla Govenor, manageress of the medical section of Campus Books in Braamfontein as she surveyed soggy and charred volumes priced up to R1 400 each.

Mr Chris Wolf, managing director of the controlling company MAST Books, suspected that gangsters, frustrated in recent attempts to rob the store, may have been responsible for the 5 am break-in.

Heaps

"They didn't take anything. There was no attempt to rob the safe or tills. They just broke in through a ground-floor window, climbed to the first floor and piled books into three heaps. These they set alight."

The bookshop is the main supplier of books to Wits students who returned on Monday.

Medical, engineering and language students will be badly hit.

About 50 departments are supplied by the store-close to the main campus.

Replacement volumes are expected to take several weeks to arrive.

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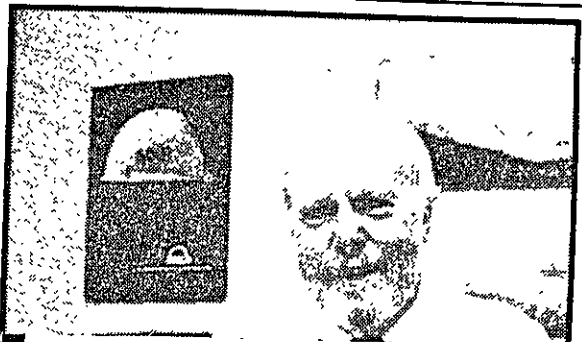
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Policeman sentenced to death for killing lawyer

A FORMER special police constable who stabbed Goldstone commission advocate Legwai Pitje to death during an argument in July last year was sentenced to death for murder in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Judge T D Cloete, sitting with two assessors, found that Seatile Rodney Matlotse had formed the direct intention of killing Pitje when he stabbed him to death on July 12 last year.

Describing the murder as "cruel, vicious and brutal" the judge said the death penalty was an appropriate sentence.

Matlotse was also found guilty of stealing

 SUSAN RUSSELL (38)

Pitje's watch, diamond ring and motor car after the murder.

Pitje was murdered after he was arrested in Roodepoort for drunken driving.

According to evidence Matlotse was on duty at the police station when Pitje was brought in, and the two men had left together some hours later.

The stabbing occurred later during a argument between the two men.

The judge said although the murder had not

been planned and was committed when Matlotse was angry, the aggravating factors outweighed those in mitigation.

"Society regards a crime by a policeman, particularly a crime of violence, in a very serious light," Cloete said.

Asked if he had anything to say before the death sentence was passed, Matlotse stood silently for about 10 minutes and then requested the court to show mercy.

He also turned around and apologised to weeping members of Pitje's family sitting in the public gallery.

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± 34% of the cases had never previously been found guilty of an offence.

These particulars have only been obtained from available data and are not the result of empirical research.

The Department has already established contact with the Criminology Institute of the University of South Africa with a view to co-operation in respect of empirical research into the phenomenon of recidivism.

As the Department's computerization programme progresses and data which is presently still only available at certain prisons countrywide is centralized, more exact facts will be more readily available.

Train violence: deaths

*24. Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many deaths resulted from violence on trains and stations on the Witwatersrand in 1992? B181E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
216 deaths.

Home Affairs: criminal actions against officials

*25. Miss M SMULTS asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether, with reference to a statement made by the Director-General of his Department on or about 22 September 1992, investigations have been completed in respect of and/or steps have been taken against (a) two officials against whom departmental disciplinary action and possible criminal proceedings were being considered, and (b) three officials against whom allegations of misconduct in terms of the Public Service Act, 1984 (Act No 111 of 1984), were being investigated, and possible criminal action in terms of the Aliens Control Act, 1991 (Act No 96 of 1991), was being considered, as at the above-mentioned date; if so, (i) when were these investigations completed and (ii) what steps have been taken to date? B185E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(a) and (b)

(i) The last of the investigations was completed in January 1993.

(b) (i) (aa) Yes.

(bb) No.

(ii) No.

The conventions were signed on 29 January 1993. Their ratification will be considered at a later date. Reservations can only be registered at the time of ratification.

(2) (a) — the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of 1979;

— the UN Convention on the Nationality of Married Women of 1957;

— the UN Convention on the Political Rights of Women of 1952;

In addition, South Africa acceded to

— the UN Convention on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages of 1962;

(b) None.

Parsons Commission: further reports

*27. Mr D S PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs:

Whether the Commission of Inquiry into the 1986 Unrest and Alleged Maladministration in KwaNdebele (Parsons Commission) has submitted any further reports to the State President in addition to those already published; if not, why not; if so, when (a) were these reports so submitted and (b) will they be released for publication? B188E

The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS:

The Commission of Inquiry into the 1986 Unrest and Alleged Mismanagement in KwaNdebele (Parsons Commission) submitted a third report to the State President on (a) 18 September 1992 and (b) the said report will be made public as soon as the Government and the Government of KwaNdebele have jointly decided on a date for the release of the report as in the case of the previous reports.

Southern Cape RSC: Site KD No 185

*28. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Local Government:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 321 on 19 June 1992, the Southern Cape Regional Services Council has instructed its attorneys to restore the title deed conditions of Portion 2 of Site KD No 185; if not, why not; if so, on what date were they so instructed;

(2) whether the matter has been disposed of; if not, when is it anticipated that it will be disposed of;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B191E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

(1) During December 1992, the Southern Cape Regional Services Council instructed its attorneys to arrange for the registration of the reinstatement of the deleted conditions of title in accordance with the relevant order of the Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division of the Supreme Court in Case No 13359/85.

(2) The rectifying registration was done by endorsement by the Registrar of Deeds on 29 January 1993 thus disposing of the matter (Registrar of Deeds microfilm reference No 93-0107-5061).

(3) No.

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language.

Own Affairs:

Disaster drought aid scheme

*1. Mr D S PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Agricultural Development:

Whether any special disaster drought aid scheme is applicable to self-supporting economic farming enterprises adjacent to agricultural schools; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

Prison	Awaiting-Trial Prisoners Escaped	Recaptured	Sentenced Prisoners	
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Empangeni			From Workrooms, Courts, Hospitals etc.	
Eshowe	1		1	3
Estcourt			9	1
Glencoe			1	1
Greytown			3	1
Ikopo	1	1	1	1
Kranskop			1	1
New Hanover			4	4
Pietermaritzburg Med. A	2	1	23	10
Port Shepstone	1	1	2	
Sevontein			26	4
Stanger			3	1
Vernham			5	2
TOTAL	5	3	109	40

* Escapee shot dead during an escape.

Awaiting-trial prisoners in custody

64. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Correctional Services:

What was the average number of awaiting-trial prisoners in custody on the last of each month in 1992? **B115E**

THE MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

The figures with regard to awaiting-trial prisoners who were incarcerated in South African prisons on the last day of each month during 1992, are as follows:

31 January 1992	24 365
29 February 1992	24 326
31 March 1992	23 637
30 April 1992	24 363
31 May 1992	22 736
30 June 1992	21 705
31 July 1992	21 469
31 August 1992	21 948

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Wynberg/Alexandra	452	12	846	571	182	736	275	438	397	003
Lombardy East	9	7	12	58	9	115	263	167	612	008
Sandton	29	36	100	334	29	224	988	626	1 761	043
Bramley	34	31	106	186	11	326	588	460	642	025

Own Affairs:

White colleges: number of students

9. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

How many students were studying at White teacher-training colleges as at (a) the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) a corresponding date five years ago? **B142E**

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(a) 10 February 1993: 5 411,
(b) 10 February 1988: 8 544.

Hospitals: bed occupancy rate

10. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare:

What was the average bed occupancy rate in 1992 in each specified hospital falling under the control of his Department in (a) Natal, (b) the Orange Free State, (c) the Cape Province and (d) the Transvaal? **B143E**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE:

The average rate of bed occupation in each own affairs hospital were as follows:

	Average rate of bed occupation: 1992
(a) <i>Natal:</i>	
Greys Hospital, Pietermaritzburg	67,50%
Greytown Hospital	36,88%
Hillcrest Hospital	95,18%
(b) <i>Orange Free State:</i>	
Bethlehem Hospital	60,00%
Jagersfontein Hospital	48,06%
Sasolburg Hospital	48,53%
Voortrekker Hospital, Koonstad	57,27%
(c) <i>Cape Province:</i>	
Zastron Hospital	21,33%
(d) <i>Transvaal:</i>	
Andrew McColl Hospital, Pretoria	30,40%
Bernice Samuel Hospital, Delmas	46,20%
Bloemhof Hospital	60,80%
Brits Hospital	66,00%
Cullinan Care and Rehabilitation Centre	93,12%
DeLareyville Hospital	47,10%
Duivelskloof Hospital	47,70%
Edenvale Hospital	59,30%
Elsie Ballot Hospital, Amersfoort	83,70%
Evander Hospital	74,10%
FH Odendaal Hospital, Nylstroom	62,80%
Generaal de la Rey Hospital, Lichtenburg	36,40%
Groblersdal Hospital	48,50%
HA Grové Hospital, Belfast	52,20%
Hendrik van der Bijl Hospital, Vanderbijlpark	30,10%
J G Strijdom Hospital, Johannesburg	69,50%
Kempompark Hospital	76,20%
Louis Trichardt Memorial Hospital	39,50%
Discoverer's Memorial Hospital, Roodepoort	43,10%
Paardekraal Hospital, Krugersdorp	51,50%
Pretoria West Hospital	69,20%
Phalaborwa Hospital	41,70%

Muggers move into suburbs

By Philip Zoio

(38)

STAR 25/2/93

The greater police presence in Johannesburg's Central Business District (CBD) has forced down the rate of muggings in the area, but has also led to criminals increasingly taking their trade into surrounding suburbs, Business Watch co-ordinator Gerald Heine said this week.

He said the crime rate in the CBD had decreased considerably following the additional deployment of policemen in the city last year.

He said he did not believe Johannesburg had a major crime problem in the CBD at the moment.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman

said the incidence of muggings reported daily in the CBD had decreased from between 12 and 25 before last March, when deployment of 1 100 additional policemen in the city began, to a current figure of between seven and 12.

Opperman said police were also satisfied with their success rate in catching muggers in the CBD.

Arrested

Between five and seven muggers are being arrested daily after being caught in the act or immediately afterwards, he said.

"With 300 000 people working in the city centre, the crime rate compares very favourably with other cities overseas," said Heine.

But some of the problems

were being passed on from the CBD to other suburbs with commercial zones, such as Rosebank, Randburg and Bruma, Heine said.

He said Rosebank was currently "not a good area" for businesses, and plans were underway there for the establishment within six weeks of a Business Watch, a joint effort by business groups and the SAP to ensure that uniformed policemen were permanently stationed in its commercial zone.

The increase in crime in the suburbs led residents of Gallo Manor, Sandton, to contribute financially to the construction last year of a police station in the suburb.

Opperman said this was an "excellent example" of the community taking steps to ensure their own protection.

Heine said Business Watch

was active in about 11 Johannesburg suburbs, including the CBD, but not in Sandton.

Other SAP statistics released on the CBD are also encouraging. The incidence of armed robbery involving firearms decreased from 830 in 1991 to 788 last year, and robberies with knives being used decreased from 456 to 391 over the same period.

But some of the statistics still paint a grim picture of CBD crime. The number of bank robberies in the area increased from 21 in 1991 to 49 last year, and the number of murders reported went up from 149 in 1991 to 165 last year.

The incidence of rapes in the city also increased over the period — 165 rapes in the CBD were reported to police last year, compared with 142 in 1991.

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Crime rate rockets in north

Serious crime increased substantially in Johannesburg's northern suburbs in 1990 and 1991, according to new statistics (38) ● Page 5

Northern suburbs

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crime rate soars

By Philip Zito (38)

Serious crime increased substantially in Johannesburg's northern suburbs in 1990 and 1991, according to newly released police statistics.

With criminals becoming increasingly violent, the number of murders showed a particularly large rise.

In the Johannesburg north district, which includes Hillbrow but not Sandton or Randburg, the number of reported murders rose from 101 in 1989 to 190 in 1991.

And in the Randburg district, which includes Sandton, Midrand and Alexandra, the number of murders increased from 300 in 1990 to 553 in 1991 — an increase of almost 85 percent.

This rise could be partly attributed to the outbreak of violence in Alexandra township that year, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

Crime statistics for 1992 will be released next month after Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's annual report to Parliament.

Police figures indicate the number of rapes rocketed in the northern suburbs.

A total of 238 rapes were reported in the Johannesburg north district in 1991 — more than double the 90 reported in 1989.

Bank robberies in the area rose from 68 to 168 and car hijackings increased from 118 to 206 in the same period.

In the Randburg district, robberies increased from 2 062 in 1990 to 2 565 in 1991, an increase of almost 30 percent.

In that area, rape, house-breaking and vehicle theft increased moderately from 1990 to 1991 — by less than 10 percent in each case.

Opperman attributed higher levels of crime in the northern suburbs to tighter and more intensive policing in the central business district.

A desperate man, a terrified teenager . . . and the patient policeman.

THE STATION HOSTAGE DRAMA THROUGH THE LENS OF SUNDAY TIMES PICTURES EDITOR DAVID SANDISON



28/2/93
A SURVIVAL game—played out behind this baggage room window at the Johannesburg Station this week.

Brenda Dlamini, 15, looks down in terror. She is being held on the lap of her captor, John Clute, 3 who allegedly pressed a gun into her back. He also threatened to kill her and himself rather than be arrested by the police.

Also in the picture are police negotiators, wearing bulletproof vests as they try to persuade M Clute to let the terrified Soweto teenager go.

It took more than five hours for them to persuade Mr Clute to free her, unharmed, and give himself up. He had taken the girl hostage as he fled police who wanted to arrest him on theft and robbery charges.

As the crowd of onlookers swelled in the late afternoon and evening, Sunday Times Pictures Editor DAVID SANDISON photographed the dramatic moment from his vantage point on the Queen Elizabeth Bridge, some 800m away.

Using a Nikon 300mm F2.8 lens, with a two times converter which makes it a 600mm F5.6 lens, Sandison shot the frame at 1/15 of a second using Ilford 400 ASA Black and white film which was processed at 3200 ASA.

Witnesses and police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said he was extremely pleased with the way his officers handled the drama on Wednesday.

It was the second hostage drama defused by police in the Transvaal in the past 10 days.

Crime swoop on W Rand

Sowetan 11/31/93 (28)
MORE than 300 people were arrested and at least 35 stolen vehicles were recovered in a West Rand police crime prevention blitz on Saturday. A police spokesman said they set up 56 roadblocks and searched 500 cars and 287 houses. Seven unlicensed firearms were recovered. -- Sapa.

Teachers sit-in at DET

(28)
SIXTEEN Soweto teachers, who have been staging a sit-in at the Johannesburg offices of the DET, said yesterday they would start a hunger strike today. They have vowed to continue their hunger strike until the DET reinstates 31 teachers whose services have been terminated. *Sowetan 11/31/93.*

Star 11/3/93

'Operation Vula' nets 350

More than 350 people were arrested by police in "Operation Vula" on the West Rand and in Soweto which lasted from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday. A total of 35 stolen vehicles valued at more than R1 million were recovered in 56 road blocks.

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The crime-fighting caravan

Crime Reporter (38)

was the arrest of more than 100 illegal aliens.

Sandton police are using a caravan to "clean up" crime in Bryanston, Buccleuch and Rivonia.

A target area was identified and police concentrated on eradicating crime in that area.

The caravan functions as a mobile police station and charge office and has been in operation for a month, says Lieutenant Joe Odendaal, commander of the Gallo Manor satellite station.

Odendaal said the caravan formed a base for foot and vehicle patrols and was under the control of the Gallo Manor satellite station.

The satellite station was funded and built with help from the local community.

One of the successes

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Star 1/3/93

Murder City' tag confirmed

(38)

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

Johannesburg has indeed achieved the dubious status of being the murder capital of the world, figures show.

According to police statistics, Johannesburg and Soweto combined had 3402 murders in 1992 — 9,3 murders a day, or one every 2½ hours.

Rio de Janeiro, notorious for its crime rate and previous holder of the "murder capital" title, has reported an average of 8722 murders a year in the past decade.

But Rio has a population of more than 10 million.

Although some statisticians put the combined population of Johannesburg and Soweto at close to 3 million, official figures supplied by the Central Statistical Services put the population at about 2,2 million. This includes the East Rand and Alexandra but excludes Roodepoort.

Rio's murder rate is one for every 1158 people. The figure for the Johannesburg-Soweto area is one murder for every 164 people.

Living in Johannesburg or Soweto gives you a seven times higher chance of being murdered than a person in Rio.

New York, which has a population of 8 million and reports an average of 1859 murders a year, is 7,5 times safer than Johannesburg.

The London Evening Standard last week published figures showing the average annual murder and serious-crime figures over the past decade in 12 major cities.

The city with the closest population to that of Johannesburg — Paris (2,15 million) — reports an average of 153 murders a year.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said he had no doubt Johannesburg and Soweto were streets ahead of any other major city in terms of murder.

Commenting on The Star's figures and comparisons, he said they showed the time had come for communities to rally against crime. The community had to address the causes of crime — economic, political and sociological, he said.

Although the police did have certain crime prevention duties, it was up to the political, religious and economic leaders to address the root causes "or things are going to just get worse", Bruce said.

Suspect chained to pole

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

In a bizarre combination of citizen's arrest and vigilante revenge, a woman and three men grabbed a man they suspected of being involved in attacks on women in Yeoville, and chained him to a telephone pole yesterday.

Witnesses said the four pinned cardboard signs on him declaring him a rapist.

The police untied the man and took him and the four residents to the local police station.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said the woman claimed the man had indecently assaulted her last month.

Pieke said the man was being questioned. Police had opened an assault docket against the four.

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Cafe owners up in arms over murder, robberies

GAVIN DU VENAGE

CAFE owners are to highlight their plight as soft targets for armed criminals.

Several cafe owners have been killed or injured recently in robbery attempts. On Tuesday a Troyeville restaurateur was murdered after gunmen held up patrons and emptied the till.

Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association executive director Frank Swarbrek said yesterday his organisation, which represents more than 3500 members in the PWV area, was preparing a delegation to discuss the issue with President F W de Klerk.

Members were also considering closing their businesses on designated days in protest at the lack of protection from authorities. There had even been talk of public demonstrations.

The association had held "very emotional" meetings in the past weeks, and members were both frightened and demoralised at the apparent inability of police to protect them.

"Never a day goes by without someone being held up, or murdered, or maimed for life," said Swarbrek. "We have even had instances of rape."

Cafe owners worked late hours, and were exceptionally vulnerable, he said.

"We have to draw attention to the situation. We are willing to take positive steps as we are very frightened. Some of our members have left the country."

Police spokesman Capt Eugene Oppermann said yesterday it was up to individual cafe owners to protect themselves. He said close co-operation between CBD businesses had made the area unattractive for criminals. Vigilance from shopowners, an awareness of safety measures and a fast police response time was keeping armed robbers out of the city.

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Call for more police as cafe owner killed

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By Brendan Templeton

The cold-blooded shooting of a Nigel cafe owner yesterday has fuelled demands from embattled restaurant and cafe owners for more effective policing of businesses.

A statement with "detailed suggestions" has been sent to President de Klerk by alarmed members of the 3 500-strong Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association (CRTA), its chairman Frank Swarbreck said yesterday.

CRTA members were willing to "put our money where our mouths are", he said.

A CRTA survey had found that violence was inflicting a huge toll on business in central Johannesburg. Following the taxi crisis in the city last month, the turnover of CRTA members had fallen by about 60 percent and many faced fi-

nancial ruin.

"A lot of our members would like to sell their businesses if they could. After starting into the barrel of a gun, you don't sleep for a long time," Swarbreck said.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze has promised that the CRTA suggestions will be studied in detail, but stressed that sectoral interests could not be favoured above community interests as a whole.

Nigel cafe owner Manuel Gonsalves de Costa (63) was the second businessman in the catering sector on the Witwatersrand to be senselessly gunned down by robbers this week. Ed Sedlacek (52) was shot dead in his Troyeville restaurant on Tuesday night.

Swarbreck said these were not isolated cases.

Anna Louw reports from

The Star's East Rand Bureau that De Costa was shot dead at about 5.15 am by a balaclava-clad man wielding an AK-47.

He opened his cafe door for the man, whom he thought was a customer. A struggle ensued outside and De Costa was shot.

The man fled empty-handed because De Costa's wife, Maria, locked the door when she saw the man had a gun.

Swarbreck said the case illustrated the vulnerability of the catering sector. "We stay open late and often open early — these are hours when policing is usually at a low."

The CRTA proposal suggests beefing up the 20 000-strong Witwatersrand police force to 30 000, using extra funds from private business.

Swarbreck can be contacted on (011) 833-2544.

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'I leapt from car to avoid police torture'

By Philip Zoio

A fashion designer, accused of murdering a policeman, attempted suicide while under police guard because he feared another session of torture by Brixton Murder and Robbery Unit detectives, the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

During his bail application, David Mametse (33) said he jumped out of a moving police car because he had been tortured with electric shocks and would rather have died than repeat the experience.

He said he had been returning to Brixton with his wrists and ankles handcuffed when he sprang from the vehicle, about two days after his arrest on

February 3. **38**
Mametse, of Tembisa, has been charged with the murder of John Vorster Square fraud detective Sergeant Brand Voeght on June 28 last year.

Voeght's body was found the next day off the N1 highway in Mondeor.

Under cross-examination by prosecutor K Neethling, Mametse said he knew Voeght as the policeman who had arrested him on a cheque fraud charge involving about R60 000. The fraud case has been partly heard in the Johannesburg Regional Court.

Neethling said the State had a sworn statement in which a witness said Mametse had admitted killing Voeght.

The hearing continues.

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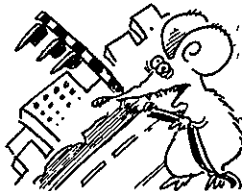
Of those, 14 had serious injuries. — Sapa-Reuter

Star 6/3/93
Taxi hijackings: two die

TWO people were killed in separate taxi hijackings at the corner of Eiseien and Seisor streets, Davyton, yesterday. Police said taxi-owner Clemens Themba Marwa fired back at his attackers but was fatally wounded. In the second hijacking, a passenger was fatally shot. — Sapa

Kamikaze Irish mice

DUBLIN — An army of kamikaze Irish mice brought the town of Tralee to a standstill and burnt themselves out. The mice chewed their way through the cables operating the traffic lights. A council worker reported finding dead mice everywhere in the control box. — Sapa-Reuter



Transvaal man drowns

DURBAN — A Heidelberg holidaymaker, Graham Barry Scott, has drowned at Ballito, on the Natal north coast. Livesavers recovered his body. — Sapa

Star 6/3/93
Raid on Ratanda township

SIXTEEN people were arrested in connection with charges of murder, attempted murder and attacks on police yesterday, after an operation through the East Rand's Ratanda township. — Sapa (38)

Shot husband, acquitted

A WOMAN who shot her husband several times was acquitted yesterday. Pretoria Supreme Court judge Mr Justice L F Weyers said he thought Roda-Marie Gernandt (45) had lied, but there was a reasonable possibility her story could be true. Gernandt said she had fired at husband Leonard in self-defence. He had been drinking all day. — Sapa

Death of top businessman

ONE of South Africa's top scientists and businessmen, Dr Henry Dyer (65), has died in Johannesburg. — Sapa

Teachers not to be charged

Star 6/3/93
CAPE TOWN — Charges are to be withdrawn against 24 teachers arrested after a sit-in at the DET offices in Johannesburg. Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer announced this yesterday, after a meeting with the South African Democratic Teachers Union. — Sapa

Call for action Star 8/13/92 over custody

strangling

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

The failure of the SAP to suspend an officer who strangled a robbery suspect in custody would foster the attitude that policemen could get away with anything, Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin said yesterday.

Magistrate CG de Lange found on Friday that Lieutenant Henry Beukes had strangled Bethuel Maphumulo at Protea police station in December 1990.

Currin said there was no culture of accountability within the police force and the failure to take action against Beukes would foster this attitude.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said last night that the documents from the inquest had been forwarded to the Attorney-General for a decision whether to prosecute Beukes.

Pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman said he was satisfied that one of the cases which had prompted him to go public with allegations that police were killing people in their custody had "turned out this way".

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60 Jo'burg homes burgled daily

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Reporter

More than 60 houses are broken into in Johannesburg's northern suburbs every day, a survey by The Star among police stations and insurance and security companies shows.

Official police statistics for housebreakings in the area are not available, but Witwatersrand police spokesman Cap-

tain Eugene Opperman said yesterday even an estimate of 70 daily housebreakings in the area was "conservative".

These figures do not include robbery — where the occupants of the house are at home and their goods are violently taken from them.

A Parkview police station officer said policemen were called out to 15 housebreakings a day in the area.

In Sandton, the police and the Crisis Control Centre recorded between seven and 12

burglaries daily.

Other police stations in the area, including Randburg, Linden and Rosebank, reported averages of between eight and 10 burglaries a day.

Robin Hancock, an insurance broker for Dewar Rand, said that of 4 000 private policies on the Reef, 25 house-breaking claims were made monthly.

"Those are all in the northern suburbs," he said.

A spokesman for a larger insurance company said 15 to

20 claims came in every week. A spokesman for a security company said at least three attempted housebreakings were reported daily.

Asked whether the number of housebreakings had suddenly increased, Hancock said there had been a steady increase over the past two or three years, but no recent surge.

Opperman said the northern suburbs were "a house-breaker's paradise". He said the high walls and

hedges common to the area might offer some form of protection, but also allowed a criminal, once inside the yard, to do what he wished unseen.

Opperman said police had stepped up patrols recently and taken to using horses and helicopters on patrols.

"But then people complained about their privacy." He said that if people wanted to break the crime cycle they would have to be prepared to make certain sacrifices.

NEWS ANC treasury official allegedly made bogus purchases • Killer can appeal

ANC official on R283000 fraud charge

■ BAIL WRANGLE *Sowetan 11/3/93.* Official allegedly put

cash into his own accounts. ~~38~~ ~~38~~

A ANC OFFICIAL yesterday appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on fraud charges involving R283 000 after he allegedly made fictitious stationery purchases and deposited ANC cheque payments for the "goods" into his own business accounts.

Sakelo Llewellyn Ntile (33), a purchasing and stores officer in the ANC's treasury department, was arrested on Monday and faces 24 charges of fraud. The State has offered Ntile bail of R10 000 but Ntile yesterday applied for a reduction to R4 000.

Ntile told the court he has no intention of fleeing and that he could justify his actions. Investigating officer Captain

Daniel Kriel said R10 000 was the lowest bail amount that would ensure that Ntile stood trial.

The State has alleged that Ntile set up three closed corporations of which he was the sole member.

Between December 1991 and December last year he allegedly made out fictitious purchasing orders and invoices purporting to represent stationery purchases made from the three closed corporations by the ANC.

Ntile then allegedly requisitioned cheques for payment to the closed corporations. The cheques were deposited into bank accounts opened in the names of three businesses, the State has alleged. Ntile was remanded in custody.



Two die in Sowetan 11/3/93 police custody

■ Suspect allegedly tried to rob delivery truck:

TWO suspects died in police custody in separate incidents in Johannesburg and Pretoria yesterday morning, police have confirmed.

Mr Kelly Mkhwanazi (35) collapsed and died while in handcuffs and leg irons at Soweto's Murder and Robbery Unit offices, according to police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

In Pretoria a 30-year-old man, who was arrested when he allegedly attempted to steal a crate of coffee, was found hanging in the cells at about 4am in the Adriaan Vlok police station in Verwoerdburg. Police said he had hanged himself with his own trousers.

A spokesman for the police, Lieutenant Evan Johnson, said they sus-

pected he had committed suicide. His identity and address have not yet been established.

Halgryn said Mkhwanazi was wanted in connection with various robberies, including last year's attack on Johannesburg's Kensington Golf Club where R1 million was taken and the robbery at Wadeville involving R2 million.

Mkhwanazi was also linked to last month's R224 000 robbery at Sun City, for which Mr Lucky Malaza was facing charges.

A spokesman for Lawyers for Human Rights said Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel must give a full explanation and account as to what steps had been taken to prevent such incidents.

Randburg, SAP join forces to fight crime

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

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CAPE TOWN — The Randburg Town Council will co-operate with the South African Police in a joint arrangement that will put SAP-trained municipal bobbies on the beat.

Randburg MP Marthinus van Schalkwyk yesterday hailed the scheme as a breakthrough in the fight against crime, especially housebreaking.

He said it would open the door to all local authorities to take part in community policing "and so strike a major blow in the fight against crime in our country".

The Cabinet had approved the scheme in principle.

The SAP would select and train council policemen who would then be deployed only in the Randburg area, under SAP control.

The council would pay for training, salaries and logistic support and bear costs incurred through injuries.

The SAP would remain responsible for any costs arising from civil actions while municipal policemen were on duty.

Van Schalkwyk said the measure would negate private forces or vigilantes but would not relieve the SAP of its law enforcement responsibilities.

He said the scheme, which would be administered by a co-ordinating committee of members from the council and SAP, supplemented the deployment of 200 additional policemen in Randburg during the past year.

Top official held over false taxi permits

Sowetan 12/3/93
A HIGH-RANKING Government official has been arrested on suspicion of allowing false minibus taxi permits to be issued.

Mr Izak Landman, chairman of the Local Road Transportation Board in Johannesburg and acting chairman of Pretoria's Transportation Board, appeared in a Johannesburg magistrate's court yesterday afternoon.

Perjury charges

He will face charges of defeating the ends of justice and perjury, according to Witwatersrand police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke.
The Special Unit for Commercial Related

Transportation Board chairman in court:

Cases from the Attorney General's office had been investigating a case against Landman for the past year, W/O Pieke said.

Police viewed the allegations in a serious light, especially after last month's black taxi debacle in Johannesburg where it was claimed that false licences had been issued, he added.

A source at Landman's Pretoria office said all he knew was that the chairman had taken sick leave on Wednesday but would return to work today. - *Sapa*.

Restaurants petition FW after rape

Staff Reporter

RESTAURATEURS have petitioned President F W de Klerk to bolster a "hopelessly" undermanned police force in the wake of the robbery of a Randburg restaurant and rape of an employee.

The Lobster Tavern in Randburg was robbed of R8 000 by three men, one armed with a grenade, and a

40-year-old employee was raped as the restaurant was closing at the weekend. The men had entered earlier and posed as customers.

Mr Frank Swarbreck, executive director of the Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association, has petitioned the president as the only way to stop the decline of restaurants through crime.

There were five restaurant robberies in Johannesburg at the weekend, but only two were reported because, Mr Swarbreck said, some restaurant owners were hesitant to report less serious robberies for fear of bad publicity.

Mr Swarbreck said restaurants were becoming crime's "soft targets" ET/6/3/95 (38)

The restaurant business relied on hospitality and a "private army" at the door would make customers nervous and uncomfortable.

● A gang of armed robbers robbed Mike's Kitchen steakhouse in Parktown and customers late on Sunday night, making off with about R30 000 in cash, jewellery and liquor, police said yesterday.

Alarm over wave of restaurant robberies

RESTAURATEURS in Johannesburg's northern areas were keeping silent about robberies and armed attacks on their businesses for fear of bad publicity, an industry spokesman said yesterday.

All restaurant owners in the region were taking urgent measures to beef up security, he said.

Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association chairman Frank Swarbreck said recent attacks on restaurants in affluent areas had badly affected trade and some businesses were facing closure.

In one of the most recent attacks, a gang

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

struck at the Lobster Tavern in Randburg and raped a woman after other customers and staff had been locked in a storage room. At the weekend, armed men robbed Mike's Kitchen in Parktown, and yesterday armed men escaped with R21 000 in cash and jewellery from the Seawave restaurant in Bedfordview.

Swarbreck said restaurateurs were not notifying police as they feared customers would be frightened off. "They hope it will not happen again but, of course, it will."

He believed many attacks turned violent when criminals found little cash to take, with most customers paying by cheque or credit card. Frustrated, the robbers turned on their victims, he said.

Swarbreck said his association would petition President F W de Klerk to investigate security for the industry. It had also held meetings with high-ranking police officers to discuss how to beat crime.

Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said yesterday businesses failing to report crimes were making it easier for the perpetrators to remain at large.

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True tales from around Southern Africa, by **ARTHUR GOLDSTUCK**

Crime wave ³⁸

THE Crime Combating Unit at Boksburg North police station has identified urinating in public as one of the three most common crimes in the area under its jurisdiction.

Crime number one is drinking in public, which notched up 392 arrests in the past three months, with urinating in public coming a distant second at 177 arrests. *W/Mar 1913-25/3/92*

Police did not say whether there was a connection, but provided further statistics which showed the following arrest rates: walking on the motorway — 136; offences at railway-crossings — 99; drunk in public — 88; illegal immigrants — 30; trading in strong alcohol — 26; burglary and theft — 26; gambling in public — 19; littering — 15; dealing in dagga — 4; and being in possession of suspected stolen goods — 3.

Restaurateurs

Star-rating
system on
the menu

LOUISE MARSLAND

REEF restaurateurs are putting security on the menu along with gourmet food and good service since the surge in attacks on eating houses.

They plan to set security standards for restaurants on a star-rating system.

"People expect a good restaurant to provide good food — but good security will also have to become part of our service," Catering, Restaurant and Tea-room Association (Catra) director Frank Swarbreck said this week.

Armed robbers have hit seven restaurants and cafes in the past three weeks — killing two cafe owners and a restaurateur and raping a restaurant employee.

Swarbreck's proposed security rating system for restaurants would see an eatery with a burglar alarm given one star, and a restaurant with electronic surveillance three or five stars. Catra's 3 500 Witwatersrand members will be surveyed on the security rating and the installation of security systems. A list of all police stations in the region is being circulated to restaurants and cafes, and proprietors are being urged to contact their police station commanders and attend crime forum meetings.

A survey showed that robberies and other violence had in some cases caused a 60 percent drop in business, Swarbreck said.

"Some of our members feel so strongly that they are saying that if nothing is done, they will withhold regional services council levies and then VAT. We have had some very emotional responses.

beef up security

Sophisticated, professional

"The robberies are very sophisticated and professional — some time has been spent studying the restaurant, gathering information, getting to know the system of handling money and when security is lax."

Swarbreck said about 10 percent of restaurant owners who were robbed did not report the crimes to the police for fear of bad publicity. "Business is being ruined . . . but we can't cover this up.

"The atmosphere in a restaurant must be relaxed. There has to be a degree of subtlety about any form of security," Swarbreck said, emphasising that body and bag searches and spy cameras were out. "Restaurants will have to have access control where people coming in are surveyed by unobtrusive electronic surveillance to see if they are carrying weapons."

While Catra had been inundated with calls from security companies offering anything from panic buttons to private armies, Swarbreck believes the first emphasis should be on a well-trained police force.

The association had decided to petition President F W de Klerk because it believed the police had not been allocated enough funds.

Witwatersrand police liaison head Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the occupants of houses took certain security precautions, and restaurant owners would now have to do the same.

"We can't put a policeman outside every restaurant or cafe. Restaurant and cafe owners must get involved in crime forums. Restaurant robbery is a community problem too."

Press the panic button and they'll be on the way

LOUISE MARSLAND

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EMBA TTLED restaurant and cafe owners are beginning to hit back against the restaurantiers who have begun to plague the city. One of the first innovations — a centrally co-ordinated emergency communication system — is about to come on line.

The unique business radio-link system with Business Watch control centres will consist of a hidden radio transmitter with a panic button.

The instant the alarm is raised, the emergency call will come through to the 24-hour Business Watch control centre — the first one being situated in the Small Street Mall police station in Johannesburg's city centre.

"It is our intention to have radio transmitters installed in businesses in all Business Watch areas

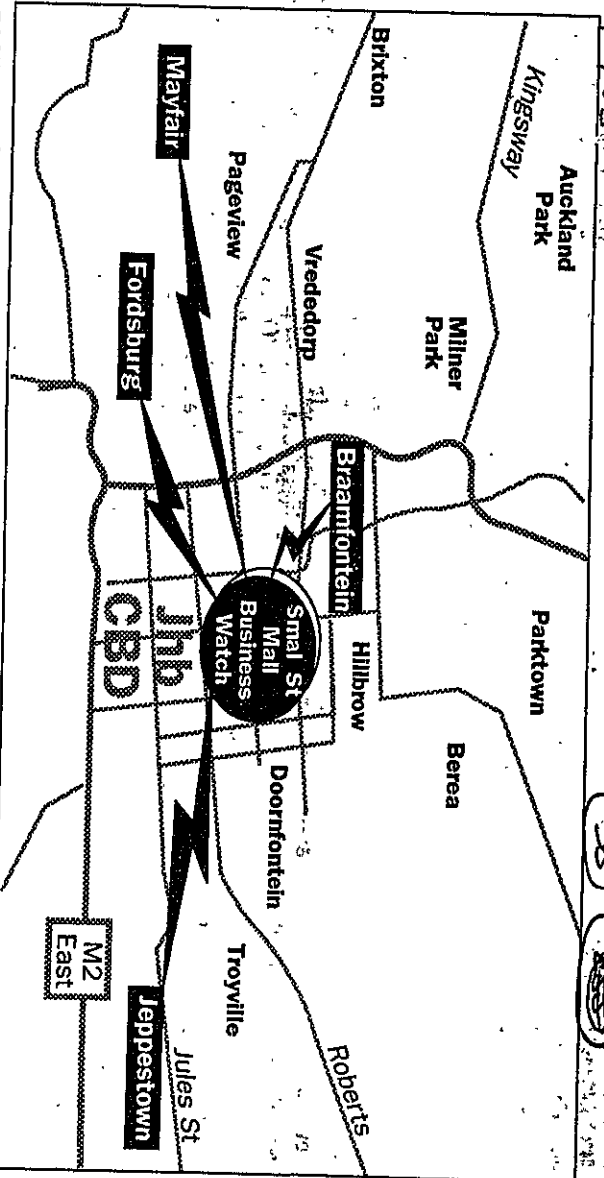
— starting in Johannesburg," said National Business Watch co-ordinator Gerald Heine.

"When activated in an extreme emergency by panic buttons, the transmitter will send a coded panic signal to the Business Watch control centre. The control centre will have a computerised base station which will identify the coded panic signals."

The best thing about the system, he said, was that it would cost less than R1 000 to install.

Heine said all members of Business Watch would be able to get involved in the radio-linked emergency response scheme.

Apart from being in direct contact with its



FAST AID: The radio-link network will be set up in the CBD and surrounding suburbs by next month.

own Business Watch patrols, the command centre is in radio contact

with the Flying Squad and other emergency services.

Heine believes the scheme could be up and running before the end

of April in the Johannesburg CBD and surrounding suburbs of Braam-

fontein, Mayfair, Fordsburg, Cleveland and Jeppestown.

After that, Rosebank businesses are likely to be linked up as Business Watch will be established there shortly.

"The magic of communication will enable all restaurants, cafes and retailers in an area to be linked to a central control point. Therefore, in the event of any emergency, the controller at the command centre will know whether to dispatch police, firemen or ambulances."

Heine emphasised that the new system was not a replacement for armed response and burglar alarm systems, but was specifically designed to aid police and businesses when a call was placed in an emergency situation.

Sovetans campaign to

beat crime

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CAMPAIN against township crime, planned to culminate in a peace summit of all Soweto organisations at the end of April, had begun, the organisers' spokesman Pat Nhlapho said on Monday.

Nhlapho said the campaign, which was launched at the weekend, consisted of house-to-house visits and mass meetings, at which Soweto residents would be asked for suggestions on minimising crime.

A Declaration on Crime would be compiled from the residents' proposals and would be tabled at the summit, to which every resident and the SAP would be invited.

Organisations participating in the campaign included Soweto branches of the ANC, SACP, Cosatu, the Congress of SA Students, the SA Democratic Teachers' Union, women's organisations, taxi organisations, business people, youths and church bodies. — Sapa.

Natal leaders meet to aid peace process

B/DAY 23/3/93

RAY HARTLEY

DURBAN — The spiralling violence in Natal has led ANC Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala and his Inkatha counterpart David Ntombela to agree to meet in the next two weeks to look at ways of boosting the peace process in the region.

In renewed violence on Sunday, a gunman killed four people when he fired on a moving pickup truck in the Port Shepstone area in Natal.

A police spokesman said the man was given a lift on the truck near Paddock, 120km south of Durban. The man opened fire with a pistol, killing the driver and a passenger before shooting two other passengers as they fled. Sapa-Reuter reports.

Three people, including a KwaZulu policeman, were killed in separate attacks at Umhlati and Kwa Mashu near Durban at the weekend.

Natal regional dispute resolution committee chairman M C Pretorius said yesterday the recent slaying of six school children at Table Mountain near Maritzburg had shocked local leaders into speeding up efforts to end the conflict between the ANC and Inkatha.

Pretorius said the bilateral meetings would look at ways of publicly emphasising the parties' support for the peace accord. They would discuss joint rallies to be addressed by the rival leaders.

Agreement had also been reached on the establishment of task forces for the Natal

Midlands, southern Natal and northern Natal, which would concentrate on getting the bilateral meetings off the ground.

There had been a significant shift towards peace in the region since the ANC and Inkatha began discussions on a possible meeting between Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC president Nelson Mandela in October last year, he said.

"When they started meeting on a bilateral basis, they came to one basic recognition — that the leaders have a major influence on the level of violence.

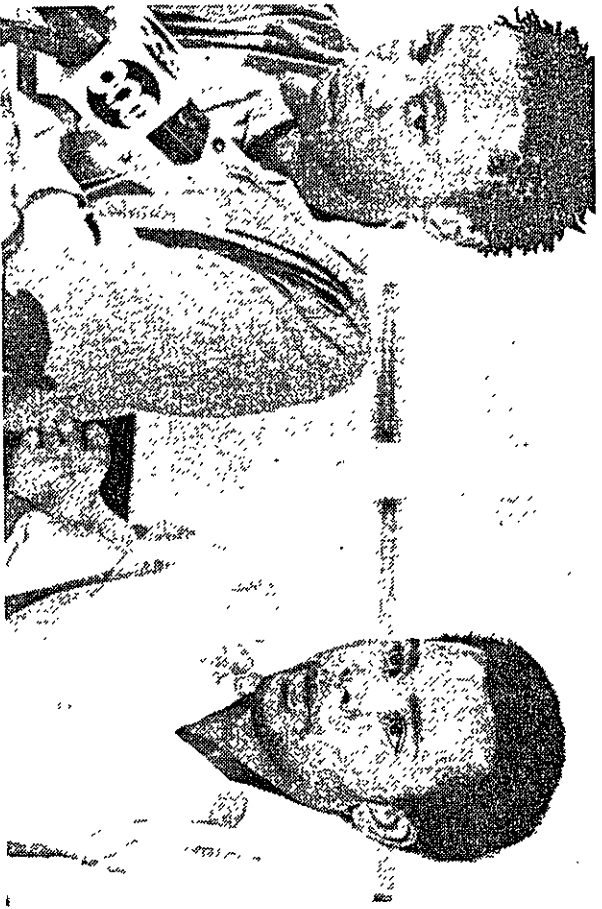
"By setting an example and stopping belligerent speeches — that would tone down the violence in Natal," he said.

A workshop held earlier this year had reached several significant agreements including a decision to oppose political intolerance and to defend the right of people to use venues "controlled" by their rivals.

The ANC had conceded that traditional leaders had a role to play in a future SA, he added.

Pretorius said about R600 000 would be poured into the Port Shepstone area as part of the peace accord's reconstruction and development programme.

He said violence in the Port Shepstone area had been brought under control with the death rate of between 40 and 70 a month dropping to just one death since December prior to Sunday's attack.



Goes national president Moses Maseke, right, and Azasu national publicity secretary Kgomotso Modisele said in Johannesburg yesterday about 100 000 Reef pupils would protest tomorrow to demand the scrapping of metric exam fees. Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Policeman killed on patrol in Alexandra

FOUR policemen were murdered in the Transvaal at the weekend, bringing to 42 the number of SAP members killed this year. Last year, 226 policemen were murdered in SA. *B/DAY 23/3/93*

The latest victim was a 26-year-old policeman killed in Alexandra while on patrol early yesterday morning. He was overpowered by two attackers who shot him with his own service pistol. The policeman's name will be released once his next of kin have been informed.

On Sunday night, off-duty Assistant Const. John Vuse Makwakwa was shot dead

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at Tsakane on the East Rand while visiting a friend.

No arrests have been made. Early on Sunday morning, a policeman was shot dead and a colleague seriously wounded in a central Johannesburg shooting. Gunmen opened fire on the two policemen who were on foot patrol.

In another incident, Boksburg-based detective W/O Morgan Zwane, residing in Vosloorus on the East Rand, was gunned down in his driveway on Saturday.

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Summit on Soweto's Star 23/3/93 crime rate

By Montshiwa Moroke

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A summit dealing with township crime will be held by community-based organisations in Soweto at the end of next month, a member of the steering committee, Kgabisi Mosunkutu, said last night.

Mosunkutu said the summit, to which the police would also be invited, would be a culmination of a series of meetings, joint planning and discussions since January.

A door-to-door campaign to sensitise residents about problems in the township was launched at the weekend in White City Jabavu.

Mass meeting

"The summit will then result in the calling of a mass meeting of all residents," Mosunkutu said.

Organisations taking part in the campaign include Soweto branches of the African National Congress, the South African Communist Party, Cosatu, civic associations, the Congress of South African Students, the South African Democratic Teachers' Union, women's organisations, taxi organisations, business people, youth and church bodies.

Soweto police liaison officer Major Joseph Ngobeni said the police would attend if invited.

"We welcome any positive move to stamp out crime in the townships in conjunction with the police.

"Crime is our concern in the townships, especially the prevalence of illegal weapons, in particular firearms which are in the hands of irresponsible men who rob people of their vehicles or belongings or even kill them," Major Ngobeni said.

Mosunkutu said: "We do not see the townships as being the haven of criminals.

"We think there is a linkage with what is happening in the Johannesburg Central Business District.

"For example, the nature of certain crimes suggests there is highly co-ordinated and sophisticated activity, if you look at the type of drugs which enter the township."

Other crimes which had prompted a great deal of concern among residents were attacks on Telkom and construction workers, and the hijacking of hospital and delivery vehicles.

Workers had been threatened at gunpoint and traumatised, and certain companies had threatened to pull out of the townships, which would bring about a breakdown of services.

Mosunkutu said the community was highly critical of the role of the police and it was hoped the police would come to demonstrate their commitment to dealing with the escalating crime rate.

Pupils rampage through city

A NUMBER of assaults and robberies were reported, cars were damaged and shops looted in central Johannesburg yesterday when thousands of schoolchildren marched in protest against examination fees.

The march, organised by the Azanian Students' Movement (Azasm), the Congress of SA Students (Cosas) and the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso), was monitored by UN, EC, Commonwealth and OAU observers.

The ANC PWV region said at least 60 000 pupils took part in the march. It said it unequivocally rejected the actions of "a small minority of students who attacked innocent people indiscriminately, stole and damaged property."

"Of particular concern is the racial ele-

ment of many of the actions, and of some of the racist slogans which are not consistent with the democratic and nonracist SA that the ANC is committed to building."

Witwatersrand police spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said the incidents showed that marshals, charged with keeping the marchers in line, did not have control over a big portion of the crowd during the march from the Library Gardens to Braamfontein.

Witwatersrand police commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz said large groups broke away from the march in Braamfontein and committed "various acts of violence".

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Pupils

They jumped on parked cars, broke shop windows and stole displayed items. Pedestrians were also pushed around.

While returning to the city centre, where it had been promised that they would disperse peacefully, the children attacked white bystanders.

The pupils were escorted to Park Station by police and left the city. No arrests were made.

Calitz said permission for the demonstration had been granted to the ANC, which had accepted full responsibility for controlling the event.

The organisers had agreed the city council was indemnified against any damage arising from the march.

Several shopkeepers in the city centre closed their businesses because of looting. Hawkers also had their wares strewn across the pavements.

Police fired teargas into the crowd outside the library when pupils started throwing empty cool drink bottles.

Paso official Michael Xashimba said his organisation believed the march "went on smoothly". Alleged attacks on passers-by were committed by "thugs".

UN observer Kevin Kennedy said march monitors had received no reports of attacks. They had seen the looting of a truck and the smashing of a shop's windows.

Sapa reports that the students handed a memorandum, reaffirming the students'

commitment to nonracial and unitary education system, to DET chief education specialist Jacobus du Plessis.

The document outlined three major reasons for not paying exam fees. It said government was unrepresentative and could not make decisions on behalf of the community. Government was misusing taxpayers' money and the DET had failed to deliver library and laboratory equipment or to renovate some schools.

Marches were also held in Maritzburg, Durban, East London, Queenstown and the northern Transvaal regions of Mankweng, Seshego, Lebowaqomo and Namakgale.

A planned march by pupils in Cape Town did not materialise. The western Cape ANC claimed pupils were arrested on their way from the townships to the city.

SAP liaison officer Maj Attie Laubscher said Spoornet had conducted a ticket check at Nyanga and a number of pupils were put off the train because they were unable to produce their tickets. There were no arrests. Cars were damaged by stone throwers near Guguletu.

In Queenstown pupils occupied DET offices and said they would remain until government responded positively to demands for the scrapping of exam fees.

At Seshego, near Pietersburg, Lebowa police arrested 19 pupils who threw stones at police cars.

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Soweto Colonel's daily wish

Sowetan 26/3/93
By Abbey Makoe

■ Top Protea cop receives
100 calls a day: (25) (38)

SOWETO'S head of the Murder and Robbery Unit, Colonel Neville Thoms, says he is dreaming of the day when residents will just walk into his office at Protea police headquarters to talk to him about crime in the townships.

Thoms, who's physique resembles that of a heavyweight boxer, says he receives at least 100 telephone calls in his office daily.

"Many of these callers give us tip-offs about crimes and suspects. Others phone to thank us for helping them while others, of course, call to complain."

He would not elaborate on the kind of complaints he received. "But we attend to each and every one of them."

"We must try to show that we care for one another," says Thoms, adding that this

is his motto.

He continues: "We protect and we serve. We don't want to be protected and served. We are a police force."

He says his men are currently preoccupied with one thing: Taxi wars. He has personally attended meetings between warring taxi associations, particularly at the Baragwanath taxi rank, where clashes have claimed the lives of many drivers. Commuters were also caught in the crossfire.

Asked about the police role in these meetings, Thoms replies: "We are gaining ground. We are getting enough information regarding taxi murders." Thoms can be contacted at (011) 980-7889 during office hours.

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Taxi industry criticised with Goldstone commission

TESA Black (taxi executive Sabta) has lauded out at the Goldstone commission, accusing it of making "irresponsible statements" about the taxi industry.

Sabta warned the commission that such statements could trigger reactions the intensity of which "far exceeds those of the Mau Mau warriors".

Sabta PRO Paradise Mahlangu was reacting yesterday to commission legal officer Jonathan Mubvumba saying Sabta had failed to apply for a licence with the R504 000 it had received in donations for improving drivers' business and driving skills.

"We now start to understand why some national liberation movements regarded the Goldstone commission as a discredited institution — a mouth that eats itself," Mahlangu said in a letter to Business Day.

He said the funds received from sources such as Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund, Fovora SA, the Department of Transport and the Energy Council were not given to Sabta directly, but to professional organisations such as SAIF and Project Africa for their programmes and business.

"If the commission is making irresponsible statements about the taxi industry without evidence, we will reconsider our willingness to cooperate in giving evidence."

"If this commission is criticised with such intensity, it is clearly being blamed for the inter-tribe violence and the operations of the 'hate' groups," he added.

Mahlangu said Sabta had in the past resisted the commission's proposals to "come together" with the industry from the commission.

"Finally, if the commission wishes to discuss the taxi industry's affairs through the media, they will find us willing and equal to do so. This commission should not play with fire as it has a tendency to burn," Mahlangu said.

Govt is blamed for high infant mortality

GOVERNMENT was impeding hunger relief and was directly responsible for the growing infant mortality rate, Operation Hunger executive director Ina Perlman said yesterday.

She said government was playing "political games" with relief funding, and getting in the way of other organisations that were trying to assist starving people.

Perlman said in some areas infant mortality had jumped by up to twice their mid-'80s levels as a direct result of government interference. For instance, it was preventing relief organisations operating in areas where state poverty aid was functioning, to prevent "unnecessary duplication".

However, the state's efforts were inadequate and often carried out by officials who had no interest in their tasks, other than safeguarding their jobs. As a result, she said, aid was reaching only a selected group — specifically those who were already ill from malnutrition — instead of reaching families before their health was destroyed by hunger.

Where government assistance was available, it usually came with "unacceptable condi-

GAVIN DU VENAGE

tions". For example, homeland governments may be allowed direct control over funds administered by aid organisations.

"Under the pretext of not duplicating services, or of people not looking after the money available, elaborate structures were set up," said Perlman. "This has led to a huge deterioration in services."

Perlman said R60m was needed to fund present feeding schemes, excluding Operation Hunger's various self-help programmes.

She estimated the number of families living under the bread line at 80% of the population.

Perlman said the latest Budget would make the situation worse, as any relief from the extension of VAT exemptions would be negated by a rise in the fuel price.

Operation Hunger would launch Gold Rush 14 at the Rand Easter Show on April 10, with one of the biggest fireworks displays yet seen in SA, Perlman said. The pyrotechnic display will take place on three different nights, after the concerts by British group Duran Duran.

Police eyes in the sky are here to stay

RESIDENTS on the Reef will have to get used to police helicopters circling suburban areas if they want a relatively crime-free society. Witwatersrand police liaison officer Major Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

Referring to regular complaints about the noise made by the helicopters, Opperman said the current crime rate warranted their use.

"The individuals who complain about air-patrols must now decide what they want — a crime-ridden society or an area which is relatively free of crime," he said.

Police were often accused of not doing enough to curb crime but air patrols were one way of fighting crime effectively, he said.

In a typical month, the air wing of the SAP on

STEPHANE BOTHMA

the Witwatersrand would take part in 440 or more assignments of all kinds.

The unit has made meaningful contributions in arresting robbers, tracing stolen and hijacked vehicles, dagga search operations and aerial photography, he said.

The helicopters were also used as observation and communication platforms in the sky, Opperman said.

The SAP helicopter pilots were among the best in the world and therefore the public had nothing to fear.

"No modern police force can do without air support," he said.



Scared of eating out? Haute cuisine is just a phone call away.

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AT 8.17pm on Wednesday, one of six hotlines rings in an office in central Randburg. The caller has an urgent need, and Gordon Macmillan prompts her with detailed questions. He punches the answers into a computer, and it spits out a print-out. While Macmillan makes another quick call, the printout is grabbed by David Ernstzen, a 23-year-old Wits University physical education student.

Ernstzen picks up a thermal carrier bag and dashes out to his car. After one stop on the way, he pulls up outside a dark house in a quiet, leafy suburb of Randburg. He rings a bell at the gate, and after a minute a man looms out of the darkness. He refuses to open the gate, and Ernstzen hands the thermal bag over the wall. The man removes the contents and hands the bag back, along with a prearranged amount of cash.

At exactly 8.55pm, Ernstzen steps back into the office — of Eats-In, Johannesburg's first dial-a-meal courier service. He had just delivered a fillet steak, a "Jawbreaker" hamburger and two portions of spare ribs. Ernstzen is part of a new breed of service provider, which first merely took advantage of a gap in the market but is suddenly an essential route for many suburbanites anxious to avoid the violence plaguing their favourite restaurants.

Eats-In, launched in September last year, has three Witwatersrand branches — in Randburg, Sandton and Norwood — which together give "diners in a suburb or more than two dozen restaurants.

In Cape Town, where an outfit called Mr Delivery pioneered the concept in May last year, the main branch

Recent attacks on restaurants have made diners more security conscious. They're still eating restaurant food — but in their own homes.

ARTHUR GOLDSTUCK
investigates meal delivery services

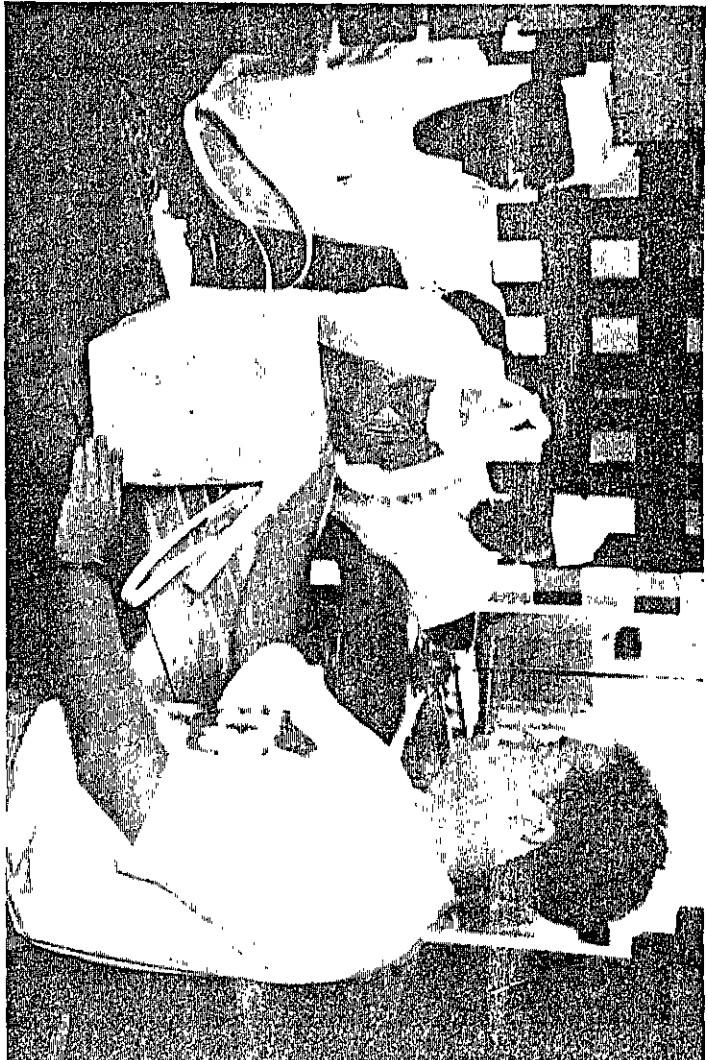
In Sea Point brings 16 restaurants to the doors of anyone living on the Atlantic seaboard between Mouille Point and Camps Bay, while a Table View franchise has nine restaurants on offer for the Milnerton and Bloubaersrand area.

Like many innovative concepts, Mr Delivery was born out of desperation. Laurence Levin had been out of work for five months when he heard about the concept of cuisine delivery in California.

Tremendous scepticism and thousands of customers later, the concept was brought to Johannesburg by Peter Horwitz, owner of several restaurant franchises.

It was an idea whose time had come, with moments to spare. "People don't want to leave their houses any more," says David Flaks, who now owns the Eats-In operation.

"Security is a major issue. One person told us last week, straight after a woman was raped in a restaurant near here, that Eats-In was the way she wanted to eat out from now on. It's not just the attacks on restaurants as such — there is tremendous fear of being hijacked on the way to or back from a restaurant."



Meals on wheels ... David Ernstzen picks up a delivery for a Randburg client

In Sandton especially, the high-wall syndrome has turned Eats-In into one of those emergency numbers people keep at the phone. And even then, suspicion reigns.

"We've had a lot of people who will not open gates for our drivers, even though they all wear T-shirts carrying our logo, and the delivery is expected at a precise time," says Flaks. "But I don't blame them. If you look at the latest statistics, Sandton now has the highest rate of muggings and burglaries in the country."

Because the couriers use their own cars, they do not make identifiable targets of themselves — an essential component of Eats-In's security consciousness. They also take full account of customers' security precautions: some ask the courier to hoot twice before ringing the bell, for instance.

Other requests are more devious, says Flaks. "We had a case where a woman had a dinner party on. She was

crying on the phone: she'd just burnt her food, and the guests were there. Could she order 10 curries, delivered in bulk? But please, don't deliver through the front door, there's a side entrance, and her husband must never know."

The service is also a job-spinner. The three branches of Eats-In have about 70 couriers on their books. Mr Delivery has a staff of 40 couriers for its main branch in Cape Town.

"Six people are on duty every night, with four on standby in case we get really busy," says Levine. "And the only reason they're willing to stay at home on standby is that they're making a lot of money."

The cost of a meal is the same as one would pay in a restaurant, but a nominal delivery fee is added on, which goes to the driver along with any tip a customer may want to give. The company makes its profit from commissions paid by the restaurants.

The big test for Mr Delivery came in December, when Levine's detractors told him restaurants would be too busy catering for holiday crowds to bother about his delivery service.

"In fact, turnover doubled," he says. "I've now got about 3 000 regular customers. Some order three or four times a week, and we know each other by name. It's become very personal."

Both Mr Delivery and Eats-In are preparing for a boom this winter, when cold weather will drive even more people back into their homes at night. And both are constantly looking for new ways to expand their services. Eats-In is about to launch a large-scale catering-by-courier service, providing staff lunches or executive meals in partnership with a large catering concern.

At the other end of the scale, Mr Delivery has launched a "snakaway" service, which offers Aylesbury ice-cream, canned cooldrinks and cigarettes with your meal — and the driver will even pick up your newspapers along the way.

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(d) With regard to 1991/92, 50 Black local authorities' financial statements are not ready for auditing:

- (1) Bekersdal
- (2) Boipatong
- (3) Bophelong
- (4) Diepmeadow
- (5) Dobsonville
- (6) Evaton
- (7) Kagiso
- (8) Khutsong
- (9) Munsieville
- (10) Sebokeng
- (11) Sharpeville
- (12) Daveyton
- (13) Duduza
- (14) Impumelelo
- (15) Katlehong
- (16) Nhorwane
- (17) Siyathemba
- (18) Tembisa
- (19) Tsakane
- (20) Watville
- (21) eMgwenya
- (22) eMjindi
- (23) eMithonjeni
- (24) eSizameini
- (25) eThandakuhanya
- (26) eZamokuhle
- (27) Kwachibikhulu
- (28) Kwadela
- (29) Kwathandeka
- (30) Kwazamokhule
- (31) Lebohang
- (32) Mashishing
- (33) Sakhelwe
- (34) Sakhile
- (35) Silobela
- (36) Simile
- (37) Siyazenzela
- (38) Sivukile
- (39) Boikhatso
- (40) Ikageng
- (41) Letsopa
- (42) Tigane
- (43) Atteridgeville
- (44) Refilwe
- (45) Zithobeni
- (46) Bela Bela
- (47) Mookgophong
- (48) Nancefield
- (49) Phagameng
- (50) Regorogile

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that are vested with the overhead responsibility for the functioning of Black local authorities, point out that employees that are responsible for the drafting of financial statements of Black local authorities, are employed by those Black local authorities and therefore it is the responsibility of the relevant authorities to act against the responsible employees.

In many cases action has been taken against persons responsible, but due to the extent of determining a survey on the steps that had been taken, details can unfortunately not be provided.

Crime statistics at police stations

144. Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) robbery, (b) murder, (c) rape, (d) housebreaking and (e) theft of motor vehicles were reported at each specified police station serving the areas of (i) Stilfontein, (ii) Khuma, (iii) Kanna, (iv) Klerksdorp and (v) Jouberton in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively? B353E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(i) and (ii)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1989	91	48	66	230	109
1990	114	59	53	316	095
1991	135	44	64	402	089
1992	139	28	84	486	126

(iii)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1989	79	40	85	151	51
1990	102	30	66	287	75
1991	170	32	85	360	89
1992	207	30	104	401	100

(iv) and (v)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1989	273	63	157	924	281
1990	329	80	160	1 107	277
1991	452	84	153	1 277	253
1992	480	83	191	1 416	288

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Note: (i) and (ii) Khuma and Stilfontein are served by the Stilfontein police station.

(iv) and (v) Klerksdorp and Jouberton are served by the Klerksdorp police station.

Eldorado Park/Klipspruit complex: crime statistics

160. Mr D H M GIBSON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to

steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported in respect of the Eldorado Park/Klipspruit complex in 1992? B374E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a)	117	(h)	512
(b)	25	(i)	412
(c)	765	(j)	420
(d)	591	(k)	70
(e)	153	(l)	16
(f)	569	(m)	0
(g)	163	(n)	0
(gn)	9		

Note: (gn) —motor vehicles
(gii) —bicycles

The Eldorado Park/Klipspruit complex are served by Klipdown police station.

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Cops deny woman's claim

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By Joshua Raboroko

■ POLICE BURGLARS Soweto mother

A SOWETO mother claimed that policemen raided and ransacked her house and stole R1 000 in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Mrs Evelyn Mbatha (55) of 490 Magogo Street, Rockville, said she became frightened when the policemen pointed firearms at her during the raid.

"I was afraid they would shoot me," she said. "They broke down my fence doors, wardrobe and ransacked the house without any explanation."

Police denial

They left after allegedly taking R1 000 from her wardrobe. The money was her grandchild's school fees.

says men posing as police stole R1 000:

In a statement to *Sapa*, Soweto police denied they had carried out a raid on Mbatha's home.

"The police deny that it was an official raid from the SA Police," said Soweto police spokesman Major H P Oosthuisen. He said the occupants of the house on Saturday reported a group of men claiming to be policemen and clad in camouflage uniforms swooped on the house between midnight and 2am. The raid lasted two hours.

The residents said the invaders looted the house and did not identify

themselves.

Oosthuisen said police raids normally lasted 10 minutes and police were required to identify themselves.

He said police on Friday found a camouflage uniform and ammunition at the Baragwanath taxi rank in Soweto. This had sparked suspicions that there were people roaming the township with camouflage uniforms, posing as policemen.

Oosthuisen reiterated a call by district commissioner Brigadier I J Pretorius to report all raids to the police.

KwaMhlanga roadshow a success

By Elliot Makhaya

■ Stars entertain revellers at the Lion Lager festival:

THE Lion Lager Roadshow at KwaMhlanga Stadium in KwaNdebele on Saturday was an unqualified success.

Staged by Steve Promotions, the festival attracted thousands of music lovers from many parts of the country.

The festival saw five-star performances by Mzwakhe Mbuli, Lucky Dube, William Mthethwa and Rebecca Malope. Poet, singer and dancer Mzwakhe, now an international star, was making his first appearance in

KwaNdebele. He made an impact.

The well-behaved crowd was also entertained by the likes of Spokes H, Mercy Pakela, Winnie Khumalo, Pure Magic and Roots Dedication.

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ER Indaba to be held soon

■ Violence to be addressed:

Sowetan 29/3/93

By Tsidi Thinane

A THREE-day peace summit is to be held on the East Rand from April 2 to 4 to look at violence and political intolerance.

The summit is part of ANC PWV region's "programme of action" aimed at curbing violence in townships.

Two similar summits were held at KwaNdebele and the Vaal by the organisation. "The new wave of political violence presently ravaging the country is cause for concern," the organisation said in a statement. "In the PWV region alone, more than 90 people have died in politically motivated violence since the beginning of the year — the lowest in the past two years."

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Loot went to ANC, court told

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A MAN charged with being a member of an AK-47-wielding gang which netted about R1m in armed robberies told a magistrate a large percentage of the loot had been taken to the ANC's Johannesburg headquarters to fund returning exiles.

Solomon Mnqanqeni, of Phola Park, also said in a sworn statement that former ANC military wing chief of staff Chris Hani had supplied ammunition to Phola Park residents to do battle with the now defunct 32 Battalion.

Mnqanqeni and two co-accused pleaded not guilty in the Rand Supreme Court to three charges of murder, six of attempted murder, five of armed robbery and nine charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. The State alleged

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

they had robbed the Southdale branch of Standard Bank of R571 280 on May 29, 1991 and Fidelity Guards of R401 880 on November 25 that year. The State further claimed the accused had killed two Fidelity Guards employees and a traffic officer.

In a statement admitted to court as evidence on Friday, Mnqanqeni said he had been told after the Standard Bank robbery that because the gang had managed to snatch such a large amount of money, Chris Hani had the right to be informed.

At the time it was not clear if the money should go to ANC headquarters at Shell House or direct to Lusaka. However, that was a

decision for Hani to take, he stated. The 10 people who had participated in the Standard Bank robbery had each received R35 000 as their share of the loot. Of that money, each gave R17 000 which had eventually been taken to Shell House where it was handed to one "Tokyo".

Tokyo had been very grateful that the robbers had not shot or killed anybody during the robbery and said they had done a good job, Mnqanqeni said in the statement he made to a magistrate after his arrest.

Mnqanqeni opposed the admittance of his statement as evidence, claiming that he had not made the statement freely and voluntarily. But Judge M J Strydom ruled it could be admitted. The trial was postponed to May 3.

● ANC cadre Solomon Mahlangu to be honoured



Not even the rainy weather could deter these bright lads from going ahead with their daily school patrol in Dube Village, Soweto, this week. PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Probe into killing of theft suspect

Sowetan 31/3/93

POLICE HAVE opened murder and attempted murder dockets following the shooting by police of a man inside a stolen vehicle - which was being driven by a policeman.

David Mbuli, suspected of car theft, was killed and three witnesses were injured in Orlando, Soweto, in an apparent police mix-up.

Members of the Soweto Flying Squad shot at a reportedly stolen minibus driven by a policeman, accompanied by another policeman, who were transporting the suspect and the four witnesses to the police station.

Major General Braam Strauss, deputy Regional Commissioner of Police of the West Rand and Soweto, has ordered an investigation.

Colonel Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto

■ BAD PROCEDURE Three witnesses injured in apparent police mix-up:

police said a minibus, which had been reported stolen, was recovered by the police in Diepkloof on Sunday afternoon. The vehicle had been taken in Diepkloof by men armed with AK-47s.

The police took the vehicle to the investigating officer at the Diepkloof police station. The officer and a colleague then drove the vehicle to Orlando. The officer arrested a suspect and also fetched four witnesses to take down their statements. He used the stolen minibus to transport them.

The Flying Squad saw the vehicle later and a radio check showed that the

vehicle had been reported stolen.

They switched on their vehicle's blue lights and siren to try to bring the minibus to a standstill.

The driver failed to stop and the Flying Squad members opened fire, Halgryn said. Mbuli was killed and three of the witnesses - Eugenia Suso, Jomneth Matiwane and Nomalungelo Khunuywe - were injured. They are all in a stable condition.

Halgryn said the correct procedure when a stolen vehicle was recovered was to impound it immediately in the police's stolen vehicle camp.



200 AK-47s are licenced

■ Killer weapons have to be converted:

THERE are 200 licenced owners of semi-automatic AK-47 rifles in South Africa, it emerged yesterday.

A police spokesman said after inquiries about a Pretoria chicken salesman, whose employees were robbed of his AK-47 this week, that the robbers had been arrested but the rifle was not immediately recovered. (25) (38)

He said normal procedure was followed by applicants to licence an AK-47. Sowetan 31/3/93

A certificate from a gunsmith that the weapon's mechanism had been altered to a semi-automatic had to accompany the application. - Sapa.

Police action 'waste of money'

By Brendan Templeton

Wednesday night's six-hour standoff between police and an Orange Grove gunman has been described as "a waste of taxpayers' money" by his lawyer.

Antonio Nocera was holed up in his house while police waited outside, asking him to hand his pistol over. It was initially believed that he was holding his girlfriend hostage, although this later proved to be untrue.

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Nocera was yesterday granted R500 bail in the Hillbrow District Court in connection with charges of pointing a firearm, common assault, malicious damage to property and crimen injuria.

His lawyer, Lawley Shein, slammed the police response to the situation as unnecessary.

"The operation mounted by the SAP was clearly an extreme over-reaction to an incident which can at best be described as a storm in a teacup. It

is clear in the circumstances that the type of police operation mounted was totally unnecessary and was a waste of taxpayers' money," Shein said.

He also denied that police psychologists had succeeded in convincing Nocera to surrender: "Nocera's twin brother was the person who persuaded Nocera to put his firearm on the ground."

"The bail granted to Nocera in the circumstances speaks for itself," he added.

Arms seized

Swelani 8/4/93
POLICE seized 20kg of dagga and a number of firearms and ammunition during a search of the KwaMasiza Hostel in Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle yesterday.

Police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer said the operation, carried out by more than 1 000 members of the South African Police and South African Defence Force, was part of the recently announced 10-point plan to combat crime.

He said Air Force helicopters and fixed wing aircraft were used in the operation.

Four AK-47 rifles with magazines and 119 rounds of ammunition; two 9mm pistols with 23 rounds; a 38mm revolver; a shotgun with four rounds; a selfmade firearm; and an automatic machine pistol with 29 rounds were seized.

Dragnet out for killers of 8

POLICE have launched a huge manhunt for gunmen who killed eight people in the Vaal Triangle.

Five people were shot dead and two injured in Evaton on Friday night when they were attacked by five men armed with pistols.

And on Saturday night, three people were killed and five injured when gunmen stormed into a house in Sebokeng's Zone Three. The killers escaped in a car belonging to one of the injured.

Police spokesman Maj Piet van Deventer said "a lot of detectives" had been deployed in the area to investigate the incidents.

Motives for the attacks were not yet

(38) GAVIN DU VENAGE and WILSON ZWANE

known and there was no evidence to link the two incidents.

Meanwhile, the two men arrested in connection with last month's attack at Eikenhof, south of Johannesburg, are to appear in the Meyerton Magistrate's Court today on charges of murder and attempted murder. A woman and a boy were killed in the attack and a girl died later in hospital.

A Vaal Triangle ANC spokesman has complained that, despite claims of the two men's alleged ties with the ANC, the organisation had been denied access to them.

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Killers ^{B10AM 5/4/93.}

The ANC has accused the police of harassing known Umkhonto we Sizwe members and their families in Sebokeng since the Eikenhof incident.

Van Deventer denied that there was a "witchhunt" for Umkhonto members. Police investigated crime in the area and MK members were sometimes arrested in connection with criminal activities.

Sapa reports ANC regional secretary-general Obed Baphela said it had been established that the men were ANC members, but they did not belong to Umkhonto.

Vaal Triangle Deputy Commissioner of Police Brig Floris Mostert said the suspects' ANC membership had expired.

Van Deventer said the two were being detained under Section 29 of the Security Act which entitled police to detain people for up to 10 days without appearing in court. Investigating officers could deny access to the prisoners if they felt it could jeopardise investigations and if the case was of a sensitive nature.

THEO RAWANA reports that organisations from 19 East Rand townships yester-

day committed themselves to working for peace and promoting the spirit of political tolerance.

The organisations, attending the three-day East Rand peace summit in Johannesburg, resolved that the ANC-led alliance should convene a regional summit of "mass democratic movements" to discuss the development of a common programme for the attainment of peace.

ANC international affairs director Thabo Mbeki told the conference regions should embark on actions to assure South Africans that ANC rule would bring about peace and political tolerance.

Mbeki said decisions taken at the end of the conference should be implemented immediately, and urged the ANC PWV regional committee to approach the national executive committee for assistance.

"You have the responsibility to inspire confidence that you can lead the country; to act in a manner that can produce peace and tolerance and empower all the people of SA," he said.

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Five nabbed over killings ⁽³⁸⁾

POLICE have arrested five people since Monday in connection with various crimes in the Vaal Triangle, including the brutal killing of five people in Evaton last Friday.

Police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer yesterday said police also seized an AK-47 rifle, a 9mm pistol and an empty Stechkin magazine during the arrests.

He said two of the suspects were linked to the Evaton shootings.

Preliminary investigations indicated some of the suspects were also linked to other crimes, including murder and robbery. *Sulfan 7493*

Van Deventer said police were shot at in Evaton and Sebokeng during further investigations yesterday, but nobody was injured, he added. - *Sapa*.

Local authorities showing the way

Emergency '911' services take off

START 10/14/93 (38)

LOUISE MARSLAND

THE rising crime rate and shortage of State funding has prompted local authorities to initiate projects to unify and upgrade emergency services to serve the community.

Parliament is expected to report back this session on the viability of a national central emergency number. But many municipalities are not waiting for Parliament to make up its mind and are setting up their own "911" emergency crisis control centres.

This week the Randburg Town Council was finally given the go-ahead to recruit 60 additional policemen for its bobby-on-the-beat plan. The municipality will pay the salaries of the bobbies — which it hopes will be local lads — to patrol by bicycle, on foot and in patrol cars.

Says Randburg management committee chairman Gary Cooney: "The crime levels have become enormous ... one feels quite helpless and must start looking at ways to make a difference."

Sandton was the first town council to initiate a "911" central emergency control centre. Midrand already has one in operation, Roodepoort was this week given the go-ahead, and the Sandton centre is being upgraded and will include the Randburg municipal area.

Cooney said the provision of crime-



COONEY: The State is unable to cope with the crime crisis.

fighting mechanisms was a Government responsibility — "but clearly central Government is not coping".

He said there was a growing trend for municipalities to take over the co-ordination and provision of emergency functions to their communities.

Sandton Crisis Control Centre manager Rudi Birkenstock explains how the system works: "It is based on the American 911 system. There is one emergency

telephone number and any resident of Sandton faced with an emergency in which they require the police, fire, ambulance or traffic departments, or all four, can call. We will take the details and dispatch help."

The crisis control centres are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by trained paramedics who can also dispense medical advice over the phone.

Ed Jowitt, managing director of the Sysman Group which provides emergency communication systems to municipalities, has so far equipped 14 cities and towns countrywide with "911" systems.

"The trend is growing among municipalities to go for this kind of emergency response and it is a trend that will be reinforced when the national emergency number is implemented."

Jowitt said a decision was expected during this session of Parliament and, if approved, South Africans would have a three-digit, toll-free number to dial in any emergency.

"The SAP is working with local emergency services to render the best possible service — a sign of the times — because, with a new dispensation and the emphasis on regionalisation, it makes sense to have the police working more closely with local authorities."

Roodepoort chief of emergency services Ronnie Cloete said his city council was also investigating the establishment of a citizen's database with the personal and medical particulars of all its rate-payers and residents. The system is already applied to industries with chemicals on the premises.

Paying up for an extra

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60 bobbies

Staff Reporter

(12/14)

Randburg residents will soon be paying another R26 a year on their municipal rates, but for most this will not be an inconvenience as the money will be used to pay for an extra 60 bobbies on the beat.

In conjunction with the South African Police, it was decided last year by Randburg council to increase police presence at street level in an attempt to stop the alarming increase of crime in the area. (38)

Policemen on foot and on bicycles will patrol the areas using radios to call in fast response vehicles if needed.

Although the idea was mooted in April last year, it has taken the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Assembly a year to approve the plan, which is being paid out of taxpayers' pockets.

A formal agreement will be signed on April 14 between the council and the South African Police, but it will take another four months before the extra men are recruited and trained for the posts. A sum of R150 000 has already been ear-marked towards initial costs.

Five murders a day in Soweto last year

Political Correspondent

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THERE were on average five murders and six rapes in Soweto every day last year, according to statistics released by Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel.

The breakdown of cases reported to nine police stations serving Soweto show there were 1 775

murders in the area in 1992 — an average of nearly five a day.

During the same period, 2 055 rapes were reported — close to an average of six a day.

Mr Kriel was responding in writing to a question by the MP for Hillbrow, Mr Lester Fuchs.

Meadowlands police station had the most cases of murder

(405), more than one a day, and Moroka had 351 cases.

Moroka was the station where most rapes were reported (559), followed by Jabulani with 363.

The nine stations investigated 6 419 allegations of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm — 1 196 of them at Moroka — and 5 289 of robbery.

taken in 1992 by members of the public service in their official capacity, (b) on how many such trips were these members accompanied by their spouses and (c) what, in respect of these visits, was the total cost incurred in respect of (i) travel, (ii) hotel accommodation and (iii) allowances? B373E

The STATE PRESIDENT:

- (a) 1 415 visits
- (b) 68 trips
- (c) (i) R9 283 176
- (ii) R6 249 984
- (iii) R3 689 885.

Crime statistics: Johannesburg police stations

187. Mr P G SOAL 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) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported in Johannesburg in 1992 in the area comprising Westbury, Newclare, Coronationville and Riverlea? B387E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Westbury, Newclare and Coronationville resort under the Genl Johan Coetzee police station:

- (a) 48 (f) 142
- (b) 10 (g) 463
- (c) 241 (h) 556
- (d) 1 325 (i) 1 359
- (e) 84 (j) 45

Riverlea resorts under the Langlaagte police station:

- (a) 9 (f) 216
- (b) 30 (g) 256
- (c) 135 (h) 166
- (d) 277 (i) 158
- (e) 18 (j) 25

Hillbrow police station: population served/staff complement

202. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) What is it estimated was the population served by the Hillbrow police station as at 31 December 1992?
- (2) whether it is envisaged to increase the complement of policemen at the said police station in 1993; if so, what percentage increase is envisaged? B455E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) 143 939
- (2) Yes, 10%

SAP: Black officers above rank of Il-col

207. Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (a) How many Black officers above the rank

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)
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Jabulani.....	269	53	810	518	363	1 030	260	574	483	430	77	18	0	000
Moroka.....	351	120	1 196	554	559	252	252	707	691	798	51	68	0	001
Kiptown.....	117	25	765	591	153	569	172	512	412	420	70	16	0	000
Lenasia.....	53	20	388	524	69	455	578	534	378	744	73	51	0	000
Eldoradopark...	63	34	579	796	118	411	184	671	620	608	41	34	0	000

SAP: recommendations regarding prosecution of members/dockets opened/prosecutions instituted

204. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether any recommendations regarding the prosecution of members of the South African Police were made by judicial commissions of inquiry during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available; if so, (a) by which judicial commissions, (b) when, and (c) what was the nature of the recommendations, in each case;
- (2) whether, as a result of these recommendations, any dockets were opened or referred to the various attorneys-general for investigation of alleged criminal conduct on the part of the said members; if not, why not; if so, how many dockets were so opened or referred to each attorney-general in each case;
- (3) whether any prosecutions were instituted following the opening or referral of the said dockets; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many, (b) by whom and (c) in respect of these prosecutions, how many members were acquitted;
- (4) whether any of the attorneys-general

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

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No.
- (a), (b), (c), (d), (2), (3) and (4) Fall away.

Space industry: investigation into commercial feasibility

232. *Mrs C W EGLIN* asked the Minister for Public Enterprises:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 298 on 19 June 1992, the investigation into the commercial feasibility of establishing a space industry in the Republic has been concluded; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B534E

THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

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

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

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

Hillbrow/Berea area: crime statistics

235. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e)

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

on 5 May 1992, any persons have been (a) detained, (b) arrested, (c) charged and/or (d) convicted in connection with the bombing of certain premises, particulars of which have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (i) what are the relevant details in regard to each of the bombings and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished?
B543E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a), (b), (c) and (d) No.
- (i) Falls away.
- (ii) 31 March 1993

SAP: deaths in custody

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

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

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) 153	
(b) January	18
February	13
March	14
April	16
May	19
June	15
July	15
August	21
September	19
October	23
November	15
December	22
Total	210

Murders of 16 persons

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

Whether, with reference to the replies to Question No 27 on 27 March 1990, Question No 55 on 15 March 1991 and Question No 131 on 18 March 1992, any persons have been detained, arrested, charged and/or convicted in connection with the alleged murders of 16 persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if not, why

not; if so, (a) what are the names of the persons (i) detained, (ii) arrested, (iii) charged and/or (iv) convicted in connection with each of these alleged murders and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?
B545E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

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

- (a) (i-iv) Fall away.
- (b) 31 March 1993.

SAP: criminal conduct/civil damages

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

- (1) Whether any dockets were opened in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively, with a view to investigating alleged criminal conduct on the part of members of the South African Police in cases in which civil damages were paid by the Minister of Law and Order following a pre-trial settlement or a trial judgment; if so, how many were so opened in each of these years;
- (2) whether any of the dockets so opened resulted in the successful prosecution of members of the Police; if so, how many in each of these years;
- (3) whether the Attorney-General of the Transvaal refused to prosecute any members of the Police in respect of any dockets so opened; if so, in respect of how many such dockets? B517E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1), (2) and (3) Fall away.
- Note:* As a result of the magnitude of the administrative processes involved in order to determine the information, the information cannot, unfortunately, be made available at short notice.

Railway stations open for passenger/goods traffic

250. Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister for Public Enterprises:

How many railway stations in the Republic

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Hani, Sexwale deny ordering bank heists

Star 21/4/93

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent



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The ANC PWV region and the SA Communist Party have backed a call by the Inkatha Freedom Party for the Goldstone Commission to investigate allegations of the ANC and SACP in armed robberies.

ANC PWV regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale and SACP general secretary Chris Hani have denied allegations that they had ordered armed robberies that netted R1 million.

This follows allegations made in a statement to the Rand Supreme Court last week by Solomon Mnqanqeni on trial for

armed robbery and the illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. He escaped from Diepkloof prison last week.

In a statement the SACP said yesterday: "These are obviously very serious claims, yet the SAP never once visited, phoned or in any way questioned either Chris Hani or Tokyo Sexwale in this regard."

The ANC and SACP said they feared for Mnqanqeni's safety after his "convenient court appearance and the alleged escape".

They linked Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's attack on Umkhonto we Sizwe in Parliament on Monday to the allegations.

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Physical Science (SG)	Wrote	(a) Passed (SG)	(b) Passed (LG)
	1 788	1 627	145

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Rape cases reported

223. Mr. D. J. DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:
How many cases of rape were reported in the Republic in 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively?
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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
1990—20 321
1991—22 761
1992—24 360

217. Mr. L. FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:
Children: assault/sexual abuse/neglect

(1) How many (a) Black, (b) Indian, (c) Coloured and (d) White persons were convicted on charges of (i) assault on, (ii) sexual abuse of and (iii) neglect of (aa) male and (bb) female children under the age of 16 years in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively;

(2) how many of the persons so convicted were (a) male and (b) female (i) family members of and (ii) persons (aa) known and (bb) unknown to the victim;

(3) how many of the abuses committed by these convicted persons took place in (a) urban and (b) rural areas?
B-456E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1)	1989	1990	1991	1992
(i) (aa)	341	343	355	345
(i) (bb)	364	344	425	423
(ii) (aa)	585	556	608	526
(ii) (bb)	501	505	737	598
(iii) (aa)	150	159	190	146
(iii) (bb)	164	213	115	136

(2) The required information is not readily available. In order to obtain the information, the case dockets concerned will have to be perused. This is, however, not possible due to the extent of the task and the costs involved.

(3) (a) 6 380
(b) 5 483

Note: Statistics with regard to the different race groups are not kept.

Noordgesig area: crime statistics
269. Mr. L. FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:
How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported in 1992 at police stations serving the Noordgesig area in Johannesburg?
B-613E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:
(a) 289 (b) 464
(b) 53 (i) 415
(c) 756 (j) 525
(d) 726 (k) 157
(e) 268 (l) 32
(f) 809 (m) 0
(g) 182 (n) 0
(h) 5 (ni) 0

Note: (gj)—motor vehicles
(gii)—bicycles

Alexandra area: crime statistics
270. Mr. L. FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:
How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to

steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs, (l) drunken driving, (m) vagrancy and (n) prostitution were reported in 1992 at police stations serving the Alexandra area in Johannesburg?

brought to court, (iii) sentenced and (iv) imprisoned for assault and battery and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

- THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:** B614E
- (a) 452
 - (b) 11
 - (c) 846
 - (d) 571
 - (e) 182
 - (f) 36
 - (g) 275
 - (h) 393
 - (i) 397
 - (j) 181
 - (k) 3
 - (l) 0
 - (m) 0
 - (n) 0

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) The South African Police does not keep statistics in this regard. As a result of the magnitude of the administrative process to obtain the information, and the cost thereof it can unfortunately not be furnished.

(2) Falls away.

Complaints against husbands for assault/battery and Order:

- (1) How many women laid complaints against their husbands for assault and battery during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available;
- (2) (a) how many of these complaints have been investigated, (b) how many of the men involved have been (i) charged, (ii)

273. Mr P G SOAL 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) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Pretoria police district in 1992?

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Brooklyn	10	25	139	293	35	142	1 086	629	310	2 670
Pretoria West	13	16	101	465	52	102	340	70	242	654
Atteridgeville	45	10	676	915	206	452	119	78	423	494
Garsfontein	1	0	15	33	0	16	78	25	26	336

Note: (g) — motor vehicles
(h) — bicycles

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Own Affairs:

1992 National Senior Certificate examinations;

Schools: National Senior Certificate examinations

48. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:
- (1) How many pupils at schools falling under the control of his Department (a) wrote, (b) passed, (c) failed, and (d) obtained matriculation exemption in, the
- (2) how many of these pupils obtained (a) A, (b) B, (c) C, (d) D, (e) E, (f) F and (g) other aggregate symbols in these examinations;
- (3) how many of these pupils passed in (a) Mathematics and (b) Physical Science in the above-mentioned year?

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) (a) 525, (b) 432, (c) 93, (d) 16;
- (2) (a) 0, (b) 4, (c) 66, (d) 202, (e) 220, (f) 23, (g) 10;
- (3) (a) 163, (b) 98.

system; if not, why not; if so, what progress?

- THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**
- (1) Transvaal 45 122 R61 012 842 Cape 8 069 R7 307 615 Natal 4 233 R7 450 000 Orange-Free State 2 833 R3 115 695;
 - (2) yes, the self-supporting school bus transport system will be fully implemented as from 1 January 1994 in all the provincial education departments.

Subsidized school buses

54. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:
- (1) (a) How many pupils were transported daily in subsidized school buses, and (b) what was the total net annual cost of such transport, in each province in 1992;
- (2) whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 40 on 30 March 1992, any progress has been made in each of the provinces in respect of the introduction of a self-supporting school bus transport

Akasia Park Primary School: remuneration of staff

55. Mr D S PIENAR asked the Minister of Education and Culture:
- (a) What (i) professional, (ii) administrative and (iii) other staff of the Akasia Park Primary School are remunerated for their services by his Department and (b) since what date has each such staff member been so remunerated?

	(a)	(b)
Mr M N Oelofse (Principal)	1985-01-01	
Mr D H C du Plessis (Head of Department)	1990-07-01	
Miss M E F Britz (Teacher)	1991-01-01	
Miss R Kleyn (Teacher)	1988-01-01	
Miss H M Krouwkamp (Teacher)	1980-01-01	
Miss J A Pruis (Teacher)	1990-01-01	
Mrs P S de Vries (Teacher, Remedial)	1991-03-07	(10 hours per week)
(a) Mrs E C van den Berg (Senior Administration Clerk, Part-time)	1993-02-01	
(a) Mrs C L Sauls (General Assistant)	1985-12-01	

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ON Monday afternoon, an intruder accosted 25-year-old Tersia Fourie in the backyard of her Benoni home, grabbed her and her three-year-old daughter and demanded money from them.

While she fetched R20 from the bedroom, the man dragged the child into the kitchen. Fourie handed over the money, the child broke free, ran to her mother and they fled back into the bedroom, where Fourie fetched a gun. When the intruder followed them into the bedroom, she shot him twice. He is in hospital under police guard.

For people like Fourie, the issue of gun control is simple: with a gun, she can protect herself, without a gun, she is helpless and is prey to robbers, rapists and murderers. And, especially now, she doesn't need politicians telling her that firearms are more dangerous to their owners than to intruders.

But that is precisely the argument being advanced by a growing gun-control lobby, backed by research statistics which show that firearms bought for self-protection tend to be used on the legitimate owners or their families.

In South Africa, such arguments wear thin very fast. Even the African National Congress, which is promoting a long-term vision of a gun-free society, has acknowledged that legitimate owners of guns cannot be disarmed completely in the current climate of lawlessness.

What the ANC is seeking instead, as a step towards a disarmed nation, is a "fair and just allocation of firearms to all people," says Professor Nick Haysom, a member of the Police Board, who represents the ANC at a Goldstone Commission inquiry into the illegal importation, distribution and use of firearms.

This is the key dilemma of the gun-control lobby: lawlessness can only be controlled by banning private use of firearms; but ordinary citizens can only protect themselves from lawlessness by carrying firearms.

The compromise, says Haysom, is to issue firearm licences only where there is a real need for self-defence. "We would then argue that guns have been issued too liberally in the past, principally to members of the white community."

"It would be wrong to stop issuing new guns — that would simply freeze the racial imbalance, leaving the white community armed and the black community disarmed in terms of legitimate weapons."

The most effective solution would be radical and controversial: a gun retrieval programme through which all firearms owned by people who are not qualified to use them, are not suitable owners or who could not show clear need, would have to be handed to the authorities.

"The average gun owner owns three firearms," says Haysom. "Given that many people own only one firearm, it means that there are numerous people out there with between six and 12 — the legitimate limit up to which people can quite easily arm themselves. One would want to see these surplus firearms handed to the state, possibly against a reward."

The main obstacle against this seemingly obvious policy is the paranoia prevalent in white suburbia.

The demonstrations and riots following Chris Hani's assassination have brought

Calling a halt to the domestic arms race

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 Part of a growing gun-control lobby, the African National Congress is proposing a radical clampdown on ownership of firearms. But, in the present climate of lawlessness, this policy is certain to draw a great deal of fire, reports **ARTHUR GOLDSTUCK**

the reality of South African politics into once sacrosanct streets and backyards, and the white community is responding by arming itself on a level never before seen outside conservative areas.

"There's been absolute panic in Sandton," commented a spokesman for a large arms and ammunition shop based in the heart of the northern suburbs. "The demand for guns has increased by 50 to 70 percent. And of those, 70 percent have been women."

And if the liberals of Sandton are arming themselves for the first time, the die-hard conservatives of Boksburg are restocking their armouries with a vengeance. "They've been going crazy here," said a weapons dealer. "They were buying ammunition by the crate. I couldn't believe what I was seeing."

According to Janine Rauch, a researcher at the Wits University Centre for the Study of Violence as well as a member of the Police Researching Project, a key factor in the increased

demand for arms by ordinary people is a lack of confidence in the ability of the security forces to protect those who feel threatened.

However, the idea of owning a firearm still goes powerfully against the grain for many South Africans.

"It's becoming more of a dilemma for both black and white people," says Rauch. "Among my peers, many people are thinking about the question for the first time. People who were once peaceniks are preparing to compromise their principles and say the reality is, if a person is living on a smallholding and is under threat, they need to be able to defend themselves."

The problem, she says, is that many people do not appreciate the impact of owning a gun. "There are two psychological steps: one is feeling inadequate and threatened and vulnerable — because you are feeling very powerless, you resort to buying a gun. But once you acquire the gun, you suddenly have

that ultimate power: to take someone else's life. It's a radical shift, and it could be quite dangerous if people haven't thought through these issues."

And then there is the argument that buying a gun merely speeds up the spiral of violence.

"The purchase of a firearm is a very illusory form of security," says Haysom. "A widespread presence of firearms increases the level of anxiety in a society, and exposes ordinary people to enormous risk. It increases the pool of firearms from which theft takes place, and becomes not only a means of violence but also an object of violence."

"It also increases the risk of violence to children and wives and other family members caught up in heat-of-the-moment rows. Indications from research are that there is a six times greater likelihood that the owner or member of the owner's family will be shot with a firearm purchased to defend the family, than that it will be used in

self-defence"

Backing such sentiments are statistics released by the Ministry of Law and Order, which show that 11 577 firearms were lost or stolen in 1991, and 6 600 in 1992. The true impact of such statistics is evidenced in the escalation of offences committed with stolen firearms: in 1992, 4 500 murders (3 200 in 1991), 10 000 armed robberies (6 600 in 1991) and 900 rapes (411 in 1991).

Yet the firearms industry, which sells an average of 50 firearms a day, each at a cost of more than R1 000 — amounting to a turnover of more than R20-million a year — is promoting the view that security lies in arming as many people as possible, thus creating a "balance of terror".

Says Haysom: "That is not a glorious prospect for the new South Africa."

The solution lies either in the American model — a highly armed society accompanied by a high level of violence and a heavily armed police force — or in the West European model, where handguns are seldom permitted.

"We have to make a choice," says Haysom. "We're involved in a domestic arms race. Clearly, where a person needs a firearm, he must have one."

"But, at the same time, I would say to people who had never before considered owning a gun, how much real protection do you get from a firearm? You're better off with a neighbourhood watch or a similar kind of community response. The brutal statistics show how inefficient guns are at times of crisis."

ANC teamwork found TV man's suspected killers

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IT was a street vendor who provided the ANC with the vital clue in its search for the alleged killers of SABC journalist Calvin Thungo in Sharpeville this week.

By SHARON CHETTY

The previous day the 48-year-old CCV reporter and his cameraman, Dudley Saunders, had been

brutally attacked when on assignment to examine the desecration of graves by right-wingers. Acting on information they had been given, ANC members made citizens' arrests and three men were handed over to the police.

On Monday Mr James Thlobane, Mr Ezekiel Tyobeka and Mr Lawrence Hlatshwayo pleaded not guilty to a charge of murder before a Vereeniging magistrate.

The ANC's involvement in tracking down the accused began on Friday, April 23. At about 6.20pm Mr Lucky Phahlane was phoned by an SABC journalist who told him about the attack.

Calvin was missing — Lucky, 29, deputy chairman of the ANC Sharpeville branch, alerted fellow ANC member Hunter Koli-sang. Waiting for him to arrive, he phoned other ANC members and friends.

An understanding exists with other ANC branches in the Vaal Triangle. If robbers are suspected of having entered Sebokeng or Boipatong, ANC supporters are alerted. Together they try to recover stolen goods and identify the criminals.

That night Lucky and Hunter drove through the sprawling Vaal Triangle township in search of Calvin and stolen SABC equipment. They kept going until Hunter, 33, is a local businessman. Lucky, a labourer, has lived all his life in the area. Both are well known.

Their first clue came from witnesses who had seen ANC Youth League members trying to recover stolen camera equipment soon after the attack. A brawl had resulted.

Break

Early on Saturday morning visits to the Sharpeville and Vereeniging police stations yielded nothing new, so Lucky and Hunter, along with Youth League leaders Daddy Nkomo, 20, and Paseka Dinkana, 23, who are students, started their search on the outskirts of the township on the Vanderbijlpark border.

That was when they got their big break.

The vendor had seen the League members and the things, and was able to point out a person who knew the names of the suspected culprits.

They were told to go to a house and ask for someone by name.

The man was not in but the investigators were told he had not slept there the previous night.

"When we questioned the people in the house, we learnt that the man and his friends had been seen with TV equipment. They also told us where another man and his friends hang out and said we should search the open space near Vuka bottle store for the hiding-



THE MEANING OF LIFE ... This child looks out of an apartment window in Joubert Park.



TOP: The paint is peeling off in this flat. When white people occupied these places, landlords maintained them.
BELOW: Tshiwelo flats provide shelter for thousands of township residents.

Johannesburg - a city that needs rebuilding

Sowetan 215/93

By Musa Zondi

■ SITUATION VACANT *The heart of*

South Africa's economy desperately needs people with vision to stop the decay:

JOHANNESBURG is a city that desperately needs rebuilding. There are at least 2.5 million people in and around the city who do not have a place to live. Thousands more do not have jobs.

Squatter camps encircle the city like a web. The city centre is decaying. The flats, while charging exorbitant fees, are rundown.

In many flats, electricity has been cut off as residents refuse to pay for neglected apartments.

Most of these areas are infested with cockroaches, roofs are leaking and refuse greets you as you enter.

In some blocks of flats, more than five families share one apartment. The roofs are leaking. Conditions are, in fact, worse than in some squatter camps in the black townships.

This is despite the fact that Johannesburg is the heart of South Africa's economy — up to 60 percent of the country's economy is generated in or around the city.

Violence and crime, that have made this city one of the most dangerous in the world, are the direct result of this decay.

What is being done about this? Who is to blame?

These are the questions posed in today's TSS programme called *People*

While looking at the problem, the programme also looks at the solutions and what has been done or is being done to improve the conditions.

The decay is the result of apartheid laws which decreed that black people were just temporary sojourners in the cities of this country.

Influx laws

What has since happened is that people have flocked to the city after the influx laws were repealed and settled anywhere as long as they could raise a shelter. A number of people do not have any shelter at all.

Various groups realise the need to address the problem. One of these groups is the Central Johannesburg Partnership.

The group is made up of the city council, the business community and other communities who live in the flats in the city centre.

CJP raises money from the business community with the aim of rebuilding the dilapidated flats.

This is done with the residents who

eventually buy the flats. One of the shining examples of this project is Navarone Court, which has been repainted and made into healthy living quarters.

Mr Cas Coovadia, publicity secretary of Actistop, says landlords should bear the biggest blame for the decay in the city centre.

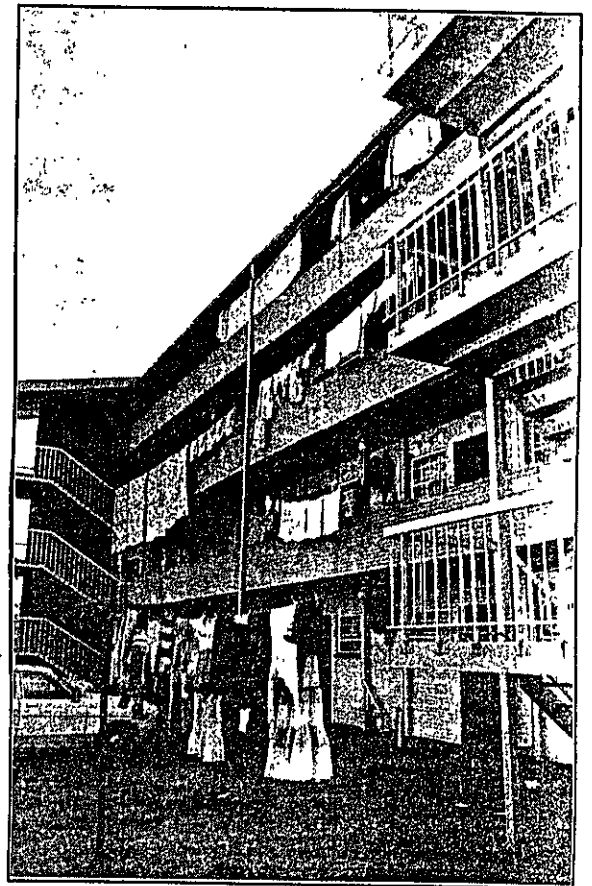
"Apartheid created conditions for unscrupulous landlords to exploit people who needed accommodation," he says.

The programme tonight also looks at the Usindiso Christian Centre, a "stopover point for people who want to get on their feet again and get on with life".

The home provides a hot meal, a shower and a bed for the city's unemployed.

By providing a shower for these people, organisers say they want to give them a chance to be presentable when they go out looking for jobs.

Thronged of unemployed people of all colours and persuasions start queuing for a meal that is served at 5.30pm. It may not be much, but it is a godsend for the destitute.



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Armed hijackings rise 'horrifying'

By Peter Davies

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Police statistics on violent car hijackings on the Witwatersrand reveal a dramatic increase in the use of firearms and show that one of Johannesburg's affluent northern suburbs is a favourite haunt of attackers.

Figures released for the first two months of 1993 show that 337 car hijackings have been reported, compared with 213 during the same period in 1992. Almost 80 percent of victims had their vehicles stolen at gunpoint.

The affluent Johannesburg suburb of Bramley, just south of Alexandra, is a magnet for attackers. Bram-

ley police station tops the list of reported hijackings, with 35 in January and February this year. Trailing behind came Hillbrow on 22 and Jabulani, Moroka and Alexandra on 19. About 70 percent of victims were black.

Perhaps the most unnerving statistic is that hijackers are becoming increasingly brazen and no longer need the cover of darkness. About 191 of the 337 attacks took place in daylight hours and in February 65 percent of hijackings took place during the day.

In nearly a third of the cases, the method employed by attackers was to accost their victims at a stop street or four-way stop. Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel David Bruce said: "The most horrifying thing is the increase in the use of firearms. We are extremely concerned about this. There were 70 car hijackings in the Witwatersrand region this past weekend alone."

He warned motorists to steer clear of known trouble spots. "If you can't avoid danger areas, make sure your car is locked and the windows closed. At intersections, leave a gap between your car and that in front of you so that you have the space to turn round and drive off in an emergency."

He said many attacks took place because "too often people's minds are in neutral".

Help root out criminals and killers - ANC

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By Kaizer Nyatumba and Brendan Templeton

The ANC yesterday strongly condemned the "callous murder" of four policemen in Dobsonville, Soweto, on Wednesday and called on its members in the area to "root out criminal elements from our communities" and embark on citizens' arrests.

Echoing the call, the ANC Youth League (ANCYL) said the PAC could no longer plead ignorance of its armed wing's activities as a "valid excuse".

This followed a telephone call to Sapa shortly after the attack by a purported PAC military wing spokesman who said the Azanian People's Liberation Army was responsible for the attack. But the PAC has been unable to confirm whether Apla was responsible.

The ANC said in a statement the attack was the work of "enemies of peace and democracy" who had to be exposed.

"The indiscriminate attacks on these policemen, the

massacre of scores of our people in Sebokeng, the murder of people in Wattville and East London remain the heinous deeds of enemies of peace and democracy. Such criminal elements have no place in our ranks, and society has a responsibility to expose their activities."

ANCYL general secretary Rass Molekane said it was clear that "black policemen have been singled out for murder and attack".

But PAC spokesman Jaki Seroke said it was ironic that the ANC could make such statements when some of its own members had been arrested in connection with the death of three people in March, when gunmen shot up a car carrying schoolchildren in Eikenhof, south of Johannesburg.

The ANC further said: "The ANC calls on the peace-loving members of the Dobsonville community to follow the example set in other communities - like the Vaal Triangle and Witbank - in rooting out criminal elements from our communities."

Members of the ANC carried out citizens' arrests in Sharpeville and Witbank over the past two weeks.



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Tycoons, cops in car-theft racket

By ELIAS MALULEKE C/Press 9/15/93

WHITE members of the SAP and well-known black tycoons and businessmen are allegedly involved in an international car and drugs smuggling racket.

Police confirmed this week that an intensive investigation into the racket was being conducted by the Pretoria car-theft unit, narcotics bureau unit and the gold and diamond squad. (38)

Several people have already been arrested. They include four policemen, two traffic officers, three Mamelodi businessman and an Eersterus socialite.

It is believed that well-known sports people may also be involved.

The syndicate dealt with expensive models only, particularly top-of-the-range Mercedes-Benzs, BMWs and luxurious land cruisers.

Police confirmed that several expensive models have been confiscated.

Police started acting against the syndicate on Thursday last week and the crackdown is still continuing.

It is claimed fraudulent clearance certificates and registration documents were processed and the stolen vehicles were shipped to other countries.

It is believed the cars were sold in exchange for drugs, gold and diamonds which were sold in the underworld and the profits were split among members of the syndicate.

The stolen cars were allegedly taken to chop-shops where they were reworked before they were handed over to a garage owned by a black man in one of the townships.

It is claimed the cars were registered in the names of well-known sports people before being shipped out of the country.

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Midrand residents flee crime wave

By Cyril Madlala
and Jacqueline Myburgh

For Sale: Luxury double-storey home ideally situated between Johannesburg and Pretoria. Four bedrooms, double garage on two acres.
Price: ONLY R15 000!

Welcome to the soon-to-be ghost suburb President Park, on the edge of Midrand between Johannesburg and Pretoria. Homeowners are fleeing their homes in the face of seemingly unstoppable crime which has left their properties worthless.

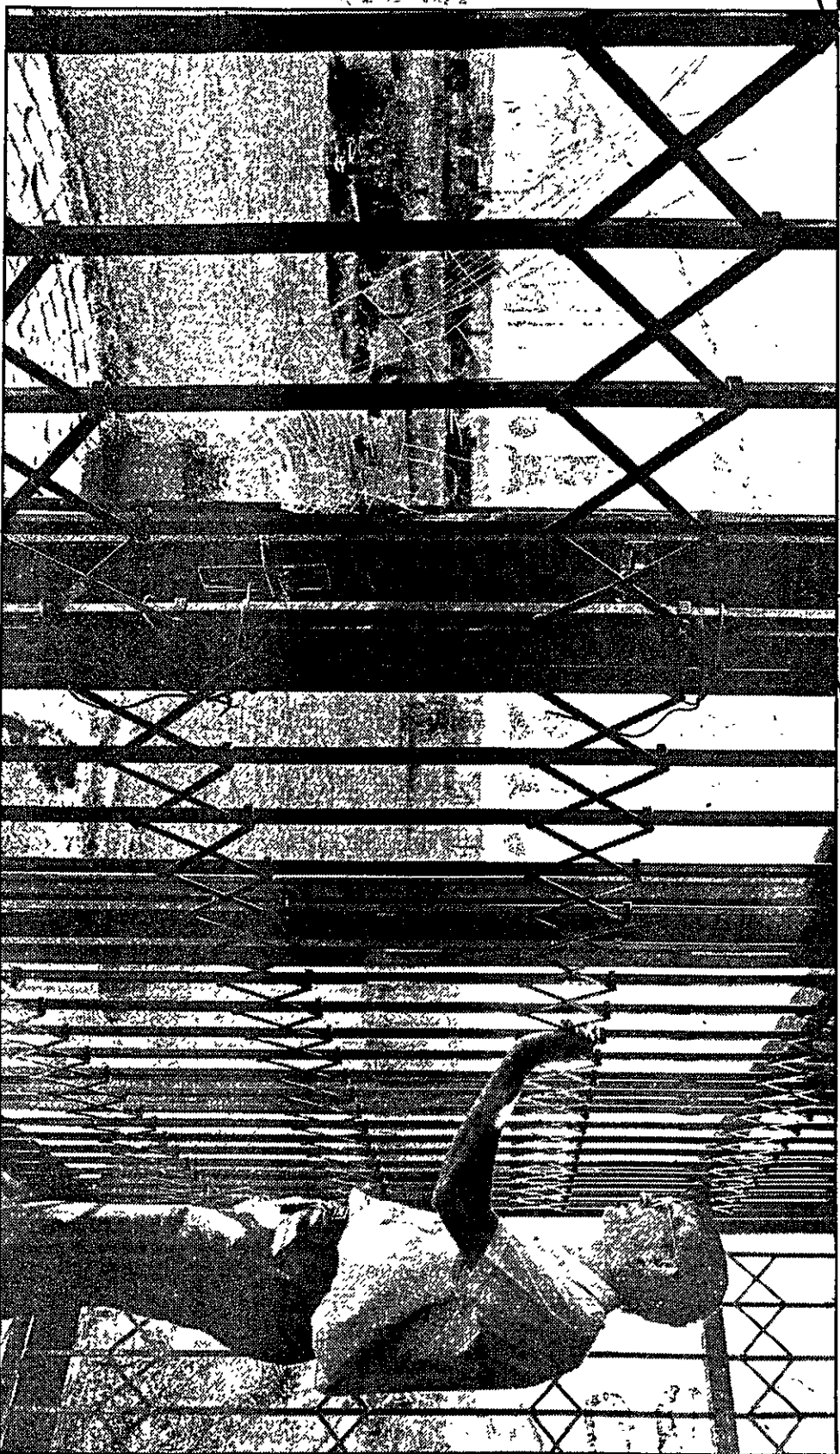
Dudley Davies (45) of Republic Road says he is one of the only homeowners still living in his house, about 100 m from Ivory Park — a formal squatter settlement.

But this isn't your stereotypical story of black township residents allegedly harassing nearby white suburbs; Ivory Park itself is faced with the same phenomenon of rising crime.

Street committees are addressing the situation, says community leader Herman Kgaratsi, chairman of both the Ivory Park Residents' Committee and the management committee.

Irrepressibly cheerful, Davies relates the recent history of his neighbourhood. Almost every house has been broken into, repeatedly, driving people out of their homes with no hope of ever selling them.

Davies says a house in the neighbourhood which had been valued at R400 000 could not be sold because auction bids did not go higher than R30 000. "I have been offered R15 000 for a house worth R180 000."



Four burglaries in a week... President Park resident Dudley Davies in the deserted house belonging to his neighbour, who fled after her house was "cleaned out" by robbers.
Picture: Gary Bernard

At the same time, Davies describes President Park as a wonderful area.

His immediate neighbour abandoned her house two weeks ago after four burglaries "cleaned her out".

Arnolde Tauter now lives with her sister, Estelle Dicks, who told The Star: "She won't live there again. They stole everything. From the baby's clothes to the pot

filled with porridge that had been standing on the stove."

Dicks says Midrand agents are not interested in trying to sell her sister's house.

Davies tells of a black neighbour who put her foot down after being "cleaned out", and approached community leaders in Ivory Park for help.

Street committees stepped in, and after investigation,

all her belongings were recovered. However, Davies adds, two weeks later everything was stolen again.

The Ivory Park community are unhappy that there is no police station in their town, and have dealt with crime in their own way.

After three burglaries at the local school, a parents' meeting was called two weeks ago. Straight after the

meeting, angry women went out to find the stolen goods, and so far several school chairs have been retrieved.

A man allegedly responsible for stealing the chairs was apprehended and handed to the police. According to Kgaratsi this kind of co-operation from the community can be extended to car thefts, rapes, burglaries and other serious offences.

The Ivory Park community is willing and ready to help its neighbours to bring the culprits to book.

"We would like to extend our friendship to the Midrand community. We want to live in peace with our neighbours," says Kgaratsi. He believes the solution to the high crime level lies in a visible police presence.

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ANC launches campaign against criminal element

THE ANC Eastern Transvaal regional executive committee has requested its branches to continue arresting criminal elements outside and within the movement who hijacked legitimate protest actions for criminal purposes.

However, branches were called upon not to hand criminals and agents provocateur to the SAP for formal prosecution, but to "local prosecutors" for "community prosecution".

Last week the ANC and its youth league called on members to apprehend those responsible for the killing of four policemen in Dobsonville, and to build relations with "progressive sections of the police".

However, in yesterday's statement the region urged branches not to assault or abuse suspected criminals.

"The ANC will ensure that the peace corps are well trained in all aspects of community policing," the committee said.

The committee condemned the arrest of three members of its leadership in connection with the citizen's arrest of alleged looters during a protest march in Witbank

on April 28.

The ANC members were arrested and charged with assault after executing a citizen's arrest of three men the organisation claims were found looting and burning shops during the march from Kwaguqa township.

Police spokesman Capt Theo du Bruyn said the alleged criminals brought to the station by the ANC were released as no evidence or witnesses were presented.

He added the men had been heavily assaulted before being handed over to the police, which was why charges of assault and abduction were laid against those who "arrested" them.

He said the assault accused included the ANC's Witbank secretary Lazarus Maduma, 20, ANC chairman Hussain Verachia, 32, and 28-year-old Patrick Khoza, alias Banda.

The men appeared in court on May 7 and were then released with a warning to appear again on June 4.

STEPHANE BOTHMA

Jobs on show at Career 2000's latest expo

PRETORIA — SA's largest employment exhibition, Careers 2000, opened its doors to the public at the Pretoria showgrounds yesterday.

About 60 exhibitors, including some of SA's biggest employers and employment bodies, would be providing information on career choices and employment opportunities, exhibition director John Toerien said.

The exhibition was aimed at providing appropriate information to all those seeking a career choice, Toerien said.

ADRIAN HADLAND

The Manpower Department's organisation for trade testing would exhibit at Careers 2000 for the first time, he said.

Representing career fields which had been declared "designated trades", its exhibit would include information on the aviation industry, tyre and rubber industry, mining, textiles and printing industries.

The exhibition, open from 9am to 6pm daily, closes on Saturday.

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Many car hijackings

AN average of 65 cars are hijacked and more than 130 stolen on the Witwatersrand every weekend, police said yesterday.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said although some hijackings still occurred at public parking areas and at traffic lights and intersections, it appeared most of the hijackings took place near victims' homes — usually at the front gate or in the driveway. (38)

Police confiscate gold worth R3,3m

STEPHANE BOTHMA (38)

POLICE arrested three suspects accused of smuggling gold out of the country and confiscated 91kg of wrought gold worth R3,3m hours before it was due to be flown from Johannesburg to Geneva on a Swissair Cargo flight. 8:10 PM 12/5/93.

The haul seized at the weekend was the largest seized to date and the latest in a series of attempts by South Africans to move assets abroad illegally. Germiston Diamond and Gold Unit commander Lt-Col Clement Jackson said yesterday.

The gold, nine bars and three cone-shaped pieces, was painted silver and was packed in three containers held in storage at Swissair Cargo's hold at Jan. Smuts Airport.

Keith Stephens, director of Chemfix in Bramley, his brother Wayne and the company's bookkeeper John McClain were arrested on charges of contravening the Division Control Act and fraud.

Interpol is investigating the Swiss link in the smuggling racket.

The shipment was addressed to a Swiss company, Metaux Precieux, for the attention of a Mr Gams.

The arrest of Stephens followed about three months of investigation following rumours that Chemfix, a company handling precious metals, was taking gold out of the country illegally, Jackson said.

More arrests could follow soon, Jackson said.

The three accused appeared in the Kempton Park Regional Court on Monday. Keith Stephens was released on bail of R200 000, his brother on R20 000 and McClain on R20 000. They will appear in court again on May 26.

Dramatic decrease in Johannesburg

CBD crime reported

Crime Reporter

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Crime in the Johannesburg central business district decreased by an average 33 percent in the first four months of this year compared with the same period last year, according to figures supplied by the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) yesterday.

The most significant decrease was in robberies from financial institutions, which came down 75 percent.

The CJP supplied only the percentage by which crime had decreased and did not give the actual crime figures.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce last night said that although he did not have the city's crime statistics

on hand, the CJP figures seemed plausible, adding that crime had decreased dramatically in recent months.

The CJP and Bruce attributed the drop to an increased police presence and visibility in the CBD. Bruce said the deployment of an extra 600 policemen in the area had begun to make its mark on crime.

The CJP also said the public had become more aware of crime and were thus more careful.

According to the CJP figures, muggings in the CBD decreased 14 percent, residential burglaries by 33 percent, theft from motor vehicles by 26 percent and motor vehicle theft by 17 percent.

Figures for more serious crimes were not supplied.



By Meg Wilson
Property Editor

Hundreds of millions of rands are being poured into capital projects in central Johannesburg as the city gets to grips with its crime, congestion and housing problems.

Obviously many institutional and private investors are of the same opinion as a panel of international business consultants, which recently placed Johannesburg fourth among 10 cities worldwide poised for most future growth and offering good investment opportunities.

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Millions for CBD projects

According to Ian Davidson, chairman of the city council's management committee, the value of major CBD building projects submitted to the council and now being built totals R382,5 million.

And last month, he announced that the council alone would spend R45 million in the current financial year on 10 projects to boost the local economy and promote inner-city growth. These included increasing housing in the inner city, set-

- The last section of Bank City, First National Bank's new headquarters.
- A R35 million new block in the Standard Bank complex on Simmonds Street.
- ABSA Towers East.
- R9,3 million worth of alterations to an Investec Bank building in Commissioner Street.
- The new Reserve Bank regional headquarters.
- Gemmin's R138 million new headquarters.
- R16 million worth of new parking at Sanlam Centre.
- The R39 million Bridge shopping centre.
- The multimillion-rand East India centre, to be built behind the old power station buildings behind the JSE.
- Other plans on the drawing board include a

R175 million Metro Mall which will transform the Newtown and Kasennie bus and taxi ranks into a retail cum transport centre, and the rest of a R1,2 billion trade and tourism centre in airspace above the railways from the Queen Elizabeth Bridge to End Street.

And Sanlam has plans to redevelop both the Anstey's site — the block bounded by Joubert, Kerk, Risik and Jeppe streets — and the Forum 66 site at the corner of Commissioner and Sauer streets.

Several prominent people have recently expressed their confidence in the future of the CBD, among them Clem Sauter, renowned for his scenario presentations. He believes the odds on the high-road scenario (in which CBD business benefits from massive growth in black incomes) becoming a reality are much greater as the country completes its transition to democracy and renewed economic growth.

The CBD, he says, will be the "centre of gravity" for business transactions between the various communities that make up the densely populated FwV area.

A proper political settlement will encourage world-class companies to invest in South Africa and most of these, says Sauter, will regard Johannesburg's CBD as the ideal base from which to expand operations and open relations with the rest of southern Africa.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

SAP: recruitment/resignation/retirement

329. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) In respect of the latest specified six-month period for which information is available, how many (a) recruits joined the South African Police Force and (b) members of each specified rank (i) resigned from the Force and (ii) retired on pension;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: B769E

(1) (a) 2 174; 1 November 1992 until 30 April 1993.

(b)	(i)	(ii)
General	0	0
Lieutenant-General	0	6
Major-General	1	16
Brigadier	3	47
Colonel	7	52
Lieutenant-Colonel	9	64
Major	21	45
Captain	23	45
Lieutenant	12	28
Warrant-Officer	199	717
Sergeant	187	645
Lance-Sergeant	78	3
Constable	559	230
Student	35	0

(2) No.

Note: The following is included under resignations:

- Resignation (Officers and temporary members)
- Transfer to other Departments
- Resignation through discharge (non-commissioned officers)

Johannesburg police districts: crime rate

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

- (1) Whether the steps referred to by him in reply to Question No 43 on 19 February 1992 have been effective in decreasing the crime rate in the Johannesburg police districts; if so, to what extent; if not, why not;
- (2) whether any further steps are being contemplated to prevent crime from increasing in this area; if not, why not; if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) The steps which I referred to in Question No 43 on 19 February 1993, were effective in as far as the lowering of crime figures are concerned. The crime figures in respect of serious crime for the first three months of 1993 indicate a decrease in spite of the crime and violence which resulted from the death of Mr Chris Hani.

Crime figures in the police districts of Johannesburg (Johannesburg, Johannesburg North and Randburg) show a decrease as indicated below:

Crime	Oct-Dec 1992	Jan-Mar 1993	Increase(+)/ Decrease(-)	Per. (%)
Housebreaking—business	1 644	1 407	-257	-15,4%
Housebreaking—Residences	5 572	4 614	-958	-17,1%
Pick-pocketing	696	553	-143	-20,5%
Robbery	3 094	2 904	-1 000	-32,3%

Crime	Oct-Dec 1992	Jan-Mar 1993	Increase(+)/Decrease(-)	Per. (%)
Theft of vehicles	3 988	4 614	+76	+1,9%
Theft	6 232	6 232	0	0,0%
Theft out of motor vehicle	7 142	6 513	-629	-8,8%
All fraud	2 040	2 299	+259	+12,6%
All serious crimes	44 033	43 882	-151	-0,30%
Solution figure for all serious crime	25,5%	31,9%		+6,40%

(2) Continuous planning and the maintenance and evaluation of existing projects in the area receive priority in order to combat crime effectively. In the Johannesburg region the South African Police is currently functioning on the highest level of efficiency with regard to every level of policing. Planning is carried out on a daily basis in order to crack down on possible crime and violence.

- Crime prevention as well as increased crime investigation currently enjoys priority attention, this is both pro-active and re-active policing.
- Four hundred (400) extra members from elsewhere in the Republic have been deployed on detached duty in the Region: Witwatersrand for a period of two months.
- Police visibility is at present being maintained on the highest possible level in the Johannesburg area.
- Additional satellite police stations are being built in the Highpoint Centre, and in Sandringham in the Lombardy East area.
- Special mopping-up operations are carried out on a regular basis in co-operation with the Traffic Department and the South African Defence Force in areas with a high crime-rate.
- The establishment of Block and Neighbourhood Watches in all station areas receives priority and is encouraged by all station commanders.
- All the crime prevention units at

name of which has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of the Minister's reply, receive?

THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

In terms of corporate policy, no employee receives a separate motor-car or housing allowance. The company functions within a larger group and remunerates its employees along normal market principles on the recognized basis of a total cash package in accordance with each employee's contribution towards the organization.

Since 1 September 1991 motor-car allowances to the management and professional group are paid as part of their total cash package and this approach was accepted by the employees. Only employees on job level 5 and higher, whose job requirements demand it, receive motor-car allowances which is then administered as part of the total package.

The company proceeded in terms of the corporate policy to incorporate housing subsidies into the remuneration packages and the process which started in 1987 was completed in March 1993 when the job level 4 and lower employees were transferred to the package remuneration system. No employee suffered any adverse financial effect because of this.

Own Affairs:

Cape Education Department: special grants

69. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether any special grants were recently made to officials attached to the Head Office of the Cape Education Department; if so, (a) what amounts are involved and (b) what are the further relevant details;

- (2) whether any similar grants were made at the same time to professional education staff, i.e. (a) superintendents of education, (b) senior assistant superintendents of education, (c) deputy superintendents of education, (d) principals and (e) teachers in the various regions outside this Head Office; if so, (1) what amounts are involved and (ii) what are the further relevant details; if not, why not;

(3) whether the same criteria applied in respect of these grants for both of the above-mentioned categories; if so, what are these criteria; if not, (a) why not and (b) what criteria did not apply to both categories?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes,
 - (a) R6 835,80,
 - (b) allocated according to the provisions of Staff Code B IX/II;
- (2) (a) (b) (c) (d) and (e) no, because no funds were made available for this purpose,
- (1) and (ii) fall away;
- (3) falls away.

High school: visited by subject specialists

70. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether any subject specialists visited a certain high school, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, in 1992; if so, (a) how many, (b) from where did each of them come and (c) what were the travelling and subsistence expenses of each of the subject specialists in respect of this visit;
- (2) whether at the time of this visit there were any subject specialists who were stationed closer to the school concerned and who could have visited this school instead of the subject specialists referred to in paragraph (1); if so, why was the use not made of their services;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes, specialists in the field of the particular handicapped (Child Care School) from the Head Office of the Department of Education and Culture: Administrative Advisers of the Department of Education and Culture: Administrative Advisers from the Transvaal Education Department and the

Harare runs out of burial space

MICHAEL HARTNACK

HARARE — A crisis is looming for African traditional culture following the Harare City Council's warning that it is running out of graveyard space and cremations may soon become compulsory.

"We fear what might happen later. The spirit of the dead person may come back and punish us for cremating the body," a traditional healer from the Nkayi area of central Zimbabwe, Rosemary Mazorodze, said in reaction to the council's announcement yesterday.

Four of the capital's seven cemeteries are full and three others are close to capacity, while the government delays acting on city council demands for commercial farms to be expropriated in the Mount Hampden area for new burial plots.

Deliberately burning the body of a relative is "unheard of" in African culture, said Mazorodze.

"There are some rituals which have to be carried out on a person's grave. We cannot perform such rituals on a tiny grave, or over ashes."

Two years ago the city's medical chief warned that a crisis was inevitable in the late 90s due to the projected death toll from AIDS.

Farmers bitter at the compulsory purchase of their land for peasant resettlement are even more resistant to seeing flourishing fields of maize and tobacco turned into a sterile area of mounds and tombstones. Burial plots cost up to R205 each.

Delay 'likely' in oil deregulation

CAPE TOWN — As SA waits for the release of a government study on the merits of deregulating the oil industry, analysts predict no major action is likely until 1996.

Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister George Bartlett said recently the report had been completed and would be released shortly. Industry sources expect it within a week.

Analysts did not expect any major changes until at least January 1996, when warranties on the tariff protection given to Sasol 3 lapse.

"But what we can expect is some relaxation of the secrecy surrounding the whole industry because of the UN oil embargo," said one.

This could be eased as early as June, depending on when the proposed transitional executive council was set up, he said.

Although the ANC has said it would accept the lifting of most financial sanctions on SA once the transitional council system was established and a date for elections was announced, it wanted embargoes on oil and arms supplies to be retained until a democratic government was installed.

The Petroleum Products Act restricts publication of information on the source and price of SA oil supplies. However, oil companies believe

amendments to the Act could lead to better-informed public debate on the whole issue of deregulation.

Deregulation in respect of oil supplies was a "somewhat trickier issue", said an analyst. "The main considerations are likely to be the effect on the synthetic fuel producer, Sasol, and on the already strained balance of payments, of allowing a free-for-all on oil imports."

The regulations governing the industry have come under increasing attack from businessmen such as Pick'n Pay chairman Raymond Ackerman, who has said that if retail pump prices were deregulated, he would be able to cut fuel prices by 6c/7c/l at his hypermarkets.

But analysts warned that the ensuing price war could lead to the loss of up to 50 000 jobs at petrol stations around the country.

Small operators would not be able to cross-subsidise their fuel sales with non-fuel sales and would be forced to cut back on staff or close.

There was also a fear, said one, that deregulating fuel prices could prompt some service station owners, especially in rural areas with no access to hypermarkets, to "charge what the market can bear, thus pushing up fuel prices in less developed areas". — Reuter.

Pact reinforces links with Zambia

DURBAN — The signing of the "winning" agreement between Umgeni Water and Lusaka Water & Sewerage yesterday was the latest sign of increasing contact between SA and Zambia.

Umgeni Water CE Graham Atkinson said the twinning "signals the start of an agreement between the two undertakings to exchange information and staff".

The agreement preceded the opening of the Water Institute of Southern Africa conference, which attracted a number of international experts.

"The staff from the Zambian company will be receiving in-house training at some of Umgeni's plants, and some of

Umgeni's staff will be contracted to the Zambian company to lend expertise while training staff," Atkinson said.

The pact also involved development of laboratory services, computerised billing and customer service.

Atkinson believed Umgeni Water would be able to contribute to Lusaka Water because Umgeni had been recognised as "a leader in the field of water management and especially the supply of water to rural areas, where the drought has been severe".

Lusaka Water MD Jeff Hendrich said he hoped this would be the first of many mutual agreements. — Sapa.

Kitchen fraud burning buyers

GUILTY home owners were losing up to R6m a year to fly-by-night kitchen manufacturers, industry sources said recently.

Kitchen Specialist Association (KSA) chairman Martin Macphail said the incidence of fraud among kitchen manufacturers had reached "epidemic proportions". Losses to unsuspecting customers were estimated at R500 000 a month.

"The situation is difficult to control. All we can do is make customers aware that they should deal with a reputable company," said Macphail.

He said one trader had opened under five different names, taking R100 000 in deposits with him each time. Individual customers had lost up to R30 000.

Many incidents were not brought to the KSA's attention and deregulation of the

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industry had allowed the problem to grow to the point "of disaster".

However, the KSA was considering asking the Business Practices Committee to approve its code of conduct, thereby making any contravention of the code a harmful business practice.

Under the new constitution, members were bound to conform to a strict code of ethics governing design, manufacturing, installation and service standards.

Macphail said the total market turnover was estimated at R175m a year, with 80% of this from the PWV region.

The industry had done better than expected for the first quarter because there had been a move towards home improvement and renovations.

Restaurant Star 1/6/93 cleared after bomb call 38

Crime Reporter

Popular Rockey Street restaurant Rokerfella's had to be evacuated last night after another bomb scare — the second since Saturday.

Rokerfella co-owner Manuel de Castro said a telephone call was received at 5.45 pm, saying a bomb would go off in the Yeoville, Johannesburg, restaurant in 15 minutes.

"It was a woman who called and she had an African accent."

He said management immediately evacuated the restaurant, which was "quite full", and called the police. The bomb squad arrived after the police and they "found nothing".

De Castro said the restaurant would be getting extra security. "We have already started negotiating with police to see if they can give us extra protection."

On Saturday night, police arrested three suspected Apla members at a games hall next to the restaurant after receiving information that the restaurant was one of many places targeted by the Pan Africanist Congress's military wing.

Another man was later arrested in Soweto in connection with the planned bombing.

Police said the three were arrested just before they could place the bomb in the games hall. Chinese stick grenades, hand grenades and firearms were taken from the men.

'How a white man misled me'

■ Man says he thought he was being offered a job:

By Isaac Moledi

A WITNESS in the case of two former Sanlam employees appearing on charges of murder told the Middelburg Circuit Court yesterday that he signed insurance policy forms thinking he was applying for a job.

Mr Andries Funani was testifying before Mr Justice TT Spoelstra in the trial of Mr Isak Kruger and Mr Cornelius Loubser.

The two men are facing five charges of murder, three of attempted murder and 13 of fraud.

Funani said on January 3 last year he and three other men looking for jobs at the offices of the Department of Manpower in Witbank were approached by Kruger, who said he could offer them jobs in Pietersburg.

Kruger told them he was looking for unmarried men between the ages

of 20 and 29 who could sell clothing. He was looking for men who had no children and had Standard 8 and 10 certificates.

Funani said Kruger demanded to see their identity documents. He said he and three other men were later offered the jobs.

They were instructed by Kruger to get into a bakkie which later took them a nearby military base.

He said after Kruger had spent some time at the base, he and the other men were taken to Sanlam's offices in Witbank where they were given forms to fill in.

Asked by defence counsel Mr Johan Nel whether he knew what the forms were for, Funani said: "All I knew was the forms were for employment."

He had seen Kruger fill in their particulars on the form.

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Burnt out by the white powder

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THE harsh, fluorescent light of a downtown Wimpy Bar imposes itself on the face of the boy in the white T-shirt and it's his skin that gives the game away. If it weren't for the pallor, he might be any 19-year-old. But you don't do cocaine for two years and come out looking baby-faced.

Nick Williams (not his real name) has only been old enough to vote for a year now, but, if he hadn't been arrested a month back, he'd be moving into his third year of cocaine dealing. Movies like *Drugstore Cowboy* and *Goodfellas* feel like soap operas to him. "You know how boring they get?"

Williams grew up in a "stable, orthodox home" but things started getting a little less nine to five when his father, a managing director who "did all the right things", started free-basing cocaine and his parents divorced. He decided to start dealing for the same reasons that his mother did — for the extra money.

It was at his mother's home that he was first approached by a Nigerian supplier. "Nigerians are the main men." He'd left school in Std 9, had just stopped working as a salesman and had no income.

His main incentive to start dealing cocaine was the money and the thrill of it.

"It caused heavy ructions with my mom. She wasn't happy about it." He doesn't explain whether his mother's anger stemmed from concern for her son or because he'd touted her customers.

Life in the fast lane of the drug trade has a certain appeal — until the police come banging on the door.

ALEX DODD spoke to an ex-dealer, who used to free-base cocaine

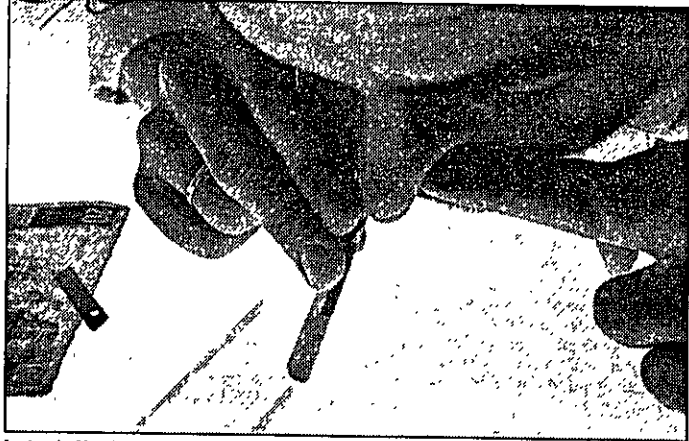
Williams had no problems finding a backer to put up R10 000. Backers are mainly users, so they take the cash back in stock. "I knew he was a user who had a lot of money," says Williams. "In fact, he was a friend of my father's."

He started selling from his home in the north-eastern suburbs of Johannesburg. (He had a couple of friends who dealt out of clubs, so he started supplying them.) "I used to hide the stuff in the ceiling, under mattresses, in a wardrobe," he says.

"I don't know why I wasn't paranoid about being caught. I always lived on this thing; it would always happen to someone else.

"But there is a difference between being paranoid and being careful," he says. Williams never carried much stock nor had a lot of people in his house at odd hours. He had a solid customer base of about 10 to 15 regular users and his customers varied from business people to the unemployed, between the ages of 18 and 35.

"When I first started out I was charging R250 a gram, but the price on the street has dropped to



Instead of having dinner with friends, coke becomes your friend Photo: GUY ADAMS

around R200. At the moment the best stuff goes for around R250 — it's known as 'fizzies' — it fizzles when you cook it.

"If someone bought say 10, 15 or 20 grams, I'd drop the price," he says. Two years back he was paying R150 for a gram, so he was making R100

on each gram he dealt. He spent some of the cash jolling and reinvested the rest in stock.

"Things get very hectic — everything starts to revolve around the drug," he says, taking another drag of his cigarette and attempting to explain why he began using the drug six months later. "I'd smoke my profit instead of taking it in cash.

"I free based the stuff," he says. "You take a normal spice bottle and add about 30 to 40 percent bicarb to each gram of coke. Pour it into about half a centimetre of water at the bottom of the spice bottle and heat it until the coke turns to oil.

"Cool it down and you come out with what is called a rock. That's what it is — a little, hard, white rock. You break a piece off, put it in a base pipe and smoke it. Everyone I was selling to was basing. I was never exposed to snorters."

Williams describes the work he was doing as a "full-time occupation". "When people are basing they get into the 'hanging' syndrome and they used to pitch up at my house at two, three or four in the morning needing stuff to go on with. You end up spending up to six days without sleeping and hardly eating," Williams' anatomy is testimony to this. This man is thin.

"People get upset when you won't give them credit. I was lucky I never had a case of someone getting violent with me. But rumours start going round in coke circles that you're working with the cops. All the usual shit."

He has never felt guilty about dealing because, he says, he never started somebody basing. "I wouldn't supply if they didn't already use it."

Months back he stopped freelancing and began dealing for a main supplier on a commission basis. He speaks about his experiences with a kind of abstracted frankness, almost as if he is reporting on the life story of an acquaintance.

"You start living for the coke. It screws up your relationships, and you collect a whole lot of hangers-on instead of who just hang around you for the coke. Instead of going out and having dinner with a friend, coke becomes your friend, and you're happy until it's finished."

At the time of the bust — a major personal turning point for Williams — he was operating from a Johannesburg hotel which had been raided by the narcotics squad on several other occasions.

It started as a day like any other, hanging about thinking about his next hit on a pipe and the passing traffic, when Williams' little credo turned sour on him. Suddenly he was the "somebody else" it was happening to, and before he knew the police had burst into his room. They found bits of drug paraphernalia: scrapers (instruments to scratch out the oil that has cooled in pipes, known as "honey"), gauzes (filters) and pipes, but no substance.

Although the police failed to find anything solidly incriminating, they arrested Williams. They wanted to know who the supplier was. "I denied I had anything to do with it."

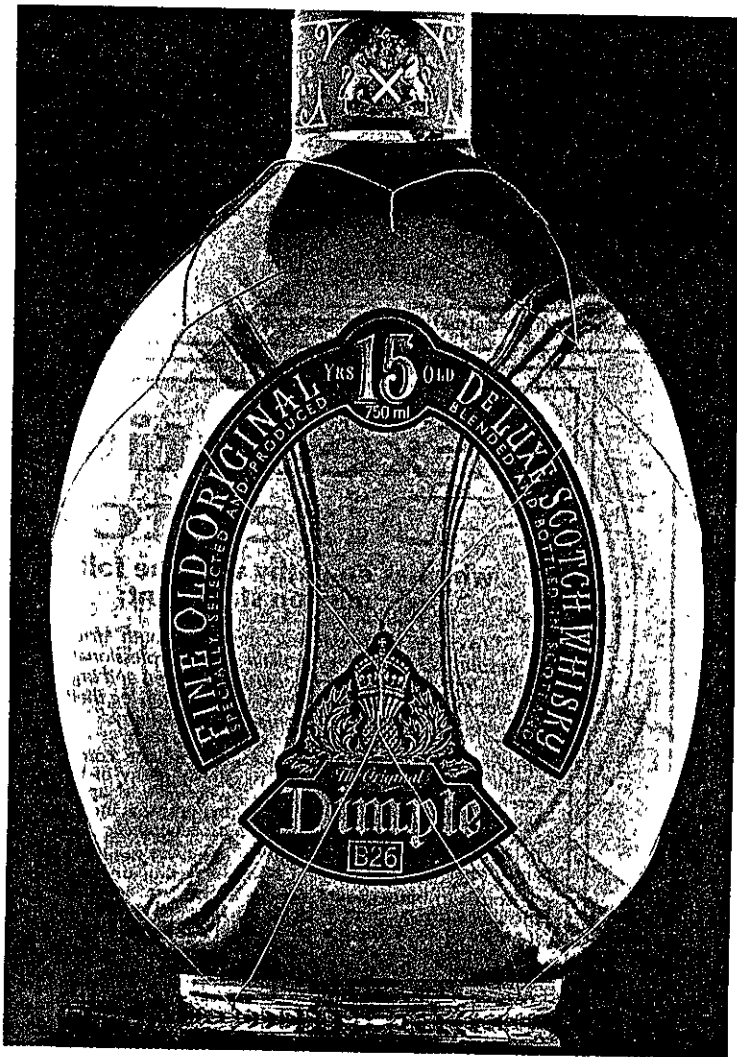
Today he's out on bail, hoping the police will drop the charges against him. But unlike other dealers in similar circumstances, Williams has decided to alter his job profile.

Since those 48 hours in John Vorster Square, Williams has been getting used to the way that supermarkets and zebra crossings look from a mind unaltered by a substance.

"When you're straight and you see someone else living for it, you can see for yourself how destructive it is. I've been getting my head back together.

"I'm going overseas to get out of this vicious cycle of old friends coming round and phoning. There's the temptation of starting to deal again. People don't take no for an answer. I'm not craving the drug — it's the lifestyle that lingers on."

BRING OUT THE DIMPLES THIS FATHER'S DAY.



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Police in hostel weapons swoops

Crime Reporter

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Police raided hostels in Tokoza, on the East Rand, early today, arrested two men and confiscated a number of arms and a quantity of ammunition.

Police spokesman Colonel Ray Harrald said the crime prevention operation would extend to other townships on the East Rand, and at the

time of going to press, police were preparing to go into the Phola Park squatter camp, near Katlehong. The entire camp was sealed off at 7 am, he said.

At the hostels — in a swoop which began at about 3 am — police confiscated a Makarov pistol with four rounds of ammunition, one AK-47 rifle with 24 rounds of ammunition, a shotgun with

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15 rounds, a .22 revolver and a .22 Luger pistol.

Two men were arrested in connection with the arms find.

Harrald described the police action as a "crime prevention operation" aimed at ridding the violence-ravaged East Rand townships of unlicensed firearms.

More than 70 people have

died violently in the area in the past two weeks.

Yesterday, two people were killed in Mandela Park, Katlehong, when squatters from the neighbouring squatter camp, Holomisa Park, attacked them.

The attack came two days before a "peace rally" to be addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela tomorrow.

Weapons and ammo seized in SAP raid

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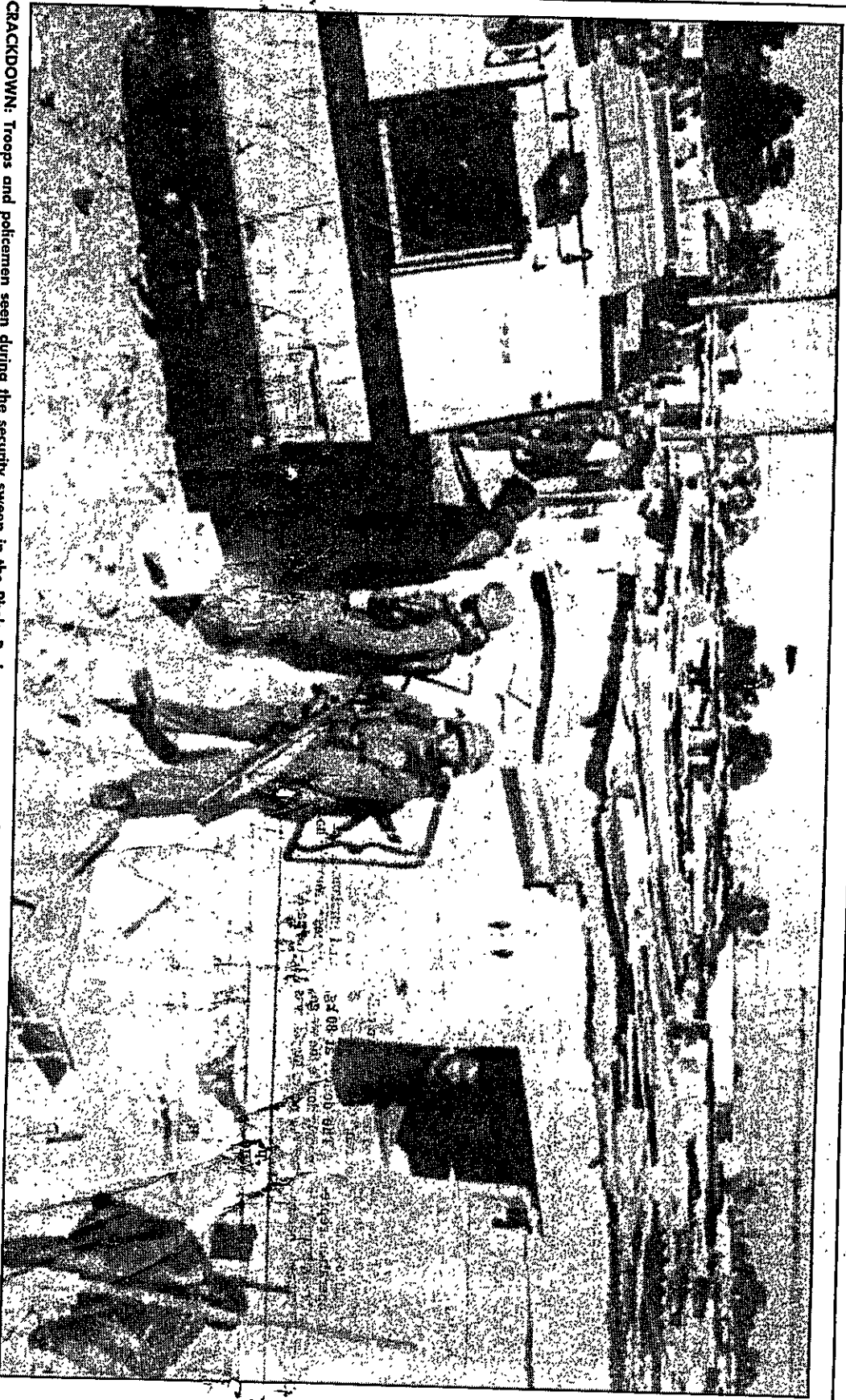
STAFF REPORTER

THE SAP staged a huge search and recover operation on the East Rand early yesterday, seizing several AK-47s and a substantial amount of ammunition.

Several hundred police and SADF personnel sealed off the areas surrounding hostels in Tokoza and searched them one by one. Police recovered a quantity of hidden arms and ammunition. Two men were arrested.

At 6.30 am, police moved on to the Phola Park area to conduct a similar operation. By midday, police had seized a number of firearms.

A substantial amount of stolen property and suspected stolen vehicles were also recovered. Six illegal immigrants were arrested, three in connection with stolen property and five in connection with illegal firearms.



CRACKDOWN: Troops and policemen seen during the security sweep in the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday.

● Photograph: JACOB RYKLIFF

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE
and DESMOND BLOW

THERE is a growing demand that an independent inquiry be held into the police investigation of the bizarre deaths of five black men who plunged over a cliff in a vehicle shortly after they had their lives insured by two white insurance agents.

After a lengthy trial, the two agents, Kobus Kruger and Lucas Loubser, were acquitted of fraud and murder by Judge TT Spoelstra in the Pretoria Supreme Court this week.

The judge and two assessors found the five men had died after the Kombi in which they had been traveling accidentally plunged over a cliff.

There are strong suspicions that the police did not thoroughly investigate the case - and that the case presented by the state was so weak the judge had no alternative but to find the two accused not guilty.

Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin told City Press his organisation would study the judge's findings before deciding whether to demand an inquiry into the police investigations.

Jackson Mthembu, the ANC publicity chief for the eastern Transvaal who led the ANC's investigation, said the ANC would demand an inquiry.

Doomed

"The police did not investigate any of the accused's alibis to see whether they were valid or not," he said. "They did not inquire about the supposed clothing business and there was no proof that such a business ever existed."

He added that the bank account belonging to the accused had also not been checked to see whether there was enough money to meet the cheques issued to the doomed men.

Mthembu also said a black policeman who had seen the Kombi parked above the cliff shortly before the tragedy, had not been called as a witness. It is believed his evidence would have contradicted that of the accused.

"The police took ages to do forensic investigations at the scene of the tragedy and by the time they did so scores of people had wandered over the scene.

"There were also a number of irregularities in the manner in which the police conducted the investigation. One of the accused was accompanied by a policewoman when a statement was taken from one of the survivors as he lay in hospital. The other was that during the trial, W/O Christiaan Grobler told the court he had disposed of the statements of two key witnesses on the instructions of a senior.

In a media statement issued by Azapo and the ANC this week, both organisations expressed dissatisfaction at the verdict.

ANC legal spokesman Matthew Phosa said: "The finding is outrageous and induces a sense of shock, police had to be pressured by the ANC to investigate the case.

ANC, Azapo say police had to be forced to investigate Kombi case

Azapo spokesman Dr Gomolemo Mokae said that without casting aspersions on the integrity of the judge, "Azapo finds his judgment extremely mystifying".

"It does not gel in our minds that these two gentlemen should go scot-free," Mokae said, adding that in an unusual set of circumstances they had insured the lives of their new employees and made themselves beneficiaries. Soon after the men died under extremely bizarre circumstances.

"The learned judge should find the two survivors and state witnesses not to be 'credible' witnesses, but their evidence suggested that there was something fishy about the horrible deaths of their colleagues," he added.

In conclusion Azapo said: "The South African judiciary is going to find it very hard to sell this judgment to the public as evidence that all are equal before the law irrespective of race, colour, creed or social standing."

The five who died were: Galekekile Gavu, John Ngobeni, Arie "Seun" Mahlangu, Aaron "Vusi" Mlombo and an unknown man.

Ramahladi Matsemela was seriously injured and Lazarus Mnandi and Vimbi Skhosana were slightly injured.

The two former agents met the eight men at the Department of Manpower offices in Witbank in November 1991.

They offered them employment as marketing agents to sell clothes in the Pietersburg area.

One of the men gave the eight prospective agents a lecture on how to sell clothes and they were required to sign application forms for life insurance the following day.

Although some of the state witnesses told the court that the contents of the forms were never explained to them, Judge Spoelstra said there was enough evidence to conclude that the information supplied on the application forms by the accused, who were the beneficiaries of the insurance policies, had emanated from the applicants.

It could also be concluded that the information was substantially correct and that the accused could, therefore, not be convicted of fraud, he said.

'Public won't buy this'

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Arms seized in squatter raids

Crime Reporter

Security forces seized drugs and unlicensed firearms and arrested several illegal immigrants early today in a dawn raid on the Holomisa and Mandela Park squatter camps on the East Rand.

SAP headquarters spokesman Colonel Ray Harrald described the raid as a "crime prevention operation".

Police and Defence Force troops surrounded the squatter camps at about 6.30 am and began searching shacks half an

hour later, said Harrald.

He said that by 8.30 am, police had "seized a 7,65 mm pistol, several kilograms of dagga and 16 rounds of 9 mm ammunition" and had arrested a number of illegal immigrants.

He said the raid was aimed at ridding the East Rand of dangerous weapons and unlicensed firearms.

"This is part of the operation we began on Friday which was prompted by the upsurge of violence and unrest in the area.

"We are trying to trace the firearms and weapons used on

(38) the community in these attacks," said Harrald.

On Friday, police conducted a similar operation at three Tokoza hostels and at the Phola Park squatter camp.

Several firearms, including home-made guns and AK-47 rifles, were recovered and several illegal immigrants were arrested in the operation.

Harrald urged employers to be lenient with Holomisa Park and Mandela Park residents, who will not be able to leave the camps until the operation is completed.

Alleged conman appears in court

Sowetan 8/6/93

By Joe Mdhlela

A MAN who allegedly swindled several would-be homeowners of more than R2 million in deposits for non-existent houses and residential sites appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday.

Mr Ronald Francis, who has been granted bail of R1 000, had his fraud and theft case postponed to June 21 pending further investigations.

He faces 40 charges of fraud and theft and appeared before Mr H Wolmarans.

Francis allegedly conned about 450 people who each paid deposits of R4 500

■ Black homeseekers allegedly paid man R4 500 for non-existent houses and residential sites: 38

to him after he had promised to build them houses or provide land on which they could build their homes.

Francis later reportedly fled the country when police wanted to arrest him.

Residential stands

He is alleged to have raked in about R2 million in deposits for houses and residential stands. He allegedly left his "clients" stranded when he did not carry out his promises.

Trading as Invesco International,

Francis is alleged to have used his building company, Econdi Construction, to build a few luxury houses in Soweto and other black residential areas.

According to newspaper reports, Francis tried to negotiate a deal in which he would hand himself to the police if they met "certain conditions".

Police refused to accede to these conditions.

Francis (27) is said to have led a life of luxury and to have owned several expensive cars.

Schools normal in Soweto

Sowetan 8/16/93

■ Sadtu strike is off:

By Bongani Mavuso

SCHOOLING returned to normal in Soweto yesterday as thousands of pupils and teachers heeded a call by the Soweto branch of the SA Democratic Teachers Union that its members resume duties. Several principals reported a 98 percent student attendance while the Department of Education and Training said attendance was "high and normal".

"Teachers and students turned up in their thousands at schools today and we believe that normal schooling has returned in Soweto schools," said Mr Matakanye. Welcoming Sadtu's call, DET spokeswoman Kim McEvilly said yesterday the department was "happy" that schooling returned to normal in Soweto yesterday. DET Johannesburg regional chief director Mr RR Motau said teachers and students attended school yesterday. "Attendance was high and normal. But we cannot guarantee what happened inside the classrooms," said Motau. Last week, schooling ground to a halt in Soweto when teachers attended meetings called by Sadtu. He said secondary school pupils in Soweto have had no meaningful teaching since the beginning of the year.

Arms seized in raid on camp

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■ WEAPONS SEARCH 66 arrested in special operation to bring violence to an end:

Sowetan 8/16/93

By Abbey Makoe

SIXTY-SIX people were arrested and a large quantity of arms confiscated when police and members of the SA Defence Force raided the Mandela and Holomisa squatter camps on the East Rand yesterday.

Police described the swoop on the camp as a special operation aimed at bringing violence in the area under control.

It was the third big raid carried out by police after searches for weapons at the Tokoza Hostel and the neighbouring Phola Park squatter camp last week.

More than 80 people have lost their lives in violence in the area during the past four weeks.

Police spokesman Colonel Ray Harrald said yesterday 50 people were arrested on suspicion of being illegal immigrants and 16 were held for being in possession of illegal firearms.

He said four AK-47 rifles were confiscated and several bags and drums containing dagga seized. A home-made gun and large quantities of ammunition, furniture, hi-fi sets, video cameras and clothing, suspected to be stolen, were among items seized.

Three men were also arrested for possession of fake R50 notes.

Harrald would yesterday not disclose the names of those arrested. He said they would appear in court soon.

He estimated the value of the recovered items at hundreds of thousands of rands.

Yesterday's raid started at about 6am when SADF members cordoned off the camp and searched all residents leaving the area.

● Sapa reports that Mr Armstrong Nkosi (41) was shot dead by four armed men who entered his house in Vosloorus Extension 10 on Sunday night. The bodies of two other men were found in Katlehong the same night. Both had been shot.



Planning for future city will have to begin now

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PLANNING for Johannesburg in the year 2000 must start now, says Taljaard Carter architect Pierre Swanepoel, whose firm is already vigorously marketing in the city's CBD.

The company is currently busy with five inner city projects including Genmin, Standard Bank and upgrading of Simmonds Street.

While the spotlight on Johannesburg tends to fall on issues such as the rising crime rate and the flight of business to suburbia, there is another side to the city, says Swanepoel.

This is the fact that it is becoming more cosmopolitan, increasingly reflecting the new SA. Black professionals and businessmen and an increasingly sophisticated informal sector have breathed new life into the city.

Spearheading

The city council is now spearheading a campaign to revitalise the city, linking it to a range of companies and organisations working together on issues traditionally neglected, such as security, housing and development.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson has called on the private sector and the community to assist the council in upgrading the CBD to prevent urban decay and business flight to the suburbs.

Swanepoel says the company is delighted the council is finally taking the initiative in planning for the city's future with the announcement of a R3,5bn 10-year restructuring plan.

A preliminary amount of R45m has been set aside in the 1993/4 financial year for 10 major projects, including an inner city light rail system, a convention centre, inner city housing, a cultural precinct, an athlet-

ics stadium and markets for hawkers.

Crime in the CBD has decreased by an average 33% in the first four months of this year compared with the same period last year, most significantly theft from financial institutions, which was down by 75%.

Swanepoel says the council seems serious about its bid for the Olympics and hopes it will lead to more facilities being centralised.

"We are trying to see commercial projects as more public 'mixed use' projects, looking at them in the broader context of the environment, to get the city to work," he says.

"We try to take the opportunity to go further

than our brief by attempting to make projects more relevant in the context of the city," says Swanepoel. He says much of Johannesburg's potential has been frustrated by development with a single-minded profit motive.

"We would like to see developers co-ordinate their efforts with other organisations and companies to upgrade the city centre in the most viable way."

At present, commercial use of space and buildings has been the overriding factor because of its high return. However, Swanepoel says for the CBD to work, there has to be a balance between public and commercial facilities.

"The city has been impoverished for so long that its urban fabric has almost completely disintegrated," he says.

To enter the future the city will have to change fundamentally to take cognisance of all the trends already emerging — a kind of European/African mix.

The informal sector will make an impact on the city especially in terms of the transport axis. "People are not going to live and work in Soweto any more if they can live and work in the same place".

"There is no precedent for Johannesburg — which makes its future so exciting", says Swanepoel.

PAC Star 10/6/93 leader on false ID charges

By Stan Hlophe

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander knew he was breaking the law by being in possession of a forged identity document and a forged driver's licence, the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

The court was asked to convict Alexander on one count of fraud, one of forgery and two of contravening the road traffic regulations.

Alexander pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The State alleged he produced the forged documents to a traffic officer in Johannesburg on November 27 1992.

Alexander said he applied for a new identity book in March last year but an incorrect one was sent to him. He re-applied and another was sent with an incorrect identity number.

"I decided to keep both of them because as far as I was concerned it was better to have wrong identity books than not to have any at all. I did not know that they were forged.

"When I left for the US in September last year, I sent someone with my two photos to Pretoria to apply for a third one. It is possible that enemies of my organisation intercepted the post and issued me with forged licences in a bid to discredit my name," said Alexander.

Moses Mavundla said it could not be proved beyond doubt that his client's intention was to mislead the court, and he should be acquitted.

Alexander was acquitted on a charge of overtaking across a solid barrier line.

The trial was postponed until June 24 for judgment.

● The PAC was yesterday fined R240 for contempt of court and three traffic offences.

Alexander, on behalf of the organisation, said the PAC had missed an earlier hearing because summonses for the traffic offences were sent to the wrong address.

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'No police took part in Boipatong attack'

By McKeed Kotlo
Pretoria Bureau

An accused-turned-State witness in the Boipatong massacre trial yesterday denied any police involvement in the June 17 1992 attack on township residents by KwaMadala hostel inmates.

The witness, who cannot be identified in terms of a court ruling, told the Delmas Circuit Court that they were fired on by "comrades" as they entered Boipatong on the night of the attack.

A total of 32 KwaMadala hostel inmates and IFP members are appearing before Mr Justice JM Smit on 45 counts of murder, attempted murder, public violence and malicious damage to property.

The middle-aged man, who has been testifying in the hearing during the past three weeks, looked exhausted as he rejected submissions by defence advocate Vic Botha that police were involved in the attack.

The witness also disputed evidence given to the Goldstone Commission that a large group of people were seen leaving Boipatong under police escort that night.

Botha said the Goldstone

Commission was also told that among the attackers were whites wearing balaclavas.

The witness said there were no such people in his group which, he said, comprised between 150 and 200 hostel inmates.

He pointed out a number of accused in the dock whom he said were armed with guns, including AK-47 rifles, on the night of the attack. He said some of them had returned fire after the attack by the "comrades".

His testimony differed from that given to the Goldstone Commission by one of the accused, who said no hostel inmates were armed with firearms and that no one had fired on them. Earlier in the trial he said some inmates had been issued with guns before they left the hostel.

He also said they were supplied with "intelezi" — muti to protect them during the attack — and white headbands and were then told "The brave should enter the houses while the faint-hearted should smash windows". He said he took part only in the smashing of windows.

The case continues.

Theft claims after hostel raid

The Inkatha Freedom Party has accused police of stealing R10 000 and damaging hostel-dwellers' property during a raid on the Merafe hostel in Soweto on Tuesday.

Police yesterday denied the accusations, but confirmed the hostel was raided by Soweto's Inter-

nal Stability Unit at about 2 am after "police received information".

Soweto police spokesman Major Joseph Ngo-beni said one person was arrested for possessing an unlicensed firearm and a large quantity of dagga was confiscated.

At a media conference

yesterday, IFP Transvaal leader Humphrey Ndlovu condemned the raid and urged the SAP to take action against the policemen involved in the alleged thefts.

Police urged people to lay formal complaints at the Moroka police station. — Crime Reporter.

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11 arrested in township

Soweto police have arrested 11 suspects in the township and confiscated ammunition, unlicensed arms and stolen goods in the past two days, police said yesterday. Most of the suspects were youths. An F-1 grenade, a detonator, an AK-47 rifle magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition were seized. — Crime Reporter. (38)

ANC investigates Khutsong leaders

LLOYD COUTTS

A DELEGATION from the ANC's PWV regional executive committee is to visit Carletonville after calls by members in Khutsong for the local leadership structure to be disbanded.

Khutsong branch members marched on ANC headquarters in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

The marchers then presented ANC officials with a memorandum claiming that members of their branch executive committee had been involved in violence, murder and intimidation.

The demonstrators threatened to return their ANC membership cards unless the organisation disbanded the committee.

A brief statement by the ANC PWV region said its regional executive committee would investigate the allegations contained in the memorandum "with a view to taking necessary steps to address the problems".

It said the memorandum was still being studied by the PWV committee.

"A delegation of the regional executive committee will also visit the area to receive first-hand information about the related problems in the area," the statement said.

Rape accused helped in search

BIDAY 11/6/93

SUSAN RUSSELL

FORMER policeman Jacobus Geldenhuys, accused of murder and rape in Norwood, Johannesburg, and in Benoni, had on one occasion helped search for a suspect in the case.

The court also heard yesterday that investigators suspected at the time of the incidents that a policeman was the rapist.

Det-Sgt John Miles told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he had met Geldenhuys at Norwood police station once during the seven-month investigation.

Miles said he was on his way to follow up information he had received about a suspect living in a compound at Houghton golf course when Geldenhuys asked him for a lift to the internal stability unit at Kew.

Geldenhuys lived in the police single quarters in Norwood at that stage, but was based at Kew.

Miles agreed to give him a lift, but first went to the compound accompanied by Geldenhuys.

At the compound Miles asked Geldenhuys to keep watch and see that no one escaped through the windows while he went inside.

The detective said it was suspected at the time that a policeman was the rapist because of the close proximity of the SAP living quarters to the victims' homes.

Policemen took part in the identity parades held after the initial two rapes, but Geldenhuys did not participate in either.

Miles said it had also been a well-known fact among police personnel stationed at Norwood that an intensive investigation was in progress.

Asked by State counsel B Ferreira SC to describe how people in Norwood had felt at the time, Miles said that a type of hysteria had prevailed. "People I spoke to were very nervous," he said. "Some indicated to me that they were leaving the area because they didn't feel safe."

The trial continues today.

Squatting a long-term problem, says Shill

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CAPE TOWN — Squatting would be a reality for a long time and would have to be carefully managed, National Housing Minister Louis Shill said yesterday.

"If we are going to deal with squatting, we will have to manage it in a way that is not detrimental to the long-term needs of those subjected to squatting," he said.

There would have to be co-operation with local authorities to ensure

that squatting development took place within reasonable proximity to towns, to ensure easy job access.

Referring to the controversial proposed Du Noon development by the Milnerton municipality, Shill said this was not an ideal site for housing. "It is, however, an attempt to gradually upgrade people who are living in totally unhygienic conditions.

"Unnatural security circumstances" would have to be dealt with to prevent a situation similar to that

at Khayelitsha, on the N2.

State spending should be a small portion of housing funds, with the overwhelming majority coming from the private sector, he said.

"However, nothing will happen when people do not undertake reciprocal obligations. As long as there is an irresponsible attitude towards repaying service costs, we cannot expect money to come from the private sector." — Sapa.

Police 'did nothing to stop looting'

By JACQUIE GOLDING

POLICE in Casspirs stood by as kwaMadala hostel dwellers walked past with goods plundered from the nearby township of Boipatong on the night of the massacre last year, according to testimony in the Delmas Circuit Court this week.

The state witness, a resident of kwaMadala who may not be named, said his testimony was based on what happened in his group of attackers on the night of the massacre — but that it was possible police had assisted other groups.

He was giving evidence in the trial of 32 kwaMadala hostel dwellers accused of murder, attempted murder, malicious damage to property and public violence in relation to the massacre on June 17 last year.

According to defence counsel Victor Botha, the field separating Frikkie Meyer Boulevard and kwaMadala hostel was "thoroughly searched" by police, but there were no signs of the hostel dwellers on the night of the massacre. "If this was the route taken back to the hostel by inmates, they would have been seen," said Botha.

The witness was adamant that his group crossed the field and entered the front gates of the hostel after the attack, disputing claims made by previous Goldstone Commission witnesses that hostel dwellers entered the back of the hostel as a precaution.

This week the witness delivered further evidence on the involvement of leading Inkatha Freedom Party officials in the aftermath of the massacre.

He said Themba Khoza and Humphrey Ndlovu, the "groot koppe" (senior people), "actively participated in the burning of looted goods and bloody clothes" after instructing them to "destroy all evidence" and warning them of an imminent police raid on the hostel.

The witness told the court that both Khoza and Ndlovu had said "*'n Haas wat deur honde gevang is, so 'n haas is dwaas*" (A rabbit caught by dogs is a stupid rabbit)."

Death in custody: cops face charges

By JOCELYN MAKER ³⁸

TWO policemen are due to appear in the Hertzogville Regional Court tomorrow in connection with the death in custody of an alleged stock thief.

Constables Paul de Koker and Lawrence Pholahola are charged with culpable homicide after allegedly assaulting Mr Joseph Koetz, 58, who had been arrested for stealing a sheep in January last year.

The court will hear evi-

dence from an alleged eye-witness to the assault, Mr Benedict Lesabana, 28, who was arrested shortly after Mr Koetz had been taken into custody in the Malebogo township outside Hertzogville. ~~(S)~~

Mr Koetz died 36 hours later after falling and hitting his head against a wall while urinating. ~~(S)~~

Pathologist Dr Jonathan Gluckman, who died last month, conducted the post-mortem examination on Mr Koetz.

Police arrest company director in medical scam swoop

POLICE have arrested United Pharmaceutical Distributors' chief buyer and raided the company's offices as part of an investigation into an alleged multimillion-rand theft of medical supplies.

SA Narcotics Bureau detectives arrested George Dennis Simmons at his home in Randpark Ridge, Randburg, on Friday on two theft charges.

Simmons, who is also a director of Medical Cash & Carry, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Friday and was released on bail of R25 000.

Police also raided the offices of Medical Cash & Carry, which linked up with Premier Group's medical distribution opera-

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tion in April in order to form the R1,5bn-a-year United Pharmaceutical Distributors business.

Detectives removed invoices, computer software and medical supplies worth R25 000 from the company's offices and warehouses in Amalgam and Cresta.

The arrest and raids follow a two-year investigation by narcotics bureau officers and the Johannesburg attorney-general's office.

In December the probe included police setting up a fake pharmacy in Johannesburg to sell "stolen" medical supplies.

Police said further arrests were expected. The amount involved in the investigation was estimated at "several millions of rands", although the precise figure had still to be verified.

Simmons was charged with stealing pharmaceutical products worth about R22 000 from persons unknown to the State, and stealing an unknown quantity of pharmaceutical products between June 1990 and May 1993.

The State alleged he was pivotal to the operation which involved "massive amounts of money".

Simmons was granted bail until June 21,

on condition that he be confined to his home and that he hand over all his telephone equipment to the police investigating officer. He also had to undertake to avoid contact with any Medical Cash & Carry director or employee, or anyone connected to the company.

Police estimate that the market for stolen medical supplies is worth about R750m a year.

Sources for supplies include hijacked trucks, hospitals and the armed forces. The supplies are sold by front companies to distributors at prices often far below those charged by the actual manufacturers.

Johannesburg CBD outgrows a bad image

IN spite of the poor perceptions of the Johannesburg CBD, private and institutional investors are channelling millions of rands into commercial and retail developments in the area.

CBD Association chairman Stan Arenson says crime in the area has dropped substantially, particularly with the introduction of a number of "bobbies on the beat".

Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) executive director Neil Fraser agrees, saying crime statistics have shown a decrease. "Burglaries, muggings and motor thefts have all shown a decline year-on-year".

The private sector is involved in a number of office — mainly for owner occupiers — and retail developments in the area, which

reflects the level of investor confidence, Arenson says.

A number of commercial projects are presently under way and include the final phase of the R1,2bn BankCity development for First National Bank, Gemmin's R138m headquarters, a R36m block on Simmonds Street for Standard Bank and R16m worth of parking at Sanlam Centre.

Sanlam recently announced it was considering redeveloping the Ansteys site, but said it would retain the historic residential building on the site.

Johannesburg Consolidated Investments also recently said it was planning a multimillion office park in the CBD. To be known as Main Place, the site is behind the Magistrate's

Court.

On the retail side, the R39m Bridge shopping centre was opened recently and other plans under consideration include the R175m Metro Mall development, which is expected to be given the go-ahead in the near future.

Convert

The mall will convert the Newtown and Kaserne bus and taxi ranks into a retail and transport centre. The final plans for a R1,2bn trade and tourism centre on airspace from the Queen Elizabeth Bridge to End Street are also under consideration.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson also recently stressed the council's commitment to

the area by announcing it would spend R45m in the present financial year on 10 projects to boost the local economy and promote inner-city growth.

And, in another development, the CJP has established the Inner City Housing Upgrading Trust (ICHUT) to address "chronic inner city housing issues".

Johannesburg's inner city residential component is finely balanced — overcrowding, social tensions and a lack of community facilities are all warning signs for what could become an uncontrollable slide towards city ghettos.

The CJP says that, to a large extent, the solution lies in ownership and to facilitate this the ICHUT was established.

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Four held over AK-47s in minibus

Crime Staff

Police arrested four men and confiscated nine AK-47 rifles with about 500 rounds of ammunition on the East Rand early today.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said police seized the arms when they searched a minibus on the N17 highway near Springs at about 2 am.

He said if the men were

convicted of possessing the weapons they could face between five and 25 years in prison without the option of being fined.

Another cache has been found in Qwa-Qwa near the border between Lesotho and the southern Free State.

SAP spokesman Captain Johlene van der Merwe said the cache, which was buried about 1 km from the Monotsha border post, contained thousands of AK-47, R-1 and

.303 rounds, explosives, three mortar bombs, detonators and fuses.

The arms were old and rusty when they were dug up on Tuesday, she said.

In Tembisa today, the SAP and SADF cordoned off and searched the Sethokga hostel.

At the time of going to press, police had confiscated a homemade gun, a .38 Special revolver, dagga and a stolen vehicle.



Millions of rands missing

Sowetan 18/6/93

■ **300 SWINDLED** People pay deposits on properties that they will never have: (38)

By Joe Mdhlela
Consumer Reporter

POLICE are searching for a property developer who allegedly disappeared with about R1 million in deposits collected from prospective homeowners on the Reef. Mr Cyril Mtshali, managing director of Mepco Housing, allegedly collected money from more than 300 clients for houses he never built.

A police spokesman said yesterday Mtshali was being sought in connection with theft and fraud amounting to "probably millions of rands". "We are investigating the man on various charges of theft and fraud. We are working on hints and are hoping to make progress," he said. Police have also appealed to people who had paid money to Mtshali to report to John Vorster Square. Mtshali's operations allegedly involved placing expensive advertisements in several publications, telling home seekers his company could build them homes.

One of his victims, Mr Conrad Tlowana of Soweto, said yesterday they would co-operate with the police to track down Mtshali.

"We have no sympathy for Mtshali. We will do everything in our power to help police track him down," Tlowana said.

Sowetan has carried several reports on people who have complained that they have been swindled by Mtshali. Some of his "clients" have alleged they paid deposits ranging between R3 000 and R10 000.

Miss Thandi Maseko said she paid Mtshali R3 500 in 1991 as part of a deposit towards a house that was never built.

"When I insisted on a refund I was given a post-dated cheque which the bank refused to honour because of lack of funds," she said.

Director of Lawyers for Human Rights' housing unit, Mr Brian Leveson, has warned blacks to be vigilant when dealing with property developers. He said clients should not pay deposits directly to the developers but rather have them placed in a trust fund, a sure way of ensuring that they would not be swindled out of their money.

Brow's man met 'n plan

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By FERIAL HAFFAJEE and PAUL STOBER
MORE than 20 percent of the respondents in a survey conducted by a Wits University sociologist believe police in Hillbrow create tension, harass residents and are racist in their dealings with the community.

"So what's new?" many South Africans would ask. What is different in this case, is the response of the district commissioner of police responsible for the area.

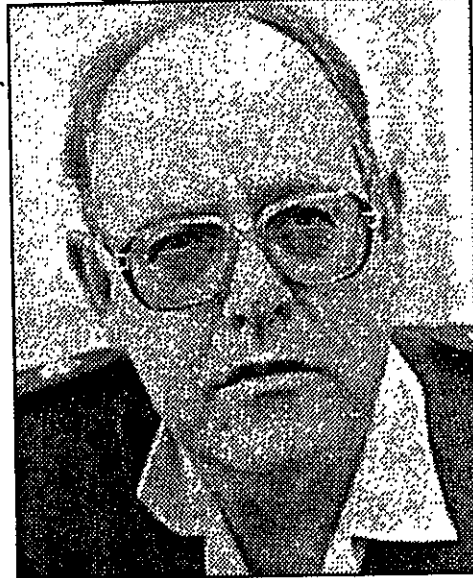
Brigadier Jac De Vries acknowledges that the findings may well be accurate. His task is to change these perceptions, he says, and to get the community involved in crime prevention.

De Vries was posted to Hillbrow (he is responsible for this and six other stations in the district) in December 1992, after being the district commissioner of Soweto. His policing style is all new South Africa, and community policing is his buzzword. De Vries plans to start a police forum where policing needs are hammered out by both residents and police officers.

Between 40 000 and 60 000 people live in Hillbrow and police stations are under-manned. De Vries estimates he needs 2 000 officers for effective policing in his district.

He faces some particular challenges: old (mostly white) residents say Hillbrow has become a "terrible place" while new black residents think its a "quiet, stable community".

He went to Wits' sociology and social work



Jac de Vries Photo: PETER MCKENZIE

departments knowing that the police did not have a good reputation at that institution. The Rand Afrikaans University would have been an easier option. "But I want to make new friends and I want to make Hillbrow a better place," he says.

He needed them to draw up a community profile and to find social solutions to the prostitution, drug, street-children and vagrant problems.

De Vries is a realist and says he presides over one of the most dangerous districts in the world. "I wouldn't walk around Soper Road alone," he says. The Wits survey shows that fear of crime is driving residents from the streets. It also shows that one in five residents has been mugged.

He is working to change his own officers, too. He has conferences with all his officers every two months, to stress the need for impartiality. Asked whether he would continue to be a policeman under a new government, De Vries replies: "As long as they allow me to remain a Christian and a policeman."

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Soweto shopkeepers told of crime indaba

By Mokone Molete

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A "crime summit" has been planned to address the situation in Soweto, the ANC's representative in the area Sidney Phuti said yesterday.

Addressing members of the Soweto Independent Shopkeepers' Association (Sisa), Phuti said details of the plan would be released shortly. In the meantime, he advised local business people not to be intimidated by "comrades" who demanded donations under the banner of the ANC.

"If anyone demands donations in the name of the ANC, his credentials should first be checked with us."

Phuti advised the shop-owners to involve them-

selves in community-related matters.

Former community councillor Steve Kgame also advised Sisa members to demand that premises they have been renting from the council be given to them. The rationale, he said, was that these were built on the basis that blacks would own them after occupying them for more than 25 years.

A contentious issue raised at the meeting was the development of business sites at railway stations. Sisa members were concerned about not being involved in the multimillion-rand project, but Transnet consultant Dave Lieberman promised further involvement of black business people in the project.

Highpoint gets police station

By Danielle Gordon

A police "contact" station has been opened in Highpoint shopping centre in the heart of Hillbrow in a bid to improve police effectiveness in Johannesburg's high-density flatland.

The new station, which is located at street level in space provided by Anglo American Property Services, is part of the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) effort to improve security in the inner city.

Tony Peepall of the CJP public safety task force said: "The station is situated in the heart of Hillbrow. From this strategic location, the police will be able to combat more crime and will also be more accessible to the community."

The SAP's Hillbrow station commander, Major EC Prinsloo, said the location could make policing in the area more efficient.

"Because the new facility can be used to detain up to eight people for short

periods, police are off the streets for less time after making an arrest."

While most shopkeepers in Highpoint welcomed the station, few shoppers were aware of its existence.

A sales assistant at Da Marco Shoes said she felt safer with the police close by, especially since her shop had been robbed twice in the past two years.

But none of the people queueing at Highpoint's automatic teller machines was aware of the new station.

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NEWS Insurance agents acquitted

R1-m could still become theirs

Sowetan 24/6/93

By Joe Mdhlela and Mzimkhulu Malunga

THE two former Sanlam employees who were yesterday found not guilty of murder and fraud, Mr Isak Kruger (31) and Mr Lukas Cornelius Loubser (27), may still collect the R1 million payout from the policies of the Witbank "scam" victims.

"We will not automatically pay them but should they put in a claim based on the policies and what the judge said, then we would reassess the claims," Sanlam's media relations manager, Mr Peter Schoombee, said.

Both men will not be reinstated to their jobs as they had resigned. Sanlam had paid R8 000 to each of the victims' families, Schoombee said.

Eighteen months ago, Witbank made headlines following the death of five black men who plunged to their deaths in a minibus driven by Loubser. Three men survived.

And that began the so-called insurance "scam" case, which implicated the former Sanlam insurance agents. The policies were worth R1 million.

The survivors said the inside door handles of the vehicle had been removed. They also said the windows had been painted black and there had been 50 litres of petrol in the minibus with them.

The survivors also claimed that Lukas Loubser had parked the vehicle on the side of the road close to a ravine.

He appeared to be checking the engine at the rear of the vehicle, when suddenly the minibus rolled down the cliff.

They also claimed that Kruger had followed them in another car.

The death of the five caused a furore. The African National Congress also entered the fray. Concerned that police appeared to be dragging their heels, the ANC urged police to speed up investigations.

Parents and political activists accused police of being reluctant to arrest Kruger and Loubser.

The ANC eventually succeeded in arranging a meeting with high-ranking police officers. Nineteen days later, the suspects were arrested and charged with fraud. They were each released on R5 000 bail.

At the instigation of the ANC, an investigation revealed that the vehicle had been "cleaned out" of any vital evidence that could help in making a strong case against the suspects.

Forensic scientist Dr David Klatzow said: "There should have been a lot of debris which is not here."

As the case progressed at the Witbank Magistrate's Court, the accused were confronted by angry crowds demanding to know "why did you kill our people?"

One broken old lady, whose son died in the fireball horror, said: "We suspect that justice will not be done."

This was after she had attended court for the hearing and was told the case had been postponed the previous day.

At one stage the court had to be cordoned off to prevent spectators from streaming to the hearing.

Part of the court evidence was that Kruger and Loubser had made themselves beneficiaries of policies issued in the names of the dead and injured.

Two weeks ago, Sanlam senior official Ms Hilda Louw gave evidence to the effect that Kruger and Loubser had taken out 17 policies for 17 people and that both were beneficiaries in all cases.

There was also evidence which suggested that the five victims who died had been given an intoxicating drink and snacks before the minibus left on its final journey.

Giving evidence for the State, Mr Lazarus Mmatli said the drink had made him feel dizzy.

Yesterday Kruger and Loubser were acquitted.



Kobus Kruger



Lukas Loubser



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PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander, who appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on fraud charges yesterday. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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THE Independent Broadcasting Authority Bill publicised by negotiators at the World Trade Centre on Wednesday, was yesterday welcomed by media lawyer Wend Wendland, who acts for the National Association of Broadcasters.

But Wendland cautioned that certain provisions of the Bill would cause problems for NAB members, which included M-Net, the SABC and Radio 702, and create confusion over the status of broadcasters in the TBVC states.

He said the Bill proposed to legislate the minimum amount of locally funded and produced programmes broadcast by SA radio and TV stations. Broadcasters currently relied on over-

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THEO RAWANA

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Alexander was fined R1 500 or six months, suspended for four years.

The Johannesburg Magistrate's Court heard that Alexander possessed a valid driver's licence. However, he had also received another document through the post, which turned out to be a forgery. This was the one he mistakenly carried on November 27 and produced when stopped by a traffic officer.

The document had been issued to a Dudu Mazibuko who had held a Code 11 driver's licence.

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Believing that someone had done this to discredit him he had sent a representative to apply for another document on his behalf. He then received the correct ID document.

However, on the day of the incident he had mistakenly taken the wrong one.

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Police 'had motive to stay silent on Goniwe'

PORT ELIZABETH — The security police clearly had a deep-seated motive for remaining silent on Matthew Goniwe's movements on the evening of his death, the judicial inquest into his slaying heard yesterday.

This was submitted by senior counsel for the SA Defence Force, Anton Mostert, who said the Port Elizabeth security branch had been monitoring Goniwe on June 27, 1985, the day he and three other men were stopped en route from Port Elizabeth to Cradock, and brutally murdered.

Former head of the Port Elizabeth security branch Col Harold Snyman denied security police had not volunteered information to the investigative team. He said there had been both communication and co-operation between investigators and the security police after the murders.

But Mike Hodgen from the attorney-general's office said that after making inquiries, he had found out that no one from the security branch had come forward and, on their own

initiative, provided any information to the investigating officers.

"If you say so, it must be true," replied Snyman.

Mostert said that either the security police monitors lost track of Goniwe on the evening of June 27 or they followed him until he and the three other activists with him were stopped and killed near Blue Water Bay.

"It is strange then that they have made no statement on the matter. It is after all the (security) police who could make the most valuable contribution regarding what happened in Goniwe's last hours, yet there is not a word about it."

"The fact that there is no such statement forthcoming proves the security police had a deep-seated motive to remain silent on Goniwe's movements on the evening of 27 June."

Snyman refused to comment on this submission. He earlier admitted it was possible that covert activities went on in the security police without his knowledge. — Sapa.

Civil action possible in minibus case

MARIANNE MERTEN

CIVIL action could be brought against the two former Sanlam insurance agents who were this week acquitted in the Pretoria Supreme Court of murder charges relating to a minibus accident near Witbank in which five men died, legal experts said yesterday.

Johannesburg Legal Resources Centre lawyer Odette Geldenhuys said the survivors of the crash or the dependants of those killed should contact the organisation if they wanted further action taken in the case.

Geldenhuys pointed out that the legal test in a civil claim was based on a balance of probabilities.

This was easier to prove than the "beyond reasonable doubt" test applied in a criminal case.

Isak Kruger and Lucas Loubser were found not guilty on murder, attempted murder and fraud charges on Wednesday after Judge T T Spoelstra said the State had not proven its case beyond reasonable doubt.

Alexander acquitted of ID-book fraud, forgery

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Court Reporter W. J. ... (38)

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander was yesterday fined R1 500 (or six months), suspended for five years, for contravening the Road Traffic Act.

Alexander (38) was acquitted on charges of fraud and forging an identity document.

After being sentenced in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court, Alexander said: "The most important and serious allegations, fraud and forgery, were dismissed by the court. I am happy my name has been vindicated."

He said he and his lawyers would consider appealing against the conviction.

The charges were brought against Alexander after traffic police on an East Rand highway caught him in pos-

session of a false identity document last November.

Alexander admitted that the document was not valid, and that it contained a code 11 driving licence, which Alexander did not have.

He said that he received the document in the post after putting in an application with the Department of Home Affairs.

Although Van Staden found that the department could not have issued the document, he said there was no evidence that it had been forged by Alexander.

He also found Alexander had no intention to defraud the traffic policemen when he showed them the document.

Alexander was convicted on the third charge because he was aware that the document was not valid, but failed to return it to the department.

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Crime rate drops sharply

Johannesburg's CBD crime rate has dropped sharply in the past 18 months, police said yesterday, attributing the crime decrease to "persistent efforts by the SAP and business community to combat crime". Police yesterday appealed to the public to continue co-operating with them. — Crime Reporter.

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Johannesburg CBD crime rate has dropped sharply

By Sapa 25/6/93

THE crime rate in the Johannesburg CBD has dropped sharply over the past 18 months, police statistics released yesterday show. (38)

Statistics comparing crime figures between January and May 1993 with the same period last year showed that housebreakings and ordinary theft had dropped 10% and armed robberies were down almost 16%. Vehicle theft declined by 12% and theft from vehicles by 25%.

Police said the drop was a result of "ongoing attempts by the SAP and

GAVIN DU VENAGE

business community to end crime in the area".

More than 500 policemen had been deployed since last March and additional manpower was added in January.

Initiatives such as Business Watch, the Tourist Protection Unit and the Smal Street satellite station had also helped.

Sapa reports a police statement as saying the close co-operation between the various police units operating in the CBD had proven a major factor in curbing crime.



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Sanlam: Anger over acquittals

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Sowetan Reporters

THERE was widespread anger yesterday over the acquittal on Wednesday of two white insurance agents on charges of murder and fraud in a case involving the death of five blacks and the injury of eight others.

"The judgment is outrageous and induces a sense of shock in that the finding is inconsistent with the facts," African National Congress legal adviser Mr Mathew Phosa said in reaction to the judgment.

He said Mr Justice T.J. Spolstra had "terribly misdirected himself" and therefore justice was not done.

"Since it is black lives involved there is a nonchalant attitude. If the victims were white the State machinery would have acted differently," Phosa said.

Mr Benny Ntoele of the Pan Africanist Congress said the judgment had come as no surprise because of the racism permeating South African society — including the

judiciary.

The Azanian People's Organisation described the acquittal as "mystifying".

Azapo's publicity secretary Dr Gomolemo Mokae said the organisation could not understand why the two men should be acquitted when in an "unusual set of circumstances, they took out insurance on their new employees and made themselves beneficiaries".

"No sooner was his insurance taken out than the five employees died in bizarre circumstances. Whereas the two gentlemen are on the threshold of wealth, the deceased's kin remain destitute," he said.

The victims' relatives are also shocked.

The mother of Mr John Ngobeni (27), one of the victims, yesterday told of her heartache over the court ruling. "I saw on television that the men had been freed. The extent of anger cannot be described. John was my second child and he was our breadwinner," said Mrs Anna Ngobeni.

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Papers stolen during siege

It was relatively simple for World Trade Centre organisers to repaint walls and replace windows after Friday's invasion — but yesterday they had to work out which negotiating documents had been stolen.

During their occupation of the Negotiating Council chamber at Kempton Park, right-wingers stole documents from delegates' tables, along with personal effects such as spectacles and pens.

Documents belonging to The Star's political correspondent, Esther Waugh, were among

those stolen. A photograph published in the Saturday Star clearly shows a uniformed woman paging through the file at Waugh's seat in the chamber.

Security was stepped up yesterday at the World Trade Centre following Friday's storming of the building.

The gates — which were previously left open — are permanently closed and now all visitors must identify themselves before they are allowed enter.

More policemen have been placed on guard in the chamber. — Political Staff.

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Soweto assaults up

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More than 1 000 cases each month

Staff Reporter

An average of more than 1 000 people a month reported assaults in Soweto in the first three months of 1993, according to figures released by the South African Police. (38)

The statistics show an increase over monthly figures for 1992 (see box).

But police media relations officer Major Joseph Ngobeni claims the police, with the help of the public, are getting to grips with the problem.

Murders

"While the statistics may show growth, the police believe that with the passing of time, and co-operation from the community, crime may well be defeated in Soweto," he said.

Murder figures are also high with more than 100 murders being reported every month.

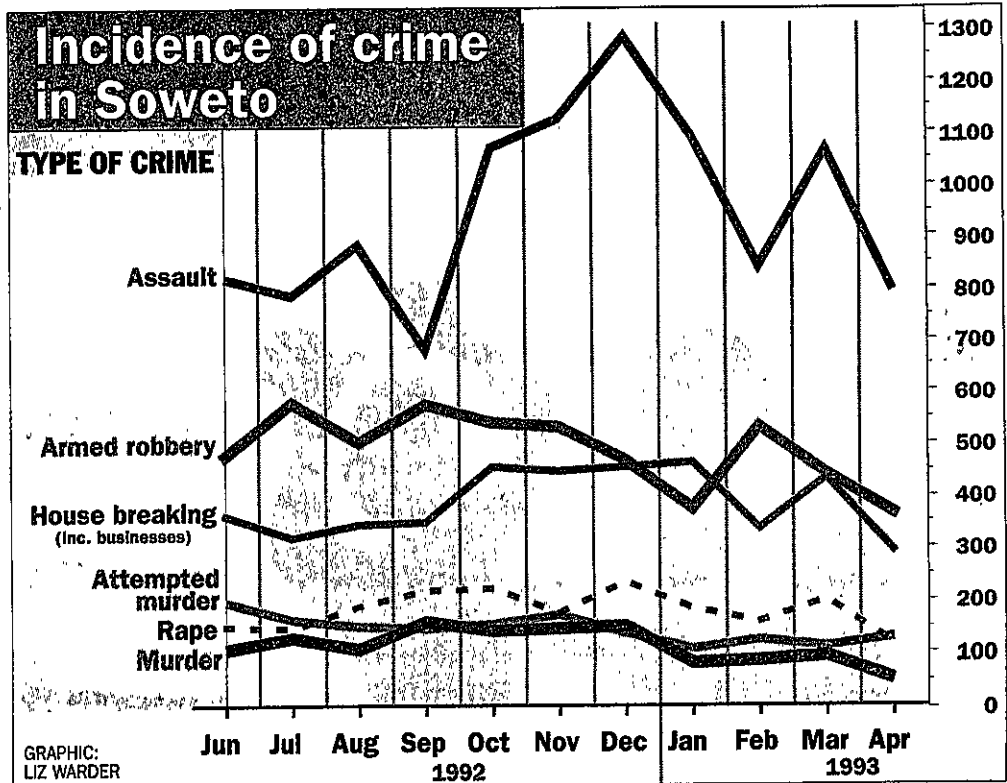
Figures for attempted murders are even higher.

The figures also show that more and more houses are being broken into. The figures reached a peak of 376 in January this year.

The lowest figure (19) was recorded in September 1992.

Armed robbery monthly figures averaged 400 last year while the highest figure for this year was 364, in March.

On the other hand, the Internal Stability Unit reports successes in the year ending April 1993. It recovered 575 vehicles, valued at R23 million, confiscated dagga worth R60 000 and recovered more than 600 weapons.



GRAPHIC: LIZ WARDER

Agents' claim 'legal'

By Mzimkulu Malunga

A CONTROLLED insurance principle that employers can take out a life policy for their employees, and make themselves beneficiaries, is central to the acquittal of two former Sanlam agents by a Supreme Court judge last week.

The acquittal sparked off widespread anger amongst political organisations, with many calling for an independent inquiry into the deaths of five black men near Witbank in January last year.

But in terms of a life assurance principle called insurable interest, an employer can take out a life policy for an employee and become a beneficiary as long as the applicant (employer) can prove "employer-employee relationship".

In the Witbank insurance "scam" former Sanlam agents Mr Isak Kruger (31) and Mr Lukas Loubser (27) had employed the victims through JIT Distributors but policy premiums were to come from Cosmic Developers, wholly-owned by Kruger.

The five were killed when a minibus driven by Loubser, plunged into a ravine.

Three survivors of the horror crash claimed handles inside the vehicle had been removed.

Loubser had been checking the engine at the rear when the vehicle rolled into the ravine. Kruger had followed in another car, claim the survivors.

Insurance experts said the former agents could still claim from the policies they look for all 13 of their "employees" which total R1 million.

When Kruger applied for the 13 policies he said the men were employed as sales representatives promoting "consumer articles" for JIT Distributors.

Sanlam's legal representative for the southern Transvaal, Mr Gerhard Pretorius, said the company would decide whether to honour the policies next week.

An official who did not want to be named was adamant there would be no payment to Kruger and Loubser. The two had resigned from the company

immediately after the "scam" and the policies were not valid and were only a month old when the men died.

It takes about three to six weeks for a policy to be confirmed by the insurer, he said.

"Due to their resignation we have no business with them whatsoever. We do not know where they are and what they are doing," the official said.

It is not clear how many days were left, at the time of the "accident", before the second premium payment which Kruger as the applicant on behalf of the 13 "employees" was required to honour.

Life Officers Association's executive director Julie Wessels said the judgment had no far-reaching implications for the life assurance industry.

He said the two men's case could have been strengthened by insufficient evidence by the prosecution which led to their acquittal on murder charges.

According to Wessels, Sanlam would have to prove to the court that the men's dealings had been illegal if it hoped to overturn last week's ruling.

"If Sanlam refuses to pay the men can



There was nothing remaining of the kombi after it crashed in flames.

sue the company," he said.

"The judgment is outrageous and induces a sense of shock in that the finding is inconsistent with the facts," said ANC's legal adviser Mathew Phosa.

He said the judge had "misdirected himself" and justice was not done. Pan Africanist Congress executive

committee member Benny Ncoele said the judgment came as no surprise because of racism permeating South African society.

Publicity secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, Dr Gornoleno Mokoae, described the judgment as "mystifying".

Town clerk backs civics

SOWETO Council town clerk Elizabeth Sithole yesterday came out in support of the Soweto Civic Association's call for an independent investigation into allegations of corruption in the council.

"As a public institution, the council has always conducted its operations openly, in the best interests of Soweto residents and has nothing to hide," she said. The administrator has given his support to the council's decision. *Sowetan* 29/1/93.

School delegation trapped

MEMBERS of the Parents, Teachers and Students Association of Kulani High School at Langa were trapped for more than an hour in a lift at the Department of Education and Training offices in Cape Town yesterday. They were on their way to the department to demand a high school building. The school was started in 1990 but they have never had a building in which to conduct classes. *Sowetan* 29/1/93.

Welfare employee charged

A 33-YEAR-OLD Department of Pensions and Welfare employee in Venda has been charged on 50 counts of fraud involving R20 000. Mr Muvhi Phungo allegedly defrauded the department and pensioners while employed as an issuing clerk. *Sowetan* 29/1/93.

Con-artist on the loose

THE Johannesburg municipality has warned residents to demand identity cards from all municipal personnel.

The warning follows a report that a con-artist masquerading as a municipal employee had duped a Berea man of R1 400, claiming it was to pay an electricity account. The man had excellent information about the man and knew exactly how much money he was owing. A municipal spokesman said accounts were never collected from homes and residents should only pay tellers at the rates hall.

Hostel arms haul

SECURITY forces recovered 14 firearms from hostels in Meadowlands in Soweto during routine operations on Wednesday night. Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday 15 people had been arrested and would appear in court soon. - *Sowetan Reporters and Sapa*. *Sowetan* 29/1/93.

Jo'burg CBD may soon be a Mecca — police

THE Johannesburg CBD could soon be one of the safest business and tourist venues in the country "and by comparison, in the world", SAP community relations chief Maj-Gen Simon Tsoka said yesterday.

Serious crime had been under control in central Johannesburg for some time and had been showing a consistent decrease, Tsoka told a John Vorster Square crime forum attended by business representatives and diplomats.

W/O Andries Potgieter said the number

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of tourist muggings in the CBD had dropped by almost 70% in the first half of the year, against the same period last year. He denied this was because there were no longer any tourists in the area, as suggested by one delegate.

Police tourist escorts were now wearing civilian clothing as tourists felt police might be targets for attack, he said.

Police were not prepared to divulge how

many muggings had been recorded in the city centre recently, but said the total number for the first half of the year was up by 2%. Potgieter said this was attributable to student marches in March when 300 attacks were reported.

Business and financial robberies had decreased by almost 80% in the same period, said Potgieter.

Units such as Business Watch, the tourist protection unit and the Smal Street satellite station were responsible for the decline in the crime rate, police said.

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Crime summit soon

By Montshiwa Moroke

The much-awaited summit on crime in Soweto is still on the cards and may take place in six weeks' time, steering committee member Kgabisi Mosunkutu said yesterday. (38)

The indaba is being organised by various community organisation in the townships.

Soweto police liaison officer Major Joseph Ngobeni has indicated the police would attend the summit if invited, as they were concerned with the prevalence of illegal weapons.

Mosunkutu said a number of events, including the assassination of SA Communist Party chief Chris Hani and the shooting of protesters outside Protea police station in the same month, had prompted the postponement.

"The matter is being dealt

with at branch level, not only in Soweto but also in the East Rand and all over the PWV."

He believed the recent switch-off of street lights by the TPA is clearly going to create conducive conditions for crime, especially in Soweto, to thrive.

"The situation in the townships is a complex one. It would be less complicated if we had a respected police force which enjoyed the support from the oppressed people," said Mosunkutu, adding it was the view of the SA National Civic Organisation that policemen who were not resident in the townships did not have a vested interest and were not wanted by the community.

"They have a secret agenda and are involved in an internal colonial policing. They must go and police their own areas and communities."

Armed men hold three hostage in Wits drama

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THREE people were held hostage when a group of armed men burst into a hall at Wits University looking for two trade unionists on Friday night.

It is believed the armed men were looking for two National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) officials, Mr Vusi Nhlapo and Mr Phillip Dexter.

By JACOB DLAMINI

The incident occurred when the three entered the reception area of the Jubilee Hall residence, where the union was holding its national congress.

Security officials at the university were alerted and gave chase but the men managed to escape.

The men produced firearms and pointed them at a security guard, the receptionist and a woman cleaner, who was mopping the floors. They forced the three into the receptionist's office and ordered them to lie face down.

Nehawu officials believe the incident may be connected to last year's TPA strike, which cost more than 30 lives and R5-million in damages to property.

No shots were fired during the incident, which lasted about 20 minutes.

"This is just a continuation of the harassment we suffered during the strike. We believe the incident is also connected to those scabs employed by the TPA during the strike," said Mr Dexter, general secretary of Nehawu.

"They were vicious and abusive. They ordered us to lie down and told us they were not looking for us but for union officials who had not arrived," said the security guard, who refused to be identified.

Firearm

He said union officials had received death threats and claimed that his licensed firearm was stolen from the union offices in central Johannesburg recently. "This is not just a bunch of angry people acting on their own, it is part of a campaign to eliminate us," Mr Dexter said.

The guard said the men ran away when a man walked into the foyer.

Mr Frank Bartlett, a security official at the university referred all inquiries to the public relations office at the university.

"This has never happened to me before and I am still shocked," said the security guard, who has worked as a guard at the university for eight years.

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40 arrested in pre-dawn raid

Sowetan 14/7/93

By Mzwandile Jacks

FORTY people were arrested during a pre-dawn raid in Tshiawelo, Soweto, yesterday morning.

Residents said police arrived at 1am and made arrests following the alleged killing of a man by a group of men at a "kangaroo court" in the township on April 5. (38)

Two men, Mr Isaac Ramusuela and Mr George Mabungu, were arrested on April 26 and charged with murder. They have since been released on R800 bail. Residents who were picketing at the gate of the Moroka police station said yesterday their houses were continually being broken into by thieves but the police had failed to make arrests. They also denied knowledge of the killing at a "kangaroo

court" in the area.

A resident, Mr Wiseman Pusako, said yesterday that the windows of his home were smashed during the raid.

"We are protesting because we want our friends and parents to be released," he said. (38)

A Colonel de Klerk at the Moroka police station told *Sowetan* yesterday that eight of the 40 people who were arrested had been released.

Probe unveils massive drug theft network

By JAMES BRITAIN

POLICE and investigators from the Witwatersrand attorney-general's office are on the verge of smashing a giant medicine smuggling racket.

One person has already appeared in court on charges related to the investigations. (38)

Deputy attorney-general Jan Henning said on Friday investigators had exposed a vast crime ring stealing medicines from, among others, state hospitals and the army.

"This thing is big — very big. Arrests are imminent," Mr Henning said.

SAP narcotics bureau officers in Johannesburg said they were not ready to speak about the syndicate, but they had made "good progress".

Mr George Dennis Simmons, former director of Medical Cash and Carry and former chief buyer for United Pharmaceutical Distributors, has been charged with the theft of R22 000 and an unknown amount of medicine from the state.

His case was postponed on Friday in the Johannesburg magistrate's court until October 19.

Nicro in new bid to fight Soweto crime

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By Montshiwa Moroke

As township violence escalates, the Soweto branch of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation for Offenders (Nicro) is planning to host a major crime awareness week scheduled to start on August 1.

Regional developer Shimane Kumalo said last week that Nicro's thrust had moved from waiting for people to go to jail to a more pro-active role of large-scale community involvement.

He said Nicro's main concern was the number of unemployed youths and those not attending school.

"We are worried about unemployment in the black

community and have formed alliances with various organisations to provide training skills to the youth and the unemployed, but these are still at a pilot stage.

"There is a correlation between the high unemployment rate and the high crime rate. However, unemployment is not the only cause of crime. There is a multiplicity of factors within an individual, his home and the community which can cause criminal behaviour," said Kumalo.

He said 250 letters had been sent to targeted churches in Soweto, and 24 others in Johannesburg with a view to making people aware of the high crime rate and its causes.

'hand-over' challenged

Soweto to get crime busters

By Tsale Makam

27/9/93

A WIDE spectrum of Soweto organisations decided at an anti-crime summit to form committees in the townships to play an active role in combating crime in the region.

The meeting was convened by Mr Sydney Phuthi, Soweto branch chairman of the African National Congress.

Politicised force
ANC PWV chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale said the police force had been politicised.

For this reason the community had lost faith in the police.

He said combating crime would be difficult as long as some of the criminals

“are wearing the police uniform”.
Soweto police liaison officer Major Johan Oosthuizen said the police were “doing their best to change our bad image”.

He encouraged people to report police misdemeanours.

Agreement was also reached that the township should only be policed by policemen who lived in Soweto.

In a statement afterwards, the Soweto anti-crime planning committee said mobile police stations would also be provided to informal settlements in the township.

Most representatives expressed dissatisfaction with the police force and agreed that to achieve the best results residents would have to work hand in hand with the police and in some cases be empowered to arrest criminals.

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'Our own men must police us'

Soweto crime in spotlight

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■ BY MOKONE MOLETE
SOWETO BUREAU

Soweto should be policed by policemen who are part of the community, a summit on crime resolved at the weekend.

Seventeen organisations, including the SAP and SADF, took part in the summit convened by the ANC's Soweto sub-region, following appeals by residents for the ANC to help curb Soweto's soaring crime.

Empowered

ANC Soweto sub-region chairman and summit convener Sidney Phuti said a contentious issue at the summit was the presence of soldiers in Soweto.

An SADF representative said troops were brought there at the invitation of the police.

It was decided that a meeting be convened to discuss the matter.

THE ANC convenes a weekend summit to combat crime, and delegates range from the SAP and SADF to local residents

The summit also resolved that: (38)

- Anti-crime committees be formed.
 - Residents be empowered to arrest suspects. This would be preceded by a workshop on conducting citizens' arrests.
 - Mobile police stations be established in squatter settlements.
 - A crime awareness campaign be embarked upon immediately.
- Phuti said the summit had been a success and proved that residents in the area were concerned and wanted to take part in crime prevention.

Leader tries to put halt to Soweto crime

BY MOKONE MOLETE
SOWETO BUREAU

Among the many hats ANC Soweto sub-region chairman Sidney Phuti wears is that of peace-maker.

A member of the local peace committee and convener of last month's Soweto crime summit, Phuti believes that violence can be contained with the help of the community.

Various organisations, including the police and the SADF, took part in the crime summit.

"We are in the process of implementing resolutions from that summit," Phuti said.

These include setting up a 24-hour crime centre.

"This will enhance community involvement in combating crime as they will be reporting incidents to this centre."

While waiting for these plans to come to fruition, Phuti in his capacity as the ANC's political

leader and peace committee member has intervened in situations that he said could have escalated into open war.

Among these are intervening in clashes between rival taxi associations and mediating in squabbles between Mzimhlophe hostel inmates and residents from the surrounding townships.

The latter intervention has resulted in a 24-hour radio link between the two groups, helping shop owners whose businesses are threatened by gangs.

Phuti points out that political leaders have also fallen foul of criminals. Soweto region committee members Funky Sekete and Basil Zuma were murdered and ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale and foreign affairs chief Thabo Mbeki's cars were stolen in Soweto.

He believes that once political violence has been contained, it will be a lot easier to deal with "ordinary" crime.

IFP leadership rejects AWB pact

Ulundi — The Inkatha Freedom Party national leadership yesterday distanced itself from a non-aggression pact signed between its Vereeniging branch and the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging on Saturday.

"The alleged pact is irregular and does not carry the sanction of the central committee or

the national leadership who are the only bodies with the authority to enter into such arrangements," the IFP central committee said in a resolution after an all-day meeting at Ulundi, KwaZulu. It said it had instructed its Transvaal leadership to investigate and report back on the matter. — Sapa.

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Anti-crime effort raises CBD image

A JOINT effort by the SA Police and big business has led to a sharp drop in levels of crime in Johannesburg's central business district. **B/day**

Major property owners in the area were confident that a changed perception of security within the CBD could see several major projects being given the green light. These included the upgrading of Eloff Street, the redevelopment of Newtown, and the Metromall project. **8/12/93**

Statistics released by the SAP showed there was a 77,9% decrease in armed robberies in the CBD during the first half of 1993 compared with the corresponding period last year.

Theft from vehicles declined 27,6%; there was a 10,8% drop in housebreakings, vehicle theft fell 0,6% and the level of other theft slipped 2,9%.

Property owners banded together in 1992 to form the public safety task group, a division of the Central Johannesburg Partnership. The aim of the group was to assist the SAP in dealing with the burgeoning crime wave in the area.

Anglo American Property Services MD Gerald Leissner said the lower crime levels could result in the retail trade becoming more enthusiastic about the group's Metromall project.

The R300m scheme involves the development of a major transport

ROBYN CHALMERS

node with facilities for formal and informal retail trade. Improved security would also help the hotel trade, said Leissner.

"Other positive spin-offs would be a drop in the number of people leaving the CBD for decentralised areas and an increase in the number of new entrants to the office market moving into the region. **(38)**

"In terms of rental levels, these rely on supply and demand and would only begin moving upwards once the surplus space in the area had been taken up," said Leissner.

Old Mutual investments manager Tommy Osborne said the lower crime levels would boost the image of the area and could help decrease vacancy levels in the medium to longer term.

"In the new SA, employees will have a far bigger say in the location of offices. The CBD has the transport facilities to cater for workers, and organisations moving out of the area will be faced with major commuter problems in the future," he said.

A Sanlam spokesman said the outlook for the CBD had improved markedly over the past year. The organisation had recently concluded a deal with Absa whereby the banking group would take up 25 000m² in the Trust Bank and Sanlam Centres.

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Sexwale pledges to tackle Jo'burg's high crime rate

ADRIAN HADLAND

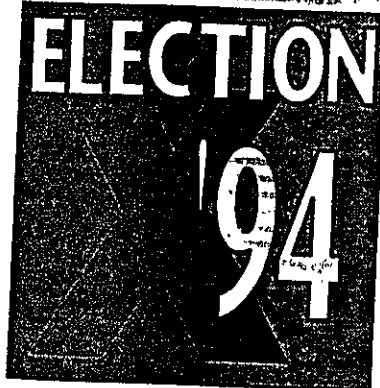
THE combating of crime in Johannesburg would be a priority of the new regional government, likely PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale said yesterday.

With the ANC maintaining a "commanding position" in the regional poll late yesterday, a confident Sexwale said the control of political and criminal violence was essential to enhancing Johannesburg's status and dignity as the likely provincial capital.

Speaking at the ANC's media centre at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg, Sexwale said the city was "the commercial heartland of the province, the country, the subcontinent and of sub-Saharan Africa".

He confirmed the ANC would formally propose Johannesburg as the provincial capital at the first scheduled meeting of the regional government on Thursday this week.

Dealing with the PWV's 45% unem-



employment rate would also contribute to a lowering of the crime rate, he said.

In this regard, the help of the private sector would be sought while the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises would be encouraged.

Part of the estimated R30bn of investable funds held by financial institutions and "looking for a home" could also be utilised to address the

unemployment factor, he said.

He added the self-defence units that had been set up in the townships in recent months would be gradually phased out. "There is no future for the SDUs, they are no longer necessary."

Sexwale said the creation of a legitimate police force and army meant that SDUs no longer had a role to play in the defence of the citizenry.

The ordinary people, students and workers who had made up the SDU forces would attempt to "pick up the pieces" of a normal life.

Sexwale also appealed to the right wing to join in the new dispensation.

"Put your guns aside, this is the time for building."

He warned, however, that while the ANC did not want to "cross swords", the right wing would be making a serious mistake if it thought business would go on for it "as usual".

Sexwale said the central objectives of the new provincial government would be addressing the issues of unemployment, security and stability, education, health and housing.

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BY CHERYL HUNTER

If things continue as they are into the new South Africa, many people will soon find themselves out of jobs — including policemen, traffic officers, hospital staff and crime reporters.

All because the crime rate in the PWV area has remained at a low since the beginning of last month's election.

Hillbrow Hospital superintendent Dr Emma Bondarenko said the hospital had been "really

Scarcity of crime poses threat to jobs

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quiet" in the past three weeks.

Baragwanath Hospital spokesman Adri Potgieter said it too had been exceptionally quiet until Tuesday, when the hospital was kept busy through the night by partygoers wounded by stray

gunfire.

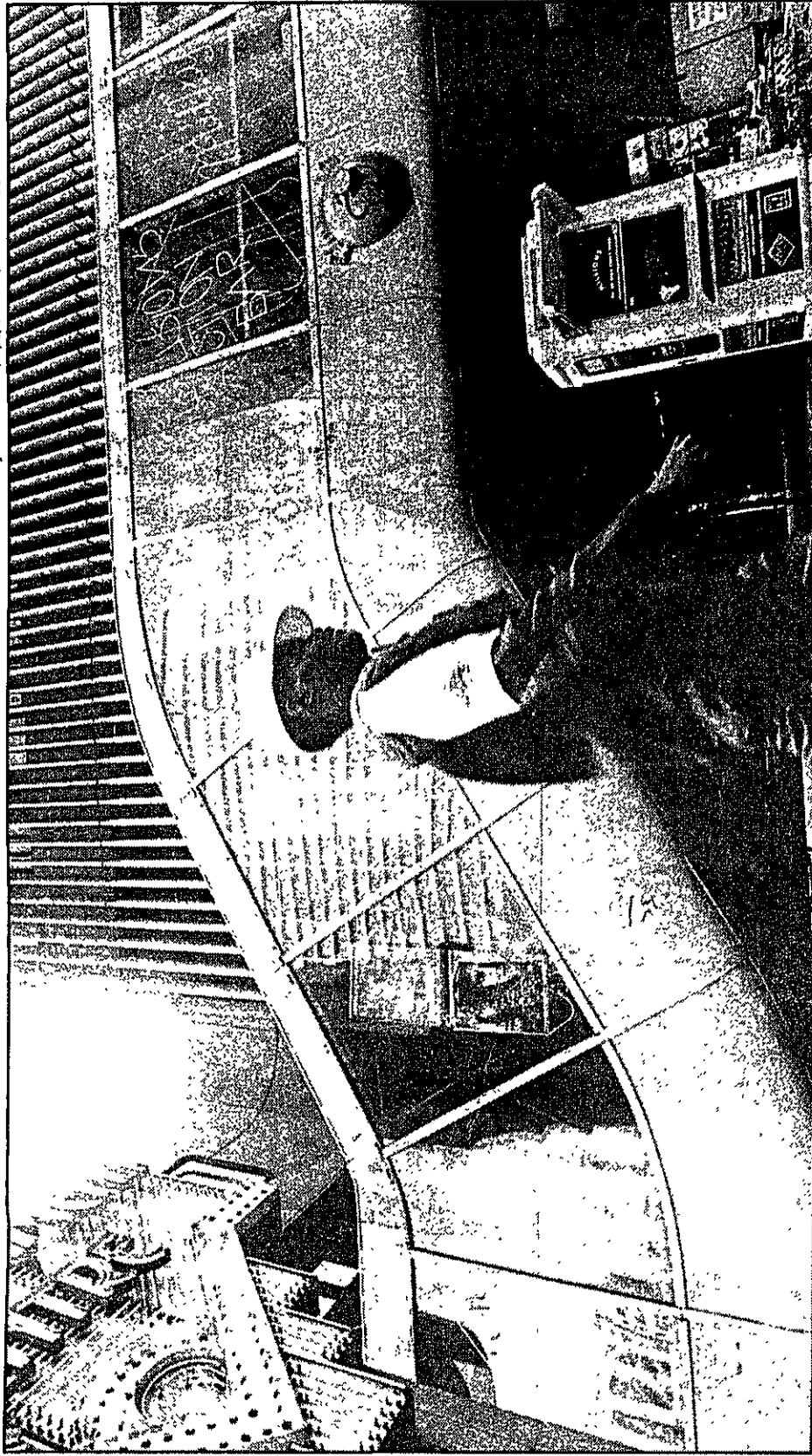
Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said crime was "almost non-existent" in the PWV area and attributed this mainly to increased policing.

Witwatersrand police spokes-

man Colonel Eugene Opperman added that the atmosphere in the region was currently "relaxed and happy", but that this would disappear after a while.

Lloyd Vogelmann, director of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation at the University of the Witwatersrand, said the reasons for criminal violence — "massive unemployment, widespread poverty and the perception that criminals can get away with their crimes"

— were still in existence.



On the beat . . . one of the CJP security guards patrols the inner city yesterday.

PICTURE: RUVAN BOSHOFF

New force on guard against crime

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■ METRO STAFF

The Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP), which is an alliance of business, municipality and community, has put a new brand of security officer on the beat in the area linking the inner city's two major tourist hotels. The guards wear bright yellow and green uniforms and are there to support the police where necessary.

They have more to offer than conventional security skills. The CJP boasts that "they will be able to assist any visitor wanting to find out more about Johannesburg's attractions or emergency services".

The squad of 40 will patrol

the area around the Carlton Centre and northwards to Jeppe Street, between Von Wielligh and Kruis streets, virtually on a 24-hour basis.

Brian Sharkey of the Carlton Centre said the move was intended to combat the perception that Johannesburg was an un-

safe city. "This view must change and, hopefully, with the introduction of the new guards, visitors will take note that something is being done."

CJP executive director Neil Fraser said Johannesburg's designation as a regional capital had heightened interest in the

city. The Star's photographer, Ruvan Boshoff, can vouch for security in the Sinal Street Mall than your average tourist, he was trailing the new crime bus-ters to photograph them in action. Eventually, he got the feeling he was being followed.

Sure enough, two plainclothes policemen had identified Boshoff as a mugger's dream and taken him under their protective wing.

Keeping the peace — but not their wallets

Stephen Laufer

JOHANNESBURG'S central business district is more dangerous than the East Rand townships and the Natal Midlands together, if the experiences of United Nations observers in South Africa are anything to go by.

As skilled mediators, it is their job to monitor rallies and political meetings in the country's hot spots, and the observers have often been a thin blue line of peace and mediation between Inkatha, the ANC and the police.

But nothing seems to have prepared them for the hazards of the short walk from the Holiday Inn Garden Court Hotel, where they are staying, to their offices in the Carl-

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ton Centre. No demonstration and no political rally can compare with the dangers of Johannesburg's Smal Street mall, it seems.

In the past year, "muggings have been in the 20s", according to UN security co-ordinator Hamish Cameron. Last Saturday alone, three UN observers are reported to have been attacked on their way from their hotel at the corner of Pritchard Street to their offices, just four blocks away.

One official is reported to have fought fiercely with his attackers, his calls for help going unheeded.

Perhaps most embarrassing of all for the international civil servants is the non-political nature of the violence they must report to their

New York headquarters.

The attacks have been muggings, plain and simple, said Cameron.

"We have no indication of deliberate targeting of UN observers," he said.

His advice to his colleagues now was "hand over your wallet".

The temptation to attack the UN observers was great, explained another member of the mission. "We have lots of different faces from lots of different places — we look like tourists," he said.

Now the observers are being advised to keep a low profile, and do as little as possible to attract attention to themselves. Bright blue jackets and caps, it seems, are reserved for use in the strife-torn townships.

Tidal wave of crime

Minister wants 40 000 extra policemen for PWV

BY DUNCAN GUY and SHIRLEY WOODGATE

AS FAST as police stamp out crime in some area it simply spills over into the next - Jesse Duarte

The horrific tally of murder, hijacking, robbery, theft and rape on the Reef at the weekend has shown up strongly the worsening spiral of crime this year. The crime wave has left virtually no area untouched. The violence ranged from the killing of five armed policemen on the beat, to the death in hospital of pensioner Norman Price after a savage attack in a secluded old age home in Montgomery Park last week.

Over the past eight months, PWV Public Safety and Security Minister Jesse Duarte is to meet the police on Friday to thrash out guidelines for a campaign involving entire communities.

She is pressuring the Government to boost the PWV police force by about 14 000 new recruits by the end of the year after discovering that Soweto's 4 million residents were protected by only 5 500 policemen, and a population of 820 000 in nearby Diepkloof relied on 225 policemen to keep the peace.

Police now feel particularly vulnerable — and are at a loss as to why police patrols are still being attacked three months after the election.

Before the election there was always the excuse of the political climate. But what is the excuse now? Combrink asked. In July the toll reached

eight — five of whom were killed at the weekend. He blamed the situation directly on the "excessive availability of firearms" and called on communities to oppose attacks on policemen.

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After counting the weekend death toll, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrink yesterday asked the public to explain the attacks on police.

Ten policemen were killed on the Witwatersrand in June, but the toll has been down to single figures since March.

The Transvaal secretary of SAGA, Bob Nixon, urged stricter enforcing of the Arms and Ammunition Act. A major problem was catches

Anna Louw reports from the East Rand that three people were killed in crime-related attacks at the weekend. A Germiston man shot dead an intruder who tried to attack him with a steel pipe in his garden after midnight on Saturday. Police said S P du Toit (47) was awakened by his son who told him he had heard someone fighting outside. Du Toit

On Friday a plainclothes policeman was shot dead in Repetoria in central Johannesburg. He tried to arrest a man attempting a robbery. The would-be robber was also killed.

The early morning murder of two policemen who died in a hail of bullets while investigating a murder in Motokeng Street, Orlando East, Soweto, on Saturday. A bystander and a

Combrink also called for special punitive measures against people who attack the police. About 151 policemen have been killed countrywide since April, and 279 were slain last year.

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In KwaThema, Emmanuel Nkosi (50) was stabbed to death by unknown attackers at the weekend, police said.

A Verwoerdburg girl (8) was abducted in the course of a mini-bus hijacking, a Mamelodi girl (6) was raped and then murdered and 19 people were locked in a strongroom while the robbers escaped with R160 000 in Sunnyside.

The Star's Pretoria Correspondent reports that in one of the worst weekends in months, Northern Transvaal police responded to 45 robbery, 82 car-152 car-burglary incidents.

In Vereeniging, a 34-year-old good Samaritan who offered food and shelter to an apparently homeless couple was overpowered and raped on her property near the Barrage at about 2 am on Saturday.

Two members of the SAPS in Turfontein followed the killing of two policemen who died in a hail of bullets while investigating a murder in Motokeng Street, Orlando East, Soweto, on Saturday. A bystander and a

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ANC crime Sowetan 5/8/94 campaign

THE ANC PWV region has formulated an extensive anti-crime drive to be introduced by September 5.

The plan, announced at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, proposes close cooperation between communities and the police. It will also involve the business

sector, churches, taxi associations and shebeens.

ANC deputy secretary Obed Bapela said anti-crime forums would be established in conjunction with community policing forums comprising members of the community and the police.

These forums would conduct joint patrols, searches, roadblocks and crime investigations in residential areas, townships and cities.

Bapela said communities would be encouraged to come forward with information on crime.

The region also challenged Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi's statement that current legislation pertaining to the licensing of weapons would not be changed.

Bapela said the law was flawed and that the clause allowing citizens to acquire licences for up to 12 firearms had to be abolished.

"Unfortunately we differ quite sharply with the Minister of Safety and Security when he said ... the legislation is not going to be tampered with."

Bapela also said stricter measures had to be enforced to control the proliferation of illegal weapons.

The ANC would present recommendations on gun control to Parliament on August 23.

The region supported Mufamadi's call for the borders of Mozambique and Swaziland to be closed to control the smuggling of weapons into South Africa. — Sapa.

Minister's report paints chilling picture of lawlessness in some areas of SA

20 000 murders last year

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BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
and ESTHER WAUGH

Cape Town — One person was murdered every hour in the Transvaal last year, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has revealed.

A breakdown of crime reported to PWV police stations has painted a chilling picture of lawlessness in some areas of the province. Mufamadi yesterday vowed to improve the conditions of policemen working in "flash-point areas", and announced

that marches by police and the communities they served were planned in a joint stand against crime.

The minister said 20 363 people had been murdered in South Africa last year. He did not differentiate between criminal and political murders.

In the Transvaal last year 8 879 people were murdered — an average of slightly more than one every hour. The figures for the other three provinces then in existence were Natal 5 633, Cape 4 757 and Free State 1 094.

Responding to a written question by Democratic Party MP Douglas Gibson, Mufamadi also provided a breakdown of the cases handled by all police stations in the PWV last year.

Three East Rand townships stood out — Kaitshong and Tokoza, south of Alberton, and Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

The Kaitshong police station received 1 088 reports of murder — an average of nearly three a day and the highest in the region. The same station investigated 1 456 robberies.

Murdered in 1993	PWV police-station murder reports in 1993
Transvaal 8 879	Kaitshong 1 058
KwaZulu/Natal 5 633	Tokoza 337
Cape 4 757	Tembisa 337
OFS 1 094	

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Police in Tokoza, which is alongside Kaitshong, reported 598 murder reports and those in Tembisa also on the East Rand, recorded 337 murder reports. The figure in Alexandra was 314, with 229 rape

cases. Police in Tembisa investigated 293 rape cases. In Soweto, police at Morija received 286 murder reports, 1 298 of serious assault, 607 of rape and 1 327 of robbery. At Jabulani, police were called

out on 207 murder cases and 110 rapes. The murder figure for Hillbrow was 689, while the same station probed 72 cases of culpable homicide, 920 of assault, 1 705 of common law, 286 of rape, 617 of robbery, 2 785 of vehicle offences, and 838 of housebreaking. The highest theft figure was in Johannesburg, which had 1 240 cases, while the highest murder figure was in Soweto, with 1 298 cases. Other high murder figures were in East Rand (607), Orangeburg (598), and Tembisa (337).

(245), Jeppe (134 and 93), Vosloorus (127 and 113), Halfway House (147 and 67), John Vorster Square (108 and 153), Kruisfontein (92 and 70), Krugersdorp (64 and 119), Kaagstruip (82 and 92), Randfontein (108 and 215), Westmaria (106 and 70), Roodepoort (121 and 102), Dobsonville (75 and 129), Elitroop (83 and 177), Tembisa (62 and 89), Kwa-Treyers (64 and 127), Boshart (60 and 117), Evaton (82 and 133), Orange Farm (60 and 78) and Vanderbijlpark (56 and 120).

Mobile police stations posted on CBD streets

BY CHAMEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

A new drive to curb crime in the city centre was launched yesterday when the police introduced mobile stations around Johannesburg's CBD.

Police hope the presence of the bright yellow stations on the streets will reduce crimes like mugging, pickpocketing and vehicle theft.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kobus Peché, Johannesburg's district co-ordinator for crime prevention, said the stations would be staffed by two police officers.

and another 13 policemen attached to these "compact points" would patrol the vicinity and react to complaints.

"They will be deployed in different hot spots with a section of policemen under the command of a sergeant," he said.

All patrols would be in radio contact with the mobile station, said Peché.

He added that the mobile stations had proved extremely successful in Pretoria and police at John Vorster Square station were confident they would work in Johannesburg too.

Some of the mobile stations would be at one spot for only a few hours while others would remain for longer periods in high-risk areas, said Peché.

An analysis of last year's crime statistics for the city has given the police a good idea of where they should be focusing their energies.

The area bounded by Ms. Green, Mool, Commissioner and Thoye streets was found to be the most crime ridden. From February to December last year, 281 business burglaries, 10 residential burglaries, 349 muggings, six murders, 13

rapes, 49 bank robberies and 51 other robberies (including hijackings) in this area were reported to the John Vorster Square police station.

The area between Jeppe, King George and Fraser streets, bordered in the north by the Transnet Railway Museum, has also been identified as high risk.

Thirty one murders, 29 rapes, 147 muggings, 257 business burglaries, 92 bank robberies, 94 other robberies, 490 thefts, 224 thefts out of motor vehicles and 227 thefts of motor vehicles were reported in this area last year.

Her inner-city home has become a jail

BY BONGWINE MILANGENI
CITY REPORTER

After each working day, Mpho returns to her inner-city flat, locks the main security gate, looks the main security gate, looks her front door and settles down to a quiet night watching television.

A prisoner in her own home, crime forces her to stay there until the morning when she leaves for work. When Mpho — not her real

name — first moved into her bachelor flat two years ago, she thought she had found herself a convenient home. All the supermarkets and banks were a stone's throw away from her Joubert Park home.

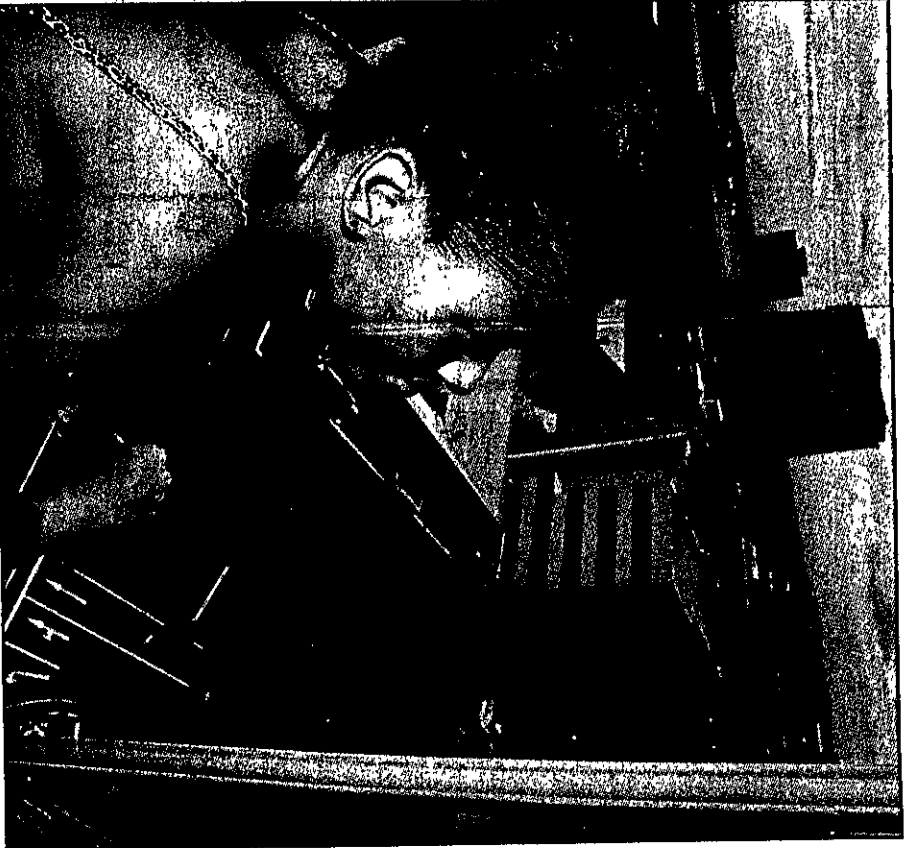
But, what should have been a haven has turned into a jail. Today, she only watches the high-rise buildings and the busy streets from her window. From there she has seen numerous shootings, even more muggings.

Walking to a nearby supermarket or taking a morning stroll is unthinkable. She has been 100 many corpses, dunks for many times at the sound of gunfire... and really sickeningly. Her paranoia is expertly encouraged by thousands of inner-city residents.

Mpho says just the thought of walking through Johannesburg makes her cringe. But locking herself up in her home does

not make her feel any better. "I can no longer go and buy bread in a supermarket around the corner, or walk to Eloff Street and pay all my accounts, and do some shopping."

Even if she's just popping in to her home, she parks her car in the garage. Two murders in the streets is enough to find your car vandalised or gone. There are vulgures out there waiting to make a meal out of you.



Prisoner... too afraid to venture outdoors after dark, Hillbrow resident Mpho looks at the buildings and busy streets from her window. PICTURE: RUVAN BOSHOF

Residents want 'war on crime'

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■ BY ANNA COX

Residents of Johannesburg's north-eastern suburbs have threatened to take the law into their own hands if something is not done to curb the area's rising crime rate.

This follows the cold-blooded murder of a Rembrandt Park teenager last week.

Andrew Goldman (19) died after being shot by hijackers outside his girlfriend's house in Lyndhurst. He was hit three times in the leg, chest and head.

Infuriated residents have called an urgent meeting on Wednesday involving senior officials of the Gauteng legislature and top policemen.

Lawlessness

Sandringham community police forum chairman Leon Chapman said crime had reached unacceptable levels and residents were now demanding that something be done.

"If something is not done, residents will start taking the law into their own hands.

"We cannot sit back and watch our children being cold-bloodedly murdered in front of our eyes.

"We are here to declare war on criminals. We will no longer tolerate this lawlessness. We want to feel safe in our suburbs," he said.

The meeting will be held at Sandringham High School on Wednesday at 8 pm.

Alex, Lombardy Star 2/3/95 targets for Duarte

■ POLITICAL STAFF

The Greater Johannesburg areas of Lombardy East and Alexandra are to receive priority attention as Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte gets down to action in line with President Mandela's tough anti-crime stance.

Duarte said on Tuesday that the crime rate had risen "dramatically" in these two areas and she would be discussing solutions with police officers operating there.

"Stepping up the presence of security personnel may, I'm afraid, cause some disruption for the public. But I believe it is vital if we are to ensure the safety of the broad populace."

Duarte said that she expected there might be further attempts

at civil disruption in Gauteng, "given the recent past".

Having been closely involved in decisions to counter recent unlawful actions, such as the occupation of empty State-owned housing in Lenasia, she has issued a warning that the security forces will be deployed in similar situations in future.

"I will be meeting with generals and other senior officers from the South African Police Service and the South African National Defence Force as soon as possible to discuss the situation in our province.

"We are going to be particularly tough on those who show no respect for the law, those who barricade roads, plan bus boycotts or try to set up settlements in the streets," Duarte warned.



Solidarity . . . SA Police Union members protest outside Jo'burg's John Vorster Square police station yesterday

PICTURE: DEBBIE YAZBEK

bers and that they realise that we are the pillar of strength on which the community is built. They can show they recognise this by giving us more money," Brandt said.

More than 30 000 Sapu members countrywide have embarked on the go-slow with detectives and uniformed police joining the action in eight of the nine provinces.

The union claimed that the low rate of pay encouraged police corruption when criminals

on the street had large sums of cash available to tempt police officers.

The union wants better living and working conditions for its members and the payment of a special bonus of about R350 each annually.

A task group was established by national Police Commissioner George Fivaz, Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg and several other ministers and this week to look into the dispute after the go-slow, be-

ginning in the Eastern, Western and Northern Cape, Gauteng and Kwazulu-Natal, spread rapidly to the North West, Northern Transvaal, and Free State.

Brandt received a mandate from the crowd yesterday to allow the task group one week to provide solutions to the problems.

Union members also agreed to meet again next Friday.

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Murder, (38)

mayhem in Jo'burg

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BY ESTHER WAUGH

Cape Town — Crime figures for the northern suburbs of Johannesburg show that 3 130 cars were stolen and 3 932 housebreakings took place in the area last year.

Statistics released in Parliament yesterday also indicated that 249 murders were committed between January and November 1994 in Sandton, Bramley, Wynberg, Alexandra and Lombardy East.

In a written reply to National Party Senator Dr Gerrit Koorhof, figures supplied by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Muthamadi showed that the biggest number of cars — 1 397 — in the northern suburbs were reported stolen to the Sandton police station.

The same police station also received the highest number — 1 047 — of reported housebreakings in these areas. Bramley police station reported the second highest number of housebreakings — 1 298 — as well as the second highest

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number of car thefts at 952.

Yesterday Democratic Party MP Douglas Gibson slammed the size of the police budget.

Gibson told the National Assembly that, taking inflation into account, there had been a large reduction in the police budget compared to last year.

In written replies to Gibson, figures released by Mufamadi showed that the largest number of rapes in the country last year, 7 618, was reported on the Witwatersrand.

The number of murders on the Witwatersrand last year — 4 727 — was marginally smaller than the highest number — 4 988 — reported in KwaZulu-Natal.

A squatter community has declared its own state of emergency, including a curfew enforced by self-defence units, in a bid to fight crime. VICTOR KHUPISO reports



Joy is where folk stay home at night

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AS DUSK falls on the ragged skyline of the Winnie Mandela squatter camp near Tembisa, armed bands of young men take to the streets.

Residents greet them with a smile or a small gift of food. They, in turn, politely ask anyone about after 8pm the nature of their business, and where they live.

And they listen for the whistle blast that will signal a resident in trouble.

This week residents declared an 8pm to 5am curfew on themselves in an attempt to curb a crime wave terrorising the camp, and set up self-defence units to enforce it.

The "state of emergency" was declared at a meeting last Sunday when angry residents said they'd had enough of the death and destruction criminals brought to the camp.

The camp, of more than 10 000 people, was established two years ago. It enjoyed a reputation as a peaceful community after residents adopted "laws" that expelled anyone found to be involved in criminal activities.

There were also a number of instances when residents took the law into their own hands and necklaced people suspected of crimes.

But the level of crime in the area has soared since camp leader Paul Manana, seen recently on TV greeting Winnie Mandela at Johannesburg airport, was shot dead outside his home in Hospitalview last month. Earlier he had been in dispute with another squatter leader over money raised from the community. Several people have been killed since his death.

A spokesman for the Camp Residents Committee, who asked not to be named, said that it was generally felt that crime should be stopped at all costs.

"We have seen an avalanche of crime where people have been attacked in their shacks, women raped and other sorts of crimes which we never had in this area."

He said the defence units patrolled particularly dangerous spots at night.

"There are certain areas where we often get crimes, so the responsibility will be to patrol such places."

The defence units should not be seen as enforcers or intimidators but as protec-

tors of the community, he said.

At the meeting emotions ran high when some residents insisted that in crimes deemed particularly heinous, public executions should be held to deter would-be criminals.

Instead, the curfew option was adopted and residents agreed to donate money towards the needs of the units.

They also suggested that anyone who was out after 8pm for genuine reasons such as returning late from work should carry a whistle to alert the defence units and residents when attacked.

The units were also authorised to check for weapons. Anyone found with an unauthorised weapon would be handed over to residents for appropriate punishment.

When the Sunday Times visited the camp after 8pm on Friday, defence unit members were out patrolling the dark, dusty streets on foot and bicycles.

Nomazwe Mdluli, a spaza shop owner, said she supported the curfew. "I was robbed twice last month, something that never happened to me since I started trading in 1993.

"The situation was so bad I was forced to close as early as 6pm. It became a common thing to hear of murder and rape. We have been living in fear for a long time.

"The curfew and patrols at night will help us a lot because it is the time when most of us are attacked.

"I'm now optimistic about the future. People might say many things, but it is us who were suffering. We are now safe," Mrs Mdluli said.

Joan Moabi said she was delighted with the curfew and defence units, and that she could now sleep without fear of attack.

"Our lives were miserable because our shacks were raided by people calling themselves 'comrades'. When they entered, they demanded money and raped women. It was just not safe.

"I was thinking of moving out of the area, but did not have an alternative. The patrols have really made us confident. I'm feeling safer now than before. This is a modern method of fighting crime.

"Even if police do come to investigate a crime it is difficult for them because the shacks are close together. The defence units are local people who know the place," Mrs Moabi said.

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Crime moves away from well-patrolled Johannesburg CBD area

Superblock deters criminals

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BY CHARMIEELA BHAGOWAT
CITY REPORTER

The killing of two policemen during an arms raid in Johannesburg's President Street last week caused an outcry about the escalating crime rate in the city centre.

It highlighted the extent of the city's increasing problem with crime and a definite shift in criminal activity from within the intensely policed Superblock to the areas that border it.

"Crime has definitely moved outside the Superblock — to Hillbrow and the areas closer to



Mayfair and Fordsbury," said Lieutenant-Colonel Johan Nel, head of John Vorster Square's Crime Prevention Unit. "The shooting — and the mug-

ging of three Star staffers in Joubert Park and the outskirts of Hillbrow in the same week — occurred outside the police's new Superblock which started functioning in the CBD in February.

Nel told The Star yesterday that crime within the Superblock, which relies on intensive visible policing within specific city blocks, had decreased.

There was a clear indication that criminal elements were now operating outside the Superblock.

In reply to questions from The Star, Central Johannesburg

Partnership (CJP) executive director Neil Fraser said it seemed as though the Superblock concept had to be multiplied throughout the city — which is what police plan to do.

The CJP's original approach to curbing the high crime rate was to pressure the Government into deploying more police in the inner city.

That effort failed, he said, because there were still not enough policemen to spread around.

Fraser still believed intensive visible policing was the answer as it had worked in other major

cities around the world.

Nel said police were also investigating new and innovative ways of curbing crime because even if hundreds of policemen were put on the streets, the city's high density hindered effective policing.

But, in the meantime, all the police could do was deploy as many policemen as possible outside the Superblock area in an attempt to stem the exodus of criminals to the outskirts of the central area.

The Superblock is bordered by Main, Von Weizsaecker, Jappe and Russik streets.

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Parliament — a moving experience

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WILLEM STEENKAMP
Weekend Argus Reporter

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DISMANTLING the pillars of apartheid has acquired a whole new meaning in parliament with the theft of office equipment, watches, the odd television set and personal property rocketing over the past year.

Such is the increase in theft from the passages of power that the standing joke now doing the rounds is that the possible move of parliament from Cape Town to Pretoria may be pre-empted — there may be very little left to move.

Senior deputy secretary of parliament Kasper Hahndiek finds little humour in the situation.

"The increase in theft is not only an embarrassment — it reflects poorly on the image of parliament here and internationally.

"This is a very serious situation and we have called in senior security consultants from the police to advise us on steps to take to bring the situation under control.

"We have had more than 24 reported cases of theft from parliament in less than a year and in many cases people do not report thefts or do not want to lay charges," said Mr Hahndiek.

In the most recent case a R70 000 closed-circuit television camera was ripped from a wall. Other thefts include books, computer equipment, tape recorders and TV sets.

Minister gears up anew ^(7/6) against ⁽³⁸⁾ crime ^{AR 6/5/95}

Weekend Argus Political Staff

PRETORIA. — The government is going to deploy additional soldiers and police in specific crime-ridden areas in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal — and, if need be, police will be given more powers.

"We cannot wait until political disputes have been settled before acting against crime in specific areas," Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi said at a Press conference here yesterday.

Mr Mufamadi said as a result of the cabinet's decision to place a greater focus on combating crime, the SA Police Service (Saps) set about formulating a Community Safety Plan (CSP) to provide additional and more effective crime combating measures in flash-point areas.

A Joint Security Staff meeting comprising Saps, SANDF, correctional services, intelligence services and justice department officials will meet today to discuss the practical details of intensifying the fight against crime in these flash-points areas.

The plan makes provision for:

■ High-density patrols by the Saps and SANDF;

■ Stationary and mobile roadblocks;

■ Door-to-door searches; and,

■ A Rapid Reaction Safety Services Component (RRSSC), consisting of members from the intelligence and detective services who will be responsible for search and arrests teams.

Should it become necessary to give the police more powers, everything would be done to do so, said Mr Mufamadi.

The plan would also ensure community support by distributing pamphlets of most wanted persons in the areas.

22% feel 'unsafe' in Gauteng

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ALMOST a quarter of Gauteng residents felt unsafe in their neighbourhood "to a relatively high degree", a survey by Central Statistical Services has found.

The survey, released today, was done in October last year.

It found that 22,1 percent of people in Gauteng felt unsafe. Figures for other provinces

were Eastern Cape 18,7; Western Cape 16,3; KwaZulu-Natal 15,6; North-West 13,7; Eastern Transvaal 12; Free State 9,08; Northern Transvaal 8,21 and Northern Cape 5,08.

CSS acting head Treurnicht du Toit said subsequent surveys had shown an increase in fears of criminal violence.

— Sapa.

Too few police, warns Von Lieres

BRONWYN LITTLETON

CRIMINALS on the Witwatersrand have a 70% chance of getting away with crime because there are too few police in the area, according to outgoing Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres.

Von Lieres said in his annual report tabled in Parliament this week that the Witwatersrand region had 1,29 policemen to every 1 000 members of the population and a criminal had a seven in 10 chance of not being apprehended.

"The sufficiency of manpower and the question of morale needs to be urgently addressed if we are to arrest the trend and not slide further down the slope towards anarchy," Von Lieres said.

On the same day as Von Lieres released his report, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi announced that no more police would be recruited this year be-

cause of a lack of funds.

As the situation stands now, uniformed security guards outnumber police on the Reef by three to one, as private companies employ their own security companies in the belief that the police cannot protect them from the ever-encroaching crime wave.

But the region's police spokesman, Colonel Dave Bruce, said yesterday that over the past 40 to 50 years a mindset had embedded itself in society that policemen were enemies and were indeed legitimate military targets.

Also, the public had developed a sympathy for criminals, who they believed had been driven to crime by their circumstances.

He acknowledged that the lack of finance and manpower contributed to the problem. He also acknowledged that some police had contributed to crime themselves and

others had perpetuated crime simply through inefficiency.

"But if the police get no help from the society, the society itself believes crime isn't actually so bad.

"How many people have bought stolen car radios, for example? How on earth are the police supposed to be effective?"

Bruce believes the solution lies in educating children in school, in the family unit and through leaders.

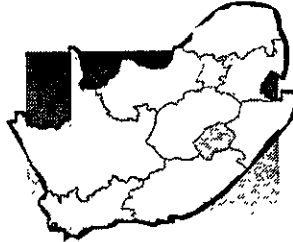
That may sound easy, but Bruce cites the example of a young child coming home from school saying he met a policeman at school and that he believed the officer was kind and a friend.

But the boy's father immediately quashed the idea by saying policemen weren't to be trusted as they had arrested him for pass offences in the apartheid years.

"It will take decades," Bruce sighed.

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THE Democratic Party yesterday described Johannesburg as the "Colombia of crime". DP Gauteng public safety and security spokesman Peter Leon was reacting to the daylight murder of 84-year-old Stuart Ingledew during an unsuccessful car hijacking on Wednesday.

Car hijackings could only be tackled if there was also a "meaningful police presence on the ground", he said, adding that 79% of all car hijackings in South Africa in 1994 took place in Gauteng, with 25 occurring daily in Johannesburg. "Despite this, the police budget for Gauteng has been reduced in real terms over 1994." — Sapa.

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Gauteng plans 'visible policing' to fight crime

IN AN attempt to combat rampant crime, Gauteng's safety and security department plans to utilise police, communities, the SA National Defence Force, traffic police and private security companies to realise visible policing in the province.

This was announced by Gauteng safety and security minister Jessie Duarte yesterday.

Details of how many uniformed policemen and internal security unit members were available would be discussed tomorrow.

The seven new area police commissions in Gauteng were to negotiate the involvement and cost of private security companies to back the community safety plan.

Its success, Duarte said, depended heavily on community involvement. Community assistance to police on the East Rand had been followed by a drop in murders and hijackings. Duarte said problem areas were

being identified and solutions were being sought with the co-operation of the communities involved.

This approach had been used successfully at two 'Flash points' in Soweto — Doornkop and Chicken Farm, which was also known as the Chris Hani squatter camp.

Doornkop was tense but stable. No deaths had been reported since the introduction of a peace monitoring committee representative of the community, Duarte said.

Violence at Doornkop was caused by ANC and PAC members contesting control of sections of the area.

Conflict between language groups was the main problem at Chicken Farm and an adjacent settlement, Freedom Charter Square.

At KwaThema on the East Rand, initial mediation failed to end conflict between leaders of the Congress of SA Students and the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation.

In an attempt to relieve the school community of violence, two policemen had been stationed at every high school in the area. This created stability at schools but the stability did not spill over into the community.

A number of suspected criminals from both groups had been arrested for questioning, but were soon to be released on bail, Duarte said. There were discussions on increasing the presence of the SA National Defence Force in the area.

Duarte said Katieliong's self-defence units' central command had accepted the need to disband. The East Rand units had requested the ministry's assistance in finding jobs for their members, she said.

Although about 800 former self-protection unit and SDU members were employed as police reservists, not all paramilitary groups could be incorporated in police and defence force structures. — Sapa.

Police regulations ignored at Vlakplaas, court hears

Stephane Bothma

mitted fraudulent claims for war

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Gauteng safety and security minister Jessie Duarte addresses a news conference on policing

Operation Safety throws protective shield over suburbs

Anti-crime thrust triumphs

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■ BY CHERYL HUNTER
CRIME REPORTER

Violent crime in Johannesburg's northern suburbs has decreased by 30% since Operation Safety was launched last week, police said yesterday.

The operation was organised by local community policing forums, the business sector, police and concerned residents. The SANDF and police reservists form part of the task force.

A member of the Pretoria SAPS Air Wing, Major Kobus Devilliers, said two helicopters were utilised in the area every day during peak traffic hours when, according to police statis-

tics, most crimes took place.

"We take off every morning at 7am and fly until about 10am, when most of the traffic has cleared, and take off again at about 4pm until as late as 8pm," Devilliers said.

Accompanying the major on the morning flight yesterday was the chairman of the Gauteng standing committee on public safety and security, DP representative Peter Leon.

After about an hour in the air, Leon said: "The impression I have is that this is clearly a very effective method of visible policing. People on the ground see and hear the helicopter, and it

acts as a strong deterrent to criminals."

He said the project could be sustained for about a month, but that he would be arguing for a permanent helicopter presence in the area.

"We need to concentrate on flashpoint areas in Johannesburg, and it is only the lack of available helicopters that prevents us doing this properly."

Devilliers said that when his radio was quiet, he would circle industrial areas and shopping centres where most crimes seemed to occur.

"If something happens that they radio us and we track the

suspects from the air. We can be anywhere from Johannesburg to Bryanston or Alexandra in two to three minutes, as opposed to ground patrols, which can take 20 minutes to reach a place due to traffic."

He said the helicopter cost more than R2 000 an hour to operate, but it allowed for landing almost anywhere in an emergency or to prevent a crime.

He said suspects often abandoned stolen cars at the side of the road and tried to escape on foot when they spotted the helicopter, but they could easily be tracked until ground patrols moved in and arrested them.

Citizen's letter to Mandela prompts city crime clamp

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Operation Safety is the police's most concerted drive against crime yet. KURT SWART writes that SAPS bosses are confident of its success

A letter from a fed-up Johannesburg resident to President Nelson Mandela prompted one of the most comprehensive crime clampdowns yet — and Operation Safety is now in its second week, with police holding out high hopes for success. The operation — one of the most wide-ranging police attempts yet to control rampant crime in and around Johannesburg — pits police and criminals against each other in a constant battle of aerial hide-and-seek.

Involving large-scale use of police and SA Air Force aircraft — against car hijackers in particular — the operation is headed by deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Jac de Vries. It is part of his new approach to crime clampdowns.

De Vries revealed this week that the operation had originated when Johannesburg businessman Joe Metrikin wrote a letter to President Mandela voicing his fears and concerns about rampant crime.

"The letter came down the pipeline and landed on my desk. I talked to Metrikin. His idea was that several helicopters be kept ready for taking off and pursuing car hijackers."

Initially believing the idea impractical, given a force with resources stretched beyond limits, De Vries approached an air

force officer for advice.

"That's the plan, go ahead, laugh in my face, be my guest," I said to him. His reply was: "When do we start? I thought, if we have this back-up available, we could do it."

Metrikin and Gerhard Heiser, chairman of the Norwood police community forum, have sat in on many police meetings. "They fly with us, they can see and ask anything they want," De Vries said.

Only three months into his new post, De Vries has opened up police operations to the scrutiny of the media and arranged unprecedented public participation in police activities. "To achieve this he had to overcome hesitancy and doubt within his own ranks.

"This is the new South Africa

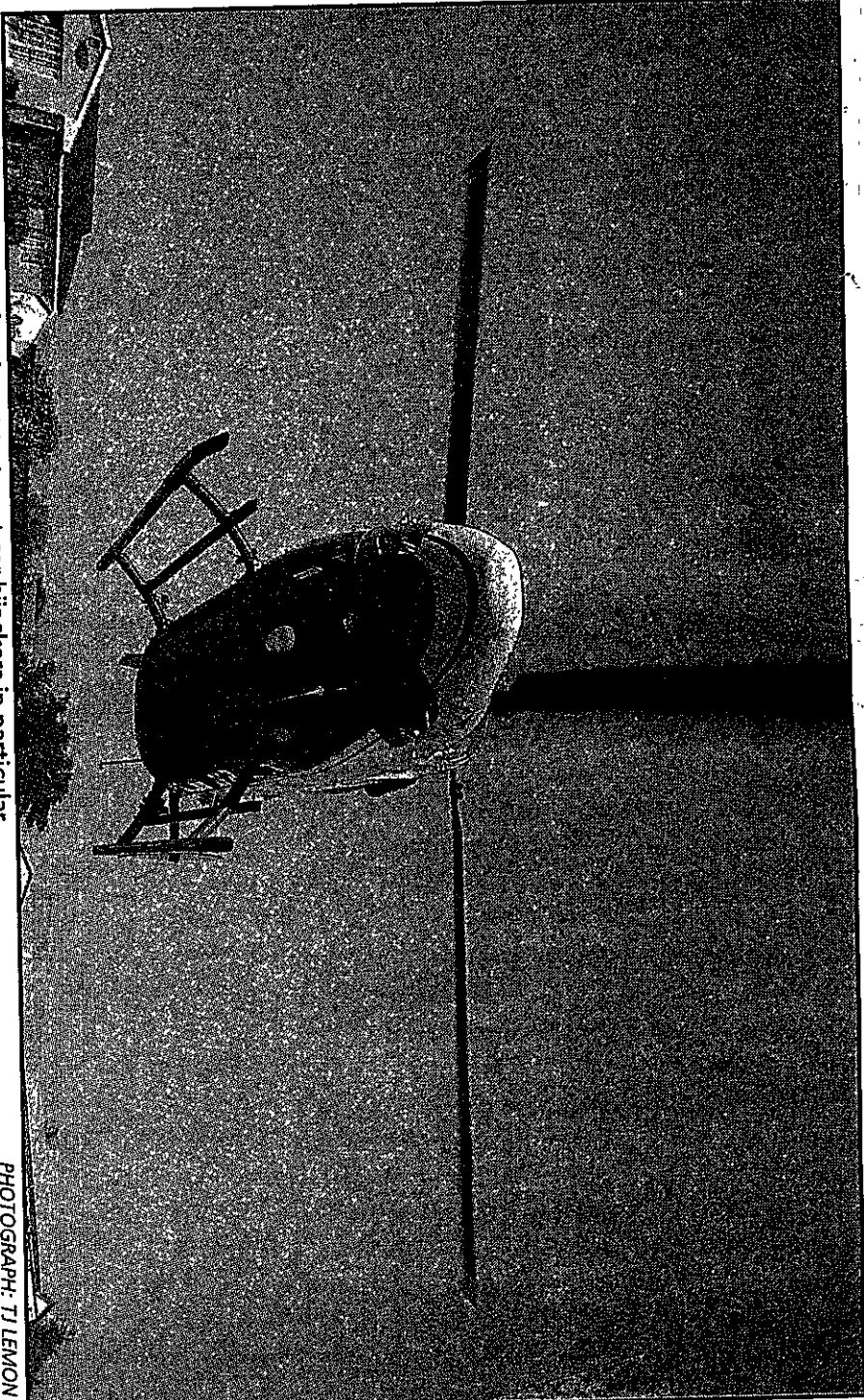
— we must adapt and change," he told Saturday Star this week.

"The initial reaction from station commanders was that the operation would be an additional burden, that we did not have the manpower or resources.

"I said we must make do with what we have, and arranged Swat training and designated hijack squads at police stations.

"This has boosted their status, image and morale. My plan is to spread this to all stations. Previously, police guarded strategic planning very jealously. Now, for the first time, there is public involvement.

"Their input gives us an idea of how the public reacts and what they expect from us. For the police it is also a conduit back to the public that we are doing our jobs."



VIGILANT: Operation Safety is out to target car hijackers in particular

PHOTOGRAPH: TJ LEMON

'We are disgusted at levels of crime'

Sapa and Sowetan Reporter

SEVERAL business people in Johannesburg and Roodepoort have sent letters to key figures, including President Nelson Mandela, calling on them to address the unacceptable levels of violence and lawlessness in the country.

In the letters, the business people in these areas also call for the introduction of law enforcement measures to curb the violence.

Letters have also been sent to Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi, Police Commissioner George Fivaz and Gauteng premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale.

A spokesperson for the group, Mr Herman Luyken of Roodepoort, said they were "absolutely disgusted" with the safety situation in the country at present.

In the letter, signed by Luyken, business people are quoted as saying South African citizens can no longer tolerate the violence and lawlessness in the

■ EXODUS FEARED Lawlessness

might force thousands to depart from SA

country.

He says there are car hijackings, robberies and murders daily which affect their lives and the lives of their families and friends.

There appears not to be any attempt to curb what they term the terrible cycle of violence that has become a way of life in South Africa.

The continuation of the violence will result in mass emigration of highly skilled and educated people seeking personal safety elsewhere, according to the letter.

Figures released by Mufamadi in Parliament last week revealed that there was a spiral of violence and crime in the country.

Mufamadi, who was speaking during a question and answer session in the Senate, said there was a total of 789 284 violent crimes committed in the country

up to November last year.

The crimes included murder, rape, assault, housebreaking and robbery.

Out the 789 284 crimes, more than 62 000 were armed robberies.

Asked how many of the crimes were solved by police, the minister said just over half the total number of crimes were solved, but only about 26 percent of robbery cases were solved.

The Witwatersrand area is the hardest hit by violent crimes, recording more than 31 000 armed robberies up to November last year.

Vehicle hijackings occurred at the rate of about 1 400 a month in 1994, said Mufamadi. He added that the total number of hijackings stood at more than 17 500 at the end of last year.

During the same period, 36 people were killed and only about 1 800 people were charged.

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Gun control top priority in war on crime, says Duarte

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Gun control is "priority number one in combating crime", says Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte. And success in this area will demand both tighter legislation and co-ordinated action among state agencies.

Duarte was speaking yesterday during debate in the legislature.

Democratic Party MPL Peter Leon put it to the MEC that past legislation had achieved only "limited success".

He pointed out that weapons had been used in 28 797 crimes in Gauteng last year and that in 80% of cases illegal weapons were used.

Leon also highlighted the fact that a report from the SAPS Centre for the Analysis and Interpretation of Crime Information stated that the main source of illegal weapons was Mozambique.

Such arms were often swapped for basic commodities or carried across the border by illegal aliens and then sold.

Leon noted that two amnesty periods last year had yielded only 1 111 weapons.

In contrast to this, 6 614 illegal firearms had been confiscated in KwaZulu-Natal that year and 2 309 had been seized in Gauteng.

Duarte argued that there was a link between licensed and illegal firearms since 2 370



Jessie Duarte . . . "legislation by itself will not provide the answer".

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legally owned guns had been stolen in Gauteng alone last year.

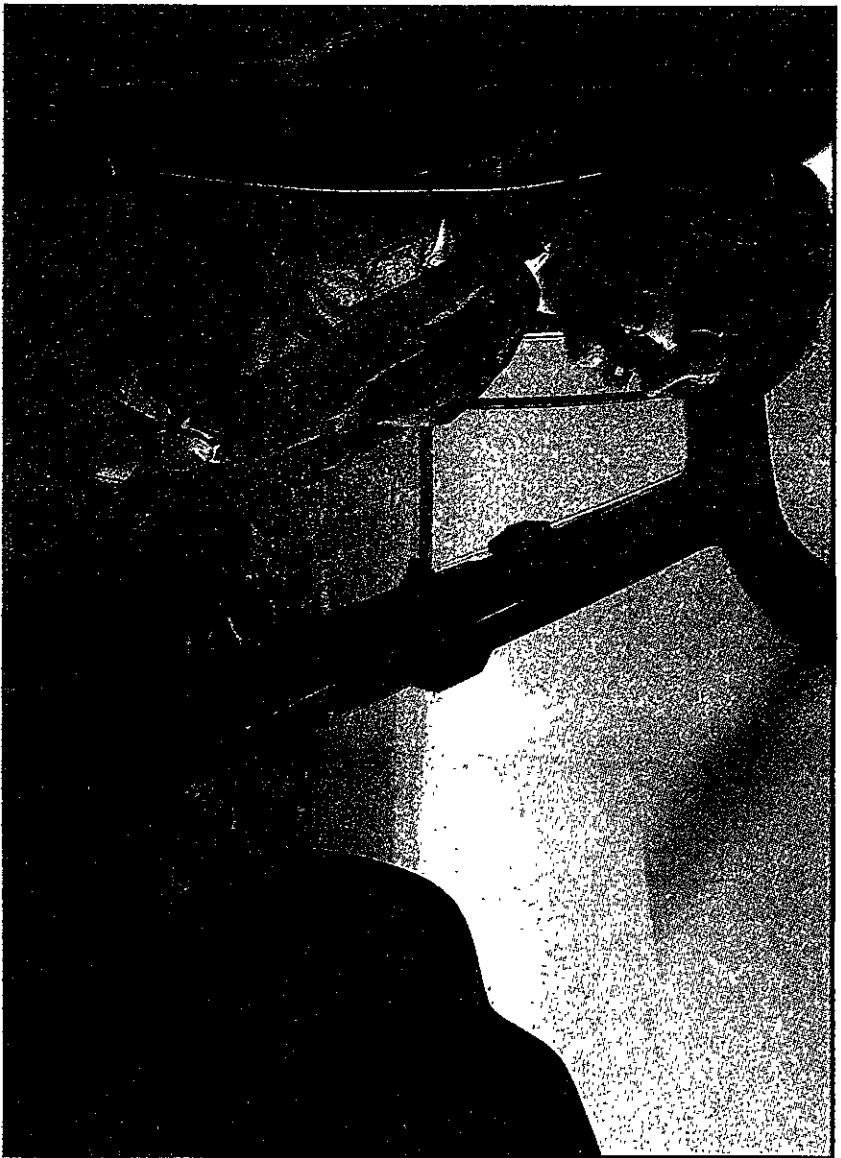
But, she conceded, "legislation by itself will not be able to solve the problem."

She supported concerted action by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, the South African National Defence Force and the South African Police Service, she said.

Better border patrols were certainly part of the solution.

Over and above this it was necessary to acknowledge that this was a society that had "come through a war" and that a very necessary programme of demilitarisation of the society had not even begun.

Suburbs now safer as crooks cast eyes heavenwards



AT THE CONTROLS THREE HOURS AT A TIME: Air operations will have to start earlier in the morning to thwart the criminals
PHOTOGRAPHS: T. LEMON

Talking about the success of Operation Safety may be premature, but the declining crime rate is impressive. **KURT SWART** joined a planning session

Operation Safety, the police anti-crime drive using helicopters and spotter planes over Johannesburg's northern suburbs, has brought down crime levels and boosted the morale of a previously demoralised force.

In some northern areas serious crime — including car hijackings, murder and serious assault — has dropped by up to 30%.

This emerged at a planning session at John Vorster Square this week, at which the Saturday Star became the first newspaper to observe the intimate details of police strategy, tactics — and problems.

Chairing the weekly meeting was Johannesburg deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Jac de Vries.

In attendance with 13 police officers were civilians Gerhard Haiser and Patrick Weech of the Norwood community policing forum and Johannesburg businessman Joe Metrikin, whose idea of a constant eye in the sky be-

came the basis for Operation Safety which took off on May 10.

Colonel Buts Venter pointed out that 25% of criminals caught had "escaped" after being granted bail. "Because of the national crime level, a culture of civil disobedience is starting to develop. Even ordinary, decent blokes are driving through red robots."

De Vries quipped: "If I go through a traffic light I am more likely to be arrested and convicted than a murderer is."

Aircraft

A major asked whether insurance companies could be approached to make it worthwhile for motorists to paint registration numbers on the roofs of their cars.

De Vries responded: "The insurance companies won't give anything. But they say they won't insist on levying an excess if registration numbers are painted on."

Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Lemkuhl of the police air wing told the meeting that police helicopters were in the air six hours a day, and that fixed-wing aircraft also flew six hours a day.

The first shift was from 7am to 10am, but criminals with one eye on the sky had started operations in Bramley before the first heli-

copter appeared. Air operations would have to start earlier in that area. Another pilot would become available next week and this would reduce the workload.

Metrikin warned that politicians would be critical about the high cost of keeping helicopters flying. Lemkuhl said it cost R1 600 an hour to fly a police helicopter but its deterrent effect could save thousands of rands. Interjected De Vries: "And also lives. What value does one put on a life?"

Norwood residents Haiser and Weech said provincial governments were still not getting enough money to equip their police in the fight against crime.

"Hijacking, armed robbery and other violent crimes have come down by 30 to 35% in the three weeks since the operation began," said Haiser.

"Sandringham has had amazing results — down from 20 hijackings a month to two. But the public must help by painting numbers on car roofs. Without this the helicopter is not effective," added Weech.

Both said people who complained about too few convictions had to be prepared to give evidence. Without evidence, convictions could not be secured.



BRIGADIER JAC DE VRIES: Quipped at the weekly planning session: "If I go through a red traffic light I am more likely to be arrested and convicted than a murderer is."

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Eersterus — a first in violence and gangwar

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The Eersterus community near Pretoria lives in fear, writes NEWTON KANHEMA.

The only way to avoid becoming a victim is to "get the hell out of this place", says a resident.

A war is being waged in the "coloured" township of Eersterus outside Pretoria. This is not a battle based on political feuds or taxi rivalry, so disturbingly common to South African townships.

This, it is said, is a drug war in which people have been gunned down in struggles for control of the drug trade.

The Saturday Star visited Eersterus this week and found a community living in fear where the gangs have become more brutal and brazen.

"We hope this war will end. We also want peace in our community," a resident said. These sentiments followed

the assassination of a resident and former MK soldier, Jose Ribeiro de Sousa, this week.

Three bullets were pumped into De Sousa, a body as he lay in a hospital bed recovering from gunshot wounds suffered four days earlier.

"The name of the game in this community is not justice, but revenge upon revenge," said a resident.

The feuding has been going on since the 1970s, according to residents. Some allege the war is between families, but this is not the impression one gets on the ground.

Eersterus has seen at least two funerals a week for the past six weeks. The victims include mothers, wives and children.

Survival depends on abiding by the rules of the gangs who are the local authority in the area.

In an atmosphere of tension and fear, it was not easy for the Saturday Star to find the De

Sousa home. Residents do not as a rule give directions to strangers.

Instead, the Saturday Star team came across a funeral procession escorted by several police vehicles.

It was the funeral of matric pupil Monray Davies (17), shot dead in the doorway of her home last week.

"She was the daughter of the Mafia boss," said a resident. A significant number of mourners were carrying firearms.

Later at the De Sousa home, family members insisted: "Jose was not a gangster. He was not a leader of any gang. He was the only man who stood up against local gangs, the Mafia and the Bad Boys. They don't want anyone to challenge them."

De Sousa went into exile in 1985 and returned in 1991. At the time of his death, he was appealing against a conviction for the death of Warren Davies, the brother of alleged "mafia"

boss Abdul Davies.

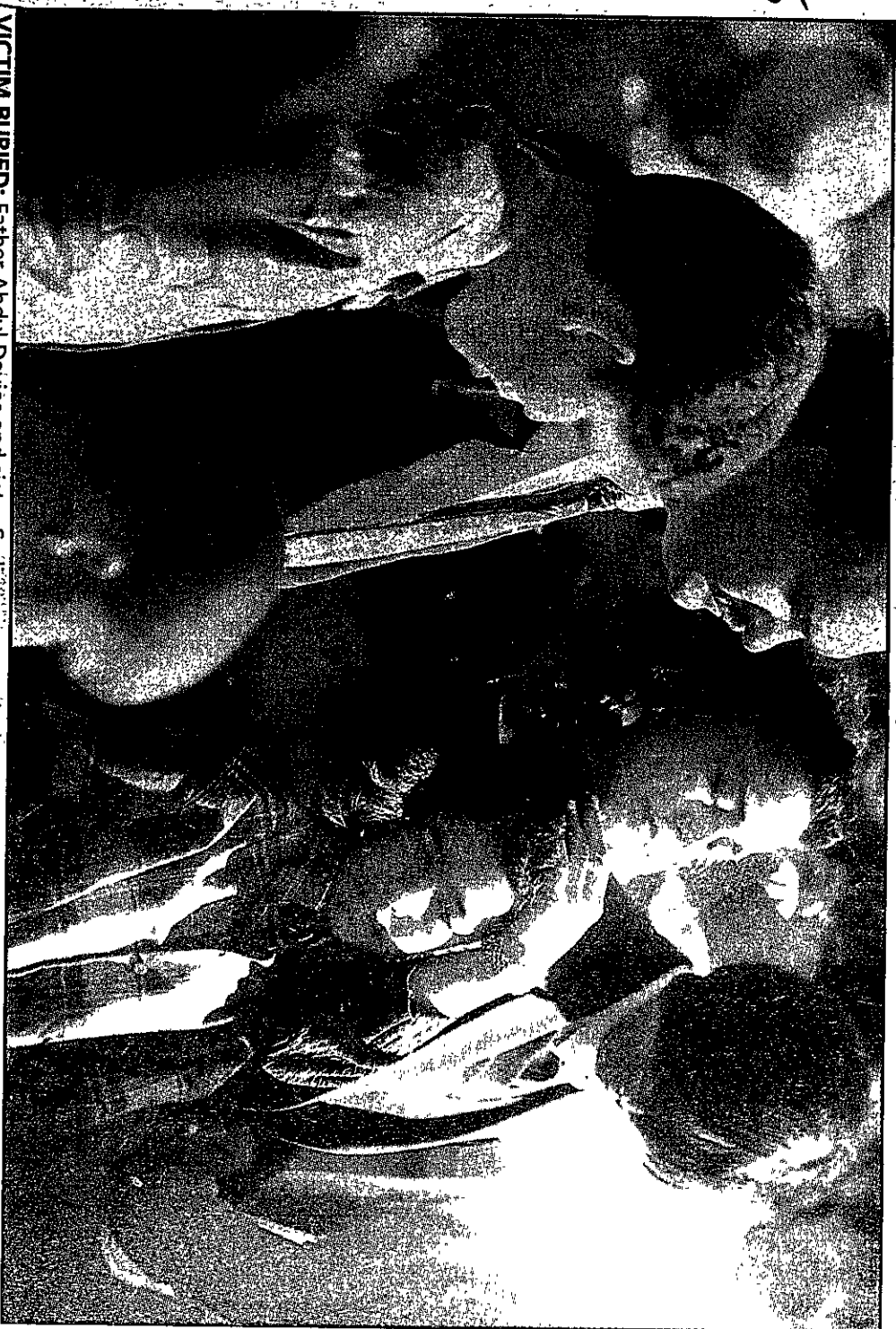
De Sousa's elder brother Vincent was shot dead at a service station last month. And on Wednesday, the De Sousa family received a message that the entire family would be dead by the weekend.

Another De Sousa brother had been shot 10 times before and has two bullets in his body — one in his head, the other in his ankle.

A resident said the only way to avoid becoming a victim was to "get the hell out of this place".

One of the daughters of a man who claims to be on the gangster hit list said: "The rule here is that if you are beautiful you must leave town. If you stay and you have a boyfriend they will stab him and gang rape you. I am not talking of what they can do, but what they actually do."

"This place is hell and you can only understand it if you have lived here."



VICTIM BURIED: Father Abdul Davies and sister Sadia mourn at the graveside of Monray (17)

PHOTOGRAPH ANTON HAMMILL

Business mood ⁽³⁰⁾

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Business Editor

RETAILERS in the Western Cape are more confident than anywhere else in the country, a Bureau for Economic Research survey shows.

The Bureau's latest Consumer and Retail Survey says 85 percent of retailers in the region rate business conditions as satisfactory, compared to 79 percent in Gauteng.

Confidence levels are also high in other regions, with the exception of the Free State, the Northern Province and the Eastern Transvaal.

The Bureau says the increase in sales and orders has slowed in the second quarter of the year.

Retailers' expectations have not been realised, but retail sales are expected to bounce back in the third quarter.

Consumers are confident, with a majority expecting the economic situation and their personal financial position to improve.

On inflation, respondents gave confusing answers: for the second quarter in a row, the number of retailers expecting inflation to accelerate dropped. But a bigger majority of wholesalers expected higher price inflation.

■ Economic growth is unlikely to top three percent this year, says Syfrets economist Elmien de Kock.

"The growth rate of 5,25 percent recorded in the second half of last year was not sustainable."

Structural factors limiting the economy's growth potential are poor productivity and low levels of fixed investment in relation to Gross Domestic Product.

To sustain a growth rate of more than four percent, Gross Domestic Fixed Investment (GDFI) should total 25 percent of GDP: at present the ratio is only 16 percent, she says.

"However, the necessary structural adjustment is under way and unless there is a complete loss of investor confidence, 1994's strong GDFI growth will continue."



Protest . . . an anti-crime blockade organised by farmer Johnny Goncalves turned into mass action by patrons of City Deep fresh produce market, where all work stopped for an hour yesterday.

PICTURE: MOTLHALEFI MAHLABE

Traffic jam as angry protesters blockade market

BY SHIRLEY WOODGATE

Johannesburg's City Deep fresh produce market was brought to a standstill for almost an hour yesterday when trucks were used to blockade the main entrance in a protest against crime and lack of security.

Traffic built up for several kilometres along Heidelberg Road when the spontaneous action by a handful of market operators snowballed after 9am at the country's main meat and fresh produce marketplace.

The truck blockade followed a

meeting by market operators on Monday — triggered by Saturday's cold-blooded murder of 60-year-old buyer Alfonso de Tringada in the vegetable hall — and organisers warned that the protests would continue in one form or another until the market's crime situation was properly addressed.

Led by farmer Johnny Goncalves, the vehicles rolled in with hooters blaring and lights flashing as picketers took up positions with placards reading "My child was murdered", "Give SAP free access to City Deep", "No

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 bail for murderers" and "Johannesburg market no longer safe".

As the crowd swelled to several hundred, calls went out for the mayor's presence, with Goncalves insisting: "It is time the council, which takes our money, puts something back into this market." Supporters took up the chant: "Dead businessmen don't invest their money."

One protester insisted that producers start red-lining the market and go to Pretoria unless security and hygiene were improved. "We won't continue coming here to be murdered and

robbed," he said.

"The time for the criminal is over," the crowd chanted. "We have rights, we pay taxes."

Market chief Daan Spengler accepted a memorandum from the protesters, who called for an immediate improvement in market security; free access on a 24-hour basis; appropriate sentencing of hijackers, murderers and armed robbers; and full sentences for criminals.

An open letter to the Government called for effective sentencing of violent criminals.

Anti-crime plan to 'drastically change' the Gauteng lifestyle

By BRONWYN WILKINSON

The lives of Gauteng's citizens changed irrevocably yesterday when police set in motion a long-term plan to bring crime in the province down to acceptable levels with high-visibility patrols and roadblocks, according to MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte.

She told a news conference that the Community Safety Plan would go on for several years and would amount to a drastic change in lifestyle for the people of the province.

Stabilise

The plan — the result of a two-day bosberaad between Duarte and top police officers, as well as lengthy community consultation — was not a magic wand that would clean up the streets in a week, but would have long-term results that would take years to achieve, she added.

Provincial police commissioner Sharma Maharaj said the focus of the plan was to stabilise and combat vehicle hijackings, the trafficking of illegal firearms, drug trafficking, armed robbery, child abuse, illegal immigrants and taxi violence. Duarte outlined aspects of the plan which include:

- Intensive roadblocks all over the province. They will be manned by the SAPS and SANDF.

- A specialised provincial tracking unit to hunt down known criminals who have skipped bail or been involved in reported crimes. Duarte said this would aim at "chopping off the heads" of the crime syndicates in the province.

- The cordoning-off of certain areas for house searches for illegal weapons.

Some police officers told the *Saturday Star* yesterday they were concerned the plan amounted to treating the symptoms of the crime problem in-

stead of its socio-economic causes.

Duarte said she knew that 40% of the active adult population in the province was unemployed and that the province's efficient banking services and communications acted as a magnet for large syndicates, "but we have to start somewhere".

Plead

She added there was no need for more police in the province to supplement the 32 000 already operating. But there would be a reorganisation and redistribution of resources in the police service to render it more effective.

Duarte said she had met Justice Minister Dullah Omar to plead for stricter bail conditions for known offenders and had spoken to hundreds of non-governmental organisations to get their backing for the plan.

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Nigerian drug

lords move in

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG: A source close to the drug trade has described how Johannesburg's hierarchy of cocaine dealers are dominated by Nigerians operating from Hillbrow hotels.

Couriers travelled from Nigeria with small amounts of cocaine, he said.

The source said "a few" South Americans were also operating in South Africa.

He said Johannesburg had become a "mecca" for Peruvian, Colombian and Brazilian cocaine merchants because corruption in the police force was not as prevalent in other South African cities.

R1,8-m boost for market

Plans by Johannesburg City Deep market to spend almost R1,8-million on upgrading safety and security were approved by the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council yesterday.

The council bowed to pressure from market operators who brought operations at the country's biggest fresh produce market to a standstill last week and again yesterday morning to protest against the recent murder of a stall operator.

Protesters threatened to go to the Pretoria market unless security and hygiene were improved.

The money will be used to erect a deposit/payment facility where the exchange of large amounts of money is not visible to bystanders; install surveillance equipment, including cameras; purchase bullet-proof vests and weapons and to hire permanent security guards.

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CITY REPORTER

Johannesburg's City Deep market was last week given the go-ahead for plans to spend almost R1,8-million on upgrading safety and security at the venue by the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan Council.

The council bowed to pressure from market traders, who over the past weeks have several times brought operations at the country's biggest fresh produce market to a standstill following increasing crime, poor hygiene and the murder of a stall operator at the venue.

The allocated sum is not additional funding for the market but will be gained from savings made on other capital projects,

Council approves City Deep security plan ⁽³⁸⁾

the council said.

The council approved the amount, which will be utilised to increase security, including the erection of a deposit/payment facility for buyers where the exchange of large amounts of money is not visible to bystanders; the installation of surveillance equipment including cameras; the purchase of bullet-proof vests and weapons; and the hiring of permanent security guards.

But market client David Goncalves, who recently launched a fund to bring the killers of a

local produce buyer to book, did not seem appeased by the allocation: "The projects will still have to be tendered and by the time they are approved and implemented, there won't be enough funds for their completion. We need something to be done now.

"Unless the operators introduce an identity system at the gate to eliminate the unwanted criminal element and comply with our other demands, we will close the place down. We will not leave and go elsewhere, we will close the place down," Gon-

calves said.

The market's deputy-director, Dr Marius Venter, said private security guards had been stationed at the market entrance to search traders. They also planned to set up a system whereby photographs would be taken of every person entering.

"These photographs will be computerised and everyone who exits will have to be identical to his photograph or the computer will refuse to allow him out," he said.

Venter admitted that the upgrading of security measures would not happen overnight: "We have implemented the immediate measures, like the security guards, but the other projects will have to be tendered and will take longer to be put into effect."

Magistrates rule against Duarte meeting

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Gavin du Venage

GAUTENG Safety and Security Minister Jessie Duarte has been snubbed by magistrates after they refused to meet her to discuss bail conditions for people charged with violent crimes.

Duarte asked for a meeting last month to discuss bail conditions, in particular those for people accused of taxi-related violence. The request was turned down without an explanation.

The meeting would have been about a long term plan to reduce Gauteng's notorious crime rate. At last week's launch of the latest Gauteng anti-crime drive, Duarte said she wanted bail conditions tightened. Accused who fell under "category A" crimes — violent crimes where witnesses were available — should be denied bail, Duarte said.

Officials in the attorney general's office suspect magistrates are afraid to meet Duarte as it could make them vulnerable to accusations of bias from anyone who has strong feelings on the issue of bail. Politicians could accuse them of violating an understanding to withhold bail if a suspect is let out of custody were magistrates to view the request with

sympathy. "It would be easy for politicians to hold magistrates responsible for any bail judgment that is unpopular with the public," one official said.

However, Duarte is determined to get tighter bail conditions. In this, at least, she has the full support of acting Witwatersrand Attorney General Kevin Attwell. Attwell has given the assurance that his department will do everything possible to ensure bail for people accused of violent crimes was curtailed.

Prosecutors have been instructed to oppose bail in all violence-related crimes. Unlike his predecessor Klaus von Lieres, Attwell has a good relationship with Duarte's office. Safety and Security department officials describe him as "refreshing" and "eager to work together".

"Magistrates are seized with an inquisitorial role and no longer just sit on the bench as a kind of referee," Attwell told the *Mail & Guardian*. Previously magistrates would balance the evidence supplied by the police against that of the accused. Attwell says magistrates were placed in a much better position following a supreme court decision on the bail application of two Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members accused in last year's rightwing

bombing campaign.

In a bail application brought on behalf of two of the accused, the court found that the onus to prove why an accused should remain in custody should not necessarily be with the state. Instead, there should be no onus, but the magistrate should actively investigate the matter before reaching a decision.

Johannesburg senior public prosecutor Brink Ferreira said bail applications did seem to be tighter than they used to be. "In general magistrates do seem more inclined to be stricter and more inquisitorial," Ferreira said. Although no formal statistics were available, Ferreira said bail tended to be set at a higher amount for violent crimes and conditions had become more tight. One example, he said, was in the issuing of bail to people accused of gang-related crimes in Westbury.

"Because of the nature of crime in that area it is possible to show a pattern related to accused out on bail. Witnesses are intimidated or even killed. We can at least place the pattern in front of the court to get a stronger attitude towards bail," he said.

However, Ferreira says the major problem prosecutors have to deal with is that of children accused of serious crimes. More than half are back on the streets days after being arrested for such acts as car theft and murder.



Duarte: No meeting

Locals blame illegal immigrants

Residents — 'had enough'

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■ BY ANSO THOM
CRIME REPORTER

Mark Abrahams has had enough. Abrahams and his wife have been assaulted, fired at and robbed.

Last weekend he was involved in a struggle with three armed robbers while his hysterical daughter watched.

Abrahams is only one of the many Lombardy East residents who are too scared to take a stroll in their neighbourhood bordering Alexandra unless they are armed with a firearm and have a vicious dog at their side.

"Crime is totally out of hand and if the police can't control it we will have to resort to our own measures to stamp it out," said Abrahams.

He was discharged from hospital this week after sustaining serious head injuries when he was assaulted by three men armed with a firearm, steel pipes and ninja sticks, trying to break into his cars during the early hours of Sunday morning.

One of the suspects fired a shot at Abrahams, but missed. His wife was also assaulted by the suspects.

"We have had so many cars stolen I can't even remember how many. We have had people shot, we have had people murdered, the list is endless," says Abrahams.

"All this started when illegal immigrants started moving into Alexandra and the local police station was relocated two

years ago.

"Before that it was a pleasure to live here. Now they (criminals) come in, do the job and run across the veld between us and Alexandra and London Road.

"Within a few minutes they are gone. If and when the Sandringham police respond to a call, they have to travel 4km to get here."

According to Abrahams, pupils from the local school are fetched by their parents or friends every day after school. "The children were being robbed of their school bags and bicycles and the school sent a letter asking parents not to allow their children to walk home," Abrahams added.

According to Lombardy East crime statis-

tics released by the Sandringham police station for July and August, there were three murders and one attempted murder during August alone.

During July, 14 illegal immigrants were arrested while 30 were arrested during August.

Housebreakings during July totalled 55, with one rape, while 40 housebreakings were reported during August.

Seventeen vehicles were hijacked during July and 19 during August. Theft out of motor vehicles totalled 26 in July and 19 in August. During August 27 vehicles were stolen, with 15 stolen the month before.

Sandringham station commander, Major Andre Lamprecht, said Lombardy East had "no

crime problem" if it was compared with the crime in Bramley and Glenhazel.

"We moved the police station out of Lombardy East because we found the facilities were not satisfactory.

"A new station was built in Sandringham and we left two officers to deal with small queries, but there wasn't a need for it so they are now being used to patrol the suburb," said Abrahams.

He said the building was currently being used by the detective branch.

"At times we experience an increase in crime in the suburb, but then we concentrate on the area until the crime decreases," said Lamprecht.

"Lombardy East is actually quiet," he said.



PICTURE: ETIENNE ROTHBART

Ready . . . Mark Abrahams

Flood of reservists

By PETA KROST

More than 300 Johannesburg northern suburbs residents stopped complaining about policing this week - and flocked to join up as reservists in an unprecedented drive to fight crime in their area.

"The number of volunteers from the Glenhazel area this week has been astounding.

"This is the first time so many people have applied at any one time," Johannesburg's deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Jac de Vries told the *Saturday Star*.

Flyers were sent out to residents of Glenhazel, Highlands North, Sydenham and Sandringham last week calling for 500 people to sign up on Monday, August 28, as police reservists to protect their own area.

The organisers ran out of application forms at Yeshiva College School, where members of the community and police were signing up volunteers.

"I told them not to expect

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more than nine applicants because they would be disappointed. I was only too happy to eat my words," De Vries said.

One of the organisers, businessman Gerald Leissner, said the Glenhazel community was close-knit and "just one problem creates heat", so the impression was given that the level of violence was higher than it is.

"We went to the police to discuss putting more uniformed members on the streets.

"We called a meeting to see who would become reservists to patrol their area.

"Of the 600 people at the meeting, half volunteered. Around 30 percent of the applicants were women. The rest were men between 20 and 60.

"They will mostly be doing foot patrols and manning roadblocks," Leissner said.

"We also intend closing off all but two entrances and exit roads to Glenhazel, although this may make life difficult."

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"But it will also cause problems for the criminals and that is what we want."

The volunteers have to fill out forms, undergo a medical examination and pass security checks before doing an eight-week police course. Leissner estimates that about 250 people will eventually be issued with uniforms and guns. They will be called up to do eight hours of police work a month.

De Vries said he felt the huge response came because people wanted to secure their own area, and the idea of asking volunteers to enrol was something the police should encourage all over Johannesburg.

"I find it amazing that all these people volunteered, knowing full well there is no pay involved, that the course itself is eight weeks long and personal security cannot be guaranteed."

He said that in general the Johannesburg public had astounded the police with their willingness to do anything to help, both financially and physically.

"There have been huge fund-raising drives to raise money for us, co-ordinated by senior businessmen. People have even gone on hands and knees to clean up police stations," De Vries said.

Community to pay 'protection money'

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■ BY CHERYL HUNTER
CITY REPORTER

A small community which believes it did not fight apartheid to have it replaced by another form of oppression - crime - has taken practical steps to improve its situation.

Johannesburg's Fairland Community Police Forum has decided to provide additional financing for police in its area, north-west of Johannesburg, with private resources to ensure that policing services will continue to be effective.

Councillor Graham Dewar has petitioned the Greater Johannesburg council to charge an additional amount on the monthly rates account of residents to be paid directly to the Community Forum account.

"We consulted the community

about the possibility of contributing R10 per household towards a police fund and put the idea in a local paper for comment. The support was overwhelming," Dewar said.

"We have a relatively low crime rate by Johannesburg's standards, but we are determined to make it a no-go area for criminals," Dewar said.

He said the forum had refused to collect funds itself because it had calculated that more than half the money would be spent on administering the system.

"We want to piggyback on the council's infrastructure and have all of the money collected used to support the police," he said.

He said the police budget had been cut and that it was inevitable that services would deteriorate as a result. The only way to ensure that police had the equipment and moti-

vation to continue with their duties was if the community provided financial assistance to help run the station.

Fairland police said that the station required at least four additional vehicles for them to remain effective, as well as almost R200 000 worth of equipment.

Dewar said the money collected would be used to buy these items and establish a monthly incentive for policemen of R5 000 to help boost the flagging morale at the station.

According to the forum's calculations, if each of the approximately 6 000 households in the Fairland police area contributed R10,86 monthly, the funds collected would cover the station's running costs and enable them to purchase all of the necessary equipment within their first year of operation.

Hawkers launch their CBD anti-crime drive

Bonile-Mgqiyaza

THE SA Chamber of Hawkers and Independent Business (Sachib) backed anti-crime efforts in the inner city by launching a "1-million signatures" campaign at the organisation's headquarters in Johannesburg yesterday.

The campaign aims at heightening community awareness about the problems hawkers encounter with criminal elements in the Johannesburg CBD.

Sachib, a splinter group of the African Council for Hawkers and Informal Business (Achib), said Achib had supported the campaign.

Sachib national organiser Mthuzuzeli Madalane said about 3 000 people had already given their signatures to

the campaign.

"We are telling the tsotsis they should not interfere with our business if they want us not to interfere with theirs,"

About 250 whistles were distributed so hawkers can summon reinforcements when under threat or attack.

The organisation had also identified the worst-hit areas of the CBD and was hoping for more support from formal businesses in the area, Madalane said.

Regional organiser Charles Mahlangu said crime-fighting tactics included effecting citizen's arrests, and block and car-watches.

About 150 hawkers marched to the Smalw Street police station last year yesterday to demonstrate their unhappiness with the crime situation.



Protesting hawkers with some of the 250 whistles issued to them by the SA Chamber of Hawkers as part of an anti-crime campaign launched by the organisation yesterday.

Picture: NEIL SPENCE

Deep and dark doings at City market

CORRUPTION UNDER FIRE

The Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council, owner of the City Deep produce market, has been slammed for bad management which has resulted in its failure to stamp out corruption that could amount to millions of rands. **JUNE BEARZI** reports.

Massive corruption exists at the Johannesburg produce market where some market agents are boosting their profits by skimming off millions of rands of the cash takings.

And adequate measures have not been put in place to halt the crooked dealings at the biggest produce market in the country, which cashes in R800-million a year.

These allegations have been made by a Johannesburg fraud investigator following an announcement last week that a R93-million bid has been made by Botha Roodt cc and the country's largest tomato supplier, ZZ 2 Beherende Belegings, to buy the Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market.

The blame for the huge volume of fraudulent dealings at City Deep has been placed squarely on the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC), which owns and administers the market.

Johannesburg fraud investigator, Bartholomew Henderson, told Star Line that in May this year he had established through a paper trail at the Johannesburg market that something was rotten.

He found that in one case within a six-hour period at one of the exit doors of a produce hall goods worth R25 000 were removed without the necessary removal permits.

In another case an agent's salesman made out 6 082 cash

slips which averaged R43 a slip and totalled R261 526.

This amount, too, escaped the market's financial net.

Henderson maintains that, as this information was not punched into the market's computer network, these sums were pocketed by the agents or salesmen involved. (Star Line has copies of the relevant cash slips and the agents' names in its possession).

Henderson says he had passed the information on to the Director of Audits at the TMC but it appeared very little, if anything, had been done about it.

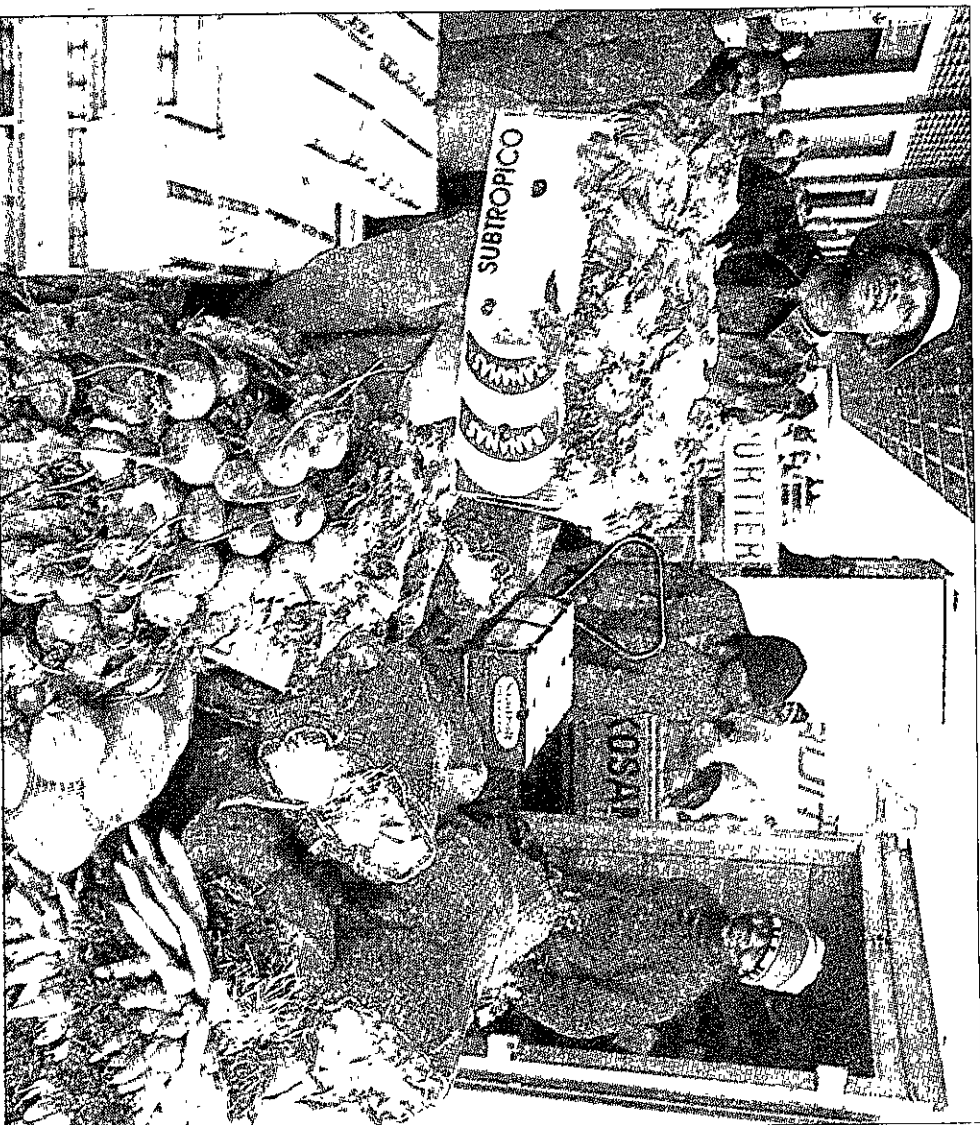
He explained that the correct procedure when buying produce is to get a cash sale slip from the selling agent and then to proceed to the cashiers at the computerised main paypoints.

Cash slips

After cash is handed over to the cashier another computer generated slip and removal permit is given to the buyer. This must be produced to the security officers at the exit doors before the goods can be removed.

However, this informal cash sale mechanism has been criticised as being totally ineffective and open to widespread abuse.

Salesmen for some of the agents are apparently telling consumers that, in order to avoid the long queues and the overworked tellers, they will write out cash sales slips which can be handed to the security officers to clear the goods. Buyers then hand the sales-



Unsuspecting ... unaware of the crooked dealings, wage-earners pack vegetables at Johannesburg's fresh produce market.

men the cash and walk out with the goods by showing these slips. These slips, in turn, are then handed back to the salesmen or agents by the security officials. However, in many instances, it appears that this cash is pocketed and the records of the transactions are torn up.

According to Henderson: "My estimate is that about 30% of produce worth millions is leaving the premises."

"The agents claim they will pay the cash into the tellers' later in the day when the queues are not as long and when the cashiers are not as busy."

"But they fail to do this".

Henderson says his paper trail has established that these amounts are not captured by the computerised system, which proves that certain agents are pocketing these amounts.

He said he applied a basic audit sampling formula which took into account the number of exits as well as the number of agents at the market and other criteria.

Worst case scenario

This enabled him to estimate that in a worst case scenario the market was failing to recover sales amounting to almost R400-million.

He said he had also found that, in some instances, cash slips were sequentially numbered which meant cash books existed while in other instances slips were merely made out on scraps of paper.

The TMC has an arrangement with the market whereby it gets a 5% commission of the takings which is supposed to be used for operating, maintaining and developing the market.

According to Henderson the present situation at the market would mean that the TMC would

be suffering major shortfalls in its share of the takings.

"I pointed this out to the Director of Audits in May but it appears that nothing has been done to stamp out the corruption. Why are they downplaying the ramifications of my findings?"

Mel Watson, TMC's acting town clerk, told Star Line: "Anyone with a basic understanding of public sector finance will know and appreciate that the financial affairs of the TMC, which include the market, are governed by strict financial regulations."

"They are subject to independent audits by the Auditor-General."

Watson also refuted out of hand the possibility that R400-million was being under-recovered by the Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market.

He rejected claims that there were ineffective financial systems which accounted for the large amount of cash sales.

"The market's financial system was approved by international auditing firms."

"I must add that this administration is committed to preventing fraud and has and will continue to investigate all allegations thereof and, where necessary, report on them."

It has also been explained that the market has 17 market agents with 264 registered salespersons. Sales slips are computer generated and only about 15% of the total sales are cash sales where buyers need to go to cashiers to have them validated.

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'If they do this they can show the community can stand together and stop violence'

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Justin Pearce |

MARIA SEKATANE proudly points out the photograph on the wall of her tiny sitting-room in Meadowlands, Soweto. In the picture, her son Montsheng stands next to Chris Hani. Both are in MK camouflage gear, and the tropical vegetation in the background tells that the photo dates to the years of exile.

These days, Montsheng Sekatane is fighting a different kind of armed struggle — against crime. Last Sunday, Montsheng shot and killed 18-year-old Linda Dladla on the streets of Meadowlands. Sekatane is a member of the South African Police Services, but he emphasises that he was not on SAPS duty when he killed Dladla. Rather, he says, he was acting as a member of the local "community police forum" — a concept which, in Meadowlands, has evolved a long way from its original SAPS-approved meaning.

"I am heartbroken," he says of the shooting, though he shows no obvious signs of regret. "But the law should have prosecuted him."

Numerous eyewitnesses have linked Dladla to an armed robbery of which one of the victims was *Mail & Guardian* photographer Ruth Motau. Motau was visiting her brother's home, also in Meadowlands, with her eight-year-old son on Saturday afternoon when armed youths entered the house.

"From the bathroom, I heard my brother and sister shouting 'Ruth!' I wondered why — then as I came out of the bathroom there was this guy with a gun, who demanded the car keys. I gave him the keys and sat down, and prayed that my son would come to me and not look at the robbers."

The three robbers took turns to remove valuables — a television, a video recorder, a microwave oven and compact discs — from the house, and to keep the family covered with the gun.

"He pointed his gun at me, at my son, at my brother," Motau recalled, still shaken three days after the robbery.

When the robbers had made off with the car, leaving the family locked in the house, Motau dialled 10111, the number advertised for the SAPS Flying Squad. There was no reply. Her second call was answered — by a police officer who told her she must come to the police station before the police would do anything. Motau's brothers started doing their own



Crime and punishment: Alleged armed robber Linda Dladla was shot dead by a member of the Meadowlands community police forum

PHOTOGRAPH RUTH MOTAU

detective work. The three robbers were, after all, known in the community as notorious tsotsis. That evening, Ruth's brother Maemo Motau noticed the stolen car at a street party, and informed the police. When he went back to the car in which he had driven to the party, he found two of the robbers standing next to it, and they demanded that he hand over the keys. He refused.

When Maemo returned later, the stolen car had disappeared again. At dawn, the search resumed, this time with the help of the community police forum (CPF). The car had been spotted in Zone Two, but eventually it was located again outside a shack in Zone Four.

"The CPF boys showed us where (the robbers) put things in those houses," said one witness who was involved in the search. "Everyone who lives there is doing the same thing. In one house you can't see what's going on because there is so much stuff: TVs and household appliances. There was a policeman with us and the (CPF) boys were showing him where everything was. As we came the (robber) boys were running away; they were all 16 or 17 years old."

Later Maemo Motau went out with Sekatane and another CPF member in two cars to try

and track down the suspects. Before long, they came upon Dladla and the other two robbers. One of the youths — apparently not Dladla — had a gun, and opened fire. Sekatane shot back. Dladla, running away, received at least four bullets in his back and in his leg, and was dead within minutes.

Needless to say, Dladla's own family are outraged. His grandmother, Lydla Gumede, while admitting that her grandson was no angel, was furious that "everybody who was there says he fired six shots against such a small child".

She knows Sekatane, and believes him to be someone who has taken justice into his own hands with no regard to the rule of law.

"We heard that Motsheng was a bodyguard of Winnie Mandela. But that's nothing. We want to know what right he had to shoot rather than take him (Dladla) to the police station."

Sekatane's family say they have received threats from Dladla's family, swearing revenge for their son's death. They clearly have no more confidence in the process of law than Sekatane did himself.

Ironically, the community police forums were an initiative supported by the SAPS to improve the relationship between the police

and the community in the interests of better policing. But in Meadowlands, the term has come to be applied to vigilantes who may or may not be connected to an official CPF. The vigilantes are also known as SDUs, after the ANC's Special Defence Units, or simply as "comrades", reflecting the fact that many of them, like Sekatane, are former MK soldiers.

Sekatane will not comment on his alleged links to Winnie Mandela, but others in the community are adamant that he does work as her bodyguard, and that the bodyguards of certain prominent government figures also put in time as vigilantes when they are not on official duty.

"I would like to thank the CPF," said one witness to the robbery. "If they do this they can show the community can stand alone and stop the violence. It is sad that Linda died. But we had to protect ourselves. And the police we phoned didn't come at all."

Back in the sitting-room with the picture of Chris Hani, Sekatane turns to me to deliver the punchline. Up until now we have been speaking through an interpreter. Now he addresses me directly, summoning up a sentence in English: "I won't stop in my duty of protecting the community against criminals."

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Gen Phil musters the crimebusters!

PETA KROST
Own Reporter

AS crime soars in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, one homeowner is setting up a private "security army" and employing ex-soldiers from crack squads to rid his area of crime.

Phillip Carlisle, 25, intends employing 200 ex-soldiers, many from the infamous 32-Battalion, to keep a 24-hour watch over Norwood, Orange Grove, Oaklands, Sydenham, Orchards and Highlands North.

"At least 70 men on motorcycles will be roving the area at any given time, day or night — warding off any trouble," Phillip said.

"We are not a vigilante group and I believe firmly in

■ One Johannesburg homeowner has had enough. His answer to the soaring crime rate is a private security force employing ex-soldiers from crack army units.

scaring criminals off rather than getting involved in a shootout."

This owner of five houses has had more robberies than he cares to remember, including one in which his tin roof was stolen.

While he believes the police are doing good work, he knows there are not enough to stop crime and he is determined to

do just that with his company, Community Protection Units.

Phillip believes that ridding his suburbs of crime will see property prices go up.

"When Commissioner George Fivaz called on the communities on September 6 to take action to protect themselves, I knew it was time to act," he said.

His idea emerged from his hometown, Umhlanga Rocks, where a "private police force" exists to prevent crime and fees are paid with rates and taxes.

He is asking business and homeowners from his area to pay R85 a month for the service.

"We have been scared into becoming prisoners in our own homes, behind high walls and barbed wire and often when crime strikes armed-response companies arrive in the mid-

dle or often after the attack."

Phillip's solution is to be proactive, not reactive. This sentiment is wholly supported by the local police chief, Charl Annandale.

"As long as they follow a legal route, they have our support. If they want to be the police's eyes and ears on the street, that is great," Major Annandale said.

Phillip's idea is that his staff will work side by side with the police and alert them to any trouble.

"The police have assured us that with a constant presence on the streets, crime will drop sharply."

Also, he said, a number of insurance companies had "agreed that they will drop premiums if the crime rate drops substantially in the area."

Operation Safety 'called off'

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By KURT SWART

Operation Safety, the police anti-crime operation which brought about a dramatic decrease in crime levels in Johannesburg's northern suburbs, has come to an end, according to residents.

Gerhard Heiser of the Norwood Community Police Forum claimed national commissioner George Fivaz and Gauteng police commissioner Lieutenant General Sharma Maharaj had "killed" the operation - which involved helicopter surveillance - without informing the area commissioner or the community.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrinck said Maharaj "was pursuing" the community's statement and would respond to the complaints in due course.

Heiser said: "Maybe the government and the police hierar-

chy believe we do not have any violent crime or any hijackings resulting in murder, like the medical doctor Stephen Pon who was killed outside the Johannesburg Hospital earlier this week.

"Dr Pon comes from our community. The Chinese community in the northern suburbs has donated R13 000 to the forum to help purchase patrol vehicles, because our government does not see fit to supply us with the means to fight crime."

During the operation, helicopters were initially airborne for six hours a day.

"As soon as our new police services hierarchy decided two to three hours' flying was sufficient, the hijackings started to increase and those in power have now decided we no longer require the helicopters."

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"In May we had a meeting with police minister Sydney Mufamadi who stated that Operation Safety would continue. (Gauteng Safety and Security MEC) Jessie Duarte stated on Denis Beckett's television show that Operation Safety would run indefinitely.

"Maharaj and Fivaz said the same thing. Now they call it off without informing us or their own people on the ground. We call for a no-confidence vote in the Government of National Unity."

The operation was set up after Johannesburg businessman Joe Metrikin wrote to President Nelson Mandela, voicing his concerns about rampant crime.

Johannesburg deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Jac de Vries launched the operation on May 10 and soon reported drastic decreases in crime in the Norwood precinct, covering 31 suburbs including Houghton, Orange Grove, Linksfield and Waverley.

Norwood Community Police Forum member Patrick Weech said a month after the operation began: "Sandringham has had amazing results - down from 20 hijackings a month to two."

De Vries said at the time: "Previous operations lasted from a day to a week, allowing criminals to lie low while the heat was on and to resume full-scale activities when the operation ceased. My idea is to break the cycle. Criminals must become exasperated, their business must be disrupted, they must feel they would be better off finding other employment. There will be no end. There is no time limit to this operation. We are going to outlast the bastards."

In addition to air surveillance, De Vries initiated special weapons and tactics training. "This has boosted my men's image and morale. The only additional cost in this operation is the helicopter, but even if it sits on the ground and does nothing it still costs us. We have to fly them and I don't apologise for that - it's up to the politicians to find the money. It's my job to fight crime, but they must give me the means to do it," he said three months ago.

De Vries was not available for comment yesterday. However, it is understood that the local police command structure and rank-and-file members are bitterly upset about the cancellation of Operation Safety.

Lack of action on crime draws fire

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BY ANNA COX

The Johannesburg Community Policing Area Board, representing 21 suburban community police forums, has lashed out at the Government for failing to deal with soaring crime.

Chairman Gerald Heine said the forums were increasingly concerned at the lack of effective use of police resources.

The moratorium on the employment of civilians meant that 700 police officers were office-bound. Not only was there a moratorium on the employment of civilians, but there was also one on the recruitment of police officers. This meant that while the SAPS was losing between 4 000 and 5 000 policemen and women every year, none were being recruited.

The Police Training College could handle only 1 500 students at a time and none would be trained again until June.

Heine said politicians were sending out confused signals - they were trying to seduce an often gullible public into voting

for their parties, yet they had the temerity to require the SAPS to operate on a reduced, inadequate budget.

"About 20% of available police officers in Johannesburg are retained in police headquarters and stations for administrative and clerical duties. Most of these functions could be carried out by civilians.

"The Government has established a moratorium on the employment of civilians and the result is hundreds of trained and experienced police officers being tied to desks instead of being deployed on policing services.

"While assurances were given to us in July by Jessie Duarte that the moratorium would be lifted, nothing has happened," said Heine.

The Norwood Police Community Forum has also lashed out at the Government for stopping Operation Safety, a crime prevention project in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg. Chairman Gerald Heiser said the project had been stopped without informing the community.

DP plan to fight Gauteng crime

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By Peter Leon

Gauteng police-population ratio is half that of the rest of the country

SAFETY AND SECURITY is currently in a critical condition in Gauteng. Despite the Community Safety Plan launched seven months ago, serious crime continues its relentless rise in the province.

By way of example, between January and June 1995 rape increased by 12 percent, serious assault and housebreaking by 10 percent, theft by eight percent and vehicle theft and robbery by five percent and four percent respectively.

According to the latest unaudited crime statistics, vehicle hijackings have increased by no less than seven percent this year and now constitute some 75 percent of the national figure.

While the Democratic Party wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the South African Police Service to combat crime in Gauteng, we believe that the police are in an impossible position in this province by virtue of shortage of manpower, logistical support, technical resources and a lack of information technology.

The Government of National Unity's inexplicable decision to reduce the police budget by four percent this year in the face of rising crime, makes any increase in the resources of the police service in this province impossible.

Indeed, this is borne out by the fact that the Department of Finance has compelled the Department of Safety and Security to place a moratorium on the employment of more policemen in Gauteng until June 1996.

Despite the fact that Gauteng has a police complement of some 33 000, in relation to other provinces, Gauteng's police to population ratio, paradoxically, is just over half of the national average.

As the former attorney-general of the Witwatersrand commented in his report to Parliament this year, this has enhanced the belief in the criminal community that crime is not only a profitable career option, but that a criminal has, on average, a 70 percent chance of not being apprehended and brought to justice in Gauteng.

Urgent action needed

The DP is, quite frankly, alarmed by the state of criminal justice in Gauteng. Unless police resources are upgraded substantially and with them a speedier, more effective and dynamic criminal justice system, we have little doubt that crime will continue to spiral in this province, and with it, the unedifying prospect of vigilantism and kangaroo courts.

That is why, earlier this year, the DP conducted a detailed review of other policing options in this province. After extensive discussions with all major stakeholders, the DP launched its metropolitan policing policy in June, as a means of making a positive contribution to fighting crime in this province.

Metropolitan policing does not mean, as some assume, the uncritical adoption of the United States model of policing in South Africa.

We are well aware that South Africa, unlike the US, does not have either a federal system of justice or



Peter Leon ... a metropolitan police service will augment the SAPS and provide highly visible policing.

a federal system of policing.

Even if South Africa moves closer to a federal model of government, it is likely to be based more on the German than on the North American model. In that event, it is most unlikely to result in the creation of anything like different police services in each province.

Metropolitan police

Our metropolitan policing policy proposes the restructuring of the municipal public safety departments and the merging of the currently divided municipal traffic and security departments as the nucleus of a metropolitan police service.

In other words, the traffic police in Johannesburg would form a part, but not the only part, of Johannesburg's metropolitan police service. Additional police would have to be employed by the Greater Johannesburg Transitional Metropolitan Council and other metropolitan and municipal councils to make this police service effective.

The point is inescapable that the creation of a metropolitan police service would substantially promote the concept of visible policing in Gauteng.

The DP does not envisage that a metropolitan police service would replace the SAPS as it would simply augment it. The basic principle behind metropolitan policing is to provide a culture of bobbies on the beat; in other words, highly visible policing.

In doing this, we have been guided more by the French than the North American model. In France, under reforms initiated in 1983 by president Francois Mitterand, municipal police services were introduced to French towns with responsibility for crime prevention.

The French municipal police are subject to training standards set nationally and have no substantive investigative powers. In our view, the need for a metropolitan and municipal police service in France has its parallels in Gauteng: escalating crime, a lack of human and material resources in the SAPS and a concern by local communities about our spiralling crime rate.

The DP believes that the French model, which augments a national police service on a local level without creating local police fiefdoms, is seriously worth emulating in Gauteng.

Visible policing

Our proposal for metropolitan policing would build on the existing local government public safety and traffic departments and would promote what we need most in Gauteng: visible policing.

International experience has shown that when it comes to crime prevention, there is no substitute for visible policing. The integration of the traffic police into a new metropolitan police service would result in a one-stop, 24-hour crime prevention service and allow the SAPS to concentrate on organised crime and on the investigation of crime.

Our proposal for metropolitan policing involves full democratic accountability. The police service would remain accountable to local government structures, while providing a better community service by combining all local emergency services in one local public safety department on a 24-hour basis.

(The writer is leader of the Democratic Party in the Gauteng legislature, and chairman of the standing committee on safety and security in the Gauteng legislature.)

Gauteng has most crime

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By Joshua Raboroko

MORE houses were broken into in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Soweto – causing damage and loss of property estimated at millions of rands – than in any other parts of the country, according to a group representing property dealers.

According to statistics compiled by a researcher at the Human Sciences Research Council, Dr Lorraine Glanz, 1 236 houses were broken into in Pretoria and 1 216 in Johannesburg during the past two years.

A broker owner of ERA Sherlock Homes, Steve Markgraaf, said crime was causing a move away from the buying of conventional houses to town houses, security villages and cluster homes within South Africa.

Glanz said South Africa had experienced enormous increase in crime, with the rate of the combined category of property offences increasing by 11 percent from 1990 to 1994, and the rate of violent offences increasing by 25 percent in that period.

The crimes include, burglary, theft of livestock, shoplifting, theft of motor vehicles, motor cycles, fraud, arson and damage to property.

Gauteng MEC for safety and security, Mrs. Jesse Duarte said crime had put a damper on property investment in South Africa and there was a need to stop it.

She encouraged the public to cooperate with the police in solving crime.

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Losses exceed R200m — Liebenberg

Govt takes 20% stake in African Bank

Adrienne Gillmore

BD 24/11/95

GOVERNMENT has shown just how far it is prepared to help African Bank, unveiling a package yesterday which includes taking a 20% stake in the bank and using up to R262m of public money to cover its bad debts.

The R262m forms part of deposits by the Transkei Public Debt Coprations and other parastatals which are unlikely to be fully recovered.

Finance Minister Chris Liebenberg said Afbank's losses now exceeded R200m, and the Reserve Bank would provide further unspecified funding while its new owners sought to bring the bank back to life. The full extent of the bank's losses would emerge only next year, while the extent of government involvement would be determined by July 31, he said.

The Nail/NBS/Metlife consortium's shareholding would be reduced to 80% while NBS would maintain management control. The consortium was willing to introduce further capital — in addition to the R104m rescue package — as operations expanded.

Liebenberg said bids by rescue parties were submitted on condition of significant government help. Government would distribute its shareholding in time to facilitate further black economic empowerment. Strong social, economic and practical factors had led

government to give aid to facilitate the bank's rescue would be justified, he said, and denied that government's involvement was purely a political issue.

He admitted it could be deemed political in terms of the possible loss of the R262m in deposits but said it was also a commercial decision. "If the bank had been allowed to go into liquidation, there would have been a very considerable write-off to government."

Government's involvement through the deposits would be included either in budget allocations or in the budget review as a contingent liability. But he assured pension holders that pensions would be paid out.

Small banks had been going through a difficult time and Afbank had not been an example of the failure of a so-called black bank. "It has nothing to do with colour but with the niche market in which it operated."

Government, with Reserve Bank help, would help Afbank with funding pending the collection of questionable debts on the books as at October 25.

The bank's downfall had highlighted the need for deposit insurance. The registrar of banks had formed a task force to investigate deposit underwriting. However, he was comfortable with the early warning signals from the registrar before the bank had collapsed.

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Special Gauteng unit to crack down on hijackers

Ingrid Salgado

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GAUTENG'S cabinet announced the establishment yesterday of a special unit to crack down on hijackers.

Unit members, to be known as the SAPS flying squad. They would be equipped with 100 sponsored vehicles and would deter hijackers by treating a visible police presence on Gauteng's streets, said provincial safety and security MEC Jesse Duarte. Further details would be announced next week.

The scheme was backed by organised business, including Business SA.

Duarte said the SAPS's priority was to prevent hijackings and retrieve illegal firearms, which were used in about 90% of hijackings.

The announcement follows the launch of SA's largest national anti-crime campaign, which will start on Wednesday, when thousands of people are expected to converge on the nine provincial legislatures to voice concern

about the high crime rate. Banking institutions, chain stores, mines and schools will commemorate victims of crime with a minute's silence at noon.

At the launch Duarte said there had been about 143 000 housebreakings in Gauteng in the first six months of the year. The most effective deterrent to crime was community co-operation. The provincial government was united across party political lines on strategies to combat crime, but community participation had been lacking.

She said the business community had started to provide for police resources government could not afford.

SA's Chief Rabbi, Cyril Harris, urged government to use the defence force to help combat crime. Against a background of anarchy, a Bill of Rights was pointless. Rhema Church pastor Ray McCauley said although criminals were often disadvantaged and unemployed, this did not condone crime.

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Gauteng accounts for 42,6% of fraud crimes

Nicola Jenvey

BD 30/11/95

DURBAN — Gauteng accounted for 42,6% of the 26 100 white collar fraudulent crimes reported during the first six months of this year, running into R2bn, syndicate fraud unit Capt Marius Greyling said yesterday.

He told a Business Fraud and Corruption conference Gauteng leads the rest of SA in the number of cases reported, followed by Western Cape (16,6%), Eastern Cape (10,5%) and KwaZulu-Natal (8,5%).

Although the monetary value of Gauteng crimes was correspondingly higher at R1,98bn (72,15%), KwaZulu-Natal came second with R446,5m (16,2%) and the Western Cape third at R158,6m.

KPMG Aiken & Peat forensic accountant Eckhard Volker said companies must be aware that white collar crime was likely in their own companies.

Research conducted by the accounting firm last year showed that more than 72% of fraud within companies had occurred at managerial level.

Volker said companies wanting to detect early in-house fraud should acknowledge the warning signals. These included an autocratic line management open to power abuse, a low company morale, a high staff turnover, an undue emphasis on short-term targets and inadequate supervision on remote locations.

Homeowners favour fortresses

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Requests from beleaguered residents to wall in their suburbs are streaming in but most authorities feel this is not the answer to crime

By TROYE LUND

An influx of applications for fortifying walls to enclose entire suburbs has forced Greater Johannesburg TMC to formulate a new policy document on road closure.

Although local authorities are supportive of "any community initiative to curb crime" they have warned "walls cannot be built willy nilly".

Acting TMC Executive Director of Planning, Neville Perrie, said the policy document would apply to all four local authorities of the metropole and should serve as a guide to officials ruling on road closures.

Legal and practical issues had to take precedence over the "highly emotional issue of increased security".

TMC Director of City Planning Jean-Luc Limarcher said any objections to the closures had to be considered and the TMC had to ensure the intent to close roads off was properly advertised.

"We have to be sure the greater

community will benefit. People cannot be denied their right to freedom of movement on public roads and parks for the sake of a small number of people," said Limarcher.

Perrie said the service departments had voiced the most opposition to the draft policy document. Emergency and other municipal service departments are concerned they will not have easy and free access to the suburb and be prevented from doing their work.

"If an ambulance or fire engine needs to use the quickest route to an emergency they cannot be hindered. Longer routes will cost lives and who will be responsible for this?" asked Limarcher.

Gauteng MEC Jessie Duarte said she had also received numerous requests from residents to have suburbs walled off. Duarte acknowledged this had worked in some communities but added that increased involvement in community policing initiatives also reduced crime.

"This sort of decision rests with local government as it involves physical changes to the environment," said Duarte.

Community policing forums in leafier Johannesburg suburbs believe residents should boost the policing of their suburbs by participating in activities such as the car patrols which provide a "visible presence".

Councillor on the Eastern MSS and town planner Rick Ehlers was opposed to walls surrounding suburbs. He said it would complicate service provision and "making little camps" would not solve the crime problem but simply force criminals to move to other suburbs.

After Hurlingham Manor was given the go-ahead to close itself off this week, Glenhazel residents are sure they will be next.

"We hope to be given permission to wall ourselves off next week," said Leon Chapman of Glenhazel, who believes it is the only way to live in peace in the future.

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Debate rages on walls that circle suburbs

Walling off suburbs to reduce crime is an emotive issue. Officials are divided, but few residents are, reports Troye Lund

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If South Africa's criminals keep up their dastardly deeds, we could find ourselves building a Western equivalent of the Great Wall of China.

The trend towards walling off suburbs and placing entrances under 24-hour guard to protect residents from hijackers and other criminals is growing, at least in Johannesburg, says a member of the Greater Johannesburg TMC.

This week Hurlingham Mayor, which has been suffering two hijackings a week since January this year, was granted permission by its municipality to erect barriers to restrict access. What form these barriers will take is still under discussion.

Sandton Administration says it has been inundated with applications from other suburbs and have launched special committees dedicated solely to these requests.

Glenhazel is the next suburb hoping to receive council's green light next week for an enclosing wall. Glenhazel resident Leon

Chapman says crime has become "a sport" about which the Government is doing nothing.

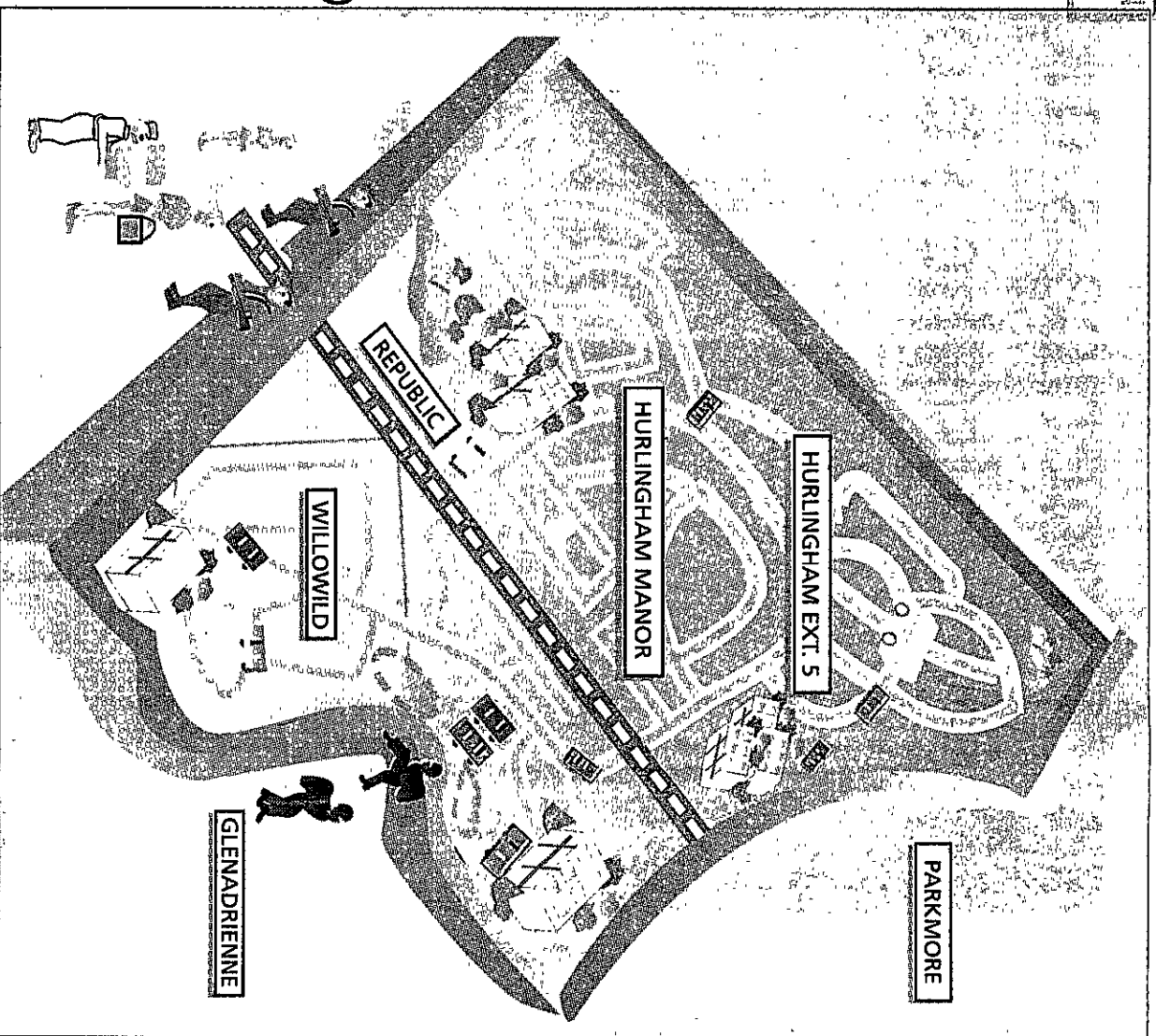
"We are desperate and have no choice but to control the environment we live in. We do not want to live in ghettos, but the reality of our situation is forcing us to," Chapman says.

Once Glenhazel's wall is built, Chapman envisages that each homeowner will be able to knock the property walls down, allowing "neighbours to get to know each other again and children to ride bicycles safely in streets".

To lend more control to this new trend, Greater Johannesburg TMC's planning directorate has in less than a month, drafted a uniform policy on road closure.

"This is a highly emotional issue and our officials are divided in their views on the matter. Although controlled access to a suburb may prevent crime, there are specific practical and legal aspects to be considered.

"These may allow one suburb to wall itself off but not another.



Safe houses ... an artist's impression of what a walled-off Hurlingham Manor could look like.

Our policy states what conditions closures will be allowed under," says TMC director of city planning Jean-Luc Limacher.

Emergency vehicles have to be able to cut through suburbs if they provide the shortest route to an emergency. Refuse, electricity and other municipal service vehicles must have free and easy access.

Councillor and town planner Frederick Ehlers is convinced closing off one suburb would simply transfer the crime to another suburb that may not be consid-

ered viable to close off.

Ehlers believes this is unfair. "People who buy property on public roads should not be allowed to 'semi-privatise it'."

Other than discriminating against people who do not have cars and who will be made to walk longer routes around closed suburbs, Ehlers says that having "a maze of little camps makes the concept of an integrated city a joke".

The fragmentation will gradually destroy social and economic activity. Hijackers will just

wait outside gates.

"Are more walls not admitting defeat to criminals?" he says.

Community Police Forums (CPFs) of Parkview, Sandringham and Parkhurst agree with Ehlers.

They believe the solution to crime is heightened awareness of security in each household and more involvement of residents in the policing of their suburb.

The CPFs claim that 24-hour car patrols in direct contact with police are a "far more visible and effective deterrent".

Psychiatrist Dr Micheal Berke speaks positively about enclosing suburbs, saying the majority of his patients' stress levels and panic disorders are caused by the constant threat of crime.

"Living with a lower crime rate would increase people's sense of security and community," he says, but adds that the negative impact would be fragmentation and increased elitism in the existing social structure.

However, Bramley View Ext 6 residents, who have just closed off their suburb and limited access to two guarded entrances, are determined they "have proved walling reduces crime".

"We have a large industrial area and are near Alexandra township. At one point we lived as they did in the wild west. Hijackings, shootings and murder became an everyday occurrence," says a spokesman for the suburb's ratepayers' organisation.

He says 300 cars - 80% of which were found with arms - were stopped on the first night the booms were in place. The next night, 147 cars were stopped.

Gauteng MEC for safety and security Jessie Duarte says that although walling off suburbs has made an impact on reducing crime in some communities, "it is not the only answer". Greater community involvement in police forums would also bring down crime levels, she says.

But Johannesburg local authorities seem to be alone in their thought that this is a move in the right direction. A similar request from a group housing scheme in Cape Town has been turned down, the city's assistant director of planning Fahaid Solomon says.

Durban town planner Brett Breswick says no residents have asked to wall off suburbs. Port Elizabeth has nothing like a walled suburb, nor have any residents requested similar developments, says assistant city engineer Annemie Saayman.

Suburbia muscles in to help police fight the rising flood of crime in Gauteng area

By PETA KROST

In a survey of Gauteng suburbs, the *Saturday Star* found that co-operation between citizens, private security companies and police was, in fact, well advanced in many cases.

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It has repaired a number of police vans, cars and motorcycles at local garages and is training motorbike riders who will become part of the Sandton Business Watch and Reaction team.

It has supplied eight cellular phones to the senior police officers and erected an MTN seal tower at the station to improve communication.

The precinct has set up and equipped an office within the Morningdale police station to allow easy liaison with police on a daily basis. Safety tips have been circulated to various schools, estate agents and community bodies. It held a community police

ing show at Sandton City in October at which it launched its Sandton Business Watch and held a membership drive for the precinct, the police reserve, superblock and blockwatch.

More than 35 people have signed up as reservists.

A security task group, a transport department, child welfare team, media liaison, fund-raising committee and monitoring group have been set up. The community police forum is building a satellite police station on the East Bank with the help of a R100 000 donation from the Tunisian government. Nissan SA has agreed to repair vehicles for the Alex police station free of charge and National Panasonic

has agreed to make a fax machine available to the station. Five members of the forum are working full-time at the police station, dealing with control and domestic dispute resolution.

The community forum identified the two biggest problems hampering police in fighting crime: a lack of manpower and transport. The forum is making arrangements for police vehicles to be maintained and repaired at local garages. It intends to have an extra three vehicles on the road 24 hours a day during the Christmas period. The forum intends finding accommodation for police and organising a common radio network for all crime prevention agencies.

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Anthor's Persian Carpets from the Iranian Carpet Company

Midnight threats in dispute over plans to wall suburb

By PETA KROST

Five Senderwood families recently discovered the true cost of security, when their safety was threatened by their neighbours because they opposed the closing off of their suburb.

Although the issue had been left in the hands of the Greater Germiston Transitional Council after a hearing was held on Tuesday, five families have been victims of intimidation over the past two months.

They had opposed the majority of homeowners who were determined to have most of the thoroughfares through the exclusive East Rand suburb closed off, leaving only three exit/entrance points that would be guarded by private security officers.

The harassment began at three one morning two months ago, when the phone rang in Elsa and Olle Kempe's home. Elsa, a bed-ridden senior citizen, answered it - only to hear somebody telling her that if she did not change her mind about blocking off the suburb she "would be terrorised and have the shit knocked out of her".

A few nights later, at the same time, the caller told Elsa she would "be terrorised to the

extent that she did not know the meaning of terror".

From her bed this week, Elsa, who breathes with the help of an oxygen tank, told how her life and that of her husband had become plagued with threats and dirty tricks to force them to change their minds.

"We received calls from estate agents, after midnight, who said messages had been left for them to contact us between midnight and 12.30am because we wanted to sell our home and would only be available at that time," she said.

Letters

A bogus advertisement was placed in *The Star* classifieds Under R100 section for a cot for sale, with the Kempes' number. Fifteen callers responded and became angry when told the ad was a hoax.

Threatening letters were sent to all the objectors. Some also received late-night calls and were called "assholes".

Olle Kempe believes the intimidation was sparked off by a circular dated October 31 and sent to all Senderwood residents from the Senderwood Area Security Committee, in which all the objectors' names, addresses and telephone numbers appeared.

"This letter was directly responsible for the numerous anonymous, abusive and highly threatening calls we received," he claimed.

The residents who objected to the closure of the roads cited the fact that access for emergency vehicles would be limited and it would take them longer to reach their destinations. It would also lengthen the distance residents had to travel and there would be ever-increasing costs.

"In the event of a driver having to attempt to flee a hijacker, the cul-de-sacs are suicidal as they block the road, preventing the person from flight," Olle Kempe said.

He added that people with health problems were prejudiced because medical services would be delayed. The objectors recommended that a committee be set up, comprising the metropolitan council, police, security experts and residents, to properly investigate all aspects of the area's security.

Although the objectors believed that the Senderwood Area Security Committee was somehow responsible for the "dirty tricks campaign", the members denied this accusation vehemently, saying it might have been "the local kids".

The committee spokesman, who asked not to be named for fear of intimidation, said: "We have also had harassing calls and I don't know who it was.

"These things tend to happen with such emotive issues, but it goes against our goal as a democratic suburb and shows our neighbourhood as being in conflict with itself, which is not what we want.

Opposed

"Nobody is holding a gun to their heads. It is the decision of each individual, which we will respect. Obviously there will be peer pressure, but even that cannot force people," the spokesman added.

"But I believe that eventually these people will feel a bit lonely being the sole voices against the rest of us."

Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte said she was totally opposed to harassment and was sure the committee was not involved.

"Every opinion must be taken into account, but I do not believe that the closure of some roads to prevent hijacking is unreasonable. Where it has been done, there has been a significant decrease in hijackings," Duarte said.

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Duarte praised for uphill fight against crime

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Provincial Director-General

says Gauteng is now ready to start delivering the goods

By JOVIAL RANTAO
Political Reporter

Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jesse Duarte has been trying to fight crime for 12 months without a proper department - making do with temporary staff and a handful of policemen seconded to her while the crime wave has risen.

This was revealed by Gauteng's Public Service Commission chairman Patrick Fitzgerald yesterday, who explained that Duarte had not been able to establish a fully fledged department because the powers to do so lay with the national government.

The MEC has been criticised in some quarters for being ineffective as the Gauteng crime wave has risen.

Fitzgerald said there would now be a change, following the approval by Parliament of the new Police Act in October. It was only after the Act was passed that the PSC sent out advertisements for vacancies to set up Gauteng's new Safety and Security Department.

"The closing date for the adverts was Monday (December 4) and we will soon start interviewing candidates, and appoint the staff of 24 only in January. Jesse has been heroic in that she achieved all she has without the benefit of a department and other people. It's been an extremely difficult and frustrating year for her," Fitzgerald said.

The establishment of Duarte's department will conclude the Gauteng government's plan to establish a lean and effective administration.

Provincial Director-General

Vincent Mntambo said after going through the "long and painful" process of setting up new departments, rationalising the public service and setting building blocks for a new administration, the Gauteng government was ready to start delivering.

Mntambo said the province had made substantial progress in transforming the public service from an all white, male-dominated institution, to one with a strong representation of black employees (46%) and women (23%).

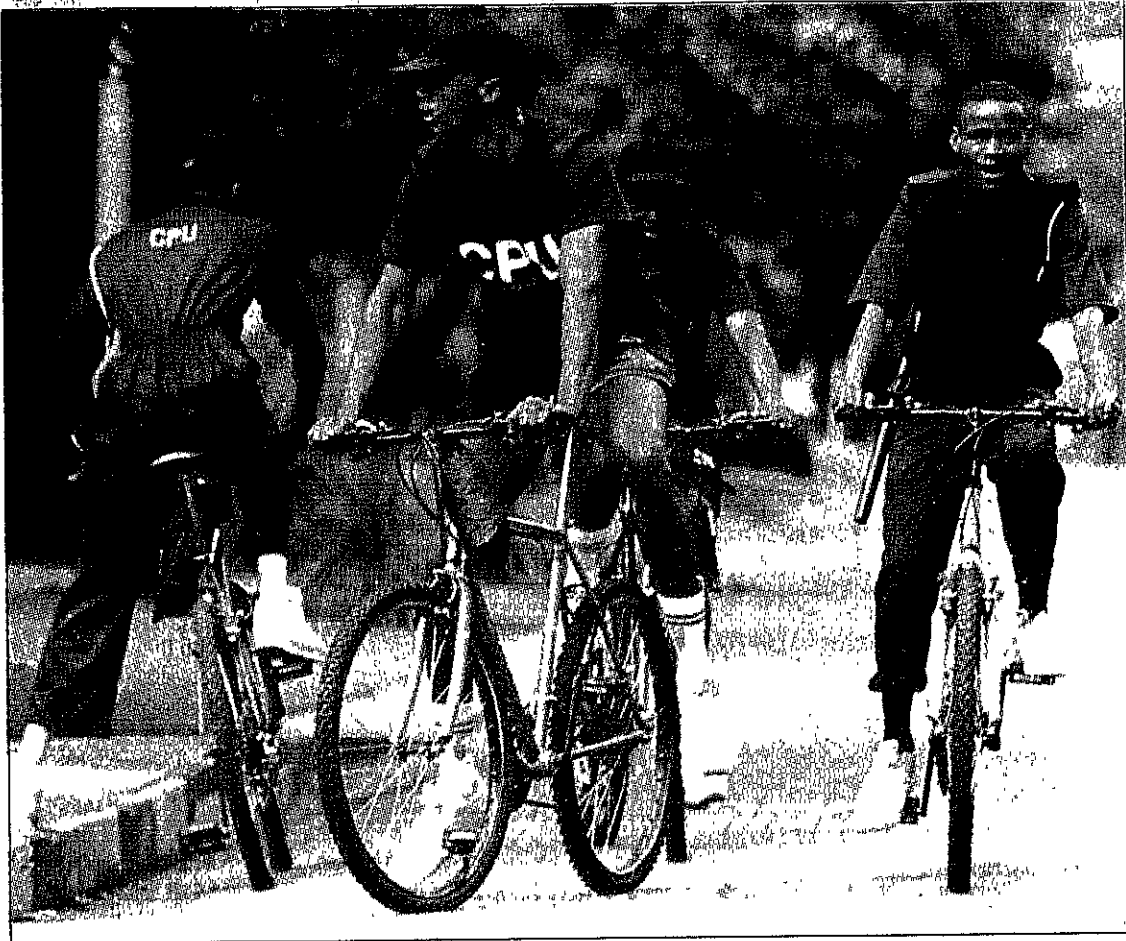
Mntambo said the province had found it easier to make radical changes - integrating blacks and women - in newly created department such as the premier's office.

Fitzgerald said it was important that the Gauteng public service was as representative as possible, not only for political correctness but to be ready to serve Gauteng's multi-cultural community.

Mntambo said the Gauteng government would complete its R30-million move into the "Government Precinct" in the first three months of the New Year.

Mary Metcalfe's Education Department moves to its new Commissioner Street offices next month, Dan Mofokeng's Local Government and Housing will occupy its Sauer street address in March, the Agriculture and Conservation move to "Diamond Corner" will come in April and the Welfare Department moves to Frazer Street in the same month.

Premier Tokyo Sexwale's move to the Rissik Street Post Office Building will be completed in early 1997 when renovations are completed.



ON PATROL: A good set of wheels is invaluable for the unit's members

PHOTOGRAPH: TJ LEMON

Private army making a small dent in Norwood

By PETA KROST

The Norwood region's "private army", the Community Protection Unit, appears to be making a difference. Crime has dropped slightly in the area, from 377 incidents in September and 336 in October to 329 in November. The recent increased police and CPU presence could be responsible, according to local police commander, Supt Charl Annandale.

It was just three weeks ago that Phillip Carlisle's "private army of 60 men" hit the streets on bicycles,

on foot and in three vehicles, all wearing black shorts, T-shirts and peak-caps.

"I have been told that the incidence of crime has dropped from 35 a day to six a day since we have been on the streets," said Carlisle.

"My main objective is to decrease crime so that the police can be more effective."

Annandale believes that the CPU has had an effect on crime "because just being visible helps". But he said it was too soon to measure the impact. "We should assess it in a few months."

Carlisle (25) set out to intro-

duce a private "security army", employing ex-soldiers from crack squads to watch over Norwood, Orchards, Orange Grove, Oaklands, Sydenham and Highlands North.

"We are not a vigilante group and I believe firmly in scaring criminals off rather than getting involved in a shootout."

While he believes the police are doing good work, he knows there are not enough of them to stop crime and he is determined to do just that with the CPU.

Carlisle's solution is to be proactive and not reactive, a sentiment supported by Annandale.

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Hijackers hit Gauteng hard

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Province now accounts for 75% of national total, with Soweto and East Rand the prime targets

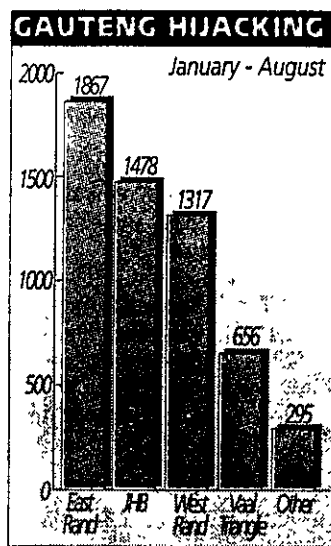
By ANSO THOM and TROYE LUND

Gauteng accounted for more than 75% of national vehicle hijackings in the first eight months of this year - and recent figures paint an even worse picture, according to police statistics released by the Centre for the Analysis and Interpretation of Crime Information.

They reveal that 5 613 vehicles had been taken by force in Gauteng between January and August. Firearms were involved in 94% of cases. Within the province, the East Rand is by far the worst hit, with Kempton Park and Germiston the main targets contributing to this region's eight-month total of 1 867 hijackings.

"These figures are quite believable," said Alberton's United Ratepayer Action Group chairman Bruna Haipel. "The community is up in arms. People are frightened and the support for the death penalty is overwhelming. It is vital that ... more police are deployed on the East Rand over the coming holidays."

In Johannesburg (including Randburg and the northern suburbs), 1 478 hijackings had taken place, 1 317 on the West Rand (including Soweto) and 656 in the Vaal Triangle. The haul in "safer" areas, including Midrand and



Pretoria, stands at 295 vehicles.

Parkmore Residents' Association chairman George Talley said last night: "We are reaching a state of siege and need help. The answer is to pour money into the police force and get them properly manned and equipped. Money has to be pumped into the courts, bail has to be made more difficult. If the problem is recognised as this serious by police, then specific hijack task forces must be set up."

Figures for September and October have not yet been audited but they already paint an even bleaker picture, with 791 and 937 vehicles hijacked in the two months respectively.

And whereas Soweto was by far the main target in terms of single suburbs and townships between January and June, statistics for the past few months point to hijackers increasingly gunning for motorists in Johannesburg.

A comparative study for July, August and October figures (detailed September statistics are not available) highlight this trend.

The respective figures for Soweto stand at 146, 147 and 140, while Johannesburg rockets from 133 in July to 257 the following month and 335 in October.

Leon Chapman of Glenhazel, one of many northern suburbs hoping to wall itself off and have one guarded entrance, said: "The crime is causing hundreds of educated people, who are assets to this country, to flee. We do not want to live in ghettos or take the law into our hands, but for the sake of people's safety they are being left no choice by a government who seems to be doing nothing to solve the situation."

Further gloom is cast by police admissions that slightly more than 1 000 vehicles had been recovered in the first eight months of 1995 - only about 20% of vehicles hijacked - and only 929 suspects arrested.

Soweto records the most ominous figure at 958 cases reported

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in the first eight months, while the Johannesburg CBD is not far behind at 835.

A Soweto resident, who did not wish to be named, is angry that attention is always given to crime in leafier, predominantly white suburbs. "No one actually realises what fear some people here live under. Hopefully these figures will start making others think beyond their 6-foot walls, alarm systems and really very affluent, safe existence," she said.

Police figures on some of the most targeted areas in Greater Johannesburg in the first six months were: Kempton Park (349), Ger-

miston (520), Hillbrow (81), Jeppe (74), Brantley (70), Booyens (57), Sandton (49), Alexandra (46), Norwood (44) and Lombardy East (34).

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Council gives the thumbs-down to walling-off of Senderwood

By PETA KROST (38) Star 16/12/93

The roads around the exclusive East Rand suburb of Senderwood will not be closed off - for the time being.

But while a few residents are relieved, many are still determined not to give up the fight. They, under the auspices of the Greater Senderwood Area Security Committee, believe this is the only way to stop crime in their area.

The decision was made known by the council this week following an internal decision made after a meeting on November 28 held between them, the applicants and opponents.

The proposal was first put forward at a public meeting in Senderwood in September to close off most of the suburb's thoroughfares, leaving just three entrances to the suburbs open, which would be guarded by private security.

Since then the proposal has been on the lips of many in the suburb. Most residents were excited about the possibility of combating crime. However, opponents were harassed and intimidated.

In a letter hand-delivered to one objector, Olle Kempe, on Tuesday, the town secretary's representative D van Eeden said that "after careful consideration", the committee had refused the proposal although it was "in support of the prevention of crime and has great sympathy with the application".

In a letter sent to Senderwood residents last week, the Greater Senderwood Area Security Committee said it "would not take this decision lying down" and would "continue the fight for the protection of lives and property in our area as a matter of urgent priority".

The committee proposed a mass meeting for January 28.

REPRESENTATION *Revolving*

Duarte looks back on 18 months of blood and sweat



When I look office in April 1994, my "operations room" as the new MEC for safety and security in Gauteng was one small office with a phone that didn't work.

A few days later, my capacity doubled: a temporary secretary was provided by a local recruitment agency.

Later still, the government gave me permission to employ three "strategic managers" to assist with the task of setting up Gauteng's first-ever ministry of safety and security. They were joined soon afterwards by a staff complement of one typist, one messenger and one administrator. I had an office!

This shell of an office has been my support system as, for the past 18 months, we have worked to bring safety and security to Gauteng. To be honest, it feels like we have been adding around a band on two wheels for a long time.

From the outside, it's probably difficult to discern just what our work has involved. The notion of a provincial safety and security ministry is a new one, and there has been much behind-the-scenes work which

has gone unnoticed. But our work has included designing, with colleagues from other provinces and our national minister, the transformation programme of the police, including running workshops with the police on how to police under a human rights constitution.

We visited police stations to try to understand the inner workings of this organisation, which had been closed to us for over 75 years.

We heard, first-hand, the grievances of police personnel who were meeting with government officials for the first time in their lives.

We built almost 140 community forums throughout the province and started the very difficult process of building a relationship between the community and the police: building a partnership with two sets of individuals where the word "trust" was anathema. At the same time, guidelines had to be drafted for community police forums.

I was physically involved in crisis situations, including almost 50 rounds of negotiations with the taxi industry, because



BRUTAL AFTERMATH: A victim of taxi violence lies covered by a blanket. Such violence was one of the low points of Duarte's tenure

the police managers were waiting to be appointed, or were newly appointed and did not

have the necessary confidence to walk into a hostel or informal settlement and take the risk of

making mistakes. In between all this, battles had to be fought - and won -

with the Justice Ministry for stricter bail conditions and tougher sentences to be imposed. A Police Act had to be drafted, and public hearings organised to ensure support for this vital piece of legislation.

A new commissioner and seven area commissioners had to be appointed. A community safety plan had to be put in place, while for eight months the management of the SAPS were among intensive training. The provincial commissioner and his assistants were going to lectures in leadership development for two days a week.

We had to deal with low morale, with labour disputes and with racism in the police force. We had to deal with corruption, torture - the police force itself needed major reconstruction at a time when crime was on the increase.

Finally on October 15, 1995, the president signed the police act and I was able to advertise for the human resource capacity - the people - that we needed to run the ministry. This is what we have achieved in 18 months:

- We have established 139 community police forums.
 - We have a new Police Act in place.
 - Political violence in Gauteng exists now only in our memories.
 - We have appointed new police management.
 - We have better race relations in the police.
 - We have structured labour relations.
 - Crime is understood to be our number one priority.
 - Business is enthusiastically on board through Business SA.
 - Police management have been brought to realise that crime control is their task. There is no policy impediment to their work.
 - We are getting rid of illegal weapons.
 - We are educating people to combat rape and child abuse.
 - We are strengthening the CPs through training.
 - We are developing a provincial act on metropolitan policing.
 - We are supporting the police in their task to combat crime.
- By January, a fully fledged department will exist and, we hope, a better partnership between community and police.

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Street justice takes over as crime-plagued areas lose confidence in police

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By WILLIAM-MERVIN GUMEDE

Here are some examples of mob justice this year:

■ March 9
Evaton youths hacked two brothers suspected of killing a local businessman with pangas and garden spades before leaving them for dead.

Oupa Sefatsa (28) and his brother Buti (21) were accused by the local community of robbing and killing spaza shop owner Oupa Zozo in Evaton. The mob, chanting "we've got the killers", took the two to the home of the murdered businessman and paraded them before the Zozo family.

Zozo's common-law wife pleaded with the crowd not to take the law into their own hands and asked them to take the pair to the police. Her pleas went unheeded as youths allegedly hacked the suspects with an assortment of weapons.

■ July 7
A mob armed with pangas hacked to death four men suspected of being involved in criminal activities and then burnt their bodies in the East Rand township of Ivory Park. The men allegedly belonged to a gang that has been linked to rape, car hijackings and robbery in the township.

Witnesses said the mob rounded up a group of local residents and conducted a door-to-door search for the gang in the "Angola" section of the township. The four were herded to the outskirts of the township, where their hands and legs were bound with wire.

They were then stabbed and hacked with pangas, their bodies doused with petrol and set alight. One of the bodies had a smouldering tyre around the neck.

Lt Jan Combrinck said at the time: "We are looking at yet another incident of jungle justice. Ivory Park has been the scene of several cases of street justice recently due to the high crime rate."

Residents interviewed said they felt relief: "They have paid for their deeds. They terrorised people in she-beens, fired shots indiscriminately, hijacked cars and generally made our lives difficult."

Angola section residents' committee chairman Stanley Krotz said: "Ob-

viously our confidence in the police has disappeared. Mob justice seems to be the only alternative for frustrated communities."

■ July 27
Tempers flared outside the Soweto Regional Court when a crowd wanted to lynch a man accused of killing a 12-year-old boy. The police had to intervene.

■ August 27
Three men suspected of stealing a minibus were injured after they were stabbed, doused with petrol and set alight by a group of more than 30 taxi drivers.

Anthony Manyisa (39), Raymond Malale (27) and Sam Ngobe (28) narrowly escaped death after they were taken from their homes in Khutsong. The three were accused of stealing a minibus and murdering a taxi operator. A group of taxi drivers took the three to the Carletonville taxi rank, where they assaulted them with knobkerries, axes, knives and pangas before they were doused with petrol and set alight. They were left for dead.

■ September 12
More than 50 000 Soweto high school pupils marched to the Pretoria Magistrate's Court where they demanded the release of a fellow pupil who had appeared in court in connection with the death of gang leader Mduduzi "Chafunya" Mhlongo.

The pupils argued that by killing the gangster, the pupil had "freed" the community from a reign of terror.

■ October 30
Two unidentified men suspected of having been involved in a car hijacking were hacked to death by a crowd of people in Dobsonville. Police found the two with their feet and hands bound with pieces of wire in a house in Zuurbekom, outside Soweto. The third victim was taken to Baragwanath hospital.

■ November 15
An alleged car hijacker was shot dead by his intended victim in Zone 2, Meadowlands, Soweto. The owner of a bakkie was warming up his van's engine in his yard when he was attacked by two armed men wanting to rob him of his vehicle. The man pulled out a gun and shot dead one hijacker. The other hijacker fled.