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'What are the benefits?'

WORKERS who were entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections in Lebowa should ask themselves what they stand to benefit from the exercise, a statement released by the National Council for Trade Unions, said.

The statement, released by Nactu's Pietersburg shop steward executive said the "Lebowa puppets" had over the years sanctioned the "super exploitation of black workers" by refusing to pass the Labour Relations Act *Sowetan 24/11/89*

"The absence of this Act leaves the workers unprotected as the employers in Lebowa do not have to negotiate with trade unions. As workers can only be adequately protected by their own unions, this leaves them open to

the super exploitation which results in people earning R17 per week," the statement added

The Labour Relations Act which is applicable in "white South Africa" has no force of law in Lebowa. The Lebowa legislative assembly has the power to pass the same Act or an equivalent and until this is done, unions will not be able to operate in the homeland. The homeland's department of home affairs has for the past two years been saying such an Act was being drafted, but nothing has so far come of those pronouncements.

The homeland announced last week that an election will be held on April 12 this year.

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Lebowa police found guilty again of a death of a detainee

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WHEN Lebowa senior magistrate, Mr Marks Lebelo, last week found that members of the Lebowa Police Force were responsible for the death of a student leader, it was the third time that a magistrate had blamed the police for the death of detainees

Mr Lebelo had presided over the inquest into the death of Modjadji College of Education SRC president Mr Ngwako Frans Ramalepe, on October 18, 1985

Mr Ramalepe had been arrested the previous day but his badly bruised half-dead body was picked up alongside the road outside the township late the same night

The other inquest involved journalist Makompo Lucky Kutumela, a member of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), who died within twelve hours after being detained and brutally assaulted by police at Mahwelereng township outside Potgietersrus

Makompo

The police who testified in the inquest denied knowledge of how the wounds that caused the death were inflicted and the person responsible. But the magistrate ruled that the policemen who arrested Makompo were responsible for his death

United Democratic Front Northern Transvaal President, Mr Peter Nchabeleng, was taken from his home in the middle of the night. He was a healthy man with no ailment. Thirteen hours later, he was dead

By MATHATHA TSEDU

— his body bruised

At his death the police said he had died of a heart attack. Later in testimony at the inquest police witnesses said he had complained of being weak while "enjoying" a meal of porridge and milk

They denied any knowledge of how the horrible bruises on Mr Nchabeleng's body had come by. They all said Mr Nchabeleng had not been assaulted

The inquest magistrate however ruled that the policemen who were members of the Riot Unit stationed at Sekhukhuni Land Police Station on that day were responsible for his death

In Mr Ramalepe's inquest, evidence led was that police had arrested him and Mr Robert Makokga at a shopping

centre at Ga-Kgapane township. The two were taken to the local police station where they were assaulted by a group of at least 13 policemen

Mr Makokga testified that he was beaten with sjamboks, batons, rifle butts and booted feet. He said he was suspended in the air by his hands and feet while being assault-

ed. He said the same was done to Mr Ramalepe

He said he was later dragged into the back of a police van and dumped in it. After further beatings of Mr Ramalepe, his limp body was also dumped in the back of the van

They were driven out of the township and the two were dumped at the



MR Dikgang Moseneke at the inquest.

Leeuwkraal turn-off and left for dead

Mr Ramalepe was later picked up and taken to hospital where he died on October 18. Police at the time denied any knowledge of the two. At the inquest hearing — which started in February last year — the police came with what family representative Mr Dikgang Moseneke, described as "an improbable story"

Unguarded

Station commander of the Bolobedu Police Station at the time, Captain Rammutha, told the court that after the arrest of the two, the police had left them unguarded in the yard with unlocked gates. The police, he said, had gone back to the township to deal with reports of unrest

When the police returned Mr Ramalepe and Mr Makokga were missing. Capt Rammutha said the escape from lawful custody was however not noted in the occurrence book. The police, he said, did not launch a search for the man that he had described as "the leader of the comrades who was responsible for the trouble in the township"

Capt Rammutha said he thought Mr Ramalepe was killed by people opposed to the comrades. He denied that the police were responsible for Mr Ramalepe's death

Improbable

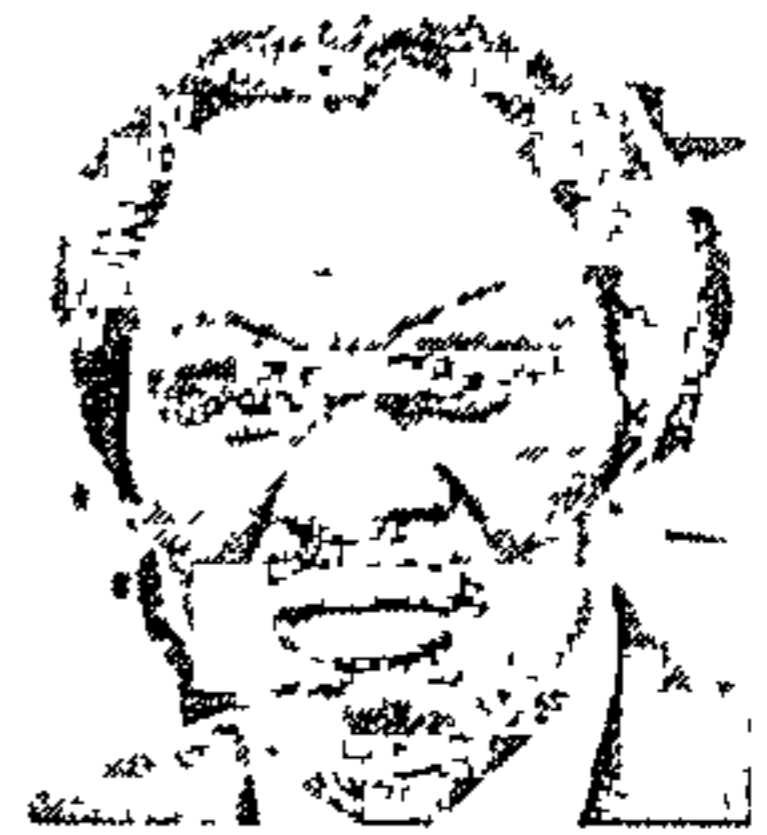
In his summing-up M Moseneke said the court must reject "out of hand" the "improbable" story of the police. He said the fact that the Lebowa police had paid M Makokga R5000 in an out of court settlement for his lawsuit arising from the beating was an indication of acceptance of responsibility.

Mi Lebello said in his short finding that M Ramalepe had died as a result of "acts involving or amounting to an offence of murder on the part of some of the Lebowa Police who were on duty on October 17 1985 at Bolobedu Police Station".

The finding was eventually a rejection of the police evidence and a rebuke to them for what the court found to be

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Lebowa poll problems



M N Ramodike

ALLEGED interference with election campaign procedures by Lebowa chiefs may lead to a Supreme Court interdict to stop next month's polling, independent candidates in Seshego have revealed.

Thirteen independent candidates in the Seshego constituency who allege that chiefs Moloto and Matlala have issued instructions to bar them from campaigning in the villages, are to meet with the Seshego magistrate this morning to iron out the issue.

The thirteen, who include former Police Minister, Mr M J Duba, former speaker, Mr I K Moloko, newcomers Mr William Ledwaba and Miss Noni Ledwaba, say the chiefs have ordered that only the four candidates of the Lebowa People's Party of Chief Minister Mr M N Ramodike, should be allowed to campaign.

Letters from the two chiefs addressed to headmen, endorsing the four LPP candidates who include a deputy minister, were shown to *Sowetan*. The thirteen say they have been barred from using schools as venues for meetings.

Mr Ramodike was yesterday not available for comment but the chief public relations officer for the Lebowa government, Mr Serobi Maja, said the Govern-

By MATHATHA TSEDU

ment wanted a free campaign and free election "But we cannot interfere with the chief's right to bar meetings that he does not approve of," he added.

"The electoral proclamation is quite clear. All candidates should be free to hold meetings to campaign. The attitude of the chiefs run counter to the proclamation. If Wednesday's meeting

does not produce the necessary results, we will take the matter to the Supreme Court for an interdict to stop the elections," Mr Willie Ledwaba said yesterday.

The polling is to be held on April 12. Mr Duba pointed out that the state of emergency made campaigning

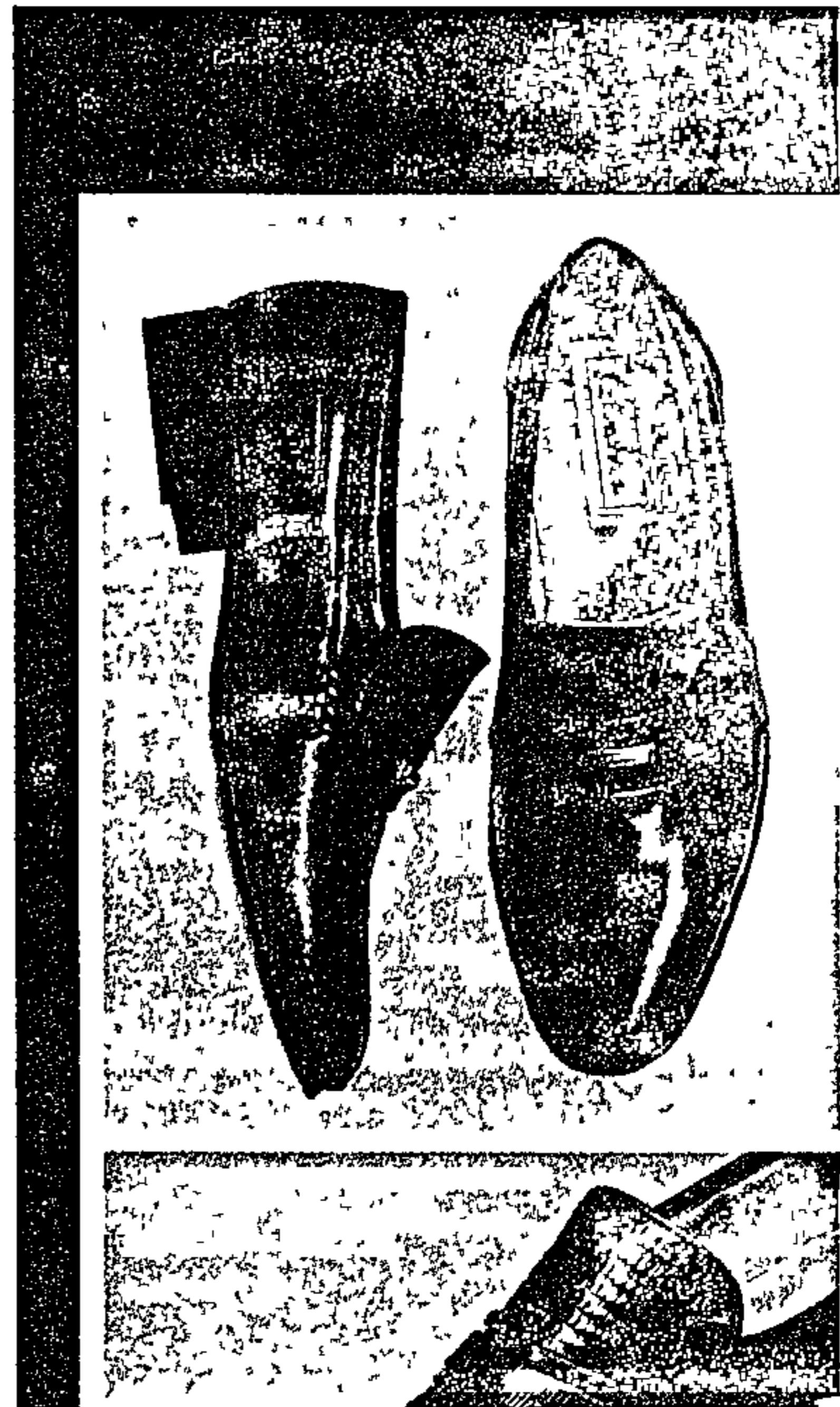
difficult. Candidates have to apply for permits to hold meetings, he said.

He said there was large scale intimidation in the Moletjie area and showed an old man who alleged he had been assaulted by a clan policeman at Chief Moloto's offices.

Sowetan 29/3/89 **Khumalo is restricted**

THE Northern Transvaal regional secretary for the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr Donsie Khumalo, who has been on a hunger strike, has been released from detention but stringent restrictions have been imposed on him.

Lawyer Mr Peter Marris said the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, had ordered that Khumalo report to the police twice a day, remain in the magisterial district of Pretoria and not issue Press statements.



LDC calls for funding

A CALL for private sector involvement in the new R9 million education and training trust set up by the Lebowa Development Corporation was made at a meeting of the Pietersburg Rotary Club.

The speaker was Mr David Lamola, who is in charge of the Human Resources Division of LDC which is responsible for training and education matters. He announced that a

director would be appointed later in the year to administer the trust, and then the corporation would be looking to the private sector for more support and funding.

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YOUTHS chant Viva! for Nelson . . .

THE RHYTHM and melody of the song is unmistakably revolutionary. The slogans "Long live" and "Viva" that intersperse the singing only serve to confirm the melody.

In the foreground the singing youths do the toi toi with a zeal that is common to activists' funerals and other related gatherings.

But this is a singing with a difference. For among the seemingly enthralled crowd are members of the Lebowa police who take no action against the chanting youths.

For this is neither an Azapo nor UDF meeting. This is a rally of the Lebowa People's Party (LPP) of Chief Minister Mr Nelson Noko Ramodike

The singing, chanting and stomping youths are a permanent feature of Mr Ramodike's election rallies. While other speakers are presaged by school choirs and hymns, Mr Ramodike is introduced by the toi toi dances.

The youths are bussed around the homeland and are under the guidance of a civil servant, "disgraced" former Azapo member, Mr Michael Mpe

Elected as Chief Minister in October 1987, Mr Ramodike took office with a style of his own. He proclaimed himself as an anti-apartheid campaigner and pledged himself to root out corruption

Puppet

He tried, but was largely unsuccessful, to befriend the extra-parliamentary grouping in the area. As a result, he came to be known as "Comrade Puppet"

With his anti-corruption drive, Mr Ramodike, nicknamed Mr Clean by some, approved or was instrumental in the appointment of various commissions of inquiry to probe irregu-

FOOTNOTES



larities by his own Cabinet Ministers

One of these, to investigate former Police Minister Mr J Duba, led to the Minister's dismissal from the Cabinet last year

All these created an image of Mr Ramodike as a straightforward man who takes no nonsense

This image took a terrible beating last week when allegations of widespread intimidation and prohibition of independent candidates was revealed

With his party being the only registered organisation participating in the April 12 elections, Mr Ramodike's candidates are facing independent candidates all over the homeland

It is these independent candidates who have

'Comrade Puppet' or Mr Clean?

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LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike.

weekend, Mr Sekororo and Mr Ramodike almost came to blows as they hurled abuse at each other

At another rally held at Mogoboya, Mr Ramodike named and pointed out a clerk in the crowd and accused him of supporting Mr Sekororo

Threats

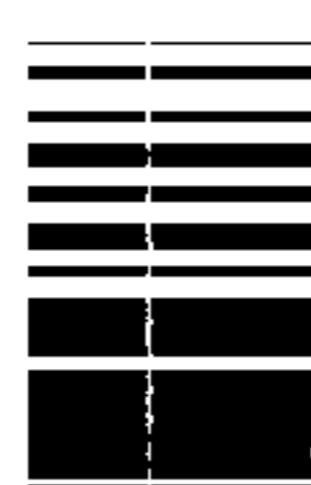
He has allegedly stated that those who work for the Lebowa government who supported other people should "look for work in the mines". Other allegations include threats to old-age pensioners that those who do not register as voters for LPP would lose their pensions

This, it is said, has led to many an invalid being carried in wheelbarrows to registration centres to safeguard their much-valued pensions

Mr Ramodike has also been accused of making empty promises all round. After the annulment of the Indemnity Act early last year, he announced that all claims against the police, totalling over R4,5 million, would be

now come out to point out that chiefs all over Lebowa, who control access to villages, have ganged up against independent candidates in favour of LPP representatives

have met with the local magistrate to complain. The 13 intend applying for a Supreme Court interdict to stop the elections



Letters from chiefs, stating categorically that specific independent candidates would not be allowed to hold meetings have been produced. The chiefs are paid by the Lebowa government and fall directly under Mr Ramodike's department.

One headman has been fined R60 for allowing an independent candidate in the Thabamooopo area, Mr T J Mothapo, to campaign in his village.

Thirteen independent candidates in Seshego

In Mr Ramodike's own constituency, where he is locked in a duel to the finish with former chief S S Sekororo — whom he dismissed as chief last year — allegations of intimidation have also been made.

A clerk in Namakgale was visited by Mr Ramodike on March 22 and accused of supporting Mr Sekororo. He was allegedly warned by Mr Ramodike that he was in "serious trouble".

At a rally at Mametja over the past long

Pattern

At various rallies in Lenyenyene and Thabamooopo, Mr Ramodike announced that teacher training colleges would be opened before the end of February this year.

Many would-be teachers flocked to the named centres at great expense but to no avail. To date none of the mentioned colleges have been opened.

Political observers have pointed out that while Mr Ramodike had put himself out as Mr Clean, the revelations of intimidations and prohibitions are in line with the general pattern in all Bantustans.

Repeated attempts last week to put the allegations to Mr Ramodike were unsuccessful as he was always said to be busy in a meeting.

May order to kill comrades was given out

Sowetan 5/4/87

IT IS the afternoon of March 4, 1986, and the police at the Mahwelereng township police station are assembled on parade. At the head of the parade was the assistant station commander, a Warrant Officer Molongwane who told his charges that they must each arm themselves with a sjambok and go into the township for a raid.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

"Comrades" found drinking in shebeens should be sjambokked and killed because they barred the police from buying in township shops and using taxis, W/O Molongwane told his juniors. In another part of the township, seven members of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), having spent the Friday working, plan a drinking spree at a local shebeen.

Among them is journalist and Mwasa member, Makompo Lucky Kutumela.

The paths of the two groups crossed each other later that night when the police raided a shebeen and found the seven men drinking and arrested them.

By the following morning, Makompo was dead. Three others in the group were hospitalised with serious injuries. One lost the use of his left eye. The order to kill the comrades had seemingly been partially fulfilled.

The news of Makompo's death spread like wildfire through the

FOCUS

Tombstone for one victim unveiled tomorrow

small townships His funeral held 14 days later, drew 40 000 people who came from near and far.

Mwasa's Far Northern Transvaal region, in consultation with the family and the community, has erected a tombstone for Makompo which is to be unveiled tomorrow.

How did this young man die? Testimony at the inquest, by a senior police officer, W/O Lucas Magagane, was that an order to raid shebeens and kill comrades had been issued at the Mahwelereng police station on April 4.

Those arrested with Makompo, Kgalabe

Kekana, Perry Kekana, Tswaledi Thobejane, Matsapa Letswalo, Paledi Seloolo and Kagiso Mogale, testified that they were taken from the shebeen and driven to the police station.

They were taken from the cells one by one to an open space between the cells and the charge office — known as the stadium. There they were sjambokked, kicked, hit with open hands, fists and rifle butts.

Makompo was the first to be assaulted and had been the most seriously hurt.

They said he had pleaded for water all night as he grew weaker by the hour. The pleas for assistance were ignored by the police on duty, it was said.

Saturday morning April 5, Makompo's spirit parted with his body. He joined a long list of other black activists and leaders who had gone the same way.

The inquest testimony about how he died was to be recited in many courts in Lebowa as one magistrate after another presided over deaths in police custody.

Magistrate M B Mabuza ruled that at least ten policemen, including W/O Molongwane who allegedly issued the order, should be charged with the murder of Makompo.

Other magistrates in the area who presided over other inquests have also made almost similar rulings. All have found the police to be responsible despite the protests and declarations of innocence by the involved policemen.

Journalist's memorial forbidden by police

LEBOWA police commissioner, Brigadier J J de Swardt, on Wednesday night banned the unveiling of the tombstone of Makompo Kutumela, a journalist who died in police detention in 1986 *Sunday 7/11/89*

Lebowa police and members of the SAP security branch raided the Kutumela residence at Mahwelereng several times on Wednesday night and yesterday and ordered people to leave the premises.

A family spokesman said other people travelling from Johannesburg and other parts of the Reef were turned back by police in nearby Potgietersrus

Vansa's forex
earnings could
top R100-m

The Vansa Vanadium mine in Lebowa is expected to earn more than R100 million in foreign exchange in the near future

Officially opening the mine at Steelpoort in the Lydenburg district on Friday, the Governor of Lebowa, Mr Mogoboya Ramodike, said tax revenue and workers salaries from Vansa Vanadium would assist the homeland and surrounding areas to achieve greater economic independence

Mr Ramodike appealed for additional investments in the area

He deplored those advocating sanctions and disinvestment as they hurt economic development

Mr Alan Sealey, deputy chairman of Rand Mines, said prices for vanadium pentoxide had exceeded those anticipated, which augered well for the mine's future

However, full production levels had not as yet been achieved, Mr Sealey said

The opencast operation, with ore deposits of 2,9 million tons, has a workforce of 300

Vansa's shares were heavily traded last week, but the price fell by 5c to 870c — Sapa

Ramodike attacks Sowetan; reporter is threatened

Uprouar at Lebowwa

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16/4/89

A MAN identified as a prison warder escaped serious beating by youths after he was found in possession of a sophisticated tape recorder at a political rally near Pietersburg yesterday.

The man was handed over to the Lebowwa police. He was brought in during a speech by Lebowwa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike, who said that the man had been sent by an independent candidate, former Police Minister Mr M J Duba.

The incident happened at a rally of the Lebowwa People's Party at Cornelius Showgrounds near Seshego.

In a speech that lasted for more than 90 minutes, Mr Ramodike launched a bitter attack at the Sowetan news-

By MATHATHA, TSEDU

paper and Northern Transvaal reporter Mathata Tsedu. Mr Ramodike accused the Sowetan and the reporter of being "agents" of independent candidates campaigning against his party in this week's elections.

Amid shouts of "Kill him" and "Send him home" by the enraged

the policeman said the As Tsedu left the meeting in the company of the security policeman, Mr Ramodike said it was deplorable that members of the Lebowwa police had killed several detainees in 1986 and, referring to Tsedu, asked "How did you survive?"

The attack on this newspaper followed articles in which independent candidates accused several chiefs of supporting Mr Ramodike's party and blocking campaigns in the villages by the independent candidates.

youths, Mr Ramodike said Tsedu should "go back to his home in Venda".

A senior Lebowwa security policeman later approached Tsedu and asked him to leave the meeting while Mr Ramodike was speaking.

"We cannot guarantee your safety. The spirit among these boys is that you must be attacked and we are not sure if we can control the situation,"

Jailed MP

will miss

Lebowa poll

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

MIDDELBURG — A Lebowa MP is to miss tomorrow's general election in the homeland because he has been jailed for contempt of court.

Chief Dikwetse Madihlaba (35), who represents the Nebo district, was arrested last Tuesday. He is serving a 30-day sentence in the Middelburg prison and will only be released on May 3.

A Department of Justice spokesman in Pretoria said Chief Madihlaba had been imprisoned for failing to obey a Supreme Court order dated July 30 1985.

The order was in connection with a civil case, but the spokesman was unable to give details.

Chief Madihlaba's secretary in Glen Cowie said that a number of candidates were opposing her employer in tomorrow's elections, but she did not know how many.

She added that Chief Madihlaba's brother had been running the campaign in the absence of the Nebo MP.

Assurances for detainees

SIPHO NCOBO and RIAAN SMIT

POLICE again gave assurances yesterday they would not arrest six former detainees for breaking their restriction orders when they sought refuge last month in the British Embassy against those orders *By 24/5/89*

A British Embassy spokesman in Cape Town said: "Today we got another assurance from the Ministry of Law and Order that the six will not be arrested or charged for any matter relating to the time they spent at the British Embassy"

But the police declined to say whether the six would be arrested for defying restriction orders since leaving the embassy in Pretoria on March 30

A spokesman for Donsie Khumalo, Sandy Lebeso, Grace Dube, Selebogo Mabena, Mike Seloane and Ignatius Jacobs said they would continue breaking their restrictions until government backed down

Asked about possible redetention in terms of the emergency regulations, the spokesman said they would go on a hunger strike again if they were detained

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Politicos get killings plea

By 24/5/89
LEBOWA's Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has warned candidates in today's election of the territory's 5th Legislative Assembly not to murder each other, as this reflected badly on the image of the state

During a radio panel show, Ramodike also called on all rural and urban citizens to participate in the poll

He warned candidates to "refrain from murdering each other during campaigns as this damages the image of the state"

He referred to a shooting incident in which a candidate narrowly escaped death — Sapa. (11)

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R76M INVESTED IN LEBOWA INDUSTRY

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THE Lebowa Development Corporation has, to date, facilitated investment of R76m in industrial development in the North Sotho homeland, while commercial investment amounts to R33m.

Almost 11 000 jobs have been created in industry, while the commercial sector provides jobs for more than 4 200 people. Another 35 new facilities for factories are being considered by the Development Bank of Southern Africa, at an estimated value of R7,6m.

Excellent industrial incentives are offered at Seshego just outside Pietersburg, while an

almost limitless supply of labour is available.

To serve the growing purchasing power of the area, a R2,5m shopping centre is being erected at Lebowakgomo, while a similar R2,5m shopping complex was approved for Seshego. The de facto population of Lebowa is estimated at more than 2,6-million.

Established factories include 16 food and beverage, 12 chemical, rubber and plastics, 11 furniture and woodwork, seven textile weaving and leather, one jewellery and 13 other manufacturing industries. Eight new industries are in the process of being established.

Lebowa chief gunned down by hold-up men

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26/4/89 Own Correspondent

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LEBOWAKGOMO — No arrests have been made yet in connection with the weekend murder of Chief Joseph Phahlanoke of Sekhukune in Lebowa

He was shot dead by robbers. Police said the driver of a bakery truck and his assistant were held up by three armed men at a hardware shop and robbed of R300.

The men then forced the driver to continue to the next shop on his route, but his assistant escaped and told Chief Phahlanoke about the robbery.

When the chief confronted the three men and fired a warning shot, they all opened fire in return, killing him on the spot.

The men then fled.

Mum speaks out on ban

THE ban on the unveiling of the tombstone of journalist, Malkompo Kutumela last week showed the hypocrisy of the Lebowa homeland leadership, the Kutumela family said at the weekend.

Speaking in an interview with *Sowetan*, when the family expressed thanks and gratitude to Mwasa, Azapo and Azasm, Mr Kutumela's

mother, Mrs Annah Kutumela said the homeland's Chief Minister, Mr M N Ramodike, had been using her son's alleged killing by the police as an election issue.

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He goes about denouncing the killing saying a former Minister of Police had ordered it. But when we want to

unveil a tombstone in honour of my son, his police ban the service and harass the people who come from far and near to pay their respects," Mrs Kutumela said.

Mr Kutumela died in police custody at the Mahwelereng Police Station on April 5, 1986. He had been arrested the previous evening with six other Azapo members — some of whom were also

beaten and had to be admitted to hospital.

Police banned the unveiling and ordered people to disperse. The unveiling, however, went ahead with only about fifty relatives allowed by the police to attend.

Mrs Kutumela paid special tribute to Mogodi Memorials of Seshego who apparently donated the expensive tombstone free of charge.

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 Voters were intimidated defeated candidate claims

CHIEF MINISTER SUED

By SELLO RABOTHATA

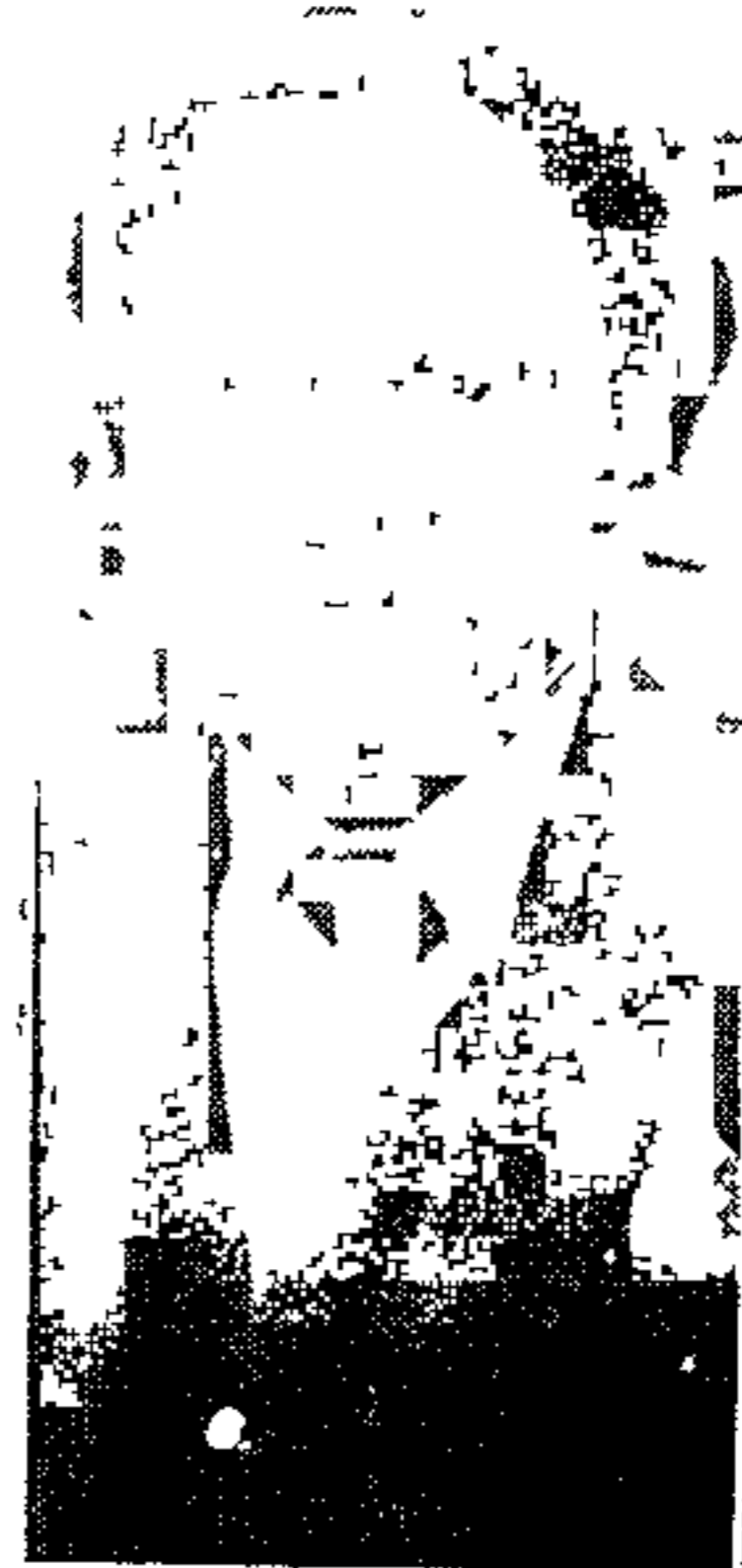
AN APPLICATION to nullify the election last month of the Chief Minister of Lebowa, Mr M N Ramodike, as a member of the legislative assembly for Maphumo has been filed in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The application, filed by Mr S S Sekororo, cites seven respondents including the State President, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, Mr Ramodike, Mrs Jane Mahlo who was elected together with Mr Ramodike, the Lebowa Minister of Home Affairs, Mr L G Mathole and the chief electoral officer, Mr P P Pheme

The papers were served on the respondents yesterday, according to some of them, and they have up to June 8 to indicate whether they will contest the application

Threats

In an affidavit, Mr Mahlo, who lost the elections in the constituency, said Ramodike and Mrs Mahlo, his sister, had "intimidated" the voters to vote for them, waged a "general and orchestrated campaign



Chief Minister Ramodike.

to stop me from holding pre-election meetings"

Mr Mahlo further alleges that Maphumo has an estimated 15 000 voters but that over 25 000 had participated. This he asserted, meant that there were people who voted more than once

The court application comes only five days before the election of a chief minister which is to be held on Tuesday. Although the application requests the court to order that both Mr Ramodike and Mrs Mahlo should be barred from holding public office or standing for election for five years, this is not likely to affect the elections on Tuesday, legal sources say

Lebowa duel for hot seat

Sowetan 15/5/81
THE stage is set for a fierce duel tomorrow for Lebowa's top job of chief minister when the

incumbent, Mr Nelson Ramodike, and his former cabinet colleague, Mr M J Duba, vie for the lucrative post

Ramodike's nomination is a foregone conclusion while Duba's candidature was confirmed by his close aides.

Duba was minister of police when police were allegedly involved in assaults on civilians, resulting in civil claims against the government totalling over R4,5 million. (11)

He was kicked out of the cabinet by Ramodike after the appointment of a commission of inquiry to investigate his handling of the police portfolio. Mr Duba applied for a Supreme Court interdict against the commission and was instantly dismissed from the cabinet.

With Ramodike's recent performances, which have brought him a lot of flak including the alleged threat against a priest and further threats to close the Lutheran church in Lenyenyene, observers say the voting could go either way.

Ramodike has the full backing of the Lebowa People's Party while Duba is backed by independent candidates and several chiefs.

Ramodike announces new Cabinet 111

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SOWETAN Reporter

THE Chief Minister of Lebowa Mr Nelson Ramodike, who scored a landslide election victory yesterday, immediately announced his new cabinet.

The announcement was made during the special session of the fifth Lebowa legislative assembly at Lebowa-kgomo involving 10 Ministers and seven deputy Ministers.

Mr Ramodike won an overwhelming majority over his opponent, the former Minister of Works, Mr M J Duba

The new Chief Minister of Justice is the former radio personality, Mr Mokhudu Lawrence Ledwaba. He replaces Chief Z T Seleka, whose retirement was announced yesterday by Ramodike.

Veteran

The portfolio of law and order will fall under Ramodike. The new Minister of Health and Social Welfare is a medical practitioner, Dr

L Molaba who replaces veteran politician Mr Kwakwa.

The other ministers are Mr B H Rammupudu, Education, Mr L M Mokoena, Works, Mr K P Phasha, Agriculture, Mr M M Matlala, Finance; Mr I G Mathole, Home Affairs, Mr M M Marishane, Economic Affairs and Technology.

Mr Noko Bernard Papo has been appointed Minister of Transport and Traffic, a newly created portfolio. Former Minister of

Agriculture Mr Lekau without portfolio under Abner Mamabolo has the department of the been appointed Minister Chief Minister — Sapa

Meadowlands warned of water cuts

WATER supplies for the whole of Meadowlands will be interrupted today for the purpose of making repairs to pipes.

Residents are asked to take precautions as there will be no water between 8,30am to 3,30pm.

Mandela release 111

Chief told
to pay back
loan at once

THE former Minister of Finance in the Lebowa homeland, Chief LC Mothiba, has been ordered to pay back immediately R22 474,34 of a R140 000 loan granted to him by the Lebowa Development Corporation.

The loan was granted to pay overdue sales tax, but the R22 474,34 was in fact used to buy shares in Lebowa Breweries in the name of his wife, the Dekker Commission, whose report was tabled in Parliament yesterday, found

The commission found that the granting of the loan of R140 000 was soundly based. However, in a statement issued yesterday, the Lebowa cabinet said it found it irregular on the part of the Lebowa Development Corporation to have granted the loan with the approval of only one director.

POLITICS

Minister ordered to pay cash back

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THE former Minister of Finance in Lebowa, L C Mothiba, had been ordered to pay back immediately R22 474,34 of a R140,000 loan granted to him by the Lebowa Development Corporation, the Dekker Commission said yesterday.

The commission, whose report was tabled in Parliament, said the loan was granted to pay overdue sales tax contributions but the R22 474,34 was in fact used to buy shares in Lebowa Breweries in the name of his wife.

It found the loan of R140 000 had been granted on the basis of sound business practices.

However, the Lebowa Cabinet said it found it irregular on the part of the corporation to have granted the loan with the approval of only one director instead of the whole board of directors.

It also said it had decided the corporation should look into the conduct of its officials in connection with the loan.

The one-person commission, headed by Leendert Dekker, found that there was no conclusive evidence that Mothiba had had a house erected on agricultural land within his tribal area.

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Lebowa police seek robbers who made off with R360 000

THE Lebowa Police are searching for four armed robbers who escaped with R360 000 drawn from a bank in Groblersdal to pay Nebo pensioners

The robbery was the largest ever committed in Lebowa and took place at a four-way stop at Nebo, where a vehicle containing the money, two police officers and three clerks attached to the Nebo magistrate's office, was forced off the road

Before the five occupants realised what was happening, a gang of four armed robbers came from all sides of their vehicle and held them up. The five were forced to drive to a remote area where they were robbed and their fire-arms taken. A policeman was injured.

Lebowa Police Assistant Commissioner Brig Philip said the robbers were armed and extremely dangerous. He warned members of the public not to attempt to apprehend them, but to report their whereabouts to the nearest police station — Sapa.

Lebowa colleges

hit by boycotts

Own Correspondent

PIETERSBURG — Two more teachers' colleges in Lebowa are experiencing problems with students attending classes

Students at the Mokopane College of Education near Potgietersrus left the campus on Friday after a prolonged stayaway from classes

Their dissatisfaction apparently springs from a dispute about credits for certain subjects they believe they are entitled to, but which the authorities are not prepared to grant.

At the Setotlwane College of Education near Pietersburg, male students allegedly locked female students inside their hostels to prevent them from writing exams on Friday. The reason for this action could not be established. The principals of both colleges were unavailable for comment.

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To:

Mr Oelof Abraham de Meyer

GREETINGS!

Whereas I deem it expedient to appoint a commission to inquire into and report on the matters mentioned hereinafter and by reason of the great trust I repose in your knowledge and ability, I hereby authorise and appoint you to be the Chairman and sole member of a commission, with the following terms of reference:

To inquire into and report and make recommendations on—

- (a) any mismanagement which may have occurred in the Government Service of Lebowa, the Lebowa Development Corporation or the Lebowa Agricultural Company, with special reference to—
- (i) any malpractices or irregularities, including any non-compliance with financial or other instructions, in the administration of a department of the said Government Service or in the administration of the said Corporation or Company;
 - (ii) any irregular or improper favouring of individuals or instances by any such department or the said Corporation or Company, whether or not such individuals or instances are attached to that department, Corporation or Company;
 - (iii) any abuse by persons in the management of any such department or the said Corporation or Company of their authority or position to attempt influencing decision-making in the Government of Lebowa; and
 - (iv) any losses sustained by any such department or the said Corporation or Company as a result of any misappropriation of funds of,

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Aan:

Mnr. Oelof Abraham de Meyer

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Aangesien ek dit dienstig ag om 'n kommissie te benoem om ondersoek in te stel na en verslag te doen oor die aangeleenthede hieronder vermeld, en groot vertroue het in u kennis en bekwaamheid, magtig ek u en stel ek u aan as Voorsitter en enigste lid van 'n kommissie, met die volgende opdrag

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standards to fall in cities, says Meyer

Urbanisation would probably cause a decline in living standards in South African cities, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer, told a housing congress at Sandton yesterday

He said this was so because the largest increase in population would occur in urban areas and among the poorest people

Mr Meyer said if 75 percent of blacks were urbanised by the end of the century, South Africa's urban population would number 35 million

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It was debatable whether high-rise projects would be suitable for housing

"What is now urgently required is for the State and the private sector to jointly further adjust and develop policies that will facilitate both the upgrading of existing informal housing and the establishment of new site and service schemes," Mr Meyer added - Sapa

Lebowa rejects Govt forum

By Dirk Nel, Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG - The National Forum was not acceptable and "would not stand the test of time", the Chief Minister of Lebowa, Mr Nelson Ramodike, told Mr F W de Klerk yesterday

He said Lebowa favoured a "Transvaal Indaba", instead of all the existing liaison bodies between the Government and individual self-governing states

Mr Ramodike also called for the release of political prisoners, saying this would give the Government's stated reform plans more credibility

He also appealed for the scrapping of the group areas, separate amenities and population registration Acts, and said multiracial areas should be proclaimed nationwide

Black people did not want to overwhelm their white compatriots

"If people can simply be seen as people, irrespective of the colour of their skin, South Africa will be a happier country," he said

Mr de Klerk's election as NP leader had come at a "make or break" time in the country's history. He had the power to effect the changes needed

Schlebusch leaves R3-m estate

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN - Former MP Mr Adi Schlebusch, who was murdered on his farm Waterbron near Bloemfontein on May 8, has left an estate of about R3 million

Immovable assets are given as R467 750 and movable assets at just over R1 million. Claims in favour of the estate amount to R1 536 000. According to a will Mr Schlebusch leaves his pension money, car, furniture, belongings and R20 000 in cash to his wife Suzanne

The rest of the estate, and money from insurance policies, will be shared between his four children - Barend Jacobus Schlebusch, Hester Cornelia Eksteen, Jan Adriaan Schlebusch and Ludick Schlebusch

Ramodike to defend action

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LEBOWA chief minister Mr M N Ramodike will defend the action brought against him by an opponent in the last election, it was confirmed yesterday.

Former chief Solomon Mahlo, who was defeated in the April elections, has applied to the court to declare Ramodike's election invalid. He said there were widespread irregularities during the campaign and the election.

Mahlo also asked that the victory by his sister, Mrs Jane Mahlo, be also nullified. The return date for the seven respondents, who included the State President, was June 8.

Crime wave shocker

NATIONAL newspapers daily carry reports of crimes committed in the major cities of the country.

Reports of crimes committed in areas outside the big cities and towns make the columns of the daily Press

As a result, many people believe that crime is only prevalent in centres such as Johannesburg and Soweto. But nothing could be further from the truth for crime is prevalent nationwide and is on the increase everywhere.

The recent spate of bank robberies in Johannesburg have in a way enhanced the perception that Johannesburg is the Chicago of this country. Robberies are however occurring all over

Statistics

The public relations division of the Lebowa police, headed by Lieutenant M L Tlomsana, last week released figures of crime statistics in the homeland for the period April 1988 up to March 1989.

The figures reveal that police in the homeland handled 17400 cases

Seshego coming second and lastly Bushbuckridge.

Theft from premises, 4000 mainly building materials Seshego is first

during that period. The cases range from murder, rape, robbery to stock theft. The figure represents an increase of at least 16 percent, Tlomsana said.

The breakdown of this 17400 cases is as follows: Murder 300 with Mokerong taking the lead followed by Bolobedu and Seshego. Most of the

Accidents

cases from Bolobedu were witchcraft related.

Culpable Homicide: 200. This comprises mainly of road accidents at Bushbuckridge, Seshego and Mankweng. Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm 6200, Seshego took the lead followed by Mankweng, Bolobedu and Mokopane.

Robbery 1400 cases with 590 of them involving the use of guns. Again Seshego is high on the list followed by Mokopane, Mankweng and Bushbuckridge.

Housebreaking and theft: 2400 with Mankweng top of the list and

ridge, Seshego and Mankweng.

There were also a significant number of car thefts, abortion and drug related cases reported by people to the police, Tlomsana said.

Discussing the figures, Tlomsana said the police had handled 250 murder cases for a corresponding period previously. The increase was 16 percent and could not be solely attributed to increased population. He said more people were committing murders.

Victims

Most of the murder victims were stabbed with knives or other sharp instruments, he said. Those killed with guns were robbery-related where victims resisted.

Sixty percent of rape victims were in the 16-25 age group. Most of the rapes were committed by people known to the victims and took place in residential areas. Knives were used to scare the victims into submission, Tlomsana said.

Pedestrians knocked down along busy roads formed the major part of road casualties.

Tlomsana said stock theft was proving the most difficult to solve.

“There seems to be syndicates that work together. They steal for specific customers. By the time the case is reported, the animal has

already been killed and eaten. Some butcheries are also involved in these syndicates,” he added.

He said Lebowa police did not have a child abuse section but several cases of child neglect and abuse were handled. These involved mainly

child dumping by teenage girls jilted by their equally young boys.

Cases of baby snatching by mainly barren women had also been handled, he said.

He said the police had had a 60 percent success rate in cases of rape, murder and culpable homicide.

Tlomsana said the ever-growing number of educated people was giving rise to new crimes which were initially unheard of in black societies. These included fraud and extortion.



Lieutenant M L Tlomsana.

followed by Lebowa, Mankweng and Bushbuckridge.

Stock theft: 1000 cases involving 50000 cattle. Nebo and Sekhukhune land take the lead followed by Motetema and Seshego in the Mashashane area.

Road accidents with injuries: 1000 cases mainly in Bushbuckridge.

Housebreaking and theft: 2400 with Mankweng top of the list and

Sowetan 4/7/89

Boycott colleges reopen

AS schools reopen today after the winter recess, focus in the Northern Transvaal will be on the four teacher training colleges in Lebowa which have been plagued by boycotts

The affected colleges, Modjadji near Duiwelskloof, Mokopane near Potgietersrus, C N Phatudi near Burgersfort and Setotlwane near Pietersburg, are also scheduled to reopen today

Students' complaints have varied from unhygienic hostels to nepotism. Lebowa Education Department spokesman, Mr F R Maponya, was not



Major Mabel Makibela ... meteoric rise.

KILLI QUIZ

COUNSEL for families of victims of the 1985 Mamelodi shootings yesterday told a policeman who has admitted shooting and killing people that he was giving conflicting evidence

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Firing squad
KAMPALA - Some Ugandan army officers may face the firing squad for letting 47 teenage prisoners suffocate in an abandoned train army commander Major-General Salm Saleh, said

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Bombs explode
THREE bombs exploded near Cape Town court-houses, killing two men Police say they may be the first shots in a black nationalist campaign against September general elections.

Police major fights demotion

A LEBOWA police major has interdicted the department from demoting her following a recommendation by a departmental board that she be made a constable, it was confirmed yesterday

By MATHATHA TSEDU

3 stage walkout

THREE members of the Tokoza Town Council on the East Rand face a 45-day suspension after walking out of a council meeting in protest against the acting town clerk, Mr Kingsley Qwabe

Jan 25/7/89

Major Mabel Makibela (34), confirmed that she had been granted a temporary Supreme Court interdict on July 11 to stop the intended demotion.

Sowetan sources said a departmental board, which had been investigating irregularities relating to her, had on June 27 recommended that she be demoted to a constable.

Her attorneys, however, challenged the manner in which the board had conducted the investigation and pointed out that she had not even

been called in to testify. When the board refused to reverse the matter, the Supreme Court action was instituted. Makibela, who joined the force in 1986, has been dogged by controversy since her departure from teaching. She started as a captain and within three years had risen to a major. Her name has been romantically linked to a former minister who has since fallen from grace. Makibela yesterday said the board had been investigating contravention of section 17 of the police force rules which

relates to pregnancies by non-commissioned officers. "I am a commissioned officer and that rule does not affect me. I have not been demoted and I am still holding my rank," she added. A commission appointed last year to investigate the handling and promotions of police officers in Lebowa was grounded when the then Minister of Public Works and former police minister Mr M J Duba, sought an interdict to stop the proceedings. The police force now falls directly under the Chief Minister, Mr M N Ramodike, who is an arch foe of Duba.

Police demotion halted

PIETERSBURG — A woman officer who rose meteorically through the ranks of the Lebowa police, Major Mable Makibela, has been granted an interdict against a departmental board recommendation that she be demoted to constable, a police spokesman confirmed yesterday.

Major Makibela (34) was granted the order on July 11 after her attorneys challenged the manner in which the board had conducted an investigation into irregularities relating to her.

Major Makibela has been romantically linked to a former police Minister, Mr M.J. Duba.

She said yesterday the board had been investigating a contravention of a department rule relating to pregnancies of non-commissioned officers. "I am a commissioned officer and that rule does not affect me," she said. SW 25/7/67

Probe of alleged Lebowa mismanagement

The Lebowa parliament has appointed Mr A O de Meyer as the chairman and sole member of a commission of inquiry to investigate alleged mismanagement in government departments

The commission's terms of reference would be to investigate any mismanagement which might have occurred in

the government service, the Lebowa Development Corporation or the Lebowa Agricultural Company

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Furthermore the commission must recommend steps to prevent the recurrence of any cases of mismanagement — East Rand Bureau

Tragic comedy in South Africa often assumes the heights of classic opera, especially when these events are placed in the rather comical states ironically called our "homeland"

You will perhaps remember the antics of one Charles Sebe when he was the strongman in the Ciskei. You will remember with a touch of humour the fate that befell that jackboot policeman when his own brother slung him into prison. You could write an even more entrancing piece about the escape by the Sebe brothers and the resulting comical fight between the Matanzima brothers (a bunch of plain rascals) and the Sebes.

The farce could not be avoided for the simple reason that these chaps allowed political schemers in South Africa to tear Xhosa people apart by creating these ludicrous so-called "states"

Witchcraft

For many years myth was mixed with witchcraft in the northern parts of the Transvaal. Part of the reason for this was simply a function of the natural geographic area in which homelands like Lebowa and Venda are placed. I am not too sure about this but the incidence of lightning striking frequently in these areas caused most of the problem.

Naturally the Lebowa folk and the Venda, who are still steeped in the old traditional mores, saw lightning as linked to manmade witchcraft. There have been many cases of ritual murder in those areas, both because of natural causes and because the people believe that even lightning can be harnessed by man to strike another man.

While we are entering the more cynical area of the "1st century" there are many urban blacks who secretly visit these areas to get some of this magical power. It is known that most of the football clubs have sooth-sayers or witch-doctors who hail from the north and the further up north these chaps stay, the more potent seems to be their powers.

Today the people of Lebowa have been hit by one of the most exotic, the most mystical series of tragic events since the invention of magic. For years people have disappeared and are often later found with parts of their bodies missing. The

Tragi-comedy now taking a bow

South Africa



madness. It should make sense to conscientise the villagers against fat obnoxious politicians and their ugly wives who are simply in the game to fatten their bank accounts. It must be useful for the grass roots people to agitate politically from imparity of myth and mystery. It is awfully difficult to argue against such thinking, against such acts.

Cultural

What Mathata and other creative people should do out there is to write about these myths. You may not believe in most of it, but such thinking has a cultural substance that cannot be lost. In the end our writers and other academics will study these myths, these mysteries for they are part of our roots, for God's sake!

story of the zombie is not unnatural in such parts.

Now high magic has gone into the arena of high politics, not that this is totally unexpected.

I have listened with awe to our man up there Mathata Tsedu, who is as hip, urbane and cynical as they come, talking about the potency, the truth, if you like, in such mysteries. When I press Mathata he says he personally does not believe that people can simply hear voices, take off and be turned into zombies, or killed.

"But your cynicism becomes laughable in Lebowa where thousands of people are terrifyingly agitated by the recent events." These involve even a chief of the security forces who is believed to wield satanic powers that are plain deadly.

Satanic

Not too long ago in the same parts it was believed some politicians were also dabbling in these satanic things, because they have to "strengthen" themselves. In a queer way that makes sense for being a homeland politician is no easy life these days. You are called a sell-out, for good and bad reasons, so a nightly visit to those chaps who can supply you with human flesh to make your politics more powerful is probably quite useful.

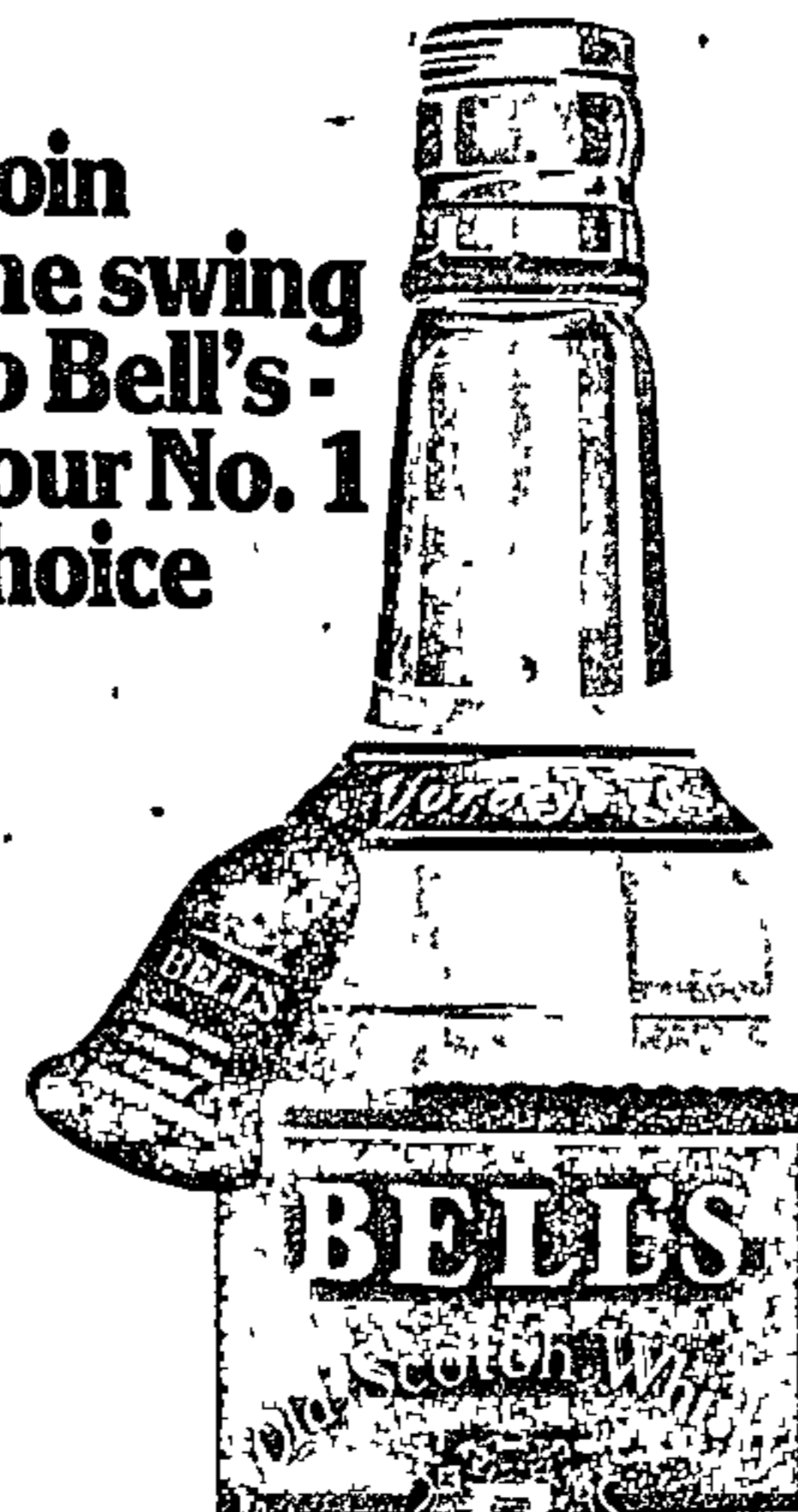
The recent events in Lebowa have become so dangerously sinister that the government is likely to call for a state of emergency. The people are in

a state of high tension, something that only psycho-politics can possibly explain.

While I personally believe this is a lot of mumbo-jumbo I can see all sorts of useful things that can come from this

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Officials at two mines to be prosecuted

Move to re-open Kinross inquiry

Star 14/8/89



By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

Three of South Africa's worst mining disasters are to come under the spotlight in the next few months with employees from two of the mines being prosecuted, and an attempt being made to reopen the Kinross inquiry.

The three tragedies at Genmin's Kinross, St Helena and Ermelo mines resulted in the deaths of 275 men

The Attorney-General of the Free State has decided to prosecute two senior St Helena gold mine officials after the death of 63 miners on August 31, 1987

The men died when the cage in which they were travelling plunged 457 m down a shaft after an explosion severed a cable.

The two officials, Mr Dirk Cornelius van Greuning and Mr Kenneth Stephen Hanekom, have appeared in the Welkom regional court on charges of culpable homicide and alternative charges under the Mines and Works Act. They were not asked to plead.

The trial is expected to begin on September 27.

Foam lining caught fire

A Johannesburg industrial safety court prosecutor last week confirmed that Ermelo mine officials were to be prosecuted after the death of 35 miners in an explosion at the colliery on April 9, 1987.

Details of the charges have not yet been released

In November last year an inquest court found Ermelo Mine (Pty) Ltd and five of the then mine officials to be responsible for the miners' deaths

An attempt is to be made in the Rand Supreme Court by the National Union of Mineworkers to reopen last year's controversial three-hour inquiry into South Africa's worst gold mine accident, the Kinross disaster when 177 men died after underground foam lining caught fire

NUM has challenged the decision of the inquiry's presiding officer, assistant Government Mining Engineer, Mr Hennie Liebenberg, who refused NUM permission to cross-examine witnesses.

The inquiry, held in June last year, was criticised by NUM at the time as being "a sham"

However, Mr Liebenberg told The Star the inquiry had been "a strict inquiry in terms of the Mines and Works Act."

The GME's original probe into the foam fire formed the basis for the State laying charges of culpable homicide and related charges under the Mines and Works Act against seven then-Gencor employees

After a lengthy trial in the Witbank regional court, all were acquitted except a welder who was found guilty of contravening the Act's regulations. He was fined R50 on each count

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

TWO members of the students' representative council at the University of the North were released from security police detention on Friday.

This is according to a statement from the university's public relations officer.

The release of SRC president Ernest Khoza and vice-president Abbey Dlavane, followed "extensive negotiations with police chiefs", the statement said.

Senior university officials had also visited all the Turfloop detainees on Tuesday, it added.

The statement said the police had told university officials that the detainees, who include at least three more students, two staff members and a former staff member, will be released.

No date was mentioned.

The detentions had become one of the major stumbling blocks to the

Turf SRC pair freed

resumption of classes.

Students have been boycotting lectures for four weeks.

"The fate of the 1989 academic year is an extremely worrying factor.

"Management insists on the immediate return of students (to classes) as it is fast becoming too late to resume the academic programmes," the statement said.

Referring to police action on Wednesday when students staging a peaceful anti-election campaign on campus were teargassed and allegedly assaulted, the university said the police action could only complicate an

already difficult campus situation".

Four students arrested during the "dog fight between the students and the police" have since been released, the statement said.

The police action has been bitterly criticised by the Azanian Student Movement (Azasm) which called on the authorities to remove the police from campus.

A notice issued by the commander of the Lebowa Police Reaction Unit, Brigadier L P Molata, directed to staff and students, said the police had moved onto campus "to maintain law and order.

"Very firm action will be taken against any form of lawlessness.

"To the timid, we are soft and to the very tough we are toughest", the notice said before ending with the salutation "peace be with you".

Lebowa police now fall under the direct control of Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike.

Sowetan 13/9/89

Police deny school invasion

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

LEBOWA police yesterday refuted claims that they invaded the premises of Rampuru Primary School near Knobel last week and forcefully transferred a teacher to another school on instructions from the local circuit office.

A police spokesman, Colonel SE Molefe, said it was not the duty of the police to be involved in education matters.

He said he could not believe the allegations although he has no full information.

A Lebowa Education Department spokesman, Mr PR Molefe, confirmed that Miss NE Matsitele was transferred without the knowledge of

his department.

He said she was transferred under some local circuit affairs.

Matsitele was accused of allegedly having an affair with a member of the Dipiri Associations which is involved in the running of schools and community development.

A spokesman of the Dipiri Associations said this was "immoral" according to the rules of the education department.

He alleged that educa-

tion officials suspected that she may be leaking malpractices and irregularities in the school to the association.

"We first objected that she be transferred and that may be the reason they involved the police this time," he said.

The action has caused an atmosphere of uncertainty in the village and precipitated a two-day class boycott by pupils of a local secondary school.

Lebowa acts against illegal taxi operations

star 18/9/89
SHESHEGO — Several taxi owners operating between Pietersburg and Sheshego without valid permits were fined up to R500 each by the Lebowa Transport Department last week.
The two-day crackdown came after

complaints by local taxi associations who felt the department was not doing enough to curb taxi pirates (11)

A spokesman said the action was aimed at drivers who contravened the permit laws — Own Correspondent

Sowetan 19/9/89

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

CONTROVERSIAL
Lebowa policewoman
Major Mabel Makibela
(above) has been fired,
Lebowa's assistant secretary
of media relations, Mr Serobi Maja,
confirmed yesterday.

No reasons for the
action were given in the
press statement but
Sowetan sources said the
decision was taken at a
Cabinet meeting two
weeks ago.

The dismissal of
Makibela follows a
Supreme Court applica-
tion she brought against
the Lebowa police com-
missioner after efforts to
demote her in June this
year.

She had been the
subject of an inquiry ab-
out pregnancies by un-
married police officers.
Allegedly a former ac-
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Top cop Mabel gets the boot (iii)

Minister of Police,
Makibela joined the
Lebowa police force in
1986 after leaving teach-
ing.

She was immediately
promoted to captain and
rose to the rank of major
within three years, be-
coming the highest-
ranked policewoman in
the force.

The statement yester-
day stated only that she
had been relieved of her
duties in the Lebowa po-
lice force in terms of po-
lice regulations.

Makibela was not
available for comment at
the time of going to
press.

R5-m Lebowa fraud probe

Sowetan 26/9/89

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THREE senior Lebowa Department of Education officials, one of them the chief education planner, have been suspended following allegations of misuse of funds amounting to more than R5 million

The alleged misappropriation, now a subject of a commission of inquiry, has led to shortages of books in

By MATHATHA TSEDU

schools throughout the homeland

Both the Lebowa assistant secretary in charge of media relations, Mr Serobi Maja, and the secretary for education, Mr Dickson Mphahlele, have declined to comment on the suspensions

Maja, however, con-

firmed that the three officials had been suspended in connection with shortages of books

The three are chief education planner Mr Ramphisa, the Reverend Maphori, who was a senior clerk in the buying section and Mrs Ramokolo, also of the buying section

There were wide-

spread shortages of books in Lebowa at the beginning of the year and Chief Minister M N Ramodike told a campaign meeting in April that R32 million had been misappropriated

The De Meyer commission presently sitting

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Lebowa probe

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in Lebowakgomo, is investigating the misuse of government funds in all departments as well as the Lebowa Development Corporation

It is rumoured that the missing amounts could be as high as R56 million

Lebowa's ban on imported beer answers

SA monopoly

 THEO RAWANA

LEBOWA had banned the importation of "mabele" traditional beer into the homeland because SA had brewers who had enjoyed protection for the past 27 years, Lebowa Breweries regional manager Guy Mitchell said in Pietersburg last week.

Reacting to reports about the ban in Northern Transvaal publications, Mitchell said the Lebowa government had established Lebowa Breweries to brew traditional beer (chibuku) to generate revenue for retention within Lebowa, and create jobs for more than 200 Lebowa citizens.

Mabele breweries in SA, now effectively owned by government through the National Sorghum Beer Breweries, had enjoyed protection through the SA Sorghum Beer Act No 63 of 1962, Mitchell said.

"This Act created a monopoly for the SA government breweries, in that they were appointed as sole manufacturers and suppliers of mabele in SA. At the same time, the Act had the effect of prohibiting the importation of mabele beer into SA, thus restricting competition and free enterprise," he said.

"However, since there was no prohibition governing the sale of imported beer in the national states and the TBVC countries, the SA breweries could sell their products into these areas with no restrictions," Mitchell said.

IDC senior GM Jan de Vruyn could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.

Overspending was caused by 'loss of control'

THE overspending by R7-million in Leb-owa's Department of Education between 1987 and 1988 was caused by a loss of control by the departmental accountant.

This was the testimony of Mr M Thupana, an accountant in the Department of Education, before Mr Justice OA Demeyer yesterday.

He said orders for

books were issued by two sections: purchasing and school administration

"There were two junior clerks who had direct contact with the departmental secretary, Dr MD Mphahlele, and were issuing orders for books. Their names are Mr Mavuso and Mrs Ramokolo. Their contact with the departmental secretary made me lose control in the finance department

"Ramokolo sent a list of bookshop owners to Mphahlele for approval without consulting me," Thupana added

"Another reason there was overspending was that books were ordered and were sent to wrong places all the time."

The commission, appointed to investigate the misuse and mismanagement of finances in Leb-owa government departments, continues. - Sapa



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Lebowa cheques bounce

sta 5/12/89



Banks in Pietersburg last week dishonoured salary cheques for teachers and other officials of the Lebowa government.

But the media relations chief for the homeland, Mr Serobi Maja, denied that the government faced a financial crisis. The disappearance of R98 million in Lebowa is presently the subject of an inquiry.

Mr Maja said the cheques could have been dishonoured for technical reasons. He urged all the affected people to redeposit their cheques.

Teachers said cheques submitted to African Bank and Standard Bank were rejected last week. Their December salaries, normally paid when schools closed in early December, had been withheld due to lack of funds.

A contractor who was paid about R2 000 last week went back to the works department, fuming after the cheque was rejected by bank officials said.

Sources said the Lebowa government account had been overdrawn by R18 million and that the Gazankulu government had been approached to assist with money to pay civil servants. Both allegations were denied by Mr Maja.

Mr Maja said it was no secret that there had been a serious under-funding of the departments of health and education. Negotiations with the South African Government were underway to rectify the situation, he said.

The homelands legislative assembly is to meet on Thursday to discuss revised expenditures.

Court extends order against Lebowa police

Star 28/12/89
Pretoria Correspondent

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- Causing damage to the properties of the applicants and their families and from communicating with or contacting the applicants.

FIRE

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5 others injured in dispute over land, chieftainship

3 DIE IN TRIBAL CLASH

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3 die in tribal clash

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The injured were admitted to Jane Furse Hospital near Lebowakgomo.

It is learnt that the faction fighting is a culmination of a long-standing rift between villagers loyal to a local tribal head, Chief Kenneth Sekhukhuni, and another group who support "co-operation" with the Lebowa government

Malete refuted claims that the rivalry between the groups essentially stemmed from one group's co-operation with the Lebowa authorities. He said villagers involved in the clashes were subjects of Chief Sekhukhuni and another unnamed chief.

The two were locked in a battle over chieftainship which has been in dispute over the past years.

"Trouble started when the pro-Lebowa government faction prevented their rivals from ploughing in the village," one resident said.

He added. "Agriculture being the only means of survival in the area, it was inevitable that fighting between the two groups would break out soon."

By LEN MASEKO

THREE people were killed and five others seriously injured during clashes between two rival groups in Mohlaetsi Village near Pietersburg at the weekend.

Local residents yesterday said as many as 400 people were detained by Lebowa police after the clashes on Saturday.

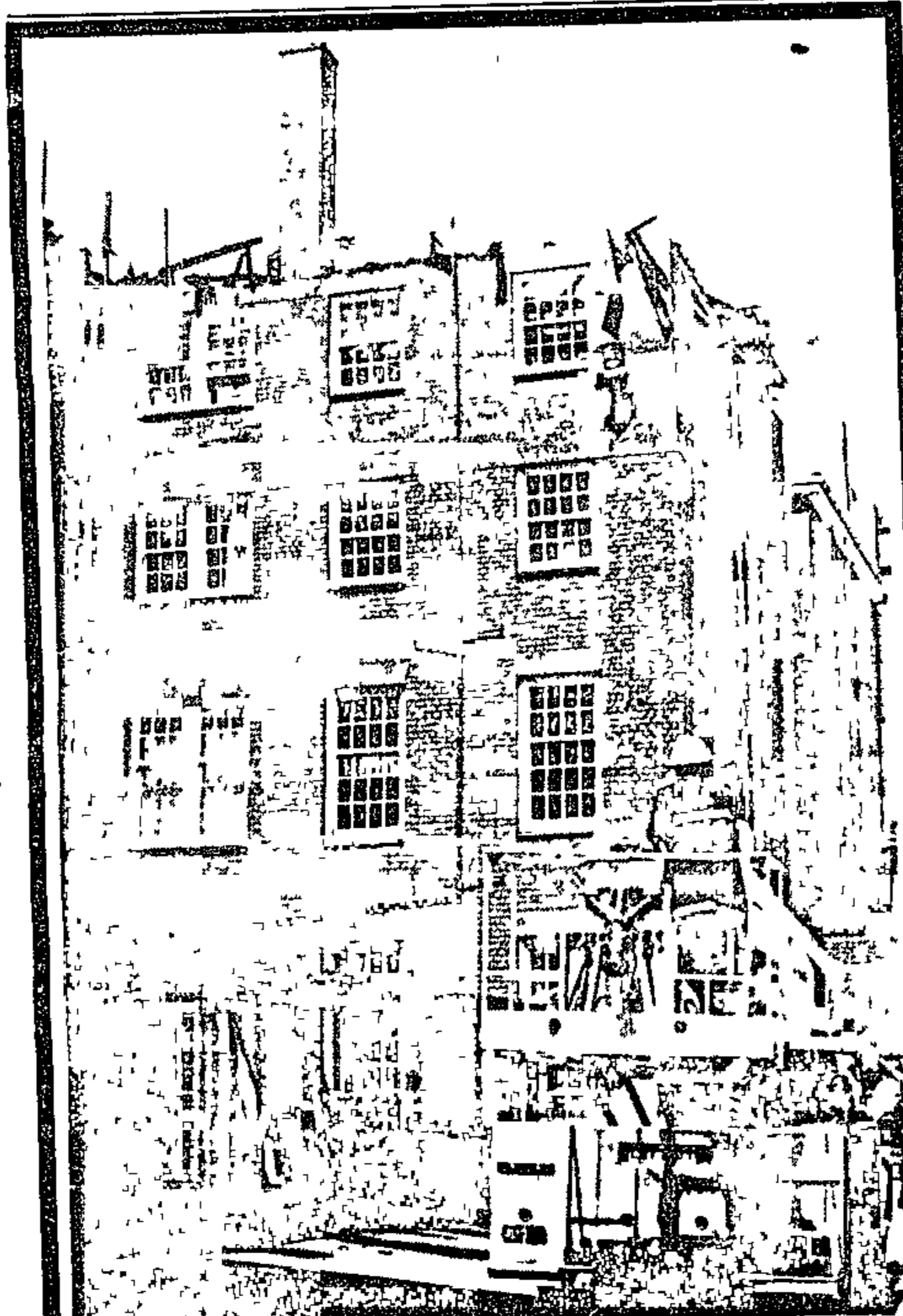
But police said 100 people were being held in connection with the incident.

Lebowa police spokesman Colonel Makwena Malete confirmed the incident, saying one of the villagers died in the hospital. He said investigations were still continuing.

He said local police had not yet established the names of the dead.

Scores of local villagers are believed to have fled their homes and the area. The village is situated about 100 kilometres east of Pietersburg.

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Fire at hospital

Johannesburg firemen fought a fire that caused damage estimated at R200 000 at the Hillbrow Hospital nurses home yesterday. See story on Page 3

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In an affidavit, Mr Modipane, a Johannesburg labourer who lives in Brooklyn village in the district of Mapudaneng, said he received a report from his wife, Ella, on November 26 that their house was completely destroyed by a fire

Modipane estimated the damage to his six-roomed house at approximately R80 000

Modipane said his wife saw the group of people who first set fire to their house and then to their son, Jack's house

He said his wife saw Pako with a container in his hand among the group of people

He said his wife informed the Lebowa police of the incident.

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Wave of terror in Lebowa

HUNDREDS of villagers in Lebowa are living in fear as heavily armed vigilantes continue their wave of terror in the homeland.

The violence, described by sources as "another Natal carnage in the making", has already left one person dead. Another man, Mr. Benson Mashile, is critically injured at Garankuwa Hospital. He was shot.

Sources in the villages - Brooklyn, Arthur City and Rooiboklaagte - said eight activists, all members of the Bushbuckridge Youth Congress, are in hiding after their homes were razed by members of a group calling itself "Sofasonke".

Mr Francis Legodi, an attorney acting for the activists, said this week their homes were burned down on November 26 last year. The vigilantes had moved from house to house in search of the youths.

"Late that afternoon the victims laid charges at the Acornhoek police station. But nothing was done until the following Thursday when they came to me to complain that the police were not doing anything about their cases and that vigilantes were continuously harassing them," Legodi said.

BY SY MAKARRINGE

police, who are also allegedly implicated in the attacks, from harassing the activists. The order was also served on both Ramodike and Moloto.

The return date for the court order has been extended to next month.

Contacted by *Sowetan*, Moloto said it was wrong to suggest that Lebowa police were conniving with "those wrongdoers".

Tension

He said he had sent a special reaction unit to patrol and protect the people of those villages during the Christmas holidays.

"Several people have been arrested and some of the cases are still under investigation. I've recorded all his (Legodi's) complaints and all of them will be thoroughly investigated."

"We cannot allow lawlessness to take place but we also cannot just arrest anyone because somebody says 'so,'" Moloto said.

He admitted that there was tension in the area.

Victims

He said he took statements from the victims and presented them to the police station where he also asked a Warrant Officer Phoko why the suspects were still at large.

He said his attempts to bring the matter to the attention of Mr Nelson Ramodike, the Chief Minister of Lebowa and who is also the Minister of Police, and Brigadier Phillip Moloto, Commissioner of the Lebowa police, did not produce any fruitful results.

Legodi said he obtained a court order on December 3 from the Pretoria Supreme Court restraining members of Sofasonke and Lebowa

He said: "If one listens to political challenge," he said.

Thousands turned away

Jan 15/1990

PIETERSBURG — Several thousand applicants at the 12 colleges in Lebowa could not be considered for admission as their matriculation symbols were too low.

The rector of the new Bochum College of Education, Mr M W Masekwameng, said the other problem was the subject groupings with which students had passed did not tally with subject streams offered at colleges. — Sapa.



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The South African Woodworkers' Association (SALM) offers classes for those who are interested in learning how to work on such as tables, chairs, can, depending on what you choose from

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- ★ **Roof & ceiling course**
- ★ **Interior home finishing to include kitchen cupboards, shelving**

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UDF calls for an ~~end~~ end to ~~violence~~ violence in Lebowa

By Esmaré
van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The United Democratic Front has called for an immediate end to the violence in Lebowa which it claims has already left one person dead, others injured and many families homeless.

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, officials of the UDF and the Bushbuckridge Youth Congress claimed the SADF, SA Police and Lebowa Police were participating in incidents of violence and intimidation against UDF supporters and organisations in the Bushbuckridge area.

It was claimed they were acting on instruction of Lebowa's Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, through the Sofa-sonke vigilante group.

Spokesmen said the Lebowa government was trying to stifle political freedom as a result of UDF mobilisation in the homeland.

At least one person, Mr Matthews Thibela, had died and another was in hospital.

Fifteen houses had been attacked, 10 of which had been destroyed. Police had refused to take statements, it was claimed.

HARASSMENT

Also present at the media conference were two independent Lebowa MPs, Mr Laynas Mashile and Mr Winias Mashile. The brothers said they were ANC supporters and had been the victims of harassment by the homeland's government.

Spokesmen for the Bushbuckridge Youth Congress, claimed police ammunition had been

used in some attacks, while vigilantes involved in the attacks had been spotted at roadblocks, wearing police uniforms. They said the clamp-down on political expression had started in September following a Youth Congress protest march against lack of democracy and freedom of expression, police brutality and water shortages.

A SAP spokesman denied the allegations but urged people to report incidents of violence to the police. A SADF spokesman said he was not aware of any SADF involvement, but asked people to forward details of the allegations to the SADF's public relations directorate in Pretoria for investigation.

The Lebowa police denied the allegations, and Chief Minister Ramodike could not be reached for comment.

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Hopes that peace rally will end Lebowa violence

MATTHEW CURTIN

A FIRST step towards ending three months of violence in Lebowa was made yesterday when the SA Council of Churches (SACC) announced that a peace rally to formalise a peace agreement would be held in the troubled homeland.

Talks between the SACC and the Lebowa government ended on Tuesday after five hours and the appointment of a joint delegation to visit the Bushbuckridge district where the faction fighting had taken place.

The crisis meeting be-

tween SACC general secretary Frank Chikane and Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike's cabinet comes after fighting between UDF supporters and "vigilante" groups has left one person dead, dozens injured and 15 homes razed since November last year.

UDF Southern Transvaal secretary Paul Mashatile and local youth and church representatives have fiercely criticised the Lebowa government for

mishandling the disturbances.

They claim in particular that a vigilante group, known as Sofasonke, led by members of the local police, had been responsible for the attacks on UDF homes and the setting up of roadblocks to intimidate local residents.

But Lebowe police spokesman Brig Philip Moloto has dismissed these allegations as "far-fetched." He said Bushbuckridge had been quiet since the New Year.

An SACC statement released yesterday said Chikane hoped the peace process would produce an urgent solution and end the violence in the area. He called on all parties not to jeopardise the peace process.

NATAL DEATHS

September 1987 to January 1989:	668
February 1989 — January 23 1990:	549
Past 24 hours' official toll:	2
TOTAL:	1 219

Shots fired at protesters

SHOTS were fired and teargas thrown when a large contingent of police dispersed nearly 2 000 people who had gathered in Seshego yesterday morning for a protest march (111) Sowetan 25/11/90

Magistrate Mr M C Hechter refused permission for the march co-ordinated by the Seshego Education Watchdog Committee (111)

This was on the orders of Lebowa Chief Minister Mr M N Ramodike.

Peace plan announced for Lebowa

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THE warring factions in the Bushbuckridge area yesterday announced a peace plan arising from a meeting convened by the South African Council of Churches and the Lebowa government.

The plan, accepted by the UDF-affiliated Bushbuckridge Acornhoek Youth Congress and the alleged vigilante Sofasonke Civic Union, includes:

- * An immediate ceasefire

- * The appointment of a commission of inquiry by the Lebowa government to investigate the causes of the strife

By MATHATHA TSEDU

- * The safe return of all displaced people.

- * The Lebowa government to assist those whose houses and properties have been destroyed

- * A back to school campaign in which all students wishing to go to schools should be admitted without regard to their political persuasions, and

Meetings

- * Chiefs in various villages should be notified of all meetings that take place and of new organisations formed there. This does not

negate the right of people to belong to organisations of their choice.

Ululation and clapping greeted the reading of the peace plan at a mass meeting at the Maripe High School on Saturday morning

The meeting was attended by the entire cabinet of the Lebowa government, representatives of the SACC and leaders of the warring factions

Impassioned pleas were made for a cessation of hostilities and to give peace a chance.

But on Friday night - after the agreement had been made - a barbaric attack was launched on a homestead in the area. Cows were doused with petrol and set alight, according to residents.

Plan promises peace in Lebowa

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PIETERSBURG — A peace plan that could halt the bloody conflict in Lebowa's Bushbuckridge area was announced by both factions at a meeting convened by the SA Council of Churches and the Lebowa government on Saturday.

The plan was accepted by both the Bushbuckridge-Acornhoek Youth Congress and the right-wing Sapa-sonke Civic Union

- The proposals included
- An immediate ceasefire,
 - A commission of inquiry probe into the causes of the strife,
 - The safe return, and guarantee of their safety, of all displaced people,
 - Government assistance to those who suffered loss and damages, and
 - Re-admission of all students to school — Sapa

THE civil strife in Mapulaneng - the subject of peace mediation by the South African Council of Churches last week - erupted because of a lack of water in various villages, a *Sowetan* investigation has revealed.

And, pivotal to the deaths of activists in the area was the role played by Lebowa police in the fighting.

Mapulaneng is the traditional name of the numerous villages around the Bushbuckridge and Acornhoek areas. It is home to thousands of people and is no newcomer to violence.

In 1985, trouble erupted when Shangaan-speaking residents and their Sotho counterparts argued about borders of the Gazankulu and Lebowa bantustans. The fighting claimed several lives before it was settled.

The United Democratic Front has organised youths in the villages under the umbrella of the Bushbuckridge/Acornhoek Youth Congress (Bayco).

Memorandum

The youth congress is a powerful force in the area. It was under the auspices of Bayco that a march was staged to the Acornhoek police station in October last year to present a memorandum destined for State President FW De Klerk.

The memorandum listed several grievances including the lack of water, health facilities and the tribalisation of schools. It also called for the immediate removal of troops from the area. Thousands of people joined the march, which ended peacefully.

Residents had been paying levies to chiefs - including one for water - since 1955, but these services did not exist. So, after the march, Bayco decided that people should stop paying until the services were provided.

The chiefs were angered by this ruling because, according to Bayco activist Kelly Modipane, it denied them one source of income.

Cartridges

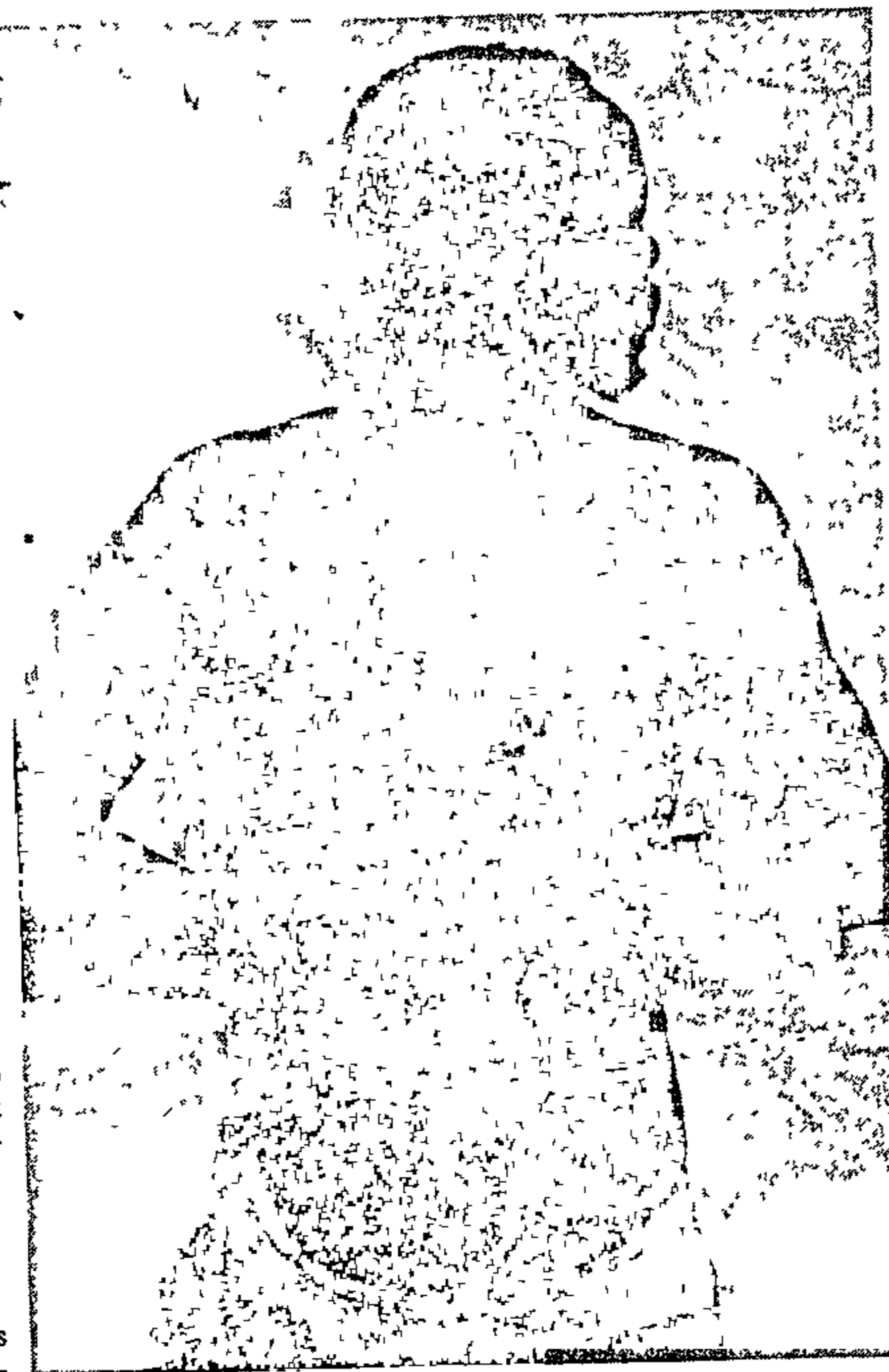
Days after the decision was taken, the home of Bayco president Jacks Modipane was attacked at night by men who hurled petrol bombs and shot into the house.

Cartridges found on the scene the following morning - 15 in all and an unused bullet - were taken to the Hoedspruit police station. There they were identified as

Shortage of water sparked the violence

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The story behind the Bushbuckridge crisis



The wounds that tell the tale. Riphon Machate, a young Bayco activist, who claims he was assaulted by Lebowa police.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

those used by members of the police and army, according to a memorandum sent to Lebowa

Chief Minister M N Ramodike

In this memo the rest of the tragic story unfolds.

Residents claimed police complicity in the attack and five days

later they marched to the police station to protest that no arrests had been made.

The march was disrupted by the notorious Mankweng riot unit - cited in many cases, including the death of UDF president Peter Nchabeleng.

Young girls were arrested and beaten up savagely, according to the memo. They were instructed to stretch their legs and were assaulted on their private parts with sjamboks and sticks.

Sjamboks

"Girls were instructed by members of your force to demonstrate how they made love with their boyfriends," the memo alleged.

Riphon Machate, a young Bayco activist, was arrested at the same time. When the girls came to court, he was absent. Repeated efforts to have him charged were frustrated by the police.

Consciousness

Riphon was eventually brought to court six days after his arrest. After his bail was fixed and paid for, the police refused to let him go. The following day he was back in court on a charge of escaping from custody. Bail was again fixed and he was later released.

Riphon has made an affidavit in which he claims to have been brutally assaulted at the police station. He said he was assumed dead when he lost consciousness and dumped in a hole.

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The night after Lebowa truce, a bomb attack

BY VUSI GUNENE (111)

TENSION mounted in the Eastern Transvaal's Bushbuckridge area this week, despite a peace agreement signed by rival groupings to end the carnage that has bloodied the area for the past three months.

Prospects for a permanent peace in the area seem remote as the Sofasonke vigilante group continued to attack activists and petrol-bomb two houses in the Brooklyn area.

Last week, a delegation of church ministers led by South African Council of Churches' (SACC) general secretary Frank Chikane, delegates from community organisations, and Lebowa chief minister Nelson Ramodike and his cabinet, met in the trouble-torn area to sign a peace agreement to end the conflict that has left many activists homeless and sent others into hiding.

Delegates at the meeting agreed to an independent commission of enquiry to investigate the causes of the conflict in the area. It was also agreed to bring all members of the Sofasonke vigilante group allegedly involved in attacks on people and their property, to trial.

The meeting further resolved that those activists in hiding should be guaranteed a safe return and:

- That all student activists be allowed to register at schools of their choice

- That Lebowa riot police be removed from the area immediately

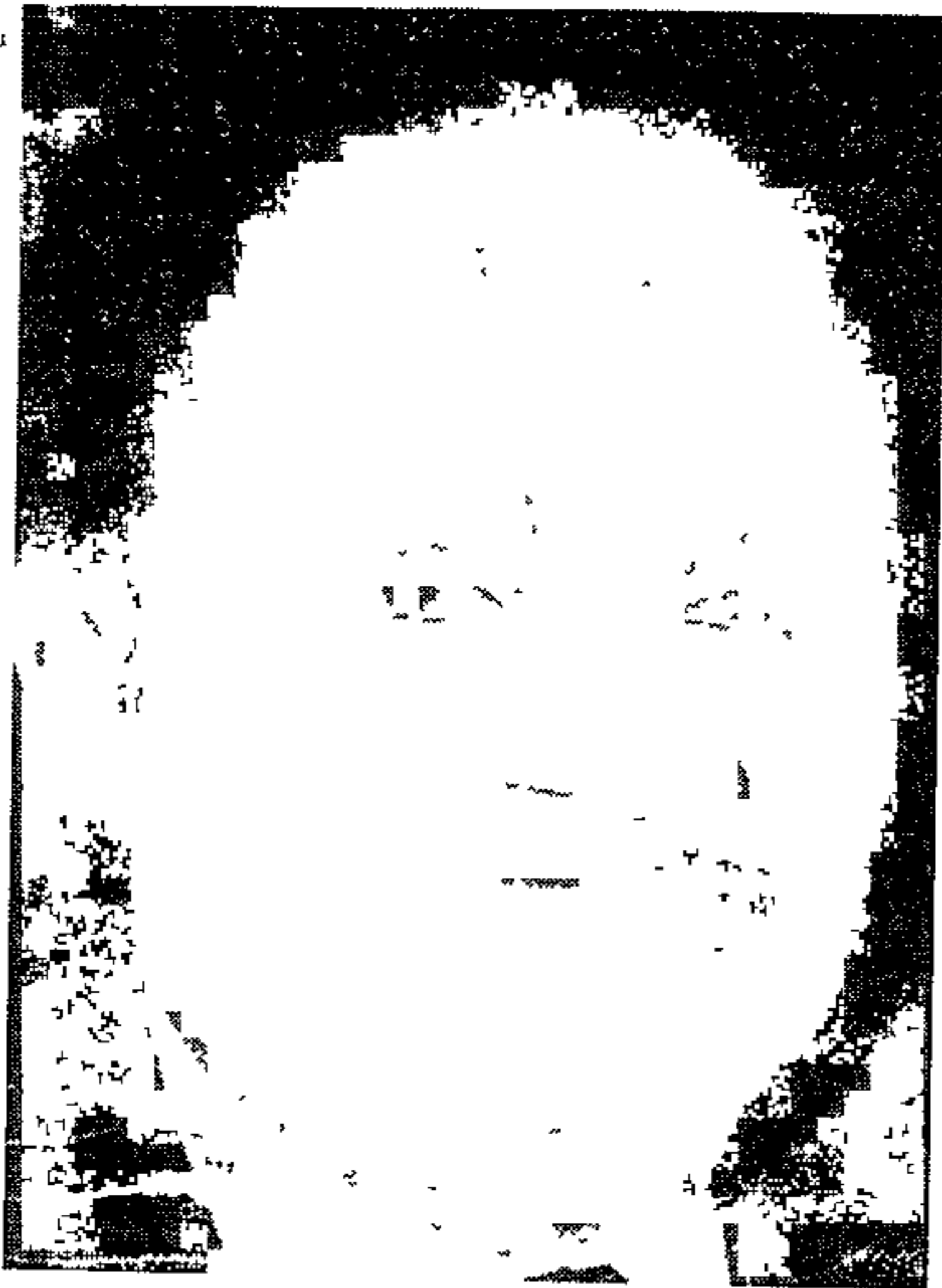
- That there should be freedom of association and organisation

But, according to Chief Winnias Mashile, the night after the agreement was signed, a house belonging to the Baloke family was petrol-bombed in the Brooklyn area, leaving an elderly man seriously injured.

He also alleged that in another incident five cattle were burnt to death after petrol was poured on them.

Most of the exiled families were due to return to the area yesterday, but they still fear further attacks by the armed vigilante group.

According to Signet Mashego, a fieldworker from the Bushbuckridge Advice Office, many exiled families have approached them for assistance in safely returning to their homes.



Nelson Ramodike.

Officials 111 in Lebowa get axe *Journal* - Ramodike *8/2/90*

THE Chief Minister of Lebowa, Mr Nelson Ramodike, says the commission of inquiry into irregularities in the public service in the homeland has not yet finished its work, but a number of officials have already been arrested or suspended.

SABC radio news reports all government departments in Lebowa are being investigated.

The government is awaiting recommendations from the commission on the possible reclaiming of government funds that have been misused. Sapa.

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Lebowa crowds celebrate

Northern Transvaal Bureau

Resident of Lebowa townships danced and sang into the small hours on Sunday night to celebrate the release of Mr. Mandela

In Seshego about 5 000 people gathered in the streets. Community leaders later addressed a rally near the post office

A similar rally took place in Mahwelereng near Potgietersrus. And at Mankweng, near the University of the North, students joined residents in celebrations which lasted until well after midnight

In Lebowakgomo the response was subdued, with only isolated gatherings of merrymakers in evidence.

In all these townships, police kept a low profile and no incidents were reported

Leader of 'Young Lions' is released

SESHEGO — The president of the South African Youth Congress, Mr Peter Mokaba (31), was released from detention at the Pietersburg police station on Saturday.

He was detained by the security police under the Internal Security Act on January 27.

Mr Mokaba, leader of the "Young Lions", was held after addressing thousands of people who attended the launch of the Seshego Civic Association.

Before his release, the Chief Minister of Lebowa, Mr N M Ramodike, had sent a letter to Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, asking for Mr Mokaba to be released.

Mr W Cronje, Mr Vlok's administrative secretary, had replied that his request was receiving urgent attention. — Sapa

Scrap homelands ahead of talks, Lebowa leader urges

24/90 By Abel Mushi (III)

The Lebowa government yesterday announced its intention to launch a black homeland leaders' consultative forum aimed at co-ordinating the move towards a negotiated political settlement in South Africa

Speaking at a press conference at Jan Smuts Airport, Lebowa's Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, said his Cabinet, accompanied by a committee acting as an advisory board to them on constitutional matters, met the South African Minister of Education and Training, Dr Stoffel van der Merwe, and the Minister of Constitutional Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, in Cape Town on Tuesday to discuss matters of mutual interest and the question of negotiations

PRINCIPLES

Mr Ramodike said a memorandum — proposed by the Lebowa government and based on a joint declaration of 1985 by the late Chief Minister of Lebowa, Dr CN Phatudi, and the Ministers of kwaZulu, Transkei, QwaQwa, and kaNgwane — would be urgently forwarded to homeland leaders for consideration

He said the joint declaration of 1985, which was sent to former South African president Mr P W Botha, recognised the principles of

- A single parliament in a unitary,

non-racial, democratic South Africa

- One-person, one-vote on a common voters roll
- Equality before the law and constitution
- A multiparty democracy
- Non-racialism

Mr Ramodike said the declarations rejected any negotiations aimed at making ethnic groups the building blocks of the future constitutional order as well as the notion of own and general affairs

He said any negotiations aimed at gaining acceptance of the notion that South Africa was a country of minorities was rejected

Mr Ramodike told the conference that apartheid violated human rights and was a crime against humanity

He called on the Government to create a climate conducive to negotiations by dismantling the homeland system and allowing the people of South Africa to unite and speak with one voice

He said he hoped the Chief Ministers of Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei, who did not support the joint declaration of 1985, would be able to do so now because the present South African Government was also considering the dismantling of the homeland system as a possible reality

"Preconditions set by the ANC for negotiations are those that we fully support," Mr Ramodike said

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Road safety project

By MZIKAYISE
EDOM

THE South African Long
Distance Transport Asso-
ciation has embarked on a
new road safety project to
curb the high rate of acci-
dents.

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was travelling and for
how long, including the
distance, "dead brakes"
were applied

A Johannesburg meet-
ing of the organisation's
members was this week
told that all taxis belong-
ing to Saldta will be fitted
with travellers machines
which will record the
speed of a vehicle and the
use of brakes.

"We hope this new
scheme will help us solve
the high accident rate,"
he said

Saldta president Mr
Peter Rabali said that in a
case where a vehicle is in-
volved in an accident, the
machine will record at

Meanwhile, Saldta
meets Minister of Trans-
port, Public Works and
Land Affairs Mr George
Bartlett on March 7 to
discuss problems facing
taxi owners

The meeting will be
held in Cape Town

'Homeland' leaders have important role to play in new SA'

CAPE TOWN — Heads of the self-governing states were legitimate leaders who would have to play an important role in the determination of the new SA, Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said at a Press conference here yesterday.

Van der Merwe held talks yesterday with the Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike about problems Lebowa was experiencing.

He said they had discussed the relationship between the SA government and Lebowa and the general political situation which had now arisen.

Asked what role the self-governing states would play in coming years, he said the people of these territories were an integral part of SA and their leaders therefore had an important role to play in its future.

Ramodike said his discussions with government had concerned Lebowa's financial problems, especially its backlog in educational and health needs.

He considered Lebowa part of the whole of SA and supported the concept of a unitary SA.

"We are not in favour of perpetuating apartheid and segregation," he said — Sapa



● Van der Merwe

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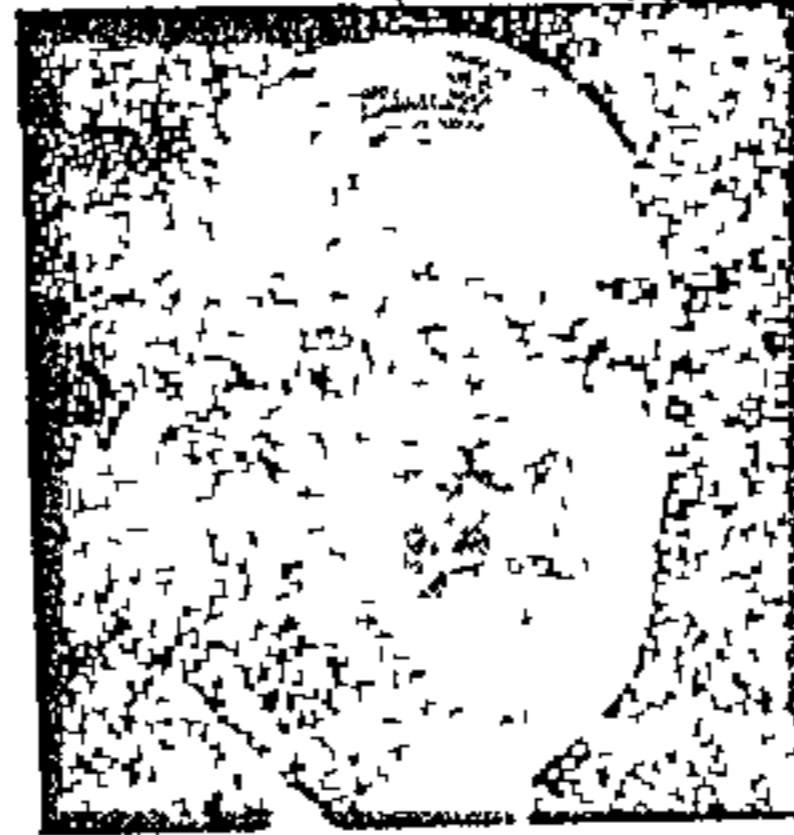
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Lebowa calls on SA to dismantle homelands

By HAPPY ZONDI (111)

THE LEBOWA government has called on South Africa to dismantle the homeland system.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg this week, chief minister MN Ramodike called on South African President FW de Klerk to create a climate conducive for negotiations "to build a new South Africa".

At the same time, a drafted declaration addressing the question of "negotiations" has been issued to all homeland leaders.

The declaration was the result

of a recent meeting between Lebowa delegates and South African Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe and Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Gerrit Viljoen.

They discussed issues including negotiations, the budget, education and drought.

Said Ramodike "We welcome the efforts of the ANC, the Organisation of African Unity and the United Nations to open doors for a negotiated political settlement in South Africa.

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"Homeland citizens are entitled to freedom of movement and association throughout South Africa."

"We thus welcome the unbanning of the ANC and other political organisations. We also declare that people in Lebowa have the right to join organisations and trade unions of their choice."

"A programme of action will soon be launched. It will serve as a consultative forum for the co-ordination of responses to various efforts on settling the South African question."

Police deny killing 2 in Gazankulu

Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — The deputy commissioner of police in Lebowa, Brigadier R Moloto, has strongly denied that Lebowa police shot dead two people at Makhutswana in Gazankulu on Thursday

The claim was made in a report published by a Johannesburg newspaper on Friday

In an interview with The Star yesterday, Brigadier Moloto said several Lebowa transport buses, which had to travel through the Makhutswana area

to get from Mogoboya to Tzaneen, asked for police escorts, because of unrest in Gazankulu

"Unruly youths were holding up and robbing buses at improvised roadblocks on this route. When they started stoning one of the buses, a policeman forced to fire a shot in self-defence, wounded one of the rioters in the arm, and the crowd immediately dispersed."

He said Lebowa and Gazankulu police combed the entire area in a joint operation at the weekend, and found there were no

other casualties

In response to a claim that Lebowa police had no right to launch security operations in Gazankulu territory, Brigadier Moloto said the two police forces had a co-operation agreement, and had never queried essential follow-up actions

Turning to the overall security situation, Brigadier Moloto said he was very pleased with the manner in which the youth of Lebowa had conducted rallies and marches to celebrate the release of Mr Nelson Mandela

Poisoning spreads

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TWO more colleges of education in Lebowa have been hit by a spate of suspected food poisoning, with 300 students being admitted to hospital, it was confirmed yesterday

The two colleges are Setotlwane and Kwenamoloto. Students from Setotl-

wane were admitted to Doringspruit Mission Hospital and Pietersburg Provincial between Sunday afternoon and Monday

SRC president Lucky Maepa, said students had fallen sick after lunch on Sunday. They suffered from serious diarrhoea - with some passing blood - stomach cramps and vomiting, he said

Call for books

ABOUT 6 000 students and teachers marched to the Nebo education offices in Lebowa yesterday to demand books for schools.

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Class boycotts sequel to Lebowa principal's move

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THE decision by the Lebowa department of education to transfer a Seshego school principal has led to a crisis in the township, with at least two schools affected by class boycotts and teachers deciding to march this week.

Masidibu High School principal, Mr A P Mokgetle, was transferred after several meetings to discuss the education crisis were held at his school.

Mokgetle's transfer, two weeks ago, has been widely seen as victimisation - because he allowed a meeting where the Lebowa government was criticised over the high matric failure rate.

March

A march was staged last month protesting against the lack of books in schools.

After Mokgetle's transfer to Vivo in the western Transvaal, pupils boycotted classes and called for his reinstatement.

They also said the new principal should not

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report at their school. Kgaiso High School students joined the boycott yesterday.

Meanwhile teachers met last week and decided on a march tomorrow.

This march would mark the beginning of a work stoppage which would continue until Mokgetle's reinstatement, the chairman of the Teachers Action Movement (Team), Mr Jacob Dikobo, said.

Ironic

The secretary of the Seshego Education Watchdog Committee (Sewaco), Mr Thabo Montjane, said it was ironic that the Lebowa Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, was going about shaking hands with ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela while his subordinates were punishing a school principal for allowing a meeting which addressed community problems.

Montjane said the community had contacted

the education department demanding reasons for the transfer and immediate reinstatement.

Pupils

He said pupils should, however, return to classes while the committee and other community organisations looked into the matter.

The assistant circuit inspector, Mr H K Ngoepe, said Mokgetle's transfer was a decision of the education depart-

ments' head office.

Their office received a telegram stating only that Mokgetle should be transferred with immediate effect.

No reasons were given, he said.

The public relations officer for the department, Mr E R Maponya, was not available for comment.

The new Minister of Education, who was appointed last week, was also not available.

Suspect food poison (11)

MORE than 130 students from C N Phatudi College of Education in Lebowa are lying in hospital following another bout of suspected food poisoning at educational colleges in the homeland, it was disclosed on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the college SRC said complaints from students started on Monday last week but worsened on Thursday when students had to be ferried to the Mandagshoek hospital where 115 of them were admitted

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Messina granted lease for Lebowa mine

THE Lebowa government has accepted Messina's long-awaited mineral lease for the development of Messina's new platinum mine

Lebowa government confirmed its acceptance of the mineral lease submitted by Messina over areas under its control, Messina's directors said in its results for the year to December 1989

Negotiations

The SA Development Trust Corporation would also submit the leases to government with respect to the areas for the proposed mine under its control

Negotiations were also continuing regarding the mineral lease for the mine over the Doornvlei Farm which was held in trust by the Mphahlele tribe

The development of Messina's new

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platinum mine in Lebowa was dependent on mineral leases being granted, a Financial Mail (FM) report said last year

The FM report maintained the leases were taking unusually long to obtain as negotiations involved four different parties, the Lebowa government, the SA Development Trust Corporation, six private farmers and a Lebowan tribe.

Cash on deposit to the tune of R114,3m would be used to fund the development of the new Messina mine, the directors said

According to newspaper reports, the mine could finally cost R400m

Messina's results showed that sharply increased taxes left Messina's net income virtually unchanged to December 1989

Net income fell marginally from R73,4m at the year end in 1988 to R73,04m in 1989

Higher operating income at R64,7m (R51,9m) boosted pre-tax income to R63,9m (R43,7m).

However, substantially higher taxes of R15m (R6m) kept net income virtually unchanged at R73m.

Earnings a share increased 9,9% from 362c to 398c a share.

Offer

An unchanged final dividend of 50c was declared, bringing the total dividend to 82c (75c) for the year.

The 1988 offer by Impala Platinum to acquire a 55% shareholding in Messina was concluded on February 16 1990

Directors said the offer was concluded with a 69% acceptance by minority shareholders.

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Pledge for support of ANC

THE Lebowa College of Chiefs (Magosi), a body comprising all Lebowa's chiefs, has pledged its support for the African National Congress.

A statement from the college on Wednesday said it had been resolved at a meeting on Tuesday to recognise the need to have apartheid and man-made ethnic boundaries dismantled.

Pillars

"But (Magosi) also recognises that the formation of a new constitution for this country should not temper with Bogoshi (chieftainship). Bogoshi should remain the pillars of any government that will rule in a new South Africa," the statement read.

The members of the college should be supplied with the constitution of Contralesa, the chiefs decided. A delegation from the college should meet the ANC as soon as possible. - Sapa



NELSON MANDELA

Merc strike a rumour

RUMOURS that black workers at Mercedes-Benz SA's operations in Pretoria and East London would go on strike if their white colleagues did not work overtime in order to build a Mercedes 500 for Nelson Mandela were dismissed as untrue yesterday by the company's management. - Sowetan 15/3/90

According to the unconfirmed rumours, MBSA had requested their white workers to work overtime this Saturday, without remuneration, in order to build the car. If they refused to comply with the demand, the black workers would allegedly go on strike.

A spokesman for MBSA said this morning, however, that discussions on the subject of Mr Mandela's car were still in progress and that no decisions had been made. In addition, no orders had been given to the workers to work this Saturday.

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Lebowa ^{11/11} calls for ^{21/3/10} an end to homelands

PIETERSBURG — The Lebowa government yesterday called for the scrapping of the homeland system.

A plan drawn up by the Lebowa government for all homelands to make a joint approach to Pretoria for the repeal of the Homelands Act is to be presented to Lebowa's Legislative Assembly on Friday, the Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, said yesterday in Lebowakgomo.

A statement by the Lebowa government described the system of homelands as illegitimate, promoting ethnicity — a weapon for divide and rule.

It called for the restructuring of regional and local authorities on a non-racial basis under one government.

Mr Ramodike said he supported the call by the UDF for the gradual phasing out of homelands.

He said though the ANC was the most popular organisation in the country at present, it was important that it should recognise other political groups, beliefs and affiliations within the country and prepare to involve them in negotiations — Sapa

Move to have Homeland Act scrapped

A PLAN for the dismantling of all homelands, drawn up by Lebowa, is to be presented to the homeland's legislative assembly tomorrow, Lebowa chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike, announced yesterday.

Addressing a Press conference amidst a work stayaway by civil servants that have left the main offices in Lebowakgomo virtually deserted, Ramodike said the plan entailed enlisting all homelands to make a joint approach to Pretoria for the repeal of Homeland Act 21 of 1971.

Ramodike said a consultative conference was envisaged which would involve all homelands -

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including the TBVC states.

He said he did not agree with demands for the immediate dismantling of homelands. He supported the call by the UDF publicity secretary, Mr Peter Terror Lekota, for their gradual phasing out.

The immediate dismantling of the homeland is one of the demand by organisations and this has led to the work stayaway

Ramodike said his cabinet had not decided what to do with the civil

servants who are currently on stayaway, calling for educational demands to be met.

Responding to a question on how the stayaway, called by the UDF-affiliated Lebowakgomo Civic Association, would affect his relations with ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and his planned trip to Lusaka to meet with ANC leaders, Ramodike said this was up to the ANC

"When I met Mr Nelson Mandela it was by invitation. There was no intention on my part to use that meeting to enhance my status

"Mr Mandela told me to come back to the Northern Transvaal and try to normalise the situation. We agreed to meet again. I remain open to meeting with all groups, not only the ANC," he said.

Ramodike said it was imperative that although the ANC was seen as the most loved organisation by black people in the country today, it was "important that the ANC recognises other political groups, beliefs and affiliations within the country and be prepared to involve them in negotiations".

Turning to the shortage of books, Ramodike said it was wrong to link the issue with the purchase of ministerial cars.

He said a white official responsible for buying vehicles for Lebowa government would appear before the De Meyer Commission soon over gross irregularities.

He said education department had been mismanaged at head office, resulting in orders for books being submitted to suppliers only late last month.

This should have been submitted between July and October last year. He said however books had already started arriving and were being delivered to various schools by policemen and soldiers.

On calls for the dismantling of his youth organisation, Ramodike said such a decision could only be taken at a conference of the United Youth Organisation of South African (UYOSA).

No date for such a conference had so far been set, he said. UYOSA members were however free to join other organisation, he said.

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Lebowa officials urged to 'eliminate' activists

By EDDIE KOCH

A SENIOR minister in the Lebowa cabinet this week urged state officials to "eliminate" activists who oppose government policy in the homeland

Chris Makwena, councillor for the township of Shatale, told the *Weekly Mail* that Local Government Minister Lawrence Ledwaba made the proposals on Sunday.

Makwena said the minister summonsed all councillors to a meeting in Lebowakgomo, the capital of the Lebowa, and told them that activists who opposed rent rises in the townships should be assassinated

"He told us people involved in organisations that are opposed to these things (tariff and rent increases) should be eliminated," he said

"He said youngsters could be hired to do the killing or a car could be used to run the people down so that it would look like culpable homicide. He stressed that we should make sure the people are dead."

The revelations are made more startling by the fact that Lebowa this week slammed the homelands as a "weapon for divide-and-rule" and called for regional government to be revamped on a non-racial basis under a single government.

An official statement issued by the homeland government criticised local authorities and leaders who had "built little empires" within the homeland structures

Lebowa's chief minister, Nelson Ramodike, could not be contacted at the time of going to press to comment on Makwena's claims. The councillor said, however, that other government officials at the meeting would vouch for the veracity of his claims

His revelations came amid mounting unrest in many of the Transvaal homelands

The Bushbuckridge area where Makwena's township, Shatale, is located has been wracked by violent battles between militant youths and a new moderate party called Sofasonke

The South African Council of Churches fears the tension in the area could spark civil strife of the same type that has devastated parts of Natal and has urged restraint on all sides

Hundreds of civil servants in Lebowakgomo stopped work this week in support of demands for improved work conditions and Ramodike's resignation

Venda's fragile government this week announced that the official opening of parliament, due yesterday, had been postponed indefinitely

Venda's beleaguered President Frank Ravele said he would call an extraordinary session of the homeland's national assembly at the end of the month in order to legislate for the unbanning of all political parties "so that they could participate in the politics of Venda in an election".

A fortnight ago Ravele promised a group of church leaders that he would urge parliament to unban all political parties in the area and begin discussions about rejoining South Africa

His latest move is clearly designed to create the conditions for a referendum or election that will prepare the way for Venda to withdraw its independence from South Africa

Another dramatic development in strife-torn Venda has been the arrest of Local Government Minister MM Mpaphudi on charges of complicity in ritual murder

We will ask to be dismantled - Lebowa

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike said yesterday that he would be prepared to provide the lead to other homelands by asking the South African Government to dismantle his homeland

In an interview with The Star, Mr Ramodike confirmed reports that he had drawn up a document to be circulated among the other homelands, calling for the convention of a consultative conference to jointly ask for the dismantling of the homelands.

"We are taking the initiative to get the ball rolling. We are calling for the dismantling of all homelands. My understanding is that you dismantle in order to re-assemble and you re-assemble in order to have a workable situation. That is what we need to do," Mr Ramodike said

He said the document, which would be discussed at the homeland's Legislative Assembly's special sitting today, would have to be approved by the assembly before it could be taken to other homelands.

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The idea, he said, was to enlist all homelands to make a joint representation to the Government asking for the repeal of the Homeland Act 21 of 1971, and the consequent dismantling of all homelands

The chairman of Lebowa's constitutional committee, Dr K E Molaba, and his four-man team will then take the document to the leaders of the other homelands and discuss it with them. Once approved by all the homelands' legislative assemblies, the document will be forwarded to the central Government.

"We have taken the initiative to form the consultative forum, and we are quite prepared and willing to take a lead in having our homeland dismantled," Mr Ramodike said

He emphasised that the homelands would have to be "phased out" systematically, and public servants in these areas would have to be considered.

"That is why I am calling on all the public servants in Lebowa to resume their duties. While political talks are going on about the future of the homelands, public servants would have to be doing their work," he said.

Details of the contents of the document will be made available once the Lebowa Legislative Assembly had approved the document, Mr Ramodike said

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**Harms to probe
Lebowa 'A-team'**

LEBOWAKGOMA. — The Lebowa Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramadike, yesterday announced that President F W de Klerk has mandated the Harms Commission to investigate the existence of a "hit squad" in the homeland's police force during 1986. Speaking during a one-day session of in the Lebowa Legislative Assembly, Mr Ramadike alleged the squad, known as the "A-team", had been responsible for the deaths of several activists.

The commission would also investigate the recent killings at Bushbuckridge, where UDF affiliates were pitched against alleged pro-government vigilantes.

Book-shortage stayaway enters second week

Ramodike's future still hangs in the balance

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FOCUS

By MATHATHA TSEDU

The few civil servants from outside Lebowakgomo that arrived for work on Friday sat under trees and played cards. There was an eerie silence around the complex with its well manicured lawns and imposing red brick buildings.

This was day five of the work stayaway by civil servants in Lebowakgomo.

The stayaway can be traced to the shortage of books in schools throughout Lebowa.

Allegations of corruption by top senior officials of the Department of Education have fuelled anger throughout the homeland. Marches have been staged at various places and to the head offices of the Government protesting book shortages and other inadequacies.

But it was the Lebowakgomo Civic Association which, obviously in exasperation over numerous unfulfilled promises, declared that civil servants from the township should stop work indefinitely.

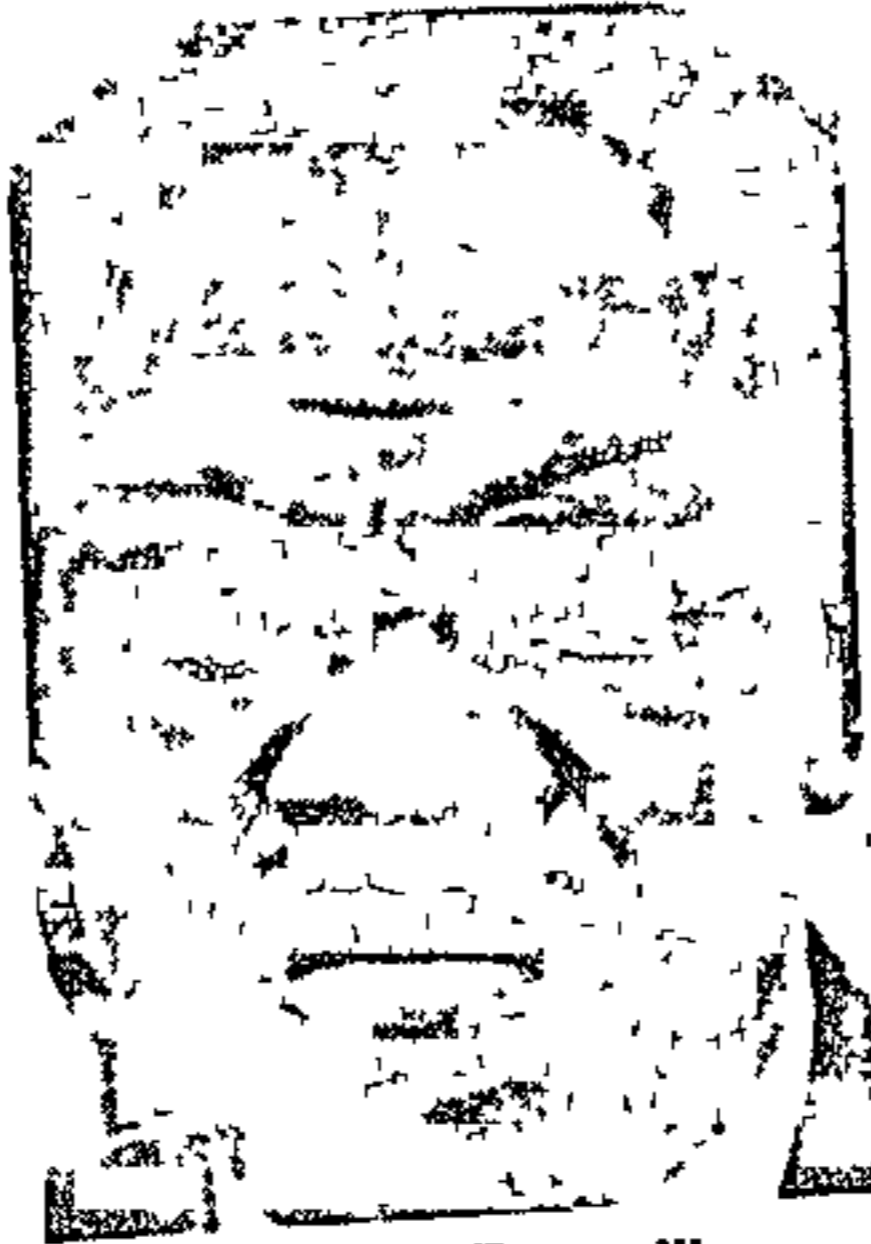
Decision

The decision, which came like a dress rehearsal of the now common stayaways by civil servants in the northern Transvaal, marked a major political turning point for Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike.

For whereas this time last year, youths of all hues and cries were being bussed around the homeland toyi-toying and canvassing for him, the same youths were now calling him an "impimpi".

And this could not have come at a more inopportune moment. Almost four weeks ago he had walked that much treaded path in Orlando West to meet with world renowned ANC deputy president, Nelson Mandela.

The meeting, widely publicised, followed his declara-



Mr Nelson Ramodike

tion that the bantustan system was unworkable and had to be disbanded.

Hard on the heels followed an announcement that he would soon visit Lusaka for more talks with the external ANC leadership.

Clearly Ramodike had arrived and days of rejection by the public as another stooge of the white racists were just about to over-

Indeed, if the fortune continued to go as it had been, he could, like General Bantu Holomisa also tell Mr FW De Klerk and his Government to go to hell.

He would then have nothing to fear as his place in an ANC dominated government of the post apartheid society would be assured.

Unstuck

This big balancing act came unstuck as pointed out earlier. The public outcry over education was just too much. A mere 34 percent of matriculants had passed their exams.

Various areas, such as Seshego, organised meetings to discuss the crisis. Analysis of the causes of the huge failure showed that the pupils had had no books for the whole year.

Ramodike's government had given one promise after another throughout the year that books were on the way. Later the government stated that there was no money to buy books.

This statement, coupled with the extravagance of the Lebowa government on ministerial cars and houses costing more than R300 000, was bitterly criticised by parents.

And so organisations sprang up throughout Lebowa. Sewaco in Seshego, Nottu, Teachers Action Movement, Black Educationists and the Public Service Union. All these organisations and many others at various villages, were agitating for the education issue to be resolved and the bantustan to be dismantled.

So, when Ramodike was meeting with Mandela in Johannesburg and other UDF officials at his office, at home he was a target of criticism that finally burst open a week before the stayaway.

Again at Lebowakgomo, the United Youth Organisation of South Africa (UYOSA) clashed with members of the Lebowakgomo Youth Congress (LEYCO) at school.

Armed

UYOSA members were allegedly armed, according to members of LEYCO and the civic association.

When the decision to stage a stayaway was taken, a call was also directed at Ramodike to disband his alleged vigilante youths. Ramodike was accused of arming the youths to destroy the SAYCO-affiliated LEYCO.

This was particularly worrying as a month previously Ramodike had negotiated the release of the SAYCO president Peter Mokaba. Mokaba was later to attend a braai at Ramodike's official residence in Lebowakgomo where he was his guest of honour.

When last Monday came and more than 80 percent of officials stayed home, Ramodike's well planned act came down like a pack of cards.

At the centre of his problems not just another organisation but the LCA and LEYCO which are ANC supporting.

When asked whether the trip to Lusaka was still on the cards following his now public fight with ANC supporting grassroots struc-

tures, Ramodike said it was up to the ANC.

He was not contemplating action against the absconding officials, he said, but merely asked them to return to work as he too accepted that the bantustan should go.

He said educational problems would remain until there was just one educational department for all. He rejected calls for the immediate disbanding of the bantustan structures.

The legislative assembly met in an extraordinary session on Friday to pass an Additional Appropriation Bill.

Ramodike used the opportunity to table his own suggestion of the solution of the country's problems. This included the dismantling of homelands before the start of negotiations.

He lambasted officials who stole public funds and pleaded with MPs to return to their homes and convince their people that it was not his government that misused the money for books.

He said the shortage of books was not due to purchases of expensive cars for his cabinet and MPs, but due to embezzlement.

He announced that books had only been ordered on February 24 due to a high level of maladministration in the Department of Education.

Police and soldiers were already busy delivering books to some schools, he said.

Last Monday, following the work stayaway, the education minister called a meeting of Lebowakgomo residents to discuss the education crisis.

The meeting was held at the showgrounds outside the township and was well attended. But ministers could not speak.

The same youths who once sang Ramodike's praises turned against him. They disrupted the meeting despite the presence of soldiers and police.

Whether he will survive or not depends not just on how quick the books will be available, but whether he can convince people like the UDF publicity secretary, Mr Peter Terror Lekota to call off UDF supporters and stop the harassment.

FLASH

TWO blasts shook the Soweto Council chambers late last night. The South African Police could not confirm this. Sources said the explosions were heard just after 9pm.

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Little Itumeleng Tshabalala

By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE Harms Commission is to investigate the existence of a "hit squad" in the Lebowa Police, the homeland's Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike has announced.

Speaking during a special session of the homeland's legislative assembly, Ramodike said the squad, known as the "A-Team", was linked to the deaths of several political activists.

They include UDF Northern Transvaal president Mr Peter Nchabeleng and Azapo and Mwasa member Mr Lucky Makompo Kutumela.

He said the A-Team had also been responsible for destruction of private property and the maiming of innocent civilians.

He said State President F W De Klerk had agreed to extend the mandate of the Harms Commission to cover these aspects.

The commission would also investigate the recent killings in the

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Bushbuckridge area where an alleged pro-government vigilante group, Sofasonke, allegedly headed by a policeman, had been fighting UDF affiliates in the area.

Ramodike also announced that De Klerk had called all homeland leaders to a meeting on April 5. The meeting would take place at the Tuynhuys, he said.

Ramodike also tabled his own proposals on how the homelands should be dismantled and how negotiations should start.

The proposal, to be canvassed among other homeland leaders and presented at the Tuynhuys meeting, calls for the dismantling of all "bantustans" before the start of negotiations.

Entitled "Declaration of the black homeland leaders consultative forum on the question of negotiations in South Africa", it calls for a single parliament in a unitary, non-racial South Africa.

It rejects the tricameral system, and that racism should be a cornerstone of the country's constitution. It further rejects negotiations aimed at using blacks as ethnic blocks to perpetuate white supremacy.

The declaration calls for consultation with the entire spectrum of black political thought, from the ANC to the PAC and Azapo. It calls for the immediate dismantling of "bantustan administrative structures" and their replacement by a multi-racial regional office as an interim arrangement.

1 600 teachers to stay away

MORE than 1600 teachers from the Bolobedu circuit, near Duiwelskloof, have resolved to embark on an indefinite stayaway.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

The move is to protest against maladministration in the Lebowa Education Department.

The resolution was taken at a meeting of the Bolobedu branch of the Letaba Teachers Association at the weekend. The stayaway is scheduled to begin next Monday, an LTA spokesman said.

The decision was a follow-up to a march last month during which a memorandum detailing several grievances were handed to the local circuit inspector.

The grievannces include the failure by the circuit office to submit application forms for the supplementary exams for all matriculants. A call was also made for an end to arbitrary transfers of teachers. Eleven were allegedly transferred for refusing to join Tuata.

Media curbs to be reviewed

AN extensive review of all legislative restraints on media reporting will be undertaken by the South Africa Media Council, the Council's chairman, Mr Jan Steyn, announced in Cape Town yesterday. The council had de-

should be addressed, was an onerous one, and the council would "seek to involve all the suitable expertise it can muster both from within and outside its own ranks to this end".

The LTA spokesman said several executive members of Tuata had resigned from the organisation to join LTA. No official comment from the head office of the Lebowa Education Department could be obtained as all workers are on a stayaway. Meanwhile lecturers from Seioiowane College of Education are to stage a march tomorrow to protest against discrimination and job reservation, according to a spokesman.

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DUE to problems with our presses, Sowetan was several hours late on Friday. We regret any inconvenience caused to our readers.

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Probe to look into Lebowa's 'A-team'

The Harms Commission



The Harms Commission has been mandated by President de Klerk to investigate the existence of a hit squad allegedly operating in the homeland's police in 1986, Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has announced.

During a special session of Lebowa's Legislative Assembly, Mr Ramodike said the alleged hit squad, known as the "A-team", had been linked to the deaths of several activists, including United Democratic Front northern Transvaal president Mr Peter Nchabeleng and Azapo member Mr Lucky Makompo Kutumela.

Mr Ramodike said the commission would also investigate the recent killings at Bushbuck Ridge, where a vigilante group allegedly headed by a policeman had clashed with UDF supporters.

Natal Deputy Attorney-General Mr Les Roberts, who is leading evidence about alleged police hit squads before the commission, could not confirm yesterday whether the commission had been specifically

asked to investigate the alleged Lebowa hit squads.

The commission's original brief by President de Klerk included alleged political murders committed in the self-governing territories such as Lebowa.

The Harms Commission into unsolved alleged political killings resumes proceedings tomorrow when former Civil Co-operation Bureau member Mr Slang van Zyl faces cross-examination by counsel for alleged CCB operative Mr Donald Gordon, alias 'Peaches'.

Peaches, a civilian allegedly co-opted into the CCB, featured prominently in Mr van Zyl's evidence-in-chief last week.

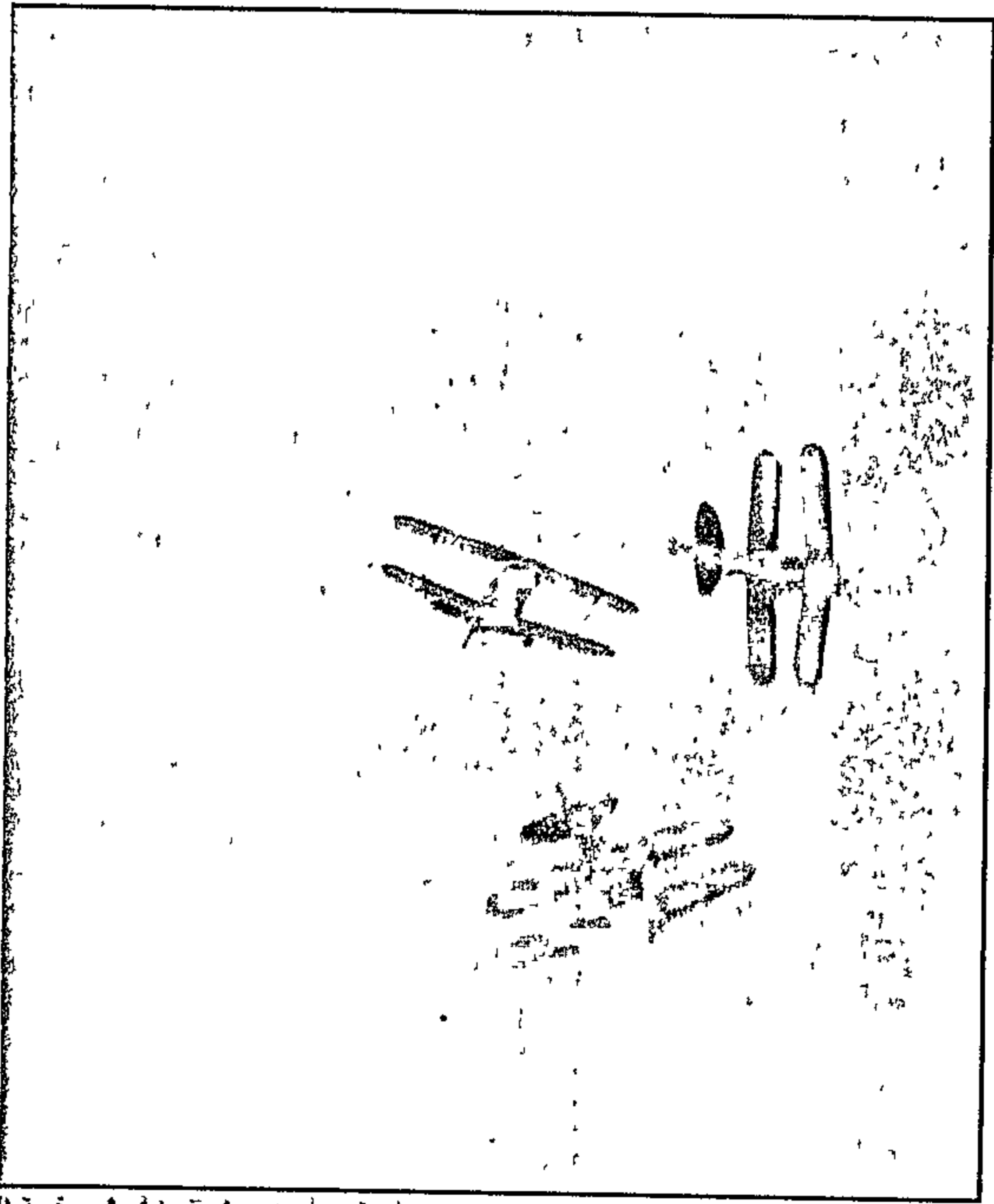
The commission, chaired by Mr Justice Louis Harms, did not sit yesterday and will not sit today, commission secretary Mr Chris Erasmus said yesterday.

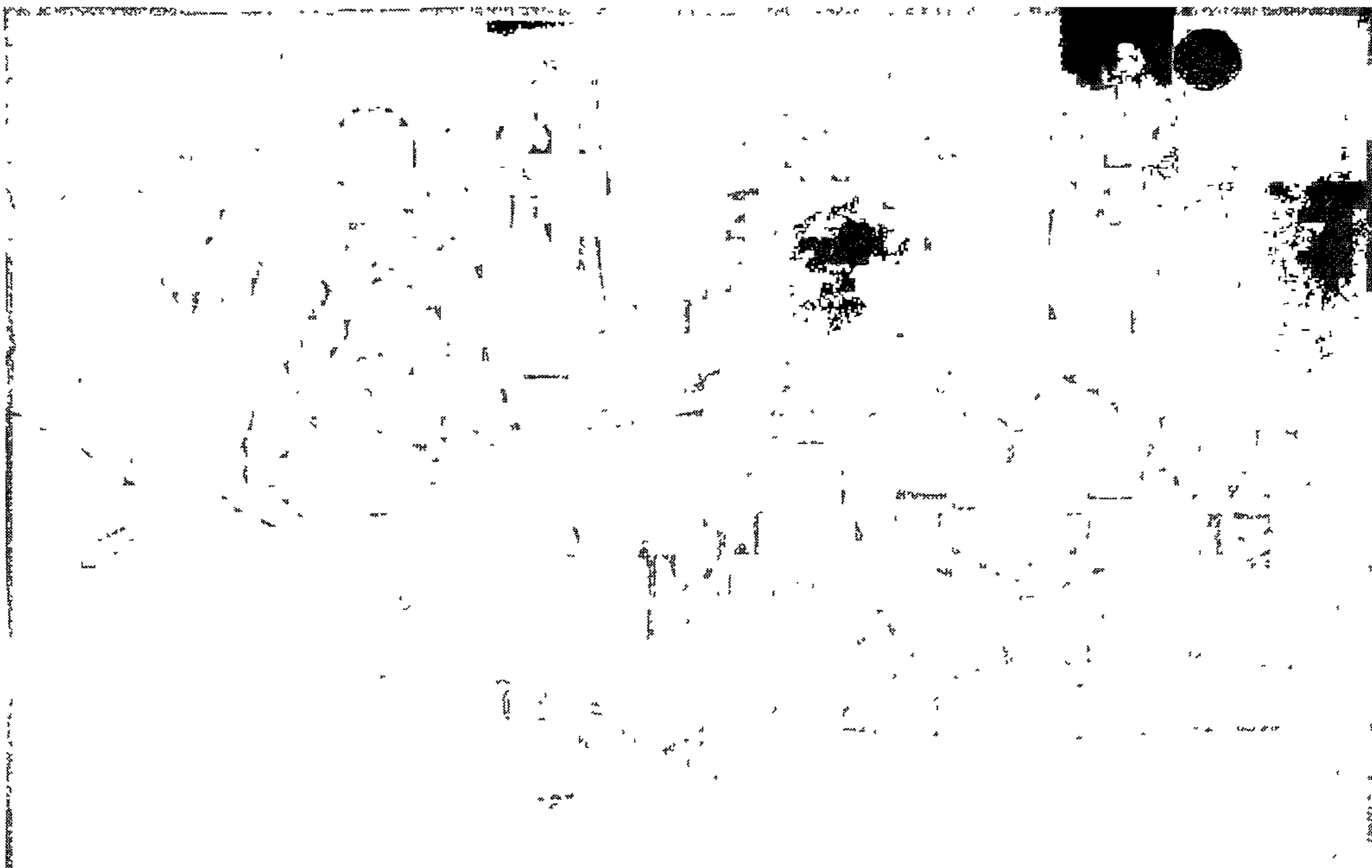
Mr Martin Luitjugh, SC, acting for Mr Gordon and the Webster Trust and family, will lead the cross-examination.

Squad leader

It was not certain whether former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee would testify before the commission, Mr Erasmus said yesterday. He said negotiations were still in progress on the matter.

Mr Coetzee, who admitted to having been the leader of an alleged police death squad, would probably testify outside SA. — Pretoria Correspondent and Sapa





James Khosa and his family say they will soon take their cluster of fields and huts back to central government Picture: AVIGAIL UZI, Afrapix

JAMES KHOSA and his neighbours in Dingleydale, a small village near the Kruger National Park, speak a dialect of Sotho that has no word for the term "reincorporation".

Instead they go about the village talking of how they will soon take their cluster of fields and thatched huts away from the Lebowa homeland and go back to the central government — "go boela morago central".

"You want to know why we say this?" says Khosa. "Every day from Monday to Friday I go to that field of oranges that you can see from here and pick the fruit from seven in the morning to five at night."

The Champagne Citrus Estate, run by a white-owned company called Measured Farming, pays Khosa R200 a month. With that he tries to feed his wife, nine children and a horde of grandchildren who scamper around the *lapa* of his homestead.

There is no extra pay for working overtime. If workers are injured, as they frequently are on the farm, they are not paid for sick leave. The estate does not pay their medical bills. Nor does the "homeland" bureaucracy pay out workmen's compensation, although it is supposed to by law.

"Two years ago we were earning less than R100 a month. They deducted funds for pensions and unemployment which we never saw again," says Khosa.

"Before this Lebowa gave us Measured Farming, the managers of Champagne gave their surplus oranges to the school free of charge. Now these are thrown into a pit and destroyed.

We hated the *dompas*. But a bantustan's worse

To the residents of a small village near the Kruger Park, even apartheid South Africa is a better option than life under the government of Lebowa
EDDIE KOCH visits the village of Dingleydale

"Our children are no longer allowed to take the path across the farm to their school. They have to take a longer route and that leaves them with less time to fetch water and help my wife with the cooking. And if they are caught stealing an orange we are forced to pay a fine of R20."

Life has not always been like this for the orange picker and 500 other peasant households who live at Dingleydale in the Mapulaneng district of Lebowa.

During the 1950s the village, named after the white farm on which it was built, was turned into a betterment scheme, part of the new Nationalist government's grand plan to ensure that black villagers would remain on their tribal lands rather than flock to the white towns.

The government allocated each family a small portion of land, built a rudimentary system of irrigation canals and provided the new farmers with a few bags of seed. Betterment schemes like these were fiercely re-

sisted in most parts of the country, where peasants saw these as gross interference in their traditional way of life.

But in Dingleydale the project worked.

"In the old days, there were good months when the farmers here could make R4 000 from selling tomatoes, vegetables and maize," says Simon Phoku, who heads the village's development committee.

That was before Lebowa became a self-governing state and qualified for Pretoria's economic decentralisation programme aimed at promoting "social upliftment" in the homelands.

10 years ago a South African company called Measured Farming, attracted to this remote part of the country by the Lebowa Development Corporation's generous incentives, took over the Champagne estate.

In practice this meant the company was able to earn generous tax rebates and have up to 80 percent of its wage bill subsidised by the Lebowa Development Corporation while the self-sufficient village on its boundary was systematically impoverished.

"We thought we could live with Measured Farming as good neighbours," says Phoku. "But five years after they came here they erected a large dam on their land. Then they blocked our canals so that the water was diverted into their dam. And they

started encroaching on some of our best farming land."

That was in the mid-1980s, a time when the rural areas of southern Africa were in the grip of the fiercest drought in decades.

"I went down to the canal with some of the farmers and we pulled out the bags of cement they had used to redirect our water. After that the management of the farm agreed to talk to us. We made an arrangement whereby we got water on some days and they got water on other days."

For many farming families the compromise did not help. The combined effect of the drought and the new dam forced scores of peasants to leave their lands for wage labour on the gold mines. Some, like Khosa, ended up working on the Champagne estate for wages that were a fraction of what they were once able to earn as farmers.

The peasants, now transformed into wage labourers, had to arrange their annual contracts through the homeland bureaucracy that replaced Pretoria's twin agencies of influx control: the pass system and labour bureaux.

"There is a lot of bribery involved. You will find the chief does not know how to deal with your contract. He sends you to the magistrate's court. But the clerks there want payment," says local activist Lawrence Moga-kane.

"They give priority to those people who put a R20 note in their passports. People here hated the old *dompas*. But they say the bantustan is worse ... The people in these villages have a hundred reasons for saying 'go boela morago central'."

Govt pledge on restructuring black schools

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MIKE ROBERTSON

CAPE TOWN — In a new bid to end the teachers' strike and continuing school stayaways, Education and Training Minister Stoffel van der Merwe yesterday committed government to negotiating new structures to broaden black community involvement in the running of schools.

He said the time had come for black leaders to go beyond issuing statements calling on children to go back to school and make a concerted effort to achieve this.

Van der Merwe was speaking at a Press conference at which he unveiled government's detailed response to a wide variety of grievances raised by opposition groups in recent meetings on the continuing crisis in black education.

The Minister said his department's 34-page response to the demands had been circulated to all the groups it had met.

These included the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC), the National Education Union of SA (Neusa), the Council for Education and Training and the African Teachers' Association of SA (Atasa).

Van der Merwe said in delivering such a detailed response government had gone out of its way to demonstrate the seriousness with which it viewed the crisis in black education. He hoped black leaders and people involved in black education would be prepared to respond to this demonstration of good faith.

He said some of the demands related to the constitutional system. These were being addressed in the negotiation process.

"The education authorities cannot by themselves take this further."

Other grievances concerned general education policy matters that had to be addressed by the overall education system. However, he gave a commitment that he would take up these demands with National Education Minister Gene Louw.

The third category of demands related to matters over which his department had direct control. The department had undertaken to address these issues.

Van der Merwe said after consulting a broad spectrum of black leaders, he had decided to subject the existing structure of community involvement in the running of schools to a thorough review.

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Messina signs mineral lease with Lebowa

MESSINA Platinum Mines signed a mineral lease with the Lebowa government on Friday in a final step to establish a two-shaft 160 000-tons-a-month platinum mine with phase 1 capex of R250m.

The lease is over a portion of the farm Zebedelia 60km south of Pietersburg. Similar leases would be signed over further portions of Zebedelia and the contiguous farm Voorspoed, and also over a nearby farm, Doornvlei, Implats executive director Brian Gilbertson said.

These leases would grant Messina the mineral rights to reserves with a strike length of 14km.

Messina Platinum Mines is a wholly

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owned subsidiary of Messina Ltd in which Impala Platinum Holdings (Implats) recently acquired the controlling interest. *BIPcom 214190*

Work on the 60 000-tons-a-month first phase was to begin as soon as possible and would be completed by 1994, Gilbertson said.

The ore body was situated between 50m and 3 000m and dipped from 55 to 85 degrees across the lease area. Ore could be extracted concurrently from the Mersensky and UG2 reefs via a single vertical shaft from an initial depth of 500m.

Messina Platinum Mines and the Lebova government signed a mineral lease in Pietersburg on Friday, granting Messina the sole rights to minerals over a part of the farm Zebediela near Lebowakgoma, the capital of Lebova.

An announcement by Messina says similar leases will soon be signed for the farms of Voorspoed and Doornvlei.

These leases (over parts of Zebediela, Voorspoed and Doornvlei) will grant Messina Platinum the mineral rights in Lebova to reserves with a

Messina signs Lebova mining lease

strike length of about 74 km (111) ^{57-2/4/96} completed by the beginning of 1994, will provide employment for about 2 000 people.

The Lebova Government is also to receive about 50 000 shares, free of consideration as part of the dispensation for granting the mineral lease.

Work on the mine is to begin as soon as possible. Early estimates are that the first phase of the mine, which will have a milling capacity of 60 000 tons a month, will cost some R250 million.

Mr Brian Gilbertson, executive director of Implats, said Lebova and its people would benefit from this new mining venture in terms of employment, royalties, taxes and in-

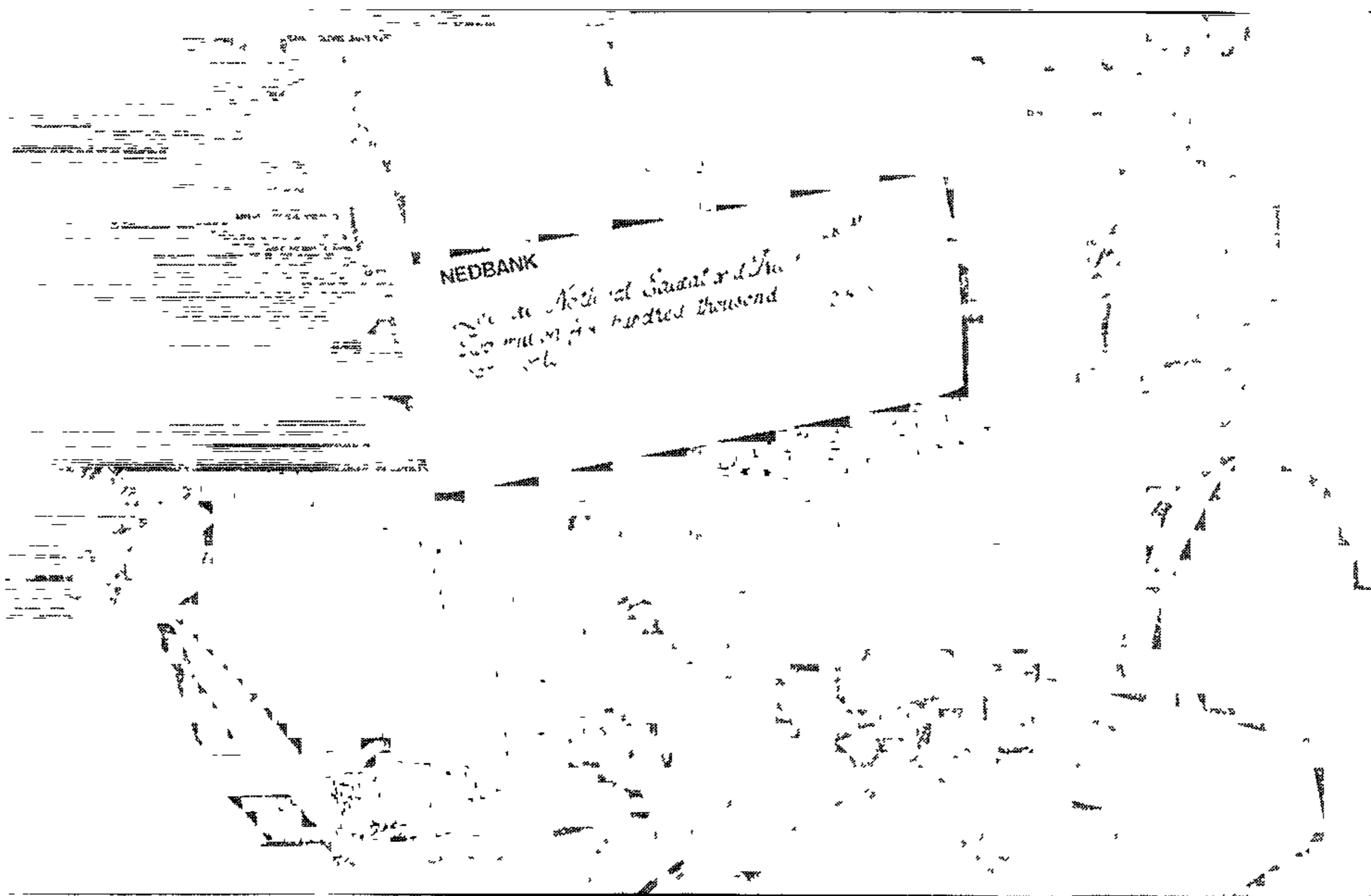
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The Lebowa Minister of Education, Mr F L Ledwaba, (left) and Mr D Lamola, general manager (human resources) of the Lebowa Development Corporation, pose with the giant cheque which was recently presented to the Lebowa Education and Training trust

R2,5 million boost for education in Lebowa

By Dirk Nel,
Northern Transvaal Bureau

POTGIETERSRUS — The opportunities for developing southern Africa's wealth were enormous, if a just and stable environment could be created, said Mr Barry Davison, managing director of Rustenburg Platinum Mines (RPM)

Speaking at a banquet in Potgietersrus to mark the presentation of a cheque of R2,5 million to the Lebowa Education and Training Trust, Mr Davison said the subcontinent's human and natural resources needed to be properly managed, and for this reason education would play a key role in preparing the people of the region for the challenge ahead

The more successful nations of today's world such as Japan and Taiwan had advanced and effective education systems, he pointed out

Mr Davison commended the Lebowa Trust — launched two years ago with an initial capital investment of R9 million — for assisting deserving students with bursaries, and for financing the recent Matric Phoenix project, which provided intensive teaching for Lebowa pupils re-writing their exams.

A spokesman for the trust told the Star last week that R700 000 had already been given for technical training and R250 000 for secondary and tertiary education in the form of grants and scholarships. A further R900 000 had been earmarked for technical training this year

Receiving the cheque on behalf of the trust, the Lebowa Minister of Health, Mr F L Ledwaba, said it was encouraging to note that large companies were no longer simply interested in "cheap labour", but were keen to contribute towards the training of educated employees

"Deeds speak louder than words" said Mr Davison, adding that it was now up to the youth of Lebowa to take advantage of the opportunities, this investment would create for them.

Commission told of unused schoolbooks

LEBOWAKGOMO — Schoolbooks worth about R3 million were found lying unused at various offices of the Department of Education and Training in Lebowa, the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday. *Star 4/9/90*

Mr M J Thalakashela told Mr O A de Meyer, the sole member of the commission of inquiry which was appointed to investigate alleged misuse and mismanagement of funds in the Lebowa government, that he had visited education circuit offices such as Bolobedu, Ramokgopa, Polokwane, Bochum, Bakenberg and Mahwelerle, where he found thousands of text and exercise books lying in storerooms and conference halls

Mr Thalakashela said he visited Masedibu High School in Polokwane where he found a lot of books in a storeroom he entered with Mr M J Mamobolo, the vice-principal

"Inside the storeroom there were piles of books and while (I was) with Mr Mamobolo, some six

teachers came in and fetched books without signing anywhere," he said

He also found Shangaan language teaching books but no pupils were learning Shangaan, only Pedi.

In Bolobedu, books were delivered to private houses and others to houses used by government clerks, he said

About 5 000 text books and 300 000 exercise books were found at Ramokgopa circuit office on March 8 this year

A certain Mrs Masipa had said the books were in the office when she started working at Ramokgopa in 1987, Mr Thalakashela said

"The principal of Rampo High School told me they were experiencing a book shortage at the school," he said

Mr P J Bester, an investigating officer, told the commission books found at all 15 Lebowa circuit offices could be worth over R3 million — Sapa.

Police (111) armed youths ^{20/11/90} -claim

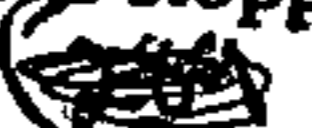

LEBOWA chief minister Nelson Ramodike was yesterday asked to respond to allegations that a police special unit had armed youths with firearms in Lebogomo.

Former home affairs minister LG Mathole said there were widespread rumours that the police had handed guns to youths in the Lebowa People's Party.

Ramodike said bantustan structures were rejected by people who saw them as instruments of oppression. He called for a united front to fight against "the system."

Responding to the question about arming youths, Ramodike said Mathole had been in charge of organising youths in the area and should therefore be in a better position to say whether he had armed those youths.

Sun workers fired

EIGHTEEN Sun City employees were dismissed by management of the Bophuthatswana entertainment complex after they took part in a work stoppage this week. *Janetun 5/4/90*  

Mr Peter Wagner, Sunbop managing director, said these workers had "walked off their jobs after they voiced their dissatisfaction with their salaries and various other grievances".

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admits mining will be a challenge

Perhaps Impala has little choice. Its Bop leases expire in 2003 and ore reserves are likely to be exhausted before then. It can extend downward of its present reserves into ground known as the Deeps — and it recently won a Bop court battle with the Bafokeng tribe mineral rights owners over mining rights. But it still has to reach a royalty agreement with the Bafokeng and, given the present mood of ordinary people in nominally independent homelands, Impala may not be able to count on the support of a compliant President Lucas Mangope for long. The Bafokeng still believe Mangope rode roughshod over the tribe's interests.

Even if there are no more legal tussles, developing a new mine on the Deeps will not come cheap. At least four new shaft systems will be needed costing well over R1bn in today's money and mining the deep, hot ore could be costly. Mine development will need to be financed from heavy profit retentions — at the end of its last financial year, Impala had net current assets of only R171m.

Of course Impala has the Karee mine which it recently transferred to Lonrho's Western Platinum for a 27% stake in the enlarged Wesplat mine. And that operation could increase platinum output by around 200 000 oz five years hence — nowhere near the amount needed to replace output from the Bop mine.

There are other options. Impala could swap high-grade reserves next to Rustenburg's expanding Amandeibult mine for comparatively shallow mineral rights owned by Rustenburg next to Impala's present mine. But that's a long shot.

Impala's dark horse, though, is its Steelpoort Valley exploration. Is it possible the Messina development is designed to soft-soap the Lebowans ahead of any deal to develop better reserves near Steelpoort lying inside the homeland and SA? We should know soon.

Jim Jones

Several hurt as cops, strikers clash in Garankuwa

SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE HURT WHEN POLICE FIRED RUBBER BULLETS AND TEARGAS AND BATON-CHARGED A LARGE CROWD AT GARANKUWA HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

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By ALINAH DUBE and Sowetan Correspondent

SEVERAL people were hurt when police fired rubber bullets and teargas and baton-charged a large crowd at Garankuwa Hospital yesterday.

This followed a clash between police and hospital staff as nurses joined hospital technicians on strike.

A protest was organised on the hospital grounds in

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defiance of a court interdict secured by the Transvaal Provincial Council.
Police allegedly rushed into hospital wards and attacked staff. Several people were bitten by police dogs, witnesses claimed.

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Strike: Cops shoot

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One nurse was allegedly bitten while attending to patients in a ward.

Police, however, said they had no information about this.

The police were apparently called into the hospital to deal with singing and toy-toying strikers

The strike - which started last week - was triggered off by a demand for the dismissal of two white hospital officials accused of racism.

A police spokesman confirmed at least 14 demonstrators were arrested during police action in the hospital grounds which lasted for several hours

Police ordered a crowd of several hundred people gathered in the hospital grounds to disperse about 9am yesterday, the spokesman said.

Crowd

"By noon the crowd had failed to disperse. Rubber bullets were fired and the crowd was baton-charged, the spokesman said.

"I had no reports of people attacked by police dogs"

A hospital staff member, watching from an upper-level office, said. "I am watching from a window, I can see people running around, trying to get out of the grounds while police are chasing them."

"Police are grabbing people and beating them up. They are rushing into the wards and police dogs are attacking people. It is visiting hour right now and innocent people are getting involved."

A police colonel was hit by a bottle but was not injured.

Another witness, who did not want to be identified, said nurses decided to join the strike yesterday in support of general workers.

"They did so because police rushed into wards and harassed staff," the witness said

Doctors were tending to injured as nurses had walked out

The number of injured is not known

The hospital's superintendent, a Dr McCarthy refused to comment

Sun City workers in row over wages

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By LEN MASEKO

A ROW has broken out between the Bophutswana Sun International (Sunbop), owners of Sun City, and some of the company's black employees over pay and working conditions at the entertainment centre.

The workers' grievances include allegations of racial discrimination, pay disparity and "wanton" dismissal of employees.

Last week, the entertainment centre was hit by two work stoppages involving some of its 3 200 employees, who demanded better pay

Eighteen workers, who embarked on a work stoppage on April 3, were

later dismissed for "walking off their jobs"

Another group of Sun City employees downed tools two days later, calling on management to raise their pay.

The workers suspended the strike after management promised to attend to their grievances.

Sunbop managing director Mr Peter Wagner confirmed the stoppages, saying they affected only two departments at the centre

He said his company was willing to address workers' grievances "through the established

representation structures"

He said some of the grievances were "cited out of context".

Some of the grievances included:

* Black employees had to pay rent for company-owned housing while their white counterparts were offered free lodging,

* Only whites were paid "living-out allowances", and

* There was no such thing as "equal pay for equal jobs" at Sun City, with white employees always earning a notch above their black counterparts, whatever their job experience.

Three special-care patients detained

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By VUSI GUNENE in Garankuwa

THREE patients in an intensive care unit were among those detained after a clash between striking workers and police at Garankuwa Hospital, near Pretoria, this week.

It is alleged by eyewitnesses that patients were among those teargassed and beaten and some were even detained when police, after a three-minute warning, opened fire on a crowd of workers on Monday.

Patients among those teargassed after a clash between hospital strikers and police

The South African Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria yesterday denied using teargas at the hospital. "Only rubber bullets, batons and police dogs were used to disperse the

crowd."

The SAP spokesman also denied that ICU patients were among those bitten by police dogs or baton-charged. However the spokesman did not respond to questions about the detentions.

Three ICU patients were still in detention yesterday, as were eight nurses and more than 20 other hospital workers. The hospital itself was deserted, many patients had been transferred to Kalafong and HF Verwoerd hospitals.

Only a handful of patients were still at Garankuwa Hospital, waiting for relatives to collect them. Some said they had been hastily discharged even though that they had not completely recovered.

The corridors leading to the wards were badly littered. Linen and patients' clothing lay outside the doors of the wards in black refuse bags. No doctors, nurses or other medical staff were on duty.

The hospital came to a standstill yesterday when personnel gathered at "Freedom Square" at the Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa).

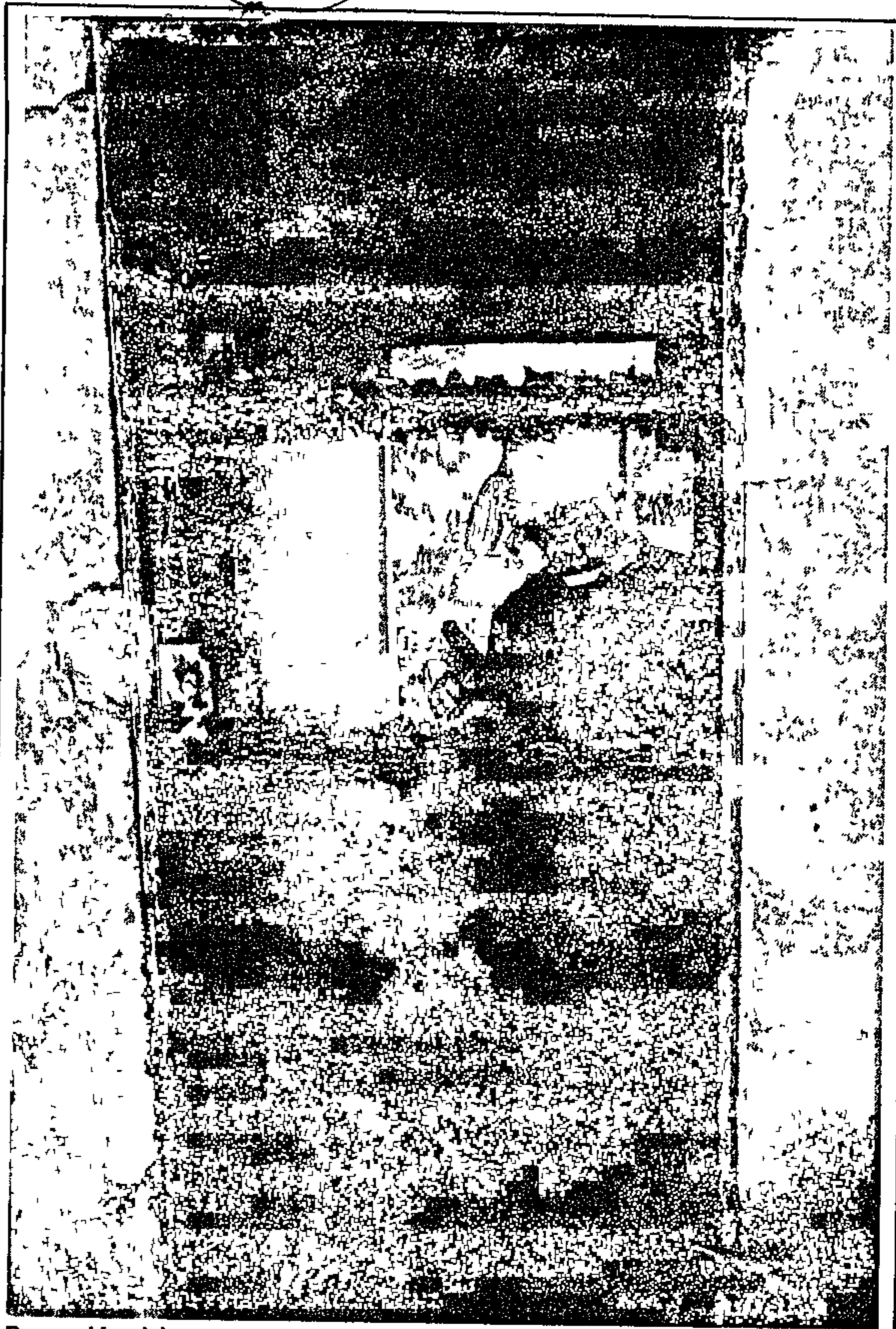
Medical students doing their practicals in the hospital joined striking hospital personnel when the Workers' Committee, representing the National Education and Health Workers Union (Nehawu), met with management to discuss the dispute that had led to the strike.

The strike began last Wednesday when workers demanded the dismissal of two administrators alleged to have made racist remarks.

Peter Dladla, a Workers' Committee member who was shot on the left arm with a rubber bullet, described Monday's incident. "At about 9am on Monday, the superintendent, Dr L van Heerden, brought a court interdict against the Workers' Committee, stating workers should vacate the premises of the hospital by 11am."

"At about 12:30 a senior police arrived at 'Helicopter Square', where workers had been meeting since their strike began, and told us to disperse or resume duties."

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Prepared for violence ... an armed and wary young man peers from the charred wreck of a house in Mpumalanga township in Natal. For more on the ongoing Natal civil war, see pages 4 and 5 w/Meal 12/4 - 19/4/90

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Hospital strike over today?

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GARANKUWA — Workers at Garankuwa Hospital on strike for eight days, yesterday unanimously resolved to resume work today following undertakings that two white officials had been removed.
But emotions ran high when delegates representing strikers failed to present fellow strikers with documentary proof showing the two officials had in fact been removed from the troubled hospital.
Strikers said yesterday if the men were reinstated they would again withdraw their labour — Sapa

Villagers fear assassination

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Call for Lebowa leader to quit

By SOPHIE TEMA

RESIDENTS of the Brooklyn village in Bushbuckridge say they fear being killed by a group of vigilantes calling itself the "A-Team".

They allege the "A-Team" is an assassination group supported by police to eliminate all activists in the village. Residents in the area are now calling for the South African Defence Force to neutralise the group, which they say operates as a hit squad.

Radical organisations in the area have also called for the immediate resignation of Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike, whose government they claim is supporting the group.

Residents claim some of the people who campaigned for Ramodike during the general elections last year are senior members of the rightwing Sofasonke Civic Union. They allege the "A-Team" is Sofasonke's vigilante group.

Ramodike denies the allegations and says he would not have been involved in signing a peace truce between his government and the South African Council of Churches (SACC) if this were true.

Residents claim the squad operates at night and uses different cars and false registration numbers.

Attempts were recently made on the lives of Lebowa MP and ANC member Mashukitshane Mashile and his nephew Benson Mashile.

The two were followed by a group of men in a yellow vehicle and shot at close range when the car drove up next to them. They managed to run to a nearby village where residents got them to hospital.

They were admitted to the Masana Hospital in Bushbuckridge in a critical condition.



Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike

activist leaders from the Brooklyn village. Early one morning, they alleged, a group of known Sofasonke supporters - which included police in plainclothes, teachers and school principals - marched through Brooklyn setting fire to the homes of seven activists.

Victims of the attacks had to be accommodated at the Roman Catholic Mission outside Bushbuckridge. This week residents claimed another meeting was held by the vigilantes where it was decided to attack the families of activists on Thursday night.

Names of people who were allegedly involved in arson attacks on residents' homes were submitted to the police but they were not apprehended until the matter was taken up by the people's defence lawyers.

In a bid to bring the bloody conflict to a halt, members of the Bushbuckridge-Acornhoek Youth Congress met the Sofasonke Civic Union recently and an SACC delegation met Lebowa cabinet ministers and entered into a peace accord.

With a view to ending the hostilities in the Bushbuckridge-Acornhoek area the groups agreed that:

- There would be close working relationship between the local chiefs and community organisations,
- All community organisations would keep the chiefs informed of their activities within their jurisdiction,
- All grievances would be directed to the relevant authorities,
- A commission of inquiry would investigate the causes of the violence and the conduct of police,
- Efforts would be made by the government to assist those who lost their homes and property,
- The safe return of those who fled from their homes would be ensured,
- The ceasefire would take effect immediately, and
- A back-to-school campaign would be started in which all students wishing to go to school would be admitted without regard for their political affiliation.

Probe into 23 'strike' deaths

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AN urgent inquiry is to be launched into allegations that 23 premature babies had died as a result of the strike at Garankuwa Hospital.

The investigation will be headed by the executive director of the Transvaal Provincial Administration's health services branch, Dr Hennie van Wyk.

However, a doctor at the hospital, who did not want to be named, said 29 of 50 premature babies being kept in a single ward had died from neglect as nurses and hospital workers withheld their services in protest against "corruption" and "unfair labour practices".

Premature babies

Deputy director, liaison services, for the TPA, Mr Jan van Wyk, said reports in connection with the deaths of the premature babies were still being regarded as "unconfirmed".

The TPA had received reports of 23 deaths in the ward and regarded these in a "very serious light".

Acting chief superintendent of the hospital, Dr Louis van Heerden, had no comment other than that the matter "was extremely sensitive". - *Sowetan Correspondent.*



3 die violently in Lebowa

PIETERSBURG — Three people were killed in separate incidents of violence in Lebowa, police reported yesterday.

In Gakolopo, near Pietersburg, Mrs. Stephina Mulaudzi (59) and Mrs. Maphuti Nkoana (52), were stabbed to death with what police described as sharp instruments, while in Veilingburg, also near Pietersburg, the body of Mr. William Maja (72) was found.

Mr. Maja had apparently been strangled. No arrests have been made in connection with the incidents and investigations are continuing.

Police also reported several incidents of stoning in Sekukuneland.

Youths attacked two houses and smashed shacks belonging to two dwellers.

A bus belonging to the Lebowa Transport company was also stoned by a group of angry youths.

All the incidents occurred at the weekend, police said. — Sapa

Sayco leaders to hold joint peace rally in bid to end violence

BUSHBUCKRIDGE — Youth leaders at Bushbuckridge have called for a joint peace rally to halt violence in the Eastern Transvaal area

A spokesman for the SA Youth Congress said the rally would take place at Acornhoek's Mapulaneng Technicon on Saturday.

A letter has been written to Lebowa leader Mr Nelson Ramodike, asking for his co-operation

The Sayco spokesman added that the Lebowa Minister of Works, Mr L M Mokoena, and Bushbuckridge Principals Council members had agreed to meet youth representatives at separate meetings tomorrow.

Assaulted by police

The Bushbuckridge Sayco affiliates made the rally decision at a meeting on Sunday, where they also resolved that students should return to school "despite all problems"

The spokesman claimed youths on their way to school in Mareti on Tuesday had been assaulted by Lebowa police and "the notorious Mankweng Riot Squad", and that 1 500 pupils were allegedly arrested.

Lebowa Police Commissioner Colonel J J de Swardt said there were not sufficient facilities to detain that amount of people in the homeland.

Although information about such a raid had not been passed on to him, similar allegations had proved unfounded in the past

The officer in charge of operations was not available to comment on the allegations. — Sapa

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Lebowa leader in court action

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A FORMER legal adviser to the Lebowa government, who was demoted to the rank of magistrate last year, is suing chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike and another minister for R187 000.

Ramodike faces R187 000 claims for defamation



NELSON RAMODIKE

Mr Richard Mahlo has brought the law suit against Ramodike and minister of justice Chief K Rammupudu.

In the claims, filed in the Pretoria Supreme Court, Mahlo says the two had him arrested and charged for corruption in June last year.

He said the charges were baseless and he was discharged in September by the Pietersburg

By MATHATHA TSEDU

Regional Court.

His dignity, good name, reputation and self-esteem were damaged by the prosecution to the value of R100 000. Legal costs in the matter were R7 610, he said.

Mahlo said he was suspended from his post on July 11 last year without reasonable cause. He is demanding R30 000 for humiliation and insult resulting from the suspension

When the corruption case was dismissed, Ramodike and Rammupudu had wrongfully and maliciously transferred him from his post as legal adviser based at Lebowakgomo to that of magistrate at remote Sek-gosese.

Mahlo is demanding R50 000 for humiliation and also wants the respondents to pay legal costs.

It is not known when the case will be heard.

Ramodike said yesterday that he had not seen the summons. Because he

is cited in his official capacity, the summons is likely to have been directed to the government's legal advisers who were not available for comment.

Ramodike also faces a law suit brought by Chief Sekororo Mahlo, who claims that the chief minister had committed irregularities during the homeland's election last year.

Chief Mahlo was a candidate in the election and lost.

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NEWS

Five SA homelands support the ANC

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

Leaders of five of South Africa's 10 self-governing and independent national states yesterday openly expressed support for the African National Congress at a report-back meeting in Johannesburg on last week's Grootte Schuur indaba.

ANC executive member Steve Tshwete told pressmen the "consultative" meeting had been attended by the Chief Ministers of Lebowa, KaNgwane, Qwa-Qwa, KwaNdebele and Gazankulu. The governments of Bophuthatswana, Ciskei, Transkei, KwaZulu and Venda had not been invited to attend.

He said the meeting had been held to brief the homeland leaders on the discussions with the Government and to "explore the necessity for further consultations" with homeland leaders with a view to forming a broad political front for constitutional negotiations with the Government.

Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike said a united front was necessary to intensify the struggle against apartheid.

Viewpoint

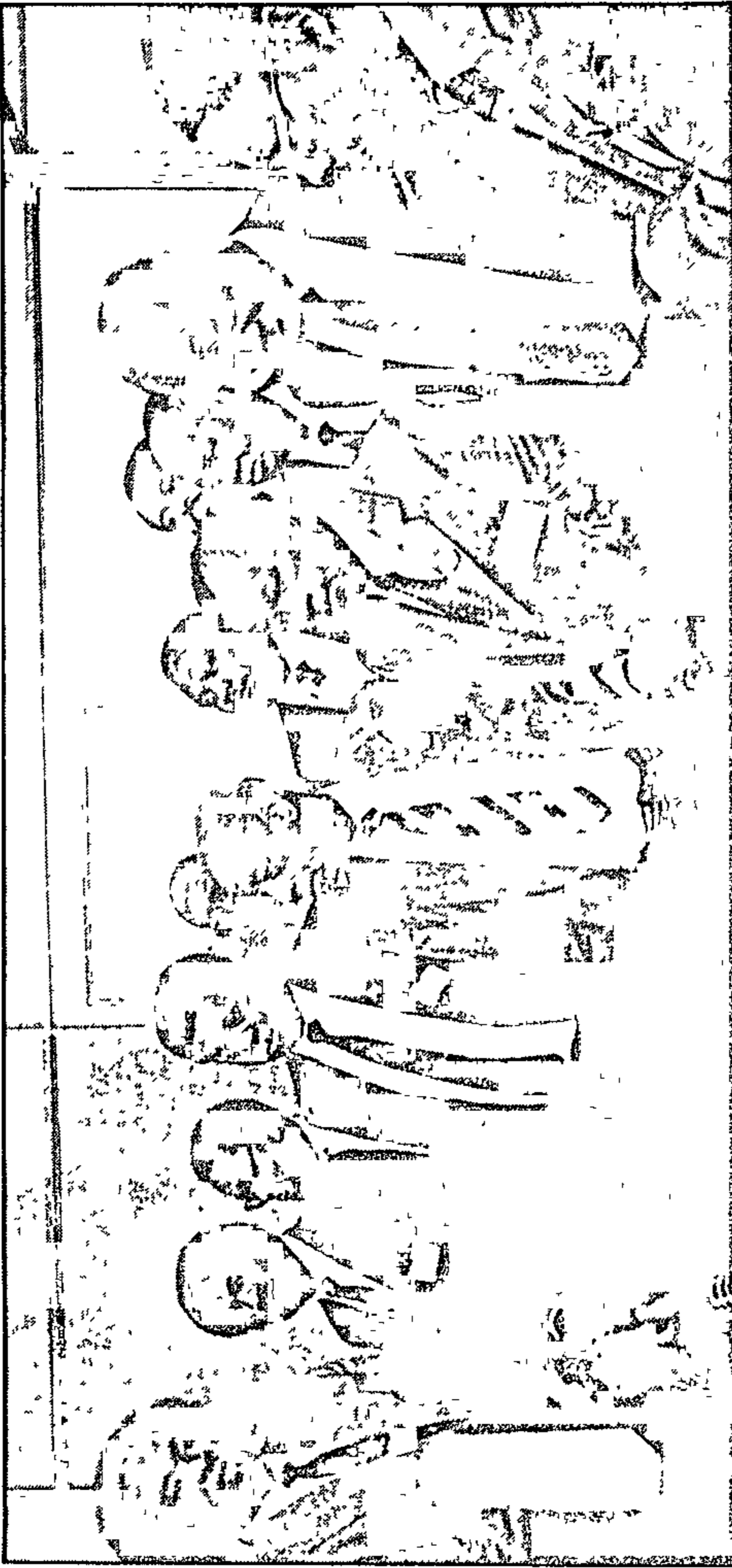
"I want to reiterate my viewpoint that I will not negotiate with the South African Government as a bantustan leader. The ANC has for many years fought for the liberation of the black man. We have only loosened the screws of apartheid and it is only fitting that these men who have sacrificed their lives be honoured for their perseverance."

He added "It would be unwise to form alliances with anyone but the ANC. We will not negotiate with the Government in the absence of the ANC."

Gazankulu Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi said he agreed with the ANC's position on the Grootte Schuur talks.

"We would have adopted the same attitude. All of us here want to work together for a new, peaceful South Africa."

Qwa-Qwa Chief Minister Kenneth Mopeli said political forces should unite to achieve a non-racial democracy.



Unusual accord five homeland leaders express support for the ANC during a report-back meeting in Johannesburg on the Grootte Schuur indaba. Among them were KwaNdebele Chief Minister Prince James Mahalangu (left), Mr Nelson Ramodike, Chief Minister of Lebowa (second from left), Dr Kenneth Mopeli, Chief Minister of QwaQwa (front row, second from right) and Gazankulu Chief Minister, Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi (front row, right) © Picture by Alf Kumalo

Religious leaders delighted with talks

Political Reporter

Church leaders of various denominations yesterday expressed their delight with the progress made at last week's Grootte Schuur talks between the Government and the African National Congress.

A broad spectrum of church and religious leaders attended a report-back meeting on the talks at the ANC's head office in Johannesburg yesterday. The Reverend Frank Chikane,

general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, told a press conference that religious leaders from different traditions had been very concerned about political violence and fully supported the joint commitment of the Government and the ANC to put a stop to it.

"We are delighted that the ANC went to discuss the obstacles in the way of negotiations. We are very encouraged by the briefing and fully support the process."

Johannesburg Chief Rabbi C Harris said religious groups had been encouraged by the talks and hoped that a non-racial democracy would be established in which "all people shall realise that we have a common

base of humanity"

Other groups represented at the report-back meeting included the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa, the World Conference on Religion and Peace and the Council of African Independent Churches.

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PIETERSBURG. — Seventeen people, including a sangoma, are being held by Lebowa police following a gruesome incident on Wednesday in which six people, alleged to be practitioners of witchcraft, were burnt to death at Makweya village, 20km west of Pietersburg.

Villagers alleged that those killed were responsible for the death of a Std 10 pupil, Reginald Rakwena, who disappeared from his home a week ago. His body was found in a pond.

Lebowa police liaison officer Brigadier Phillip Moloto confirmed the detention of the 17, but could not reveal the names of the dead because their next-of-kin had not yet been informed.

An informed source who requested anonymity said villagers were angered by the disappearance of Reginald, who was last seen by his grandmother on Thursday last week when he was on his way to fetch water for his family from a pond.

He added that on Wednesday, pupils of schools in the village did not report for classes and instead collected money from villagers to finance an inyanga to "sniff out" the witches in the area alleged to have been responsible for Reginald's disappearance. — Sapa

Lebaka lifts its dividend ⁽¹¹⁾

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Increases in turnover and profit enabled Lebowa Bakeries (Lebaka) to increase its total dividend by 29 percent for the year ended March

According to the company's preliminary report, a final dividend of 5c has been declared making a total of 7,75c (6c) for the year. The dividend is covered 2,7 times

The company recorded a pre-tax profit of R10,59 million, a 29,9 percent increase over the previous year on a 14,3 percent improvement in turnover to R73,56 million

Earnings were up 34,8 percent to 20,9c a share and the net asset value per share improved by nearly 20 percent to 80,6c — Sapa

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Lebaka sees its dough rise

 ROBERT GENTLE 

LEBOWA Bakeries (Lebaka), whose 10 Transvaal bakeries churn out about 270 000 loaves of bread a day, has posted a 34,8% increase in attributable earnings to R5,23m (R3,88m) for the year ending March 1990.

The performance was the result of increased business, good gains in operating margins and a sharp hike in investment income.

Turnover — which has been restated for comparative purposes to reflect the bread price subsidy — rose 14,3% to R73,5m (R64,4m).

Investment income soared from R911 000 to R2,29m as a result of increased cash reserves and higher interest rates. About R4,5m of this was earmarked to refurbish plant and replace vehicles.

Operating income rose 18,8%. When related to the restated turnover figure, operating margins rose 0,6% to 14,7%. The net result on the bottom line was a 35% rise in earnings per share to 20,9c (15,5c) and a 29% rise in the dividend per share to 7,75c (6c). Dividend cover was, accordingly, slightly better at 2,7 (2,6) times.

Lebowa Bakeries continue with good returns

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

INCREASES in turnover and profit have enabled Lebowa Bakeries to hike dividends by 29 percent for the year ending March 31, 1990, according to the company's preliminary report released this week.

The final dividend of five cents per share has been declared, making the total for the year of 7,75 cents per share compared with six cents for the previous year.

Lebowa Bakeries, listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in the Food Sector less than three years ago, has shown steady growth since listing. The company currently operates 10 bakeries in the Far North Transvaal with another expected to be commissioned during the current financial year.

The preliminary report shows that the company recorded a pre-tax profit of R10,59 million (29,9 percent increase over previous year) on a turnover of R73,56 million (14,3 percent increase).

Earnings per share were up 34,8 percent to 20,9 cents per share and the net asset value per share improved by nearly 20 percent to 80,6 per share. Lebowa posted substantially increased investment income but has earmarked R4,5 million expenditure in the current year for refurbishment and replacement of plant and vehicles.

The audited report is to be published about mid-June and the company's annual general meeting scheduled for mid-July.

Lebowa's Ledwaba is rapped over promises

By MATHATHA TSEDU

LEBOWA Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Lawrence Mokhudu Ledwaba, has landed in hot water following promises he made to Seshego residents that his department would provide squatters with water and sewerage.

A statement released by the office of the chief minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, following Press reports based on a joint statement between Ledwaba and the Seshego Civic Association (SCA) released last week, said the promises were Ledwaba's own decisions and the Cabinet did not associate itself with them.

In a public rapping of Ledwaba that is sure to have further ramifications, Ramodike's statement said the Minister had made his promises without the knowledge of the cabinet.

The statement said the Cabinet was not even informed of the allocation of sites to a white consortium of developers whose stands have now been released for occupation by the squatting families.

The matter had been referred for investigation to the De Meyer commission of inquiry into misuse of state funds, the statement added.

The furore, which may cost Ledwaba his position in the Cabinet, emanates

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from a decision by Seshego residents - who have been on a housing waiting list for years without success - to occupy unused land.

The SCA, under whose auspices the decision was taken, met with Ledwaba on May 25, after which meeting the controversial statement was issued.

The statement had said government and SCA officials would allocate stands to the destitute residents last Thursday.

Shacks

Residents were to be given letters confirming their occupation while the government also undertook to provide basic services, such as water and sewerage, the statement said.

Residents were also to be allowed to erect shacks.

SCA chairman, Mr David Nkoana, said on Friday his organisation had allocated sites to about 1 000 people on Thursday.

Government officials had not come, he said.

The non-attendance of government officials at the allocation of sites has put a question mark on Ledwaba's promises for services. A major health hazard is feared if none are provided.

Both Ramodike and Ledwaba were unavailable for comment at the weekend.

Top cop may face charges

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(11)

By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE deputy commissioner of the Lebowa police, Brigadier Phillip Moloto, has gone on early retirement amid reports that the Attorney-General in Pretoria has given the go-ahead that he be charged with fraud.

A police spokesman said yesterday that Brigadier LA Mojela (54) has been appointed deputy commissioner with effect from June 1.

Sources said Moloto's early retirement was a compromise requested by the commissioner of police, Brigadier JG de Swardt, after the Lebowa government had decided on a suspension.

The sources said Moloto's early retirement started on June 1. This was confirmed by the police spokesman.

It is believed Moloto is being charged with fraud in connection with a house he occupied while living in Seshego.

A spokesman at the Pietersburg Regional Court, a Mr Viljoen, said yesterday that no date had been fixed for Moloto's court appearance.

He said his office was still awaiting the docket from the police.

Moloto could not be reached for comment.

Chief at centre of row

SCHOOLING continued to be disrupted yesterday in the Matlala area near Pietersburg, the scene of alleged police beatings and arrests of youths last week.

At the centre of the furōre is deputy minister of police in Lebowa Chief BK Matlala, who is accused by the South African Youth Congress of corruption and oppressing villagers.

Sayco alleged that more than 50 pupils were arrested last week following a march to the police station to demand the release of a detained high school pupil, Lydia Matome, who has since been charged with public violence.

It said in a statement that police had launched a terror campaign in the

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Setumong, Mamphulo, Ramalapa and Korotong villages, beating up youths.

Many youths spent the weekend in the mountains as police continued their patrols, Sayco branch president Mr Elias Nong said.

Appealed

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He said they had appealed to Lebowa Chief Minister and minister of police Mr Nelson Ramodike to intervene.

Ramodike confirmed he had been approached yesterday and said he expected to meet Sayco soon.

Trouble in the villages

started when Matlala was appointed deputy minister.

His wife, Elsie, who acts as chairwoman and secretary of the clan in her husband's absence, decreed that each family pay R5 to finance a feast to celebrate Matlala's appointment.

Sayco organised marches to protest against the move and the march was disrupted by police.

Since then there have been battles between the community and the chief, culminating in the present crisis.

Ramodike said he had received complaints about Mrs Matlala and had appointed a cabinet select committee, under the chairmanship of Chief PJ Nkadimeng, to investigate the matter.

Lebowa Minister in court

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22/6/90 Own Correspondent (iii)

Sowetan reporter Mathata Tsedu was yesterday ordered out of the Lebowakgomo Magistrate's Court where a paternity suit brought against the Lebowa Minister of Public Works, Chief L.M. Mokwena, was being heard.

The hearing follows a civil claim for maintenance brought by Paulinah Mashabela, who alleges that Mr Mokwena is the father of her two-year-old son. Mr Mokwena is contesting the R300 a month claim.

Ms Mashabela testified that the affair started in 1985.

She was represented by Jeff Mathabatha. Richard Ramodipa represented Mr Mokwena.

The eviction followed indication by Mr Ramodipa that his client objected to the opening of the case to people other than the affected parties.

Mr Mathabatha said his client had no objection, but the magistrate ruled that the reporter should leave.

The case ended late yesterday with the magistrate ruling that Mr Mokwena had proved "on balance of probability" that he could not be the father of the child.

The court also found that evidence linking Ms Mashabela to a magistrate with whom she is alleged to have had an affair was true.

Ms Mashabela indicated she would appeal against the judgment.

Rites School to be searched

By MATHATHA TSEDU
and RUSSELL MOLEFE

TENSION yesterday continued to grip Madibong village, Sekhukhunland, the scene of the fatal shooting last Friday of at least three men during confrontations related to circumcision.

With angry villagers claiming that up to eight people were unaccounted for and feared dead, police yesterday met with members of the Madibong Youth Congress and agreed to lead the local community in a massive search this morning which will include a visit to the controversial circumcision school.

Northern Transvaal Council of Churches' Mr Tom Gumbo said trouble started last week when the local chief, Walter Kgoloko, defied a community ban on the establishment of a circumcision school this year.

March

The ban was imposed after Kgoloko had expelled his official wife, Mrs Lebone Kgoloko.

Several children were allegedly abducted and taken to the school on Friday morning.

Infuriated parents and youths held a meeting on Friday evening and later marched to the site of the circumcision school, Gumbo said.

Armed guards, hired by Kgoloko, aware of the marchers, lay in wait and opened fire, killing at least three people, according to a statement by Lebowa police.

Names

Although police liaison officer, Lieutenant E Mahlabeangwane, declined to name the deceased, SAYCO regional leaders said they were Mr Stephen Mokgoatjana, Mr Thomas Mokwena and Mr Carphus Mohlala.

Two of the injured, Mr Phillip Maboko (27) and Mr Amos Moganedi, are being treated at an undisclosed hospital.

Kgoloko, a controversial figure and MP in the Lebowa bantustan, was not available for comment. Villagers said he was staying at the Schonoord police station.

Do not pay fees, student teachers told

So welam 25/6/90

STUDENTS at 11 teacher training colleges in Lebowa have resolved not to pay the second semester boarding fees because, they claim, the Lebowa government has failed to deal with their grievances.

A statement issued by the chairman of the College SRC Co-ordinating Committee, Mr Kibu

**By MATHATHA
TSEDU**

Kekana, called on parents to support the students by not giving them fees for the second semester.

Kekana said his organisation, which represents Mkopane, Mamokgalake Chuene, Kwena Moloto, Setotlwane, Modjadji, Naphuno, Bochum, Thabamopo, Sekgosese, Mapulaneng and CN Phatudi colleges, had submitted a list of demands to the Lebowa ministry of education in March

The minister responded to the demands which included SRC involvement in the admission of new students, ac-

commodation, food and providing facilities for the SRC

The ministry's response was unacceptable to the students, Kekana said

A meeting called for between the CSCC and the minister on July 11 to discuss the impasse had been aborted because the minister had involved other parties, Kekana added.

The colleges are to reopen on July 17 but members of the CSCC will meet on July 14 to discuss further steps against the department, Kekana said.

None of the senior officials of the department could be reached for comment at the weekend

Victory for civic body ⁽¹¹⁾

THE Lebowa government is to provide basic services to the area where homeless people were given stands by the Seshego Civic Association last month.

A joint statement released by the SCA and the secretary for Lebowa's Home Affairs, Dr P P PHEME - following two days of talks with the bantustan's entire Cabinet - said the services would be provided within two months.

In terms of the new arrangement, 245 sites originally owned by the white-owned Seshego Consortium in Zone 8 will be serviced with water, sewerage and roads. Another 150 stands are to be demarcated from open land in Zones 1, 2 and 4 and will also be serviced.

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Soldiers accused of Lebowa robbery

A PIETERSBURG lawyer has claimed that five alleged South African Defence Force soldiers were arrested early yesterday morning by Lebowa police after they allegedly robbed a bar lounge of about R6 300 in the Ga-Matlala area. *W/Mail 6/7/90*

It is believed the soldiers were based at the Lymburg military base in the Northern Transvaal

Deputy Commissioner of Lebowa Police, Brigadier LA Mojela, confirmed he had received a report of a similar nature and police were investigating

He said late yesterday afternoon that Lebowa's Commissioner of Police, Brigadier JJ Swardt, had undertaken to raise the matter with the SADF in Pietersburg

"We cannot investigate before we tell them (the SADF). So the investigations must be done at the same time. To tell the truth we are not happy at all," he said. Mojela said the Lymburg military base

was meant to serve Lebowa. (111)

Pietersburg lawyer Saad Cachana said the soldiers also allegedly attempted to rape the owner's 33-year-old daughter.

The bar lounge belongs to Felix Monyepao and his wife, Lilian.

Monyepao's son, Gilbert, said seven men believed to be soldiers had entered the bar lounge on Wednesday afternoon and ordered beer. When he told them he was about to close, they said: "We want those four ladies"

The ladies — who fled and spent the night in the nearby veld — were employed at the bar lounge.

Gilbert said he had taken his gun and fired a warning shot after he was slapped in the face by one of the men, who also hit him with beer bottles

Gilbert then fled to summon police. In the meantime, the men allegedly roughed up his parents and sister

Two of the men had fled with R6 300 when Gilbert arrived with police.

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Tension rises in Lebowa's waterless GaMashashane

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TENSION is running high at GaMashashane in Lebowa where there has been no water for the past month-and-a-half

And the local civic association has threatened to stage a sit-in at the government offices in Lebowakgomo this week

The villagers said wells which were dug had also dried up completely

The hardest hit were the surrounding villages where there had never been provision for water.

They said they were now paying R2 for a 20-litre container to the local chief, whose tap still has a slow run of water

Villagers also said the government had made a number of promises to rectify the situation but had so far done nothing

The civic association said it would stage an indefinite sit-in from Wednesday.

The Lebowa govern-

ment was not available for comment yesterday

A civic association spokesman said a mass meeting of the villagers had resolved that:

* The government stop all parliamentary building and house construction for ministers since their luxurious structures were in contrast with the standard of living of the people, and

* Agricultural shows be stopped as they gave the impression that all was well in the homeland while people lacked basic needs

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Lebowa cops oust Bochum delegation

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LEBOWA police escorted a delegation from several Bochum organisations out of the offices of the Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, at Lebowakgomo, last week.

The delegation, incensed at what they term shabby treatment, has called on ANC deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, to immediately stop all dealings with the chief minister.

The 10-man delegation, comprised of representatives from the Bochum Youth Congress, Bochum Taxi Association, Northern

Sowetan Reporter

Transvaal Teachers Union and pastors from the area, said they waited for more than 90 minutes in a room in Ramodike's offices.

"When we sent two people to find out what the delay was all about, we were told to move out. More than 20 armed policemen came in and marched us out.

"Outside the gates we found more riot unit policemen who told us to move away," Mr Phineas Masipa, a spokesman, said.

Masipa said the delegation went to the offices on July 19 to find out from Ramodike what progress had been made on a set of demands that had been handed to the

Bochum police during a march on June 12.

He said they failed to see Ramodike on that day and had instead been seen by a minister, Mr MTD Leboho, who promised them an appointment with Ramodike for 10am on Friday.

When they arrived on Friday, they were taken to Ramodike's office where sat in a waiting room until they were forced out.

"It was clear to us that Ramodike is not prepared to address our daily problems which he is aware of. We, therefore, urge comrade Mandela not to accept him anymore as he is an ANC man when outside, but when he comes back to Lebowa he is no more," Masipa said.

Happenings (11) in Lebowa

THE University of the North convocation will meet tomorrow to discuss the management of the university and the composition of the university council, its president, Mr Don Nkadimeng, said

The Cultural Workers Forum is to hold a conference at Tshismane College Tshakuma, Venda tomorrow. *Sweety*
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The Lebowa Komo Kopano Reading Club will meet on Sunday to discuss forming a branch of the Council for Black Education and Research.

Action by police leads to stayaway

THE eviction of a delegation of Bochum residents from the offices of the Lebowa Chief Minister by police last week has precipitated a work stayaway by teachers.

A spokesman for the delegation, which included priests, teachers, youths and businessmen, said the week-long

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stayaway affected all employees of the bantustan government in the Bochum magisterial district.

A meeting is to be held tomorrow to discuss the next step, the spokesman added.

But investigations by *Sowetan* yesterday revealed that clerks at the local magistrate's offices and post office employees were on duty.

Residents said only teachers were on stayaway and added that schools were deserted.

A spokesman for the Lebowa government's

public relations division, a Mr Setati, said his information was that only schools were affected by the stayaway.

The delegation has also called Mr Nelson Mandela to sever all links with the bantustan leader, as a result of what they called shabby and unacceptable treatment.

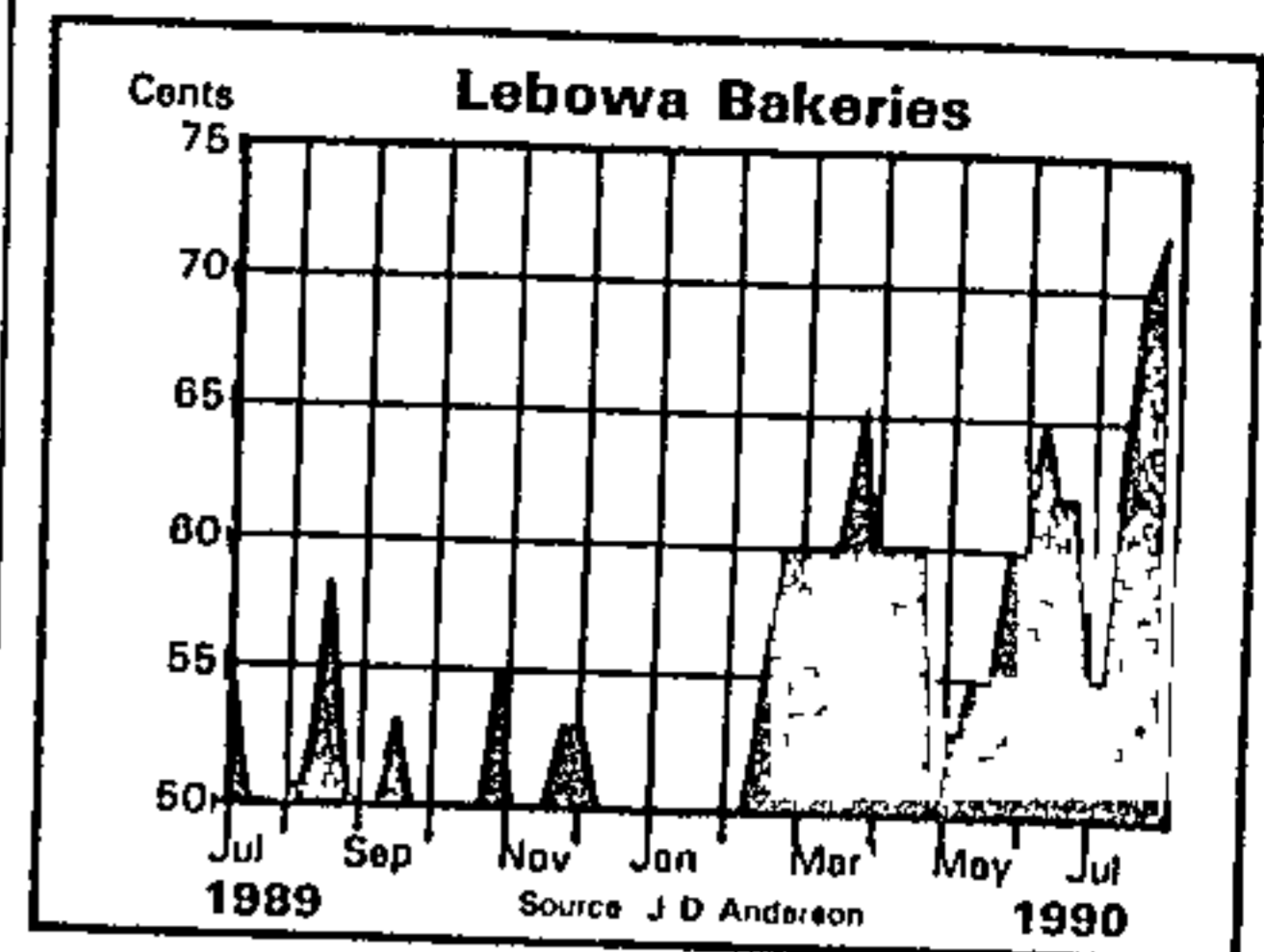
On the bread line (11)

Government's plan to remove bread subsidies next year is not expected to reduce growth of sales of Lebowa Bakeries' primary product. The group believes its "strategic location" close to rural areas will cut out uneconomical delivery costs which would push up the price.

Though government bread is the main contributor to profits, mostly because of volumes, Lebaka hopes further to increase turnover, which rose 14% to R73m, by the introduction of different bread products. It has already done so with some success and believes it can keep prices affordable because of low overheads. The confectionery division, which contributes only 1,3% of total turnover, is also a potential growth area.

However, growth areas in neighbouring states is where the company hopes to find its long-term growth potential. "The northern

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Activities: Baker and confectioner (11)**Control:** Lebowa Development Corp**Chairman:** P C Mokgokong, MD J W B McKenna**Capital structure:** 25m ords Market capitalisation R18m**Share market:** Price 72c Yields 10,8% on dividend, 29,0% on earnings, p/e ratio, 3,4, cover, 2,7 12-month high, 72c, low, 50c

Trading volume last quarter, 193 000 shares

Year to Mar 31	'88	'89	'90
ST debt (Rm)	nil	0,2	0,9
LT debt (Rm)	1,4	3,3	4,3
Debt equity ratio	0,09	0,19	0,17
Shareholders interest	0,73	0,64	0,62
Int & leasing cover	—	18,3	11,5
Return on cap (%)	24,8	27,2	26,4
Turnover (Rm)	39,0	64,4	73,6
Pre-int profit (Rm)	5,2	8,6	11,6
Pre-int margin (%)	13,4	13,5	12,1
Earnings (c)	10,7	15,5	20,9
Dividends (c)	4,5	6,0	7,75
Net worth (c)	60	69	82

region is strategically poised to take advantage of this new economic potential," says chairman Pothinus Mokgokong in the 1990 annual report.

Lebaka, already serving a region with a growing population now around 4m, with a staple food, can't go far wrong.

Attributable earnings rose 35% during the year to R5,2m. The group plans to restructure its debt, thereby reducing interest paid. It hopes to settle loans bearing high interest rates and renegotiate them for loans which require lower interest payments. Interest paid on long-term loans ranges from 18,7%-20,5%.

Long-term loans were taken mainly to pay for capital development projects which Mokgokong reports as virtually completed. The value of fixed assets as a result rose 43% to R20,4m. However, this forced down the turnover asset ratio from 2,3 in the previous year to 2,1.

At 72c, the share is at its highest in over a year, but the 3,4 earnings multiple and 10,8% dividend yield seem appropriate given Lebaka's growth prospects. Heather Formby

Lebowa to get more land for townships

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THE Commission for Cooperation and Development Aid has proposed that about 2700ha from certain farms in the districts of Groblersdal, Tzaneen and Pietersburg be added to Lebowa as extension for black townships

This was proposed after investigations by the Commission in connection with the identifying of land in these district for the extension of the boundaries of certain black townships in Lebowa

The chairman of the commission, Mr Jurie Mentz, said the proposals would serve as a basis for further negotiations and consultation with the affected before being submitted to Parliament

About 443ha from certain farms in the district of Groblersdal had to be added to Lebowa. About 700ha from certain farms in the district Tzaneen had to be added as extension for the township Ga-Kgapane and about 1550ha from certain farms in the district of Pietersburg had to be added for the township Seshego

Mentz said persons affected by the consolidation proposals as announced may submit supporting memoranda if they want to present evidence and make representations to the commission - Sapa

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No problem with mineral rights. (11)

says Lebowa Plat

Lebowa Platinum's rights to mine and to dispose of the platinum group of metals remain secure over the whole of the Atok mine, and the company will resist any claims to the contrary.

Lebowa Plats, responding to a report in a Sunday newspaper, said yesterday there was no riddle surrounding the company's mineral rights holdings.

Of all the properties it controlled, only in one case were the base mineral rights held by a third party.

The company was legally entitled to mine and dispose of base minerals mined in conjunction with platinum for its own benefit and account without any liability to pay royalties.

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Students in battle with Lebowa minister

New Nation: learni Nation

THE Lebowa education minister is locked in a fierce battle with students at the CN Phatudi College of Education following his suspension of an investigation into irregularities in the marking of last year's examination scripts. 24/8 - 20/8/70

Members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) at the college told PUPILS FORUM that the incident started in March this year when students expressed their dissatisfaction with last year's examination results and demanded to see their scripts.

As there was some reluctance by the authorities to make the scripts available to students to check them, the SRC resolved to call in an attorney to initiate legal action against the Lebowa education ministry.

The ministry eventually agreed to release the scripts and a committee of students and lecturers was formed to check more than 100 scripts.

The exercise began last Monday and, by Wednesday, 44 irregularities – such as unmarked sections and wrong calculation of marks – had been found.

An SRC spokesperson said that, after these findings, the lecturers secretly met the Lebowa education minister, who ordered that the checking be suspended and replaced by a commission of inquiry.

The students disagreed with the minister's decision and instructed their legal representatives to give the minister a 72-hour ultimatum to order the resumption of the checkings, failing which an urgent application to the Supreme Court would be filed.

In the meantime, students have started a class boycott, which will continue until their demand has been met.

The Lebowa education ministry was not available for comment at the time of going to press.

ANC calls for show

boycott

THE ANC has called for a boycott of the Lebowa Show which started on Tuesday.

In a pamphlet issued by the organisation's branch in Lebowakgomo, the ANC said the show disrupted schooling, furthered the apartheid philosophy and resulted in increased crime

The pamphlet said the ANC was not impressed by the "opportunity allowed to the racist SADF and SAP to hold exhibitions in the show grounds to the exclusion of our army, Umkhonto we Sizwe".

The call has drawn swift reaction from Lebowa chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike who said in a statement that "radical organisations" would not be allowed to disrupt the show.

He said his government was no longer prepared to tolerate radicals and promised "drastic steps as prescribed in the Pretoria

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

Minute" to maintain law and order.

The show is to be officially opened tomorrow by State President Mr FW de Klerk

Ramodike this week also met senior members of the ANC leadership to discuss friction between himself and ANC grassroots structures in the area

Meeting

A joint statement titled "Lebowakgomo Minute" issued after a meeting with Mr Elias Motswaledi and Mr M. Mugwai, both of the ANC, who met the entire Lebowa cabinet, said the two agreed that the ANC would translate to all its branches and

zones the importance of refraining from interference" in traditional leadership issues

The ANC also undertook to

- * Ensure that its flag should not be used as an "authority to cause anarchy",

- * Civic associations aligned to it would stop "demanding and intimidating people in the present government structures to disband", and,

- * The "cordial relationship between the ANC and the Lebowa cabinet should be maintained"

Stayaway brings education to halt in Lebowa

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(111)

By MATHATHA TSEDU

EDUCATION has come to half in many areas of Lebowa following a four day stayaway called by the Neusa-affiliated Northern Transvaal Teachers Union.

The stayaway, which began on Tuesday in solidarity with 20 Zebediela teachers against whom disciplinary action was taken by the Lebowa government recently, has been widely condemned by political and community organisations.

At the root of the matter, which is likely to have disastrous effects on the coming examinations, is grievances that teachers have against the Lebowa government.

Teachers sent a memorandum to the department early this year detailing complaints. These include provision of books, hiring of more teachers, building more classrooms and acceleration of the process of paying first year teachers.

When by July this year nothing had been done, teachers decided on a defiance campaign. Twenty teachers from Zebediela refused to attend an in-service training course organised by the department.

In retaliation, the department suspended the teachers and this led to a sit-in by eight colleagues at the circuit offices two weeks ago.

AT A GLANCE

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Move to re-establish St Peter's in Lebowa

with a view 7/9-13/9/90

■ The Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's fund has donated R36 000 for a study looking into the feasibility of re-establishing a former Johannesburg secondary school — St Peter's — in Lebowa. (11)

St Peter's, the first Transvaal school to prepare black pupils for the junior certificate examination, closed in 1956 when the government enforced its policy of racially segregated education on church schools.

The move to re-establish St Peter's in Lebowa is being driven by a group of former pupils, one of whom — Lesnoek Matlala — has offered a possible site.

The chairman of the AAC and De Beers Chairman's Fund, Michael O'Dowd, welcomed the move, but added that any decision to give further financial support would depend on the findings of the feasibility study.

Boycott call puts FW in spotlight

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7/9/90 By MATHATHA TSEDU (11)

THE boycott of the Lebowa show, called by the ANC in Lebowakgomo, has placed tomorrow's official opening by State President FW de Klerk in the spotlight.

Late yesterday, the crowd was small. However the show secretary, Mr Hilton Ledwaba, said crowds had been coming in the evening for the live TV broadcasts.

The ANC called for the boycott and some of its officials were yesterday still distributing pamphlets at the show

The organisation said the show perpetuated apartheid, disrupted schooling and led to an increase in crime.

It also criticised the presence of SAP and SADF stalls while Umkhonto we Sizwe was not exhibiting

With the ongoing talks between the ANC and the Government, the call for the boycott, with De Klerk to speak, has raised questions about how people will react

Earlier this week, the ANC and Lebowa chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike met to discuss differences

Meanwhile, it has been established that the 20 teachers whose suspension led to a stayaway by teachers this week, are at work. The teachers, from schools in the Zebediela area were suspended for refusing to attend an in-service training programme.

Lebowa officials in R90-m fraud

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FIFTY-ONE top Lebowa officials are alleged to have been involved in corruption and misuse of government funds amounting to more than R90 million.

This was revealed by Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike on Friday, while replying to an opening speech by State President FW de Klerk at the Lebowa show

Launching a scathing attack, Ramodike warned the involved offi-

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

cial not to "expect any mercy from the government"

He said "The officials misused the funds over a long period by writing false reports, claiming that South Africa was under-funding the homeland"

Ramodike urged the 51 officials to hand over keys of their houses and declared other assets as these were going to be sold by the government to recover the funds

they allegedly misused

He also revealed that textbooks valued at more than R4 million were found hidden in storerooms in various circuit offices, and that this had led to shortages of books in schools throughout the homeland

Three department of education officials, including the secretary for education, Mr Dixon Mphahlele - whose names featured prominently at the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry - have already been suspended

Ramodike's political rating slips

THE war which erupted recently between Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike and the African National Congress has brought the minister back to square one.

Ramodike was regarded as a Pretoria puppet who had no place in the struggle for liberation when he took office in October 1987.

He repeatedly and unsuccessfully tried to befriend the extra-parliamentary groupings in the area by claiming to be an anti-apartheid campaigner and pledging to root out corruption.

Instead of winning the hearts and minds of the left-wing political activists as he had expected,

held where he agreed to allow free political activities and to disband the LPP's youth wing which in the past did the toyi-toyi with a zeal associated with that of the ANC but replaced Mandela's name that of Ramodike.

He also mediated in the release of Sayco, president Mr Peter Mokaba, who was detained by the South African security cops following a speech he delivered at Seshego in April.

Last week the harsh exchange of words over the call to boycott the Lebowa show by ANC structures and in which Ramodike called the organisers a "small clique of myopic political thinkers",

has worsened the chasm between the homeland government and the grassroot structures.

The confrontation came days after the signing of the 'Lebowakgomo Minute', between the ANC's national executive members, Mr Elias Motswaledi and Mr Wilton Mkwayi, and Ramodike's government which stipulates that the ANC would stop calling for boycotts of the homeland's structures.

The minute has caused confusion among members of the ANC in the area who say they were not consulted prior to the signing of the agreement.

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Ramodike was nicknamed "Comrade Puppet". Confrontations between young supporters of his Lebowa People's Party and the South African Youth Congress were common.

But things changed this year when the ANC held several meetings with homeland leaders where the leaders pledged full support for the organisation.

The attitude of ANC supporters in Lebowa towards Ramodike changed drastically and he was automatically regarded as an ANC supporter. Meetings were

Baby snatching rife in Lebowa

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A SICK three-month-old baby was snatched by an unknown person at Lebowa's St Rita's Hospital on Friday.

The incident has raised fears about the efficiency of security at the hospital.

An unknown person apparently slipped into the ward unnoticed and disappeared with the

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

baby, Precious Serepo

Lebowa police spokesman, Lieutenant M E Mahlabengoane, has confirmed the incident.

He said nurses manning the ward and the baby's mother, Mrs Julia Serepo, were away at the time.

Mahlabengoane said there was no evidence at

this stage suggesting that the baby was stolen either by a relative or a total stranger.

Police are investigating.

The superintendent of the hospital and the homeland's Secretary for Health, Dr M B Masipa, were not available for comment.

The incident has angered local residents

who have questioned the efficiency of security at the hospital.

There have been numerous cases of baby-snatching in the homeland in the past month and some babies have not yet been traced.

In one case, a baby apparently stolen from Seshego early this year, was later found dead in a pit toilet.

A CN PHATUDI College of Education student has won a court order against the Lebowa education department after she complained that there were irregularities in the marking of her examination scripts

The student, Kate Mamabolo, was in her final year when the results were released at the beginning of this year. Mamabola and about 100 others challenged the department, saying that they suspected that irregularities might have occurred during the marking.

She told PUPILS FORUM that they attended classes for a few weeks, but decided to approach the headmaster and lodge

Students reject unfair marking

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complaint

This was followed by several class boycotts and legal intervention that forced the banuistan education authorities to order a re-checking of the scripts.

According to a Student Representative Council spokesperson, 44 irregularities have already been found. The irregularities ranged from unmarked sections to wrong calculations of marks.

The education department eventually ordered the suspension of the checking and undertook to replace it with a commission

of inquiry.

The students disagreed with this and instructed their attorney to apply for a court order to resume the checking

The order was obtained this week and the checking was expected to resume shortly. Mamabolo's victory could clear the way for other students facing the same problems

She said she was considering suing the education department for the damage caused by the department's delay and fail-

ure to address the issue at an earlier stage. An irate Mamabolo said she had found a post at a Soweto school, where she lives, but the headmaster could not employ her since she was waiting for her results.

She is trained as an economics teacher and said she was confident she would be a good teacher. "I have teaching in my heart and I cannot afford to be delayed," she said

Lebowa scripts re-mark

By MONK NKOMO

THE Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday ordered Lebowa's minister of education to submit last year's final examination scripts at Dr CN Phatudi College of Education for re-checking of marks and corrections following allegations of irregularities

Mr Justice Schabert made the ruling after a successful urgent application brought by a former student, Miss Kate Mamabolo. (11)

Students succeeded in having the scripts re-checked but the director of education, Mr JM Ramushu, was prevented by the authorities after he had discovered irregularities in the marking and allocation of marks in 44 of the scripts.

The court also ordered that Ramushu proceed from where he had stopped in re-checking the scripts.

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From ROBERT GENTLE
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Ramodike's ANC honeymoon ends

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

LEBOWA Chief Minister Mr Nelson Mogoboya Ramodike, faced with a huge strike, must be asking himself what it is he did or did not do to deserve the harassment by his civil service.

Up to nearly two years ago, almost all bantustan leaders except Mr Enos Mabuza of KaNgwane, were roundly condemned as puppets and collaborators by all liberation movements.

Mabuza, then the only "comrade puppet", was welcomed as a comrade by ANC aligned organisation who feted in the country and in Lusaka when it was still very fashionable to undertake that trip.

Black Consciousness and Africanist formations, however, never differentiated between what they regarded as puppets.

Then came the generals and their coups and the era of comrade generals had arrived.

Applauded

These men of uniform applauded efforts of the ANC and declared their willingness to join hands with the organisation.

For most of these bantustan leaders, this was sufficient to get even the situation at home cooled.

And so it was that the coup in Venda in April left local ANC supporters in a tizzy.

When the then Colonel Gabriel Ramushwana was invited to Lusaka, it sealed his acceptability and led to a dramatic cooling down of strikes and killings in the bantustan.

This was again the same with generals Bantu Homolisa and Oupa Qqozo in Transkei and Ciskei respectively.

Ramodike also did the same. He embraced the ANC. He went to Orlando West after Mandela's release and even intervened when Sayco president Mr Peter Mokaba was detained by Security Police in Pietersburg.

When State President FW de Klerk called all bantustan leaders to a meeting in Cape Town in what was seen as an attempt to rope them onto his side for the negotiations, and when Mandela

telephoned each one of them to ask them to boycott De Klerk's meeting, Ramodike dutifully obliged.

But for him there has been no peace at home. Strikes by civil servants have been going on intermittently since February.

First it was Lebowakgomo's Civic Association which called for a work stayaway by civil servants over lack of school books.

Discriminated

Then came the personnel officers who said they were discriminated against. Of late, hospital workers, including doctors and nurses, have been staging wild cat strikes.

When the Lebowa show was due to open early this month, the Lebowakgomo branch of the ANC called for a boycott, precipitating a stinging rebuttal by Ramodike.

He has even had consultations with senior ANC members, leading to the issuing of what was termed the "Lebowakgomo Minute", calling for restraint among ANC members in Lebowa in their dealings with the bantustan government.

Last week, the civil service came to an abrupt halt.

Magistrate's offices are deserted and woe unto those who get arrested now, for theirs will be a long stay in prison without court appearances.

Labourers joined the strike on Monday, leaving many essential services such as rubbish removal and basic maintenance unattended to.

Clerks all over the 13 districts are also out on strike. The present action has brought the entire civil administration to a standstill.

While other bantustan leaders "are having it nice" without undue problems from mainly ANC activists, Ramodike is plagued by controversies.

Why is it so? What is the magic that the others have that he lacks? We tried to get Ramodike's opinion since Wednesday last week without success. He was at all times said to be either busy or not available.

The second most senior member of his cabinet, Chief MM Marishane, told this reporter through his secretary on Monday that he had authority from Ramodike to speak to the media about the strike.

The strike was called by the Northern Transvaal Public Service Union, a union formed earlier this year and dominated by ANC supporting activists.

There are, however, also Black Consciousness activists in the steering committee.

In trying to unravel the missing link in Ramodike's formula of acceptability, we spoke to officials of both the LCA and Notrapsu.

Mr Godfrey Selepe, a civil servant, executive member of the ANC and official of both the LCA and Notrapsu, said Ramodike ignored grassroots structures of the ANC and preferred to deal with the organisation's head office.

Aggressive

Ramodike speaks the language of the ANC when he deals with national leaders but is aggressive and bullying when he deals with the lower ranks of leadership, says Selepe. To his credit, however, Ramodike has met numerous delegations from ANC-supporting structures in the bantustan who until recently, were to be seen besieging his office daily with various petitions and memorandums.

According to Notrapsu Press liaison officer, Ms Cebile Khanye, the strike has nothing to do with politics.

Had the cabinet, which met the union last week Tuesday, been prepared to listen to the grievances of the workers, the strike might have been averted, she said.

Instead, Ramodike and his cabinet colleagues came into the meeting and pulled rank, said their piece and walked out without listening to the union.

Ramodike also allegedly ac-

cused Notrapsu of being involved in political programmes of the ANC, according to Notrapsu's general secretary, Mr Mpho Mogale.

Both of them insist that their strike is strictly work related. To back this up, they point to their demands which led to the strike. These include:

- * Union recognition,
- * Labourers who are treated as permanently temporary should be taken on staff,
- * An end to alleged unfair dismissal, transfers and "misuse of both casual and permanent staff,
- * Promotion of merited officers should be effected forthwith,
- * An end to preferential treatment of white officials and the implementation of study schemes where other officials are allegedly punished for not being in the good books of their seniors,
- * Maternity benefit for women,
- * Parity in salaries with other civil servants in other bantustans and central government employ as well between blacks and whites within the Lebowa service, and
- * An end to favouritism in housing subsidy allocation and a right to contract out of the medical aid scheme.

Requested

The union requested that these demands be met before September 7. When this did not happen, the workers downed tools last Wednesday. The demands themselves show no political inclination.

Whether the whole matter has any political connotation or not, to the ordinary citizen who pays his taxes to the government and expects services, the reality is that today, there is no one to repair the blocked drain or collect the rubbish.

Could another approach by Ramodike last Tuesday evening, instead of the allegedly bullying tactics, have averted the strike?

This is uncertain as it is not clear whether his government is able to meet all or most of the demands. What is clear is that for now, all is bleak in the bantustan with no hope of a solution.

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Further details of the project would be given at a presentation to the Investment Analysts Society at the JSE on Monday.

'Hit squad' panic in Lebowa

By SOPHIE TEMA *City Press* 21/10/90 (III)
 YOUTH activists and members of the Oakley Civic Association in Lebowa have scattered after brutal attacks by alleged hit squads.

After a month on the run, scores of youths are in hiding after repeated attacks on the homeland's Oakley villagers, which also left several houses burnt to the ground.

One of the victims, Steyn Mashabane, a member of the Oakley Civic Association, is in hiding after being viciously beaten and his home vandalised by a "hit squad".

Acting chief of the village Allon Mokoena and several members of his family are to appear in court on November 12 on charges that they attacked Mashabane with sjamboks and hacked him with pangas.

Mashabane's mother, Betty, said her home was also attacked about four months ago by a "hit-squad" at about 3.30am.

The house was riddled with bullet holes which are still clearly visible on walls and windowpanes.

Phillip Maluka, also a member of the civic association, was attacked and frogmarched in the nude through the village three weeks ago. He said: "My family and I were woken by footsteps at about 3am.

"Before I could get out of bed, there was heavy kicking on the doors followed by the shattering of windowpanes.

"They caught me just as I was trying to run away and attacked me. One of them was shouting: 'Catch him! Kill him!'

"I then managed to run away but they caught me as I was about to jump over a fence.

"I felt a sharp sting on my left leg and realised I had been injured. I tried to get up and run but they caught me, tied my hands and frogmarched me back to my house.

"When we got back to the house, they pushed me through the broken window, calling me derogatory names.

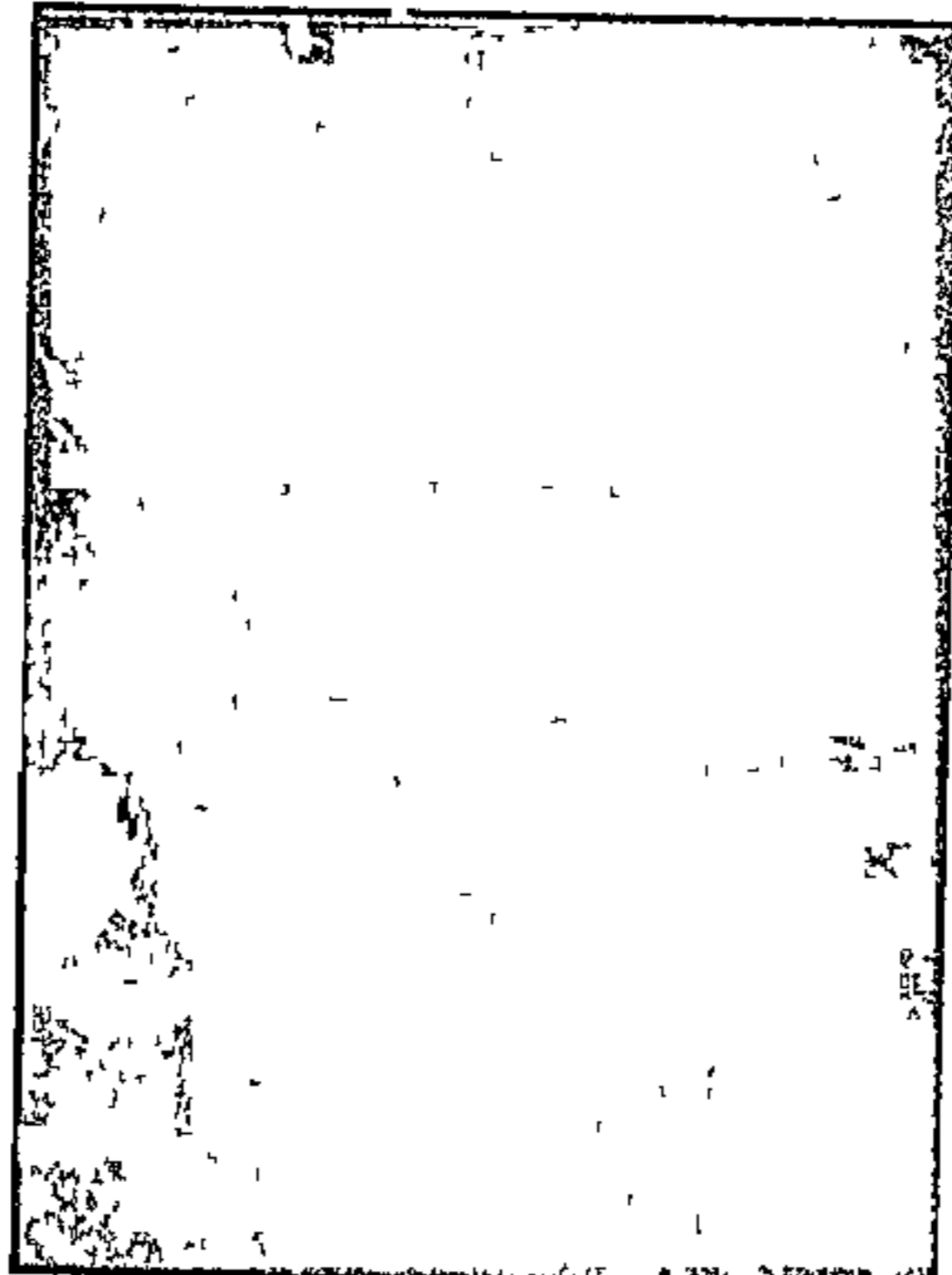
"Inside the house my children and my two wives - Ida and Lizzy - were hysterical.

"Because I was stark naked, Ida tried to give me some clothing to put on but they turned on her and beat her up.

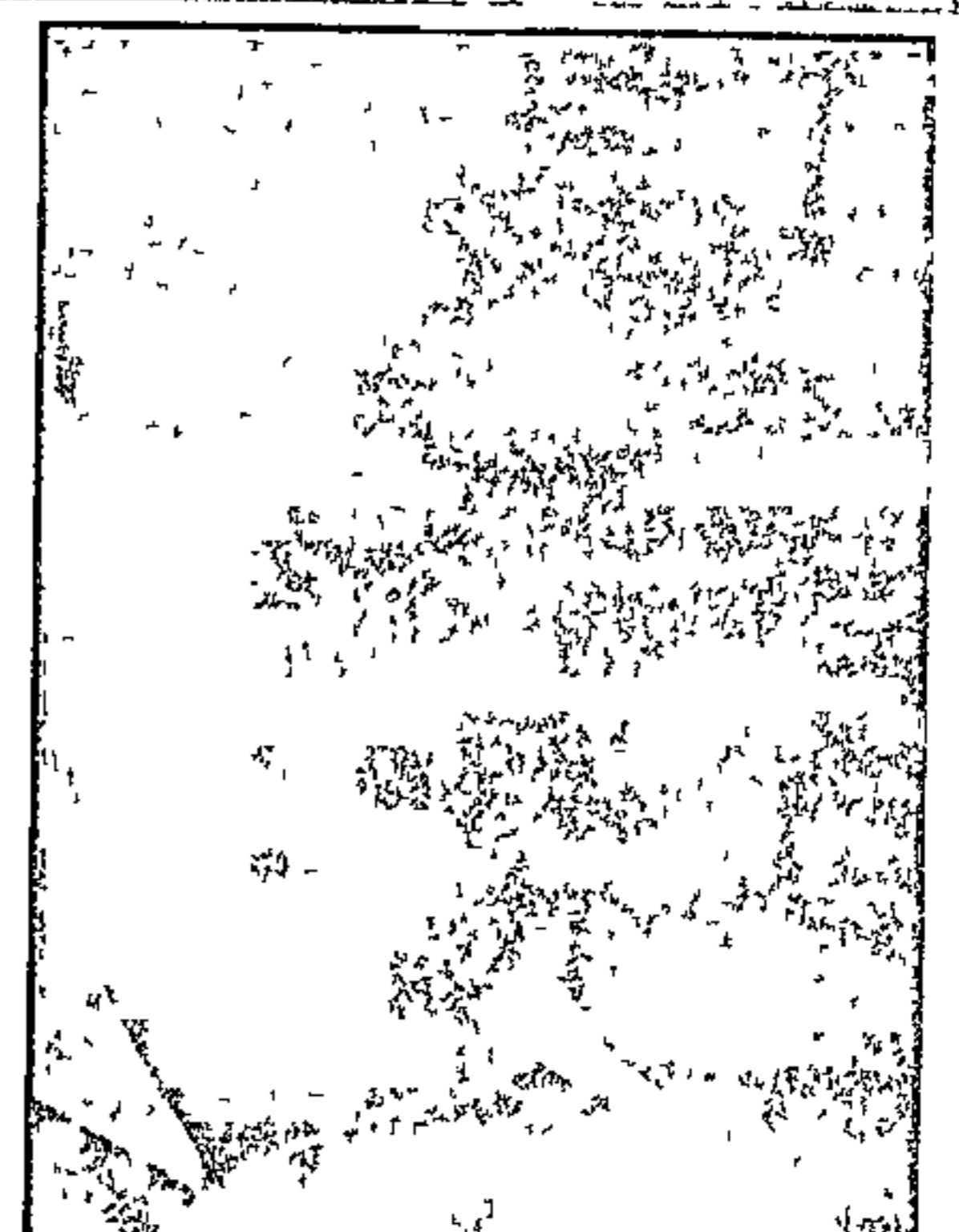
"As they were beating Ida, I recognised four of the men as members of the Lebowa police and other supporters of the royal kraal.

"I was then ordered to walk to a van parked outside my yard. I was driven around the village until the men decided to take me to the police station.

"No charges were laid against me, instead they



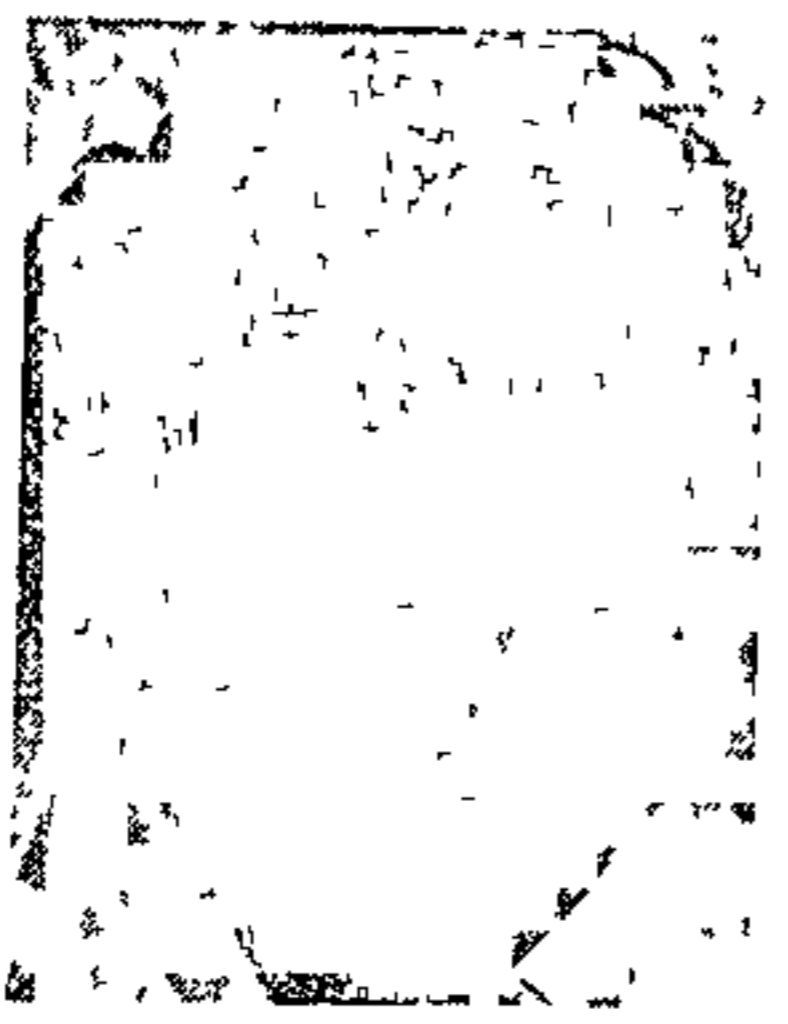
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Lebowa royalty in gunshot wrangle

By SOPHIE TEMA



Linkie Manzini, who was shot in the leg

THE ANC is investigating an incident in which matric pupil Linkie Manzini was allegedly shot in a thigh by a member of the Mokoena family, who are part of Oakley village's royal kraal in Lebowa.

It is also alleged that Manzini's mother was offered a R1 000 bribe in a bid to avoid police intervention.

Manzini told *City Press* she was "accidentally" shot by a younger brother of the acting chief of the village. He was identified to *City Press* as Patty Mokoena.

She said "I know my mother had some discussion with the Mokoena family but I do not know what the discussion was all about because I was lying in hospital."

Oakley Civic Association chairman Thofina Ndlovu a member said Patty Mokoena had reported the incident to him and had told him the Mokoena family were to meet Manzini's mother to settle the matter "their way".

Ndlovu said his association later got information that Manzini's mother had accepted R1 000 from the Mokoena family after she agreed not to report the matter to the police.

drove me to the Masana Hospital and dumped me at the gates.

"I was discharged from hospital after three days but I still receive treatment as an outpatient."

Maluka said he had not reported the matter to the police.

Dan Mculu, former member of parliament, president of the Calcutta-Mkuhlu Civic Association

and co-ordinator of the Bushbuckridge South ANC branch, told *City Press* he was being hunted by a group of men who wanted to kill him.

He said: "On October 10, a group of men were looking for me. They were spotted by members of my family and others driving in a vehicle with a Durban registration number.

"They looked for me all over the village but could not find me. I have reported the matter to the ANC."

Local ANC Women's League chairlady Nombuso Ndlovu said. "The existence of hit squads and attacks on activists and their homes have been reported to the ANC and are being investigated."

UDF and ANC vary about Lebowa government boycott

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BY RUSSEL MOLEFE

A NORTHERN Transvaal president of UDF, Mr Louis Mnguni, yesterday said his organisation had no knowledge of the agreement reached between the Lebowa government and the ANC recently and they will continue to boycott all activities of the bantustan.

In an interview with a Pietersburg based newspaper, *Times*, Mnguni said the talks which the ANC held with the homeland leaders does not mean the organisation has reconciled itself with the "abominable system".

However, the "Lebowakgomo Minute" signed between the ANC's national executive members, Mr Elias Motswaledi and Wilton Mkwayi, and Ramodike's government in Lebowakgomo recently stipulates that the ANC would stop calling for boycotts of the homeland structures.

But Mnguni said there was no such minute in exist-

tence and his organisation was forced to conclude that reports in the media of such agreement was intended to discredit the "present serious and patriotic talks" between the ANC and the Government.

He said the relationship the ANC has with the homeland leaders was on the basis of the struggle against the bantustans as internal organs of rule by apartheid colonialism. "This does negate the right of our people to wage mass action against the system", Mnguni said.

He added that demands for people's education and more and better arable land were directed against the system, no matter who was involved in it and not against any individual.

R98-m scam is exposed in Lebowa

THE Lebowa department of education paid almost R98 million to 57 bookshop owners between March 1986 and September 1989, the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry revealed yesterday.

The commission was appointed last year by President FW de Klerk to investigate the alleged misuse and mismanagement of funds in the Lebowa government services.

The report stated that two former secretaries of education in the

homeland, Mr Masipa Derek Kobe and Dr Makgele Disa Dickson Mphahlele, were the main culprits

It revealed that bookshops owned by the two men received orders totalling nearly R6 million each

Kobe, who was the Lebowa deputy minister of trade and tourism, was forced to resign following his involvement in the book scandal, while Mphahlele was suspended in October last year.

Education

Among the findings of the commission were that the Lebowa department of education was mismanaged, treasury instructions and certain lawful stipulations were not fulfilled and it was likely there was a loss on the part of the education department

Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike said numerous criminal proceedings were pending against the culprits.

"The government is committed to implement, as soon as possible, a policy which will ensure effective control over finances," said Ramodike - Sapa

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Probe says R98m went on books

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Mr Kobe, who was Deputy Minister of Trade and Tourism, was forced to resign and Dr Mphahlele was suspended in October last year.

Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike said prosecutions were pending. "The government acknowledges there were shortcomings in its policy ... The government is committed to implement as soon as possible a policy which will ensure effective control over finances."

The commission found that the Lebowa Department of Education was mismanaged and that treasury instructions were not fulfilled. — Sapa

Troubled college is tense

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TENSION yesterday continued to grip Dr CN Phatudi College of Education in Lebowa where an undisclosed number of students were injured after allegedly being teargassed and sjambokked by members of the Lebowa police and SADF when violence erupted on Friday.

Students said yesterday violence broke out when some of them burnt scripts of those who wrote exams that afternoon.

Police spokesman Lieutenant ML Tlomatsana confirmed that police went to the college but denied the teargassing and sjambokking of students.

He said they were acting on a request by the college authorities after intimidation was reported.

Tlomatsana said students were beaten by soldiers who allegedly threw teargas canisters into hostels. He said a number of students had been admitted to

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

Maandags Hoek Hospital and the situation at the college remained very tense.

"We do not know what will happen at this stage as the situation is still very tense," Tlomatsana added.

Tension at the college started two weeks ago when students objected to the inclusion of credit subjects in the year-end examination time-table, alleging that the "course structure" did not allow credit subjects to be written.

An education department official said both the secretary, Mr J Ramushu, who earlier refused to comment on the matter, and the department's public relations officer, Mr ER Maponya, were not available for comment.

Lebowa police detain 11 (11)

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ELEVEN members of the Moganyaka Civic Association near Leeuwfontein were detained on Tuesday night by Lebowa police, activists said yesterday.

Those detained are Mr Archie Mdaki, Mrs Jane Mokoena, Mrs Maria Ntsong, Mr Johannes Mokoena, Mr Happy Mahurusa, Mr Oupa Matlala, Mr Alton Mashego, Mr Billy Mogaole, Mrs Minah Masemola, Mr Abbey Sibya and Mr Ntlatla

Lebowa deputy commissioner of police Brigadier AM Mojela could not be reached for comment yesterday. - *Sapa*

Students hurt in college raid

By SOPHIE TEMA

A MIDNIGHT raid by police and South African soldiers on a teachers' college in Lebowa has left several students injured.

The raid was carried out on the CN Phatudi Teachers' College after lecturers had asked chief Minister Nelson Ramodike for protection from students after talks between them about examinations had ended in deadlock.

A lecturer confirmed that he and his colleagues had appealed to the Minister for protection because of threats against their lives by certain students.

A spokesman for Ramodike said "We know about the incident but we cannot comment because the matter is being investigated."

Seven women - all students - who appeared in a Praktiseer court this week have been allowed R100 bail and their cases have been postponed to November 24.

When *City Press* visited the college this week police were still milling around the campus.

The Students' Representative Council is planning a meeting at the college next week between parents, students, lecturers and other bodies.

Students have consulted an attorney and are planning legal action against Ramodike, the police and the SADF.

Those injured are: Staff Manoke, Slendy Masemola, Margaret Rakganya, Simon Magabane, Cecilia Monaswi, John Malefahlo, Mirriam Duba, Fathia Chego, Corel Mphahlele, Constance Moloto, Michael Selekane and Esther Masemola.

Manoke, Masemola and Rakganya bear thick sjambok weals on their bodies, mostly on their backs, arms and thighs.

Rakganya spoke with difficulty as she had her lower and upper lips stitched for an injury resulting from blows with a mob-stick.

Staff Manoke shows the sjambok weals after the raid on the college. Pic: BONGANI MNGUNI

The women students claim they were kicked and hit with gun-butts on their ribs, buttocks and thighs.

Manoke told *City Press* the police and army arrived on campus at midnight and knocked on all the doors and windows demanding the students let them in.

"We were scared because they were arrogant and used vulgar words so we decided to run to other dormitories for cover. But by then some of the police had jumped in through some of the windows they had forced open.

"As soon as they had entered our rooms they started to assault us. We were hit with sjamboks, batons, gun-butts, kicked and punched with fists and some of them threatened to shoot us.

"After the assaults we were ordered into police vans and driven to the police station. Most of us were in our night clothes.

"At the police station were male students, some of whom had been assaulted and injured."

HUNDREDS of students at the CN Phatudi College of Education in Lebowa are on the brink of rendering their academic year fruitless since most of them have refused to write examinations.

The crisis at the college has, since the beginning of the year, centred around disputes between students and lecturers

About 100 students who wrote their third-year exams last year were said to have failed. Students disputed these results, arguing that they suspected there had been irregularities in the marking of the scrips

They refused to repeat the year and one student, Kate Mamabolo, went to court in a bid to have her scrips remarked.

Her application was successful. However, according to Mamabolo, the authorities only checked whether the calculations of the marks were correct and told her she had failed.

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**Lebowa students
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Mamabolo's application was a test case for her colleagues. When the other students learnt of the outcome of the remarking, they were again angered.

Students threatened mass action and to ask the National Education Co-ordinating Committee, the ANC and the SA Democratic Teachers' Union to intervene.

Meanwhile, this year's third-year students have refused to write internal exams saying that these were "useless"

According to reports from the college, only a few wrote the external exams as others were demanding an undertaking that their end-of-year results not be jeopardised by their refusal to write internal exams.

First- and second-year students are also

reported to be boycotting exams after a series of disputes with lecturers

The students also allege that troops and police raided the campus last week assaulting students randomly

A lecturer, whose name is known to PUPILS FORUM, confirmed that they had requested police protection as they feared attacks by students. This was after a deadlock in talks between students and the authorities about exams

Seven students were detained and later released on R100 bail each. Several others sustained injuries. Some students are reported to have written their exams at the police station.

A Lebowa government spokesperson confirmed the incident and said it was under investigation

A parents' meeting is planned to discuss the crisis.

Sit-in miners took hostages — claim

Star 29/11/90
A number of Lebowa Platinum Mines workers were allegedly held hostage by National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) marshals during an underground sit-in which ended on Tuesday, the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company (JCI) has claimed

Certain employees surfaced on Sunday and allegedly destroyed a mine vehicle and severely damaged a

building with explosives

About 400 workers at the Lebowa mine began the sit-in on November 21, JCI said in a statement

After investigation it was found that damage had been caused to various items of equipment underground "and that one employee had been severely injured while attempting to make an explosive device".

"A large number of employees stated on their return to surface that they had been held hostage underground by 'marshals' apparently acting on instructions of the NUM," said JCI.

Several employees had been detained by the Lebowa police in this connection

Teargas had been used on one occasion by the police when employees allegedly attempted to damage company property. At no stage were members of the SA Defence Force involved.

"All employees who participated in this illegal work stoppage have been dismissed following a previous final warning for unlawful strike action"

NUM claimed in a statement that the ventilation system in the mine where workers were holding the sit-in had been switched off by management and food supplies had been stopped

NUM said that last Thursday JCI dismissed 1200 miners who downed tools in protest against the dismissal of 99 colleagues

Management had taken a "premature decision" to bar 99 miners from entering mine premises after three people alleged they were intimidated by these miners. The 99 were "summarily dismissed" without being able to state their case

The union's attempts to intervene were met with teargas, rubber bullets and batons from the SADF, Lebowa police and mine security and 22 miners were injured, said NUM — Staff Reporters and Sapa



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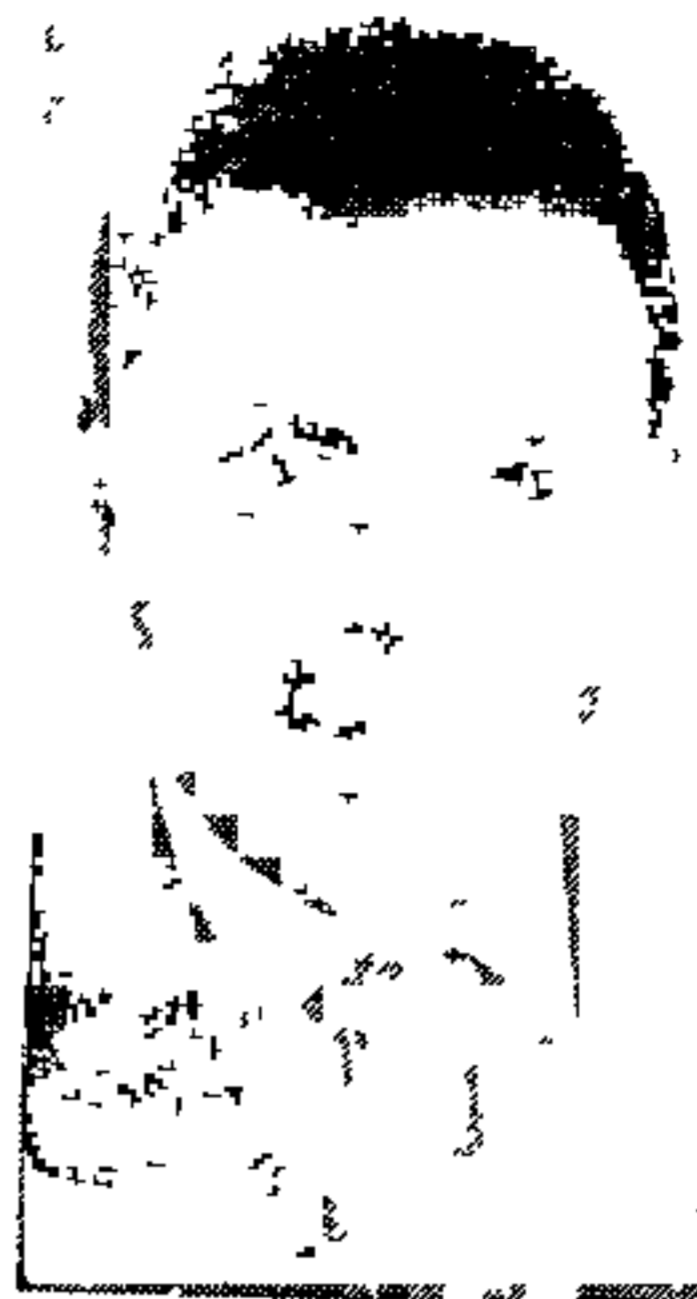
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Mr Lot Msundire has been appointed IGI Insurance Company's branch manager of Urban Business Development Region.

Sorghum beer row brews

CP Correspondent

A row is brewing between the Lebowa government and beer sellers, following a government announcement that sorghum beer not brewed in the homeland should not be sold there

In an unexpected turn of events this week, the Beer Hall Owners' Association of Lebowa vowed to oppose the decision.

Chibuku beer is the only sorghum beer brewed in large quantities in Lebowa, but the beer sellers claim it is not as popular as Kudu beer, which is SA brewed

The question of Lebowa distancing itself from South Africa in this regard has also caused an outcry among politically conscious Lebowans

In a memorandum presented to the Lebowa government, the Beer Hall Owners' Association requested that the decision be rescinded

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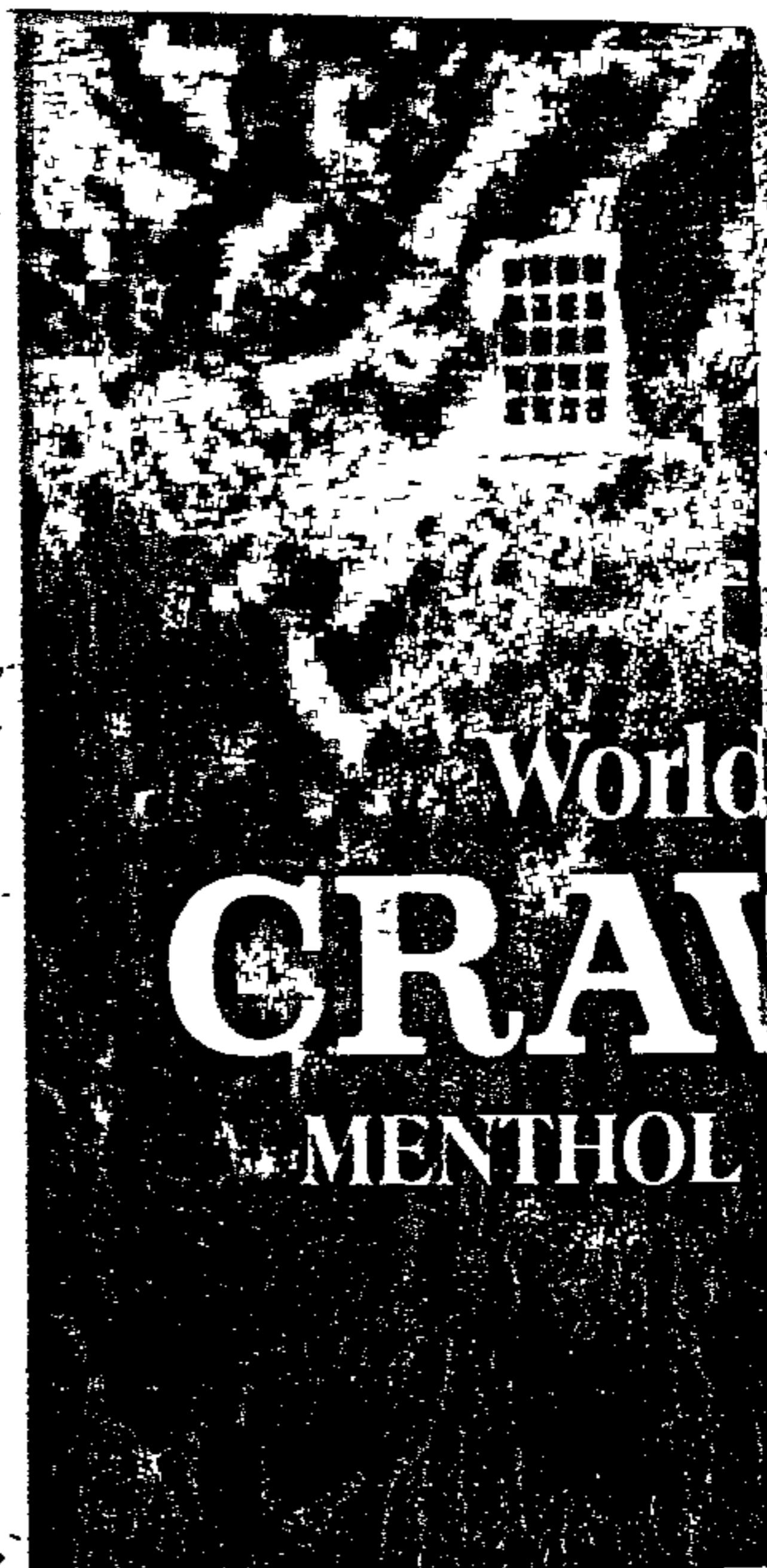
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Cosas angry over hostel closure

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THE Congress of South African Students has accused the Gazankulu and Lebowa governments of attempting to abort the "back-to-school campaign" by closing down boarding school hostels in the two homelands.

The hostels were closed down last year after the authorities claimed they were "recruitment and mobilising centres for political organisations." The authorities also blamed the alleged abuse of alcohol and drugs by pupils for the closure of the hostels.

Crisis

In a statement released yesterday, the organisation's northern Transvaal treasurer, Mr John Mamatela, said the closure of the hostels would never be a solution to the crisis in black education.

Mamatela said Cosas demanded the reopening of all hostels with immediate effect.

Mamatela said it must also be borne in mind that it would always be the responsibility of the State to supply pupils with text books.

Problems

"We further wish to highlight to the State that the problems of overcrowding and shortage of teachers must be addressed immediately. We therefore demand that the Government employ more teachers," Mamatela said.

He said those who criticised "our mass action" were suffering from "short-sightedness."

"Our actions are conducted in an orderly manner in an attempt to resolve the crisis in black education. The Department of Education and Training responds only when it is confronted with actions," he said.

D-Day on new Lebowa law

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

TODAY is the deadline for organisations and people to submit comments to the Lebowa government about its published draft of the Labour Relations Bill.

The Bill is to go to the legislative assembly this year for ratification and enactment.

As a result of pressure from unions and workers over the past six years, the Bill provides for the inclusion of farmworkers employed in concerns with more than 20 workers but excludes civil servants.

Unions operating in the area would have to register with the Department of Economic Affairs and Technology and submit their constitutions and addresses in Lebowa.

Court

The Bill further provides for the creation of a Manpower Commission and an industrial court.

People employed by the Lebowa government, any local authority or concern providing electricity, water, sanitation, passenger transport or fire extinguishing services are covered by forced arbitration in the event of a dispute.

The exclusion of public servants is likely to become a contentious issue, especially as some of the civil servants are already members of the Northern Transvaal Public Service Union and the National Union of Public Service Workers.

Commenting on the Bill yesterday, Nactu's legal resources spokesman in Pietersburg, Mr Mmutle Phasha, said while the Bill was a step forward in that it provided for certain categories of farmworkers, it fell short by excluding civil servants.

Unions

"The expressed need for trade unions to actually register with the bantustan government and stating operating addresses in Lebowa is a contradiction in terms as the rulers of the bantustan say they believe in one South Africa.

"Many unions are going to find it difficult to comply with such a stipulation," Phasha added.

Seshego industrialists met on Monday to discuss the draft and sources said afterwards that concern was expressed that the Lebowa government seemed to find it necessary to legislate unions for other employers other than themselves.

They said if the Bill became law it should also cover the civil servants and exclude industrialists employing less than 20 people.

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BETTER THAN THEY LOOK

Rusplats' conservative method of stock valuation has resulted in a far lower profit for the group than would otherwise have been the case.

Gross sales revenue rose by close to 18% to R1,76bn for the six months to end-December, but a 29,3% hike in the cost of sales reduced growth in the profit on metal sales to only 2,5%. Lower income from other sources, a higher renewals and replacements charge and a lower effective tax rate resulted in a virtually unchanged after-tax profit of R269m (R268m).

On the face of it, these results appear far worse than they really are, but that is largely because of the accounting policy — it would be interesting to see what has happened to cash flow over the period. Rusplats values its platinum stocks at the lower of cost or net realisable value on the Fifo basis.

Cost per ounce of platinum is calculated by dividing total mine costs, less net by-product revenue, by the amount of platinum produced. Thus, the higher the by-product revenue, the lower will be the value of platinum inventories and, in a period when the rhodium price was, on average, four times higher than previously, the effect would have been significant. With a far lower closing stock value, the cost of sales was sharply higher. In unit terms, Rusplats kept its cost increase to a modest 13%.

The higher rhodium price during the second half of last year was tempered by lower dollar prices for platinum and a firmer rand. Despite excellent sales volumes, the platinum sales value slipped by 12%.

"The outlook for the group depends largely on the rhodium price," says MD Barry Davison. "The market is in a tight balance at present and will probably remain so for the next five years. It is unlikely to fall back to the \$1 300 level, nor do I see it trebling as some market watchers have predicted."

With the caveat that prices could fall, Davison hopes to be able to maintain the Rusplats dividend for the year.

Regarding problems last year with the new precious metals refinery, Davison says management "continues to be satisfied with the improvement in performance," though there is room for further improvement. The refinery is exceeding the efficiencies of the old Wadeville plant and the backlog is being reduced.

Lebowa Plats' results were similarly affected by the accounting policy, though to a greater extent. Turnover rose by 45,7% to R48,8m on the back of the higher rhodium price and the build-up in production. However, cost of sales leapt by a staggering 82,1%.



Rustenburg Platinum's Davison
outlook depends on rhodium price

due to the lead/lag effect of the expansion and the low stock valuation, slashing profit on metal sales by 63,1% to R3,1m.

Other income, largely interest, fell as cash reserves were depleted to fund capex, while tax was down commensurately (Lebowa is not paying mining tax at present). The interim dividend has been passed.

In November Lebowa stopped production at the mine owing to persistent labour disruptions and the subsequent dismissal of most of the labour force. With a platinum pipeline of about three months, the break in production was not reflected in the interim figures, but will feature in the current period. At the start of this year Shaft Sinkers was contracted to provide labour for the mine. The planned mining production rate of 50 000 t/month, which the mine never reached because of the labour problems, is expected to be achieved by mid-year. Milling rate for January is planned at 10 000 t.

It is unlikely that Lebowa will show better performance during the current half-year, and the final dividend will probably be passed too.

Optimisation of the jointly owned platreef project (Fox October 5 1990) is still being examined, in terms of whether ore will be mined from surface, from underground or a combination of the two. The group is committed to producing platinum in 1994 and, should the underground route be chosen, work will have to start in May this year. Escalated cost has been put at R1,34bn, but could vary significantly, depending on the mining method selected.

Should an underground mine be established, the financing decision will need to be taken by May. However, should either of the remaining options be selected, the group would have more time to decide on funding. Going the opencast or partially opencast route would be cheaper, while the decision could be delayed.

Gillian Findlay

MARKING TIME

Rusplats' interims

Six months to Dec	1989	1990
Sales revenue (Rm)	1 497,1	1 763,3
Cost of sales (Rm)	854,4	1 104,6
Profit on metal sales (Rm)	642,7	658,7
Eps (c)	212,2	213,1
Dps (c)	125,0	125,0

Leplats' interims

Sales revenue (Rm)	33,5	48,8
Cost of sales (Rm)	25,1	45,7
Profit on metal sales (Rm)	8,4	3,1
Distributable profit (Rm)	9,5	1,2
Eps (c)	7,9	1,0
Dps (c)	2,5	—

Bravo! - Lebowa

LEBOWA's President Nelson Ramodike congratulated President FW de Klerk on his bold initiatives, saying they would change South African society.

They would also change its image "in the eyes of the under-privileged and the world outside".

He praised the Government on its acceptance of the idea of a multi-party conference, but said he was baffled by its opposition to a constituent assembly.

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Lebowa accused of ethnic bias

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By RUSSEL MOLEFÉ

THE Lebowa Department of Education yesterday refuted claims that scores of students seeking admission to colleges in the homeland were turned back on an ethnic basis.

The department's spokesman, Mr ER Maponya, said it was not the policy of the department to admit people who were residents of the homeland only. He said the problem was overcrowding at the colleges which resulted in some students being refused admission.

"We do not use ethnicity at the educational institutions. We just admit everybody depending on the availability of classrooms," Maponya said.

Reason

However, several students who were allegedly turned back told *Sowetan* that authorities at the colleges demanded to know the area and ethnic group to which each applicant belonged.

The students claimed that they were also asked to state the reason for seeking admission at the homeland's colleges.

By PAUL ALEXANDER

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sistent drone of a small plane spraying the crops. It is yet another step forward for the Tswelopele farmers: they have decided to share costs of hiring the plane, as their harvest is plagued by a parasitical plant lice.

Mlopo explains this as he nervously glances at the blackening clouds. While rain is always welcome, right now Mlopo is worried that it will wash the herbicide off the cotton plants.

For these farmers the Tswelopele settlement scheme has been an elixir of life. They say they do not believe land should be taken from anyone, black or white, as called for by some political movements.

"We are prepared to buy land, not take someone else's," says another Tswelopele farmer, Bennett Mdluli, to the approval of his colleagues.

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About 50km away, near Lebowakgomo, Elias Magale speaks with the same kind of confi-

dence of his farming exploits.

Nearly two years ago Magale (37) relinquished his position of chief clerk with a Northern Transvaal chrome mine. He obtained a R125 000 loan from DBSA, and turned a part-time chicken-farming pursuit into a highly professional operation.

"After 12 years of service to the Lavino Mme I realised my earnings were poor and decided to become self-employed," says the diminutive, shy Magale, standing not far from his new bakkie. "I now make over three times what I used to earn with Lavino."

Magale's Bahwaduba Poultry Farm — named after his clan — is situated at the bottom of the Drakensberg, facing two chrome mines on the face of the mountain. The small farm has just over 40 000 chickens at various growth stages spread in the four chicken houses.

This is a giant step from his early beginnings

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but what irks Magale most is his inability to take his produce to the nearby white town.

Burgersfort — which, like so many other white towns, the homeland boundaries have managed to skirt round — is legally out of bounds for Magale's produce, though competing white farmers are allowed to market their produce in black areas.

Furthermore, he pays a fee to a farmers union to keep other poultry farmers out of his area. Magale grows angry as he explains how he still faces unfair competition, not only from the whites, but also from black farmers from faraway areas.

But now he has reason to be hopeful.

"Yes, I heard about De Klerk's announcements, and I'm very excited about the news," he says, and his often dour face bursts into a rare smile. "I can now compete equally with white farmers. I can also own this farm, and who knows, I may look into expanding."

Farmers "own" the land through permission from local tribal authorities who allocate it at their own discretion, and some farmers have to pay an additional license fee to the homeland government. For the use of the land, Magale has to pay an annual tax of R160.

Expansion for Magale means buying the land on which he works, electrifying the farm, and building an abattoir. But this farmer has a cautious streak in him which does not allow him to consider this. He intends to settle his loan — repayable in 15 years at 15 percent interest — within six years.

On a monthly average he comes home with just under R6 000 profit, a third of it going into savings. Besides that, Magale often pays double the required repayment.

"It is rare that a loanee pays in excess of his monthly requirement. Many of them are building a backlog," comments DBSA official Shadrack Masehana.

On the other side of the Drakensberg, over a hundred kilometres from Driekop, lives Bob Montshana of the Phokoane Farmers Co-operation.

Montshana, in his denim jacket and new bakkie, stands out among the Phokoane farmers; unlike the others, who work on an average of three-hectare plots, he works on over 40ha. His explanation of how he has managed to occupy so much land is a proud smile and a modest reply: "It's a privilege from the chief."

His youthfulness, compared to other aged cooperative farmers, equals his enthusiasm for the new South African society. For Montshana, who ranches cattle, as well as growing maize, his dream is to be able to feed people all over the country.

"If I buy land I'd not buy a small plot. I'd be happy with a 400-hectare farm at the least. I'm also prepared to move for the new land. Not only would I buy land, but I would be a success, especially with the help of the kind of bank loans that white farmers get."

Some of the farmer support programmes have not been much of a success, as many farmers lack financial expertise. However, restructuring of the programmes over the years, as with Tswelopele, has brought some positive results, changing the whole attitude among farmers, corporations and development agencies.

These three men, from varied lifestyles and backgrounds, provide positive indications for farming in the "new South Africa."



From clerk to farmer, Elias Magale now employs eight people Photo: PAUL ALEXANDER

He points out a distant chicken house he ran while working at the mine, now being used as a selling point for the Driekop community.

He has eight employees — including his father Joseph, in charge of maintenance, and his younger brother, Klaas, the farm's bookkeeper.

His immediate priority is to electrify his farm. Magale and a number of businessmen in the

community — among them a mortician, a wholesaler and a motor spares owner — have jointly approached Eskom for an electrical connection for their businesses. They will share the projected cost of R54 000, which they are now attempting to raise.

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Mlopo explains this as he nervously glances at the blackening clouds. While rain is always welcome, right now Mlopo is worried that it will wash the herbicide off the cotton plants.

For these farmers the Tswelopele settlement scheme has been an elixir of life. They say they do not believe land should be taken from anyone, black or white, as called for by some political movements.

"We are prepared to buy land, not take someone else's," says another Tswelopele farmer, Bennett Mditshi, to the approval of his colleagues.

About 50km away, near Lebowaqomo, Elias Magale speaks with the same kind of confidence of his farming exploits.

Nearly two years ago Magale (37) relinquished his position of chief clerk with a Northern Transvaal chrome mine. He obtained a R125 000 loan from DBSA, and turned a part-time chicken-farming pursuit into a highly professional operation.

"After 12 years of service to the Lavino Mine I realised my earnings were poor and decided to become self-employed," says the diminutive, shy Magale, standing not far from his new bakke. "I now make over three-times what I used to earn with Lavino."

Magale's Bahwabaha Poultry Farm — named after his clan — is situated at the bottom of the Drakensberg, facing two chrome mines on the face of the mountain. The small farm has just over 40 000 chickens at various growth stages spread in the four chicken houses.

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Strong support for black housing

BLACK housing finance has been met with strong support from The Perm in the far northern Transvaal.

Black home-owners account for 50% of the Pietersburg central branch's home-loan books.

The Perm was seen as a pioneer in the field when it began financing loans to blacks in Lebowa and Gazankulu in 1987.

People frequenting the Pietersburg central branch over a month-end often remark on how the queues for bond payments stretch to half way around the city centre block.

Said one observer: "On some days I'm sure they get as many as 500 people lining up to pay their instalments."

Computers

The Perm is also involved in education programmes in the region and co-sponsors the annual Lebowa Builder of the Year competition.

Recently, the building society bought a number of personal computers and invited selected black high school scholars to use them in their studies.

It is also active in hosting and sponsoring mathematics courses.

Other projects the Perm committed itself to include assisting Operation Hunger in a programme to promote the importance of becoming self-sufficient in food and it helps finance the drilling of bore-holes.

The building society has also embarked on an "equal opportunities" programme within the company and is promoting equality among races, sexes and religions.

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Regional advertising set to go radioactive

RADIO services based in the far northern Transvaal attract advertising worth more than R800 000 a year, but the SABC in Pietersburg is intent on boosting the figure

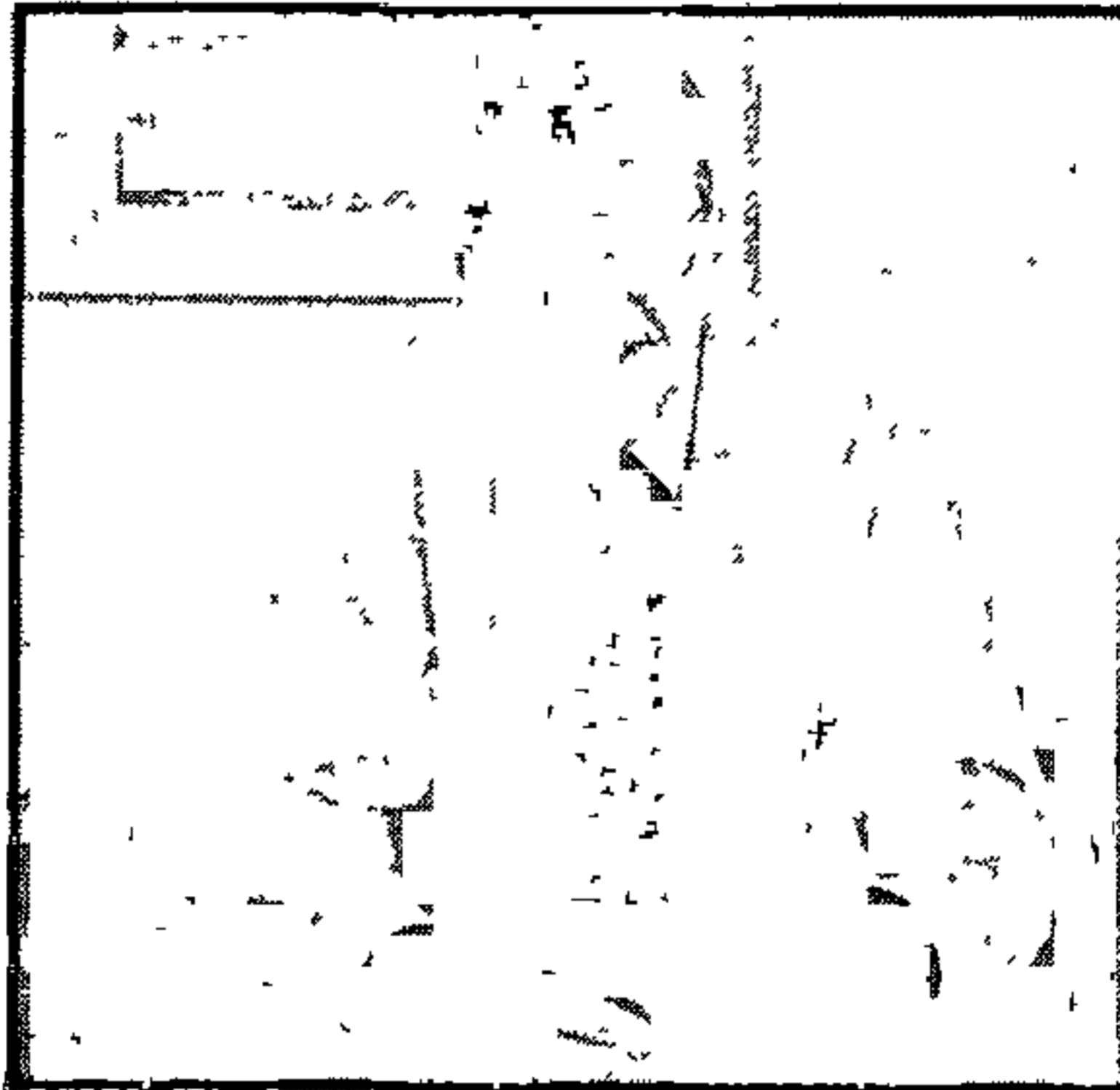
SABC regional chief Dirk Kleinschmidt says advertising revenue has increased since an advertising office was established in Pietersburg, but there is still a long way to go in increasing ad-related income

Attract

"We have seen it grow steadily since the advertising office was set up about 18 months ago, but we are trying to attract more advertising from the black business sector," he says

Most of the business organisations support radio advertising, but a problem is in educating people not only of the value of advertising but also in marketing strategies and designing radio-based advertising campaigns

"We've got an advantage over the print media in the region for two reasons



DIRK KLEINSCHMIDT

"Firstly, a large portion of the local population is illiterate and, secondly, cannot afford television sets and do not all have access to electricity," he says

"Most of the population own portable radios as these can be carried everywhere"

While radio advertising is cheap to produce and broadcast, it is not effective in a one-off format and ads need to be transmitted repetitively to realise any profitable results, he says

Radio Lebowa has the largest listenership, with an audience both in the far northern Transvaal and in the PWV centres

The latest figures show Radio Lebowa has a daily listenership of 1,24-million people

Rivalling this are Radio Tsonga — 326 000 listeners — broadcast from Pietersburg and Giyani in Gazankulu — and Radio Venda, with 117 000 listeners

South of the Limpopo River, the Thoyoyandou based independent Venda radio service also competes for a share in the market

Radio Lebowa is on the air for 18 hours a day, broadcasting actuality and light entertainment programmes, with 10 national and two regional news bulletins a day

Standards

Broadcast standards on the three regional services are high, with two Pietersburg presenters having been awarded industry prizes

"One of our Radio Lebowa broadcasters, Maxwell Mojapelo, has won the Radio Artes Award for the Best SABC Announcer for the last three years, while MA Maluleka of Radio Tsonga has also won the award," says Kleinschmidt.

The broadcast centre also houses a fully equipped TV-news operation covering events in the far northern Transvaal

This is linked by microwave and satellite to the main broadcast centre at Auckland Park, Johannesburg

Improving the lot of black labour

THE Lebowa Development Corporation (LDC) is involved in a number of projects aimed at improving life for the black labour force who serve the northern Transvaal

Lebowa, home to the majority of northern Transvaal's black labour force, is the largest of three homelands in the region, the others being the similarly

self-governing Gazankulu and the independent Venda

The corporation receives funding from the Lebowa government as well as through the Development Bank. However, the majority of the LDC's training courses and other ventures are funded through its own revenue from profits and interest on loans and small fees

Recognising the contribution the labour force can make to the region, the LDC has established an education trust for training artisans and other skilled workers with the object of creating a black entrepreneurial class in the region

The LDC has also looked inwards and is offering training courses in computer and managerial skills to

its own staff

In 1989, the LDC launched the Phoenix Project, an educational programme whereby black matric students who had failed their exams were given extra tuition and allowed to rewrite. Most of the candidates passed the second time round

Lebowa, with its 3,5-million population, yields a GDP worth R734m (1986 figures being the most recent available)

Encourage

The LDC was established in 1976 to encourage, plan, finance, develop, promote and carry out the development of the homeland in the fields of agriculture, trade, finance, industry, mining, housing and community development.

Total LDC investments are estimated at about R25m and include ventures in retailing, postal services, business loan schemes and wholesaling.

Its annual commercial development growth has stabilised at about 6,5%.

A major LDC success story has been the establishment of the Lebowa Bakeries, which has since been floated on the JSE.

The company has expanded and now owns 10 bakeries, seven in Lebowa and the others in Lydenburg and Potgietersrus

Return to school, urges SRC

STUDENTS boycotting classes at Sekhukhune College of Education in Lebowa have been urged to return to the institution today. *Sowetan 27/2/91* (11)

Students Representative Council president Patrick Lekgoro said yesterday a mass meeting will be held at the college to review the boycott. (11)

Students embarked on a boycott at the beginning of the semester last month demanding a reduction of hostel fees and improvement of hostel conditions. Authorities closed the college soon afterwards.

"We hope all the students will heed the call," Lekgoro said.

Power project begins in Lebowa

AN electrification project in Lebowa's Green Valley township was officially opened this week by Eskom's North-Eastern Transvaal regional manager, Mr Hennie Huyser.

This is Green Valley's first experience with Eskom electricity.

Residents said they viewed the development

as a major boost to their living standard

About 200 of 1 300 households have already been supplied and 427 others have submitted applications

They pay for their electricity in advance through the so-called budget meters.

Green Valley residents visualised monthly savings of R120 to R160 on what they had previously spent on firewood, paraffin, candles and rechargeable car batteries

Mr Sydney Nyanthi said he had spent about R200 a month to provide energy for his household: R110 a month minimum for paraffin, R80 to recharge batteries for his television set and a considerable amount for firewood.

The electrification of his home by Eskom cost R240. For this money, a so-called "ready-board" was installed, consisting of three wall plugs and a light. His electricity supply costs him about R40 a month.

His wife Aggreninethi was pleased she would no longer have to walk great distances to get firewood.

"I can now prepare food for my husband and children early in the

morning. It is nearly too good to be true," she said

A teacher, Miss Beauty Mathunasi, said a wheelbarrow of firewood cost them R6. This normally lasted three days.

Another resident, Mrs

Rodina Mogakane, said the morale of the community had risen remarkably and the electricity grid's installation would have a marked effect on the area's economy

Mr Koos van der Westhuizen of Eskom's Phalaborwa district office believed the demand for electrical appliances would be stimulated -- and that job creation would be promoted -

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Schools burnt as crisis gets worse

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14/3/91

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

TWO schools were burnt down in Lebowa and Venda on Tuesday, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands as the education crisis in the homelands reached boiling point.

Police in Venda said school books, furniture and other goods were destroyed when people set fire to classrooms at Makumbane Higher Primary School. The damage is estimated at R10 000.

In Seshego, Masedibu High school was also set alight on Tuesday. One block of the school was completely destroyed, causing damage estimated at R5 000. Lebowa police spokesman Lieutenant ML Tomatsana said.

The setting alight of the schools came as education in the far northern Transvaal was on the brink of collapse as pupils at several schools and tertiary institutions boycotting classes to press for demands ranging from dismissal of principals to improvement of hostel conditions.

Students at Sekhukhune Teacher Training College have not attended classes since the beginning of the year. They are demanding that hostels be improved.

Tivumbeni College of Education in Gazankulu was closed indefinitely on Tuesday, the secretary for education, Mr SDC Vukela, confirmed yesterday.

However, he refused to divulge reasons for the closure.

Facelift for township

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

RESIDENTIAL sites at Tshikota near Louis Trichardt are soon to be made available when the upgrading of the township gets off the ground.

The upgrading follows the township's recent granting of permanent status by State President FW de Klerk.

Tshikota became the target of forced removals in 1982. *Sowetan* 14/3/91

Its Venda and Shangaan-speaking residents were removed and resettled at Vleifontein and Waterval respectively.

Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman in Pietersburg Mr Louis van Aart said the first phase of the upgrading had already begun.

NEED TO

BOOKKEEPING

Class boycott condemned

Sowetan 14/3/91 (11)

THE Azanian Student Convention yesterday condemned continuing class boycotts at Sekhukhune College of Education and other secondary schools in Lebowa.

The students at the college have not attended lessons since the beginning of the year in their campaign for various demands including the reduction of hostel fees and improvement of hostel conditions. The college has been closed all year.

In a statement, Azasco branch chairman Mr Bingo Thamaga said that the issues which sparked the boycott could be negotiated while students are in classes.

He said students have to guard against the mentality that they could defeat the enemy by starving themselves.

"We need to prepare ourselves for the responsibilities we are going to take up in the future. The community is looking up to us and we cannot af-

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

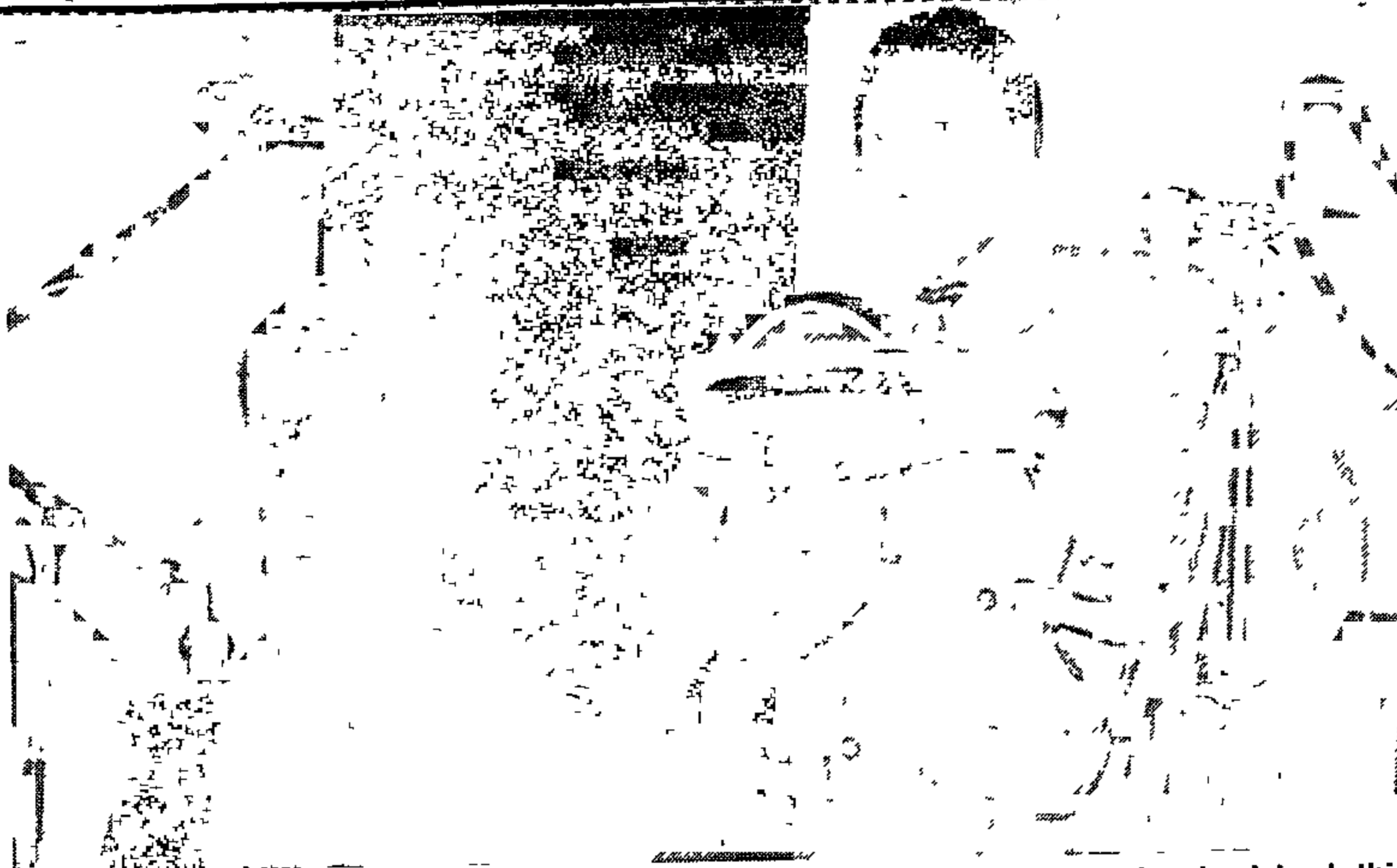
ford to misuse the trust they have put in us," Thamaga said.

A student mass meeting, called by the college Student Representative Council two weeks ago to review the boycott, did not take place as few students turned up.

Repeated calls by various political organisations for a return to classes have fallen on deaf ears.

At Maake Technical College near Tzaneen, the entire white staff fled the institution after students went on a rampage demanding the supply of chairs in the dining hall.

A teacher, who asked not to be named, said the white staff had locked all the workshops and offices before they left last week.



Singer-actress Thembi Mtshali presents Hugh Masekela with a gift of a traditional calabash this week on behalf of sorghum breweries who are sponsoring the Sekunjalo festival which starts next month. The shows will be countrywide starting in Pietersburg on April 4. Proceeds from the concerts will go towards the establishment of the South African Arts and Music Foundation.

Pic by PAT SEBOKO

Lebowa Transport to submit

fare proposals

LEBOWA Transport is to submit proposals of fares on routes vacated by Bahwaduba Bus service to the various affected communities, a spokesman for the commuters said yesterday.

A spokesman for the Far Northern Transvaal Transport Coordinating Committee (FNTTCC) said this was part of an agreement reached between the committee and the company at a meeting held in Pietersburg on Tuesday.

Leputu said thousands

of workers and general commuters had approached his organisation, an umbrella of various transport committees, for help after Bahwaduba stopped all its operations last Saturday, leaving many areas without public transport.

He said Tuesday's

meeting had looked at LT's take over of the routes.

"LT said they would formulate proposed fares for the routes and possible staggered fare increases. These would be handed to us for dissemination to all affected areas where they would be discussed.

"On the basis of responses of the affected communities, LT would

then make its move. If the proposals are accepted, an emergency application would be made for temporary permits to move into the vacated routes."

Leputu said the proposals would be made available this week and could be discussed in various communities this weekend.

"We are trying to move as fast as we can on the matter as many workers are unable to get to work due to this problem", he said.

Police answer charge

LEBOWA Police spokesman, Lieutenant LM Tlomatsana, has issued a statement about a story that appeared in *Sowetan* on March 4, concerning allegations that police did not accompany rape victims to doctors.

Tlomatsana, who told *Sowetan* that such action by the police would be contrary to standing rules and would be investigated, says the story "created an impression that the Lebowa Police in practice did not accompany rape victims for an examination by a medical doctor.

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The allegation was made by a doctor at a seminar of the Advice Centres Association on Violence Against Women.

Lebowa fires white chief of police

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By MATHATA TSEDU

LEBOWA Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, has fired the bantustan's white commissioner of police for allegedly not carrying out instructions, reliable sources have revealed.

The sources said an announcement of the formal appointment of deputy commissioner, Brigadier AN Mojela, to replace Brigadier JJ de Swardt, would be made this week.

De Swardt is no longer in Lebowa and it could not be established yesterday where he is. The sources said his dismissal more than a week ago emanated from the shootout between the Azanian National Liberation Army (AZANLA) guerillas and combined forces of SADF, SAP and Lebowa police units in Mahwelereng township last month.

Officer injured

During that incident, ANC member and senior police officer Lieutenant Jairus Mafafo was injured during the skirmish with the AZANLA guerillas.

Ramodike had ordered Mafafo's transfer to Bushbuckridge last October. The transfer was however never effected by the police hierarchy because Mafafo, who runs several businesses at his home near Pietersburg persuaded De Swardt to delay it, the sources said.

When Mafafo was injured in Mahwelereng, Ramodike blew his top, accusing De Swardt of insubordination for not carrying out the instruction. He then fired him, the sources added.

Political organisations

In a policy statement released after the shooting, LP spokesman Lieutenant ML Tlomatsana, confirmed that Mafafo had been officially transferred to Bushbuckridge although he had not yet resumed his duties there.

Tlomatsana refused to discuss De Swardt's position but confirmed that the commissioner was "at the moment not here".

The statement dealt at length with Mafafo's membership of the ANC and asserted that standing rule prohibited officers being card carrying members of political organisations.

"While the affiliation of Lieutenant MJ Mafafo to the Mamehlabe branch of the ANC can neither be denied or confirmed it needs to be spelt out that any af-

SADF and ANC in war of words

A WAR of words has erupted between the African National Congress Northern Transvaal region and the local command of the SADF over allegations of intimidation and harassment

The first salvo was fired by the ANC last week in a statement accusing the SADF of waging a campaign against the organisation in many rural areas of Lebowa.

The ANC said the SADF had declared "mini states of emergency" in many villages and was distributing pamphlets to thwart ANC programmes

Campaign

It accused the SADF of setting up "an electronic communications network between some chiefs" and the soldiers to entrench the harassment campaign.

But in a return of fire, the SADF lashed out at the ANC for engaging in "agitation and intimidation" of rural communities throughout Lebowa by using youth congresses and civic associa-

tions.

"This is not a campaign against the ANC, but is aimed at protecting and safeguarding the people against intimidation by the ANC.

"It is not destabilising. On the contrary, it is protecting the people and is stabilising the situation in the rural areas of Lebowa.

"The allegation is a transparent attempt by the ANC to destabilise the self-governing states and to intimidate and destroy orderly government."

The SADF said it had placed radios with certain leaders who live in inaccessible areas "to facilitate communication whenever their safety is threatened by the youth and civic associations. This is probably the 'electronic system' that the ANC referred to".

The ANC has said SADF actions were designed to create friction within the community.

Lebowa Minister demoted

LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike yesterday announced a Cabinet reshuffle and demoted one of his ministers

In a statement released to the media, Ramodike said the homeland's minister of justice Dr Kgoadi

By MATHATHA TSEDU

Molaba had been demoted to deputy minister in charge of housing and management services.

Molaba, a medical practitioner, was ap-

pointed to the Cabinet in 1989 as minister of health, a position he held until his unexpected transfer in January this year.

Rumours of his pending demotion have been circulating in the region for some time following an arrest warrant issued against him for failing to pay medical bills. Sowetan

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Sources close to the Lebowa Cabinet said Molaba, an Africanist, had been at loggerheads with Ramodike, who is said to support the ANC

Molaba's demotion means that he must now move out of the R200 000 ministerial house into a flat where deputy ministers are housed.

Strikers sacked

WITH one department as yet unaccounted for, 1 638 striking Ciskeian civil servants are reported to have been dismissed for not returning to work.

A government source said the Ciskei's total civil service workforce, including police and army personnel, comprised 30 509 employees.

The Eastern Cape region of the Congress of South African Trade Unions on Tuesday sent two officials from Port Elizabeth, the regional secretary, Mr Dennis Neer, and regional educational secretary, Mr Thobile Mhlahloto, to meet the Ciskei's Council of State over the strike. Sowetan 18/4/91.

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union have pledged to fight for the workers' reinstatement. - Sapa.

Lebowa college shuts down

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

Continuous unruly student behaviour and the "dismissal" of a principal at Maake Technical College in Lebowa has resulted in the institution being closed indefinitely.

A teacher who asked not to be named said the crisis started after students demanded chairs in the dining hall. They removed all chairs from the classrooms and chased away the principal, a Mr Metselaar saying he should not again "set foot" near the institution

Crisis

The teacher said all white staff members later left the college in solidarity with the "dismissed" principal.

The education chief spokesman, Mr ER Maponya, yesterday confirmed the crisis.

Meanwhile students at Thabamopo College of Education which was recently closed have resumed classes. In Gazankulu, Tivumbeni College is still closed.

The sit in by teachers, which has left more than 4 000 pupils in 141 schools roaming the streets in the Bochum district, continued yesterday. The teachers are demanding the transfer of an inspector, Mr NT Nthlane

SA taxpayer 'paying for Lebowa shambles'

Star 23/4/91

The shambles in Lebowa over irregularities in the supply of school books and stationery had cost the South African taxpayer dearly, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis said in Parliament yesterday.

Replying to debate on the finance vote, he also said South Africa would not end up with a black government.

Referring to the De Meyer Commission interim report on the distribution of school books and stationery in Lebowa, he said that creating an ethnic enclave in Lebowa had led to a deprived administration.

Irregularities

It had made it very difficult for them to appoint people on merit. "They simply do not have the administrative ability to do it properly and it has cost the taxpayer dearly."

Irregularities in the self-governing territories were followed up as rapidly as possible from the SA Government side.

The problem was that while the SA Auditor-General compiled a report, he then submitted it to the homeland's Legislative Assembly, which swept the matter under the carpet.

Mr du Plessis said the Auditor-General of a certain independent country had made a finding against a Minister and the Government. They had fired him and appointed a successor who had signed the same report, after which they fired him and reappointed the first official.

"This is the kind of thing that happens under apartheid and partition, and that is why this Government has abandoned it."

The Conservative Party could learn a lesson from this.

When a CP member interjected that a black government

would reintroduce these malpractices, Mr du Plessis replied: "We will not have a black government in this country. We are not in the black government business."

Earlier in the debate, Roger Burrows (DP Pinetown) commented that the De Meyer Commission interim report had profoundly disturbing implications for financial accountability and should be the subject of an independent inquiry.

Mr Burrows said 80 percent of Lebowa's expenditure was from the South African Parliament's votes.

The report made it clear that of the R98 million spent on school books and stationery, R5.9 million had been spent in the two bookshops owned by a previous Lebowa secretary for education and later deputy minister of economic affairs, and that R6 million had been spent in the bookshops of a later secretary for education.

Some R15.8 million had been spent in eight bookshops owned by teachers or clerks in its Ministry of Education.

Unjustified

The report also listed a number of unacceptable practices, such as exemption from Tender Board requirements, and booksellers operating without trading licences.

"This cannot be justified. No doubt, further inquiries will take place. No doubt prosecutions will follow — 51 of the 57 booksellers have already been prosecuted for non-payment of GST. But taken together with the references in the Van den Heever Commission to problems in the DET with the supply of school books and stationery, it paints an alarming picture," Mr Burrows said. — Sapa

Taiwanese keen to invest in Lebowa

ELEVEN industrialists from Taiwan are interested in investing in Lebowa, a spokesman for the Lebowa Development Corporation said this week.

He said a Taiwanese manufacturer of rear-view mirrors for cars had visited the homeland earlier this month and the group of 11 had explored investment opportunities during the past week. *Sowetan 25/4/91*

The visits follow a recent promotional tour of the Far East by LDC executives. At least three more groups of foreign industrialists were likely to visit Lebowa this year, the LDC added. - *Sowetan Correspondent*

Books scam uncovered in Lebowa

Sowetan
25/4/91

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HEAPS of textbooks for black schools lay in disuse while bureaucrats made millions of rands through nepotistic deals in Lebowa.

An interim report by Johannesburg's chief magistrate, tabled in Parliament recently, revealed that about R100 million was spent between 1986 and 1989 on school books and stationery in Lebowa.

Of this amount, R5,9 million was spent in two bookstores owned by the previous secretary for education, who later became deputy Minister of Economic Affairs

A further R6 million was spent in the bookshop of the then secretary for education.

And R15,8 million was spent in eight bookshops owned by teachers or clerks in the Lebowa Department of Education.

Commenting on the report in Parliament on Monday, Democratic Party spokesman on education Mr Roger Burrows said the report had "profoundly disturbing implications for financial accountability".

The De Meyer Commission interim report also lists what Burrows called "a considerable number of totally unacceptable practices" of which, among others are:

- * No planning for requirements,
- * No quotations;
- * No contracts;
- * No checking of in-

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN
Political Correspondent

coming stock or of distribution,

* No checking of books not supplied;

* Treasury instructions ignored, and

* Booksellers without trading licences or which are not registered for GST purposes.

"Perhaps most revealing was the state of stock held at circuit offices

"At 15 offices about 323 000 unused textbooks of 411 different titles were found, the value of which was some R3 million

"Some books supplied were clearly incorrect - such as books in Zulu or for teacher colleges and not schools

"In addition, vast amounts of undistributed stationery was found. In one circuit office, more than 300 000 unused exercise books, still in the original packaging, were found," Burrows said.

Magistrate Mr Oelof

de Meyer says in the report. "At the different circuits and schools in Lebowa, a vast amount of books and stationery is lying around wasted while there is a dire shortage of textbooks and stationery."

According to Burrows, a "mysterious man" received cash cheques to the value of R915 064 for providing a Northern Transvaal wholesaler with information of stationery retailers

Burrows severely criticised the 10 ministries of education (outside the TBVC states).

"Here is a clear case for an immediate, urgent review of all departments of education procedures and practices regarding the supply of books and stationery.

"If there is nothing to hide then very quickly this will be revealed," Burrows said.

He said 51 of the 57 booksellers had already been prosecuted for not paying GST.

Trojan-Lebowa dispute heads for court action

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By JULIE WALKER

CLARITY is being sought by Trojan Exploration about the rights to base metals produced by Lebowa Platinum Mines from an Atok farm on Lebowa's title

More than 20 years ago, Rustenburg Platinum Mines bought the rights to precious metals — not to base metals — from AFC Investments

In 1987 Rusplats sold Atok into Lebowa Platinum and became the major shareholder in Lebowa, which was floated on the JSE that year

Trojan says the base metals recovered by Lebowa Platinum are rightly for Trojan's account Lebowa says the proceeds belong to it

Lebowa's 1990 report says "Certain parties have alleged that the company may have infringed their base mineral rights in respect of a portion of the Atok Section

"The directors, after consultation with their external legal advisers, are of the opinion that such allegations are unfounded"

After Business Times brought the dispute into the open last year, Lebowa announced in effect that it had never been necessary to secure the base mineral rights on the Atok farm because legally Lebowa was entitled to mine and dispose of base minerals recovered in conjunction with platinum for its own benefit and account

Lebowa denied any liability to pay royalties or other compensation or consideration to the holder of the base mineral rights It said it

would resist any claims to the contrary

AFC granted Trojan a three-year prospecting contract with an option to buy from AFC the base mineral rights of the farm last July

Last August, Trojan's Martin Brink told Business Times that when he went to inspect the property, he found that Lebowa was mining and selling the base metals which belonged to Trojan

Notice

This week AFC's John Dicks said that notice of motion to have the Pretoria Supreme Court make a declaratory order on the dispute had been served by Trojan on AFC as first respondent, Rusplats as second, Lebowa Plats as third,

and the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs as fourth

The last three were given copies for information only

Mr Brink said the case would probably be heard in August A 400-page document had been lodged with the court

If the court decides that Lebowa has no claim to the base metals, Mr Brink says Trojan will consider its next step

Trojan might exercise the option granted by AFC to buy the base mineral rights at the farm, and might also take steps to claim compensation from Lebowa

Lebowa managing director Barry Davison said he stood by the statement made last August — that his company's right to the minerals was legal

Exposed: scandal of 'forgotten' mountain of school books

S1 Times 28/4/91 (111)

THOUSANDS of homeland schoolchildren were forced to spend large amounts of their parents' money on school books two years ago while more than 300 000 textbooks lay unused in storerooms.

Lebowa officials had no idea what had happened to mountains of stock they had ordered from bookshops, some of them owned by education authorities

Details of the chaos in the Lebowa education system have been revealed in the report by a commission of inquiry under former Pretoria chief magistrate Oelof de Meyer which was tabled in parliament this week

The inquiry, in a spot search, found 300 000 books and masses of stationery lying unused at schools and storerooms

Lebowa's former secretary of education, Dr DM Mphahlele, who retired early last year because of "ill health" is severely reprimanded in the De Meyer report and senior homeland officials and school-teachers have also been implicated.

Pitiless

"The commission finds it disturbing that Dr Mphahlele acknowledged that all his tax returns and IRP5s since 1985 were still with a bookkeeper," said the report

"Such actions by a departmental head, as well as alleged pending crimi-

By DE WET POTGIETER

nal cases for not paying his taxes, make the commission's judgment pitiless"

Evidence was led concerning a man — known only as "John" — who arranged with an Indian businessman from Pietersburg to supply stationery to bookshops owned by top Lebowa officials and members of their families

These bookshops had contracts to supply textbooks and stationery to 1 500 schools in the homeland

The businessman, named in the report only as Mr Ahmed, told the commission he had not been able to obtain a list of book-sellers in Lebowa but, after

John provided him with a list of names, he had conducted business with a number of them

He said his firm had received kickbacks of R50 000 from the profit of the sales

Link

Cancelled cheques produced by Mr Ahmed showed that John had received R915 064 from April 21, 1988, to January last year

The report does not say who issued the cheques, which were always cashed through Mr Ahmed's firm

The commission was unable to identify "John" or establish his link with

the Lebowa education department

An investigation by the Auditor-General showed that from March 1986 to September 1989 R98-million was paid to booksellers in Lebowa for school books and stationery

The commission found that from 1986 to 1989, and especially in the 1987/1988 financial year, funds allocated for books and stationery were "not used in the best interests of the children"

The commission found clear evidence that certain bookshops whose owners were linked in some way to education officials received the biggest orders

The De Meyer report found that the system left room for corruption, self-

enrichment, nepotism and other irregularities

"The commission's investigation indicates irrefutably that in various districts and schools in Lebowa, a massive amount of textbooks and stationery was lying around unused while schoolchildren suffered a shortage of textbooks and stationery"

Actual

The release of the De Meyer report has revealed some inaccuracies in a Sunday Times report on January 20 on the chaos in the Lebowa education system

The commission did not find that of R33-million made available for books and stationery, only R9-million reached pupils. This was a calculation made by the Sunday Times after additional research

The Sunday Times reported that a black person named John received R9-million. The actual figure was R915 004 and the person's race was not disclosed in the report.

The commission did not find that children were obliged to buy the "free" books. They had to buy additional books

Lebowa denies its officers have quit

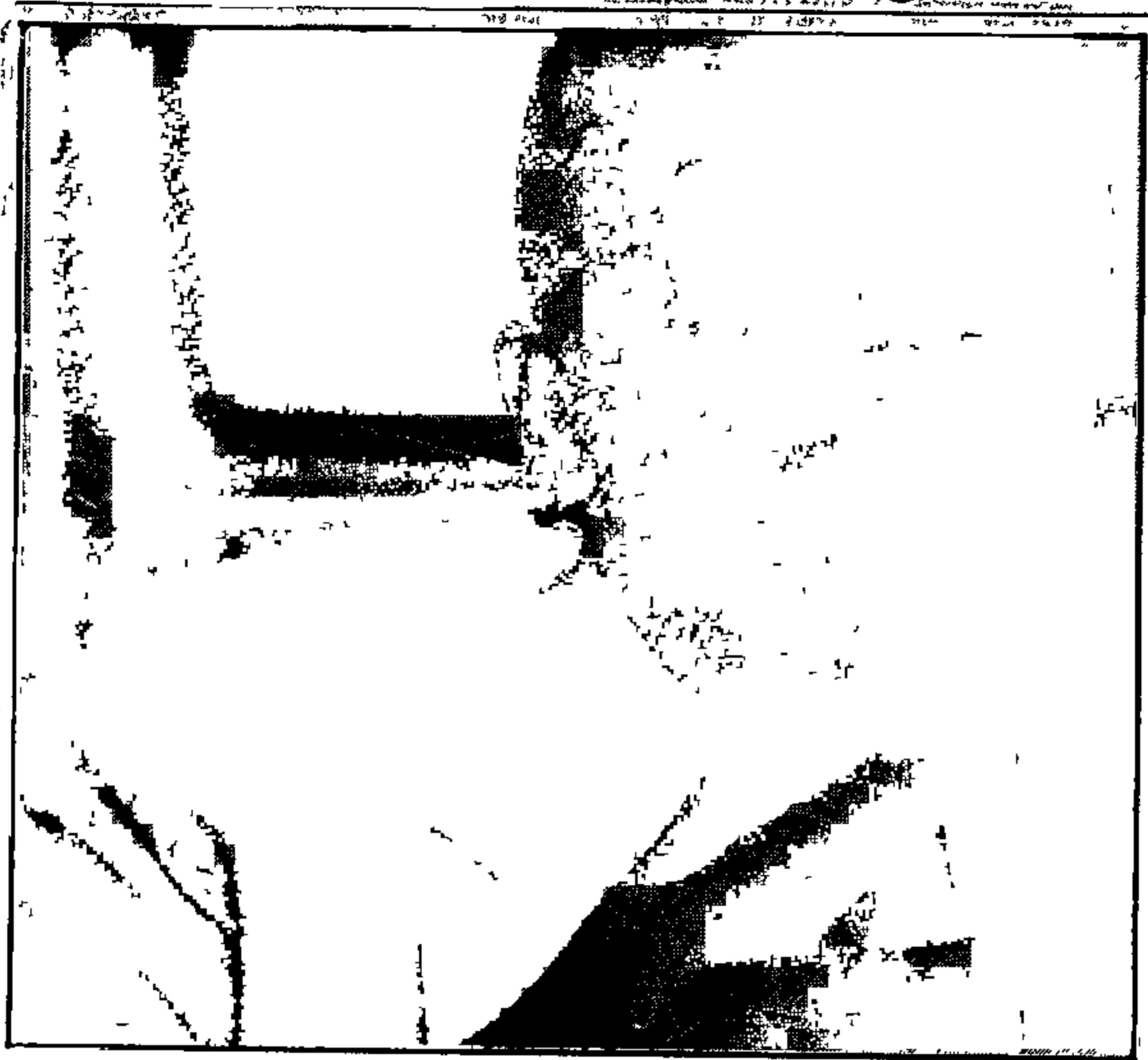
Sowetan 2/5/91

A LEBOWA police spokesman has rejected claims that five senior white police officers had resigned from the homeland's force because of the alleged sacking of Brigadier JJ de Swardt by Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike.

Four of the men, Colonel JG Jones, Colonel NPH de Bruyn, Major GJ Venter and Warrant-Officer AHG Veldsman, had rejoined the SAP after fulfilling specific tasks in Lebowa, public relations officer Lieutenant ML Tlomatsane said.

The fifth officer, Major JWA Soer, had retired. He had been asked to postpone his retirement to do a specific job in Lebowa, Tlomatsane said.

He denied allegations that there was a move to rid the Lebowa police of white officers, saying a number of them were still in special posts, doing mostly administrative and technical work. - *Sowetan Correspondent*



Deposed ... Chief Kenneth "KK" Kgagudi Sekhukhune of the Marota tribe is fighting to regain his chieftainship from his brother, Ryan Sekhukhune Thulare.

Royal row over Marota chieftaincy

By SOPHIE TEMA

CIP News
12/5/91

THE Marota tribe in Sekhukhuneland have taken legal action against the Lebowa government for deposing their chief, Kenneth Kgagudi Sekhukhune.

The tribe claims the chief, popularly known as "KK", was kicked out by Lebowa chief minister Nelson Ramodike in 1989 and replaced by his brother, Ryan Sekhukhune Thulare.

The Pretoria Supreme Court has been asked to decide the rightful leader of the tribe.

The Marota have already lost almost R60 000 paid to a lawyer who was struck off the roll before he could bring their case to court.

They have now run out of money to pay legal costs and have appealed to several embassies for help.

"KK" this week gave evidence on the royal lineage of the Marota.

Supporters of "KK" told *City Press* this week that Ryan Thulare - who was the heir-apparent to the Marota throne - was to have been installed chief of the Marota Tribal Authority in 1974, but abdicated the chieftancy.

Senior members of the tribal council, the tribe, the area magistrate and the then-Chief Minister of Lebowa, Dr CN Phatudi, tried to persuade him to take the chieftancy, but he still refused.

(11) The matter was referred to the tribe, which according to tradition, has the right to nominate the next man in line.

In 1975 "KK" was appointed acting chief and it was agreed that his son would be the future leader of the Marota.

Members of the tribe said Sekhukhune had ruled the Marota successfully for 14 years and his wife had given birth to a chief-to-be.

Phatudi died and Ramodike was elected chief minister in 1987 following a political power struggle.

In a letter to several embassies, "KK" explained how he fell out of favour with the Lebowa government.

He said Ramodike realised that he (Sekhukhune) had the biggest constituency in Lebowa with the most MPs, and needed to secure their support to strengthen his position.

He then denied "KK" and his tribal council any opportunity of discussing matters relating to the leadership with him, "KK" alleged.

This week the court heard that Ryan Thulare had denied the Marota the right to plough their land and did not let them pick wild spinach or plant vegetables in their yards. He also prevented them from visiting "KK" and from applying for ID documents or disability grants.

Supply, demand 'to dictate gold price'

Blouay 22/5/91

PRODUCERS and traders in gold may do their best to forget the metal's poor performance in 1990, but Gold Fields Mineral Services' (GFMS) 1991 gold survey, released yesterday, suggests that 1990 may turn out to be the year when gold demand began inexorably to overhaul supply.

Gold analysts agree, supported by industry leaders and Anglo American gold division chairman Clem Sunter, that now as never before the laws of supply and demand will dictate the price of gold and the health of SA's high-cost mining industry.

The survey said that the momentum of the increases in gold production in the last decade, which analysts have blamed for the demise in the gold price, looked set to continue for years, at first sight.

Gold mine production in the US and Australia rose by 11% and 19% in 1990 to reach record levels of 295 tons and 241 tons respectively. Gold sales from the communist bloc — up by almost a third from Soviet, Chinese and North Korean sources — and the supply from old gold scrap reached their highest levels for five years.

However, figures suggested that although western mine production had reached record levels, it was levelling off.

In SA, some mines had successfully rationalised operations, but "the scope for further improvement is limited". Stilfontein's closure was the first deep level Witwatersrand gold mine to be shut down by a major mining group for years. Prospects for future expansion were poor given that in the last two years capital expenditure had fallen 30% in real terms.

"It therefore remains to be seen how

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much of the industry will emerge unscathed, and how far output will fall." Against the sustained drop in the gold price in real terms, SA gold mines showed the highest cost increases in 1990, with Rand Mines' ERPM coming in as the highest cost major gold mine with cash costs of US\$462 an ounce, against Papua New Guinea's Porgera project with costs of \$87 an ounce. Whereas supply was subsiding, the survey said fabrication demand for gold — 85% of total demand for gold — reached a new high in 1990.

Carat jewellery accounted for 83% of fabrication demand. The survey said that 1990, in defiance of the worsening economic climate and the Gulf War, was "an excellent year" for the European jewellery industry, while demand in the Middle East climbed more than 20%.

Investment

Observers were confident that in North America the upswing expected in 1992 and low stocks of finished items would fuel demand in the future. Also larger amounts of new gold rather than scrap were being used in world jewellery production.

The survey said that the 144 tons of "implied investment" in gold in 1990 — the informal offtake of the metal for investment purposes — "may be a positive development", in the face of the sustained weakness of the gold price.

"It suggests that contrary to conventional wisdom (that gold is losing its appeal as a store of investment), European and North American investors may now be beginning to purchase on price lows."

Healthy hike in profits for Clinic Holdings

Blouay 22/5/91
SEAN VAN ZYL

SURGICAL and private hospital group Clinic Holdings achieved a real return for its shareholders by disclosing a 24% rise in attributable profits to R12,2m for the six months ended March.

The growth in earnings equated to 12,3c (10c) a share from which a 17% higher dividend of 5,2c (4,5c) a share has been declared. The dividend cover has increased to 2,3 times.

Financial director Stan Berger said last night that "we previously forecast growth exceeding the rate of inflation, and the increase in profit for the past six months is satisfactory".

Clinic Holdings, regarded as the largest private hospital group, has clinics like the Garden City Clinic, Park Lane Clinic and Milpark Hospital in its fold. Berger said the group had just completed a major capital expansion programme. "We now plan to enter a period of consolidation, without any additional expansion plans in the pipeline."

Clinic Holdings has not disclosed turnover for the period. However, a supplement index showed a 34% growth on the previous period. Berger said long-term liabilities remained at R25m.

He conceded, however, that operating margin had come under slight pressure, due to tight trading conditions, but that "the margins are quite acceptable in relation to the rest of the clinic industry."

He said the group's clinics had achieved a satisfactory growth in occupancy levels during the six months.

Lebowa Bakeries thrives in tough year

Blouay 22/5/91

LEBOWA Bakeries, which recently announced that Sasko had taken a 45,2% stake in the company for R14,7m and would be making a similar offer to minorities, increased its earnings by 10,2% to R5,76m (R5,23m) in the year to end-March.

Turnover increased by 23,9% to R91,1m (R73,6m) and operating income was 12% up at R12,1m (R10,8m). Directors said the decrease in operating margins was due to increases in depreciation and initial costs of Tubatse Bakery which came on stream during the year.

They said despite a difficult year due to irregular school attendances, strikes, stayaways and general consumer boycotts

MARCIA KLEIN

which affected sales, turnover was still up by 23,9% and earnings by 10,2% to 23c (20,9c) a share.

Net income before minorities was 15,4% up at R6,35m (R5,5m), but bottom line earnings were 10,2% up after an amount of R591 000 (R275 000) attributable to outside shareholders.

A final dividend of 6,25c a share was declared, bringing the full-year dividend up by 19,4% to 9,25c (7,75c) a share.

Capex of R7,1m has been approved for building a head office, refurbishing plant, a new bakery and vehicles.

Lebowa Cabinet's desperate message to SA government

CAP news 26/5/91 (111)
By **DERRICK LUTHAYI**

THE Lebowa government is close to abandoning the homeland system unless Pretoria meets several harsh demands.

The homeland's legislative assembly this week threatened to suspend its sessions and called for an urgent meeting with State President FW de Klerk before June 10.

Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has sent a strongly worded memorandum to the South African government listing 10 unresolved problems which could lead to the disbandment of his cabinet.

Two of the demands Pretoria might find difficult to meet are:

■ The immediate incorporation into Lebowa of the multi-million rand Zebediela estate farms, the Ofcolaco/Trichardsdal area and 11 farms in Nebo, and the surrender of forestry plantations already in Lebowa to Lebowan authority

■ The return of all farms and land allocated and placed under the jurisdiction of chiefs and their tribes in terms of the Land Acts of 1913 and 1936 which were placed under the control of Gazankulu and white farmers.

Lebowa has also called for the prohibition of traditional weapons in the Transvaal.

Sources said the cabinet had advised the Chief Minister not to attend the Pretoria peace meeting held over the past two days because Lebowans were not involved in the Reef violence.

The memorandum states that several failed attempts to address the problems with the South African government had resulted in frustration, despair and a loss of confidence in the government.

The Cabinet has also demanded that:

Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike

■ The South African government stop blocking its grants to the Lebowan government as contained in the Appropriation Bill

■ That the De Klerk government pays the "royal allowances" to chiefs as agreed to by PW Botha

■ That the land shortage and accompanying congestion and overcrowding in Sekhukhuneland, Mapulaneng, Naphumo, Bolobedu and Sekgoses be addressed as a matter of urgency

■ The undertaking to transfer township administration be honoured.

■ Backlogs in old-age pensions and education be eliminated, and that "dilapidated" missionary hospitals be upgraded

The memorandum says that without a South African response to Lebowa's "problems", sessions of the Legislative Assembly had become "a futile exercise".

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THE BAKKIE rolls to a standstill on a track alongside the Olfants River that begins to look like a boundary line between Africa old and new — First World and Third World.

On one side, the sprinklers from a vast irrigation system send refreshing showers over fields of cotton growing deep inside the Lebowa homeland. In the far distance, herds of cattle graze on green pastureland.

Bob Hack points to the opposite side of the track: an entanglement of thornbush where even the grass seems locked in a struggle for survival.

"When we arrived here," he says, "it all looked like that — Africa in the raw but a massive headache for villagers with no cash in their pockets and little growing on the patches of meadows around their homes."

Bob starts hard at the thornbush as though it were a challenge: "We'll tame it in the next phase of our programme. We'll soon have that lot under wheat or barley and maybe more cotton if prices stay high."

A tractor trundles past us and the black farmer at the wheel smiles broadly and waves. "He'll be on the way to reap another crop from the incense fodder sections," Bob explains.

"When it's all bailed there'll be more than enough to feed the whole herd and keep the cattle in good condition through the winter. And there'll be a surplus to sell for hard cash."

He adds, as an afterthought: "Did you know that in the rest of the Lebowa homeland thousands of head of cattle die of starvation every winter — simply because over-grazing and lack of management means nothing goes into storage to keep them going until spring?"

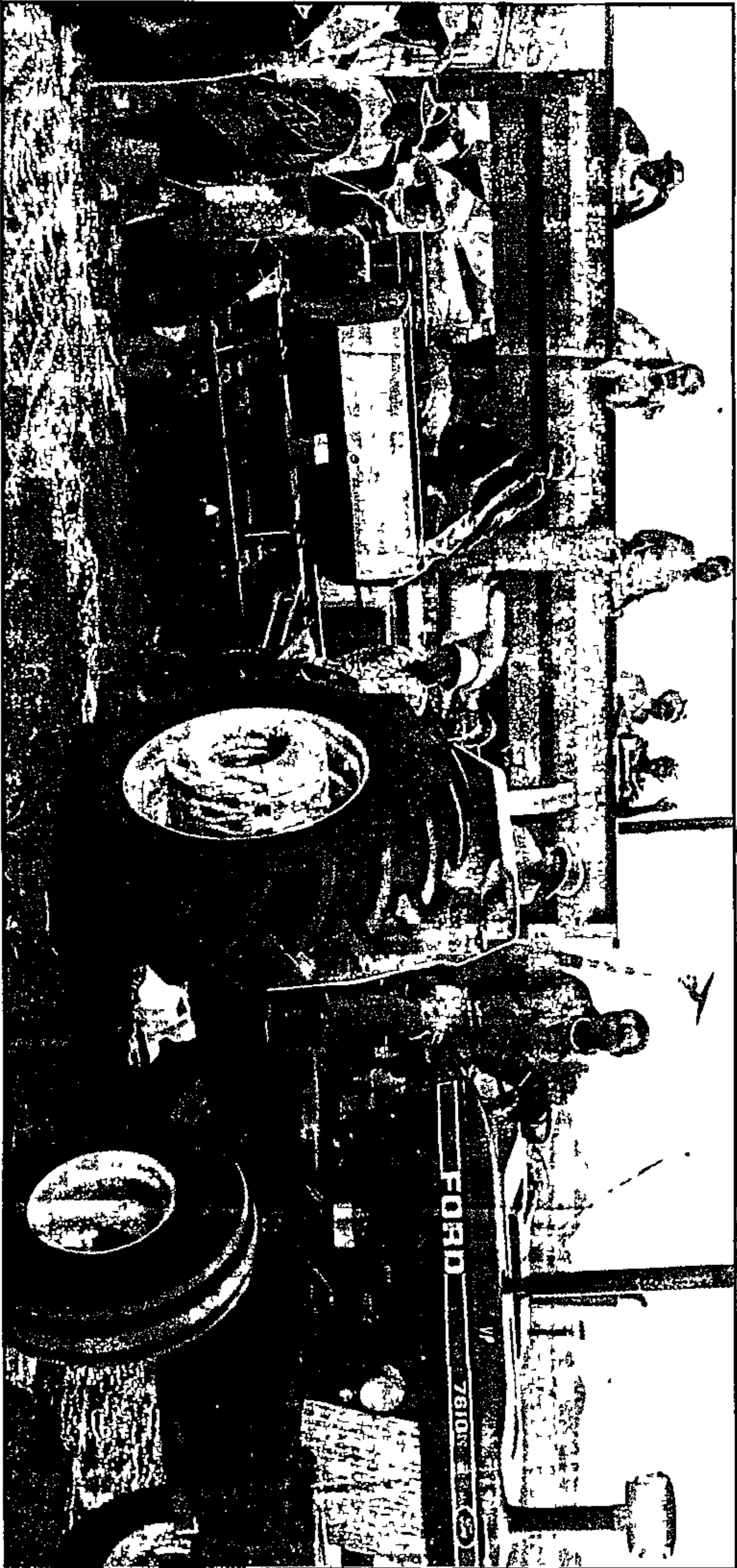
The sun-bronzed face under the bush hat shakes in frustration. "No wonder all the youngsters leave the villages and head for the big towns."

"Let's hope our programme here can make an imprint and show the way to a new future for rural communities."

Bob Hack knows it is going to take more than a magic wand to trigger the transformation from rural poverty to the eco-

The harvest of hope

Star 27/5/71



In the field farm workers help turn wild bush-country along the banks of the Olfants River into productive agricultural land

economic mainstream in a post-apartheid era. "God knows," he says, "it's going to take a lot more than political waffle."

The programme headed by Mr Hack was launched in 1982 when the Lebowa government commissioned Agricultural Management Services (AMS), funded by the Murray and Roberts construction and industrial conglomerate, to look into any economic potential along the Olfants River.

Under the microscope came a 100 km stretch of the river

starting downstream from Loskop Dam near Marble Hall and running north to where the Olfants bends south of Pietersburg towards the eastern Transvaal.

The task looked formidable: a wilderness of virgin veld or thick bush, broken only by a few villages that scratched the land for subsistence.

Mr Hack and his team mapped out a plan that was named the Olfants River Irrigation Scheme. The results now emerging

show corporate investment — or social involvement, as Murray and Roberts directors prefer to call the project — at its best. No glamorous charity scheme devised by the public relations gun-and-tonic brigade Down to earth — literally.

Out of the wilderness of scrubland, AMS has already

created no fewer than 1 655 individual farms, sprawled over 2 410 ha. Each small plot is run by a black farmer nominated by local community leaders.

Under AMS management guidance, the bush has been cleared and the land ploughed and converted into farmland with crop yields that match or

better the national average. All along the eastern bank of the Olfants River, long deserted by white farmers when the Lebowa homeland was born, a new generation of black farmers has emerged from utter poverty to win a foothold in the economic mainstream.

Midway on the 100 km stretch of the river, at a spot called Veeplaats, AMS has created what everyone knows as the Resource Base Centre. It is a sort of command post that not only promises instant

constant call on what the experts call centre-pivot or flood irrigation from the Olfants River or a network of dams, wells and canals. Aside from the crops tried and tested — maize, wheat, groundnuts and now cotton and next barley — the pastures carry cattle, sheep and goats worth more than R500 000. The rewards flow not only to the independent farmers now established. Also to be counted are the pay packets going out to hundreds of casual labourers.

"The local community not only grows enough to feed itself well," says Mr Hack, "the scheme also generates about R1 million a year to plough into the local economy."

"That means a new outlook for villages in the spread of small shopping centres and commercial and multi-industrial ventures as the cash multipliers go to work."

The results have not come easily. Bob Hack knows all about the compromises that have to be struck in diplomatic fashion with tribal traditions to bureaucratic interference.

The AMS team rarely blinks at the problems. Instead, they take an even longer view at guidelines for the new farmers about what may happen next.

Mr Hack props a chart on the wall to show what happens if or when the new farmers of the Olfants River scheme take the next steps in logical development and encourage the launch of local food-processing ventures. A few examples.

● The farm price of maize stands no higher than R322 a ton. Processed and packaged along the outside business chain, the maize can ultimately be worth R2 980.

● Farmers sell groundnuts at about R1 700 a ton. Dressed and labelled in plastic packets of peanuts in the supermarket, they are worth R9 950 a ton.

● Dried beans are sold by farmers for about R1 350 a ton. Packaged, they are sold by retailers at R3 500 a ton.

"The longer-term answers are obvious," says Bob Hack. "Go into business with the experts and start food-processing factories Okay. It may be looking into the future. Why not?" □

Lebowa clash with FW looms

LEBOWA may be heading for a showdown with the central government over funding and land following an ultimatum sent by Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike to the State President last week.

The ultimatum, which gives President FW de Klerk until June 10 to meet with the Lebowa leaders and accede to their demands, was sent through the Commissioner General of Lebowa.

In it Ramodike lists 10 demands that must be met or he would not recall the bantustan's legislative assembly, due to be officially opened by De Klerk on June 14.

The demands include:

* The land and farms purchased by Pretoria for Lebowa be transferred to the

bantustan before June 14.

* All financial bills, including this year's appropriation bills, should be "assented to"

* Immediate implementation of royal allowance payments to chiefs

* Transfer of Zebediela Citrus Estate farms and Offolaco Trichardsdaal area and 11 farms in Nebo to Lebowa "as a matter of urgency"

* All lands and farms presently under Gazankulu and white control be transferred

* Transfer of township administration and the upgrading of hospitals as well as old age pension backlog

* Provision of water and the banning of "so called traditional weapons" in the Transvaal.

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Lebowa assembly will meet

PRETORIA — Lebowa's government will recall its Legislative Assembly on Friday — after an initial threat not to do so — following talks with Development Aid Minister Mr Jacob de Villiers, Lebowa Chief Minister

Mr Nelson Ramodike earlier threatened not to recall his assembly, due to be opened by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Leon Wessels on Friday, unless a number of demands to the government were met.

Meanwhile, the Northern Transvaal Civics Association said it would hold a protest march against the opening of the Lebowa parliament. The march would start from the Lebowakgomo stadium — Sapa

Civics group in FW protest

Sowetan 13/6/91

By SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

THE Northern Transvaal Civics Association will march to the Lebowa Legislative Assembly tomorrow to protest against a visit by President Mr FW de Klerk and the opening of the assembly.

Hundreds of teachers, pupils and workers are expected to join the march, which will start at Lebowakgomo Stadium and proceed to the government buildings

NTCA regional chairman Mr Kaizer Sekonya will lead the march and present a memorandum to a Lebowa government official

Commemoration

Meanwhile, ANC Youth League president Mr Peter Mokaba will speak at a June 16 commemoration rally at the

Bohlokong stadium, Bethlehem.

The local ANCYL branch will also stage a protest march on June 15 starting at noon in support of the organisation's demand for a constituent assembly and an interim government.

Squatting

Also, the Luthand'ku Khanya Civic Association at Piet Retief in the Eastern Transvaal staged a mass protest yesterday to protest against the appearance in the Piet Retief Magistrate's Court of 37 residents charged with illegal squatting in Luthand'ku Khanya township

The 37 are out on bail of R100 each.

Ramodike still on at ANC rally

By THEMBA KHUMALO

BEHIND-the-scenes negotiating by ANC officials prevented Lebowa's Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike from boycotting an ANC rally in Johannesburg today, where he is sharing a platform with Nelson Mandela

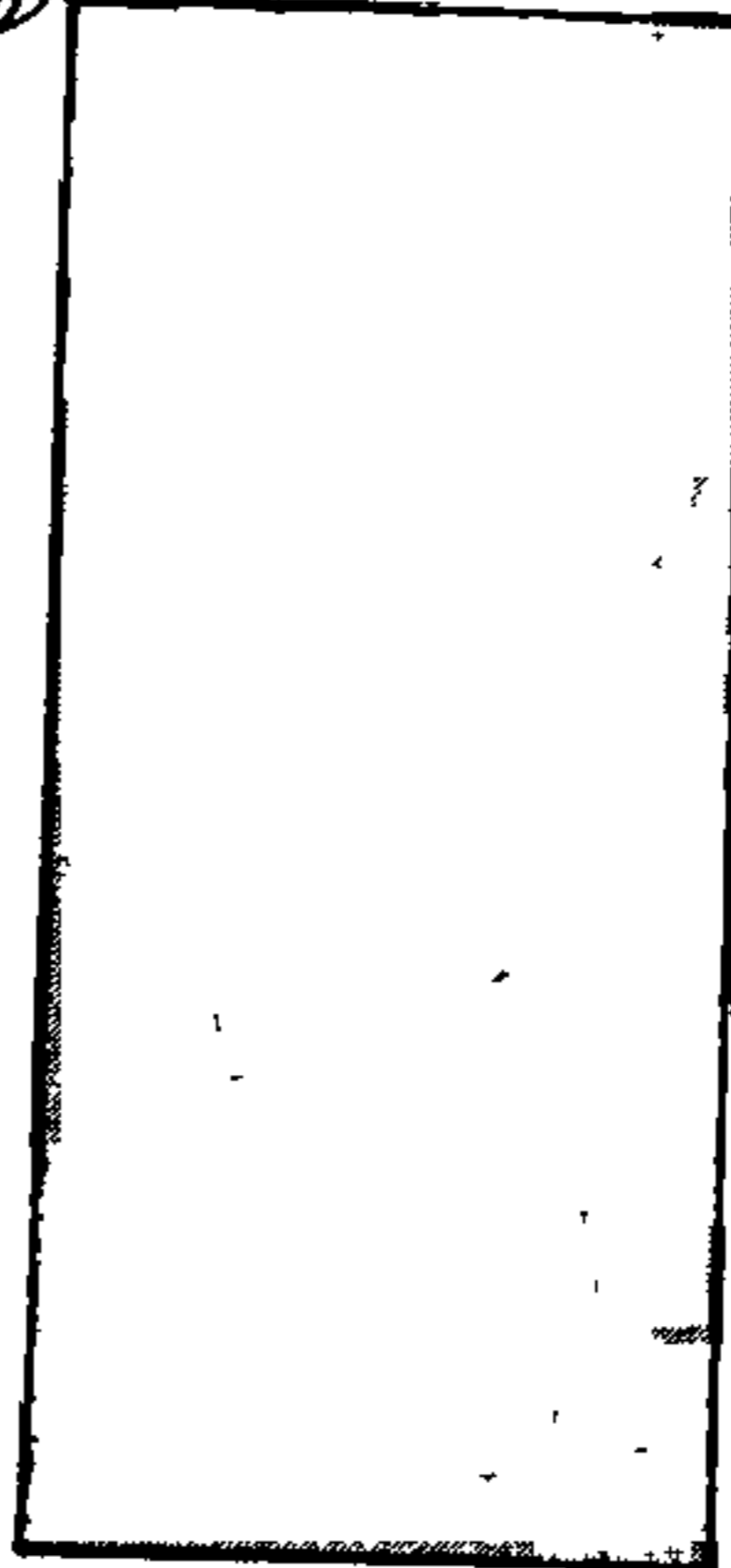
Trouble started on Thursday when the Northern Transvaal Civic Association called for a stayaway in the region and threatened to march to the Lebowa Legislative Assembly in Lebowakgomo on Friday to protest against the continued existence of the homeland system

Ramodike opened the homeland's parliament amid the heavy police presence

Worried ANC officials, who did not want to jeopardise the relationship between Mandela and Ramodike, pleaded with the civic leaders to call off the march.

Although the march did not take place - apparently because of the police presence - shops and other businesses were closed until 1pm

Sources claimed that Joel Netshitenzhu, editor of *Mayibuye*, and Phoko Noka, an ANC veteran, approached civic associ-



Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike.

ation leaders to dissuade them from going ahead with the protest action

They pointed out that regional disputes with homeland leaders could not take precedence over national issues meant to unite people against apartheid.

Civic leaders were initially unmoved and were adamant they would go ahead with their plans, saying they were not bound by decisions agreed between the Lebowa Government and the ANC

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'Blackmail' of homelands

Political Staff

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THE government is applying economic sanctions against those homelands that are not kindly disposed towards it, ANC National Executive Committee member Mr Steve Tshwete alleged at the weekend. Mr Tshwete said the "political blackmail and economic sanctions" were being directed against Transkei and Lebowa, who have been sharply critical of the government.

**ANC: McBride
should be freed**



VEGETABLE gardener Selina Moshala grows the finest beetroot and the best spinach in the northern Transvaal

Subsistence farming is the name of the game

She is one of the lucky 8 per cent in Sekhukuneland who have land for farming, and one of the 30 illiterate and enumerate subsistence farmers whom Operation Hunger has put into business in a far-flung place called Moshala, near Jane Furse

To quote Operation Hunger chief Ina Perlman "Once she was a person who did not raise her eyes much Today she walks tall"

Before Operation Hunger established its resource centre in Lebowa in the drought of 1983, Selina and her family relied on handouts for their meagre existence

Today she not only runs her own business, but has money in the bank from the R300 to R400 she earns from the sale of vegetables after she has fed her family

It is all done without Government subsidy, merely with Operation Hunger expertise, which teaches people to become economically viable — the kind of activity which Minister Kraai van Niekerk went to Kenya to see last week

At Jane Furse, Selina and her colleagues were each allocated about a hundred 2 000 sq m plots to launch their market-garden operations

As part of the organisation's aim to teach self-sufficiency on its 800 community gardens countrywide, the project started at the bottom

The women were taught by Johann Rissik to construct concrete furrows to irrigate by hand pumps — which they could repair themselves — from one of the 100 boreholes sunk by Operation Hunger in the area

They enclosed their gardens with fencing produced by two local women, watered their plots with cans devised by George Makunyane, and transformed their surplus spinach from a cash crop by preserving patties in locally built solar driers

The multi-purpose *leucaena leucocephala*, a plant similar to an acacia, was grown between the beds as a substitute for expensive shade cloth

After 18 months they stripped the side-branches of the fast-growing trees for firewood and used the leaves for animal fodder

Mr Rissik said the aim was to plant 500 000 of the trees a year

Simple farming

Star 17/6/91

saving the day



Reaping the profits . . . less than a decade ago, Selina Moshala of Lebowa was destitute and queuing for food.

Once the vegetable gardens had been established, the focus moved to the lack of protein and dairy products in the people's diet.

Meat was virtually unheard of in diets in that part of the world, but two pregnant nannie goats imported from Operation Hunger's centre in Namaqualand set the ball rolling, providing slaughter stock and milk

Chickens were expensive to feed, so they settled for rabbits, which eat vegetable matter and

provide a meal-in-a-pot

Today the people in the valley below the 70 ha donated by the Anglican Church, and assisted by the Donaldson Trust, buy bricks from the brick-making group at the resource centre and sell their handwork through Operation Hunger outlets

It is hardly life in the fast lane, but it is a minor miracle. People have had their pride restored, their stomachs filled and their pockets lined through their own efforts □

IFP opening offices in Lebowa?

CP News 23/6/91.
CP Correspondent

RUMOURS that the Inkatha Freedom Party is establishing branch offices in Lebowa are gaining credibility.

But if this is happening, the police will not interfere, according to spokesman Lt ML Tihomatsana

He was reacting to claims by the deputy chairman of the Northern Transvaal region of the ANC, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, that IFP supporters had written to the Lebowa Chief Minister asking permission to launch the organisation in Lebowa.

Chieftainship dispute grows

Star 25/6/91

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal
Bureau



PIETERSBURG — Tension is mounting at Mohlalese village in Sekhukhuleni, Lebowa, over a chieftainship dispute

Kenneth Sekhukhune (45) was reinstated as chief in terms of a Pretoria Supreme Court ruling last week, but a faction supporting Ryne Sekhukhune, who was appointed by the Lebowa cabinet in 1989 to replace Chief Kenneth, refuse to accept the decision

Chief Kenneth had been chief since 1976, before being deposed by the Lebowa cabinet

The successful Supreme Court appeal has caused such serious disension that villagers told The Star it could erupt into open violence, and even cause a split in ANC ranks in the area

The Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa has repeated its offer to intervene in this and other chieftainship disputes

Neither of the rivals could be reached for comment

A Sunday newspaper reported that Chief Kenneth, who is blind, had gone into hiding, as he feared he would be assassinated

Police to act against kidnap of boys

C/P/2016/11

POLICE have warned they will take strong action against people who kidnap boys and take them to circumcision schools in Lebowa

As the initiation schools take to the mountains this winter, police in Lebowa are warning that anyone forcing boys to these schools against their will could face charges of kidnapping and abduction

At Ramogwearane near Grobelarsdaal and at Garantho in Sekhukhuniland last weekend, young men stripped to their waists waged fierce street battles – often inflicting bloody injuries – to mark the first week of the initiation schools in the mountains

Stick-fighting ensued, probably to welcome and entertain new initiates

Lebowa Police PRO Lt MN Tlomatsana said although the police respected tribal traditions and culture, they would step in if any reports of abduction were made.

In the past, several youths have been taken to the circumcision schools after being abducted from the streets or their homes

“We choose officers best qualified for such investigations,” said Tlomatsana

An induna who heads a circumcision school of 200 boys said it was against the law and tribal policy to force boys to attend the schools

Youths chase 'drunk' cops

Southern
10/7/91.

TWO allegedly drunk Lebowa police officers who tried to gatecrash a Lutheran church conference at Bochum on Saturday were chased away by youths, it was confirmed yesterday.

Northern Diocese Lutheran Youth Directorate head, Mr Jacob Dikobo, said the two, who include a sergeant, had been blocked at the gate by marshals who were confiscating liquor.

The two resisted and, in the ensuing scuffle,

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

they drew guns and one shot into the air. Our marshals grabbed one of them while the other ran away, scaling the security fence, but leaving his gun behind.

Lebowa police spokesman Captain ML Tlomatsana yesterday confirmed the incident and said the two policemen were members of the reaction unit based at Percy Fyfe, more than 80km from where the incident took

place.

Tlomatsana said a docket had been opened on the basis of information given by the youth leaders. The docket will be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision when investigations are completed.

The police, he said, would also consider a departmental inquiry into the conduct of the two men.

The two had, however, not been suspended "as yet", he added.

Chairman quits in row over bakery

10/7/91
ROBERT LAING (11)

LEBOWA Development Corporation (LDC) chairman Gilles van der Wall resigned yesterday following the homeland cabinet's order that the sale of Lebowa Bakeries (Lebaka) by the LDC to Cape-based bakery group Sasko be reversed.

Van der Wall's resignation was announced in Lebowa's legislative assembly yesterday by Economic Affairs Minister Chief M M Marishane.

Van der Wall said last night he had resigned for personal reasons.

Sasko bought the LDC's 45% share of Lebaka for R14,7m in April and subsequently made an offer of R1,30 to minorities, increasing its holding to 72%.

Marishane said the deal was done without the Lebowa cabinet's knowledge.

A Sasko spokesman said the group had been unaware of the friction between the LDC and the Lebowa cabinet and believed it had made a legitimate transaction.

"In terms of the JSE's takeover codes, the transaction has been signed and paid for. Besides placing financial announcements in the Afrikaans and English Press, we placed announcements in Sotho — a first in SA's financial history."

JSE listings GM Richard Connellan said the legality of the sale would hinge on Van der Wall's authority to sell the company.

"I imagine the LDC chairman would have the authority to sell a subsidiary. I also cannot see how the offer to minorities can be reversed," Connellan said.

By EDYTH BULBRING

GROSS maladministration and political favouritism by Lebowa government officials led to the squandering of more than R1-million of taxpayers' money, a commission heard this week.

The De Meyer Commission into misuse and mismanagement of funds by the Lebowa government is investigating abuses of a vehicle-financing scheme for ministers and members of the Lebowa Legislative Assembly

More than R2,5-million was spent on buying cars under the scheme which started in 1987, the commission, which sat in Lebowakgomo, was told. Commission secretary Hannes Davel said in court this week that an unauthorised R705 000 had been paid out from state funds in insurance for cars bought under the scheme since 1989.

Lebowa Finance Department assistant secretary Matome Rakgoale said the insurance was paid out even though the scheme members had not requested it.

He could not say who had authorised this.

He said the idea was that the insurance money would be recovered from the members. This had not been done and it was unlikely that it would be because the insurance had been paid without the scheme members' knowledge. No interest was charged on the insurance payments.

Unpaid

The commission heard Mercedes-Benzes had been bought for members with government orders in contravention of the scheme.

This enabled ministers to get cars cheaply and to avoid paying excise duty. Unpaid excise duties amounted to R50 000.

Chief Minister's Department official Molefe Tsebane testified that the Deputy Minister of Transport had requested a Mercedes-Benz and had told him it was available in the government car pool.

Mr Tsebane had authorised the purchase of the vehicle although the terms of the scheme specified that an applicant had to buy from a dealer.

Mr Tsebane said he had not known what he had done was wrong as he had not understood the terms of the scheme. He had been handling contracts for five months at the time.

Irregular

Commission chairman Oelof de Meyer said the deputy minister did not qualify for a Mercedes-Benz as his loan allowance was only R41 000. The deputy minister had also not paid an R18 000 excess owed on his previous vehicle, and he did not qualify for a second vehicle until after four years as he was not a full minister.

Mr Tsebane admitted that his actions had been a malpractice and irregular.

Under the rules of the scheme members who lost their seats in the legislative assembly had to pay back the outstanding amounts on their cars. Eight members still owed a total of R216 000.

The commission heard that instalments on the cars were not charged for 13 months after the scheme started.

Accountant for the chief minister JV Chauke said the reason for this was that he did not know how the deductions were supposed to work. He had not understood a letter he had received from the Department of Finance, he said.

The commission heard that some members also

MPS loan scheme was abused, inquiry is told

bought cars that exceeded their loan allowance.

An ordinary member qualified for a R41 000 loan and a cabinet minister was allowed R92 000.

The commission heard that a Mr Moloko had bought a car for R65 000 in 1988 and had still not paid the difference to the Lebowa government.

In a memorandum to the Cabinet it was stated that the purchase of a new Mercedes every two years had

cost the government R918 000, which it could not afford.

Earlier in the week, the commission heard that of 1 130 vehicles bought for the government pool between 1985 and 1989, 254 had gone missing. Of 121 Mercedes-Benzes, there was no record of 18.

Missing

Chief Minister Nelson Ramadike said at the Lebowa show in Septem-

ber last year that 51 government officials had been involved in corruption and misuse of government funds to the tune of R90-million over a long period. The commission, which was appointed by President PW Botha in 1988, has sat for two years.

Last year it discovered that millions of rands earmarked in the 1988 budget for buying school books and stationary had gone missing.

The commission will reconvene on July 23 when it will investigate abuses involved in the granting of liquor and drivers' licences.

'Corrupt' homeland officials blew R1m in illegal car perks

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Reversal of Lebaka sale 'unlikely to succeed'

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THE Lebowa government is unlikely to be able to carry through the order it gave last week that the sale of Lebowa Bakeries (Lebaka) to Sasko be reversed, Securities Regulation Panel executive director Doug Gair said at the weekend. (11)

The cabinet order came 10 days after Sasko's offer of R1,30 a share to Lebaka minority shareholders closed on June 21 and three days after cheques were posted

Gair said the Lebowa government could not take the Lebowa Development Corporation's (LDC) 45% share of Lebaka back from Sasko without reversing the offer to

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minority shareholders as well

"I cannot for the life of me imagine how the sale could be reversed now. Every minority shareholder who accepted the deal would have to return his cheque and accept his shares back. This would result in an enormous number of court cases from shareholders who refused to comply with the Lebowa government's demand"

The order to reverse the sale of Lebaka was announced by Economic Affairs Minister Morwangwatho Marishane

More cops than jobs

LEBOWA has turned down "numerous" applications from policemen seeking to transfer from the South African Police, the homeland's Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike said yesterday.

In his budget speech for the Law and Order Ministry, Ramodike told the homeland's parliament that Lebowa was constrained by financial limitations and the need to accommodate school-leavers unable to obtain employment elsewhere.

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Enlisted

He said 215 men who had recently qualified at the SAP training college in Hammanskraal had been enlisted in the homeland's police force.

Another 180 would be enlisted during the next financial year. - Sapa.

R150 000 lawsuit after man's death

By MONK
NKOMO

A PRETORIA housewife is claiming R150 000 from her husband's former employers for allegedly denying him proper medical care before his death.

Mrs Julia Makalela's lawyers, in a letter of demand to her late husband's employers, Pretoria Portland Cement, submitted that as a result of

the company's negligence, she had suffered loss of support totalling R150 000.

The legal action against the company follows Makalela's death on March 23 this year.

Mrs Makalela's lawyer, in his letter of demand, said Makalela became ill on March 15. He complained of stomach pains

The lawyer, Mr Cyril Morolo, contends that in terms of the company's

policy, employees on sick leave remain at the company's premises where they are treated by their employer's own doctors.

Morolo said Makalela remained at the company's premises where his condition deteriorated.

The company's doctor, Dr Aboo Baker, inquired about his condition on March 19, he said.

"He was advised by your (the company's) Mr Moolman that he was doing well despite his worsening condition,"

said Morolo.

Makalela died on March 23

Mr CJ Grundling, the company's personnel manager, this week said the company had acted responsibly in arranging the necessary medical attention for Makalela.

He said at the time of his death, Makalela was under treatment at the Kalafong Hospital and the cause of his death indicated by a doctor at the institution was kidney and liver failure.

Population explosion will hit Lebowa's agriculture

By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE number of people resident in Lebowa increased by at least 85 000 every year and if the trend continued, land for agricultural use may shrink even further.

This was revealed at a dinner party to mark the end of the Lebowa Population Development Awareness Week held at a Pietersburg hotel.

The bantustan's deputy minister of Health and Population Develop-

ment, Mr MTD Leboho, said if present population increase trends in South Africa continued, the country would have 134 million people by the year 2040.

It was disclosed that information from all but three hospitals in the bantustan showed that 120 babies were born on July 11 alone, bringing

the yearly total to about 85 000.

The resources of the country would not be able to cope with the rapid increase and this would mean suffering for the majority of people, Leboho said.

He said strategies to combat the population explosion still suffered from the politicisation of the measure, as propagated

by Government spokesman over 20 years ago

He said the negotiation process about the political future of the country had to put population development high on the agenda as a failure to do that would mean that the exercise agreed on such forums would be rendered unworkable by the sheer force of numbers.

The dinner was part of the worldwide World Population Day, celebrated on July 11.

Growing confidence boosts Leplat shares

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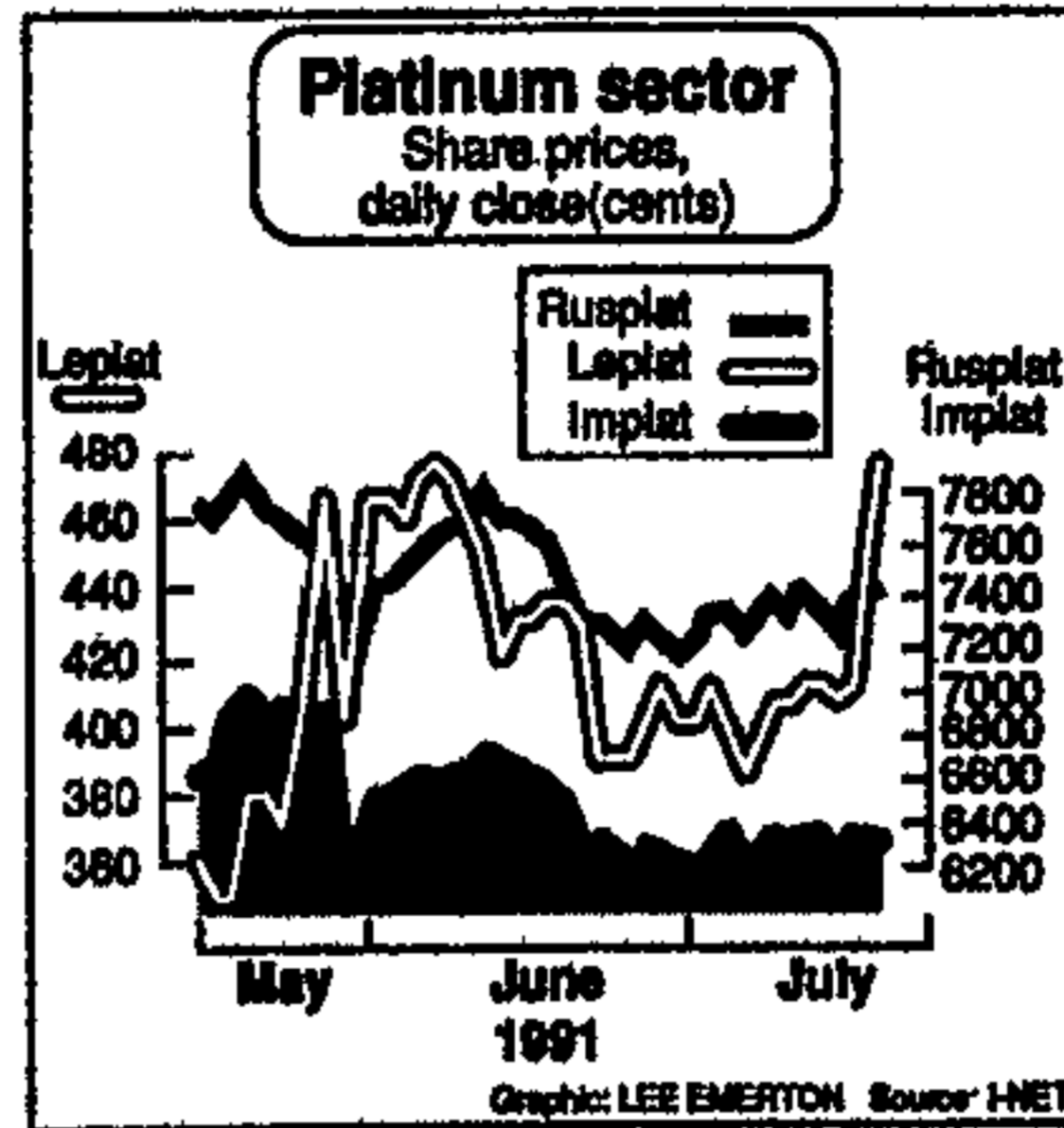
SHARES in JCI's Lebowa Platinum (Leplat) hit a four-month high on the JSE yesterday as market confidence continued to grow over the long-term prospects of Leplat's Platreef open-cast platinum joint venture with Rustenburg Platinum (Rusplat).

Leplat stock closed 5.5% or 25c up at 475c in heavy trading which has characterised dealings in the platinum company's shares for the last 10 days. Nearly 160 000 shares changed hands yesterday.

Leplat's performance is in contrast to the sluggish movement of market leaders Rusplat and Impala Platinum in a sector dogged by signs that the use of platinum and rhodium will be sidelined in the production of car catalysts. At least 40% of platinum production is earmarked for the car industry, and the metal is currently trading with a narrow premium over gold.

Irish & Co analyst David Russell said yesterday Platreef was rich in palladium relative to the Merensky and UG2 reefs mined by Rusplats and Implats, and so was particularly well placed to benefit from new developments in the motor industry.

Developments in Japan and the US in catalyst manufacture and the development of "clean" petrol indicate catalysts in future will require only the cheaper palladium to absorb noxious exhaust emissions.



Yesterday's afternoon platinum fix was \$390.40, with palladium at \$94.90.

Davis Borkum Hare analyst Alex Wagner said the market was eagerly awaiting an expected Leplat announcement on how Platreef would be financed. While it was not the best time for a rights issue given Leplat stock was 50% down from levels at this time last year, Leplat already had a heavy debt burden and loan financing for the new project would put the company in a more dangerous position.

He said the high volumes being traded suggested a large institution was taking advantage of Leplat's relative low price and Platreef's good prospects.



Happiness is . . . Grace Sekhu's (right) efforts and the plight of her own child made the Grace an Hope Centre possible.

Lebowa school for ^{Star}handicapped symbol of mom's grit

SESHEGO — The Grace and Hope Centre, a school for mentally handicapped children in Lebowa, is a monument to the initiative of one woman, Grace Sekhu.

When doctors told Mrs Sekhu that her son, Mpho, would not be able to attend school like other children because he was mentally handicapped, she decided to do something about his plight. Through her efforts, the centre was established this year.

A teacher by profession, Mrs Sekhu said she was touched when she realised that without adequate care, these children would feel useless and unwanted. She visited several local primary schools in Seshego to determine whether they had mentally handicapped children.

A committee was elected at a meeting of parents, and the Lebowa Education Department was contacted about the establishment of a school. The department gave its consent, though it did not have any funds.

Undaunted, the committee secured donations of at least R250 000 from two prominent companies for the first phase of the project.

Mrs Sekhu said she was happy with the progress made so far. The school will have five staff members and a qualified nurse. Mrs Sekhu is the principal — Northern Transvaal Bureau

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budget

LEBOWA's Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology, Chief MM Marishane, presented a budget of R28,4 million for his department in the homeland's Legislative Assembly yesterday

Of this amount, R20,8 million will be used for the Lebowa Development Corporation, while R2,5 million will be used for general administration

In his speech, Marishane said because of the recession, unemployment in South Africa and Lebowa was assuming alarming proportions

Marishane said the realisation by the South African Government that it was fruitless to continue with the development of the self-governing territories brought more emphasis on regional development. - Sapa

Ramodike starts group that clones Azapo aims, objectives

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has formed an organisation known as the United Peoples Front, whose aims and objectives are almost similar to those of the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

The UPF has been distributing membership cards to elderly people at pension payout points, according to pensioners spoken to.

The pensioners say they were told the cards should be produced at pension payouts, while those without the cards run the risk of losing their pensions.

The UPF says it aims "to conscientise, politicise and mobilise the people towards a non-ethnic United States of Africa".

Azapo documents say it aims "to conscientise, politicise and mobilise black workers through the philosophy of Black Consciousness in order to strive for their legitimate rights".

Word for word

Other aims and objectives, save for where Azapo speaks of Azania, are the same word for word.

Responding to enquiries yesterday, UPF chairman Mr Makwatanyana Moroamoche, Lebowa's Minister of Justice, said the organisation was formed in March but had not yet been launched.

He said membership was "swelling", with signed up members numbering between 40 000 and 50 000.

He said the UPF had "good relationships" with the liberation movements.

Moroamoche laughed when asked about the similarity of goals with those of Azapo. "The similarity proves similar political feelings," he said.

Azapo secretary general Mr Don Nkadimeng said it was interesting that Ramodike, who has a very close working relationship with the ANC, had chosen Azapo's aims and objectives.

Resign

"If it reflects a shift in perspective, a growth in political understanding of the political problem in this country and the need on his part to join Azapo, he should be informed that the proper thing is to first resign from the State machinery and then apply for membership," Nkadimeng said.

The UPF has been a subject of whispers since Ramodike summoned school principals to the Chuene Resort two months ago and told them to join. One principal said Ramodike had told them the UPF had the blessing of the ANC leadership.

However, ANC regional media spokesman in the region, Mr Stan Mounie, yesterday distanced the ANC from the UPF, saying no one in the region was aware of a such approval.

MPs 'acquired liquor licences illegally'

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LEBOWA Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike obtained liquor licences in violation of regulations that prohibited public servants and cabinet ministers from owning liquor outlets.

Testifying before the Demeyer commission of

By MATHATHA
TSEDU

inquiry into financial irregularities, investigator Mr HF Moller said, when the commission started investigations into liquor licences, Ramodike's cab-

inet had introduced a Bill to amend the relevant clauses and backdate it to 1973

The amendment, which has not yet been passed, would regularise the anomaly and make the licences legal. He said several ministers and ex-ministers as well as ordinary MPs, all of whom were prohibited by law from doing so, had liquor licences.

Ramodike had two, while former police minister Mr MJ Duba had four. Former finance minister Chief LC Mothiba had obtained one during his tenure of office.

Moller said government officials, also



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prohibited from owning liquor outlets, had used proxies to obtain them.

In one case quoted to the commission, Secretary for Justice Mr JM Lekoloane had presided over a liquor board meeting where an application by his mother was heard and granted.

ANC, UPF in Nebo row

CONFRONTATION is looming between Lebowa's Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike, his United People's Front and the ANC branch in Phokwane, Nebo

An organiser for UPF, Bricks Moahi, who is also a clerk at Nebo magistrate offices, is being accused by the ANC of recruiting pensioners, hawkers and civil servants by promising them bonuses, trading licences and scholarships.

Moahi denies the allegations

"If any newspaper or the ANC propagates false information about my role in the UPF, I shall take the matter to court," he threatened

He would not attend today's meeting called by the ANC at Phokwane to discuss the allegations

Ramodike recently dismissed allegations that Pretoria funded his party to undermine the ANC - CP Correspondent

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Ramodike faces assault charge

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has been charged with assault

This follows an incident at Lenyenye township near Tzaneen on Sunday night involving an ANC Youth League member

Senior police officers in Lebowakgomo were tightlipped about the matter yesterday, referring all enquiries to Ramodike's office.

But a police officer at Lenyenye police station confirmed that a docket had been opened after a charge was laid by Mr. Seripane "Dada" Tlhokwe, a university student living in Ramodike's area of the township

Sowetan established that Ramodike was at the police station yesterday morning and was to have appeared in court but he did not

Court sources said he had been to the Lenyenye magistrate's office and police apparently told him the case would not be heard yesterday.

He is expected to appear either today or tomorrow, court sources said.

Sources said Ramodike met Tlhokwe on Sunday evening. An argument allegedly ensued and several blows were thrown after which Tlhokwe laid charges

Ramodike was not in his office yesterday and his secretary said he would not be coming in

Police liaison officer for Lebowa Captan LM Tlomatsana referred all enquiries about the incident to a Brigadier Maletse, who said he was not aware of the case.

Asked to check the story Maletse said if the case involved the chief minister, who is also minister of police, enquiries should be referred to Ramodike's office

Asked why the police could not confirm that a charge had been laid, Maletse said *Sowetan* should contact Ramodike's public relations division

Asked whether that division now handled police enquiries, Maletse said we should speak to Tlomatsana

This reporter held the phone for four minutes before a policeman told him Tlomatsana could not be traced

Brigadier A J Mojela confirmed that Malatu had already reported for duty at Acornhoek.

Lieutenant N Mashietsho, the investigating officer in the case in which Ramodike is charged with assaulting a teacher last Sunday, was transferred to Mankweng, about 100km away.

Four other policemen, a lieutenant and three sergeants, were also given transfers.

Mojela confirmed for the first time yesterday that a charge against Ramodike, who is also Minister of Police, had been laid and was being investigated.

A senior police officer on Monday refused to confirm the charge laid by ANC member Mr Ronnie Tlhokwe and referred all enquiries to Ramodike's office.

Ramodike was due to have appeared in court yesterday, but Mojela said he did not think that would happen soon.

A police officer who identified himself as the station commander at Lenyenyé said yesterday the matter would not come before court this week.

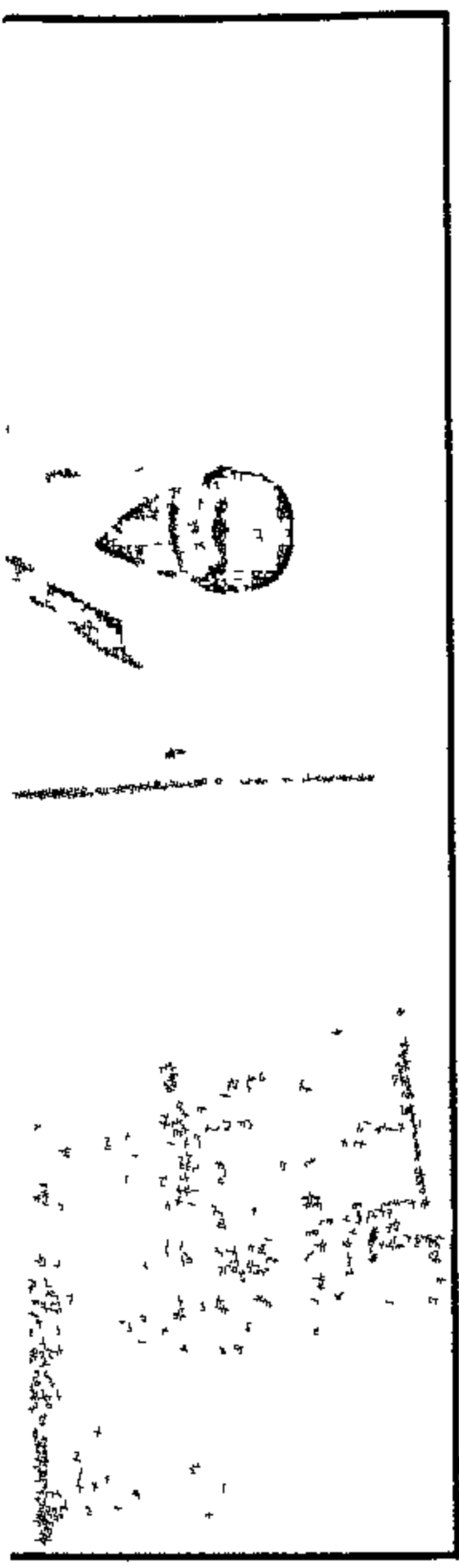
All traffic officers in the district were summoned to the Lenyenyé police station yesterday morning but it could not be established why.

In an apparent response to the controversy, pamphlets were distributed in Lenyenyé on Monday, calling for the boycott of Ramodike's businesses.

Issued by an unknown organisation calling itself "UZ Plan Underground Units", the pamphlets said Ramodike had ordered police to harass activists in the area to pave the way for his United Peoples Front.

The atmosphere is tense in the township, where the South African Democratic Teachers Union has planned a rally as part of the nationwide day of action for teachers.

Previous attempts by the organisation and other non-governmental structures to hold meetings in the area have led to clashes with police and UPF members.



SIX policemen, one of them investigating assault charges against Lebowa leader Mr Nelson Ramodike, were transferred from Lenyenyé on Monday after a dock-et was opened against the homeland leader. Also affected by the move is station commander of the Lenyenyé police station, Cap-

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tain M Malatu, who has been transferred to Acornhoek, about 200km away.

The six received telephone calls informing them of their transfer - effective from yesterday morning - on Monday afternoon about 4.30pm, sources said.

Lebowa police deputy commissioner

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The ANC, the army and the KINGS OF THE KRAALS

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CHIEF MABOE MASEMOLA is a woman in the middle.

Situated discreetly behind her Lebowa kraal is a South African army encampment of over 20 soldiers who, she says, protect her from a faction in the village which wants to oust her.

Down the road from her kraal lives her brother, Thokwe Mase-murule, an ANC organiser in the region and a trained MK soldier. He says the army presence prevents him from organising an ANC branch in the village.

Here is the irony Chief Mase-mola says she supports the ANC. But her survival as chief of the Bapedi people living in 13 villages in the south of Lebowa depends on the SADF.

Trouble

Chief Mase-mola's bind is not uncommon throughout the Lebowa homeland and reflects that it is not so much ideology that determines the battle lines in these rural areas but personal power.

More than 80 percent of Lebowa chiefs claim to be members of the ANC-aligned Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) but, beneath the rhetoric, many of them do not oppose the army presence because it suits them.

And the chiefs' determination to retain their positions seems to suit the SADF, whose presence in villages throughout Lebowa serves as a cold shower to ANC activity.

EDYTH BULBRING reports on a slice of rural South Africa where politics are anything but predictable

The simple reality is that, in many areas, the chiefs, Contralesa members or not, have become unpopular with their supporters because of corruption and unfair taxation.

Chief Mase-mola's position in the village is tenuous. Being a woman, she cannot attend the meetings of the councillors, and is consulted by the councillors only when a decision is needed.

She became chief two years ago when her husband, the chief, died. Shortly afterwards, a group of teachers and pupils marched to her kraal waving an ANC flag demanding that she stop the traditional practice of circumcising and stand down as chief. They also demanded that the practice of unpaid labour for the chief be scrapped.

It was only days after this incident that the South African army arrived and set up a base in the village. Chief Mase-mola says she has no idea who called them, and an army officer will only talk vaguely of "consultation" preceding the platoon's arrival.

At first Chief Mase-mola and her subjects were not happy with the SADF presence, but now relations were harmonious, she said. The SADF, explained Chief Mase-mola, was in the village to

Island for undergoing military training and furthering the aims of a banned organisation.

He said his task of organising the ANC branch in the village was difficult as people felt intimidated by the soldiers.

A meeting held in April at one of the other villages under his sister's control was disrupted by the army and he was arrested and taken to his sister. He was released on her instructions.

Chief Maphiapha, of the Gama Maphiapha village over the mountain, was also questioned by SA security police in July after he signed the ANC's signature campaign for an interim government.

Chief Mase-mola allows ANC activities in her villages — ANC meetings are held at her kraal — but does not actively encourage or discourage them. There are, however, those who do promote the organisation.

Chief Tserere is one. He has ruled his Mphanama tribe for 16 years and says he has been an ANC member since 1956. In his village he has an active civic organisation, which works with his councillors, and an ANC branch of which he is a member. He says he encourages his people to follow him into the ANC.

Relations with the civic organisation are good, he says — but only as long as the civics do not challenge his traditional authority.

For, while Chief Tserere welcomes "democratic" change, there is one thing he will not

do: he will not allow the ANC to take over the village.



THREATENED Maboe Mase-mola stand for — an undermining of his authority.

If anyone tried to undermine Chief Tserere, he would "face the bullets".

"If the tradition of chiefs dies then the tradition of queens in England must die. Even the ANC cannot intervene in this tradition. That would lead to bloodshed," he said.

Chief Tserere's critics do not take him lightly. He served 12 years in prison for killing his sister. Her crime: trying to sell the traditional land to white property owners.

Chief Tserere graciously insisted that we observe protocol by eating a meal before he allowed us to go. We ate the full plate of goat meat under his gaze as he explained the depth of his loyalty to the ANC.

Recently Lebowa Chief Mminster Nelson Ramodike launched a

political party in the homeland called the United People's Front — an attempt to forestall a strong ANC presence in the territory and create for himself a negotiating platform during constitutional talks.

Chief Tserere was approached by officials from the United People's Front asking him to join. They promised him cars and money if he did so.

He told them: "In our tradition, only a wife can be bought". He has 10 wives and 39 children.

Northern Transvaal ANC official Lawrence Phokanoka says he expects that there will be tension between the two organisations, but that things will settle down in the long run.

Intense

Chief Alfred Kekana is also a Lebowan. He is easy-going about most things — neither complaining about the army's presence (although he believes they broke protocol by not asking permission to camp in his area) nor fiery in his support for the ANC of which, he claims, he is a member.

Where he does become intense, however, is when he talks about his own position of power.

"Any government that can ever dream of abolishing chieftainship is making a grievous mistake because we will stand up and fight. Chiefs are royal blood," he says.

Mr Phokanoka says the strategy of the anti-apartheid movement towards chiefs has changed



FIERY Alfred Kekana says chiefs will fight to retain their power —

since the unbanning of the ANC. Where there was an attitude of confrontation, this had changed to attempting to win the chiefs over to the ANC, he said.

If anything, co-operation but no less intense.

Out – the chief who never was

By SOPHIE TEMA *C/Pres 18/8/91*



THE tribal dispute over the paramountcy of the Babina-Noko-Ba-Mohlaletse in Sekhukhuneland is now almost over. The Pretoria Supreme Court ruled that Kgosi Kgagudi Kenneth Sekhukhune remains the leader of the tribe.

As both players in this drama bear the surname Sekhukhune, the court referred to them as "Rhyne" and "KK".

Pretoria Supreme Court was asked to decide who was the rightful ruler of the Marota tribe after KK, who had ruled his people for 14 years, was deposed by Lebowa's Chief Minister, Nelson Ramodike.

According to tribal law, appointment of a kgosi, or acting chief, rests with the Bakgoma and Bakgomana of the tribe.

When chief Morwamoche died in 1965, Rhyne was still at school.

Afraid that those who were in line for chieftainship might later not be willing to relinquish the position in favour of the heir apparent, Rhyne and the Bakgomana of the tribe appointed his mother Mankopodi – who was acting chieftainess – to act on his behalf for five years. This was approved by the South African Government.

Confusion over the Sekhukhuneland paramountcy started in July 1974 when the tribe decided that Rhyne Thulare should take over as leader of his people. He refused.

Many attempts were made by the tribe to get Rhyne to take over the leadership of his people and on March 4, 1976, a magistrate, instructed by the Cabinet, called a meeting of some Bakgomana at Schoonoord to witness the handing over of Rhyne's letter of appointment.

On Rhyne's return to Maroteng his mother refused to abdicate, saying the decision on if and when the chieftainship should be transferred to Rhyne was her prerogative and not that of the Bakgomana. After that there was a long struggle to get Rhyne to become ruler. It ended in deadlock when Rhyne refused to accept chieftainship without the consent of his mother, who still refused to abdicate.

Eventually the then Chief Minister, Cedric Phatudi, pressured Mankopodi and she reluctantly agreed to step down. Rhyne agreed to take up chieftainship but never did.

When it became clear that Rhyne was not prepared to take over the leadership, KK was appointed.

On October 7, 1976, the State President confirmed the deposition of Rhyne and the appointment of KK as acting chief, but in 1982 Rhyne wrote to the magistrate from Katlehong, saying he wanted his chieftainship back.



Chief KK Kgagudi ... remains the chief.

Elderly 'shy off political bodies' (141)

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HORRIBLE stories of torture, intimidation and arson have led traditional leaders to question their future role in a new South Africa

Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike said this at the weekend while addressing a meeting of school principals and *mogoshis* in Lebowakgomo

The elderly population had become increasingly alienated from some political organisations because of the conduct of self-imposed leaders acting under the cloak of these organisation

He said his United People's Front was formed in consultation with the leadership of the African National Congress

"It would prove inconsistent of us to do the opposite of what we have been preaching all along," adding that their political alliance was guided by their views and objectives for the future

He said reports that the UPF was formed to establish ANC presence in the territory was "mere speculation"
- Sapa

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Helen has helped keep the wolf at bay for 20 years

FOR Mrs Helen Mkhabela, the past 20 years have been devoted to keeping hunger away from the homes of her neighbours in the remote areas of Lebowa in the northern Transvaal.

Mkhabela's selfless devotion to upgrading her community has resulted in an opening of a creche, a sewing school for drop-outs and young unemployed married women.

Her efforts resulted in the formation of the Ithutsheng Women's Project, a community-based organisation to oversee the projects.

"When I arrived in Glen Cowie I was shocked to find that people used to sit at home doing nothing while their children suffered from hunger," she said.

"It was not until 1972 that I started a sewing club with eight other women. Soon after that the local hospital offered us patterns and an outlet to sell our handiwork."

To supplement the income from sewing Mkhabela encouraged women to try beadwork and initiated home gardens in backyards. To further her farming knowledge Mkhabela left her 10

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NATION BUILDING

The power is in your hands

By PHANGISILE
MTSHALI

children and husband in Glen Cowie to attend an agricultural course in LebowaKgomo.

Although there is a shortage of water in the area, the vegetable garden continues and its products are used by the creche.

Since she started on her mission to get a better deal for the women in Lebowa's rural areas, Mkhabela has started projects in seven villages. They include knitting and sewing clubs, garden schemes and candle making.

For this 56-year-old mother of 10, the day starts at 4am, for she has to take care of her family and her community.

Every week she walks to nearby villages to encourage the women to continue with their projects and help them when they have problems.

Among the endless list of projects, Mkhabela is credited with starting the first formal pit toilets,



HELEN MKHABELA

which she encouraged women to build from dried mielie stalks.

She also started a tree planting project in which children from the creche and the village's primary school plant and look after the trees.

The Thlahlane Dress-making School, which was taken over by the Lebowa Department of Education and Culture in 1978, was started by Mkhabela in 1973 to teach skills to young people who could not afford tertiary education.

Medical services in 'chaos'

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RURAL health services in Lebowa are in chaos and authorities are doing nothing to help, claim medical personnel.

A shortage of doctors, lack of modern equipment and a breakdown of ambulance services are seen as the main problems while the "unstrategic" allocation of government funds is allegedly one of the root causes.

A Tzaneen doctor said the opening of a new R11 million hospital in the Lenyenye area, while an existing hospital 2km away was not fully utilised, was an example of unstrategic spending.

Threat

He said the upgrading of existing hospitals, clinics and ambulance services would have been more logical

Clinic nurses in the Sekhukhuneland area recently threatened to go on strike unless something drastic was done.

The situation was highlighted recently when a woman gave birth to her baby in a private car, after waiting for five hours at a clinic for an ambulance to take her to the Jane Furse Hospital

Several of the hospital's ambulances were not working, the medical superintendent, Dr Stewart Pringle, said.

Sowetan Correspondent

A week later a critically injured three-year-old girl requiring intensive care had to be transported 260km in a private car from Sekhukhuneland to the Garankuwa Hospital near Pretoria, after ambulances were declared mechanically unfit to undertake the journey.

Several Lebowa ambulance drivers told *Sowetan's* sister newspaper, *The Star*, they had been repeatedly fined by traffic officers for vehicle defects.

The superintendent of Saint Rita's Hospital at Glen Cowie said it was not unusual to have patients sleeping on the floor, as there were not enough beds

He also disclosed that motor accident victims often had to be discharged prematurely into the care of clinics.

Medical equipment in the hospital's theatre and laboratory were old and inefficient, he claimed.

Lebowa's Secretary for Health Services, Dr DM Itsweng, has denied any knowledge of poor ambulance services in the region.

Lebowa Minister of Health Mr Boleu Ram-mupudu has admitted there is a serious shortage of doctors in Lebowa.

Promise

However, he did not indicate what steps were being taken to alleviate the position.

A spokesman for the office of Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike promised an official response.

Meanwhile the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry into Lebowa government finances is continuing. Spending on medical services is expected to come under scrutiny soon.

NCC and Vista may lock horns

Sowetan 26/8/91

CONFRONTATION looms between Vista University, Soweto and the National Co-ordinating Committee which has declared this week a "week of action", to address the accommodation crisis.

NCC publicity secretary Mr Tony Chiloane said this followed the university's reluctance to address students' demands through negotiations.

The demands include residences for students, a spacious library with adequate facilities, the resignation of university chancellor Dr RN Gugushe and a review of admission and exclusion policies.

Students' mass action will include squatting on the campus, picketing, demonstrations and sit-ins.

The campus director, Professor DJP Koekemoer, said violation of the law and danger to the safety of the campus could not be tolerated.

He said the university would not allow students to sleep on campus, erect squatter shacks or to occupy buildings

By XOLANI MAKWEDINI and PHANGISILE MTSHALI

He said the campus management failed to understand what would be achieved by the planned action as all grievances are being taken seriously by campus and university management.

Meanwhile, MATHATHA TSEDU reports the South African Democratic Teachers Union has called an indefinite sit-in by Lebowa teachers to force the government to improve school facilities.

Sadtu regional deputy chairman for the Northern Transvaal Mr Machike Thobejane said the action would involve sit-ins at head and circuit offices of the Lebowa education department, a ban on school visits by inspectors and calls for the resignation of Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike and other education officials.

He said the action would last "for as long as it takes the government to meet our demands. Our return to work depends on the department".

Education crisis meeting

Sowetan 28/8/91.
PIETERSBURG - A South African Democratic Teachers' Union delegation has met the Lebowa Cabinet to discuss the education crisis in the homeland. Lebowa Education Department spokesman, Mr Enoch Maponya, said yesterday the meeting comes after accusations by Sadtu that the Lebowa government failed to address problems at the CN Phatudi College and demands by the union that Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike and Director of Education Isaac Mateme

should resign.

Sadtu has also demanded that 45 lecturers, dismissed from the college for allegedly implicating the rector in certain corruption charges, should be reinstated.

Meanwhile, teachers in the Sekhukune area agreed on Monday, after a meeting with inspectors and senior police officers, to stop picketing the education department's circuit offices. But they have insisted on continuing their "chalk down" strike. - *Sowetan Correspondent*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM

Killer mine's owners sought

Sowetan 5/9/91

OPERATION Hunger yesterday appealed to journalists to help locate owners of an asbestos mine responsible for the outbreak of the deadly disease asbestosis among GaMathabatha residents near Lebowa.

Mrs Ina Perlman, executive director of the organisation, said of the dying GaMathabatha residents: "There are men, women, and children.

By MZIMASI NGUDLE

"They have no compensation, they are destitute. In the two years I have visited the area, eight have already died. There are another two, at least, who will not see out this year.

Women

"Initially I could not understand why the women were so often the

worst affected, because they were not the miners," Perlman said, "until I realised that asbestos is mined in slabs and that the women were employed to chip at these slabs and reduce them to fine powder in this process.

"We cannot track down the owners of the mine and, therefore, cannot get information on their employment records."

Union warns

Villagers stricken by deadly asbestosis

AFRICA

By Brian Sokutu

At least 100 residents of Ga-Mathabatha, a village near Chuneespoort in Lebowa, are suffering from the deadly disease asbestosis which has claimed the lives of eight people in two years, according to Operation Hunger

The organisation's executive director, Ina Perlman, described her visit to the area last week as "one of the worst days I have ever spent"

"It was a day when I came home convinced that the greatest sin of all was greed," Mrs Perlman said.

She said there were about 100 people in the village and a nearby squatter camp, who came from the now closed Bewaarskloof mine, "dying of or who will probably die of asbestosis"

The families, among them children, were destitute, had no compensation and depended on minimal rations from Operation Hunger, she said

Mrs Perlman said earlier she could not understand why women were the worst affected although they were not miners

"It was until I realised that asbestos is mined in slabs and that the women were employed to chip at these slabs and re-

duce them to fine powder in the process Children who played around while their mothers worked were exposed to the dust they inhaled"

Among the victims was a woman whose husband died of asbestosis a month ago.

"She is already too weak to walk and fetch water from the tap The village children fill up tubs of water for her once a week In exchange she gives them a pigeon, one of the remaining from the flock that was her husband's pride and joy"

The owners of the mine have not yet been reached for comment

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Magistrate in lavatory row

A ROW has broken out between a black land surveyor employed by the Lebowa government and the white chief magistrate of Bushbuckridge, over the alleged restricted use of a toilet.

Mr Raleigh Maesela, a land surveyor based in Lebowakgomo, said he had been directed to use a toilet used by black staff only while attending a meeting with chief magistrate Mr JC Venter.

"The meeting was in Venter's office and when I asked for a toilet, a black official was directed

to take me to a blacks only toilet. Later as the meeting went on, the chief planner who had come with us, a Mr Lerm, asked for a toilet and Venter took out keys from his briefcase and directed Lerm to a toilet nearby," Maesela said.

Maesela said when he inquired from black officials who work in the offices, he was told the toilet was exclusively reserved for Venter.

"They also said he told them, when he took the keys, that anyone wishing to use it could come and get the key from his office. But I was there and he did not offer the key to me. This sounds very racist to me," he said.

Venter confirmed the incident but denied that the toilet was reserved for whites only. Venter said Maesela had asked a black agricultural official for a toilet and they had gone out together.

"The white man asked me personally for the

toilet and that is why I gave him keys to my toilet. I am entitled to a separate toilet as a chief magistrate but any senior official who comes to my office and needs a toilet can use it.

"I have been working with these people for a very long time and there is no such thing as de- scribed I am going to take this matter up with this man's department because I am very perturbed by all this. It is unbelievable", Venter said.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

5/9/91

Go to the North and become wise. I was soon to learn this as I accepted an invitation to address academics from Lebowa's education department this week.

To me and many who became politically active during the Black Consciousness era in the late sixties and early seventies, anything associated with homelands was taboo.

Was it not I, who, not many years ago, strongly condemned the homeland system as an extension of white supremacy? Homelands were places where blacks were deliberately dumped to starve to death, where government officials were known for their opulent standards of living at the expense of ordinary people.

Where nobody dared question authority - and those who did ended up in detention. Many simply disappeared from the face of earth. Authoritarianism ruled.

MY WAY

With Khulu Sibiyi

Lebowa's Lessons

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labour movement, teachers' unions and political groupings is commendable. These signals should go directly to the National Party government and the liberation movements the once-forgotten people in the so-called self-governing states also want a stake in the future democratic South Africa.

People in Lebowa, like the rest of the homelands, are sick and tired of the crumbs from the master's table. They want the whole system to change.

They don't want to be dictated to, and don't want decisions taken on their behalf. They want to be consulted and brought into the negotiation table.

My great trek to the north was a most refreshing experience. It brought back memories of the great chiefs of that part of the world who resisted, but were defeated by, the Boers.

It is these sentiments that people like FW de Klerk, Andries Treurnicht, Eugene Terre'Blanche and others would never know.

I was impressed to hear political issues being debated openly. The future of the homelands is on everybody's mind. Gone are the days when people in the homelands would talk in whispers when discussing politics. Gone, too, are the days when students' grievances would be greeted with the wrath of the security police.

It was pleasing to hear Lebowa's deputy education Minister talk earnestly about changes and the new order he expects to see in Lebowa. For him to encourage changes in the

there to play a meaningful role in assisting their people with education, political awareness, social upliftment and moral support.

They did this successfully. The educationists in that part of the world are not the puppets we have loosely labelled them. They are equally aware of the inferior education given to blacks in this country. They're aware of the lack of resources at most homeland schools. And, despite the problems, they are still committed to educating their people

supreme. I resented the homeland system and I still do. The people who designed this system and the puppets who readily accepted it must be judged by history as this country's most inhumane and cruel species. However, most of us overlooked the people out there who could put some of our politicians to shame.

It was not by choice that they lived in these homelands. It was their ancestral land, their God-given land. Others, of course, were

Former Turf rector dies

By MATHATHA TSEDU

9/9/91
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FORMER University of the North rector, Professor Phinius Mokgokong (68), died of a heart attack at his Mankweng home in Turf loop on Friday.

His son, Mr Noko Mokgokong said yesterday his father would be buried on Saturday.

Mokgokong headed the university for ten years.

He also served in several financial institutions including the Lebowa Development Corporation (LDC) and Lebaka, the first "black" company to be listed on the JSE.

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Villagers execute man over rituals

By CP Correspondent

VILLAGERS at Gaseotela in Sekhukhuneland tied 46-year-old Bakeng Makgata to a tree in the Chief's yard and killed him with an assortment of weapons

He had been sentenced to death by a tribal court for interfering with circumcision rituals for young girls and threatening to stab naked women

Lébowa police liaison officer Capt Mohlavi Thomatsana said: "The policemen who went there were overwhelmed by a mob of about 200

"They were able to disperse the crowd and fetched reinforcements. They then untied Makgata and rushed him to hospital, but he was dead on arrival"

This week Chief Kgoloko Frans Seopela, 68; Letswika Alfred Tema, 33; Motshekedi Samuel Taba, 33, Jonas Msavilo Mohlala, 67; and Mapuru Philemon Lekgau, 56; made a brief appearance in the Sekhukhune Magistrate's Court.

They were not asked to plead and were released on R300 bail. The five were told to appear again in court on October 2

Villagers escorted them away

Lebowa Sowetan fares up

24/9/91

LEBOWA Transport has announced it will increase its bus fares by 10 per cent from September 30

A company spokesman said on Sunday LT had been forced to absorb most of its operating costs in the past and could not afford to do so again

The decision was taken after a meeting with the Far Northern Transvaal Transport Committee and several community organisations - *South African Press Association*

Lebowa bars educationist

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By MATHATHA
TSEDU

A DIRECTOR of Education in Lebowa, Dr Mabu Isaac Mateme, who complained of being overlooked by his minister, has been suspended from duty and charged with misconduct.

The suspension followed Mateme's decision not to carry out instructions relating to the controversy over lecturers at Dr CN Phatudi College of Education, an issue that led to a teachers' strike.

Ironically, Mateme's dismissal is one of the demands tabled by Sadtu for the strike. His suspension, without any hearing, has angered many senior officials and their discontent is believed to be behind the transfer of Education Minister Mr MF Ledwaba from the department in a cabinet reshuffle two weeks ago.

Instructions

Mateme (45), who holds a Ph D degree in education from the Michigan state university in the US and a diploma in education management from the same university, confirmed that he had been suspended and also that he had refused to carry out instructions concerning CN Phatudi lecturers.

Information at the disposal of *Sowetan* reveals that, following a meeting between Ledwaba and Mateme with representatives of the Colleges Students Representative Councils on June 20, Ledwaba allegedly agreed to sign a declaration drafted by the students, calling on the department to dismiss 36 lecturers if they refused to resume work.

Mateme is said to have been against the wording of the declaration but had been overruled by Ledwaba, who allegedly said he would sign it.

Sowetan was shown a copy of the memorandum signed by Mateme Sadtu 15 demanding that the 36 lecturers be reinstated and blames Mateme for their dismissal.

Ledwaba said he was no longer in charge of education and could therefore not comment on matters affecting that department.

Allegations

Told that the allegations concerned him personally and that they affected Mateme, Ledwaba replied "I have no comment to make. You can go ahead and publish the allegations."

Mateme informed education secretary Dr SM Rabothata on June 24 in a memorandum that he would no longer involve himself in the issues surrounding the lecturers at CN Phatudi college because he was being made to implement decisions about which he was not consulted.

He said he also found the decisions inconsistent.

Sowetan can reveal that the Lebowa cabinet discussed Mateme's decision on July 30 and recommended, in a cabinet decision No 237/91, that the matter be dealt with in terms of provisions of the Public Service Act.

Ramodike ready to leave ANC?

C/Pren 29/9/91. (111)

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

IS Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike headed for a breakaway from the ANC?

Although his press liaison officer Kwena Setate denies this, the minister's utterances in a television programme this week suggests that all was not well between him and the ANC.

The ANC's Northern Transvaal media officer, Stan Motimele, said it all started about two months back when Ramodike, a card-carrying member, was suspended from the ANC after he allegedly convened a public meeting, claiming it had been called by ANC president Nelson Mandela.

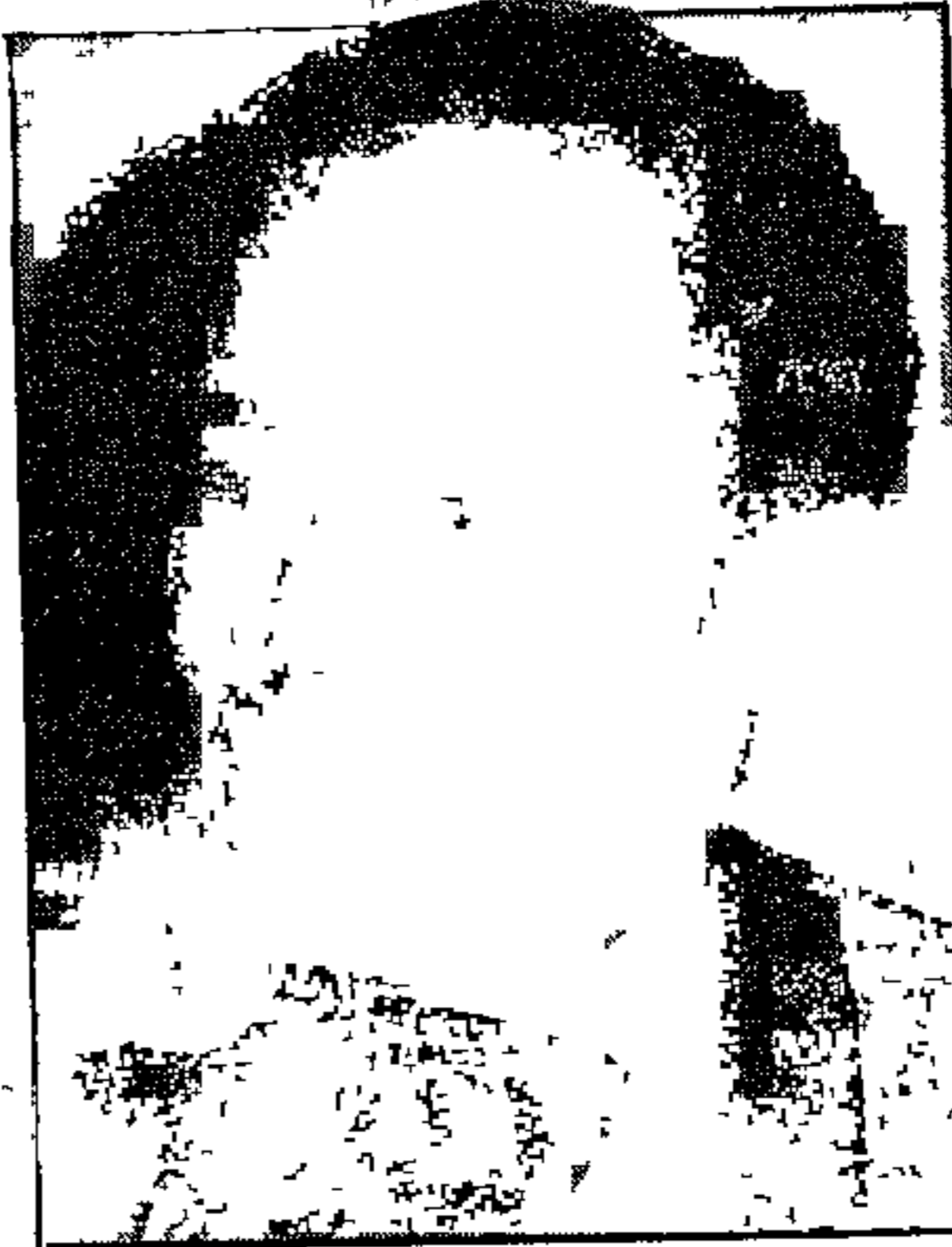
The Lebowakgomo branch of the ANC took exception to such claims and suspended his membership.

But Setate this week said Ramodike did not recognise his suspension and was carrying on with ANC activities as usual because he was not notified officially of the disciplinary action.

"All he has heard are rumours and newspaper reports. How can the chief minister take such behaviour seriously?"

This week Ramodike told a television journalist that if the local ANC and South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) continued to call for his resignation as a homeland leader, he would break ties with the ANC and his United Democratic Party would seek a political ally elsewhere.

Matters were exacerbated when Sadtu members in Lebowa staged a "chalks down" campaign to force Ramodike's government to address their



USING MANDELA'S NAME? ... Lebowa's Nelson Ramodike.

grievances, which include low salaries. A document released this week by the local ANC branch alleged that, through his party, Ramodike sought to perpetuate fear and to counter the ANC's influence in the region.

"But the approach and methods we use to handle the matter should harmonise with democracy during the peaceful negotiations era.

"Our democratic methods, conduct and behaviour, our restraint in the face of extreme provocation, and our compromise and tolerance, will win us political ground from which we will move further," the document said.

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibiya, headlines and sub-editing by S James, both of 2 Herb Street, Johannesburg.

Lebowa Chief on murder charge

Sowetan 4/10/91 (111)

A CHIEF and four villagers in Lebowa have been charged with murdering a man who burst into a circumcision school for girls, wielding a knife.

After a tribal court sentenced Mr. Ben Makgata (46) for flouting tribal custom; the accused allegedly tied him to a tree at GaSeopela village, Sekhukhuleni, and hit him with an assortment of weapons, which resulted in his death.

Facing trial for murder are Chief Frans Seopela, (68), Mr. Jonas Mohlala (67), Mr. Philimon Lekgau (56), Mr. Alfred Tema (33) and Mr. Samuel Taba (33).

They appeared in the Sekhukhuni Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

The trial was postponed to November 18 and their bail was extended. -Sapa

ANC won't oust chiefs, Mandela

tells rally

Spur 7/10/91
By Montsho Matlala
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — ANC president Nelson Mandela received a warm welcome in Lebowa at the weekend when he addressed meetings at Lebowakgomo and Jane Furse Hospital.

At a rally of 10 000 people at Jane Furse, he expressed disappointment at the absence of Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike, saying the Lebowa leader was "a key figure in solving problems in this region".

Mr Mandela said the matter of Mr Ramodike's suspension as a member of the ANC would be resolved this week.

Earlier Mr Mandela told a meeting of traditional leaders at Lebowakgomo that the ANC respected the position of traditional leaders, and had no policy to depose chiefs.

"Both the ANC and traditional leaders should forget the past, and work closely together to combat racial oppression," Mr Mandela said.

At this meeting, a prominent member of the Conference of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, Chief Lemmer Mokwena, who is also Lebowa's Minister of Works, complained to Mr Mandela that civic associations and other ANC-related organisations were harassing chiefs.

He claimed that 15 chiefs had sought refuge at the Lion Christian Church headquarters at Moria, near Pietersburg.

Leplat shares take a pounding

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MATTHEW CURTIN

LEBOWA Platinum (Leplat) shares plunged 27% on the JSE yesterday to their lowest level since the beginning of 1988. Leplat stock ended the day 90c down at 240c

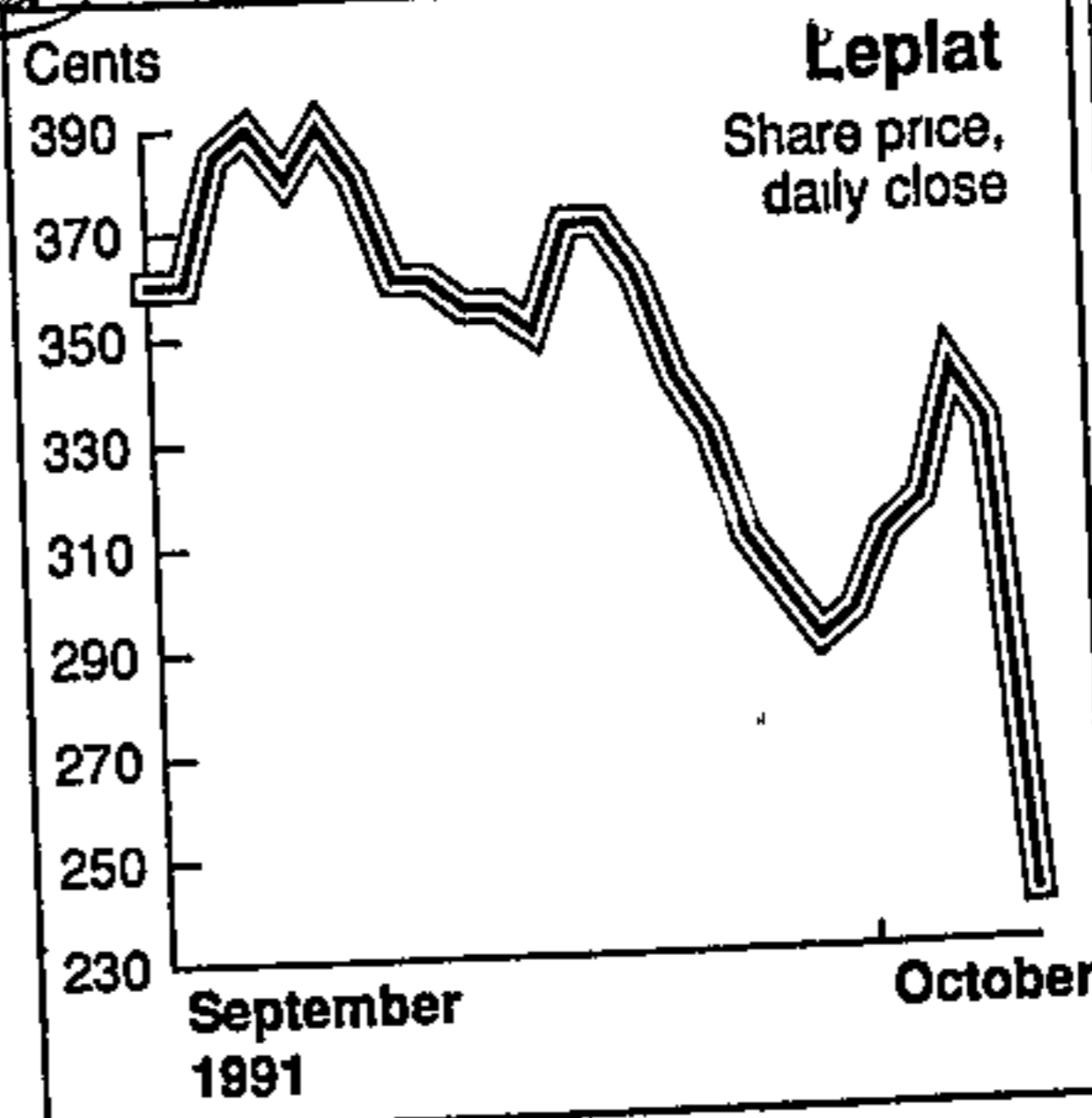
In contrast, the market gave a warm reception to nil paid letters in Potgietersrust Platinums (PP Rust) which closed 30c up at 180c on their opening price of 150c.

Frankel Kruger analyst Kevin Kartun said market reaction to the run-up to the full listing of PP Rust suggested that Leplat shareholders had invested in the stock largely because of its 50% stake in the Platreef project

Investors had bailed out of Leplat in favour of either Rustenburg Platinum (Rusplats) or PP Rust.

He said Leplat remained the least attractive of the three platinum shares as the company was short of cash, had postponed a rights issue to finance expansion plans and so would take on more debt, while operations at its Atok mine had been dogged by labour unrest.

Irish Menell Rosenberg analyst Dave Russell said the market had under-rated



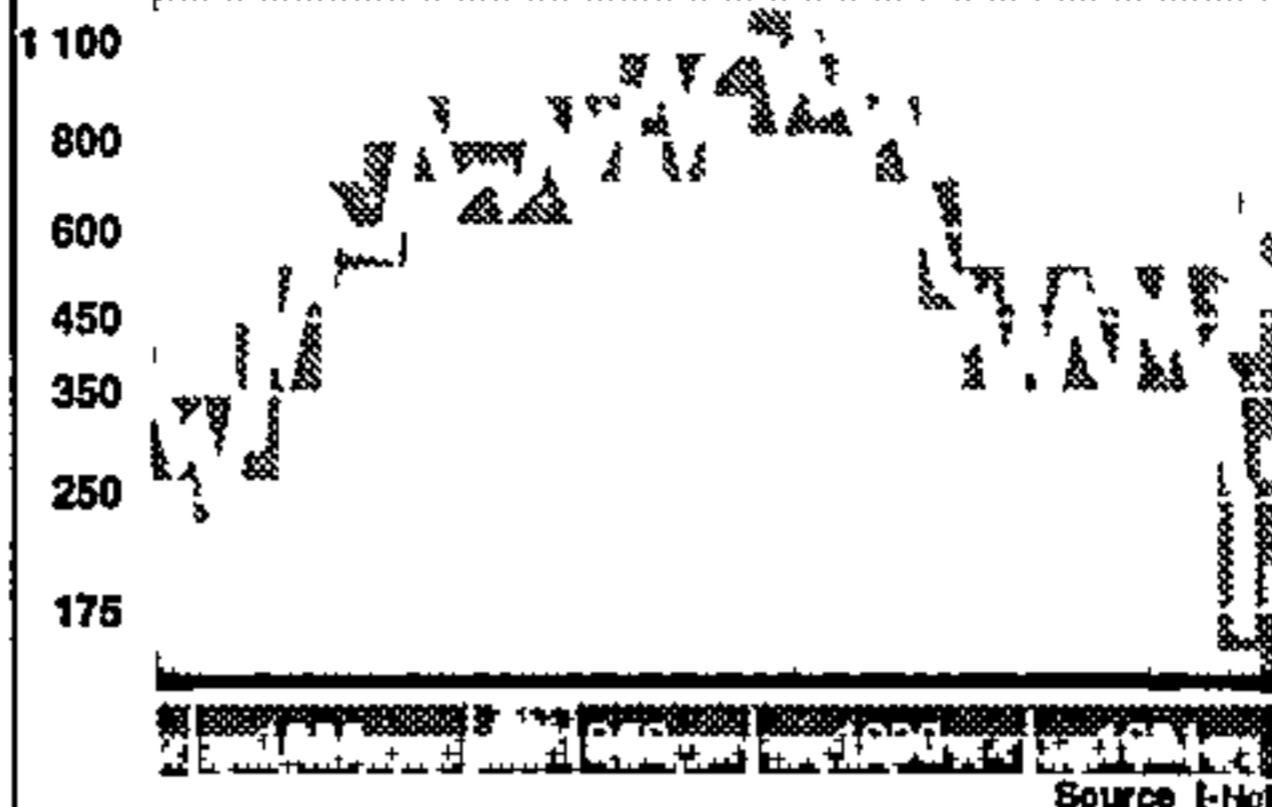
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Leplat. Its Atok mine was an established operation, backed up by Rusplats, with an expanding production target of 100 000 ounces of platinum a year

PP Rust is JCI's new platinum company. Shares will be listed on October 31 as its development of the R600m Platreef project goes ahead. It will offer 120-million shares offered at 333c a piece, and R200m of borrowings

DIAGONAL STREET by Julie Walker

LEBOWA PLATINUM MINES



Confidence in Leplats rises

S/Times (Bus) 20/10/91

ASSURANCES from JCI director Vaughan Bray that 1,6-million Lebowa Plats shares have been placed in strong hands have arrested the diving Leplats share price

Uncertainty about Leplats led to a steep decline in the share price from 510c in July to 160c. About R1 a share can be attributed to the passing on of rights in PPRust. Leplats is now 205c

The nervousness arose because of the distribution as dividend by Rustenburg Platinum Holdings of its shares in Leplats. Holders of 100 Rusplat are to receive 20 Leplats and 58 Potgietersrust Platinums in a mini-unbundling of the JCI-managed flagship mine

JCI also manages Leplats, a mine on the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex. Leplats and Rusplats each hold 50% of PPRust, the first mine to be established on the Platreef and which is raising R400-million in equity

Originally, Leplats was formed out of the Atok section of Rusplats. The company made an undertaking to the Lebowan Government to establish a 100 000 ton-a-month mine at Maandagshoek.

But the potential offered at PPRust was greater than at Maandagshoek. Agreement was reached that a 200 000 tpm mine should be built at PPRust.

Leplats members can sub-

scribe for 50 PPRust shares for every 100 Leplat held at a price of 333c.

Rusplats is to take up its entitlement to shares in the open-cast mine and distribute them as a dividend

The offers are not being made to American and Canadian shareholders because the companies concerned are not registered with the SEC (Securities Exchange Commission)

The rights have been sold for the benefit of members of Rusplat there

More important is the fact that even though Rusplats' distribution of Leplats and PPRust shares is as a dividend, Americans cannot accept them. The Leplats shares numbered 1,6-million and they were auctioned through tender bids from qualifying institutions. SA has bought them at 175c, and Mr Bray says they are in strong hands

But the threat of an institution picking up 1,6-million Leplats shares at too high a price and offloading them was enough to depress the share price so much

Leplats chairman Barry Davison says production will double next year

The shares look cheap and the price added 5c to 180c in early trade on Thursday

PPRust nil-paid letters have traded between 150c and 225c. The price gained 15c to 190c after Wednesday's presentation to investment analysts in Johannesburg

Mr Davison is also PPRust chairman. He appealed to the audience not to refer to PPRust as a new platinum mine. It had been announced a year ago. Any talk of new platinum mines could have a negative effect on market sentiment.

He does not believe the current low prices reflect a true position of platinum. He expects the price to rise in line with forecast higher demand for autocatalysts, jewellery and fuel cells

PPRust will reach full production of 200 000 tpm by mid-1993. The estimated cost to reach that stage is R600-million — less than half the amount that would have been spent if an underground operation had been chosen

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Tutor bludgeoned to death - finding

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By DON SEOKANE

A PHALABORWA teacher died in Lebowa police custody after he was hit several times with a blunt object, post-mortem results have revealed.

Mr De Wet Monakedi, an attorney of Lawyers for Human Rights, said the autopsy performed by Professor Johan Loubser found that the cause of death was consistent with assaults and loss of consciousness prior to Mr Solly Ramakgale's death

Ramakgale (30), a South African Democratic Teacher's Union member, died last Monday in Lebowa police cells amidst allegations by witnesses that he was brutally assaulted by police when he was arrested.

Lebowa police spokesman Captain LM Tlomatšana, who confirmed Ramakgale's death, said at the time it was believed Ramakgale resisted arrest

and force had to be used. Police were investigating charges of assault against several policemen after Ramakgale's death but no one had been charged

Kicked

Information on the death of Ramakgale has revealed that, when he was arrested, he was assaulted and kicked and his private parts were pulled and kicked. At the police station he was further assaulted and kicked, law-

yers said.

"When he was taken to the cell, he was hit with the cell grill door to push him. He joined 10 other prisoners and 10 minutes later he complained of pains and asked to be taken to hospital

"His cell mates made noise to attract attention and police came 30 minutes later and were told of Solly's condition".

Police promised to come back later but did not

21/10/91

Exam leak: Cops held

By MATHATHA TSEDU (11)

TWO Lebowa police constables have been arrested for allegedly stealing matriculation examination papers in Lebowakgomo. *Sowetan 23/10/91*

Police liaison officer Captain LM Tlomatsana said yesterday the two policemen would appear in court today.

Sowetan information is that one of the policeman works at the computer centre.

The papers were apparently removed on Sunday and given to the second policeman, who took them home.

The two were arrested on Monday and the papers were found still sealed and intact, Tlomatsana said. He said investigations had revealed that only two packets of papers had been removed and both had been retrieved.

It was believed no distribution of the papers had taken place, he said.

Union chief in blazing house eludes killers

Sowetan 23/10/91

THE vice-chairman of the Lydenburg region of the National Union of Mineworkers is living in fear after his house was burnt down and attempts made on his life.

The union said a group of four white and four black men surrounded Mr Jackson Tsatsi's house at Penge Mine on October 13 and started shooting into his bedroom.

"Tsatsi managed to climb through the ceiling and survived the attack. He heard one of the white men telling the others they should leave as they had killed him

"On their way out they poured petrol into the house and on his car and set them alight. He managed to get out while the

By DON SEOKANE

house was burning," NUM said.

Lebowa police spokesman, Captain LM Tlomatsana, said police were aware of the incident

He said police were alerted and they went to check the damage caused by the fire.

Tlomatsana said police could not continue with investigations until Tsatsi had laid a formal charge with the police

"Police have asked him to come and open a formal charge so that probes can be started "

Homelands in bid to forge links

GAZANKULU, Lebowa

and the Transvaal Provincial Administration met last week to discuss political co-operation, according to a joint statement released in Pretoria this week. *Sowetan 23/10/91.*

Gazankulu Chief Minister Hudson Ntsanwisi, Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike and Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said general consensus had been reached that orderly and good government was essential. - *Sapa.*

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Activities: Platinum mine in Eastern Transvaal
Control: JCI 20%, Rustenburg Platinum 21,5%.

Chairman: B E Davison

Capital structure: 120m ords Market capitalisation. R258m

Share market: Price 215c Yields 4,0% earnings, p e ratio, 25,3 12-month high, 510c, low, 185c Trading volume last quarter, 2,8m shares

Year to June 30	'88	'89	'90	'91
Turnover (Rm)	52	69	78	112
Pre-tax profit (Rm)	21,7	30,5	22,8	14,9
Earnings (c)	17,2	19,7	15,5	8,5
Dividends (c)	6,9	7,5	7,5	—

early November because of probable further selling pressure Analysts say a number of institutional investors are likely to get rid of their Leplat shares once these have been passed through to them by Rustenburg Platinum (Rusplat) However, director Vaughan Bray said last week that a parcel of about 1,6m shares had been placed in safe hands

As part of JCI's new "unbundled" structure for its platinum division, Rusplat is handing out its 25m Leplat to its own shareholders on the basis of 20-for-100 Idea is to give investors a free choice in which JCI platinum operations they want to hold shares. It appears some major institutions are not interested in holding on to Leplat

However, some analysts feel the drop in price has been overdone and the share offers value at current prices, despite problems at Atok mine — a relatively high-cost producer and, therefore, more at risk in current volatile platinum market conditions.

Key factor this year is work force stability and productivity, after the setbacks caused by large-scale industrial unrest last year Virtually the entire work force was fired and replaced by contract labour That affected the planned production build-up, though chairman Barry Davison says the expansion from 70 000 t/month milled to 100 000 t remains on track for the last quarter of calendar 1992

In addition to offering shareholders rights in Potplat at 333c a share, Leplat had planned to call for extra money to fund expansion. It has not done so, because Davison reckons the company can complete this work through a combination of borrowings and internal cash resources

The main provisos are that there are no further major setbacks to platinum and rhodium prices and that the mine meets revised production targets Davison says that, after a

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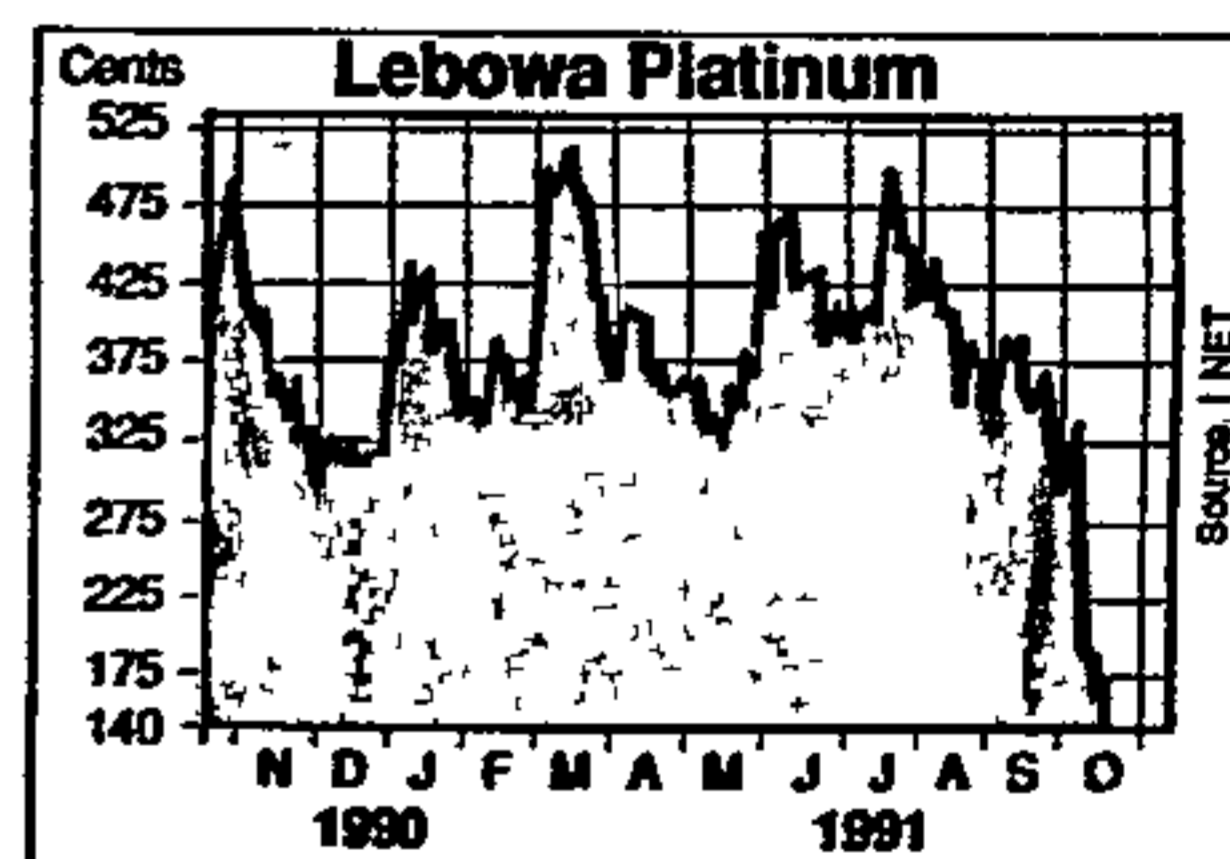
LEBOWA PLATINUM

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Weakness overdone

The market has not been kind to Lebowa Platinum (Leplat) and the share price has collapsed, dropping 80c to 160c, though by this week, it had recovered to 215c. Shareholders interested only in Leplat's 50% stake in Potgietersrust Platinum (Potplat) sold out once they secured their take-up rights.

Price weakness could continue at least into



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tough time, labour productivity is improving.

He says serious difficulties on either score would force Leplat to hold the rights issue. Leplat also faces legal action from two companies over base mineral rights on a portion of the farm Umkoanesstand, which it is mining. Davison declines to add anything to the comment in his chairman's statement that "our legal advisers continue to advise vigorous opposition of these claims."

Davison forecasts a further drop in profit this year. That's another reason for the market to be wary of the share, but, at current levels, Leplat seems oversold.

Brendan Ryan

Student held on suspicion of rape

A UNIVERSITY of the North student has been arrested for allegedly raping another student

Lebowa police confirmed the arrest. Spokesman Captain LM Tlomatsana said the girl was raped on Monday and that a student from KaNyamazane has been arrested. *Sowetan 7/11/91*

The suspect is expected to appear in court today

A spokesman for the university said investigations into the incident were continuing

Five students, three male and two female, were also arrested after a looting expedition last Tuesday night on campus

By DON SEOKANE

when dissatisfied students raided a kitchen. Campus sources said food shortage was common especially during the examination period adding that it was a recurrence of last year's events

The Students Representative Council said it would ask management to drop charges against the students

There has been a spate of crime at the institution ranging from rape, illegal selling of alcohol and stabbings

At least five students were suspended and kicked out of the university on allegations of rape and murder last month

NEWS IN BRIEF

Teacher died in jail (11)

A POST-MORTEM has found a South African Democratic Teachers' Union member, Mr Solly Ramakgale, died in Lebowa police custody on October 14 after being assaulted with a blunt object. South 711-1311191

Ramakgale was assaulted at a police station after being arrested in connection with two charges of crimen injuria, theft of clothing and malicious damage to property.

A Lebowa police spokesperson said police were investigating charges of assault against several police, but none had been charged.

The Human Rights Commission reported this brought to eight the deaths in police custody this year.

Groups ignore Lebowa's UPF

Sowetan 8/11/91
By DON SEOKANE

MAJOR organisations have turned down invitations to attend the launch of Lebowa chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike's United Peoples Front at the weekend

The Northern Transvaal regions of Azapo, ANC and the PAC yesterday declined to attend the launch, citing various reasons

UPF is to be launched at Pietersburg showgrounds tomorrow and, according to a spokesman, at least 3 000 people are expected to attend. The UPF was formed earlier this year and has a claimed membership of about 500 000.

Members of KaNgwane's Inyandza, Gazankulu's Ximoko Xa Rixaka and the National Party are scheduled to address the launch, according to the programme

Rejecting the invitation, Azapo spokesman Mr Khangale Makhado said his organisation does not support the perpetuation of ethnic parties and ethnic divisions

Regional spokesman for the ANC Mr Stan Motimele said they were "too busy preparing for a regional congress to be held in December"

PAC regional spokesman Mr Charles Kgopa said his organisation would "never attend such an occasion"

He said the bantustan leader's alliance with the regime and having Constitutional Minister Dr Gerrit Viljoen as their negotiator clearly puts them on the side of the regime

Discovering Turfloop

Southern

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Disaster

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MT: Could you briefly describe your impressions of the university at present and then give us your vision for its future.

CM: The university was founded as an institution for apartheid in education and this resulted in years of resistance by staff and students

The university is now gripped by the sense of urgency that has come in the late 80s and the beginning of the 90s

MT: How do you see your way forward?

CM: The university's past, its strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities, internal and external, provide the vision. We must then translate this vision into one shared by as many people as possible

Future

We must also read the environment in which the university exists and project ourselves into the future

There are many ideas that are still being debated and we have not decided on the one that must chart the way forward

MT: Can you spell out some of the ideas being tossed around?

CM: We have the responsibility for the education and empowerment of the disadvantaged members of this country. We must contribute to the distribution of redistribution of opportunities

PROFESSOR Chabani Manganyi, rector of the University of the North, speaks to MATHATHA TSEDU on the future of the institution.

We also see the programme of education for democracy and non-racialism as very critical. Turfloop must not only cherish and teach these values but must live them

MT: The university has been meeting companies to raise funds, do you want to talk about that?

CM: As the State is decreasing allocators to universities, we have not been spared the difficulties associated with this unfortunate trend

Growth

In addition, there has been a rapid growth in student numbers over the past four years, in fact, a little below the doubling of student numbers

There are very significant backlogs. For instance, the university can only accommodate 5 500 students, we have something like 9 420 students on the main campus

The pressures are very high on us to take even larger numbers of students. We are thus involved in a concerted effort to get the Government to re-examine its approach in the funding of universities, but also to redirect a significant amount of private sector goodwill to our university in terms of resources

MT: How successful have you been?

CM: It is too early to say, but we have already had indications of greater support for student bursaries and grants to develop this

Interest

There is also an interest by overseas universities to establish bilateral relations with us

MT: How is your past as a creation of apartheid affecting your endeavours?

CM: We do not deny the apartheid legacy, but it is important to point out that this university has probably made the biggest contribution to the second generation of South Africa's leaders. It does not matter where you look, in politics, in the professions, in business, we are there.

In addition, we must redirect this institution. We have the capacity to achieve this and that is why we are trying to do it.

Statistics shown to me a few months ago reveal that only six percent of the students in white universities are black. Black universities have no choice but to continue to educate the majority of the disadvantaged

MT: The large number of students are turning the university into an environmental disaster with all open spaces being occupied by housing for students. How does the university hope to deal with this problem?

CM: There are people who will tell you that it does not matter what the university looks like, as long as we take as many people as need to be taken

Limit

But there is a limit to what you can do with a piece of ground. Your sewerage system and electricity must be able to cope with the demand

MT: Are there any plans to decentralise the campus to help deal with these problems?

CM: We have our campus at Phuthaditjhaba and we are presently looking into its future. We have a teaching centre in Gyan that is also being looked at and developed as an integral part of the values we are chasing here

A major look at our university starts in 1992 and it should give us a sound beginning to know where we are going to

MT: How is the situation in black high schools affecting your institutions and what is your response to calls that entrance requirements should be lowered to accommodate these pupils?

CM: This is a controversial area and I am not sure if that is what the students are demanding

Demand

The demand for what you call the lowering of requirements was not being made to UNIN but to all tertiary institutions. It was one of those occasions when students took the initiative and addressed what is clearly a national crisis

I do not think they are asking us to lower standards. They are saying the standards we use do not take the circumstances that prevail in this country for the large majority of students into account

MT: How will this issue of standards impact on the final products of this institution and the public perception of the value of your certificates?

CM: We do not have any problems with our certificates. And we do not insist on any A's and B's. You are

talking to one product of this institution. Some of the best students that are doing post-graduate studies at Wits and UCT are from this institution

MT: There is a high level of crime on the campus, what are your comments?

CM: We have a very large number of young men and women who spend a lot of time in a limited space. Most universities have a very large segment of their population living outside campus. But for us, for 24 hours, we have a large concentration of students

Discipline

But that does not mean there should be no discipline. It just represents a social problem. We have taken a very serious view of transgressions across the board, the illegal selling of alcohol, rape, assaults. We have to respect the rights of others

MT: There have been allegations that scripts went unmarked and that students are now demanding access to their scripts.

CM: The matter was discussed by the council and we appreciated a need for an open policy on the question of exam papers to create sufficient trust. The proposal has been approved.

Lebowa corporation suffers a R5-m loss

Sowetan 22/11/91

THE Lebowa Development Corporation suffered a nett loss of R5 million during the past financial year, according to its recently published annual report.

The loss has been attributed to financial problems experienced by one of the subsidiaries, Lebowa Transport, which had its fare increases stopped by a Lebowa cabinet decree last year.

Last year the company made a R2,3 million profit.

Assisted

The chairman of the board of directors, Mr Willie Ramoshaba, said in his report that despite this setback, the LDC had assisted more people in small sector industries during the same period.

He said the corporation had privatised its savings bank outlets to African Bank.

This, he said, was in line with the LDC's decision to "divest itself of

By MATHATHA TSÉDU
Northern Transvaal Bureau

direct commercial or industrial activity - by returning certain assets and business operations to the private sector"

The LDC had also targetted the Far East, mainly Taiwan, for investment attraction.

To date, nine "large manufacturing industries" had already settled in Seshego, Pietersburg, as a result of this effort, Ramoshaba said.

Unprofitable

The corporation closed two companies which were unprofitable but gave 226 loans worth R4 million to small business and industrialists.

Ramoshaba is the first black chairman of the LDC since it was established in 1976.

He was appointed this year following the retirement of Mr G van De Wall.

C/PRES 24/11/91

Taxis in convoy after attacks

By ELIAS MALULEKE

COMMUTERS between Mamelodi and Lebowa are complaining that they are delayed because mini-bus taxis are travelling in convoys for security, instead of leaving the ranks separately when full.

They claim they are forced to wait in packed taxis for hours until at least seven are full.

"It is worse than waiting for a bus. The worst part is that we are not allowed to leave the taxis once we have boarded," one angry commuter said.

A City Press reporter this week observed how eight taxis travelling the same route left the Mamelodi taxi rank together, followed by a minibus, load of security men.

Alpheus Oupa Uonae, a spokesman for Boseka Boejela Taxi Association (Bobta), said lone taxis risked being ambushed by rival taxi operators.

Clashes between members of Bobta and rival taxi operators in Lebowa over the control of routes and the Groblersdal Taxi Rank have claimed the lives of at least 25 taxi drivers this year.

Eastern Transvaal police spokesman Col TJ Mahlangu said police were doing everything possible to solve the problem.



Digging deep . . . Patric Tswaledi (with plastic container) helping villagers to replenish their meagre water supplies from a small well near Madibong village in Lebowa.

Where people walk 5 km for water

Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — Residents of drought-stricken areas of Lebowa are desperate for uncontaminated drinking water, as boreholes are drying up

Squeaking wheelbarrows carrying containers of all shapes and sizes are a common sight at con-

gested water points. Many villagers have to walk more than 5 km a day to collect water

At Madibong village in Sekhukhuneland, local civic association leader Patric Tswaledi (44) has divided the village into six zones and ensures that each group awaits its turn to collect water from a small stream. When The

Star visited the stream, villagers were filling bags with sand to dam up the trickling water supply

Isolated rains have fallen in central Lebowa, near Pietersburg. But the Bochum district in the north and the Nebo area in the south remain very dry

In some areas, villagers claim general dealers are selling them water

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Chief 'KK' wins third round battle

By SOPHIE TEMA

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CHIEF "KK" Kenneth Kgagudi Sekhukhune, of the Marota Ba Mohlalese, who was deposed by the Lebowa cabinet as acting Kgosi, has won the third round of his battle to remain leader of the tribe

This week the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein refused with costs an application by Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike and Rhyne Thulare Sekhukhune, heir-apparent to the Marota throne, to appeal against the setting aside of the cabinet's decision by the Transvaal Supreme Court

On June 20 Justice K van Dijkhorst ruled against the Lebowa Cabinet's decision and set it aside. He also set aside the appointment of Rhyne Thulare Sekhukhune as Kgosi, including his letters of appointment dated January 31, 1989

Rhyne Thulare was to have been installed chief of the Marota Tribal Authority in 1974, but he abdicated

Senior members of the tribal council, the then-Chief Minister of Lebowa Dr Cedric Phatudi, and the area magistrate, tried to persuade him to take the chieftancy, but he refused



Chief 'KK' Sekhukhune ... Legal battle.

C/Press 15/12/91

In 1975 "KK" was appointed acting chief by the inner circle of the royal kraal, the Bakgoma-Madula Phate and the Bakgomana, who agreed that his son would be their future leader

Members of the Marota tribe said "KK" had successfully led them for 14 years before he was kicked out by the Lebowa Government



In the trenches Tooseng Water Committee members show the form which brought water within reach of every resident

Water pump would do wonders for villagers

STAR 17/12/91

By Susan Smuts

Community life in the Lebowa village of Diphagane centres on a small muddy river. There the children play, clothes are washed, water is drawn for several village industries and, in the absence of toilets, ablutions are performed nearby.

Since there is no other source, drinking water is drawn from the same river — an obvious health hazard.

The scarcity of water, especially in winter when water lies below the sand, threatens the local development programme and the livelihood of thousands of villagers who depend on the precious liquid.

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borehole pump, but lost it to a political rival in the area when Ryan Sekhukhune, one of two men claiming paramount chieftaincy (the other is K K Sekhukhune), allegedly removed the motor.

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The advice office approached the Lebowa Water Affairs Depart-

ment, which brought a tank within weeks. Two months later, instead of bringing the engine back, they took away the tank.

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● During the building of a school block, tractors had to be hired to fetch water from the river and extra labour had to be paid for. With a pump, pipes could have been laid near the school, and the extra costs avoided.

● The brick-making industry, started by a group of women three years ago, has been set back by the scarcity of water. The women contribute money monthly, and take it in turns to buy cement. They all help to make the bricks.

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Lebowa team for Codesa indaba ^{Sowetan 19/12/91.} (11)

THE delegation of Lebowa's United Peoples Front to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa talks tomorrow includes Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike and top Soweto businessman Mr Richard Maponya

Other members of the delegation are ANC regional executive member and attorney Mr Collins Ramusi, the homeland's Minister of Works Chief LM Mokoena, Minister of Justice Mr MI Moroamoche, the Minister of Education and party general secretary Mr MJ Mahlangu, Chief NM Malekana, Mrs R Ramontja, the Rev EM Maswanganyi, Mr KA Mariri and two former opposition party members, Mr MJ Duba and Mr Ike Moloko - *Sapa*

'Dirty water a health hazard in Lebowa'

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All the children of Diphagane want for Christmas is clean water

Instead, they have bilharzia

The disease is the latest of a chain of problems caused by a shortage of water in the Lebowa village, which relies on one small river for water for everything from drinking to irrigation

John Welch of St Anthony's Rural Aid said the children had been without food for several days when he last visited

"They were discussing who they should approach for porridge," Mr Welch said.

Although there is a hospital several kilometres away, the children would have to walk. They would have to pay R15 for treatment, which is more than most can afford

Mr Welch and the Sekhukhune Advice Office would like to establish a mobile clinic in Diphagane, but in the meantime, health hazards from dirty water remain a way of life.

The village has been without clean drinking water for almost five years since the engine of a pump was removed during a dispute over chieftancy

Although the pump was left behind, it has since rusted and now needs to be replaced

The Star reported earlier this month on the troubles encountered by the villagers

The lack of water has slowed down several development and self-help projects such as the village gardening project and the building of a pre-primary school.

A long trek to the river is a daily chore for residents, some walking from homes up to 2 km away

HOMELAND - LEBOWA - GENERAL

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Man dies as soldiers spray bullets into van

MEMBERS of the South African Defence Force shot and killed an electrician of the Lebowa government at Moletlane on Thursday night, spraying his van with more than 50 bullets, police confirmed yesterday

A survivor of the horrific attack, Mr Marabi Maja (25), said the attack had been unprovoked. He was shot in the head, with the bullet grazing his skin narrowly missing the skull.

Police spokesman Captain LM Tlomatsana confirmed that Mr Benny Mushi of Solomondale, who was employed by the Lebowa Department of Public Works as an elec-

Sowetan 6/1/92

By MATHATA TSEDU

trician, had died in the shooting.

Tlomatsana said the two electricians were on duty repairing a fault near the base of the SADF at Moletlane village when the shooting occurred.

"The soldiers say they returned fire after they had been pelted with stones and fired at. We are still investigating and no one has as yet been arrested as the defence force has also to be involved," Tlomatsana said.

But Maja, an electrician, said he had been on duty on Thursday night when he received a report of a breakdown in Moletlane, about 10km away.

"I went to Benny and he came along. Because it was late, his wife was scared of remaining alone and she came along too. We traced the fault to a breakdown near the camp of the SADF in the village.

"When the soldiers came, we were sitting in the van waiting for other people to bring a ladder. They asked us what we were doing there, and when we told them, they said we should get out," Maja said.

He said before they could get out, a shot was fired, hitting Mushi in the leg. They decided to run away and the van was sprayed with bullets, some hitting and puncturing the rear wheel.

Maja said they abandoned the vehicle and he and Mrs Mushi ran together while Mushi crawled in another direction.

"We got into a toilet and hid there. The soldiers went to the van and fired many rounds into it. We could hear Benny screaming for help," he said.

Attempts to get comment from the SADF yesterday were fruitless.

Anger over village killing

By MATHATHA
TSEDU
7/1/92

OUTRAGED residents of a village in Lebowa have called for the withdrawal of SA Defence Force personnel from townships following the killing by soldiers last Thursday of a government electrician.

Mr Benny Mushi was shot dead by soldiers while repairing a broken line near an army base at Molelane yesterday, police confirmed.

The Northern Transvaal Public Service Union, which represents Lebowa government employees, said yesterday Mushi's killing and the narrow escape of his wife and another electrician, was a "barbaric act" and should be condemned by all sensible people.

Terrorists

Media liaison officer for the Azanian Peoples Organisation, Mr Khangale Makhado, said the "continued killing and maiming of civilians by these terrorists calls into question their method of training".

"We reiterate our long-held position that these troops should get out. If people doing their legitimate work can no longer be safe from these killing machines, it is time the command that these so-called soldiers be removed," Makhado said.

The president of the ANC Youth League, Mr Peter Mokaba, said his organisation would take up the matter to push for the withdrawal of troops from villages and townships.

Battalion

The presence of these troops, who comprise a black battalion known as Group 45, has been a focal point of demands by consumer boycotters in the region.

And at all times, the response from the SADF has been that the troops were there by request of the communities concerned and the Lebowa government to provide security against intimidation and harassment by "conrades".

Army says it shot man in self-defence

Sowetan 8/1/92

THE SADF yesterday said its soldiers who shot and killed a Lebowa government electrician last week had been shot at before they opened fire.

Reacting to the anger at the killing of Mr Benny Mushi of Solomondale at Moletlane village, during which more than 50 bullets were fired at the government van, the commander of the SADF's Group 45 battalion, Colonel H van Niekerk, denied that the shooting had been unprovoked

Van Niekerk said "A

**By MATHATHA
TSEDU**

shot was fired at the soldiers and more shots followed before they returned fire

"There is absolutely no doubt about that because this has been proved by evidence on the ground. We are not able to say more now because all evidence will become available in a court of law"

Mushi was with his wife and a colleague, Mr Marabi Maja, repairing an electrical fault near an army base on Thursday night when the incident happened. Maja was injured in the head

when a bullet grazed his head and travelled through the skin without touching the skull.

"He survived by hiding in a toilet with Mrs Mushi for the rest of the night as soldiers roamed the village firing teargas

Mushi died in a Lebowa police van on the way to hospital hours after the soldiers had picked him up bleeding from a gunshot wound.

The attack has been widely criticised by organisations and has renewed calls for the removal of troops from villages and townships

Think about moving SADF out - Ramodike

Sowetan 9/11/92
LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike said serious consideration must be given to the removal of South African Defence Force troops from Lebowa

Ramodike reacted to a shooting incident in which an electrician of the Lebowa Department of Works, Mr Benny Mushi, was killed

Lebowa police were questioning defence force members about the incident that took place last Thursday at Moletlane near Zebediela



NELSON RAMODIKE

Ramodike said the Lebowa government had no authority over the troops

and that the matter would be taken up with the relevant authorities

Killing

He also said his Cabinet was aware of several incidents of shooting and killing of innocent people in various communities by SADF members based in the area and condemned such actions

A call was also made by the ANC Youth League for the removal of SADF troops from Lebowa - Sapa.

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Soldiers lay charge of attempted murder

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Sowetan 9/11/92

SOLDIERS who shot and killed a Lebowa government electrician last week and who face possible charges of murder have themselves laid counter-charges of attempted murder.

Police spokesman Lieutenant LM Tlomatsana said police were still waiting to question the soldiers who shot and killed Mr Benny Mushi and injured another electrician, Mr Marabi Maja

Shot

He said police were now investigating both charges - one of murder and two of attempted murder - against the soldiers, and the counter charge by the soldiers

The SADF had informed the police that the soldiers would be brought to the police for statements next week, Tlomatsana said

He refused to comment on allegations by the SADF

By MATHATHA TSEDU

that the soldiers had been shot at by the two electricians, an allegation that has been denied by Maja, who said the attack, in which their government van was hit by 51 bullets, had been unprovoked

He said none of them had a gun

The commanding officer of the SADF's Group 45, Colonel H van Niekerk, told *Sowetan* that "evidence on the ground" proved that his men had been fired at before they returned fire

Police sources, however, said the soldiers had not produced spent cartridges of the alleged attack on them. Instead, the sources said, they showed police investigators a torn tent which they alleged was pierced by a bullet.

The killing has angered residents, who now fear that

electricians would no longer respond to fix breakdowns as long as the soldiers are still in the village, where they have camped for the past two years

Civil servants are also restive, demanding protection for workers. Tlomatsana said the police were "equally concerned" and were looking into the matter to ensure that it was resolved amicably so that those who have to work at night should be able to do so without fearing a similar fate.

Buried

Meanwhile attorney for the Mushi family Mr Kgao Mahlase said yesterday a post-mortem would be conducted by Professor Jonathan Gluckman in Lebowakgomo today

He said Mushi would be buried at Solomondale on Saturday. Mahlase also said information at his disposal made the claim by the SADF "laughable"

Ramodike warns SA govt

LEBOWA — The Chief Minister of Lebowa, Mr Nelson Ramodike, has indicated parliament here should close if its demands to the South African government are not met, it was reported here yesterday

The demands, made last year, included the incorporation of the Zebediela Estates, areas in the Ofcalaco/Trichardtsdal area as well as the return of certain farms allocated to white farmers and areas allocated to other self-governing states — Sapa

SADF must be scrapped: Ramaphosa

CALLS for SADF troops to withdraw from Lebowa dominated the funeral service on Saturday of an electrician who was shot dead by soldiers a week ago

Mr Benny Mushi, a Lebowa government electrician shot and killed while on duty repairing a broken

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line in Moleitane village near Zebediela, was buried at Solomondale cemetery after a service attended by thousands of people. Most of the mourners were Lebowa government employees

Speaker after speaker decried the attack, in which

51 bullets were sprayed on the government-owned van. In a related matter, ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said: "The SADF must be neatly wrapped and taken to the scrapyard where they belong"



Don't blame us for matric failures - Sadtu

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THE high failure rate in Lebowa schools, where only 31,2 percent of all pupils passed, was not due to the advent of trade unionism in the teaching fraternity

This is the view the South African Democratic Teachers' Union expressed in a new year message in response to the outcome of the matric examinations

Sadtu's Sekhukhuni branch deputy chairman, Mr Legodi Boshelo, said the strike by Sadtu members in September last year, which lasted for a month, had not contributed to the high failure rate because black pupils had been failing "drastically" all along.

"The reasons for this are known by all in this country," he said without elaborating. Boshelo called on parties and governments participating in Codesa to put education at the top of the agenda - Sowetan Reporter

500 'disloyal' pupils expelled in Lebowa

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PIETERSBURG —

About 500 pupils at Mohwelere village in Nabo, Lebowa, are learning under trees with a staff of five teachers.

An outraged parent, Abel Phasha, said the pupils were expelled from Modipadi Junior Secondary and Nkgonyeletse High last week following accusations by certain school committee members and headmen that Mohwelere village was disloyal to Chief Phetedi Mashabela of Ga-Mashabela, where the schools are situated.

"We are taking up the matter with the Lebowa

Department of Education head office this week. Our pupils, including Sub A children, are burning under the scorching sun with only three primary and two high school teachers," said Mr Phasha.

Mohwelere villagers who claimed loyalty to Chief Thulare Sekhukhune of Mohlaletse village in Sekhukhuneland said they had been living with Ga-Mashabela villagers since 1921.

Mr Phasha claimed his people were discriminated against because of their allegiance to Chief Sekhukhune.

Repeated inquiries made to education authorities by The Star were unsuccessful.

Stayaway to force SADF out of village

BY MATHATHA TSEDU

Source: 51 Feb 1992

THE Molelane community in Lebowa is to stage a sit-in at the chief's kraal on Thursday in an attempt to force the SADF out of the Northern Transvaal.

This was the unanimous resolution at a meeting convened by the Molelane Civic Association on Sunday.

The resolution follows the killing of a Lebowa government electrician by SADF members while repairing electrical lines 12 days ago.

Since the shooting the village has been plunged into darkness as electricians refuse to go into the

village for fear of attacks by the soldiers. MCA leader Mr Jack Mahlobogane said yesterday and businesses would be closed and workers would also stay away on Thursday.

The community would converge on the chief's kraal from 9am when a memorandum would be handed to chief MF Kekana.

The petition would detail grievances and demands relating to the presence of the SADF base in the

village, he said.

The community would hold a sit-in at the chief's kraal for the entire day.

He said letters would be sent to State President FW de Klerk, who is Commander-in-Chief of the SADF, Defence Minister Ruelof Meyer, today requesting them to arrange the removal of the troops.

A delegation would also be sent to meet with leaders of organisations in the Patriotic Front and those in Codesa to explain the alleged harassment by the SADF.

Mahlobogane said his delegation would meet Lebowa chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike, to find

out what his government had done to get the soldiers out of the village. Ramodike said last week, at the height of anger and controversy surrounding the death of Mr Benny Mushi, that he felt the SADF should consider withdrawing from Lebowa.

He said discussions would be initiated with the relevant authorities.

The SADF yesterday said it had no comment on either Ramodike's statement or the intentions of the community to stage a sit-in at the chief's kraal, which is a street across from the base where the shooting occurred.

Hundreds march to oust SADF

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HUNDREDS of people marched to the kraal of Chief MF Kekana in Moletlane, Lebowa yesterday to demand the removal of SADF troops from the area.

A sit-in at the chief's kraal, which had been planned by the leadership of the Zebediela Civic Association, however, failed to take place after a strong contingent of police refused the marchers entry into the chief's homestead

Schools were deserted and shops closed for the duration of the two-hour march, during which ANC and SACP flags were hoisted by the mainly youthful marchers who sang freedom songs watched by police and SADF members

The march started opposite the army base where an on-duty electrician was shot dead by soldiers who claim he was part of a group of attackers who fired on the base. It was this shooting that led to the calls for


By MATHATHA TSEDU

the removal of the troops

A memorandum handed to the chief's brother, Mr Chudleigh Kekana, called for an independent commission to investigate the shooting of Mr Benny Mushi on January 2. The memo also accused the troops of harassment and intimidation of the local population

Senior SADF officers who were at the base yesterday refused to comment. The SADF spokesman in the Pietersburg headquarters has said no comment would be made on the demand for withdrawal until police investigations into Mushi's shooting are completed

The local community will meet again on Sunday to discuss responses to other initiatives to get the SADF out. These initiatives include sending letters to State President FW de Klerk, Defence Minister Mr Roelf Meyer, Codesa members

Ramodike, civic and SADF meet

Sowetan 21/1/92

By DON SEOKANE

LEBOWA chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike is scheduled to meet the Far Northern Transvaal SADF commando chief and the Zebediela Civic Association to discuss the removal of troops after the fatal shooting of an electrician.

Mr Benny Mushi and his colleague, Mr Marabi Maja, both electricians employed by the Lebowa government, were shot by SADF members while repairing an electrical fault near an army base in Zebediela. Mushi later died of gunshot wounds.

The date for the meeting with the SADF chief is still unknown.

Ramodike said in a statement that the shooting had created "confusion and bitterness and the tense atmosphere" in the Zebediela area.

He appealed to members of the Zebediela Civic Association and the ANC Youth League to meet him and members of his cabinet to discuss the reaction and demands of the people.

He said while he agreed that people were upset as a result of the "barbaric" action that led to the killing of an innocent electrician, he urged residents to remain calm.

He was of the opinion that an independent commission of inquiry should investigate the shooting of the two. However, Ramodike has reiterated that his administration has no control and authority over

NELSON RAMODIKE

SADF troops

Meanwhile Major-General Minnaar Fourie of the Far North SADF command defended the defence force's activities in the region. Fourie, speaking at a military parade, condemned what he described as distortions of the facts by radicals. He said the defence force will not allow pressure from radical quarters to deter them from "the duty of protecting the sovereignty of the country".

The SADF has said the shooting occurred after their men were shot at by Mushi, a claim denied by Maja.

Lebowa's chief gives ministers new portfolios

LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has reshuffled his cabinet

Constitutional Affairs Minister Mr NB Papo, who is also the Deputy Minister of Law and Order, has been assigned the additional portfolio of Deputy Minister of Traffic. *Sowetan 3/2/92.*

Two other deputy ministers have also been given new portfolios the Deputy Minister of Housing, Planning and Management Services is Mr MA Tshwaale and the new Deputy Minister of Justice is Headman MT Ramafalo.

The changes will take effect on February 1.- *Sapa*

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Platinum prices under pressure

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PLATINUM prices are under extreme pressure despite announcements last month that Impala Platinum (Implats) has mothballed its developing Messina mine and Lebowa Platinum (Leplat) has reorganised expansion plans

Analysts said yesterday the continuing recession in the US and slowing economic growth in Japan were outweighing news from SA of production shortfalls and curtailed expansion plans

They noted that had the Messina announcement come a year ago, the prospect of a sharp reduction in future SA platinum production would have boosted metal prices. Instead, platinum prices had yo-yoed in recent weeks around the \$350 mark. Platinum was fixed in London at

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MATTHEW CURTIN

\$357.90 yesterday afternoon, nearly \$9 higher than Friday's close

Irish Menell Rosenberg analyst David Russell said the mothballing of Messina and disruptions to production at Implats' mines in Bophuthatswana had carried little weight with investors on futures markets nervously watching US and Japanese economic indicators. There was a danger that investors on the Tocom metals exchange would again cash in short positions and send platinum prices tumbling

Another analyst noted that the interest rate on Tocom contracts had risen from 2% to 4%, which suggested platinum demand was tightening

Commuters vow to fight

Sowetan 10/2/92
BAHWADUBA Bus Service in Pietersburg has applied for a two-phased fare increase for all its routes

The announcement of the intended increases has angered a commuter organisation, the Far Northern Transvaal Transport Co-ordinating Committee, which has vowed to fight the increases if granted

The increases, which will be 14 percent to be implemented on April 1 and 12 percent in September, have not yet been approved by the Lebowa Transportation Board, according to BBS general manager Mrs Claudia McLean

The BBS application would be made in conjunction

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

with the parastatal Lebowa Transport, which is the major transport company in the region

An attempt to increase fares in 1990 backfired for both companies, with the LT being ordered by the Cabinet to reduce fares

FNTTCC chairman the Rev Kgotsupo Leputu said representatives from all villages and townships serviced by both LT and BBS would meet soon to discuss the matter.

PAC holds anti-Codesa rally in Lebowa

By Montsho Matlala
Northern Transvaal Bureau

GROBLERSDAL PAC President Clarence Makwetu received a warm welcome from traditional leaders and about 1 000 supporters at the organisation's anti-Codesa rally held at Tafelkop village in Lebowa at the weekend.

"Codesa is not a battlefield for our liberation. It is an instrument designed by F W de Klerk to perpetuate white domination and to keep the oppressed apart," Mr Makwetu told the rally.

The US and other Western countries, he said, had been engaged in a series of strategies designed to protect their political and economic hegemony in southern Africa, particularly in South Africa.

He launched a scathing attack on the US for conducting anti-PAC campaigns in the Frontline states and other African countries to sideline the organisation for its standpoint against Codesa.

"The US has created a military airbase in Botswana for the purpose of monitoring here in Azania," he said.

"Despite the arms embargo against SA since 1963, the US continued to be a traditional arms dealer with this country. If they have audacity in violating their own resolutions, how can we trust them", he asked.

PAC would seek support from political organisations which also rejected Codesa and whose enemy was a white minority rule, he said.

Mr Makwetu said the PAC

was opposed to the Balkanisation of the country.

Tafelkop traditional leader and Lebowa's Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Chief Boleu Rammupudu told the crowd he agreed with the PAC views that the land belonged to the Africans.

The chairman of the 135 traditional leaders in Lebowa, Chief Manamane Mogashoe, said that contrary to views which many people have been made to believe by whites about the PAC, the organisation's rally at Chief Rammupudu kraal was impressive.

He asked the PAC to propose a date on which to hold a meeting with all traditional leaders in the homeland's capital, Lebowakgomo.

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R8-m payout to dead - witness

Own Correspondent ^{STAR} 25/2/92

More than R8 million in pensions might have been paid out to dead people in Lebowa because of corruption and inefficiency, the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry into corruption heard yesterday

Commissioner O A de Meyer heard from special investigator W A Bester that millions more could still be siphoned illegally from the homeland pension fund as control in the department was "chaotic"

Mr Bester said he had looked into four problem areas with pensions. The first was that people who had died long ago were not removed from the pension pay sheet

He said a sample of 1,6 percent of pensioners' files had revealed that R133 252 had been paid out to dead pensioners

With 143 000 pensioners presently on the list, calculations had revealed that about R8,3 million had been lost through this method alone

Drought will push up food prices - warning

By Shirley Woodgate ^{STAR} 25/2/92

Consumer organisations have warned the public to prepare for soaring inflation this year unless the drought is broken soon

"Food prices will surge to unprecedented levels if the rains do not arrive," said Housewives League president Lynn Morris

Consumer Union president Lillibeth Moolman said "Prepare for a crisis if we are faced with soaring food prices combined with the current lack of buying power, particularly among the black people."

Commenting on the latest Consumer Price Index released by the Central Statistical Service yesterday, Mrs Morris warned against false optimism on a slowdown in price rises

The overall CPI increased by only 1,1 percent in January.

The inflation rate for the month was unchanged at

16,2 percent and food price increases declined for the first time in seven months, down to 0,2 percent, with the price of meat showing a 1 percent drop

Mrs Morris dismissed the slight decline in food price increases from 28,3 percent to 26,2 percent as insignificant

"The increases remain above 25 percent, pushing up the overall inflation rate"

The continuing drought would affect meat and vegetable prices, she said

"South Africa is already preparing to import maize and unless we have sustained rain soon, the summer rainfall region vegetable and wheat farmers will delay planting and the meat sector will struggle to feed its animals

"Even if the rains come and farmers can plant their crops, there is a danger that people will not be able to afford to buy," she said

Pension scam netted R8,3-m, probe is told

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ABOUT R8,3 million in pension money has been paid out to dead people in Lebowa because of corruption and inefficiency, the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry into corruption heard yesterday.

Commissioner Mr OA

**By MATHATHA
TSEDU**

de Meyer heard from a special investigator appointed by the commission, Mr WA Bester, that millions more could still be siphoned as control in the Lebowa department was "chaotic"

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pensioners.

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Bester said officials and in some cases relatives of dead pensioners had taken the money. Some pension-

ers received double pensions from the South African and Lebowa governments.

Another problem area was created by the changing of identity documents, after which some pensioners were given new numbers and could collect two pensions.

CP challenged (11)

Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike yesterday challenged the CP's perception that the Northern Transvaal was conservative. "It is increasingly becoming clear that some fears are merely used as a smoke-screen to preserve old privileges," he said. "Successful consumer boycotts in Northern Transvaal towns have demonstrated that the white minority cannot exist without the black population. The future of this country now rests with the results of discussions by all parties at Codesa," he said.

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Sun powers rural village

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THE smart brick clinic in Serok, a village down dirt roads in Lebowa, now boasts solar power.

Two solar panels, costing R17 000, have been installed to run a pump drawing water from a borehole and a streetlight, with enough power left over for the hospital radio and heating.

Mr Johan Rissik, the local development worker for Operation Hunger, is not impressed.

"It's an irresponsible use of resources," he said. For that kind of money he could have put hand pumps on five boreholes serving the village.

He reckons the first-decent hailstorm or well-aimed stone from the school next door will put the

solar panels out of commission, and as nobody in the village knows how to maintain them, they will remain idle until an outside contractor fixes them.

"Ask the women what pumps they want. They want hand pumps," he said.

"Rubbish," counters 67-year-old retired concrete technologist Mr John Welch, the man who installed them.

"Hand pumps are a disaster," he said, asserting that 37 of them were out of order in surrounding Sekhukhune land, either vandalised, broken or worn out.

"Rural people are very superstitious. It smacks of witchcraft. They don't see any working parts,

they just see the sun shining and the water coming out, so they leave it alone, they won't vandalise it."

And the street light will become a place where scores of children can do their homework, he predicts.

Choice of technology is a recurrent theme in development work.

Create jobs

Mr Nick Vink, of the Development Bank of Southern Africa, said "The whole argument is to bring in what people can use and what they can maintain."

"If you have got something low-tech which the

community can maintain, then that maintenance process is going to create jobs."

Mr Ian Pearson, of the parastatal Council for Scientific and Industrial Research believes along with Rissik that the key is in consultation with the community.

He acknowledges that communal boreholes have been vandalised and pump engines stolen in Bophuthatwana by private borehole owners anxious to preserve their lucrative monopoly on water.

But when projects were "done from a community base and not just a government base, those things are not really a problem", he said. - *Sapa-AFP*

SRC demands dismissal of divide and rule principal

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SEKHUKHUNE Education College students are demanding the immediate dismissal of rector M Kgopa if he fails to meet demands to reverse changes to the admissions policy.

The students are accusing the rector of changing the decision of the admissions committee and applying a divide-and-rule strategy.

Research

According to the Students' Representative Council (SRC) president, D Maphoso, students were

allegedly failed without reason.

"This is based on research conducted by the SRC after checking the scripts," he said.

Investigating

A commission of inquiry composed of the SRC, lecturing staff, South African Students' Congress, the Pan African Students' Organisations and the Azanian Students' Convention was investigating last year's alleged examination irregularities.

The organisations are demanding that the students who failed to write examinations be given a special test. They demand that an estimated 240 students who were excluded, be admitted if there was accommodation.

A memorandum with these demands was presented to the management committee two weeks ago. The committee had not reacted to NEW NATION enquiries on the memorandum at the time of going to press.

Closing colleges is 'aggravating education crisis'

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THE recent closure of colleges of education by the Lebowa Department of Education and Training was a "further exacerbation of a situation which is already out of control" several organisations have said in a joint statement.

The Northern Transvaal regional structures, including the South African Students' Congress, National Education Crisis Committee and civic associations said in the statement the closures had been effected despite their serious attempts to save black education from collapse.

"The continued indifference by education authorities to this crisis can only play havoc with the situation and this will con-

tinue unless unilateral and undemocratic decision-making by the Department of Education in the region is boldly challenged.

"The pre-Codesa tendency of deploying security forces and the forceful closure of campuses smacks of cynicism and hypocrisy of the worst kind."

It remained the responsibility of the Government to provide education and basic facilities, they said.

The organisations demanded the reopening of closed colleges, the unbanning of students' representative councils and the democratisation of structures of control like college councils. Sapa.



By DON SEOKANE

LAWYERS acting for the Transvaal United African Teachers Association are instituting legal action against the Lebowa police for the alleged harassment of a school principal

The principal and president of Tuata's youth league, Mr Japhet Motsepe, has alleged that security police held him and his family hostage, humiliated them and kept them semi-naked at his Seshego home last Tuesday morning

Major J Sloan of the Lebowa security police confirmed that his men had raided Motsepe's house looking for a gun. He denied maltreating Motsepe

Tuata go to court in principal's case

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and said it was not the police's responsibility to tell people to dress themselves before opening doors

"If you open the door in your underpants it means the police can come in and search. The police knocked softly and did not harass anyone," Sloan said

Motsepe, a principal at Kabela High School, said

about 15 policemen arrived at his home about 3am and subjected him and his family to harassment, pointing their guns and rifles at his wife and children, one of whom is three years old, while ransacking the house

Motsepe said his wife and children were ordered to stand outside semi-naked in the freezing pre-

dawn cold while the police were searching the house. He was made to lie on the ground in his underpants

Another group of policemen raided and searched his mother's house at GaSemenya in the Moletje district, subjecting her and his two sisters to the same treatment, Motsepe said

He said police searches at the two houses had revealed nothing except his son's toy gun which police took and later returned. Police told him they were searching for an AK-47 rifle as they had been told he owned one

The ordeal at his home lasted for about an hour

Ghosts still haunt throwaway town

By SOPHIE TEMA

City Press 17/5/92

THE ghost of Lebowa's forgotten village - Restaurant - which has never been lived in since it was built seven years ago - returned to haunt the government when mismanagement of millions of rands was exposed this week.

Situated near Potgietersrus, Restaurant - known as Zévenfontein by locals - was built by the defunct Department of Development Aid in 1985 to house residents of Moutse who were being incorporated into KwaNdebele.

Restaurant hit the headlines again this week following the recent Pickard Commission Inquiry which exposed widespread malpractices in the Department.

Villagers in the area spoke to City Press this week about the planned incorporation of Moutse and their bitter resistance to the government's plan which resulted in scores of deaths.

Moutse refused to be incorporated and residents won a court judgment in 1987 backing their right to stay. But the shadow of Restaurant remains, where 1 400 building sites were marked out, water laid on and a sewerage system put in place.

All that remains now of the abortive project are two deserted schools, a 20-bed clinic; several pre-constructed toilets and an unused water system built by the SA Development Trust in 1986.

Piet Matshaba is one of three nightwatchmen hired to guard one of the schools, which has 15 large classrooms, lots of office and storage space and a house for the principal who never moved in. Vandals have stripped the place, the floors have fallen in and cobwebs are strung from the rafters.

The entire village was built on clay and as the Pickard report noted with other DDA projects, some buildings have cracks wide enough to push your fingers through.

Stop the Lebowa taxi war' 111

By MONSAHO MATALA and SOPHIE THEMA
A-CALL has gone out to Leboya Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike to intervene in fighting between rival taxi groups. Taxi operators said the war between the Groblersdal Taxi Association (GTA) and the Nebo Taxi Association (NTA) which had been raging for

two years claiming more than 200 lives. Leboya Police Liaison Officer Major M Tlhomatsana said: "I am deeply concerned about the conflict and I am offering to arrange a meeting between the Chief Minister and the taximen." This week commuters on the Jane Furse-Groblersdal route were left

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stranded after the NTA boycotted the route. The decision was taken after a report was received that a member of the NTA was killed and a taxi marshal shot in the head along the route. Taxi marshal Timothy Nkosi is reported to have been admitted to hospital. The NTA executive met on Thursday at the St

Marks Anglican School to discuss a solution. At the meeting taxi owners claimed that a hit-squad was attacking them along the route. They said police were not helping them. The taxi men blamed white-owned taxis for the violence, citing a white taxi-owning traffic cop operating.

3 more die in ongoing Nebo taxi conflict

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LEBOWA police have found the bodies of three men believed to be victims of the ongoing Nebo taxi feud which has already claimed more than 100 people since it started a year ago.

Police spokesman Lieutenant HP Mogano said the bullet-riddled bodies were found on Sunday in a field at Ga-Marishane near Jane Furse.

Mogano said six empty cartridges from 7,65mm and 9mm pistols and two rounds of live ammunition from a 7,65mm pistol were found at the scene.

The victims' identities are still unknown and Mogano appealed to the community to identify them.

By DON SEOKANE

He said the victims, whose ages appear to be between 30 and 32, were at the Groblersdal Government mortuary.

Feud

The continuing taxi feud has left commuters around the Nebo area without transport since it erupted again about two weeks ago.

At least 300 taxis stand idle as drivers fear for their lives and commuters are reported to be using vans and private vehicles to commute to various places - particularly Groblersdal.

Lebowa food lies unused

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JOHANNESBURG —
Emergency food supplies from the state's poverty food relief programme had been lying unused in a Lebowa hospital for two months, Operation Hunger's Northern Transvaal director Mr Johann Rissik said yesterday.

He said the Jane Furse Regional Hospital was supposed to distribute the supplies allocated to Lebowa through its clinics.

However, four large storerooms of food had been left untouched for two months, he said.

National Health Department director-general Dr Coen Slabber said while he did not know about the supplies being stored at the hospital, he was aware that the Lebowa government had distribution problems.

Lebowa Health Director Dr Matome Masipa said he had no knowledge of the situation, but would investigate.

Emergency food aid 'squandered in Lebowa'

EMERGENCY food supplies from the state's poverty food relief programme had been lying unused in a Lebowa hospital for two months, Operation Hunger spokesmen in the area said yesterday.

Operation Hunger northern Transvaal director Johann Rissik said food rations were being squandered, despite the area experiencing its worst drought in seven years. The Lebowa government had apparently been unable to arrange transport for the food.

Operation Hunger was already feeding more than 260 000 people in Lebowa, but Rissik believed it would soon have to start turning hungry people away.

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He said the Jane Furse Regional Hospital was supposed to distribute supplies allocated to Lebowa through its clinics. But four storerooms of food had been left untouched for two months and another truckload of supplies had arrived yesterday.

Lebowa was allocated food worth R5,3m from the programme, whereas Operation Hunger was allocated R10m to feed 1,8-million people nationally.

Because there was transport available to distribute the food, Rissik blamed the delay on bureaucratic bungling.

National Health Department director-

general Dr Coen Slabber said the drought had made Lebowa one of the highest priorities in terms of relief. Although Slabber did not know about the supplies being stored at the hospital, he was aware the Lebowa government had distribution problems.

The Lebowa government had claimed it had insufficient manpower and it was being encouraged to use non-governmental organisations to streamline distribution. Slabber acknowledged his department was ultimately responsible for making sure the food reached the people.

Lebowa Health director Dr Matome Maspisa said he would investigate the matter.

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Lebowa food aid 'piling up'

STAR 20/5/92.

By Shirley Woodgate

Claims that emergency food supplies intended for the poor in Lebowa were piling up in storerooms in Jane Furse Hospital since March are to be probed by the Department of National Health.

Operation Hunger northern Transvaal director Johann Rissik said yesterday that while his organisation was battling to feed 260 000 hungry people daily, food provided by funds allocated by the South African poverty food relief programme to the Lebowa government was unused because of lack of transport.

In a stinging attack on the in-

competence of the self-governing state's relief organisation, he claimed there was no practical basis for delivery of food once it was off-loaded at the hospital

Further problems arose in the actual allocation of food parcels bought with the R5,3 million allocated to Lebowa in the last financial year

While the food was wasted in hospital storerooms, Mr Rissik said he had proof that once children suffering from kwashiorkor were discharged from hospital, the families were advised to come to Operation Hunger for further help

Labelling the situation "a complete mess", he said not only was there no proper basis for delivery of food once it was offloaded, but packing was

wasteful

Distribution was farcical, with one food parcel allocated to a malnourished child who was part of a family of eight or 10 people. This was the case at the HC Boshoff Hospital near Burgersfort

Malnourished

"It is ridiculous to expect the family to watch while the malnourished child dips its fingers into peanut butter," he said

Mr Rissik added that the relief programme was aimed at preventing malnutrition, but food was being handed out only to those who had already been diagnosed as being malnourished

Director of National Health

Dr Coen Slabber said once the poverty relief funds were handed over to the self-governing or TBVC states, they were responsible for the distribution

He was unaware of the problems in Lebowa, but said appropriate steps would be taken to investigate the claims

A total of R10 million had been allocated for poverty relief to the TBVC states via the Department of Foreign Affairs in the last financial year

The self-governing states had received R14 million last year

Reports on the expenditure of the funds had to be delivered quarterly and he had ordered that no further funds would be handed over until reports covering the use of money allocated last year were received, he said

Inquiry into Lebowa poverty food scheme

Sowetan 20/5/92 (11)

THE Department of National Health is to investigate claims that emergency food supplies intended for the poor in Lebowa were piling up in store-rooms at Jane Furse Hospital since March.

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families were advised to come to Operation Hunger for further help

Labelling the situation "a complete mess", he said not only was there no proper basis for delivery of food once it was offloaded, but packing was wasteful

Distribution was farcical, with one food parcel allocated to a malnourished child who was part of a family of eight or 10 people

This was the case at the HC Boshoff Hospital near

Burgersfort.

"It is ridiculous to expect the family to watch while the malnourished child dips its fingers into peanut butter," he said

Rissik added that the relief programme was aimed at preventing malnutrition, but food was only being handed out to those who had already been diagnosed as being malnourished

Director of National Health Dr Coen Slabber said once the poverty relief funds were handed over to the self-governing or TBVC States, they were responsible for the distribution

He was unaware of the

problems in Lebowa but said appropriate steps would be taken to investigate the claims

A total of R10 million had been allocated for poverty relief to the TBVC States via the Department of Foreign Affairs in the last financial year.

The self-governing states had received R14 million last year.

Reports on the expenditure of the funds had to be delivered quarterly and he had ordered that no further funds would be handed over until reports covering the use of money allocated last year were received, he said.

Azapo plea to end taxi war

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THE Azaman Peoples Organisation yesterday appealed to warring taxi associations in the Nebo district in Lebowa to end the killings which have claimed more than 100 lives

More than 300 taxis in the area have been inoperative since the outbreak of violence in April, with taxi drivers fearing for their lives and commuters being left stranded

This week, two taxi drivers were abducted from separate locations and hacked to death by unknown men

Their bodies were found near Madibong village with stab and gunshot wounds. Azapo Northern Transvaal media liaison officer, Mr Mmutle Phasha, said the or-

ganisation was dismayed at the continuing bloody feud and the ever-growing black taxi industry would gain nothing at the end

Phasha said enough blood had already flowed through the senseless violence in this country and it was time the black downtrodden people stop taking arms against each other to settle their differences

"The cruel thing about this taxi war is that innocent people are caught in the cross-fire and this is unacceptable. We are tired of this fighting and if this is not resolved immediately, we will do everything in our power to end it," Phasha said

Lebaka beats adverse trading conditions

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MARCIA KLEIN

THE 14,6% earnings increase of Lebowa Bakeries (Lebaka) to 26,4c (23c) a share in the 12 months to end-March conceals the decline in trading conditions over the second six months because of the drought

The final results are well down on the 36,5% increase in earnings reported at the interim stage.

However, they are in line with directors' forecasts at that stage

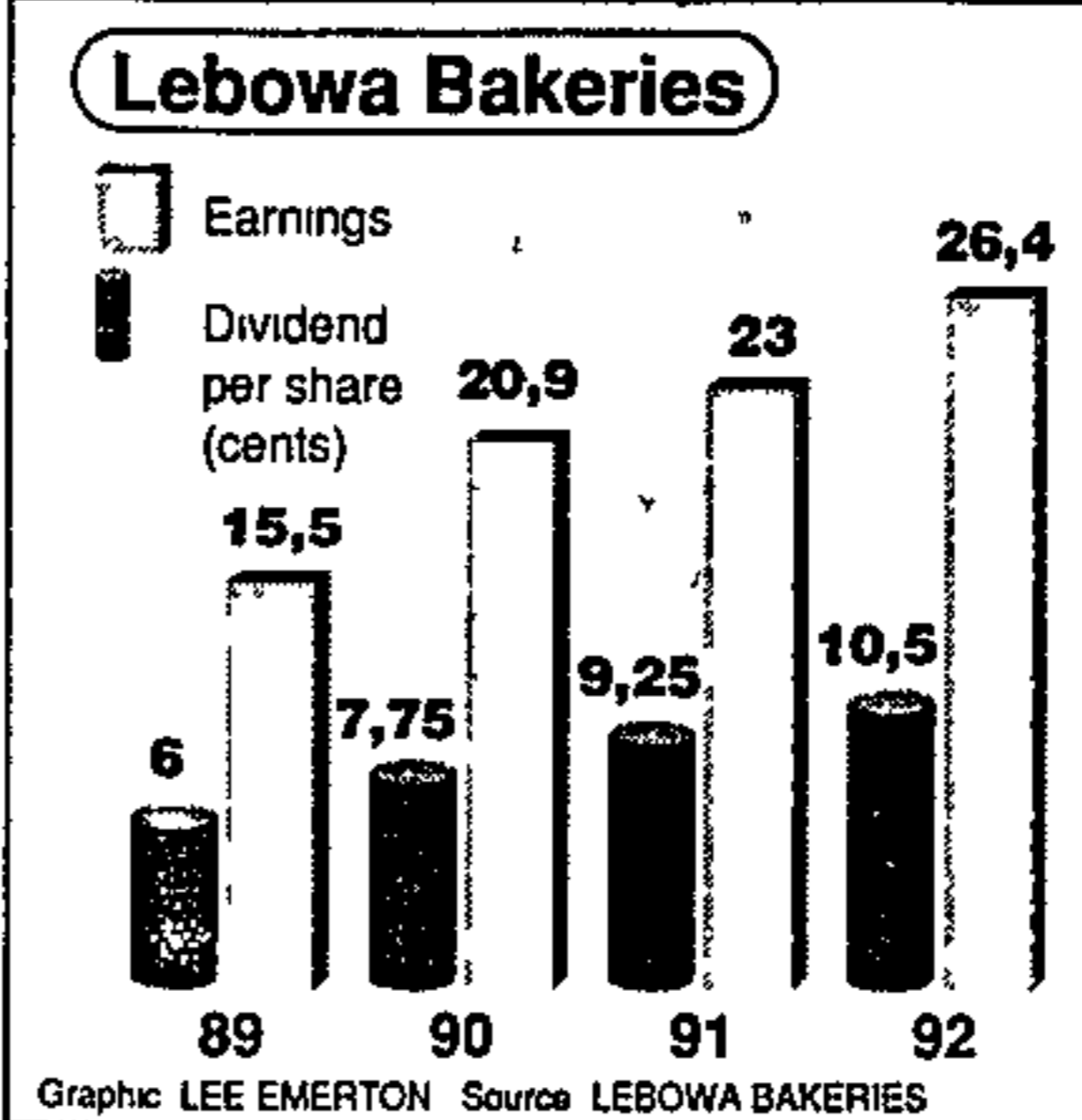
The directors predicted then results would be closer to inflation than those reported in September

The company was bought last year by bakery group Sasko in a deal which the Lebowa government tried unsuccessfully to reverse. Lebaka has changed its year-end to end-September, so the results are interim results for the 12 months to end-March

Turnover increased by 12,3% to R102,3m (R91,1m), and operating profit was increased 4,8% at R16,5m (R15,8m)

Management fees dropped 94,7% to R76 000 (R1,4m) Directors said this did not directly influence profitability "as the company had to employ its own staff in replacement of the previous staff provided by the managing company"

After a 26,6% reduction in interest to R738 000, and increased investment in-



come, net income before tax was 14,9% higher at R13,7m (R11,9m) Attributable earnings rose by 14,6% to R6,6m (R5,8m).

Although results were lower than at the interim stage, directors said Lebaka had achieved compound growth in earnings of 20,8% a year over the past 10 years

In line with a 2,5 times dividend cover, a 13,5% higher second interim dividend of 10,5c (9,25c) was declared.

Directors said deregulation of the bread price had caused the company to adapt and modify marketing policies.

This had resulted in increased capex and depreciation Depreciation increased by 28% to R5m, capex was R8,9m

Directors said the drought had further increased unemployment and

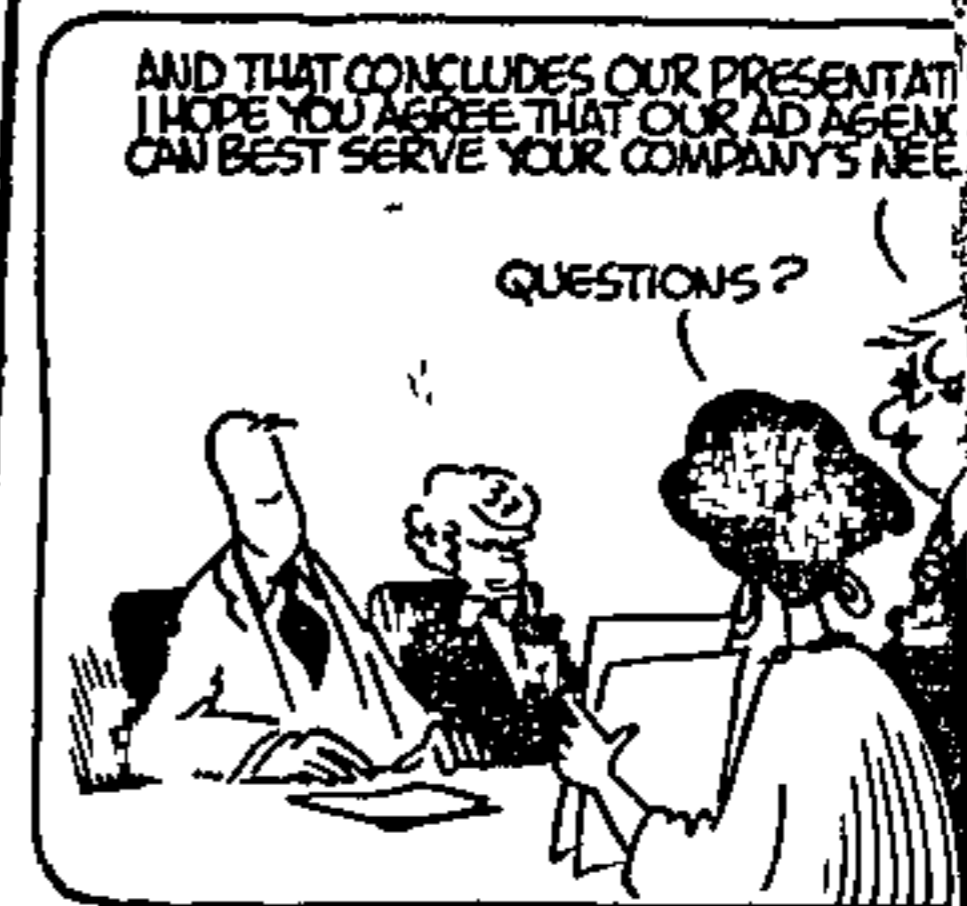
eliminated casual income and revenue earned from the crops normally raised by individual households.

Lebaka expected the adverse economic conditions to continue during financial 1993 In addition, directors said, the drought

would further affect the company as its market was concentrated mainly in rural areas, and these "depend heavily on farming".

Earnings would be placed under severe pressure, but Lebaka hoped "to achieve at least a break-even situation" in September compared with the corresponding 18 months.

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should play a responsible role in the Development Advisory Committee. That is the forum where everything in this regard needs to be articulated, and the forum from which a coordinated approach could develop. [Time expired]

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am sorry that we are limited to such a short debate on this. I want to stress that I think this is one of the most important debates one can possibly have about developing that particular area.

I think the hon member Mr M F Cassim proved my point. Mr Saunders of Tongaat-Hulett has millions of rand of capital that could be invested in order to create jobs. We in the Government can only create a climate conducive to development. The private sector, of which the Tongaat-Hulett Group forms part, should put their money where their mouth is by putting money into South Africa to create the necessary jobs. I want to commend the hon member on making that point.

As far as the water resource is concerned, I do not want to instigate anything here, but I think some hon member should submit an interpellation to the hon the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry in regard to the amount of water running to the sea. If one talks to anybody in Natal one is asked why a dam has not been built in the Tugela Basin. As far as the Department of Regional Development is concerned, I will act as a facilitator if it is possible for us to assist in doing something in this regard.

I cannot pass up the opportunity to make one last remark. I think the hon member Mr M F Cassim was a bit naughty to say that we were penalising KwaZulu. My job is to do regional development on the one hand, and urbanisation on the other. If we do not do regional development, as in KwaZulu, we pick up the tab when people urbanise. There is no reason, therefore, for us to penalise anybody. In fact the figures I have given—these are available, I shall send hon members each a copy—are evidence of what has been achieved in that particular area.

Debate concluded

that something needs to be done about that urgently? (11) (2)

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I cannot attest to the truth of that story, because the Lebowa Government is fully responsible for the allocation and distribution of funds and food. As I have said the programme is continuously being monitored by the Department of National Health and Population Development. We find that unacceptable and we do not approve of food being left in a storeroom.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I thank her for that answer, but I would like to ask her whether in fact the correctness of those reports was investigated?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as I said the Department has had discussions with the relevant departments. I have not received a report on those discussions as yet, but the situation is being monitored. We will not allow food to be stored in a storeroom.

Report on food prices

*2 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

- (1) Whether the Board of Trade and Industry initiated a report on food prices in or about July 1991, is so.
- (2) whether this report has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that the report will be completed, if so, what are its main findings,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

- (1) The former Minister of Trade and Industry and Tourism, Dr G Marais and Dr A I van Niekerk, Minister of Agriculture requested the Board of Trade and Industry (now the Board on Tariffs and Trade) to investigate food prices. A press release in this regard was issued on 5 July 1991.
- (2) The Board has decided to issue a preliminary report in order to stimulate further discussion on the subject. This report should be available before 17 June 1992.

(2) no

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, given the fact that Lebowa at the present time is experiencing its worst drought in seven years, would she like to comment on the news report that tons of food relief have been lying unattended in four storerooms at that hospital in Lebowa and the fact

have given permission to the Board for the establishment of a committee, in terms of the Board on Tariffs and Trade Act (Act 60 of 1992), on which representatives of the Co-ordinating Committee on VAT and other consumer bodies will serve. This committee will take the matter further.

- (3) I will await a final report from the Board and do not intend issuing a statement at this stage.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I thank him for his reply, but I would like to ask him whether that report will in fact be made public and made available to hon members of this House?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, the report will be made public.

INTERPELLATION

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

Own Affairs

Shallcross link road: repayment

1 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

- (1) Whether, subsequent to the reply by the Minister of Housing on 4 February 1992 to an interpellation on the Shallcross link road, he or his Department has made any arrangements for the Development and Services Board and the Durban Municipality to repay the total amount that is being spent on this link road, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, ongoing negotiations are taking place between the Administration House of Delegates and the local authorities involved. Officials of the Durban City Council are currently preparing a submission on this issue for consideration by the city

Top marks for rural dynamism



Shafto's People

IN the heart of Lebowa, in a dusty Sekukuni-land village known as Jane Furse, is an extraordinary school

In that part of south-eastern Transvaal beyond Groblersdal, where dun-coloured rock rears up from the ground like giant glowering rhino and the far hills stand in clumps against a whitish sky, the school nestles by itself in a shallow valley

It is a private school, an Anglican church school modelled on similar institutions in this country.

It is called St Mark's College — and, this year, it is providing a level of education for its 427 pupils which would be difficult to match for geographical convenience and standard

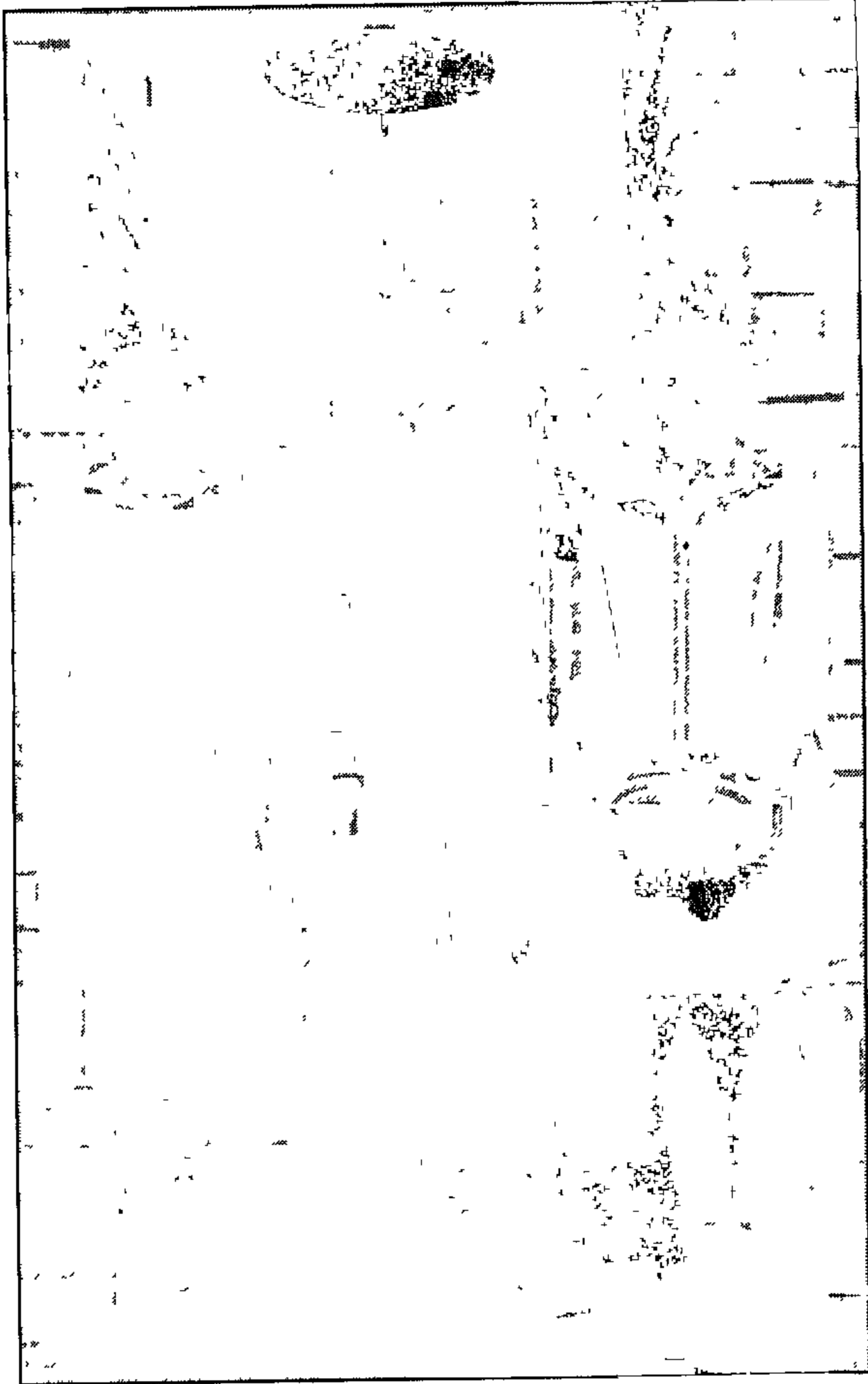
Most of its pupils are local or from reasonably nearby. At present all of them are black, though it is a non-racial school and white children connected with doctor parents at the Jane Furse Hospital are from time to time among its pupil complement

What is special about the school is twofold: firstly, one doesn't expect somehow to come across a school of such scope and facilities in such deeply rural surroundings; secondly, it is very much a growing concern.

Facilities are constantly being improved, mountains of brick for new boarding houses and classroom blocks cover the sun-bleached premises almost wherever you turn. The very hub of the school is a comprehensive, modern library

Colleges usually start in Std 6. This one starts a year earlier, and for good reason.

Headmaster Peter Anderson (52) explains that the extra prep school year is very necessary to prepare relatively unsophisticated pupils for a



Among the best . . . Peter Anderson runs a "bush" school that gives pupils like Mokgatla Matlala and Portia Bashele a top class education

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teacher "It's not uncommon to take a class which knows no history at all. You start from scratch. You begin, say, with the French Revolution. The next day you find they've been to the library and read it up for themselves."

The language of instruction is English. In the school's first three matric classes since 1990, some 12 pupils have taken English as a first language. Otherwise it is Sotho as a first language and English II

Says Mr Anderson, who came to St Mark's

very quickly to what ultimately we believe is a thoroughly good standard."

The school was started by the Community of the Resurrection in 1940, but the high school closed in 1952 and it limped along as a prep school, with the property becoming practically derelict, through to the '80s.

But with the Lebowa government taking over and learning in the territory being freed from Bantu Education, the school was resuscitated in 1985 with 60 pupils. Today the staff comple-

of people who contribute generously to a bursary fund"

The school is run nevertheless on a "very tight budget", with fees that cover board and tuition running at R5 400 a year for non-bursary pupils

Various pupil committees help with the running of the school "They have more control over events than do pupils of other schools," Mr Anderson adds

Nothing is usual at St Mark's. The school priest Father Thabo Mathudi is an exhibiting artist. His forebears were slaves.

Tutors walk out over ultimatum

A DEMAND by students at Sekgosese College of Education in Lebowa and the resultant walkout by lecturers from the institution may put the internal examinations in jeopardy.

The students are demanding that examinations for third-year students which were due to be written this month be postponed to September.

When the demand was rejected at a meeting between the SRC and staff, the SRC later resolved to issue an ultimatum to staff members to bow down to the demand by 10am on Thursday last week.

An SRC spokesman said the lecturers however responded by staging a walk-out from the institution on Thursday

The college's rector, Mr K Mabitwa, said the lectur-

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ers "went away" after being terribly embarrassed and intimidated by an ultimatum and the behaviour of students who occupied the offices and sat on lecturers' tables.

Mabitwa said by walking-out, the lecturers were giving way to an unpleasant situation as they expected the worst if their demand was not met. He however could not mention whether the demand would be met.

The SRC spokesman said the entire student-body has resolved to maintain their stance and attend classes until the lecturers come back to the college. He said the SRC has been mandated to consult with progressive organisations on the matter

Lebowa police deny monitoring political parties

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By MONTSHO MATLALA

NO political organisation was being secretly monitored by police in Lebowa, Major EM Tlomatsana of the homeland's police public relations division said yesterday.

He was reacting to claims by the PAC that their June 16 commemoration at GaMasemola tribal kraal was attended by plainclothes policemen who mingled with the chanting crowd.

"We don't spy on any organisation, we only monitor the situation in visible police uniforms," Tlomatsana said

"There is no security branch in Lebowa, we only have CID policemen who sometimes wear civilian clothes

"And if they are on the lookout for someone and he is attending a meeting, they will wait until the meeting ends rather than destroying it," said Tlomatsana

PAC national executive member Mr Mark Shinnars told about 500 people attending a June 16 rally at GaMasemola that his organisation would cling to

its "one settler, one bullet" slogan as long as the country was under white rule

Codesa, he said, was a political monster which had consumed R14 million of taxpayers' money since its inception

"Organisations who massacre Africans in trains and those who kill through necklace methods as well as those who eliminate activists are represented in Codesa," Shinnars charged, adding that the ANC should pull out of Codesa and join the PAC and Azapo to revive the Patriotic Front

DEPARTEMENT VAN STREEK- EN GRONDSAKE

No. 1691

19 Junie 1992

KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE DISPUTE TUSSEN DIE REGERINGS, PLAASLIKE REGERINGS, TRADISIONELE LEIERS EN DIE MENSE VAN GAZANKULU EN LEBOWA IN VERBAND MET DIE ONDERSKEIE GEBIEDE WAAROO HULLE WETGEWENDE VERGADERINGS EN STAMOWERHEDE JURISDIKSIE HET

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat dit die Staatspresident behaag het om sy Edele P. J. Rabie, DVD, voormalige Hoofregter van Suid-Afrika, as Voorsitter en enigste lid van 'n Kommissie van Onderzoek na die dispute tussen die Regerings, Plaaslike Regerings, Tradisionele Leiers en die mense van Gazankulu en Lebowa in verband met die onderskeie gebiede waaroor hulle Wetgewende Vergaderings en Stamowerhede jurisdiksie het.

Die Kommissie se opdrag lui soos volg:

Om ondersoek in te stel, verslag en aanbevelings te doen oor die dispute tussen die Regerings, Plaaslike Regerings, Tradisionele Leiers en die mense van Gazankulu en Lebowa in verband met die onderskeie gebiede waaroor hulle Wetgewende Vergaderings en Stamowerhede jurisdiksie het, met die oog op die oplossing van die dispute.

SUID-AFRIKAANSE RESERWEBANK

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WET OP DEPOSITONEMENDE INSTELLINGS, 1990
MINIMUM RESERWESALDO WAT DEUR DEPOSITONEMENDE INSTELLINGS IN STAND GEHOU MOET WORD

Ingevolge artikel 71 (3) (b) van die Wet op Depositonemende Instellings, 1990 (Wet No. 94 van 1990), maak ek hierby bekend dat die President van die Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank, kragtens artikel 71 (3) (a) van genoemde Wet en met die instemming van die Minister van Finansies en van Handel en Nywerheid, vir die doeleindes van artikel 71 (2) van genoemde Wet met ingang van 21 Julie 1992 'n verdere persentasie van 1 persent van 'n depositonemende instelling se korttermynverpligtings teenoor die publiek vasgestel het, benewens die persentasie van 4 persent wat by Goewermentskennisgewing No. 632 van 22 Maart 1991 afgekondig is.

Die kredietsaldo wat deur 'n depositonemende instelling gehandhaaf sal moet word uit hoofde van die bovermelde vasstelling van genoemde verdere 1 persent moet aldus gehandhaaf word in 'n spesiale depositorekening by die Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank, en rente teen 'n koers van 'n halfpersent laer as die koers van toepassing ten opsigte van die jongste weeklikse tenderuitgifte van 91-dae Skatkiswissels sal aan die depositonemende instelling betaal word op die daaglikse kredietsaldo's in sodanige spesiale depositorekening

J. H. VAN GREUNING,

Registrateur van Depositonemende Instellings.

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

No. 1691

19 June 1992

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF GAZANKULU AND LEBOWA REGARDING THE RESPECTIVE AREAS OVER WHICH THEIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND TRIBAL AUTHORITIES HAVE JURISDICTION

It is hereby notified for general information that the State President has been pleased to appoint the Honourable P. J. Rabie, DMS, former Chief Justice of South Africa, as Chairman and sole member of a Commission of Inquiry into the disputes between the Governments, Local Governments, Traditional Leaders and people of Gazankulu and Lebowa regarding the respective areas over which their Legislative Assemblies and Tribal Authorities have jurisdiction.

The Commission's terms of reference are as follows:

To investigate into, report on and make recommendations regarding the disputes between the Governments, Local Governments, Traditional Leaders and people of Gazankulu and Lebowa regarding the respective areas over which their Legislative Assemblies and Tribal Authorities have jurisdiction with the view of resolving the disputes.

SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

No. 1692

19 June 1992

DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1990

MINIMUM RESERVE BALANCE REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED BY DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS

In terms of section 71 (3) (b) of the Deposit-taking Institutions Act, 1990 (Act No. 94 of 1990), I hereby give notice that the Governor of the South African Reserve Bank has, under section 71 (3) (a) of the said Act and with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and of Trade and Industry, for the purposes of section 71 (2) of the said Act determined with effect from 21 July 1992 a further percentage of 1 per cent of a deposit-taking institution's short-term liabilities to the public, in addition to the percentage of 4 per cent published under Government Notice No. 632 of 22 March 1991.

The credit balance a deposit-taking institution will be required to maintain by virtue of the above-mentioned determination of the said further 1 per cent shall be so maintained in a special deposit account with the South African Reserve Bank, and interest at a rate of half a per cent below the rate applicable in respect of the latest weekly tender issue of 91-day Treasury bills shall be paid to the deposit-taking institution on the daily credit balances in such a special deposit account.

J. H. VAN GREUNING,

Registrar of Deposit-taking Institutions.

PROKLAMASIE

van die
Waarnemende Staatspresident
van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. R. 55, 1992

KOMMISSIE VAN ONDERSOEK NA DIE DISPUTE TUSSEN DIE REGERINGS, PLAASLIKE REGERINGS, TRADISIONELE LEIERS EN DIE MENSE VAN GAZANKULU EN LEBOWA IN VERBAND MET DIE ONDERSKEIE GEBIEDE WAAROM HULLE WETGEWENDE VERGADERINGS EN STAMOWERHEDE JURISDIKSIE HET

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 1 van die Kommissiewet, 1947 (Wet 8 van 1947), verklaar ek hierby dat die bepalings van daardie Wet van toepassing is op die Kommissie van Ondersoek na die dispute tussen die Regerings, Plaaslike Regerings, Tradisionele Leiers en die mense van Gazankulu en Lebowa in verband met die onderskeie gebiede waarvoor hulle Wetgewende Vergaderings en Stamowerhede jurisdiksie het en vaardig ek hierby die Regulasies (Afrikaans en Engels) in die Bylae vervat met betrekking tot genoemde Kommissie uit.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seel van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Johannesburg, op hede die Agste dag van Junie Eenduisend Negehonderd Twee-en-negentig.

R. F. BOTHA,

Waarnemende Staatspresident.

Op las van die Waarnemende Staatspresident-in-Kabinet

D. J. DE VILLIERS,

Minister van die Kabinet

BYLAE
REGULASIES

1. In hierdie regulasies, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“**beampte**” iemand wat in die voltydse diens van die Staat is en wat aangestel of aangewys is om die Kommissie by die verrigting van sy werksaamhede behulpsaam te wees;

“**dokument**” ook 'n boek, pamflet, aantekening, lys, omsendbrief, plan, plakkaat, aanplakbiljet, publikasie, tekening, foto of prent;

“**Kommissie**” die in hierdie proklamasie bedoelde Kommissie van Ondersoek na die dispute tussen die Regerings, Plaaslike Regerings, Tradisionele Leiers en die mense van Gazankulu en Lebowa in verband met die onderskeie gebiede waarvoor hulle Wetgewende Vergaderings en Stamowerhede jurisdiksie het;

“**ondersoek**” die ondersoek wat deur die Kommissie ingestel word,

“**perseel**” ook grond of 'n gebou, bouwerk, gedeelte van 'n gebou of bouwerk, voertuig, vervoermiddel, vaartuig of lugvaartuig,

“**voorsitter**” die Voorsitter van die Kommissie.

PROCLAMATION

by the
Acting State President
of the Republic of South Africa

No. R. 55, 1992



COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF GAZANKULU AND LEBOWA REGARDING THE RESPECTIVE AREAS OVER WHICH THEIR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND TRIBAL AUTHORITIES HAVE JURISDICTION

Under the powers vested in me by section 1 of the Commissions Act, 1947 (Act 8 of 1947), I hereby declare that the provisions of that Act shall be applicable to the Commission of Inquiry into the disputes between the Governments, Local Governments, Traditional Leaders and people of Gazankulu and Lebowa regarding the respective areas over which their Legislative Assemblies and Tribal Authorities have jurisdiction and I hereby make the Regulations (Afrikaans and English) contained in the Schedule with reference to the said Commission.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Johannesburg this eighth day of June, One thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two.

R. F. BOTHA,

Acting State President

By Order of the Acting State President-in-Cabinet:

D. J. DE VILLIERS,

Minister of the Cabinet

SCHEDULE
REGULATIONS

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**Chairman**” means the Chairman of the Commission;

“**Commission**” means the Commission of Inquiry into the disputes between the Governments, Local Governments, Traditional Leaders and people of Gazankulu and Lebowa regarding the respective areas over which their Legislative Assemblies and Tribal Authorities have jurisdiction;

“**document**” includes any book, pamphlet, record, list, circular, plan, placard, poster, publication, drawing, photograph or picture;

“**inquiry**” means the inquiry conducted by the Commission,

“**officer**” means a person in the full-time service of the State who has been appointed or designated to assist the Commission in the execution of its functions;

“**premises**” includes any land, building, structure, part of a building or structure, vehicle, conveyance, vessel or aircraft

2. Die verrigtinge van die Kommissie word genotuleer op die wyse deur die Voorsitter bepaal

3. (1) Iemand wat aangestel of aangewys is om die verrigtinge van die Kommissie in snelskrif aan te teken of op meganiese wyse op te neem of om sodanige verrigtinge wat aldus aangeteken of opgeneem is, te transkribeer, moet vooraf 'n eed of bevestiging in die volgende vorm aflê:

Ek, A.B., verklaar onder eed/bevestig en verklaar—

(a) dat ek getrou en na my beste vermoë die verrigtinge van die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die dispute tussen die Regerings, Plaaslike Regerings, Tradisionele Leiers en die mense van Gazankulu en Lebowa in verband met die onderskeie gebiede waaroor hulle Wetgewende Vergaderings en Stamowerhede jurisdiksie het in snelskrif sal aanteken/op meganiese wyse sal opneem soos deur die Voorsitter gelas;

(b) dat ek enige snelskrifaantekeninge/meganiese opname van die verrigtinge van genoemde Kommissie deur my of iemand anders gemaak, volledig en na my beste vermoë sal transkribeer.


(2) Geen snelskrifaantekeninge of meganiese opname van die verrigtinge van die Kommissie word getranskribeer nie behalwe op las van die Voorsitter.

4. Elke persoon wat diens doen by die verrigting van die Kommissie se werksaamhede, met inbegrip van iemand in regulasie 3 (1) bedoel, moet ten aansien van enige aangeleentheid of inligting wat by die vervulling van sy pligte in verband met bedoelde werksaamhede tot sy kennis kom, geheimhouding help bewaar, behalwe vir sover bekendmaking van sodanige aangeleentheid of inligting vir die doeleindes van die Kommissie se verslag nodig is, en elke sodanige persoon, behalwe die Voorsitter of 'n beampte, moet, voordat hy enige diens in verband met die Kommissie verrig, 'n eed van getrouheid of geheimhouding voor die Voorsitter in die volgende vorm aflê en onderteken:

Ek, A.B., verklaar onder eed/bevestig en verklaar dat, behalwe vir sover dit by die uitvoering van my pligte in verband met die werksaamhede van die Kommissie van Onderzoek na die dispute tussen die Regerings, Plaaslike Regerings, Tradisionele Leiers en die mense van Gazankulu en Lebowa in verband met die onderskeie gebiede waaroor hulle Wetgewende Vergaderings en Stamowerhede jurisdiksie het of ingevolge 'n bevel van 'n bevoegde hof nodig is, ek geen aangeleentheid of inligting wat in verband met genoemde Kommissie se ondersoek tot my kennis kom, aan enigiemand sal meedeel nie en niemand sal toelaat of veroorloof om toegang tot stukke van die Kommissie te verkry nie, met inbegrip van enige aantekening, opname of transkripsie van die verrigtinge van genoemde Kommissie in my besit of bewaring of in die besit of bewaring van genoemde Kommissie of 'n beampte.

5. Niemand mag enige aangeleentheid of inligting wat in verband met die Kommissie se ondersoek tot sy kennis gekom het, aan iemand anders meedeel of iemand anders toelaat of veroorloof om toegang te verkry tot stukke van die Kommissie nie, behalwe vir sover dit by die uitoefening van sy pligte in verband met die werksaamhede van die Kommissie of ingevolge 'n bevel van 'n bevoegde hof nodig is.

2. The proceedings of the Commission shall be recorded in the manner determined by the Chairman

3. (1) Any person appointed or designated to take down or record the proceedings of the Commission in shorthand or by mechanical means or to transcribe such proceedings which have been so taken down or recorded shall at the outset take an oath or make an affirmation in the following form: 

I, A B., declare under oath/affirm and declare—

(a) that I shall faithfully and to the best of my ability take down/record the proceedings of the Commission of Inquiry into the disputes between the Governments, Local Governments, Traditional Leaders and people of Gazankulu and Lebowa regarding the respective areas over which their Legislative Assemblies and Tribal Authorities have jurisdiction in shorthand/by mechanical means as ordered by the Chairman of the Commission;

(b) that I shall transcribe fully and to the best of my ability any shorthand notes/mechanical record of the proceedings of the said Commission made by me or by any other person.

(2) No shorthand notes or mechanical record of the proceedings of the Commission shall be transcribed except by order of the Chairman

4. Every person employed in the execution of the functions of the Commission, including any person referred to in regulation 3 (1), shall help to preserve secrecy with regard to any matter or information that may come to his knowledge in the performance of his duties in connection with the said functions, except in so far as the publication of such matter or information is necessary for the purposes of the report of the Commission, and every such person, except the Chairman or any officer, shall, before performing any duty in connection with the Commission, take and subscribe before the Chairman an oath of fidelity or secrecy in the following form:

I, A.B., declare under oath/affirm and declare that except in so far as it is necessary in the performance of my duties in connection with the functions of the Commission of Inquiry into the disputes between the Governments, Local Governments, Traditional Leaders and people of Gazankulu and Lebowa regarding the respective areas over which their Legislative Assemblies and Tribal Authorities have jurisdiction, or by order of a competent court, I shall not communicate to any person any matter or information which may come to my knowledge in connection with the inquiry of the said Commission, or suffer or permit any person to have access to any records of the Commission, including any note, record or transcription of the proceedings of the said Commission in my possession or custody or in the possession or custody of the said Commission or any officer.

5. No person shall communicate to any other person any matter or information which may have come to his knowledge in connection with the inquiry of the Commission, or suffer or permit any other person to have access to any records of the Commission, except in so far as it is necessary in the performance of his duties in connection with the functions of the Commission or by order of a competent court

6. Die Voorsitter of 'n beampte deur die Voorsitter in die algemeen of spesiaal daartoe gemagtig, moet 'n getuie wat voor die Kommissie verskyn, 'n eed oplê of van hom 'n bevestiging afneem.

7. (1) Indien 'n persoon wat getuie is voor die Kommissie afgelê het of aflê of wat opgeroep is om aldus getuie af te lê, die Kommissie aldus versoek, kan die Voorsitter gelas dat niemand die naam of adres van sodanige persoon of enige inligting wat waarskynlik sy identiteit sal openbaar, op enige wyse hoegenaamd bekend maak nie.

(2) Niemand mag 'n bepaling van 'n lasgewing bedoel in subregulasie (1) oortree nie.

8. 'n Getuie wat voor die Kommissie verskyn, kan deur 'n persoon in kruisverhoor geneem word slegs indien die Voorsitter sodanige kruisverhoor deur daardie persoon toelaat omdat die Voorsitter dit in belang van die werksaamhede van die Kommissie nodig ag.

9. 'n Getuie wat voor die Kommissie verskyn, kan na goeddunke van die Voorsitter en op die wyse wat hy bepaal, deur 'n advokaat of prokureur bygestaan word.

10. 'n Beampte, prokureur of advokaat deur die Voorsitter daartoe aangewys, kan by die aanhoor van getuie by die ondersoek aanwesig wees en getuie en argumente wat op die ondersoek betrekking het, aanvoer.

11. Wanneer die Kommissie op getuie of inligting aan hom voorgelê, oortuig is dat die Kommissie se ondersoek enige bestaande, ingestelde of hangende regsproses of enige ondersoek wat ingevolge die bepalings van enige wet ingestel is, nadelig kan raak, word getuie wat relevant is tot sodanige regsproses of ondersoek op so 'n wyse deur die Kommissie hanteer dat daardie regsproses of ondersoek nie daardeur nadelig geraak word nie.

12. Die Voorsitter of 'n beampte kan vir doeleindes van die ondersoek te alle redelike tye enige perseel betree en besigtig en enige dokument wat op sodanige perseel is, opeis en in beslag neem.

13. Niemand mag sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Voorsitter—

- (a) 'n dokument wat in verband met die ondersoek deur enige persoon aan die Kommissie voorgelê is, versprei of die inhoud of 'n gedeelte van die inhoud van so 'n dokument publiseer nie; of
- (b) enige dokumente, met inbegrip van enige verklaring, wat bestem is om aan die Voorsitter voorgelê te word, insien of onderwyl dit na die Voorsitter geneem of aan hom versend word, onderskep nie.

14. Niemand mag, behalwe vir sover dit by die uitvoering van die Kommissie se opdrag nodig is, die verslag van die Kommissie of 'n afskrif of 'n gedeelte daarvan of inligting met betrekking tot die oorweging van getuie deur die Kommissie publiseer of aan iemand anders verstrek nie voordat die Staatspresident die verslag vir publikasie beskikbaar gestel het of die verslag in die Parlement ter tafel gelê is.

15. Niemand mag die Voorsitter beledig, neerhaal of verkleiner of die verrigtinge of die bevindings van die Kommissie benadeel, beïnvloed of vooruitloop nie.

6. The Chairman or an officer generally or specially authorised thereto by the Chairman shall administer an oath to or accept an affirmation from any witness appearing before the Commission

7. (1) If any person who gave or is giving evidence before the Commission or who has been summoned so to give evidence so requests the Commission, the Chairman may direct that no person shall publish in any manner whatsoever the name or address of such person or any information likely to reveal his identity.

(2) No person shall contravene any provision of a directive referred to in subregulation (1).

8. Any witness appearing before the Commission may be cross-examined by a person only if the Chairman permits such cross-examination by such person because the Chairman deems it necessary in the interest of the functions of the Commission

9. Any witness appearing before the Commission may, in the discretion of the Chairman and in such manner as may be determined by him, be assisted by an advocate or an attorney

10. An officer, attorney or advocate designated thereto by the Chairman may be present at the hearing of evidence at the inquiry and may adduce evidence and arguments relating to the inquiry.

11. Whenever the Commission is satisfied upon evidence or information presented to it that the Commission's inquiry may adversely affect any existing, instituted or pending legal proceedings or any investigation instituted in terms of any law, evidence which is relevant to such legal proceedings or investigation shall be dealt with by the Commission in such a manner as not to affect adversely such legal proceedings or investigation.

12. The Chairman or any officer may, for the purposes of the inquiry, at all reasonable times enter and inspect any premises and demand and seize any document which is on such premises.

13. No person shall without the written permission of the Chairman—

- (a) disseminate any document submitted to the Commission by any person in connection with the inquiry or publish the contents or any portion of the contents of such document; or
- (b) peruse any document, including any statement, which is destined to be submitted to the Chairman or intercept such document while it is being taken or forwarded to the Chairman

14. No person shall, except in so far as may be necessary in the execution of the terms of reference of the Commission, publish or furnish to any other person the report of the Commission or a copy or a part thereof or information regarding the consideration of evidence by the Commission before the State President has released the report for publication or the report has been laid upon the Table in Parliament

15. No person shall insult, disparage or belittle the Chairman of the Commission or prejudice, influence or anticipate the proceedings or findings of the Commission

16. Iemand wat—
- die Voorsitter of 'n beampte by die uitoefening van 'n bevoegdheid in regulasie 12 bedoel, opsetlik hinder, teengaan of dwarsboom; of
 - 'n bepaling van regulasie 5, 7 (2), 13 of 14 oortree; of
 - 'n bepaling van regulasie 15 oortree,
- is aan 'n misdryf skuldig en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar—
- in die geval van 'n misdryf in paragraaf (a) of (b) bedoel, met 'n boete van hoogstens R200 of gevangenisstraf vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens ses maande; en
 - in die geval van 'n misdryf in paragraaf (c) bedoel, met 'n boete van hoogstens R1 000 of gevangenisstraf vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens 12 maande.

GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWINGS

ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD

DEPARTEMENT VAN ONDERWYS EN KULTUUR

No. R. 1641

19 Junie 1992

MAGTIGING VAN SKOLE OM INKOMSTE TE BEHOU EN VOORSKRIFTE BETREFFENDE SODANIGE INKOMSTE

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 2 (1A) van die Skatkiswet, 1975 (Wet No. 66 van 1975), en met die instemming van die Minister van Begroting, magtig ek, Pieter Gabriel Marais, Minister van Onderwys en Kultuur, hierby alle openbare skole, uitgesonderd nywerheid- en verbeteringskole, onder my gesag, om inkomste soos omskryf in die Bylae te behou en aan te wend vir die bestryding van sodanige skole se uitgawes, en daarvan word rekenskap gegee en daarmee word gehandel volgens die voorskrifte in die Bylae.

Goewermenskennisgewing No. 2037 van 23 Augustus 1991 word hierby ingetrek

P. G. MARAIS,

Minister van Onderwys en Kultuur

BYLAE

Woordomsrywings

1. In hierdie voorskrifte het 'n woord of uitdrukking waaraan in die Wet 'n betekenis geheg word, die betekenis aldus daaraan geheg en tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“bedryfsrekening” ’n bedryfsrekening in paragraaf 2 (1) bedoel,

“boekjaar” die tydperk van 1 Januarie tot 31 Desember van enige jaar,

“die Wet” die Wet op Onderwysaangeleenthede (Volksraad), 1988 (Wet No 70 van 1988);

16. Any person who—

(a) wilfully hinders, resists or obstructs the Chairman or any officer in the exercise of any power referred to in regulation 12, or

(b) contravenes a provision of regulation 5, 7 (2), 13 or 14, or

(c) contravenes a provision of regulation 15,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction—

(i) in the case of an offence referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), to a fine not exceeding R200 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months; and

(ii) in the case of an offence referred to in paragraph (c), to a fine not exceeding R1 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

No. R. 1641

19 June 1992

AUTHORIZATION OF SCHOOLS TO RETAIN REVENUE AND DIRECTIONS RELATING TO SUCH REVENUE

Under the powers vested in me by section 2 (1A) of the Exchequer Act, 1975 (Act No 66 of 1975), and with the concurrence of the Minister of the Budget, I, Pieter Gabriel Marais, Minister of Education and Culture, hereby authorize all public schools, excluding industrial and reform schools, under my authority, to retain revenue as defined in the Schedule, and to apply it for meeting the expenditure of such schools, and such money shall be accounted for and dealt with in accordance with the directions in the Schedule

Government Notice No 2037 of 23 August 1991 is hereby withdrawn.

P. G. MARAIS,

Minister of Education and Culture

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these directions any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall have the meaning so assigned to it and, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“council” in the application of these directions means a management council referred to in section 15 (a) of the Act,

“Executive Director” means an Executive Director of Education referred to in section 4 of the Act,

“financial year” means the period from 1 January to 31 December of any year,

“operating account” means an operating account referred to in paragraph 2 (1),

Azapo no to Sadtu strikes

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

Sowetan 26/6/92

THE Azanian People's Organisation has warned the South African Democratic Teachers Union not to turn its threats of disrupting classes into reality as this could destroy black school-children's lives.

Sadtu has threatened to disrupt classes and make Lebowa ungovernable after the winter school holidays if their demands are not met.

The union is demanding that the suspension of two of its members in the Naphuno district be lifted.

A delegation from the union was also allegedly barred from entering the premises of the education department in

Lebowakgomo this week where they were to iron out differences with the authorities.

Azapo media liaison officer, Mr Khangale Makhado, said yesterday Sadtu would have made the "gravest mistake" since its inception if it went ahead with its plans to disrupt classes. This would amount to destroying the lives of thousands of black school-children in the area.

Makhado said Sadtu's decision to halt schooling was like "thinking with the mouth" as some of the union's members' children attended elite private schools which would not be affected by their actions.

Meanwhile, students at more than four tertiary institutions in Lebowa have embarked on class boycotts to press for their various demands.

So far, the academic year at Mamokgalakachue College of Education has been suspended until July 27 after a boycott which started on Wednesday.

By SMITH RADINGWANA

PRAYERS made them feel better, but they didn't bring rain.

Now the people are putting their hopes in a fancy rain machine.

Meanwhile, areas neighbouring the homeland are holding on to water reserves which the people of Sekhukhuni-land desperately need.

Vast areas of the homeland have been brought to breakpoint by the drought.

Attempts to pray for rain failed.

People are eagerly looking forward to crank up the rain machine bought by the late Dr CN Phathudi.

Residents in areas such as Mphanama, Radingwana, Madibaneng and

No water for the people to drink

Malegale have to walk many kilometers to dig the ground to find water

Mphanama villagers are forced to pay R2,50 for 25 litres.

A spokesman for Mphanama Civic Association, a Mr Segala, blamed the Lebowa government for being ignorant.

"We strongly urge the Lebowa government to feel sympathy for the Sekhukhuni-land people. Without water we cannot eat, walk or perform our daily work. Without water we cannot survive. Water is life," he said.

In a letter to the De-

partment of Agriculture, the MCA asked the minister to act quickly

In response, the minister informed the civic that their letter had been referred to the deputy general director of the Department of Water Supply and Forestry

In a meeting at Schoenot, it was suggested that the Lebowa government pressure the Groblersdal municipality to supply residents with water from Loskop Dam.

It was suggested that the Arabi, Olifant and Nkadimeng Dams should supply Sekhukhuni-land with water.

Lebowa rejects Sadtu's recognition bid

The Lebowa Legislative Assembly has decided not to recognise the South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu), which represents over 5 000 teachers in the homeland.

To tighten the grip on Sadtu, which represents over 40 000 members countrywide, the homeland went further to bar everyone, including its cabinet ministers, from challenging the assembly's decision.

Seshego member of parliament (MP), I Moloko, proposed the banning after disclosing that Sadtu was canvassing for membership in the whole of South Africa and that it should not be given statutory recognition in terms of the Lebowa Public Service Act No 2 of 1992 and Lebowa Education Act No 6 of 1978, which do not provide for teachers to belong to trade unions. Moloko's motion was seconded by James Mphahlele of Thabamoope.

Reacting to the Lebowa authority's move, Sadtu spokesperson Randall van der Heever said his union would continue representing more than 5 000 teachers in Lebowa.

"We have requested an interview with the Lebowa government on the question of the recognition of Sadtu as well as the victimisation that teachers suffer in Lebowa," said Randall.



Randall van der Heever, Sadtu spokesperson

He added that his union and the Lebowa government had reached an agreement in respect of problems pertaining to various teachers employed by the Lebowa government on September 23, 1991.

A Sadtu delegation held "very productive" meetings with the department in March this year about the formal recognition of the union, he said.

"We therefore have no reason to doubt that our fourth meeting with the Lebowa government will be as productive as meetings held in the past," he said.

Meanwhile, the Namakgale Sadtu branch, Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and the Pan Africanist Students Organisation (Paso) announced that they had declared war against the Lebowa education department for dismissing several teachers.

A number of teachers have already been dismissed for allegedly associating with political structures and trade unions.

Local Sadtu activists said mass action, which would include sit-ins involving teachers and students at various schools, was being contemplated to place pressure on the homeland authorities to recognise the universal principle of freedom of association.

The spokesperson added that the date for mass action would be released soon after plans had been finalised.

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B/DAY 20/7/12

Lebowa seeks funds

LEBOWA's Agriculture and Environmental Conservation Department is negotiating with SA for R30m for its drought relief programme. Department spokesman M J Mashapu said on Friday most rivers in Lebowa had not flowed normally for the past 10 years. If rain did not fall in the next few weeks it would face the worst drought in its history. (11)

Ramodike warning

LEBOWA leader Nelson Ramodike has backed the ANC's mass action campaign - but warned against the possibility of the protests being hijacked to fan violence.

In a statement at the week end he

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called on the South African Government to meet the ANC's demands so that negotiations could resume and urged supporters of the campaign to refrain from engaging in acts of violence or intimidation. He also called on "some elements" intent on hijacking the campaign not to use the political organisation to disrupt the provision of social services.

Action sought over Lebowa chieftainship

By Shirley Woodgate (11)

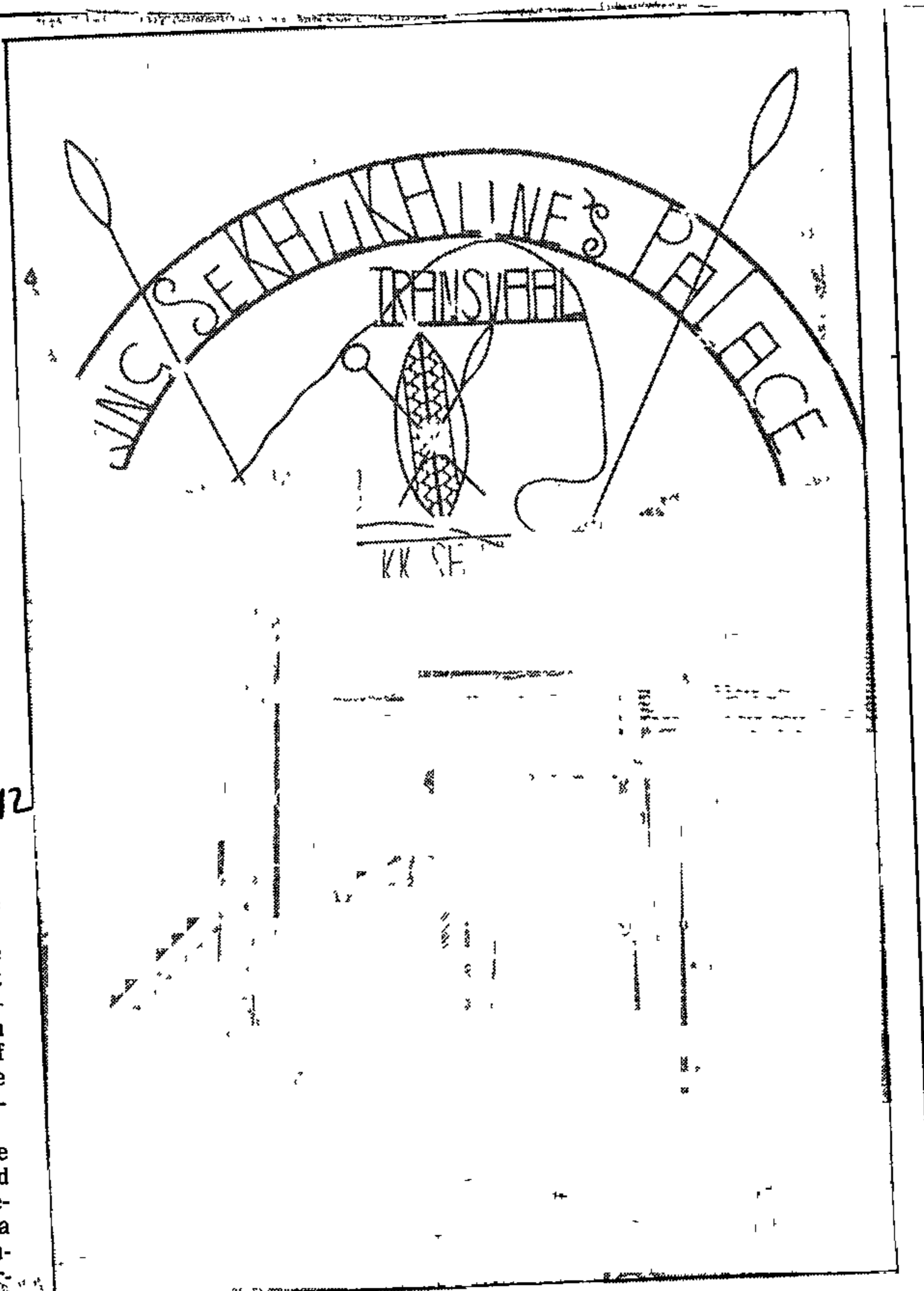
A simmering chieftainship row in Sekhukhune-land, Lebowa, has been referred by legally reinstated paramount chief Kenneth Kgagudi Sekhukhune ("KK") to the ANC and, via a request to the German embassy, to the international community

STAR
Risking head-on confrontation with the homeland's Chief Minister, Nelson Ramodike, Chief KK has called on outside authorities to apply pressure on Mr Ramodike to return him to his rightful position as acting paramount chief of the Bapedi

Mr Ramodike deposed Chief KK and replaced him with former Lebowa government clerk Ryne Thulare in 1989

Despite a Supreme Court order in June last year, followed by an Appellate Court ruling in December 1991, Chief KK claims Mr Thulare continued to illegally administer the region

He said Mr Ramodike had subsequently ignored the court rulings to reinstate him. However, a senior Lebowa government spokesman yesterday denied that the court ruling had not been implemented



Power struggle . Chief "KK" Sekhukhune wants to be reinstated as acting paramount chief of the Bapedi. Picture: Struan Robertson

News in brief

Azania says it burnt cars

ABOUT 10 vehicles - six belonging to the Lebowa government - were set alight at Seshego on Sunday in an apparent revenge attack by the Azanian Liberation Army, the armed wing of Black Consciousness Movement of Azania.

An anonymous caller yesterday said the armed wing of the Black Consciousness Movement had claimed responsibility for the incident, adding that the organisation was "engaging the enemy" for jailing its cadres.

Three Azania members on Friday were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for a bomb attack on a Transvaal Provincial Administration camp outside Potgietersrus.

Sowetan 28/7/92

Author dies in his sleep

AUTHOR and top educationist Mr Isaac



LEBOWA Education Minister
MJ Mahlangu this week conceded that libraries in black schools were inadequately supplied with books and that this had contributed to the schools crisis.
"Out of 2 000 primary and secondary schools we have about 200 proper school libraries," Mahlangu told the annual conference of the National Librarians of Southern Africa at Pietersburg on Wednesday. (11)

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Lebowa Plat has black beast look

LEBOWA Platinum is beginning to look like the platinum equivalent of Rand Mines' bete noire East Rand Proprietary Mines.

The JCI-managed mine's poor performance has been mirrored by the share price — down from R11 at the start of 1990 to 115c now.

It suffered a R29-million loss in the year to June 30. Net current liabilities are R86-million, of which R73-million is borrowed. It has also reported another year's failure to meet production targets.

The mine, whose origins go back to 1987 when pressure from the Lebowa Government spurred JCI to develop long-held mineral rights, has undergone several changes in mine plan.

At the start of the last financial year, the intention was to take 70 000 tons of Merensky Reef from underground and 30 000 tons opencast from the UG2 Reef outcrop at Atok.



BARRY DAVISON: Better

balance expected tonnage. He hopes this target will be met soon. Options to raise the tonnage to 100 000 a month are being considered.

The mine was plagued by labour problems, resulting in the dismissal of the work-force and temporary closure in 1990. Former workers are now employed as the re-

placement contract labour tenures expire. Mr Davison expects higher productivity because employee attitudes have changed.

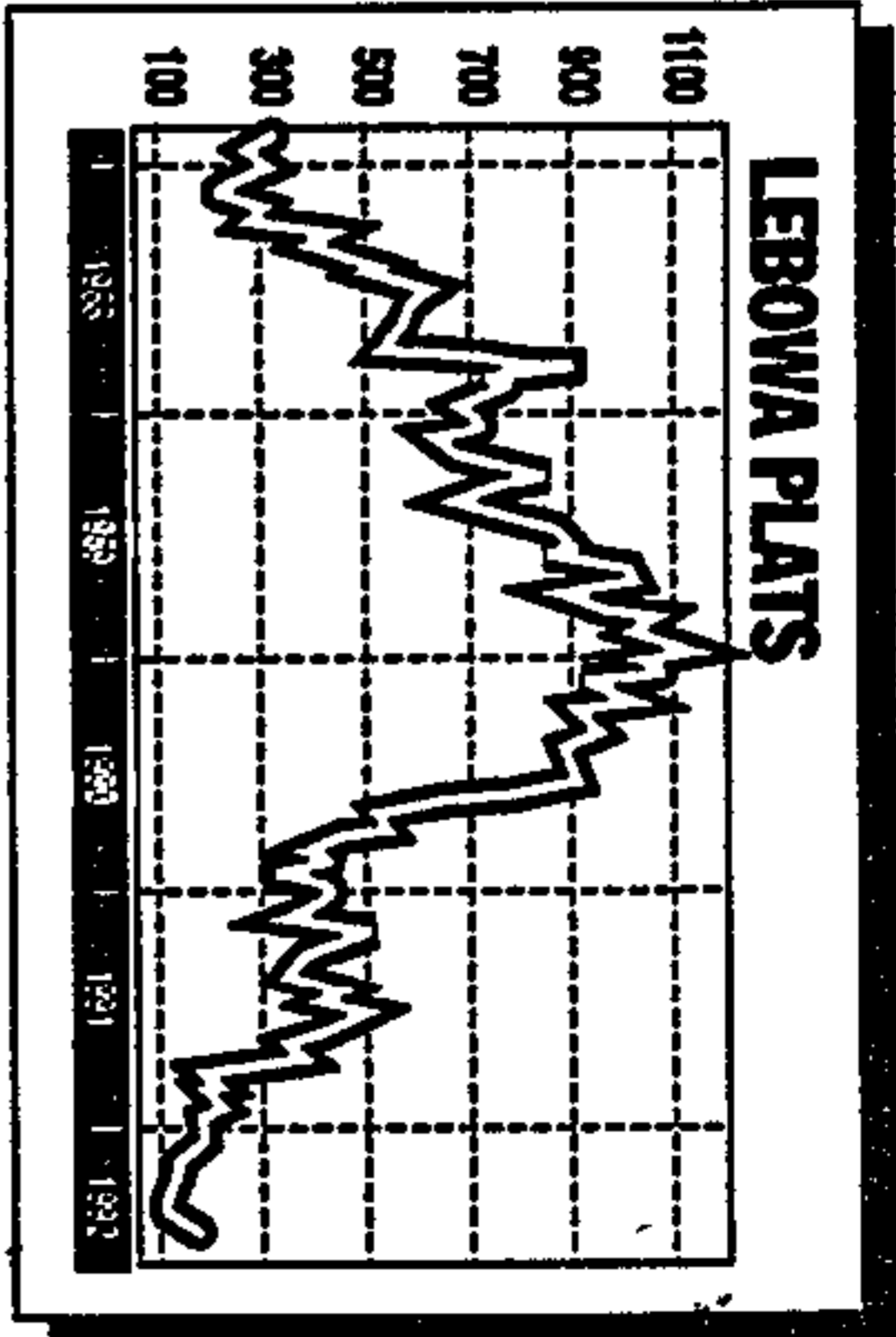
Platinum sales volume rose by 19% last year — the physical figure is a secret — and gross sales revenue edged up to R112-million. But production shortfalls had to be made up through metal leasing for the mine to fulfil its contractual undertakings. The leased metal amounted to 60% of the year's sales and 85% of future sales.

The obligations will be met out of future production and R25-million has been provided to cover costs.

Mr Davison says the company is negotiating a more favourable financing deal for a consolidated loan of R110-million. The current cost of funds is 17%.

He dismisses a suggestion that a rights issue may be necessary.

The average platinum price fell from \$428/oz in 1991 to \$363 in the year to June 1992.



Rhodium's average fell from \$4 061/oz to \$2 684.

Mr Davison expects a better balance between supply and demand for platinum group metals. This should lead to firmer prices, but no fire-works. Much depends on world economic recovery.

Lebowa Plats has also been irritated by claims that the rights to the base metals in the mine's reserves belong to a third party, Sandton-based Trojan Exploration. Mr Davison declines to comment on the state of play in this matter.

It is believed that the options on the base-metal claims expired at the end of July.

Mr Davison will say nothing more about an announcement by Potgietersrust Platinum (PPIRust), JCI's newest developing platinum mine in Lebowa.

The announcement says PPIRust holds agreements and prospecting grants relating to rights in Lebowa, is imple-

menting them and honouring all obligations.

It says "Shareholders should be made aware that certain third parties are attempting to persuade the Lebowa Government to repudiate or breach the agreements... by granting conflicting rights to such third parties in respect of base minerals and gold within the platinum group metals ore bodies."

PPIRust has been told there are no grounds for granting rights to any third party. It will take legal action to prevent any infringement of its rights.

Market sources suggest that Australian group Challenger Exploration could be involved at PPIRust. Trojan's Laurence Blomkamp declines to comment.

Challenger is in the business of mineral rights procurement and is active in SA, Botswana and Zimbabwe. The name has been linked to two diamond deposits in Botswana.

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Race to halt rural exodus

Star 10/8/92.

The drought threatens to trigger the mass migration of thousands of black families in a desperate search for survival from food and water shortages, reports MICHAEL CHESTER

FLITTE teams of international engineers and local experts have formed a special task force in the northern Transvaal on the most dramatic mission most of them have ever tackled, find water — and avert one of the biggest and most tragic mass migrations on record in southern Africa.

Director of operations Len Abrams, from the new Consultative Forum on Drought Relief, estimates the numbers in the trek may swell as high as between 2.5 and 3 million unless new water supplies can be tapped from deep under dried-out river-beds and land parched by the longest and most severe drought in living memory.

"We're in a desperate battle against time," he says. "Drilling operations are running round the clock. Unless we can trace new water sources and unless spring rains come to the rescue, the start of a massive migration from hundreds of villages will be inevitable in the next three months."

The hunt for water has been spread out across hundreds of kilometres of the northern Transvaal and most of the Venda and Lebowa homelands where hundreds of thousands of black families have found themselves trapped in the drought crisis.

New boreholes are being drilled, broken pumps repaired, every small leak in water pipes plugged, new dams laid out to secure even the tinnest trickle from springs.

The extent and degree of the drought is seen in the obvious desperation of long queues that form in rural villages when government or military trucks arrive with tankers carrying precious water supplies. The water shortage is so

widespread that rations often have to be limited to a meagre 25 litres per family — expected to last four long days. Because of the size of many rural families, that in reality comes down to only 2 or 3 litres per villager — or little more than half a litre per person a day.

"And that," Mr Abrams notes "is not only for drinking-water or tea or coffee. That also has to suffice, somehow, for washing, scrubbing clothes and cooking. Very often there's nowhere near enough water to cook the scarce meals and food scraps on which many villagers are struggling to survive. The potential health as well as malnutrition hazards are enormous."

"The drought crisis in many rural areas is sadly underestimated in the big metropolitan centres, protected by sophisticated water supply systems and with the cash to buy food in the supermarkets.

"But if solutions do not come in time, with rains or successful new boreholes, there will be no possible way to avert a mass rural exodus."

"More funds and more volunteers are vital to keep assistance and technical operations running at full speed."

For Len Abrams, the operation comes as a dramatic initiation as the first executive director of the Consultative Forum on Drought Relief, which has thrust the problem to the top of a growing list of priorities.

Fortunately, a background as a qualified civil engineer and director of the Rural Advice Centre has made him the ideal candidate with the practical knowledge and experience to head the hand-picked task force out on constant assignment from a special operations centre established in Pietersburg.



Hard labour getting water from a spring in Lebowa. It is covered with thorns at night to prevent wild animals taking the precious liquid.

Mr Abrams has already succeeded in bringing in specialists from overseas to join local engineers recruited from various government departments and the private sector.

Engineers from Germany were among the first arrivals to be shocked by the extent and degree of the drought crisis. From Britain, engineers from the crack volunteer unit known as the "Red R" — the nickname of the Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief, with long experience of global emergencies — have joined the operation. International Executive Ser-

VICES, another crack unit of volunteers, has sent in more than a score of professional engineers from posts around the world. And now the United States government has pledged to send in a team.

The huge operation marks the real launch of the Consultative Forum on Drought Relief, which was created out of a special conference co-hosted by the Independent Development Trust and the Kagiso Trust three months ago as the urgent need for emergency measures became a national concern. It also marks a breakthrough

in efforts to bring together all the main players and persuade them to leave their political differences on one side while they combine forces in the search for solutions.

Somewhat the forum succeeded in bringing as many as 68 organisations to the conference table to agree on an action programme — covering a spectrum that spans the whole gamut from the ANC to various government departments from the trade unions to the Development Bank of Southern Africa. "By striking at least a temporary peace accord between

all the players," says Mr Abrams, "we believe we can finally push ahead with an action plan that cuts straight through the red tape and bureaucracy that has held government initiatives in slow motion."

The forum has laid plans to launch a series of five special task forces, each assigned to tackle one of the specific problem areas that have been spotlighted by the drought crisis. The issue of water supplies has been the first item on the agenda, but expert teams will also concentrate on practical solutions to malnutrition short-

and longer-term plans for the future of agriculture answers to the unemployment caused by the drought as well as new approaches to job creation, and a concerted study of socio-economic development as a whole.

"It's much more than merely yet another discussion forum," adds Mr Abrams. "It's a think-tank that intends to turn theories into practice — and at full speed." "The next priority will be to ensure full participation at down-to-earth community level, where voices have been ignored for far too long." □

9 000 cattle die in parched Lebowa

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — More than 9 000 head of cattle have died in drought-stricken Lebowa, where most boreholes have dried up

Agriculture spokesman M J Mashapu said the worst-hit districts were Bolobedu, where 2 000 animals had died, and Naphuno, where

many rural communities had no water at all

An amount of R45,8 million had been made available to Lebowa by the South African Government for drought relief programmes

Mr Mashapu said job creation would be financed from this aid package to the tune of R16 million, and water schemes would cost R10 million. The balance would go to agricultural inputs such as

the purchasing of fertilisers and fodder

Water schemes recently completed in the Mashashane and Bochum areas would bring timely relief for rural communities there. Seven schemes in other parts of Lebowa were still under construction, he said

About 5 600 jobs had been created in agriculture so far, at a cost of R1,2 million, The Star was told

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Theft of 52 water pumps hampers drought relief

THE mysterious disappearance of 52 diesel-powered water pumps — worth about R100 000 — in Lebowa has seriously exacerbated the effects of the drought in that region, according to a drought relief source.

Lebowa Agriculture Department spokesman Jerry Mashaphu yesterday confirmed the pumps had been stolen. He said suggestions they had been stolen by corrupt government officials were "stories formulated by the civic association to discredit the department so they can win the confidence of the community."

The pumps could have been removed only by people connected with officialdom who knew where and when they were being installed, the source said.

"They were removed within two weeks of installation. The pumps are quite heavy so the people who removed them must have had the equipment and the knowhow.

"It's also very unlikely people from the communities would steal pumps that are their only water supply."

The source said an official in KaNgwane had been arrested after he tried to sell a similar pump to a farmer. The farmer sensed something was wrong and informed the police.

Meanwhile, Lebowa's latest official drought report said almost 10 000 cattle had died between May and July, and the situation was worsening.

The report said R16,6m of an SA grant of R45,8m would be spent on job creation while a further R10,5m would go towards improving water supplies.

"People walk long distances in search of water. Livestock is seen roaming along completely dry rivers and dams or crowded around drinking troughs without water," the report said.

Sapa reports from Pretoria that the Water Affairs Department is sending tankers, plastic storage tanks and personnel for pump maintenance to KaNgwane to relieve the water shortage there.

The department said yesterday that while water was reaching drought-stricken Lebowa and Venda through the joint operation of the Water Affairs Department and the National Consultative Forum in Drought, the KaNgwane government had requested assistance with the supply of water.

"In the Tonga area of KaNgwane, the Komati River has ceased to flow. If a suitable solution cannot be found,

the department, in consultation with Eskom, will consider possible releases from the Vygeboom Dam in the Komati River.

"This could, however, have serious implications for electricity supply and a great deal of water will be lost due to evaporation and filtration."

The statement said following the release of water twice in June and July to remedy the situation on the Lower Komati River, the possibility of a power shortage arose. This could have considerable socio-economic consequences for the country as a whole.

"To prevent this, Eskom made R60m available for an emergency pipeline between the Usutu and Komati Systems. The construction of the pipeline, however, was retarded by the strike in the steel industry."

The greatest task, said the department, was the repair of borehole equipment in drought-stricken areas of Lebowa and Venda. This was complicated by the poor condition of the equipment. In addition, problems were experienced with delivery of new equipment.

The department said the delivery of food supplies to stricken areas was under way under the directorship of chairman of the Co-ordinating Drought Relief Action, Frans van der Merwe.



Paramedics struggled in vain to save the life of a suspected car hijacker who was shot by police outside the Johannesburg Stock Exchange after a chase through the city streets yesterday. The robber was fatally wounded and crashed into several parked cars after undercover police opened fire with pistols and machine guns. Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Dam plans call for careful management

UNLESS water distribution from rivers in the Kruger National Park was managed properly, future droughts would have a devastating impact on wildlife there, Water Research Commission consultant David van Rooyen said yesterday.

Van Rooyen said plans to build dams on the Sabi River for use by industry would have to be managed carefully so that enough water remained in the river.

By the year 2000 the water needs of SA's conservation areas would represent up to 13% of the country's total water needs, a commission statement said. The commission is a government agency established to research SA's future water needs.

RAY HARTLEY

Nature conservation areas including parks, lakes, estuaries, wetlands and river-bank habitats needed three billion cubic metres a year to remain viable.

The commission, along with the Water Affairs Department, the National Parks board and other bodies was conducting a R2m research project on the future water needs of the Kruger National Park.

"The problem is that the claims of nature conservation are not recognised in the existing Water Act. Consequently no water is allocated specifically to the game reserve and rivers in the area have dried up."

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**Land plans (11)
are welcome**

LEBOWA Chief minister Mr Nelson Ramodike last week hailed the intention of the Government to transfer more than one million hectares of land to the bantustan.

Ramodike said this at the official opening of the Lebowa Show in Lebowakgomo

He said land remained a thorny issue in the distribution of wealth and it must be restored to communities who were forcefully removed. - Sapa

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FW move slammed

LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike has condemned the proposed amendment to legislation to empower President FW de Klerk to appoint Cabinet Ministers to Parliament

He also condemned KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi for saying Lebowa was being manipulated by the ANC

Ramodike said all political leaders should outgrow the stage of political mud-slinging. He believed the proposed amendment was to enable De Klerk to appoint people who supported National Party policies and called for the repeal of the Self-Governing Territories Act of 1971, which legislated for the existence of homelands

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Lebowa in grip of worst disaster

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PIETERSBURG — Lebowa, the northern Transvaal homeland, is facing its worst disaster in centuries as water for humans and livestock dwindles and hundreds of cattle die each day the drought continues.

A spokesman for the Lebowa Department of Agricultural and Environmental Affairs said on Tuesday most natural

water sources had dried up and more than 9 000 head of cattle had died.

High-lying areas like Ga-Mashashane in the Seshego district near Pietersburg and Blouberg in the Bochum district were hardest hit

The spokesman said about 102 villages had been identified as most severely affected and would be attended to as long as money was available

"The total expenditure

needed to alleviate the situation is estimated at R30 million, while an additional amount of R10,5 million made available from a special drought relief fund is being spent on water supplies," the spokesman said.

"The amount needed sounds big but if you take into consideration the costs involved in developing just one water scheme, it is minimal."

— Sapa.

Platinum mines in dispute over mineral rights

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LEBOWA Platinum (Leplat) and Potgietersrust Platinums (PP Rust), JCI's two Lebowa platinum mines, have confirmed a dispute with Trojan Exploration.

In their annual reports released at the weekend, both mines dismissed allegations by Trojan that it had bona fide claims to the companies' base metal and mineral rights.

Leplat and PP Rust chairman Barry Davison said Trojan had been at liberty to set down its mineral rights dispute with Leplat for a court hearing from February this year, but had failed to do so.

The hiatus in the Leplat dispute coincides with another dispute between Trojan against the Lebowa Minerals Trust (LMT), involving base mineral rights owned by PP Rust.

Davison said Trojan had informed PP Rust of its application to the LMT for prospecting rights on several farms in Lebowa where PP Rust already had the rights to precious metals and base minerals.

He said, "Since the company's rights were granted prior to the Trojan application, we see no basis for the granting of Trojan's application."

Trojan "was attempting to persuade the Lebowa government to repudiate agreements and prospecting grants held by the company by granting conflicting rights" for base minerals and gold contained within the platinum-bearing ore bodies. "There are no grounds on which any rights, which would in any way infringe this company's rights, could be granted to a third party," Davison said.

It is understood that Trojan may be basing its case against the LMT on alleged legal irregularities in Lebowa's agreement with PP Rust. Trojan directors Martin Brink and Louis Bloukamp were unavailable for comment at the weekend.

In his review, Davison said shareholders were informed in 1991 of allegations regarding the infringement of base metal rights at its Atok mine

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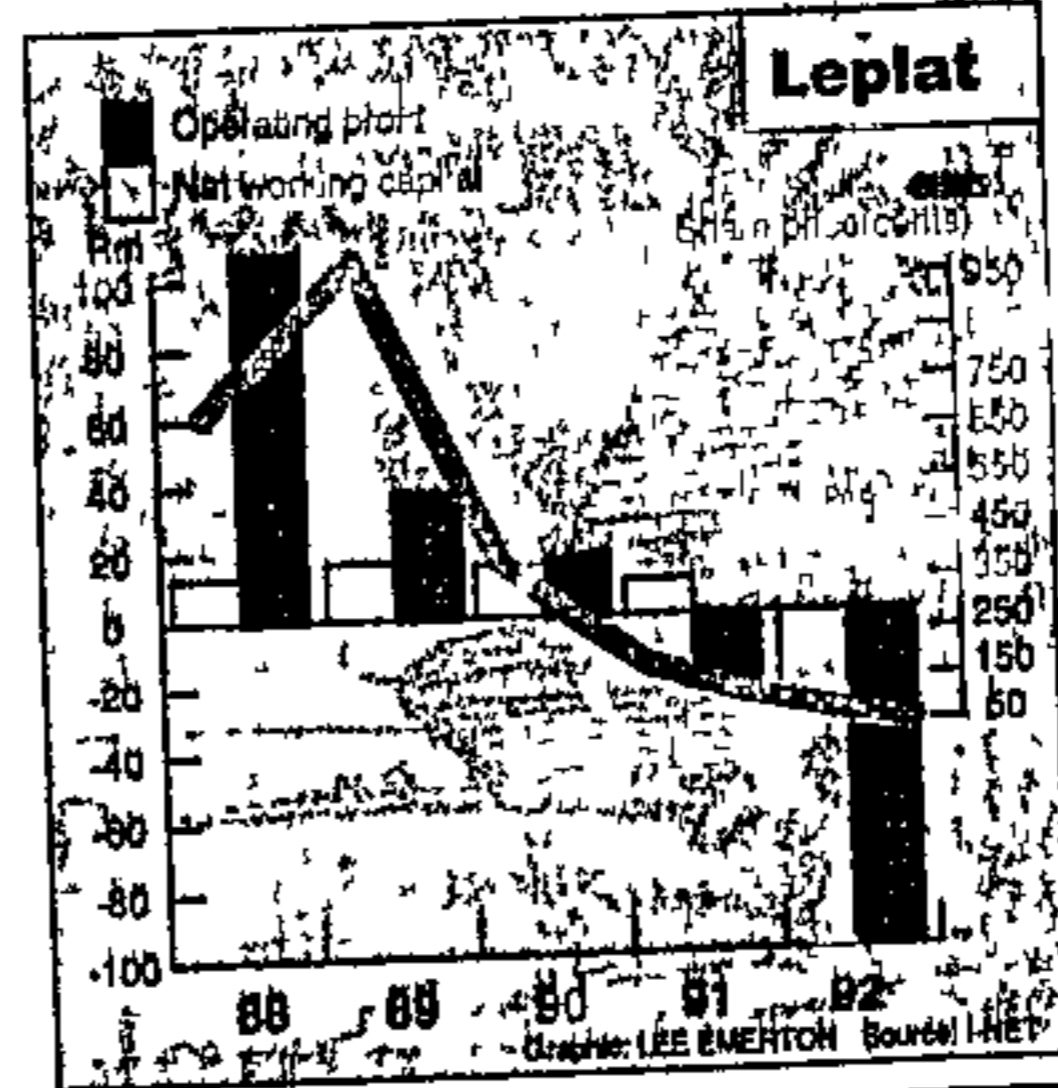
"A company styled Trojan Exploration (Pty) Ltd has applied to court for a declaratory order relating to base mineral rights on a portion of the farm Umkoanesstad which is being mined . . . and for which a mining lease has been obtained from the Mining Leases Board," he said.

Davison said that Rustenburg Platinum (Rusplat) had become involved in actions against Leplat because of its toll refining agreement with the Lebowan operation.

He noted that last year AFC Investments and North Vaal Mineral Company had alleged along with Trojan that Leplat might have infringed their base mineral rights on Umkoanesstad. Trojan had brought an action and AFC started one against Leplat in 1991. But upon legal advice Leplat directors had concluded that the allegations were unfounded.

Davison said "The directors of Leplat continue to believe that the plaintiffs' allegations are unfounded and consequently Leplat is opposing the application and the claim."

Pleadings with regard Trojan's application and AFC's claim had closed, and "it has been agreed that the AFC action will not be set down for hearing" until the Trojan application had been disposed of. Trojan was yet to secure a court date for the hearing.



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**PP Rust: no
legal dispute**

IT WAS incorrectly reported in Business Day yesterday that JCI's Potgietersrust Platinums (PP Rust) was in dispute with Trojan Exploration over base mineral rights the platinum company owns on farms in Lebowa.

There is no legal dispute between PP Rust and Trojan or any other party.

Trojan has notified PP Rust that it has applied to the Lebowa Minerals Trust for the issuance of prospecting grants for base minerals over these farms and over which PP Rust already holds the rights to precious metals and base minerals, in terms of existing agreements with the Lebowa government and as well as prospecting grants issued by that government.

Business Day also wishes to make clear that, with regard to Trojan's dispute with Lebowa Platinum (Leplat), Rustenburg Platinum (Rusplat) has been joined in actions brought against Leplat, by Trojan and other parties, because of Rusplat's toll refining agreement with Leplat.

Business Day regrets the error.

Hope for banished chief from Lebowa

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BY BAFANA KHUMALO

LEBOWA Chief Kgagudi Sekwati is a long way from home. Now 80 years old, he has been trying to return since he was banished by the government in 1986 for 20 years.

The Lebowa cabinet may let him know today whether he can go home. However, if it decides that he must serve out his banishment, he will be 94 before he will be allowed to see his home again.

"I don't have anything, I left everything back in Mamone," said the ageing chief this week. "I depend on the kindness of the people around me."

He described the protracted power struggle with a rival chief appointed by the Lebowa government which ended with his banishment.

"The problem started when my father was still alive. He called the entire village together and said I must take over its finances," he said.

Sekwati said he took over the running of the tribe's affairs until, in 1982, the Lebowa government appointed his aunt Lekgone Sekwati in his place.

"Many of my people did not agree with this," said Sekwati — and the subsequent unrest in the territory led to scores of deaths.

Sekwati was banished in 1986. The order, signed by the Lebowa minister of justice, a Mr Seleka, states that Sekwati is "prohibited from entering or being" in the "territory for the period of 20 years".

He has made a number of attempts to return home, the last one in 1990 when he was arrested and charged with disobeying his banishment order. Hundreds of people signed petitions demanding the banishment order be annulled. It wasn't, but the charge was withdrawn.

The latest attempt — an appeal to the Lebowa cabinet — is based on the argument that the banishment order was issued at the behest of a president — Cedric



Longing for home ... banished chief Kgagudi Sekwati

Photo. KEVIN CARTER

Phatudi — who has since died.

Sekwati's lawyer, JB Sibanyoni, called his client's banishment "excessively harsh and inhumane" and has charged it "is an attempt to try and deal with the problem" by removing him from the area. Sekwati's aunt is still in power, and Sibanyoni said the Lebowa government is resisting Sekwati's return because when he goes back he will have to be reinstated into his "rightful place as a chief" and the authorities there "don't know what they will do with the acting chief".

Sibanyoni said the type of life that Sekwati is forced to lead because of his banishment is "miserable and inconsistent with his status". Sibanyoni explained that Sekwati "now lives with a family in Dennilton who have taken pity on him". He added that Sekwati was forced to leave his house worth "around R120 000" when he was exiled.

Numerous attempts have been made by Sekwati's lawyers to get him back to his home, including a protest march in Pretoria in August this year. Sibanyoni has

also written a letter to the Lebowa chief minister imploring him to have the order annulled. "No one in the government seems to want to be involved," said Sibanyoni. He added this might be because the order was signed by the previous administration.

As a desperate measure, a delegation of Sekwati's supporters went to the Lebowa government offices last week. There they met "an official who assured us that a decision will be taken, at cabinet level, whether chief Sekwati can return to the territory".

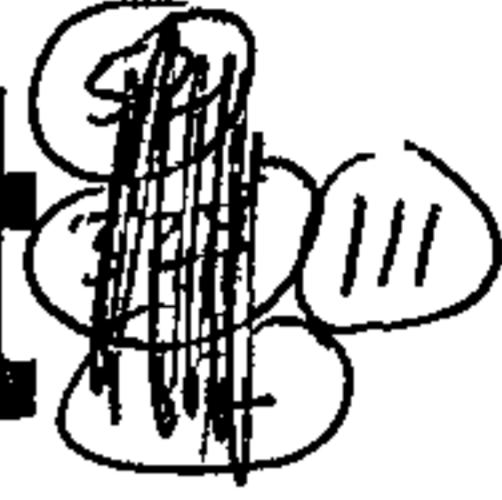
Sibanyoni said Sekwati should be allowed to return because when the order was issued against the chief "matters and atmosphere, politically, which prevailed then were totally different from today". At the time, the banning of political organisations and the state of emergency "were the order of the day".

However, today the trend is "towards peace, democracy and reconciliation — not only for Lebowa but for the entire world". Banishment, he said, is an "outdated form of trying to solve problems".

Tension mounts

as exams start

Soweto 20/10/92



■ **UNCERTAINTY PREVAILS** Pupils and teachers march on Lebowa parliament as judge declares Sadtu strike illegal:

AS THE COUNTRY'S 325 000 matric pupils prepare to write their exams today, tension and uncertainty prevailed in Lebowa and Soweto

In Lebowa, members of the South African Democratic Teachers Union yesterday vowed to defy a court order imposed by a Pretoria judge at the weekend outlawing their chalkdown action against the Lebowa Education Department

In an apparently bid to circumvent a court order, Sadtu said although they would "respect the court interdict as a structural organisation" its members would continue with the strike until all their demands were met

Yesterday, about 200 teachers - and some pupils - defied the order and marched on Lebowa's parliament demanding a resolution to the dispute between Sadtu and the home-

land's education department

Sources yesterday reported that there had been no lessons at six schools in Diepkloof, Soweto, since last week

The affected schools are Bopa Senatla, Fidelitas, Diepdale, Namedi, Madibane and Fons Luminis

Pupils in the area were reportedly demanding the unconditional release of their classmates arrested by police for undisclosed offences before they could sit for their exams

However, these reports could not be confirmed by a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training. He said a number of schools had indicated that preparations for the exams were well underway

Today 1 800 pupils will sit for the typing paper and November 18 a total of 136 papers would have been written.

Going well



Activities: Is developing a mine to produce platinum group metals and base minerals from the Platreef deposit in Lebowa

Control: JCI 30,2%

Chairman: B E Davison

Capital structure: 120,3m ords Market capitalisation R818m

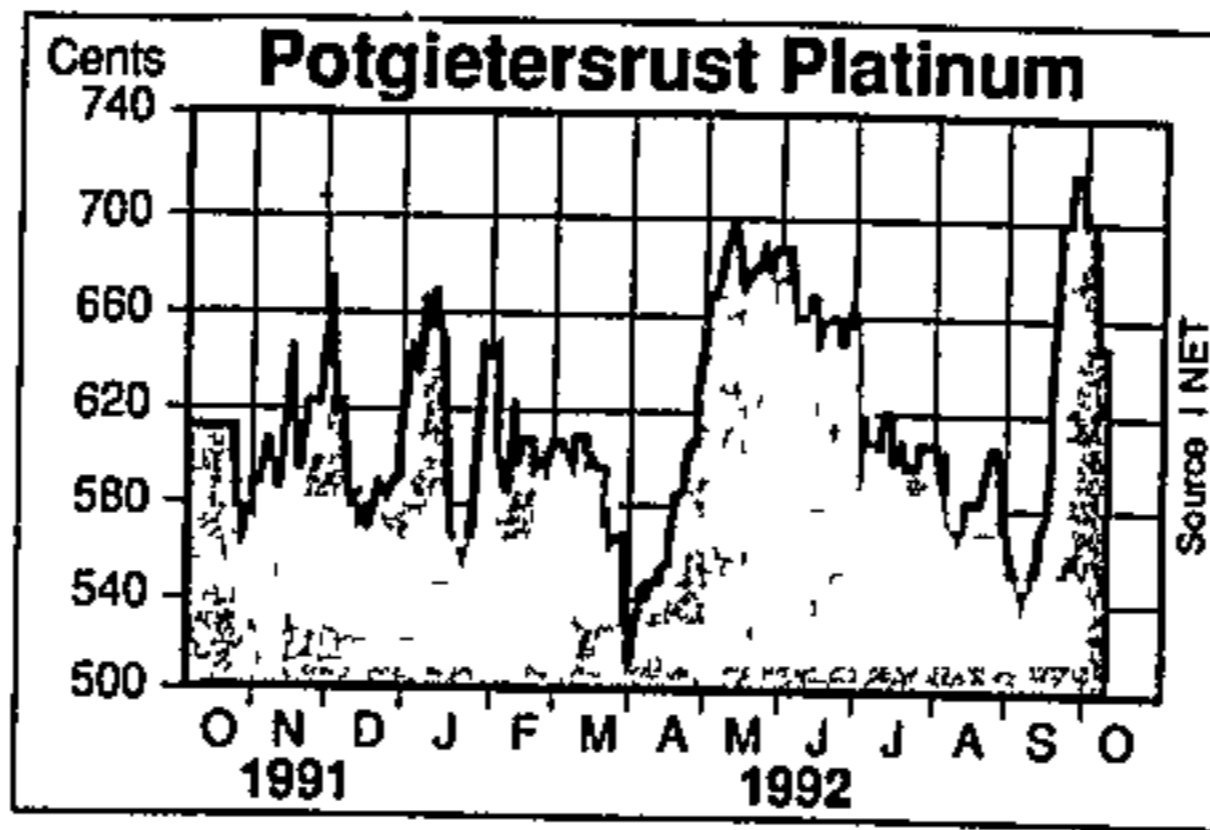
Share market: Price 680c 12-month high, 725c, low, 500c Trading volume last quarter, 1,2m shares

Year to Jun 30 '92
 Expenditure on mining assets (Rm) 2,3 103,6
 Cash on call (Rm) 0,8 315,3

The first annual report from this developing mine is already obsolete in that since chairman Barry Davison's review, dated September 11, further information was given to analysts and the press and circulated to shareholders — who actually received it before they got the annual report



PP Rust's Davison cutting back capex



Analysts revised their valuation to between 680c-1 100c/share on the new information. The share soared from 590c to 725c, before sliding back to around 650c, as the situation is a lot better than was thought.

For example, the annual report says PP Rust still has to raise another R200m debt when, in fact, it will only have to borrow R121m, thanks to savings on the capital budget R54m on construction of the processing plant and pit development and R25m lopped off the contingency budget.

Estimated reserves in the first pit at Sandsloot have been raised by 30% from the 23,2 Mt prospectus forecast at the cost of a 15% drop in base metal grades. Platinum and rhodium annual output will remain at the prospectus 170 000 oz and 13 000 oz when the pit hits full production but nickel will drop 15,5% to 3 800 t from the original 4 500 t, though total nickel production over the extended life of the pit will increase.

Extensions to the pit have reduced the stripping ratios by 20%-25%, bringing down working costs to R100/t milled against the prospectus forecast of R122.

The only development taking some of the shine off PP Rust is the challenge to its mineral rights by Trojan Mining, which is controlled by Martin Brink and Lawrence Blomkamp (Fox, October 9). Blomkamp and Brink have crossed swords with JCI before and were instrumental in putting together the ill-fated Lefkochrysos Mine (now called Crocodile River) for Loucas Pouroulis.

Davison says PP Rust's legal position over its mineral rights is secure and inviolable. Blomkamp and Brink claim otherwise. Even if their case is groundless, the confrontation will niggle at shareholders until the issue is resolved.

Brendan Ryan

LEBOWA PLATINUM

Battling on

This has become the Cinderella of JCI's platinum division. It has been spurned by the market and there is no sign of a fairy godmother, let alone a handsome prince. The share price collapsed last year after the separate listing of Potgietersrust Platinum (PP Rust), when Lebowa (Leplat) passed its 50% stake in PP Rust through to its shareholders.

The major institutions dumped Leplat once they had collected their PP Rust. Reasons are all too apparent in this report.

The mine has had a torrid year and the

Activities: Produces platinum group metals and base minerals from the Atok mine in Lebowa

Control: JCI 27,5%

Chairman: B E Davison

Capital structure: 120m ords Market capitalisation R102m

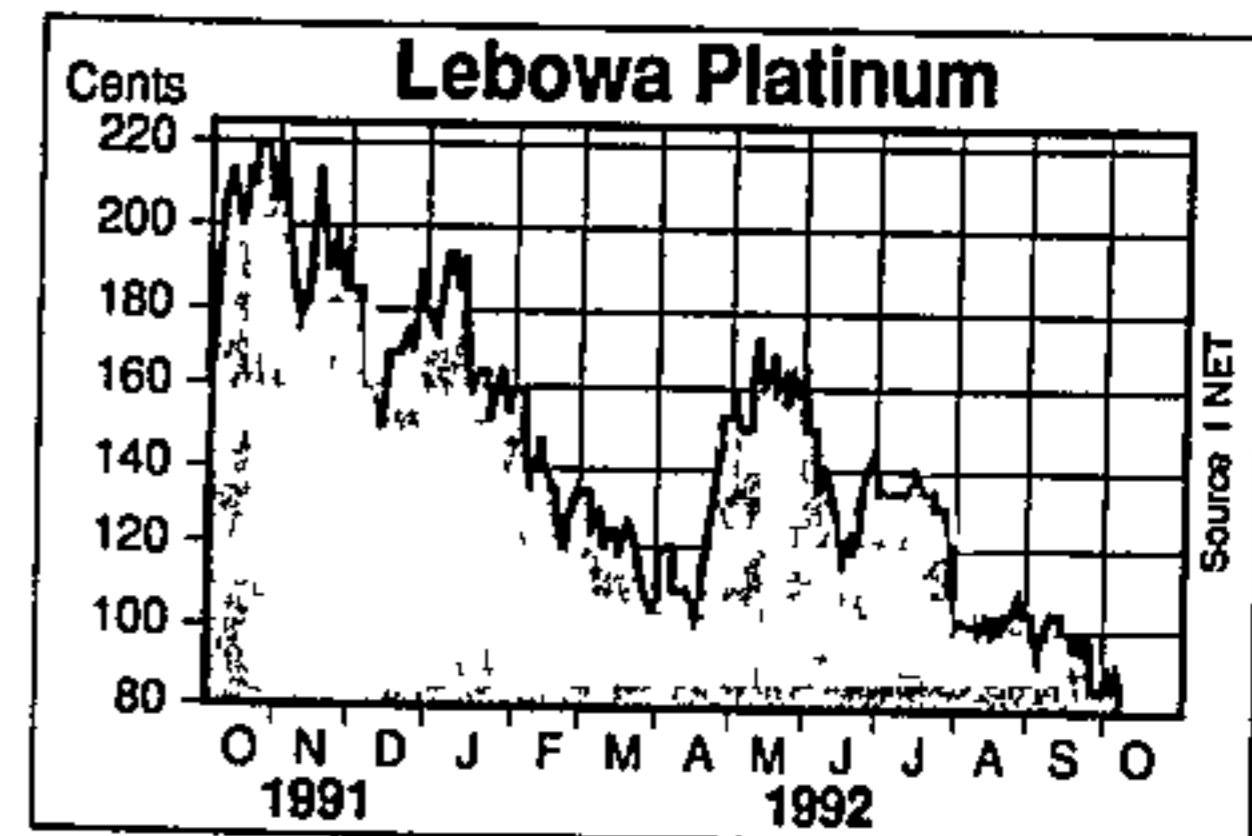
Share market: Price 85c 12-month high, 225c, low, 85c Trading volume last quarter, 2,7m shares

Year to Jun 30	'89	'90	'91	'92
Turnover (Rm)	68,5	77,5	111,9	112,3
Pre-tax profit (Rm)	30,5	22,8	14,9	(26,9)
Taxed profit (Rm)	23,7	18,6	10,2	(28,9)
Earnings (c)	19,7	15,5	8,5	(24,1)
Dividends (c)	7,5	7,5	—	—

outlook is not good, given the weak short-term trend in platinum prices. When the provisional results were released in August chairman Barry Davison felt the company was over the worst, but the overall tone of his review does not now reflect such optimism.

Apart from weak PGM prices, the root of the trouble lies in the disastrous strike in December 1990, which resulted in the dismissal of virtually the entire workforce and their replacement by contract labour.

Productivity has never fully recovered. Forecast throughput of 70 000 t/month was reached only this July instead of the last quarter of 1991. The planned expansion to 100 000 t will be implemented when management is satisfied the mine can consistent-



ly produce 70 000 t/month of Merensky ore.

Leplat couldn't produce platinum group metals committed in sales contracts, so had to provide R16,7m to buy metal. At year-end, it had R73,3m in debt and has arranged a long-term loan of R110m to consolidate this and provide required working capital.

Then there's the legal action threatened by Trojan Exploration to back up its claim to some of the base mineral rights held by Leplat's Atok mine. Davison is confident Leplat's position is secure, though some analysts feel the matter may yet end up in court.

The good news is that the labour problems appear to be settled. Davison says agreement has been reached with the National Union of Mineworkers for most of the ex-employees to be re-employed as contract workers are phased out.

That should get productivity back on track, but Leplat faces a long haul back, particularly in the face of current depressed platinum and rhodium prices.

This is a high-cost, marginal producer. If the platinum price stays depressed for long, the main reason for Leplat's continued sur-

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vival will probably be JCI's concern to protect its overall mineral rights position in Lebowa.

Brendan Ryan

Lebowa report ready

By BARRY STREEK

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THE report of the De Meyer Commission of Inquiry into maladministration in the Lebowa homeland is to be released today — and it is expected to reveal wide scale irregularities.

Earlier reports by the commission indicated serious problems of maladministration and corruption.

An earlier report dealing with the purchase of school books by the homeland's education department found government officials were unjustly enriching themselves.

The inquiry by Mr Oelof de Meyer, the chief magistrate of Johannes-

burg, has been sitting for three years and its report is expected to be highly critical of other government departments and institutions.

Regional and Land Affairs Minister Mr Jakob de Villiers is expected to unveil details of the report this morning.

Another damaging report is expected on Thursday when the Parsons Commission of Inquiry into maladministration in the KwaNdebele homeland is expected to be released.

The reports follow several recent probes into the maladministration of black affairs.

Books tell Naas

Financial corruption uncovered in Lebowa

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Political Staff

A SIX-YEAR official probe into the Lebowa government has unearthed huge incompetence and corruption, which could lead to many officials being prosecuted.

The one-man De Meyer Commission, which issued its 750-page report today, found that whole departments were created without authorisation, non-existent officials were paid for years and many officials could not do their jobs.

Johannesburg Chief Magistrate Oelof de Meyer was asked in 1989 by former State President P W Botha to investigate irregularities in the Lebowa government, the Lebowa Development Corporation and the Lebowa Agriculture Company.

His report rules that the Cabinet of Lebowa must take full responsibility for unlawful actions, as well as for money wasted creating sham departments.

Among financial irregularities, two officials, Talitha Ramaroko, a timekeeper and assistant in the Department of Agriculture and Waterworks, and an operator in the same department, a Mr Ledwaba, shared the salaries of other officials who had resigned, but remained on the payroll.

The commission recommended these cases should be referred to the Attorney-General.

Whole departments were created without probing their viability.

One person was paid as a departmental secretary, but did not do the job.

Paying unauthorised overtime from 1988 to 1991 had lost the government service about R112 million.

In some cases senior officials were appointed without practical experience or the necessary skills, and personal preferences played a role.

Financial prescriptions on a wide front were not adhered to, leading to a general lack of financial control.

Productivity was "very low" and there was serious doubt about the large number of officials.

Mr De Meyer recommended a centralised system of financial administration be created.

On holidays and the payment for overtime, the commission found that the number of public holidays decreed by the Cabinet contravened the Public Holidays Act.

Mr De Meyer found that "the decisions by the Cabinet are mostly only applicable to government officials, whilst the general public is excluded".

He also established an "alarming lack of efficient management and control regarding social grants" in the Department of Health and Welfare. This has led to incongruities and irregularities. A further result is that funds were not effectively appropriated for the purpose for which they were budgeted and that certain people, who qualified for pensions, did not receive any.

"If the number of irregularities which were brought to light by way of random sampling and the amounts involved are taken into account, the commission shudders when thinking what the result of an in-depth investigation will be."

Report highlights maladministration

CAPE TOWN - The report of the De Meyer Commission of inquiry into maladministration in the Lebowa homeland, to be released today, is expected to reveal widespread mispending.

Earlier reports by the commission and evidence before it indicated serious problems of maladministration and corruption.

One of the earlier reports concerned the purchase of

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school books by the homeland's education department, and this had found unjustified enrichment of government officials, including the use of bookshops owned by government officials.
The one-man inquiry by Johannesburg chief magistrate Oelof de Meyer has been sitting for three years and its report is expected to

be highly critical of other government departments and institutions. (11)

A news conference on the report is to held today.

Another damaging report is expected on Thursday when the Parsons Commission of inquiry into Maladministration in KwaNdebele is released.

DE MEYER COMMISSION



Regional and Land Affairs Minister Jacob de Villiers speaking on corruption in Lebowa at a Pretoria media conference yesterday.

Picture BRIAN HENDLER

Disqualification no bar to chief minister's pub

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike owned two liquor outlets and licences in the homeland although he was disqualified from doing so, the commission ruled yesterday. **BIDAM 11/11/92**

After the commission started investigating the matter, Ramodike had tried to transfer the licences for the Noko Ramodike Bar Lounge and the Porcupines Bottle Store to his brother, Z P Ramodike, but this was invalid.

The commission also found that Secretary for Justice J M Lekoloane, who was also the chairman of the Liquor Board, controlled the Baupo Bottle Store and Bar Lounge, of which he was the de facto owner.

The commission said Lekoloane had falsely told Nedbank he was the sole owner of the Baupo Bottle Store, had broken the law and that a liquor licence was issued in the name of M G Lekoloane seven months after her death, and recommended that Lekoloane be charged with fraud.

Cabinet Ministers M J Duba, who had four licences, L C Mothiba, who had three licences, and MPs M M Lekalakala, M A Tswale, L M Mokoena and N P Chula all held liquor licences although they were disqualified from doing so.

It found that two other officials also had been granted invalid liquor licences, and that on the balance of probabilities the administration of the Liquor Board was influenced by certain politicians.

'Public holidays' cost R112m in lost hours

PREFERENTIAL treatment of officials through extra "public holidays" and being given time off early on a weekly basis had cost the Lebowa government at least R112m between 1988 and 1991. **BIDAM 11/11/92**

The De Meyer commission found that the cabinet had decreed a number of extra public holidays in contravention of the Act and this was solely for the benefit of government officials. The decree was never gazetted and the public never benefited from the holidays.

Officials were allowed to leave work every Friday at 3pm and were given time off from 10am on days preceding a public holiday.

Officials were also paid overtime for working during regular hours, and this did not comply with the provisions of the staff code.

Because of this practise in Lebowa, about 2,6-million official hours were wasted, which meant that if all officials worked for a minimum of 40 hours a week, about 1 500 posts could be abolished.

De Meyer recommended that if circumstances demanded officials work to 3pm on Fridays the lost time should be made up during the week, and that all officials be compelled to work a minimum of 40 hours a week.

Officials should also only be permitted to be absent from duty on public holidays applicable to Lebowa in terms of the Public Holiday Act of 1952, he said.

Pensions rackets uncovered

RANDOM samples of pension payouts in Lebowa revealed irregularities involving hundreds of thousands of rands, including double payments and payments to dead people, the De Meyer commission found.

"The commission shudders when thinking what the results of an in-depth investigation will be," commissioner Oelof de Meyer said, referring to the number of irregularities brought to light by his random sampling.

The lack of efficient management and control over social grants was "alarming" and the indifference of many officials, including senior officials, to this problem gave rise to grave concern, the one-man commission by Johannesburg chief magistrate De Meyer said.

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Evidence showed that some private secretaries and Ministers' drivers, who were allocated vehicles, did not submit log sheets. The chairman of the public service commission had been guilty of this.

A Mr Senthumule travelled a total of 189 441km in two government cars without submitting log sheets. Calculated at 36c/km, this amounted to R50 198,76 which had not been deposited in the revolving fund, or calculated as an expenditure of the Department of Works and Transport.

De Meyer recommended disciplinary action against officials who neglected to submit log sheets.

The treasury, without consulting the government service commission, had authorised amounts in conflict with instructions, which had cost the government an extra R2m a year.

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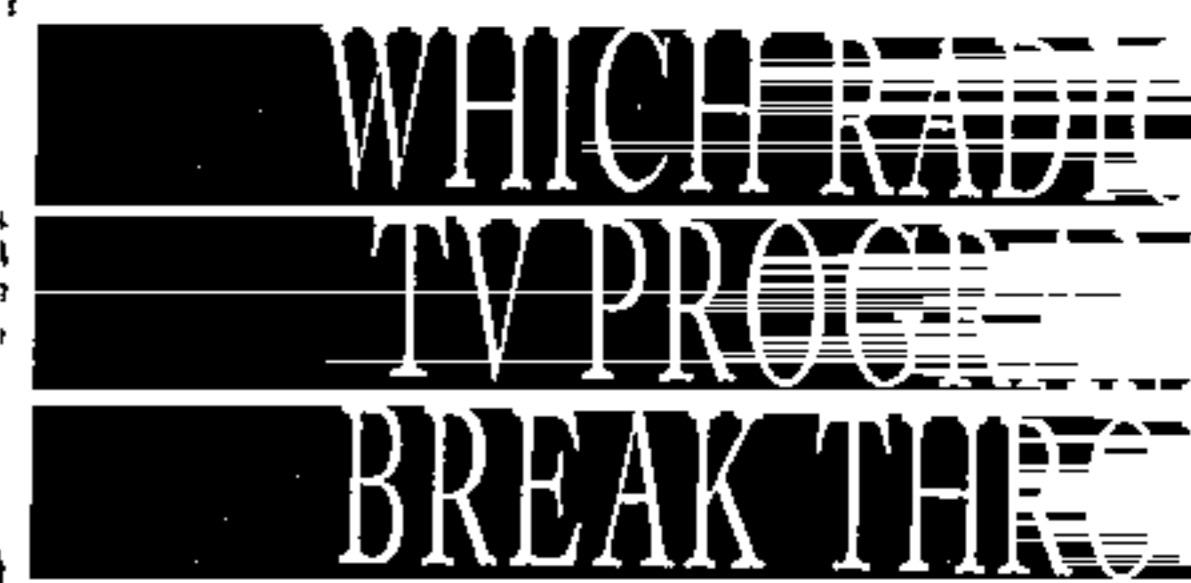
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2 175	Fixed assets 4 335	3 305	3 398
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	Holding and fellow subsidiary loans —	9 356	9 306
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Political Correspondent and Sapa

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Senior Lebowa government officials face prosecution as a result of the Commission's findings

The Commission's report - released yesterday - said the homeland government's bankers had dishonoured cheques even after the South African Government had pumped more than R225 million into the territory in a bid to keep it out of the red

The report said the Lebowa government had made a practice of budgeting for a deficit

"As a result of further defective control by the treasury, there was more spent than was budgeted for which resulted in even greater chaos in the total budget setup"

The Minister of Land and of Regional Affairs, Mr Jacob de Villiers, said yesterday he was "not confident" that the same levels of corruption were not rampant in other homelands

Among the findings of the Commission - a one-man inquiry under the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg, Mr Oelaf De Meyer, was

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The commission also found there was an "alarming lack of efficient management and control regarding social grants" See Page 4

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SEVERAL State officials in Lebowa were pocketing salaries for non-existent staff, while others were being paid huge salaries for jobs they did not do or were not qualified to do.

These allegations are contained in a report by De Meyer Commission appointed by former President PW Botha to investigate irregularities in Lebowa.

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Of mice and Mercs

New cars left to rot under corrupt Lebowa rule

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NEW Mercedes Benz cars were damaged by mice and expensive motorcycles rusted because they stood unused for years, according to a commission of inquiry on the Lebowa administration.

The report of the De Meyer Commission, which revealed that mismanagement and corruption in Lebowa had cost South African taxpayers millions of rands, is expected to be the first of a catalogue of disclosures about the "homelands".

A report tomorrow on KwaNdebele is said to contain similar allegations.

The Lebowa dossier, which runs to 750 pages and was compiled by Johannesburg Chief Magistrate Mr Oelof de Meyer on the orders of President P W Botha, said that five Mercedes Benz cars, bought in 1988, were found unused at the Lebowak-gomo workshop. Mice had damaged their interiors.

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Lebowa's chief minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, has denied responsibility, blaming officials seconded by the South African government.

Opposition parties have also heaped blame on the government, which made a statement with the Lebowa government saying a committee had been appointed to implement Mr De Meyer's recommendations.

The ANC said that many of the irregularities could have been discovered earlier by South African departments "and nipped in the bud".

Regional and Land Affairs Minister Mr Jacob de Villiers said no cabinet member could be held accountable. All self-governing territories had autonomy to decide on the allocation of budgets, he said.

Lebowa chief calls for resignations

LEBOWAKGOMO. — Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike yesterday lashed out at Cabinet colleagues allegedly implicated in corruption in the homeland and called on them to resign.

He was commenting during a special session of the Lebowa Legislative Assembly on the De Meyer Commission's report that the Department of Education had failed to account for a missing R98 million earmarked for books and stationery.

In an angry outburst, Mr Ramodike said Cabinet Ministers, their deputies and senior administrative officials who realised they were no longer productive should relinquish their posts.

He said he was "much surprised" that those in charge of the department had remained silent when there was an outcry over the lack of books in Lebowa schools. The administrators and some officials were directly involved in the mismanagement of funds. — Sapa.

Minister denies responsibility

Govt vows to end Lebowa corruption

THE SA and Lebowa governments have vowed to clean up the homeland's administration and bring to book corrupt officials following the loss of hundreds of millions of rands in taxpayers' money.

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Regional and Land Affairs Minister Jacob de Villiers denied blame could be attached to a succession of Development Aid Ministers who headed the department that controlled self-governing homelands and financed all black areas.

De Villiers, a former Development Aid Minister before the department was scrapped earlier this year, said neither he nor his predecessors Stoffel van der Merwe and Gerrit Viljoen could be held responsible for the problems.

He said it was impossible for the Minister to keep adequate control over a portfolio with such a wide ambit.

De Villiers said his message to taxpayers was that government was concerned to ensure "good, clean administration" What had happened in Lebowa was not a "verdict" on apartheid and he saw no reason to institute similar inquiries into all the other self-governing territories.

He added that government was paying

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more than R2,3bn to Lebowa in the current financial year.

The SA and Lebowa governments yesterday announced a high-level joint committee had been appointed to ensure the De Meyer recommendations were implemented. These recommendations are mostly to do with improving management and controls and acting against wrongdoers.

They added that a Joint Financial Adjustment Committee was already in place, and a structural adjustment agreement was being concluded between the two governments, in association with the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

De Villiers said there was no way of determining exactly how much taxpayers' money had been wasted or stolen. But the De Meyer report said it ran into hundreds of millions of rands.

And that is probably not the end of it. Johannesburg Chief Magistrate Oelof De Meyer still has to compile two more reports on irregularities in Lebowa before the brief of his one-man commission is complete.

De Meyer has spent the past three years on the investigation. He has recommended that the names of several officials, including some in very senior positions, be referred to the attorney-general for possible

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Lebowa

criminal prosecution

Yesterday De Villiers and Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike said cases of malpractices and fraud had already been referred to the Lebowa police.

Among the areas covered in the nine-volume, 750-page report is pensions. After checking random samples of pension payouts, De Meyer found hundreds of thousands of rands had been irregularly paid out and he "shuddered" to think what an in-depth investigation would reveal.

The report also states the lack of efficient management and control over social grants was "alarming" and the indifference of officials was cause for grave

concern

The report is littered with examples of officials not performing their duties, avoiding responsibilities, neglecting tasks and being unduly enriched.

Entire departments were created without studies on their viability. De Meyer questioned the need for a transport department and said the creation of the welfare and pensions departments were irregular.

Little or no effort had been made to exercise control over the use of government vehicles, nothing was done to stop the payment of salaries to people no longer in service, and unauthorised leave was rife.

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NEWS Auditor-General says he alerted Lebowa about abuse

Police remove the body of a 24-year-old soldier, Mondli Kwatsha of 115 Battalion, Pretoria, from a house in Walmer, Port Elizabeth. He had held the Van Niekerk family hostage for four hours before being shot and killed by an SAP Special Unit.

Govt warned - auditor

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

AUDITOR-GENERAL Mr Peter Wronsley had repeatedly warned the Lebowa government of "unauthorised overexpenditure" of more than R1 billion since 1986

Wronsley confirmed yesterday that he had also notified the SA Government of the recurrent over-expenditure in Lebowa in his 1990/91 report on General Affairs

He said overspending pointed less to blatant theft than to maladministration. While the normal procedure was for the Lebowa legislature to "recover" the money by voting for it, the Auditor-General was doubtful that the missing millions would be recovered at all.

Wronsley pointed out that in 1987/88 R2,5 million's worth of cars were bought. As the

REPORTS IGNORED Official says he told

both Lebowa and Pretoria about unauthorised expenditure since 1986:

Auditor for the books of the self-governing territory, he told the Lebowa government about this overspending

Wronsley said his warnings were ignored. In 1990, another R1,5 million's worth of cars were bought but remained unauthorised.

"As audit, we have no executive powers to prosecute, we can only notify the legislature of the self-governing territories. It is then up to them to act," he said.

Wronsley's comments formed part of a barrage of attacks, accusations of culpability and incompetence that have been levelled at the

South African Government

As more shocks of corruption and mismanagement were expected to be revealed in the Parsons Report on KwaNdebele later today, opposition parties blamed the National Party.

The Minister of Land and of Regional Affairs, Mr Jacob de Villiers, and Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike have absolved their governments from guilt.

But senior Lebowa officials face prosecution after the 750-page De Meyer report found evidence of large scale fraud, embezzlement and corruption in the self-governing territory.

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ON SCAM

■ **BLATANT THEFT** Extravagant homeland officials

buy R2,5 million worth of cars in one year alone:

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He was reacting to the report of the De Meyer Commission which found evidence of large fraud, gross incompetence and nepotism in the homeland's administration.

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Lebowa wastes millions with incompatible systems

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MELANIE SERGEANT

LACK of forethought, planning and investigation into the compatibility and use of computer systems in the '80s led to millions of rands being wasted by the Lebowa government.

Computer suppliers have defended the fact that systems sold to Lebowa did not work, saying they were dealing with "incompetent users"

The De Meyer commission of inquiry reported this week that it was clear the "cart was put before the horse" when decisions were taken to buy Burroughs equipment, NCR machines and other systems

In 1985, the IBM system was replaced with a Wang, and this was replaced again with a Persetel system in 1989. The report says this chopping and changing was a result of failure to adequately investigate matching systems

Tony Routledge, financial director of Datakor, which acquired the merged Burroughs/Sperry operation Unisys in 1988, says the fact that Lebowa chopped and changed its systems indicates an incompetent user

The report says the Lebowa government entered into a maintenance contract with Burroughs for a document sorter despite the fact that it was not functioning

The S3 000 worked satisfactorily for only one month in 1984, when it

took an operator about 10 days to capture 87 000 pension vouchers in July/August — twice as long as it took a bureau in Pretoria

Routledge argues that planning was not properly done, and when problems occurred, Burroughs was not informed timeously. The report says it took 18 months for a request to be made to Burroughs for assistance

Though it was decided that the document sorter should be returned nothing was done about this

Routledge says similar equipment has been working well in many financial institutions for years

The report quotes a memo from a program controller to the Lebowa finance secretary, claiming a breach of faith regarding the document sorter's costs "It is the machine that was used for training at Burroughs' head office in Johannesburg, yet Burroughs charged us the price of a new, imported machine of R76 000 plus importation charges of R4 000"

Routledge questions the commission's failure to contact suppliers

Lebowa bought 23 NCR cash register terminals and 19 printers for R234 586, even though the tender authorisation was only for the terminals at R166 566. These did not work

because of incompatibility problems and NCR's alleged inability to provide software. They were left in stores from 1982 until July 1985

De Meyer found that NCR did not specialise in writing programs, but was primarily a computer hardware vendor. He said it was thus "stupid" of Lebowa to rely on NCR to write the software

De Meyer heavily criticises the Lebowa officials for dragging their heels and allowing incompatible equipment to become obsolete, despite at least two offers to purchase this equipment

NCR MD Jack Horton questions the statement that its systems could not work, and queries the allegation that NCR had only one person to write programs for its terminals. "Even in the '60s and '70s computer companies did analyses to establish user needs and systems viability.

"Our systems were receipting machines, and were generally sold into many sites as stand alone systems

"Also, we cannot track down any correspondence asking for assistance or that we take equipment back. If we had such correspondence, we certainly would have responded accordingly," says Horton

NCR in SA was a US subsidiary until it was bought by Fintech in 1990

Call to quit in Lebowa

LEBOWAKGOMO — Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike yesterday lashed out at Cabinet colleagues allegedly implicated in corruption in the homeland and called on them to resign. *BIDAY 12/11/92*

Ramodike said Ministers and officials who realised they were no longer productive should relinquish their posts.

He was speaking during a special session of the Lebowa legislative assembly on findings of the De Meyer commission of inquiry into corruption and maladministration in the homeland. *(11)*

Earlier, the Chief Minister denied any responsibility for the loss of hundreds of millions of rands of taxpayers' money, and blamed SA officials seconded to the homeland administration — Sapa

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Minister's Killings 'was celebrated'

we're celebrating, braai's and dancing in the streets of KwaNdebele when the territory's bombastic Minister of the Interior, Mr Piet Ntuli, was killed by a car bomb in 1986, a former KwaNdebele secretary of justice told the Parsons Commission

Mr Ntuli was also a leading figure in the Imbokotho vigilante movement
The former secretary of justice, Mr Q J Buys, also said
● He received repeated reports that members of the territory's cabinet, including Mr Ntuli, were assaulting members of the public
● The loud-mouthed Mr Ntuli could almost "blast" a person out of his office and

would "shout down" cabinet meetings so that they dissolved in confusion
● KwaNdebele's Commissioner of Police, Brigadier H C Lerm, told him that he should be "loyal to the government" when he inquired why police were not investigating charges that included kidnapping and murder
● He himself was summarily sacked one morning and told to get out of the territory without being allowed to collect his personal possessions, after he had repeatedly

refused a cabinet request to close down the offices of a certain tribal authority
Mr Buys said Mr Ntuli took it on himself to approve or reject all trading licences, completely disregarding the law
Another witness, former KwaNdebele commissioner-general Mr J H T Mills, told the commission that Mr Ntuli had granted licences to favour restaurants, general dealer's and liquor licences.
Mr Buys said Chief Minister Simon Skosana eventually became little more than a "Mr Ntuli's pawn"
Immediately after Mr Ntuli's assassination the unrest in the territory subsided markedly, said Mr Buys — Sapa

'86 riots traced

PRETORIA — The questions of independence and the incorporation of Moutse into KwaNdebele were some of the most important causes of the riots in the territory, the Parsons Commission found

South Africa's Minister of Constitutional Development at the time, Mr Chris Heunis, had stated in June 1986 that the KwaNdebele nation had not been consulted beforehand about independence, and that it had been the KwaNdebele government's responsibility to decide the matter

The outbreak of large-scale unrest on May 14, 1986, which continued until the death of Mr Piet Ntuli on July 29, 1986, as well as unrest later that year and the following, was one of the main reasons why independence had had no chance of success — Sapa



'OUTRAGED' Johan Scheepers

Govt denies Lebowa land move

PRETORIA — Deputy Minister of Land Affairs Mr Johan Scheepers yesterday questioned the National Land Committee's claim that 380 000ha of South African Development Trust land has been transferred to the Lebowa government.

He said in a statement this was a "deliberate misrepresentation" and queried the committee's motives
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- The land would remain part of South Africa and did not form part of the Lebowa self-governing territory.
- Joint administration would en-

sure "clean administration and political co-responsibility", and

● South African law would apply
He said joint administration implied accountability to the taxpayer, obviated maladministration and ensured effective management

"Joint administration will serve as the mechanism to prevent ineffective management and give citizens a full opportunity to participate in the effective administration of the country, especially on a regional level"

Mr Scheepers said the National Land Committee's demand for his resignation was "outrageous" — Sapa

DET 'mess' revealed

PRETORIA — Tender procedures for acquiring millions of books worth of text and library books had been a mess, and there was no doubt the Department of Education and Training (for blacks) had irregularly favoured a publishing firm, Qualitas.

This was said in the fourth report of the Van den Heever Commission released yesterday — in the wake of two other reports released this week detailing a massive waste of money in two homelands.

The commission said the mat-

ter had been referred to the state attorney.

The report noted "horrendous" calculation errors in the black education department, the destruction of documentation, the copying of information from other publishers into Qualitas' computers, and false statements by the DET's chief librarian.

Qualitas Publishers managing director Mr Francois du Toit and the DET's late chief director of planning, Mr Jaap Strydom, had been intimate friends, the report said.

The DET appeared to have acted in the interests of suppliers rather than the taxpayers.

The commission also said the DET's then-chief librarian, Ms Lorinda Roets — now employed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration — had "merrily" favoured Qualitas. "Her statements are clearly false in many respects."

The commission decided the fact that commissions of inquiry had "no teeth" and said legislation should be introduced to give them power — Sapa

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HOMELAND FINANCES

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The nightmare continues

Government does not plan to tighten control over the R8,4bn that taxpayers will pour into the six non-independent homelands this year — in spite of a damning report this week detailing massive financial irregularities and corruption in Lebowa

The report by Johannesburg chief magistrate Oelof de Meyer confirms warnings earlier this year by Auditor-General Peter Wronsley that homeland finances are chaotic and getting worse. Another shock is expected later this week when the report of the Parsons Commission into financial irregularities in KwaNdebele is published.

Earlier this year, the Pickard Commission exposed widespread irregularities in the former Department of Development Aid, which operated mainly in the homelands. And successive reports of the Van den Heever Commission have highlighted corruption in black education.

However, Land Affairs Minister Jacob de Villiers dismissed suggestions this week that overwhelming evidence of widespread malpractice justifies official probes into all the homeland administrations. He also indicated that government has little control over funds transferred to the homeland governments, who determine their own financial priorities.

As with previous reports, it appears that no political heads will roll. Ministers in charge of Homeland Affairs during the period investigated by De Meyer included Piet Koornhof, Chris Heunis and Gerrit Viljoen, all now retired.

Official action in response to the report includes the appointment of a committee of Lebowa government Ministers to oversee the implementation of the commission's recommendations and a joint Lebowa-SA Ministerial monitoring committee to check the implementation process.

A joint financial adjustment committee, with input from the Development Bank of Southern Africa, has already been established.

De Villiers says he does not know whether inept officials identified by De Meyer are still dealing with financial matters in Lebowa. He also says it was not possible to pick up the irregularities any sooner.

In his response to the report, Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike — who is personally implicated in aspects of the investigation — said the findings were "a dismay to all of those in responsible positions at political and official level". He said the Lebowa police were investigating some of the issues raised by De Meyer.

Suggestions of corruption in Lebowa were raised in parliament by the Conservative Party in 1983. Koornhof promised an investigation. Three years later the Dekker Com-



mission confirmed the allegations.

De Meyer was appointed in 1989 to probe an even wider range of allegations. This week's 1 000-page report is the second of four. A report earlier this year detailed irregularities regarding schoolbooks. The other two reports are expected to be published during the next few months.

In essence, the latest report details a breakdown of financial administration due to unqualified officials, unauthorised actions and contempt for the legislative process. De Meyer's task was not easy. He complained of a lack of co-operation bordering on obstruction from senior Lebowa government officials.

While losses are virtually impossible to determine, they clearly run into hundreds of millions of rands.

In just one instance, the unauthorised reduction in working hours for 24 000 civil servants (excluding teachers) from 40 hours to 38,5 hours a week since December 1974 and other time off decreed by the Cabinet since 1988 has cost around R500m.

De Meyer said there were "serious shortcomings in the administration of departments" and a significant number of senior officials lacked the necessary skill to manage their departments. These included departmental heads, accountants and their senior staff. There was also lack of control by the secretary of the Treasury and the Account-

tant-General.

In many cases, officials admitted they had only a "vague idea" of their financial responsibilities. They were also unmotivated and undisciplined. The bureaucracy was bloated because new posts were created for jobs that could have been done by existing staff had they been properly trained.

The De Meyer report also uncovered

- Irregularities in the promotion or appointment of officials, unjustified payments for overtime and irregularities in the payment of salaries including payments to fictitious employees,

- Theft of pensions by people who claimed payment on behalf of pensioners who had died and the use of funds earmarked for pensions to subsidise overspending in other departments;

- The inability of officials to locate at least 254 of the 1 130 new motor vehicles bought between 1985 and 1989. During the investigation, the commission discovered five new Mercedes-Benz cars in a workshop. They had apparently been bought in 1988 and never used,

- Irregularities in building contracts worth millions of rand,

- Alleged corruption in the allocation of liquor licences;

- The abuse by civil servants, members of the Cabinet and members of the Legislative Assembly of the State's scheme to subsidise motor car travel and purchase costs, and
- Irregularities in the purchase of equipment, including a computer system for R234 000 which was subsequently found to be unsuitable.

Democratic Party deputy spokesman on land affairs Errol Moorcroft says the report again shows that the apartheid dream has become a nightmare. ■

LABOUR

Sudden agreement

While the provisions of the pathbreaking agreement between government and Cosatu on farm and domestic worker rights were generally expected, employers are concerned at the way in which the deal was done.

In particular, it appears that the National Manpower Commission (NMC) was bypassed — and taken by surprise — at Monday's announcement of the agreement. It was signed exclusively — and suddenly — by new Manpower Minister Leon Wessels and Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo last Friday.

Cosatu only recently announced, after a great deal of discussion, that it is to re-join

the nation in brief

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Council warns residents

THE Lekoa Town Council yesterday warned it would cut off electricity and water supplies on December 9 unless at least 65 percent of the residents had settled their accounts

The council said many residents had not been paying their bills although an agreement binding them to pay for services was reached between itself, the Vaal Civic Association and the Transvaal Provincial Administration earlier this year. The municipality said it was reluctant to cut bulk supplies, but was bound to do so as a last resort - *Sapa*.

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Workers down tools

MORE than 100 workers at the Highgate, Johannesburg, branch of Pick 'n Pay downed tools yesterday following the dismissal of two cashiers

The workers said the two were dismissed without being given an opportunity to be represented. Police were called in but no violence was reported. The workers vowed not to return to work until the matter had been resolved. Pick 'n Pay acting general manager Mr Larry Michelow confirmed there was a work stoppage. He said the cashiers were dismissed for misconduct. He denied, however, that management had denied the fired workers representation - *Sowetan Reporter*

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Council employees picket

A DIEPMEADOW Council executive meeting was yesterday disrupted when members of the South African Municipal Workers Association held a picket demanding increases allegedly promised them by the municipality

According to the union, the workers were to have been granted a 10 percent wage increase with effect from July 1 this year. The council said it could not fulfill the agreement as it had no money

The council will hold a meeting with Samwu shop stewards today - *Sowetan Reporter*

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Minister questions report

DEPUTY Minister of Land Affairs Johan Scheepers yesterday questioned the National Land Committee's claim that 38 000ha of South African Development Trust land had been transferred to the Lebowa government.

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Lebowa Cabinet reshuffled

LEBOWA Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike yesterday reshuffled his Cabinet in the wake of this week's De Meyer Commission of Inquiry's disclosures of maladministration in the homeland

The Ministry of Finance, Commerce and Industries is to be split into two with effect from Sunday

The Department of Finance will be headed by Mr LCMothuba, while Mr NB Papo will head the Department of Commerce and Industry Mr LA Mamabolo, former Deputy Minister of Water Affairs, has been appointed Minister of Health, Social Welfare and Pensions He replaces Chief

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■ **Ramodike vows to act on corrupt officials:**

BH Rammupudu, who has left the Cabinet

The rest of the 10-man Cabinet would remain unchanged, Lebowa government spokesman Mr PJ Molopa said

Referring to the maladministration scandal, Ramodike said he did not owe anybody an apology for the state of his administration as he himself had set an example with the appointment of the De Meyer Commission Ramodike said some officials were facing prosecution while others would be dismissed or demoted. - Sapa.

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Oops, there goes R2-billion

By Ferial Haffajee

TAXPAYERS may have lost millions in Lebowa — but they can savour the unintentional black humour of Oelof de Meyer's commission report.

The fast-greying Minister of Land and Regional Affairs Jacob de Villiers squirmed on the rostrum when he admitted "such a calculation has not been done", in response to the chorus of "How much? How much?" at a Union Buildings press conference this week.

The minister was having a hard time with calculations that morning.

"R2 352 was allocated to Lebowa in the last budget," he said to a bemused press corps. A hurried whisper from his flustered secretary changed the figure to R2,3-billion.

But some calculations were done: almost R2-million was lost to "accidents in official cars" because Lebowa officials are such bad drivers.

The same drivers cost taxpayers another R2-million because they pre-

ferred BMWs and Mercs to standard issue Toyota Corollas and Nissans.

In a lesser misdemeanour, officials ran errands for their mistresses in office hours and charged it to "deliveries", while a single official ran up a motoring bill of R50 000 without filling in a single log sheet.

The De Meyer Commission said Lebowa put "the cart before the horse" when they bought millions of rands of equipment they did not know how to use. Computer suppliers hit out against allegations that the "computers did not work", saying they were dealing with "incompetent users".

After the discovery that many hundreds of dead citizens were still being paid pensions, De Meyer suggested "district pension officers should check the register of deaths" before they made payments.

Millions were also lost to building contracts because "buildings had to be demolished and again reconstruct-

ed or projects were planned at immense cost and not erected".

The commission suggested that government officials were paid enough and should not be allowed liquor licences. In the course of its work, the Commission found that Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike owned two liquor stores.

Other startling revelations show:

● Employees claimed subsistence allowances not due to them and were frequently absent without leave.

● They created public holidays.

● They claimed overtime for time and work they did not do.

● Departments were created that did no work and salaries were paid to non-existent employees.

● About R75-million was lost because officials left work at 3pm on Fridays, R26-million because all officials went off at 10am on the day before public holidays and R11-million was lost to special officials public holidays between 1988 and 1991.

Call for drought aid fund probe

RAY HARTLEY

THE Consultative Forum on Drought secretariat has called on government to conduct a full investigation into drought relief funds administered by the Lebowa government in light of reports of widespread corruption there.

The forum — on which are represented the ANC, government and development agencies — recently reported maladministration of government drought relief funds in the homelands

"We welcome the finding of the De Meyer commission Government should not carry on pushing money through structures that have been shown to be inept," a forum spokesman said yesterday

A forum report in October claimed irregularities had led to the theft of 52 diesel engines in Lebowa, undermining drought relief in the area

Sapa reports from Lebowakgomo that Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike yesterday announced a minor Cabinet change effective from Sunday, following the De Meyer report. The Finance, Commerce and Industries Department would be split into two, with a Finance Ministry headed by L C Mothiba, who replaces N B Papo. Papo has been appointed Commerce and Industry Minister

SA clings to bad stepchildren

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THE government appears bent on holding on to the homelands as a future power base despite the publication of two hard-hitting commission reports released this week

About R1-billion has been lost to graft in Lebowa and the kwaNdebele police force was found to be so dangerous, corrupt and incompetent that the commission recommended it be reincorporated into the South African Police

The South African government's response has been lukewarm, sparking comments that it cannot come down too hard on homeland leaders it sees as key election partners in the future

Responding to the De Meyer report, Minister of Land and Regional Affairs Jacob de Villiers told a press conference he would neither initiate corruption inquiries in the other homelands, nor guarantee the prosecution of those officials named in reports.

The corruption, he said, was "the failure of administrative follow-through in only some departments of the self-governing territories" He later said on television "Other than this, the

The South African government appears to see the homelands as election partners, judging from its feeble response to commission reports of massive corruption in Lebowa and kwaNdebele.

FERIAL HAFFAJEE

reports

self-governing territories are doing a great job"

The reports come hot on the heels of recently announced government plans to transfer about 1,2-million hectares of land to the homelands

The government this week said it has no intention of rethinking the transfer of 380 000 hectares of land to Lebowa About 52 000ha will be transferred to Qwa-Qwa and 500 000ha will go to kwaZulu

Aninka Claassens, a key land policy thinker, describes the land transfers as a cynical election ploy Nobody in the

department can explain the transfers, she says

The government responded "No one is in favour of proceeding with a process towards independence In fact, we all expect the self-governing territories to be dealt with as part of the RSA in a negotiated settlement."

A member of the National Land Committee, Harald Winkler, believes there will be no effective government action on the corruption charges Homeland leaders were key to the National Party's election strategy and the transfer of land to sympathetic chiefs was a sign of the government's desire to court homeland leaders

The Parson's Commission report on kwaNdebele, published yesterday, recommends that the territory's police force be reincorporated into the South African Police

The commission also recommends that the system of *kutskonstabels* be urgently investigated and recommends a "strong South African Police team" look into all offences committed and urgently investigate the functioning of the kwaNdebele police force

During the three years the commis-

sion sat, the police force was shown to be inefficient, under-qualified and often brutal, especially during the political turmoil of 1986

Detention without trial was rampant and millions were paid out in damages claims to plaintiffs without cases ever going to court

"The commission is in no doubt that serious mismanagement, malpractices or irregularities occurred in the administration of the Department of Law and Order of kwaNdebele," Parsons writes

He says that "many extremely serious offences were committed by police officers, including actions that would amount to the obstruction of justice"

The relationship between the kwaNdebele commissioner of police and the chief minister was "so thick" that no differentiation could be made between the political and administrative offices

The Conservative Party has called for the resignation of the government and Auditor-General Peter Wronsley expressed serious concern over the transfer of R6,1-billion to the homelands in the 1990/91 financial year

Wronsley said he had twice reported the unauthorised expenditure of R1-billion in Lebowa since 1986 to parliament, but nothing had been done

Neither he nor his predecessors, Stoffel van der Merwe and Gerrit Viljoen, could be held responsible for the corruption in the homelands, said De Villiers Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike blamed seconded South African officials for the corruption in Lebowa

Responding to the Parsons Commission report, the government said

●The SAP had already completed an investigation into the kwaZulu Police and their report had been presented to the territory's cabinet

●The kwaZulu Police would not be reincorporated into the SAP

●All offences reported in the commissions would be investigated by the attorney-general

South African officials will be seconded to Lebowa and kwaNdebele to assist with implementing the commission's recommendations De Villiers could not say how much the corrective exercises will cost

Blame someone else for Lebowa scandal, says SA government

Reports by JOHAN RETIEF *CP/ren 15/11/92*

GROSS mismanagement, neglect, fraud and incompetence are some of the irregularities revealed in the 750-page De Meyer report on the Lebowa administration.

But the big question that follows the shock report is: "Who should shoulder the blame for the scandal?"

The debate rages in spite of the findings of the Commission that the Lebowa cabinet is mainly responsible for the corruption.

Government spokesman Dave Steward said: "It is difficult for central government to take responsibility for mistakes made by second-tier governments."

Earlier, both Lebowa chief Minister Nelson Ramodike and SA Regional and Land Affairs Minister Jacob de Villiers refused to accept responsibility for the scandal.

De Villiers also claimed that no blame could rest on his predecessors, Gerrit Viljoen and Stoffel van der Merwe.

Ramodike in turn largely put the blame for the scandal on seconded SA officials.

Meanwhile, both the ANC and the CP have expressed "outrage" at the situation.

The ANC said the ultimate responsibility must lie with the Pretoria government.

The CP went further and demanded that State President FW de Klerk resign.

Lebowa — the rot that never ends

CP/ren 15/11/92

THE nation was shocked this week by a 750-page report by the De Meyer Commission detailing far-reaching corruption and unbridled incompetence in Lebowa.

The Commission found that whole departments were created without authorisation, non-existent officials were paid for years, large numbers of officials lacked the skills to do their jobs and a serious lack of control over pensions existed.

Incidences of incompetence and corruption include:

■ Officials in the

Lebowa government shared among themselves the salaries of other officials who had resigned but remained on the payroll;

■ Vehicles had been purchased in an uncontrolled manner, misused for personal gain and some cars were missing;

■ In five magisterial districts of Lebowa 121 cases had been identified in which pension money totalling R 133 252 was illegally paid out; and

■ Officials working insufficient hours cost the Lebowa government R112-million between 1988 and 1991.

Why they had to rebuild

SI Times 15/11/92
BUILDINGS erected in Lebowa had to be demolished and rebuilt because of poor planning and design which resulted in huge losses in material and funds.

And individuals and firms were favoured because of personal preferences and were still being favoured, the report said

Projects were planned at immense cost and never erected, buildings were erected but not used for the purposes for which they were planned; proper and comprehensive contracts were not entered into with contractors and consultants; and officials responsible for certain building inspections were lax or incompetent and did not identify

all discrepancies and faults. (111)

Other findings were: Tender Board instructions were not always adhered to; large projects were undertaken by contractors who were not able to perform; variation orders were misused to obtain buildings and equipment which had not been budgeted for or approved, and the costs on completion did not reflect the real costs of the projects.

The result of this mismanagement was that the limited available funds were not used for the benefit of the inhabitants of Lebowa and that projects of a high priority had not been started while projects of a lower priority received attention.

New Mercs were left to mice

MILLIONS of taxpayers' rands gave free-wheeling Lebowa government officials a ticket to ride Mercedes-Benzes and satisfy a bizarre lust for hundreds of unused wheelbarrows (111)

Of 725 wheelbarrows bought in 1985, only 492 were used.

But another 60 wheelbarrows were bought in 1986.

More than 260 wheelbarrows valued at R13 704 were left in the rain to rust at Seshego.

Many government cars were used for personal errands, damaged in accidents, stolen and left to rot while the Treasury asked for an extra R2-million a year for transport costs.

Of 1 130 vehicles bought for the government pool between 1985 and 1989, 254 "disappeared".

The government workshop has no record of 47 out of 121 Mercedes-Benzes bought between 1985 and

1989. *St. Times*
The commission also found that mice had invaded five brand-new Mercedes-Benzes which were lying unused in the Seshego workshop.

15/11/92.

Poor

Fourteen used Mercedes-Benzes, which had been withdrawn from service in 1988, were also found lying at the Seshego workshop. By January 1991 the cars were still not sold.

Official reasons for this — and the purchase of still more luxury cars — were that the vehicles were still used by ministers.

Eight of the cars are now in a poor condition and many were involved in accidents — after they were withdrawn from service.

The commission found that if the cars had been sold in 1989, the government could have earned R803 400.

Nine of the cars were sold in June 1991 for R206 914.

Some of those that were withdrawn were never returned to the workshop.

In the case of the Chief Minister, Mr Nelson Ramodike, it was found that even though his 420 SE was replaced with a 500 SE, the 420 SE was still used by Mr Ramodike as a "substitute car".

Forgotten

Every minister and deputy minister had two official cars — a Mercedes 300E and 230E — as well as a car under the motor finance scheme.

One Mercedes which had been stolen was found in East London. The Lebowa Transport Department did not know that it was missing.

Pietersburg police also found a car stolen by someone in the Lebowa government service and as a result were able to trace two other cars stolen by the same person.

In all three cases the department did not know the cars were missing.

The purchase of cars was so commonplace that the Lebowa police forgot to collect a Nissan Skyline for a year after the purchase.

A number of cars were auctioned last month. Another auction of 124 cars, expected to fetch R1,8-million, is to be held in Seshego on November 30.

Youngsters cash in as pensioners go hungry

St Times 15/11/92

PEOPLE as young as 22 drew pensions in Lebowa — while 10 000 genuine pensioners went without

In some cases children drew pensions without presenting the proper documents, while officials turned a blind eye

The De Meyer commission found there was an alarming lack of efficient management and control of social grants, and said it was gravely concerned at the indifference of many Lebowa officials

Lebowa pensioners had to wait a long time for payments and 10 000 pension applications were turned down, ostensibly because of a lack of funds

"In the commission's opinion it was not a lack of funds that was responsible for the backlog but poor administration. It's clear that available funds were not allocated for the correct purposes. In some instances the money was used to rectify overspending elsewhere"

Among irregularities uncovered by the commission were

- When a pensioner died, the pension was not always cancelled. In one case 13 withdrawals occurred after the death of a pensioner. In five districts the commission identified 121 cases where pensions were irregularly drawn after the pensioners' deaths. The amount of money involved was R133 252

- The names of some pensioners appeared twice on some official lists, listed under their old as well as their new identity numbers. The main reason for this was a lack of contact between the Lebowa government and the South African Department of Internal Affairs. Some pensioners were receiving pensions from both the Lebowa and the South African government

- People received pensions even though they had obviously not reached the qualifying age. Some were as young as 22 or 23. An investigation in 1978 concluded that about 37 percent of people drawing pensions had not reached the required age or were otherwise not qualified

Little was done to retrieve money wrongly authorised or to take steps against offenders, the commission added.

The commission found that officials seldom followed the correct procedures when pensions were issued and that the recipients were seldom identified

It also found the actions of officials to be blatant contempt for regulations rather than incompetence

The commission added that it had been hampered by the disorderly filing of pension documents — some of which were found in the garage of a private house

It's 2.30pm in Lebowa... time for the civil servants to tshaile*

S/Times 15/11/92.
REPORTS BY KURT SWART AND HEATHER ROBERTSON

IT was business as usual for Lebowa's civil service in the wake of the De Meyer report this week. Business as usual in Lebowa means: ending work at 2.30pm, ducking responsibility and exploiting the system to the full.

The De Meyer commission on corruption, fraud and mismanagement of funds in the Lebowa government was released this week — after three years of investigation and sittings — alleging massive abuse involving hundreds of millions of rands.

But at the Lebowakgomo state building this week retired magistrate Mr MJ Geyser was in despair. He said he had been "chasing department heads" for a report back on how they planned to comply with the report's recommendations.

He was seconded by the SA Department of Justice to work on the Lebowa Management Committee which will oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the commission.

Despite the fact that the report was in the hands of the Lebowa government months ago, he was able to start acting on it only after it was tabled in the Lebowa parliament on Tuesday. He had not yet finished reading the report, he said.

"It is very difficult to get hold of anyone," he said.

Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike refused to be interviewed. Press officer Sam Mbambo ducked questions about Mr Ramodike's two liquor outlets opened in contravention of the 1973 Liquor Act.

Questions were referred to Mr Ramodike's lawyer — who was "not available", said Mr Mbambo.

Anyway, he said, the law was changed last year, allowing cabinet ministers, their deputies and members of the Legislative Assembly to own liquor outlets. This was backdated to 1973.

A visit to Lebowa's various government departments on Friday afternoon showed that the "early closing" rule which was much-criticised by Mr Oelof de Meyer, chief magistrate of Johannesburg, still applied.

Only three men were left guarding the hundreds of wrecked vehicles at the Works Department workshop in Lebowakgomo by 2.30pm.

Lebowa's unofficial "time-off" rule of half-days

and special holidays for civil servants cost the government service R112-million between 1988 and last year, Mr de Meyer found.

The holidays applied only to government officials — not for the general citizenry of Lebowa.

And officials who worked through the "time-off" periods were paid overtime.

This was uncovered by the De Meyer commission when it investigated charges that officials in the Lebowa Department of Health were receiving overtime payments for work done during normal working hours.

The "time-off" practice included allowing officials to leave work at 10am on the day before any public holiday and declaring March 21 a public holiday for officials to commemorate the Sharpeville shootings.

Abolished

As a result of "the practice that exists in Lebowa", about 26-million official working hours were lost per year, which meant that if each official worked a normal week of a minimum of 40 hours, 1 500 posts could theoretically be abolished, the commission found.

The commission broke down the loss of R112-million as follows:

- R75-million because officials went home at 3pm on Fridays,
- R26-million because officials went home at 10am on days before public holidays, and
- R11-million because the Lebowa cabinet took decisions on holidays for officials without gazetting them.

The amount of R112-million did not include the payment of "overtime" for officials who had to work during "time-off" periods.

The lack of supervision endemic in Lebowa's government departments led to cases such as that of Mr LS Botes of Potgietersrus, a seconded official who spent almost two months doing private work in Botswana — while drawing his pay from the homeland government.

He had taken full advantage of the "total confusion about who his supervisor was" in the Department of Agriculture and Nature Conservation, the report said.

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* Knock off for the day

HOMES FOR HIS FAMILY

A SCHOOL principal feathered his family nest by arranging the sale of school houses to his brothers.

Seshego council officials connived in the deals, allowing principal Herman Phosoko's brothers, Martin and Stephen, to "rent", and then buy houses allocated for teachers in 1987.

The men completed rental applications to comply with the policy that the tenant had first option to buy.

Neither Martin nor Stephen, both from Pretoria, ever lived in the houses.

LAND 2: THE DE MEYER REPORT

No funds to run R11-m hospital

A ZAIREAN doctor and her two-year-old son are the only inhabitants of a double-storey, 50-bed nurses' home attached to the spanking new R11-million Seshego Hospital in Lebowa

The hospital stood unused for two years and was only brought out of mothballs after the De Meyer Commission began asking questions about it in 1990

Even now, all but the maternity wards close at 3pm and emergencies are referred to the Pietersburg Hospital 10km away — although this is overcrowded.

There are few signs of life at the hospital

Dr Chizanye Chabikuli, who lives in the vacant nurses' quarters with her son Gillion, said the hospital was barely used by Seshego residents because only the outpatient section and maternity wards were functioning

"But the maternity ward is never full. We have



DESERTED: All quiet at Seshego Hospital

about five women a day"

"We do not have the facilities for surgery and plans to establish gynaecology, obstetrics and paediatric wards two years ago have not been implemented"

She said the two theatres for casualty and maternity cases were not used because of lack of equipment.

There is no kitchen, and food is cooked in the nurses' quarters, almost a kilometre away

Income

Said Dr Chabikuli "Nurses don't stay here because the Lebowa government cannot afford staff to clean the building."

The commission recommended the accommodation be rented out to nurses to generate income.

The idea of a community health centre in Seshego was first mooted by the Department of Development Aid in 1981, when it set aside R500 000 for the building of the clinic

There are two more hospitals in the vicinity — Mankweng, 35km away,

and one at Lebowakgomo, 90km away

A 250-bed hospital was planned as phase one of a full community health centre with 500 beds

Eventually, the department paid R11-million for the building of the hospital while the Lebowa government agreed to pay for the costs of 250 beds and the expansion of the clinic into a fully fledged hospital

The first phase was completed in June 1988, but the Lebowa government could not scrape up the funds for the operating costs

Mr Oelof de Meyer found the unavailability of funds a poor excuse "considering funds were available for the payment of government officials' motor insurance premiums and the purchase of unnecessary and expensive cars"

By October 9 1990, the hospital was still not in use. The commission found health ministry officials did not take steps to obtain funds because of "petty personal squabbles, unnecessary sensitivity and shortsightedness"

Ramodike won't quit

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Sowetan

By Don Seokane

LEBOWA CHIEF MINISTER Mr Nelson Ramodike will not resign his position or even accept responsibility for corruption and maladministration exposed by the De Meyer Commission

Ramodike disclosed at the weekend that he does not owe taxpayers an apology because he had never wasted their money and introduced several cabinet changes.

"The public should praise and thank me for having been brave enough to expose the mismanagement of funds in Lebowa government services which took place before I was elected political

posed financial mismanagement himself:

head of this territory," he said

The decision to institute the commission was taken by the Lebowa cabinet in 1989, he said

Ramodike indicated that several changes would be made to his cabinet as a result of De Meyer's Commission findings

"Some officials will be charged with misconduct and others will be demoted, while some will be dismissed"

Meanwhile, Lebowa's Intoxicating Act has

been changed to allow cabinet ministers and deputy ministers to be able to acquire liquor licences

The 1973 Lebowa Intoxicating Act barred members of the homeland's legislative assembly and other political office bearers from obtaining liquor trading licences

The amended act - the Lebowa Intoxicating Liquor Amendment Act of 1991 - will be deemed to have come into operation in 1973

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NEWS Chief plans to eradicate corruption ● Violence flares again near Empangeni



The body of Constable Johannes Ketha (48), who was apparently shot by a colleague, lies covered with a blanket on a street in Sebokeng in the Vaal yesterday. He had a bullet wound in the head.

Ramodike cleans up

EBOWA CHIEF MINISTER Mr Nelson Ramodike vowed yesterday to take steps to end the massive income-

tence and corruption in his government uncovered by the De Meyer Commission

"The steps to remedy the situation will essentially involve measures aimed at punishing those found guilty, measures aimed at correcting whatever wrong was practised in which the administration was involved, as well as measures aimed at preventing the recurrence of a similar situation," he said in a statement.

"Now that the commission has laid the facts on the table, I take this opportunity to accept the challenge to take appropriate steps which will include punitive, corrective and preventive measures, on both a political and administrative level"

His cabinet has appointed a management committee to deal with the recom-

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PUNITIVE MEASURES Ministers will

have to take responsibility for corruption:

recommendations of the commission "and letters have already been sent to the affected departments to respond to the findings and recommendations of the commission"

Ramodike said it was an accepted principle that ministers could not escape responsibility for the activities of their departments

"Even if a minister may not be personally involved in irregularities, the fact of the matter is that he is in charge of his department and he is there to make sure that public funds are not squandered"

The incompetence of any minister would be "measured or evaluated ac-

ording to the seriousness of the case in his department", said Ramodike

"I, myself, took the initiative to have these irregularities investigated in depth"

The De Meyer Commission was appointed in June of the same year

Ramodike said the National Party could "in no way escape responsibility for the kind of mess in which the country as a whole finds itself"

"The whole idea of the homeland system is Pretoria's baby and only Verwoerd and his successors knew what they had in mind and how they planned to construct and manage homelands"

Sapa

Exiles' body calls for aid

LLOYD courts
THE National Co-ordinating Committee for the Repatriation of Exiles is expected to appeal to government for assistance in the repatriation process.

A committee spokesman said yesterday a lack of government participation was having an adverse effect on the programme.

In a statement the committee said about 14 000 returned exiles and former political prisoners were registered, while about 6 000 were still outside SA.

The committee's funds were frozen after it was found that R300 000 had been embezzled.

The committee's policy allowed individual returnees to be given a loan of up to R6 000, payable within 18 months at an interest rate of 18%.

Twenty percent of the total was given to the returnee as a grant. The ANC has also called on government to take responsibility for the funding of the repatriation programme, after repatriation centres in the Cape were forced to close because of a lack of money.

'Barnard boasted he killed Webster'

SUSAN RUSSELL

DAYS after activist David Webster was murdered, former CCB operative Ferdi Barnard told the mother of a friend that the Wits academic had been thrown five feet by the bullet that killed him, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Johanna Smit said Barnard told her this in the presence of her son, businessman Willie Smit, during a drive to Lanseria Airport.

Smit and her son-in-law Andrew Vorster both agreed to testify at the Webster inquest yesterday on condition that Barnard and former CCB colleague Calla Botha were not present.

They were to have given evidence two weeks ago, but hurriedly left the Supreme Court building and disappeared minutes after Willie Smit withdrew his evidence implicating Barnard in the murder.

Smit told the court yesterday she and Vorster had left with her son on that occasion because they were intimidated. A certain Lester Mouton had also threatened her son's wife and children.

Smit said she met Barnard in 1988 when she started working for the company where Barnard left the company after three months, saying he had a job with the security police.

The conversation about Webster's murder took place two or three days after the assassination, she said. "Ferdi and I were talking. I said to him it

was shocking that people could be shot dead in the street like a dog. He answered that he (Webster) was a dog."

According to Smit, Barnard then said: "Tannie, when the police heard of the shooting they immediately said it was Ferdi Barnard because he is the only person who could shoot so accurately out of a moving car."

Barnard then made the remark about the bullet. Smit told Barnard to stop talking nonsense and he laughed, she said.

She also testified that Barnard would walk into the company's offices and laughingly tell female employees they were afraid of him because he had killed people. "He was not ashamed to admit it," Smit said. "He said on many occasions that he was a murderer."

Barnard also told her about an album in which he kept pictures of the bodies of those he had killed.

Smit said she never saw the album, although Barnard had told her he would show it to her one day. She told the court she and her family had been intimidated by Barnard and his relatives before her son gave his evidence.

Smit added that Barnard talked a lot of nonsense and claimed to have done many things he had not. To this day, she added, she did not believe he killed Webster.

Ramodike vows to fight corruption

LEBOWA Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike vowed yesterday to take appropriate steps to end the massive incompetence and corruption in his government unearthed by the De Meyer commission.

He said these steps would involve punishment for offenders and measures to prevent a recurrence of the situation. His cabinet had appointed a management committee to deal with the commission's recommendations, and letters had been sent to affected departments.

Ramodike said government ministers could not escape responsibility for their departments' activities. The incompetence of any minister would be measured or evaluated according to the seriousness of the financial management.

22 in jail hunger strike protest

RAY HARTLEY

TWENTY-TWO prisoners who claim to have been jailed for political crimes have been on hunger strike since Sunday at Leeukop Prison, north of Johannesburg, in protest against the failure of the authorities to release them.

Forty-two prisoners were released over the weekend in terms of agreements reached between government and ANC negotiators in September.

A well placed source said the striking prisoners included six Numsa members imprisoned for the killing of a scab labourer, an Umkhonto we Sizwe member jailed for attempted murder, a self-defence unit member and a necklace murderer. Correctional Services spokesman Col Dame Immelman last night confirmed the hunger strike.

The hunger strikers had been informed that "undisciplined behaviour jeopardises their privileges and even their remission of sentence, which is earned through good behaviour", he said. Meanwhile a joint committee of ANC and government negotiators have endorsed the release of 123 of the 153 prisoners freed after a joint summit in September, Correctional Services spokesman Lt Bert Slabbert said. Sapa reports 16 inmates at Durban's Westville Prison have been on hunger strike for more than two weeks, demanding their release on the grounds that they are "victims of apartheid". Department of Correctional Services spokesman W/O R Poigeter said two groups of prisoners began fasting on November 2 and 3.

the nation in brief

1 000 homeless after fire

NEARLY 1 000 people have been left homeless by a fire which swept through 200 shacks at Kayamandi near Stellenbosch. (203)

Fire brigade staff from Stellenbosch and the Regional Services Council brought the fire under control only after battling the flames throughout the night. Sowetan 19/11/92

Residents hastily removed furniture and other belongings as firemen fought the fire as it raced from one shack to another.

The blaze was extinguished about 6.30am yesterday after firemen had used jets for nearly eight hours.

No-one was injured in the fire, believed to have started when a burning candle fell over.

Homeless residents are being housed temporarily in Kayamandi community halls and sports recreational centres, adjacent to the sprawling shantytown.

Good news for pensioners (11)

PENSIONERS in Sekhukuneland, Lebowa, whose social pension payments had been stopped by the territory's Department of Health, Social Welfare and Pensions, will have their pensions reinstated.

Backdated payments to September this year when the payments were cut off will also be paid, the Department of the Chief Minister announced yesterday. Sowetan 19/11/92

A department statement said the pensions had been suspended without the knowledge of the Lebowa cabinet.

Pensioners protest corruption

Sowetan
ABOUT 3 000 pensioners brought the traffic to a standstill on the main road to Pietersburg yesterday when they marched on the Lebowa capital of Lebowakgomo to demand an end to corruption and the reinstatement of their pensions

"We demand the immediate restoration of pension money payments which were withdrawn in October," African National Congress northern Transvaal executive member Mr Aaron Motswaledi told the protesters

A memorandum of grievances handed to homeland government officials claimed some pensioners were made to sign vouchers for the

19/11/92
■ **Blackmail, non-payment of pensions were some of the reasons for yesterday's march:**

money they did not receive

It also claimed that Lebowa officials blackmailed people into joining the United People's Front of Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike by promising they would get their pensions

Lebowa's newly appointed health and social welfare minister, Letau Mamabolo, told the protesting pensioners that pension payments would immediately be reinstated and that all the pension arrears would be paid in December.

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United Nations monitors and National Peace Accord monitors watched as a scuffle broke out between the protesters and the Lebowa police over where the marchers should stand

Only after noisy discussions between ANC representatives and police were the protesters allowed to assemble near the Lebowa government buildings while some of the old-age pensioners staged a sit-in on the main road to Pietersburg, blocking traffic for several minutes - *Sapa*

How cabinet opened the can of worms

Sowetan 19/11/92

Comment by
Don Seokane

■ **Ramodike's government called for commission of inquiry because a department felt it was being underfunded:**

THE disgraceful catalogue of corruption and maladministration in Lebowa exposed by the De Meyer Commission has put Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike's ability to take decisive action in the spotlight.

Ramodike, who is also implicated in the 750-page De Meyer report, has over the years threatened that his government would not have any mercy for officials involved in corruption and nepotism.

Ramodike this week lashed out at his colleagues implicated in the report but only called on them to resign. What about himself?

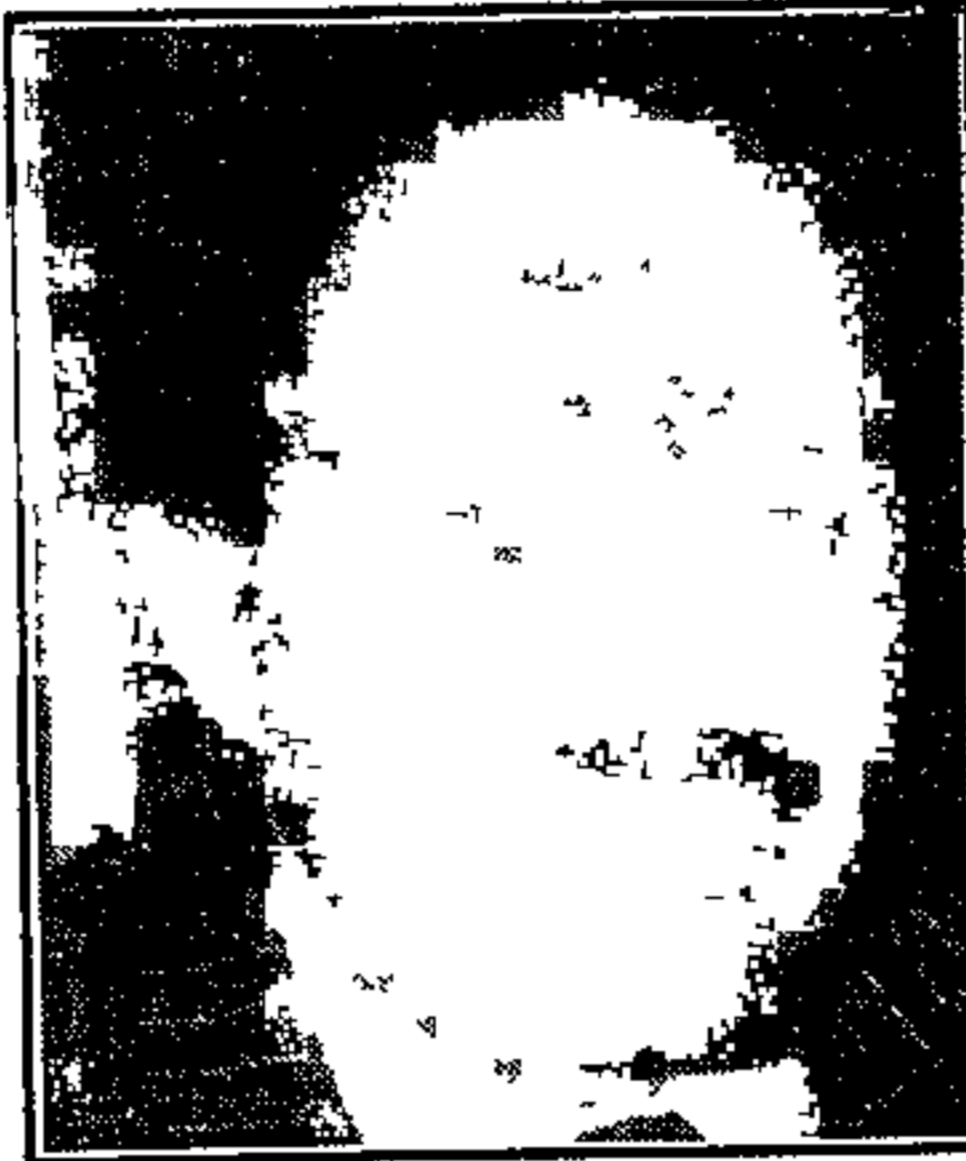
The effect of corruption could have been lessened had Ramodike heeded the reports of South African Auditor-General Mr. P. J. Wronsley which pointed out that more than R1 billion had been spent in Lebowa without authorisation.

This was in addition to the normal grants from the South African Government.

Ramodike has said that it was the Lebowa cabinet that called for an independent commission of inquiry in Lebowa.

The reason behind that was that some accounting officers in the homeland administration's departments believed that they were being underfunded by the central government.

The homeland's cabinet was probably unaware that it was opening a can of worms it could not close



Nelson Ramodike

The De Meyer Commission's sittings which started in 1990 have revealed mind-numbing corruption ranging from pensions, liquor licenses to nepotism and over allocation of school books.

The department of education in Lebowa was probably the hardest hit of all departments.

During one of the commission's sittings it was revealed that almost R99 million was paid to 57 bookstore owners between March 1986 and September 1989.

Two former secretaries in the homeland, Mr Masipa Kobe and Mr Dickson Mphahlele were the main culprits and bookshops owned by the two received orders totalling nearly R6 million.

During the hearing, De Meyer also found out that tender procedures were

not used at all and quotations were not obtained beforehand. In addition to books given to the pupils free of charge, a considerable quantity of school books were bought by the pupils.

Kobe was forced to resign following his involvement in the scandal while Mphahlele was suspended in October 1989.

While the commission found that there was lack of proper planning and control in the department of education's head office - which resulted in books which could not be used being ordered such as Zulu handbooks - the practice continued.

In August this year the commission found that new books worth about R250 000 were lying around unused at three schools since 1990. The schools had an oversupply which meant earlier recommendations - particularly proper planning and control - were ignored.

Corruption was not only restricted to books. Pensioners were also hard hit by the unscrupulous dealings of government officials.

The commission revealed that there were double payments, payments to dead people and no pensions at all for others. The backlog of pensions is about 10 000 because of a shortage of funds.

This week *Sowetan* was informed pensioners in Sekhukhune had been told at payout points that there was no more money and they would receive no pensions until further notice.

CORRUPTION ^{FM 20/11/92}
 The buck stops nowhere

Government apparently has neither the will nor the ability to regain control over billions of rands being pumped each year into corrupt and inept homeland governments

Regional and Land Affairs Minister Jacob de Villiers — who has channelled more than R8bn into the homelands this year — says proof of use of the funds is required only for special projects funded from the sale of strategic reserves, the food aid programme and drought relief

“The responsibility to exercise control over expenditure rests fully with the self-governing territory through its government service and legislative assembly”

But in Lebowa, for instance, the De Meyer Commission found that this didn't happen. In some cases, tens of millions of rands were spent without statutory approval

In essence, De Villiers says there is nothing government can do about it. He and other Cabinet Ministers steadfastly refuse to take political responsibility for the unprecedented level of corruption, maladministration and abuse of police power in Lebowa and KwaNdebele, exposed last week by the De Meyer and Parsons reports

And the homeland administrations either blame the problems on previous governments or say remedial steps have been taken

However, no-one in any of the three governments can say whether any official identified as corrupt or unfit for duty, but still in service, has been suspended or prosecuted since the reports were received. There's also no indication that steps are being taken to recover hundreds of millions of rands stolen, misappropriated or overpaid

The only apparent action so far was the sacking last week of two Ministers by Lebowa Chief Minister Nelson Ramodike, whom De Meyer implicated in fiddling liquor licences but is still in office

Lebowa Finance Director Nick Stolz told

the *FM* this week that as far as he knew, not a single official identified by De Meyer as being unqualified or incapable of dealing with financial matters had been suspended or transferred to a non-financial post

KwaNdebele Chief Minister James Mahlangu says the abuses exposed by Parsons occurred under the previous government and were largely aimed at him and his followers who opposed “independence”

All three governments have formed special joint committees to implement recommendations. Joint financial adjustment committees and structural adjustment programmes are also in place or being formed to monitor the “effectiveness” of homeland spending

The two commissions' reports have also been referred to the appropriate attorney-general for possible prosecution and internal inquiries will be held into the activities of some officials

However, the SA government's notorious laxity in taking action against corrupt or inept officials has created widespread scepticism about anyone other than possibly a few junior officials carrying the can for the latest scandals

Former KwaNdebele police commissioner Hertzog Lerm, now a Conservative Party town councillor in Warmbaths, claims the alleged abuses by police under his command were part of a strategy sanctioned by Pretoria. He will no doubt claim immunity from prosecution under the new Further Indemnity Act

The situation is exacerbated by indications that what was exposed in Lebowa and KwaNdebele and in Ciskei by the “independent” state's own auditor-general (including the “loss” of at least 700 government cars) is only the tip of the iceberg

SA Auditor-General Peter Wronsley has warned that his pending report on the state of homeland finances will contain a lot more bad news for taxpayers. And more shocks are expected in further reports by the De Meyer and Parsons commissions into corruption in Lebowa and KwaNdebele due over the next few months

The public's growing belief that all homeland governments are rotten was heightened last week when Lebowa's Ramodike challenged government to appoint commissions of inquiry into the financial affairs of all of them, in effect saying “I'm not the only one”

The main problem appears to be government's inability to control the flow of funds to the homelands which this year, including the TBVC states, totals more than R12bn

The allocations are effectively rubber-stamped by a Nat-dominated parliament without adequate debate or information on how the money will be used and with no ministerial accountability

Department of State Expenditure spokesman Pieter Coetzee says the allocations are calculated based on information from the homelands and channelled through the Department of Regional and Land Affairs

(Foreign Affairs in the case of the TBVC States)

But then they disappear into what are obviously chaotic homeland treasuries and emerge, inter alia, in the shape of luxury motor cars for Cabinet Ministers, palatial legislative assembly chambers and hospitals that stand empty

Stolz was unable to tell the *FM* how it was possible — as De Meyer disclosed — for funds to have been spent on various occasions without the necessary statutory authority. He said the query had been referred to the “De Meyer Management Committee” formed to “pro-actively oversee correctional steps towards sound and effective government administration”

The committee includes the Chief Minister and the Ministers of Finance, Law & Order, Education, Agriculture, Works and Health. Stolz could not say when the questions would be answered

Our guess is that if the committee responds, it will follow the example of the SA Cabinet and find someone else to blame ■

Tough campaigner on a trial run

Star 3/12/92.

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SMEARED in sweat and dust, Nelson Mandela tweaks a baby's cheeks and dances with a few ululating women before heaving himself into his car to continue what resembles a whistle-stop campaign tour through parched Lebowa.

Kissing babies and shaking the hands of star-struck voters has traditionally been the realm of politicians seeking election, not of the leaders of formerly underground movements.

But Mandela, visiting remote villages under the hot Lebowa sun this week, looked the part of the campaigning politician graduated from resistance leader.

It left no doubt that the ANC had become a party seeking election and prepared to do the dusty leg work necessary to grab the rural vote.

The tour, conducted jointly with Operation Hunger, took in eight villages and Operation Hunger projects, and Mandela seized the opportunity to greet villagers for whom he had previously been only a face on a poster.

But the focus of the trip — the drought — was often in danger of being forgotten as squealing villagers dogged Mandela's every move and swamped his car in a toyi-toyi-ing crowd.

Mandela, in blue baseball cap and dark cotton shirt, laughed and joked about spinach and chillies with dusty gardeners tending vegetables at a project in Mala-Mapitsane.

On a visit to parched villages in remote corners of Lebowa, ANC president Nelson Mandela emerges as a seasoned political fighter for a party that has risen from the ashes of the resistance movement. **BRONWYN WILKINSON** tried to keep up.

"In prison I grew vegetables — not as great as this — and the warders would come and confiscate a little bit every week. I could never work it out," Mandela joked, adding that he would have liked to see the warders' dinner tables.

When a particularly enthusiastic crowd dragged Mandela on to a bakkie for a short speech, he immediately lauded Operation Hunger.

Turning with a mischievous grin to Operation Hunger's Ina Perlman, he said "I know you are modest, but as the president of the ANC I am entitled to give you instructions. Come forward."

As a reluctant Perlman scrambled on to the bakkie, Mandela turned to the crowd. "Now you can see how much power the ANC has."

Trailing clouds of red dust, the convoy of 15 cars sped through villages, only to screech to a halt when crowds refused to control their enthusiasm enough to allow the cars through.

Mandela — a bodyguard's nightmare — leapt out of the car and climbed to the top of an enormous boulder, dancing to the freedom songs in which his

own name was the chorus.

The convoy left in its wake thousands of wide-eyed cheering villagers cloaked in the dust kicked up by the cars.

At a rally at the end of a mountainous drive over terrain fit only for 4x4s and company cars, Mandela addressed the drought virtually as a campaign issue.

The plight of drought-stricken areas was not so much a result of the weather as a remnant of apartheid and mismanaged drought relief funds.

The ANC would, he promised the cheering crowds, ensure that drought relief would be spent on feeding emaciated people instead of "bloated bureaucratic cracies."

At the end of the monstrous schedule, flagging and exhausted reporters told themselves the man they had been following was in his seventies and he had whined neither about the dust, heat nor his parched throat.

"If he can do it," they muttered, "so can we," as they hoped Mandela would tire and leave just one visit off the schedule — only to find the intrepid old man had lengthened his stay. □



On vote-catching trail . . . Mandela had a rapturous welcome from crowds on his tour of Lebowa. Picture: João Silva

Unused govt cars found (M)

PIETERSBURG — Unused cars worth thousands of rands have been found at the Lebowa government workshop in Seshego by Lebowa Chief Minister Mr Nelson Ramodike *CT 4/12/92*

Residents warn government

By JOHANNES NGCOBO

MORE than 3 000 Elandskraal residents this week staged a protest march against the Lebowa and SA government's proposed joint control of their land

The angry placard-bearing men, women and children marched on the

tiny police station in Elandskraal near Marble Hall where they presented a memorandum.

The protesters strongly warned the SA government that any incorporation of their land to a joint control with Lebowa would lead to a blood-bath

Leading the march was the former general-secretary of the now disbanded SA Congress of Trade Unions, John Nkadimeng and ANC NEC member Derek Hanekom

The marchers handed the memorandum to the local station commander.

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Lebowa traders won't pay taxes

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By Don Seokane

■ UNFAIR COMPETITION Licensed

THE POWERFUL LEBOWA Traders Association yesterday dropped a bombshell on the Lebowa government when members decided not to pay licence fees and site and income tax

The association decided at its end of the year meeting that it was no longer possible to pay taxes due to unfair competition from informal shops encouraged by the homeland administration

It boasts a membership of about 2 500 throughout the homeland

LTA deputy chairman Mr SM Manthatha said the Lebowa government did not consider the position of licensed store owners when it deregulated trading conditions and introduced free enterprise.

businessmen accuse administration of encouraging unfair competition:

Manthatha disclosed that the homeland administration encouraged informal shops - spaza shops - and even promised to fund their owners, to the disadvantage of licensed store owners

He said because of this unfair competition and a bid to level the competing field, members decided not to pay site and income tax and licence fees.

"Our members have complained bitterly about the unfair competition. The trading results of some of our members, facing stiff competition, has slumped by

about 35 percent

"Our association has in the past communicated with government officials about free enterprise and we have held meetings with them but this has not yet been thrashed out," said Manthatha

The LTA had sent a memorandum to the homeland administration and no reply has been received

At the time of going to press, officials of the relevant Lebowa government department had not yet responded to the allegations by LTA