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Talks plan by T'kei leader

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TRANSKEI military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has spelt out details of his plan for launching a major regional initiative to defuse tensions in the troubled Eastern Cape and Border region.

He told Weekend Argus in a special interview he intended to go ahead early in the new year with arrangements for round-table talks between all the governments and parties concerned.

Speaking by telephone from his Umtata residence this week, he said: "We need to sit down as people of this region and address the problems facing us."

His planned regional initiative comes in the wake of high-level moves this week to reduce tensions between the South African government and Transkei over alleged Apla bases and activities in the homeland.

The moves included:

■ A warning from the South African government that General Holomisa could expect hot pursuit raids into Transkei if an urgent official probe found the homeland was assisting terrorists.

■ An announcement by General Holomisa that Mr Justice Richard Goldstone had accepted an invitation to head an inquiry into allegations of Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) bases in the homeland.

■ An initiative by Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha to seek a meeting with General Holomisa in a bid to reduce tensions between the two governments. Mr Botha welcomed General Holomisa's request to Mr Justice Goldstone for an investigation.

■ An announcement by Mr Justice Goldstone that he had established a committee to conduct a preliminary investigation into Apla. This probe would be independent of the Transkei inquiry. The first public sitting will be in Port Elizabeth on Monday, January 4.

The committee has called

for evidence and submissions from relevant persons on the location of Apla camps, arms, ammunition and personnel and on their operational activities.

Meanwhile, Mr Pik Botha has been quoted as saying the South African government would not "blindly" allow raids against Apla bases in Transkei and Lesotho as such raids could worsen the situation.

He described Apla as "a criminal hit squad", however, and emphasised that Pretoria had the full co-operation of Lesotho following recent attacks on border farms in the eastern Free State.

In this week's interview with Weekend Argus, General Holomisa said invitations to his proposed regional conference would be sent out early in the new year.

Those to be invited would include at least three governments — South Africa, Ciskei and Transkei — and all relevant parties and organisations, including the National Party, the Afrikaner-Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), the ANC, PAC and others.

General Holomisa said he hoped a suitable venue could be agreed on by participants in the talks.

Asked whether the talks could be the forerunner of future regional initiatives and possible federalism, General Holomisa said it was not the time now for a federal system of government, because the crucial issue of land redistribution had first to be settled.

However, he suggested plans toward a federal system of government involving South Africa and re-integrated homelands could be considered in about 15 or 20 years' time.

General Holomisa said he recognised the need for economic stability and the conference he envisaged in the new year was in line with his vision for promoting peace.

At this stage, he said, he had reservations about regional powers because there was not enough clarity about the definition of a strong region and of what such powers would entail.

Transkei farmers in secret SA land deal

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By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

A MYSTERY consortium of Transkei businessmen and farmers is secretly negotiating to buy 22 farms on the South African side of the troubled border.

A financial adviser for both buyers and sellers, Mr Pierre Groenewald, of Barkly East, confirmed this week that 20 Transkeians had taken an option on a block of 22 adjoining farms below Elliot on the Transkei border.

The price for about 20 000 hectares of land, as well as livestock and equipment, was R47-million.

The deal, which has been under discussion since July 1992, hinges on whether the South African Development Bank and foreign governments will respond to applications for a loan.

South African farmers in the area regard the negotiations as "highly sinister" and expressed fears that if the deal went through, it would increase the security risk in an already troubled area.

Tension

But Mr Groenewald said it was a straight-forward business deal. His clients had to find land outside the Transkei to expand their operations.

News of the intended sale has heightened tension in the area, where the remaining white farmers, motorists and police have been repeatedly attacked by armed gangs thought to be crossing the Transkei border.

The land is in the zone declared an unrest area two weeks ago, and is also part of the area burnt out by arsonists in September.

The proposed sale is also being viewed with uncertainty by the SADF and the SAP's Internal Stability Unit deployed in the area to protect farms in recent months.

Cullenwood Farmer's Association chairman and Elliot farmer Gerhardt Botha said yesterday he re-

garded the secret negotiations as "highly sinister" and feared such a deal would increase the security risk in the area.

Another farmer, who was approached to sell his land, said he welcomed the chance to get out of the area, where prices have fallen by about 40 percent since it became one of the main targets for attacks last year.

Mr Groenewald, who declined to name his clients, said all parties had been sworn to secrecy to prevent panic from spreading among the embattled white community.

The consortium had opted to buy land in a block because its members felt they would be less vulnerable to stock thieves and political interference.

Mr Groenewald dis-

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'Sinister' border land deal

teenage daughters and have had to wait four months for a licence for a second shotgun.

Mr Danie Venter, chairman of the Maclear Farmers' Union, said that besides the security risk, he opposed the land sale because animal disease could spread if livestock was not dosed properly.

An ANC Border spokesman, Mr Soks Sokupa, said he had no knowledge of the deal. His organisation was not involved.

My clients believe they can only make a go of it if they can own their own farms."

However, Mr Botha said: "I find the fact that the negotiations have been done in secret very suspicious. A big block of land will effectively push the Transkei border further into South Africa and push even more farmers out."

"In addition, it will be very difficult to police. We are all terrified as it is. I am sitting 50km from the border with a wife and four

missed speculation that the sale had political connotations. "This is a straight business deal between South African farmers and Transkei businessmen and farmers who feel they cannot farm successfully under the communal land ownership system in the Transkei," he said.

"The drought, which is still raging in these parts, has brought overstocked and overgrazed farms in the Transkei to a standstill.

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Holomisa tells SA to 'go to hell'

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By EDYTH BULBRING
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TRANSKEI leader Bantu Holomisa says he will continue to provide weapons to the PAC and Apla and guarantee their safety in his country.

Speaking to the Sunday Times at his Umtata home this week, the relaxed yet defiant military ruler said the SA government could "go to hell".

He scoffed at military action or potential financial sanctions against the homeland. To take any of these moves against the Transkei held the possibility of disrupting the negotiations process, he said.

General Holomisa said his government had several times provided weapons to the ANC, PAC and Apla to protect their

General wants Goldstone

GENERAL Holomisa said he had asked Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to conduct an independent commission of inquiry into allegations of the existence of Apla bases in the Transkei.

He was convinced that the commission would find that the allegations were a mere propaganda exercise by the South African government. He said he would present evidence to the commission of SA security-force involvement in attempts to destabilise the region, he said.

leadership on visits to the Transkei. He would not apologise for it and would do so again "tomorrow".

During these visits, Transkei security forces had collaborated with the security personnel of the visiting dignitaries in providing weapons and assistance. He was confident that all weapons had been returned and the ammuni-

tion accounted for on their departure.

He added that anyone resident in the Transkei could apply for a licence to buy a firearm for protection. Regardless of the person's political affiliation, this practice would continue, he said.

Members of the liberation movements resident in the Transkei knew that, should they feel threatened by SA authorities, they could ask for the protection of Transkei security forces.

Kerzner

Spelling out his policy towards alleged Apla terrorists in the Transkei, General Holomisa said that, if the SAP had any information that any Transkeian had perpetrated a crime, they could apply for extradition in terms of the agreement between the two countries.

"I expect I will be as accommodating as the SA government has been in assisting me with my extradition request against Sol Kerzner," he said.

Outlining the relationship between the Transkei and the PAC, General Holomisa said that Apla chief of staff Barney Hlatswayo and an Apla delegation had visited the Transkei in October 1991, when they had held a meeting with him and members of his military council.

At this meeting he had asked Mr Hlatswayo to "open the doors" for the Transkei in obtaining

Judge Goldstone said in a statement yesterday that, while he welcomed the request by General Holomisa, the commission had no powers in the Transkei.

"That and the constitutional relationship between SA and the Transkei make it necessary that appropriate arrangements be made through normal government channels," he said.

General Holomisa said he would apply to the SA government tomorrow to appoint Judge Goldstone.

training for his civil service and army officer corps.

The Transkei Defence Force is unable to train above the rank of brigadier, and General Holomisa had said this could pose a problem for his defence force when all the armies were integrated under a new dispensation.

General Holomisa rejected reports that he had offered Apla basic training by the Transkei Defence Force and permission for Apla to use the Transkei to train its members.

"Giving Apla training under the TDF would have put Transkei at risk. And I would never allow any liberation movement to conduct informal training in the Transkei. They could be training my enemy," he said.

Zones

He denied he had asked Mr Hlatswayo to assist the Transkei with heavy weaponry or that he had allowed Apla to use his military bases to store its weapons.

He said that, while there had been allegations that Apla had been training its members in the Transkei, there was no proof that this was true. If it had taken place, he would condemn it and take action immediately.

Information obtained by the Sunday Times indicates that the Transkei has been divided by Apla into four zones. The Central

zone, consisting of the districts of Umtata, Butterworth, Libode, Centane, Idutywa, Ngqamakwe and Ngqeleni is under the command of Vumankosi Lawrence Ntकिनca.

The Eastern zone, including the districts of Ntabankulu, Mt Frere, Mt Ayliff, Bizana, Flagstaff, Lusikisiki and Port St Johns, is under the command of Bulelani Xuma.

The Southern zone, consisting of the districts of Engcobo, Cala, Herschel and Cofimvaba, is under the command of Temba Kenene.

And the Northern zone, consisting of the districts of Mt Fletcher, Maluti and Matatiele, is under the command of Madodana Fihla.

Training

General Holomisa rejected a Newsweek magazine report which claimed he had sent a delegation to sign an agreement with Apla regarding training its members in the Transkei in return for officer-corps and civil-servant training.

He said a meeting between a delegation of the Transkei Defence Force led by Brigadier TT Matanzima and an Apla delegation led by Apla secretary of defence Victor Gqweta was held in Kampala, Uganda, on December 2. They had met to discuss the training of Transkei Defence Force personnel abroad.

Flowing from the official meeting, a liaison committee was established between the TDF and Apla to keep the lines of communication between the two groups open, he said.

General Holomisa denied that flowing from this liaison committee cooperation on the recruitment and training of Apla members had resulted. Nor had there been any agreement that Apla could use the Transkei as a "springboard" to launch attacks on SA security forces, he said.

'Kei government targets journalist

A TRANSKEI government investigation has uncovered "irregularities" in the homeland's broadcasting corporation. (103) C/News 31/1/93

In an interim report, the select committee on public accounts claimed two senior Transkei Broadcasting Corporation officials misused their positions for personal gain at taxpayers' expense.

The two are managing director Leslie Xinwa and corporate secretary Harris Gxaweni.

■ Reports by Pen, Enews, Sapa.

No 'Kei meeting with SA over Apla

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A MEETING between the Transkei and South African governments before the homeland's Commission of Inquiry into the existence of Apla training bases in Transkei would be unwelcome, the homeland's military ruler said on Friday.

Responding to media reports that SA Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha was arranging a

meeting between the governments, Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said he had not been approached by South African officials.

"I don't have any objection in principle to such a meeting, but I think such a meeting should take place after the Commission of Inquiry has published its findings as it (the meeting) could have an undue in-

fluence on the commission."

In addition to the alleged existence of Apla bases in Transkei, the matter of South African attempts to destabilise the homeland would also be raised at a meeting with commission chairman Justice Richard Goldstone to discuss the commission's terms of reference.

The Transkei Commission of Inquiry will be run independently of the SA Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which was established under the National Peace Accord, to which Transkei is not a signatory.

South African ambassador to Transkei Horace van Rensburg said reports that a meeting between the two governments may

assume the status of a leadership summit were a misinterpretation of a television interview with Botha.

A Goldstone Commission committee, to be chaired by Gert Steyn, will hold a preliminary hearing on the location of Apla army camps, arms, ammunition and personnel in Port Elizabeth on Monday. - Sapa

Holomisa refuses offer by Goldstone

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Apla has been accused of launching attacks on soft targets in cross-border raids from Transkei and Lesotho.

The organisation accepted responsibility for attacks in November in King William's Town and Queenstown which left five people dead and 34 injured.

It has also been blamed for attacks on several white farms in the eastern Free State border region.

● The Goldstone Commission hearings which start today in Port Elizabeth will be chaired by Gert Steyn.

Transkei group's bid for land likely to fail

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EAST LONDON — A bid by a group of Transkei farmers and businessmen to buy a block of farms at Elliot in the north-eastern Cape will probably fail.

This was the opinion last night of Pierre Groenewald, a financial adviser for both the buyers and sellers of the farms.

He said the group had taken an option on a block of 22 farms on the Transkei border, but the option had lapsed and the deal would probably not go through

because of a lack of finance.

The price for the farms, livestock and equipment was set at R47 million.

Groenewald said a Sunday newspaper report on the matter was inaccurate as it gave the impression the deal was still going through.

It also said the negotiations were initiated in July 1992, whereas they had begun two years ago.

He denied there was anything sinister about the deal and said

it was a straightforward business deal.

Groenewald said fears of some farmers that a block of land owned by Transkeians could serve as a springboard for more violence were unfounded.

The land was adjacent to the Transkei border but would remain part of South Africa, even if sold to Transkeian citizens.

The chairman of the Elliot Farmers' Union (EFU), Ben Vorster, said last night this was the third time the option had

lapsed.

Vorster also did not think the deal would go through.

The chairman of the Ugie Farmers' Association, Danie Venter, said yesterday he was opposed in principle to a block sale of farms to Transkeian farmers.

He said when Transkei was consolidated before independence, several farms along the border were sold to Transkeians, and these were now inactive. — Sapa.

Goldstone inquiry invited

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EAST LONDON. — The Transkei government has asked that Mr Justice Richard Goldstone be seconded to chair the homeland's own commission of inquiry into ~~Apla~~ activities in Transkei. ~~(103)~~ (103)

In a diplomatic note to the South African embassy in Transkei today, the homeland's Foreign Affairs and Information Department said Mr Justice Goldstone was "eminently suited" to be appointed to head the proposed commission.

The request — on the first day of the Goldstone Commission hearing in Port Elizabeth

on Apla activities — is an abrupt turnabout. Last month military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa refused to cooperate with the commission on the Apla issue, and announced that Transkei would conduct its own inquiry.

Transkei's diplomatic note emphasised its proposed commission would not be an extension of the Goldstone Commission but an independent inquiry led by a panel of commissioners from the Transkei Bar Council.

The note said Transkei civil servants would not sit on the commission. — Elnews.

Hand over guns, Transkei told

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5/11/93.
TRANSKEI should hand over to the Goldstone Commission all 9mm firearms "loaned" to the Azanian People's Liberation Army since April last year to determine whether they were used in attacks on whites.

This submission was made by the SAP yesterday to a committee of the Goldstone Commission sitting in Port Elizabeth to investigate the location of Apla camps, arms, ammunition, personnel and operational activities.

The committee is chaired by Goldstone Commission member Mr Gert Steyn, assisted by Port Elizabeth advocate Ms Fikile Bam and Mr Nico Coetzer, former president of the Law Societies of South Africa.

The SAP called for:

- An investigation into the alleged training of Apla members in Transkei, including "crash" courses in the use

■ Commission wants to check if they were not used for attacks:

of sophisticated weapons;

- The commission to verify the location of Apla camps and/or training centres;

- An investigation into the supply of arms and ammunition to Apla, both inside and outside the country;

- An investigation of Apla's personnel, including training, numbers, location and command structures;

- An investigation into Apla's funding and its relationship with the PAC; and

- A request to Transkeian authorities to cease support of Apla forthwith. - *Sapa*.

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Transkei, Apla scoff at rewards

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PRETORIA. — Transkei and the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) have scoffed at the South African Police offer of substantial rewards for the arrest and conviction of four men the police claimed were Apla members wanted on terror-related charges.

In a telephone interview with Sapa from Dar es Salaam yesterday, the chairman of Apla's high command, Mr Victor Sabelo Phama, warned the South African government to stop "dragging innocent people" into its probe into "revolutionary violence".

Mr Phama said there were several discrepancies and inaccuracies in the information police had given the media on the four wanted men.

Apla is the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress. And Transkei military ruler

Major-General Bantu Holomisa said the South African government should apply for the extradition of the men if it believed they were in Transkei.

"Such details must be worked through diplomatic channels," he said, accusing Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel of "nauseating... bellicose statements" and clutching at straws.

Police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe on Monday issued photographs of four Apla members, offering substantial rewards for their arrest and conviction.

The four are Letlapa Mphahlele (alias Happy), Luyanda Humphry Gqomfa (alias Thami), Welile Gideon Maflika (alias Vuyo) and Vumankosi Laurence Ntikinca (alias Sizwe).

Mr Phama denied police claims that Ntikinca was Apla's chief of operations.

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Goldstone: Coetsee to decide

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PRETORIA. — Minister of Justice Kobie Coetsee is expected to decide today whether to second Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to Transkei to head an independent commission of inquiry into the activities of the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) in the homeland.

A formal request for the judge's secondment from Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa had been passed on to the Justice Ministry and was receiving "urgent attention", Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Awie Marais said last night.

A committee of the Goldstone Commission investigating the PAC's military wing went into recess yesterday to allow Transkei and the PAC to respond to evidence led on Monday by the SAP and SADF that Apla had used Transkei as a platform from which to launch terror attacks in South Africa and that the PAC had to take responsibility for the actions of its military wing.

Sapa reports that the chairman of the committee, Mr Gert Steyn, said in Port Elizabeth yesterday that the Transkeian consul-general, Mr August Mapasa, had requested copies of the testimonies so the homeland's government could study them and respond.

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sticking to its decision to have its own judicial commission of inquiry into Apla activities and into the "destabilisation of Transkei by the South African security forces".

If the investigations of Mr Steyn's committee indicated that the homeland was being used as a training ground and launching pad for Apla attacks on South Africa, the Goldstone Commission and South African government officials were welcome to present evidence to Transkei's proposed commission of inquiry, General Holomisa said.

He agreed that ballistics experts from neutral countries could test weapons loaned by the Transkei Defence Force (TDF) to Apla and the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) for the protection of their leaders in the homeland.

Counsel for the SAP Mr Francois van Zyl on Monday recommended on behalf of the SAP that the weapons should be tested to see if they had been used in any terror attacks.

Before going into recess, the committee could find no evidence that the government had flown in Apla dissidents from abroad to testify before the committee.

Mr Steyn said: "I would also be very keen to know where the information came from, because the committee could find no evidence of this."

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PAC publicity director Waters Toboti was quoted yesterday as saying the PAC was adamant its information was correct and that it would maintain its stand of refusing to co-operate with the commission, even if subpoenaed.

The committee will sit again on Monday.

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Holomisa welcomes tests of loaned arms

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JOHANNESBURG. — Proposed ballistic tests on Transkei government weapons loaned to the PAC last year were welcomed by the territory's military leader, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, last night — but only under the supervision of a "neutral government or person".

Gen Holomisa said he would co-operate in testing Transkei Prison Department 9mm pistols, loaned to the PAC by the Transkei Defence Force in April last year apparently for protection of its leadership during a conference.

However, South Africa's security forces would first have to produce empty cartridges found on the scene of alleged Apla attacks on whites. — Sapa

SAP to try for Apla extradition

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EAST LONDON. — The SAP may apply for the extradition of wanted Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) members thought to be in Transkei.

A police spokesman said from Pretoria yesterday the SAP would take whatever steps necessary to arrest the four Apla men wanted in connection with acts of terror committed in Lady Grey and Zastron in 1991 and 1992.

The men include Mr Moses Letlapa Mphahlele, reportedly Apla's Transkei chief of operations.

Police would also take action if right-wing groups carried out their threats to cross the Transkei border to raid alleged Apla bases.

● There are no Apla bases in Lesotho, the Lesotho government told South African officials at a meeting in Ficksburg, in the Orange Free State, yesterday. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

Bid to buy border farms welcomed by government

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BORDER farmers have been assured that the sale of farmland to Transkeian businessmen does not pose a security risk or the possibility of an outbreak of animal diseases.

Deputy Land Affairs Minister Johan Scheepers said it was regrettable that a basic right such as landownership was being politicised.

He was reacting to farmers' fears following reports that a group of Transkeian businessmen was negotiating to buy farms on the South African side of the border.

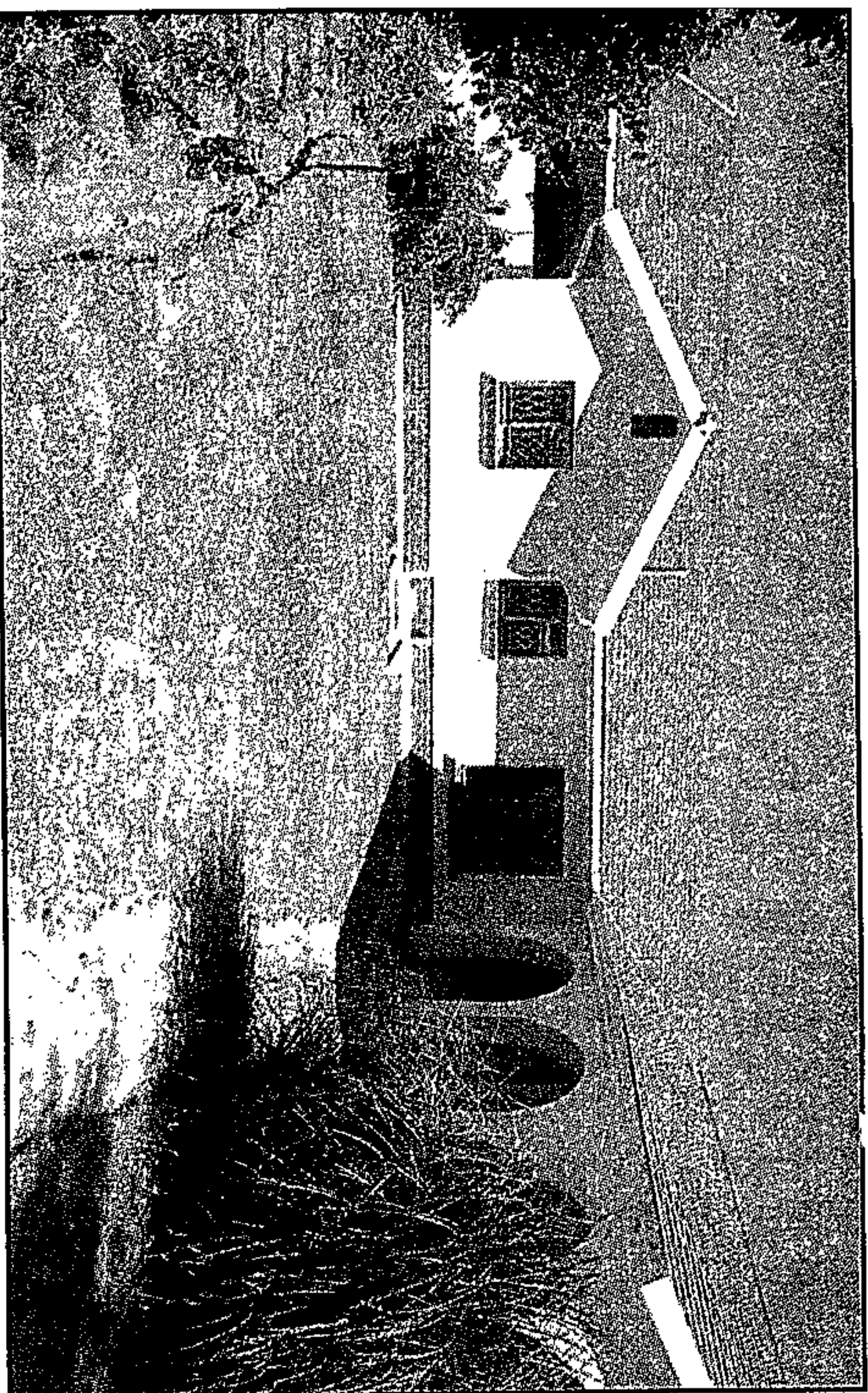
Mr Scheepers said he had noted the objections and dissatisfaction sur-

rounding the proposed sale of land.

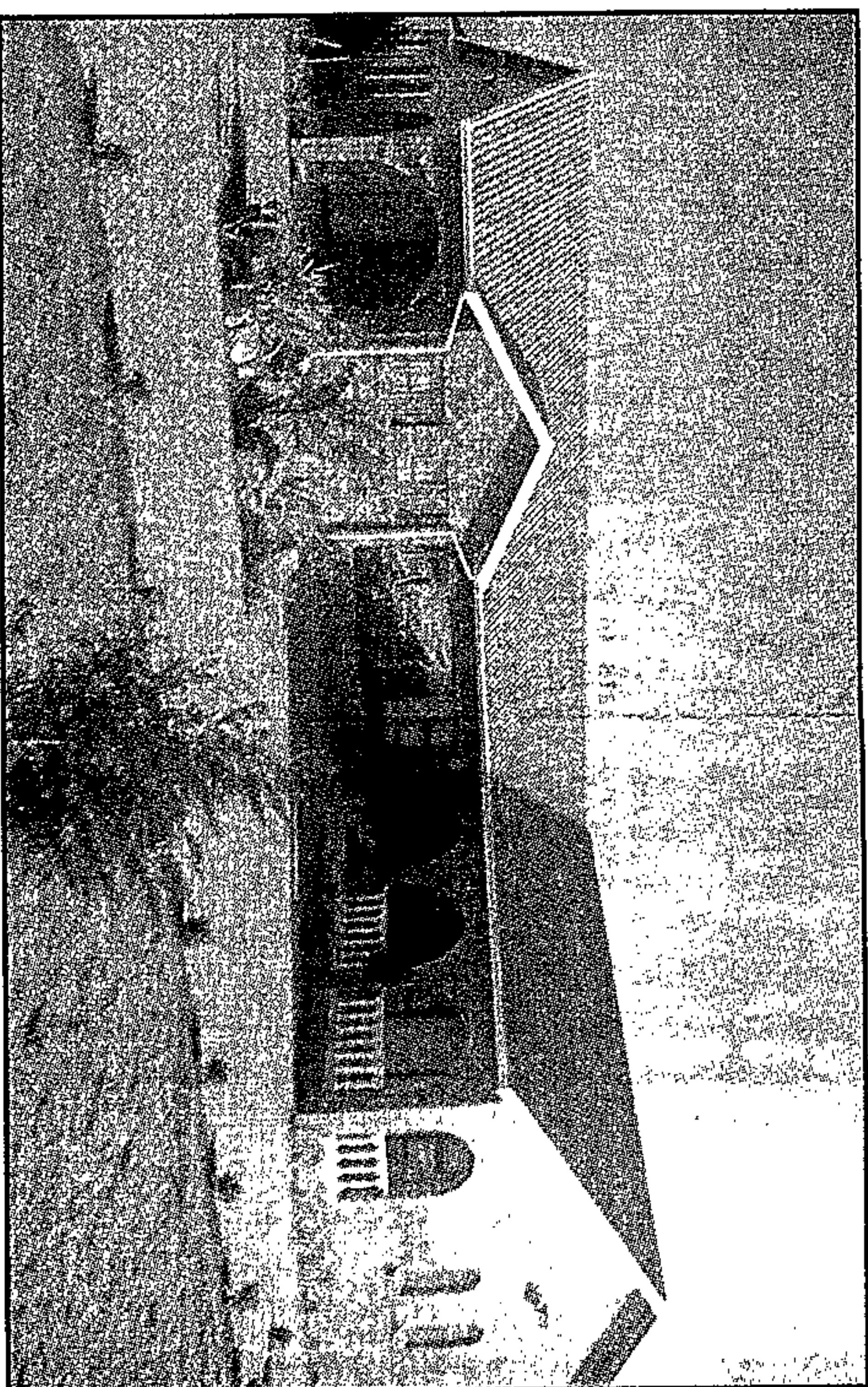
But he hoped "the objections are not based on the colour of the prospective buyers. The acquisition of land by foreigners is allowed under South African law and therefore the acquisition of land by black Southern Africans cannot be criticised.

"Law and order will be maintained. The Animal Diseases Act is applied throughout South Africa and is therefore applicable to all landowners."

Mr Scheepers said it was encouraging that "people of colour want to become a party to the free market in respect of the acquisition and owning of land and these steps are welcomed".



Lookalike . . . the warder's home (left) at Victor Verster prison where Mandela spent almost two years before his release from prison, and his holiday home in Qunu, Transkei.



Mandela's new holiday home has the same feel about it as prison

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

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After a spell in prison, most people would do everything to forget the experience.

But ANC president Nelson Mandela spent the Christmas holidays in his new home in Qunu, Transkei — a replica of the warder's home at Victor Verster Prison in which he

spent almost two years before his release in 1990.

Qunu, a tiny village between East London and Umtata, has a special place in Mandela's heart. He was born there. But the new house cannot evoke similar fond memories.

Although Mandela lives in Johannesburg, the Qunu house was built as his holiday retreat and he refers to it as "my place of rest".

ANC sources say that Mandela originally wanted the house to be a complete carbon copy of the warder's home — down to every fitting — but some materials were not available.

"There are plenty of similarities, though. The basic plans are the same and the house has the same feel about it," one source said.

The main difference between

the two houses is that the Qunu house is facebrick while the building in Victor Verster Prison is plastered and painted white. But there the external differences end.

Arches, windows, gutters and floor plan are identical.

Mandela has declined to comment on his reasons for copying one of the places of his incarceration.

But a source close to him said: "I guess that although the prison could not have been pleasant, it was where Mandela spent a lot of his life and it must hold some pleasant memories for him. It also has a symbolic significance."

The Department of Correctional Services went out of its way to help its most famous former prisoner and passed the

plans for the house on to Transkei government, which in turn handed them over to Mandela's building contractors.

The house has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a study, living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry, pantry and domestics' quarters. The house cost about R400 000 and was paid for by royalties earned from books Mandela has written.

Apla row: ball in FW's court

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By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter (103)

President de Klerk has not yet contacted Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa about the alleged Apla training bases in the area, the homeland leader said today.

In an unusual step Holomisa today published a letter he sent to De Klerk on December 17 about the Apla controversy.

He revealed that the homeland had been informed of alleged Apla bases in Transkei after he had told De Klerk about an alleged SADF signal ordering the removal of activist Matthew Goniwe.

"We dispatched our police to the places cited but no evidence of their existence was found. You were informed of these steps and the outcome," the letter said.

In the letter Holomisa said it was time for everybody to seriously examine the truthfulness of the existence of Apla bases in Transkei by taking part in his proposed Commission of Inquiry.

He said he had made a request for Mr Justice Richard Goldstone to chair the proposed commission.

Holomisa also inquired from De Klerk whether there were any prescribed conditions under which Apla and Umkhonto we Sizwe would oper-

ate after their unbanning.

"Our experience in similar scenarios is that armed wings of liberation movements and the Defence Force are confined to bases while political leaders hammer out the new dispensation.

"The advantage of this arrangement is the exercise of control over all members of the forces there by reducing to the bare minimum the chances of what we witness today."

He complained that veiled threats of cross-border raids by South African Ministers and warnings to holiday-makers were "serious elements of the destabilisation process".

● Bronwyn Wilkinson reports that Transkei's request for the secondment of Mr Justice Goldstone to head the Apla probe in the homeland has hit a technical hitch.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Jacques Malan said last night it appeared the agreement between South Africa and the homeland provided for the secondment of judges in a "judge's capacity only" and not to head commissions of inquiry.

He said President de Klerk and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee were addressing the request from Holomisa, but they would have to work around the problem.

One billion rands to tame the Wild Coast

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A property group has raised a billion rands to turn the Transkei coast into a prime holiday spot. The Holomisa government has insisted that the scheme show sensitivity to the local people and to indigenous wildlife.

By EDDIE KOCH

A SOUTH African consortium has raised about R1-billion in foreign capital for an ambitious development programme that will turn the Wild Coast of the Transkei into a prime tourist destination.

If the deal, which is still at a delicate stage of negotiations, comes off it will turn the Wild Coast into a serious rival for both Cape Town and Durban as the country's prime tourist destination.

The Transkei government appears determined that the scheme promote rural development in the communities that dot the homeland's coastline and not damage the homeland's beautiful but fragile marine ecology.

General Bantu Holomisa has begun negotiating with the Cape Town based firm, Finland Property Services, to build a giant chain of tourist facilities along a stretch of the Wild Coast between Port St Johns and Port Shepstone.

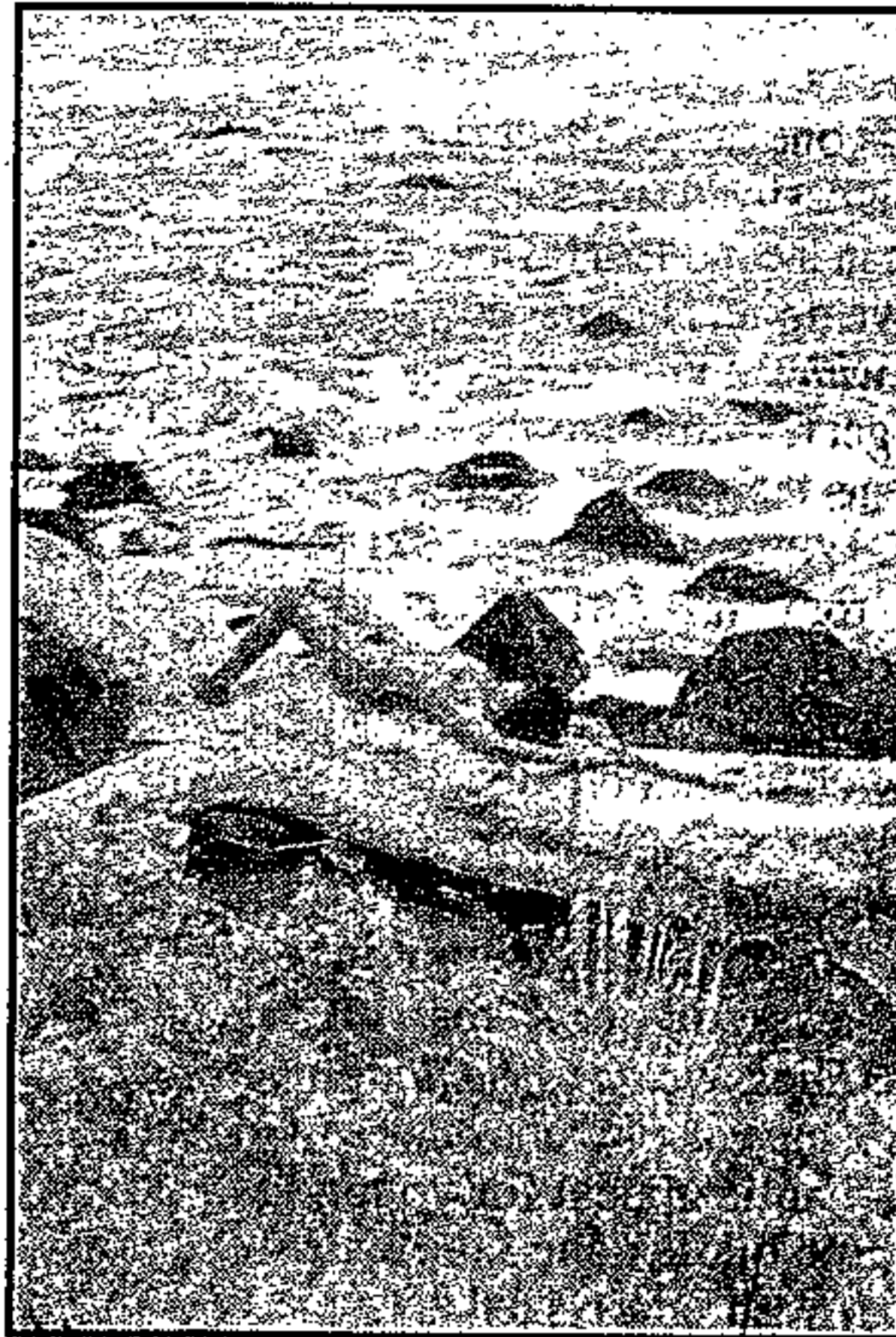
Representatives for Finland Property Services were reluctant to comment this week on the plan, saying that negotiations with the Transkei government and its consultants were still in a delicate stage.

But sources close to the company report it has already raised about R1-billion rand from foreign investors, most of them based in Germany, and that the entire project will cost some R5-billion to complete.

The Transkei government has employed consultants from the Wildlife Society of Southern Africa to ensure that the tourism scheme will not go the way of Natal coast developments by devastating rare coastal forests and coastal ecosystems.

The Transkei has some of the last remaining indigenous dune forests in the country and some 300km of coastline which has remained largely unspoilt because of a lack of previous development there.

And in a unique move, Holomisa is reported to have hired a team of consultants whose brief it is to ensure that rural communities along the coastline will have control



Peaceful on the wild side, but for how long?

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

over the way in which the scheme is implemented as well as a say in the distribution of profits generated by the tourism project.

The sources say Holomisa is enthusiastic about the project and is aware that ecotourism has the potential to become the springboard for a wider rural development programme in Transkei.

The government is reported to be especially concerned that the project will cause large-scale social dislocation if rural people flock to the coastline and abandon the region's already depressed rural hinterland.

"It is clear that tourism is the Transkei's major asset but the government is aware that it needs to be used in a way that does not repeat the mistakes made, for example on the south coast of Natal," said one of the sources. "The project must be managed in a way that offsets the negative aspects of commercial tourism, especially environmental damage and massive demographic changes. We don't want to turn this into another Natal situation."

According to sources, the scheme has its origins in a plan to convert a five-kilometre strip of coastline between Port St Johns and Mkambati in the north into a game reserve and then build tourist facilities at various spots along the coast.

It has since been expanded and the Transkei government wants the developers to look at a 280km stretch of coastline that includes regions south of Port St Johns as well.

Bruised and reeling from the blow

By CLAIRE KEETON: Ugie

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He expressed confidence that the heavy police presence has the situation under control. He criticised the negative publicity about the area as "exaggerated" and complained it exacerbated the problem.

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SA won't let Goldstone probe Apla's

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THE South African government has refused to second Judge Richard Goldstone to the activities of the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) and other matters.

Minister of Justice Mr Kobie Coetsee said yesterday a Goldstone Commission committee had already begun hearing evidence in this regard, including charges that the Transkei was the springboard for Apla attacks.

"Since Mr Justice Goldstone has an ultimate interest and responsibility in regard to his South African assignment, he cannot possibly divorce himself from his own commission," Mr Coetsee said. "This could create a conflict of interests."

The request for Mr Goldstone's secondment had been made by General Bantu Holomisa, head of the Transkei's military council, who refused to take part in the Goldstone hearings on Apla which began in Port Elizabeth this week.

Mr Coetsee said he had proposed to the Transkei that a Transkeian judge or another seconded South African judge head General Holomisa's proposed inquiry. This commission then could "make its report available to the Goldstone Commission for consideration," said Mr Coetsee.

Earlier this week, General Holomisa — who was not available for comment — said Mr Justice Goldstone had indicated a willingness to serve on the Transkei commission.

Mr Justice Goldstone yesterday confirmed the general had approached him in December to "ex-

tend the Apla inquiry by hearing evidence in the Transkei" and "to be personally involved". The judge said he "assumed the approach was made to me in my capacity as chairman of the commission."

"At no time did I agree to head a separate commission of inquiry in Transkei," he said.

"For a number of reasons I would not have agreed to do so. One of them is that I would have found myself in a situation where I had a possible material and unacceptable conflict of interests as chairman of a South African Commission which had a committee already inquiring into the very same issue."

"I fully agree with the terms of the response given to the Transkei government by the South African government," he said.

In an unusual move yesterday,

General Holomisa took out a two-page advertisement in a morning newspaper, outlining his envisaged terms of reference for the commission.

He also published a letter he had sent to President De Klerk, calling for such a commission. General Holomisa said the letter had been sent to Mr De Klerk on December 17.

Speaking from Umtata yesterday, before Mr Coetsee had turned down his request, the general said he had decided to publish the letter and the commission proposals because "people think we have been dragging our feet and not co-operating."

"We have now proved to the people of South Africa that we communicated with the president and we are not happy with all the propaganda in the media which has been distorting a number of issues."

General Holomisa said he had drafted new terms of reference because "Goldstone's terms are too narrow, in my mind". He said the Goldstone commission was "not really addressing the real causes of the violence."

The proposed commission would investigate a wide range of issues, including:

- The location of alleged Apla bases or camps;
- Apla's "continued commitment to the attainment of liberation through the use of arms";
- "The alleged involvement of agents of the South African government in acts aimed at destabilising Transkei";
- The effect of the deployment of security forces along the border on Transkeians' well-being; and
- "Cross-border raids made by the

Transkei activities

Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging."

General Holomisa said the terms of reference for the Transkei inquiry would "overshadow and improve what is being done in South Africa. It could put political organisations under tremendous pressure to decide whether they want the new South Africa or whether they want to fight."

The general said he had refused to take part in the Goldstone Commission hearings on Apla because "the country that is accusing Transkei now wants to bring in their commission which is not fair".

The Transkei leader said his rejection of the Goldstone Commission did not, however, extend to the judge himself. "We respect Mr Justice Goldstone as one of our eminent judges and a man of integrity."

General Holomisa warned he

would not co-operate in Goldstone commission probes back in September last year.

"The Goldstone commission is a commission of inquiry in South Africa. We are an independent territory... and Goldstone is not our Messiah," he said at the time.

"We also can draw up better terms of reference than he has at present. The commission is an agent of the National Peace Accord — to which we are not signatories."

In December, General Holomisa said he would ask international observer missions to investigate Apla training bases.

However, Ms Angela King, head of the United Nations observer mission, said it was up to the Goldstone commission to do this work, and not the UN, which was only there to "observe, report back and facilitate".

SA 'no' to T'kei bid for judge

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SOUTH AFRICAN has turned down Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa's request that Mr Justice Richard Goldstone be seconded to conduct an independent inquiry into Apla.

Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee said in a statement in Cape Town that the SA embassy in Umtata had informed the Transkeian Military Council of its decision yesterday.

"Since Mr Justice Goldstone has an ultimate interest and responsibility in regard to his South African assignment, he cannot possibly divorce himself from his own commission to take on another assignment elsewhere, especially as he and the commission are already involved in the matter."

A Goldstone Commission committee, headed by Mr Gert Steyn, is presently conducting a preliminary hearing into the Azanian People's Liberation Army which is believed to have bases in the Transkei.

Twisted

Meanwhile, Mr Justice Goldstone said in Pretoria that he agreed with the government's decision.

Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday: "It is surprising that it took him so many days before he could refuse this offer. The timing of his refusal indicates his arm has been twisted by his master."

General Holomisa also criticised Mr Coetsee's suggestion that the Transkei commission's report be made available to the Goldstone Commission for consideration, saying his commission's findings would be final. However, he welcomed the minister's proposal that another South African judge be seconded.

Judge's arm was twisted — Bantu

JUDGE Richard Goldstone's delayed response to the Transkei's request that he be seconded to head an inquiry into Apla "indicates his arm has been twisted by his master", according to the homeland's military leader. *Press 12/1/93*

Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said it was surprising that Goldstone, who had welcomed his proposed commission of inquiry last week, took so long to respond. *(103)*

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SA Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee announced on Friday that Goldstone would not be seconded to the homeland because he was unavailable.

A Goldstone committee, chaired by Gert Steyn, began a preliminary hearing into Apla in Port Elizabeth on Monday. *(103)*

However, Holomisa welcomed the minister's proposal that another SA judge be seconded. He said a proposed name could be on Foreign Minister Pik Botha's desk by tomorrow afternoon.

Referring to his own commission, the general said SA Government and Defence Force officials would be subpoenaed to give evidence because they had made allegations about Apla's presence in the Transkei.

SA Military Intelligence chief Gen Joffel van der Westhuizen would be subpoenaed to testify on the alleged destabilisation of Transkei.

Holomisa said a precedent had been set with other Transkei subpoenas for South Africans being adhered to. — Sapa

Apla chief denies Transkei bases

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AZANIAN People's Liberation Army chief Sabelo Phama said South African military intelligence was either mischievous or deliberately misleading the world by linking them to Transkei.

In a face-to-face interview in Dar es Salaam at the weekend Mr Phama dismissed as "absolute nonsense" claims that Apla had bases in Transkei and had infiltrated the homeland's defence force.

He said: "We are concerned that South Africa's military intelligence is either playing a trick by misinforming the world or is really ignorant if it can feed the international community with such stories.

"It is absolute nonsense and mischievous to push the line that Apla plans to infiltrate 500 fighters into the Transkei Defence Force."

About the chairman of the Transkei military council, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, Phama said: "He is innocent. The Boers have a problem with him and want to implicate him.

"Also, we have no influence over Holomisa's decision to arm the PAC leadership with 9mm pistols, as reported, and we have no contact with him."

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"But I warn De Klerk that his men will not return unscathed."

On the special inquiry into Apla activities by the Goldstone Commission Mr Phama said: "We will not go to Goldstone and we will not invite them to our camps."

A committee of the commission, which began hearing evidence on Apla last week, resumes its work in Port Elizabeth today.

Mr Phama said Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu was misrepresenting Apla by saying it was untrue to the principles of Africanism and PAC founder Robert Sobukwe.

"Tutu was never close to Prof (Sobukwe) nor is he in the Africanist camp to understand why he said at that stage that we were not ready to kill. He was calling for a peaceful campaign against the pass laws at the time.

"In other words, there was never a time when Sobukwe could imagine a situation in which he could really watch his people die. He would not support Tutu's utterances today."

Mr Phama said Apla forces were in pursuit of specific "enemy agents" when they attacked partygoers at the King William's Town golf club on December 8.

MI accused of misleading world over bases in Transkei

Own Correspondent



DAR ESSALAM — South Africa's Military Intelligence (MI) is either mischievous or deliberately misleading the world by linking the Azanian People's Liberation Army to Transkei, says Apla chief Sabelo Phama.

In an interview at the weekend, Phama dismissed as "absoluted nonsense" claims that Apla had bases in Transkei and planned to infiltrate 500 fighters into the homeland defence force.

Phama said about Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa: "He is innocent. The Boers have a problem with him and want to implicate him. We have no influence over Holomisa's decision to arm the PAC leadership with pistols and we have no contact with him."

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Holomisa accuses Goldstone of 'changing his tune'

Own Correspondent (103)

DURBAN — Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has accused Mr Justice Richard Goldstone of "changing his tune" by refusing to head an independent inquiry into the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) bases in the homeland.

Holomisa said Mr Justice Goldstone must have had "his arm twisted" by his "masters" after the judge had accepted to head the inquiry and then last night said that he could not.

"There is an error of judgment here. We made our approach to Mr Justice Goldstone in clear, simple language. He was in favour, now suddenly he says that he cannot," said Holomisa.

"Transkei will not give evidence to the Goldstone Commission, and that's final. We will have our own inquiry and I will ask for another judge from South Africa. Only this time, we hope his arm is not twisted." He said he wanted to "thank South Africa to agreeing that Transkei should have its own

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inquiry". South African Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said: "Since Mr Justice Goldstone has an ultimate interest and responsibility in regard to his South African assignment, he cannot possibly divorce himself from his own commission to take on another assignment elsewhere, especially as he and the commission is already involved in the matter." A Goldstone Commission committee, headed by Gert Steyn, is presently conducting a preliminary hearing into Apla. Coetsee said his Government

had proposed to Transkei that a Transkeian or any available South African judge should conduct the inquiry.

Mr Justice Goldstone said he had a possible conflict of interest as chairman of a South African commission which had a committee already probing the same issue.

He said he had assumed Holomisa's approach was made to him in his capacity as chairman of the commission and was, in principle, "happy to support his proposals."

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Kriel denies knowledge of Apla bases

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Political Staff and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has shrugged off claims by Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo that the South African security forces had exact information on where the perpetrators of last year's attack on a King William's Town golf club were hiding.

Mr Kriel said on TV last night there was no doubt there had been Azanian Peoples Liberation Army bases in Ciskei.

But according to his information those bases had been small and informal. In some cases Apla members had a few days of "instant" training under a tree or in a house.

He added there was no doubt that some of these trainees had staged attacks on South African territory, but it was untrue that the security forces had exact information on the location of the bases or the whereabouts of the Apla attackers as claimed by the Ciskei leader at a press conference yesterday.

Mr Kriel was elusive on the question of Apla bases in Transkei, but he denied military leader Major General Bantu Holomisa's claims that he was waging a propaganda war to get rid of him.

He criticised General Holomisa, the Pan Africanist Congress and Apla for refusing to appear before the Goldstone

Subpoenas: Goldstone to decide

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Goldstone Commission will decide next Monday whether to subpoena members of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) and Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) following their refusal to appear before a committee hearing into Apla activities.

Explaining the PAC's absence, the organisation's political affairs secretary Mr Jaki Seroke said at a press conference in Johannesburg that the PAC was discussing the matter with the Goldstone Commission's "principal, namely the

regime", and therefore saw no need to attend the inquiry.

The Apla commander would respond on behalf of Apla should he deem it necessary, Mr Seroke said.

Mr Seroke said the Goldstone Commission had supplied the PAC with a copy of the police submissions concerning the organisation.

The submissions had outlined, among other things, the alleged locations of Apla bases in the Transkei and 201 pseudonyms of alleged Apla trainee graduates about to be infiltrated into the country from Uganda.

Commission's committee hearing in Port Elizabeth.

He said the PAC had to be held responsible for Apla terrorism as PAC president Clarence Makwetu also held office in the high command of Apla.

Reacting to criticism that the government was not acting against far-right militants, Mr Kriel said the police would act if these groups had weapons training with the object of committing criminal acts.

Meanwhile the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, the PAC and Transkei have strongly denied claims by Brigadier Gqozo that they plotted to topple him.

Brigadier Gqozo flew from

Bisho to Johannesburg yesterday to make a series of claims, including allegations of the plot to overthrow him.

General Holomisa accused the South African government of using Brigadier Gqozo to perform its "dirty tricks".

MK chief of staff Mr Sipiwe Nyanda said there was no working relationship between MK and Apla.

In a separate statement, the ANC said Brigadier Gqozo's statement was a "mixture of outright lies and invention".

The PAC's political affairs secretary, Mr Jaki Seroke, said Brigadier Gqozo "appears to be flying a kite."

Gqozo claims bid to oust him

By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter

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Brigadier Oupa Gqozo flew from Bisho to the Reef yesterday to make a series of shock claims, including allegations of a plot by Apla, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) and the Transkei Defence Force (TDF) to topple his government.

The Ciskei military leader told a media conference at Jan Smuts Airport that both his government and the South African security forces had information about where the Apla unit responsible for the King William's Town golf club attack was hiding.

Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel denied last night that police knew the whereabouts of the unit.

SAP Public Relations Division head Major-General Leon Mellet said "certain information" about the golf club killings. Four people were

murdered in the attack.

Gqozo, who returned to Bisho directly after making his statement, said he had "confirmed intelligence reports" of a meeting held in Umtata a few days after Christmas between MK, Apla and the TDF.

According to his information, the groups had decided to launch a two-pronged attack on Ciskei and Kwazulu.

Gqozo said MK and Apla recruits in the final stages of their training would be used to carry out the attacks in Apla's name.

He implied that he wanted the SA Defence Force to launch cross-border raids into Transkei against Apla.

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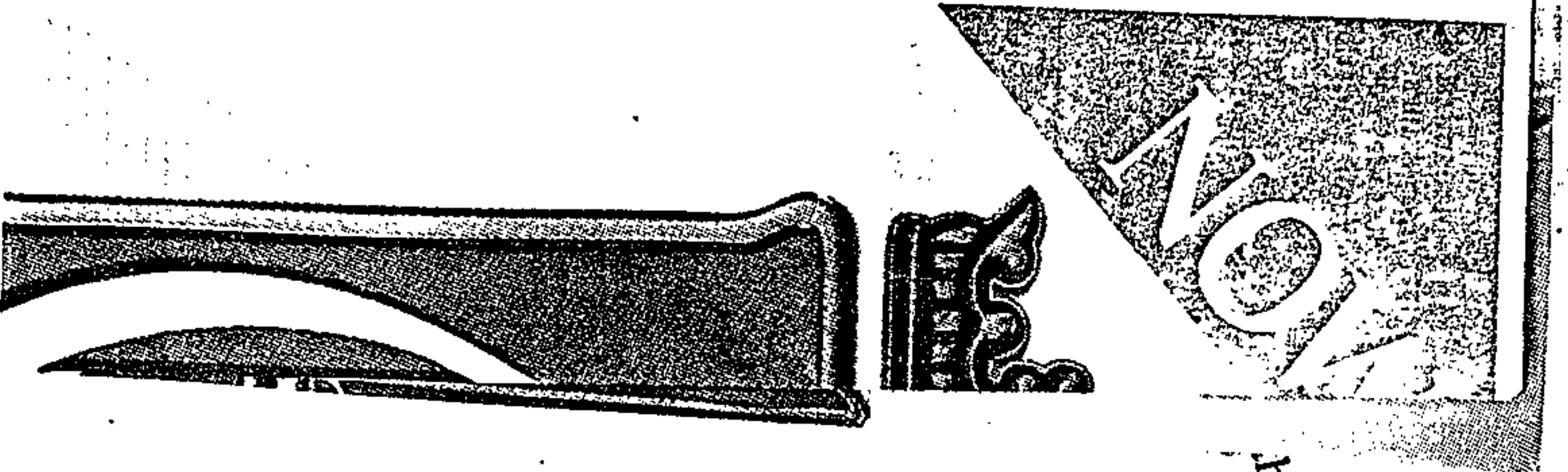
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Gqozo claims bid to oust him

By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter

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Brigadier Oupa Gqozo flew from Bisho to the Reef yesterday to make a series of shock claims, including allegations of a plot by Apla, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) and the Transkei Defence Force (TDF) to topple his government.

The Ciskei military leader told a media conference at Jan Smuts Airport that both his government and the South African security forces had information about where the Apla unit responsible for the King William's Town golf club attack was hiding.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel denied last night that police knew the whereabouts of the unit.

SAP Public Relations Division head Major-General Leon Mellet said police were following up "certain information" about the golf club killings. Four people were

murdered in the attack.

Gqozo, who returned to Bisho directly after making his statement, said he had "confirmed intelligence reports" of a meeting held in Umtata a few days after Christmas between MK, Apla and the TDF.

According to his information, the groups had decided to launch a two-pronged attack on Ciskei and KwaZulu.

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Battle over Apla probes a cat and mouse affair

By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter

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The battle between South Africa and Transkei over commissions of inquiry into Apla reached near-farcical proportions yesterday with leaders from both sides refusing to appear before the other's commission.

Law and Order Minister Her-nus Kriel said on Monday night the SAP would not testify before Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa's proposed commission of inquiry into Apla activities.

In turn, Holomisa said there would be no point continuing with Transkei's investigation unless the SAP gave oral evidence to support its allegations that Apla was training in the homeland.

The SAP had also to submit itself to cross-examination and inspections *in loco* of the alleged training bases.

Holomisa said from Umtata yesterday that he would send a diplomatic note to Pretoria seeking verification of Kriel's statement.

He confirmed he had received another diplomatic note from the SA Government on Monday informing Transkei that Mr Justice Richard Goldstone would not be seconded to chair the homeland's commission.

Instead, the Transkei Department of Justice would scout around for another South African judge to chair the commission.

Holomisa said the homeland had no specific judge in mind, and that the possible names were not yet available.

Apla probe: 4 judges 'picked'

UMTATA. — The Transkei sent a diplomatic note to the South African government yesterday recommending four judges as its choice to chair an inquiry into acts of the Azanian People's Liberation Army in the territory.

In a statement, military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said any one of the four judges was suitable. He did not mention their names. — Sapa

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Holomisa threatens to sue magazine

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EAST LONDON. — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has threatened to sue Newsweek magazine for claiming that Transkei and Apla had a secret arms deal.

General Holomisa said last night that the contents of the report in Newsweek's January 4 edition amounted to "character assassination and my depiction as a warmonger".

In a letter to Ken Auchincloss, the magazine's editor-in-chief, General Holomisa said he had been "extremely perturbed" by the report.

Newsweek claimed in the report that it had documents showing Transkei sent an emissary to sign an agreement with Apla in Uganda, whereby the PAC's military wing promised to procure arms for Transkei and to absorb 500 of its soldiers.

The article claimed that in return General Holomisa agreed to provide Apla with guns and grenades.

General Holomisa has called on Newsweek to furnish the documents to the Goldstone Commission and Transkei's proposed commission of inquiry into the existence of Apla bases in the homeland.

He said failure to heed the challenge would compel him to seek legal advice "for appropriate action" against the magazine.

"I have no knowledge of the said agreement and the use of Transkei as a springboard for launching attacks on South African whites. Neither does my colleague, Brigadier Themba Matanzima, who met Apla commanders during December of 1991 in Uganda," he said.

Brigadier Matanzima is the acting commander of the Transkei Defence Force.

Copies of General Holomisa's letter to Newsweek have been sent to international observers in South Africa, the South African government and the media.

— Ecna.

College closed (18)
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UMTATA. Hundreds of desperate students have been besieging Transkei's education department after the Kuyasa Teachers' Training College was closed because of sub-standard instruction. The department has placed most of the students with other colleges.

Holomisa's threat
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Own Correspondent

UMTATA. — Transkei's ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has threatened legal action against Newsweek magazine if it fails to produce evidence to back its claims of a secret arms deal between Transkei and Apla, according to a letter to Newsweek.

PAC youths' arms seized

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BISHO. — Ciskei police yesterday seized illegal weapons from eight PAC youth members and handed them to the SAP for ballistic testing.

The tests would determine if the weapons were used in recent King William's Town and Queenstown attacks, the Ciskei government said.

The youths were arrested after they tried to disrupt a peaceful ANC youth league meeting near Dimbaza.

A-G to probe Transkei transport 'corruption'

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ALLEGATIONS of widespread corruption in the Transkei Road Transport Corporation (TRTC) are being investigated by the homeland's Auditor-General.

The allegations were made at the weekend by TRTC group general manager Mr Michael Hosking, who was seriously injured in an exchange of gunfire with a TRTC security guard after his car was forced off the road between Umtata and Idutywa last Wednesday.

Hosking, who is recovering in

an East London hospital, was shot in the leg and stomach. The TRTC guard, identified by the police as Mr Mputumi Mbotya, was slightly wounded.

Hosking has claimed that senior TRTC officials had waged a terror campaign against him since November, when he was appointed to save the corporation from financial ruin.

He claimed the TRTC was more than R16 million in debt after showing a credit balance of R200 000 in 1990 and that it

had no assets register or control over spares purchases.

Auditor-General Mr Wycliffe Yako said he had advised the firm of private auditors investigating the TRTC's finances to look into the allegations raised by Hosking.

The director-general of Transkei's Department of Transport, Mr Ralph Yako, said the department would only comment on the allegations once the auditor-general's report had been received. — Ecna.

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Farmers slam gun sales

STIMEA 19/11/92
By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

SEMI-AUTOMATIC firearms made in South Africa are being sold freely to Transkei border-hoppers, while farmers in troubled frontier areas are being refused permits for the same weapons.

Police are investigating the possibility that the LMS — the commercial equivalent of the R4 automatic rifle made for the military — was the weapon used in last November's fatal attack on the King William's Town golf club and in the shooting last week of a Transkei Road Transport Corporation official.

A loophole in South Africa's gun laws allows Transkei citizens to purchase the weapons from firearm dealers in South Africa with permits issued in Umata.

A consignment of 200 LMSs was sold last year by Armscor subsidiary Musgrave Manufacturers and Distributors in Bloemfontein to the Transkei Road Transport Corporation.

Police believe it was one of these weapons — manufactured by another Armscor subsidiary, Lyttelton Engineering — which was used in the attack on Mr. Michael Hosking.

Mr Hosking, who was injured while travelling to South Africa, believes he

was a target because he had uncovered massive corruption within the corporation, amounting to R16-million.

SAP legal adviser Major Leon Kellerman yesterday confirmed that Transkei citizens could get permits from Transkeian authorities to buy LMSs from SA arms dealers. It was an accurate replica of the R4 and R5, apart from the firing mechanism.

But, he said, permits for the weapons were generally not issued to South Africans "unless the applicant can motivate his purpose

as an absolute necessity."

Major Kellerman said he could not rule out the possibility that LMSs were being used in attacks on Border and Eastern Free State farms.

Beliegned Border farmers are furious about the discrepancy in the gun law.

There have been nine attacks on farms on the South African side of the Transkei border in recent months by gunmen apparently equipped with R4s or R5s.

Maclear gun shop owner Collin Woolman said he had recently sold an LMS to an

Gun sales rumpus

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later while being attacked with an AK-47.

Irate Elliot farmer Gerhard Botha said his applications for "an ordinary second shotgun" had been turned down repeatedly.

"I'm sitting with four teenage daughters on a farm 50km from the border. I'm out in the lands all day and my family is at home," he said.

"I've had to reapply and reapply for a shotgun

licence from the SAP, while the guys across the border can get semi-automatics from shops in South Africa without a problem.

It's an absolutely insane situation. We could have been murdered already."

A spokesman for Denel, the holding company of Lyttelton Engineering, this week confirmed that it manufactured LMSs. He said the weapons were exported worldwide, but would not name the clients.

unknown Transkeian who took only a few weeks to get a licence.

"This is the craziest situation. A Transkeian can come in with his form in triplicate and three weeks later he gets a licence. He comes to my shop, I don't know him from a bar of soap, he pays the money and takes his gun back over the border.

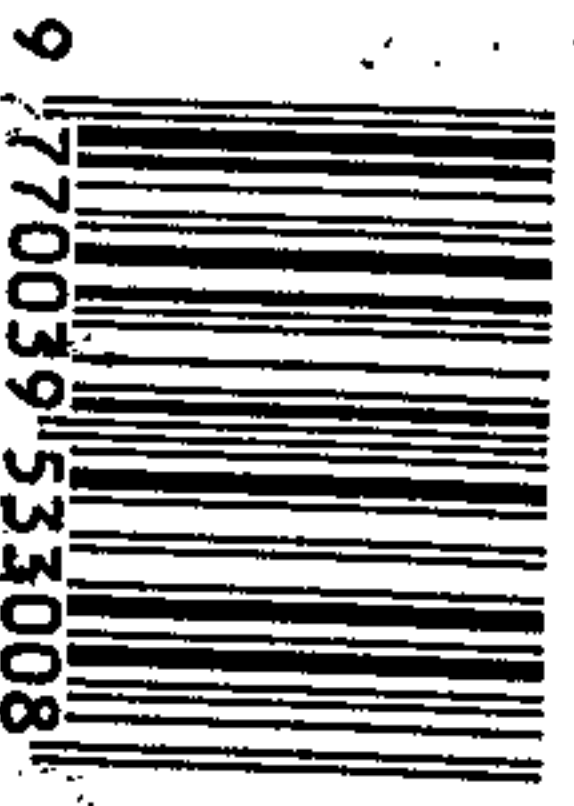
Applied

"But South Africans are not allowed to buy semi-automatics. A couple of weeks ago I had a Ruger Mini-14 which fires R5 bullets. Six farmers applied and they were all turned down."

Mr Woolman said he sold only one LMS last year, but on average sold two or three gnm handguns each week to Transkeians.

Bloemfontein gunsmith Ben Musgrave said: "Earlier a Border farmer could have got a semi-automatic, but nowadays he has to defend himself with a vooor."

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here were 443 winners with each collecting a payout of R298,40. Numbers: 2, 4, 6, 9, 14, 5; 7, 10; 1; 5; 2, 3.

COTTSHVILLE
here were 27 winners with each receiving R12 217,50. Selections: 8; 3, 5; 7, 15; 1; 4.

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80 winners collected a dividend of R786,60 each. Combinations: 3; 1; 7; 2, 9; 4, 8; 14, 16.

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T'kei responds to 'SA threats'

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Own Correspondent

UMTATA. — Crime-fighting forums consisting of community-based organisations will be launched next month as a response to threats of attack from South Africa and other "outside elements".

In a statement, Major-General Bantu Holomisa said the decision was in line with resolutions adopted at last year's law and order conference.

Competition Board asked to probe Transkei Airways

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THE Competition Board has been asked to investigate claims that loss-making Transkei Airways is using SA taxpayers' money to force its competitor, the private commercial airline Regional Air, out of business.

Transkei Airways receives an estimated subsidy of R7m a year from the SA government.

The low load factors on the Johannesburg-Umtata route have forced Regional to reduce its weekly flights to four, while Transkei recently increased its frequency from seven to nine. Transkei operates on the route with an 80-seater aircraft carrying about 27 passengers a flight. Regional is using a 55-seater.

Regional Air MD Leigh Thompson said his airline was faced with unequal opportunity in attempting to operate against a foreign airline subsidised by the SA government, made worse by the fact that it was done with SA taxpayers' money.

In September last year, Regional Air took up its rights as the nominated SA carrier to fly the Johannesburg-Umtata route.

SA and Transkei's bilateral air services agreement failed to consider that SA was subsidising Transkei Airways. It merely "equalised" opportunity by restricting two carriers to

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

nine frequencies each without limitations on seats.

With both airlines flying their entitled nine frequencies — Transkei with the 80-seater and Regional with its 55-seater, it would equal 2 430 seats to service 486 passengers — resulting in a 20% load factor, Thompson said. To operate in the black, a load factor of at least 50% was required.

"Discussions were held between Regional and Transkei Airways in an attempt to form a commercially acceptable basis," Thompson told the Competition Board in a letter.

Suicidal

"These attempts failed as Transkei Airways had no motivation to operate on an economically viable basis; their losses are being paid for by the SA government."

He said regardless of what Regional did, Transkei Airways intended to operate its nine frequencies. For Regional Air, which had no big brother covering its losses, nine frequencies would be "economically suicidal".

Thompson told the board Regional was being forced out of its right to fly the route and felt the playing field needed to be levelled.

Power meter exports on the cards

BIDM 28/11/93
DURBAN-based electronics company Conlog said yesterday it was close to winning several export deals for its prepaid electricity meter system.

Marketing manager Lynette Brull said international interest in the system — developed four years ago for Eskom's drive to electrify all township households — was generated at a recent conference in Glasgow at which Conlog's Herman Bos presented a paper.

As a result of that interest, Conlog had entered into negotiations with New Zealand, Australia, Gabon, Egypt and a number of South American countries.

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WILSON ZWANE

Brull said the system — called the E-Kard Electricity Revenue Management System — had been developed to such an extent that it was now an internationally competitive product.

Conlog, which has been selling 24 000 meters a month in the past few months, claims it dominates the southern African market. Its biggest customer is Eskom.

"To cope with increased demand, we have increased our production capacity more than sevenfold and have more than trebled our staff complement," Bos said.

PAC occupies Umtata offices of newspaper

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Own Correspondent *WZ*
EAST LONDON — About 15 PAC members occupied the Daily Dispatch's Umtata office yesterday in a protest against the newspaper's "campaign of silence" against the organisation.

Two trucks delivering the newspaper to the homeland were stopped by armed men, but Transkei police did not believe there was a link between the two incidents and the sit-in.

BIDM 28/11/93
One truck was hijacked by four armed men near Tolweni. It was found near Butterworth with only the keys and number plate missing. The other truck was prevented from continuing into the homeland by a group near the Queenstown-Transkei border on the road to Lady Frere.

Daily Dispatch staff in Umtata left the office during the occupation but Transkei military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa assured the SA Union of Journalists that journalists would be protected.

PAC regional secretary Zingisa Mkabile, who led the occupation, refused to confirm or deny PAC involvement in the truck hijacking except to say the organisation was "rejoicing". He said the PAC could not guarantee the safety of Daily Dispatch vehicles and the organisation would "kill" the newspaper's business in the region.

In a statement, the PAC accused the Daily Dispatch of ignoring its statements and refusing to cover PAC events. It vowed to continue the action until the newspaper ceased its alleged "bias publishing".

Daily Dispatch editor Glyn Williams assured the PAC that the stance of the editorial staff concerning news items was "unbiased and objective".

Results

factory trading results for the second half of the year, the second half improvement which has been achieved in a market that has been in a depressed state throughout the year.

company's 1992 annual results compared with the previous period's period. The results do, however, show a satisfactory annualised increase of 25% compared to the previous year.

expanded its operations in the following areas:

was opened in Brits to moving trade-in vehicles

PAC members 103

block truck 278

Sowetan 28/11/93.
■ Newspaper delivery to Transkei stopped:

PAN Africanist Congress (PAC) members turned back a *Daily Dispatch* truck delivering newspapers to Transkei at Queenstown early yesterday and the whereabouts of a second truck are unknown, editor Mr Glyn Williams said.

The *Dispatch* editor was reacting in East London to a sit-in by PAC members of the paper's bureau in Umtata and the fact that delivery trucks had not reached the Transkei capital.

He said the whereabouts of the second truck, which had entered the Transkei at Kei Bridge, were unknown.

PAC regional spokesman Mr Zingisa Mkabile, speaking in Umtata earlier, refused to comment on whether his organisation was responsible for the blocking of the first truck. - *Sapa*.

Deliveries withdrawn

■ PAC supporters occupy East London newspaper bureau: (103) (2/29) (2/29)

THE *Daily Dispatch* yesterday withheld deliveries to Transkei after two delivery vans were interfered with on Wednesday while its Umtata bureau remained occupied by PAC supporters. *Sowetan 29/1/93.*

This comes after the Transkei PAC on Wednesday vowed to strangle the newspaper's business in the territory over what it claims is a "campaign of silence" being waged against the organisation.

A member of the Umtata bureau said yesterday morning that the office was still occupied by about 20 PAC supporters who had seized it early on Wednesday.

Editor of the East London-based *Dispatch*, the major daily newspaper circulating in Transkei, confirmed yesterday that deliveries to the territory had been withheld.

He referred to the fact that the PAC regional secretary, Mr Zingisa Mkabile, said on Wednesday he could not guarantee the safety of *Dispatch* trucks. - *Ecna.*

Inquiry damns Transkei officials

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By BILL KRIGE

A DAMNING report by a commission of inquiry has fingered top officials in the Transkei Development Corporation for rampant corruption, greed and mismanagement.

The report, leaked this week, reveals a litany of cheap and unauthorised loans, the fiddling of perks and expense claims, graft and the bending of strict rules for personal profit.

In one incident in 1991, top managers at the homeland's development agency conspired to privatise a large fuel depot in Umtata, installing themselves on the board.

The privatisation of the depot was done without the approval of the TDC board or the homeland government. The assets are in the process of being transferred to the company, Kei Fuel Distributors.

Abuse

The government-appointed commission, whose first interim report was signed this month, also found that another major TDC venture, Misty Mount Wholesale, had collapsed because goods were looted "on credit" by officials whose job it was to teach others how to run wholesale businesses.

The store manager took goods worth R18 000, which he has now offered to repay at R100 a month, interest free.

Others in the TDC used unauthorised lines of credit.

Irregularities surrounding the purchase, repair and use of company cars by TDC management draw the commission's strongest condemnation.

Despite colossal repair bills — often far exceeding the book value of the car — a garage in Umtata continued to be used without hesitation by TDC managers.

The commission, chaired by Mr Shylock Ndengeza, reported that the garage manager "has no mechanical schooling nor a work permit".

Another abuse involved the unauthorised use of Auto Cards by most senior managers. At one time, expenditure averaged R500 000 a month, but this dropped to R38 000 a month after the probe started.

Call to support Apla

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MEMBERS of the PAC in
Transkei were urged yes-
terday to rally support for
its military wing, Apla.

Speaking at the organi-
sation's bi-annual regional
conference in Umtata,
executive member of the
PAC in the Transkei re-
gion, Zingisa Mkabile, told
delegates to go from door

to door to raise sponsorship
and donations for Apla.

He said this was one way
of supporting the armed
struggle to liberate the op-
pressed masses of South
Africa.

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"If you want peace you
must prepare for war," Mr
Mkabile added.

He said it was evident
that the OAU will not sup-
port the PAC financially.

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Call to beg for Apla

UMTATA — Members and supporters of the Pan Africanist Congress in Transkei have been told to go from door to door begging for money and clothing for its military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

Speaking at the organisation's biannual regional conference in Umtata on Saturday, PAC regional secretary Zingisa Mkabile told delegates from 26 Transkei districts the time had come to support the armed struggle.

"Make it your commitment to go from door to door begging for money, clothing and other valuable material in

aid of our boys at Apla," he urged.

Mkabile said it had become evident his organisation would never get financial support from the Organisation of African Unity, which had become critical of the PAC after recent reports of alleged Apla attacks.

He blamed the OAU for selling out the black people of South Africa.

The conference passed a resolution pledging commitment to the armed struggle.

It also resolved to continue the sit-in at the offices of the Daily Dispatch newspaper in Umtata. — Sapa.



PAC sit-in continues

Sowetan 2/2/93.
THE sit-in by members of the Pan Africanist Congress at the *Daily Dispatch* bureau in Umtata continued yesterday — despite a weekend meeting between the two parties in Umtata.

Transkei PAC regional secretary Mr Zingisa Mkabile said yesterday that PAC members were still at the *Dispatch* office in a "big way".

The PAC's Transkei region launched the sit-in last week to protest against what the PAC called a "campaign of silence" waged by the *Disptach* against the organisation.

The distribution of the *Daily Dispatch* to Transkei is still suspended.

Mkabile said there could be another meeting

■ No agreement despite meeting with management of the *Daily Dispatch*: ~~AAA~~ ~~BBB~~

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with the *Dispatch* management.

Daily Dispatch editor Glyn Williams was not available for comment yesterday morning.

The newspaper yesterday published the Transkei PAC's Christmas-New Year message. The *Dispatch*'s failure to publish the message in full was cited by the PAC as an example of the alleged campaign against the organisation. - *Elnews*.

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Protest at newspaper ends

The six-day-long sit-in protest at the Daily Dispatch newspaper offices in Umtata was called off yesterday following an agreement reached between the company and the PAC. PAC regional secretary in Transkei, Zingisile Mkabile, said the organisation decided to suspend the action after the Daily Dispatch management agreed to conditions laid down by them. Mkabile said the Daily Dispatch has promised to publish fully the PAC's Christmas message.

north in brief

Warders protest

WARDERS at Maritzburg Prison yesterday launched a protest against their working conditions but the authorities have thus far been reluctant to give any details.

A prison spokesman, Major "Andy" Anderson, could not confirm or deny that some of the warders had gone on a go-slow strike.

Trust is disbanded

THE South African Development Trust will cease its activities on March 31, it was reported yesterday.

Its phasing out is linked to the Government's policy of decentralising in favour of local development. The corporation was entrusted with the rural development of agriculture, minerals, industry and human resources in trust lands.

Gqozo in hospital

CISKEI military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo has been admitted to the City Park Hospital in Cape Town with "back problems".

Ciskei's Military Council said yesterday Gqozo was to have tests under the supervision of an orthopaedic specialist.

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32 Battalion

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By PATRICK GOODENOUGH

OPPOSITION parties this week expressed concern at news that the SADF's controversial 32 Battalion - in the process of being disbanded through absorption into other units - had been patrolling the Transkei and Ciskei borders for the past month.

A convoy of troop carriers and a company of some 100 Portuguese-speaking soldiers left the small town of Komga earlier this week.

Townfolk and farmers said the troops had patrolled farmlands along the Transkei border. A 30-strong platoon from the unit also camped on a Hanover farm on the Ciskei border for four days last week after the farmer received telephonic death threats. In all cases the soldiers called themselves 32 Battalion.

The ANC and the SA Institute for Defence Politics (IDP) expressed concern.

"We don't think this region needs the deployment of such a notorious unit. We are waiting for a situation in which the unit is disbanded," said ANC Border spokesperson Mcebisi Bata.

IDP co-director Paul Bolko Mertz said the news surprised him. "The battalion is officially not existing any more, but companies may still exist. If they want to make a clean-out they must disband it completely.

"Companies can be attached to other units - but as part of those units, not as 32 Battalion."

A spokesman for Eastern Province Command, Col Johan Engelbrecht, confirmed that 32 Battalion had been based in the area "for operational requirements". He would not say how many troops were involved. It was "deployed as a normal infantry unit" in "trouble-spots... where we think it's necessary".

"I can't comment on the possible disbandment of the unit. That is a policy matter."

When the SADF withdrew from Angola in 1976 it brought back Angolan troops who had been linked to the collapsing FNLA. They were formed into 32 Battalion and based at Buffalo, northern Namibia.

Last year a task group was appointed to investigate its future. Judge Richard Goldstone recommended that the unit not be used in urban peacekeeping roles.

SADF and Defence Ministry spokesmen said the absorption process - as approved by the Cabinet - was under way. As individuals were involved, the process obviously took time.

The unit members were SA citizens and had "no ambition to return to their countries of origin".

In the interim, "elements of 32" could be used in "guarding international borders", they said.

Concern over use of notorious unit in hot spots

must go!

Tough trading conditions cloud Transun

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TRANSKEI Sun International (Transun), feeling the effects of unrest, unregulated casinos and disruptive building operations, dropped its earnings by 24% to 14,1c (18,7c) a share in the six months to end-December.

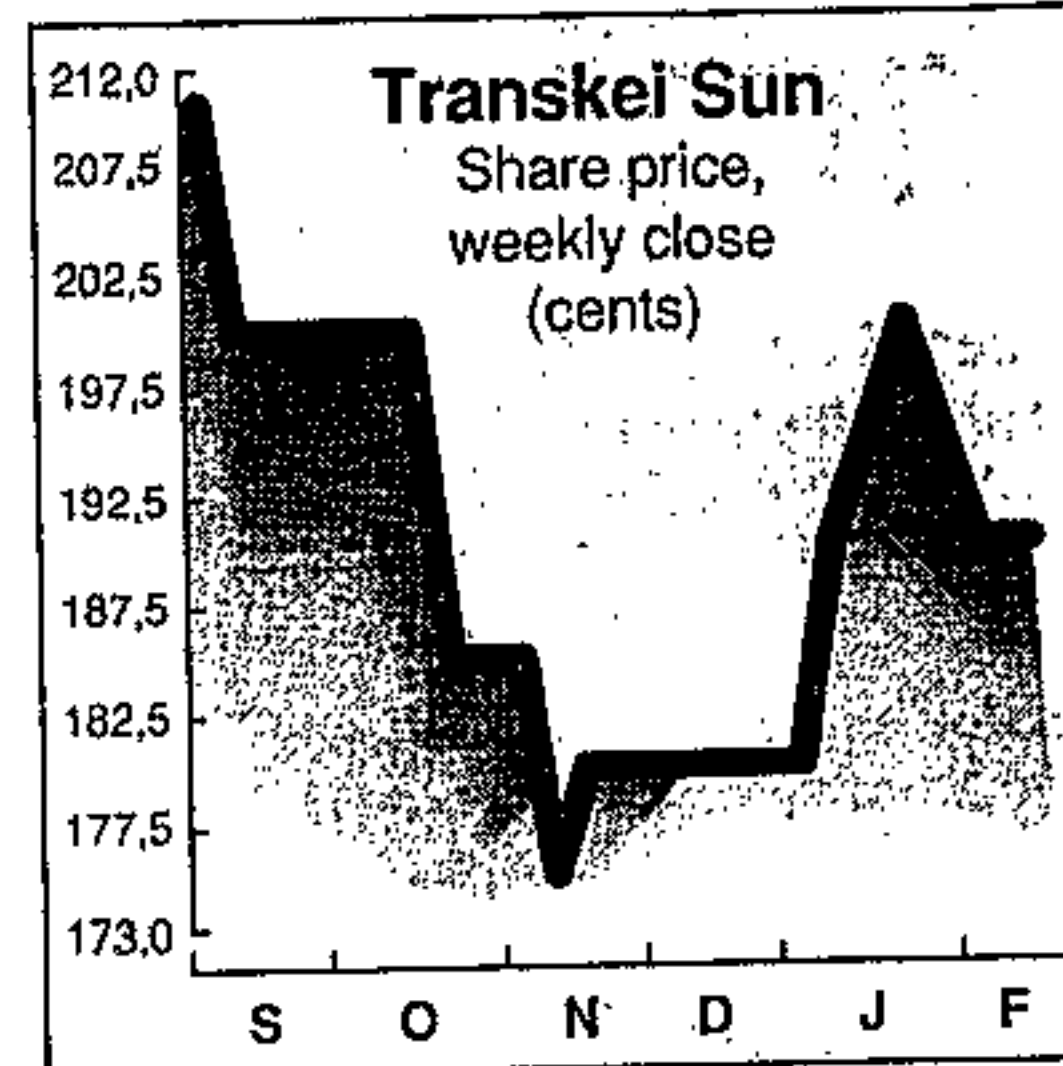
Transun chairman Ken Rosevear said difficult trading conditions were reflected in a 2% decline in turnover to R102,6m from R104,9m, and an 18% drop in operating profit to R26,0m from R31,7m.

Occupancies rose to 68% from 65%, but average room rate was 10% lower, largely due to rate concessions during construction and an intensive promotional campaign.

Transun reported a turnaround to interest paid of R280 000 from interest received of R4,3m in the previous year as it used surplus cash for partial funding of major extensions.

Attributable earnings dropped by 24% to R20,4m from R27,1m. The interim dividend was reduced by 21% to 11c (14c) a share with the 1,3 times cover maintained.

Results for the second six months should benefit from completion of alterations and from "recent developments related to gaming". Earnings were expected "to at least equal those achieved to date".



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TDC may split up for 'meaningful' SA role

UMTATA. — In an effort to ensure it plays a meaningful role in the new South Africa, the Transkei Development Corporation may be divided into four regional sections.

Details of the proposed change were contained in a management brief to staff leaked to Sapa yesterday.

The brief said that when Transkei was reincorporated into South Africa the homeland was expected to become part of the Border/Kei region.

By opening offices in Kokstad and Queenstown, the TDC would be represented in at least four of an expected six sub-regional centres in the area under the new dispensation. The other points were likely to be King William's Town/Bisho and Allwal North. The TDC already has offices in Butterworth and Umtata.

The proposed changes would lay the foundation for the TDC to play a meaningful role in promoting development in the new South Africa, said the brief. — Sapa

Govt quizzed on extraditing Sol

Political Staff (103)

THE government is to be asked whether South Africa will extradite hotel magnate Mr. Sol Kerzner to Transkei.

Durban Suburbs, MP Mr L Landers has tabled a question to Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee asking whether:

- An extradition treaty exists between South Africa and Transkei.

- Transkei has requested Mr Kerzner's extradition.

- Whether the government will accede to the request and if not, why not.

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Workshop in Umtata

A STRATEGIC planning workshop sponsored by Wits University for Transkei government officials and public servants is to be held in Umtata today. The workshop's discussions will centre on a vision of SA's new political dispensation and how it will affect the homelands. The ANC's Govan Mbeki will be guest speaker.

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ANC assures Transkei ⁽¹⁰³⁾ civil service

UMTATA. — ANC leader Govan Mbeki has sought to reassure Transkei civil servants anxious about the future.

Mr Mbeki was speaking at the opening of a five-day "strategic planning" workshop on the civil service sponsored by Wits.

Mr Mbeki said the ANC had noted "a climate of despondency and gloom" about job security and pensions among civil servants. It was "irony indeed that people who are on the verge of liberation should be sad".

He urged participants not to waste time debating how to replace the present government, but rather how to serve the new one.

"The civil service, especially at its senior policy-making echelons, needs to be politically literate and politically sensitive." — Ecna.

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**Death threat in
Transkei probe**

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UMTATA. — The chair-
man of Transkei's select
committee on public ac-
counts, Mr Reginald Ma-
tutu, this week con-
firmed reports that he
and his four-man com-
mittee had been threat-
ened with death in an
anonymous telephone
call should the commit-
tee continue its investi-
gation into the Transkei
Development Corpora-
tion. — Sap (103)

Radio man linked to coup

W/Mail 26/2-4/3/93.
THE new acting managing director of Radio Ciskei, appointed this week, is a former SABC journalist, Danie Malan, linked to an attempt to overthrow the Transkei government.

This week also saw renewed evidence led in Umtata of Ciskei involvement in the November 1990 coup attempt.

Earlier evidence before the lengthy trial of 19 co-conspirators was that the plotters held secret meetings with Malan at his East London home in January 1990.

One of the alleged plotters, Prince Nkosekhaya Gobinca, said that two South African Defence Force members had attended the meetings to draw up a constitution for the new government and that Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo was part of the plans.

Malan has denied involvement in

the coup attempt. (103)

A former Transkei security policeman, Vulindlela Christopher Shologu, told the Umtata Supreme Court he had fled Transkei in 1987 when he was implicated in a hit squad attack. After the coup attempt failed, Shologu said he received an offer to monitor political organisations in Transkei from a military intelligence man in Ciskei, a Colonel Swanepoel. This is believed to be Colonel Ockert Swanepoel, who was chief of military intelligence in Ciskei. Swanepoel is believed to have been fired. His position has been taken over by his former deputy, Chris Nel.

Swanepoel and Nel were named by Ciskei dissident Colonel Gert Hugo as being one-time members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau. — Ecna

Kei unmoved by scandals ⁽¹⁰³⁾

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By CLAIRE KEETON: East London

CORRUPTION scandals have rocked three major Transkei parastatals already this year, but General Bantu Holomisa's government appears unmoved by the disclosures.

Though much of the corruption unearthed recently took place while he has been in power, Holomisa regards the disclosures as evidence of his determination to root out corruption.

This week, retired South African auditor general Peter Wronsley's report provided a scathing indictment of financial mismanagement in the homelands, including Transkei.

Holomisa, who seized power five years ago promising to "clean up" the Transkei, dismissed the report's allegations by stating that "even South Africa praised the Transkei government" at their last meeting to approve the homeland's Budget.

The parastatals hit by scandals are the Transkei Road Transport Corporation (TRTC), the Transkei Broadcasting Corporation (TBC) and the Transkei Development Corporation (TDC).

Last month, TRTC general manager Michael Hoskin made dramatic allegations of widespread corruption in the corporation.

Hoskin was attacked and shot by TRTC security guards. He said the shooting incident was the culmination of a "terror campaign" since he had arrived in Transkei to clean up the TRTC.

Hoskin said the TRTC had slipped from being R200 000 in the black to R16-million in debt within two years, and that senior managers spent 70 percent of their time travelling in order to claim allowances that doubled their salaries.

This month, the chairman of a commission of inquiry into the TDC, Shylock Ndengezi, released an interim report exposing mismanagement and abuse of resources by top officials.

The Transkei Military Council has received a report by a commission of inquiry into the TBC which also highlights irregularities by top officials.

PAC lays siege to embassy

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PATRICK GOODENOUGH
Weekend Argus Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Pan Africanist Congress members besieged the South African Embassy in Umtata, alleging collusion between South African and Transkeian police in harassing and arresting PAC members.

More than 60 demonstrators barricaded the gates of the embassy with tyres and set them alight.

The demonstrators gathered at the embassy gates at 7am yesterday to protest against the alleged presence of members of the South African Army's 32 Battalion and the police Koevoet unit along the Transkeian border.

Transkeian police had assured Ambassador Horace van Rensburg that they would "clear the road to ensure safe and free access" to the embassy.

They moved at 4pm, dispersing the demonstrators with teargas and removing obstacles.

An embassy staffer claimed police "spectated" while bakkies arrived with more tyres to add to the blaze.

Transkei Police spokesman Major Mbulelo Makiwane denied that police had not taken appropriate action.

He said they had repeatedly appealed to the protesters to leave before police had finally "used force".

Mr Van Rensburg said the embassy had sent a note to the Transkeian government about the incident.

In a statement handed to the embassy, PAC regional secretary Mr Zingisa Mkabile alleged harassment of "African people" at roadblocks

along Transkei's borders and demanded that they be lifted.

The PAC also protested against the "continued deployment of 32 Battalion and Koevoet along the Transkeian borders. These mercenaries should be expelled from our country".

Mr Mkabile also demanded that the "racist" Goldstone Commission's probe into the PAC's armed wing, Apla, stop issuing subpoenas to PAC members.

He alleged that South African and Transkeian police had colluded in the arrest of two PAC members in Transkei.

Mr Mkabile's statement ended with a warning that if South African agents "touched" any PAC members, "we will be back and we won't be protesting".

Earlier the PAC claimed that the regional organiser for the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation, Sichumiso Nonxuba, was arrested in Umtata this week in a joint operation by SAP "agents" employed by the Transkei Police, and later assaulted.

He has since been released.

Border police spokesman Colonel Christo Louw denied the SAP were involved in Mr Nonxuba's arrest. This was confirmed by Transkeian police official Major Mbulelo Makiwane.

Colonel Louw confirmed that another PAC member, Lungisa Ntintili, was arrested, questioned in connection with the theft of a car, and released. He was later arrested in Transkei.

Colonel Louw said roadblocks were set up "from time to time" on the South African side of the border.

SA embassy demo teargassed

UMTATA. — A picket by about 80 Pan-Africanist Congress supporters in front of the South African embassy here yesterday was brought to an abrupt end when Transkei riot police fired teargas canisters to disperse them.

The demonstrators assembled in front of the embassy gates at 7am to protest against the alleged presence of the SADF's 32 Battal-

ion and the SAP's Koevoet unit along the Transkei border.

The protesters also claimed Transkeians were being harassed at roadblocks on roads to and from the homeland.

In a statement the PAC also claimed Transkei police had acted in collusion with SAP agents in the arrest of two PAC members

for a crime committed in the homeland. *CF 27/2/93*

Transkei police said the protesters had been given until 2pm to disperse after they turned down a police request to negotiate with South African embassy officials.

The police later extended the deadline to 4pm and then teargassed the group. — Sapa

It's night noon for cattle rustlers

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HUNDREDS of Transkei villagers have formed a mounted strike force to track down stock thieves running rampant in the north of the homeland.

Between 600 and 700 men from villages dotted around 11 administrative areas are now seeking firearms to replace the sticks they use in raids into Lesotho and the troubled Eastern Cape enclave near Maclear and Elliot.

Strategies

Chief Montoeli Tyrone Lehana said this week he was trying to get pistols for his men — many of them elderly ANC and PAC supporters — to turn them into an effective quick-strike unit.

Thousands of animals are being stolen in barren, inaccessible hills and moved across the border.

The mounted strike force, called Kgotla Lathaba

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

As members of Kgotla Lathaba gathered at remote Mount Fletcher this week to discuss new strategies, secretary Clement Mathabutuba said they had been forced into action because the "Transkei police are not protecting us".

Kgotla Lathaba had been a loose formation of farmers since 1967, but an increase in stock theft as the drought worsened had forced the men to take firm action.

"Now we have put our political differences aside. Our main purpose is to get our animals back and stop the criminals," said Mr Matubatuba.

"We are organising ourselves because our animals are being stolen every week and the Transkei po-

about it. "Sometimes when he have caught the thieves and handed them over to the police, the police say there is no evidence and release them to carry on stealing our livestock.

"Now we can quickly get messages across the mountains and muster 70 to 80 men within a few hours.

"Then we jump on to our horses and chase the thieves. If they run to Lesotho, we jump the fence into Lesotho. If they run to South Africa, we go after them there.

Stealing

"We have had no problems with the authorities on the other side of the border so far. Sometimes we have even had help from white Border farmers.

"We have been successful so far. A white man from Vereeniging has even been caught stealing our animals. And just last week we tracked some stock



STRIKE FORCE . . . members of Kgotla Lathaba gather near Mount Fletcher in the Transkei

Picture: DAWN BARKHUIZEN

and found animals with our brand marks, but two were already in the pot."

Mr Matubatuba said the group would continue to operate until stock theft was stamped out.

The Transkei police could not be reached for comment.

In another development in the troubled Eastern Cape, the SADF has trained 14 farm labourers as part of a farm protec-

Transun revamps

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S/Times (BUS)
TRANSKEI Sun International has spent more than R90-million turning its Wild Coast Sun Hotel and casino into a Tahitian tropical island resort while at the same time expanding the casino's gaming operations. 28/2/93.

New banks of electronic slot machines as well as expanded gaming rooms should give Transun's takings from gambling a useful boost.

Transun managing director Alberto Chiaranda said this week: "We wanted to build on the success of the Wild Coast Sun and give the development something special — so we decided on a little Tahitian magic."

He is optimistic about the future and feels the R90-million spent firmly establishes the hotel and casino complex as the premier coastal resort in southern Africa.

Vigilantes won't hand over suspect

Sunday Times 7/3/93

Sunday Times Reporter

VIGILANTES in Transkei this week refused to hand over a suspected stock thief to police because they say they have no faith in the courts there.

A spokesman for the vigilantes, Chief Montoeli Lehana, said they would not hand over the man because other suspects arrested by the group had fled after being granted bail by Transkei courts.

"Magistrates also fail to continue proceedings because of lack of evidence," said the chief.

"If we could have regional tsotsi courts with no legal advisers, these cases could be disposed of easily. We don't get any co-operation from the police and courts here."

The vigilantes, mostly elderly men, belong to a group known as Kgotla Lathaba. They have been conducting regular raids on horseback across the mountains into Lesotho and the north-eastern Cape

to retrieve stolen animals.

The man being held by the group was arrested for stealing a sheep near Mount Fletcher. A tape-recorded confession was allegedly extracted from him.

Chief Lehana said Kgotla Lathaba, which could muster about 70 members within hours, believe the man may have been involved in the theft of four other sheep.

He said the "prisoner's" wife had complained to the Mount Fletcher police that her husband had been

abducted and assaulted by the unit.

"I told them (members of Kgotla Lathaba) that they should avoid beating these people but I understand they assaulted this man because he tried to stab them."

It was hoped that by informing the press of the situation the Transkei government would consider allowing a "tsotsi court" to operate in the area.

Transkei police could not be reached for comment.

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NEWS Information on dirty tricks explains behind-the-scenes purge of top military brass

Another secret

file says Holomisa

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Ruler's revelations to be made public Thursday:

MAJOR-GENERAL Bantu Holomisa, the man who possessed a copy of the military signal calling for Matthew Goniwe's "permanent removal", says he plans to make public a second "secret file".

The Transkei military ruler made the announcement in a statement yesterday after the resumption of the reopened Goniwe inquest in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court.

Holomisa said he would "table" the second file at a Press conference in Port Elizabeth on Thursday.

He alleged the file would make it "crystal clear to all" that when the Government talked of the stabilisation and normalisation of the black community, it meant this had to be achieved "at any cost".

"There are still elements in the De Klerk Cabinet and the security forces who were present in Port Elizabeth at a State Security Council meeting in 1985 when the decision to stabilise and normalise the Eastern Cape and the whole country was taken.

"This provides an answer to the behind-the-scenes purging of the top military brass as both politicians and top military officers are aware of the dirty tricks campaign and orders for the permanent removal of individuals from society," Holomisa alleged.

Holomisa said he had "always" promised to hand over the contents of the file to an independent inquiry. — *Ecn*.



MAJOR-GENERAL BANTU HOLOMISA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN PORT ELIZABETH ON THURSDAY.



Holomisa: 'Shock awaits'

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — "Bombshell" security disclosures will be made on Thursday at a press conference here, Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.

He said the disclosures would have nothing to do with the Goniwe inquest which resumed yesterday.

He said there were still ele-

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ments in the South African cabinet and in the security forces who were at a State Security Council meeting in 1985 when a decision to stabilise the Eastern Cape was taken.

"When the contents of the file are made public, it will become clear to all that when the NP government talk about the stabilisation and normalisation of a situation in a black community, they meant it has to be achieved

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at any cost," Gen Holomisa said.

"I have always promised to hand over the contents of this file over to an independent inquiry.

"Since the inquest into the death of Matthew Goniwe et al is being conducted, it is realised that revealing the contents of the file to the public now would serve a good purpose and assist the public in gaining an overall impression surrounding the past."

also as far as Black local authorities are concerned.
I further stated that an inclusive package approach will be followed and that I do not intend to deal with the matter of representation of areas of jurisdiction of management and Local Affairs Committees in City Councils in isolation, but as part of a comprehensive process. The package that I envisage will include the present black local authority areas.

Medical aid schemes: false claims

*18. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health:†

- (1) Whether, with reference to certain information that has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of her reply, her Department has investigated a claim that approximately R2,5 billion or 25 per cent of payments made by medical aid schemes are in respect of fraudulent or false claims; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether any substantiation has been received of such payments; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she will consider recommending the appointment of a commission of inquiry and/or appointing a departmental committee of inquiry to investigate the payments allegedly made in respect of such fraudulent or false claims; if not, why not; if so, what steps is it envisaged will be taken in this regard? B329E

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (1) No, there is no substantiation or scientific grounds on which the estimated figure is based;
- (2) no;
- (3) no, since medical schemes apply controlling measures and take action against such parties. This action includes:
 - the termination of such members' membership of the scheme and the collection of amounts due; and
 - litigation and/or reporting unethical behaviour by suppliers of services to statutory bodies.

Cost of medicine: forum

*19. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health:†

- (1) Whether a forum entitled "Curtailling the Cost of Medicine" was held on or about 28 February 1992; if so, what are the names of the members of the working group appointed to investigate the recommendations of the forum;
- (2) whether this working group has completed the investigation; if not, why not; if so,
- (3) whether she will release the recommendations referred to above; if not, why not; if so, in what manner;
- (4) whether this working group consulted with interested parties in the private sector; if not, why not; if so, with whom;
- (5) whether she will make a statement on the matter? B330E

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (1) Yes, a working group has not yet been constituted. Some of the proposals were referred to the statutory councils—the South African Medical and Dental Council, the Medicines Control Council and the Pharmacy Council. Even before the forum they were attending to these proposals. They have already implemented some of these proposals. The amendments to the Medical Schemes Act also make it possible to implement some of these proposals. The only proposal which cannot be implemented at present is generic replacement. A working group will be constituted should it become clear that the implementation of the other proposals do not have a meaningful influence on the cost of medicines.
- (2), (3) and (4) fall away;
- (5) No.

Armiscor: LM4/LM5s sold to Transkei

*20. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Defence: (103)

(1) Whether Armiscor or any of its affiliates have sold and/or are selling LM4s and LM5s to (a) the Government of and/or (b) any private institutions in Transkei;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B333E

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) and (2) The disclosure of details regarding the sale of armaments by Armiscor is prohibited by Sec 11 A of the Act on Armaments, Development and Production, Act No 57 of 1968, as amended, unless so authorised by the Minister.

I am, however, prepared to make a once-only exception to the rule and announce that some 5 years ago, in July 1988, a single consignment of 15 LM5s was sold to the Transkei Development Corporation. In passing it should also be mentioned that since 1 April 1992, Armiscor no longer has any affiliates which produce armaments and Armiscor itself is in no way directly involved with the manufacture of armaments anymore.

Hijacking of motor vehicles: Johannesburg

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

- (1) Whether there has been an increase in hijackings of motor vehicles in the north-eastern suburbs of Johannesburg during the past year; if so, to what extent;
- (2) whether any steps are contemplated in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what steps? B334E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No.
- (2) The steps which have already been taken and which are being taken on a continuous basis are:
 - Increased police patrols;
 - Quicker reaction to cases which are reported; and
 - A special unit has been established in order to deal with the hijacking of vehicles.

*22. Mr J A Jordaan—National Health.†
[Question standing over.]

Ballito: electricity supply

*23. Mr J A JORDAAN asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs:†

- (1) Whether any communities in the vicinity of the municipal area of Ballito have made direct or indirect representations to the Electricity Control Board for the supply of electricity to them to be taken over by an institution other than that municipality; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B339E

THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS:

- (1) Yes, the relevant details are as follows:
 - (a) The Borough of Ballito supplies electricity to extra-municipal consumers in the vicinity of its municipal area under the authority of a licence which was issued by the Electricity Control Board (ECB) on 1 April 1987.
 - (b) From the outset the Borough of Ballito experienced problems with the poor electricity supply network which had been taken over from a previous operator and which had to be upgraded at a considerable cost. This expenditure had to be recovered in the form of increased tariffs to the consumers.
 - (c) The Durban City Council applied in a letter dated 10 December 1992 for the transfer of the right of supply in Ballito's extra-municipal supply area to that council. The ECB considered this application together with the Borough of Ballito's objection on 12 February 1993 and has called for the Durban City Council's explanation of how it intends supplying the consumers in the Borough of Ballito's extra-municipal supply area, ie whether it intends using Ballito's existing facilities such as its substation and/or transformers or whether it intends obtaining a direct supply from Eskom. The said council was also requested to inform the ECB of whether there would be separation costs and if so, what this would amount to. Ballito was also requested by the ECB to furnish its comments on these matters.

Holomisa alleges SA destabilisation

HELEN GRANGE
The Argus Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — A secret plan was hatched in 1985 by Lieutenant-General "Joffel" van der Westhuizen to form a Xhosa resistance movement against the African National Congress in the Eastern Cape, Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said here today.

At a Press conference, General Holomisa said that now — when the Goniwe inquest was in progress — was an opportune time to disclose the State's "murky activities" and the extent to which it went in the 1980s to destabilise the black community.

He said General Van der

Westhuizen, military intelligence chief of staff and former officer commanding Eastern Province Command, launched the plan with a view to ensuring future white supremacy by setting up internecine conflict.

Called Operation Katzen, the plan involved the springing from jail of Ciskei security chief Charles Sebe.

General Holomisa said Mr Sebe had been released from jail on February 6, 1986, fulfilling this strategy.

Ciskei and Transkei were to be joined together and co-opted into the Xhosa resistance movement in a similar fashion to the way Zulus had been formed into a power bloc in

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Kwazulu, General Holomisa said.

The strategy was to be controlled by the South African government but under no circumstances should its actions be traced back to the South Africa, according to General Holomisa.

He further alleged that during this period, General Van der Westhuizen had mentioned a Professor Delport, dean of law at the University of Port Elizabeth, in a document based on minutes of a meeting.

Referring to the Codesa deadlock, General Holomisa suggested that Professor Delport was in fact Dr Tertius Delport, Minister of Local Government.

Holomisa tells of MI plan to thwart ANC

PORT ELIZABETH — A top secret military document compiled in 1986 outlining a master plan to develop the eastern Cape into an independent power bloc against the ANC and UDF was made public by Transkei military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa yesterday.

The plan, codenamed Operation Katzen, was allegedly a brainchild of Military Intelligence chief Lt-Gen Joffel van der Westhuizen, who was then a brigadier in charge of the Eastern Province Command.

It details the need to exploit the Xhosa struggle for unity as a nation and outlines the intention to create a "Xhosa resistance movement" under the leadership of

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Charles Sebe and under the covert control of the security forces.

Holomisa said the document had been drawn up in response to a State Security Council meeting held in 1985 under the chairmanship of then President P W Botha in which a resolution to stabilise and normalise the unrest situation was taken. The plan included a decision to replace then Ciskei leader Lennox Sebe and his colleagues with pro-SA moderates.

In its initial response to Holomisa's charges, government accused the Transkei leader of pursuing an opportunistic political agenda by not releasing all documents in his possession. Cabinet and the State

Security Council had "at no time" ordered or approved any illegal actions.

According to the documents in Holomisa's possession, the 1986 meeting was attended by senior members of the SA and Transkeian defence forces. Those present were Van der Westhuizen; Gen Reid Daly, an adviser to the Transkei Defence Force at the time; Gen Charles Sebe, former chief of the Ciskei security forces and Lennox Sebe's half-brother; Chief Namba Sebe, a Col van Rooyen and a Maj van der Merwe.

Lennox Sebe was seen as a thorn in government's side. The need to "permanently remove" him was discussed. "Opin-

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focus on Holomisa

TRANSKEI military council chairman Major-General Bantu Holomisa is again at centre stage and exposes what he calls "an agenda which has resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of our people".

Yesterday he revealed to the Press a secret file about the South African Government's "dirty tricks" campaign to destabilise black communities.

The file exposes a meticulous plan designed by Lieutenant-General (then Brigadier) "Joffel" van der Merwe to form a Xhosa resistance movement with the eventual aim of establishing a confederation of Ciskei and Transkei in the Eastern Cape — an ethnic power bloc similar to KwaZulu in Natal.

Again, the contents of this latest exposé point an accusing finger in the same old direction.

But perhaps the subject to be put in focus here is Holomisa's rationale for what he says will explain to all why the black communities are plagued by internecine civil strife, costing thousands of lives.

It is what he told the Press in Port Elizabeth yesterday — and which would obviously be largely ignored by the media — but which is perhaps the nub of the matter: why the Eastern Cape was chosen as the springboard for "destabilisation".

In fact one would dare to say Holomisa would have made his point better in his native Xhosa language, and had wanted to, but for want of clarity.

Indigenous people

He said: "This cancer has from time to time reared its ugly head even in the ranks of the Cape whose indigenous people are reputed for the click sounds.

"When they indulge in the use of the click sounds, it is an indication that they are engaging in the battle of wits for the common good of their communities and an agreement beneficial to all is often clinched without too much fuss.

"But, alas, the hidden hand has made it possible that we do not click."

Simply, Holomisa speaks of a region at the forefront of resistance; at a time when an inquest into the death of four prominent Eastern Cape political activists is under way.

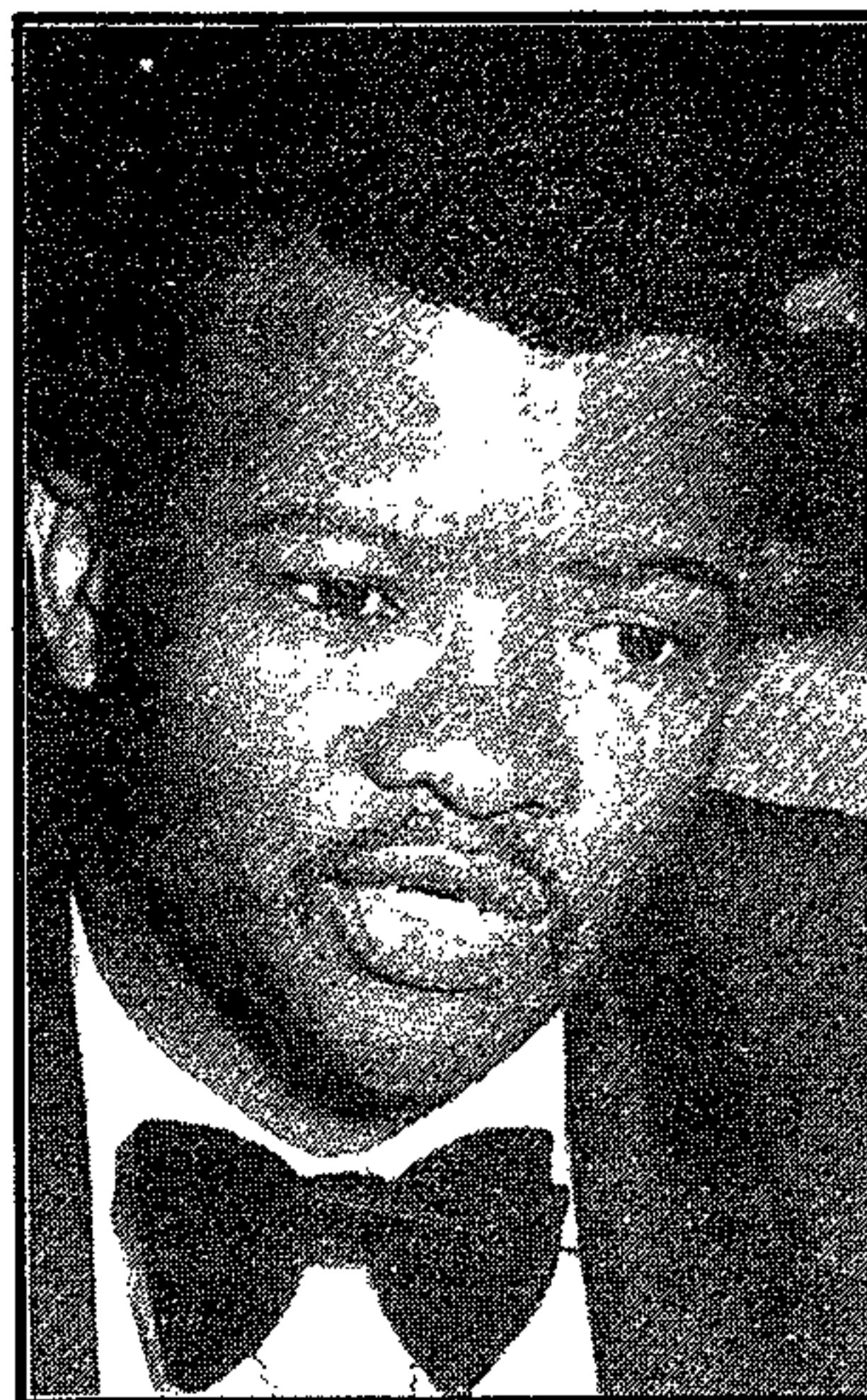
The click may be understood to mean unison: that, even when blacks fought, they knew the reasons and would find a way of making peace.

Notably, Holomisa's words have roots in the region's history of resistance. Some famous leaders of the broad liberation movement — past and present; dead and living — come from the Eastern Cape.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela was born in the Transkei, Pan Africanist Congress founder-president Mr Robert Sobukwe came

Transkei's leader does not mince his words about who is to blame for the Third Force. "It is a case of pitting Xhosa against Xhosa, Zulu against Zulu, Xhosa against Zulu and *vice versa* — and then white supremacy is guaranteed."

Themba Molefe reports:



Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa ... more revelations.

from Graaff-Reinet, black consciousness leader Mr Steve Biko was from King William's Town.

Said Holomisa therefore: "The sheer determination and courage of the region to defy the regime's security apparatus notorious for the unrestrained use of brute force against its antagonists remained a festering sore to boardroom planners."

Thus, according to Holomisa, was Van der Westhuizen's Operation Katzen hatched.

It involved the springing from prison of former Ciskei security boss Mr Charles Sebe in 1986 to fulfil a strategy of returning him to power in the "new confederation".

Holomisa reveals that the current State President Mr FW de Klerk was a member of the State Security Council during Mr PW Botha's reign as



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State President. He was present at its meeting in 1985 in Port Elizabeth where a decision about the deteriorating situation in the Eastern Cape was taken.

Holomisa says this meeting decided to "normalise" the Eastern Cape situation by December 1986 and inspired Van der Westhuizen's plan: to develop the Eastern Cape into an independent power bloc against the African National Congress and United Democratic Front by December 1987.

This was the meeting which preceded the "signal to Pretoria" about Mathew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Sicelo Mhlawuli.

Starting points in Van der Merwe's plan dated July 9 1986 to the Chief of the South African Army were that it should "entail minimal risk" for South Africa and actions must not be traced back to South Africa.

The "top secret" document had emphasised: "It is very clear that the current unrest situation cannot be permanently stabilised through the current conventional methods of the state of emergency."

Holomisa does not mince his words about who is to blame for the "third force" which the Government denies exists.

Xhosa resistance movement

He said: "We have also observed that the formation of the Xhosa resistance movement was two-pronged: to be instrumental in counter-revolutionary activities against the ANC-UDF in the Eastern Cape, thereby emulating Inkatha in KwaZulu-Natal."

Reference to the use of Inkatha from 1985 onwards in undermining the ANC and UDF in KwaZulu abounds in the file.

"This movement would also be used to counter-balance Inkatha in case the latter's ambition grew, became boundless and threatened the very white domination it is meant to protect...

"It is a case of pitting Xhosa against Xhosa, Zulu against Zulu, Xhosa against Zulu and *vice versa* — and then white supremacy is guaranteed and given another long lease of life."

DEFENCE STAFF

Holomisa releases

document on tactics

aimed at blacks:

THese are the highlights of a document Major-General Bantu Holomisa promised he would "release on tactics aimed to destabilise black communities":

● Senior South African and Transkeian defence forces staff resolved during the 1980s to "take out" or "permanently remove" politicians from Ciskei, including the then president Lennox Sebe.

● In 1985 a State Security Council meeting was held under the chairmanship of then State President PW Botha at which a resolution to stabilise and normalise the unrest situation in the Eastern Cape was taken.

● On November 10, 1986, at the Msikaba military base in Transkei, a meeting was attended by senior members of the South African and Transkeian defence forces, including South African Military Intelligence chief Lieutenant-General Joffel van der Westhuizen, who was then a brigadier in charge of Eastern Province Command.

Master plan

According to the minutes, the meeting was held to plan the phases of a master plan drafted by Van der Westhuizen.

The men who attended were General Reid Daly, who was an adviser to the TDF at the time, General Charles Sebe, former chief of the Ciskei security forces, Lennox Sebe's half-brother, Chief Namba Sebe, a Colonel van Rooyen and a Major van der Merwe.

● Charles and Namba Sebe unsuccessfully plotted to overthrow Lennox Sebe in August 1983. Charles Sebe was subsequently jailed for 12 years.

● Lennox Sebe was seen as a "thorn in the side" of the National Party Government. The need to "permanently remove" him as well as people close to him, such as Kwane Sebe, was discussed at the meeting.

According to the minutes they agreed Namba Sebe should "disappear from the scene" once Lennox was "out" and Charles had taken over.

● Charles Sebe had already been sprung from jail at the time of the meeting.

"Opinion of members — Lennox to be taken out... With this action the RSA can actually lend support but the "removal" will be carried out by Transkei. This action can also not be reported to Pretoria," read the minutes.

● Lennox Sebe narrowly escaped death when the plan to change the leadership in

'Destabilisation' plans are revealed

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the Ciskei was executed on February 19 1987.

● Holomisa said the minutes showed the six men at the meeting agreed that a military alliance would be forged between Ciskei and Transkei to prevent conflict between the two territories.

● According to the master plan a Xhosa resistance movement, similar in nature to Inkatha, was to be formed.

● Phase two of the plan would be to establish a friendly pro-South African and pro-Transkei government in Ciskei, while in phase three the two homelands would be amalgamated into one Xhosa state.

● The final phase, which the six men accepted could take years, would be the incorporation of the "corridor" into Xhosaland. East London would become a free harbour and city.

● As the implementation of phase four was seen as difficult, Van der Westhuizen envisaged holding a Natal-type Indaba in the Eastern Cape.

"As a result the homeland policy will be proved and the total defence burden need not be borne by the whites only," the minutes read.

● After the meeting a signal was sent to army headquarters from EP Command for the attention of the Chief of the SADF.

Information leak

Under the heading "Actions planned", the signal elaborated on a plan under which Daly would "blackmail" a General Campling to leak certain information that would put pressure on Lennox Sebe.

They also planned to drop pamphlets promoting Charles Sebe and portraying Lennox Sebe as a "swindler and weakling".

A Colonel Zibi was to "permanently disappear".

● The signal requested funds for food, aircraft and car hire, as well as the purchase of personal weapons for Charles Sebe.

● The documents released by General Holomisa included a handwritten plan, allegedly drawn up by General Daly, to either discredit or to "permanently remove" Lennox Sebe.

In the handwritten document Daly outlined a list of requirements for his plan:

● The establishment of Lennox Sebe's routine by day and night, a list of his close friends and girlfriends, types of cars he used and their number plates, the routine of his bodyguards and whether he had had an

alarm system installed.

Holomisa said the documents proved the so-called black-on-black violence in South Africa had a "big white hand behind it", and warned

that he had 12 more files he intended to release at a later stage.

State President FW de Klerk told the country an explanation, he concluded. — Sapa.

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Katzen source anonymous - Holomisa

TRANSKEI military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa has insisted that the Goniwe signal and the secret military documents he released this week saw their way through to his desk "anonymously".

He described this as "a rare mystery" *C/Press*
The existence of the *11/3/93*

1985 signal message, which called for the "permanent removal from society" of Matthew Goniwe, his brother Mbulelo and another Cradock activist, Fort Calata, was exposed in the New Nation newspaper last year.

The secret documents released by Holomisa at a

press conference in Port Elizabeth on Thursday detailed a clandestine military project - code-named Operation Katzen - to set up an armed black group in the mid-1980's to reshape the political geography of the eastern Cape and turn it into an anti-ANC bastion.

The same documents were tabled at the Goniwe inquest on Thursday by Col Lourens du Plessis, the man who drafted the Goniwe signal.

Holomisa told the conference he was still in possession of 12 secret files on covert activities. - *El-news* (103)

Plotters' code of death is cracked wide open in court

By BILL KRIGE

HAD the plotters who sought to reshape the Eastern Cape been mistaken for a bunch of grey-suited bankers, Lieutenant-General Joffel van der Westhuizen would have been delighted.

Because that's what the current boss of MI and former head of EP Command had in mind when he gave everyone who was in the know code names to disarm suspicion.

Even people targeted for Bank Acceptance — the general's parlance for elimination — were respected staff members of the mythical firm of which he was Managing Director.

In a handwritten addendum to the Holomisa Files, Gen van der Westhuizen, whose headquarters were at the Farm (Port Elizabeth) identified the Transkei's Matanzima brothers Kaiser and George (shortly thereafter jailed for corruption) as his Associate Director and Manager respectively.

Their base was the Head Office (Umtata).

Colonels Hall and More were a notch down as Associate Owner and Deputy Manager while Colonel Lourens du Plessis, now seeking to trade his knowledge for indemnity from prosecution, was Assistant Manager.

The Accountant was Charles Sebe, later to achieve Bank Acceptance at the hands of the Pensioners — the Ciskei Defence Force he once headed.

Their allies in the mid-80s were the Workers — SA Special Forces, who took orders from the Factory (Pretoria) — and the Casual Workers, drawn from the Transkei Defence Force Special Forces.

Charles Sebe's half-brother Lennox, then Ciskei's President for Life and Commander in Chief of the Pensioners, but codenamed Shareholder, was cited by Gen van der Westhuizen for Bank Acceptance.

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**2 die in rival
taxi clashes** (103)

Two people have been killed in fighting between rival taxi operators in and around Um-tata. The two died last night when unknown gunmen reportedly attacked a taxi near Mount Ayliff. Yesterday clashes continued in contravention of an agreement reached between the Uncedo Taxi Association and the SA Black Taxi Association.

Transkei taxi war: Three die

UMTATA. — A truce between Transkei taxi groups has been endangered by Tuesday's murder of three people, two of them taxi drivers.

A woman taxi driver was abducted and her body was later found with a man's corpse in Qumbu, police said.

A second taxi was hijacked near Qunu and the driver was later found shot dead.

Taxi traffic remained scarce yesterday with roadblocks on major routes. At least six people have been killed since the dispute began.

— Sapa (103)

Holomisa: SADF planned to kill me

CT 20/3/93 (103)

EAST LONDON. — Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday accused the SADF of trying to assassinate him six years ago.

He said the death plot was part of "Operation Katzen", an alleged SADF plan to dispose of unco-operative black homeland leaders and create a bulwark against the ANC in the Eastern Cape.

General Holomisa claimed yesterday that Operation Katzen, which also involved the former head of the Rhodesian Selous Scouts, General Ron Reid-Daly, included a plot to kill him in January 1987.

The aim of the operation was to amalgamate the nominally independent Transkei and Ciskei black homelands "to develop the Eastern Cape into an independent power bloc".

General Holomisa said he had offered to show the complete Operation Katzen file to the lawyers involved in the Goniwe inquest. — Sapa-Reuter

Transkei acts on 'taxi war'

UMTATA — Transkei has imposed strict operating conditions on the taxi industry to end feuding between two rival taxi groups.

And taxi operators will face a three-month commuter boycott if they fail to form a single taxi association by the end of this month. (103)

The decision was taken yesterday by delegates, including taxi owners, to a meeting on law and order chaired by police minister Colonel W Ndzwayiba.

Three people have been killed in a week of taxi violence in Transkei. — Own Correspondent, Sapa CT 20/3/93

MK unit 'patrolled Umtata'

UMTATA. — A heavily armed Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) unit said yesterday it mounted "patrols" here during a taxi war last weekend with the approval of the Transkei Police.

The unit's commander, Mr Vuyani Manyela, 27, is charged with three others with illegally possessing arms. He told a magistrates' court hearing the unit liaised with a Major Ntwasa of the Transkei police on the night

taxi violence erupted.

Mr Manyela, fellow MK member Mr Fezile Ntswina, 27, and two taxi operators were charged with the illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle, an R4 rifle, two 9mm pistols and two RGD grenades. All pleaded not guilty.

Mr Ntswina said as an MK member in Transkei he was authorised to possess the weapons.

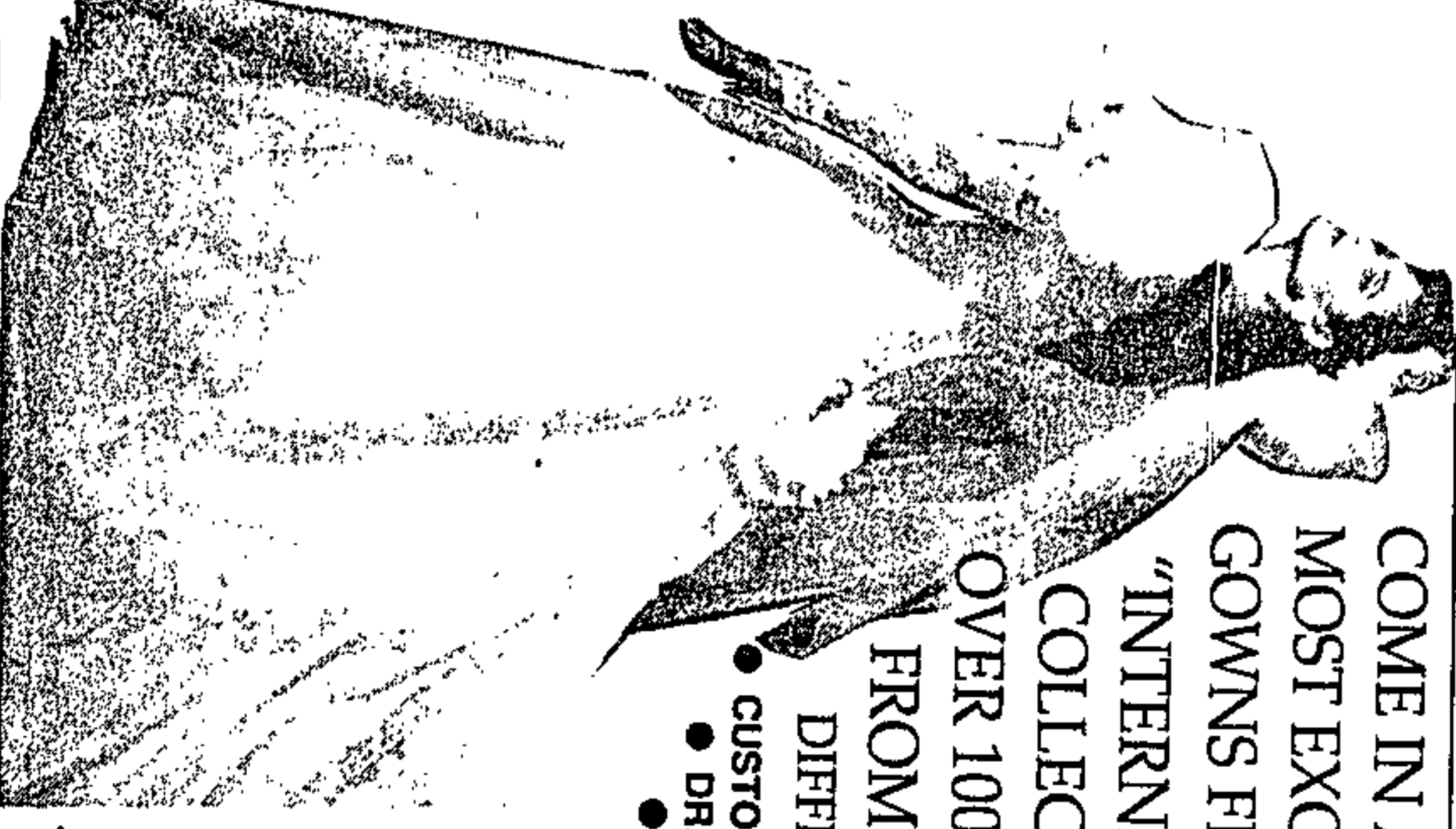
Mr Manyela said he communicated with police minister Colo-

nel Washington Ndzwayiba about identifying the "force" behind the taxi war "and it was agreed we should do our best".

"As a soldier it meant to mobilise some members of MK. I formed a unit of five members," he said, adding that the names of the unit's men and the registration of the car they used were given to Major Ntwasa.

The magistrate set bail at R500 and postponed the case to April 2. (103) CT 20/3/93

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EIGHTEEN MEMBERS OF the Azanian People's Liberation Army were arrested this week for alleged violent attacks on whites, State President FW de Klerk said yesterday.

In an address to Parliament, De Klerk said the Government had decided on a major Defence Force call-up as part of a comprehensive action plan for areas affected by terror attacks.

He said violence would be at the top of the agenda when multiparty negotiations resume on April 1.

De Klerk said 18 identified Apla members had been arrested since Tuesday and were being held for questioning.

Parliament would be asked to consider whether the moratorium on hangings should be scrapped, he added.

The Government would urgently ask for the Transkei government's reaction to the Goldstone Commission's initial report on Apla, De Klerk said.

He said the Government broadly accepted the Commission's recommendations.

Given the serious allegations that certain official Transkeian institutions were engaged in Apla activities, the commission's chairman had specifically invited the Transkei to take part in the commission's activities.

The commission's initial findings gave rise to serious concern and the Government considered these in an extremely serious light, he said.

The commission had found that Apla used...

the Transkei as a springboard for attacks on South Africa and that Apla's internal South African command was based in Transkei.

The commission also found that the territory was used to stockpile arms and ammunition for Apla units. The SAP was aware that Apla units were present in Transkei and being trained there, and that arms and explosives were being smuggled into South Africa for Apla's use.

"It has been decided that the Transkei government's reaction to the report will be urgently called for, as requested by the commission.

"It has to be stressed that it is no longer just the South African Government that wants the Transkei government's reaction, but the commission itself."

The Government's actions would depend on the reaction of the Transkei government.

The Transkei yesterday rejected the preliminary findings and denied its territory had been used as an Apla springboard.

Military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa also denied that Apla members were receiving training in the Transkei.

"The Transkei is not being used as an Apla springboard," Holomisa said in a telephonic interview from Umtata yesterday.

He said the Goldstone Commission report, in which only the SADF and SAP accepted invitations to make submissions, was a "one-sided story" — *Sapa*.

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SAs nukes

President FW de Klerk has confirmed that South Africa had developed nuclear bombs.

He said the nuclear devices had been dismantled and the programme ended.

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Report is ⁽¹⁰²⁾ one-sided ⁽¹⁰⁾

— Holomisa

THE Transkei has rejected preliminary findings of the Goldstone commission into activities of the Azanian People's Liberation Army, and denied its territory had been used as an Apla springboard. *BIDA*

Military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa denied the finding that Apla members were receiving training in the Transkei. He said the report, in which only the SADF and SA Police accepted invitations to make submissions, was a "one-sided story". *2573193*

Asked about the commission's finding that Apla's internal command was based in Transkei, he said the PAC and other liberation organisations were free to go where they wanted.

KATHRYN STRACHAN reports Holomisa warned that if SA was to raid Transkei in search of Apla bases it should evacuate all whites because he did not have the manpower to protect them from racial retaliation which would inevitably follow.

If SA acted against his country, it would put an end to multiparty talks because "the ANC will never be allowed to negotiate with the Boers while they are at war with us".

Holomisa said his government would not participate in the inquiry because SA had refused his request for a judge to preside over Transkei's internal inquiry.

"We are still adamant there are no Apla bases in Transkei and we still uphold the non-aggression pact with SA." — Sapa.

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Transkei govt taken to task over Apla

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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The Goldstone commission has called on the Transkei government to answer allegations that it had supplied Apla guerillas with arms and allowed the organisation to operate freely within its territory.

In the report of the preliminary Goldstone investigation into the activities of Apla, committee chairman Gert Steyn said the organisation had used the Transkei for launching attacks on SA citizens.

Arms and ammunition were stored in Transkei for use by Apla units, the Transkei police knew of the existence of Apla members and the Transkei government had even supplied Apla with arms, the report contended.

Steyn called on the SA government and all political parties to press Transkei into prohibiting "the use of any part of their territory as a springboard for attacks against SA citizens".

The committee also requested the international community to withhold assistance to Apla and to put pressure on the PAC to join negotiations, reject violence and participate in the national peace accord.

It was intolerable that an organisation should "commit acts of violence and wanton killings in order to promote its own political aims," Steyn said of the PAC.

Experience had proved that acts of violence invited retaliation until a never ending cycle of violence had been established, the report said.

Tanzania's government should also be approached to answer allegations that it had allowed the training of Apla members at a formal base in that country.

The findings of the investigation, which took place in Pretoria and Port Elizabeth earlier this year, were only provisional as the PAC, Apla and Transkeian representatives had refused to participate.

The commission expressed the hope that these groups would reconsider their attitude.

"If no response is forthcoming, however, those parties cannot be heard to complain if these provisional findings are regarded as conclusive by the local and international communities."

According to SAP evidence, Apla had about 120 members who had undergone training abroad with 2 700 members still residing outside SA.

The SAP, which said 16 people had so far been killed in Apla attacks, had informed the committee that it expected further attacks on the SAP, the SADF and white civilians in general.

APLA attacks: Transkei must answer

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk yesterday announced an "urgent" large-scale military call-up and the arrest of 18 Apla members as part of a major security crackdown aimed at curbing political killings.

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Mr De Klerk lashed out at the

latest spate of "cold-blooded" and "barbaric killings" of civilians and "the arrogant way in which Apla continues to advocate and promote political violence".

However, he stopped short of calling off negotiations with the PAC despite findings by the Goldstone Commission that Apla was using Transkei as a springboard to launch attacks on SA.

But, he said, the government's top priority at negotiations would be to secure an undertaking from all parties that they would distance themselves from violence.

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It is understood the arrests took place mainly in the Free State and that no senior political office-bearers in the PAC were arrested.

The military and police crackdown on violence formed part of an extensive plan of action aimed at "stabilising problem areas".

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TRANSKEI

Tension

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MICHAEL
MORRIS
Political
Correspondent

TENSION is mounting between South Africa and Transkei following General Bantu Holomisa's rejection of the Goldstone Commission's findings on Apla's Transkei connections.

Indications are that South Africa could be considering a more forceful strategy to halt Apla activities in the homeland.

In a swift and unequivocal response to the damning Goldstone findings, General Holomisa suggested that the probe into Apla's activities amounted to "a kangaroo court", rejected Mr Justice Goldstone's findings as "untested evidence" and said it was "clear the Goldstone Commission ... is manipulated to serve the interests of the National Party government".

Inimitably unrepentant,

General Holomisa appeared to sweep aside barely veiled threats by President De Klerk yesterday of a reprisal in some form if he failed to react positively to the Goldstone Commission findings.

Instead, he urged the government to try to persuade the PAC to "agree to cease hostilities".

He said the Goldstone Commission's recommendation that pressure be exerted on Transkei "is mind-boggling after Transkei's willingness to co-operate with the South African government".

Among Mr Justice Goldstone's key findings relating to the Transkei are:

- Apla "uses Transkei as a springboard for attacks into South Africa". Arms and ammunition are stored in Transkei for use by Apla units.

- The presence of armed Apla members in Transkei

was "known to members of the Transkei police".

- The Transkei government "has supplied Apla with arms — allegedly for VIP protection purposes".

- Apla members have received training in Transkei.

- Arms and explosives are being smuggled into South Africa and Transkei for use by Apla members.

- Apla's internal high command for South Africa is based in Transkei.

But General Holomisa said: "The Transkei government is adamant there are no Apla bases in Transkei."

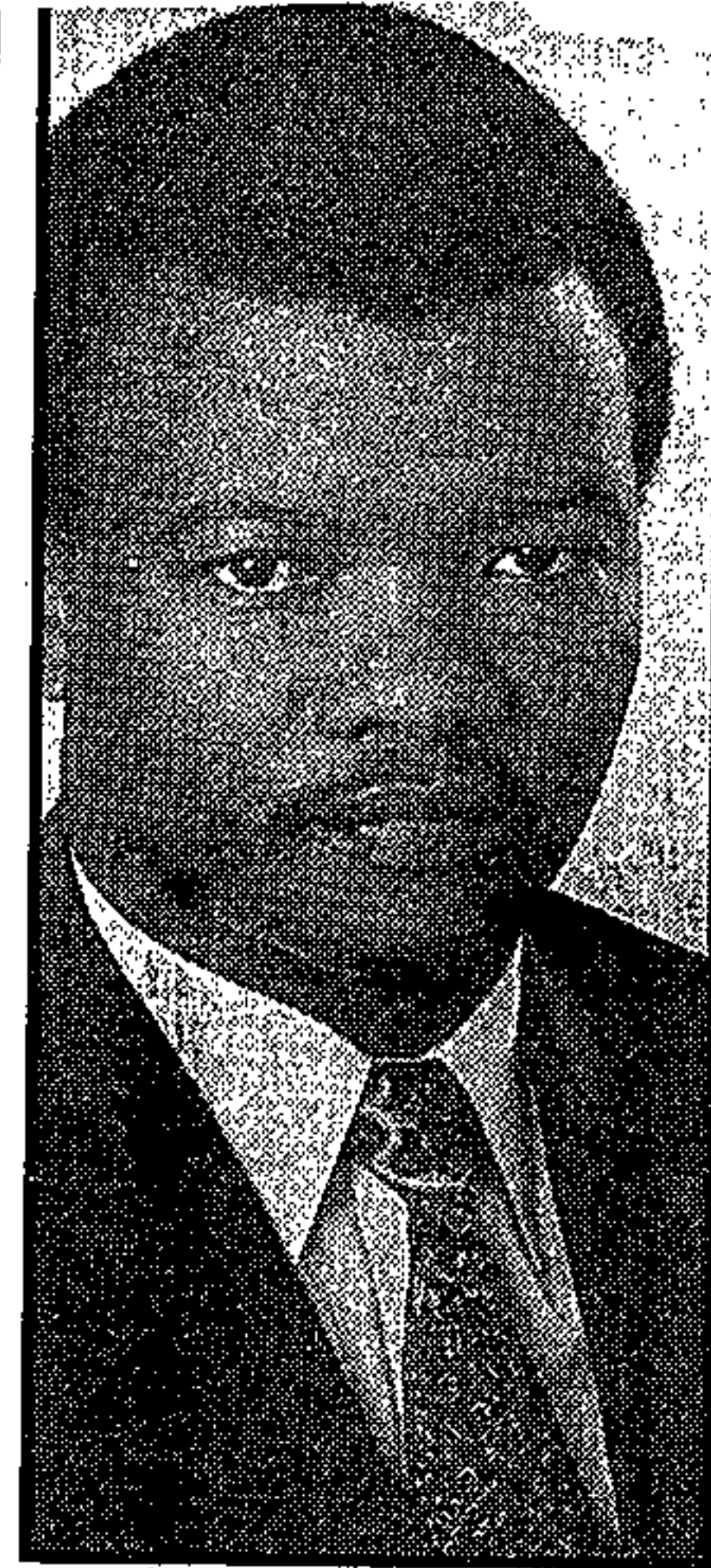
He added: "The findings of all commissions of inquiry under the present dispensation have to be carefully perused and not be believed all too easily since they are being manipulated to cover the tracks of the regime."

Quoting a Department of

Foreign Affairs note dated February 24 and stating that "according to present indications" the Goldstone Commission's probe into Apla "will be comprehensive and sufficient", rendering Transkei's request for a separate inquiry unnecessary, General Holomisa said: "It is clear the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry is manipulated to serve the interests of the NP government."

He said the month-old diplomatic note from the South African embassy in Transkei showed that the South African government "anticipated the findings" of the Commission.

"The government and people of Transkei find it hard to regard Goldstone as an eminent Judge, more especially (because) he did not personally preside over the proceedings of the inquiry into Apla. Instead, ex-civil servants and civil servants presided."



Holomisa rejects Star 25/3/93 commission findings

The Transkei has rejected the preliminary findings of the Goldstone Commission into the activities of the Azanian People's Liberation Army and denied its territory has been used as an Apla springboard.

Military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa also denied the commission's finding that Apla members were receiving training in Transkei.

"Transkei is not being used as an Apla springboard," Holomisa said in a telephonic interview from Umtata yesterday. "They (Goldstone Commission) must bring the evidence."

He said the Goldstone Commission report, in which only the SA Defence Force and SA Police accepted invitations to make submissions, was a "one-sided story". (103)

"Apla members are also not receiving training in the Transkei," Holomisa said.

"The Transkei government is adamant that there are no Apla bases in Transkei," he said in a separate faxed statement.

The Transkei still upheld its non-aggression pact with South Africa, he said in the interview.

Asked about the commission's finding that Apla's internal High Command was based in Transkei, he said the PAC and other liberation organisations were unbanned in 1990 and their members were free to go where they wanted.

The Goldstone committee recommended that Transkei be asked to respond to the SADF and SAP allegations "and if



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they are confirmed or not denied to bring pressure to bear on the Transkeian authorities to prohibit the use of any part of their territory as a springboard for attacks against South African citizens".

The Goldstone findings vindicated the Transkei's stand that the inquiry was a "kangaroo court", Holomisa said in the statement.

The Transkei found it hard to regard Goldstone as an eminent judge, especially because he did not personally preside over the inquiry into Apla, he said.

"We reject the findings of the Goldstone Commission which condemn Transkei in view of the... untested evidence."

He advised the South African Government to talk to the PAC and other organisations to reach a mutual agreement that all parties cease hostilities. — Sapa.

FW-Holomisa clash looking unavoidable

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By Peter Fabricius

CAPE TOWN — A showdown seems unavoidable between President de Klerk and Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa over his alleged support for attacks in South Africa by the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army (Apla).

In Parliament yesterday De Klerk demanded an explanation from Holomisa about the Goldstone Commission's finding that Apla had used Transkei as a spring-

board for attacks into South Africa, had stashed weapons and trained in Transkei and that the Transkei government had supplied Apla with arms.

De Klerk later said at a press conference that he would have to consider "very firm steps" against Transkei if it ignored his demand for an explanation.

"They must not underestimate the seriousness of the situation if they try to play politics with us," the President warned.

But soon after that Holomisa firmly rejected the Goldstone Commission findings which he said were based on untested evidence and he denied Apla had bases in the Transkei.

The Goldstone Commission presented its findings as provisional because they were based only on evidence submitted by the South African Police and South African Defence Force.

The Transkei government was invited to testify but had refused to do so.

Holomisa rejects findings on Apla

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APLA is using the Transkei as a "springboard" for attacks on civilians and security force members in South Africa, the Goldstone Commission's preliminary investigation into the PAC's armed wing has found.

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Gen Holomisa said: "We reject the findings of the Goldstone Commission which condemn Transkei in view of the ... untested evidence."

He also provided a copy of a letter from the South African government, dated February 24, which said an offer to provide a judge for the Transkei's own inquiry into Apla had fallen away after "indications" that the Goldstone Commission report would be "comprehensive and sufficient and will become available soon".

"Since South Africa refused the offer to send a judge to head the commission of inquiry into Apla, we regard the matter as a closed affair." — Political Staff, Sapa

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NUCLEAR NO MORE ... President F W de Klerk faces the press yesterday after disclosing South Africa had the Bomb.

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'18 not Apla cadres'

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By Themba Molefe
Political Reporter

■ TWENTY ARRESTED PAC says the detained

men are its members:

THE Pan Africanist Congress yesterday said the police had arrested 20 of its members and not 18 cadres of the Azanian People's Liberation Army as announced by State President FW de Klerk.

And in another development, *Sapa* quotes Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa as saying that De Klerk personally gave an order that people identified as Apla members should be "wiped out" as a matter of urgency.

The report said Holomisa was reacting to a diplomatic note from the South African Government yesterday following the Goldstone Commission findings on Apla which point to alleged involvement of Transkei in Apla activities.

"I would like to alert you to the fact that our intelligence is aware of the order personally given by you to the effect that certain persons deemed to be Apla members resident in the Transkei be wiped out as a matter of extreme

urgency," Holomisa said in a six-page letter to De Klerk, reports *Sapa*.

Meanwhile, the PAC said the 20 members arrested were all aged between 17 and 24 years. Fourteen were schoolboys from Ficksburg.

Schoolteacher Mr Musa Msulundwana (24), of Sebokeng, is the son of PAC chief of protocol and former PAC United Nations representative Dr Count Pietersen.

One of the two members arrested in Bloemfontein was a construction worker and the other was a full-time PAC regional organiser, Mr C Mbelembele.

Two brothers who are high school pupils, Solomon and Joseph Masango, were arrested in Boipatong the same day as Azanian National Youth Unity member Buti Gilbert Ntuli.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg, PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu said

it was clear that the 20 people arrested were not Apla members.

"Mr De Klerk is playing cheap political games by harassing schoolboys. We demand the immediate release of all arrested members of the PAC.

"Emotions are running high in Ficksburg in the Free State where the black community is demanding the release of the schoolboys."

In another development, Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe announced an anti-violence plan costing about R10 million and involving at least 21 000 reservists.

This is part of the 10-point plan announced in Parliament by De Klerk on Wednesday.

● The PAC announced yesterday it would not attend the Patriotic Front conference at Lenasia tomorrow because it was a meeting of the ANC-Codesa allies.

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FW threatens to take action against Transkei

CAPE TOWN — The war of words between government and the Transkei administration escalated yesterday, with government poised to take action against the homeland.

Transkei military leader Gen Bantu Holomisa said yesterday President F W de Klerk had ordered the elimination of Apla members in Transkei.

In a strongly worded diplomatic note to the SA government, Holomisa rejected the finding of the Goldstone commission, which implicated the administration in Apla activities.

De Klerk yesterday reacted furiously to Holomisa's allegations, saying the Transkei leader's response was "unsatisfactory and inadequate". He said the administration's reaction included allegations that were "completely untrue".

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De Klerk said "firm action" would be taken if the Transkei administration failed to take adequate steps following the commission's report.

Government was preparing a detailed answer to Holomisa's note and would release it soon after informing the Transkei administration, a spokesman said.

LLOYD COUTTS reports that Holomisa's formal note rejected the findings of the Goldstone commission and issued a veiled warning against a possible raid.

He said Transkei's intelligence service was aware of an operation to murder Apla operatives, and that the mobilisation of the Citizen Force was aimed at achieving this purpose. Security forces had met yesterday and finalised "ways and means of elimi-

nating innocent people".

"The grandstanding and political posturing which accompanied the release of the so-called findings of the Goldstone commission into Apla, and the singling out and painting of Transkei as a villain is totally unacceptable to the government and people of Transkei.

"I would like to alert you (De Klerk) to the fact that our intelligence is aware of the order personally given by you to the effect that certain persons deemed to be Apla members resident in Transkei be wiped out as a matter of extreme urgency," Holomisa said.

He further warned: "You have threatened to take action against Transkei. Please ensure you have taken precautionary measures so that the consequences of your actions do not boomerang in your face."

FW harvests world praise

WASHINGTON — President F W de Klerk appears to have scored an important public relations victory in the US and Australia with his dramatic disclosures about SA's now-discarded nuclear weapons.

The White House, the state department and Senator John Glenn — a leader of the US Senate's nuclear watchdog group — all welcomed the announcement.

SA ambassador Harry Schwarz said yesterday reaction from the Clinton administration had been extremely positive.

Our Political Staff reports from Cape Town that Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said the new-found willingness to provide full information on SA's nuclear activities was "a welcome step".

However, Sapa AFP reports from Tokyo the Japanese government said yesterday Japan was disturbed that SA had made nuclear weapons, even though they were destroyed.

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No investment 'unless SA markets itself'

FOREIGN investors and financiers did not consider SA an obvious market and vigorous top-level contact was necessary to change, SA Foundation director-general Kurt von Schirnding warned yesterday.

Addressing the foundation's annual meeting in Johannesburg, he said hopes raised by fundamental political reform in 1990 had all too often been dashed.

Negotiations had broken down, the violence continued, the economy stagnated

and unguarded political rhetoric with predictably damaging consequences for overseas perceptions had been all too evident.

This, coupled with the major Western powers' own domestic malaises, had raised the possibility of SA being marginalised.

"It is not obvious to foreign investors and financiers why SA should be an opportunity for them," said Von Schirnding.

There was no alternative to top-level contact worldwide. — Sapa.

Milk Board's financial 'disarray'

CAPE TOWN — A parliamentary report has recorded the disarray in the Milk Board's finances caused by court judgments against its levy collection procedure which meant that the collection of R362m was invalid.

The Auditor-General, in a report on the Milk Board tabled in Parliament yesterday, said he was unable to express an opinion on the results of the Board's activities during the 1991/92 financial year because of the "uncertainties" involved.

The report notes that on June 5 last year, the Cape provincial division of the Supreme Court rejected an application by the board for payments of levies of a certain distributor. The implication of the application was that levies of R362m collected since 1987 were invalid.

The board had appealed against the outcome of the application and at the time of compiling of the report, the appeal had not been heard.

As a result of this, the amendment of the dairy scheme, the promulgation of the valid levies procedure and the procurement of bridg-

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ing finance, the report did not express an opinion on the results of the board's activities.

During the 1991/92 financial year examined by the report, the board recorded a loss on exports in terms of its stabilisation fund of R46m compared with about R31m for the previous year.

In terms of judgment handed down by the Appellate Division in September 1991, certain levy notices published by the board for the purpose of imposing special and ordinary levies were declared invalid.

The board therefore credited levies amounting to R8,8m plus interest amounting to R4,3m to the accounts of the individual purchasers of milk concerned, writing off the total amount against its stabilisation fund.

Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk was not prepared to approve this action by the board, which had consequently submitted a further application, the report noted.

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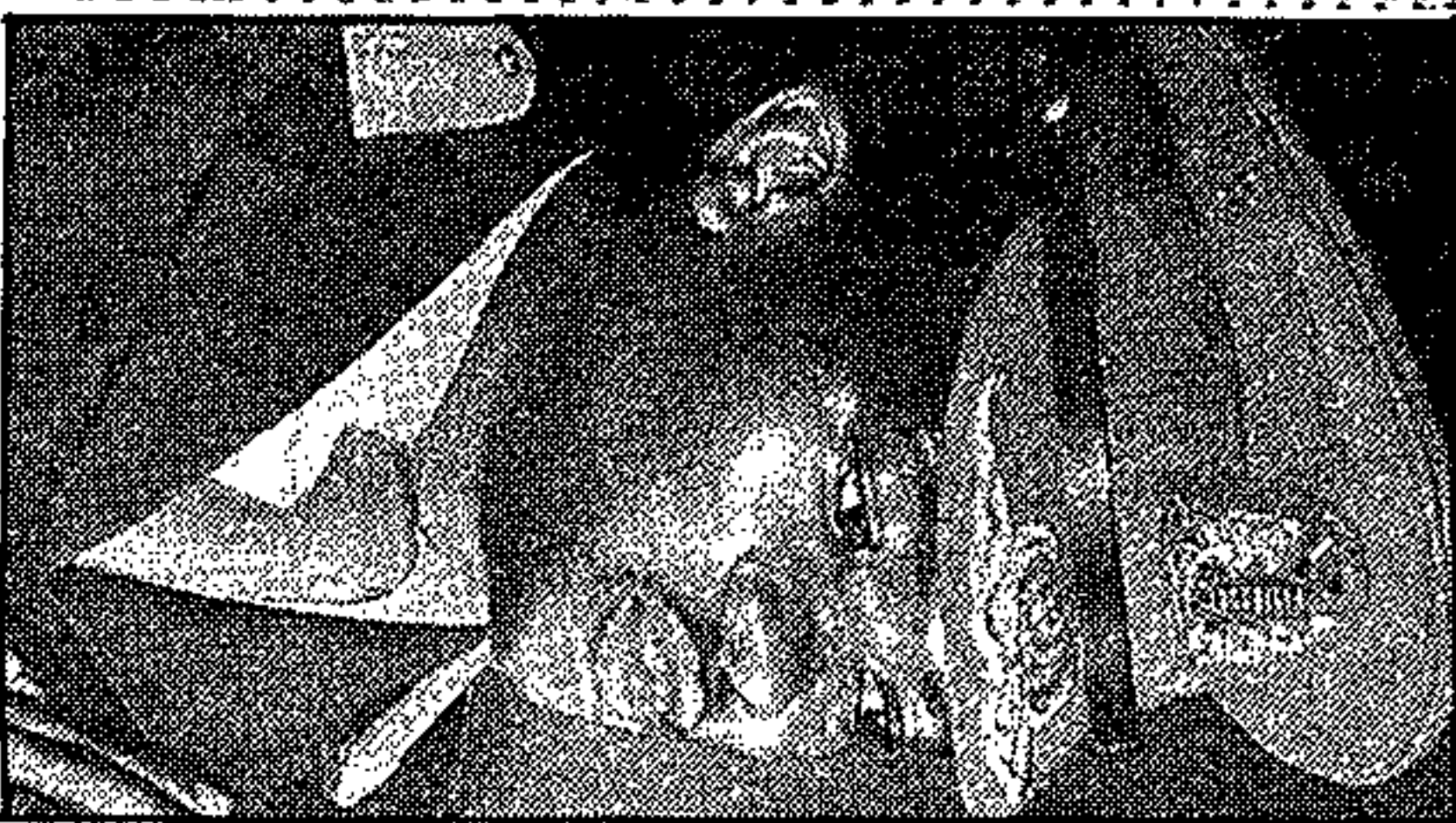
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FW ordered that Apla cadres be wiped out

By Esther Waugh and Peter Fabricius

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Holomisa: Transkei has a huge store of information.

Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday claimed President de Klerk has personally ordered the elimination of Apla cadres in Transkei.

He charged that the Citizen Force was being mobilised to carry out the operation as part of the Government's 10-point plan.

But De Klerk last night denied the allegation, contained in a diplomatic note from Holomisa to the SA Government.

De Klerk gave no indication of what action the Government intended taking against Transkei. He said in a statement that

the Government was still preparing its official reaction and would release it once it had been sent to him.

He warned that Transkei should not underestimate the Government's seriousness.

Inadequate

De Klerk said Holomisa's reaction was "unsatisfactory and inadequate".

Observers are now waiting to see what action, if any, De Klerk will take against Transkei.

In the diplomatic note, Holomisa again rejected the preliminary findings of the Goldstone Commission, and released details of a plan to "wipe out" the Apla cadres.

A report by the Goldstone Commission, released on Wednesday by De Klerk, implicated the Transkei government in Apla activities in the homeland.

In a speech to a special session of Parliament, De Klerk demanded an explanation from Holomisa about the Goldstone Commission's finding that Transkei was being used by Apla as a springboard for attacks into South Africa.

In the note, Holomisa said: "I would like to alert you to the fact that our Intelligence is aware of the order personally given by you to the effect that certain persons deemed to be Apla members resident in Transkei be wiped out as a matter of extreme urgency. "Part of the purpose of mobi-

lising the Citizen Force is to achieve this purpose."

He added: "We are reliably informed that as from Monday March 22 1993 the security forces in East London have started spray-painting cars and changing number plates to stage the operation as part of your 10-point plan.

"Luxury buses purporting to convey tourists to and from Transkei will be used to transport the would-be murderers."

Holomisa said the security forces met in East London on Wednesday to finalise "ways and means of eliminating innocent people."

"A certain Mr van Claren, driving a GSK 354 T (VIP Jeep) which has been resprayed as well, attended the meeting and

his car has already been loaded with weapons for use in the operation," he said.

Holomisa said in an interview that his government had received a tip-off indicating that a Colonel Venter was in charge of the operation.

Tricks

Since then, the operation had been monitored, he said.

In the diplomatic note, Holomisa said: "It is crystal clear that the Transkei government is well informed of the NP Government's dirty tricks campaigns and has a huge store of information (like the 12 files which, when released, would prove that the nefarious covert operations still do take place under your presidency)."

FW rejects Transkei stand on Goldstone

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PRESIDENT De Klerk has rejected Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa's allegations that South African security forces were plotting to assassinate Apla members in Transkei.

But he gave no indication last night of what action the

government intended taking against Transkei after General Holomisa contemptuously dismissed the Goldstone Commission's findings that the Transkei had given support to members of the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

Mr De Klerk said the government was preparing official reaction to a Holomisa Note and would disclose it once it had been sent to him.

On Wednesday Mr De Klerk said the government had demanded an explanation from Transkei over the Goldstone Commission's findings that the Transkei government had armed Apla members and that Apla had trained members in Transkei and used the homeland as a launching pad for attacks into South Africa.

He warned that Transkei should not underestimate the government's seriousness.

But as expected, General Holomisa yesterday completely dismissed the commission's report and Pretoria's demands.

Mr De Klerk said last night reaction was "unsatisfactory and inadequate."

And a South African government spokesman added:

"General Holomisa's statement contains many misrepresentations and emotional outbursts. The government considers this as propaganda and misleading."

He said the report of the Goldstone Commission and that of the committee which investigated Apla's activities was based on controlled evidence.

General Holomisa's "insulting reaction" to Mr Justice Goldstone's preliminary report was, therefore, to be deplored.

'Staggering increase in HIV cases' — insurer

Business Staff

A TOTAL of 1,01% of new applicants for policies with Southern Life in the six months to the end of December had tested positive for the HIV virus.

This represented a "staggering" 80% increase over the corresponding period the previous year, according to Mr Paul Truyens, general manager of Southern Life.

He said since Southern Life first introduced testing in August 1990 it had identified

348 HIV positive applicants, representing total life assurance cover of R36,3 million. In all these cases, life cover had been refused.

According to Mr Truyens, infection is most prevalent in the 25-35 age group where 1,2% of applicants tested were HIV positive.

"Southern Life's firm stance on HIV testing appears to have paid handsome dividends. By declining life cover to infected people we are protecting the interests of our current policy holders.

"We believe uninfected policy holders have a right to this protection and should not have to face rate increases or reduced payouts because of cross-subsidising HIV-infected lives."

Mr Truyens said assurers with less stringent underwriting requirements were effectively forcing their existing policy holders to share the cost of excess claims, although this problem would only become an issue in about five years' time when claims start arising.

SA 'appears poised to act on Transkei'

Political Correspondent

SOUTH AFRICA appears poised to act against Transkei following sharp exchanges between President F W de Klerk and Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday.

But in an angry reaction last night Mr De Klerk stopped short of announcing any specific actions, saying the government was preparing its response to allegations made yesterday by the Transkei ruler.

This follows blunt warnings by the State President that if Transkei failed to respond positively to a Goldstone Commission report suggesting links between Apla and the homeland government then "firm steps" could be taken.

Yesterday the Transkei military ruler flatly rejected the Goldstone Commission findings and alleged that Mr De Klerk personally had ordered the elimination of Apla members in Transkei.

A six-page diplomatic note sent by Gen Holomisa to Mr De Klerk yesterday said: "I would like to alert you to the fact that our intelligence is aware of the order personally given by you to the effect that certain persons deemed to be Apla members resident in Transkei be wiped out as a matter of urgency."

He described the Goldstone Commission as "illegitimate" and its findings as "hearsay from the regime".

PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu last night claimed that Mr De Klerk's announcements on violence in Parliament on Wednesday were a bid to isolate the PAC and "play up to a section of the community, namely the whites".

Mr De Klerk's office last night slammed Gen Holomisa's response as "unsatisfactory and inadequate".

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Praise for FW

Political Staff

AS international praise for President F W de Klerk's "coming clean" on South Africa's nuclear bomb programme poured in yesterday, the country received an unexpectedly warm response from one of its arch critics.

Australian Foreign Minister Mr Gareth Evans, who repeatedly locked horns with his South African counterpart Mr Pik Botha, said the new-found willingness to provide full information on the country's nuclear activities was "a welcome step".

"This and South Africa's submission of its nuclear facilities to international inspection under the Non-Proliferation Treaty provide an important degree of reassurance," he said.

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It contained allegations which were "totally untrue" and the "many falsifications and emotional outbursts" of Gen Holomisa were dismissed by the government as propaganda, said spokesman Mr Dave Steward.

On Wednesday Mr De Klerk issued a blunt threat to Transkei: "They must not underestimate the seriousness of the situation if they try to play politics with us."

Gen Holomisa's reaction was clearly not what Mr De Klerk hoped to hear.

The Transkei ruler said the president personally gave an order for Apla members in the homeland to be "wiped out" as a matter of extreme urgency.

"This unequivocally demonstrates that 'Operation Katzen' ... remains in force," Gen Holomisa said in a reference to an alleged plan to form a Xhosa-based movement pitted against the ANC in the Eastern Cape.

"Part of the purpose of mobilising the Citizen Force is to achieve this purpose," he said.

"The planning of the deployment of forces will obviously depend on the prevailing operational conditions. These troops will perform duties like, among others, patrolling, roadblocks and maintaining a visible presence".

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PAC reprisals if SA attacks T'kei

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TENSIONS between South Africa and Transkei were close to spilling over last night, with the PAC warning of reprisals if South Africa attacked the homeland.

The warning came at the same time as a reported statement from Apla's chief information officer, Mr Johnny Majozi, that "Apla did not distinguish between hard and soft targets in its attacks on South African whites".

The remark was made in an interview with Mr Majozi published in the New Nation newspaper yesterday.

It quoted Mr Majozi as warning, from Tanzania, that any right-wing declaration of war on "Africans" could be catastrophic for whites.

"We are committed to totally overthrowing the settler-colonial regime. Therefore, all those who make it possible for the regime to continue to exist justifiably constitute our tar-

gets," New Nation quoted Mr Majozi as saying.

However, he added Apla was not fighting a racial war and did not want to encourage a rise in racial tensions.

Meanwhile PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander alleged yesterday that his organisation was aware of plans by the South African government to attack Transkei.

The government is this weekend considering its response to the crisis sparked by a Goldstone Commission report suggesting links between Transkei authorities and Apla and an angry exchange of diplomatic notes between South Africa and the homeland.

And the Conservative Party last night claimed that farmers in Queens-town — close to the Transkei border — had been warned by callers claiming to represent Apla that they must vacate their farms.

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FW considers plan to take over wayward homelands

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THE ROSE OF SOWETO GETS A TIGER IN HIS TANK



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By EDYTH BULBRING: Political Correspondent

FACING mutiny in his own caucus over the defiant attitude of Transkei's Bantu Holomisa, President de Klerk is this weekend considering a plan to effectively terminate the independence of three homelands.

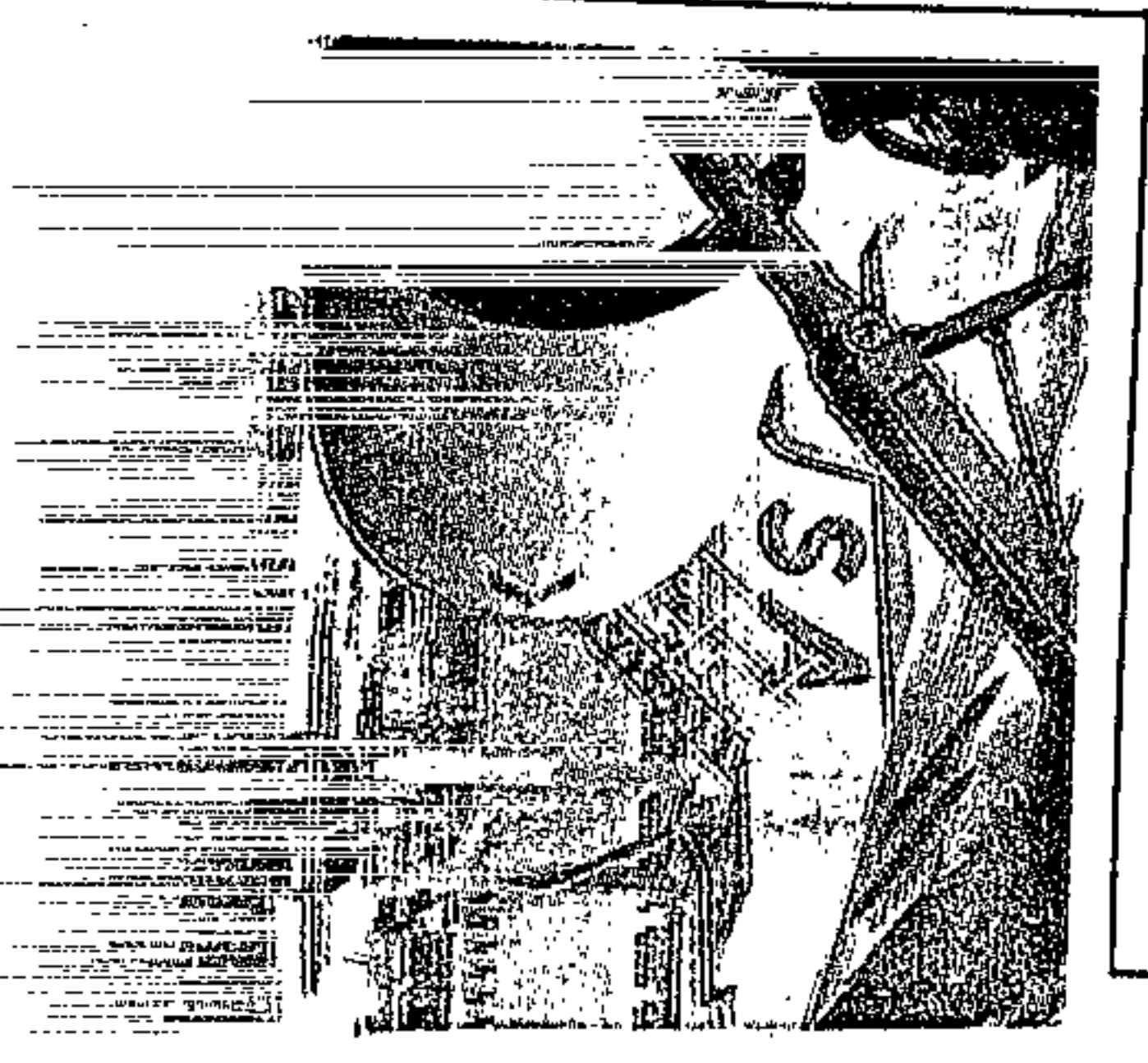
The plan, which entails taking over of the administration of Transkei, Ciskei and Venda, will be put before the multi-party talks which begin this week.

If the government does not get support for this action it will then opt for tougher steps, starting with cutting the financial line to Transkei. President de Klerk's dilemma is how to meet demands within his own ranks for tougher action against Transkei — which the Goldstone commission found this week was being used as a base by Apia guerrillas accused of killing white civilians in South Africa — without wrecking negotiations.

A still-defiant General Holomisa warned yesterday that financial or military pressure against Transkei would force the ANC alliance partners to choose sides — and he had no doubt where the ANC's loyalties would lie.

"FW is in a muddle," said General Holomisa. "His caucus has told him to take strong action as a result of the Johannesburg killings, but his threats against Transkei show he has no clear idea of what to do."

At a meeting of the State Security Council on Thursday, de Klerk was presented with two stark options by his Cabinet



sented with two stark options by his Cabinet colleagues — adopt strong-arm tactics with the PAC and Transkei or opt for a political solution which would mean taking administrative control of Transkei in addition to using the multi-party forum on Thursday to pressure the PAC and Transkei to take strong action against violence.

Action

At the State Security Council meeting, Foreign Minister Pik Botha presented some alternatives to the president.

If the government wished to suspend talks with General Holomisa and take action to topple him, South Africa could, he proposed, cordon off Transkei, cut off its finances and suspend diplomatic ties.

Toppling General Holomisa could have serious local and international implications, although a mitigating factor, he reasoned, would be that General Holomisa was not democratically elected.

The poor administration of Transkei and his flagrant disregard for financial management were also factors that would count in the government's favour should it decide on this course of action.

Pressure

But this scenario could spell chaos for the country and negotiations, the security council conceded — especially given General Holomisa's close ties with the ANC.

Mr de Klerk was adamant that other alternatives would have to be explored.

Chief negotiator Roelf Meyer then proposed a different scenario, which could have the desired effect of defusing violence and bringing Transkei to heel.

First, acting on Judge Goldstone's recommendations, the government should encourage the international community to put pressure on the PAC and Transkei, he proposed.

Second, the question of violence and armed action should be the first item on the agenda of this week's multi-party meeting and talks should only continue when it was resolved satisfactorily.

Finally, Mr Meyer proposed, the government should suggest at the multi-party talks on Thurs-

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day that SA should take full control of the administrations of Transkei, Ciskei and Venda.

The justification for this move would be the breakdown in services and administration in these homelands.

Bophuthatswana would be excluded for the time being, because it was still under civilian rule and its administration was relatively sound.

By doing this, the desired effect of removing General Holomisa from any control over his country would be effected — a coup through political means.

If this was not acceptable to the three homelands, Mr Meyer suggested that the financial squeeze could then be contemplated.

No final decision was made.

Mr de Klerk left the meeting to attend the weekly gathering of the NP caucus. Word had already reached him that his party was unhappy with the measures he had proposed to counter violence.

He outlined his difficul-

ties, but the message he received in return was: not good enough. The caucus wanted decisive action taken against Transkei and the PAC.

After the meeting some MPs, upset with what they perceived as a lack of decisiveness on the part of the president, were comparing him negatively with his predecessor, PW Botha.

"He (Botha) knew what to do in a crisis like this; he would go with his political guts — and damn the consequences," one NP MP said.

"The long and the short of it is that unless he takes action, he loses the confidence of his party," said another.

About the same time as Mr de Klerk faced a mutinous caucus, Mr Pik Botha was phoning General Holomisa in a further attempt to stave off confrontation.

But their conversation was far from cordial.

General Holomisa told Mr Botha that if any military action was taken against Transkei, the homeland would respond with military force. And Mr Botha should not hold him responsible if Transkei nationals inside SA retaliated, he warned.

If SA cut off funds to Transkei, the homeland would withdraw from constitutional negotiations, he said.

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Braamfontein tonight at 6 pm. City Press is co-sponsoring the event. See Page 24.

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

MK, Apla, TDF 'to resist SA attack'

A GOVERNMENT attack on Apla bases in the Transkei could be met with joint resistance from Apla, the ANC's military wing Umkhonto weSizwe, the Transkei Defence Force and, possibly, the Venda army.

SA MK chief of staff Si-phiwe Nyanda yesterday told City Press that the furor over Apla's alleged bases in the Transkei could be a veiled attempt to attack MK in the area.

He said one of the alleged Apla bases identified by the government was a known MK place.

Nyanda's statement comes in the wake of Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa's belligerent talk this week that his forces were on full alert.

SA this week threatened to take strong action against Transkei following a war of words be-

tween the two countries over Apla activities.

The PAC has warned that it would hit "in the heart of Pretoria" should SA attack Transkei.

In the event of a Pretoria strike in Transkei, the Venda military government - which has close ties with MK and recently met high-ranking Apla commanders in Tanzania - could also be sucked into the conflict.

Tension was high in the Transkei over the weekend, with roadblocks being set up throughout the homeland in anticipation of a possible attack by SA.

There is also concern among SA whites in the

capital that they could be targeted by Apla if Transkei is attacked.

SA embassy spokesman in Transkei Chris Thirion said his staff had adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

"We are watching the situation and will act when the need arises."

The ANC said it was strongly opposed to any attack by SA, and that any "violent action" would not be tolerated.

Holomisa confirmed to City Press that his country was bracing itself for imminent military and covert attacks by Pretoria.

He accused SA of mobilising SADF's Citizen Force (reservists) to at-

tack and eliminate Apla cadres in Transkei.

"Transkeians will do anything to protect themselves from any attack (President FW) De Klerk launches against them."

"They (SA) will hit only the areas that we are not covering, and De Klerk will be held responsible for whatever happens," Holomisa said.

He warned De Klerk that any attack would be an exercise in "futility" as Transkei Military Forces, Apla and MK were capable of hitting inside SA.

"If De Klerk attacks us we are not going to retaliate in a conventional way, he must expect chaos because liberation forces

and our friends are not going to sit back and fold their arms. They will come in and cause mayhem in SA," he said.

In a personal address to De Klerk, Holomisa said he rejected the findings and called on the government to talk directly to the PAC and other organisations and mutually agree to cease hostilities.

The war talk follows the mass mobilisation of the SADF's Citizen Force and threats by De Klerk that he intended taking strong action against Transkei after Holomisa refused to accept the preliminary findings by the Goldstone Commission on Apla.

In his report on Apla activities, Judge Richard Goldstone singled out Transkei for providing Apla with arms, bases, arms-smuggling routes, training, and allowing its territory to be used as a launching pad for attacks.

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Bid to reincorporate Transkei under fire

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By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Reporter

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Any plans by the Government to unilaterally reincorporate Transkei "into apartheid South Africa" would seriously jeopardise negotiations, the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress warned yesterday.

They said they fully supported the homeland's military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

Joining the ANC and PAC in their denunciation of the Government's plans, reported yesterday, was the Azanian People's Organisation, which described Holomisa as "a genuine patriot".

The PAC and Azapo said although they did not recognise the TBVC states' independence, they were convinced the Government merely wanted to punish Holomisa for being outspoken against Pretoria.

However, Democratic Party

leader Dr Zach de Beer welcomed the plan, and pointed out that he had called for the independent homelands' reincorporation during the no-confidence debate in Parliament at the beginning of the year.

A Sunday Times report said President de Klerk, who had come under considerable pressure from the National Party caucus after the recent spate of attacks on whites, was considering taking over the administration of Transkei, Ciskei and Venda — or squeezing Transkei financially to make it toe the line. It said the plan was to be presented to the multiparty negotiations forum this week.

The ANC said the Government's plans, if true, were totally unacceptable and could mean the end of negotiations.

ANC information chief Dr Pallo Jordan and constitutional expert Professor Kader Asmal rejected the plan, with Asmal declaring: "That will be the end of negotiations."

Jordan said although the ANC was in favour of the reincorporation of homelands, it did not

want them reincorporated "into apartheid South Africa".

Jordan said the Government would also have to explain Bophuthatswana's omission from the proposal.

A spokesman for the State President's office could not be reached for comment last night.

Holomisa said yesterday that the alleged plan would mean "the end of the road" for the National Party Government.

The Transkei leader once again rejected Mr Justice Richard Goldstone's recommendation that the international community should be asked to put pressure on Transkei, which was alleged to be the base of Apla, armed wing of the PAC.

PAC political affairs secretary Jaki Seroke said that, by making this threat, the Government was trying to "exercise its domineering power in negotiations".

De Beer said that, unlike Bophuthatswana, the three targeted homelands were guilty of financial mismanagement, as the Auditor-General had shown.

Roelf reacts to row over homelands

BILLY PADDOCK (103)

GOVERNMENT was not planning to unilaterally terminate the nominal independence of Transkei, Venda and Ciskei, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said yesterday. BIDAM 29/3/93

He was responding to an outcry over weekend reports that the Cabinet was considering ways of taking control of the homelands in the wake of repeated claims that Transkei was harbouring Apla guerrillas responsible for terror attacks in SA.

The ANC warned of serious consequences if government tried to force the reincorporation of Transkei into SA.

ANC information director Pallo Jordan and NEC member Prof Kader Asmal said yesterday any such attempt would wreck the negotiations process. Jordan said the organisation was in favour of reincorporation "but not into apartheid SA".

Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa threatened that should government act against Transkei "it will be the end of the corrupt and murderous NP" government. "When addressing violence, you cannot do so without addressing the mother of all violence, which is the NP and the security council which functions to permanently remove people it considers interfering."

"I suggest that the way to deal with the violence is that the multiparty forum look into both state violence and that of the liberation movements. The solution should be arrived at through a political settlement with time-frames and not through unilateral or bellicose approaches from

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any party," Holomisa said. BIDAM 29/3/93

Meyer said the question of violence had to be dealt with in the multiparty forum starting this week because some parties, including the Transkei government, the PAC and the CP were not signatories to the national peace accord.

"Government sees it as essential and in the national interest that all parties jointly

decide on co-ordinated measures against violence in accordance with the resolutions already accepted by the multiparty planning conference," said Meyer. (103)

Jordan said government needed to account for its reversal from its former position which rejected calls for reincorporation of the TBVC states. It also needed to explain its omission of Bophuthatswana. From Page 1

Plans to readmit TBVC homelands

Holomisa dares De Klerk to act

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■ **SWIFT REACTION** Press reports of possible

reincorporation of Transkei angers politicians:

TRANSKEI military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday warned that any plan to terminate the independence of his country would mean "the end of the road."

He was responding to reports which said President F W de Klerk was considering taking over the administration of Transkei, Ciskei and Venda after demands from within his party to adopt tougher tactics with Transkei.

And the African National Congress said it rejected any unilateral attempt by the Government to force the reincorporation of Transkei into South Africa.

Dr Pallo Jordan, the ANC's director of information and publicity, and constitutional expert Professor Khader Asmal both said such an attempt would wreck the new negotiation process.

"That will be the end of the negotiations," Asmal said.

The Government said Transkei was found to be the base of the Azanian People's Liberation Army — the armed wing of the Pan Africanist

Congress — by the Goldstone Commission last week.

Holomisa said violence addressed in the context of South African politics should encompass State violence as well.

He said Mr Justice Richard Goldstone's recommendations that the international community be encouraged to put pressure on Transkei should be rejected.

"The wishful thinking of Mr Goldstone who wants to pressurise other political parties, while others are given a licence to kill, is to be rejected," the general said.

He said there was a "veil of secrecy" surrounding De Klerk's terminating the duties of certain security officers.

He claimed dismissal of such officers would lead to more cans of worms being opened.

Reacting to the news of the plan, Government spokesman Mr David Steward told *Reuters*: "The *Sunday Times* story about the plan to terminate the independence of Transkei is based completely on unfounded speculation."

SA to adopt 'reasoned' stance over Transkei (103)

Political Staff *AR 10/13/79*

THERE will be no radical action against Transkei by the South African government.

Instead, the government will try using international pressure and the influence of the African National Congress and other negotiation partners to help resolve the dispute over allegations of violence and Apla bases in Transkei.

According to a Department of Foreign Affairs source, South Africa is preparing a "studied, reasoned" reply to a diplomatic note the Transkei military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, sent to President De Klerk last week.

In it he alleged Mr De Klerk had ordered the elimination of Apla members in Transkei.

In Cape Town today, after playing in a goodwill rugby match at Athlone Stadium at the weekend, General Holomisa said he "welcomed" indications that the government intended drawing the international community into the dispute.

"This is a good sign because it suggests they know there will be no solution without the

international community's involvement."

He said the only reason the government had become "jumpy" over the Transkei was because he, General Holomisa, had 12 files detailing "dirty tricks" operations conducted "under the present National Party leadership".

"They know we know a lot about them. We are telling them now that these 12 files point to dirty tricks under President De Klerk. He is going to sweat."

He added that if the government wanted the files, they must join him in jointly establishing a commission of inquiry to investigate them.

General Holomisa, who returned to Transkei this morning, said he was unconcerned about speculation of a cross-border raid by South African forces.

Weekend speculation that South Africa intended taking over the administration of Transkei was dismissed in government circles today. It appeared in any case that South Africa would have no legal right to do so.

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Paper delivery ambushed

(03)
A newspaper delivery van carrying copies of the Sunday Times and the Sunday Tribune was fired on in Transkei on Sunday. The pre-dawn attack near Qumbu village, happened shortly before the Transkei PAC told its members to boycott the Sunday Times and ensure it was not distributed in the region. A hand grenade was also thrown at the van but exploded at the roadside.

POLITICS

Transkei ⁽¹⁰³⁾ still to face SA's wrath?

Political Staff

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Another option was to propose bringing the TBVC states under a measure of administrative control by SA.

Observers believe that this ultimately could be done by bringing the TBVC states under control of the proposed multiparty transitional executive council, which is scheduled to be appointed about June.

This council is supposed to acquire joint supervision or control of security forces and military wings. This would effectively neutralise Apla and also bring the Transkei government under control.

In parliament yesterday, Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer said that the government would propose that this week's multiparty negotiating forum take a joint approach to curb violence.

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Goldstone asks PAC, T'kei to give evidence

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PRETORIA. — The Goldstone Commission has invited the Pan-Africanist Congress and the Transkei government to give evidence to its committee inquiring into the PAC's military wing Apla.

The committee's findings were provisional and the parties, which had so far responded only with "bare denials", had until April 8 to question the findings, commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said last night.

"If the commission receives no adequate response from those parties by 4pm on Thursday April 8, it will assume that none of the provisional findings of the committee are questioned by them and that those findings can be regarded as being conclusive."

Mr Justice Goldstone said it was important that the provisional findings be tested by cross-examination and counter-evidence.

"The commission has repeatedly invited in particular the Transkei authorities, Apla and the PAC to join the

Sunday Times boycott urged

UMTATA. — The PAC in the Transkei has called for a boycott of the Sunday Times, accusing the newspaper of conducting a campaign to vilify and denigrate the organisation and its leadership.

The newspaper's blackout on coverage of Sharpeville Day was the latest evidence of the campaign, homeland PAC publicity secretary Mr Zingisa Mkabile alleged yesterday.

"Until the (Sunday) Times publishing is based on facts and concrete evidence, we will continue to boycott and disrupt its distribution," Mr Mkabile said. He would not say whether the PAC was behind an attack on a Sunday Times delivery truck on Sunday morning. — Sapa

committee in its investigation.

"The only responses thus far from the Transkei and PAC have consisted of bare denials without any attempt to deal with a single factual provisional finding. There has been no response at all from Apla," Mr Justice Goldstone said in a statement.

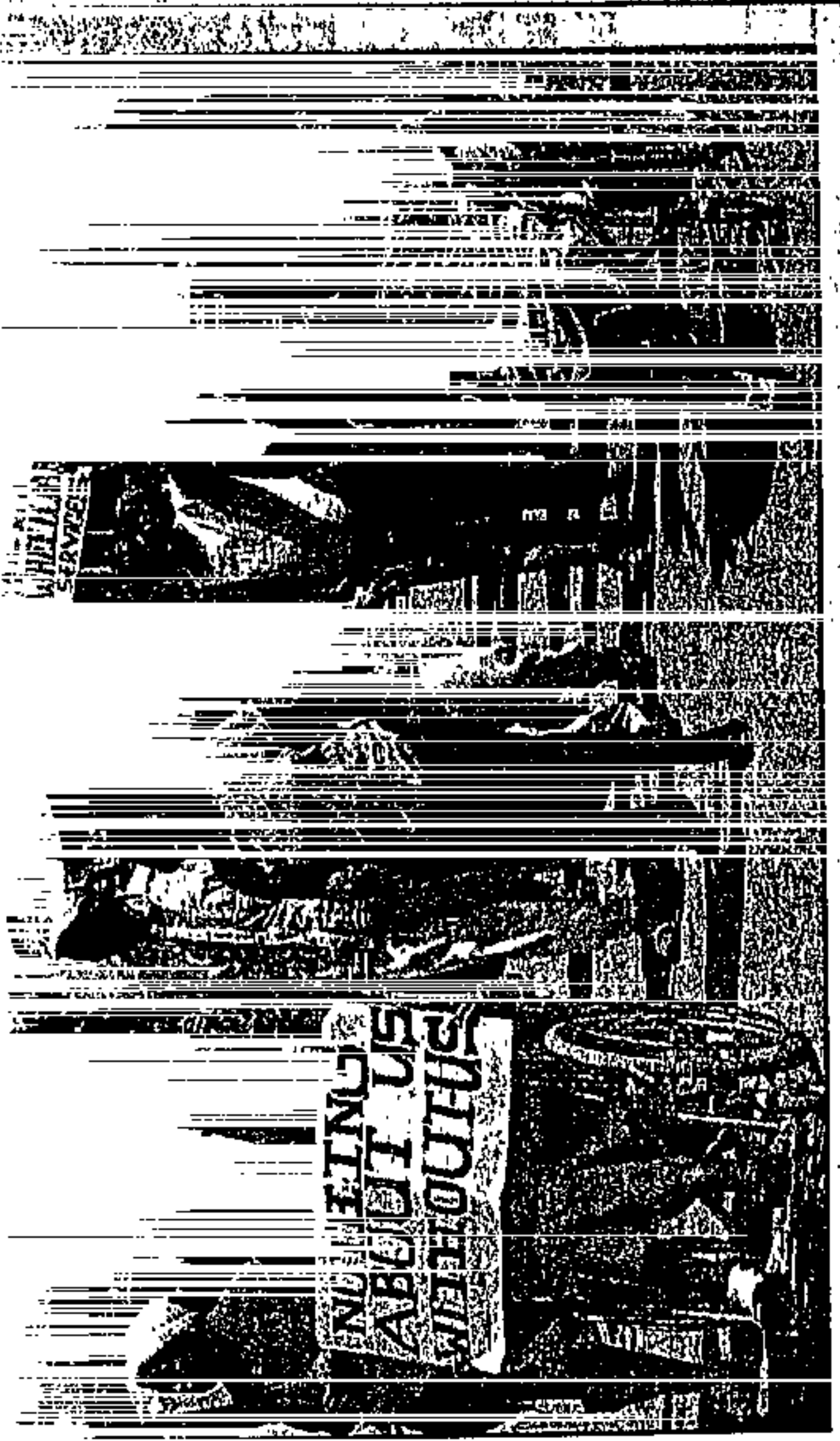
The committee provisionally found that Apla had been operating from bases in the Transkei.

The PAC and the Transkei government have refused to co-operate with the commission. — Sapa

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About 100 disabled Tembisa residents took to the streets yesterday in protest against poor health care.

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SADF seals off

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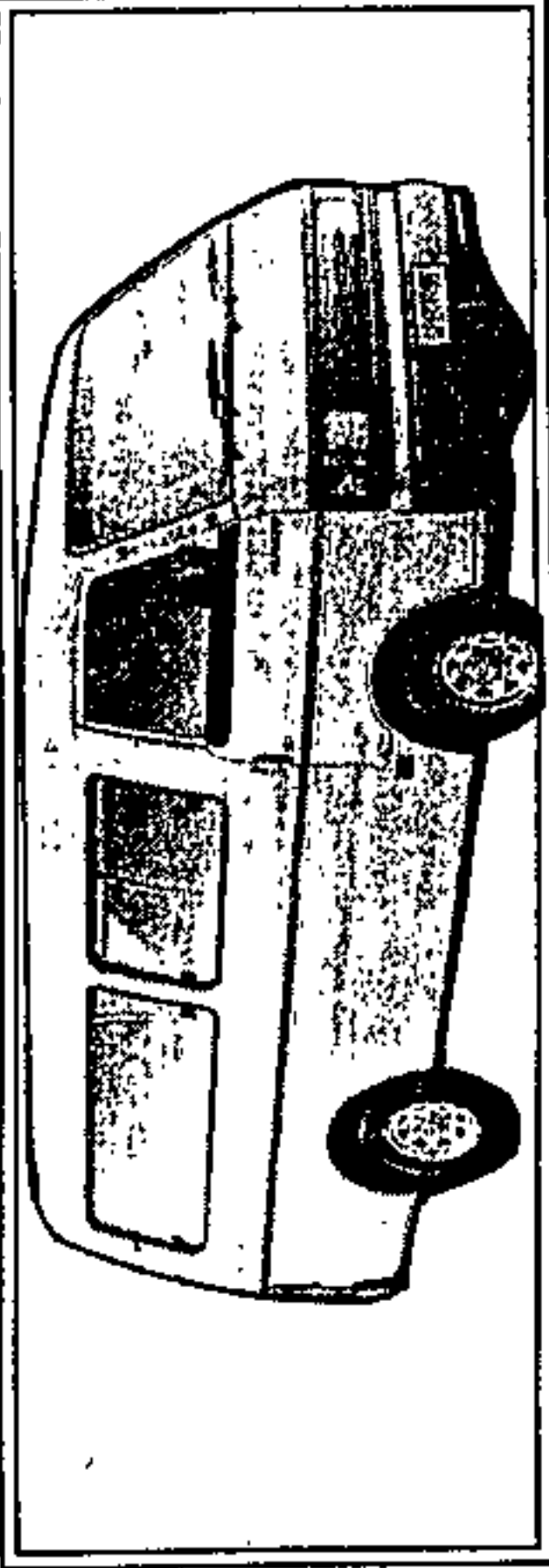
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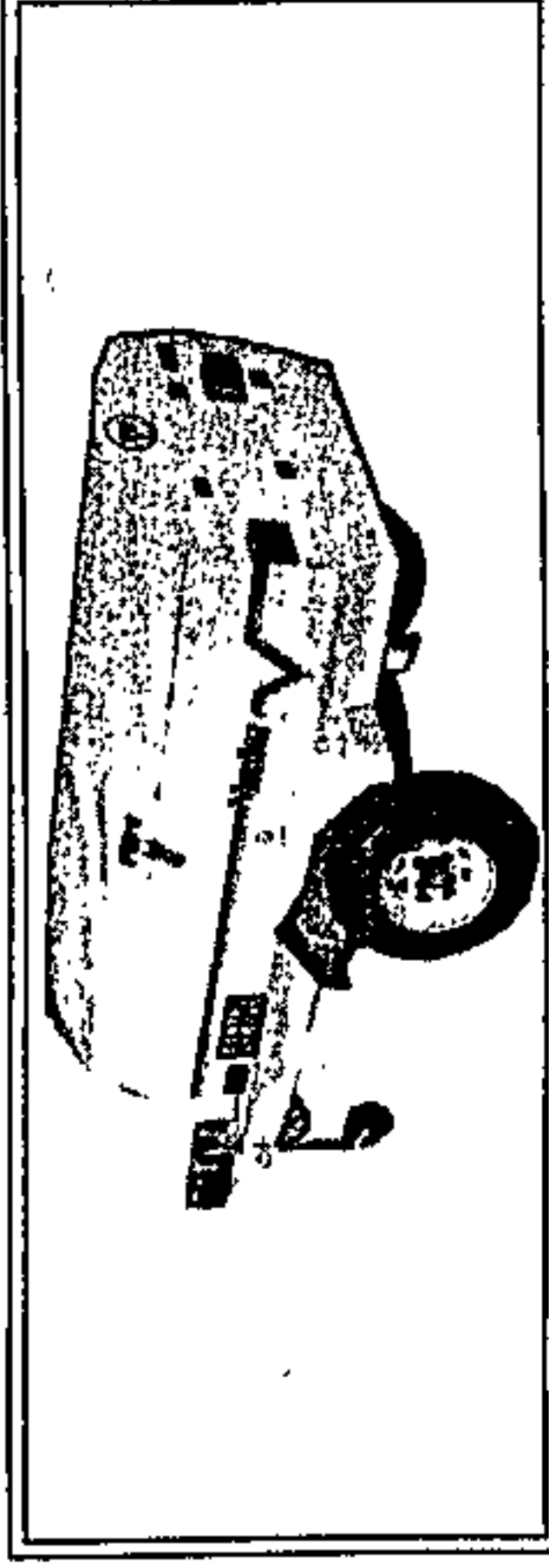
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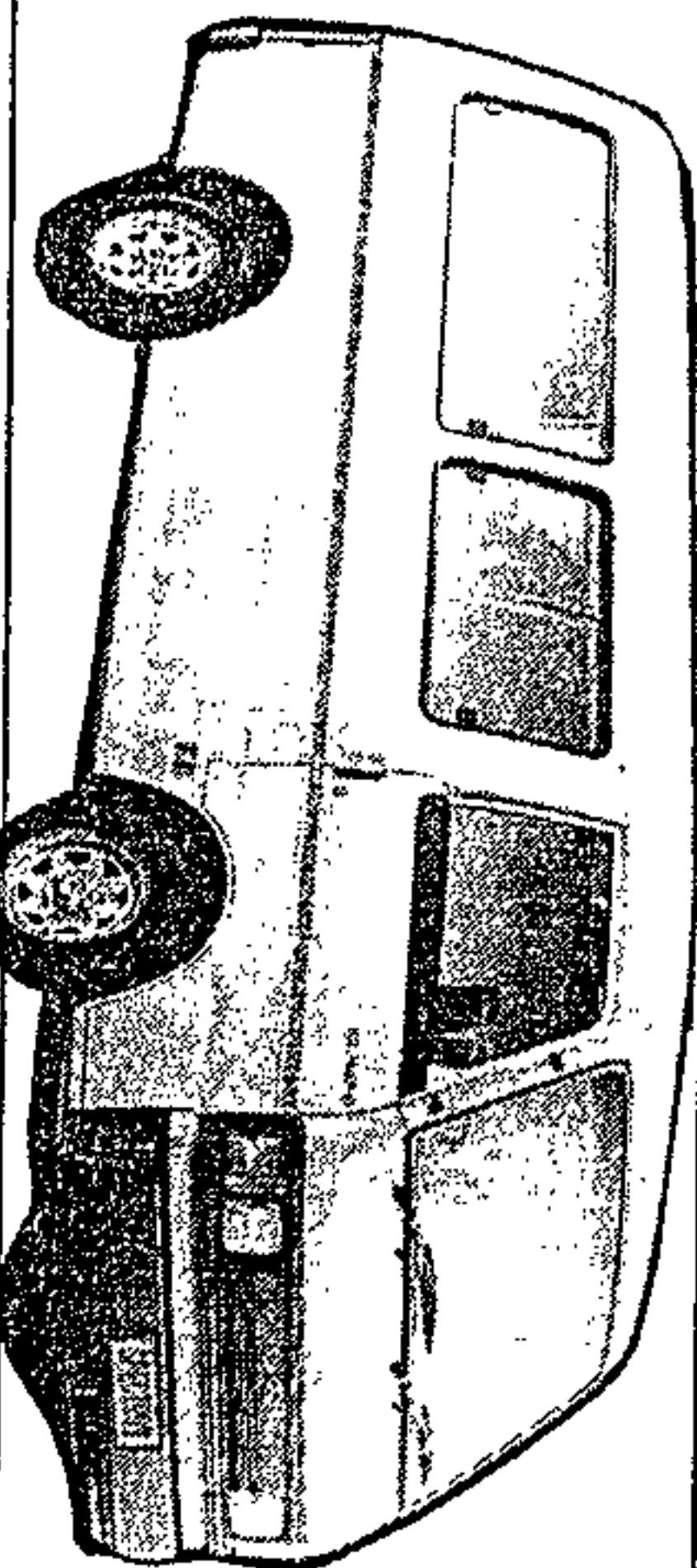
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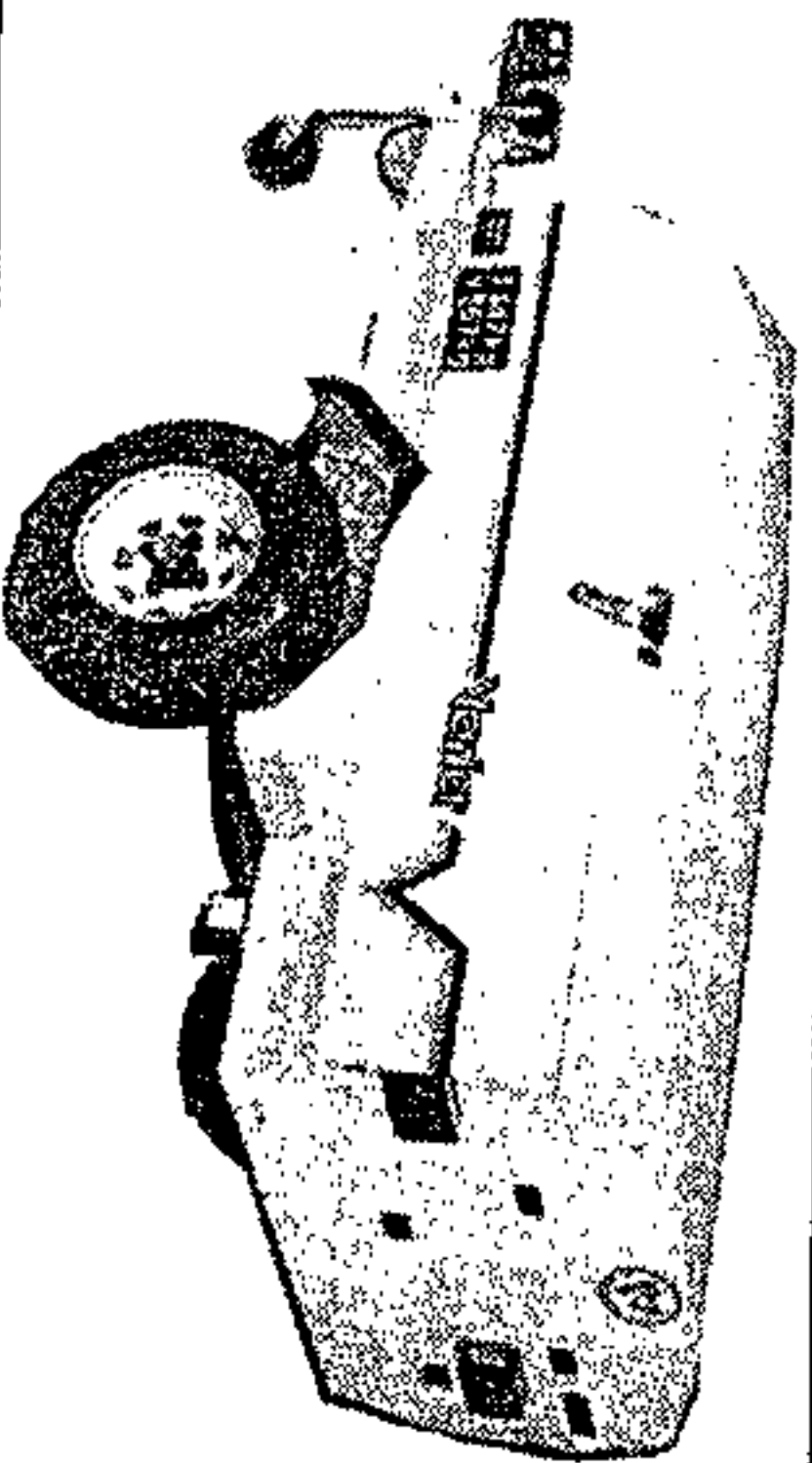
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Holomisa slams 'bellicose' move

SA tightens security grip on Transkei

CAPE TOWN — On the eve of the resumption of multiparty talks, government has announced what amounts to an immediate blockade of Transkei.

Following a week of high tension between government and the Transkei administration, Pretoria yesterday announced it would "improve the security of its borders with Transkei".

Government said the moves were designed to safeguard South Africans from cross-border attacks by the PAC's military wing Apla. They appeared to set the scene for chaos on the homeland's borders as the Easter holidays begin.

RAY HARTLEY reports Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa last night described the action as "bellicose". In a SATV interview, he said SA had the right to deploy troops as it wished within its own borders, but he described the SA government as "the mother of all violence".

Holomisa, defiant in the wake of a Goldstone commission report claiming that his homeland was used as a springboard for Apla attacks, said he would not comply with the commission's request to testify about the allegations. He said he had expected SA to conduct an inspection in loco in Transkei to verify the Goldstone committee's provisional findings.

Government spokesman Dave Steward announced yesterday that Holomisa had requested, and been granted, an audience with President F W de Klerk on Monday.

Steward said the security moves had been taken in the light of the Goldstone

commission's finding. The SAP and SADF would, with immediate effect, man border points on all roads leading to Transkei. "Security considerations require that all persons and vehicles which enter SA from Transkei be thoroughly searched."

Border patrols would be intensified and all travellers from Transkei would have to have passports or, in the case of Transkei and SA citizens, identity documents.

"The purpose of this action is to protect SA citizens from further cross-border attacks by elements of Apla and any other such organisations operating from the territory of Transkei."

Holomisa has dismissed the commission as "illegitimate" and has warned of reprisals if SA takes military action against Transkei.

The Goldstone commission's provisional findings included that:

- Apla used Transkei as a springboard for attacks on SA;
- Arms and ammunition were stored in Transkei for use by Apla units;
- Apla's operational activities were aimed at members of the SAP, the SADF and white civilians; and
- Apla's internal military command was based in Transkei.

Steward said government would reply today to last week's diplomatic note from Holomisa in which he charged that De Klerk had personally ordered the "wiping out" of Apla members in Transkei.

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Holomisa ¹⁰³ objects to ~~the~~ PAC boycott

KATHRYN STRACHAN

TRANSKEI leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa yesterday objected to the PAC boycott call against the Sunday Times, and said if it wished to target the newspaper it should do so in SA.

Holomisa also offered the Sunday Times police protection for deliveries to stores after three men opened fire on a Times Media delivery truck near Qumbu on Sunday.

The PAC in the Transkei accuses the newspaper of campaigning to denigrate the organisation.

Sunday Times editor Ken Owen yesterday offered to meet PAC leaders to discuss the issue. His newspaper "regretted the action", especially as officials did not seek to discuss their concerns, or to use the newspaper's letters and opinion pages to air concerns. *BIDM 31/3/93*

The belief that the Sunday Times was engaged in a campaign against the PAC was based on a misreading of the facts.

Security

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noose rings

Transkei

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Government has thrown a security noose around Transkei, saying this is to protect South African citizens against cross-border attacks by the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla).

Government spokesman Dave Steward announced last night that the police and Defence Force would man all border points on all roads leading to Transkei.

All people and vehicles entering South Africa from Transkei would be thoroughly searched and border patrols would be intensified.

Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa last night said the move was "bellicose".

South Africa was free to deploy its forces within its jurisdiction, he said. Tension between the two countries would only end when people started "speaking the truth to one another".

Holomisa and President de Klerk will meet on April 5 to discuss the crisis between the two governments.

The decisions are the latest moves in the stand-off between Transkei and South Africa following Government and Goldstone Commission allegations that Apla had used Transkei as a springboard for attacks into South Africa.

In a note to the Government, Holomisa strongly rejected the allegations, called the Goldstone Commission a "kangaroo court" and has alleged that the South African Government had launched plans to assassinate Apla members in Transkei.

Holomisa yesterday responded to the Goldstone Commission's April 8 deadline to testify on the Apla issue by telling the country's prime violence mediator to "go and jump in the lake".

The terse response follows Mr Justice Goldstone's nonsense deadline to the PAC and Transkei.

Steward said that the South African Government's reply to Holomisa's note would be conveyed to the Transkei government today.

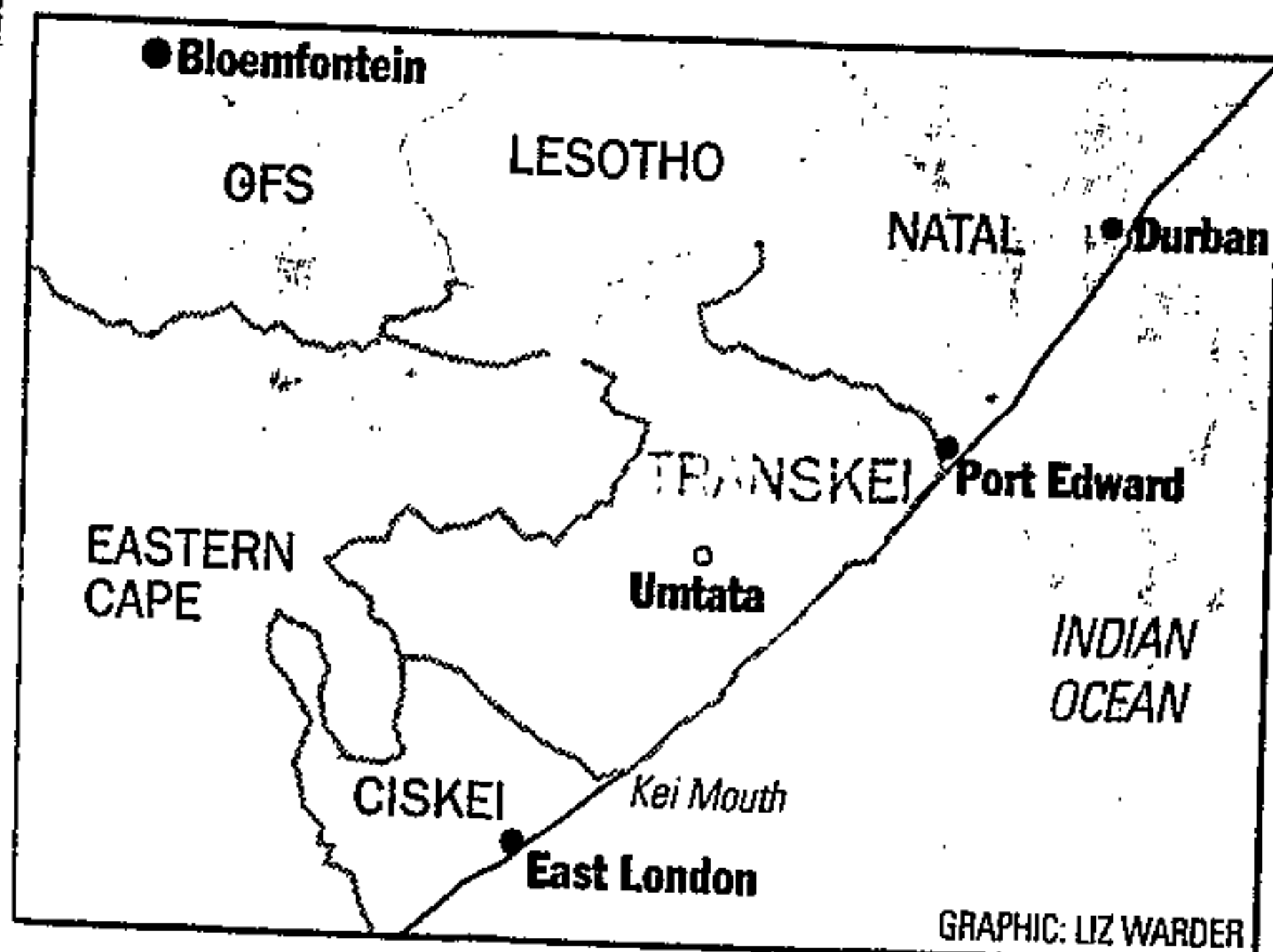
Last night, Holomisa said the South African Government had taken a high-handed attitude and he was no longer prepared to co-operate.

Government sources denied any suggestion that the security blanket slapped on Transkei was a punitive or sanctions measure.

Observers have raised the possibility that the security measures might be a repetition of the clampdown on Lesotho in 1986 when South Africa effectively blocked the inflow of supplies through security checks on vehicles at the border.

The blockade, imposed on January 1, followed repeated accusations by the Government that Lesotho was allowing the ANC to use its territory as a springboard for attacks into South Africa.

Sixteen days later, then Prime Minister Chief Leabua Jonathan's government was overthrown by Major-General Justin Lekhanye.



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PAC threatens to picket Times

EAST LONDON — The Transkei PAC yesterday warned all vendors and distributors of The Sunday Times they would picket all outlets in Transkei on Sunday.

This threat follows a PAC dispute with the newspaper which has led to a boycott.

"Unless these outlets make a written undertaking that they will not accept The Sunday Times, they are standing on the firing line," Transkei PAC regional secretary, Zingisa Mkabile, said yesterday.

The Transkei government yesterday pro-

vided a police escort for the paper's distributors if requested.

"If the PAC wishes to target The Sunday Times as alleged, it should do so at the source, that is, South Africa," Transkei military ruler, Major General Bantu Holomisa, said.

He added: "In the meantime I call upon the PAC regional leadership to confirm whether there are plans to interfere with the sale of The Sunday Times in Transkei as there are indications that this can be the work of agent provocateurs. This

will clear the air of any PAC involvement."

Sunday Times editor Ken Owen sent an open letter to Mkabile yesterday expressing his regret at their stated campaign, and offering to meet the Transkei PAC executive if it would be useful to discuss the misunderstandings which have arisen.

He said it was not true the newspaper was engaged in a campaign against the PAC, either in Transkei or elsewhere.

Owen said it was true the paper condemned attacks on civilians and violence. — Elnews.

'Kieji blockade

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SA govt seals borders to tame Holomisa

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk has announced an effective blockade of Transkei designed to bring the defiant homeland ruler Majot-General Bantu Holomisa to his knees.

The decision to get the South African security forces to throw a ring of steel around Transkei's borders comes on the eve of tomorrow's restart of constitutional negotiations and could seriously disrupt the proceedings.

Pretoria is applying "the big squeeze" option used with devastating effect against a recalcitrant Lesotho government in the past.

Border patrols

The steps, designed to safeguard South Africa from Transkei-based attacks by APLA, include:

- The SAP and SADF manning all border points on roads leading to the Transkei.
- All people and vehicles entering South Africa from Transkei being "thoroughly searched".
- Border patrols will be intensified.
- All travellers — not merely those at major border posts — wishing to enter the Republic from Transkei will need a passport or identity document.

A unbending General Homolisa indicated last night that he had no intention of bucking to Pretoria's latest pressure tactics and merely told SATV that "we have noted the belated approach by the SA government".

The military leader, who will be meeting Mr De Klerk in Cape Town on Monday, added defiantly: "It is within their rights to deploy security forces within their jurisdiction."

The Transkei ruler said he was not aware of any Apla bases or training facilities in Transkei and had "no knowledge" of arms supplies to the homeland highlighted by last week's Goldstone report into activities of the PAC's military wing in the Transkei.

The South African government's latest "get tough" posture appears certain to cause chaos on the homeland's borders as Easter holidays begin.

'Justification'

Similar "strangulation" tactics adopted against the Lesotho government in the 1980s forced the rulers of the mountain kingdom to raise the white flag within days.

But the Transkei border is more difficult to plug and the ANC is likely to come in to bat for its ally when constitutional negotiations re-open in Johannesburg tomorrow.

Mr De Klerk and hardliners in the cabinet like Law and Order Minister Mr Hennus Kriel have been urging a "no-nonsense" approach in the past week to appease an increasingly jittery National Party constituency on the sensitive Transkei issue.

Others, led by Mr Roelf Meyer, are understood to have urged that the question be settled at the multi-party talks at the World Trade Centre tomorrow and on Friday with the support of the government's negotiating partners.

A statement from government spokesman Mr Dave Steward last night pointed to the provisional finding.

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NEAR RUN-OUT . . . Western Province's Herschelle Gibbs (on the ground) attempts a run-out against Natal at Newlands last night. Wicketkeeper Richie Rvahl and Craig Matthews (background) look on. Natal won by 38 runs after batting first and scoring 178. ● Report — Back Page

Picture: ALAN TAYLOR



Radios help in arrest of robbers

By GYNNIS UNDERHILL

SMALL business operators in Khayelitsha township were instrumental in the arrest of some members of a notorious gang last week



FW, Holomisa meet today

CAPE TOWN — President F W de Klerk will meet Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa in Cape Town today to discuss the question of Apla bases and the security cordon SA has thrown around the homeland's borders.

The meeting was advanced from Monday, apparently at the suggestion of the ANC which wished to avoid a bruising argument across the conference floor at today's resumed negotiations.

Meanwhile, government yesterday warned in a diplomatic note that it reserved the right to take "appropriate measures" to protect the interests of its citizens from further cross-border attacks by elements of Apla and other organisations operating from the territory.

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The 15-page note, government's official reaction to a similar note from Transkei, said it was not government's intention to respond to the "provocative, threatening and insulting parts" of the Transkei note.

The allegation that De Klerk had given an order "to the effect that certain persons deemed to be Apla members resident in Transkei be wiped out" was so preposterous that it did not merit a response.

LLOYD COUTTS reports that police warned yesterday that while routes to the Transkei were still open, South Africans travelling to the territory did so at their own risk.

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More than 1 000 members of the security forces were spread along the Transkei border yesterday as SA placed a security cordon around the territory to counter alleged springboard attacks by the PAC's armed wing, Apla.

Eastern Cape police spokesman Capt Henry Chalmers said while border post monitoring operations were running smoothly, the safety of travellers to the homeland could not be guaranteed.

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Police also warned South Africans against taking firearms into the homeland. Apla, meanwhile, denied targeting white South African civilians.

The organisation's political commissar Romero Daniels told Radio 702 in an interview from the group's headquarters in Tanzania that security forces were still Apla targets.

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Border fury

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Traffic chaos as police and soldiers set up security points on 45 roads

Political Staff

ANGRY Transkeians have been told they will have to carry passports or other identification documents from today as political tension mounts between South Africa and Transkei and police and security forces watch border crossings.

More than 1 000 policemen and soldiers have set up security points on 45 roads leading to the Transkei border, and tempers flared and traffic ground to a halt at border posts yesterday.

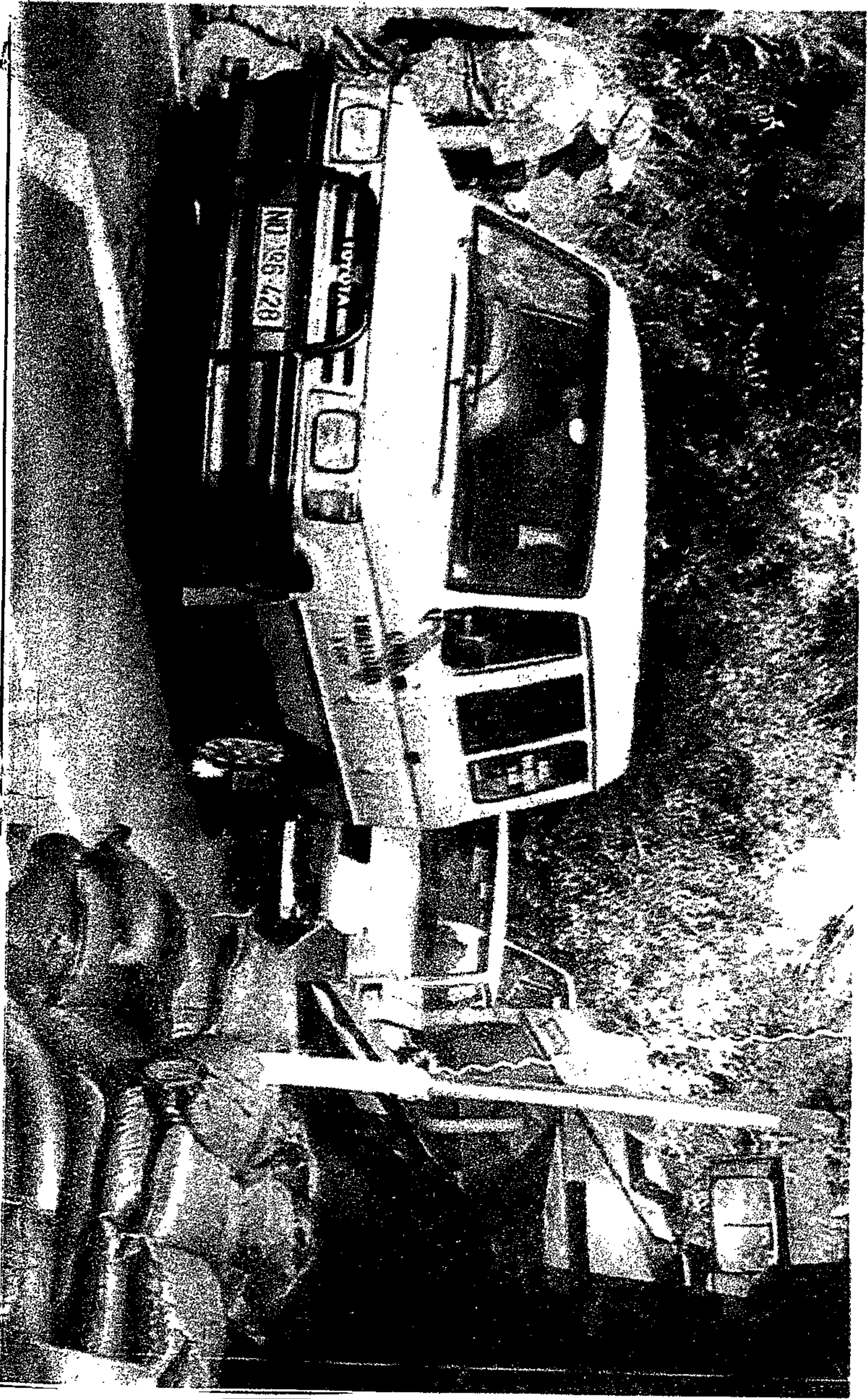
Motorists dismissed the border-post clampdown as "ridiculous", since huge tracts of open land between the posts could easily be exploited by weapons smugglers.

Kokstad teacher Mr Richard Pierce said: "It's a waste of time. If there was anybody trying to smuggle weapons into South Africa from the Transkei, they would simply turn around when they hit this queue."

An irate businessman agreed: "It's pathetic. People are getting ill from the petrol fumes and the heat, and there are another 300 entry points into South Africa."

According to unconfirmed reports, rocks had been placed across main roads, Transkeian citizens were stoning cars, and some talked of fighting back if South African troops crossed the border.

At Kei Cuttings Transkei motorists were faced with hour-long delays and long



BORDER: BLUES: South African soldiers and police manning a sandbagged border crossing on the main South Coast highway at the Ingwavuma River bridge between Port Edward and the Wild Coast Sun search vehicles leaving Transkei.

Picture: The Argus Group Picture Service

packed buses and taxis — on both sides of the border.

The controlling immigration officer for South Africa, Mr Alan Stap, said he was concerned about the traffic flow. He said about 7 000 vehicles passed daily, with about 16 000 expected during Easter.

Transkei's principal immigration officer, Mr Caswell Manyana, said the Transkei side was operating "as normal" without troops.

He felt the long line of cars was not necessary and that it was delaying people.

At Kei Beach border post long queues of vehicles stretched to the horizon on each side in soaring temperatures.

Many of the travellers were unaware of the sudden security clampdown. Most were angry at the delays on both sides of the border.

To make matters worse, the Transkei police had set up a roadblock near Butterworth, 40 km from the border, interpreted by some motorists as spite.

"They (Transkei) reckon the AWB is going to attack them. I wish they would," said the driver of a refrigerated truck.

Travellers told Transkei is safe

DURBAN. — Transkei's commissioner of police said today that South Africans wanting to visit or travel through the homeland had nothing to fear as the security situation there was "normal".

General Nkululeko Mankahla said South Africans could visit Transkei and "drive through with ease".

He said travellers would come across police and army roadblocks but these were routine. Roadblocks would be intensified on the major routes from tomorrow. — Sapa.

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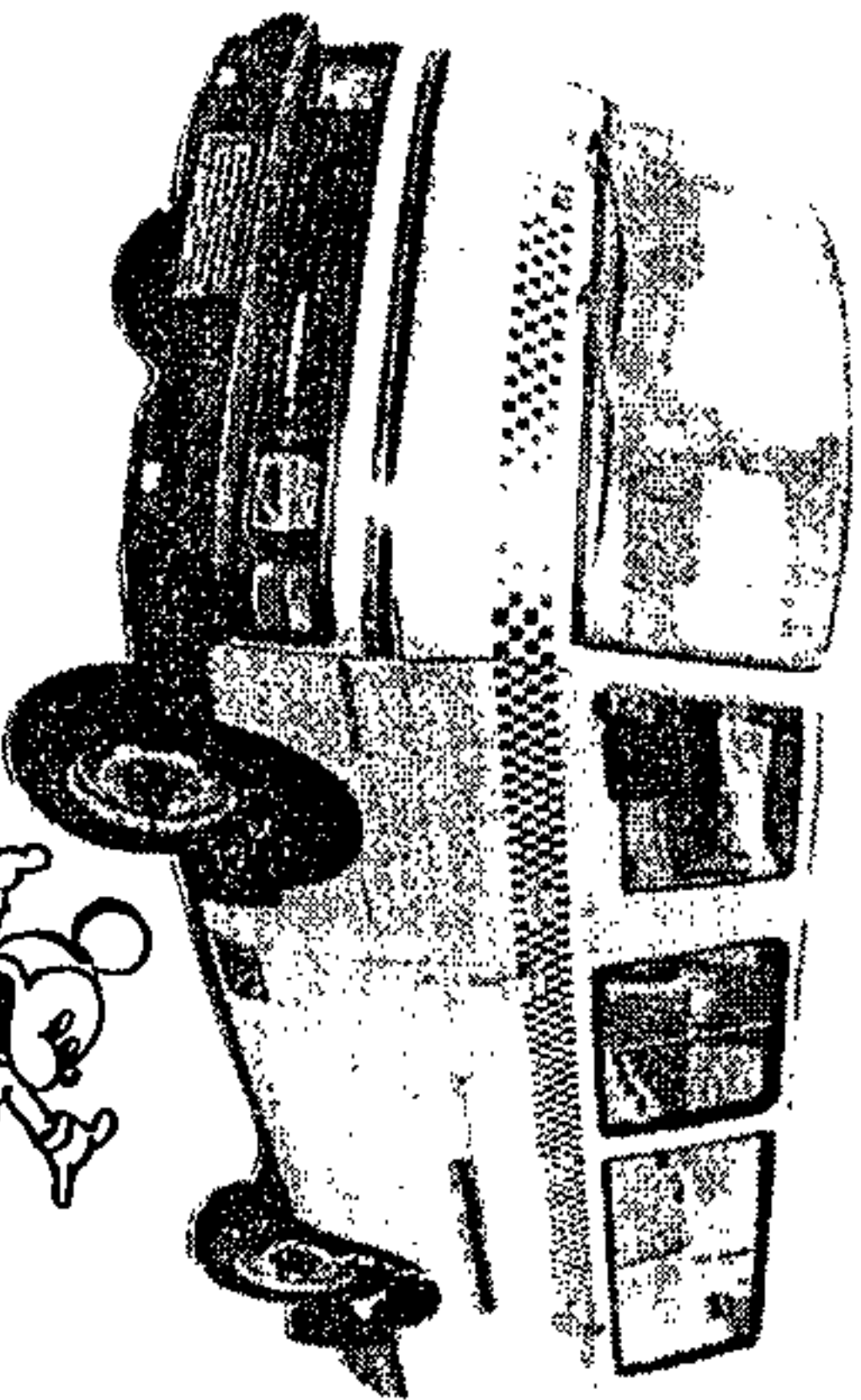
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By Ismail Lagardien, Political Correspondent

TRANSKEAN LEADER Major-General Bantu Holomisa will have decisive discussions with President FW de Klerk in Cape Town today while his territory is being stalked by the South African Defence Force.

Since SADF troops blockaded the homeland late on Tuesday, reportedly to protect South Africans against attacks by Apla from Transkei, it has become apparent that Pretoria wants to oust Holomisa.

After initially warning that any serious action against Holomisa would jeopardise negotiations, the ANC yesterday backed away from its Transkeian ally and said the discord between Pretoria and Umtata had to be "resolved as soon as possible".

A statement from the ANC said: "The Transkei situation is reaching a critical point that requires a sober approach from all parties."
Holomisa himself told *Sapa* yesterday that "a third party" had arranged today's meeting and had "insisted on a peaceful resolution of the looming conflict".

The Transkei receives most of its financial support from the South African Treasury through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A spokesman for Foreign Affairs yesterday said the Government did not rule out stringent financial sanctions against the predominantly rural Transkei society.

Pretoria has tried on previous occasions to oust the ANC-aligned self-proclaimed military dictator, who pledged to keep a lid on the Transkei until a democratic government was in place in South Africa.

De Klerk ordered the blockade as part of a broadside aimed at ousting Holomisa because the homeland leader refused to comply with the findings of the Goldstone Commission.

The commission established that Apla, the PAC's military wing, had used Transkei as a training ground and springboard for attacks on white civilians in South Africa. De Klerk and his Government have also repeatedly been embarrassed by Holomisa, who has, methodically and accompanied by great publicity, released top secret documents of the South African Defence Force and Military Intelligence containing sinister instructions.

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Cosatu chief slams blockade of Transkei

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■ Move compared to measures prior to Lesotho coup:

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But, he said, De Klerk's decision to mount roadblocks on roads leading out

of Transkei pre-empted the outcome of his scheduled talks on April 5 with Transkei military ruler Bantu Holomisa.

Moreover, Shilowa reckoned, it was contradictory for De Klerk to place violence on the agenda of the multiparty negotiations - which start today and at which Transkei will be represented - but to take strong action before the negotiations started.

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economic reconstruction and development.

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PAC condemns SA's cordon around T'kei

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THE PAC yesterday denounced South Africa's security cordon around the Transkei — but vowed to keep fighting and to keep talking.

PAC spokesman Mr Jaki Seroke said the security cordon around the homeland could hamper democracy talks.

"We regard this as an act of aggression. We will maintain all forms of pressure. We will maintain the armed struggle and we will maintain negotiations," he said.

Mr Seroke said the PAC would turn up today for the resumption of multi-party talks.

But he said Apla would keep up its low-level guerilla war against white rule and might escalate the struggle if members were arrested in the Transkei crackdown.

"We are talking to Goldstone's mas-

ters, we have no need to talk to him," he said, adding that the PAC would discuss the disbanding of Apla only in the context of multi-party talks about a mutual cessation of hostilities, including the disbanding of the SADF and the homeland armies.

"The regime is just trying to whip up emotions among its white followers before the talks," he said.

● Mr Seroke's comments came as Apla political commissar Mr Romero Daniels denied yesterday the group was targeting white civilians.

"We are not going for civilian targets," he said from the group's headquarters in Tanzania in an interview on Radio 702.

"The SAP and the security forces are still our targets and we are hitting them at will," he said. — Sapa

Transkei deployment condemned

THE Border ANC and Transkei PAC yesterday hit out at the deployment of South African security forces along the Transkei border as an attempt to blockade the homeland.

"It is economic strangulation of Transkei to force Holomisa to his knees," said Border ANC media officer Mcebisi Bata.

He queried South Africa's reason for the security ring around Transkei

■ Security ring strangling homeland economics - critics:

on the grounds that the homeland was being used as a springboard for Apla attacks, saying Apla had as much of a presence in South Africa as in Transkei. Bata reiterated the ANC head office's warning to the Government this week that any military action against Transkei would scuttle the negotiation process. PAC director

of information and publicity Waters Toboti dismissed the South African Government's reasons for stepped-up security on the Transkei border as a "pack of lies". Transkei PAC spokesman Zingisa Mkabile said the organisation condemned the move if it was intended to force Transkei "to succumb to South African demands".

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Cosatu questions Transkei blockade

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By Patrick Laurence

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Anticipating criticism from the PAC that Cosatu's pro-ANC stance would alienate those of its 1.3 million members who are not ANC supporters, Shilowa said: "There is a difference between encouraging members to vote for the ANC and compelling them to do so."

In any case, Shilowa added, it was an open secret that Cosatu was a member of the ANC-led tripartite alliance.

Cosatu's programme of action, as outlined by Shilowa, identifies it as a strong opponent of federalism.

By Helen Grange
and Peter Fabricius

As traffic and tensions built up on Transkei's border after a South African clampdown yesterday, President de Klerk and Major-General Bantu Holomisa agreed to meet today in an attempt to defuse the situation.

Tempers flared at border posts as soldiers and policemen subjected vehicles entering South Africa to strict searches.

An unconfirmed report said rocks were placed across main roads, Transkeian citizens were stoning cars and Transkeians talked of fighting back if SA troops crossed the border.

At Kei Cuttings, Transkei motorists were faced with hour-long delays and the queues stretched on both sides of the border. There were angry scenes as buses and taxis ground to a standstill. At Kei Beach border post, queues of vehicles stretched into the horizon on either side in searing heat.

De Klerk and Holomisa are expected to have a heated exchange over the security cordon thrown around Transkei's borders after the Government accused the homeland of providing material support to the Azanian People's Liberation Army for attacks in South Africa.

The allegations were subsequently confirmed in provisional findings of a Goldstone Commission inquiry into Apla's activities.

Holomisa has dismissed the findings and insisted on an inquiry under the jurisdiction of Transkei.

The ANC has expressed concern that the situation is reaching a critical point which required a sober approach from all parties.

De Klerk's office said the president, in a diplomatic note to Holomisa yesterday, stated he reserved the right to take "appropriate" measures to protect the interests of South African citizens from further cross-border attacks by Apla.

At Kei Cuttings, the controlling immigration officer for South Africa, Alan Stap, said he was concerned about the traffic flow. He said about 7 000 vehicles passed daily, with 16 000 during Easter. Many travellers had been unaware of the clampdown and most were angry at the delays on both sides of the border.

To make matters worse, the Transkei police had set up a roadblock near Butterworth, another 40 km from the border, interpreted by a number of motorists as a gesture of spite.

A number of motorists expressed fury at the "ridiculousness" of the clamps while huge tracts of open land between the posts could easily be exploited by weapons smugglers.

Travellers leaving Transkei, including a handful of local and overseas tourists, seemed generally dismissive of the reports concerning the dangers in Transkei. A family of German tourists said they had felt "a little frightened" but had not run into any trouble.

One Butterworth man, asked whether he was anxious about Apla, replied: "What can I do if something happens? I'm not frightened of anything. I'm more scared of Johannesburg."

Eastern Cape police spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers said routes to and from Transkei were open but warned that travellers went through the homeland at their own risk.

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Transkei border chaos

Crisis meetings

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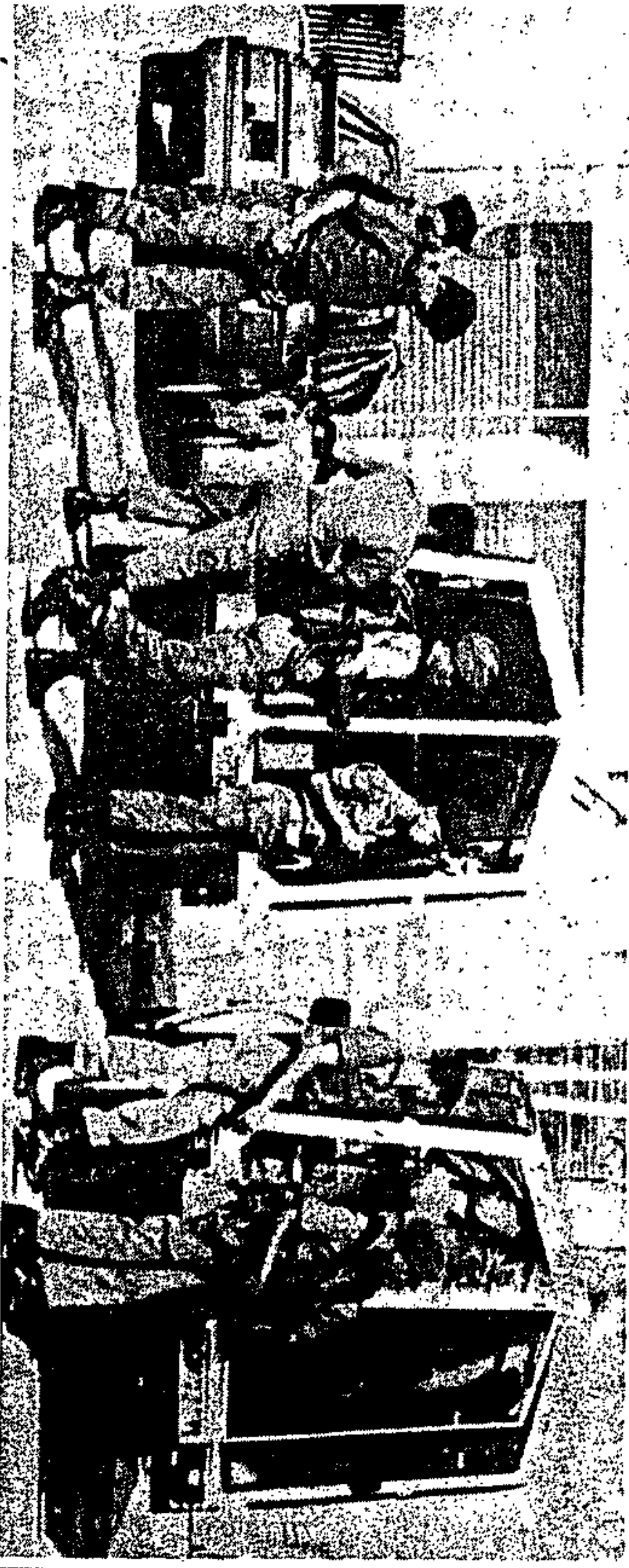
PRESIDENT F W de Klerk and Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa are to meet in Cape Town this afternoon to discuss the crisis between the two governments.

But the crisis deepened last night when, responding to a diplomatic Note from General Holomisa, the State President's Office said it regarded as a matter of concern that "the Transkei government had obviously made no attempt to verify its widely-publicised allegations about the State President and the South African Police".

The Note alleged that the State President had issued an order for Apla members living in the Transkei to be wiped out, and also charged that security force members were respraying cars and changing number plates to stage attacks on the Transkei.

Meanwhile police have warned holidaymakers they cannot guarantee the safety of travellers in the Transkei. An unconfirmed report stated boulders had been placed across main roads and Transkeian citizens were stoning cars.

Mr De Klerk has announced an effective blockade of Transkei. Roadblocks have been erected on all routes leading into the homeland, and all vehicles are being searched. The meeting between Mr De Klerk and General Holomisa



ON PATROL - Police and the army in the Eastern Cape border region are maintaining a vigilant presence as tension between South Africa and Transkei simmers.

was arranged after the ANC intervened in the conflict. Government sources said yesterday the ANC was instrumental in bringing forward the date to today, and ANC spokesman Ms Gill Marcus confirmed that the ANC had been in contact with both sides.

Responding to the allegations contained in the Note, the government said the allegation that the State President had issued an order for Apla members in the Transkei to be "wiped out" was "preposterous". Also, the SAP was not aware of any security force members

respraying cars and changing number plates to stage attacks on the Transkei. "The only vehicles being resprayed are heavy vehicles belonging to the Internal Stability Unit which were previously in camouflage colours. Since the beginning of 1992, there has been a process of respraying them light green."

The central issue was the findings of the Goldstone Commission's report, not whether the two governments had a dispute with one another. Commenting on the police warning to travellers, Eastern

Cape police spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers said that although routes between SA and Transkei were open, travellers going through the area did so at their own risk. The SAP yesterday moved more than 1 000 policemen into the area to man 45 points along the border, to search all cars entering SA from Transkei and to protect South Africans from cross-border attacks.

Natal Command spokesman Colonel Franz Boshoff said troops had been deployed along the border to assist the police with their duties and to patrol

areas where police were not deployed. The police earlier warned motorists not to carry firearms in the Transkei because the Transkei police intended to act against South Africans found with weapons.

CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said yesterday the CP and its allies in the concerned South Africans Group (Cosag) would demand the banning of Umkhonto weSizwe and Apla at the forthcoming constitutional talks. Political Staff, Own Correspondent and Sapa

'MI wanted homelands to fight ANC'

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

SHOCK disclosures about secret Military Intelligence documents and meetings to fight the ANC through the homelands were made in Parliament last night by the Democratic Party MP for Umlanga, Mr Kobus Jordaan. He also quoted from an "information package" about covert actions, which he received anonymously in September 1990, in which the role of prominent Inkatha Freedom Party member Mr Walter Felgate with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi was described as "an absolute success". The same document said Mr Rowan Cronje, a former Rhodesian Front cabinet minister, had been "sent" to Ciskei, but could not counter the negative influences around the then president, Mr Lennox Sebe. "In Bophuthatswana, however, he (Mr Cronje) has been extremely successful." Mr Jordaan named General Thembie Glenewald, former secretary of the State Security Council, as the key figure behind the strategy of using the homelands against the ANC. The document said the strategy also included the involvement of former ANC member Mr John Gogoya and the establishment of the Federal Independent Democratic Association (Fida), whose constitutional proposals had largely been drawn up by Professor Albert Blauwstein, an IFP constitutional adviser.

SA to maintain Transkei cordon

Tensions ease as Holomisa meets FW

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CAPE TOWN — Tensions between SA and Transkei were substantially defused yesterday after an extended meeting between the two administrations, but SA's security measures will remain for the time being.

Transkei's military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa offered to launch an inquiry into Apla's activities under Transkei Chief Justice C E L Beck which could "link up" with the Goldstone commission.

He said government had not objected to this proposal. SA Foreign Minister Pik Botha said this sounded "hopeful" but added that it was not up to the SA government to accept or reject this offer.

Botha said the cordon could not be lifted until SA was sure that the threat to SA citizens from Apla no longer existed. If the Transkei administration took steps to ensure security arrangements were in place, then SA's strict border controls would no longer be necessary. "We have to wait and see how things develop."

Botha said he feared the UN would not recognise Transkei's commission.

The Tuynhuys meeting began with President F W de Klerk giving the Transkei delegation a thorough tongue-lashing, saying at one point: "If SA citizens inside or outside Transkei are harmed . . . as a result of the actions or omission of the Transkei government, I will hold you and your government responsible."

"You threatened the SA government and the SA people. You said that we will have to man each and every white home inside and outside Transkei, because you won't be responsible if the people retaliate."

"I do not take kindly to comments like these and I also do not expect inflammatory statements from the head of government of a country with which SA has close ties in almost every field," De Klerk said.

On the effective blockade imposed by SA, Holomisa said his government had done away with roadblocks on his territory's side of the border and it was SA's prerogative to implement the security measures it considered necessary.

Holomisa said his delegation had requested that no one should be inconvenienced and if SA was to emulate Transkei's example, it would help.

He said SA and Transkeian forces, policemen in particular, must work hand in hand, to bring evidence to the proposed commission.

He said the delegations had emerged as people who were co-operating.

Asked what would happen if Transkei's commission found evidence of Apla operating in territory, Holomisa said: "Then the law must take its course."

He denied that Transkei was supplying arms to Apla, describing Transkei's non-participation in the Goldstone commission as a "technicality that we could not avoid".

Botha said the UN accepted the Goldstone commission as authoritative, and it was Transkei's duty to comply with it.

He said he had gained the impression that Transkei was opposed to any forces attacking SA from its territory.

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CSIR comfortable with its 'objectivity' over St Lucia

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

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

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

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

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

The CSIR had received more than 500

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individual anti-mining letters so far, but was unable to deal with them on an individual basis because such comments were not based on the report.

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

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

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

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

Securocrats setting up De Klerk (103) Holomisa

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal to help jobless

ERICA JANKOWITZ

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

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

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

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

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

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Delays infuriate queues at Kei borders

By Helen Grange

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TRANSKEI BORDER — The Transkei-South Africa border "queue blues" continued yesterday at border posts, prompting regular cross-border commuters to call for a halt to the "frustrating security measures".

Nearly every vehicle entering and leaving the homeland is being searched by a joint contingent of South African soldiers and policemen in the wake of the Government's decision to act against the Transkei government to stop arms smuggling and curtail Apla's infiltration into South Africa.

Policemen have been sent to search vehicles at smaller points of entry where there are normally no border checks conducted. At the pontoon crossing at the mouth of the Kei River the local police stations are rotating duties.

Motorists in the kilometre-long queue which developed from early yesterday morning at the Kei Cutting border post between Umtata and East London were furious at the delays.

Businessmen crossing the border daily said they could not tolerate the situation for long.

"We are losing hours out of the day because of this. It is ridiculous and something should be done to stop it," said one businessman.

Although there have been no reports of violent incidents involving tourists in the Transkei recently, the flow of visitors to the homeland has slowed.

Some motorists speculated that the inconvenience of the new security measures would squeeze Transkei dry of tourists, while the Transkei Wild Coast resorts, normally teaming with tourists over the Easter holidays, look set for a quiet Easter.

Their South African counterparts just across the Kei River are fully booked.

Trennery's holiday resort at Quolora mouth, just inside Transkei, has suffered cancellations "because people are scared", a resort employee said.

The situation has not, however, deterred South African and Transkeian bus companies from operating as usual.

Said one sheep farmer, who wished to remain unnamed: "The cops know where these Apla training bases are. A couple of weeks ago, they went and fetched two Apla guys and made them talk about what had happened concerning a recent grenade attack on a farm shop close to the Kei River.

"It had to do with a PAC guy whose own shop was suffering from the competition. The cops know what is going on. In the meantime, we (farmers) are protecting ourselves".

Close watch on Transkei's next move

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TENSION between Transkei and South Africa has eased after talks between President De Klerk and General Bantu Holomisa.

But strict border controls remain in place, and Umtata's next move will be carefully gauged.

The government will be watching closely to see if, and how, Transkei draws the Goldstone Commission into its own probe of Apla activities.

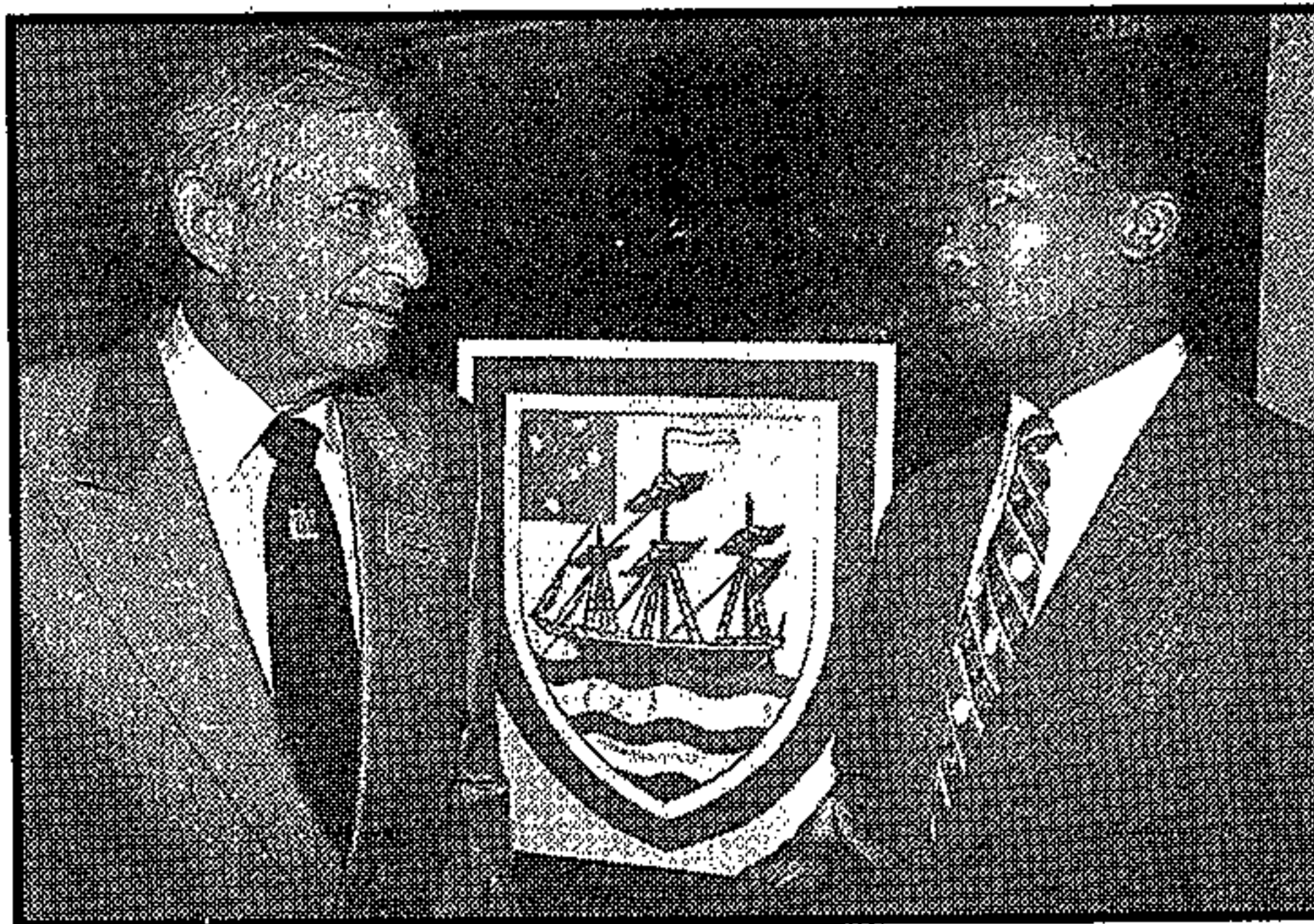
This is expected to be the key to the lifting of the security net cast around Transkei's borders on Wednesday.

President De Klerk warned the Transkeian leader that failure to co-operate with the Goldstone Commission "will create a very serious situation".

General Holomisa was given a dressing down by President De Klerk at the start of a meeting at Tuynhuys last evening which ended nearly two hours later with a compromise.

The military ruler undertook to appoint his own inquiry into the activities of Apla — and allegations that it planned and executed attacks on South Africa from within the homeland state — under Transkei's Chief Justice Mr Justice Beck.

General Holomisa said: "In



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VISIT: Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa meets Cape Town Chamber of Commerce president Mr Herbert Hirsch at a chamber symposium in the city yesterday.

the process, he (Mr Justice Beck) can work with any other structure, or even the Goldstone Commission, to exchange and get witnesses to come and testify.

"We went further to say that both forces — the police in particular — must work hand in hand ... to bring evidence to the proposed inquiry."

He said that if anybody was found to have been involved in violence, "the law must take its own course".

Briefing journalists after the meeting, Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha said Mr De Klerk had told General Holomisa that the South African government could not approve or reject a proposal for a new Transkei-based inquiry — since the Goldstone Commission was independent from the government — but had urged the general to "link" the new inquiry to the Goldstone probe.

"My impression was that the Transkei delegation was not against this."

Talks fail: 'Kei cordon remains

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THE SADF'S RING OF STEEL around Transkei remains after crisis talks between military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa and President FW de Klerk failed in Cape Town last night.

The Government confirmed last night that the blockade would continue despite an undertaking by Holomisa that he would institute a commission of inquiry into "preliminary" findings by the Goldstone Commission that the Azanian People's Liberation Army was operating from the homeland.

The meeting follows Transkei's refusal to cooperate with the Goldstone Commission on Apla's alleged activities.

De Klerk told Holomisa he rejected Holomisa's reference to the Goldstone Commission as a "kangaroo court".

"I reject your attack on the integrity, objectivity

and fairness of the Goldstone Commission. Its

credibility and acceptability internationally and in South Africa are beyond doubt," De Klerk said.

He told Holomisa that his failure to co-operate with the Goldstone Commission would result in "a very serious situation".

A cool and relaxed Holomisa said after yesterday's meeting that he had told De Klerk that Transkei's Chief Justice Beck would, in consultation with Justice Goldstone, lead a commission into alleged Apla activities in the Transkei.

"We even went further to say (that) both

forces, policemen in particular, must work hand in hand to beef up or bring the evidence to this proposed inquiry which is going to be headed by the Transkeian chief justice.

Holomisa said that he had no objections to co-operation with Goldstone, but the Government had always insisted that Transkei was independent and that the homeland was therefore not bound by any laws or commissions in South Africa.

Nevertheless, he said, the Transkei would confirm with a diplomatic note that the commission would be instituted.



Major-General Bantu Holomisa.
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focus on Holomisa

THEY TOOK my marks, otherwise I should have been tops." This was Transkei leader Bantubonke Holomisa's moan every time he failed to make it to the top at Ngqungqu Primary School in the remote Mqanduli district of Transkei.

His mother, Nokhonsathi, describes him as a stubborn young boy, always domineering ... who brimmed with leadership qualities at an early age.

"He did not like to be outperformed and would always walk out of the classroom whenever a teacher reproached him," she said.

Such behaviour is not uncommon in sons and even daughters of royal blood.

Born 38 years ago to Chief Bazindlovu Holomisa of the Amagebe clan, Holomisa also broke with conventional royalty through his erudite and fact-oriented approach.

Friends and ex-schoolmates know him as a bright lad who commanded their respect.

"He is a principled and outspoken pragmatist who clings tenaciously to protocol and is unrelenting when it comes to defending a right," says ex-schoolmate and friend Chief Nkosimntu Mditshwa, who is now Transkei's Consul-General in Johannesburg.

Mditshwa gave us a rare glimpse of the life and person of Holomisa, who brought the Matanzima dynasty to an end by ousting Prime Minister Chief George Matanzima in December 1987.

He has since become famous for his defiant stand against the white South African Government.

As a herdboys he would beat up other boys and order them to round up the cattle. His mother said he was a good fighter who would not run away.

His brother Patekile Holomisa, now president of the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa, said Bantubonke was recognised as *the* boy by his peers wherever he went.

His charisma showed clearly at Jongilizwe College, a school for the sons of chiefs, where he became a vice-head prefect in Standard 8, a leadership role preserved for final year students up to that stage.

Mditshwa says Holomisa was a reserved type, serious about his studies and outclassed only by one student in debates.

"As sons of chiefs we had debates on national issues. He was powerful in his speeches and only Sailor Mgudlwa outclassed him."

He was a sports enthusiast too. This writer knows him as manager of a local soccer team, Tembu Royals. Officials of the rival Umtata Bucks conceded he was a good administrator.

On his sporting prowess during his school days Mditshwa said:

"He was one of the best sprinters in athletics

Transkei military ruler Bantu Holomisa, now embroiled in a verbal war with South Africa, showed leadership qualities at an early age. He did not want to be outperformed.

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Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa

and often represented Transkei in national competitions in Welkom.

"Rugby was his best sport. He was the best fly-half at school and also played at wing.

"In soccer he played defence and sometimes as goalkeeper.

"Generally, he pleased nobody but was loved by many students for his honest and straightforward approach.

"He was fearless and kept his word. If we wanted food, he would stand for it. If we had problems with sports, he would stand for us.

"He was good in analysing the political situation and was vehemently opposed to independence when we held a debate on the issue on the eve of Transkei independence.

"Taking QwaQwa as an example, how can they develop it, as the bulk of the population there are stones?" Holomisa asked during the debate.

Holomisa had a stint at the Post Office before enlisting in the army in 1976.

He joined the battalion into which Chief Kaiser Matanzima recruited sons of chiefs in his drive to entrench his position.

Mditshwa said Kaiser knew very well that any coup would come from the chiefs.

To get their support, he decided to enlist their sons in the first Transkei defence force battalion. "It sounded so rosy, it was accepted by the chiefs," Mditshwa said.

Holomisa's rise to power followed the findings of the Alexander Commission, which was appointed to probe corruption in the Transkei government.

Holomisa, accompanied by Brigadier Temba Matanzima and the late Lieutenant Craig Duli, told Chief George Matanzima — who was heavily implicated in corruption — to resign.

Matanzima immediately met the South African Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, to inform him of his intention to resign.

It seems Botha persuaded Matanzima not to resign. According to secret files on the so-called Operation Katzen, Matanzima came back from that meeting with the intention of eliminating Holomisa.

Holomisa narrowly escaped death when a plot to assassinate him was foiled by junior army officers.

The soldiers decided to remove army commander and ex-Selous Scout General Reid Daly.

Matanzima, together with the Deputy Army Commander of the Transkei defence force, General Zondwa Mtirara, went into hiding.

The army rounded up ex-Selous Scouts and deported them across the borders.

Military rule began with Holomisa as a leader, followed by 87 days of civilian rule under Stella Sigcau.

Meanwhile, the Alexander Commission was still sitting and Stella Sigcau was one of the cabinet ministers who allegedly received "sweets" from Matanzima.

She was ousted and Holomisa took over the reins.

His reign has been characterised by open hostility to Pretoria. He survived many attempts, allegedly orchestrated by the South African Government, to topple him.

His meeting with State President FW de Klerk this week came in the wake of the sealing of Transkeian borders by South African troops.

This followed the finding of the Goldstone Commission that the territory was being used as a springboard for attacks by Apla, the PAC's military wing.

Holomisa has vehemently denied the charges, angrily denouncing the Goldstone Commission as merely doing De Klerk's bidding.

12 secret intelligence files left — Holomisa

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By PETER DENNEHY

TRANSKEI'S military leader, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, disclosed yesterday before his meeting with President F W de Klerk that he still had 12 secret intelligence files in his possession.

But he said in an interview he would only release these if Mr De Klerk agreed to appoint a commission of inquiry into Operation Katzen, with supervision by an international body.

Earlier General Holomisa told Cape Town businessmen that he had sensitive documents on Operation Katzen, an alleged plot to destabilise Ciskei and Transkei, which proved the whole

undertaking had been ordered by the then State President, Mr P W Botha.

Asked by Democratic Party MP Mr Jasper Walsh whether there had been a plot to destabilise his region, he replied: "If you are a brigadier, you don't just say that. There was knowledge of this at the highest level."

At a symposium on local and regional government, Gen Holomisa was asked how he felt "as a military dictator, addressing a conference on federal democracy, when the Transkei is infamous for its corruption and harbouring of murderers".

The general responded that the question was based on untested evidence.

Police deployed: Border security stepped up

MARITZBURG. ^{CF 2/14/93} Police reinforcements were deployed along the Transkei border yesterday as part of a government plan to tighten security around the homeland, while Transkei tried to assure travellers that the security situation there was normal. ⁽¹⁰³⁾ Police units flew in to ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~Saba~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~at~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~port~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~here~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~yesterday~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~to~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~be~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~immedi-~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~ately~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~deployed~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~along~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~the~~ ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ~~Transkei~~ border and in the Natal Midlands.

Transkei Commissioner of Police General Nkululeko Mankahla said yesterday that South Africans wanting to visit or travel through the homeland had nothing to fear. He said travellers would come across police and army roadblocks but these were routine. Roadblocks would be intensified on the major routes from today.

On the Transkei side of the border long queues of cars were reported at some border posts. Troops were searching most vehicles entering South Africa at the Kei River border post. Delays of up to two hours were reported by people who had passed through the border.

Cars were moving freely into the Transkei. Despite the police warnings on safety within the Transkei no incidents were reported there yesterday. ● Cosatu said the government's border controls were "high-handed and arrogant". It accused the government of resorting to the use of force to "bully those refusing to bow to its dictates". — Sapa

Two companies of SADF troops from the 8 SA Division from the Transvaal are expected to be deployed in the Natal Midlands from the weekend as part of the joint army and police anti-crime operation.

Holomisa agrees to Goldstone probe

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By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The crisis in Transkei/South African relations was largely defused yesterday when Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa agreed that the Goldstone Commission could play a part in probing claims of Apla military activities in the homeland.

After a "straight-talking" two-hour meeting in Cape Town, in which President de Klerk gave Holomisa a dressing down, a compromise seems to be on the cards.

De Klerk warned Holomisa that the moment of truth had arrived in dealing with violence. The Government would not hesitate to take "appropriate action" when its citizens were threatened.

Holomisa announced to the press afterwards that he had decided to appoint Transkei's Chief Justice to probe the Apla allegations.

But, in an important concession, Holomisa — who has so far refused to acknowledge the

Goldstone Commission — said the Chief Justice would work with other structures, including the Goldstone Commission.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha welcomed Holomisa's move as "very hopeful" although he indicated that at the meeting Holomisa had not spelt out his readiness to co-operate with the commission.

But Holomisa said afterwards that complete agreement had been reached and the crisis had been defused.

De Klerk kicked off yesterday's meeting by severely dressing down Holomisa.

Transkei's failure to co-operate with the Goldstone Commission would create "a very serious situation," he told him.

Holomisa's accusations against the SA Government had nothing to do with the Goldstone Commission's findings on Apla. "The only rational response" was for Transkei to co-operate with the commission and put before it all the evidence at its disposal.

De Klerk said Holomisa "ought to know" that he, De Klerk, had not given orders for certain Apla members in Transkei to be "wiped out" as Holo-

misa claimed.

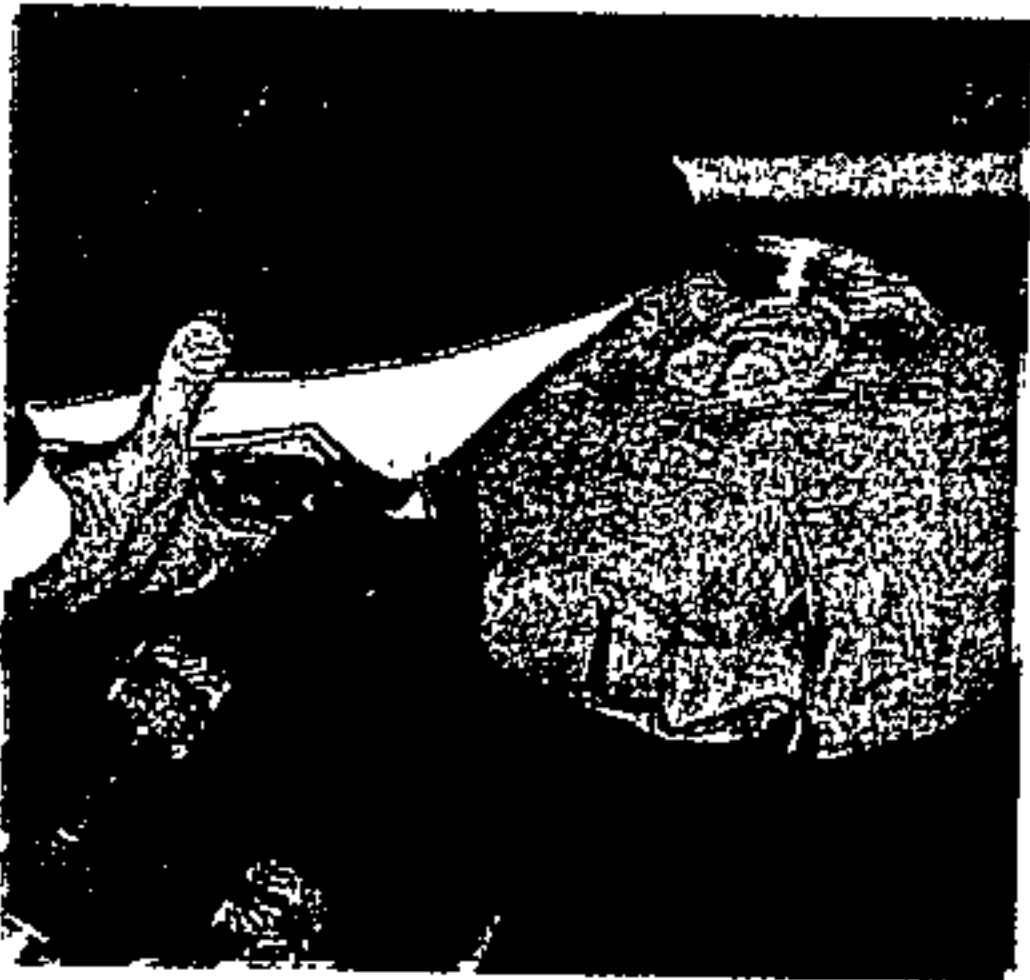
"And to make matters worse, you threatened the South African Government and the South African people. You said that we will have to man each and every white home inside and outside Transkei, because you won't be responsible if the people related.

"Let me make it clear that if South African citizens inside or outside Transkei are harmed or their property is damaged or destroyed as a result of the actions or omissions of Transkei Government, I will hold you and your government responsible.

"It cannot be in the interest of the people of Transkei to imply that if you do not get your way, whites will be murdered."

De Klerk said he was disturbed by Holomisa's description of the Goldstone Commission as a "kangaroo court" and rejected his attack on its integrity, objectivity and fairness.

De Klerk stressed that Mr Justice Goldstone himself and not the Government, had taken the initiative to investigate Apla, on the UN Security Council's recommendation.



President F W de Klerk

Transkei tensions ease

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

AN ANC-brokered meeting yesterday between President F W de Klerk and Transkei's military leader, General Bantu Holomisa, has diffused tensions between the two governments — but the South African blockade of the homeland will not be lifted yet.

Mr De Klerk bluntly told the Transkei government that it had to deal with the Goldstone Commission's preliminary findings that Apla was using the homeland to launch attacks in South Africa.

The Transkei government replied that it would appoint its own commission of inquiry under the chairmanship of its Chief Justice, Mr Justice C E L Beck, to investigate the Goldstone Commission findings.

However, Gen Holomisa said the Beck Commission would be free to work "hard in hand" with any South African structures, including the Goldstone Commission.

Gen Holomisa, who spoke to pressmen outside Tuynhuys after his meeting with Mr De Klerk, also said the security forces of the two countries should co-operate on evidence. He said yesterday's meeting was conducted "in a good spirit and we have emerged as people who are co-operating and planning a way forward".

A decision on lifting the stringent SA/Transkei border controls is likely to be taken by the SA government after Transkei replies to a diplomatic Note sent by SA on Wednesday.

Co-operation with the Goldstone Commission is likely to lead to the lifting of controls.



General Bantu Holomisa

Holomisa holding his head high

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HOURS after he survived a bloody coup attempt in November 1990 which claimed 19 lives, General Harrington Bantubonke Holomisa was chatting and joking in his modest Umtata home, sporting a colourful T-shirt with a teddy bear on it.

Several months ago, as the row over the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) was simmering, he was enjoying a one-day cricket international at St George's Park. And this week, amid angry rumbles from South Africa, Transkei's military ruler took time out to play rugby in Athlone. While many, even some sympathetic to him, believe he may have pushed Pretoria too far, the man who has replaced Chris Hani as primary object of the South African government's vitriol appears unfazed.

Why is he so confident? Should he be so sure that the African National Congress will continue to support him, even at the risk of jeopardising the negotiation process?

Holomisa is seen by some observers as playing a watchdog role: ensuring ANC negotiators do not compromise too much, and reminding South Africans not to forget — or forgive too easily — Pretoria's "dirty tricks" campaign against anti-apartheid activists.

Recent reports have suggested senior ANC figures are becoming irritated with Holomisa and upset about the ramifications of the Apla row for

General Bantu Holomisa appears unfazed by Pretoria's vitriol.

Why is he so confident?

PATRICK GOODENOUGH reports

the negotiation process.

At the same time, there is concern in the ANC leadership core about growing support for the Pan Africanist Congress in Transkei. Already uneasy about claims of "the emergence of two ANCs" arising out of different approaches to the situation in Natal, national figures are wary of similar perceptions developing among the traditionally militant Transkei membership. It's unlikely, therefore, that Holomisa will be dropped.

Holomisa has long made it clear that he is "on good terms" with both the ANC and the PAC. But as the two organisations' paths diverged over negotiation strategies, he has had to juggle skillfully to keep both happy.

While he has long been regarded as pro-ANC, he cannot ignore the PAC. Transkei, by its very nature a dumping ground for apartheid's displaced, is an obvious home for PAC sentiment.

"Transkeians were pushed into this little piece of land so that the rest of the country could be white," says the homeland's PAC-leaning consul in East London, Ezra Mshontshi. "The loss of



General Bantu Holomisa

land within living memory, especially in areas of the north-eastern Cape, remains a sore point to this day. The PAC has a lot of support, and Holomisa is pragmatic. He can't afford the luxury of abandoning the PAC supporters.

Ironically, while Holomisa enjoys the open support of the PAC leadership elsewhere, the move-

Another possible reason for Holomisa's confidence is his assurance of a bright future, no matter how often he insists that he has no ambition other than wanting to study further — "perhaps a spell at Sandhurst Military Academy" — to redress what he sees as "deficiencies" in his training. Says Bengu: "We would like to see him around in the new South Africa. I cannot say what his own feelings are, but the people are saying they will see him in the new government."

Mshontshi says he doubts that Holomisa has political ambitions, but this does not mean he will be allowed to fade away: "We won't let go of him. His political track record is unique." — Eena

ment's regional leadership is less demonstrative. "This may well be a case of familiarity breeding contempt," comments a well-placed observer. "The local PAC puts Holomisa under great pressure and places demands on him continuously, while hiding under his skirt and using the space he has created to organise."

The ANC's regional secretary, Fezile Bengu, is adamant that ANC members in the homeland still support Holomisa unreservedly.

PAC and ANC-supporting Transkeians alike are behind Holomisa in the latest war of words with Pretoria, and are angry about Pretoria's handling of the Apla affair, particularly the refusal to second a judge to chair the Transkei inquiry.

Holomisa's proposed terms of reference for the inquiry were wider than those of the Goldstone Commission probe, and would have ensured broader causes of destabilisation in the region were investigated.

Says Mshontshi: "Transkeians to a man believe South Africa is the guilty party in wanting to destabilise Transkei. The inquiry could have shown this."

Holomisa's insistence that South African security officers testify before his mooted commission of inquiry went beyond mere posturing. He has been waiting to question individuals based in South Africa, including police officers, about the abortive coup attempt he survived in November 1990. Pretoria could be severely embarrassed if plots against him were hauled out of the closet.

The ANC's Bengu says it is clear that President FW de Klerk's threats against the Transkei earlier this week were "actually aimed at the ANC, which has majority support in the Transkei."

Adds an observer: "Threats against the Transkei government make South Africa look ridiculous. It's tantamount to threatening the people of (PAC president) Clarence Makwetu and (ANC president) Nelson Mandela, both of whom come from Transkei."

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Transkei security clampdown a farce

By PATRICK GOODENOUGH: East London
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THE South African security clampdown around Transkei is a farce. No arrests have been reported and no weapons seized, though tens of thousands of tourists, taxi commuters and businessmen have been delayed for hours by searches at more than 40 crossing points.

The timing of the clampdown suggests that multi-party talks and yesterday's crucial meeting between President FW de Klerk and General Bantu Holomisa are the key factors — rather than security considerations. And the threat of an economic blockade is hanging over the Transkei ruler's head.

Whatever the merits of the Goldstone Commission's findings, Pretoria's response has serious consequences. The target may be the Azanian People's Liberation Organisation (Apla), but tourism and business are taking the blows.

The border areas have been quiet for months. Significantly, none of the alleged Apla suspects arrested by police last week was picked up in the eastern Cape. And, as Holomisa has pointed out,

none originated from Transkei.

The perpetrators of a recent shooting at a Fort Beaufort hotel almost certainly came from and returned to nearby Ciskei. It is also highly unlikely the recent Transvaal terror attacks were launched from Transkei.

The town clerk of the little town of Ugie, Roco Joubert, spoke for many yesterday when he complained that the security build-up was completely unnecessary — and damaging.

The arrival late on Wednesday night of 50 Internal Stability Unit members to patrol the area has not been welcomed, Joubert said. "We are very unhappy about this. If the government has a problem with Holomisa, they should sort it out between them in some other manner. They shouldn't take steps like these — certainly without consulting the local authorities.

"The town's economy is affected. People are now too scared to travel here. Blocking the border posts is making it very uncomfortable for people to travel to and from the Transkei. Most of the farmers here do business in Transkei, our

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buying power comes out of Transkei, and we get a lot of our hospital and other services from Umtata.

Joubert also expressed concern about the effects of the clampdown on cross-border relations: "I just hope these guys pull out quickly, so things can get back to normal."

Maclear's town clerk, Trevor van Coller, echoed Joubert's concern, saying that his district had been peaceful and that cross-border contact group exchanges had been "going fine".

Transkei's chamber of industries president Les Holbrook questioned the timing of the "unnecessary" crackdown, just as the Easter holiday begins. "It happens every time before the holiday season. One almost gets the feeling it is being engineered," he said.

Even policemen and soldiers searching vehicles at the Kei Bridge border post — where thousands of cars, trucks and buses were backed up in long queues this week — seemed embarrassed and irritated by the fact that their searches were bearing no fruit. — Ecna

Threat to bomb Kei bridge

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EAST LONDON. — Angry taxi drivers allegedly threatened to blow up the Kei Bridge yesterday during a tense standoff with the SAP which effectively closed off the border for several hours.

The taxi drivers blocked the Transkei side of the border just as a tanker drove on to the bridge from the South African side, causing a huge traffic jam. They were angered by the lengthy delays and loss of business caused by the security forces searching vehicles entering South Africa.

The SAP's community relations head in the eastern Cape, Colonel Louis Botha, claimed the taxi drivers threatened to blow-up the bridge, using the tanker.

The security forces pushed back traffic on the South African side as a precautionary measure while negotiations between the taxi drivers and senior SA and Transkei policemen were underway.

Transkei consul general Ezra Mtshontshi was reported to be on the scene to join in the negotiations.

The blockade was eventually lifted shortly before 4 pm, but there was still congestion in the late afternoon. The tanker and the taxis passed safely across the border.

Colonel Botha said the se-

curity forces, which have been stationed around the Transkei borders since Wednesday morning, were only conducting spot checks on vehicles at the Kei Bridge border post last night in a bid to ease the backlog.

Homeland leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa claimed that South African agents provocateur were responsible for threatening to blow up the petrol tanker.

Police said 80 people have been arrested since the security cordon was placed round Transkei on Wednesday.

However, none of the arrested were arrested for political offences, according to eastern Cape community relations head Colonel Louis Botha.

Colonel Botha said that 27 people had been arrested for serious crimes and 53 for less serious offences.

He said police had recovered a stolen vehicle and 25 bags of dagga weighing about 500 kg.

■ General Holomisa has confirmed that he met Azanian People's Liberation Army commander Sabelo Phama in the homeland a few weeks ago, along with members of the Pan Africanist Congress national executive, to discuss South Africa's political situation.

'Transkeians, not F W will decide on future'

UMTATA. — Transkei's future will be decided by the homeland's people through the multi-lateral negotiations forum, military council chairman Major-General Bantu Holomisa said last night.

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He was reacting to media reports detailing a secret document which outlined plans to re-incorporate the homeland into South Africa within a month.

"The military council of the Transkei nurses no hidden agenda to carve a niche for itself in South Africa's political destiny," said Gen Holomisa.

"Her future shall be decided by the people of Transkei through the multi-lateral negotiations forum, not through the imagination and whims of Mr (F.W.) de Klerk and his white constituents.

"The Transkei government sees through Mr De Klerk's strategy of wanting to control everybody in South Africa today."

Gen Holomisa said if Mr De Klerk thought he could control leaders such as Mr Nelson Mandela, Mr Clarence Makwetu, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "he is daydreaming".

● The Ciskei government yesterday reserved comment on the re-incorporation of homelands.

The Ciskei council of state said in a statement that Ciskei had been in contact with the South African government and was studying the document.

"The council will be holding discussions with senior security officers, as any action that may include re-incorporation will be tantamount to reverting to civilian rule," the statement said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

T'kei flare

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THERE was chaos on the Transkei border when taxi-drivers blockaded it, took over a fully-laden petrol tanker, and threatened to blow it up yesterday.

The question of the homeland's blockade by South Africa seemed to fuel tensions yesterday with the ANC in Natal threatening to "unleash a tidal wave of unprecedented mass action against the De Klerk regime and its collaborators" if a military offensive was launched against the Transkei.

In Cape Town hundreds of ANC supporters marched in protest against the government's action and held up traffic.

The SA Police and SA Defence Force sealed off the Transkei on Tuesday after South Africa accused the homeland of harbouring members of Apla, the military wing of the PAC.

According to police the attempt to blow up the petrol tanker was made on the Kei bridge linking South Africa with Transkei.

Police spokesman Colonel Louis Botha said taxi operators in four minibuses had surrounded the tanker and made it stop by grabbing the keys from the driver.

Eventually about 20 taxis were involved in the incident. The taxi drivers threatened to set the tanker alight if traffic was not allowed to move faster. The driver of the tanker had run away.

With the possibility of a devastating explosion on the bridge, senior SA police as well as Transkei police rushed to the border. The area around the bridge was evacuated.

At the time traffic on the N3 was backed up for about five kilometres on both sides.

After about 2½ hours Transkei police succeeded in pacifying the taxi drivers.

Colonel Botha told Sapa the blockade had been on the Transkei side of the border and the SAP could not take action.

He said a meeting between high-ranking SA government and SAP officials would take place this morning to assess the blockade.

'Racism'

Yesterday ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Dr Blade Nzimande demanded the immediate lifting of the blockade around the homeland and warned that an attack on the Transkei would be an attack on all black people of South Africa.

"The present military mobilisation and the fact that the regime demanded that violence be the first item on the agenda of the multi-party talks, clearly show blatant racism.

"Thousands of black people have lost their lives in the violence and now, when a handful of white people are killed, it is a national crisis."

Dr Nzimande said the ANC was outraged by the unilateral deployment of soldiers in the Natal Midlands and demanded their immediate withdrawal.

The IFP, meanwhile, welcomed the increased security deployment in the Natal Midlands and along the Transkei border, but said the government's 10-point plan to combat crime and violence in the region was long overdue.

Addressing the crowd blocking the bottom end of Roeland Street in Cape Town, ANC Western Cape regional-secretary Mr Tony Yengeni expressed "deep concern about the unilateral action of the government in imposing a blockade in open defiance of the spirit and the intentions of the current negotiation process".

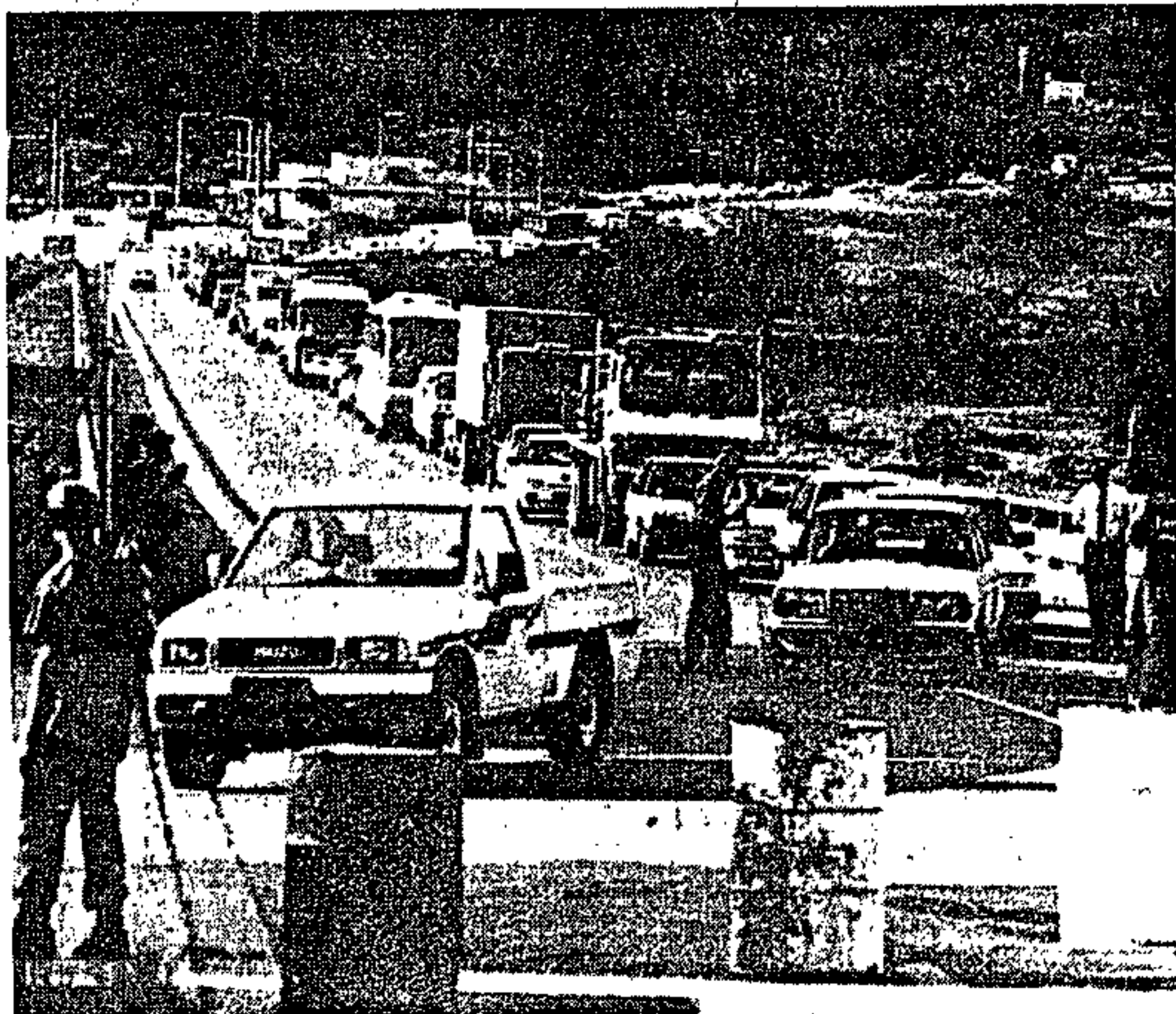
He handed over a message of concern to Transkei's ambassador, Mr C S Magazi, who said he would pass it on to Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

Reacting to the march, the National Party said yesterday the ANC, through its demonstration against the blockade of Transkei, seemed to be defending the violent actions of parties who were not signatories to the National Peace Accord.

"The ANC, as a signatory, is blatantly inflaming unnecessary emotions, which could lead to further polarisation," Mr Pieter van Pletzen said in a statement issued for the federal council.



FREE TRANSKEI . . . Western Cape ANC officials Mr Tony Yengeni (centre), Mr Cameron led a march through the city yesterday calling for the immediate lifting of South Africa's



LONG WAIT . . . Cars and trucks queue up on the Transkei side of the border at Kei Bridge. At one stage traffic was backed up for five kilometres on either side of the border.



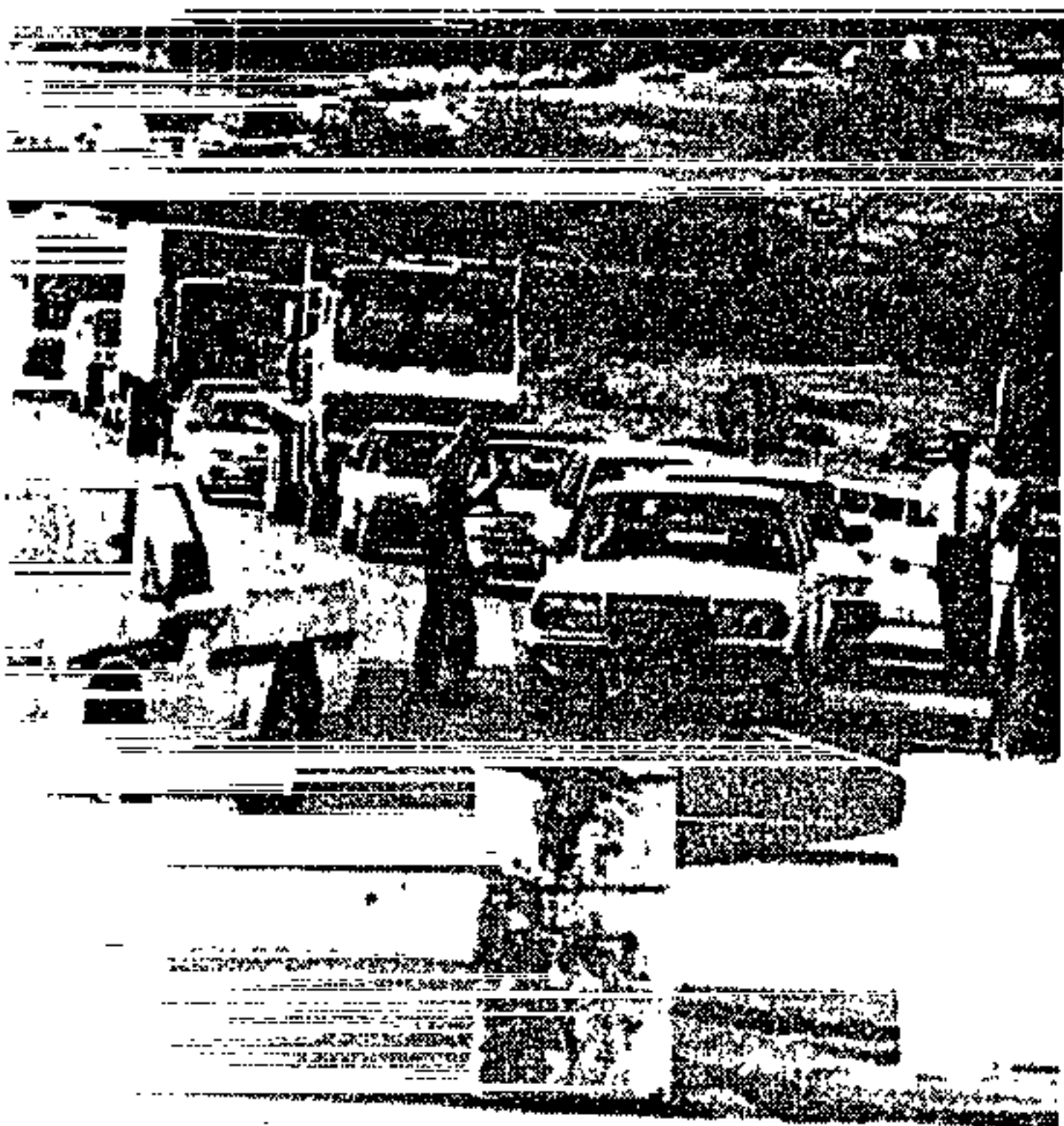
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... Western Cape ANC officials Mr Tony Yengeni (centre), Mr Cameron Dugmore (right) and Mr Willie Hofmeyr (far left) ... the city yesterday calling for the immediate lifting of South Africa's blockade of the Transkei.

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THE stand-off between South Africa and Transkei over alleged Apla bases in the homeland intensified this week when President FW de Klerk imposed a blockade of the homeland.

South Africa and Transkei have been locked in a diplomatic war of words since the release last week of the preliminary findings of the Goldstone Commission. De Klerk came under pressure to curb Transkei's independence through military or financial means.

Transkei placed its troops on alert last week after military ruler General Bantu Holomisa claimed there was secret operation to wipe out Apla members in the homeland.

Now Holomisa has accepted an invitation to meet De Klerk on Thursday.

SA, Transkei tension mounts after blockade

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The commission found, among other things, that Apla used Transkei as a "springboard" for attacks on the South African police, army and white civilians.

Holomisa denied Apla had bases in Transkei and said the commission had based its findings on untested evidence from the South African security forces.

He dismissed the commission as a "kangaroo court" designed to serve the interests of the government. Transkei refused to participate in

the commission but requested South Africa second a judge for their own inquiry, a request which was turned down.

The commission recommended that South Africa brings "pressure to bear" on Transkei.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said if Transkei, the PAC and Apla did not provide more than a denial to the commission by April 8, the findings would be final.

Meanwhile the Transkei ANC said South Africa timed the release

of the findings "to whip up a war psychosis against Transkei".

PAC leaders warned they would "hit South Africa hard" if they were attacked in Transkei.

Last Thursday Holomisa sent a diplomatic note to De Klerk claiming the president had given orders that Apla members in Transkei be "wiped out" and supplied details of a undercover operation.

De Klerk dismissed these claims as "propaganda" and falsifications.

The national leadership of the ANC responded swiftly by saying an attempt to force the reincorporation of Transkei would wreck the new negotiation process.

This week Holomisa re-affirmed Transkei's commitment to reincorporation but not into an "apartheid South Africa". — Elnaws

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

SECRET negotiations are taking place between Transkei and the exiled Apla hierarchy aimed at bridging the gap between the liberation army and the SA government.

City Press can today reveal that Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa, his senior officers and leaders of the PAC military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army, have been holding talks inside Transkei and outside the country since last year.

The last meeting took place in Transkei from March 18 to 20 when high-ranking Apla officers, including Apla's military commander Sabelo Phama, visited Transkei at Holomisa's invitation.

Lay down arms now and talk, Holomisa tells Alpa

The Apla commanders were briefed about the situation in the country and the progress being made to end white minority rule. Apla officers also gave lectures, addressed rallies and members of the Transkei Defence Force.

Phama, the most wanted man in SA, visited his family in Transkei before flying out two weeks ago.

The SA government's latest move to cordon off the territory comes after the visit by Apla's top brass to Transkei, but at the time President FW de Klerk appeared not to have been aware of the nature of their visit to Transkei.

This week the SA government came short of launching an attack in Transkei and instead staged around-the-clock border patrols which threatened to cripple the Transkei economy.

De Klerk has been threatening to take strong action against Transkei for allegedly harbouring Apla, providing it with bases, arms smuggling routes, arms and the use of Transkei as a launching pad for attacks.

Holomisa confirmed to City Press that he had been holding talks with Apla in a bid to have the PAC's army stop armed attacks and to join the multiparty talks.

"I am only trying to bridge the gap between the SA government and Apla so that they can start talking and cease hostilities," he said.

He reiterated that there were no Apla bases in Transkei or that the territory was used as a launching pad for attacks in SA.

Holomisa said he fully informed De Klerk of the visit to Transkei by the Apla commander when the two leaders met on Thursday in a failed bid to defuse the silent war reigning between SA and Transkei.

"The invitation to the Apla National Executive Committee to come to the Transkei was extended in goodwill as Apla is not a banned organisation in the Transkei and SA."

According to Holomisa the Apla NEC said it would again give the suspension of the armed struggle consideration and the issue would be tabled at a fully representative NEC.

Concerning Apla lectures for members of the TDF, Holomisa said it was policy-for-all-foreign military visitors to address the TDF.

The internal leadership of the PAC could not be reached for comment. However, a PAC representative in Harare said it was true that Apla and Holomisa had been holding talks on a number of issues, including the question of armed struggle.

The ANC said such positive talks were welcome developments which should be supported by all people concerned.

"We have to do everything at our disposal to stop the killings and Holomisa's action must be commended," said ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

Senior government officials, army generals and Commissioner of Police Gen Johan van der Merwe also met with senior Apla officials in Botswana in February.

R25 000 each for this week's big Lucky Card



WINNING STREAK... Two of this week's big Lucky Card winners vowed to slaughter sheep to give winners. Daniel Mfuleni of Thokoza and Edwin Moemi of Mmabatho snatched R25 000 each in this week in common; they are both 33 years old, both have one child and have both been married for eight years. Mpheto of Orlando East, shares a dream with the other two winners; they all want to build a home of bonanza.

Rightwing backlash fear

By STAN MHLONGO and MOSES MAMAILA

VAAL triangle township residents are living in fear of a rightwing backlash following recent attacks on white motorists in the area.

A 15-year-old girl was injured this week after being attacked by a gang of whites travelling in two cars while the ANC claimed that attacks against Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) members by people masquerading as police were on the increase.

Elizabeth Motlokoa told City Press that she was attacked at Lindesdrift, a few kilometres outside Vanderbijlpark, at about 4.30 pm while walking home from school.

"I saw two white cars coming

up behind me, but ignored them as there was nothing unusual about them. However, without warning, a bottle was flung at me and I fell on the ground in pain. The next moment four angry whites rushed out of their cars and charged at me like wild wolves," she said, describing how fear gave her the strength to outrun her attackers.

Motlokoa's father, Elias, said doctors discovered muscles in both her legs were cut when she was struck by a broken bottle.

Police spokesman Maj Piet van Deventer said police were not aware of any recent attacks against blacks by white racists, except for an incident where white extremists killed a black man "some time ago".

Meanwhile senior ANC offi-

cial Obed Bapela has accused the police of launching "a reign of terror" on MK soldiers and ANC members in the Vaal.

Bapela said as a result "virtually all MK cadres in the area were on the run".

He said raids on ANC members had resulted in the detention of 15 MK soldiers. The detainees claimed they were tortured and questioned about the attack in Eikenhof which left three whites dead recently.

He said trained MK cadre Ismael 'Magesta' Malindi was arrested by police at his Sharpeville home on Tuesday and was found dead the next day in a police mortuary.

Bapela accused the police of assaulting Malindi's relatives and described the raid as "very

vicious". However, he denied that MK members.

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Kei blockade may be lifted

SOUTH AFRICA'S "Caspian diplomacy" along Transkei's borders may soon be over.

Police and government officials meeting this weekend may decide to lift the security ring around the errant homeland within days.

Tens of thousands of businessmen and holiday-makers fretted through lengthy delays at the Kei Bridge and other border crossing points this week.

Frustration led to confrontation when drivers of 10 vehicles — six of them taxis — retaliated with a blockade of their own on Friday, threatening to blow up a fuel tanker stranded on the bridge if searches were not speeded

By PATRICK GOODENOUGH

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Captain Phillips Aslett of the East London internal stability unit smooth-talked the angry drivers to reason, defusing the situation. He altered the search procedures temporarily and a logjam of several thousand cars was broken within an hour of the removal of the blockade. Aslett said the immigration authorities and police would keep an eye on the movement of traffic, and if necessary, again "unplug" the bottleneck.

Between 6 000 and 8 000 vehicles cross the bridge daily. Over the Easter holidays the figure swells to

about 16 000, said chief immigration officer Alan Stap.

Neither police nor army reported any arrests or arms seizures. Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said South Africans were free to deploy "Ratels to roll around our borders", but travellers should not be inconvenienced.

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'Ring of steel' to remain in place

By Philip Zoio

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Tough security measures around the Transkei border are to continue until the Government is satisfied that there are no Apla cadres operating from Transkei, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday.

The Transkei border has been tightly controlled for nearly a week by the SAP and SADF following the publication of a preliminary report by the Goldstone Commission, which found that Apla had been using Transkei as a springboard for attacks in South Africa.

Kotze said Major-General

Bantu Holomisa should ensure that there were no Apla guerillas based in the homeland.

Transkei has denied that their territory has been used as a base for Apla attacks. Holomisa said yesterday that the Government's "ring of steel" had backfired because it was causing inconvenience to South Africans.

Kotze said the SAP was conducting searches at every primary and secondary road border post.

In addition, the SADF was intensively patrolling the countryside between border posts.

Head of the Eastern Cape SAP public relations division,

Colonel Louis Botha, said the SAP and SADF would continue to conduct searches until the Government gave the order to discontinue.

In the last three days ending at 6 am yesterday, the security forces had stopped 7 136 vehicles and searched over 19 000 people on the eastern Cape/Transkei border, Botha said.

He said there had been no major disturbances since Friday, when a group of taxi drivers blockaded a bridge and threatened to set a petrol tanker on fire if the SAP and SADF did not ease the controls.

Nobody had been arrested for attempting to smuggle arms across the border, Botha said.

Holomisa, Apla to talk about peace

SA security forces blamed for Transkei tension

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JOHANNESBURG. — Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa and Apla commanders are to hold talks this month to try to end hostilities between Pretoria and Apla.

General Holomisa and Apla have confirmed the meeting which is scheduled for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where the PAC military wing has its headquarters.

General Holomisa last month held talks with Apla's high command in Umtata which were followed by mass rallies.

Apla's chief Sabele Phama is said to have also briefed senior officers of the Transkei Defence Force on issues relating to a joint armed force comprising Apla, Umkhonto We Sizwe and the South African Defence Force.

"I have been talking to Apla about joining the multiparty talks for some time now and this is a process all South Africans have nothing to be afraid of," General Holomisa said yesterday.

He blamed the present impasse between Transkei and South Africa on disinformation

by members of the South African security forces.

He said that although the PAC and the ANC had been unbanned members of the South African security forces still regarded them as the enemy.

General Holomisa also blamed General Kat Liebenberg and General Johan van der Merwe for the present strained relationships between his country and South Africa.

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gate the allegations with impunity from my government.

"The generals failed to convey my invitation to the South African government or to undertake such investigations.

"Mr De Klerk asked them (the generals) at our meeting last week if this was true and they confirmed it," said General Holomisa.

General Holomisa denied again that Transkei was harbouring or helping Apla to launch attacks against South Africa, saying his border control posts did not "even yield one bullet, let alone a firearm" being smuggled in and out of Transkei. — Sapa.

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Holomisa to mediate between Apla and SA

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Holomisa and Apla have confirmed the meeting, scheduled for Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where the PAC military wing has its headquarters.

The meeting follows a series of other meetings between the two since last year.

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■ FORGETFUL GENERALS Liebenberg and

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He said although the Pan Africanist Congress and the African National Congress had been unbanned, members of the SA security forces still regarded PAC and ANC as the enemy.

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T'kei training for new SA

AN intensive programme to train Transkeian civil servants to fill administrative positions in a new South African government is under way, according to Transkei military council chairman Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

Gen Holomisa said these civil servants would aid national reconstruction and play a key role in monitoring civil servants "still tied to white

domination" who might oppose a new South African government.

Speaking at a Cape Town Chamber of Commerce conference, Gen Holomisa said some Transkeian civil servants had been sent to England and Canada to acquire technical and administrative expertise.

A structural adjustment programme in Transkei had improved financial controls, he said.

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Holomisa's Peace crusade

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

MAJOR-GENERAL Bantu Holomisa says he will undertake a personal crusade to Apla's headquarters in Tanzania in a bid to persuade the PAC's military wing to ditch the bullet in favour of the negotiations table.

The dramatic new twist in the row over Apla's alleged role in political killings comes amid mounting pressure, both at home and abroad, on the Transkei military ruler and the PAC to take a clear stand against all forms of violence.

The latest gesture from Gen Holomisa follows last week's bruising showdown with President F W de Klerk and revelations, as the blockade of Transkei continues, that the imminent reincorporation of Transkei into South Africa could put the military ruler out of a job.

The government has welcomed the decision by Gen Holomisa to begin co-operating with the Goldstone Commission. However, a top government source said at the weekend that the pressure would be kept on him "until he sees the light".

Gen Holomisa said yesterday that he would travel next month to Dar-es-Salaam — the area identified by the Goldstone Commission as the main centre of Apla's guerrilla training ac-

tivities — to effect a rethink on the armed struggle.

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) meanwhile has begun to pressure Tanzania to halt its assistance to the PAC's military wing.

For its part, the South African government has been trying to encourage Tanzania to cut Apla loose by promising a wide variety of incentives, including the opening of air and trade routes and diplomatic offices.

On Agenda last night PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander called for the constitutional negotiations to be speeded up, but he stuck to the PAC's argument that Apla could finally abandon the armed struggle only when there was a "mutual cessation of hostilities" before an election.

Minister of Constitutional Development Mr Roelf Meyer insisted that the time had arrived for the PAC finally to express itself against all forms of violence.

Sapa reports that Gen Holomisa's announcement of his planned trip to Tanzania came as a "diplomatic source" disclosed that the Tanzanian government had said it agreed to put pressure on the PAC to close Apla bases in its territory.

The agreement follows the visit to Dar-es-Salaam of a senior South African Foreign Affairs official last week in the wake of the Goldstone committee's findings of extensive Apla activities in Tanzania.

The Tanzanian government said it would seek the support of the OAU in closing down the Apla military camps and putting pressure on the PAC.



FIREFIGHT . . . Children try to fight part of yesterday's bushfire that raged out of control, damaging homes, in the affluent suburb of Welgermoed.
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Apla 'gumming' for children

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
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APLA'S leadership backed the killing of innocent schoolchildren because the PAC's military wing wanted "to strike at whites where it would hurt them most", the government claimed yesterday.

Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha said in a sharply-worded diplomatic note to the Transkei that this chilling message had been conveyed to units of the Transkei Defence Force (TDF) and police by Apla commander Mr Sabelo Phama at a recent briefing with the homeland's security services.

The note, dated April 4 and delivered yesterday, also contained an official objection to the Transkei authorities' allowing Apla to make such threats.

In an earlier diplomatic note, dated April 2, from the Transkei government to Pretoria, Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said the Apla commander had addressed units of the TDF "in line with a standing policy allowing leaders occupying a position similar to his to make themselves available for briefings from time to time".

However, Mr Botha said the South African government had information

that when Mr Phama was asked during the briefing why Apla had killed innocent schoolchildren, he had responded that Apla wanted "to strike at whites where it would hurt them most".

Mr Botha added pointedly that the reincorporation of Transkei was "imminent".

However, there were indications that relations between South Africa and Transkei might be on the mend.

One was the welcoming by South Africa of Transkei's decision to support co-operation between Transkei Chief Justice Beck and Mr Justice Goldstone in the proposed Transkei Commission of Inquiry into Apla.

Last night Mr Phama went public, saying in an interview on TV1 that 1993 was "The Year of the Great Storm" and Apla did not want the oppression of blacks to extend beyond the year 2000.

Transkei yesterday released draft terms of reference for a commission to inquire into the activities of Apla in the homeland.

The commission's draft terms of reference include a probe into the military training of the AWB and the Witwoude and the recent cross-border raids into Transkei by members of the AWB.

Mayor to speak on Founders' Day

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Staff Reporter

MAYOR Mr Frank van der Velde is to address the annual Founders' Day ceremony in the city today — in contrast to last year when the council called off the event.

The Jan van Riebeeck Foundation is to host the ceremony in the city centre.

The council, in calling off the ceremony last year, said it was "divisive to focus on a one-sided, Euro-centric founding of Cape Town".

A navy spokesman said last night two Naval 21-gun salutes would be fired at noon today to celebrate Founders' Day.

This year a compromise has been reached after talks between the foundation and the mayor. The foundation is to host the event and Mr Van der Velde is to be the guest speaker.

The ceremony is to be held at the Jan van Riebeeck statue on the Foreshore at 10.30am. If the weather is unsuitable, the ceremony will be moved to the concourse level of the Civic Centre.

Royal trio 'legitimate'

VATICAN CITY. — The Vatican said yesterday Pope John Paul II had ruled Princess Caroline's three children legitimate, opening the way for her sons' possible succession to the throne of the tiny Catholic principality of Monaco.

The children, two boys and a girl, were born of her seven-year civil marriage to Mr Stefano Casiraghi, an Italian businessman who was killed in a speedboat accident in 1990. Caroline married Mr Casiraghi in

1983, a year after the death of her first husband, Prince Philippe.

Her first marriage was annulled in 1981. She had requested that her children be recognised as legitimate, so that they could be eligible for the throne of Monaco. In a brief statement, the Pope said the marriage was legitimate on February 2, 1983. Prince Albert, Prince's brother, is the current ruler of Monaco.

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Azapo to plot its direction

WILSON ZWANE

THE Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) would hold a special congress in a month's time to discuss political developments and its future direction, deputy president Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said this week.

He said Azapo would not request meetings with other organisations before the event because it had decided to focus on organising the congress. But this did not mean Azapo would not meet organisations which asked to discuss matters of common interest. **8/01/93**

On a meeting between his organisation and government, Nefolovhodwe said government had not yet indicated whether it would meet Azapo's conditions for a meeting. These conditions included a neutral venue for the meeting and discussions concentrating on the transfer of power to the majority. **7/14/93**

Nefolovhodwe said his organisation had appointed a person to liaise with government. He stressed, however, that even if government agreed to Azapo's conditions, the meeting would not be held until after the congress.

Holomisa defiant as Apla 'lists children'

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

TRANSKEI military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa was unmoved yesterday by reports that Apla commander Sabello Phama told Transkei police that it targeted children because it wanted to "strike at whites where it hurts them most".

SA Foreign Minister Pk Botha sent an official note objecting to Transkei allowing such people to address its security forces.

In response to SA's objection, Holomisa said: "I don't give a damn about it. We are not going to be told by the SA government who should address us. Apla is unbanned here as it is in SA — so what is the fuss about?"

He said he did not know if Phama was quoted correctly, but added he was not obliged to look into it.

Holomisa said he was in favour of re-incorporation into SA but not if it meant being dictated to by an "apartheid Nationalist government".

Holomisa yesterday also released draft terms of reference of a commission to inquire into the activities of Apla in the homeland. This follows his rejection of the Goldstone commission's preliminary findings on Apla activities in Transkei and the agreement last week by the SA and Transkei governments that a commission chaired by the Transkeian chief justice be appointed to investigate the allegations. Holomisa said the draft had been framed in wide terms to ensure the inquiry ad-

ressed "the reason behind SA's targeting of Transkei in pursuit of the destabilisation strategy".

The terms include the location and extent of camps or training bases allegedly used by Apla in Transkei, as well as the alleged co-operation between Apla and the Transkei government.

The commission would also consider the policies of the SA government in respect of frequent deployment of SA security forces along Transkei's borders and its effects on the Transkei economy and citizen morale.

He said the commission would be empowered to consult Judge Richard Goldstone on any matter arising from previous investigations.

BILLY PADDOCK reports Holomisa said on Monday he was not bothered about the Goldstone commission's April 8 deadline for his administration to provide evidence on Apla activities in the homeland. "Goldstone cannot issue deadlines to me, and anyway I have appointed my own judicial commission and therefore Goldstone is of no relevance."

Sapa reports Apla yesterday warned SA to "keep away" from Tanzania or "face the consequences".

Apla spokesman Romero Daniels said in a telephone interview from Dar es Salaam that the SA government would achieve nothing by asking Tanzania to stop supporting Apla.

Randburg to get extra policemen

GAVIN DU VENAGE

RANDBURG will have 60 additional policemen after an agreement between the town and the SAP is signed next week.

Last month the Cabinet approved a measure allowing Randburg to fund the training and deployment of additional police within the town municipal boundaries. This is the first agreement of its kind in SA.

The Randburg Town Council had budgeted an additional R750 000 for the project, which management committee chairman Gary Cooney said was in response to the "desperate" crime levels. **8/01/93**

The council had considered setting up a municipal police force, but present ordinances did not allow for this, he said. It believed security was a state function, but in light of the current recession and the resulting crime wave, plus the SAP's thin resources, the council had to act "with urgency". Recruiting would begin soon and it was hoped that recruits would be drawn from the community.

Cooney said the council had "thought very carefully" before pressing for its own policemen. A condition of the agreement was that they operate only within the town municipal boundaries.

Other municipalities were reportedly interested in the scheme.

ANC men blockade Transkei bridge

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A group of African National Congress members today blockaded the Umtamvuna River bridge — the only crossing over the Transkei-Natal border near Port Edward and the only entrance from Natal to the Wild Coast Sun casino resort in Transkei.

Mr Alberto Chiaranda, managing director of the casino said that a truck had parked on the bridge and about 10 flag-

carrying ANC men were singing and chanting.

No traffic was being allowed through. ARG 7/4/93

Mr Chiaranda said the men were protesting about searches by the security forces of all traffic crossing the border.

"I have contacted both the South African and Transkei authorities and top-level discussions are taking place to resolve the matter. I don't think the blockade should last very

long," he said. (1030)

"Early today some people were allowed to go to work, but since then no vehicles have been allowed to pass the bridge," said Mr Chiaranda.

At the weekend about 90 visitors to the casino were turned away because they did not have identity documents with them. Security forces are insisting that people show identity documents before they are allowed through the roadblock.

Big protest march today

A MASS protest march will take place in Kokstad, East Griqualand, today as a result of the South African Government's decision to blockade Transkei. (103)

A statement last night from Mr John Taylor, representing the ANC Northern Transkei Broad Forum (African National Congress-Congress of South African Trade Unions-South African Communist Party-Civics) said a decision on a full consumer boycott would be taken after the protest march.

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Organisations unite to fight poverty

THE Transkei Development Corporation (TDC) had joined forces with other development bodies to fight rampant poverty in the Kei/Border region, MD Mncedisi Swana said yesterday.

The TDC and Border/Kei Development Forum (BKDF) — comprising the PAC, ANC, NP, DP, SACP, Cosatu, SA National Civics Organisation, regional development structures, Ciskei People's Development Bank, the governments of Ciskei, Transkei and SA and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) — had identified areas that needed serious intervention to kickstart the economy of the region.

A directorate had been appointed for strategic planning and implementation of projects. The TDC had appointed development officers to help "previously marginalised" communities identify their needs and some members had been seconded to the BKDF, Swana said. Projects would include building low-cost housing, training, promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises and malnutrition relief. DBSA had undertaken to finance some of the projects, a source said.

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However, more money would be needed for the projects.

A memorandum had already been sent to Finance Minister Derek Keys asking for about R619,95m and the forum would meet Keys on April 20.

Swana said the venture would be a national example as poverty and unemployment were widespread in SA. The co-operation between groups was also aimed at laying a foundation for one regional development body which would hopefully be formed as soon as an interim government was set up.

"We also feel the impending processes of reincorporating homelands would actually enhance the projects rather than jeopardise the initiative."

Swana said the issue of poverty was more important and urgent than perceived animosity between Ciskei, Transkei and SA.

A current obstacle was that SA did not officially recognise the Border/Kei area as a region.

"As soon as SA recognises this as a legiti-

mate region with credibility and widespread support most of the problems would be alleviated," TDC corporate planner Jos Tebraake said.

He said he was confident national negotiations would resolve the outstanding problem of whether northern Transkei fell into Natal or Transkei.

Our political staff reports from Cape Town that the government had granted overdraft facilities totalling R1,47bn to the Transkei and Ciskei homelands during the 1991/2 financial year, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said yesterday.

Currently R1 142 588 000 was still outstanding on these overdrafts, he said in reply to a question tabled in Parliament by DP MP Ken Andrew.

Botha said the government had not granted any loans or other specified financial services to the governments of the two homelands, nor were any foreign currencies involved.

The overdraft guarantee to Transkei amounted to R892m and R642,7m was still outstanding, while the overdraft guarantee to Ciskei totalled R581m and R495,9m was still outstanding.

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Transkei's overdraft guarantee had been R892 million and Ciskei's R581 million.

Police talks ease tension on border

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Tension between South Africa and Transkei has been further eased after talks in Umtata yesterday between senior police officers.

An immediate consequence of the meeting is that the controversial border controls imposed by South Africa will be "adapted" to ensure as little disruption and inconvenience as possible.

Proposals on combating security threats to South Africans and Transkeians were agreed by SAP Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and his Transkeian counterpart, and are expected to be laid before both governments for their urgent consider-

ation.

Deputy Minister of Law and Order Gert Myburgh said the Transkeian commissioner undertook to intensify policing in Transkei "to combat any threat to South African citizens".

He said police were aware of rumours that Apla was planning attacks for this weekend.

● Eena reports that eastern Cape security forces will be on guard against possible increased Apla activities.

Intelligence sources suggested that Apla might have planned a "Black Easter" campaign in Ciskei and Border regions, but an Apla official said from Dar es Salaam he was not aware of such a campaign. Sources also warned of possible Apla activity in the PWV.

● Ciskei security forces

suspect Apla operatives of using Fort Hare University in Alice as a hideout from which to plan and launch attacks.

Fort Hare official Arnold Stofile reacted: "None of the students have called themselves Apla members. It's not very clear who is Apla."

Ciskei police recently found weapons in three vehicles which were stolen near the campus.

● Two police generals yesterday defused a potentially explosive racial confrontation in Matatiele — in Natal on the Transkei border — after armed local white businessmen erected roadblocks in response to a consumer boycott of the town.

General Johan Meintjies and another general flew by helicopter to Matatiele to resolve the crisis.

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QUESTIONS

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General Affairs:

Ciskei: guarantees/sureties for financial services

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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

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NEWS Transkei border controls 'adapted' to ease traffic

Border tension eased

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■ **Businessmen hit back over ANC's consumer boycott;**

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An immediate consequence of the meeting is that the controversial border controls imposed by South Africa will be "adapted" to ensure as little disruption and inconvenience as possible.

Proposals for combating security threats to South Africans and Transkeians were agreed on by the South African Police Commissioner, General Johan van der Merwe, and his Transkeian counterpart at yesterday's talks and are expected to be laid before both governments for their "urgent consideration".

The two officers undertook to remain in close contact.

Deputy Minister of Law and Order Mr Gert Myburgh said in a statement that the Transkeian commissioner also undertook to intensify policing in Transkei "to combat any threat to South African citizens".

He said border control measures "will be reviewed on a daily basis to ensure that everything possible can be done to ensure the safety of South African citizens".

Myburgh added that the police were aware of rumours that Apla was planning attacks over the Easter weekend.

Meanwhile, *Sapa* reports that armed businessmen in Matatiele blockaded

two roads leading into Transkei with metre-high dumps of sand in reaction to a consumer boycott by the local ANC crisis committee yesterday.

The consumer boycott was called after an announcement last week by President FW de Klerk that security action on the Natal-Transkei border would be stepped up. The town of Matatiele had decided unanimously on the counter-boycott, mayor Mr Libby Sorour said yesterday. "The people are armed and will fight if necessary," he warned.

He said his council had had discussions with the crisis committee on Tuesday night to resolve the issue but was notified yesterday that the boycott would go ahead.

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SA set to relax grip on Transkei

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — In what appears to signal a thaw in relations between SA and Transkei, the effective blockade is to be adapted, to ensure that there is as "little disruption and inconvenience as possible".

At the same time, the Transkei police are to intensify policing in Transkei to combat "any threat to SA citizens which may arise from within Transkei".

Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh said after a meeting between SA and Transkei commissioners of police in Umtata yesterday that proposals had been made regarding the combating of security problems in Transkei and SA. These proposals would now be put to both governments for their "urgent attention".

Myburgh said it had also been agreed that both commissioners would remain in close contact. Any incident which could threaten the security of the citizens of either country would immediately receive the necessary attention.

In the light of these steps, it had been decided that border control measures would be "adapted", to ensure that all threats could be combated and that there would be as little disruption as possible. The measures would be reviewed daily.

He also said police were aware of rumours that Apla, the PAC's armed wing, was planning attacks over the Easter weekend. "However, in the light of the fact that it remains present Apla policy to attack defenceless civilians, and that the SA Police are continually on the alert for such attacks, such rumoured plans by Apla are not considered a new threat. The police are therefore already doing everything possible to prevent attacks by Apla."

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Transkei

Sapa reports that a blockade yesterday by a small group of ANC supporters on the road leading from Port Edward to Transkei was removed after negotiations between SA and Transkeian authorities.

Transkei Police Commissioner Gen Nkululeko Mankahla said ANC supporters had staged a protest at the border against alleged harassment of homeland citizens by SA police manning border roadblocks.

In a related development in southern Natal, two police generals yesterday negotiated with armed Matatiele businessmen who blocked roads into the town in protest against a consumer boycott.

A consumer boycott began in the town on Monday in reaction to alleged harassment of Transkeians by SA security forces at border road blocks, an ANC official said.

Town mayor Libby Sorour said businessmen — armed with an assortment of weapons ranging from shotguns to pistols — dumped sand on the Matatiele/Mount Fletcher road and were manning roadblocks on other routes into the town. They claimed the boycott, allegedly aimed only at whites, threatened to bankrupt businesses relying on Transkei trade.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said the situation had been resolved after the generals held talks with the town council, the SADF and representatives of the blockading businessmen and the ANC's crisis committee. He said the blockade and the consumer boycott had been called off, but details of the discussions were not immediately available.

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Hostage to a stepchild

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President FW de Klerk's approach to the difficulty of Transkei was the equivalent of sending a gunboat to remind a smaller power of its place in the world. But then Transkei is no ordinary smaller power, which is why De Klerk's action in trying to use a security cordon to protect the eastern Cape from terrorism runs the risk of backfiring.

Transkei is independent yet recognised by no other country besides SA. The ANC does not recognise the independent homelands — yet it perceives Transkei's military ruler, Major General Bantu Holomisa, as a powerful ally. Everyone agrees that the homelands must be reincorporated into SA but there is disagreement on the timing. The situation is fraught with dangerous absurdities.

If Holomisa is to get special treatment after his country disappears — good pension, top job in the new SADF, place at the main negotiating table — then the ANC will find it hard to object if the leaders of the other "independents" (Ciskei, Venda and Bophuthatswana) demand and get similar treatment.

Meanwhile, indications are that the border blockade by SA has been boosting rather than undermining support for Holomisa. Unless the crisis is resolved quickly, SA may be sucked into further actions that could even threaten the national negotiation process.

If, for example, there are further terror attacks in the eastern Cape in spite of the latest security measures and De Klerk's severe dressing down of Holomisa in Cape Town last week, government may be forced to take military action simply to save face.

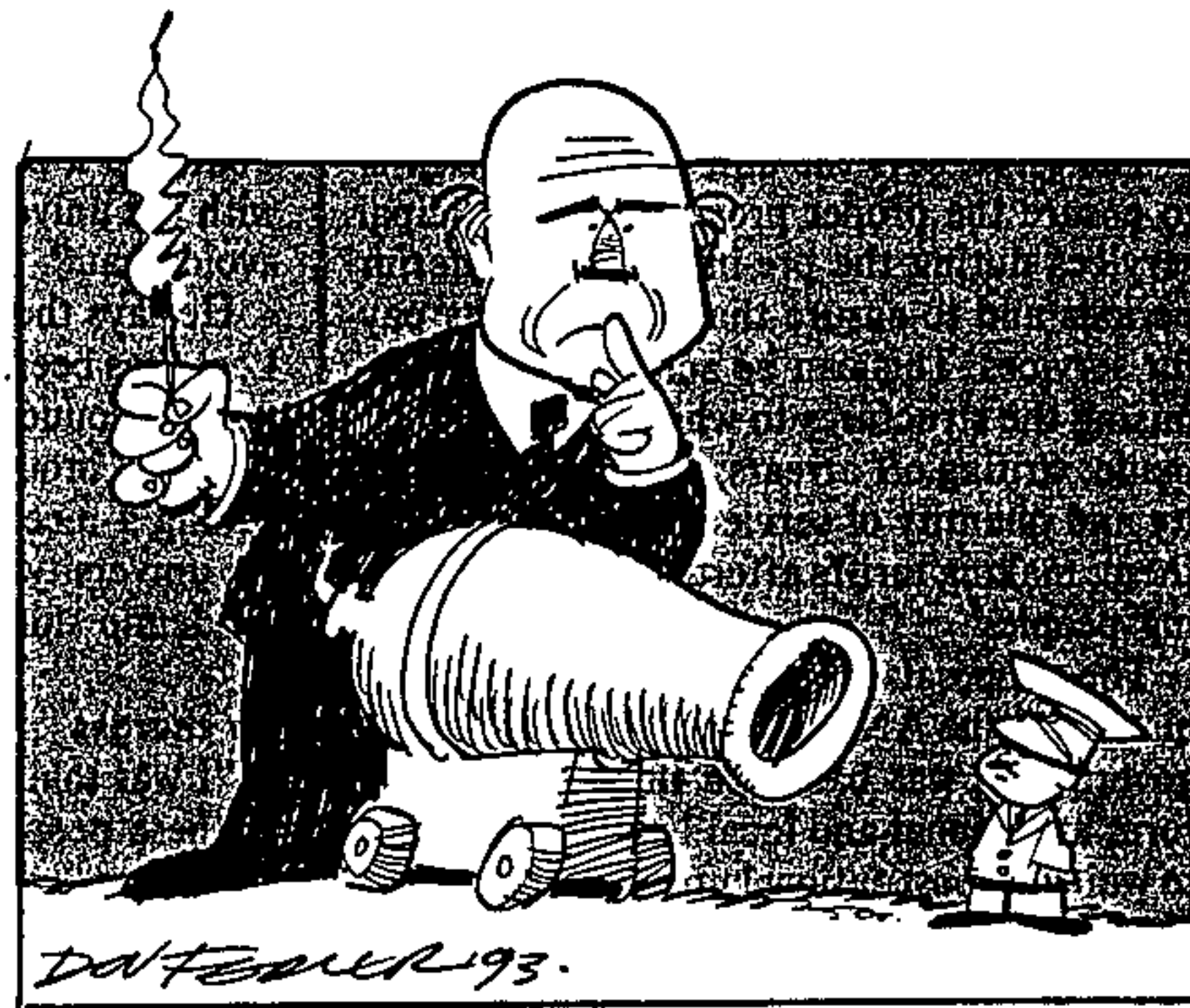
There is also a real danger of violence at the border. A major incident was narrowly averted last week when angry Transkei taxi operators hijacked a petrol tanker and threatened to blow it up in the middle of the bridge over the Kei River unless SA security forces eased the delay in border crossings. In response to any deterioration of the situation in Transkei the ANC might even feel forced to break off negotiations.

However, apart from a relatively small street demonstration in Cape Town last week protesting against the border blockade, the ANC's reaction so far to SA's tough talk on Transkei has been muted. The ANC was not happy with Holomisa's dismissive reaction to the Goldstone Commission's preliminary

findings that Transkei effectively harbours and supports Apla terrorists operating in SA. The general said the commission was being manipulated by government for party political gain. It was this reaction that effectively sparked the current crisis.

The ANC is also anxious to resolve the issue of TBVC reincorporation into SA and does not want to be seen to be backing what appear to be efforts by Holomisa to delay the process for as long as possible.

However, Holomisa seems to have substantial support among members of Um-



khonto we Sizwe and township youths and the ANC cannot afford to alienate him. He claims to have no political ambition but, if driven into a corner, he could probably mobilise enough backing from within ANC ranks to embarrass the organisation severely and seriously disrupt negotiations.

Holomisa believes De Klerk is being pushed into uncharacteristic actions by pressure from his caucus and security chiefs — and told him so during their meeting last week. It was also attended by SAP Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe and SADF chief Gen Kat Liebenberg.

(A source close to the Nat caucus says De Klerk's new nickname among some Nat MPs is *Die Weifelaar* — the waverer — because of what is perceived as increasing indecisiveness). De Klerk in turn chastised Holomisa for his implied threat that whites would be murdered if SA took action against Transkei.

In a written introductory statement, De Klerk said: "Let me make it clear that if SA citizens inside or outside Transkei are harmed or their property is damaged or destroyed as a result of the actions or omissions of the Transkei government, I will hold you and your government responsible."

Holomisa later indicated that he acceded to at least one of De Klerk's demands. He agreed to appoint a judicial commission to investigate the Apla allegations in the Goldstone report and said it could co-operate with the Goldstone Commission.

"We even went further and said both forces (SAP and Transkei police) must work hand in hand to beef up and bring the evidence to this proposed inquiry to be headed by the Chief Justice of Transkei," Holomisa said. If the new inquiry found that anyone was involved in illegal action "the law must take its course."

He said Apla was unconditionally unbanned in Transkei (as it is in SA) and again denied that his government supplied arms to the organisation. Holomisa appealed to De Klerk to scale down the blockade so that nobody was inconvenienced. He described the situation as extremely sensitive.

Briefing journalists after the meeting, Foreign Minister Pik Botha said he gained the impression that Holomisa realised the seriousness of the situation.

The authority with which the Goldstone Commission reported was stressed to the Transkei delegation. "We are not dealing only with a matter between the SA and Transkei governments. We are dealing with a matter initiated by the Goldstone Commission which was appointed as a result of a resolution of the UN Security Council. It is not going to help for any individual to try to wriggle out of this."

Botha said co-operation between Holomisa's proposed judicial commission and the Goldstone Commission was essential because the UN would not recognise a Transkei commission. He added that developments in the immediate future would determine if and when the security operation on the Transkei border would end. However, the meeting between De Klerk and Holomisa had contributed to an easing of tension between the two governments.

De Klerk briefly raised the issue of TBVC reincorporation during last week's meeting. He said to Holomisa: "I would like to know from you when we can expect to discuss the steps which will be necessary to effect reincorporation. I realise that the multiparty conference will give attention to this matter, but there are certain aspects that have to be addressed on a bilateral basis."

De Klerk added that all obstacles to the smooth progress of negotiations had to be removed. Documents leaked at the multiparty talks in Kempton Park last week indicated that a blueprint for TBVC reincorporation has been prepared and discussed by the main parties.

However, it will still have to be agreed to

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by the TBVC states themselves who will have to pass the necessary enabling legislation. The main advantage to agreement is participation by TBVC leaders in the proposed Transitional Executive Council.

Holomisa's attitude is that Transkei's reincorporation must coincide with that of the other "independent" homelands and the dismantling of the tricameral parliament. He refuses to be reincorporated into "apartheid" SA. He dismisses the possibility of SA's refusing to fund Transkei. He argues that government created the homeland for political expediency and has a moral obligation to ensure the continued wellbeing of its people.

Transkei remains a potentially explosive issue. It will require special attention by the multiparty negotiators to prevent it becoming a serious obstacle to progress. ■

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Not the very model

This Easter would have been one of substantial anxiety, even if it were not for the mischief of those who have tried by means of indiscriminate violence to impede this country's progress towards greater democracy. Getting together in negotiation the disparate ranks of the politically involved is of itself a fragile process.

And the atmosphere is likely to remain tense while the modalities of the negotiation process are agreed on and implemented. If there were to be a rupture now, it would be extremely difficult to rally any sort of convincing negotiating forum out of the chaos. Of course, ultimately negotiations would have to resume, for the alternative would be civil war. But the delay would have a high economic and political cost.

During this difficult time, the ANC leadership has been uncharacteristically moderate. It has, of course, always held itself out to be the Establishment of the liberation movement and it has now given some credence to its aspiration.

It appears to be on a sensible course of reconciliation with the Zulu establishment; it did not become hysterical over Derek Keys's Budget, and indeed gave elements of it support; it has produced a reasonable plan for interim local government; and it has remained detached from the belligerence of the PAC and the violence to which Apla, the PAC's military offshoot, appears to lay claim.

But perhaps most surprising of all, it has remained aloof from the quixotic posturing of Transkei military dictator Major General Bantu Holomisa. Of course, Holomisa himself is no towering figure. W S Gilbert, with his fine sense of caricature, wrote of a certain type of Victorian military figure: "I know the Kings of England and I quote the fights historical/From Marathon to Waterloo in order categorical." But we would not like to take the analogy too far.

There is clearly a sympathy for Apla in Transkei. That would be natural in a military dictatorship that is making no positive move towards democracy and is uncomfortable with

even the imagined or implied criticism of the *Daily Dispatch* and the *Sunday Times*.

The world is not full of retired military dictators who have converted to civilian politics and prospered. So it would not be surprising if the "regionalism" that Chief Mangosuthu Buthezi finds so beguiling in Natal also has some appeal for Holomisa.

But Transkei is undoubtedly the spiritual home of the ANC. And in a new dispensation it might find the aspirations towards self-determination of a petty dictator a bit hard to take. After all, Holomisa should not have any more "legitimacy" in the ANC's eyes than has President F W de Klerk.

The ANC could enhance its international image substantially if it grasped the uncomfortable diplomatic nettle that the Transkei represents, persuading Holomisa to deny shelter to Apla thugs and De Klerk to lift his blockade. Neither side is contributing much to the sense of purpose and peace that is critical to the success of constitutional negotiations.

Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki have an opportunity to show that their statesmanship has more purpose than posture. Holomisa has more to gain from compromise than empty threats, especially if he still aspires to a role in government in a new SA. Some firm avuncular advice from the Establishment "liberators" might not go amiss.

As for De Klerk: it might be pointed out to him that while the Kei Cuttings are bristling with assault rifles, they are on the SA side of the bridge. And, while they may well be justified in view of Apla's refusal to commit itself to peaceful negotiation, they are not calculated to win friends either here or abroad or indeed foster what will have to be a negotiated reincorporation.

Holomisa may have been born out of apartheid's grotesque political experimentation, but in the present climate of negotiation he is everyone's problem. ■

Holomisa shelves Tanzania

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JOHANNESBURG. — Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has postponed indefinitely a visit to Tanzania. Instead, he is to try to persuade Apla guerrillas to join South Africa's multiparty democracy talks.

General Holomisa said he did not want to be linked with what he described as South African government pressure on the Tanzanian government to close Apla bases.

"President De Klerk is using Tanzania and trying to pressure it.

"I do not want to be party to that. My aim was not to pressure but to encourage bilateral talks and get people to sit down and talk," he added.

Apla is the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), one of 26 groups taking part in recently resumed multiparty negotiations on the transition from white rule to democracy. Apla, accused of killing white civilians and security forces, has bases in Tanzania and, according to Pretoria, in Transkei. — Sapa-Reuter.

Holomisa ~~23~~ cancels probe into Apla (103)

JOHANNESBURG —
Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has called off an inquiry into Apla, saying the the assassination of Mr Chris Hani was part of an alleged operation sanctioned by the SA government to eliminate activists in the Eastern Cape.

"The murder of Chris Hani cannot be divorced from the ongoing implementation of Operation Katzen approved by the cabinet of (President) F W de Klerk," said General Holomisa.

"As far as we are concerned the investigations of Apla in Transkei, under our proposed commission of inquiry, is now closed."

In reaction, a government spokesman from Cape Town said the South African administration had taken note of General Holomisa's "irresponsible outburst". — Sapa

PAC, Transkei miss deadline

JOHANNESBURG. — Transkei and the PAC failed to respond to the Goldstone Commission's Thursday 4pm deadline. (212) 103 (11)

Both were asked to submit counter-evidence to the commission's committee investigating the activities of the PAC's armed wing, the Azan-

ian People's Liberation Army, in the homeland. 212/493

The committee provisionally found that Apla had been operating from Transkei, but asked for counter-arguments.

Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said from Umtata he had made a gesture of goodwill by institut-

ing his own commission of inquiry to investigate the Goldstone "allegations".

He was confident this commission would materialise.

PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander said in an open letter to commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone that the armed

struggle was being discussed with the South African government.

"Armed struggle is a political struggle by other means. It can and should be resolved politically.

"The regime should not shift its responsibility to commissions of inquiry." — Sapa



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Shocked reaction to killing floods in

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Shocked reaction to the assassination of South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani continued to pour in yesterday, with most appealing for calm from South Africans.

But Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa took the opportunity to attack President de Klerk, Sapa reports, accusing him of "adopting a cheaper method of killing his political antagonists than his predecessors".

He also announced the scrapping of a judicial investigation of Apla activities in Transkei.

The West Rand ANC branch said it had suspended its participation in the local dispute resolution committee in protest against the killing.

Thousands of ANC supporters from Bekkersdal and Westonaria marched to the Westonaria police station to present a memorandum, saying participation would be suspended until all the "facts are uncovered", and expressed support for the suspension of talks with the Government.

The Azanian People's Liberation Army, in a faxed statement on Saturday night from Apla headquarters in Dar es Salaam, said the assassination justified continued guerilla attacks by Apla.

The Johannesburg branch of the Polish Association of South Africa has condemned the assassination.

Chairman Waldemar Wojtowicz said he was shocked to hear the arrested suspect was probably of Polish origin.

Afrikaner Volksunie law and order spokesman Moolman Mentz also condemned the killing.

"Politically motivated murders such as this country has experienced are contra-productive and only bring grief to all sectors of the party-political spectrum," he said.

toy gun, fired two shots, killing him.

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Deportations over fakes

A number of Ugandans had been deported from Transkei following the discovery of a ring manufacturing bogus educational certificates, Major-General Bantu Holomisa said on Sunday. He said arrangements were being made to send all Indian expatriates' qualifications to the Indian High Commission in Botswana. Ghanaians' documents were being sent to their representative in Namibia and Ugandans were being checked.

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Spoornet man stabbed, burnt

SASOLBURG. — A resident here was stripped, stabbed and then burnt to death in the Chris Hani camp in this Free State town yesterday morning.

Police spokeswoman Captain Helen van der Westhuizen said it did not appear the killing of Mr Leon Smit, 33, a Spoornet employee, was in any way politically motivated.

Mr Smit was found naked but still alive by police at 9.30am and died about two hours later. He had apparently gone into the camp to look for spare parts for his car. — Sapa

climate of uncertainty. Archbishop Desmond Tutu appealed: "Please, please dear people, we don't help our cause by actions of that kind (the killing of whites), and we call on our political leaders and all politicians: For goodness' sake hurry, inject urgency into the negotiation process and let our people see South Africa free." CT13/4/93

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by Tracy Knipe

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Slovo: No successor in sight for Hani

JOHANNESBURG. — There is no obvious candidate in sight to succeed assassinated SACP secretary-general Mr Chris Hani, party chairman Mr Joe Slovo said yesterday.

Assistant secretary-general and former Eastern Cape journalist Mr Charles Ngankula would fulfil the functions of the post in the interim.

The SACP "politbureau" was scheduled to meet today to discuss finding a successor.

"Chris made a major contribution to the growth of the SACP since he took over as secretary-general (in December 1991). There is no one with his popular appeal to working people and the youth — our main constituency," Mr Slovo added.

Transkei deports Ugandan citizens

UMTATA. — Transkei has deported an undisclosed number of Ugandans following the discovery of a syndicate manufacturing bogus educational certificates, military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa confirmed on Sunday.

He vowed that those involved in manufacturing fake documents would have to go.

General Holomisa said his government was examining the credibility of other expatriates' qualifications, saying arrangements were being made to send all Indian expatriates' qualifications to the Indian High Commission in Botswana.

Ghanaians' documents were being sent to their representative in Namibia and those of Ugandans were being checked with sources in their country.

General Holomisa added that 13 expatriate teachers — seven Indian women, five Ghanaians and a Ugandan — had been detained recently.

The 13 had agreed to withdraw their court action challenging their deportation order, and would be allowed to resume teaching. — Sapa

Peace committee set to work on schools crisis

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE national peace committee agreed yesterday to intervene in the education crisis, which is threatening to spread to white schools when they reopen next week.

Referring to the National Education Coordinating Committee (NECC) threat to occupy white schools in a bid to pressure government to agree to its demands, peace committee chairman John Hall said that if the situation at schools was going to degenerate into violence, it became the preserve of the peace accord.

He said the peace accord would do whatever it could to try to facilitate an understanding between government and the NECC to defuse the potentially violent situation.

White parents and the CP have threatened violent reaction if the NECC tries to go ahead with the plan to disrupt white schools.

A meeting between the NECC and Edu-

cation and Training Minister Sam de Beer is scheduled for this morning to discuss the NECC's demands for a halt to unilateral restructuring in education, and for government to participate in a national education forum.

Hall is expected to brief De Beer before the meeting.

NECC spokesman Desmond Thompson said the decision on whether to go ahead with the threat to occupy schools would be taken when the time came. In the meantime, he said, his organisation was enlisting local and international support, and "going full speed ahead in getting negotiations back on track".

Thompson said Sacob had also agreed to back the NECC's demands for a national forum to negotiate the way ahead for education.

Holomisa calls off inquiry

BIDAY 14/4/93

BILLY PADDOCK

THE blockade of Transkei could be intensified by SA security forces after Gen Bantu Holomisa cancelled the inquiry into Apla.

On Monday Holomisa said that as far as he was concerned the commission of inquiry into Apla operating in the Transkei was closed even before it had started its work.

Government saw his move as reneging on an agreement with President F W de Klerk following the April 1 meeting in Cape Town where Holomisa

promised to institute his own independent inquiry into Apla under the chief justice of the Transkei.

Last week he was determined to release the terms of the inquiry. However, following the assassination of SA Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani at the weekend, he said: "We cannot vindicate the institution of a commission of inquiry into Apla while a leading and ardent advocate of peace is

gunned down by members of the white community."

Government spokesman Dave Steward was "surprised" by the move as were some government ministers. Steward indicated that the decision by Holomisa was contrary to the agreement reached with de Klerk and government would be considering what action would be taken.

It is understood that government would be consulting its security heads to try to work out "an appropriate response", and an intensification of the blockade was not ruled out.

Holomisa said the murder of Hani could not be divorced from the implementation of SA security operations such as Operation Katzen in the eastern Cape, implying that government agencies were involved in the assassination.

Yesterday Holomisa accused the SADF's Military Intelligence of plotting the assassination of Hani, and sent a diplomatic note to De Klerk stating that the deployment of the SADF units in the blockade of the Transkei due to Apla was a thinly veiled smokescreen.

The note, to inform De Klerk that the intended commission of inquiry had been called off, said it could not be far-fetched to conclude that the cold-blooded murder of Hani had been hatched in the "offices of the SADF's Military Intelligence covert activities".



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Two shot in Transkei

EAST LONDON. — Two whites were killed and one injured near a Transkei coastal town when unidentified gunmen opened fire on their bakkie. Two passengers, thought to be children, escaped. (103)

Transkei police spokesman Major Mbulelo Mkiwane, said from Umtata today the attack took place in the Port St John's area. ARG 14/4/93

He said five whites travelling in a bakkie were attacked by gunmen inside a stationery van.

"The occupants of the van

opened fire on the whites, killing two instantly and injuring one.

"The van lost control and rolled down the hill. Two other passengers escaped," Major Mkiwane said.

He said police were still at the scene today and a special team of detectives were investigating the killings.

Major Mkiwane said the identity of the dead would be released later. It is understood the occupants of the bakkie were returning from a fishing trip. — Ecna.

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'Security forces killed Hani'

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent

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Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa, in a diplomatic note to President F W de Klerk, has accused the security forces of killing Chris Hani.

He has also cancelled the homeland's inquiry into Apla because "all matters pertaining to the armed struggle" should be referred to the negotiating forum.

His note said: "There is a growing perception that the mobilisation of the SADF re-

serve units and police throughout South Africa, and the eventual blockade of Transkei as a consequence of Apla, were a thinly veiled smokescreen to conceal the premeditated plan to liquidate Chris Hani so that, when the plan was executed, they had already been deployed to contain any volatile black reaction to the heinous crime."

Holomisa said there was "no moral justification" for an investigation into Apla while "a white terrorist group, the AWB, is allowed free rein to mobilise, openly train and arm whites to launch ruthless at-

tacks on blacks".

In another development, the PAC has written to Mr Justice R Goldstone clarifying "a misconception" about the organisation's attitude towards him.

"We have nothing against you as a person, nor do we challenge your integrity as such. But we do have difficulty with your commission," PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said.

The Goldstone Commission was illegitimate because it was constituted by an illegitimate government, he said.

Two whites killed in Transkei

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■ SA mission families evacuated:

By Mzimasi Ngudle

WHITES fled Transkei yesterday after two white men were shot dead on the eve of memorial services for slain SA Communist Party leader Mr Chris Hani.

South African ambassador Mr Horace van Rensburg confirmed that families of the ambassadorial staff, excluding officials, were whisked away in a chartered flight to Jan Smuts Airport yesterday following tension that gripped the territory.

He said three white men and two children were ambushed in Port St Johns as they came from the beach on Tuesday night.

Transkei police commissioner General Nkululeko Mankahla confirmed that two men were killed, one injured and that the children escaped unhurt.

Van Rensburg said the situation was tense.

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Talks fail in Transkei

TALKS between *Sunday Times* editor Ken Owen and Pan Africanist Congress Transkei officials to head off a boycott of the newspaper in Transkei failed in Umtata on Tuesday.

"The discussions were useful in clarifying differences but it proved impossible to reconcile differing interpretations of editorial comment in the *Sunday Times*," Owen said in a statement.

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Owen invited the PAC to continue discussions or to pursue the matter as a public debate through the columns of the *Sunday Times*.

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Transkei mob attacks embassy

The South African Embassy in Umtata was badly damaged yesterday when thousands of angry protesters, who had earlier attended a Chris Hani memorial rally, broke down the front gates.

The embassy had earlier advised South Africans to avoid Transkei after two brothers on a fishing holiday were shot dead. (103)

South African ambassador Horace van Rensburg said in a telephone interview: "Although there were 60 members of the Transkei army

and police on the premises, they stood by and allowed the crowds to rampage through embassy property and wreak devastating violence."

Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said the crowd, estimated at 40 000, had been brought under control and dispersed quietly.

The dead men were Grahamstown attorney James Weakley (43) and Glen Weakley (48) of Durban. — Sapa.

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Protesters storm SA embassy in Transkei ⁽¹⁰³⁾

THE SA embassy in Umtata came under attack yesterday when a large crowd of angry protesters who had earlier attended a Chris Hani memorial rally broke down the front gates and surged into the grounds.

Transkei military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said later the crowd of about 4 000 had been brought under control and had dispersed peacefully.

Sapa was unable to confirm a report that women and children had been evacuated.

SA's ambassador to Transkei Horace van Rensburg earlier advised South Africans to avoid Transkei after two brothers on holiday were shot dead by unidentified gunmen near Port St Johns on Tuesday night.

The dead men were named as Grahamstown attorney James Weakley, 43, and Glen Weakley, 48, of Durban.

Holomisa said Van Rensburg's warning to travellers had been exaggerated because the incident was in the hands of the Transkei police.

He called on Pretoria to recall Van Rensburg and replace him with someone "who has a better understanding of the situation here. We are sick and tired of his reactions to the slightest incident in Transkei".

The crowd at the embassy had turned violent when the march leaders entered the embassy building to hand over a petition and the front gates were locked behind them, Holomisa said. *6/10/93 15/4/93*

"The crowd then got out of hand and forced the gates open, damaging them in the process. There were also reports of firing from the crowd at the embassy guardroom," he said.

The Transkei government would foot the bill for damage to the embassy. — Sapa.

Goldstone to probe Protea police killings

RAY HARTLEY

THE Goldstone commission would investigate the police killing of at least five people at the Protea police station in Soweto on Wednesday, a high ranking peace monitor said yesterday.

ANC spokesman Pallo Jordan said the death toll from the incident had risen to five, with hundreds injured.

This brought the death toll for the day of protests countrywide to at least 17. However, police said some deaths could be attributed to criminal acts. The ANC said at least seven people were killed and 395 injured in Wednesday's skirmishes with security forces. Two were killed on the Parade in Cape Town.

The ANC said about 2-million supporters countrywide paid tribute to slain SACP general secretary Chris Hani. The police estimate was 250 000.

Jordan said the ANC rejected the appointment of a 13-man police investigative team headed by deputy regional Commissioner Braam Strauss to probe the incident at the Protea police station.

The ANC has accused police of opening fire without provocation and using unnecessary force during the incident.

A police spokesman said the investigation into the incident began yesterday morning, but it was impossible to say when it would be completed. Police questioned the ANC's statement that 245 people had been injured, he said.

The investigative team would examine more than 200 statements by injured people, the spokesman said.

Sapa reports that Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburgh told a news briefing in Pretoria yesterday that the Protea station incident would be the subject of an intensive investigation.

"A crowd of about 30 000 encircled the police station and ripped down the fence and attacked police officials and vehicles.

"Our information is that the SAP retaliated by firing shotguns and gas cartridges after shots had been fired from the crowd. Police have no specific instructions under

such circumstances but acted in self-defence.

"Cognisance should also be taken of the background of 10 other police stations being attacked and even burnt down earlier on. They must do what is necessary to protect themselves and property."

He said if circumstances allowed, warning shots could be fired, but this sometimes needed a split-second decision when lives were at stake.

In Cape Town yesterday, police explosives experts de-activated a handgrenade which had been thrown over the wall of the Nyanga police station.

Meanwhile, the national peace secretariat said yesterday it had requested "certain ambassadors" for assistance in the search for two international experts to join the police investigation into Hani's assassination.

Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau yesterday asked the secretariat to identify foreign experts to join the investigation after repeated ANC calls for foreign involvement.

Jordan welcomed the announcement, adding that the ANC now believed the investigation would be impartial.

AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche rejected the involvement of foreign policing experts in the investigation, saying it would set a precedent which would leave police powerless.

Sapa reports that the SACP has rejected a suggestion that the national peace committee meet tomorrow to discuss political violence.

In a letter to committee chairman John Hall, the SACP said the meeting was "untimely and insensitive" as the party and its allies were preparing for Hani's funeral. □ Lawyers for Human Rights said in its weekly report yesterday that 37 people had been killed and 33 injured during the period April 7 to 13. It said 65% of the incidents were related to the reaction to Hani's death.

Bid to avert Umtata clash

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CAPE TOWN — Government yesterday moved to defuse a looming confrontation with Transkei following the attack by demonstrators on the SA embassy in Umtata and the killing in an ambush of two South Africans in the homeland.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha acknowledged that a "tense situation" existed but said "a chance should now be given for emotions to calm down".

Botha "deplored" the deaths of brothers Alistair and Glen Weakley.

But he expressed his appreciation that the Transkei police had gone "out of their way" to be of assistance and that local Transkeians had extended help and protection to survivors.

He appeared to contradict ambassador Horace van Rensburg who was quoted as complaining that Gen Bantu Holomisa's Transkei authorities had not lifted a finger to protect the embassy.

Botha welcomed the offer of compensation from Transkei for damage done to the embassy property.

Sapa reports armed police were being sent to protect tourists in Transkei's coastal resorts, Holomisa said yesterday.

Our Durban correspondent reports that two German tourists are to fly home today after they were attacked by a mob who set their car on fire on Wednesday. Werner and Ute Karl were driving from East London to Durban when they were attacked near Mount Ayliff.

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Agricultural body condemns new move

Diplomatic row explodes

COMPLAINT Transkei accuses South

Africa of breach of protocol in latest feud:

By Mzimasi Ngudle

A DIPLOMATIC row erupted between Transkei and South Africa yesterday after an alleged breach of protocol by South Africa.

Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said the South African ambassador to Transkei, Mr Horace van Rensburg, had unilaterally issued a statement that South Africans should not visit Transkei.

Holomisa claimed the statement said the

situation in the homeland was tense.

He denied this and quashed rumours that embassy staff had been expelled.

"The ambassador apparently does not understand the politics of this region. The sooner they replace him the better," Holomisa said.

Holomisa said Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha, with whom he lodged a protest yesterday, was the one competent to issue the statement.

Van Rensburg said it was his responsibility to warn South African citizens of potential dangers.

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PRESIDENT of the Western Cape Agricultural Union Mr Chris du Toit says the application of labour legislation in agriculture is short-sighted and will result in unemployment.

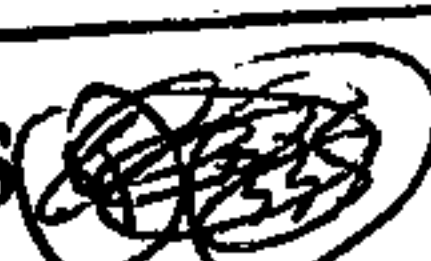
Addressing the union's annual meeting at Paarl yesterday, he said the move was simply another means of winning the support of the workers.

It would have the effect of increasing mechanisation in agriculture, thus aggravating unemployment, he said. — Sapa.

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Sniffing the wind

The Kei dictators have responded differently to a peculiar history

Though overshadowed by ANC secretary-general Chris Hani's murder, the Transkei crisis simmered on this week, threatening to add yet another obstacle to peace and negotiations. Stung by Pretoria's refusal to lift the security cordon around his homeland, in spite of indications that it would do so before the Easter weekend, Gen Bantu Holomisa lashed out with allegations that Hani's assassination was part of government's continuing dirty tricks conspiracy.

In an apparent fit of pique, probably due as much to the border blockade as to Hani's killing, he cancelled an undertaking given to President F W de Klerk this month to convene a judicial inquiry to work with the Goldstone Commission on investigations into Apla activities in Transkei.

Government responded with accusations of irresponsibility but seemed intent on maintaining the security clamp in what appears to be nothing more than old-style *kragdadigheid*, out of keeping with De Klerk's famed ability to negotiate his way out of difficult corners.

It may be that he underestimates the future role of the eastern Cape homelands. But then again he also may know they are lost to the NP, so why not make life a little uncomfortable in the ANC heartland?

Peter Vale, co-director of the Centre for Southern African Studies at the University of the Western Cape, says the eastern Cape is "wall-to-wall" ANC territory and symbolically important to the organisation. It's where many of the ANC's major national leaders come from (including Hani) and where the resistance movement is rooted.

But it is also one of SA's most economically depressed regions, producing only 5% of GDP and suffering from massive unemploy-



Holomisa ... an impact on regional politics

ment and environmental degradation due to drought and overpopulation. This means a future government may have to consider special financial measures, at the very least to stop the slide. Vale says this won't be a popular suggestion in some quarters but politically there may be no choice.

"Apart from spelling disaster for the region, the impact on the national economy and political situation if the eastern Cape collapses could be profound. We would be looking at the development of situations like Mexico City."

This is one of the reasons Holomisa is reluctant to rush into reincorporation. He argues that independence has boosted Trans-

kei's economy, particularly since his coup in December 1987 when he cleaned up the administration.

But the debate on the future of the TBVC states (Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei) no longer centres on whether they should be reincorporated into SA but when and how.

The unravelling of the complex statutory provisions of nominal independence cannot simply be decreed. It must be negotiated. Once achieved, the states will be incorporated into wider regions currently being determined by negotiators.

Transkei and Ciskei will probably form the bulk of a single region stretching roughly from Knysna in the south to the Natal border in the north, and inland as far the Free State.

It will contain about 15% of SA's voters and 70% of them will be Xhosa. Only two regions are likely to be more populous: Natal with 25% of voters and the PWV with 20%.

The futures of Holomisa and Brig Oupa Gqozo in Ciskei, who took power in a coup in March 1990, could in the end be in the hands of the voters.

Holomisa denies any political ambition but is well placed to follow a political career if he chooses to do so.

Gqozo, who now heads his own political party, the African Democratic Movement, sees himself as a future leader, but appears to have no real support. Vale says Gqozo is "totally out of his depth" and has no credibility among Xhosas.

Holomisa, on the other hand, is probably destined for bigger things in a new SA. Vale says he is perceived as a "charismatic and talented" soldier whose services are likely to be used in a top slot in the new army. Both soldiers overthrew allegedly corrupt civilian

WHAT WE SAID THEN

Continuing our recollections of topics discussed in the early issues of the *FM*, these are some of the subjects reported on April 17 1959:

□ The Trade Indemnity Co of London virtually stopped covering exports to SA after serious losses, especially in textiles, exacerbated by the collapse of the Amato group.

The gap was expected to be filled by SA's new Credit Guarantee Insurance Corp, formed in late 1958 to insure exporters' commercial risks, with the Department of Commerce & Industry reinsuring political and transfer risks;

□ Tony Fergusson (37), newly elected youngest-ever president of the JSE, announced the creation of a "secondary section" to accommodate shares from the defunct Union Stock Exchange. The *FM* criticism was that this was setting up "a list of second-hand goods" and questioned the wisdom of the committee's having to express an opinion on the quality of shares traded. It asked: "Is everything in the first division a good buy?:"

□ The cotton textile industry again asked for more protection against imported piece goods by widening the Customs definition of calico, drill, twill and sateen.

Objected the *FM*: "A widening of definitions catches many piece goods not yet in manufacture in the Union, or not likely to be — and their cost would be increased both to the over-the-counter buyer and the clothing industry." *Plus ça change...*

□ Casting a shadow over future events, the *FM* complained that the annual accounts of Wolf Heller's Standard Finance and its subsidiary SA Druggists disclosed so little as to make it quite impossible for "unfortunate shareholders to work out any comparison to show how their investment is progressing or what it is worth" — which turned out to be precious little.

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regimes. Pretoria sat back and allowed events to develop because, according to government spokesmen, the coups were backed by the majority of people in the two states.

Initially, Holomisa and Gqozo followed similar political directions, slightly to the left of Pretoria. Gqozo, in fact, was considered more radical. At his first public appearance after the coup, he shared a platform with militant activists under ANC and SACP banners and told a cheering crowd his goal was reincorporation into SA.

Holomisa, on the other hand, was less willing at first to embrace the ANC. Nearly a year after his coup he told the *FM* in an interview that it would "not be wise" to unban the ANC and PAC because of an agreement with the SA government not to allow each other's territories to be used for cross-border attacks.

But the tables soon turned. Less than a year after the coup Gqozo had become a bitter enemy of the ANC, due mainly to his alleged autocratic style and intolerance of opposition.

He forged links with the CP through the Concerned South Africans Group and flirted with resisting reincorporation. Last year his troops gunned down 28 marchers in an ANC protest on Bisho's outskirts.

Though still firmly in power, but with no popular backing, Gqozo faces increasing allegations of corruption and maladministration. He is believed to be on the point of being directly implicated in events that resulted in the killing of Charles Sebe in 1991 after an alleged coup plot.

Sebe's death is currently being investigated by a judicial commission. Gqozo's efforts to avoid being drawn into the inquiry have been challenged in court in terms of Ciskei's remarkably liberal Bill of Rights. A judgment is pending.

Holomisa's change was more gradual. He still shuns party politics but effectively embraces the ANC and PAC. Though the leaders of both organisations reject Transkei's independence, they openly acknowledge Holomisa's role in opposing Pretoria.

They also respect his position. While he firmly denies any political ambition, there's no question of his massive popularity in Transkei and other regions.

His tough talk against the SA government is particularly attractive to township youths and members of Umkhonto we Sizwe. Had he been seeking political office, Holomisa may have considered moving quickly to fill the vacuum left by Hani's death.

Instead, he wishes to continue his military career, perhaps with a spot of training abroad. Then he wants to contribute towards building a new national defence force. He's not insisting on any special privileges and will serve under a white commander if he is

the best person for the post.

"I am happy to remain a civil servant. I have not allocated businesses to myself, I have not even bought a property in Transkei," he says.

Even if ousted, he believes he will leave a mark on Transkei's future. "I didn't create the homelands but I perfected the system and developed a culture of tolerance."

Holomisa is hurt by continuing allegations that Transkei's economy is in a shambles. He says the homeland's Tender Board investigates all State deals and approves only those that meet strict criteria. This promotes confidence among companies doing business with the Transkei government.

"We were praised for our efforts last year by (Finance Minister) Derek Keys. This is a new Transkei. Standards and controls are geared to fitting in with the new SA."

As evidence of renewed confidence, he mentions a number of commercial ventures and property developments since 1988. "I think you could say we have rescued the economy of Transkei."

His heavy reliance on financial support from SA doesn't worry him. "It is the SA government's obligation to support us. I didn't create the homeland. I took over the administration when it was running into financial trouble. A new financial programme was introduced in 1988 and the finances are now healthy."

Well, that may be a matter of opinion. Certainly, he must accept the fact that the more he is dependent on SA funding, the more he will find himself answerable to Pretoria. Homelands like the Transkei were effectively bribed into independence. None used the opportunity to move towards greater self-sufficiency. All are content to accept Pretoria's annual tribute. Elsewhere in Africa it is known as aid dependence. In due course, it is bound to attract conditionality.

Holomisa says relations with SA deteriorated when he started "treading on certain people's toes" in 1988 by appointing commissions of inquiry into alleged corruption during Kaiser Matanzima's term of office.

He says, for example, SA refused to play fair by rejecting his efforts to have Sun International CE Sol Kerzner extradited to face



Gqozo

corruption charges. So how can he now be expected to act against people in Transkei that SA alleges are involved in illegal acts?

That is an argument difficult to gainsay. The bribery and corruption under the previous Transkei regime was never accounted for, nor were the culprits punished.

However, none of his dubious predecessors and their accomplices in business were protecting the terrorist arm of a political organisation engaged blatantly in indis-

criminate murder. He does not have to ban Apla. He has simply to remove their succour.

Some observers doubt that Holomisa is politically astute. His protection of Apla is testimony to that. He also knows little and seems to care less about interstate diplomacy (which is driving Foreign Minister Pik Botha to despair). No neighbour can be expected to remain phlegmatic while terrorists from a state that it finances are harassing its citizens. Before long, it is going to review its financial accommodation.

It is in Transkei's interest that there be rapid progress towards greater democracy in SA. The political stance it has chosen — to foster Apla and antagonise De Klerk — will impede rather than encourage progress towards a peaceful transition to democracy.

After Hani's murder and the consequent increase in tension surrounding the constitutional negotiations, it should stand to reason that every responsible political leader should do his utmost to reduce political trauma. Violence is close to flashpoint. The ANC leadership understands that all too well.

Holomisa has had an impact on eastern Cape politics. It could be an even greater one if he were now to move diplomatically towards the ANC leadership and Pretoria. His present political stance identifies him with the mindset of the radical elements on the political fringes of SA.

There are those who believe Holomisa has the popularity among black youth and the leadership ability to move towards the position vacated so tragically by Hani — not as head of the SA Communist Party but as a symbol of youthful exuberance. If that is true and Holomisa demonstrates over the next few weeks that he is capable of rising to the challenge, his position in the political arena could take on a new significance. But that would require him to pick up where Hani left off.

Gqozo, though, seems destined to fade into obscurity, having missed his chance to play a leading part in what will probably be the only political show worth watching in the eastern Cape. ■



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Tourists have narrow escape on Wild Coast

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EAST LONDON — Two families of tourists had a narrow escape on Transkei's Wild Coast on Wednesday afternoon after shots were fired at their cars. (103)

And a third couple travelling through the homeland had to be rescued after a hostile crowd robbed them and attempted to set fire to their car.

According to a report from the South African embassy in Transkei, a family of seven people from the Free State and a couple from Zimbabwe managed to escape after shots were fired at their cars at Coffee Bay.

SA's ambassador in Transkei, Horace van Rensburg, said: "The Free State couple apparently were in a bakkie with their children in the back when a car pursued them for three kilometres down a road, firing at them.

"The bakkie was hit but no one was hurt."

Transkei police spokesman Brigadier Mzoli Ngubenkomo confirmed the attack on a "certain David Adwards", a tourist from Zimbabwe. Ngubenkomo said the police were not aware of the other attack on the Free State family but would investigate.

The Transkei police have deployed units at all Transkei holiday resorts following "isolated in-

cidents" at the resorts.

Meanwhile, Ciskei Police Commissioner, General Fikile Zibi, confirmed a number of incidents in Ciskei yesterday. A railway truck was stoned near Phakamisa, a furniture van was burnt out at Zwelitsha, and a contractor's car was burnt out in Dimbaza. There were no injuries.

In Durban, special travel documents were issued to a couple who were attacked after they lost their belongings when a mob of about 200 stoned them in Transkei yesterday.

The badly shaken couple were taken by a South African policeman to the German consulate in Durban yesterday.

Werner Karl (43) and his wife Ute (40) were travelling from East London through Transkei to Durban when they were stopped by a mob at Mount Ayliff.

The mob forced the couple out of their vehicle and then assaulted them before setting their vehicle alight.

Transkei police took the couple to the South African-Transkei border near Kokstad.

Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said it was "very regrettable that the couple have been attacked". — Elnews and Own Correspondent.

Transkei ambush wounds two men

UMTATA. — Two men were shot and wounded in an ambush near Flagstaff in Transkei. (108) Acc 17/4/93

A Lusikisiki businessman, Mr Richard Pretorius, and another unnamed man were travelling together to Kokstad when shots were fired at his bakkie.

A bullet hit Mr Pretorius in the neck and the driver of the vehicle was struck in a hand.

They were able to drive to Fort Donald, about 25km from the border with Natal, where they received help.

Mr Pretorius is recovering in the Kokstad hospital. — Sapa

Tourists flown out of Transkei

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ABOUT 20 South Africans were hastily evacuated from Transkei by light aircraft this week following a spate of attacks on whites.

Three families who were holidaying at Port Grosvenor and a number of people who were staying at Lusikisiki were evacuated after relatives chartered small planes from Durban to fetch them.

Mr. Robert Rawlins, of Matatiele, was staying at Port Grosvenor with his family and several relatives when a plane landed on Friday to evacuate people staying in another cottage.

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"People from three different holiday cottages got together and we decided to send a number of women and young children out first, so they flew out on Friday," he said.

Tense

"The men and a few women who were left drove to Lusikisiki, then we flew out on Saturday. Two Zimbabweans who were with us flew out in another plane.

"Lusikisiki was very tense last night and a lot of people said they were getting out by air. As far as I know there are only about three whites left in the town," he added.

Mr Rawlins said a number of vehicles were left behind in a garden in the town and that their owners would return for them when the situation stabilised.

The South African ambassador to Transkei, Mr Horace van Rensburg, this week warned people to stay out of the homeland. The warning followed an

attack on two white businessmen near Flagstaff on Friday. Lusikisiki businessman Richard Pretorius and another man were travelling to Kokstad together when they were wounded in an ambush.

Ambush

A bullet hit Mr Pretorius in the neck and the driver of the vehicle was struck in a hand.

On Wednesday a Natal company manager and two children survived a hail of bullets which killed two of his friends. Grahamstown attorney

Alfred Weakley and his wife, Mrs. Glen were shot on an ambush on the Wild Coast this week.

A girl's girlfriend, Chloe O'Neil, friend Caroline Runn and six children hid from the killers.

Mr Keith Rumble, 38, general manager of Richards Bay Minerals, was shot in the head.

At least five visitors and businessmen have been murdered in Transkei since November last and about 12 others have been injured. Some of the victims were from Germany and Japan.

Tourists fly home after T'kei attacks

Own Correspondent CT 19/4/93

DURBAN. — At least nine Natal holidaymakers have been airlifted from Transkei resorts in aircraft chartered by relatives, after attacks on whites on the homeland's roads last week.

A Margate airport official said there had been increased traffic from the homeland since the attacks.

He said six people were flown across the border from coastal resorts on Saturday and a further three yesterday.

A spokesman for the South African embassy in Transkei, Mr Chris Thirion, said he was aware of the flights for holidaymakers but they were "most likely private arrangements".

"Nothing has been arranged through government channels that I'm aware of," he said.

Kokstad traders to reopen today

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Businesses in the southern Natal town of Kokstad are to reopen this morning after a three-day closure aimed at forcing an end to an ANC-called consumer boycott.

Kokstad Chamber of Commerce president Mr Ed Jenkins said the "very successful closure" had left northern Transkei without fuel or food.

The ANC had called the boycott in response to roadblocks set up by African security forces on the Transkei border.

However, Mr Jenkins said the traders would prefer to work with the ANC in seeking a solution.

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Tourists airlifted (103)

AT LEAST two aircraft were sent from Natal to Transkei at the weekend to fetch holidaymakers from beach resorts following a spate of attacks on tourists. (DR) (DR)

Several holidaymakers have been shot, molested and robbed in the homeland recently. In one case, a private aircraft was sent to bring a whole family home, while a second aircraft was sent to fetch holidaymakers from a top resort. Swetam 19/4/93

Consumer boycott over roadblocks to continue

KOKSTAD. — The situation here remained tense yesterday following a decision by local ANC officials to continue the consumer boycott in the town until Thursday when the matter will be reviewed.

The boycott in the border town was called after the government set up roadblocks in the area to prevent alleged Apla attacks from the Transkei.

The decision to continue the boycott followed a church service and procession in the town yesterday to pay homage to slain SA Communist Party general-secretary Mr Chris Hani attended by about 30 000 people.

An estimated 30 000 people

marched to a local graveyard where a minute's silence was observed. No incidents were reported during the procession. (103) 20/4/73

ANC officials announced the consumer boycott that has been in effect since April 8, would continue at least until Thursday when they would meet with ANC and Congress of SA outh African Trade Union officials from the Transkei.

The community was however urged to return to work today on Tuesday following yesterday's stayaway on Monday.

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Kokstad boycott continues

A consumer boycott in Kokstad, bordering Transkei, continued yesterday with the ANC alliance vowing to continue withholding the buying power of thousands of people until a security ring around the homeland is withdrawn.

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Teachers in mass strike

UMTATA. — More than 10 000 Transkei teachers started an indefinite strike vowing not to resume teaching before there was salary parity.

The teachers, affiliated to the SA Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu), are demanding that both sexes get equal pay and that parity salary cheques be back-dated to July 1991, according to Sadtu spokesman Mr Mkhangelisi Matomela.

Mr Matomela said the South Afri-

can government could not be blamed for the unfair allocation of funds given to the Transkei last year, adding Transkei teachers were still not on par with their South African counterparts.

Transkei Education Minister Mr S P Kakudi said his department was unable for financial reasons, to meet the teachers' demands because they had not been budgeted for.

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Grenade attack

THE Transkei police are investigating the motive for a handgrenade attack on the home of former president Kaizer Matanzima on Tuesday.

Matanzima's house at Ezibeleni, near Queenstown, was attacked shortly after midnight. He lives in Cofimvaba and was not in the house at the time. His daughter Maureen and her aunt were reportedly in the house but were not injured. (103)

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Transkei police spokesperson Brigadier Mzoli Ngubenkomo was unable yesterday to say how much damage was caused. He said police had not established the motive for the attack or how many grenades had been used. — *Eena, Elnews, Aba.*

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Shots fired across border

Shots were fired across the Transkei border at SADF personnel stationed near a border post at Elliot, eastern Cape, on Wednesday night. The shots, fired from a small firearm, were followed by a flare. No one was injured. (103)

Mystery of attacks in Transkei

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THE mystery of whether the Azanian People's Liberation Army is mounting cross-border terror sorties from Transkei has deepened with a string of apparently racist attacks on white tourists and commuters inside the homeland.

Apla, which South Africa claims is using Transkei as a base for attacks across the border, had previously announced that the territory and its security forces were exempt from attack.

"If it's Apla they're shooting themselves in the foot," military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said this week. The PAC in Umtata has denied Apla was responsible, stating that it would be politically foolish when the Transkei government had permitted organisations to exist there.

Holomisa blamed the violence on "agents provocateurs" trying to create an excuse for South African forces to move across the border, a claim dismissed as "utter rubbish" by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze.

The attacks triggered an unprecedented response by the homeland authorities, who have long scoffed at Pretoria's claims that Transkei was unsafe. Large numbers of police were quickly deployed on major roads and at resorts and police spokesmen said detectives were conducting intensive investigations.

For some tourists, this was small consolation. A number of bookings were cancelled and, by the beginning of this week, at least 20 holidaymakers had abruptly left the territory.

Some may have been responding to the dire warnings of South Africa's ambassador in Umtata, Horace Van Rensburg, who has been accused — perhaps with some justification — of playing up the crisis.

The attacks took place in the context of increasing anti-white feeling in Umtata — a development which appears to have gained momentum in the wake of the Hani murder — accompanied by suggestions of growing popular support for the Pan Africanist Congress. — Ecna.

SA troops fly into Transkei

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A SQUAD of SA Defence Force troops was flown into the Transkei this week to protect the South African embassy in Umtata.

The move, confirmed by Brigadier JA Engelbrecht, officer commanding the Eastern Province Command, follows an attack on the embassy 10 days ago in the wake of Chris Hani's assassination.

Wives and children of embassy staff were evacuated to South Africa when a mob of rampaging youths breached the perimeter fences and stoned the buildings.

Brigadier Engelbrecht said 12 soldiers had been flown to Umtata in a chartered helicopter "in a defensive role to protect the interests of the mission and its employees".

He said the Transkei

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government had given approval for the troops to be flown in after a meeting between Major-General Bantu Holomisa and South African Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha.

The South African ambassador to Transkei, Mr Horace van Rensburg, had earlier criticised Transkei police for not protecting the embassy.

Acting head of the Transkei Defence Force,

Colonel MA Ntshinga, said yesterday he had been informed that the troops would be deployed at the embassy.

Following attacks on three Wild Coast holiday resorts last weekend by toyi-toying youths, Transkei police have been deployed to guard the premises.

Damage estimated at thousands of rands was

caused when cottages in the resorts were vandalised.

A goat was slaughtered inside one of the cottages and racial graffiti written on the walls in blood.

Damage at the Kobonqaba resort, situated between Wavecrest and the Seagulls Hotel, was estimated at R25 000.

A spokesman for the Centane police station said police would remain in the area for at least three months.

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2 women killed in Transkei

Four people died in violence in Transkei over the weekend, a police spokesman said yesterday. Two women were shot dead in Nokhathile, Mount Ayliff, on Saturday night. Police found spent R-4 and R-5 rifle cartridges in the homes of Mabatyi Zono and Madinga Mangenge. Two men were also hacked to death in Tsolo.

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Four die in attacks

UMTATA. — Four people were killed in two attacks in Transkei at the weekend.

Two women were shot dead in their homes in Nokhathile location, Mount Ayliff, on Saturday night, police said.

Police found R4 and R5 cartridges in the homes of the two women.

In a separate incident, two men were hacked to death in Tsolo.

● Constable Y.N. Mashaeu was found dead in KwaThema in the East Rand yesterday with a bullet wound in his head.

Police said he was shot from behind.

● A woman died yesterday after she was attacked by a panga-wielding man on a Gonubie farm near East London on Saturday night.

The victim's boyfriend told police he had been returning from a nearby farm when he saw a man fleeing from the house.

● Police arrested 249 people following illegal gatherings on Saturday in the Northern Cape town of Hartswater, police said. — Sapa

Complaint by Transkei

TRANSKEI had issued a formal note of complaint to Pretoria about SA ambassador to Umtata Horace van Rensburg, military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa confirmed last week.

The move followed allegations by Van Rensburg that Transkei police did nothing to prevent attacks on the SA embassy after the Chris Hani assassination. The Foreign Affairs Department has refused to comment.

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Denel rakes in net revenue of R298m

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CAPE TOWN — Denel, established a year ago after the privatisation of sections of Armscor, earned a net revenue before tax and dividends of R289m, Parliament heard yesterday.

Public Enterprises Minister Dawie de Villiers said Denel had a total revenue of R2,818bn in its first year, from which a R60m dividend would be paid to the state. R54,3m had been provided for income tax payments.

Introducing debate on his vote, he said six enterprises reported directly to him — Eskom, Transnet, Denel, Alexkor, Foskor and the SA Forestry Company.

Robin Carlisle (DP Wynberg) said it was thought National Sorghum Breweries (NSB) was in serious financial trouble. He urged De Villiers to play "open cards" with Parliament about NSB and organisations under his control.

Roger Hulley (DP Constantia) said the SA economy was one of the most overprotected, rendering an export-led recovery impossible. Eskom, a state-owned monopoly which had been described as a "Stalinist dream", had failed in bringing electricity to disadvantaged communities.

Cehill Pienaar (AVU Heilbron), said in creating bodies such as Abakor, Parliament was creating economic Frankensteins that would do the economy no good.

Services in Transkei and Ciskei 'about to collapse'

CAPE TOWN — Foreign Minister Pik Botha told Parliament yesterday the reincorporation of Transkei, Venda and Ciskei should take place as soon as possible. Services in Transkei and Ciskei were in "a state of collapse", he said.

His department remained concerned about mismanagement and misappropriation in the TBVC states. The worse this mismanagement became, the more difficult it would be to repair the damage. However, government had established controls and procedures and significant progress had been made in reducing budget deficits.

Botha said Bophuthatswana was different from the other states because it had a broader income base and it recognised the value of effective control over scarce resources.

In debate on the Foreign Affairs vote Peter Soal (DP, Johannesburg North) said a secret government report had apparently concluded that the four "independent" homelands were not financially viable. He called on Botha to provide more insight about the report.

He said the TBVC states were "a visible, expensive example of NP failure".

If Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope believed there was no question of the homeland giving up its independence, "what is a delegation of his doing at the multiparty talks?" Soal asked.

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In Transkei, "a military dictator runs rings around the SA government and muddies the negotiation process by constant revelations which may or may not have any credibility. He tweaks the nose of the SA government with amazing regularity."

Botha warned SA it had to face "new dangers" in the changing world order. "With the shakeout after the Cold War, we are witnessing the world settling into a cold peace, in which the arms race is replaced by an economic race," he said.

If SA continued to consume its creative energies in internal strife and in protracted negotiation, it would fall so far behind that it might never catch up.

"We cannot compete in the new world unless our attention and our talents are directed towards providing our people with the means towards this end:

"A world preoccupied with a competition for economic success, with the important countries of the world engaged in the pursuit of higher technology, will have little time for those who fail to get their belligerent past and animosities behind them."

He said SA was now represented in 79 countries and had signed a record number of international agreements, which enabled South Africans to travel more freely.

Whites losing faith in politicians' poll

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CAPE TOWN — Whites are losing faith in politicians' ability to solve their problems, two public opinion surveys have found.

Research Surveys said yesterday between 40% and 50% of black men older than 25 professed more faith in politicians. Only one in four of those between 18 and 24 were as positive; 39% of whites had less faith than they had earlier while only 19% had more faith.

The poll, among 400 white males, 400 black males and 400 white managers, was held in March.

Markinor found metropolitan adults increasingly disillusioned with SA's political leaders.

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The tie-tie join the toyi-toyi

W/Week 30/4-6/93

By TOM ROBBINS: Durban

T must have been the most bizarre display of mass action yet. Businessmen in grey suits toyi-toying alongside a bunch of rag-tag militants.

That's the sight that greeted travellers who passed last week through Kokstad, a small town on the Natal side of the Transkei border, whose residents are reeling from the effects of a cordon thrown around the homeland by South African security forces.

Northern Transkeians, who used to cross the border to shop in Kokstad, launched a consumer boycott in protest against the blockade of the homeland.

But the Kokstad businessmen responded to the boycott with a counter-strike of their own. When organisers of the consumer boycott allowed a two-day recess for their supporters to stock up on vital goods, the businessmen

promptly shut down the town — closing every shop and service supplier.

But the businessmen's counter-boycott, although organised with military precision, was not as solid as the organisers would have liked. The owner of a corner cafe called up Albany Bakery to cancel his regular order of bread as his shop would be closed in line with the general shutdown. Then he stayed up all night to bake 6 000 loaves and plotted to sell these in the local township, Bongweni, the next day.

Unfortunately for this entrepreneur, his colleagues discovered what he was up to. They confiscated his bread and then handed the loaves out, free of charge, in Bongweni and Twist Valley townships and to the local hospital and residents of the old-age home.

The businessmen also caught a bottle store owner who tried to cash in on the action by keeping his shop open.

The liquor merchant, who had ordered sand for some building operations, had the load delivered right on his doorstep.

This form of economic guerrilla warfare between consumers and traders generated racism and brought the crisis close to violence. Somehow sense prevailed and the two sides realised that they were really on the same side.

The Kokstad Chamber of Commerce, realising the cordon was the initial cause of the crisis, faxed President FW de Klerk asking for it to be lifted — with as little success as the consumer boycotters.

On Wednesday traders on both sides of the border, including Northern Transkei Chamber of Commerce chairman Stanley Godwana — who is also an African National Congress official — told De Klerk the stranglehold on the homeland was killing their livelihood. ANC members, township resi-

dents and people from Transkei marched through the town together with a delegation of businessmen and delivered a memorandum to De Klerk via the local police commissioner, Lieutenant Colonel PA Holzhuizen.

A carnival scene ensued. Shops closed while 2 000 people sang and danced in the streets under banners saying "Remove the roadblocks" and "Peace and prosperity to Transkei and East Griqualand".

Commerce chief Ed Jenkins describing the march as the country's "first united black and white toyi-toyi".

A local businessman said the action was designed to show that people were tired of the politicians — De Klerk and Transkei ruler Bantu Holomisa — messing with their lives. "We want them to leave us alone. We are tired of being pawns in a political game between FW and Holomisa."



Transkei 'cannot be re-incorporated'

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

UMTATA. — PWV ANC chairman Tokyo Sexwale told a packed Independence Stadium here that the struggle would be reversed if Transkei "was lost".

Mr Sexwale was speaking at the memorial service for ANC national chairman Oliver Tambo and was sharing a platform with Transkei's military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

He said there was "no way" Transkei could be re-incorporated into South Africa. "Once we lose Transkei our struggle against apartheid will go back to square one."

He urged the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto weSizwe, to work closer with the governments of Transkei and Venda.

General Holomisa called on all South Africans to force the government "to expedite the process of change".

"We are gravely concerned at the turn of events in the negotiation forum," said the general. "It appears the path of negotiations is strewn with landmines for which the nationalist government must accept full responsibility."

He said the future of the country could not be allowed to be "held to ransom" by Cosag, whose constituency and support was doubtful. The onus was on President De Klerk to ensure that there were no delaying tactics "by selfish groups like Cosag".

"We are inclined to think that he



Tokyo Sexwale ... "re-incorporation like going back to square one"

uses Cosag to prolong the negotiation process," General Holomisa said.

Government offices and businesses closed between 11am and 3pm to enable people to attend the service. — Elnews.

Umtata attracts retail chain stores

BUOYED by a retail boom in Umtata, SA chain stores are venturing into the Transkei capital to cater for increasingly sophisticated tastes among the city's large public service population. Transkei Development Corporation (TDC) spokesman Arthur O'Connor said clothing and jewellery chains Truworths, Topics, Markhams and American Swiss had already signed up for space at Murray & Roberts Properties' R60m shopping complex in Umtata.

Shoprite-Checkers — the first major retail chain to open in Transkei — would anchor the 16 000m² centre. Contractors Murray & Roberts were scheduled to complete the project by March 1994.

O'Connor said the Circus Triangle shopping complex was designed to provide quality merchandise for the town's large public service population. But the lack of upmarket retail outlets was not the only reason for the project.

ANDREW KRUMM

"There are moves afoot to make Umtata the administrative capital of the eastern Cape after the installation of a new SA government," said O'Connor.

Umtata's designation as a possible regional capital had been mooted by the ANC and the Umtata municipality, which saw the move as a way to balance the distribution of wealth equitably in the under-developed region.

Although the idea was still tentative, it would have a marked effect on the future spending power in the town, and set off a chain reaction of events, should it come to fruition.

"The concept has been applied effectively in Britain, where whole government departments were transferred from London to depressed areas like Glasgow. Its effect was to transfer spending power and wealth," O'Connor said.

MI planned Hani killing - Holomisa

Own Correspondent

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DURBAN — Transkei ruler Bantu Holomisa believes South African Military Intelligence (MI) planned the murder of SACP chief Chris Hani.

And he said yesterday that the blockade of the homeland by the Government was "merely an excuse" to justify the mobilisation of 30 000 troops in readiness for the political tension the Government correctly expected would follow Hani's death.

Holomisa made the claims in Durban in an address to the Press Club of Technikon Natal's department of journalism and public relations.

He said a covert operations department of the Government had planned Hani's killing. The State President had supported covert activities, he said.

Asked by a member of the audience whether Hani's murderer was in the pay of the Government, Holomisa declined to answer, saying he would wait until the outcome of the investigation into the murder to comment further.

Arms cache at busy picnic site

2/8/93
Staff Reporter

AN arms cache of more than a thousand rounds of live AK-47 ammunition and two projectiles has been found buried at a popular picnic site overlooking the sea at Melkbosstrand.

Acting on a tip-off from the South African Defence Force on Wednesday, members of the Police fire-arm recovery unit scoured the Twede Steen picnic site and found the cache in a box buried in the sand.

The box contained two PG-7 projectiles — the ammunition fired by RPG-7 rocket-launchers — and 1 012 live AK-47 rounds.

A police spokesman said yesterday the arms were thought to be of Russian origin.

However, it was not possible to estimate the value of the cache at this stage, he said.

Police have refused to allow pictures to be taken of the projectiles or to supply further information as they fear this would hamper their investigation.

A reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Anyone with information should contact the police toll-free at 0800 111 213.

T'kei soldiers quizzed on missing weapons

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Own Correspondent

UMTATA. — Transkei Defence Force soldiers are being questioned about the theft of a large quantity of automatic and semi-automatic weapons from a military base here.

Three light machineguns and 30 R4 rifles were found to be missing from an armoury at Neise Military Base just outside the city last Friday.

Transkei police have still refused to release any information more than a week later.

However, Transkei leader Major General Bantu Holomisa last night confirmed police were investigating the involvement of TDF members in the theft.

Transkei tackled over beer sales

SA Times (Buss)
9/15/93

By CIARAN RYAN

DURBAN businessman Mac Eksteen has challenged Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa over the homeland's prohibition on sales of SA-brewed sorghum beer.

Mr Eksteen says the 1988 prohibition, which destroyed his R165-million-a-year business, is illegal because it contravenes free trade between the customs union members.

He is claiming R2,2-million in lost profits from Transkei and is calling on the SA Government to pressure General Holomisa into reversing the ban and compensating him for losses.

Mr Eksteen's company, Delmac Agencies, had exclusive rights to market sorghum beer in the homeland. Delmac's beer sales to the Transkei were worth R65-million a year. Sales of other food products amounted to R100-million a year, but this also dried up "because businesses in the Transkei were afraid to deal with us after

being warned off the by the government".

Attempts by Mr Eksteen and SA to compel Transkei to abide by the SA Customs Union agreement — including a personal visit by President FW de Klerk to homeland leader Bantu Holomisa and threats of withholding funding — have come to nought. (103)

General Holomisa says while sorghum beer manufactured in the Transkei can not be sold in SA because of National Sorghum Breweries' exclusive marketing rights, it is not fair to expose Transkei sorghum manufacturers to "one-way competition".

NSB chairman Mohale Mahanyeke says: "We have good relations with the Transkei and understand why they have decided to stick to the prohibition of sorghum beer imports from SA."

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

ONE of the men sought in connection with last weekend's AK-47 attack on the Highgate Hotel in East London was escorted by South African police to the Transkei border three months ago after being questioned about an earlier terror attack in the Eastern Cape.

Now the SA Police are desperate to get school-teacher-cum-poet Lungisi Ntintili back in their hands.

Mr Ntintili was detained in February and questioned about last November's attack on the King William's Town golf club which left four dead and 17 injured.

After a day-long interrogation, Mr Ntintili was released and taken to the border to return to his home at Msomvubu.

Lieutenant Colonel Louis Botha of the SAP said there was insufficient evidence at the time to hold Mr Ntintili, and he was released with a view to being called as a

Sought PAC poet in Transkei

state witness in the case.

This week, SAP sources said their investigations into the golf club attack, the attack on Fort Beaufort's Yellowwood Hotel and last weekend's Highgate Hotel shootings were being hampered because the two men they were anxious to interview were beyond their reach in Transkei.

Border PAC assistant secretary-general Mvuyo Mhangwane confirmed that Mr Ntintili was in Transkei, where he is a registered PAC member.

He said he did not know

the whereabouts of the second man wanted by the police, Thembelani Xundu, who is also a PAC member and chairman of the Dimbaza branch of PASO.

Mr Xundu comes from Engcobo in Transkei, where his father is a civil servant.

Colonel Botha said no application for the extradition of the two men could be made until police had more specific information.

The two men — and possibly a third — were allegedly seen using a telephone in the Highgate Hotel foyer only hours before a balaclava-clad gang opened fire with AK-47s on a group of patrons in the bar last Saturday night.

The two were apparently also seen in East London two weeks before the attack and have been placed in the vicinity of King William's Town and Fort Beaufort shortly before the attacks there.

Border-Kei to put its case

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FINANCE Minister Derek Keys will meet representatives of the Border-Kei Development Forum in Cape Town today to discuss pleas for aid in the poverty-stricken Border-Kei region.

The meeting was to have taken place late last month but was cancelled because of the Finance budget debate in Parliament.

The forum's 38-page memorandum, sent to Finance Minister Derek Keys early this year, argues for the Border-Kei region to be treated as a special case because of its economic structural weaknesses, poverty and stagnation.

These weaknesses are attributed to factors such as political fragmentation as the region falls under the jurisdiction of three different authorities — SA, Transkei and Ciskei — historical distortions as a result of apartheid planning, and because 80% of its population lives in underdeveloped rural areas. Its gross geographic product is a mere 28% of the national

average, the document says.

The memorandum argues that the effects of historical distortions in the region will be felt particularly with the impending process of regional restructuring.

Two of the most important proposals are funding and SA's recognition of the area as a development region.

Parts of the proposed Border-Kei region currently fall under development region D and E (as recognised by the SA government), while others fall under the homeland administrations of Ciskei and Transkei. The region is inhabited by about 4,5-million people.

In an earlier interview a source in the forum said SA recognition of the proposed region would unlock its economic potential.

The memorandum sets out four areas needing serious intervention, including housing, which covers capital subsidies for land ser-

vices for 25 000 units; a loan guarantee trust fund; welfare grants for 10 500 dwellings for R5 000 each and a capital grant for R25 000 loans made available at 12% instead of 27% interest.

Agriculture and rural development projects — including labour intensive programmes, rural capacity building through training and rural banking to encourage saving supply of capital and setting up of a community fund. These projects will require R97,44m.

The other two areas are human resource development and industrialisation. The forum proposes a general moratorium on the phasing out of incentive schemes over a two-year period and that Ciskei and Transkei be given a rand-for-rand compensation for General Export Incentive Scheme.

Formed last year, the forum represents the SA, Ciskei and Transkei governments; political groups and business, regional and service organisations.

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Keys 'impressed' (103)

FINANCE Minister Derek Keys said yesterday he had been impressed with arguments put forward at the meeting with representatives of the Border-Ke Development Forum.

The meeting had discussed channels through which the forum's proposals could be handled further. Regional and Land Affairs Minister André Fourie sat in at Keys's invitation.

Transkei staff end chalkdown

UMTATA. — The chalkdown by Transkei teachers has been suspended.

South African Democratic Teachers' Union regional general secretary Mr M M Matomela said the union had agreed to take part in the government's inquiry into salary requests.

— Sapa (103)

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Avoid Transkei — SA Govt

The murder of Free State businessman and farmer Abraham Cilliers while travelling through Transkei on Sunday has prompted renewed calls from the South African Government for motorists to avoid the homeland.

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Policeman shot in Dube

A MEMBER of the internal stability unit was shot dead and three vehicles gutted in incidents in Soweto yesterday, police reported.

Members of the unit patrolling in Dube found about 600 youths attacking a delivery vehicle and rushed to assist the driver. A shot was fired, hitting a policeman in the head.

The man was rushed to Baragwanath Hospital but died later.

At the Vista University campus a motorist fled when youths set his car alight. The fire spread and gutted another vehicle. SADF and unit members brought the situation under control, police said.

In northern Natal one person was killed and five others wounded in an ambush near the University of Zululand yesterday.

A university spokesman said a truck had picked up workers from the Mangezi Reserve when two men with AK-47 rifles fired at the occupants from the roadside. The truck rolled down an embankment.

Foreign Affairs has again asked motorists to avoid Transkei. Yesterday's request follows the murder of farmer-businessman Abraham Cilliers, of Rouxville in the Free State, on the road between Maclear and Tsolo — the eighth such attack since April 13. — Sapa.

Govt acts to head off teachers' strike

GOVERNMENT moved yesterday to head off a potential national teachers' strike and requested the SA Democratic Teachers' Union to attend an emergency meeting with the DET in Cape Town today.

Sadtu is balloting its members this week on the proposed strike and has said it will proceed with the action if the majority of teachers support it. Western Cape teachers have overwhelmingly endorsed a strike.

DET spokesman Corrie Rademeyer said the meeting had been called "in the light of the serious concern about the major loss of education which has resulted from the disruptions by teachers as well as pupils thus far this year".

Rademeyer said more than 5,6-million pupil days had already been lost in secondary education this year.

He said a strike would be illegal and a breach of a formal agreement between the DET and Sadtu.

Pupils trickled back to black high schools in the western Cape yesterday, but classes closed early and student representative councils met to discuss action for the rest of the week, Sapa reports.

In a separate statement, Education and Training Minister Sam de Beer said government was wrongly being accused of delaying the formation of an education forum to tackle teacher and pupil grievances. Government had stressed the complexity of "establishing a representative and credible education forum in such a way that as many stakeholders as possible are able to participate".

WILSON ZWANE reports the SA National Civic Organisation yesterday ex-

RAY HARTLEY

pressed support for students' demand for the scrapping of matric examination fees.

Port Elizabeth Cosas spokesman Zoekile Matikani said Cosas would stick to a decision not to occupy white schools until May 25 when the organisation would meet other education bodies to seek a solution to problems in black schooling, Sapa reports.

Education and Culture Minister Piet Marais said in Parliament yesterday his department was moving to protect schools and pupils against threats of occupation. Education institutions had contingency security measures, which could be implemented quickly.

Residents of Brent Park outside Kroonstad announced they would march on the NP offices tomorrow to protest against the firing of seven teachers in the township.

And hundreds of Sadtu members have resolved not to return to classes in Kwa-Mashu, outside Durban, until they received a response to their demands.

They demanded, among other things, the recognition of the union by the KwaZulu Education and Culture Department.

Schools in Durban and Maritzburg were reported to be back to normal yesterday following a teacher protest against merit evaluation last week.

Meanwhile, ERICA JANKOWITZ reports the University of Bophuthatswana (Unibo) was closed to its 4 000 students yesterday and they were given two hours to vacate hostels and return home.

The university's media liaison office said Unibo had been closed "indefinitely" after weeks of conflict and disruptions.

Transkei ammunition returned to Namibia


WINDHOEK — A truck load scrap ammunition.

The ammunition was sold to a Windhoek gunshop which obtained a permit to export it for use by the Transkei Defence Force.

The driver was arrested for not having a permit and released on bail, police said. Namibian police said the Namib Arms and Ammunition Corporation was granted permission to re-

after inspection was allowed to proceed. It was stopped again in De Aar where police found permits required to transport ammunition through SA were not in order and sent it back to Keetmanshoop.

A Transkei Defence Force source said the purchase had been arranged through a Queenstown broker. — Sapa.



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WINDHOEK. — A truck carrying R950 000. 700 000 rounds of ammunition from Namibia to Transkei was last week stopped by police in De Aar and sent back to Namibia.

The driver was arrested and charged in terms of the Arms and Ammunition Act for not having the necessary permits, but was later released on R500 bail, police said.

Namibian police said the Namib Arms and Ammunition Corporation, an ammunition factory in Keetmanshoop, was granted permission by President Sam Nujoma and the Finance Ministry to reload scrap ammunition obtained from the Namibian police quartermaster.

The reloaded ammunition, 700 000 rounds of 5,56mm calibre, was then sold to a Windhoek gunshop which got a permit from the district police commissioner to export it to the Transkei for use by the Transkei Defence Force. Chief Inspector Sean Geysers said. The ammunition is worth about

The truck was stopped by Upington police last Tuesday after crossing the border at Ariamsvlei, and after the documents were inspected the truck was allowed to proceed.

It was stopped again in De Aar, where police found that the permits required to transport ammunition through South Africa were not in order and sent the truck back to Keetmanshoop.

The driver, Mr William Boois, is due to appear in court on May 28.

A source in the Transkei Defence Force said the purchase of the ammunition had been arranged through a Queenstown broker, Queendata. Nobody at Queendata could be reached for comment yesterday.

The owner of Windhoek's The Gunshop, Mr Hannes Goussard, was not sure whether he would continue to pursue the deal. A previous shipment of ammunition worth R500 000 had been successfully delivered to Transkei, he said. — Sapa

Luxury buses won't travel in Transkei

By LOUISE FLANAGAN:

East London

LUXURY national bus companies have stopped travelling through Transkei because of continuing attacks on vehicles and passengers and are flocking to the airways instead.

Three major coach operators, Translux Express, Greyhound Citiliner and Springbok Atlas, said they had pulled out of the Transkei indefinitely, following armed attacks on travellers.

Translux East London manager Des Pretorius said his coaches had been stoned and shot at in Transkei and that they had not used the route

for a month.

Greyhound Citiliner stopped travelling through the territory in the middle of April. Manager Keith Morton said there were no immediate plans to return.

Both Translux and Greyhound now run the Durban to East London route via Bloemfontein—a detour of over 500km. Despite the loss of passengers and increased costs, Pretorius said Translux was considering pulling out permanently.

“Money is one thing, but a person's life is something else,” Pretorius said.

Springbok Atlas stopped travelling through Ciskei and Transkei six

or seven months ago and now airlifts passengers between Port Elizabeth and Durban.

Tours Express hires out coaches to other operators, but is not now doing any business through Transkei. “I wouldn't hire a coach to anyone travelling through Transkei at this stage of the game,” said Tours Express' Howard Fell.

Travellers are now looking to the airways.

South African Airways does not have any flights to Transkei. Airlink Airways, the only airline to fly the East London/Umtata route, reported flights were now fully booked. — Eena

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T'kei's 'ring of steel' to remain

Political Staff (23)

THE "ring of steel" around Transkei would remain in place, a senior South African government spokesman said yesterday. CTU/16/93

He was reacting to Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa's claim that consumer boycotts and stayaways within the territory were being triggered by the massive presence of SA Defence Force and SA Police units on Transkei's borders.



BANTU HOLOMISA

Joint control, not integration

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By Sabata Ngcai

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TRANSKEI military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said control of armed forces in the period of transition would depend on the powers given to the Transitional Executive Council (TEC).

Speaking to SOUTH this week from his Umtata office, he said it was possible that control could rest with the TEC if it was given sufficient powers.

"If the TEC is given decision-making powers, it will have to work according to a code of conduct agreed upon by the negotiating parties," Holomisa said.

"The sub-council which will monitor security matters would have to see to it that the code of conduct was obeyed."

He said the code of conduct should also be monitored on by United Nations peace-keeping forces.

Holomisa said he believed it would be "suicide" for any liberation movement to agree to the integration of its security forces with government forces before the election of a democratic government.

"The forces can work together with their different identities," he said.

"For example, if there is a rally in Cape Town, all forces in the area — the South African Defence Force, Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) and the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) — can sit together and plan

ways of making sure the rally goes smoothly," he said.

Holomisa warned that as long as the National Party was in power, it was impossible to achieve integration.

"The operation of the armed forces is influenced by the political party in power. Certain appointments in the police and army are political, so it is impossible for (President) De Klerk to appoint a member of MK or Apla to those top positions.

"Apart from that, we are also not prepared to take instructions from either De Klerk or the Minister of Justice," Holomisa said.

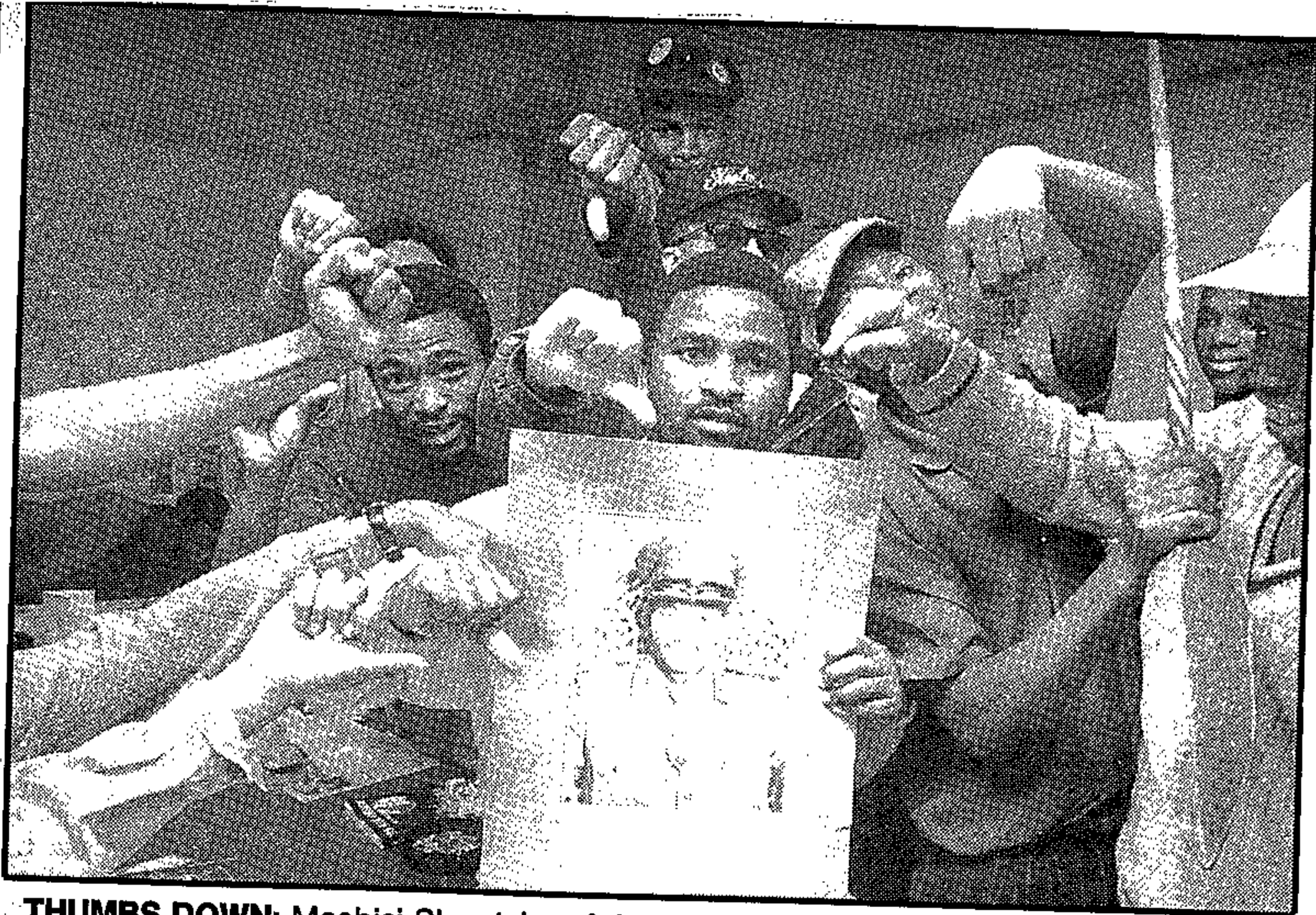
Holomisa proposed that the matter be left to the negotiating parties to decide.

He said it was important for the security forces to be brought under joint control, as opposed to integration, to ensure they are not abused by their political masters during the election period.

"If I use my security forces, it might hamper other political armies," Holomisa said. "Parties who do not have their own armies will not feel the elections are free and fair."

Holomisa added that most political parties calling for joint control of the security forces were basing their call on fears that history would be repeated in South Africa.

"There is a precedent that if the forces are not controlled they can get out of hand and intimidate people," Holomisa said.



THUMBS DOWN: Mcebisi Skwatsha of the ANC youth league holds a picture of Brigadier Oupa Gqozo at the Ciskei Consulate in Cape Town, which the league occupied briefly yesterday.

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OCCUPIED: Members of the ANC youth league wave and shout slogans from the Ciskei Consulate to supporters who were not allowed into the building.

Ciskei consulate occupied by ANC Youth League ⁽¹⁰⁵⁾

JOSEPH ARANES, Staff Reporter

MEMBERS of the ANC Youth League occupied the offices of the Ciskei consulate in Cape Town, demanding a meeting with the homeland's military ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo. **ARG 18/5/93**

The 22 members entered the offices yesterday and handed the Consul-General, Mr Monti Makwabe, a memorandum calling for free political activity in Ciskei and its reincorporation into South Africa.

League spokesman Mr Warren Carolus said Mr Makwabe would not respond to their demands and they asked him to arrange for a meeting with a representative of the Ciskei government who could.

After hours of talking, there seemed to be no way out of the impasse and the police were called to monitor the sit-in while hundreds of league members toyi-toyed in front of the building.

Department of Foreign Affairs chief of protocol Mr Alan Harvey arrived and, after a brief meeting with Mr Makwabe, telephoned Brigadier Gqozo, who said he was willing to meet members of the league if Mr Nelson Mandela was present.

Bisho: Kasrils faces charge

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — No decision has been taken on the prosecution of 70 people implicated in the Bisho massacre of at least 28 demonstrators, says Ciskei Attorney-General Willem Jurgens.

The preliminary indictment lists 70 people, including ANC and Communist Party leader Ronnie Kasrils and 69 members of the Ciskei Defence Force (CDF).

Names are blacked out ex-

cept that of Mr Kasrils.

The first accused is the field commander — a lieutenant-colonel — of all CDF personnel deployed on September 7, 1992.

The indictment said permission to order CDF troops to shoot was "obtained and given on false information".

According to the draft charge sheet, Mr Kasrils is to be charged with culpable homicide and was "the direct precipitating cause of the shooting". (103) CT 18/5/93

Court officials to strike ⁽¹⁰³⁾
CT 18/5/93

UMTATA. — Transkei district court magistrates and prosecutors yesterday decided to go on strike to force the homeland government to consider their demand for salary parity with their South African counterparts.

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ANC slams indemnity given to Bisho killers

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□ Ciskei leader's decision is 'unacceptable'

Political Staff

THE ANC today criticised Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo's decision to unconditionally indemnify those who took part in the Bisho massacre last year, and said it still expected those involved in the shootings to be prosecuted.

Commenting on Brigadier Gqozo's announcement yesterday that those involved in the killings in September 1992 would not be charged, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said his organisation found the Ciskei leader's decision "unacceptable".

Twenty-eight people were killed when Ciskei security forces opened fire on members of the ANC-led tripartite alliance who had marched from King William's Town to the homeland's border.

In a statement yesterday, the Ciskei Military Council of State said a decree had been issued "granting unconditional indemnity to all persons who took part in the encounter between the Ciskeian security forces and demonstrators at Bisho on September 1 1992".

The Council said the prosecution of those involved would "simply impact negatively on the multiparty negotiation process and will be prejudicial to the spirit of reconciliation prevailing there" — a reason Mr Niehaus described as "sophistry".

The Military Council's announcement comes days after Ciskei Attorney-General Willem Jurgens said he was formulating charges against 70 people — most of them Ciskei soldiers — involved in the massacre.

Mr Niehaus today said all those who were involved in the massacre, including the officers who had given orders to shoot, had to be investigated so that they could be "brought to book".

He said the Goldstone Commission's report into the massacre had clearly indicated that "there were people with culpability," and the ANC wanted to see them charged and prosecuted.

Mr Niehaus dismissed Brigadier Gqozo's explanation that prosecution of those involved in the killings would impact negatively on negotiations, saying the ANC was "opposed to this kind of sophistry".

He said it was the Ciskei government's decision to indemnify those involved in the shootings which would cause tensions in the negotiations process.



MAKING A POINT ... An ANC Youth League member demanding free political activity in Ciskei brandishes a spear during the sit-in at the homeland's consulate on Monday.

Picture: SHADLEY LOMBARD

Gqozo 'yes' to ANC Youth League

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Staff Reporter

CISKEI military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo has told the Western Cape branch of the ANC Youth League that he is prepared to meet them any time.

This follows the occupation of the homeland's consulate in Cape Town on Monday by 22 members of the ANCYL as part of the organisation's mass action campaign

which started on Monday.

In that occupation, the ANCYL handed a memorandum to Consul-General Mr Monti Makwabe, demanding free political activity in Ciskei.

Speaking on behalf of Brigadier Gqozo yesterday, the chief of protocol of Ciskei's department of foreign affairs, Mr Alan Harvey, said that Brigadier Gqozo had ex-

pressed his preparedness "in principle" to meet with the ANCYL. He said that as long as a meeting was well-planned and had a clear agenda, Brigadier Gqozo was prepared to have a meeting with anyone.

"The brigadier feels that he should not be blackmailed with sit-ins and similar protest actions, but wanted people to write to him and arrange meetings formally," Mr Harvey said. — Sapa

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Bisho indemnity slated

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JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC and the DP have condemned the Ciskei government's granting of unconditional indemnity to the people responsible for the September 7 massacre at Bisho.

The indemnity decree was announced on Tuesday by Ciskei's military Council of State.

"Brigadier Oupa Gqozo acted speedily because he knew he would also end up facing criminal charges. There can

be no doubt that the move was calculated to save the military tyrant's skin," the ANC said yesterday.

The DP said the unconditional indemnity made a mockery of the justice system.

DP spokesman on law and order Mr Peter Gastrow said Ciskeian soldiers would assume that they could rely on the protection of their government when they contravened the law. — Sapa

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ANC slams Bisho indemnity

EAST LONDON. — The ANC has warned Ciskei soldiers and policemen indemnified earlier this week from possible prosecution over their involvement in the September 7 Bisho massacre last year that they could still face charges.

It rejected the Ciskei decree granting unconditional indemnity, saying it reserved the right to prosecute the culprits "when the right time comes".

The decree came shortly after it was announced that charges were likely to be brought against 70 Ciskei soldiers and policemen and former ANC chief of intelligence Ronnie Kasrils. — Sapa.

Gqozo's decree fraudulent - ANC

C Press 23/5/93

CISKEI soldiers and policemen involved in the September 7 Bisho massacre could still face charges, the ANC warned this week.

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It rejected the Ciskei decree granting unconditional indemnity from possible prosecution, saying it reserved the right to prosecute the culprits "when the right time comes".

An ANC statement said the organisation regarded the decree as fraudulent.

The decree came shortly after it was announced that charges were likely to be brought against 70 Ciskei soldiers, policemen and former ANC chief of intelligence Ronnie Kasrils.

"The conduct of the Ciskei Defence Force was, as the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry report puts it, 'deliberately aimed at causing as many deaths and injuries as possible'," said the statement.

Ciskei military ruler Brig Oupa Gqozo stressed on Thursday that the decree did not "contaminate" civil claims arising from the massacre.

"The right of anyone who wishes to institute civil action for personal suffering of any description has not been contaminated in any way," Gqozo said.

"It is significant that some of the most vociferous in their condemnation of the decree are themselves beneficiaries of indemnity legislation," he pointed out.

The fact that the decree also granted indemnity to Kasrils was "being ignored quite deliberately". - Sapa

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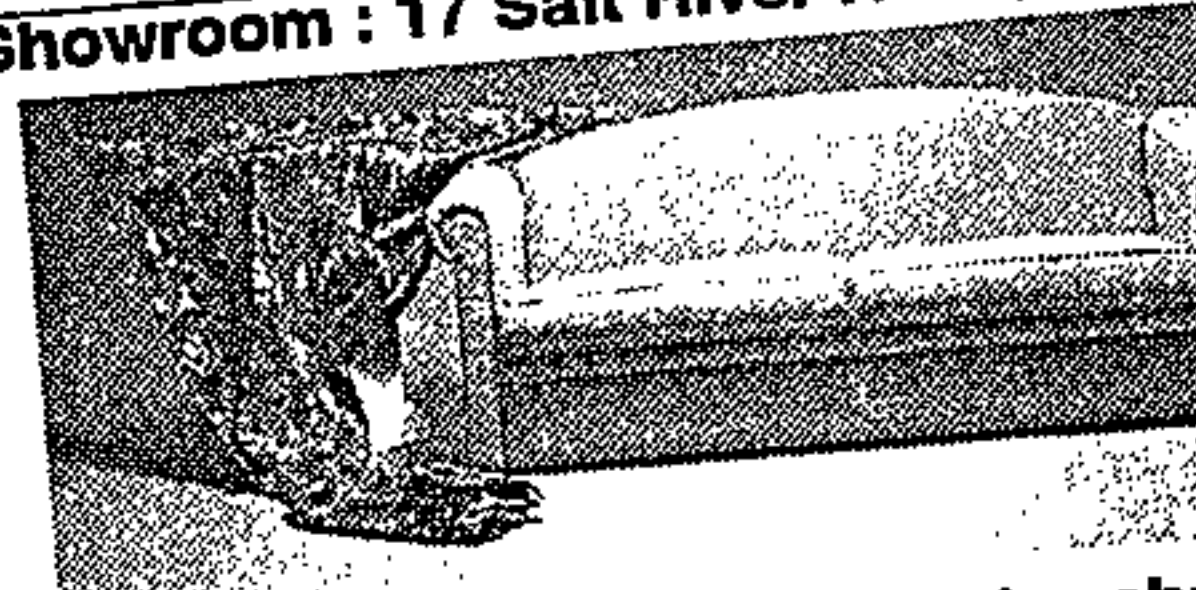
LAGOS. — Nigeria's independent News weekly magazine was off the streets yesterday after police seized 80 000 copies of its latest edition, which was critical of the military-led government.

LOS ANGELES. — Twenty-four people had died in shootings or stabbings in the worst weekend of violence here this year, police said yesterday.

State legals strike (103)
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UMTATA. — The strike by Transkei's prosecutors and magistrates entered its second week yesterday with the disgruntled lawyers saying they would end the action if the government gave them a written undertaking that their demands would be met.

Schoolboy killed
PENNSBURG, Pennsylvania. — A shooting in a suburban Philadelphia high school left a 16-year-old boy dead yesterday. A fellow pupil has been charged with murder.
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By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

'Holomisa tied to Apla hit squad'

Star 27/15/73

Transkei military ruler General Bantu Holomisa is, say military intelligence sources, directly involved in the infiltration into South Africa 17 days ago of a nine-man Apla and Transkei Defence Force (TDF) unit.

Codenamed "Operation Trench", the action is said to be aimed at "killing whites" in the northern Natal region. Included in the operation — which, claim the sources, is a joint TDF-Umkhonto we Sizwe-Apla project based in Port St Johns — is a plan to assassinate a top South African official in Transkei. The official's name has been given to The Star.

The Star possesses a document outlining the plan. Holomisa is attending meetings in Namibia and was not available for comment yesterday.

Officials at a seminar in Windhoek said he had been present during the morning but had left for other appointments. Meanwhile, it is understood South African forces have launched a hunt for the Apla unit, which is thought to be in the Natal Midlands.

Sources told The Star Holomisa had allegedly told a private meeting with 14 other people at a hotel in Umtata on May 12 that the Apla unit had two days earlier left Port St Johns en route to Natal. It was allegedly to receive weapons from sympathisers.

The secret project also provided for the replacement of South African instructors seconded to the TDF's Special Forces parachute wing with experts from Tanzania. The choice of Tanzania, where Apla had its headquarters until recently, follows a visit to Transkei earlier this year by leading Apla officials.

Holomisa earlier this year promised to set up an inquiry to investigate allegations of Apla involvement in the Transkei and TDF, but withdrew the decision on April 13 when he said it would not be far-fetched to conclude that the murder of SA Communist Party secretary-general Chris Hani had been "hatched in the offices of the SADF's Military Intelligence covert activities".

THE execution-style killing of three Ciskeians near East London last weekend may provide clues to the activities of an alleged Transkei hit squad.

The killers' apparent target was a former Transkei policeman, Bongani Wana, wanted in Transkei for alleged participation in an abortive 1990 attempt to overthrow Major General Bantu Holomisa.

The three who died, teachers Nkosinathi Tuku and Lindie Kula, and Tuku's cousin Nathaniel Koto, were looking after Wana's King William's Town house. Friends have established they were probably accosted at the house on Friday evening.

Their bodies were found near East London on Saturday morning. They had been assaulted before being shot in the head from behind with a 9mm pistol. The victims' car was later found near the Transkei border — more than 50km from their bodies — after the occupants apparently ran out of petrol.

Speculation is that Transkei may be involved. The homeland government has previously been accused of breaking the law to bring exiled fugitives into detention.

In April 1991, the alleged mastermind of the coup bid, Vumlndlela Mbotoli, was abducted from a house in Rosebank, Johannesburg. He later told his lawyer he was drugged and taken by car to Durban, and from there to Transkei. In June Holomisa confirmed Mbotoli was under arrest in Umtata.

Transkei changed its law to allow suspects to stand trial irrespective of the manner or place of their arrest, and Mbotoli is currently on trial.

Two years earlier, former Transkei military chief Zondwa Mirara suddenly appeared in Transkei after homeland officials announced they wanted him in connection with a coup conspiracy. Allegations at the time were that Mirara had been abducted from South Africa.

And, late last year, another coup suspect lying low in the Border, Vumlndlela Shologu, disappeared and later surfaced in custody in Umtata. It is not clear whether he too was abducted, or whether he had returned to Transkei and was arrested there.

Holomisa announced at the time that Shologu had provided information about Wana.

Transkei to blame for 'bungled hit'?

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Three men murdered last weekend may have been the innocent victims of an alleged Transkei hit squad targeting exiled fugitives.

By LOUISE FLANAGAN and PATRICK GOODENOUGH

Not only was Wana the apparent target of a hit squad — he was himself allegedly implicated in a hit squad-type killing of Umkhonto weSizwe guerrilla Lizo Macanda in Umtata in 1988. In the subsequent inquest, SAP security policeman Sergeant Mpunnelelo Madiwa confirmed he was sent to Umtata where he met Wana, then a

Transkei Police constable. There they changed number plates and were issued with an AK-47 and other weapons before shooting Macanda and two others.

In an apparent retaliatory hit, Madiwa himself was gunned down — allegedly by MK men — after briefly returning to his Mdantsane home for Christmas 1990.

Wana has been wanted by the Transkei government for more than two years for his alleged involvement in the coup attempt. His brother, Sabelo, was captured during the attack and is currently on trial in Umtata with Mbotoli.

Holomisa has in the past asked Pretoria to make Wana, among others, available for questioning in connection with the attack. Last December, he alleged Wana was "in South Africa working hand

in hand with the National Intelligence Service and military intelligence". Wana was also a key member of Brigadier Oupa Gqozo's controversial intelligence unit, International Researchers-Ciskei Intelligence Service (IR-CIS), shut down under pressure from Pretoria in August 1991.

Border police are looking for three Transkei citizens, brothers Zonwabele and Papama Mguidlwa and Zonwabele's wife Nosizwe, who they believe can help with the investigation. The three were staying in a house in East London, but moved out suddenly late on Sunday. A neighbour described them as "mafia types".

Papama Mguidlwa recently appeared in court in connection with an apparently unrelated shooting near King William's Town in March. Police have confirmed Papama contravened bail conditions by not reporting to the East London police station this week.

Police have confirmed they are investigating the possibility that the three murdered men were innocent victims of an attempt by Transkei operatives to kill or kidnap Wana.

Ciskei military intelligence chief Colonel Chris Nel said investigations concerning Transkei involvement were "at a sensitive stage". Holomisa is on a visit to Namibia and could no be reached for comment. — Ecna

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Holomisa denies claim

TRANSKEI military ruler Bantu Holomisa has dismissed a report linking him to the infiltration into Natal of a nine-man killer squad.

He said The Star report was part of a disinformation campaign. Unidentified military intelligence sources were quoted as saying Holomisa was "directly involved" in Operation Trench, intended to kill whites in northern Natal. Holomisa said he would ask his lawyers to take up the matter today.

'Report false'

— Holomisa

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Star said. — Sapa

Holomisa dismisses claim on hit squad

Star 28/5/93

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Transkei military ruler Bantu Holomisa has rejected a report linking him to the infiltration into Natal of a nine-man killer squad, saying the report should be classified as part of a disinformation campaign.

The Star, quoting military intelligence sources, yesterday reported Holomisa was "directly involved in the infiltration into South Africa 17 days ago of a nine-man Apla and Transkei Defence Force unit".

Codenamed "Operation Trench", the action was said to be aimed at killing whites in the northern Natal region.

Holomisa, who had just returned to his Umtata residence from a security conference in Namibia, said in a phone interview late yesterday: "The Star and military intelligence should be preparing themselves to deposit into my banking account a substantial amount of money as a result of their conspiracy to damage my good name. I will be briefing my lawyers to take the matter up."

He added that if hard evidence existed linking him to the activities of killer squads, "then surely they should prove that in a court of law". — Sapa.

Nats the mother of all ARG 103 ARG 29/5/78 woes Holomisa

PRETORIA. — The forces fighting for change in South Africa must concentrate their efforts on the National Party, "the mother of all adversity, affliction, woes and tribulation", says Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

Addressing students and workers at Medunsa University campus near Pretoria yesterday, General Holomisa said the negotiation process was vulnerable to the machinations of the system since there was no independent body or forum serving as a deadlock-breaking mechanism in the event of a stalemate.

The question of negotiations and modalities for the formalising and adoption of a new constitution was now the most urgent and pressing issue, he said.

Concerted action among the "oppressed people", with sustained international pressure against the South African government, would remain of crucial importance throughout the negotiation process.

General Holomisa said the NP was delighted with the right wing and its provocative marches and flaunting of lethal weapons in public.

"And when pressure is exerted on the Nats to yield to the majority demands, it cites the white right as a principal reason for its intransigence to concede."

The NP alluded to the white right wing's capacity to unleash violence on a vast scale that could be matched by its rivals in the liberation struggle, he said.

"The right wing does not act only on its own ... it is switched on and off like a tap by the government through the department of Military Intelligence.

All resistance movements, whether black or white, collaborated with Military Intelligence to delay the advance to democracy in South Africa.

"The Kwazulu, Bophuthatswana and Ciskei governments are being carefully manipulated and monitored by MI in Pretoria to assist the government and conservative whites in their resistance to the advent of democracy." — Sapa.

Transkei abduction claim

Sunday Times Reporter

THE alleged mastermind behind the abortive 1990 Transkei coup, Vuli Mbotoli, claims he was abducted from Johannesburg by a Transkei soldier and an Austrian businessman and then returned to the homeland to stand trial.

In an affidavit Mr Mbotoli alleges his abductors were Mr Rainer Moringer — an Austrian businessman wanted for fraud in Ciskei — and Transkei Defence Force soldier Mr Sipelele Mgoduka.

The affidavit, written seven months after he was abducted in April 1991, surfaced this week after what is believed to have been a botched attempt by a Transkei hit squad to abduct Ciskei intelligence operative, and former Transkei

SI Times 30/5/93
policeman Charles Wanase from his East-London home last weekend.

SAP Border spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Christo Louw, confirmed that police are investigating the possibility that three men snatched from Mr Wanase's house last weekend and shot Mafia-style on the roadside were abducted in error.

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Mr Mbotoli, who is currently in a Transkei prison, claimed in his affidavit that he was invited by Mr Moringer to attend a business meeting at his Johannesburg house on April 13, 1991, and was subsequently abducted.

Transkei leader General Holomisa has consistently refused to confirm or deny Mr Mbotoli's alleged abduction.

Central Intelligence Agency

Stranger was 'our man'

CITRESS 30/5/93

TRANSKEI military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa confirmed on Friday that a man – possibly linked to a hit-squad style murder – works for Transkei Military Intelligence.

Three young Ciskeians – Nkosinathi Tuku, Lindile Kula and Nathaniel Koto – were abducted from a King William's Town house, assaulted and executed near East London last weekend.

The men had apparently been attempting to find Ciskei intelligence operative Charles Bongani Wana who is wanted on coup charges by Transkei.

Eena established earlier this week

that a car hired in Umtata was seen keeping a watch over the King William's Town house for three consecutive days before the abduction.

The Umtata man who hired a car in the Transkei capital a few days before the killings, travelled to East London and returned in it to Umtata on Monday.

When his name was put to Holomisa, the homeland ruler said: "He is in our Military Intelligence."

The man confirmed he hired the car to travel to East London for "business purposes".

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AN Austrian businessman accused of abducting an exiled Transkei fugitive in Johannesburg has flown out of South Africa, leaving behind him a trail more colourful than fiction.

It is understood Rainer Moringer left for Uganda on May 18, just days before reports that imprisoned coup plot suspect Vullindlela Mbotoli accused him of kidnapping him to stand trial in Umtata.

Mbotoli, Transkei businessman and husband of actress Dambisa Kente, disappeared in the vicinity of Moringer's Johannesburg house more than two years ago. He has claimed in an affidavit that Moringer and Transkei Defence Force (TDF) agents drugged him and carried him off to Transkei.

Speculation is that Moringer, who had fallen out with Mbotoli over a business deal, allegedly took part in the kidnapping in return for a safe haven and business prospects in Transkei.

In April 1992, the Transkei cabinet gave approval for Moringer to set up a lottery company in aid of the home-

Foreign businessman

leaves a trail of intrigue

Allegations of abducting a Transkei fugitive in return for business prospects in the homeland have pursued an Austrian businessman on his departure from South Africa. By PATRICK GOODENOUGH

lands police force. After learning that Moringer was wanted in Austria to face charges of fraud involving R30-million, Major General Bantu Holomisa cancelled the deal.

Intelligence sources believe Moringer started setting up deals to buy weapons for the homeland from African countries. He also formulated a secure communications system for the TDF.

He rented an office in Umtata along with a Ugandan national, James Twinomujuni.

According to travel agents, Twinomujuni travelled regularly between

Umtata and East Africa. On January 4 he flew out on a one-way ticket and has not been back since. Early this year Moringer took his desk and fax machine and left, without giving notice and apparently owing rent.

Moringer began making waves in the region in the mid-1980s when, according to Foreign Ministry official Vic Zazera, he tried repeatedly — and unsuccessfully — to secure an appointment with Pik Botha. A Ciskei embassy official who cannot be identified recalled Moringer possessed letters of introduction from the Arab League,

and was "supposedly a representative for Arab oil-for-gold dealers". He was also said to represent an Austrian arms company, Noricum.

He was a "smooth operator" who appeared to have "enormous clout".

In 1989 Moringer set up a small aircraft factory near Bisho, but ran into trouble over loan guarantees. He had a fall-out with Ciskei president Lennox Sebe over the factory and left the area.

The following year, he was arrested in Johannesburg and charged with foreign exchange fraud involving R5,5-million. Searching his house for evi-

dence, police found plans by Sebe's estranged brother Charles to launch a coup attempt against the then president from Transkei in August 1989.

In a court appearance later, Moringer admitted he supplied vehicles for the coup. He also hired a helicopter, and was present at the Kei Bridge border post when the attackers' convoy arrived. The assault was aborted at the last moment on the advice of jittery Transkei security force members.

While Moringer was on bail Mbotoli was allegedly invited to his house for a meeting — and disappeared.

In November 1991 Moringer was acquitted of the fraud charges and left for Transkei. Just days later Mbotoli, who had been held incommunicado in Umtata for six months, was allowed access to a lawyer.

TDF commander Colonel Aron Nshinga said Moringer had "never really worked for the TDF but could have been used by some elements in the military intelligence". He said Transkei intelligence was "involved" in the Mbotoli affair. — Ecna

Apla linked to raid on Transkei arms depot

SITimes 6/6/93

By NICK OLIVARI and DAWN BARKHUIZEN

POLICE investigating the involvement of Apla members in a series of crimes, including murder, have confiscated 12 weapons stolen from a Transkei armoury in what appears to have been an "inside job".

The April 30 theft of three light machine-guns of South African origin and 30 R4 rifles — standard issue to SA Defence Force and independent homelands troops — came to light this week following the arrest of three alleged Apla members outside a restaurant in Yeoville, Johannesburg, last Saturday night.

Police said the trio were in possession of 1kg of plastic explosive, two 250g packets of TNT and a Chinese stick grenade.

In a follow-up operation later that night, a fourth man was arrested in Soweto after a shootout with police. The SAP allegedly found an R1 rifle grenade and an R4 rifle — subsequently identified as one of those from the TDF armoury — in the arrested man's house.

Apla has denied it was involved in the alleged plot.

Another 11 R4s were recovered by police in operations as far afield as Cape Town and Port Elizabeth.

Yesterday, Colonel Derek Ngwebi, the TDF's director of operations and training, confirmed that the weapons had been stolen from the School of Infantry armoury in Um-tata on April 30. He said no ammunition was taken.

"It appears the weapons were removed by someone who had access to the keys. There was no sign of forced entry, and it's possible that the theft occurred the day before it was discovered

when a group of soldiers went to draw weapons for drill purposes," he said.

Colonel Ngwebi said troops who were guarding the armoury at the time had been arrested and were being questioned.

The South African government had been informed of the theft and given the serial numbers of the missing weapons.

It appears that police may have learned of the plan to bomb the Yeoville restaurant, Rockerfellas, during the country-wide swoop on PAC members on May 20.

SAP spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said a man arrested in Natal during the crackdown had been

linked to plans to bomb a bar on the South Coast and two Durban restaurants. He will appear in court tomorrow on charges of attempted murder and illegal possession of explosives.

Another five men arrested on May 20 are also expected to appear in court tomorrow on charges of murder and possession of illegal explosives, bringing to 16 the number of PAC members charged with offences since the swoop.

The four men arrested in connection with the Yeoville incident are being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, and sources said a fifth man was still being sought.

Fergie finds royal favour

LONDON: The "outcast" Duchess of York is making a comeback — with the blessing of the queen.

Less than a year since she was frozen out of the royal fold over scandalous pictures of her frolicking with her financial adviser, all the signs point to a reconciliation with her in-laws.

Not only has Fergie spent the past few days at a cottage on the queen's Balmoral estate, where it is understood her estranged husband Prince Andrew has

visited her, but she is to make her trip home today in a royal jet of the Queen's Flight — marking a return to privileges she enjoyed during her marriage.

None of this would have been possible without the queen's consent.

Her return to the queen's Scottish retreat is described in one newspaper as "remarkable" — given the fact that it was from there that she fled in disgrace following topless pictures of her in the tabloids.— © The Telegraph, London.

Teacher protests halt Transkei schooling ¹⁰³

UMTATA. — Schooling in the Transkei yesterday grinded to a halt when thousands of teachers converged on the homeland's education department offices here to demand the resignation of Education Minister Mr S Kakudi.

Angry teachers, some wielding sticks and knobkerries, vowed to continue their sit-in until Mr Kakudi resigned.

The action followed clashes last week between police and Mount Ayliff and Mount Frere teachers which resulted in three people, including a pregnant teacher, being seriously injured.

After a meeting yesterday between Transkeian military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa and a delegation of teachers, General Holomisa said more discussions would be held. — Sapa

MK cadre 'linked' to Apla gang

By PATRICK GOODENOUGH:
East London

A HIGHLY trained Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) cadre hiding in Transkei may have links with a "freelance" gang wanted by the police for four major Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla)-linked terror attacks in the Border region.

And Border police official Lieutenant Colonel Christo Louw said the same gang "may be linked" to a bungled attempt last month to abduct an exiled fugitive wanted by the Transkei government, in which Transkei intelligence agents have been implicated.

In January the Ciskei government alleged that Apla, MK and Transkei Defence Force members had met in Umtata to plan joint strategies against Ciskei and kwaZulu. The parties concerned called the claims "propaganda".

But now police investigations are

pointing to possible unofficial collaboration in the Border area between at least one MK guerrilla, Transkei intelligence agents and Apla cadres — and that the motive may be mercenary.

Intelligence sources and political analysts have long propounded the theory that the "Apla campaign" took off in the eastern Cape last November after one or more experienced MK guerrillas joined forces with Apla cadres.

This would explain why the eastern Cape terror attacks — which claimed 11 lives — were more spectacular and different in style to Apla activities elsewhere, which have been mainly assaults on policemen and farmers.

Furthermore, not a single Apla suspect has been arrested in the region for the attacks, despite two major police swoops nationwide — a fact which seems to support the theory of a single, highly profession-

al and possibly "freelance" gang operating outside normal political structures.

Ciskei authorities, who are looking for the gang leader for his alleged involvement in attacks on police stations and the killing of four Ciskei policemen in Mdantsane last August, believe the gang may be offering its services for hire.

Allegations have been made against the gang leader by an alleged MK member, Wonga Tyutu, who was interrogated after being arrested by the South African Police in Cape Town.

The African National Congress' Border spokesman, Mcebisi Bata, confirmed that the man named as the gang leader was an MK member from the region, but said he was "politically mature enough not to engage in such activities". The man "feared for his life" because of the publicised allegations against him, Bata added. — Ecna

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Transkei pupils join strike

UMTATA — Protesting Transkei school pupils yesterday abandoned classes in support of their teachers and forced the South African-administered Umtata High School to close, probably until Monday. Congress of South African Students leaders demanded the school close indefinitely to support striking SA Democratic Teachers Union members. Government schools throughout Transkei are closed with teachers demanding the dismissal of the Minister of Education. — Sapa (103)

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**Attacks worry
Transkei leader**

CT 18/6/93
UMTATA — Frequent attacks on whites in Transkei were causing concern and peace groups and political movements should help solve the problem, Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.
Mr Bill Fourie, 80, and Mr Tony Willard were killed on Tuesday.

Six arrests in T'kei killings

EAST LONDON. — Transkei police have arrested nine suspects in connection with recent murders and attacks on South African tourists in the homeland. (1226/93)

A police spokesman said five suspects were being held in connection with the murder of the Weakly brothers in the Sinangwana/Mpande area, near Port St Johns. One person was being held in connection with the murder of an Idutywa businessman.

The other three are being held in connection with other incidents.

● Meanwhile, holiday resorts and hotels along the Transkei Wild Coast are reported to be operating at a loss.

South Africa's official advice to travellers remains that they enter Transkei at their own risk. — Own Correspondent, Sapa (103)

Transkei killings — further arrests

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JUL 22/6/93
EAST LONDON. — Further arrests have been made in connection with the killing of whites in the Transkei.

Police have arrested a 28-year-old man in connection with the death of Idutywa businessman Mr Tony Willard, who was shot at his home last Tuesday during an attack by eight uniformed men with AK-47 rifles.

Mr Tembaletu Mziwabantu of Engcobo appeared briefly in the Idutywa Magistrate's Court yesterday and was remanded in custody until July 5 for further investigation. He was not charged.

A fifth suspect has been arrested in connection with the killing of two brothers, Alister and Glen Weakley, who were shot near Sinangwana in April.

Four others arrested in the same case — Mr Phumelel Hermans, Mr Zongezile Nxiza, Mr John Luthando and Mr Vuyani Nyoluka — appeared in the Port St Johns Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The head of Transkei's Criminal Investigation Division, General Tozamile Ngceke, said another two suspects were expected to be arrested soon.

Charges were not put to the men, who were being held in custody, and the case was postponed to July 1 for further investigation.

Transkei police said last week that three other men had been arrested in connection with murder cases.

Mr Patrick Nganase, of the Gcanasini administrative area, was arrested in connection with the killing of former Uitenhage deputy-mayor Mr Bill Fourie, who was found dead with four stab wounds at the Coffee Bay home of his son, Mr Polla Fourie, last Tuesday.

Meanwhile two men, Mr Edward James Mthembu and Mr Sityilelo Siyo, have appeared in court in connection with the murder of the Gcantsi family near Miller Mission in Elliotdale last year. — Sapa.

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Arrests made in Transkei after attacks

By Day 22/6/93
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Meanwhile, holiday resorts and hotels along Transkei's Wild Coast are reported to be operating at a loss and the Transkei Tourism Board has embarked on a plan it hopes will save its sliding tourist and holiday industry from potential disaster.

The board is engaged in top-level talks with the government, defence force and police in an effort to stop the industry suffering further deterioration as a result of the recent attacks.

Board chief co-ordinator Clive Berlin said tourism constituted one of the five mainstays of the homeland's economy.

He said it held the greatest potential for expansion, outstripping the possibilities presented by agriculture, forestry, commerce or industry.

He said tourism could become a major local employer if the security situation stabilised.

Meanwhile, the SABC reported the official word from Umtata was that it was safe to travel in the country, provided certain precautions were taken.

SA's official advice to travellers remains that they enter Transkei at present at their own risk. — Sapa.

NEWS Cops nab two over killing of whites • Talks at World Trade Centre to be tested

News in brief

Huge Mandrax haul

POLICE seized more than 250 000 Mandrax tablets and arrested four men at a house in Mitchell's Plain in the Cape Peninsula on Sunday.

A police spokesman said yesterday police, acting on a tip-off, raided the house in Killimaniaro Street at 7.45pm. The haul, with a street value of R3,7 million, is the second biggest Mandrax cache seized in the Western Cape. Two years ago 275 000 Mandrax tablets were seized in a single bust.

One of those arrested is from Diepkloof, Soweto, while the others are from Cape Town.

Death on highway

A 12-YEAR-OLD child and a man died and at least 16 other people were injured yesterday in a collision on the N1 highway near Roodepoort.

An emergency services spokesman said a minibus had a tyre blowout in rush-hour traffic. It hit two cars as it skidded into oncoming traffic.

Yengeni warns PAC

THE African National Congress' general secretary in the Western Cape, Mr Tony Yengeni, has warned the Pan Africanist Congress to stop attacking the ANC and its leadership.

The warning, which was issued at a rally in Cape Town, followed a PAC rally in Khayelitsha on Soweto Day where the PAC's general secretary, Mr Benny Alexander, criticised organisations that supported the establishment of a Transitional Executive Council.

Macabre accident

IN a macabre accident near Cape Town yesterday morning a car burst through a fence and into a cemetery, where one of the passengers was found with her head buried in the ground.

A police spokesman said the car veered off another vehicle while trying to overtake it in Belhar, hit a lamppost and then crashed into the cemetery. A woman died when she was thrown out of the vehicle. There was no sign of the driver. — *Sowetan Correspondents and Sapa.*

Two more held over Kei attacks

TRANSKEI POLICE HAVE arrested two more suspects in connection with recent fatal attacks on whites in the homeland.

Police chief General Tozamile Ngceke said yesterday that both arrests — in connection with the murders of Idutywa businessman Mr Tony Willard last Tuesday and of Mr Alistair and Mr Glen Weakley, who were ambushed near Port St John's in April — took place at the weekend.

Arrested for murder

Ngceke said 28-year-old Themba Lethu Mziwabantu from the Engcobo area was arrested in connection with Willard's murder and Mlumamisi Maxhaya (32) from Flagstaff for the attack on the Weakley brothers.

■ COURT CASE Killings not linked and suspects not connected to political bodies:

Late last week four men were arrested for the Weakley murders. Ngceke said police were still searching for "one or two" more suspects in the case.

The five accused in the case were scheduled to appear in the Port St John's Magistrate's Court yesterday. One of them was allegedly found in possession of a maroon bakke which was spotted shortly after the Weakley murders and believed to be the getaway car.

He was also allegedly found with a GD handgun, a 9mm pistol and

45 rounds of ammunition. Police found one 9mm cartridge and 11 R4 cartridges at the scene of the crime.

Court appearance

A man arrested late last week in connection with the murder of former Uitenhage mayor Mr Bill Fourie in Coffee Bay last Tuesday is scheduled to appear in the Gcanasini court yesterday.

Ngceke said police had found no links between the attacks — or links between the suspects and political organisations. — *Ecn.*

Transkei 'no-go' ⁽¹⁰³⁾ ET 23/6/73 area for tourists

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government yesterday declared Transkei an effective "no-go" area for South Africans — just two days before the start of the Cape school holidays.

A Department of Foreign Affairs "travel advisory" said it would be "unsafe" for South African citizens to visit or travel through Transkei.

"South African motorists, tourists and citizens are still being attacked in the territory," a Foreign Affairs spokesman said last night.

Convoy

The formal warning was issued as a result of "an upsurge" of inquiries.

The advisory says that if South African citizens "have to" enter Transkei by road they should organise a convoy and should travel only during the day. Motorists were urged to turn back if they saw "obstructions or disturbances" on the road ahead, to keep their doors locked and to ensure their documentation was in order.

Transkei firms take govt to court

TRANSKEI companies incensed by the Transkei manpower minister's decision to impose a minimum wage yesterday took the matter to court.

Six companies applied to the Transkei Supreme Court to have the minimum wages decreed by Minister David Mlindazwe overturned. (103)

The action was set down for July 15.

Transkei Chamber of Industries director Les Holbrook said the gazetted minimum wages would, if enforced, lead to the closure of several businesses.

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A chamber survey of 16 companies showed that wage rates would be increased by 10 per cent and would add R490 000 to the cost of running an average

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A minimum wage for unskilled workers of R2,30 an hour came into effect on June 1. This replaced a previous minimum wage of R1,20 an hour gazetted in 1988.

The government also gazetted increases to be paid from December 1 1993 which enforced a minimum of R3 an hour.

Certain industries have been singled out for different minimum rates. They are textiles, brick manufacturing, furniture, milling, baking, chemical, paint, metal and bottling. Rates range from R2 in textiles to R3 an hour in metal and chemicals.

Holbrook said the minister had also imposed two additional paid holidays and

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decreed that a minimum of two-thirds of basic pay had to be paid to workers on short time. (103)

He said the chamber objected not just to the unjustifiably high rates but also to the government's unilateral imposition, which bypassed industrial relations structures already in place in the territory.

Trade unions have been recognised in Transkei since 1990 when the Labour Relations Decree was passed.

However, Holbrook said the decree had never been properly implemented as the provision to allow the National Manpower Commission to monitor industrial relations had not been invoked.

He said a delegation from the chamber had met the minister five times, the last

occasion being yesterday, but had had little positive feedback. The court action was a last resort.

The SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union (Sactwu), which is recognised by most of the large manufacturing concerns, said it was "ambivalent" about the move.

Spokesman Jabu Gwala said Transkei employers were "reluctant to establish centralised bargaining structures" and from that point of view the union was pleased some regulation of wages was in force.

However, the unilateral action of the government, which did not take into account Sactwu's suggested "reasonable differential", was of concern to the union.

Transkei treason trialist V Lindlela Mbotoli this week accused an Austrian businessman, Rainer Moringer, of abducting him from Johannesburg to face trial in Umtata. PATRICK GOODENOUGH of Ecna takes a closer look at the peculiar foreigner, whose dealings in the region read like fiction.

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Now Transkei wants more land

By RYAN CRESSWELL

THE Transkei government wants vast tracts of southern Natal and the Border area incorporated into the homeland.

Transkei government spokesman Michael Mthuli said many people in the homeland felt parts of Natal and the Cape were "historical and integral" parts of the region.

Mr Mthuli said the larger area would be more economically viable, and Umtata would be the natural centre of the

region. But the idea is meeting stiff resistance from local authorities and other organisations.

Port Shepstone town clerk Mr Jurgen Steyn said mayors and town clerks in the southern Natal region had sent a series of objections to the Demarcation Commission.

He said: "We objected on the grounds that the area has always been part of Natal and KwaZulu, geographically, economically, culturally and historically."

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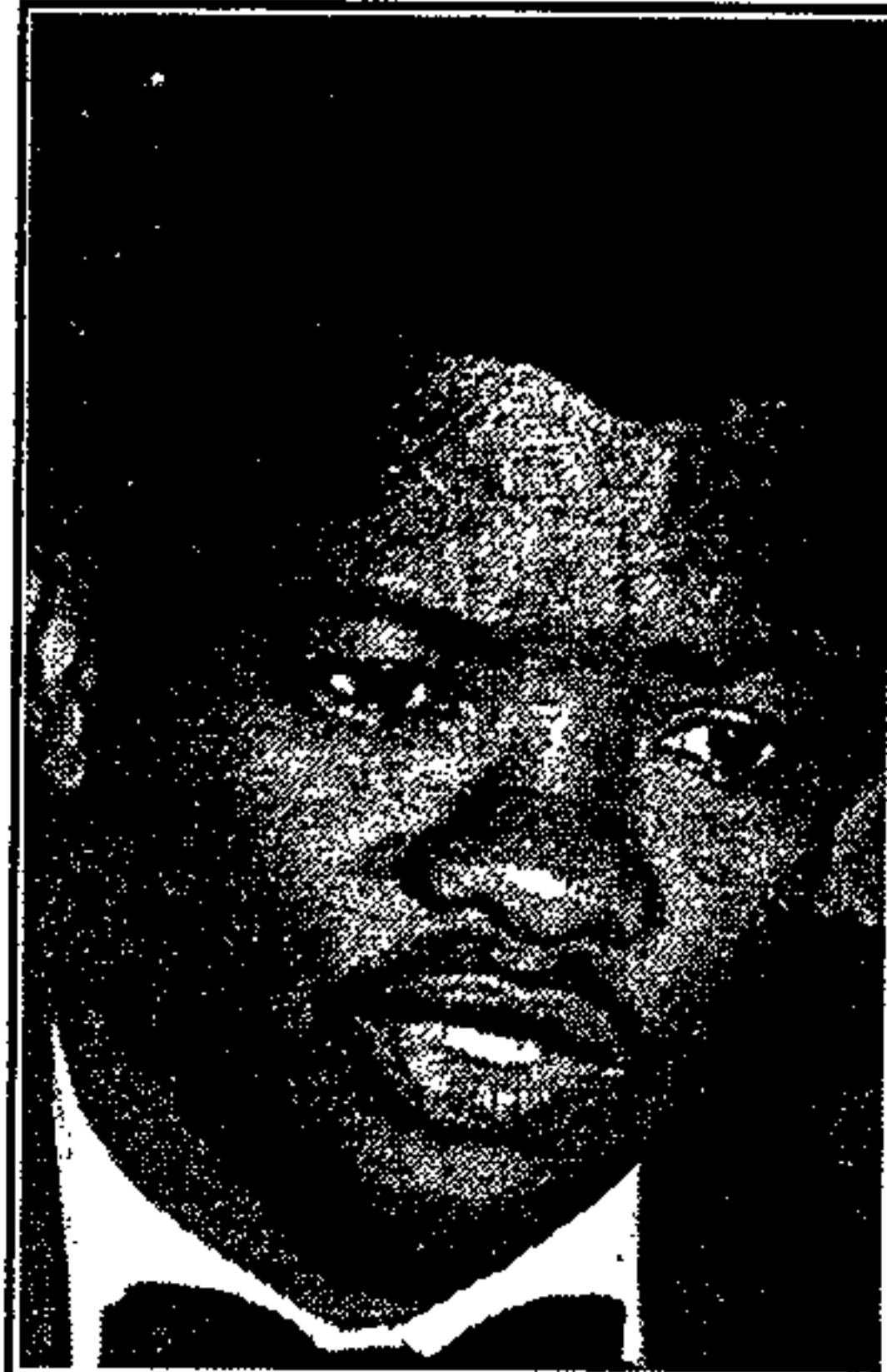
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Another Frontier War looms

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By Claire Keeton

SOUTH Africa may experience a "10th Frontier War" in the Eastern Cape after the reincorporation of the Transkei if the region is not systematically developed.

This is the view of three Rhodes University academics, Roger Southall, Julia Segar and Andrew Donaldson, who together have edited a new book on the Transkei. They have warned a failure to confront the development challenges facing the region after reincorporation could lead to a "10th Frontier War".

The editors suggest that without systematic development living standards and the quality of government in the region will deteriorate, precipitating sharpened "frontier" tensions and conflict.

The book, called *Undoing Independence: Regionalism and Reincorporation of Transkei into South Africa*, is a collection of essays from a conference looking at the changes in Transkei and its future.

A dominant theme of the book is that a successor to Transkei will win considerable regional autonomy and continuity of governance but will also inherit an increasingly dependent regional economy and intractable development problems.

"The damage done during the apartheid decades to income maintenance and food security, the quality of social services and to order in regional and local government will not simply be erased with reincorporation."

Fundamental challenges

The writers argue that prospects of stability in what they term "region T" are poor unless three fundamental development challenges are met. The first challenge involves employment, income and food security. Key policy changes on issues such as agrarian reform and education are necessary along with reincorporation, to contribute to the recovery of the regional economy.

More effective regional management, preferably involving stronger links to the Border economy, are also needed.

"Finally, a renewal of development institutions, programmes and policies in Transkei needs to be undertaken systematically." The editors propose a regional forum as the starting point.

The authors state that trends in education, health and welfare services during Transkei's independence years presented "a complex mix of growth and decay".

"Basic social services in sum suffer from inadequate financial provision, poor departmental administration and weak incentives at a local and district level."

The third challenge is the establishment of good government. The writers suggest progress towards democracy will facilitate more effective social services and the appropriate use of economic resources. Improved accountability is seen to be crucial to development policy and better public administration and reincorporation and a new legitimate regional authority will make this possible.

Negative spin-offs

But there could be "negative spin-offs" in the democratic transition. One concern will be the depletion of the political and administrative leadership as opportunities arise in a new South Africa.

The writers say an inauspicious development has been the "apparently decreasing capacity of the Transkei government to maintain control over its territory".

They describe the "welcome liberalisation of political life" but warn this has led to a loss of control on the ground.

"An upsurge of political organisation and activism has overwhelmed the structures of bantustan authority and as yet put nothing substantial in their place. This applies, too, to the labour sphere..."

The writers question if the recent attacks upon whites are the handiwork of Apla or simply uncontrolled criminal activity by militants who have easy access to guns.

They ask if Holomisa could rein in Apla and retain his popularity with growing PAC sentiment in Transkei, especially over the land issue.

"Talk of a 10th Frontier War may be deemed far too dramatic. Yet the long-term danger of what is clearly a very unstable border situation, and one which may be made yet more explosive by the abolition of the present Cape-Transkei frontier come the moment of Transkei's inclusion into a newly demarcated region, is that armed struggle for white-owned farms may seek to pre-empt the approach adopted towards land issues by a democratically elected transitional government."

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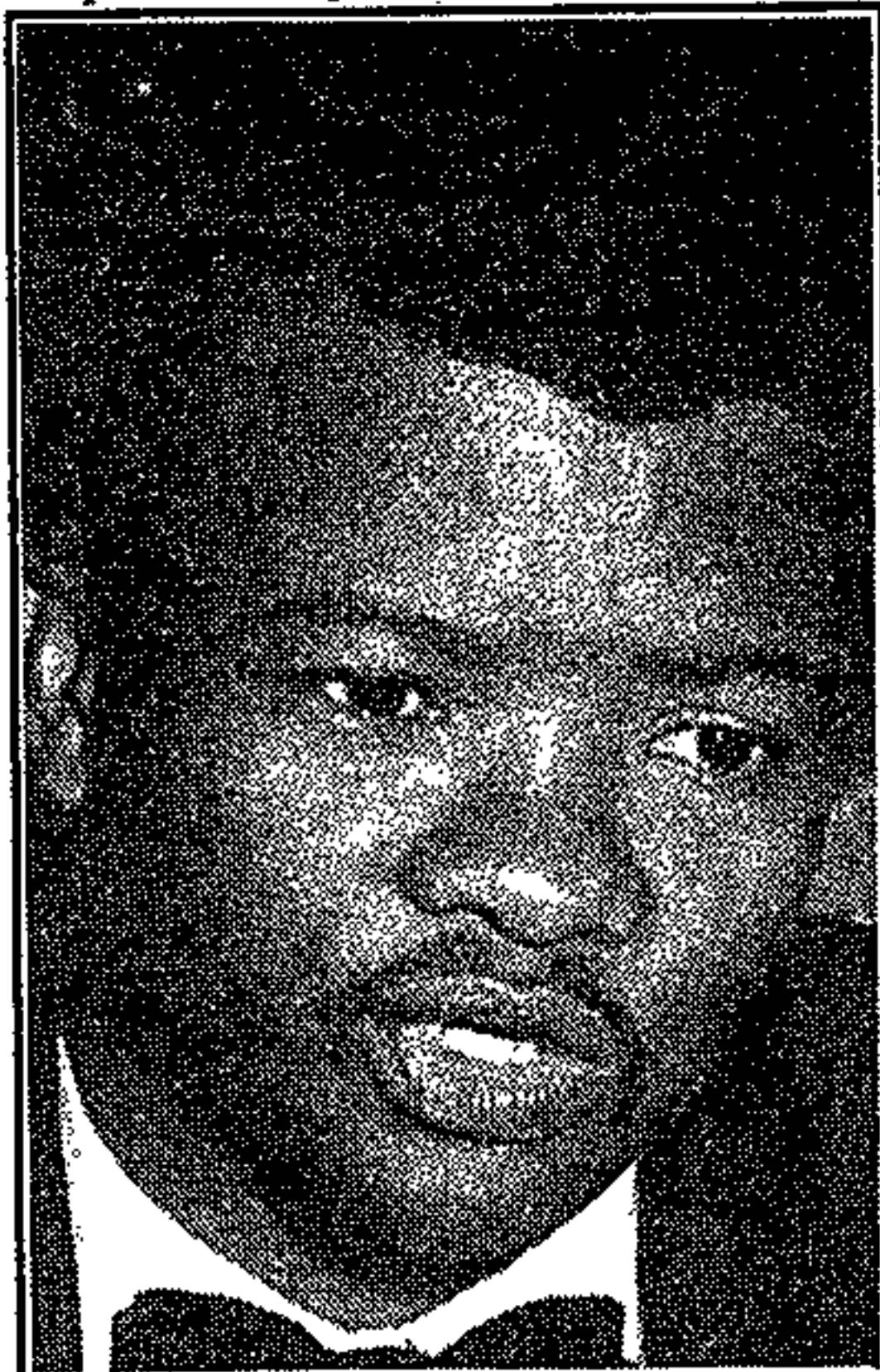
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smooth operator' • New insights in Umtata trial

Coup accused's kidnap story

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Rainer Maria Moringer first began making waves in the region in the mid-1980s shortly after trying repeatedly and — according to Foreign Ministry official Vic Zazeraj, unsuccessfully — to secure an appointment with Minister Pik Botha.

Short, fiftyish and often seen sporting a baseball cap, Moringer was a "very smooth operator" who appeared to have "enormous clout". Zazeraj described Moringer as a "great name-dropper who could be convincing to officials who didn't know him".

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Bisho, planning to build small observation aircraft. The venture collapsed after Moringer's estranged wife and Austrian-based business partner faxed then President Lennox Sebe details of his shady past: he was being investigated for alleged involvement in a massive fraud scandal.

His business folded and Moringer left for Johannesburg. In his wake, the Ciskei attorney-general, Willem Jurgens, began investigating allegations that he had inflated the value of property to obtain a R2,5 million bank overdraft arranged by the Ciskei People's Development Bank.

(The docket was later closed, after Jurgens was unable to have documentary evidence and witnesses brought in from Austria and the Channel Islands).

The law was soon to catch up with him, however. In August 1989, Moringer was arrested in Johannesburg and charged with foreign exchange fraud totalling R46,5 million (later reduced to R5,5-m).

Searching his house for evidence, police found evidence that Moringer had been involved in planning a coup attempt just weeks before against Sebe together with the president's estranged brother Charles.

In a later court appearance Moringer admitted supplying vehicles to be used in the coup. He also hired a helicopter and was present at the Kei Bridge border post when the attackers' con-

voy arrived. The assault was aborted at the last moment.

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In November 1991 Moringer was eventually acquitted of the fraud charges and left Johannesburg for Transkei.

He rented an office in Umtata's Metropolitan Place and his activities during the 18 months he spent in Transkei ranged from trying to set up a lottery to various "odd jobs" for the TDF.

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Volksfront, AWB clash likely

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SPARKS are expected to fly between AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche and top office-holders of the Afrikaner Volksfront when they meet today to discuss the storming of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park a week ago.

The Volksfront leaders are expected to tell Terre'Blanche to fall in line with the discipline set down by the organisation's directorate.

They are also expected to tell him that AWB members will not be allowed to attend future Volksfront rallies clad in their distinctive camouflage uniforms.

This will be the second time the Volksfront executive committee has discussed the World Trade Centre incident, allegedly led by Terre'Blanche and members of his personal guard, the Ystergarde.

Even though Terre'Blanche is a member of the committee, he did not personally attend the first meeting, which was held on Tuesday.

Sources close to the Volksfront said yesterday that today's meeting was expected to be "extremely tough".

After the first meeting, CP leader and Volksfront chairman Ferdi Hartzenberg said a second meeting had to be called to "discuss certain issues with certain elements within the Volksfront".

The two organisations will hold their own separate media conferences after the meeting.

According to the invitation to the AWB conference, the relationship between the AWB and the Volksfront, the events at the World Trade Centre last Friday, and possible future actions are to be discussed.

The sources said this was a sure sign that the AWB's continued membership of the Volksfront was not certain.

Volksfront directorate chairman Gen Constand Viljoen has already condemned the forced entry into the centre, calling it "unfortunate and undisciplined".

The continued AWB membership of the Volksfront had also come under pressure from within the AWB, the sources said.

Eikenhof killing suspects appear in court

JONATHAN DAVIS

FOUR people suspected of the AK-47 attack in March on motorists at Eikenhof, south of Johannesburg, appeared in the Meyerton Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The case was remanded until August 2 to allow the attorney-general to determine under what charges they should be prosecuted, state prosecutor Susan van Deventer said.

Paulus Molakwane, 21, was released on bail of R3 000 and David Masalemane, 39, on bail of R200. Moses Thebogo Ramafikeng, 23, was unable to attend the hearing and was remanded in absentia. A 16-year-

old youth was released into the custody of his parents.

The four, said to be ANC members, are suspected of the attack in which Sandra Mitchley, 35, her son Shaun Nel, 14, and Clare Silbauer, 13, all of Eikenhof, were killed.

Three other suspects arrested in connection with the shooting — Siphwe James Bholo, 24, Samuel Siphoh "Fish" Gavin, 29, and Piti Boy Ndwene, 19 — will appear in the Vereeniging Circuit Court on Monday.

Koppies agreement

THE ANC consumer boycott of Koppies and the blockade of the town by right-wing Action Committee members were called off late on Wednesday night after a marathon meeting between the parties.

The ANC, Koppies Action Committee, regional peace committee and the Koppies Town Council said they were all thrilled with the outcome.

The parties agreed to lift all consumer boycotts, stayaways and counter actions immediately.

They also agreed that the local peace committee should be reinstated and restructured and in future special procedures should precede boycotts, stayaways or marches.

As a result of the agreement an ANC march planned for yesterday went ahead after it had been banned on Wednesday.

About 3 000 people marched from Kwakwetsi to the Koppies showgrounds and the local branch of the ANC Women's League handed a memorandum to the police.

Police said the march had been peaceful, but that arsonists marred the event, when fire was set to an old barn and tyres. — Sapa.

Goldstone papers over cracks — Holomisa

TRANSKEI military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa has launched a scathing attack on the Goldstone commission for allegedly ignoring evidence of security force complicity in political violence.

Addressing a two-day conference in Harare on "Sustainable Peace and Stability in SA", he claimed the commission could not command the support and respect of the black majority because of the manner in which it had treated evidence of military intelligence funding and training of Inkatha volunteers.

"Goldstone is merely papering over the cracks. The commission is a sham instrument to bluff and delude black South Africans and the interna-

tional community into believing that President F W de Klerk is perturbed at the slaughter of blacks when in reality his security forces foment the violence."

According to a copy of his speech made available in Johannesburg, Holomisa said De Klerk had publicly admitted security force members were involved in violence.

Revelations of security force complicity in the so-called black-on-black violence and the continued public display of weapons and provocative acts by white right-wingers had the potential to trigger off a race war in SA.

Discussing the reorganisation and restructuring of the SADF, Holomisa said it was imperative that a transitional executive council be estab-

lished immediately to exercise full control over all armed forces.

The integration of the TBVC armies, Umkhonto we Sizwe and Apla with the SADF would restore the SADF's credibility and legitimise it as a national defence force.

However, Holomisa warned homeland governments and the liberation movements not to accede to the integration of their forces before an acceptable political settlement had been achieved.

He said current bilateral negotiations on this issue between the SA government, the homelands and the ANC should be terminated and the matter referred to the multiparty negotiating forum instead. — Sapa.

Briefly

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Lubowski inquest date set

WINDHOEK — The judicial inquest into the assassination of SWAPO advocate Anton Lubowski will be open to the public and starts in Windhoek on October 4. Chief Magistrate Ben Myburgh would not say if applications would be made for the extradition of suspects from South Africa. — Sapa

Anti-IRA cordon in London

LONDON — Police threw a cordon around London's financial heartland from midnight to deter IRA guerillas after two devastating bombings. There were only eight guarded entry points into the City of London. — Sapa-Reuter

Muslim setback in Bosnia

BELGRADE — Muslim fighters in Bosnia suffered a major setback yesterday when Serb and Croat forces pressing for more territory encircled one town and overran another, cutting Bosnian army supply routes. UN officials in Vitez, central Bosnia, said Serbs and Croats had encircled the town of Maglaj by cutting a salient of territory surrounded by Serb-held areas dominating supply routes north of the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo. — Sapa-Reuter

Bomb: ANC blames Right

EAST LONDON — The bomb which rocked the municipality building on Thursday was a large STM limpet mine of Russian origin, police said. ANC media officer Mcebisi Bata said the bomb was the work of right-wing elements. — Ecna

Gqozo earns more than FW

EAST LONDON — Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo receives a higher salary, before allowances, than State President F W de Klerk, according to sources in Bisho. While Gqozo is said to be paid R209 000 a year, De Klerk earns R202 734 with effect from July 1. — Ecna

Aids cases nearing 1 million

GENEVA — Member states of the World Health Organisation have reported 718 894 Aids cases to date. WHO's Global Programme on Aids estimates the real cumulative total at more than 2,5 million because of under-reporting by developing countries. The US reported a cumulative total of 289 000. — Sapa-Reuter

Italian UN soldiers killed

MOGADISHU — Heavy fighting broke out yesterday between Somali gunmen and UN troops searching for weapons. At least four Italian soldiers were killed and 11 wounded. Four Somali policemen were wounded. At least one civilian was killed and several wounded. — Sapa-AP

US begins closing of bases

WASHINGTON — President Clinton yesterday approved a plan to close 130 US military bases, saying the post-Cold War shrinking of America's military demanded it. — Sapa-Reuter

Free condoms for Riviera



Afrikaner Volksunie leader Andries Beyer, centre, with AVU members Gerdus Kruger and Schalk Burger, who outlined their demands for an Afrikaner federal state at yesterday's news conference. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

Transkei calls for Border-Kei region

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The border was took a dramatic turn yesterday when Transkei ruled out a merger with the eastern Cape.

Releasing his submission to the commission demarcating future regions, military leader Gen Bantu Holomisa said he favoured a separate Border-Kei region with the Fish River as the boundary with the eastern Cape.

Holomisa, who said he had consulted 14 bodies, including the ANC and SA National Civic Organisation on his plan, maintained there was "consensus" on Transkei, Ciskei and Border merging into one region.

He said a Border-Kei region with Umtata as the administrative capital and East London as the economic capital was envisaged. Umtata, he said, had been the historical capital since the "Bunga days".

His recommendation clashes with that of Ciskei, which issued a proposal for a Kei state amalgamating the eastern Cape and the Ciskei, but excluding Transkei.

Holomisa's proposal also contradicts an earlier statement by ANC regional affairs director Thozamile Botha, who said the ANC's plan for a combined eastern Cape and Border-Kei region, had the backing of the ANC in the affected areas.

Meanwhile, Council for the Environment chairman Roelf Botha said at a media conference after the commission hearing that environmental criteria should determine regional boundaries.

MARIANNE MERTEN reports Botha said the council had told the commission regional boundaries should coincide with water catchment areas and topographical features such as the escarpment.

Environmental characteristics had exercised a profound influence on human settlement. "Mountain ranges divide and river valleys unite. For this reason rivers should never form political or administrative boundaries."

He mooted six primary regions — the PWV, Limpopo/Olifants, Orange/Vaal, Tugela/Mgeni, Kei Umzimvubu and Cape.

By PATRICK GOODENOUGH:
East London

TRANSKEI policemen who fled prosecution for hit-squad activities against African National Congress members in the homeland were later used by Civil Co-operation Bureau agents to inform on political organisations in Johannesburg.

A witness in the Umtata treason trial has provided new insights into links between South African security force members and Transkei dissidents, and into joint South African Police and Transkei Police hit-squad activity in the homeland in the late 1980s.

Former Transkei policeman Vulindlela Christopher Shologu has confessed to being a member of an assault force which bungled an attempt to overthrow the military government in 1990. Colonel Craig Dull died in the coup. Shologu

is a state witness in the treason trial of 18 men accused of involvement in the attempt.

He told the court how, two years before the coup bid, he escaped from Transkei with Sergeant Pumelelo Gumengu, who was facing charges of murdering an ANC member, Sithembale Zokwe.

Gumengu had later offered him work in Johannesburg, where he said he was working for the South African "national intelligence service". Shologu had been asked to provide a CV outlining his activities in the police force, including the Zokwe affair. This was given to Gumengu's employers. The two then worked together, passing on information gathered at ANC, Pan Africanist Congress and Act-stop meetings in the region to Gumengu's "boss" — CCB operative "Chappie" Maree.

Gumengu and Shologu were later recruited by Dull, and participated in the abortive coup, Shologu testified.

He described how four white men in a minibus had accompanied the armed assault force to the Transkei border.

When the coup collapsed, Gumengu was arrested while Shologu escaped and briefed senior police officers — a Colonel

Venter, a Colonel Badenhorst and a Captain Viljoen — in Pretoria.

Transkei's Major-General Bantu Holomisa has repeatedly asked the South African government to allow his police to question various people in connection with the coup bid, including Foreign Affairs officials, South African Defence Force members and police officers.

Shologu has also been linked to anti-ANC hit-squad activities. Since his detention late last year he has identified other former colleagues in the Transkei police implicated in two killings.

Gumengu and Sergeant Aron Tyani, of the Butterworth security police, allegedly killed Zokwe in early 1988. He had been targeted because "he had hidden arms in Butterworth and was a former ANC member". The two were charged but escaped in November 1988, two days before

Transkei 'hit-squad' policemen linked to CCB witness

their trial was to begin.

Shologu himself had been "present" during an earlier unsuccessful attempt on Zokwe's life.

He also named Sergeant Bongani Wana as being involved in the killing of ANC guerrilla Lizo Macanda in Umtata in 1988. Sergeant Mpumelelo Madliwa, of the South African security police, confessed to having collaborated with Wana in the killing.

He later told an inquest court he was sent to Umtata to meet Wana. They changed number plates on their vehicle, were issued with an AK-47 and other weapons, and then gunned down Macanda and two other people. Madliwa was killed — allegedly by Umkhonto weSizwe cadres — in 1990.

After the coup attempt, Shologu, Wana and Tyani worked at various times for Ciskei's military intelligence agency.

Shologu was arrested in Transkei last November. The homeland's attorney general, Chris Nel, has confirmed he is awaiting the court decision on indemnity in return for testifying.

Tyani and Wana are lying low in the Border region, where Wana has survived two apparent attempts to abduct him to Transkei. — Ecna

Transkei plan would swallow up Ciskei

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

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THE independent Xhosa republic of Ciskei would disappear in terms of a delimitation proposal to the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum by its neighbour, Transkei

Transkei often at logger-

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heads with Ciskei, also proposes that its capital, Umtata, be the region's administrative capital with East London its economic capital.

Transkei said its present boundaries were a political statement of the apartheid balkanisation era.

"In order to determine

meaningful and viable boundaries for the Border-Kei area it is imperative that we revert to the historical pre-balkanisation boundaries of Transkei which evolved through a socio-economic and historical process."

The original Transkei encompassed the land from Drakensberg in the north

west to the Indian Ocean in the south-east, the Umzimkulu River in the north-east to the Kei River in the south-east.

Transkei proposes that the region be amalgamated with the Border region and Ciskei as far as the Great Fish River in the south-west and the Orange River in the north-west.

Wage edict challenged

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UMTATA. — A government-determined minimum wage is being challenged in the Supreme Court here by six industrial companies which could be crippled by the financial burden.

The minimum wage, announced by the Minister of Manpower, Chief D D Mlindazwe, in a government notice on May 7, is said to be substantially higher than wages negotiated with unions.

In an application by the six companies, the court has heard the determination could result in loss of jobs,

retrenchments and even closure of certain industries and relocation.

The applicants have urged that the matter be dealt with as soon as possible as they would be committing a criminal offence if they did not comply with the determination, but would "suffer severe financial prejudice" if they did.

The six firms employ more than 3 000 workers and all have wage agreements with unions.

The case was postponed to July 30.
— Sapa

Transkei typhoid outbreak confirmed

UMTATA. — There has been an outbreak of typhoid fever in the Port St Johns area, a spokesman at the nearby Isilimela Hospital confirmed yesterday despite a government denial.

He said almost 100 cases of the infectious disease — which is spread through contaminated food and water and characterised by red rashes, high fever and bronchitis — was treated at the hospital this year. CT 17/7/93

However, Transkei's Department of Health denied the outbreak yesterday, dismissing it as "speculation".

"We have no evidence of any typhoid outbreak in the area," the department said.

The spokesman at Isilimela Hospital said they were now treating three people for typhoid and three others were transferred to Umtata General Hospital for intestinal operations.

He said at one stage as many as four patients were being admitted daily with the disease.

Holomisa and ANC argue over new Kei border

By DAWN BARKHUIZEN

THE ANC and Major-General Bantu Holomisa are at odds over the Transkei military ruler's insistence that the Border-Kei region remain separate under a new federal dispensation for "at least 15 to 20 years".

Transkei sources said this week that the staunch alliance between the Transkei head of state and the ANC had begun to show cracks after the assassination of SACP secretary-general Chris Hani, and because General Holomisa had failed to take firm action against PAC and Apla operatives in Transkei.

"It appears the general is not entirely sure of his role in a future South Africa, and the ANC is starting to regard him as somewhat of a loose cannon," sources close to General Holomisa said.

General Holomisa said this week the ANC had never discussed with him its plans to cut the number of federal regions from 10 to eight, merging the Eastern Cape and Border-Kei regions with King William's Town as the capital.

"We learnt about the plans only when they released them last week. As far as we know, the new boundaries are for electoral purposes only, so whatever the ANC is doing now

to get more votes is their baby," he told the Sunday Times.

"But if they are shifting their position for the future, the people of Transkei will have to reconsider their stance. (103)

"All new investment will go to cities with established infrastructures like Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage, instead of to rural areas," he said. (103)

"We are also opposed to King William's Town as a capital. A regional government should be close to the people. Umtata should be the capital."

Eastern Cape ANC spokesman Linda Mti said there had been "minor differences" between the ANC and General Holomisa over the timing of Transkei's reincorporation into South Africa, but the ANC held the military leader in high regard, and his military expertise would be needed in a new South African army.

Mr Mti denied claims that the ANC was gerrymandering to secure an ANC majority in the region where the PAC has established itself and is gaining support, saying the ANC felt the entire region should be bolstered.

He pointed out that the ANC was flexible about the merger and not about to "fight and die for it".

Sowetan 19/7/93

Holomisa salutes the *Eagle*

SOUTH Africa was on the threshold of a far-reaching transformation, Transkei military ruler General Bantu Holomisa said in Bloemfontein on Saturday.

Speaking at the launch of the *Eagle* newspaper,

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Holomisa said the appearance of black newspapers was a beacon of hope at this crucial time. The apathy of some established newspapers to the plight of disadvantaged communities would be countered by the "energetic coverage of our miserable conditions by papers like the *Eagle*".

Holomisa said the exploitation and oppression of blacks and the squalid conditions under which they live would have been addressed long ago if the Press had relentlessly exposed the evils of apartheid.

He said: "Instead, some sectors of the establishment Press hailed apartheid as a lasting solution to our social problems," he said.

"Newspapers, through the untiring efforts of journalists, are the conscience of the nation, they must always guard against subtle manipulation by policy makers."

Holomisa denies rift

UMTATA. — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has denied a weekend report that his relationship with the African National Congress is strained because of his alleged failure to crack down on Pan-Africanist Congress extremists.

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Natal may expand borders (103)

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Mangope fires Unibo rector

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BOPHUTHATSWANA authorities this week overruled a decision by the administration of the University of Bophuthatswana (Unibo) to reopen the university, fired the vice-chancellor and three other administrators and deployed troops on the campus.

The university's council took a decision to reopen the university on Monday, after it had been closed in the wake of student protests at the beginning of last month. The move was pre-empted by the government crackdown.

Staff members who were eager to start teaching told *The Weekly Mail* they had no idea when classes would resume and were forced to wait in their offices, doing nothing. Many students who had collected on the perimeter of the university grounds expressed despair at what they see as a university year being wasted.

The four dismissed staff members are rector and acting vice-chancellor Jacques Setshedi, academic vice-rector Zach Chuenyane, deputy vice-chancellor (student affairs) Lesole Gadinabokao and registrar Roberts

The Bophuthatswana government clamped down this week when university administrators tried to reopen the campus, closed last month after student protests, reports

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Banda. It appears they were fired for deciding to reopen the university without government permission.

At a report-back meeting this week, Setshedi told the staff that the government had convened a meeting with some university council members and instructed the chairman "to cause the council to remove the present management and appoint a substitute".

When the chairman pointed to procedural difficulties in doing this, the government "was very adamant and indicated that a mechanism had to be found to appoint a substitute management". Setshedi said the Bophuthatswana government had expressed disappointment at

the "unilateral decision" to reopen.

Staff received a letter last week from the Minister of Education, KCAV. Sehume, saying it would be "unwise" to reopen Unibo "until we are all satisfied that the relevant issues have been addressed".

A student who did not want to be named, told *The Weekly Mail*: "Mangope had objected to the council's behaviour because he was out of the country and was not part of the council's decision."

Council members were removed because they did not carry out government orders as expected, he said. "Sometimes they took decisions which were favourable to the students. They avoided conflict between students and authorities several times and, on many occasions, they saved the university from being closed down."

Unibo spokesman Dean Hauson denied the four had been removed or expelled.

"Nothing has been put in writing, as we are waiting for something to happen. The council is going to meet this week to decide because the government is bound by university statute and has no power to dismiss anyone."

But Bophuthatswana government spokesman Alwyn Viljoen seemed to think they had been fired. "The council has dismally failed to run the university — that's why the minister had to intervene. They have on many occasions failed to bring the university on the right track."

A student said she was supposed to finish this year, but because of the confusion and delays, "there is no hope".

"We missed six weeks in the first semester and now the second semester is already affected. The campus is becoming worse every day. If I go to another university next year, I will have to go back to my second year."

Thomas Ngoloyi, secretary of the staff association, said: "We are just hanging around — we don't know what is happening. This is the only university which is run by the government instead of a council."

He said examinations were supposed to start on July 31. "All that was changed by the minister, who hardly understands our problems."

But he had little to say in support of the sacked administration staff.

"Some were unprocedurally appointed; some were inefficient. They won't get sympathy from the staff association."

'Kei bid for reluctant tourists

By CLAIRE KEETON

HOTELS on the Wild Coast are slashing rates in a desperate attempt to entice tourists back to Transkei.

Weekend specials for as little as R100 full board are on offer as hotels fight the effects of recession as well as reports that the area is unsafe.

Chief executive officer for the Transkei National Tourism Board, Clive Berlyn, said this week: "We are trying to woo people back to the market under the present economic climate and after a situation was created, by confused reporting, where people felt unsafe."

A random survey across the region revealed dramatically reduced prices, with most hotels offering weekend specials for between R100 and R165 full board.

At a conference in Durban this week, Berlyn said the tourism slump had affected Transkei in the same way as it had the whole of Southern Africa. Nearly all of the region's coastal resorts had been hit by retrenchments and closures.

"The perception that Transkei is a 'no go' area has contributed to this position and political differences have further fuelled the flames," he said.

Following the conference, Transkei police have deployed further reinforcements along main routes in the homeland. Chief deputy commissioner Lieutenant General Tobela Lwana said uniformed and traffic police had been sent out in force on to the roads, and that roadblocks were being set up sporadically.

Hotels in the Border region and on the Ciskei coast are also advertising special deals. The King David Hotel in East London has dropped its regular bed and breakfast rate of R79 sharing to R59.

"Guests always ask if it is safe and whether we have security. They have heard about the Highgate (hotel) attack," said owner Sam Massinov, who claimed that South African tourists worry more about safety than those from overseas. — Elnews

Intensive planning for use of 300 vital hectares

JOHN YELD
Environment Reporter

INTENSIVE planning is under way to ensure that more than 300 hectares in the Culemborg-Black River area — mainly the property of the former South African Transport Services — is used effectively in future.

The land, used mainly for railway services and as goods yards and industrial premises, is under-used and largely inaccessible to the public.

A joint Culemborg-Black River planning project has been established by Transnet, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and the Cape Town City Council to re-evaluate its use.

A spokesman for the organisations described the area as "a well-located and large piece of land".

"This area is particularly strategic because of its size and location and presents a variety of opportunities for Cape

Town," he said.

"Through careful planning, the area could achieve not only enhanced commuter and goods transportation services, but also help to meet the needs of the broader community.

"The re-evaluation of its usage will allow it to become an accessible and integrated part of Cape Town, and it could also provide a dynamic range of opportunities — including industrial, commercial, residential,

recreational, educational and conservation activities."

Planning is to follow a "package of plans" approach, whereby a series of progressively more detailed plans are prepared.

Work has already started on the two broadest categories — contextual and development frameworks — and these will be followed by precinct plans, site development plans and building development plans.

Act labelled 'cynical provocation and aggression'

ANC slates police in Holomisa guard row

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

THE African National Congress has accused the police of "cynical provocation and aggression" after Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa's bodyguards were taken to the Guguletu police station to be disarmed.

But police spokesman John Sterrenberg said: "It would appear there were certain irregularities about their having weapons in the country."

General Holomisa, in Cape Town as a guest of the Communist Party, leaves for Transkei today.

ANC spokesman Vincent Diba said General Holomisa's nine-strong private guard, members of the Transkei Defence Force, stopped for petrol at a Guguletu garage about midday yesterday and were approached by police.

They identified themselves

and the police told them they could go, Mr Diba said.

"But then their vehicles were forced off the road by the police, who insisted they accompany them to the police station.

"When General Holomisa received word of the police intention to disarm his guards he threatened to retaliate by disarming all South African soldiers and bodyguards in Transkei.

"This seemed to jolt the police," Mr Diba said.

An angry crowd formed outside the police station and senior Transkei consular officials and Leonard Knipe, head of the serious crimes investigation unit, hurried to the scene.

The issue was also referred to the South African Ambassador to the Transkei, who told the police of an agreement between the South African and Transkei defence forces permitting free travel through each other's territories, Mr

Diba said.

"Eventually agreement was reached that the soldiers be issued with temporary permits for their guns. These permits were signed by Colonel Knipe," said Mr Diba.

"The ANC is outraged at this totally unbecoming show of force by the police. If President De Klerk goes to the Transkei with armed bodyguards no one is asked for permits.

But Captain Sterrenberg said police had had a report about "heavily armed men" in Guguletu.

After initially ignoring a police request to pull over, the cars carrying the guards stopped and police found weapons.

"After identifying themselves as members of the Transkei Defence Force they refused police access to the cars, and Colonel Knipe was summoned," he said.

Soekor retrenches more than 100 in Cape

Business Staff

MORE than 100 Soekor employees in the Cape have been retrenched as part of the restructuring of the oil exploration company.

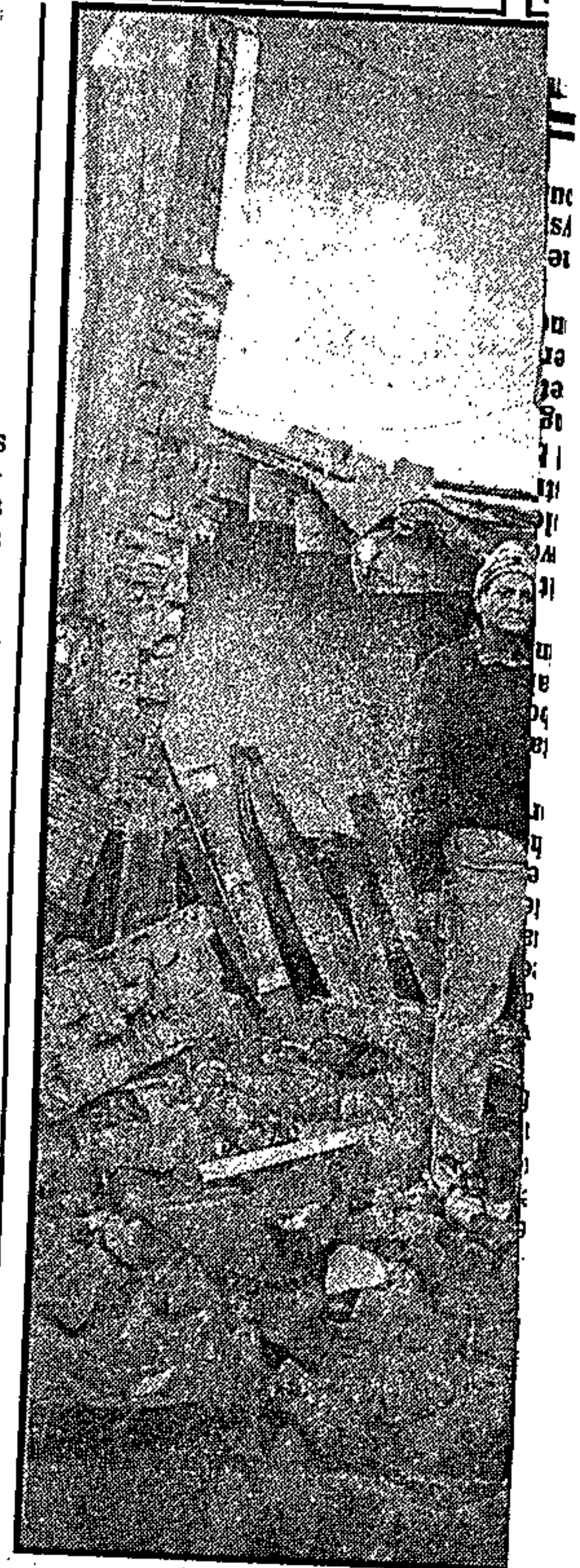
Soekor public relations offi-

cer Francois Liebritz confirmed today that between 100 and 120 people had been retrenched.

He would not comment further but it is understood that the retrenchments — effective

yesterday — involve all levels of employees from management down.

Sources in the company said further retrenchments would endanger the company's future.



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Holomisa men 'held for guns'

Staff Reporter

POLICE detained about 12 of Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa's armed bodyguards in Guguletu yesterday and nearly plunged Transkei and South Africa into another round of diplomatic feuding.

Gen Holomisa, who spoke at the SACP's 72nd anniversary rally in Khayelitsha on Sunday, said from Umtata last night the attempt to "disarm" his bodyguards was to "humiliate me" and he had threatened "tit for tat retaliation".

Police spokesman Captain John

Sterrenberg said a tip-off led the flying squad to intercept "a group of heavily armed men" in three cars at about noon, who at first were reluctant to "pull over".

They identified themselves as members of the Transkei Defence Force, but refused to allow their vehicles to be searched and were "requested" to proceed to the Guguletu police station.

Their gun permits had irregularities and temporary ones were issued in about four hours. Capt Sterrenberg said no attempt was made to disarm the bodyguards.

The men carried 9mm side-arms and had an array of R1, R4 and R5 assault rifles, he said.

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ANC spokesman Mr Vincent Diba said an unmarked red VW Golf had followed the TDF members and police approached them at a filling station.

Police reinforcements arrived and they were taken to Guguletu police station where police attempted to disarm them, he said.

They refused to hand over their weapons and Gen Holomisa was then called, Mr Diba said.

He said about 250 people gathered outside the police station demanding the men's release.

The bodguards left the police station at 4pm yesterday and were due to go to Transkei today.

Gqozo 'didn't want Sebe killed'

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Own Correspondent

BISHO. — Brigadier Oupa Gqozo confirmed at the Sebe-Guzana inquest here yesterday that he had told a reporter he was happy Mr Charles Sebe and Colonel Onward Guzana were dead.

The two men, suspected of plotting to overthrow the Ciskei government, were shot at a roadblock on the King Wil-

liam's Town-Stutterheim road in January 1991.

Col Guzana died at the scene, but Mr Sebe escaped and was found the next day at Gubevu village, where he was shot.

Brig Gqozo confirmed that he had also told the reporter that if someone made a public threat to kill him if he stepped out of line, he would kill that person.

He said he had taken the

threat of Mr Sebe and Col Guzana seriously.

He agreed he had offered a reward for information that would help locate Mr Sebe after his escape from the roadblock.

He rejected suggestions that he wanted Mr Sebe killed and said he wanted him alive so they could talk.

Brig Gqozo said he had never been told that Mr Sebe had

been unarmed and had surrendered when captured at Gubevu.

If he had known that Mr Sebe was injured and unarmed he would have ordered that he be sent to hospital for treatment.

He said his failure to testify at the inquest earlier was because his workload made it impossible for him to attend court at the time.

The hearing continues today.

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T'Kei roadblock lifted

EAST LONDON. — The SAP roadblock near the Umtamvuna River Bridge near Port Edward between Natal and Transkei has been lifted after police felt it "no longer served any purpose".

Tourism: ¹⁰³ T'kei steps up security

UMTATA. — New moves to step up security in the Transkei have re-attracted luxury bus services and renewed some confidence in tourists wishing to travel to the homeland.

A 24-hour reaction squad which will respond to any reports of violence affecting travellers is being manned by Transkei police in a step to restore confidence in motorists.

The reaction units will be stationed at strategic points.

The Transkei Development Corporation confirmed on Tuesday that bus companies, including Translux and Greyhound, had agreed at a tourism meeting in Durban to re-introduce their services through Transkei.

The reaction units can be raised on toll-free numbers (0471) 31-0333 and 31-0021. — Sapa

Transkei wants suspects

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The Transkei Defence Force has appealed to the SAP for permission to question two suspected arms smugglers arrested at the Kei River bridge last week.

The men, who have also been questioned about the Cape Town church massacre, were arrested after they had attempted to smuggle two R4 rifles, three handgrenades and 399 rounds of ammunition across the Transkei border.

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The acting head of the TDF, Brigadier Makabongwe Ntsinga, said yesterday there was a "very strong possibility" the R4 rifles seized were those stolen from an Umtata military base in April.

"We are very interested in those weapons, and have asked for a chance to question the men arrested," he said. "We are in close contact with the SAP and have requested through our military attache at the South African embassy to be given a chance to talk to them."

Earnings slide for Sun Ciskei

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VIOLENCE — which discouraged South Africans from travelling in the area — combined with the recession and competition from unregulated casinos, dented earnings by Sun Ciskei in the year to June 30.

Earnings fell by 20% to 30,8c (38,7c) a share and attributable profits to R23m (R29m).

In accordance with company policy of distributing 70% of attributable profits to shareholders, the final dividend fell to 10,5c (12c) a share. This made a total pay-out for the year of 21,5c (27c).

Turnover was 8% lower at R108,4m (R117,3m) and operating profit 20% lower at R25,5m (R32m).

But the interest bill was lower at R279 000 (R1,4m). The directors say no significant improvement in the economy is expected in the short term and continuing efforts by businessmen at cost rationalisation would lead to further erosion of disposable incomes.

"In addition the socio-political situation is unlikely to improve in the run-up to the elections," they said.

Transkei
not ready
to join SA

By RAY HARTLEY

TRANSKEI has ruled out the possibility of it rejoining South Africa before the adoption of a new constitution and the election of a new government.

Major-General Bantu Holomisa said it would be foolish to hand over to any administration that was still subject to the existing constitution because this would "extend the powers of De Klerk to areas he does not have access to".

But Transkei would reconsider its position if the security forces were placed under multi-party control and Ciskei, Venda and Bophuthatswana also agreed to reincorporation.

Meanwhile, Regional and Land Affairs Minister Andries Fourie said steering committees would discuss the reallocation of the powers of homelands and provincial administrations.

He said the government remained adamant that existing self-governing territories would not be disbanded until there was agreement on the regions they would fit into.

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Transkei invests
in South Africa

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Bulelwa Payi

THE Transkei Development Corporation (TDC) is investing about R3-million in Queenstown — a town beyond the homeland's borders.

TDC's manager in Queenstown, Mandla Hlalukana, said this week that his company had bought property in the town which included a hotel and houses.

The hotel would be turned into offices for the TDC, while the houses will be occupied by industrialists coming "mainly from Italy and Taiwan".

Staff members will move into a block of flats which the corporation had also bought.

Hlalukana said the corporation had decided to branch out to Queenstown because "as we are moving to the democratic South Africa it is going to be included in the Border/Kei region of which Transkei is an integral part".

The move also resulted from a need for development expressed by Transkei rural areas near Queenstown.

"We've now brought it to their doorstep and will be concentrating on creating industries and improving the existing ones," said Hlalukana.

He stressed, however, that the corporation's development projects would not be directed at Transkei citizens only.

"It is time to break down racial barriers. If there are also South Africans who would like our services like property development we will help them," he said. —

Ecna

Transkei gunmen kill woman

UMTATA. — A 21-year-old woman was shot dead and her father, aged 46, was seriously wounded on the road between Umtata and Encgobo in Transkei yesterday.

Mike Meyers and his daughter Donne, of Elliot in the Eastern Cape, were travelling in a milk van at noon when two men opened fire.

The men hijacked the van and were fleeing with the daughter towards Idutywa on the N2 between Butterworth

and Umtata when they were intercepted by Transkeian police assisted by a helicopter.

The men told the police they had shot the woman and thrown her body from the van. Police found the girl's body at the roadside.

Mr Meyers is seriously ill in All Saints Hospital near Engcobo.

It was the fifth attack on motorists in Transkei in two weeks. — Sapa.

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Call in UN peacekeepers to curb violence, says Holomisa

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LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — SA's major political players should jointly approach the UN Security Council to ask for an international peacekeeping force to assist in combating violence between now and elections next year, Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.

Addressing UCT students on the integration of the armed forces and the reincorporation of the homelands, Holomisa said it was not possible for a national peacekeeping force to be deployed on the ground before mid-January next year, as it would first have to be trained. In the meantime, people were dying.

He believed international peacekeeping forces had done an "excellent" job in Namibia and Zimbabwe.

"Political violence will continue until we have a new government, because we have not sought international assistance," Holomisa said.

He proposed the armed forces be integrated only after the elections as the integration process would have to be influenced by the majority party in power — for instance, in the political appointment of leaders of the forces.

Holomisa said agreement would also have to be reached on the country which

would train the forces, as this could not be left to the SADF.

He reiterated his stand that the Transkei Defence Force would not consider joining an integrated armed force before the elections as this force would then be under the control of President F W de Klerk. Such a step would be "tantamount to suicide", Holomisa said.

He said he was committed to the reincorporation of Transkei into SA, but was prepared to hand over the homeland's sovereignty only to a democratically elected government.

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A further problem inhibiting premature reincorporation was that many exiles, including senior Umkhonto we Sizwe and Apla commanders, who had decided against applying for indemnity from the SA government, had settled in Transkei.

Holomisa suggested that De Klerk should "squeeze" Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi by tightening the government's purse-strings because of Buthelezi's threats of civil war. The SA government and the other parties at the World Trade Centre talks needed to speak strongly to Buthelezi about his threats.

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Transkei opposed to joint force

By PETER DENNEHY

HE was dubious about allowing the Transkeian Defence Force to join the proposed national peace-keeping force, Transkeian leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa told an audience of about 700 University of Cape Town students yesterday.

President F W de Klerk would take any opportunity to "co-opt forces so that he renders them useless on the ground", he said (103) CT 3/18/93

Gen Holomisa favoured integration of the armed forces only after the election, in which Transkei would participate.

He suggested an international peace-keeping force should supervise the election.

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**Transkei will
await new govt**

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — General Bantu Holomisa has ruled out reincorporation of Transkei — and integration of the armed forces — before a new government has come to power. (103)

And he told a receptive, mostly black, University of Cape Town student audience that one of the main reasons was that many senior MK and Apla commanders resident in Transkei had entered the country without going through South African channels and were not indemnified against arrest and prosecution for past activities.

Ciskei owes R22-m to Fort Hare

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The University of Fort Hare is battling to get the Ciskei government to pay over millions of rands in subsidies it owes the cash-strapped institution.

Until early this year "not a cent" of the subsidies Ciskei agreed to pay in 1986 had been received by Fort Hare.

And the debt amounted to R22 million, according to Professor Sibusiso Bhengu, the university's rector and vice-chancellor.

"The only money Fort Hare has received from the Ciskei government since 1986 is R5 million. This was paid in March this year after painful negotiations," said Bhengu.

In terms of the 1986 agreement, Ciskei agreed to pay 20 percent of Fort Hare's total subsidy. ~~(R5)~~ (103)

The rest of the money was to come from the Government, according to Bhengu.

Asked to comment, South Africa's Department of Foreign Affairs said in terms of the agreement all subsidies from South Africa covering the rest of the budget were to be paid to the Ciskei Council of State.

Ciskei's Minister of Education and Culture Petros Jacobs would not comment. — Ecna.

Bantu's army mushrooms

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AT A time when the SADF has been forced to drastically slash its force levels because of reduced budgets, Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has increased the size of his army by as much as 40 percent in the past two years.

Holomisa also recently promoted most of his senior military officers, a move which will eventually cost the South African taxpayer millions of rands.

The promotions are only one part of a massive, and costly, campaign by him and his Military Council to prepare Transkeians loyal to him to play a major role in the looming restructuring of South African society, in particular the "Africanising" of the civil service and security forces through affirmative action.

The Transkei Defence Force (TDF) will now be commanded by a major-general, Themba Matanzima, who has just returned from India after completing a senior staff officer's course. The army will also boast 11 brigadiers and probably more than 20 colonels. By comparison, in NATO forces, a conventional brigade comprises about 10 000 troops, and command would be held by a brigadier assisted by three or four colonels.

At the same time the military homeland leader denies that the TDF is training cadres from Umkhonto we Sizwe or APLA.

Holomisa confirmed to the Saturday Star that the TDF is now about 5 000-strong, which is about 1 500 higher than the highest estimate currently being made by military analysts in SA.

Many of the TDF's officers have been, or are being, trained abroad

MAJOR-GENERAL Bantu Holomisa's plans to ensure his loyal military and civil servants play significant roles in the new South Africa is expected to cost local taxpayers many millions of rands, BRENDAN SEERY reports.



HOLOMISA: Military expansion an investment in his future?

in countries like India, whose military arms operate along British Army lines, as does the SADF. In addition, non-commissioned officers are also being trained abroad, according to Holomisa, who refused to name other coun-

tries involved in the training assistance.

Just how much has been, and is being, spent on Holomisa's military expansion campaign is impossible to determine, because of the "total lack of documents relating to finance" from Umtata, according to an economics researcher.

The researcher added: "It certainly seems that he is using South African taxpayers' money to invest in his own future."

Holomisa said the mass promotions in his officer corps would not result in extra expenditure, as most of those raised in rank were already being paid acting-rank allowances.

In the homeland's R5,54 billion 1992/93 budget, R126 million is officially allocated to defence, and a further R163 million to the police force. South African direct subsidies account for R2,72 billion of the total budget.

There has been no published audit of the Transkei expenditure since the late '80s, however.

The military promotions are allied to an intensive programme ordered by Holomisa to upgrade skills in the homeland army, and will give Transkeian officers a significant leg-up when the integration of homeland armies, the SADF and guerilla forces finally takes place.

Senior Transkeian officers who eventually become part of a new SADF will have to be paid at their newly raised rank rates.

Upgrading in the military has run parallel to an intensive campaign to train civil servants for their role in a new South Africa. In Umtata's Department of Foreign Affairs, for example, virtually all staff have been abroad for training as diplomats.

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**Second T'kei
disappearance**

PORT ELIZABETH. — A second South African had gone missing in Transkei since Sunday.

Stutterheim businessman Mr. Dudley Richter, 60, was last heard from on Tuesday when he telephoned his family to say he was in jail — then the line went dead.

And yesterday the body of missing diving instructor Mr. Ian Rens, 19, who left Amanzimtoti, in Natal, for East London on Sunday, was found by his father

Transkei faces hunger crisis

By Andrew Trench

SCENES similar to Somalia can be seen where starving people queue at food lines in Transkei's drought ravaged interior, says a senior Operation Hunger official.

Ms Glynis Baer, Operation Hunger's regional director for Transkei/Border, said starving Transkeians were being "pushed over the edge" last week Transkei's Agriculture

department said the region faced a major crisis should expected October rains not come.

Some 32 hospitals and more than 200 clinics were critically short of water and thousands of villages had no formal water supply. More than 100 schools had closed down because of the drought.

Baer described scenes reminiscent of Somalia with people clamouring over each other in food lines for their daily cup of soup or miele meal. "You can see the fear from peo-

ple that the barrel will empty before they get through," she said.

It appeared most of the people the organisation assisted in Transkei relied on the cup of soup or miele meal as their only food, with children and the very old suffering most, said Baer.

Operation Hunger is currently feeding more than 180 000 each day in the homeland with another 200 000 waiting for assistance.

It is costing more than R500 000 a month to bring relief to Transkei, but Operation Hunger estimates it

needs at least R1 million to significantly ease their plight.

"Our biggest problems are money and manpower. Our fieldworkers there are working flat out, but are getting nowhere fast," Baer added.

The worst hit areas appeared to be in Transkei's interior, she said, adding it was a common sight to see dead cattle lying next to the road.

Transkei's Agriculture Department estimates 84 000 head of cattle have died in the homeland so far this year. — ECNA

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Holomisa claims Apla, MK links

By Andrew Trench

TRANSKEI works closely with Apla and uMkhonto weSizwe to monitor alleged South African agents in the territory, military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said this week.

Holomisa was commenting on remarks made by the Transkei Defence Force's (TDF) staff officer, Colonel V M Mdletye, at an Apla anniversary rally in Umtata at the weekend.

Mdletye reportedly said the TDF saluted Apla's past and present operations and was prepared to work with the PAC's military wing.

Apla has been blamed for a spate of attacks on whites in the Border region, including the King William's Town golf club and High-

gate hotel massacres.

Holomisa said the TDF had worked with Apla and MK since 1990 in collecting intelligence regarding alleged operations by South Africa to monitor returned exiles in the homeland.

Transkei had been able to warn exiles living and working in Transkei of the alleged threat due to the network which had been established by the TDF, MK and Apla.

Holomisa said this had "worked wonderfully", but he stressed co-operation did not extend to assisting the "acts of guerrillas". Because of this arrangement, Transkei did not have a daily assassination of activists as occurred in South Africa, he said.

— ECNA



BANTU HOLOMISA

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Ambassador on a tightrope

Arguably the most thankless job in Umtata, capital of 'liberated' Transkei, is that of South African ambassador. By **Patrick Goodenough**

AMBASSADOR Horace van Rensberg presides over his fortified embassy and small diplomatic compound outside Umtata like a commander of a minor frontier fort.

He has seen some battles. The road outside the embassy still bears the scars of barricades of burning tyres mounted by angry young Pan Africanist Congress supporters in January.

Members of the Transkei Police, Van Rensberg remembers, stood around "like spectators" as the protesters trucked in fresh

supplies of tyres to replenish their smouldering symbols of hate.

The embassy was under siege. No one could enter or leave.

Eventually, in the evening, a two-minute police teargas charge dispersed the small mob.

Recalling that and similar occasions, Van Rensberg doesn't refer to "demonstrations"

"The worst attack was in April," he says. "There were about 3 000 protesters — an alliance march. As it got worse, they started throwing stones. Then some of them began firing shots at the embassy — more than 12 shots in all."

A group of demonstrators also dug up and set alight telephone cables, cutting off all outside communication. Now a satellite telephone stands ready, in case of future emergency.

"Unfortunately," says Van Rens-

berg, "it doesn't pick up satellite TV." To the 12-family-strong embassy community, satellite TV would be a welcome diversion, particularly on those dull weekends when only the bravest risk going into town, let alone to remote Wild Coast resorts.

It's not easy being the sole symbol of the "settler" regime in a place like Umtata, a town whose many graffiti artists eschew cosy concepts like peace and democracy in favour of the "Kill them, Apla!" approach.

"We stand out like a sore thumb, an easy, vulnerable target," says the ambassador.

"We tend to get it in the neck, both verbally and physically."

A former Progressive Federal Party MP, Van Rensberg is an amiable man with an untenable job, caught between the need for diplomacy and his responsibility towards jumpy white inhabitants and visitors.

Some would say diplomacy has

taken a back seat. Certainly, Van Rensberg's relations with Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa have been cool.

"There have been difficulties," says Van Rensberg. "He's a very outspoken leader. I mean, the head of one country travelling in another, and using public platforms to criticise that (country's) government — it's an unconventional situation."

A major source of tension has been travel information released by the embassy following a spate of apparently racist attacks on white travellers in Transkei.

The row predates Van Rensberg's ambassadorship, to a time of several wars of words between Holomisa and Foreign Minister Pik Botha. Transkei at the time accused Botha of actively undermining the homeland's economy by warning tourists to avoid visit-

ing. A similar perception has met Van Rensberg's missives, which tend to warn travellers to avoid Transkei if possible, and to advise precautions for those who must visit.

The ambassador denies having an underhand motive: "The last thing in the world that the embassy would want to contribute to is the destabilisation of Transkei by undermining its economy. It's not in South Africa's interests to do so. We all pay the price."

The information, he says, is simply aimed at standardising responses from embassy staff to the "hundreds of phone calls" from concerned travellers and tourists.

"The government has no choice with regard to the travel advisories. It is the internationally accepted responsibility of all governments to advise their citizens about their security."

Besides, Van Rensberg argues, it's not the travel information that has a negative impact, but the attacks themselves.

Despite the difficulties he faces, the ambassador is confident of a continuing improvement in the embassy's relations with the authorities in Transkei.

The African National Congress-led demonstration in April marked a turning point:

"After the April attack, I think people came to their senses and realised that if people had been killed, we would have had a very serious situation."

"Embassies and their staff are protected by the Vienna Convention, which makes it the duty of the host government to ensure their protection."

But the police appeared uninterested in protecting the property and embassy security guards are unarmed employees, Van Rensberg says.

An evacuation of the embassy staff was considered, but while Umtata residents protested, instead, a small



Horace van Rensberg ... An amiable man with an untenable job

force — he won't say how many — of highly trained South African soldiers has been brought in to provide an "obvious, effective deterrent".

Now, before every demonstration, the police inform the embassy and negotiate with the protest organisers. Things have improved dramatically.

An upsurge in arrests in connection with attacks on travellers has also contributed to warmer relations with the police. Border liaison committees have been established to discuss stock theft and other thorny

issues.

Still, the road ahead is an uphill one. Last Saturday the Transkei police and defence force played a highly visible role at an Azanian Peoples Liberation Army (Apla) rally in Umtata.

The police band provided accompaniment to a small squad of Apla "soldiers" dressed in Transkei Defence Force uniforms and a TDF colonel publicly saluted Apla's achievements.

None of which could have made the ambassador's day. — Ecma

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Holomisa snubs peace force

INTERNATIONAL ARMY Transkei military ruler presses

for more powers for defence sub-council:

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Sowetan Correspondent

TRANSKEI military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa says the Transkei Defence Force will not take part in a national peacekeeping force unless such a force is given more powers.

The Pan Africanist Congress announced earlier this week that it would not take part in a Transitional Executive Council, and the organisation wanted an international peacekeeping force.

Holomisa said yesterday that he also supported the idea of an international peacekeeping force. He said the peacekeeping force envisaged in the TEC Bill was a "toothless body".

"If State President FW de Klerk does not concede more powers to the sub-council on defence, I don't see it getting off the ground," Holomisa said.

An assurance should be given that no other force would be deployed other than the national peacekeeping force during the run-up to the first non-racial elections on April 27 next year.

Meanwhile, Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Siphwe Nyanda said the PAC's decision not to take part in a TEC could lead to a clash between MK as a member of the national peacekeeping force and the Azanian People's Liberation Army.

He said yesterday the TEC and its sub-councils were proposed by the ANC, and MK would form part of a sub-council on defence.

In terms of the TEC Bill being debated in Parliament, MK cadres could meet at assembly points within three weeks of the establishment of the council. The Bill also

‘If State President FW de Klerk does not concede more powers to the sub-council on defence, I don't see it getting off the ground’

provides for the establishment of a national peacekeeping force under the sub-council on defence.

In that capacity, MK could clash with Apla.

National peacekeeping force

However, an Apla delegation told an MK team at a meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe, this week to discuss the formation of a national peacekeeping force in the run-up to next year's elections that it did not want to "target" a liberation movement.

Nyanda denied that the Harare talks had broken down. "The PAC national executive committee decided on Sunday that it would not take part in a TEC."

"So there was no way we could continue with the meeting. Instead we examined the implication of the PAC's non-participation."

"One of the implications is the possibility of a collision course between MK and Apla," he said.

Nyanda said a further round of talks would take place in two weeks.



Major General Bantu Holomisa

Kei coup ⁽¹⁰³⁾
ARG 29/9/93
plot accused
appeals for
intervention

The Argus Correspondent

UMTATA. — The alleged mastermind of the failed November 1990 coup in Transkei, Mr Vulindlela Mbotoli, has appealed to Lawyers for Human Rights to intervene so he can be released in terms of the Pretoria and Groote Schuur Minutes.

In a letter addressed to the director of LHR, Brian Curran, Mr Mbotoli said the Transkei government created a precedent in December last year by releasing 20 prisoners after granting them political status.

"I am concerned at the differential and discriminatory treatment which has showed transparent patronage and outright favouritism by an organisation (LHR) claiming to be impartial", he said.

Mr Mbotoli said Mr Curran's voice was loud and clear in condemning repression in Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and KwaZulu.

He called upon Mr Curran to personally condemn Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa and his government for upholding repressive laws. Major-General Holomisa had said earlier that during the attempted coup soldiers were killed and damage amounting to nearly R2 million was caused to property.

Gqozo's 'invisible army' exposed

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Ciskei leader Oupa Gqozo is secretly building up his own private militia. But, as **Andrew Trench** of Ecna reports, it's no longer an 'invisible army'

CISKEI this week admitted the existence of the "auxiliary services", a secret militia answerable directly to military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo.

The force, conservatively estimated at some 200 heavily armed men, has been deployed throughout the homeland and is believed to be growing. Its establishment has sparked alarm even in Gqozo's own Defence Force, racked by growing unhappiness with his rule.

On Wednesday this week, a Ciskei government statement said the force was set up under the Defence Act and was aimed at defending chiefs and headmen. It pointed out that the National Peace Accord had accepted the right to self-defence.

But a secret record of a discussion with Gqozo puts the force in a more sinister light. The record, in Ecna's hands, was compiled by a senior official of the Ciskei government and the African Democratic Movement (ADM), Namba Sebe. The document speaks of an "invisible army" under Gqozo's command.

It is headed "Meeting with Brigadier OJ Gqozo" and was drafted prior to training beginning at Wesley military base on the Peddie coast in July.

"Time has come to form this invisible army which will be directed by the leader at any minute. The instruction will be kept secret only for the leader (Brigadier Gqozo)," the document said.

Sebe called the "invisible army" a "wonderful idea" that coincided with alleged African National Congress deployment of Umkhonto weSizwe cadres in the region.

He added: "This is not an offence, most organisations have their private armies."

Sebe's vision of the "invisible army" is clearly of a force to be pitted against an ANC threat. It is a familiar perspective from Sebe, brother of deposed Ciskei president Lennox Sebe.



Brigadier Oupa Gqozo bulds his own secret militia PHOTOGRAPH: AP

Namba Sebe was named as a key player in the South African Defence Force's Operation Katzen plan to crush the ANC in the Eastern Cape in the mid-1980s. Central to the plot was the formation of a "Xhosa Resistance Movement" to form a buffer against the ANC in the region.

The ANC in the region is anxious that the new militia will play a similar role to the SADF's envisaged Xhosa Resistance Movement.

Ciskei's unprecedented comment on the militia came in response to Ecna's inquiry on the "invisible army" document.

Bisho stressed the "auxiliary services" was formed in terms of the homeland's Defence Act and was aimed at protecting Ciskei chiefs and headmen, in the firing line of homeland conflict.

Ciskei cited 170 attacks against chiefs and headmen, 144 against the Ciskei Defence Force (CDF) and 92 against ADM officials.

"We wish to remind the ANC/SACP alliance that provisions of the National Peace Accord on self-protection are not only applicable to them. Other people/victims of violence must also surely be granted

this right to self protection," the homeland government said.

It claimed the ANC wished to remove the "auxiliary services" to make it easier to remove the headmen.

However, anti-Gqozo groups in the region fear that the militia itself has the potential to unleash terrible conflict.

Two weeks ago it topped the agenda of sensitive behind-closed doors discussions at a security summit held in East London.

The CDF and the ANC have been involved in bilateral discussions about the militia aimed at better controlling it and rendering it less controversial.

Ciskei did not comment on questions regarding the composition and command structures of the auxiliary services.

However, Ecna has learned it comprises an estimated 200 men recruited by Gqozo loyalists — headmen, chiefs and the ADM — and trained by the CDF in the past two months. It is believed to be growing.

This week, Border ANC secretary general Silumko Sokupa made public details of the militia divulged to the organisation by the CDF's head of operations, Colonel Horst Schobesberger, in a recent meeting.

Sokupa said Schobesberger confirmed the CDF was training the recruits following an instruction from the government. He had added the CDF was arming the trainees with G3 rifles and 9mm pistols and that after training the recruits were deployed in villages.

Schobesberger had said that once deployed, they were attached to headmen — all of whom Gqozo insists belong to the ADM.

However, the CDF would continue to replenish ammunition and grant temporary licences to the recruits to carry G3s.

Schobesberger's information to the ANC is confirmed by other Ciskei sources. But they also say something Schobesberger would never say to the ANC — that the militia is causing concern even among the military.

Senior officers are concerned at the unambiguously partisan nature of the militia and of being linked with it. These concerns are heightening amid indications of growing dissent in the military over Gqozo's last-stand posturing.

State funds for Ciskei party

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Andrew Trench: East London

THE Ciskei government has used tens of thousands of rands of public money to fund the African Democratic Movement, a political party headed by the homeland's ruler, Brigadier Oupa Gqozo.

Ecna has a copy of a government invoice which shows a "donation" of R25 000 to the ADM, paid from the homeland's suspense miscellaneous account on August 17 this year.

The invoice is the first hard evidence to confirm persistent allegations that the ADM is funded by

taxpayers' money.

It reads: "Council of State, being payment for a donation for the ADM which was received under water products and deposited per receipt number 1202 ..."

ADM chairman Titus Mcoyiyana did not deny the donation when asked to comment.

He said he would have to "go through the treasury books before commenting".

The Ciskei government had not responded to faxed inquiries at the time of writing.

The suspense miscellaneous account is used by the homeland

government to hold funds for incomplete transactions which do not have their own expense accounts.

A senior homeland government official involved in monitoring finances said this week the donation sounded "abnormal, not a normal expenditure".

The R25 000 donation is a substantial amount for an organisation which claims between 17 000 and 20 000 members.

Opponents of the Ciskei government claim the ADM has less than one third of its claimed membership. — Ecna

Rebel officers last week publicly attacked Gqozo's vow not to allow elections in Ciskei, saying there would be a poll and that soldiers would support it

The Ciskei ruler has yet to explain why the militia is needed when he has an established security structure.

A peek into his plans was given earlier this year when he said "Xhosas" had defended themselves barehanded against AK47s. He did not see why they should not start defending themselves: "Attack is the best form of defence".

"I don't see anything wrong should that fight ever come to our minds. We must use it," he said. — Ecna

Umtata whites flee black fury over SADF slaughter

by THEMBA KHUMALO
Political Reporter

ABOUT 80 whites living in Umtata fled the area on Friday morning in ambulances in anticipation of possible attacks on them by mourners attending yesterday's mass funeral.

Local whites were armed earlier by the SA embassy to keep away from the town centre for their own safety until today when emotions had subsided.

Fleeing whites said they were going on holiday for the weekend and others said they were visiting friends and family in SA.

Transkei PAC chair-

man Mahlubi Mbandazayo said there was no need for anyone to flee the homeland because his organisation was not anti-white.

Throughout the week a gloomy mood hung over Umtata and other large towns of Transkei following a race riot that broke out after Wednesday's memorial service for five teenagers held in Umtata's Independence Stadium. The youths were slain in an SADF raid last week.

The PAC has denied all responsibility for the damage caused by rioters.

PAC secretary for the central Transkei region, Mfaniso Skhwatsha, said none of the 39 youths ar-

rested after the looting were PAC or Paso members. He attributed the incidents to reactionary criminal elements whom he said hijacked the event for their own ends.

In the riot white-owned shops were smashed up and looted after about 1 000 youths returning from the rally marched through the Transkei capital shouting racial insults.

The head of the political and development section in the SA Embassy in Umtata, David Bezuidenhout, said embassy employees had received a number of death threats after the raid and the employees were avoiding going to town in fear of their

lives.

"We have been phoned by sympathetic Transkeians to warn us against going to town until after the funeral. They told us of a secret plan by youths to kill whites in the streets of Umtata," Bezuidenhout said.

He said they had received unconfirmed reports that several whites were killed in different parts of the homeland, but the rumours were subsequently denied by hospital officials.

He said a white woman was saved from certain death by Transkei police after she was attacked while waiting in her car at a robot in Umtata minutes after the Wednesday

service.

Minutes later a white man was wounded in the ear and hand in a similar attack. His car was slightly damaged, Bezuidenhout said.

He said he knew of 10 white-owned businesses that were damaged during the riots.

He blamed "inflammatory speeches" at the service which he said aroused feelings of hostility towards his embassy.

He said he had been told that a PAC student speaker at the service had said that if the SA ambassador in Transkei, Horace Van Rensburg, was not expelled from the area, he would leave "in a coffin".

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ON GUARD... Transkei cops protect stores in tense Umtata this week.

Pic: THULANI SITHOLE

R5,9 billion budget for Transkei

UMTATA. — Transkei Minister of Finance Mr Mkhumbuzi Titus yesterday presented a R5,9 billion budget for the 1993/94 financial year, nearly half of which has been allocated to the homeland's police force.

The budget, which is up 13% on last year's figure, was seven months overdue because of hitches in agreements and pro-

cedures between Transkei and the South African government, Mr Titus said in his budget speech.

He said the implications of the delays were that government departments had not been able to defray all accounts budgeted for.

Consequently, the government had been accused of having a

"too limited absorption capacity".

He added that in all probability the budget would be the last he would announce in the Republic of Transkei.

The Department of Police got the "lion's share" of 49,6% of the amount allocated to 20 departments. — Sapa

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Whites terrified of revenge raids

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THE SA army raid in which five youths were killed in the Transkei this week could provoke revenge attacks against the local white community, whites living in the homeland said yesterday.

There are about 10 000 white people living in the Transkei, and many now say they are terrified of reprisals — and ashamed of the SA government.

"Every white person's life is in jeopardy now," Umtata resident Gill Redpath said yesterday.

"We feel it's provocation. It's as though they (the SA government) want some trouble to happen."

Denise Rudolph, another Umtata resident, said: "It was completely ill-con-

ceived and provocative. It's totally unjustified."

Umtata civil rights lawyer Dumisa Ntsebeza said whites had reason to be concerned: "Some people may now see this as an open season on whites."

White reporters and photographers were threatened at the scene of the raid yesterday, and a news team's car was stoned on the way out of Umtata on Friday.

As a bitter row raged over the killings yesterday, the SA embassy in Umtata denied it had been involved in the raid.

"These allegations are totally untrue. The embassy was not involved in this raid in any way whatsoever, nor did it have any prior knowledge of the raid," said an embassy statement.

The statement followed allegations that a helicopter landed at the embassy with members of the raiding party, and that a light delivery vehicle transported the raiders from the embassy to the purported Apla house and back.

The Transkei Military Council said it was shocked and dismayed by the attack, and that an "appropriate protest note" would be sent to Pretoria.

"This action is contrary to the spirit and letter of the non-aggression pact concluded between the governments of the two countries," the council said.

The African National Congress, meanwhile, said yesterday that State President FW de Klerk had to take full responsibility for the young people killed in the raid, which illustrated a total lack of government accountability.

"In any true democracy, the Minister of Defence, Mr Kobie Coetsee, and the head of the Defence Force, General Kat Liebenberg, would, at the very least, have been fired immediately," the organisation said.

"The ANC believes the NP government has acted contrary to the spirit of negotiations, and should accept full responsibility for the consequences of this ill-conceived raid."

Mr Gora Ebrahim, the Pan Africanist Congress's secretary for foreign affairs, said yesterday the PAC and Apla were this weekend reviewing their continued presence at the Kempton Park negotiating forum and bilateral negotiations with "the regime".

"The mood against the regime is ugly and angry because there had been an agreement between the SADF and Apla to meet on October 28 to specifically discuss the mutual cessation of hostilities," he added.

"Now, in total bad faith, the SADF breaches this agreement."

The South African Council of Churches yesterday condemned the raid as "dastardly and barbaric".

But the Conservative Party congratulated the SA Defence Force on its "successful cross-border operation against an Apla base in Transkei". — Sapa-Reuters

KILLERS... JUST KIDS



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ACCUSATIONS flew thick and fast yesterday in the wake of the SADF attack on an alleged Apla house in Umtata on Friday morning.

The government claimed that the deceased were all either Apla members or collaborators, but the family claimed they were innocent teenagers.

Various claims have also been made about the ages of the victims.

Deputy-Minister of Law and Order Gert Myburgh yesterday claimed three of the five youths killed in the raid were trained Apla terrorists.

Two of the three were the Mpendulo twins, whom, he said, were aged 19. Indications were that the third was aged 17. Myburgh produced a photograph of a firearm application by the father of the dead boys, Sigqibo Agreement Mpendulo, showing that the twins were aged 19. However, a relative of the de-

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Nobun Mpendulo, yesterday stuck to the family's version of the ages of the victims.

She said the twins, Samora and Sadat were 16 and that they would be turning 17 later in the year. Their younger brother, Mzwandile Meya, was 12 and their two cousins, Sashie and Tando, were 12 and 19 respectively.

The Minister said investigations by the police positively identified three of the victims as members of Apla who had undergone military training in the Transkei. He said investigations into the age and status of the other two were continuing. False number plates, weapons and ammunition, including AK47s

and 9mm pistols, were also seized, he said.

As the controversy raged, church leaders rallied behind a call for Minister of Defence Kobie Coeisee and the generals behind the bungled raid to be fired.

Sapa reports that the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, the Rev Dr Stanley Mogoba, said in a statement the SADF attack "could well prove a serious setback for the process of negotiations in South Africa."

Bishop Mogoba called on the government to immediately set a process in motion to institute bilateral negotiations with the PAC to ensure there were no further attacks, adding he was prepared to mediate if needed.

Bishop Mogoba urged the PAC to abandon its armed struggle and to display a spirit of statesmanship by entering negotiations.

He called for the resignation of Coeisee, who is clearly guilty of a massive political blunder. The Bishop of the Anglican diocese of Umzimvubu, the Right Rev Geoffrey Davies, said the attack was madness and obviously designed to destabilise the country.

By THEMBA KHUMALO,
Political Reporter

ANGER is mounting against Pretoria following its slaying of five teenagers - ranging from 12 to 17 years old - in a 1 am raid on a house in Umtata, Transkei, on Friday.

PAC deputy president Johnson Mlambo said at a press conference in Johannesburg on Friday that the PAC would now review its further participation in the multi-party talks.

Employees of the SA embassy in Transkei were yesterday reported to have locked themselves inside the embassy in anticipation of a possible attack by angry PAC supporters in the homeland.

The PAC has alleged that the raiders carried out their mission with the "active connivance of the embassy officials".

This claim was made at a press conference held at the Umtata death house on Friday by PAC NEC member Dr Peter Mayende, who said the vehicles allegedly used during the raid were earlier seen at the Umtata embassy, Ecna reported.

Mayende also hinted that the PAC would retaliate for the strike, but did not elaborate.

"It is logical that when you are subjected to such an attack you respond in a manner which is effective and felt by the enemy," he said.

The PAC gave the names of those killed as Sadat and Samora Mpendulo, who were 16-year old twins, their 12-year old brother, Mzwandile Mfeya, and their cousins Thando Mthembu, 19, and Sxeshe (Sandiso) Yosa, 12.

The twins and Thando were pupils at the Holomisa Secondary School, Mzwandile was a Std 4



RAID AFTERMATH . . . PAC deputy president Johnson Mlambo, right, with Maxwell Nemadzivhanani.

Outrage at SADF child killers

Junior Secondary School and Sxeshe a Std 4 pupil at the Mzimvubu Junior Secondary School.

The PAC said all five, who had been in their beds, were shot in their heads at point-blank range with Uzi sub-machine guns fitted with silencers.

The SADF claimed in a statement that people were killed during the operation "when they offered resistance".

With the exception of the DP and CP, the raid has been condemned by a wide range of individuals and political organisations.

Two senior church leaders, Rev Dr Stanley Mogobo of the Methodist Church and the Right Rev Geoffrey Davies of the Anglican diocese at Umzimvubu in Natal, described the raid as "madness and massive political blunder" which could

well prove a serious setback for negotiations.

ANC president Nelson Mandela, who is currently touring Europe with Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa, branded the killings "an act of thuggery and pure terrorism".

Mandela said the SADF had no right to kill people, adding there were legal channels of dealing with the matter if SA was interested in arresting

Apla suspects.

An angry Holomisa blamed the raid on State President FW De Klerk in his capacity as chairman of the State Security Council, also accusing him of being hell-bent on driving everyone else from the talks.

Holomisa appealed to the liberation movements to take appropriate measures that would make De Klerk realise that he would "burn his

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fingers" should he repeat such an act.

The entire PAC leadership in Johannesburg was yesterday reported to have gone to Umtata to express their condolences to PAC member and former Robben island political prisoner Sgqibo Mpendulo who lost three sons in the attack. He was not at home at the time of the raid.

At a press conference addressed by Defence

Minister Kobie Coetsee, SADF chief General Kat Libenberg and SA Army chief General George Mearring on Friday, the government officials were less than convincing that they had killed the right suspects.

Asked why 15 hours later the SADF, which regards itself as sophisticated, had not established exactly who they had killed and their ages, Coetsee said the soldiers who

carried out the operation were still being debriefed by their seniors.

He said the raid was carried out by members of the Eastern Cape Command and the government could not bring them to Pretoria for their account.

Asked if he was prepared to apologise if the dead were indeed innocent children, Coetsee said the assumption that children were killed was wrong, adding that the government deplored the loss of anyone's life.

Meanwhile PAC regional secretary for western Transkei Zingiso Mkabile said the five victims were "innocent children, not even involved with the PAC, let alone the armed wing", reports Ecna.

Mkabile said PAC members had counted "at least eighteen bullet holes" in each child's body. He claimed further that each victim had a bullet hole in the back of the head, behind the ear.

"That must have been the fatal bullet," he said.

"We emphatically dismiss what De Klerk and the SADF maintain that they were Apla cadres. The father of the boys was a PAC member - they were not even PAC members," he said.

Meanwhile the Transkei government, which held an emergency cabinet meeting on Friday, has expressed shock that SADF soldiers "brutally murdered five school children" and called on people to act with restraint.

Transkei Defence Force spokesman Colonel Luvuyo Nobanda said today the army did not plan to deploy troops on the border this weekend, but that reinforcements would be deployed inside the territory "to protect citizens".

'It's as if SA wants trouble to happen'

WHITES living in Transkei criticised the bungled SADF raid and said it could provoke revenge attacks on the local white community.

White residents in Umtata said they were ashamed of the Pretoria government and terrified of reprisals.

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"Every white person's life is in jeopardy now," said Gill Redpath, one of the few whites willing to talk openly.

"We feel it's provocation. It's as though they (the South African government) want some trouble to happen," she said.

Denise Rudolph, another South African who has lived in Umtata for years, said: "It was completely ill-conceived and provocative."

"Even if they'd got the main Apla plotter and killed him, it's totally unjustified."

Umtata civil rights

lawyer Dumisa Ntsebeza said whites had reason to be concerned. "Some people may now see this as an open season on whites," he said.

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White reporters and photographers were threatened at the scene yesterday and a news team's car was stoned on

the way out of Umtata on Friday evening.

Ntshinga, deputy chief of the Transkei Defence Force, also criticised the raid, saying it was designed to create unrest as an excuse for Pretoria to oust its fiercely independent military leader, General Bantu Holomisa. — Sapa-Reuter

Train a new army - Contralesa

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SOUTH Africa's armed forces should be confined to their bases and a new national force be trained "as a matter of extreme urgency", the Congress of Traditional Leaders of SA said yesterday.

Contralesa president SP Holomisa was commenting on Friday's SADF raid on a house in Umtata, Transkei, in which five children died.

Holomisa said in a statement the new national force, which should comprise "elements" of the SADF, the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, Apla and the police and defence forces of the homelands, would prevent the reoccurrence of similar raids.

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Condemning the raid, Holomisa said Contralesa doubted whether the government could be trusted to preside over the transitional period.

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SADDF, Transkei 'mobilise forces'

Own Correspondent
PRETORIA. — "South Africans" have been warned by the Department of Foreign Affairs not to drive through Transkei.

Foreign Affairs said in a statement last night that "South Africans" who had to enter Transkei should organise convoys.

Motorists should travel in daylight and if they saw "disturbances" ahead should turn back.

In other developments following Thursday night's SADDF raid on an alleged Apila base, Jürgen, Umhata house, in which five people the PAC claims were "killed", were "killed".

ANC officials gave conflicting views of the effect of the raid on talks between the PAC and government.

APC commander Mr Sabeto Nama, hinted strongly that Apila would retaliate.

A range of organisations and international bodies condemned the raid.

'Honour-bound'

Speaking from Dar es Salaam on SABCF's Newswire Mr Phama said that "any irascible, revolutionary violence must be met by revolutionary violence".

He said: "Pretoria was waging war against the black community and Apila was 'honour-bound' to 'defend our people'."

But a senior PAC official, who asked not to be named, said the attack would not derail a planned bilateral meeting between the PAC and government later this month and it was imperative for both sides to discuss a mutual cessation of hostilities.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Koze said yesterday the government had no doubt that the house raided was an Apila base as it had been under surveillance for days.

"If the people who were killed were not Apila members, then we believe Apila is using human shields," he alleged, accusing Apila of using juveniles in "terrorist" operations.

PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander said on Saturday the PAC's participation in negotiations would depend on the negotiating council's response to the attack.

The PAC called for a special session of the negotiating council.

Transkei mobilised its defence force at the weekend and South African security forces said they were prepared for "any eventuality" after threats of revenge attacks.

The dispute over the ages of those killed continued as the Transkei Defence Force said two were 12 years old and two were 16, but could not confirm the age of the fifth victim.

Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Gert Myburgh has claimed three of the victims were positively identified as Apila guerrillas by other Apila members in custody.

Transkei police yesterday opened a murder investigation into the deaths.

In Birmingham with ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, Transkei leader General Bantu Holomisa last night accused President F.W. de Klerk of "behaving like a terrorist" and called on the international community to suspend plans to honour him for his role in ending apartheid.

SADDF communications chief Dr Das Herbst insisted the house was an Apila facility.

A foreign diplomat said the raid resembled an execution and the dead youths had deserved to be heard in court.

The Azanian People's Organisation condemned the "callous murders".

The UN Observer Mission in South Africa condemned the raid.

BEST FOOT FORWARD ... A record 7 000 entrants took part in yesterday's Cape Times/Rotary Big Walk. Here walkers begin the 36km event from Simon's Town to the Grand Parade. **INSET:** Eddie Michaels, 52, accepts a proud hug from wife Grace after winning the 80km event for the third consecutive year. **Picture:** ANNE LANG

7 000 make Big Walk a Record

BY CELEAN JACOBSON
BRIGHT hats, bikini tops, babies, family dogs, excellent weather and a record number of 7 000 entrants made yesterday's Cape Times/Rotary Big Walk a grand, colourful, fun event with walkover wins for women and old favourites.

The Big Walk — one of South Africa's oldest sporting events, attracted all sorts, from the serious fitness fanatics to corporate teams and the family fun seekers — all of whom got those lack-lustre out for a good cause.

The event, organised by Rotary (Claremont) in conjunction with Spartan Harriers, will benefit Rotary projects.

Four different walks took participants on scenic Peninsula routes. There was the big 80,4km walk from the Grand Parade to Murock Valley (outside Simon's Town) and back to the Parade, the main 36,2km from Simon's Town, the 17km walk from Retreat and the popular 8,5km event from Newlands Pool.

Thousands of jovial Big Walkers set off from Simon's Town at 10.30am.

Miniature umbrellas attached to sweatbands, big bright floral sunhats and matching team caps bobbed along in the crowd.

People brought their dogs and pushed babies in prams. Many walked to the accompaniment of discreet music from personal tape players and music blared from ghetto blasters carried by one team.

Spirits were high as people walked through the finish line, waving banners and red carnations to the cheers of



family and friends waiting on the Grand Parade.

Eddie Michaels, 52, of Spartan Harriers, won the 80,4km event in just over 8 1/2 hours.

He has won the event for the past three years.

Michaels surprised spectators by coming in well ahead of other younger entrants with less distance to cover.

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Walking forward for women was Kathy Issacs — the first woman to come through the 80,4km finish line. She finished third overall — the first time a woman has been placed so well.

Marius van der Westhuisen, of Bellville, made his

fourth consecutive win in the 36,2km event. First-time entrant Felicia Falconer, of the Rand Afrikaans University, was the first woman home in this event and she finished fifth overall.

Jürgen Spencer of Phalaborwa came second in the 36,2km walk.

Charming the crowds was 92-year old Mrs Thelma Midgley, who for the third year walked the 8,5km from Newlands without any assistance.

Rotaract, the youth arm of Rotary, gave a helping hand to a number of blind and physically disabled contestants.

Waiting to help with relief for all those aching limbs and blistered feet were the tireless staff of St John's Ambulance, who massaged and gave words of encouragement to the many who took a well-earned rest in the casualty tent at the finish line.

Did you walk the Big Walk this year? Find results, captured by Depina, will be in the Cape Times on Saturday, October 18. Also, during the week you will carry a picture a day in the Cape Times of walkers along the route — you may be there.

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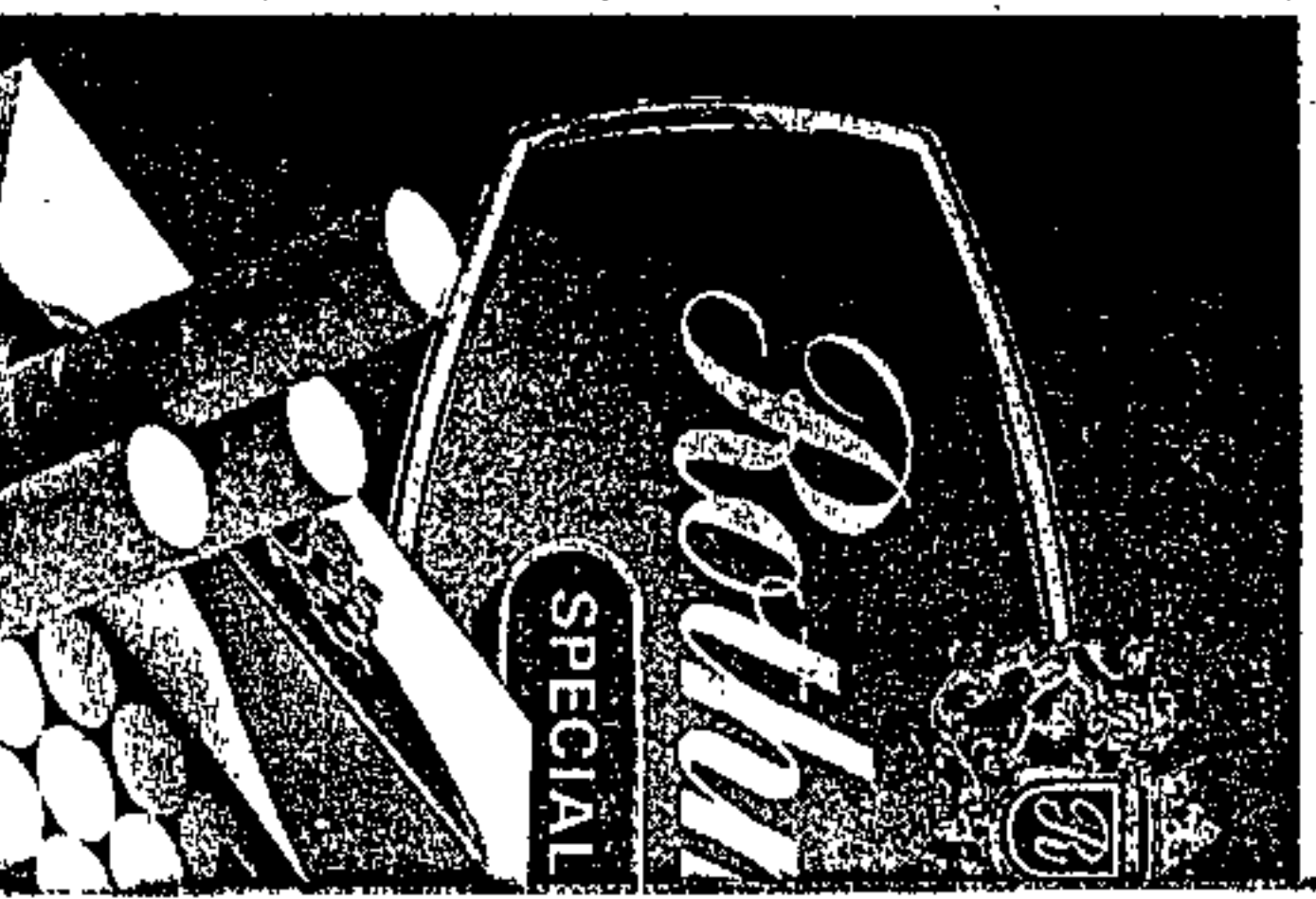
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Umtata whites protest

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East London — White residents living in Transkei have launched a signature campaign to protest against the SADF raid on an alleged Apla "safe house" in Umtata early on Friday.

Since Saturday, husband and wife Carl and Constance Keyter of Umtata have been collecting signatures. Carl Keyter said they hoped to collect at least a thousand signatures before tomorrow, when they would present them to the SA ambassador to Transkei, Horace van Rensburg.

The "statement of protest" states: "We the undersigned concerned South African residents of Umtata along with citizens of Transkei deplore in the strongest terms, and find totally abhorrent, the inhuman action

of the SADF in taking the innocent lives of sleeping children in Northcrest, Umtata, on October 8.

"We further raise objection to the gross violation by the SADF of the delicate spirit of peace and accord which reign in Transkei."

Keyter, a managing trustee of the African Initiative Development Trust, said: "It's not so much the number of signatures that count, but the way the people feel."

Convoy

The Department of Foreign Affairs yesterday warned South Africans that it was unsafe to travel to Transkei.

Visitors were advised to travel during the day and in convoy.

Transkei security forces are patrolling

roads and resorts to prevent revenge attacks.

A service was held on Saturday at the Northcrest house where the raid took place. Preachers condemned the "brutal murder" of five schoolchildren who were asleep in the house.

A source in Umtata said the house was used by Apla members, but that they had left the property about two months ago. The source said the SADF had targeted the wrong people.

SADF chief General Kat Liebenberg said the intention was to capture some of the residents of the house and display them publicly.

Van Rensburg described as "totally untrue" a PAC allegation that the SA embassy was involved in planning the attack. — Ecna.

Pressure on talks after Umtata raid

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BY ESTHER WAUGH
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The negotiations process, which is due to be wrapped up within weeks, has been placed under renewed pressure after Friday's SADF raid on an Umtata house in which five children — three of them teenagers — were killed.

And the bitter controversy over the raid is continuing, with Transkei police officially opening a murder investigation into the deaths.

Owner of the Umtata house, Sicelo Mpendulo, confirmed yesterday that his twin sons — Std 9 pupils Samora and Sadat, who were killed in the attack — were 16 years old.

Mpendulo told The Star: "They were born when I was in detention and that is a date I will not forget. They were born on December 28 1976."

Speaking on the television programme *Newsline* last

night, Apla commander Sabelo Phama charged that the Ministry of Defence had acted on incorrect intelligence because the attacked house was not a base for the PAC military wing, Sapa reports.

SADF communications chief Dr Das Herbst, however, insisted the house had been used as an Apla facility, adding that sufficient intelligence had been obtained to that effect.

Mashanma Nikelo, principal of Holomisa Senior Secondary School, confirmed that three of the people killed were pupils at his school. He said the Mpendulo twins were 16 years old and that Tando Mthembu and was aged 17. The PAC identified the other victims as Mzwandile Mfeya and Sandiso Yosa, both 12.

Friday's raid adds pressure to the talks which need to maintain momentum in

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completing the final package for the transition. The talks have already come under strain from the withdrawal of Ciskei and Bophuthatswana, as well as attempts by the newly formed Freedom Alliance to slow down the process.

Phama said earlier yesterday that an Apla-Government meeting — tipped for October 28, probably in Harare — would take place.

Asked on television last night about the effect of the raid on the proposed talks, Phama said the Government was now waging a full war against the black community.

Law and Order Minister spokesman Craig Kotze last night confirmed that a meeting was being contemplated, but final details had not been confirmed.

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander said his organisation's continued participation in constitutional talks would depend on a special session of the Negotiating Council with Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee present. The session was requested to take place tomorrow.

Mass action

However, it is unlikely that a special session will be held tomorrow as the request will first have to be discussed at a planning committee meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday.

The PAC has announced a programme of mass action in protest against the raid.

ANC negotiator Mac Maharaj said yesterday: "The process is under pressure to move ahead to a point of implementation. The problem is not so much that negotiations should be broken off. We (the Negotiating Council) have created instruments to restrain De Klerk and his forces. The question now is how to establish these instruments and start controlling the Government's actions."

Freedom Alliance leaders will meet the State President today to inform him of the new body's negotiating plans.

Criticism of Umtata raid still pouring in

Transkei whites call on FW to apologise

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JOHANNESBURG. — Condemnation of the Defence Force raid on an Umtata house on Friday continued to pour in yesterday, with a group of about 200 whites living in Transkei calling on President De Klerk to apologise for the killing of five youths.

In a petition to South Africa's ambassador in Umtata, the group said the Friday morning raid by the SADF had violated the "delicate spirit of peace and accord" in the homeland.

And the Democratic Party — which had earlier said "such an attack could be expected" if Transkei harboured Azanian People's Liberation Army cadres — yesterday changed its position, labelling the raid "a major diplomatic blunder" which should have been foreseen.

DP defence spokesman Bob Rogers said it was deplorable "at any time" for Pretoria to consider it necessary to carry out a raid into "a neighbouring state", and that it was doubly so "at the stage which

has now been reached in the transition to a new South Africa".

General Rogers — who on Friday said Appla had repeatedly claimed responsibility for murderous attacks on civilians and that "strong action against them has been demanded" — yesterday said the intelligence on which the raid was based appeared to have been faulty.

The public in Transkei and in South Africa, he said, had the right to be fully informed of the facts.

"To this end it is urged that members of the international observer missions be commissioned to examine the evidence.

"Apla and the government are urged to proceed with their scheduled talks on October 28 and to reach agreement on ceasing all armed action," said General Rogers.

Peace Action, an independent violence-monitoring organisation based in Johannesburg, yesterday also unequivocally condemned "the brutal SADF raid", saying it was "an act of terrorism as unwarranted as the St James massacre" in Cape Town in July.

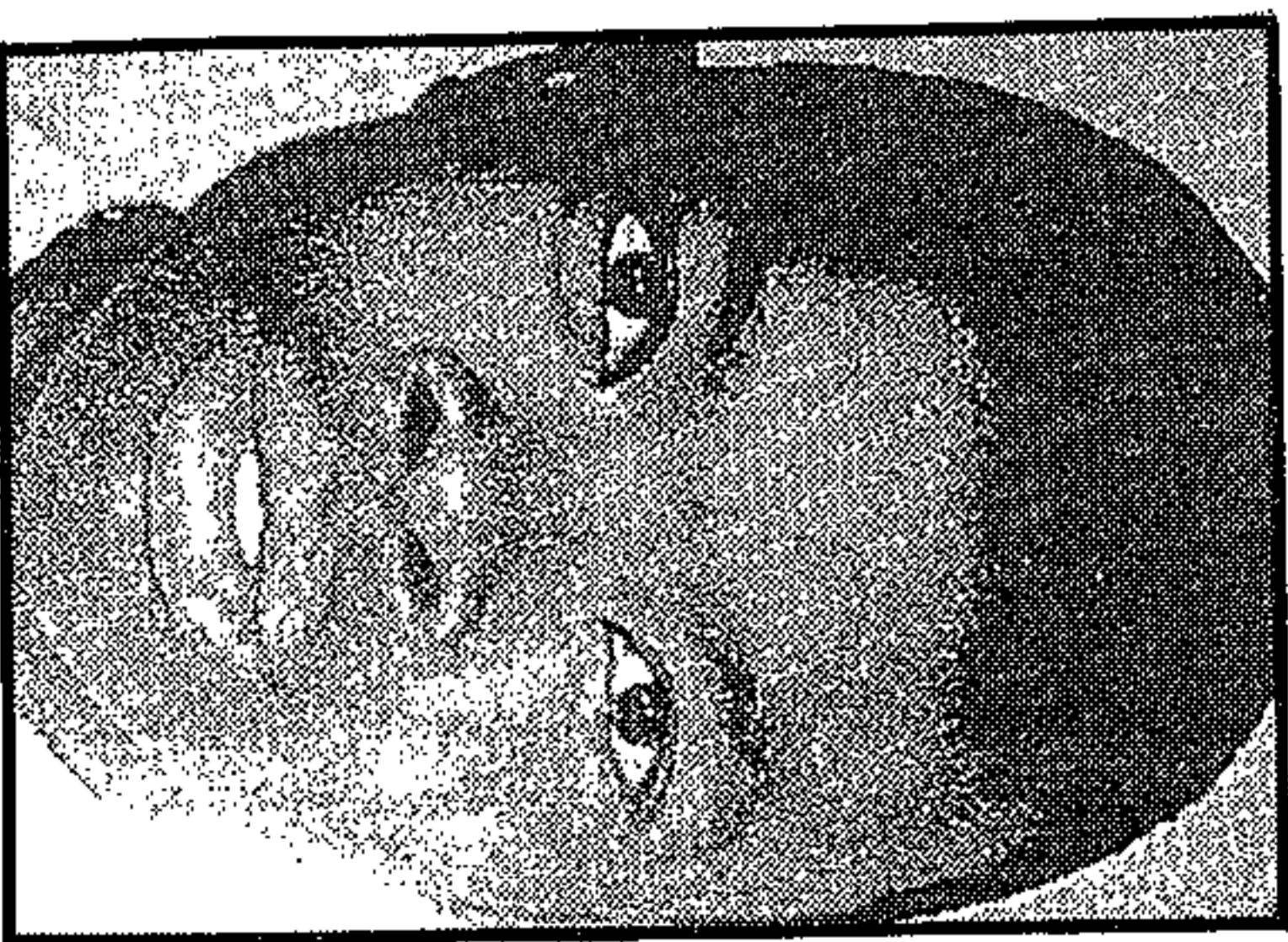


PHOTO: An ID photograph found in the Appla house during the Defence Force raid in Umtata last week. The person, identified only as Jabu, has allegedly been positively identified with Appla attacks last year.

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JOHANNESBURG. — Documents which police say were seized by South African Defence Force soldiers during Friday's fatal raid on an Umtata house have been made available.

The documents vary greatly, ranging from political tracts to school exercises, municipal rates bills, and various receipts.

Among the documents are handwritten political poems, an "Apla code of discipline", principles of Pan Africanism, a Pan Africanist Student Organisation application form, and an Afrikaans-language examination paper.

Also included are a firearm licence application, the "seven dead-lins of a good fighter", documents of the 1991 Patriotic Front meeting and a quotation from late PAC leader Robert Sobukwe.

Police made the documents available at the request of a Johannesburg newspaper.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said further documents were being analysed.

Many of the documents are in the form of school notebooks.

One of the poems is *Azania is not for sale*. The first stanza reads: *We are the Azanian majority we want to liberate Azania using armed struggle. There is no country in the world that finds victory by negotiation. Don't negotiate. Azania is not for sale.*

Apla 'papers' include rates bill, poems, political tracts

A document on the three pillars of Pan-Africanism — African nationalism, scientific socialism and continental unity — is followed by an examination question on Louis Leipoldt's *Die Heks*.

Also seized in the raid were telephone messages, receipts, a personal letter to an aunt and an account from the Umtata Municipality.

Apla's discipline codes included:

- Do not surrender to the enemy or hand over arms or information.
- Speak politely to all people.
- Pay fairly for all you buy from the people.
- Do not hit or insult people.

Captain Kotze said forensic tests had been completed on the weapons allegedly seized during the raid. He said the weapons could not be linked to any crime committed in South Africa.

The row over the raid is likely to be raised in the Negotiating Council tomorrow.

It is understood negotiators will insist that Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee attend the session.

Warning to whites

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EAST LONDON. — Whites in the Transkei have received a pamphlet telling them to close their businesses and leave the homeland "immediately" until after the funeral of the five youths who were shot dead in the SADF raid in Umtata last week.

The handwritten pamphlet, purportedly signed by the PAC's regional secretary, Mr Zingisa Mkabile, said the PAC could not guarantee the safety of whites.

It began circulating among white businessmen in Umtata, Cala, Butter

worth and Engcobo yesterday.

Mr Mkabile, however, dismissed the pamphlet yesterday as a forgery, denying any knowledge of it and saying the signature was not his.

The warning came after a white-owned wholesale store in Cala burnt down on Sunday.

Businessmen said yesterday the atmosphere was tense. Five white businesses had already closed and their owners had moved to Elliot.

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De Klerk defends Umtata attack

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PRESIDENT FW de Klerk last night defended last week's SADF raid on an alleged Apla house in Transkei.

He said approval for the raid was granted only after expert advisers had convinced him of its necessity.

But Mr De Klerk conceded the raiders had expected to capture a substantial weapons cache.

He rejected speculation that political motives fuelled the decision to attack. "It was a clinical security decision based on hard information."

The government said yesterday that a photograph found during the raid had resulted in the identification of "Jabu", an alleged Apla operative linked to three attacks in the Free State.

SAP commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said an alleged Apla member in custody had identified "Jabu" as a "trained Apla member" linked to a grenade and rifle attack on a Ficksburg home on December 10 last year, and to an attack on Donside Farm, Ficksburg, on December 19 in which Leone Pretorius, 15, was murdered.

● On SATV's Agenda last night, the PAC's Mr Maxwell Nmadzivhanani said: "We are in the negotiating process but the government is negotiating with a gun under the table."

● Transkei alleged the soldiers who executed the raid were based at the SA embassy in Umtata, but the embassy denied this.

● Anonymous criticisms by the security establishment of Constitutional Development Minister Mr Roelf Meyer for observing a minute's silence for the raid victims are reportedly circulating in government circles.

● PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu said yesterday the PAC was shocked Mr De Klerk had sanctioned the raid. Mr Makwetu told a press conference the "bloody massacre" explained why the "regime" was resisting PAC demands for a mutual cessation of hostilities.

Fire after threat to T'kei whites

EAST LONDON. — A white-owned wholesaling business at Cala in the Transkei has been destroyed by fire after a warning to the owners to leave the area, it was reported yesterday.

The fire swept through the premises and spread to nearby shops and flats.

At least six other white-owned businesses in Cala, including the hotel, have reportedly closed their doors after threats of death and destruction.

Most have refused to speak to the media for fear of reprisals.

South Africa's ambassador to Transkei, Mr. Horace van Rensburg, has said that although a threatening letter calling on all whites to leave Transkei was apparently false, it was still being treated seriously.

Thousands of Transkeians are expected to attend a memorial service at the Independence Stadium today for the five youths who were killed in the SADF raid in Umtata last week.

The PAC general secretary, Mr. Benny Alexander, will represent the PAC national office at the service, and Transkei's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Chief Nangomhlaba Matanzima, will represent the Transkei government.

The funeral service will be on Saturday.

Transkei Police have intensified patrols throughout Transkei, and the safety of all residents of Transkei was assured, a police spokesman, Colonel M S Mkiwane, said.

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Alliance spells out its policies

■ BIZARRE FEELING FA says it is committed to peace, freedom and democracy.

By Themba Molefe
Political Correspondent

THE FREEDOM ALLIANCE, a new "political movement" comprising parties opposed to the current constitutional negotiations, yesterday spelled out its policies and said South Africa would not be a unitary state.

A bizarre feeling pervaded the Pretoria hotel where the parties held a Press conference. Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Ciskei's Brigadier Oupa Gqozo and Bophuthatswana's Chief Lucas Mangope shared the platform with Con-

servative Party leader Dr Ferti Hartzenberg and General Constand Viljoen of the Afrikaner Volksfront.

They all said they had something in common. In reply to a question, Buthelezi said Hartzenberg had never called him a "kaffir".

The alliance declared in its manifesto that it had committed itself to working within "our respective policies and ideologies to ensure long-lasting peace, freedom and democracy in Southern Africa."

It said it was "committed to the principles of recognising the guidance of God and of the right to self-determination". It rejected the notion of a unitary state, racism and sexism.

200 jobs on the line

By Glenn McKenzie

MORE than 200 workers face retrenchment following the closure of First National Bank's First Freight Division.


Yesterday, the South African Society of Banking Officials announced that First Freight would be replaced by sub-contracted freight services.

Two hundred FNB drivers and office workers could be laid off by the end of the year. Another 140 workers will probably be redeployed within the company. According to the union, 95 percent of the employees are black.

Sasbo official Mr Graham Rowan said the layoffs were the first in the union's 77-year relationship with FNB.

"We reacted to this announcement with dismay. We couldn't believe that a company with profits of half a billion dollars could make such a move," said Rowan.

FNB officials said the company's freight services would be sub-contracted to other companies by next year. According to Mr Louis Moll, chief manager of industrial relations, FNB's freight division was not economical.



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White businesses looted, motorists stoned

RACE RIOT IN Umtata

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BY ECNA and BRONWYN WILKINSON

East London — Chaos broke out in Umtata yesterday after a PAC rally commemorating the five victims of last week's SADF raid, with shops looted and whites assaulted by angry youths.

Transkei police liaison officer Major Solly Mkiwane said 39 people had been arrested and would be charged with theft and public violence.

Mkiwane said three white people travelling in separate cars through Umtata were seriously injured when youths hurled stones at them.

Police fired shots and tear-gas to disperse about 1 000 youths who went on the rampage in the Transkei capital.

Shops identified as belonging to whites in the centre of Umtata were stoned and looted.

Denis Beckett's view — Page 2

ed after a rally held at the Independence Stadium. Last night an South African embassy spokesman said the situation had been brought under control.

Political Correspondent Esther Waugh reports that the SA Government will come under fire tomorrow when the raid is discussed in the Negotiating Council at Kempton Park. The council yesterday observed a minute's silence

CHAOS as youths go on rampage following PAC rally victims of SADF raid

idea who was in the house. The LHR team also found no signs that the five youths killed had offered resistance, as claimed by the SADF. All five were lying down and were each shot several times.

The youngest, a boy of "between 12 and 14", was shot 18 times, including nine times around the heart and four times in the head.

LHR national director Brian Currin recommended that charges of murder be investigated against the soldiers involved in the "brutal attack".

He added that President de Klerk and Defence Minister Kobi Coetsee — who both sanctioned the raid — could face charges of conspiracy to murder if they knew during the planning stages that the raid would end as it did.

Curry said the LHR investigation included: Interviews with Sgqibo Mpendulo, a PAC member and former Robben Island prisoner who owned the house and is the father of the twin 16-year-old boys killed; Interviews with police and the family's attorney.

At a Johannesburg press conference yesterday, Law-yers for Human Rights (LHR) released the results of the independent probe into the Umtata raid.

Umtata youth rampage

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Mpendulo's twins and another boy, Mzandile Mfeya, were about 16.

Tandu Mtembu, the oldest of the victims, was between 18 and 20 years old, Currin said.

He said the SADF had admitted they did not know who was in the house at the time, but attacked it because they believed the building was an Apla base.

None of the five boys who were killed lived in the house. The twins lived with their mother in Mganduli, 36 km away. They and their three friends were visiting Mpendulo.

The report said more than 100 spent cartridges — all 9 mm from light automatic handguns — were found. No other firearms were discharged, "which would tend to dispel any suggestion that there was a shootout".

The weapons displayed by the SADF, which it claimed had been seized in the house, were not

THE TALKS AND YOU

At the World Trade Centre

INTERIM CONSTITUTION: The Negotiating Council resumed its meetings this week without debating Friday's raid on an Umtata house.

However, the planning committee, which met for almost seven hours, discussed the matter. It was decided that the raid will be discussed tomorrow in the presence of Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha and Defence Minister Kobi Coetsee. The council proceeded with debate on a new public service and a commission for administration.

TODAY: The council will not meet today. Tomorrow, it will receive a report on regions and discuss the SADF raid.



ESTHER WAUGH

9 mm calibre.

Referring to SADF claims that the five youths had offered resistance, Currin said if this were true, one or more of the youths would have been on their feet when the shooting started.

"The evidence... indicates strongly that all the shooting was downward

towards the floor."

LHR's recommendations included that Coetsee, "who has unashamedly admitted to his authorisation of the attack, is entirely unfit for public office" and should be removed from his post.

The raid should also be referred to the Goldstone Commission.

At a Johannesburg press conference yesterday, Law-yers for Human Rights (LHR) released the results of the independent probe into the Umtata raid. The probe found SADF soldiers raided the Umtata house on Friday with the specific intention to shoot to kill anyone who happened to be there, although they had no

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'Kei official up for miners' pay scam

Claire Keeton: East London WMS-14/10/93

SOME 700 former miners sent back to Transkei after conflict between Xhosa and Zulu-speaking workers three years ago are still waiting for their outstanding wages and leave pay.

Involved is about R1-million, sent by the mine to the Transkei government and intended for the miners. But more than half the money has allegedly been embezzled by a senior homeland official.

Transkei Attorney-General Chris Nel said this week that the director of administration in the Transkei Foreign Affairs Department, Mveliso Ngomane, has been charged with stealing about R560 000 and is to stand trial in Umtata next month.

After protracted negotiations with a committee representing the workers and the National Union of Mineworkers, the Transkei government has agreed to refund the allegedly-stolen money. However, as the administrators attempt to sort out the mess, a sizeable amount of the money is still unaccounted for.

The Transkei miners were among 1 600 workers sent home from Durnacol mine in the Natal Midlands in September 1990. Two months later, Durnacol deposited money for outstanding payments to the workers with the Transkei consulate in Durban.

The vice-consul, Mervis Mgobozi, said this money was forwarded to the Department of Foreign Affairs in Umtata to be channelled to the workers. By the end of 1991 a total of R926 350 97 — for unsettled salaries, bonuses and leave gratuities and other payments — had been deposited in a Transkei Foreign Affairs Department account.

The department's current director-general, Delaray Mkatshwa, said when he took up the position in January last year there was "no money left for Durnacol".

In July this year more than 500 miners formed the Durnacol ex-employees committee, with representatives from 10 towns. They picketed the Transkei government, demanding their money, and on August 8 they demonstrated again. Two days later, the government agreed to refund the R560 000.

Research by the NUM indicates that not more than 20 of the 700 miners actually received any money and that no one was paid more than R500. However, the Department of Foreign Affairs claims some workers actually signed to show they had been paid.

NUM's legal advisor in Umtata, Shakes Fuba, said the miners have been "subjected to acute misery and starvation, especially their families who are dependent on them for support". — Ecna

ANC Transkei chairman shot

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Andrew Trench

TRANSKEI African National Congress chairman David Ndawonde has survived an assassination attempt, his organisation said this week.

ANC Transkei spokesman Nat Serache said Ndawonde's house was attacked with an R4 assault rifle last weekend. He only suffered a light flesh wound to his left upper arm.

According to Serache, Ndawonde had gone to answer a knock at his door and was peeping through the curtains of a window to see who was there when the attack occurred.

"At that instant the gunmen opened fire, wounding him. The gunmen continued firing as they drove away," Serache said. Eight spent R4 cartridges were later found at the scene.

Serache said it was difficult to speculate who was responsible for the attack. However, he noted it was significant that the attack took place at "a time when forces opposed to democracy and peaceful change in the country were working to make sure the process did not succeed".

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THE UMTATA RAID

Blazing saddles

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The Umtata raid on suspected terrorists of the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) must be seen in the context of a government which is about to lose power but must maintain all the trappings of that power for as long as it can. This is in stark contrast to the Nats' approach to government under P W Botha in the Eighties. Then, a raid on a neighbouring territory was an arrogant expression of power, not an attempt to maintain it and the Nats did not even bother to justify themselves. Now, unaccustomed as they are to explaining, they flounder about and embarrass everyone.

In our highly charged political atmosphere and against the emotional background of our recent history, there is an almost overwhelming temptation to take sides, to identify the goodies and baddies. In the case of the Umtata raid, there are those who believe that any action against Apla is justified, and those who see the raid as merely the latest act by a crude and brutal minority racist regime.

There is truth in both perceptions — which of course makes it more difficult than usual to pass moral judgment.

Apla has had it coming. It has consistently refused to abandon what it describes as the armed struggle; it has condoned the murder of innocent civilians. And it has been able to mount attacks with virtual impunity, thanks — ironically — to the bases afforded it by Verwoerd's mad policy of grand apartheid. Spokesmen, whether for Apla itself or its parent the PAC, have repeatedly dissembled whenever they have been confronted.

Much has been made of the reported ages of the victims of the Umtata raid, but that aspect has generated more heat than light. It seems that at least some of those killed were innocent of any terrorist activity; on the other hand, there is no reason teenagers should not be guilty of atrocious deeds against innocent civilians just because they are teenagers. Indeed, given the Eighties campaign of township ungovernability and the conscious enlistment of children into the liberation struggle, and given the total breakdown of discipline in many black schools, we should be surprised if teenagers were not involved in terrorism.

That said, we have to ask what on earth the government thought it was up to. By any military standard, the raid appears to have been bungled. If it could have been mounted in such secrecy, without even the neighbours in the Umtata suburb knowing anything about it until the next day, why did the alleged terrorists have to be killed? Surely it was not beyond the capacity of the SADF's intrepid Spe-

cial Forces raiders to abduct at least one or two of the house's inhabitants for questioning and trophy purposes?

At this stage, we cannot know exactly who was in the house or what happened on that night, mainly because credibility is severely suspect on all sides. Simply, there is no version of events that one instinctively feels one can trust. The fact that the police have not been able to link the weapons found with crimes committed does not in itself make the raid unjustified; nor has the government been at all convincing.

What is important is the government's motive. Military action always has to be seen in the wider political context. We might have some pretty dim Cabinet Ministers, but even an idiot should be able to discern that we are living in fragile times. If an announcement of an increase in the petrol price can cause such a fuss, one might have expected those in charge to be more cautious.

Yet the raid was approved and President F W de Klerk has made it clear from the beginning that he was fully briefed on it and takes full responsibility.

Surely De Klerk knows by now that such operations are, at best, highly risky and controversial? Was he wanting to improve his image among nervous whites, in particular the white Right? Did he really believe the raid would save the lives of innocent people? Was the intelligence before the raid faulty? Was the intelligence good but the method faulty?

We are hardly likely to discover the answers to those questions. But it seems clear that whatever De Klerk has gained from the raid, he has probably lost tens of thousands of potential votes from moderate blacks. Roelf Meyer, the Cabinet's constitutional guru, admitted as much at a party meeting by condoning a minute's silence for the victims. It is hard to think of a more pathetic admission of confusion.

We must question De Klerk's judgment, just as we question Nelson Mandela's judgment in accusing government of connivance in the violence. It happens so often. Just when we start thinking how well they are doing, they let us down with a bump.

But there is a paradox here. The closer we get to the election, the less likely it is that the ANC will pull out of the process — which removes the ANC's ability to veto and gives De Klerk renewed power. Perhaps he is not a lame duck, after all. If so, we can only hope that he exercises it with more finesse than he did last week. ■

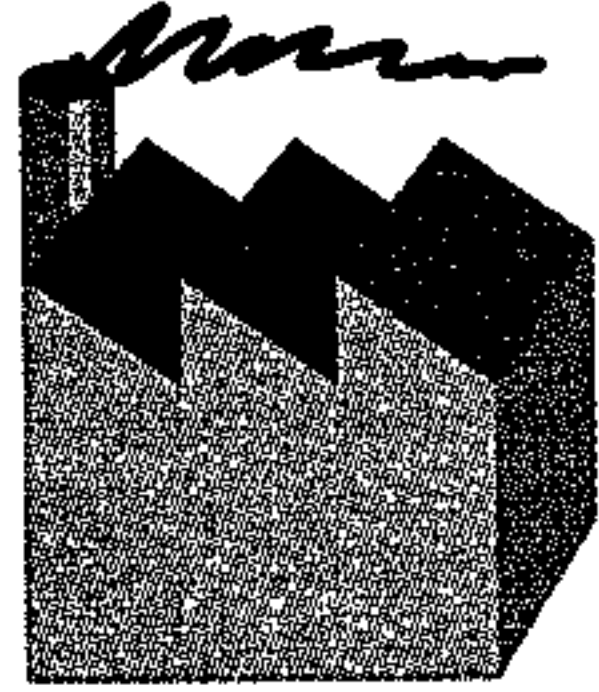


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The pain has to be faced

Using taxpayers' money to create jobs is not the answer



An incoming populist government might resort to discredited measures in trying to relieve unemployment. The temptation to go for a quick fix would certainly be strong; unemployment is thought by

some to explain much of the current social violence.

A misguided strategy for reducing joblessness, however, would prevent the economy from fulfilling its substantial longer-term potential. Such a strategy could include re-inflating the economy by boosting the money supply; strengthening barriers against import competition; rapidly increasing the size of the civil service; and engaging in a massive and sustained public works programme.

Boosting the money supply to reflate the economy would set the inflation rate rising again and, as JCI group economist Ronnie Bethlehem observes, there seems to be a direct link between rising inflation and shrinking job opportunities.

Strengthening import barriers would, through retaliatory action, exclude SA producers from the very export markets that are vital for this country's economic growth and job-creation process.

Increasing the size of the civil service or starting a public works programme would, through the fiscus, deprive the economically productive sector of vital investment funds.

What is needed is a multifaceted economic structural adjustment programme that deals with major reasons why, for the past 20 or more years, the economy has grown ever more slowly to the point where the formal sector can no longer keep up with the rate of population growth, let alone raise the general standard of living.

It is of some comfort to learn that there is already broad agreement between government, business and extraparliamentary interests, such as trade unions and the ANC, and that investigations and discussions into what needs to be done are under way, mainly through the National Economic Forum (NEF), launched a year ago.

There is, for example, government's Economic Normative Model that was released in March. With 1,3m additional jobs in the formal sector by 1997 as its prime aim, it calls, among other things, for government's current expenditure to fall by 1997 from its present 31% of GDP to 24%, and for a significant reduction in company and individual income tax to enable gross domestic fixed investment to rise from its present 16% of GDP to 23%.

The NEF is discussing not only that input but also more specific issues, both short term and long term. At one extreme, a task group is working on general trade policy; at the other, work is being done on restrictions applying to street hawkers. "In almost every aspect of the economy," says Michael MacDonald, economist of the Steel & Engineering Industries Federation and its representative in the forum, "something is going on in the NEF to achieve changes."

The aim is to make individual sectors, as well as the macro-economy, more efficient. Already there are sector forums for the mining, metals and clothing/textiles industries. What Cosatu wants to see, says its publicity officer Neil Coleman, are clear technology strategies, with more attention to R&D and people development — in short, a redirecting of investment.

Meanwhile, two broad initiatives have been announced to alleviate unemployment in the short term.

The first is a R225m national job-creation assistance programme launched by the NEF. No jobs target has been revealed by the NEF which appears merely to have invited proposals from organisations and individuals on how to spend millions of taxpayers' money.

Predictably, such proposals have not been slow to materialise. The NEF's Jayendra

Naidoo says more than 600 have been received, of which almost half came from the public sector. Again, no details have been received about even the general nature of these proposals or the criteria the NEF will use in deciding which to support — only that their total cost is a reported R1,2bn.

However, when the NEF decides this month which it will back, it will be putting no more than R100m on the line. Taxpayers will have to wait for a further announcement to learn on what basis it will decide the timing and size of its next handout; and whether it will judge the success of its first outlay before committing further funds, or simply draw quick breath before plunging on. So much for transparency of policy formulation and implementation.

The second scheme also invites scepticism.

Put forward by the recently formed National Youth Development Forum, it will create next year a voluntary national youth corps for those aged 16-30 (who account for almost half the unemployed, says Dr Ina Snyman of the Human Sciences Research Council). Costing an estimated R1m a day, it would involve some 50 000 people.

The activities in which largely uneducated young people are expected voluntarily to participate include working with old people and street children in the name of "social service;" assisting in hospitals and clinics in the name of "health care;" engaging in "peace work" by acting as monitors and helping victims of violence; contributing to environmental improvement by cleaning up rivers and townships; working in agricultural co-operatives; and building houses, roads and the electricity infrastructure.

Travel allowance

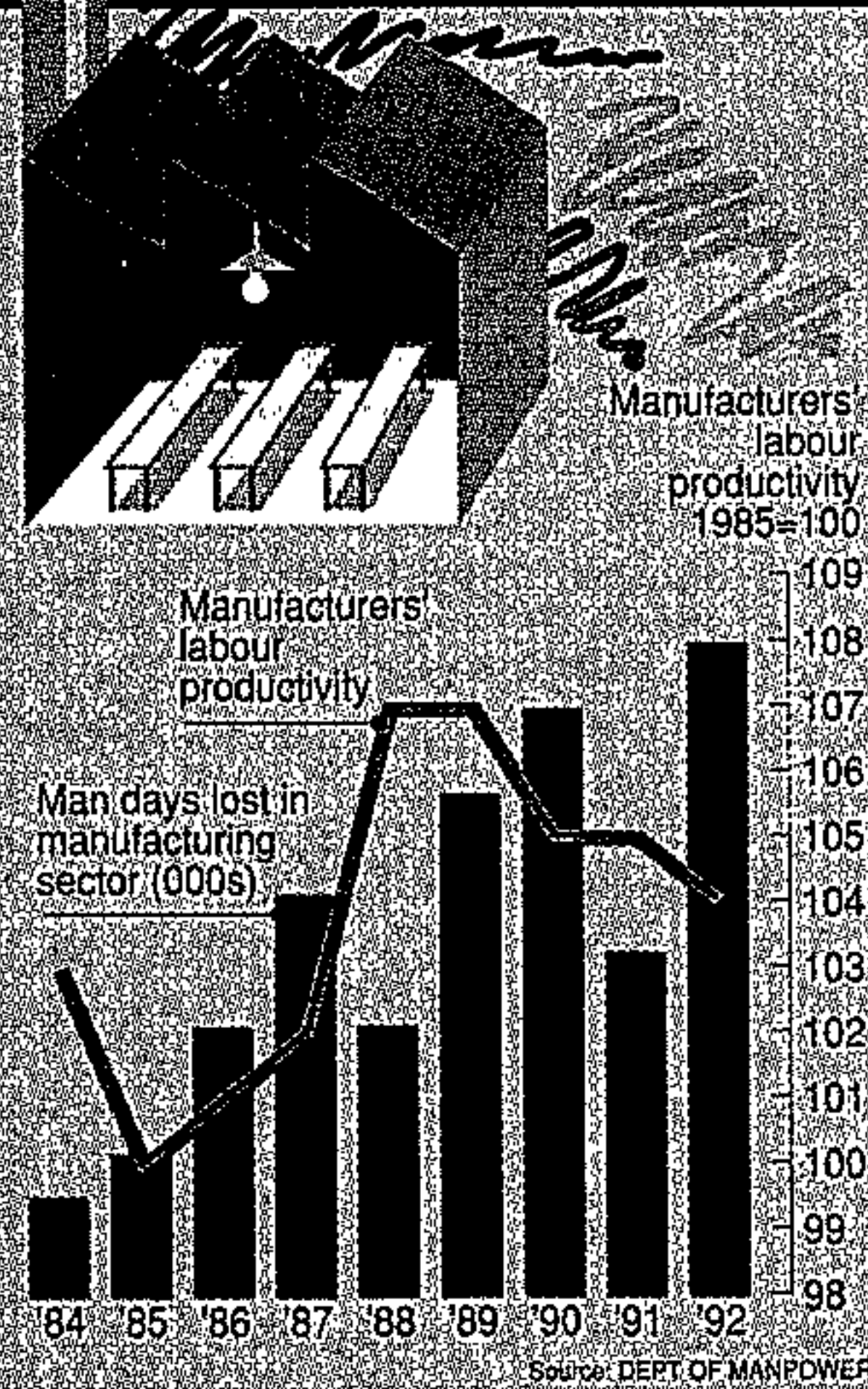
In between all this, participants will (say those propounding the scheme) receive accredited basic education and vocational training to supplement what they were learning on the job. Initially, they would be paid R7,50 a day and be given a meal, clothing and possibly a travel allowance.

It comes as no surprise that the "adult" organisations supporting this misty-eyed proposal are Cosatu, the National Council of Trade Unions, Department of National Education, assorted teacher organisations, National Olympic Committee of SA, the SA Council of Churches and the World Council on Religion & Peace. Business organisations appear to have maintained a tactful silence. The best that can be said of such schemes is that they are well-intentioned and could serve to release some political steam from the problem. But they will not get to grips with the unemployment problem.

The only real hope for the unemployed lies

Strikes and productivity

Absent workers mar efficiency



Transkei apologises

UMTATA — The Transkei Military Council said yesterday it regretted the damage to property in Umtata and assaults on whites on Wednesday. The assaults were in apparent retaliation for last Friday's SA Defence Force raid in which five youths were killed.

The Military Council said the assaults had been the work of "criminals masquerading as mourners". The council said: "Appropriate steps to prevent a recurrence of such criminal behaviour in Umtata have been taken by our security forces and these measures will be extended to include the coming weekend."

The Transkei government appealed to those planning to attend Saturday's funeral for the five killed by the SADF to do so with dignity and not to allow the sad proceedings to be further "bedevilled by vandalism and crime".

Police said Transkei was calm yesterday (103). Transkei's deputy CID chief Gen Mzoli Ngubenkomo said 39 people had been arrested on Wednesday when they ran amok in Umtata, smashing shop windows and looting.

Whites were stoned and at least two people were injured. 15/10/93

Ngubenkomo said yesterday it appeared safe for whites to be on the streets, but he cautioned people to be careful.

He said police reinforcements were patrolling in the town. — Sapa.

Govt takes firm stand on raid

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JOHANNESBURG. — The government took a tough stand yesterday in support of its controversial Umtata raid, saying it would continue to take preemptive measures to protect its citizens from terrorism.

Speaking at the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park in a special session of the multi-party negotiating council, Minister of Justice and Defence Mr Kobie Coetsee said the only solution to the raid furore and to future possible conflict between the government and the Pan-Africanist Congress/Azanian People's Liberation Army was for Apla immediately to cease its armed struggle.

"Government remains convinced the raid was not only justified but also absolutely necessary to protect the lives and property of all South Africans," he said.

The special session was called to discuss the SADF's October 7 raid on an alleged Apla base in Umtata, and the widespread condemnation of it.

"Government has no doubt those killed included militarily-trained Apla terrorists and that, though regrettable, their deaths were unavoidable," said Mr Coetsee.

Eleven Apla fugitives wanted in connection with terror attacks were believed to be in Transkei, he said. Since February 1991 Apla was believed to have been responsible for 54 terror attacks.

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Quoting the PAC's Border chairman, the minister said Apla had admitted recruiting youths. "Apla is ... clearly using (youths) as human shields to inhibit possible security action."

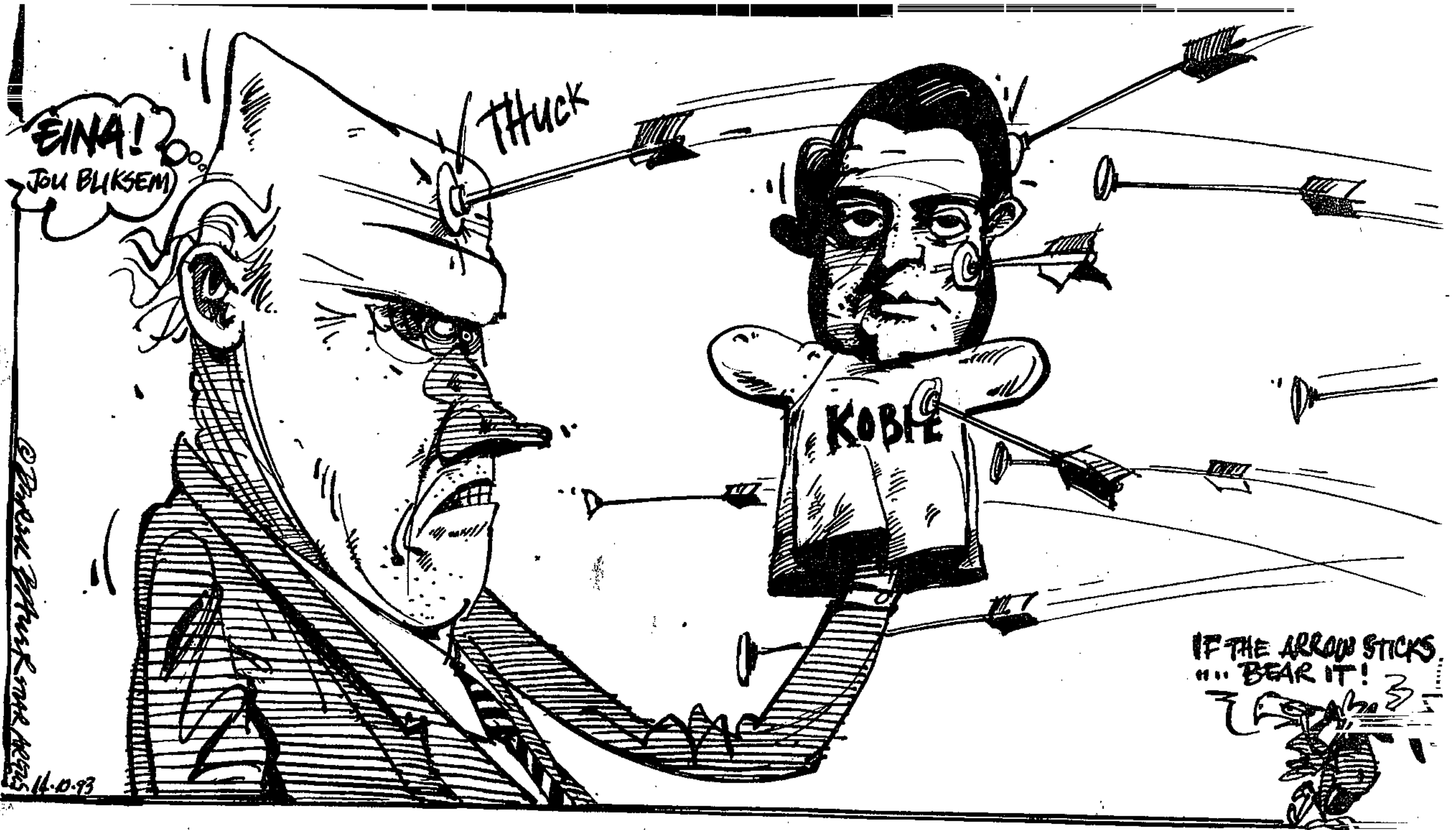
The minister supplied what appeared to be detailed information of the actual raid and the intelligence leading to it. (103)

He said that in making its decision the government had been faced with this intelligence, in addition to the "friendly ambience" of

Transkei towards Apla and with fresh promises of violence from Apla.

Mr Coetsee's statement came after PAC senior negotiator Mr Barney Desai repeated his organisation's claims that the victims were children and that the raid amounted to "execution outside the rule of law".

If the government had not consulted anyone else in the negotiating council with regard to the raid then it amounted to unilateral action, which had to be stopped. — Sapa



Coetsee grilled for Umtata raid

DISMISSING Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee's justification for the killer raid by the SADF in Umtata last week, the negotiating council demanded more information.

And SA Communist Party negotiator Joe Slovo said many people would now question whether there was a place for a government — that could perpetrate and defend such an action — in the proposed government of national unity which the African National Congress-SACP alliance supported as gesture "made in good faith for reconciliation".

While unresolved, the debate yesterday moved overwhelmingly in the direction of condemnation of an act, "illegal in terms of South African law and morally reprehensible".

Only the Afrikaner Volksunie offered vociferous support for the killing of five youths to a government/National Party delegation which did not budge on its claim that the raid was justifiable.

"Many questions remain unanswered," said ANC negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa. Before the council could conclusively call for Mr Coetsee's resignation and find a single voice on a resolution it required to know or see, said Mr Ramaphosa:

- Who took the final decision to go ahead with the raid, a question so far "glossed over";

- The names of the soldiers who executed the raid;

- The documents seized from the Umtata target house... "including the school text books";

- How exactly the victims "offered resistance";

- Proof that three of the five victims were indeed receiving military training, where and how... "because if this was so it is a serious matter";

- The alleged existence of video tapes;

- The forensic reports;

- Why 18 bullets were pumped into one young boy when the stated aim of the raid was to capture suspects and bring them back to South Africa;

- Who evaluated the intelligence re-

■ Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee and the government came in for a tongue-lashing in the debate at the World Trade Centre over the recent SADF raid into Transkei. **DALE LAUTENBACH** of the Weekend Argus Political Staff reports from Kempton Park.

VICTIMS' AGES 'NOT IN DOUBT'

UMTATA. — Pathologists, conducting a post-mortem examination on the victims of last week's SADF raid, have found no medical grounds to doubt the ages of four of the five who were killed.

At a news conference in Umtata the family lawyer said more scientific tests were necessary to establish the exact age of the fifth victim who was believed to be between 18 and 20 years old.

Because of possible civil action, he was

not prepared to state whether those killed had been asleep or awake at the time of the attack.

Hope was expressed that the South African government would make the firearms used in the raid available for ballistic tests to assist forensic pathologists in their examination.

The pathologists confirmed that the five all died from multiple bullet wounds. — Sapa.

ceived from the various informers quoted by Mr Coetsee.

Mr Joe Slovo of the SACP said the documents presented by government so far provided sufficient evidence to condemn the act.

Referring to Mr Coetsee's other cabinet portfolio, Mr Slovo said: "We have a Minister of Justice who has nothing but contempt for his own Appellate Division which has told him more than once that it is illegal to go into foreign territory to kidnap suspects".

Mr Coetsee said the raid had been executed on the basis of "prima facie evidence", but Mr Slovo shot this down: "He knows you don't even convict on a prima facie case let alone go in to kill on the basis of it".

Indeed Mr Coetsee presented a document which acknowledged that the aim of the operation had been to capture Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) weapons and documentation, to obtain information about Apla training, activities and operational planning and "if possible to capture and bring back to South Africa members of Apla".

Lawyers at the World Trade Centre found it curious that Mr Coetsee had acknowledged "in writing" what amounted

to an illegal act, namely the intention to capture people from a country the South African government recognises as foreign.

Another curiosity in the document offered by Mr Coetsee was the sequence of events leading to the raid. The surveillance of the house to be attacked ended in the late afternoon of October 7 while the SADF agents went in at about 1am on October 8 leaving the house uncovered for several hours by those who were to carry out the attack.

The council resolved after three hours of emotional but earnest debate that the three "irreconcilable" resolutions before it — from the Pan Africanist Congress, Transkei and the NP — should stand over until Monday.

Mr Coetsee said he thought the whole issue had been dealt with. Mr Ramaphosa countered: "We should never think discussion on this matter is over. We'd like to get to the bottom of it".

Earlier, Mr Coetsee said the only solution to the raid furore and to possible conflict between the government and PAC/Apla was for Apla to cease immediately its armed struggle.

"The government remains convinced the raid was not only justified, but also absolutely necessary to protect the lives

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and property of all South Africans," he said.

"Government has no doubt those killed included militarily-trained Apla terrorists and that, though regrettable, their deaths were unavoidable," said Mr Coetsee.

Eleven Apla fugitives wanted in connection with terror attacks were believed to be in Transkei, he said.

Since February, 1991 Apla was believed responsible for 54 terror attacks in the republic.

Quoting the PAC's Border chairman, the minister said Apla had admitted recruiting youths. "Apla is... clearly using youths as human shields to inhibit possible security action."

The minister supplied what appeared to be detailed information of the actual raid and the intelligence leading to it.

He said that in making its decision, the government had been faced with this intelligence in combination with the "friendly ambience" of Transkei provided for Apla who had renewed promises of violence.

"The government was, and will remain, duty bound to take pre-emptive measures to safeguard the property and lives of its citizens.

"The solution... is for Apla and the Pan Africanist Students Organisation (Paso) to abandon, or at least suspend the armed struggle forthwith."

Mr Coetsee's statement came after PAC senior negotiator Barney Desai repeated his organisation's claims that the victims were children and that the raid amounted to "execution outside the rule of law".

If government had not consulted anyone else in the negotiating council with regard to the raid then it amounted to unilateral action, which had to be stopped. If it had consulted any parties in the council, then this amounted to conspiracy, he said.

In its resolutions put to council, Minister of Manpower Leon Wessels said the government was calling for Apla to be condemned for its terror attacks, for these attacks to be stopped and for the government and the PAC to enter into urgent negotiations.

The PAC was aligned with those in the council who "speak with a forked tongue", said Mr Wessels.

Whites ask police for escort out of Transkei

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EAST LONDON. — Whites in Transkei have asked police to escort them out of the homeland as concern about their safety increases on the eve of today's funeral for the five youths shot dead in an SADF raid last week.

Transkei police arranged convoys from Umtata to the South African border.

Most white, coloured and Asian businesses remained closed as the PAC and Transkei Chamber of Business met in Butterworth yesterday.

The PAC has called on its supporters to exercise restraint during today's funeral.

"The need for vigilance and re-

straint is all the more necessary because it is the declared aim of the De Klerk regime to destabilise Transkei and create a Lebowa-type situation," PAC deputy-president Mr Johnson Mlambo said yesterday.

Umtata businesses will shut down partially today for the funeral at Umtata's Independence Stadium.

Police have been deployed in Umtata since chaos broke out on Wednesday after a memorial service for the raid's victims. Businesses were looted and white people were threatened.

Police arrested 39 people who were due to appear in the Umtata Magistrate's Court yesterday. — Sapa

Digging their own grave

By IVOR POWELL

WTranskei already in flames of protest, there is still a shroud of disinformation over the October 8 SADF attack on Umtata in which five youths were gunned down.

The shroud lifted slightly this week when Lawyers for Human Rights' national director Brian Currin returned from a two-day independent on-the-spot investigation in Transkei.

Currin told a press conference in Johannesburg it was "without question" that a "prima facie case of murder" existed against the SA soldiers who executed the brutal, pre-dawn raid. He simultaneously called for the dismissal of Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee, who has admitted authorising the raid.

LHR's intervention could lead to major embarrassment for the South African government and the SADF. Bluntly, if Currin's findings are accurate, it appears that the authorities, from Minister Coetsee down, have been cynically and shamelessly lying about what really happened that night.

Among other shocking facts, the LHR investigation found:

■ One of the boys killed was indeed pre-pubescent, as the PAC and the Transkei authorities claimed, and that the age supplied by friends of the 12-year-old was plausible. This is in sharp and pointed contrast with the 16 years claimed by the South African authorities as being the age of the youngest victim.

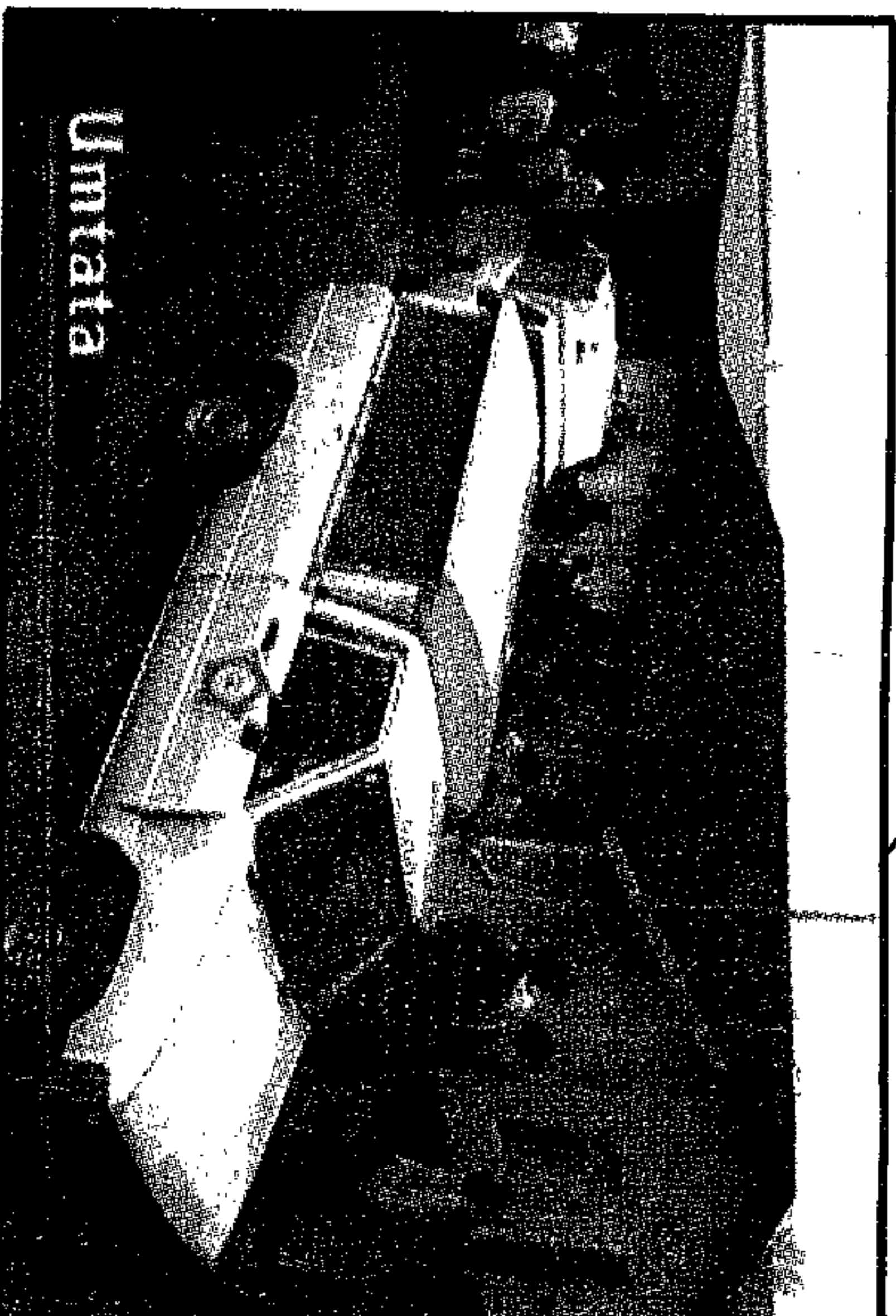
■ More than 100 spent cartridges were found on the scene, all of them of 9mm calibre, such as used by the SADF soldiers. Of the bullets discharged, only four struck the walls, the rest having been fired downwards. This suggests that the victims were lying down throughout the attack, and therefore makes the SADF claim that the victims offered resistance to their attackers scarcely plausible.



INSIDE! . . . The killers wrecked every room they entered.

■ All of the bodies were riddled with bullet holes, mostly in the chest and head. The corpse of the 19-year-old youth, the oldest of the five victims, had 12 bullet holes, all fired from behind him, thus scorching all possibility of his having been the one to offer the "resistance" that the government has repeatedly alluded to.

Currin's investigation supports the version given by the PAC, the Transkei authorities and friends of the victims. It stands in startling contrast with the SADF and government version - which insists the house was an Apla facility, that the victims were known Apla operatives, were all a good deal older, and that unspecified resistance was offered.



OUTSIDE! . . . Transkei police search for more evidence.

Doubt also exists over the weapons cache supposedly discovered by the raiders inside the house. A senior Umkhonto weSizwe member told City Press that the cache shown on national television was almost certainly seized from MK and not from Apla. The source - who wishes to remain anonymous - pointed out that the AK-47s' on show were of Soviet origin, whereas Apla's supply source was via China.

But, as Currin noted at the Wednesday press conference, there was already room for doubt. The weapons shown as having been seized were not filmed at the house where the youths died, and none of the pictures showing the victims show any firearms whatsoever. In the absence of provable resistance - and

Currin said the indications were all there that the boys had been cold-bloodedly murdered while lying down, probably in their sleep - the case should be handed over to the Attorney-General for investigating possible murder charges.

According to friends in Umtata the boys had been gathered together to study and had no connection with Apla. The claim is given support by the fact that none of the victims had ever been identified as Apla members prior to the attack and that none of them actually lived at the house where they were killed.

The 16-year-old Mpendulo twins lived with their mother outside Umtata. It was apparently purely coincidental that they sleeping at their father's home on

'Put SADF up for murder'

the fateful night, and had been joined by the other three youths, all friends of the two.

It appears, the LHR investigation suggested, that the intended victim of the attack had been the father of the twins, Sgquibo Mpendulo, PAC activist and former Robben Islander. But he was not there that night.

Whatever the purpose, the effect of the raid could be to weaken the government's hold on the apparatus of power in advance of elections, and it could result in increased pressure to hand over control of the SADF to the Transitional Executive Committee's defence sub-committee.

Given the seemingly unbridled actions of the security forces, the growing international campaign to keep the South African security forces from supervising the elections and rather the idea, mooted by the International Commission of Jurists, among others, to hand over to an impartial international monitoring force, has already gained new momentum, diplomatic sources said.

On the basis of its investigation, LHR has also called for an investigation of the role of the cabinet in the atrocity.

LHR also demanded that Kobie Coetsee be removed from office and that the matter be referred to the Goldstone Commission.

Transkei sources claim that the South African embassy was used as a launching pad for the attack. No hard evidence has come to light though, to substantiate these claims.

Holomisa invites ANC, PAC to set up military bases

T'KEI KICKS OUT SA ENVOY



BANTU HOLOMISA

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By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE TRANSKEI Military Council yesterday decided to expel SA ambassador Horace van Rensburg and all his military attaches from the homeland after the alleged complicity of his office in last week's raid by the SADF in a house in Umtata in which five teenagers were killed.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa announced this yesterday at the mass funeral of the teenagers at the Umtata Independence Stadium. Holomisa said the decision was taken after his arrival from a European tour with ANC president Nelson Mandela on Friday. Holomisa said that after being briefed by his cabinet colleagues, he was "convinced beyond doubt" that the SA raid was launched from the embassy.

Take action

They have given Van Rensburg until midday tomorrow to leave the homeland, failing which the military council will take action to force him out. Pretoria was notified about the decision yesterday.

He said Van Rensburg should be replaced by another ambassador because he had become increasingly arrogant and that he converted the embassy into a springboard for the SADF to launch military operations. A Foreign Affairs Minister spokesman said the SA government was waiting for a diplomatic note from Transkei before it could respond. Describing the midnight raid as "unprovoked and a violation of territorial agreement", Holomisa told a 25 000-strong cheering crowd that he was now opening his borders to all the liberation movements who wished to train their supporters militarily.

He said Transkei could not sit down and fold its arms while the AWB and Inkatha were preparing their people by training them for an envisaged civil war after next year's general election. Umtata ground to a virtual standstill yesterday as mourners flocked from all parts of the country to pay their last respects to the five youths. Pretoria had claimed that the house in which the youths were killed was used as an Apla facility. The youths, who were shot in their hands with not less than 30 bullets each, were the Mpendulo twins.

T'kei kicks out SA's diplomat

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Sadat and Samora, aged 16, their brother, Samdiso, 12, and their cousins, Mzwandile Mfeya, 12, and Thando Mthembu, 17.

High-profile leaders from various political organisations, including all the PAC NEC members, attended the five-hour funeral service.

Winnie Mandela made a surprise appearance and moved the masses with her militant speech in which she called the State President FW de Klerk a "warlord".

Another surprise face in military garb was that of the Transkei commander of Apla, Vuyo Ntikinca, who is believed to be the most wanted man in the eyes of SA security forces. He is alleged to have masterminded several Apla military operations in SA in the past 14 months.

"Kill them!"

Ntikinca was given a resounding applause when he promised the crowd that Apla would avenge the deaths of the youths.

He and (Winnie) Mandela called on the PAC, ANC, Apla and MK, to close ranks in their fight against Pretoria.

The funeral, marked by sporadic chants of "Kill them, Apla, Kill them", caused the flight of scores of whites living in Umtata.

There was a conspicuous absence of white journalists at the funeral following the racial violence that broke out in Umtata on Wednesday. The journalists stayed away despite assurances by the local PAC leadership that they would not be harmed.

PAC president Clarence Makwetu also condemned the raid and said his organisation would not regard De Klerk as a "man of integrity" because a leopard could never change its spots.

"These young children died simply because their parents fought relentlessly against oppression. Pretoria has the temerity to violate the territorial agreement of a country which they granted independence," Makwetu said.





END OF A CHAPTER . . . the funeral of the five youths killed in the SADF raid was attended by thousands

Picture: HERBERT MABUZA

By NICK OLIVARI and TENDAI DUMBUTSHENA

TRANSKEI head of state Major-General Bantu Holomisa has given South Africa's ambassador in the homeland until noon tomorrow to pack his bags.

Addressing thousands of people at a funeral service for the five youths killed in an SADF raid on an Umtata house last Friday, General Holomisa said he also wanted 12 SADF members stationed at the SA embassy to leave the country.

And, said a bellicose General Holomisa, ANC president Nelson Mandela and PAC president Clarence Makhwetu "have only to specify which part of the Transkei they want for training bases and they can have it".

"It has become necessary for me to make this offer because the SADF, the AWB, the SAP and the IFP

Holomisa orders SA ambassador to get out

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are recruiting people daily in preparation for war," he said.

Mrs Winnie Mandela, one of the speakers at the funeral service, called for MK and Apla to combine forces and "fight one common enemy . . . the enemy that is in Pretoria".

General Holomisa said the decision to expel the ambassador, Mr Horace van Rensburg, had been made "because the South African embassy was used as a staging-post for last week's raid and other nefarious purposes".

He had already sent a diplomatic note to Pretoria

informing the government of his decision, but Foreign Affairs spokesman Awie Marais said yesterday afternoon that no note had yet been received.

Yesterday's funeral — the five coffins were draped with PAC flags — was uneventful. (103)

Apla's political commissar, Mr Vuma Tikinea, said people should engage themselves "in this death struggle, as more hard times are coming".

He said Apla would exact revenge for the deaths of the five youths by "any means deemed necessary".

Transkei police spokes-

man Lieutenant-Colonel Solly Mkiwane said he believed the SADF raid was designed to destabilise Transkei, "but I do not think they will manage to do so".

As South African spokesmen continued to claim that four of the dead youths were trained Apla members and the fifth a collaborator, the only proof of age a lawyer acting for their families could offer was an uncertified copy of baptismal certificates for twins Sadat and Samora Mpendulo.

The copies are dated October 11 — three days after they died.

Mr Dumisa Ntsebeza said

on Friday that preliminary findings of post mortems carried out by three pathologists indicated there were "no medical reasons to doubt the ages provided by the deceased's parents except in the case of Thando Mhembu".

PAC officials have claimed that two of the victims were 12, two 16 and one 17.

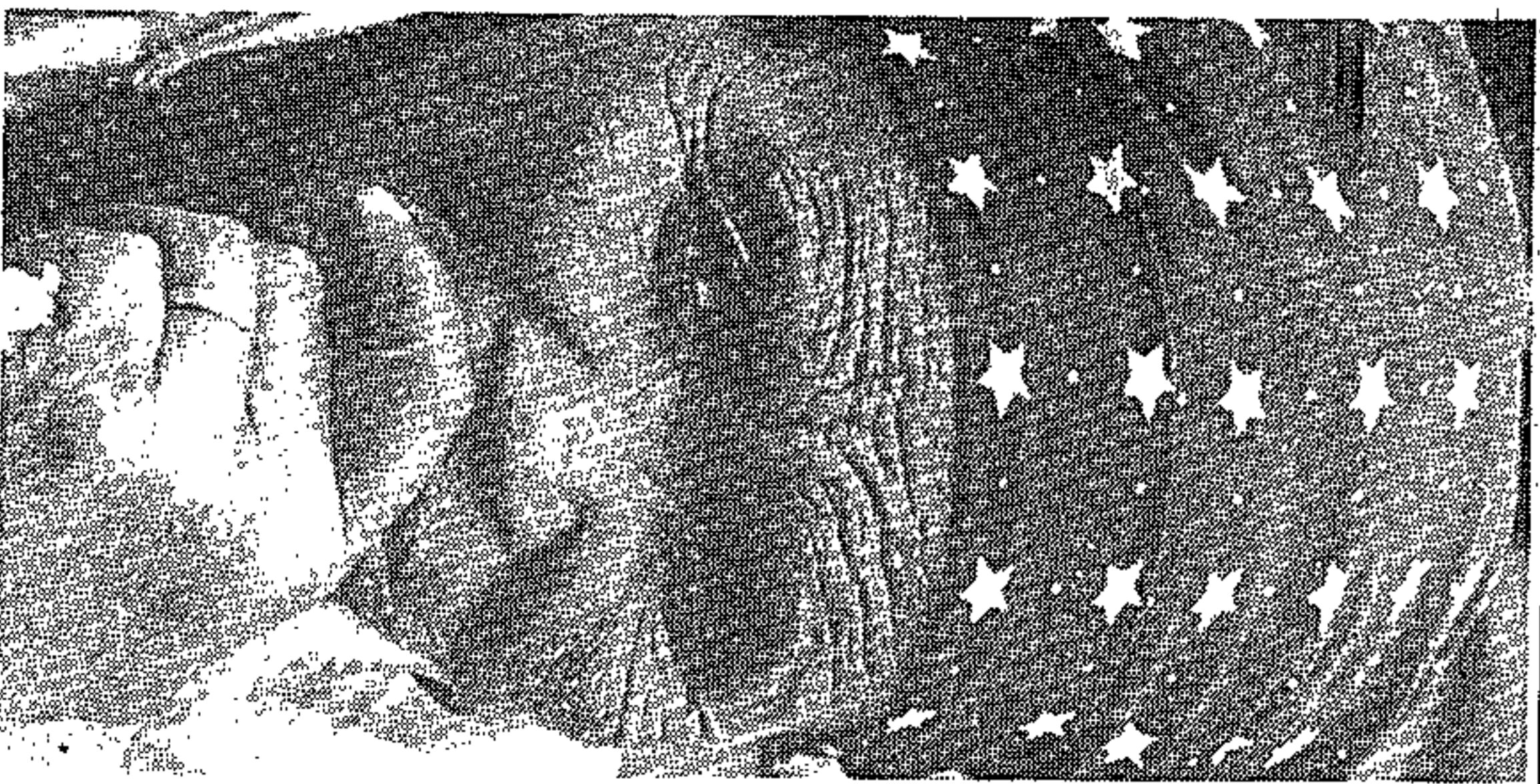
Mr Mashina Nokile, principal of Holomisa senior secondary school, where Sadat, Samora and Thando were all in Std 9, could not confirm their ages because, he said, the school did not require proof of age for admission.

Full results of the post mortems on the five youths are not expected to be released for several weeks.

Preliminary findings indicated that all five youths died from multiple gunshot wounds.

Thousands at Umtata funeral

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BEREAVED ... A family member of one of the five victims of the SADF raid on an Umtata house. Picture: FANIE JASON

UMTATA — More than 10 000 people crammed into Independence Stadium on Saturday for the funeral of the five victims of last week's SADF raid on a house in the Transkei capital.

Throngs of mourners arrived throughout the night from as far afield as the Transvaal and Natal. Umtata resembled a ghost town as hundreds of shop-owners shuttered their windows in anticipation of violence.

The crowd sang, toyi-toyed and responded with enthusiasm to shouts of "one settler one bullet", "grind, Apla, grind", and "mayibuye".

Among those present at the stadium were PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu, chairman of the Transkei Military Council, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, several members of the national executive committee of the

Winnie: MK and Apla must unite

PAC, the estranged wife of the ANC president, Mrs Winnie Mandela, and the chairman of the National Peace Accord, Bishop Stanley Mogoba.

Mrs Mandela, one of the first speakers, told the crowd it was time the ANC's uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) and the PAC's Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla) united.

She also slammed multi-party democracy talks in Johannesburg, calling it a "circus".

Mr Makwetu told the mourners oppression was a sin that must be totally eradicated.

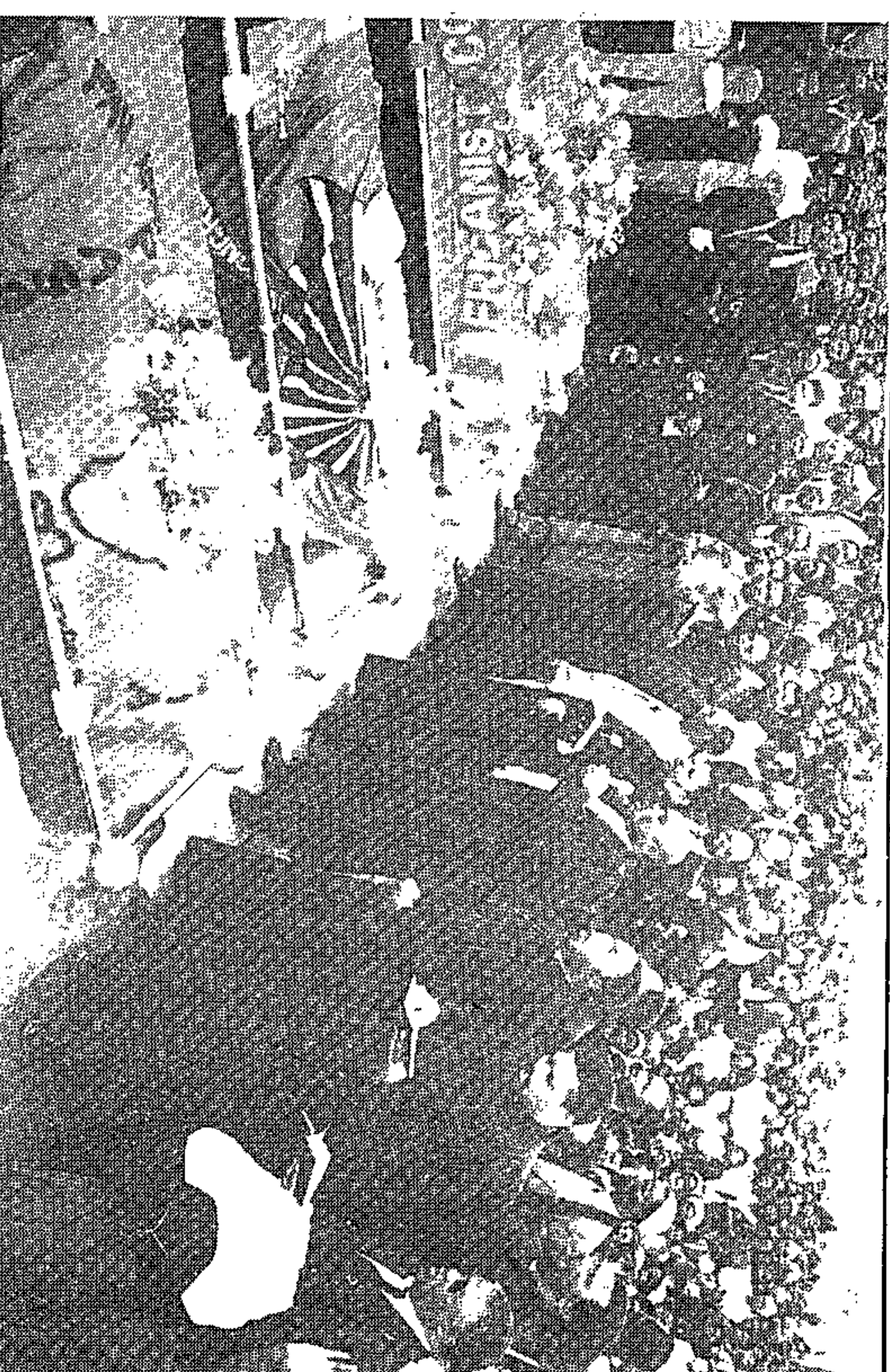
The reason the PAC had decided to opt out of the Transitional Executive Council "is because present talks are aimed not at eradicating apartheid, but at reforming it".

He criticised the conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize on President F W De Klerk.

After the service, a huge crowd converged on the graveyard near Ikwezi township, 2km from the stadium, surrounding the four graves, one of which was shared by the Mpendulo twins.

In a graveside prayer, The Rev H S Mutwa asked: "God, why did you bring this race to Africa?"

The head of Transkei police public relations, Colonel Solly Mkiwane, said no violent incidents had been reported. — Own Correspondent, Sapa



UMTATA FUNERAL ... Mourners sing at the funeral on Saturday of the five victims of the October 7 SADF raid on a PAC house in Umtata. Among those dignitaries in the picture are PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander, PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu, PAC Western Cape chairman Mr Bathembu Lugulwana, Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa, PAC chief negotiator Mrs Patricia de Lille and Mrs Winnie Mandela. Picture: FANIE JASON

Transkei crisis: SA envoy flies in

□ Tit-for-tat expulsion of Umtata ambassador in next few days

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SOUTH African envoy Rusty Evans flew to Umtata today in an effort to resolve the diplomatic crisis between South Africa and Transkei.

Mr Evans, director-general of Foreign Affairs, was to meet his Transkeian counterpart, De la Rey Mkatshwa.

This followed demands by Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa for the withdrawal of South African ambassador Horace van Rensburg and security staff.

South Africa has in turn announced that Transkei's ambassador, C S Magazi, will have to leave within the next few days.

General Holomisa has accused the embassy of having co-ordinated — and having been used as the springboard for — the recent raid on an Umtata house in which five people were killed.

He has declared a deadline of noon today for the withdrawal of Mr Van Rensburg.

General Holomisa said today the withdrawal was 'non-negotiable' but he was prepared to consider having white security staff replaced by black SADF members who had been appointed after February 1990 and who were from the Eastern Cape.

There might be a possibility of finding some common ground in the talks today.

"Our compromise suggestion would help to calm the nervous public here in Umtata."

He made it clear he expected Pretoria to reconsider and withdraw its threat to send Transkei's ambassador home.

'Hopeful'

Mr Van Rensburg, who was in Johannesburg at the weekend on a private visit after being in Pretoria on official business last week, is expected to remain in South Africa until the crisis has been resolved.

Before leaving for Umtata today, Mr Evans said he was hopeful some solution could be found.

It would be impossible for the South African embassy in Transkei to operate without SADF security guards.

Transkei had agreed to this about five months ago after an attack on the embassy during which a security fence was torn down and shots were fired.

If the whole of the embassy staff had to be withdrawn, the position of some 50 key officials seconded from South Africa — including legal, financial and other advisers — could become untenable, Mr Evans said.

General Holomisa's willingness to have white security personnel replaced suggested that a solution to at least part of the crisis was possible.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha today again denied General Holomisa's allegations.

He said South Africa wanted the facts and wanted to discuss the matter with Transkei.

SA calls for urgent talks after expulsion of envoy

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RAID AFTERMATH Ambassador

given until today to leave Transkei:

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THE Government has asked for urgent talks with Transkei's foreign affairs department following the homeland's expulsion of the South African ambassador.

A spokesman for South Africa's Foreign Affairs Department said a diplomatic note to this effect had been handed to Transkei's ambassador to South Africa, Mr CS Magazi.

Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has given Van Rensburg until today to leave the homeland.

This follows the killing of five youths in a SA Defence Force raid in Umtata on October 8.

Meanwhile, the Transkei capital of Umtata ground to a standstill on Saturday during the funeral service of the five young victims of the SADF raid.

Dignified service

The five killed during the raid at Pan Africanist Congress activist Mr Sigqibo Mpendulo's North Crest home were Sandiso Yohle (12), Mzwandile Mfeyo (12), the Mpendulo twins Sadat and Samora (16) and Thando Mthembu (17). All businesses in the area were closed as funeral proceedings were held at

Umtata's Independence Stadium.

The emotional but dignified service inside the stadium lasted four hours and was without incident. The five boys were laid to rest at the Ikhwezi Cemetery in Umtata.

Among dignitaries who attended the funeral were the deputy chairman of the National Peace Committee, Bishop Stanley Mogoba, top PAC officials, including president Clarence Makwethu, and Winnie Mandela.

Mrs Mandela called on Umkhonto we Sizwe and the PAC's Azanian Peo-

ple's Liberation Army to join forces.

"We call upon the forces of the PAC and the ANC to realise that when it comes to the final punch the Boers and the whites gang up together against us," Mrs Mandela said.

Holomisa said in the light of information that the SA Embassy in the homeland had been used as a springboard, his military government had decided to give Van Rensburg until noon today to leave.

He invited both the PAC and ANC to send their military personnel for training in Transkei.

Makwethu said his organisation did not believe that De Klerk was a Messiah and an honest (peace) broker and that (in the light of the attack) the PAC would not just fold its arms.

Top Foreign Affairs officials meet to consider Holomisa ultimatum

Bid to defuse crisis

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Holomisa

TRANSKEI leader offers to send 'a whole battalion of Transkei troops if necessary' to defend the SA embassy

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Top-level talks were under way in Umtata today over the diplomatic crisis which has erupted between South Africa and Transkei.

South African Director-General of Foreign Affairs Rusty Evans and homeland officials were discussing General Bantu Holomisa's decision to expel ambassador Horace van Rensburg and the South African embassy's security staff.

A Department of Foreign Affairs spokesman said the fate of the security personnel would only be decided when the meeting with Transkeian foreign affairs officials had ended later today.

It is understood security staff were preparing to leave the embassy this morning.

Despite an exchange of diplomatic notes between the South African and Transkeian governments yesterday, Holomisa remained adamant that Van Rensburg and the security personnel must vacate the territory by midday today.

Van Rensburg has been out of Transkei for more than a week, and will not have to withdraw physically.

As the SA Government played its response to the mounting crisis deliberately low-key, Holomisa also announced that Pretoria's right to provide its own security personnel for the protection of its embassy in Umtata was being withdrawn.

"As is standard practice around the world, we will guarantee the safety of the embassy. They can ask Transkei for more policemen. We will send them a battalion of troops if necessary. They must just ask," Holomisa, who was at his desk in the Military Office yesterday afternoon, told The Star.

'Non-negotiable'

As for Van Rensburg, "the South African Government can send another ambassador, but he must go. That is non-negotiable".

Tension between South Africa and Transkei has risen steadily since a series of attacks, allegedly by the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), military wing of the Pan-Africanist Congress, were apparently launched from Transkei territory earlier this year.

But the temperature shot up 10 days ago with the SA Defence Force's raid on a house in Umtata. Five youths were slain, and the SADF has still not substantiated its claim that the house was an Apla base.

Holomisa claims the raid was intended to provoke Umtata citizens into widespread violence against whites in order to provide the SADF with grounds for a full-scale intervention.

Yesterday he reiterated Transkei's suspicion that the South African embassy in Umtata had been used for the planning of the raid.

He said his offer of training facilities to the armed wings of the ANC and PAC had been made because Inkatha and the AWB had been allowed to train men openly in South Africa. "People must be allowed to defend themselves, and how can they do that if they have no training?"

"In South Africa they are not even allowed firearm licences," — a reference to the slow progress of licence applications by ANC-SACP leaders and bodyguards, as well as several refusals.

Holomisa added any meeting would not be at ministerial level, but at official level, simply to sort out such details as the speed of departure of Van Rensburg's goods and the security of the embassy.

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Transkei attack: Joint body to help defuse tension

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SOUTH Africa and Transkei are to discuss their differences in a joint committee agreed on in talks in Umtata as part of a plan to defuse tensions.

South Africa remains adamant that its embassy in Umtata had nothing to do with the Defence Force's raid there.

In the meantime South African ambassador Horace van Rensburg — General Holomisa had demanded that he should leave by yesterday — will not return to Umtata. Mr Van Rensburg has been in South Africa since October 9.

Transkei's ambassador in South Africa, CS Magazi, will withdraw in preparation for the coming talks.

This was confirmed today by Foreign Affairs director-general Rusty Evans, who visited Umtata for talks yesterday.

He said security personnel at the Umtata embassy would be "rotated" today. This meant that they would be replaced by another squad of 12 from South Africa.

A suggestion that Eastern Province Command of the SADF, in co-operation with the Transkei Defence Force, should be responsible for security at the embassy will be considered.

Mr Evans today expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the talks. He said the main aim was to normalise relations between the two countries, but added that South Africa continued to deny that the embassy had anything to do with the raid.

General Holomisa has softened his demand that security personnel should be replaced by his own troops.

However, he has insisted that they be replaced by blacks who were recruited to the SADF after January 2 1990.

General Holomisa said: "The ball is now in South Africa's court. If they replace the ambassador relations will be normal again."

He has written to the Nobel Peace Prize committee insisting that it withdraw its award to President De Klerk because of the raid in which five youths died.

Meanwhile at the World Trade Centre the Negotiating Council agreed that the South African and Transkeian governments and the Pan Africanist Congress should meet behind the scenes to discuss three separate resolutions tabled during debate on the attack.

Lid on Transkei, SA row

PRETORIA — The diplomatic row between SA and Transkei was temporarily smoothed over yesterday when agreement was reached establishing a joint committee to "normalise relations". 19/10/93

The two parties also agreed to replace security guards stationed at SA's Umtata embassy, as demanded by Transkei. This followed an urgent meeting in Umtata between homeland officials and Foreign Affairs director-general Rusty Evans.

However, key issues were not resolved. The status of SA ambassador Horace van Rensburg, who was officially kicked out of the homeland at the weekend, would be discussed at a later date by the committee, a Foreign Affairs spokesman said.

Yesterday Transkei military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa was adamant that Van Rensburg should not return, but

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he had no objections to SA appointing a new ambassador. Foreign Affairs said Van Rensburg had been replaced temporarily by chargé d'affaires David Bezuidenhout.

The diplomatic rumpus, which stemmed from the SA embassy's alleged involvement in the Umtata raid earlier this month, threatened not only diplomatic relations but also Transkei's continued participation in national negotiations.

"If the SA government chooses to chase away our ambassador in retaliation we will take up the matter with the negotiating council. If they refuse to debate the matter, Transkei will withdraw from the council," Holomisa said. (103)

Tension following the raid was exacer-

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bated by riots in Umtata during a memorial service for the five youths killed, as well as the murder of two SA policemen near Kokstad. (103)

The replacement of 12 embassy guards by black SADF soldiers from Eastern Province Command, while agreed in principle, was also referred to further investigations by the Transkei and SA security forces. Evans said the contingent would be "rotated" until a decision had been taken.

Holomisa wanted black soldiers, who had joined the security forces after February 1990, to guard the embassy because they were unlikely to be "remnants of the Angolan war" or "right-wing lunatics".

He reiterated his view that embassy officials had been involved in intelligence gathering prior to the raid. The onus was on SA to prove that embassy staff, particularly embassy guards, had not been involved in planning the raid.

Holomisa also claimed that the two

policemen abducted from a charge office near Kokstad at the weekend — and whose bodies were discovered 17km inside the Transkei border yesterday — had been the victims of right-wing elements in SA's security forces. "It was another mischief by the white security forces."

But senior SA and Transkei police officers had made a co-operation agreement to track down the killers.

BILLY PADDOCK reports that the negotiating council's planning committee yesterday decided to refer three conflicting resolutions on the raid to a joint meeting today of the SA and Transkei governments and the PAC to see if they could resolve the matter. They would report back to the committee tomorrow.

The committee also asked the meeting to consider ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa's list of questions.

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SA, Transkei relations ease

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The row between South Africa and Transkei was smoothed over yesterday when they agreed to establish a committee to "normalise relations" and to replace guards at the Umtata embassy.

The agreements followed an urgent meeting in Umtata between homeland officials and Foreign Affairs director-general Mr Rusty Evans.

But the status of South African ambassador Mr Horace van Rensburg, who was kicked out of the homeland at the weekend, would be discussed later, a Foreign Affairs spokesman said.

Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa was adamant that Mr Van Rensburg would not be allowed back, but said he would not object to the appointment of a new ambassador.

The diplomatic rumpus, which stemmed from the embassy's alleged involvement in the SADF raid, had threatened not only relations between the countries but also the continued participation of Transkei in the negotiating forum.

"If the South African government chooses to chase away our ambassador in retaliation, we will take up the

matter with the negotiating council. If they refuse to debate the matter, Transkei will withdraw from the council," Gen Holomisa said.

Yesterday he offered to withdraw a threat to allow uMkhonto weSizwe and Apla to set up bases in Transkei if South Africa cracked down on "Inkatha and right wing" bases within its territory.

The replacement of 12 embassy guards by black SADF soldiers from Eastern Province Command, while agreed to in principle, was also referred for further investigation by the Transkei and SA security forces.

Gen Holomisa said he wanted black soldiers who had joined the security forces after February 1990 to guard the embassy because they were unlikely to be "remnants of the Angolan war" or "right-wing lunatics".

He claimed the two policemen abducted from a charge office near Kokstad at the weekend, and whose bodies were discovered in Transkei, were victims of right-wing elements within SA's security forces.

Senior SA and Transkei police had agreed to co-operate in tracking down the killers, Gen Holomisa said.

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Turn in SA-Transkei embassy row

BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

As SA security personnel last night prepared to leave the Republic's embassy in Transkei, the homeland's leader, General Baruti Holomisa, softened his demand that they should be replaced by his own troops.

Holomisa insisted that the replacements should be blacks who had been recruited by the SADF after January 2, 1990. Speaking to The Star from his

Umtata office, Holomisa said he would not withdraw his expulsion of SA ambassador Horace van Rensburg.

Holomisa has charged that Van Rensburg allowed the embassy to be used as a springboard for the SADF raid 12 days ago on an alleged Apla house in Umtata.

The ANC yesterday backed Van Rensburg's expulsion. Holomisa said last night: "The ball is now in South Africa's court. If they replace the ambassa-

tor, relations will be normal again."

He said he had written to the Nobel Peace Prize committee insisting that it withdraw its award to President de Klerk because of the raid, in which five youths died.

Talks between SA's Director-General of Foreign Affairs, Rusty Evans, and Transkeian officials yesterday appeared to have eased tensions slightly.

In a statement by the committee, foreign affairs departments, they announced that a joint committee would be set up to "normalise" relations.

The meeting agreed that the security contingent at the embassy would be "rotated" pending further discussion, and that the possibility of Eastern Province Command assuming responsibility for the embassy's security would be investigated.

The 12 security staff members were preparing to leave the embassy yesterday.

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Black troops take over in Transkei

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By Themba Molefe
Political Correspondent

■ **COUNCIL DECISION** White soldiers, ambassador given the boot:

BLACK TROOPS FROM the South African Defence Force would be deployed in Umtata today to guard the SA embassy in Transkei's capital, Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.

The 12 soldiers from the Eastern Province Command would replace the white troops at about noon.

"What I said should be done has happened," Holomisa told *Sowetan*.

Holomisa also said his intelligence sources had informed him that the South African Government wanted to keep discussion of the SADF raid into Umtata on October 8 out of the World Trade Centre negotiating council.

He, however, welcomed "any strategy that will not give (State President FW) de Klerk the satisfaction of delaying the talks".

Holomisa was reacting to a negotiating council decision taken yesterday that the Transkei problem be discussed

What I said should be done has happened

Major-General Bantu Holomisa

outside the negotiating council.

To this end a committee comprising Transkei negotiator Mr Zam Titus, South Africa's Minister of Constitutional Affairs Mr Roelf Meyer and Pan Africanist Congress general secretary Mr Benny Alexander were appointed and would report back to the council.

The governments of South and Transkei agreed after a meeting in Umtata yesterday to replace the soldiers in the aftermath of the slaying of five youths by the SADF which led to the expulsion by Holomisa of South Afri-

can ambassador to the homeland Mr Horace van Rensburg.

Acting ambassador and Van Rensburg's former second-in-command, Mr Dawie Bezuidenhout, would yesterday not comment on the deployment of black troops, but said the relationship with Transkei was improving "with flying colours".

Holomisa said he was satisfied about the outcome of the meeting which, he said, did not look into the question of Van Rensburg's return because that was non-negotiable.

He said the meeting only assessed the question of security.

Meanwhile, about 25 white families who left Transkei last Thursday, after youths went on the rampage following a memorial service on Wednesday for the youths killed in a the raid by the SADF, have begun returning home.

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New 'acting ambassador' in Transkei

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East London — The South African ambassador to Transkei, Horace van Rensburg, has been replaced by Dr Dawie Bezuidenhout who will be "acting ambassador" at the Umtata embassy.

"Mr van Rensburg will not be returning to Transkei. I will be acting ambassador," Bezuidenhout said yesterday.

Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa welcomed the change at the embassy. "We note they have sobered up and accepted the reality that it is impossible for us to change our decision (about Van Rensburg's expulsion).

"We look forward to the acting ambassador's conduct befitting his promotion," he added.

The general said he hoped that Bezuidenhout would "not step into the shoes" of his predecessor and "issue statements affecting the economy and security of Transkei".

Meanwhile, security guards at the embassy have been replaced. It is believed the Transkei De-

fence Force has given its stamp of approval.

The changing of the guards, which normally occurs every six months at the embassy, was "rushed through" yesterday after Holomisa demanded that they be replaced with black soldiers who had joined the SADF after 1990.

Holomisa earlier claimed the embassy had been used to plan the attack on an Umtata house in which five youths were shot dead by SADF raiders.

The PAC and the Transkei and SA governments will meet today to discuss a suggestion for meetings between their leaders to resolve tensions that have arisen from the Umtata raid.

The proposal that discussions be held between PAC president Clarence Makwetu and President de Klerk, and between Holomisa and De Klerk, was made at the World Trade Centre yesterday. — Ecna, Political Correspondent.

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Pretoria's nemesis

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By **Lulama Luti**

CLASSIFIED INFO General

watches soccer while talking tactics:

MJOR-GENERAL Bantubonke Holomisa is a remarkably frank man. He says what he means and does not mince his words.

Equally remarkable, is his ability to take a stand, however unpopular, and still manage to endear himself to many people.

And there is no doubting why he commands such respect and admiration from friends and foes alike.

The darling of liberation movements in South Africa, the general acknowledges that his attachment to both the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress is an open secret. And this is a fact he clearly demonstrated at the weekend when he invited both organisations to come and "identify any spots in the Transkei where you can put up your tents, anytime".

Translated into action, the invitation means both organisations are now free to open up bases in the homeland where their military personnel can be trained. However, despite this popularity, as leader of the ruling Transkei military council, Holomisa is still viewed in some quarters as being no different from other "puppet" homeland leaders. That this does not bother him, is evident from his "devil-may-care" attitude.

He always remains steadfast in his decisions and once he adopts a position, he does not relent.

However, another side to this (relentless) image usually portrayed in



Not scared of confrontation ... Bantu Holomisa.

While he answers questions with calculated honesty, he makes it clear that there is no way he can make public information which he considers "classified".

Elsewhere in the house the happy voices of his children can be heard. It is just another Sunday afternoon in the Holomisa household.

Then one of his children bounces into the room. She is about 11 years old. "Nomsa, make us a cup of coffee. I do not know where your aunt is and I'm alone with visitors from Johannesburg here," he says in rich Xhosa. Holomisa then returns to the purpose of the visit.

All that can be discussed is when trucks can be sent to collect the ambassador's belongings and furniture

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His calmness belies the aggressive stance he had taken only hours earlier against the South African Government — when he expelled SA ambassador to Transkei Mr Horace van Rensburg and his military attaché.

"No, I am not concerned about the consequences of this decision (expulsion of the ambassador)," he says with conviction, and he does not feel threatened either.

"I don't think that my life is in danger," he says, adding: "I don't think the (SADF) attack was directed at me *per se*."

The general considers the October 8 raid on Mr Stricobo Mendululo's

house in Northcrest as aggression and a cross-border invasion calling for equal aggression.

His council is satisfied — the SA embassy was used as a springboard for the attack.

He is steadfast. His decision is final. It is non-negotiable.

Then Holomisa switches to the problem at hand and speaks about the meeting proposed by Pretoria with him as chairman of the ruling military council. But he does not think it is necessary.

"The meeting they are proposing will take place at lower ministerial level. All that can be discussed is when trucks can be sent to collect the ambassador's belongings and furniture".

Who is General Holomisa?

A biography of the general in Ian Uys's *South African Military Who's Who* reads: Bantubonke Holomisa was born in Mganduli, Transkei, on 25 July 1955. His father, chief of the Bomvane, Bangindlovu Holomisa served in World War 2 and was a member of the Transkei Legislative Assembly.

Holomisa matriculated in 1975. Enlisting in the Transkei Defence Force, he was commissioned in 1978.

He attended numerous courses, including the SA Staff Course in Pretoria. While holding the rank of brigadier, Holomisa was active in sports administration and was president of the Combined Forces Sport from 1981-1983.

In January 1987, he was arrested and imprisoned in Umtata, then interrogated by an adviser to General Ron Reid-Daly, former head of the Rhodesian Selous Scouts.

After contracting pneumonia, he was transferred to military cells. Army officers intervened and he was released on April 1.

Reid-Daly and other Selous Scouts were then ordered out of the Transkei and Holomisa became head of the Transkei Defence Force.

Holomisa's military council took over power in Transkei (in a bloodless coup) in December 1987.

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Thorn in the side

Michael Morris and Tos Wentzel report

DESPITE his frequent eschewal of political ambition, General Bantu Holomisa has never been reluctant to confront Pretoria or to court controversy.

No sooner had he taken power in a swift, bloodless coup in December 1987 than he sought to exert his influence.

Since then, there have been numerous clashes with President FW de Klerk and Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha, whose attempts to keep the South African-trained soldier-leader in check have been greeted with thumb-nosed gestures from Umtata.

Constitutionally excised from South Africa in 1976 in terms of the now defunct Verwoerdian scheme, Transkei was the first of the homeland states to be made politically independent.

The irony is, though, that the Transkei — home to 3.4 million people — is far from independent from South Africa.

This year, South African taxpayers are forking out more than R3,8 billion in budgetary aid, transfers, tax compensation and aid grants.

In contrast, it is anticipated that Transkei will be able to generate a mere R809 million.

The most irksome irony for Pretoria is that it cannot summarily cut off Transkei's lights and water, or waltz in and take over, as it did in Lebowa recently.

In the first place, Transkei is constitutionally independent. Furthermore, simply cutting the money supply would cause a crisis in vital areas such as health and education.

public by the 38-year-old general, emerged during an interview with *Sowetan* at the weekend.

The time is 3.30pm and it is a Sunday afternoon. Holomisa is sitting in the lounge of his modest Umtata home and in between answering telephone calls, he is watching the soccer semifinal clash between Jomo Cosmos and Africa Sports National from Ivory Coast on the television.

Dressed in a pair of highly polished Christian Dior shoes, a pair of blue designer trousers and a woollen sweater, he is the model modern-day general.

Stacks of files, faxes and newspapers are strewn all over the place, and he seems determined to go through all of them.

He always remains steadfast in his decisions and once he adopts a position, he does not relent.

South Africa's dispute with Transkei in the wake of the Umtata raid is the latest manifestation of deeply felt political animosity between Pretoria and its truculent apartheid mini-state, report Michael Morris and Tos Wentzel

Veritable thorn in Government's side

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Bantu Holomisa . . . snipes away.

Despite his frequent eschewal of political ambition, Major-General Bantu Holomisa has never been reluctant to confront Pretoria or to court controversy. No sooner had he taken power in a swift, bloodless coup in December 1987 than he sought to exert his influence. Since then, there have been numerous clashes with President de Klerk and Pik Botha whose attempts to keep the South African-trained soldier leader in check have been greeted with thumb-nosed gestures from Umtata.

Constitutionally excised from South Africa in 1976 in terms of the now defunct Verwoerdian scheme, Transkei was the first of the homeland states to be made politically independent. But it was General Holomisa who chose to exercise that independence as comprehensively and as often as he could. The irony is that Transkei, home to 3.4 million people, is far from independent from South Africa. This year, South African taxpayers are forking out more than R3,8 billion in budgetary aid, transfers, tax compensation and aid grants. In contrast, it is anticipated that Transkei will be able to generate a mere R309 million on its own.

The most irksome irony for Pretoria is that it cannot summarily cut off Transkei's lights and water, or waltz in and take over, as it did in Lebowa recently. In the first place, Transkei is constitutionally independent. Furthermore, simply cutting the money supply would cause a crisis in vital areas such as health and education. Even if Transkei were not independent, Pretoria would have to provide and pay for these services. But over and above these considerations is the Government's anxiety to prevent a dispute with Umtata from detracting from progress in negotiations.

Holomisa has threatened to raise the latest row at Kempton Park and even to draw from the talks if he is not satisfied with the outcome. This is not the first time that Holomisa has proved his capacity to be a veritable thorn in the Government's flesh. A likeable, unusually accessible leader, Holomisa's style is that of a commander rather than a politician. He was the first to allow the ANC and PAC to operate openly. And Pretoria found his approach to government unorthodoxly liberal and his assertiveness disconcerting. Relations soured considerably after the failed coup attempt by Holomisa's one-time second-in-command, Colonel Craig Dull, when the general accused South Africa of being behind the plot. This was vehemently denied. Since then, Holomisa has seldom missed an opportunity to question the South African Government's motives. It was Holomisa who exposed the purported military signal which pointed to the involvement of South African security forces in the murder of key eastern Cape activist Matthew Goniwe and others in the mid-80s. The flashpoint came with Mr Justice Goldstone's finding that Apis was using Transkei as a springboard for attacks on South Africa. Holomisa rejected the findings and, as the row developed, South Africa threw a security cordon around the homeland. At Umtata a march in protest at the death of Chris Hani turned on the South African embassy compound, broke through the fence and caused extensive damage. Holomisa has kept up constant sniping at President de Klerk's government since. Seen in Government circles as an ANC figure who is determined to deliver the Transkei to Nelson Mandela in next year's election, it is significant that the general accompanied the ANC president on his recent extended overseas trip. If that is where his political convictions lie, it is clear the SADF attack on a house in Umtata has given the assertive 38-year-old soldier even more ammunition with which to wage his campaign.



Pik Botha . . . got rude response.

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Gqozo 'suspends himself pending trial'

Ciskei's military ruler has handed over power to a deputy and is taking a 'long holiday', reports **Andrew Trench**

CISKEI military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo has effectively abdicated power in his homeland. Sources close to the Ciskei government say Gqozo has informally "suspended" himself and now spends most of his time on his farm, Blacklands, near the homeland capital, Bisho. This has been so for about six weeks.

They say the only time Gqozo emerges is on a political platform. For example, he attended this week's Freedom Alliance meeting with State President FW de Klerk in Cape Town and the Freedom Alliance press conference in Pretoria.

Gqozo's absence is confirmed by a senior South African government source who said the homeland ruler had taken a "long holiday".

The source said Gqozo had been expected to make a formal announcement last week that his deputy, Colonel Silence Pita, would be run-

ning the homeland in his absence. The statement did not materialise.

The formation of the Freedom Alliance in which Gqozo participates appears to have stopped the announcement: it is important for the brigadier to be seen as the current head of state for him to hold any sway within the alliance.

Gqozo's "rest" appears to be motivated by his pending murder trial, set to start on November 9. He has been charged with the murder of homeland rebel General Charles Sebe.

It is understood he is anxious for the trial to be completed while Ciskei still exists and the state is bankrolling his defence.

However, there has also been pressure from within the government for the controversial and highly inept brigadier to stand aside in the months leading up to April's elections.

It is likely the military pressure on Gqozo has also played its role in the development. Recent months have seen simmering tensions in military ranks break into the open more than once, with senior officers calling for him to step aside.

Homeland authority is now vested in Pita,

the only remaining member of the brigadier's original military council which came to power in March 1990.

Pita, the sources say, is more moderate and pragmatic than the brigadier and is seen to be interested in keeping the homeland on an even keel until next year's elections and Ciskei's reincorporation.

Under Pita's guidance, Ciskei's Council of Ministers is said to be operating effectively for the first time in months.

Furthermore, Pita is well regarded by homeland soldiers who have indicated increasing dissent over Gqozo's resistance to the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) — a stand which imperils their future as part of a new national defence force.

Gqozo reportedly no longer attends security council meetings, allowing the security forces to do their jobs without fear of political pressure.

Pita is this week attending a military conference in Europe. The Minister of Education, Petros Jacobs, has stepped into his place while he is away, the sources say.

Ciskei's constitution allows for Gqozo to designate a deputy chairman of the council of state

should he be unable to fulfill the task. If his seat is permanently vacated, members of the council of state can appoint a chairman from within the council.

It appears Gqozo has followed the former path rather than the latter. Gqozo is confident of Pita's loyalty. Appointing Pita also leaves the door open for Gqozo to return to running the homeland if possible.

However, despite Gqozo's "suspension", he has still taken controversial decisions like withdrawing Ciskei from the multiparty talks and joining the Freedom Alliance. Top officials were shocked by the decision and say they were not consulted on the move.

The South African government source says there are indications the TEC finance sub-committee could be used in the next few months to apply pressure, should Gqozo remain politically obdurate.

The source points out that 84 percent of Ciskei's budget is provided by South Africa in quarterly portions and could easily be held back if opposition to the TEC continues.

The Ciskei government did not respond to inquiries this week. — Ecna

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Strange timing of Transkei raid

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The circumstances under which the SADF raid on a former Apia base took place and the targeting of Transkei have raised a number of questions, write **Claire Keaton** and **Louise Flanagan**

THE South African Defence Force based last week's bloody raid on an Umtata house on intelligence that was some weeks old, and failed to confirm the target immediately before the attack, say knowledgeable sources in the Transkei capital.

The sources indicate that top Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA) guerrillas had indeed stayed at the target house — but some weeks earlier. Presumably it was those guerrillas the SADF thought they were targeting.

The raid killed five people, all related to prominent Pan Africanist Congress member Sigqibo Mpendulo. According to family members and the PAC, the youngest two were 12 years old, and none of the victims were Apia members.

The SADF said the raid, authorised by President F.W. de Klerk himself, was a success. They said the dead were three Apia operatives and two APLA supporters who resisted during the 27-minute assault. Weapons and documents were confiscated.

Documents seized in the raid were handed to newspapers later as evidence of Apia's presence but appear to have been childish scribbles of no military value.

Questions have been raised about why Transkei was targeted and the timing of the raid.

While Apia operates fairly freely in Transkei, its operatives are not confined to the territory. Security forces and organisational sources have, for some time, indicated that Apia operates from within Ciskei and from South Africa itself.

South Africa has used the Apia bogey to put pressure on Transkei in the past and the raid appears an extension of that strategy.

In April, De Klerk sent a copy of a South African Police "secret" information note titled "Transkei: Military activities of the Azanian People's Liberation Army" to military ruler Major-



Liberation songs and chants of 'One settler, one bullet' dominated the memorial service for the victims of the SADF raid in Umtata

PHOTOGRAPH: PETER MCKENZIE

General Bantu Holomisa.

The seven-page document complained that the Transkei police were intimidated by the military council into not co-operating with the SAP. It also listed Apia operatives and their "bases" in Transkei among them the Umtata house of prominent civil rights lawyer Dumisa Nisebeza and several PAC members across Transkei.

"Some of our places are identified by these lunatics as Apia places," said Nisebeza after Friday's raid. Like others mentioned in the SAP list, he now fears an SADF attack on his home.

In April, the South African authorities threw a security cordon around Transkei which severely damaged the regional economy. It did nothing to stop Apia which, a month later, claimed responsibility for the armed attack on the Highgate Hotel in East London.

Widespread opinion in the region is that the attack was intended to destabilise Transkei, promote violence in the region and disrupt the precarious economy. Observers say South Africa must have foreseen a backlash against whites and even

organised Apia attacks over the border.

The South African government is trying to provoke the Transkei government. The first attempt, the blockade, did not have any results. Now they've tried something else," said the general secretary of the Transkei Chamber of Commerce, Andile Gqamama.

"It is generally safe to live in Umtata. Why is the SADF now putting our lives at risk?" asked Umtata resident Janet Hayward.

White South Africans in Umtata felt so enraged by the raid they initiated a petition, supported by over 700 signatures, demanding that De Klerk apologise for it.

By mid-week, their fears were starting to be realised. Youth returning from a memorial service on Wednesday systematically looted shops in downtown Umtata. Earlier in the week, a white-owned business in Cala was burnt down and five others forced to close.

The timing of the raid is interesting, Holomisa was out of Transkei on tour with ANC leader Nelson Mandela. The SADF would perhaps have been a little more cautious if

Holomisa had been at home.

The raid also came at a time when negotiations were under pressure from the fight and the opportunity for unilateral action by the South African government was limited by the impending installation of the Transitional Executive Council. Observers see a pattern of old-style National Party "bragdadigheid" motivated by a pre-election desire to stem further defection of white voters to the right.

The raid coincides with a unilateral government move on subsidisation of the sale of state-owned housing and follows the government stonewalling of the National Economic Forum on the petrol price increase. Suggestions of an underlying political motive for the raid are reinforced by South African inconsistency over the "independence" of the Eastern Cape homelands.

While the SADF could raid Transkeians whose extradition had not been requested, South African authorities have reiterated for months they cannot influence Ciskei military ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo to step down although he is facing murder charges. — Eena

War talk at memorial service

Pamela Dube

"In the name of Jesus Christ ... one settler ... one bullet!" was the chant in Johannesburg's Central Methodist Church during a Pan Africanist Congress memorial service for the victims of the SADF's Umtata raid.

Looking uncomfortable, Reverend Myrman Daudala requested the master of ceremonies to ask the audience — which included African National Congress members — to desist.

The MC, who urged discipline during a church service, was booed down. Chanting and the singing of liberation songs continued throughout the proceedings.

In another odd twist, a representative of the ANC-linked Congress of South African Trade Unions called for the resumption of the armed struggle. Addressing the service, Siphso Binda said: "Because we have been promised freedom we have dropped our guns ... that is our biggest mistake."

"Those five children were slaughtered in Umtata because we have now reduced our vigilance and militancy. Ground structures must arm themselves."

Binda asked the ANC, PAC, Cosatu, Azanian People's Organisation, South African Council of Churches and National Council of Trade Unions to "do something about the slow death of the majority of our people in the townships."

"Those dying of unemployment, hunger and violence — what are you doing? The issue here is not who was killed ... it's what are we doing to defend the innocent masses?"

The PAC's Enoch Zulu called on President F.W. de Klerk to hand himself over to the Transkei government to face charges of murder. "If Oupa Gqozo — Ciskei military leader — can be brought to book for murder, why can't De Klerk be? They are both killers," he said.

PAC says no to raid resolution

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JOHANNESBURG. —
The PAC has withdrawn
its support for a draft
resolution on the SA De-
fence Force's Umtata
raid, which was to be put
to the Negotiating Coun-
cil yesterday. (103)

The draft resolution
calls for the council to
convey its sympathy to
the families of the five
people killed in the Oc-
tober 8 raid.

It also calls on all par-
ties to "promote peace-
ful and legal methods to
ensure a peaceful reso-
lution to our problems"
and for South Africa and
Transkei to respect any
bilateral agreements.

News reports yester-
day morning said the
government, the PAC
and Transkei had re-
solved their differences
about the raid.

However, when coun-
cil chairman Mr Luwel-
lyn Landers raised the
draft resolution at the
beginning of yesterday's
debate, PAC senior ne-
gotiator Mr Barney De-
sai said his organisation
would not agree to it.

It is understood an am-
ended resolution will
be drawn up before next
week. — Sapa

PAC pullout causes raid 'agreement' to collapse

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KEMPTON PARK. — A compromise agreement between the PAC, the government and the Transkei government on the SADF raid on an Umtata house, collapsed yesterday when the PAC withdrew its support.

The compromise, contained in a single draft resolution, was the result of a week's meetings behind the scenes following the special debate last Friday on the matter in the Negotiating Council.

PAC negotiator Barney Desai today said: "I regret to say my principals are not prepared to make the concessions contained in the draft resolution."

Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer told the

council: "Apparently there is no agreement and all parties return to their original positions."

The matter was again referred to the planning committee, which meets on Thursday.

During the special debate, the PAC, the government and the Transkei tabled three separate resolutions on the raid.

The compromise resolution called on the government and Transkei to adhere to all bilateral agreements, which includes a non-aggression pact.

It further stated that the parties should "facilitate and not hinder any legal and other processes, of whatever nature, which are set in motion or initiated in relation to the occurrence and circumstances surrounding it".

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IT'S CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

CIPress 24/10/93

By LOUISE FLANAGAN

A DAMNING report handed to the Transkei government this week has revealed widespread mismanagement and racism at the ailing Capital Radio as well as strong resistance to its recent change to a more South African format.

The report, drawn up by radio consultant Francis Rolt, alleges the station — which should have been making money — cost the Transkei government a massive R32-million over the past 12 years.

“The crisis at Capital Radio is the result of many years of racism, ineptitude and possibly corruption,” said Rolt in a letter to Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa which accompanied the report.

Capital Radio is owned by the Transkei government, but has its main offices in Durban. It broadcasts mainly to southern Natal, the Eastern Cape and the Transkei, where it has FM transmitters.

The report was drawn up by Rolt as part of a six-month consultancy contract with the station — but he and new head of programmes David Smith were suddenly fired last week — just a week before Rolt's contract was due to end. The report was subsequently submitted to Holomisa.

Holomisa confirmed he had received the report, and said the claims were being investigated.

Rolt and Smith feel they were sacked

Radio under fire for losses and racism

because they tried to fight entrenched racism and corruption at the station.

It's the second time Smith has been fired by Capital, apparently over similar issues.

Both men have worked for several international radio stations. Together they pioneered the “Afritude” concept at Capital, which brought South African and African music and features onto the programme.

“Despite making losses which amount to over R32-million since the company was taken over by the government of Transkei, no real effort has ever been made to make the company profitable,” reads the report.

Rolt alleged there was “a complete lack of accountability for money spent, from the board down; the buck stopped nowhere.”

He said there was a “strong” suspicion of corruption at the station.

Rolt said before May 1993 there was not a single cent of paid advertising on the air. Advertisements that existed then were “contra deals”, a type of barter in which advertisers gave Capital services or goods in exchange for air time.

“Contra deals are notoriously open

to corrupt practice and by April 1993 they had run out of control,” said Rolt, adding that Capital in effect owed about R300 000 because of these deals.

In July when “the station with an Afritude” went on air, advertising revenue for the first month leapt from zero to R60 000.

Beforehand, there was no proper supervision of the station from the board and head office. “For years the only job the Umtata office had to perform was to provide money when the Durban office demanded it,” said Rolt.

According to a report by consultants Doveron Edwards, drawn up before the station's relaunch earlier this year, the top management — estimated to be about six people — were paid a total of over a million rand during a period when the total station income was only R2,5-million.

At the same time, sources at the station said that the lowest paid assistants got about R800 a month.

Racism has long been a problem at Capital — black employees wrote to Holomisa about their complaints at the station in 1990. They said the company doesn't support black advancement at all. Racial discrimination is

alive and kicking in the company Capital Radio”.

There is resistance to the new Afritude concept. Rolt commented that problems were worsened by “the certain knowledge that some key people who had opted to stay on at Capital were actively opposed to the changes”.

Rolt also takes the news team to task. “Capital's news service is still living on its reputation,” he stated.

Rolt concluded that Capital Radio is currently unworkable.

“No one is doing the work they're paid to do — time is spent either undermining or trying to support the changes instituted by Smith”.

He recommended setting up an inquiry into the finances, sacking the majority of the current management, restructuring to set up clear lines of command and making the board members personally liable for any losses.

Rolt said a clear choice needed to be made between “Capital, the station with an Afritude” and the old-style station.

“If Capital is to be relevant to the new SA then there should be no doubt that the new station and the new sound is the way to go.”

Deputy managing director Peter Cressey questioned the R32-million loss figure quoted in the report. “It sounds high to me,” he said. Cressey confirmed Capital has been running at a loss but said he did not know how much had been spent. He also denied racism existed at the station.

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Holomisa lashes at FA

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TRANSKEI military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has cautioned the African National Congress against paying too much attention to the newly formed Freedom Alliance (FA), instead of focussing on negotiations with State President F W de Klerk.

"He (De Klerk) is the custodian of apartheid. The leadership must concentrate on De Klerk because he is using the FA to prolong his stay in power."

Addressing delegates to the ANC's Midlands annual general conference in Edendale, Maritzburg, on Saturday,

Holomisa warned against an alleged plan to stall elections. Hitting out at the FA, he said this alliance was "a foretaste of gruesome things to come".

The "unholy collusion" between the white right wing, notorious for its disdain of blacks, with conservative black leaders aimed at holding the transformation process to ransom, was mind-boggling, he charged. He accused "Chief (Mangosuthu) Buthelezi and his cohorts" of unashamedly trying to slow down South Africa's transition because they survived from apartheid. — Sapa.

ANC congress to plan for governing

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THE ANC's PWV leadership will seek not only a broad mandate on reconstruction and development at its annual congress in Johannesburg this weekend, but a clear programme to be followed by the interim government of national unity.

ANC PWV regional co-ordinator Paul Mashatile said yesterday the conference would discuss four key issues: the organisation's election strategy, violence, the future of the ANC as a government, and reconstruction and development.

The theme of the conference would be: "Mobilise for a government of reconstruction and development."

Mashatile told a media briefing the conference would not be expected to endorse a regional and national list of candidates to stand in next year's election. Another conference would be held before the end of November to decide on a list of candidates.

Branches would have three weeks to submit proposals. The list would be scrutinised by a list committee before being submitted to the ANC's national executive committee for final approval by a two-

thirds majority.

The region's elections co-ordinator, Amos Masondo, said the ANC expected to spend R200m nationally on the elections.

He said 6-million (or 28%) of the country's potential voters were concentrated in the PWV, and the region would therefore be spending a significant amount of money on the campaign.

Masondo said the history of boycotting elections and non-participation in elections were major problems in the ANC's campaign. "We have to do the opposite now and reverse that (boycott) culture," he said.

Violence was a major concern of residents polled by the ANC in its door-to-door campaign on the East Rand.

Masondo said the ANC had conducted a survey in Meadowlands, Soweto, on August 28, and in three zones in the township 15 452 people out of 19 332 had indicated they would vote for the ANC.

Among blacks, he said, support for the ANC was "overwhelming". There was less enthusiasm among coloureds and Indians.

Sebokeng residents' bid to restore stability

RESIDENTS of strife-torn Sebokeng have formed a committee to confer "freedom" on a variety of service providers in an effort to bring down violence levels.

Main service providers are water, electricity, telephone, and post.

Pilot peace corps to be launched

A PILOT peace corps programme is to be launched in Alexandra and Daveyton in November under the auspices of the Wit/Vaal peace secretariat.

ANC PWV deputy secretary general Obed Bapela yesterday said the Danish government had donated R2m for the project, and training of between 200 and 400 volunteers would begin in January.

Recruits would have three weeks' training focusing on development programmes and community protection.

They would not undergo military training and would not be armed.

The corps would serve as the "eyes and ears" of the community by patrolling townships and liaising with political leaders and emergency services.

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Offices would be opened in the townships — chosen because they had experienced political violence but were quiet at present — in November. Training would begin in January and the corps would start operating in February.

Selection committees would be drawn from communities served by the corps. Each recruit would be vetted and would be paid a R400 monthly allowance.

Bapela said the peace corps would be distinct from a national peacekeeping force, which would be made up of the SADF, the SAP and other armed formations like Umkhonto we Sizwe.

Bury hatchet, says Holomisa

UMTATA — Transkei military ruler Major Gen Bantu Holomisa said yesterday all South Africans should bury the hatchet and build a prosperous country free of racial hatred and animosity.

Delivering the annual policy speech and announcing a R67m annual budget, Holomisa praised the Transkei dispute resolution committee for restoring peace to many districts.

Transkei citizens, he said, had to be vigilant, particularly in the race to elections when enemy agents provocateurs were aiming to encourage disunity and to destabilise whole black communities.

"With a view to intimidating them into not partici-

pating in the election".

Holomisa said Transkei had to support the Transitional Executive Council. It had to ensure, too, that the April 27 election was not postponed.

He said Transkei had suffered economic hardships, particularly as it had been kept in the "backwaters of SA's enormous economic development", but there had been an increase in internal revenue and job opportunities.

Holomisa said R21m of the budget would go to rural development and a further R7m was expected from the Development Bank of Southern Africa. Priorities were access roads, water and classrooms. — Sapa.

Woman voted NDP's lame man



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TRANSKEL'S military government is running an organised operation to kidnap people from South Africa linked to the abortive 1990 coup attempt.

At least three people have been abducted and have resurfaced across the border in Transkei, which has a law legalising trials irrespective of how the accused are brought to court or their place of arrest.

Another alleged coup plotter — whose extradition is being sought by Transkei — is believed to be under threat of abduction.

Officially, Transkei denies conducting such an operation. But a senior Transkei Defence Force (TDF) source confirmed it.

In the latest development, Transkei is alleged to have sheltered suspects wanted in connection with three murders resulting from a bungled abduction attempt in East London in May.

There are strong indications of Transkei Military Intelligence involvement in the botched attempt in May to snatch a Ciskei intelligence operative which ended in the execution of three innocents.

Among those allegedly involved in the operation are TDF Director of Intelligence Colonel Advocate Sobuwa and several other officers with Transkei special forces and military intelligence backgrounds.

TDF chief Major General TT Matanzima denied that any TDF members had been

Holomisa's hit squads

Several people have been abducted in South Africa, subsequently reappearing in Transkei, allegedly victims of a Transkei Defence Force kidnap squad, report **Louise Flanagan** and **Patrick Goodenough**

from Umtata.

First to be abducted was former military chief Zondwa Mtirara sometime around July 1989. He was alleged to have been involved in an early plot with former military council member Colonel Craig Dull and businessman Vullndlela Mbotoli.

Mtirara did not stand trial but is understood to have been questioned on his doings. He is currently working in a Transkei government department.

In November 1990, Dull launched a coup attempt which led to his death.

There were reports he had been executed after being arrested. TDF soldiers also told journalists that other arrested attackers had been summarily executed.

Bodies of the dead raiders were displayed and captives paraded in public.

Transkei demanded the extradition of several people accused of being key plotters, including Mbotoli and Charles Bongani Wana. South African authorities did not co-operate.

Early in 1991, Mbotoli was snatched from Johannesburg and taken to Transkei, where he is currently on trial on coup related charges.

At the same time the military government rushed through a decree which legalised trials irrespective of how the accused were brought to court or their place of arrest.

In October last year another coup suspect, Vullndlela Christopher Shologu, disappeared from South Africa and reappeared in custody in Umtata. Associates claim he was abducted

by two men claiming to be South African Police members.

And in May, Charles Wana, now working for Ciskei intelligence, was targeted. Wana was tipped off and fled, but three innocents who were looking after his house for him were abducted, assaulted and executed.

The South African Police announced they were looking for Transkei brothers Zonwabele and Papama Mgudiwa in connection with the murders.

The two had been living in East London but fled days after the three killings.

South Africa asked for the extradition of Papama Mgudiwa.

Transkei has denied that either of the Mgudiwas were sheltered at the TDF house in Southernwood, Umtata.

"The TDF is not giving any protection to the Mgudiwa brothers and none of them are staying in that house," said Matanzima.

However, TDF MI members were involved in surveillance on Wana's home over several days before the failed attack and murders. The car used was seen at the Mgudiwas' East London house. — Ecna



Holomisa ... Transkei law allows the trial of suspects abducted from SA

involved in the abductions. "The TDF does not have any plan to abduct wanted suspects," he said.

However, a senior Transkei military source confirmed that the existence of an organised kidnaping operation was undeniable.

"We don't want to kill them, we want them to stand trial," the TDF officer said. He would not comment further.

Military ruler Major General Bantu Holomisa admitted that Transkei laws allowed for wanted people to be abducted from South Africa. He would not comment further.

According to South African intelligence sources, the unit responsible for the ongoing operation has been based at a house in the Southernwood suburb of Umtata. The TDF has since confirmed that the house is used by its members.

"The house at Southernwood belongs to the TDF and is currently occupied by TDF members and it is not the only house of the TDF," said Matanzima.

Neighbours describe the occupants of the house as a "strange lot", and said many people — including soldiers — moved in and out, especially at night.

On occasion gunshots had been heard.

One said he believed the people at the house worked for "Military Intelligence or the secret police".

When reporters visited the street, two cars were parked in the driveway — a Ford Sapphire and a Toyota Cressida. Both had false number plates, officially belonging to a Mercedes-Benz and an international truck registered in small Transkei towns.

The owner of the Mercedes-Benz was aware of the existence of another vehicle using his number plate.

He had complained to the authorities; he was told the car was being used by "military people"

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Man thrown in burning car

UMTATA. — A man narrowly escaped death when he was thrown into a burning vehicle by demonstrators who barricaded Butterworth's main roads and access routes with stones and burning tyres yesterday.

Hundreds of demonstrators, protesting against local government in Transkei, brought the town to standstill. Sanco said yesterday it would continue the protest.

The regional president described Transkei as "one of the most corrupt places in South Africa" and said Sanco wanted a new government to inherit "a clean administration". — Sapa

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Transkei emerges from drought

By Andrew Trench

TRANSKEI IS beginning to recover from the devastating drought which just two months ago reached critical proportions.

Transkei Agriculture and Forestry engineering department head Mr Massoud Shaker said recently the annual rain season had started last month, with good falls. Up to 70 percent of the expected monthly average for October had been recorded.

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ne," said Shaker.

A month ago Transkei water officials were warning of a crisis situation. Schools were reported to be closing due to acute water shortages, hospitals and clinics were running out of water and hundreds of villages were without a regular supply.

Shaker said the level of Transkei's biggest dam outside Umata had recently risen from 16 percent to nearly 20 percent full. However, he warned it would take another three to six months of steady rain to replenish exhausted ground water supplies.

"It's a bit early to judge (the effect of the rain) but it's a good start. We will have to see what the rest of the year brings," he said.

All over Transkei stock dams that were previously bone dry now contain a small amount of water, and green vegetation was emerging which would also give protection to soil imperilled by erosion.

Transkei Drought Relief Programme coordinator Sindile Majokweni said grazing land was starting to improve but grass was still too short for cattle.

respects been a double-edged sword as many head of cattle, weakened by drought, died in the cold, wet weather.

Majokweni said a great problem now would be ploughing; as surviving cattle were too weak to do the work.

"We only hope the rain will keep going," he said.

The rain season is expected to last until December, followed by about two months of drought, and then a further three months of rain.

Shaker said many schools in the homeland

relied on water harvesting — collecting water in tanks — and it was now technically possible for them to cope, provided they collected water properly.

Many hospitals relied largely on water being pumped from nearby rivers and had been hit hard by the drought. But now, said Shaker, with water again running in rivers, supply problems should ease.

His department was focusing on long-term measures to ensure a sustainable water supply in the homeland. He said 40 stock dams had already been built and there were projects to build boreholes and other water supply facilities.

The department was also concentrating on labour intensive projects to provide work to those left without income due to the drought.

17 guilty for Transkei coup attempt

UMTATA. — Seventeen of the 18 men charged after the abortive Transkei coup of November 1990 were found guilty in the Supreme Court here on charges including treason, conspiracy to commit treason, murder and terrorism.

Msimelo Mpakati, who was alleged to have possessed arms used in the attempt, was found not guilty on the basis that the State had not proved beyond reasonable doubt that he had possessed the arms.

Vulindlela Mbotoli, who had plotted the downfall of the Transkei government from as far back as early 1989 and with increasing urgency until it cul-

minated in the attempt of November 1990, was convicted on 12 counts.

Mbotoli was convicted on one count of preparing to wage war, one count of treason and one count of conspiracy to commit treason during the period of February 1989 to July 1989 when a separate plot to kill or kidnap Transkei's military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, failed and resulted in the arrest of six men.

He was also convicted on another count of preparing to wage war, another count of treason and seven counts of murder related to the abortive coup and to preparations made

to topple the Transkei government in 1990.

Chief Justice C E L Beck said there was a wealth of evidence against Mbotoli. He rejected Mbotoli's claims that State witnesses had lied to implicate him and that he had been unaware of the coup attempt until hearing a radio report the following day.

Sabelo Wana, Pumelelo Gumengu, Lungelo Mbotoli and Mazizi Ntisana were each convicted on one count of preparing to wage war, one count of treason and seven counts of murder.

The hearing was postponed to today. — Sapa.

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to council

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — The Ciskei government said yesterday the homeland could be dismantled only through bilateral negotiations with South Africa and not by the negotiating council.

"Although the SA government created the independent homelands by unilateral legislation, the effect was to establish sovereign states," Ciskei said.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said he had no objection to re-incorporation.

Holomisa appeal (103)

UMTATA. — Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa appealed to all South Africans yesterday to be prepared in case the government reneged on negotiated agreements. CT 3/12/93

He assured Transkeian public servants and security forces that the negotiating council had guaranteed all benefits accruing to them. — Sapa

Transkei prepares for incorporation into SA

UMTATA. — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has passed a decree in terms of which legislation hammered out by multi-party negotiators is to be incorporated into Transkeian law to allow for the homeland's reincorporation into South Africa. (103) CT 4/12/93

The incorporation of the acts into Transkei law will allow Transkeians to take part in the April 27 elections and ultimately lead to the unification of Transkei and South Africa in terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act. — Sapa

Public servants bail out

By SICELLO FAYO

LACK of direction and a clear policy on the part of Transkei's military government about the future of the homeland's administration during and after re-incorporation next year has triggered panic among senior state employees, some of whom resigned their jobs this week.

Hardest hit this week was the Transkei Broadcasting Corporation (TBC), where financial manager Andile Sangqu and newly appointed news department manager Clarence Kwinana tendered their resignations, stating they were unhappy with the situation in the homeland.

Transkei will be re-incorporated into SA after April 27 next year, but the question of what is likely to happen to its numerous state corporations — most of which duplicate central public services — is still not clear.

After re-incorporation, said a senior TBC manager who declined to be named,

the broadcasting corporation would have to either go private and seek finance elsewhere, or bow to a takeover by the SABC. *SI Times*

"Where do we fit in?" he asked. "In five months this station will probably be non-existent." *12/12/93*

Confirming the resignations, TBC personnel manager Fezile Dantile said employees in all Transkei state corporations were panicking. *(103)*

"We are all concerned. I know a number of senior guys in some of the parastatals who have revised and updated their CVs so they can look for greener pastures," Mr Dantile said.

He confirmed that three other senior TBC employees had resigned in the last six months.

Deputy director general of the Office of the Military Council, Mr S Gazi, said he was not aware of any resignations by managers at TBC or any other parastatals.

Tourism in Transkei slumps

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Transkei resort and hotel owners hope newly introduced convoys will help bring back business they lost after violence led to the homeland being declared a "no-go" area.

Christmas bookings at many hotels and resorts are meagre owing to the security situation.

"Bookings are very slow. In previous years we have been fully booked by December 4," said a spokesman for the Ocean View Hotel at Coffee Bay.

"This year our bookings only start on the 22nd. The general feeling in the area is that nobody is doing very well."

The recent introduction of armed escorts from Mount Currie Inn had "helped a little".

Taxi associations in the area were also concerned about the lack of tourists.

Mr Hugh Bland of the Mngazi River Bungalows south of Port St Johns said his resort was fully booked from December 20 until January 7.

He said people seemed to be travelling freely on the roads now and "there have been no incidents for a while".

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focus on justice

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EIGHTEEN MEN FACE stiff sentences — for trying to topple a “state” which will soon cease to exist.

On November 22 1990, they attempted to overthrow the Transkei military council. The abortive coup attempt, launched from South Africa, claimed 19 lives, including that of coup leader Craig Duli.

This week the two-year-long treason trial in the Umtata Supreme Court will wind up with the sentencing of the conspirators.

The accused, Sabelo Wana and 17 others, face long sentences after being found guilty on several of the 51 charges including treason, terrorism, preparing to wage war and murder.

Transkei attorney-general Chris Nel said the court would hear evidence in mitigation today, then move to sentencing.

But he added: “I wonder what will happen to the accused after April 27 1994.”

Draw parallels

Nel said he intends to draw parallels between this case and that of those sentenced for Chris Hani’s murder, since both were politically motivated.

During the trial itself a long tale of intrigue unfolded — with evidence from mistresses, state spies and accomplices in the plot.

There was some evidence of the South African connection — long alleged by Transkei — although none implicating senior officials of the SA Government.

Arising from the resentments of strongmen like ringleader Colonel Craig Duli and ousted paramount chief KD Matanzima, and masterminded by Butterworth businessman Vulindlela Mbotoli, the elaborate plot took shape at a string of clandestine meetings between July 1989 and November 1990.

In his 81-page judgment recently, Chief Justice CEL Beck outlined the “treasonable conspiracy” before focusing on the roles played by each of the accused.

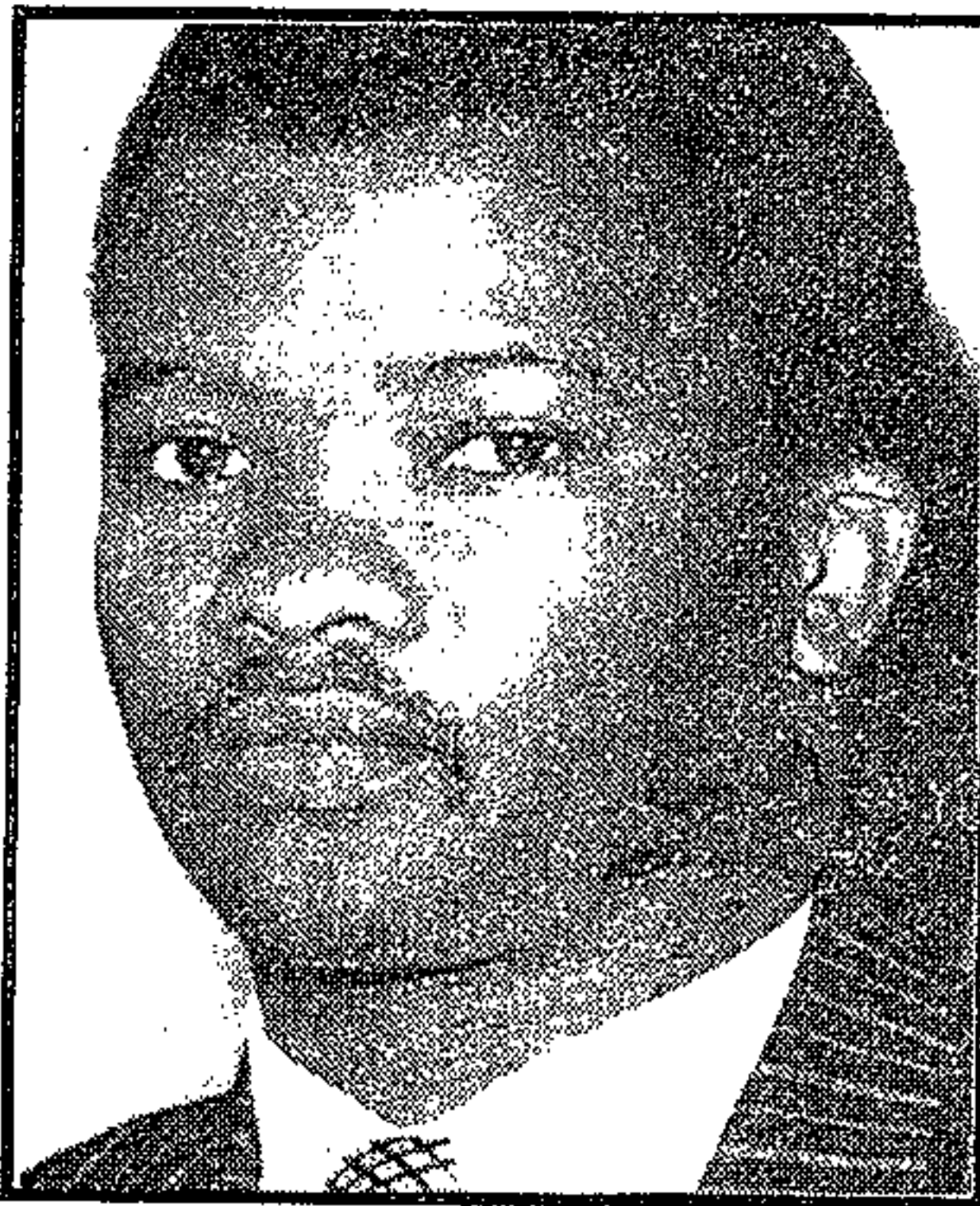
Their motivations spanned a wide spectrum. Former military council member Duli and Matanzima were keen to regain political power, while Mbotoli had financial grievances to settle with Holomisa’s government.

Eleven refugees from Lesotho were drawn into the plot by threats that their protection in Transkei was to be withdrawn, along with promises by Duli of support to overthrow the Lesotho government if they assisted in his plot.

Duli died during his bid for power when he was trapped and taken captive in the government’s Botha Sigcau Building. Holomisa’s personal aide, Major Mbulelo Xaba, testified he overheard Duli making a last-ditch appeal to South Africa to rescue them with helicopters.

Integral to the story is the question of South African security force support for the coup

As a two-year treason trial draws to a close, South African involvement in the Transkei coup attempt is confirmed but top SA officials are not implicated, reports the **East Cape News Agency**.



Major-General Bantu Holomisa

attempt.

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The training and many weapons were supplied in South Africa, while all preparations — to the last detail — took place on South African soil.

Mbotoli said he and others met a white man in Queenstown in 1989 who showed them how to use firearms such as the R1 rifle.

“Accused No 18 (Mbotoli) said the man was a South African soldier and he would supply weapons for them to use,” the judge said.

Advanced planning

An acquaintance of his, Cleopas “Schoolboy” Mazibuko, gave detailed evidence about advanced planning.

He said Mbotoli asked him to find men to kill or kidnap Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

“Mazibuko led Accused 18 (Mbotoli) to believe that this was being arranged and that he would also be able to arrange for a friend in the South African Security Police in Ladybrand to supply AK 47 and R1 rifles but that a downpayment of R250 000 would be required, to which Accused 18 was agreeable.

“Accused 18 told him that Chief KD Matanzima would take over the government and he confided that he had previously sent men from Nigel to assassinate Holomisa in July 1989 but that they had been arrested in Transkei.”

Three days later Mazibuko and others visited

Arising from the resentments of strongmen like ringleader Colonel Craig Duli and ousted paramount chief Kaizer Matanzima and masterminded by Butterworth businessman Vulindlela Mbotoli, the elaborate plot took shape at a string of clandestine meetings between July 1989 and November 1990

his friend in the South African security police to whom he revealed the plot. They subsequently visited an informer of the policeman in Umtata and returned with weapons as well as promises of additional weapons from the policeman.

But no evidence emerged in court incriminating top-level South African officials of involvement in the plot, as alleged by Holomisa and indicated by several sources in Umtata at that time.

It is likely the actions of such officials were seen as beyond the scope of this trial.

However, the long arm of the Transkei government reached far beyond its border to bring some of the accused to trial.

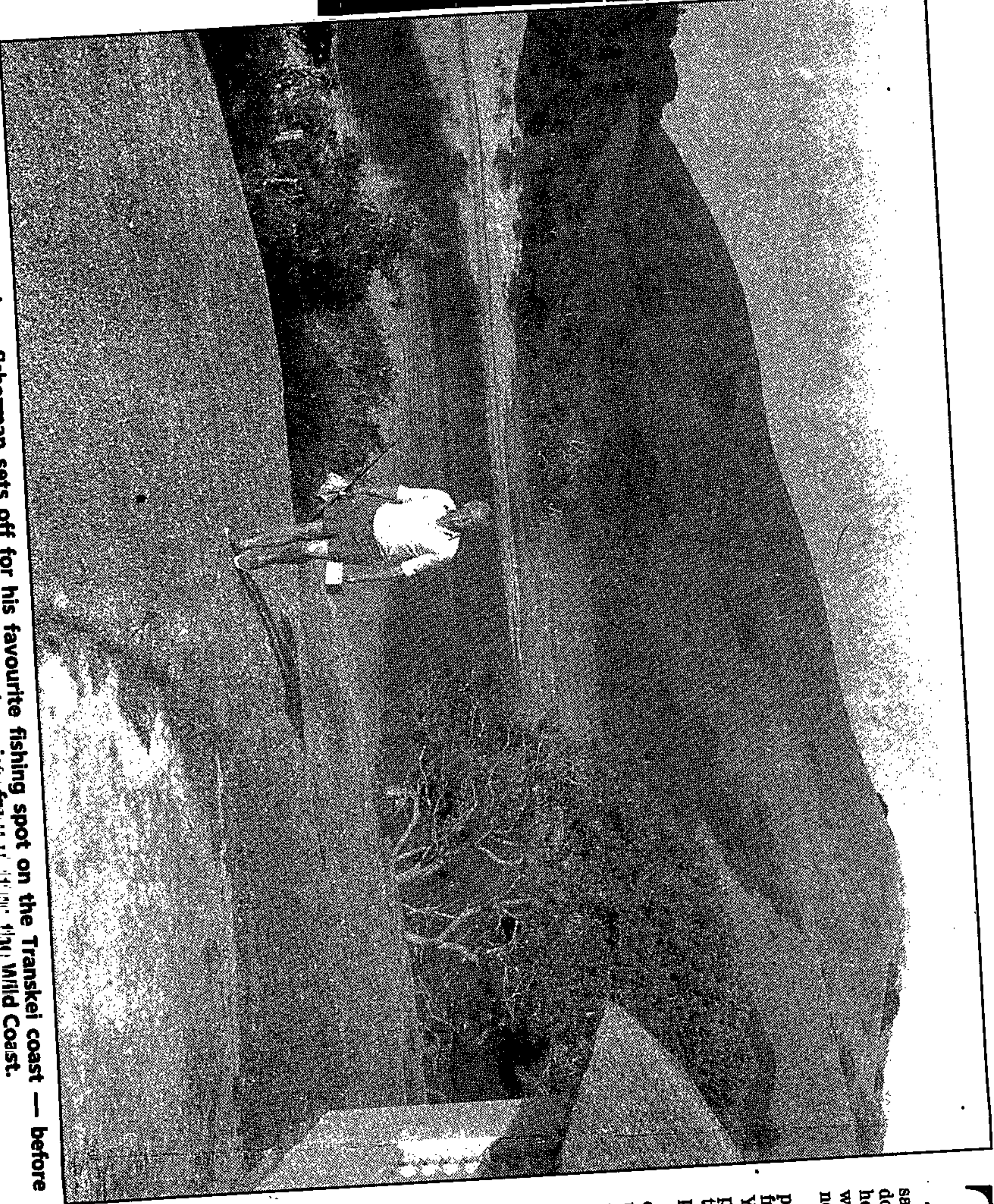
Mbotoli told the court he was kidnapped from Johannesburg in early 1991, around the time the Transkei government rushed through a decree legalising trials regardless of how the accused were brought to court.

In November 1991 Mbotoli was charged with the other accused. In October 1992 another coup suspect Vulindlela Shologu disappeared from South Africa and reappeared in custody in the Transkei capital.

As Johannesburg prepares to go on holiday, one destination its citizens are ignoring is Transkei's Wild Coast. Editor of The Star Peter Sullivan examines why and suggests an urgent search for solutions will benefit all South Africans

How Transkei learnt the painful way

Star 17/12/93



In days gone by . . . a lone fisherman sets off for his favourite fishing spot on the Transkei coast — before violence: poor roasts and incompetence discouraged tourists from the Wild Coast.

Transkei's Minister of Trade and Industry, of Tourism and Minister of Finance, Mkhumbuzi Titus, smiles: "We've learnt the hard way," he says. "The homeland policies, our way of doing affirmative action, did not work. I hope our lessons serve South Africa well when we are reincorporated. There is no need for you to learn them all over again."

Like eastern Europe, Transkei is experiencing painfully the problem of moving from autocratic rule to a market economy. You can't do it by handing over to untrained people. But you also can't allow oppressors to continue their wicked ways. And trained people are hard to find.

The Minister-until-April adds that the process of restructuring tourism and of planning the Wild Coast must start now. "We must get experts to design a structure and agree to it now."

According to a holiday brochure, "Transkei is the great escape. Fascinating traditions, endless unspoilt beaches, a fisherman's paradise, a diver's dream . . . In fact everything you've ever wanted . . ." Another pamphlet, even glossier, says: "Cosy family hotels, a glittering casino, magnificent nature reserves, untouched riverine forests and secluded beaches. They are all here, awaiting the moment of your arrival."

The problem is, nobody has arrived. Complacent South Africans still perceive the Wild Coast to be the problem of Transkeians. Soon we will all sit up and take interest: Transkei's law prohibiting non-Transkeians from owning land on the coast will be *ultra vires* in April as the Bill of Rights takes effect.

What do we want the Wild Coast to become? Another overdeveloped, crowded Natal south coast? Another exclusive, elitist north coast? Or is it too eco-precious to be spoilt by hordes of people? And there is titanium in the coast dunes. After St Lucia, this coast may become the next environmental battle ground.

Only three years ago you could not get a booking at Mkamabati Nature Reserve, the only game on the coast (after the casino)

to Natal. How many people are coming to Mkamabati this Christmas? None.

"But let me try to book for you," says a resigned (white) manageress. "I'll phone Umata now," she says. "They'll answer, say sorry it's full and slam the phone down. We have 88 beds and not one booking. It's a tragedy, that's what it is."

Privately run before, Mkamabati was taken underwriting by the incoming Transkei government, run adequately by one department, inadequately by another. In the shuffle nepotism, favouritism, and patronage killed it.

Umata's booking office says Mkamabati is full. So are Hluhluke and Dweese, according to Umata. "It is easier for them to say it is full than to take the trouble to make a booking," the woman explains.

One needs to see Hluhluke to believe an unspoilt tourist eco-paradise still exists. A private beach in view from the balcony. Some 15 km of unspoilt coast, where the law prohibits you moving a shell or even driftwood.

Easy to blame

Threepog log houses are three bedroomed, fully equipped for six people. Electricity runs from 6am to 10pm, crayfish bought at breakfast by the kilo, mostly for bait. You fish outside the reserve, five-minutes away.

Nobody is staying there this Christmas and New Year. But you can't get a booking. It would be so easy to blame blacks denied the privilege of education who look over from the privileged (and educated) whites, their lack of training dooming them unfairly to fail. Indeed, many whites use this easy, patronising and often racist excuse. But Transkei's Wild Coast is far, far more complex. The reasons it is empty are as many as its attractions.

One hotel manager says succinctly: "It's the violence." He is right, to an extent. Our pilot points to a military training base. Whose? Apla? Transkei Defence Force? Umkhonto? He shrugs, not knowing or caring.

Transkei tourism's *mbongi* or praise-singer is public relations man Clive Berryer. "Less than 10 South Africans died here this year,"

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he says earnestly, "and only two were political. The bloody raid did the rest of the damage to perceptions."

He is the Mr Fixit, trying desperately to coo lure tourists out of an empty hat. Bureaucracy is blamed. Parastatal hotels must complete four forms and scrutiny to get permission to buy a fax.

But at the parastatal Kob Inn, possibly the coast's most sought-after holiday address, a go-getting manager says: "If they want ten forms I give them four forms. If they need ten signatures I go to Umata and wait outside their offices till they sign."

Another manager blames the roads. Roads are bad, but better than before. And before, the ins were full. Violence, roads, the economy, bureaucracy, nepotism, incompetence. But at Umgazi River Bungalows, all is bus- the. Recently bought by Pat Goss, it will be full for Christmas.

Is private ownership the answer? It certainly works: Seagulls, Tremeries, Wavecrest, the Wild Coast Sun are "working". But Emboyi, Mazepa Bay and Hole-in-the-Wall are privately owned and . . . closed! It is cheaper to keep them closed, owners claim.

There are at least four groups of resorts. Firstly, government owned and managed — all these are empty and running down fast. Secondly, parastatals. Of the three, Koh Inn works because of a tough manager, but The Haven and Coffee Bay are drowning in paperwork, frustration and incompetence.

Thirdly, private reserves: Umgazi and the Wild Coast Sun are doing best but others look like winning. Seagulls, Wavecrest, Tremeries. Some are closed.

Fourth are the privately leased cottages, about 300 of them. Wonderful but too few and too privately-owned to be considered a tourist resource. There is also underdeveloped land.

Next year Transkei will be in South Africa. Will we have learnt the lesson the Minister says he hopes we do not all have to re-peat? Far better to start an active search now to find solutions to the multitude of problems bedeviling our wildest and probably most beautiful coast.

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Police bid to follow leads in Transkei

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — Police are considering making a request to Transkei leader Major-General Holomisa for the Heidelberg Tavern killings investigation team to be allowed into the state to follow up certain leads. *Star 3/1/94*

Deputy regional commissioner of police in charge of crime combating and investigations General Nic Snyman said today the possibility of making the request followed an interview with Holomisa. (103)

In the interview, Holomisa said that if it was proved that the purported attackers were hiding in his territory, Transkei would co-operate for their extradition.

He urged the police to file documents with the Department of Foreign Affairs for their extradition.

Snyman said today it would be impossible to file extradition papers before police had established the correct names and addresses of those sought. Police would also need to obtain photographs of those sought.

"To do this we need to follow up certain leads."

If the fugitives were in South Africa, certain procedures would be followed. "But in this case, we cannot follow normal procedures," he said.

"We recognise the independence of Transkei and because of this, we are considering making a request for the investigation team to be allowed into Transkei. We need to follow up the leads ourselves," said Snyman.

Four people died in the attack on the Heidelberg Tavern late on Thursday night and six

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people were injured.

Following the attack, police released an identikit picture of one of the alleged attackers which bore an uncanny resemblance to an identikit of one of the men involved in the St James's Church massacre in Kenilworth in July last year.

At the weekend, Snyman was quoted as saying police had known for some time who was responsible for the St James's Church massacre but they could do nothing because the killers enjoyed the protection of Holomisa.

Clarifying this today, Snyman said that the police had information as to the identities of certain suspects wanted in connection with the church killings. This information needed to be confirmed.

Holomisa has denied that the suspects enjoyed his protection, saying he was surprised the police had been hiding this information. (103)

In the latest development in the Heidelberg Tavern investigation, police liaison officer Captain Wicus Holtzhausen confirmed the owner had received threats before the attack.

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'Worrying' use of Transkei as haven for SA criminals

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SUSAN RUSSELL

TRANSKEI was a haven for criminals of all kinds and the "running sore" of SA law enforcement, Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said yesterday.

Kotze was responding to a report in an Afrikaans Sunday newspaper which said although police knew the identity of the gunmen who had carried out attacks in Cape Town, apparently including those who murdered four people in an Observatory bar, they could not act as the suspects had fled to Transkei and were thus outside the SAP's jurisdiction. (103)

In the report, senior Western Cape police officer Gen Nic Snyman was quoted as saying he was satisfied that the investigation into the St James Church massacre in Cape Town was closed as far as the identification of the killers was concerned.

The police also had enough information to arrest suspects in the case of the attack on Stakes Restaurant in Claremont in December 1992.

Snyman also told the newspaper he was "satisfied" with the progress of the Heidelberg bar investigation.

However, he said there were "circumstances" which prevented police from acting against these suspects.

Western Cape police spokesman Capt Wikus Holtzhausen said yesterday that no arrests had been made yet in connection with Thursday's attack on the Heidelberg in Observatory, in which four people were killed and six injured, but investigators were still questioning people in connection with it.

Yesterday's report said, however, that the police were not able to arrest suspects who took refuge in Transkei, outside SAP jurisdiction.

Kotze said he was not in a position to comment on the details reported in the interview with Snyman.

He said, however, that the problem of criminals using Transkei as a haven was worrying, and one could only hope that it would be addressed once the TBVC states were reincorporated into SA.

Extradition treaties exist with all the TBVC territories and where there was proof that a crime had been committed in SA, a request for extradition could be made.

Meanwhile, observer missions of the UN, OAU and Commonwealth yesterday said in a joint statement they hoped the new SA would emerge in an atmosphere of peace, understanding and tolerance.

"The observer missions welcome the call of those leaders who have already encouraged their followers to reject violence and work towards making 1994 a period in which an atmosphere is created so that free and fair elections can be held and reconciliation and consolidation pursued."

They said the world's attention would be focused on SA's elections. "This transition may well be one of the most notable historical events of this century."

They called on all South Africans to put past bitterness behind them and rededicate themselves to the principles of the national peace accord.

Holomisa denies protecting killers

Sowetan 31/1/94

TRANSKEI'S military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday refuted police claims that the attackers of Cape Town's Heidelberg Tavern and St James Church were enjoying his protection in Transkei.

The claims were carried by the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper *Rapport* yesterday after its interview with Western Cape police officer General Nic Snyman.

"The police have long known who was responsible for the St James attack in Kenilworth, Cape Town — and apparently also for the attack in Observatory (the tavern incident).

"But the murderers sit and laugh at them while they enjoy the protection of military dictator Holomisa," *Rapport* quoted Snyman as saying.

Holomisa promised to co-operate for their extradition if it was proved that the attackers

were hiding in his territory.

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"What you can predict is that they (police) are going to mislead their politicians and request permission to conduct so-called military cross-border raids and kill innocent people as they have done recently.

Holomisa said he would refer the matter to his legal adviser to see whether Snyman had personalised it around his name.

● In another reaction, the African National Congress said that police failure to report to either the Goldstone Commission or the Transitional Executive Council showed that the claims were a mere propaganda offensive against Holomisa. — *Sapa*

Transkei calls for justice for Kerzner

TRANSKEI has asked the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) to help in bringing to justice people allegedly involved in corruption in the territory, including hotel magnate Sol Kerzner. **BIDAM 5/11/94**

Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said in a letter to the TEC secretariat yesterday that his government was compiling a list of people involved in corruption-related transgressions, some of whom had been convicted and who had fled to SA.

Asked if the list included Kerzner, Holomisa said: "He is also included."

Transkei issued warrants of arrest for Kerzner, a former Sun International CE, and Cape Town attorney David Bloomberg in 1990. The men were wanted on charges

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of bribery or corruption and fraud following the alleged payment of R2m to former Transkei prime minister George Matanzima in exchange for exclusive gambling rights for Sun International. **(103)**

Holomisa also called on the TEC to persuade President F W de Klerk to furnish statements on last October's SADF raid on a house in Umtata.

The Transkei leader also claimed the abortive 1990 coup in Transkei had been plotted on SA soil on a farm near Queens-town and that a 1987 Transkei Defence Force attack on the Ciskei had been the

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brainchild of the SADF.

The Transkei government was seeking compensation for the families of those killed in these incidents. **(103)**

"The TEC is urged to look into the matter with the view to finalising all claims before a new government is in place."

Holomisa also criticised the SADF's view at a meeting of the country's armed formations last week that a national peacekeeping force be composed of 3 000

men instead of the proposed 10 000, and its refusal to supply the force with equipment.

"The Transkei government is of the opinion that the current bilateral and multilateral talks among the armies are an exercise in futility and should be shifted to the subcouncils on defence and law and order who in turn should keep the TEC informed at all times."

Kerzner could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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T'kei pressure on Kerzner

Own Correspondent

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Holomisa rejects Kriel's call for joint probe of massacre

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■ STAFF REPORTER

Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has rejected a call for a joint Transkei-SAP investigation into last week's Heidelberg Tavern attack in Cape Town.

He turned down the proposal yesterday shortly after Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel had claimed police had established a direct link between the killers and Transkei.

"The Heidelberg Tavern and other attacks could indeed have been planned and executed from Transkei."

Calling for a joint investigation "as a matter of extreme urgency", the

Minister said ballistic tests had proved some of the weapons used had also been used in the St James Church massacre last year.

Both Kriel and Transkei have called for the intervention of the Transitional Executive Council.

The Minister said the TEC urgently needed to advise how suspects taking refuge in independent states should be dealt with.

Holomisa urged the TEC to appoint an independent investigation team, comprised of foreigners only.

He denied that the latest attack had been launched from his territory.

The SAP has detained two people, apparently members of the PAC's military wing, the Azanian People's Liberation Army (Apla), for questioning.

PAC spokesman Don Qusheka said the duo had been denied access to attorneys or medical practitioners.

PAC Cape regional chairman Theo Mabusela and Cape regional organiser Nkosinathi Siyolo were detained on Monday in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Lawyers for Human Rights national director of litigations Ahmed Motala slammed the use of Section 29, "especially in light of the recent deci-

sion by the Negotiating Forum to scrap this law".

"One expects the SAP to investigate the matter and have sufficient evidence before detaining people. The purpose of Section 29 is solely for interrogation and it is abhorrent," he said.

Sapa reports PAC chief negotiator Patricia de Lille said it was unethical for Kriel to claim a link between the Heidelberg pub attack and the St James Church massacre before anyone had been arrested, charged or convicted in either matter.

■ A meeting between Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee and the PAC and Apla is in the pipeline.

Probe sparks new row with Transkei

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The SAP investigation into last week's Heidelberg Tavern attack has sparked a new row between Transkei leader Gen Bantu Holomisa and Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel. **BIDOM**

Kriel said yesterday that a "major breakthrough" had shown the attack, in which four people were killed, was probably planned and launched from Transkei. Ballistic tests proved that the same weapons had been used in the Heidelberg and St James church attacks. **6/11/94**

"Investigations have established a direct link between the perpetrators of the Heidelberg Tavern atrocity and the territory of Transkei," Kriel said. **(103)**

He called on Transkei to join the SAP on an investigative team and urged Holomisa to suspend the usual "rigid and formal process of extradition".

He asked the TEC to examine urgently "the problem of dealing with suspects who take refuge in independent states".

Holomisa accused Kriel of embarking on a "media war" against his government.

After the Umtata raid last year, in which five PAC suspects were killed by SA security forces, a task force of police and foreign affairs officials was formed to improve communications and help investigations. This task force had not been informed of the "major breakthrough", Holomisa said. Nor had a hotline between the SA and Transkei police commissioners been used.

Holomisa claimed Kriel was using Transkei and the PAC as scapegoats for the attacks.

He called on the TEC to appoint an independent investigation team, with no Transkei or SA representatives, to look into the attacks.

Transkei detainee names SA officers in 'confession'

East London — South African policemen and soldiers allegedly responsible for last year's South African raid on Umtata have been named in a "confession" by a man detained in Transkei.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday released details of Nzuzo Matiwane's confession. He was detained in Transkei just days after the raid on October 19, in which five youths died in an attack on an alleged PAC house.

It is the latest in an ongoing war of words between Holomisa and the South African Government in the wake of claims that men responsible for two terror attacks in Cape Town are being sheltered in the Transkei.

The confession was made to a magistrate at Ngqeleni in the

Transkei on December 8, Holomisa said.

Among those Matiwane names are two policemen: Sergeant Butler Tungatha and Warrant-Officer Mike Jordaan. (103)

Tungatha is based at Louis le Grange Square in Port Elizabeth and Jordaan is with the security police in Queenstown.

Picked up

Others named are a Major Niewoudt, a Colonel Brown, a Warrant-Officer Jama, Johan Dames, David Batalie and a Captain Butler.

Holomisa said Matiwane's confession states that on the day of the attack, these officers were picked up by two men, named as Warrant-Officer Grant Fourie

and Andre Knoesen.

Matiwane had claimed that the group landed at the South African embassy in Umtata. Niewoudt had driven a minibus with false number plates.

Matiwane said the group returned to the embassy after the attack. He alleged the weapons used by the attackers had been fitted with silencers. He claimed he was recruited by Tungatha as an informer.

Last year, a top Ciskei government source alleged Tungatha was involved in identifying individuals opposed to Ciskei ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo in the vicinity of Port Elizabeth.

Tungatha could not be reached for comment yesterday.

— Ecna.

ANC votes under threat in Transkei

Although Transkei is an African National Congress stronghold, the organisation stands to lose votes there unless it sorts out the disputes that plague its local office, reports **Andrew Trench**

THE African National Congress in Transkei — regarded as a powerbase for the organisation — is in tatters and most of its top leaders have been ousted in a bid to stem the crisis.

This week the organisation confirmed the contents of a report of visits by ANC deputy secretary general Jacob Zuma to the region in September and October.

The report — scathingly critical of the ANC in Transkei — was leaked to the Eastern Cape News Agency.

The East Cape News Agencies has a copy of the report which details an ANC mired by organisational ineptitude, lack of administration, and describes a leadership fraught with rival factions.

ANC Transkei media officer Nat Serache this week confirmed the Zuma visit. He said he had not seen the report, but confirmed its accuracy.

He added: "If it were not for that document we would not have gone to the press about these problems. We do not want to wash our dirty linen in public."

But he added the ANC was not trying to "sweep anything under the carpet".

The report warned that if the ANC's problems in Transkei were not sorted out it could face a disaster in the elections.

In the homeland the ANC could be "assured of a near 100 percent of the votes and yet we stand to lose this support unless some drastic remedial steps are taken", the

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report warned.

It also disclosed that the Transkei ANC started off last year with a debt of R100 000 and "no money in the bank". An inquiry had been launched to probe financial maladministration.

Serache said the inquiry had not yet produced a report on the financial problems.

The report revealed what it termed "opportunism, especially among the elite who try to wrongly influence the ANC".

But last month drastic steps were taken. At the ANC regional congress only one executive member in the top five posts survived.

Among those ousted were chairman and Umkhonto weSizwe veteran David Ndawonde and secretary Fezile Bhengu.

Mlungisi Ndamase, who resigned from the regional executive congress last year in protest over the crisis, was elected the new chairman. Serache says the ANC is now "very optimistic" that the problems will be solved.

Responding to criticism that there was an authoritarian leadership style, Serache said: "We are now beginning to get down to the people to end this thing of dealing with people by remote control," Serache said.

Serache himself also resigned early last year because of the situation, but was later persuaded to reconsider his decision.

He conceded there was "obvious" concern at a national level over the situation.

Serache has been publicly critical of the Transkei ANC. Shortly before the crucial regional congress he wrote an article in the ANC newspaper, *Iitha*, which he edits, attacking the organisation's "complacency and inactivity".

He criticised the Transkei ANC for failing to capture the imagination of potential voters outside its ranks. Attempts to contact Zuma for comment were unsuccessful — Ecna

Post mortem reveals brutality of SADF raid

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Seventy shots were pumped into the bodies of five children during the SADF's Umtata raid last year. **Farouk Chothia** reports

THE savagery of the South African Defence Force cross-border raid against an alleged Apla base in Umtata in October last year, in which five schoolchildren were killed, is revealed in the post mortem report.

The 80-page post-mortem report shows:

- At least 70 shots were fired into the bodies of the five, who were aged between 12 and 17.

- The five victims suffered bullet wounds in several parts of their bodies — including the penis, chin, head, chest, abdomen, legs and arms.

- Twenty-three bullets were fired into the body of the youngest victim, Sandiso Yose. It appears he was killed "execution style", as one bullet had hit him between the eyes.

- His twin brother, Sadat, had been shot 16 times.

- Samora Mpendulo (16) had been shot 11 times, including in the penis, head and chest.

The release of the report comes against the backdrop of two other embarrassing developments related to the massacre for President FW de Klerk — and it could be an albatross around his neck as he projects a "Mr Clean" image in a bid to win votes for the April elections.

Transkei military ruler Major General Bantu Holomisa called on the Transitional Executive Council on Tuesday to urge De Klerk to cooperate with Transkeian police in the investigations, claiming that South African authorities are refusing to do so.

And earlier, an Umtata lawyer said he would sue De Klerk and cabinet ministers for "emotional shock" caused to relatives as a result of the killing of the children.

The lawyer for the families, ex-Robben Islander Dumisa Ntsebeza, told the *Mail & Guardian* this week that, according to the report, "Sadat also had lots of wounds on his left arm — from the wrist to the elbow. It seems he had raised his hand to ward off the bullets. There were also lacerations on his small finger and thumb."

The post mortem was conducted at the state mortuary in Umtata last October and was observed by a lecturer in forensic medicine at the University of Natal, Dr SB Akoojee, on the instructions of Ntsebeza.

Ntsebeza said the post mortem report vindicated their claims at the time of the massacre that the children were shot in cold-blood and had been unarmed.

Captain Craig Kotze, a spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, said he could not comment on the post mortem report as he had not yet studied it. However, he said it was impossible in international law to sue De Klerk because the latter had acted within the limits of his authority. The president had, in addition, not issued the order to kill.

However, he added that the force used by the SADF in the raid was "completely justified" as a "confirmed Apla facility" had been attacked.

Holomisa seems determined to bring the culprits of the massacre to justice. In a statement to the TEC on Tuesday, he complained that Transkeian police were not receiving the cooperation of South African authorities.

"We request the TEC to use their good offices to persuade De Klerk and his appropriate ministers to furnish statements on this tragic event to the Transkei police," said Holomisa.

Kotze declined to comment on Holomisa's request as it would pre-empt any decision taken by the TEC.

Ntsebeza said that South Africa authorities had still not handed over the weapons used in the raid to their Transkei counterparts. He said the weapons were urgently needed for forensic tests and South Africa's refusal to hand them over indicated a "cover-up".

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Transkei raid: Suspects listed

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TRANSKEI yesterday named 11 South African security force members, alleging they were involved in last October's controversial cross-border raid on an Umtata house in which four youths were killed.

The details are contained in a letter by Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa to the Transitional Executive Council (TEC), asking it to pressure the South African government into co-operating with the Transkei police investigation into the October 1993 raid.

The letter claimed they used three vehicles, changed number plates at the South African embassy in Umtata and went back there after the killings before returning to South Africa.

The claims are based on a confession by Mr Nzuzo Matiwane, allegedly involved in the raid and currently being held in detention in the homeland.

Gen Holomisa said his govern-

11 security force men are named

ment would allow international observers to interview the detainee to corroborate his allegations.

He also said the TEC's investigation into the raid would "help a great deal to verify the authenticity or otherwise of this confession".

Mr Matiwane was arrested by Transkei police on October 19, 11 days after the controversial raid, said at the time to have been conducted by the SA Defence Force.

In his confession, he said he had worked with the South African security forces since 1985 and alleged he was recruited by Sergeant B Tungatha of the security branch in Port Elizabeth to work

for him as an informer on the United Democratic Front.

He said Sgt Tungatha also participated in the raid.

The others named were: A Colonel Brown, a Major Niewoudt, a Warrant Officer Jama, Warrant Officers Mike Jordaan, Johan Dames and David Batalie, a Captain Buttler, Warrant Officer Grant Fourie and Warrant Officer Andre Knoesen.

● In a short statement yesterday, an SADF spokeswoman denied the allegations which, she said, contained factual errors.

She said she was unable to confirm or deny that the names in the affidavit were indeed members of the security forces.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Major-General Leon Mellet also declined to say whether Mr Matiwane was a police informant.

A spokesman for the South African embassy in Umtata, Dr David Bezuidenhout, said: "As I have stated before, we were never involved in the planning or execution of the raid." — Political Staff, Sapa

Umtata youths shot 'execution-style'

JOHANNESBURG. — South African soldiers fired at least 70 bullets when they killed five youths in a raid on a house in Umtata last year.

A post-mortem report in the hands of the lawyer of the victims' families states that the body of the youngest victim had 23 bullet wounds. Fourteen bullets were recovered from his body.

The lawyer, Mr Dimisa Nisebeza, said the 12-year-old youth had been shot in the chin, chest and between the eyes.

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"This is execution-style in my view," he said in a telephone interview from Umtata.

The way in which the youths had been shot did not suggest the party had intended taking prisoners, he said. The sole intention of the soldiers appeared to have been to search and destroy.

Another two of the victims had 16 and 11 bullet wounds, respectively.

An SA Defence Force spokesman declined yesterday to comment on "the results of the post-mortem on victims of the SADF raid on a PAC facility in Umtata".

He said the SADF had not yet received the report.

Mr Nisebeza said he would claim damages for the victims' families from the South African government and the SADF.

Approached for comment on the post-mortem results yesterday, Transkei military ruler Major-General Holomisa said he was not surprised by the results.

"We saw the pictures of the victims in the papers and it was clear that the guys (soldiers) just went out on a shooting spree," he said. — Sapa

Transkei 'not arming' Apla

TIM COHEN

TRANSKEI military leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa yesterday dismissed reports that Apla killers in recent attacks on civilians had been armed by the Transkei Defence Force (TDF). He threatened to sue the newspaper concerned. **B/DOM**

Holomisa was commenting on a report in yesterday's Rapport, which said SA-manufactured R-4 rifles belonging to the TDF had been used countrywide in a number of attacks on civilians. **10/11/94**

The report was a continuation of a political campaign against him, Holomisa said, describing the allegations as "garbage".

It was not inconceivable that the weapons used in certain civilian attacks were the ones stolen from the TDF last year, he said. In total, 33 R-4s were stolen from the TDF's stores and the incident, including

the registration numbers of the guns, was reported to the SA Police.

Arrests were made in connection with the theft, he said, but attempts by the Transkei administration to be included in the investigation were flatly rejected.

Holomisa again rejected the allegation that Apla members were issued weapons by the TDF in terms of an agreement between the Transkei administration and Apla, which also entailed the training of 500 TDF members by Apla. **(103)**

The agreement, allegedly signed by two top TDF commanders Gen T T Matanzima and Brig E R Kheswa in 1991, was reported in Newsweek on January 4 last year, Rapport said. Holomisa said no such agreement was ever entered into.

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Ciskei joins TEC

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CISKEI will join the Transitional Executive Council, homeland ruler Brigadier Oupa Gqozo announced yesterday.

Gqozo said: "We as an administration have decided we must participate in the Transitional Executive Council."

The announcement flies in the face of the position adopted by his allies in the Freedom Alliance, which has refused to take part in the TEC. This comes after he broke ranks with his allies over the election too, promising to participate.

The Ciskei ruler, addressing chiefs, headmen and members of his African Democratic Movement, stressed however that the ADM would still have to take a position on the TEC.

He said negotiators from his defence force had been warned in negotiations to integrate South Africa's armed forces that if Ciskei did not participate in the TEC, after the elections it would be regarded as an "unauthorised army".

This had spurred the decision to participate. (103)

"We must do our best to safeguard the interests of the civil service and the continuity for people who have jobs in this country," Gqozo said.

A government spokesman said yesterday that the move did not signal a split within the FA.

"In fact Brigadier Gqozo is at pains to ensure that nothing he or the Ciskeian government does weakens the position of the FA.

The announcement coincides with Ciskei's confirmation that it would send 250 soldiers to the National Peacekeeping Force. — Ecna.

Transkei to help probe tavern attack

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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — The Transkei police force had agreed to assist the SAP in its investigation into the Heidelberg Tavern attack in Cape Town, the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) was told yesterday (103)

Both police commissioners would cooperate and re-examine extradition laws. TEC intervention, together with its consent to conduct further investigations into last year's SADF raid in Umtata, appears to have eased hostility between Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and Transkei leader, Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa.

The TEC was told that the commissioners would meet soon and a joint investigation would begin immediately.

Sapa reports that Cape Town police said an 11th man had been detained in connection with the attack.

The TEC also asked the Independent Electoral Commission to frame a code to monitor the use of governments' and administrations' funds in election campaigns.

The R22m advertising campaign on the new constitution would be overseen by a TEC committee in conjunction with government's SA Communication Service.

The TEC agreed the Electoral Act, stating the regulations and rules for the elections, would come into effect on Friday.

Prof Walter Kamba of Zimbabwe, R K C de Silva of Sri Lanka, Ron Gould of Canada, Amare Teckle of Eritrea, and Gay McDougall of the US were appointed international observers on the commission.

Holomisa wants 'Umtata killers' from Govt via TEC

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POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has asked the Transitional Executive Council to pressure the Government and SAP into handing over "alleged murderers" who took part in the SADF raid on an Umtata house last year.

His letter follows a TEC instruction on Tuesday that the two police forces use existing channels of communication to co-operate on the investigation into the Heidelberg Tavern mas-

sacre in Cape Town.

Holomisa said the Transkei police commissioner had told him that the homeland police were not getting any co-operation from the SAP in their investigation into the raid, in which five youths were killed.

"The Transkei police have opened murder dockets and would like to obtain statements from South Africans alleged to have been involved in the Northcrest raid but, up to now, they have got no co-operation," he said.

The matter would also be raised with the SAP

when it visited Umtata in connection with the Heidelberg massacre.

Holomisa said that when Transkei police handed over a murder suspect, Wellington Siculo Mbili, to the SAP in Port Shepstone last year, he was "shot dead by the SAP".

Transkei citizens were waiting to see what decision the TEC would take, he said.

The matter is expected to be discussed at Monday's meeting of the TEC management committee.

Sapa reports that a SAP general and two of-

ficers will travel to Transkei this week for a joint investigation with Transkei police officers into terror attacks allegedly launched from the homeland.

The SAP said Major-General Krappie Engelbrecht would be accompanied to Transkei by Cape Town Murder and Robbery Unit's Major Dave Segal and Colonel Johan Naude of Pretoria.

The joint investigation follows Minister of Law and Order, Hernus Kriel's appeal to the TEC to persuade Holomisa to allow SAP officers into the homeland.

Transkei wants SADF raiders

PRETORIA. — Transkei yesterday requested the TEC to pressurise the South African government into handing over the SA Defence Force members who took part in the Umtata raid last year in which five youths were shot dead. **CT 13/1/94**

"The TEC is being watched by the Transkei public whether it will be able to pressure the RSA government and the SA Police into handing over the alleged murderers who took part in the Umtata raid," Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said in a letter to the TEC. — Sapa

End to war:

Transkei PAC

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UMTATA. — The PAC's central Transkei region expressed shock and disgust yesterday at what it termed the PAC's unilateral decision, announced on Sunday, to suspend its armed struggle.

PAC regional secretary Mr Mfanelo Skwatsha said the move was not in line with national conference resolutions taken in Umtata last year.

"The conference mandated the PAC leadership to negotiate a mutual cessation of hostilities with the regime. This move is nothing but capitulation and renegation on the part of the PAC leadership," Mr Skwatsha said.

He called for a special conference for the PAC leadership to explain its decision.

The PAC's deputy president yesterday dismissed anonymous telephone calls, purporting to come from Apla, that denounced the PAC's decision to end the armed struggle.

Mr Johnson Mlambo, said in a statement the names used by the callers were unknown to the PAC. He suggested "security agencies" were responsible for the calls. — Staff Reporter and Sapa

Five hotels hit market in Transkei

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FIVE Transkei hotels belonging to the Transkei Development Corporation are up for grabs — but none of the major hotel groups will be booking in.

The Transkei Development Corporation is looking for operators to take over the running of five hotels on the scenic Transkei coast on long lease, general manager Mike Lewis said this week.

The hotels are Second Beach at Port St Johns, the Ocean View and The Lagoon, both at Coffee Bay, and The Haven and the Kob Inn on the south coast.

Mr Lewis said "local operators" had shown interest in taking over the running of the Second Beach. The TDC was also negotiating with the management of the Kob Inn to take over running the hotel.

The hotels could be taken over singly or as part of a package, "provided this does

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not disrupt current negotiations".

Some of the hotels needed upgrading. The Lagoon has not been operational "for some years" and would need an investment of R5 million to get going again, he estimated.

Upgrading the other hotels would be less expensive, though the Second Beach was also not operating.

Insecurity in the area and the economic slump had hit occupancy rates, especially in 1993. "But we are sure the hotels can take off again."

Mr Lewis said the hotels should be run in such a way as to benefit the local community, by creating jobs and buying local produce.

Lease payments could be turnover related, and pitched at two to three percent of turnover. On a hotel with 150 beds at R150 a bed, maximum turn-

over would be about R200 000 a month, he said.

"Access is one of the biggest problems", Mr Lewis said. Operators might consider flying clients in from other areas as roads were often unreliable.

Though Transkei would be integrated into South Africa after the elections, this should not create a problem. The TDC would probably be succeeded by an Eastern Cape Regional Development Bank, which would honour contracts entered into by the TDC.

Major hotel chains questioned this week were unenthusiastic.

The financial director of one prominent chain said he did not think any of the bigger hotel groups would be interested. "The investor would have to spend a lot of money on the hotels. Apparently they are rather run down. Many hotel

groups have recently spent on refurbishments and redevelopment and wouldn't want to spend more money on a speculative deal."

Investment in the area was risky. But, he said, smaller operators might be interested.

Sun International managing director Peter Bacon said he could not comment until he had more details of the hotels. But he did not think Sun International would be interested.

He said the group preferred to focus on the Wild Coast resort, which was a successful gaming resort with 450 beds.

Nick Seewer, regional manager of Orient Express Hotels, said his group looked only for "very special" hotels with historical value. In the current economic situation, he said, Orient Express was not looking to expand investments in South Africa.

"When things start going well again, we might think of it, but then we'd probably go for something in Johannesburg rather than in the Transkei."

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Honorary degree for Holomisa

Umtata — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa received an honorary doctorate in humanities from South-eastern University in Washington yesterday.

General Holomisa said bestowal of the doctorate had "come as a bolt from the blue" (103)

"I have no reason to treat it as a personal honour and achievement, but as sterling recognition of the critical role played by the military government and the people of Transkei in strengthening the hand of democratic forces in their relentless endeavours of spearheading the final demise of apartheid," he said. — Sapa.

PAC branch in Transkei hits back

JOHANNESBURG. — The Pan-Africanist Congress' Butterworth branch yesterday barred its national working committee from any activities in the area.

In a statement, PAC Butterworth chairman Mr Twasile Mbandazayo said the step followed the suspension of the armed struggle and three senior PAC members by the working committee.

"We are surprised the working committee has failed dismally and tragically to observe proper lines of communication between senior organs of the party and other structures."

Mr Mbandazayo claimed there was a "malicious propaganda campaign" to oust suspended national publicity director Mr Waters Toboti before elections.

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Last week, the PAC suspended Mr Toboti, central Transkei regional secretary Mr Mfanelo Skwatsha and Azanian National Youth Union member Mr Chargin Mabaso for criticising the PAC's suspension of its armed struggle. — Sapa

Open revolt in PAC Transkei branches

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East London — PAC branches across Transkei have come out in open revolt against the party leadership over the decision to suspend the armed struggle.

Transkei PAC central publicity secretary Pasika Nontshiza warned yesterday that the situation was "explosive" in Transkei, the organisation's second biggest support base. (103)

However, PAC deputy president Johnson Mlambo said yesterday he had visited Umtata at the weekend and he would be surprised if the situation was serious.

Nontshiza said branches from several Transkei regions had invited leading official Mkhangile Skwatsha to officiate at a meeting in Umtata on Sunday in di-

rect defiance of the party leadership's decision to suspend him for criticising the decision on the armed struggle.

This comes in the wake of a decision by the Butterworth branch to bar members of the PAC's national working committee from any activities in the area. Butterworth is near the Kentani home of Waters Toboti, also suspended by the PAC last month for denouncing the suspension of the armed struggle.

While dissent within the party leadership seems to be spreading, it is difficult to assess exactly how widespread it is.

Mlambo said the suspension of Skwatsha and Toboti would be dealt with through party channels. — Eena.

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**Peacekeeping
force training
only blacks
— Holomisa**

Umtata — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa claims white soldiers have not been included for training in the National Peacekeeping Force.

In a statement yesterday, Holomisa said he was shocked that the SA Defence Force had dispatched only black soldiers to the NPKF (103)

He said the only whites involved in the force's training were instructors.

He called for the NPKF to reflect South Africa's national character.

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■ The Afrikaner Volksfront said yesterday it was shocked by reports from reliable sources that a large segment of the NPKF had been heard chanting "Kill the Boer, kill the farmer" slogans at their training base on Saturday night.

AVF press secretary Stephen Maninger said the NPKF represented the re-emergence of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, and could not be trusted with the safety of the South African public.

He said the AVF predicted that once the force was deployed it would be used to suppress political opposition. — Sapa.

'No whites in peace force'

UMTATA — Transkei would complain to the TEC defence subcommittee that no white soldiers had been included for training in the national peacekeeping force, Transkei military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.

"I have been shocked to learn that no white troops have been included in the training for the national peacekeeping force," he said yesterday.

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Volksfront threatens mass protest campaign

THE Afrikaner Volksfront will launch a non-violent protest campaign if negotiations with government and the ANC for a Volksstaat finally collapse.

In the meantime, however, the talks door remained open, Volksfront co-leader Gen Thiemle Groenewald said yesterday.

"We haven't given up on a negotiated settlement," he said. He confirmed talks could resume tomorrow.

The envisaged campaign would begin with passive resistance "before moving into more decisive forms of action" such as shutting down mines, power supplies and public transport.

The Volksfront was not planning "any acts of terrorism", Groenewald said.

He expected the Volksfront to decide within the next week or two whether to embark on the protest plan.

Right-wing sources warned yesterday it was becoming difficult to contain the anger of rank-and-file members, as witnessed in Pretoria on Saturday when right-wingers shouted down Volksfront leader

DAVID GREYBE

Gen Constand Viljoen when he suggested taking part in the election.

The Volksfront has demanded a whites-only referendum this month to gauge support for a Volksstaat.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the ANC would not be blackmailed by threats of an uprising.

He denied claims by Volksfront sources that ANC negotiators had at first agreed in talks to a whites-only referendum on a Volksstaat but later changed their minds.

"We've never agreed to a referendum. The right wing must show its support by taking part in the election," Niehaus said.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze said the police had a contingency plan to deal with extremists on both the left and the right who tried to disrupt the election.

He said a political solution to the right-wing demand for a Volksstaat was preferable, but the police would deal with any disruption "with the full force of the law".

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Transkei militants defiant

Claire Keeton

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Transkei branches have refused orders to shun top party officials who publicly criticised the armed struggle's suspension and have banned some national executive members from certain areas.

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It is unlikely Transkei PAC membership would split from the organisation, but it could lead to a bid to replace a leadership they charge has sold out.

Such a power struggle will detract from the PAC's preparations as a contender in the elections.

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Bantu's phone moan

Sunday Times Reporter *6/21/94*

TRANSKEI military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa this week lashed out at his intelligence service for bugging his phone lines. General Holomisa also removed intelligence officers from his personal escort squad.

The move came shortly after the general returned from the US during a wildcat strike by intelligence officers in the homeland. The strike is now in its third week.

In a memo to the service, General Holomisa said he had asked the auditor-general to investigate allegations of corruption in the organisation's management. (103)

Transkei revolt could deal PAC a blow in elections

By CLAIRE KEETON

AN open revolt by Transkei PAC branches against the party leadership over the suspension of the armed struggle could do serious damage to the party's prospects in the April election.

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Transkei is the only area countrywide with five PAC regions - representing nearly a quarter of its total membership. Historically it is the PAC's heartland and it is also seen as a haven for its armed wing, Apla.

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ANC clash with Transkei law

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE ANC has become embroiled in another detention-without-trial controversy, this time in the Transkei where legal attempts to free a detainee, who has been held for four months, have been prevented by law.

Transkei's ruling military

council is headed by Major-General Bantu Holomisa, No 13 of the ANC's national list of candidates.

Lawyers for Human Rights have been trying to bring an urgent interdict to free Mr Nzuzo Matiwane, who was detained in Transkei on October 19 last year for his alleged involvement in the SADF raid on a house in Umtata in which

four youths were killed.

LHR's Border director, Mr Rajah Naidoo, said restrictions in section 47 of the Public Security Act in the Transkei had thwarted an attempt by the LHR to bring an urgent Supreme Court application last month.

Mr Matiwane had no right to be seen by his lawyers, doctors

or family, according to a statement by the Black Sash.

The ANC is publicly committed to abolishing detention without trial, but the fact that General Holomisa, one of its leading candidates, is not only enforcing detention, but also preventing legal challenges through military decree, could become an embarrassment for the ANC. (103) 07/2/94

Transun lifts income

JOHANNESBURG. (103) CT 8/2/94
Leisure and casino-resort group Transkei Sun (Transun) International yesterday reported a 21% improvement in attributable earnings to R25m for the six months ended December 1993 from R21m in the same period a year earlier.

Turnover was 17% higher, resulting in operating profit 35% up at R35,4m (R26,3m).

Lower investment allowances resulted in a higher tax bill thus eroding some of the gains at the operating level and earnings a share thus only improved to 17c a share from 14c.

Transun declared an interim dividend 1,5c higher at 12,5c a share. — Sapa

T'kei yields on terror probe

EAST LONDON. — Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday he would allow SA detectives probing the Heidelberg Tavern attack into the homeland, under certain conditions.

He was speaking as Transkei Police representatives met their SA counterparts on the Transitional Executive Council's sub-council on law and order in Pretoria.

General Holomisa has so far rebuffed SA attempts to set up a joint

police investigation into the attack, in which four people were killed.

However, he said yesterday he would allow SAP detectives to visit the homeland if SA co-operated in the Transkei probe into the SADF raid on an Umtata home last year, in which five youths were killed. 2/8/94

● TEC sub-council chairman Mr Peter Gastrow said yesterday blockages preventing the investigation of both attacks had been identified, and possible solutions would be referred to the TEC. — Sapa (103)

ANC quiet on Holomisa

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EAST LONDON. — The ANC evaded suggestions yesterday that a prominent candidate on its election list, Transkei's military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa, was flouting the organisation's policy on detention without trial.

Mr Nzuzo Matiwane, suspected of involvement in a SADF raid on an Umtata home, has been detained un-

der the homeland's security laws for the past four months.

Spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said in Johannesburg yesterday the ANC continued to oppose detention without trial. He repeated this six or seven times when asked whether Gen Holomisa, who is 13th on the ANC's national election list, was not causing embarrassment to the organisation.

Holomisa nod to Heidelberg probe in 'Kei

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□ SADF raid details 'in return'

EAST LONDON. — Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa said he would allow South African detectives probing the Heidelberg Tavern attack into the homeland under certain conditions.

Law and Order Minister Her-nus Kriel has linked the attackers, who killed four people, to the homeland.

Major-General Holomisa has rebuffed attempts for a joint police investigation saying previous instances of co-operation had allegedly resulted in the death of Transkei citizens.

But, in an interview yesterday he said he would allow South African Police detectives to visit "certain parts" of the homeland if South Africa co-operated in the Transkei Police probe into the SADF raid on an Umtata home last year where five youths were shot dead.

General Holomisa said he wanted homeland detectives to be given access to senior South African officials to question them in connection with the raid.

He recently complained to the Transitional Executive Council that the Transkei Police were not getting co-operation from the SAP in their investigation.

He was speaking as Transkei Police representatives met their South African counterparts on the TEC's sub-council on law and order in Pretoria yesterday.

"South Africa still insists on not following the proper channels (regarding the Heidelberg Tavern attack). They are still demanding a joint investigation," General Holomisa said.

"We will allow the SAP into Transkei if we are allowed to take statements from Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha and President F W de Klerk. We would not object to such a deal.

"But the motivations must come from the TEC, who should set down particular conditions," he added.

● At the TEC sub-council meeting, blockages preventing effective investigation of the tavern attack and the SADF raid were identified, sub-council chairman Peter Gastrow said.

He said proposals and possible solutions would be referred to the TEC for consideration.

The matter would be dealt with by the sub-council at its next meeting on February 14.

Mr Gastrow said yesterday's meeting had been "positive and constructive" and marked by "a spirit of co-operation between the two police delegations." — Sapa.

Holomisa to help ANC in elections

Sowetan 23/2/94

By Mzimasi Ngudle in Umtata

TRANSKEI military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday threw in his lot with the African National Congress when he accepted his nomination to the party's election list. (103)

Holomisa said he would, however, remain chairman of Transkei's Military Council until the homeland's reincorporation into South Africa.

Addressing a Press conference in Umtata yesterday, he said he had been appointed one of eight ANC candidates who would head the ANC's election campaign nationwide.

He said his acceptance of the candidature conformed with transitional electoral laws.

He assured Transkei civil servants that they would not lose their jobs because of reincorporation.

Holomisa turns down NP plea

UMTATA. — Transkei military leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday turned down a National Party request to open an election office in the homeland.

In letter to Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel, Gen Holomisa said: "As things stand now, no NP offices can be opened until the security risk (of the NP electioneering in the Transkei) has been adequately addressed by both sides."

He called for a top-level meeting between his government and the South African government to discuss the security issue.

Gen Holomisa also asked Mr Kriel to provide additional vehicles for the Transkei Police to "facilitate the task of our police to guard your offices and rallies".

Mr Kriel called the request blackmail. He said his request to open NP offices in the territory had been met with "all sorts" of conditions set out by Gen Holomisa.

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"That is not levelling the playing fields. That is not democracy. That is pure blackmail."

Mr Kriel said he was still considering how to deal with the situation. — Sapa (103)

Transkei civil service ponders its future

By JACOB DLAMINI

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GILBERT SENEKE should be happily looking forward to his retirement. Not only has he been a loyal citizen of Transkei, he has also worked his way to the very top of the civil service.

But he is far from happy. Mr Seneke, 50, is not sure what will happen to his job as Transkei's director-general of Manpower under a new government.

In terms of the interim constitution, Transkei is set to become part of a larger Eastern Cape region. Mr Seneke, like all civil servants, fears he will lose his job when a new capital town is chosen for the regional government.

"I know the new constitution guarantees us our jobs, but what will happen when the need to rationalise the civil service comes?" he asked.

The father of five believes a new government will be forced to trim the civil service owing to a lack of resources.

He is not alone. Local businessmen anxious about the future of their businesses have begun lobbying for the retention of Umtata as a capital town for the unified Eastern Cape region.

"If the new region's capital is set up somewhere other than here, Umtata will become a ghost town. For years, Transkei has been underdeveloped. The government has been the biggest employer but take that away and people will starve," said Transkei Development Corporation's public relations officer Themba Mathe.

Transkei, with a population of about 6 million, has the biggest civil service of the independent homelands, with more than 90 000 employees.

"This is basically a matter of demographics," said Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa. "The new capital must be nearer to the majority of the population — which is in Transkei."

"Umtata also has an experienced civil service and the infrastructure needed."

General Holomisa proposed that the Ciskei and Border areas be made the legislative capital of the new region, Port Elizabeth the financial and industrial

capital and Umtata the administrative capital.

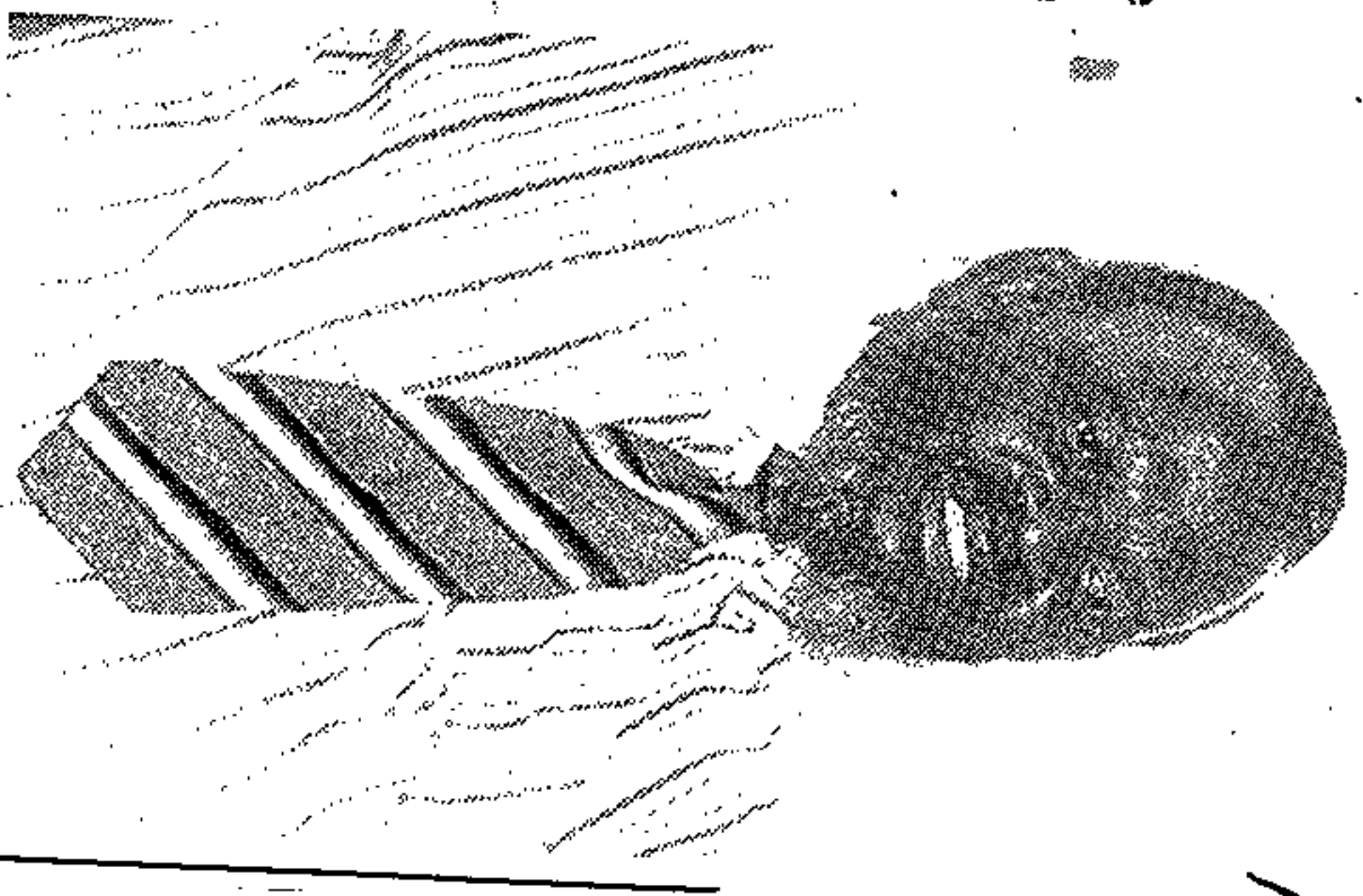
"Ciskei, Border and the Eastern Cape have a lot of well-established industries and huge commercial ventures, while Umtata has the infrastructure to serve as the administrative capital," he said.

Transkei holds more than 3-million voters and, with the elections a few weeks away, political parties have been careful to tread softly when dealing with the issue.

"This is a very sensitive matter and no clear decision has been taken as yet. A wrong decision could cost us votes so we are busy consulting with members and other interested parties," said ANC publicity secretary Nat Serache.

Although the Transkei Public Servants' Association has not taken a decision yet, it said a shift from Umtata would not necessarily cause problems such as job losses for its members.

"But the economic implications of the move must be studied to avoid turning the town into a deserted ghost area," said an official, Mr Mzikalanga Mahlangeni.



UNHAPPY ... Transkei's director-general of Manpower Gilbert Seneke

Violence hurts hotels

By KATHRYN STRACHAN

VIOLENCE in Transkei had hit tourism in the territory severely and the spate of attacks last weekend would be a further blow to the industry, Transkei Tourism Minister Mkumbuzi Titus said yesterday. 14/3/94

Many Wild Coast hotels had been forced to cut back staff because of a sharp drop in tourist numbers, he said. Titus said the media exaggerated the attacks. "We admit there has been violence, but the cases have been blown out of proportion," he said, adding that the level of violence was no higher than in the rest of SA. (103)

Speaking last week, after a weekend during which at least three people were killed by robbers, several were wounded, five vehicles were hijacked and a policeman was killed in an armed attack, Titus said the attacks would affect what he had hoped was a recovering industry.

He said violence along Natal's South Coast had also contributed to a drop in numbers at the Wild Coast Sun hotel.

However, other than difficulties experienced in transporting goods through the homeland, local businesses had not been much affected.

NP office row to be debated

CT 18/3/74
Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Transkei's refusal to allow an NP office there was a clear contravention of the electoral code of conduct, the Independent Electoral Commission said yesterday.

IEC representatives and Transkei officials will address the problem next week.

Transkei's military ruler, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, said the security risk to party officials had to be adequately addressed.

The NP objected because it could not engage in free and fair political activity.

Transkei clamps down on crime

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CLAIRE KEETON

EAST LONDON — Transkei security forces plan to get tough on crime in response to a sudden upsurge in fatal armed attacks in the homeland this month.

Military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa has announced "permanent roadblocks and patrols. The army and police will work together. No one will be allowed to carry unlicensed weapons. (103)

"We will secure the situation both day and night up till the elections."

These steps follow a meeting with the Butterworth Chamber of Business on Thursday. This town and nearby Idutywa have been hardest hit by the recent violence.

Fearful white residents are reportedly evacuating Butterworth.

Transkei CID spokesman Brigadier Ross Mpongoma has confirmed the latest killing of 25-year-old Adriaan Calafato in Idutywa earlier this week.

He said three gunmen ambushed Calafato and some friends in Idutywa's main street after they had closed the Tropicana fast food cafe. They opened fire on the men, killing Calafato and injuring Gregorian Aristos.

Police recovered 24 R-4 cartridges and three 9 mm cartridges at the scene.

"The motive is unknown. The police are following leads but as yet there are no arrests," Mpongoma said. — Epa.

Old Mutual backs Transkei

STIMES (BUS)

TRANSKEI is receiving a shot in the arm from Old Mutual, which is spending R9-million on property developments there. Old Mutual has long done business in Transkei and receives premium income of R78-million a year from it.

Old Mutual spokesman Vik Vikilahle says: "We have been in the region for 46 years and these developments reflect our confidence in Transkei's future."

A R3,2-million office block has been completed at Old Mutual's Mount Frere branch. It includes offices and training facilities for Old Mutual staff.

A total of R600 000 is being spent on

By JEREMY WOODS

upgrading and extending the branch office in Umtata.

A further R4,5-million is being spent on a development in Butterworth. It is due for completion this year.

A property project at Port St Johns will cost R550 000.

"These projects inject much-needed funds into the region's economy," says Mr Vikilahle.

"They not only help Old Mutual, but provide jobs, offices and shops for the community."

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Holomisa wins libel case

THE Rand Supreme Court on Friday ordered the IFP to pay Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa R60 000 for having defamed him.

Holomisa had brought an urgent application against the organisation and two of its leaders for alleging he was responsible for violence in the country.

The IFP Youth Brigade also claimed at the November 1992 Press conference that the Transkeien leader had master-minded the killing of Inkatha leaders and supporters and had trained and as-

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sisted Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres in cross-border incursions.

The allegations were published in *The Star* and *The Citizen* on November 8.

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Defamation

In awarding Holomisa R60 000, Mr Justice Coetzee said the defamation was of a very serious nature because the allegations had been widely reported and because the Transkeian leader had a high standing in the community.

"The IFP did not retract their statements or apologise. This was reckless because the country was gripped by inexplicable violence at that stage. By attributing responsibility for the violence to Holomisa, he was exposed to a great risk," the judge said.

The judge awarded the general an amount of R60 000 in compensation, which was "a high-water mark in this country's legal history".

Holomisa had originally claimed damages of R80 000.

Holomisa sues Inkatha for R80 000

SUSAN RUSSELL

TRANSKEI leader Gen Bantu Holomisa told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that 1992 allegations that he was involved in violence against Inkatha Freedom Party leaders had been part of a dirty tricks campaign by the SA government and Inkatha to blacken his name.

Holomisa was testifying in an R80 000 claim he brought against Inkatha and three of its youth brigade members who accused him and various ANC and SACP leaders of masterminding the killing of its leaders and party supporters.

"Knowing the association between government and Inkatha, I felt it was a continuation of a dirty tricks campaign to dirty my name as they had done in the past," Holomisa said.

The allegations were published in November 1992 and immediately denied. Inkatha and the youth brigade members Carter, Humphrey and Themba Ndlovu — have not given notice of their intention to defend the case, nor were they represented in court yesterday.

Holomisa told the court Inkatha had not tried to substantiate its allegations by approaching the Goldstone commission or any other forum for dealing with complaints of political violence.

Judgment was reserved.

Masterbond audits criticised

EDWARD WEST

CAPE TOWN — A review of a 1985 audit of Masterbond's accounts has concluded that events leading to Masterbond's collapse would have come to light much sooner had the auditors dealt properly with certain issues.

This was said by accountant Stephen Ochse yesterday at the Nel commission of inquiry into Masterbond's collapse.

Ochse was appointed by the commission to review the audits into Masterbond.

The audit into Masterbond in 1985 was conducted by A Neuhaus & Co. Ochse said he had never seen "such a situation where none of the statutory requirements were complied with". On later audits by Ernst and Young, Ochse said he had found several irregularities. These related to property subvention, property revaluation and undisclosed charges.

Other irregularities included contravening rules relating to a prospectus; contra-

vention of the Companies Act; no provisions for taxation; registration of bonds which exceeded the value disclosed; and failure to disclose debentures in annual financial statements and communications with investors.

Ochse said investors were given a false sense of security as property subventions were never disclosed and it appeared that Masterprop participations were performing according to forecast.

Subventions occurred when Masterbond funnelled new investor funds or above-forecast profits from some investments into its delinquent investments.

Ochse said each Masterbond property participation company was a separate entity and none should have been called on to subsidise others to the "undisclosed prejudice of their shareholders".

Top policeman pledges to help Goldstone probe

TIM COHEN

POLICE commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe yesterday pledged "all possible assistance" in the investigation of allegations arising from the Goldstone commission's report on "third force" activities.

But he complained about SABC's Agenda programme on Monday which was presented by Max du Preez, former editor of Vrye Weekblad, which first reported many of the allegations in the commission's report. Du Preez's guests were former Vrye Weekblad journalist Jacques Pauw, who wrote about the Vlaktebas base where many actions allegedly took place, and his main source, former policeman Dirk Coetzee.

Van der Merwe said the SAP would not conduct a debate through the media regarding "wild allegations" by people who had "been found to lack credibility during various inquiries and legal proceedings".

He took a swipe at the commission, saying certain SAP members had been confronted with allegations without any details being disclosed to them.

The NP also objected to the Agenda programme, saying it was "nothing but pure anti-NP propaganda". It said the programme resembled a meeting of Vrye Weekblad editors rather than an SABC programme which upheld the principle that a person was innocent until proven guilty. The SABC, which needed to level the playing fields for all parties, has caused "immeasurable damage to its image" with the broadcast.

Sapa reports that Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel said yesterday he took the strongest possible exception to police public relations head Maj-Gen Leon Mellet's remarks on Monday that President F.W. de Klerk had lost a lot of white support and was doing something dramatic to gain black support.

Kriel said Mellet did not possess relevant information on the matters he spoke about. His comments were "inappropriate for a serving SAP general and do not reflect my views or those of the SAP as an institution".

Report by T. Cohen, TEL. 11 Diagonal St., Jhb.

... said yesterday.

Dirty tricks by IFP - Holomisa

Star 23/3/94

BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

Transkei's military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that IFP allegations that he had masterminded the elimination of the organisation's leaders were part of a "dirty tricks campaign" to discredit him. (103)

Holomisa was testifying at the hearing of an urgent application in which he is suing the IFP and members of its youth brigade for "defamatory" statements made at a press conference on November 7 1992.

Inkatha's Carter Humphries and Themba Ndlovu allegedly accused ANC members Joe Modise, Ronnie Kasrils, Mac Maharaj, Chris Hani and Holomisa of being re-

sponsible for violence in the country at the conference.

The comments were made at the conference — in which Humphries and Ndlovu also claimed the Transkei Defence Force was training and assisting Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres in cross-border incursions — and were published in The Star and The Citizen the next day.

Holomisa said he had emphatically denied the allegations at the time.

Holomisa's lawyer Vincent Maleka initially asked Mr Justice JH Coetzee to grant R100 000 in compensation, but later said R80 000 would be fair.

The judge said that he would give his judgment later this week.

TEC takes control after Gqozo's security forces revolt, take hostages

COLLAPSE OF Ciskei GOVT

Star 23/3/94

BY ESTHER WAUGH
AND SAPA

Ciskei leader Brigadier Oupa Gqozo has stepped down from his position in the face of a revolt by his security forces.

The homeland has effectively been reincorporated into South Africa in much the same way as Bophuthatswana was, but so far without bloodshed. However, almost 1 000 rebellious Ciskei policemen were still holding senior officers hostage early today and refusing to release them until Gqozo had addressed grievances to their satisfaction.

One of the hostages is the homeland's Commissioner of Police, Major-General Man-yano Nqoyi.

And today the homeland's Attorney-General Willem Jurgens announced that charges of theft and fraud were to be brought against General Nqoyi and other senior officers.

The rebel policemen are to attempt to force Gqozo to address a mass rally at the Independence Stadium in Bisho later today.

Full alert

South African Minister of Defence Kobie Coetsee announced last night that troops would be stationed on full alert along the Ciskei border with immediate effect.

"In view of the unrest and prevailing conditions in Ciskei it has been decided to place SADF troops on the basis of readiness at the Ciskei," said Coetsee.

"These troops could be deployed swiftly and on short notice inside the Ciskei to calm the situation," he added. Defence Ministry spokesman Das Herbst stressed the troops would only be placed along the

'THIS is not a hostile takeover, Gqozo is voluntarily withdrawing rather than have destruction of the region'

border and would not be deployed inside the homeland.

No troops were seen in Bisho this morning.

The dramatic collapse of the Ciskei administration came about in a matter of hours yesterday, with demands by government employees that they be paid out their pensions ahead of the April election again the cause of revolt.

Faced with a mutiny from his police force and with reports that his defence force was also refusing to take orders, Gqozo asked the Transitional Executive Council to step in and appoint an interim administration.

In response, it was announced at the TEC in Pretoria that the council and the SA Government had taken over administration of the homeland.

Two joint administrators are to be appointed by the TEC management committee.

In a telephone interview with The Star's Montshwa Moroke last night, Gqozo said he had asked the SA Government to intervene to avoid the situation from deteriorating further.

"In terms of the Interim Constitution my administration no longer had authority once I agreed to enter the TEC.

"We have already been reincorporated back into South Africa."

As rumours reached the Ciskei last night that a South African police convoy was on its



Out of the hot seat . . . Brigadier Oupa Gqozo at his home in Bisho yesterday. He stepped down from his position as the leader of Ciskei in the face of a revolt by his security forces.

PICTURE: AFP

way to Bisho, homeland policemen set up armed guards at the gates of their strike headquarters at the Bisho Police College and began breaking out stores of ammunition.

Last night, ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa told the TEC that the SAP's Internal Stability Unit had been on its way to Ciskei and a shootout was feared.

It was then decided that the ISU would be withdrawn and the SADF deployed in the area. Later last night South Afri-

ca's ambassador to the Ciskei, Piet Goosen, told the police strikers at a hall at the police college that Gqozo had stepped down.

Strikers still refused to release the senior policemen they had taken hostage.

Telephone

Speakers from the floor said angrily that "no one will leave this door until Brigadier Oupa Gqozo comes to address us". Goosen then left for nearby King William's Town saying he would telephone the Ciskei

leader and put the proposal to him.

A spokesman for the strikers, Sergeant S G Hewama, said they would willingly "talk" to South African security forces when they arrived in the homeland.

The strikers also released a list of demands which included their pension payouts.

Earlier in the day a spokesman for the strikers at the police college said colleagues had been sent to fetch the police commissioner whom they accused of corruption. The commission was at the time re-

portedly seeking refuge at Gqozo's State House.

Ramaphosa, who moved the resolution to take over Ciskei in the TEC, said "government will be done on the basis of decree". Ciskei delegate Mickey Webb said: "This is not a hostile takeover, Gqozo is voluntarily withdrawing rather than have destruction in the region."

He confirmed that the Ciskei government had requested the SAP and SADF to be deployed in the homeland. (47 Sauer Street)

Umtudi crisis deepens

Star 23/3/94

BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
AND ESTHER WAUGH

The tension in Umtudi increased yesterday as Kwazulu/Natal appeared set for a sharp rise in the vicious strife sweeping the region.

Developments suggesting that the simmering crisis in the province could be coming to a head include:

- A decision by the Transitional Executive Council to get tough on Kwazulu and take steps — in tandem with the Independent Electoral Commission — to ensure that a free and fair election takes place in the region.
- More political violence in townships across the province. An estimated 60 people have died since Friday.

- A blunt comment by President de Klerk that the "point of no return" had been reached with the IFP, apparently ruling out any chance of its participation in the election.
- Cosatu's announcement of Kwazulu civil service protests to demand that their pensions be paid out.
- The IFP's release to the Goldstone Commission of a document it claims reveals an ANC/SACP plot to destabilise the province.

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Holomisa takes IFP to court (103)

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he believed 1992 allegations of his complicity in violence against Inkatha Freedom Party leaders had been part of a dirty tricks campaign by the SA government and Inkatha to blacken his name.

Gen Holomisa was testifying in an R80 000 claim he brought against Inkatha and three of its youth brigade members who publicly accused him and various ANC and SACP leaders of masterminding the killing of its leaders and acts of violence against party supporters.

The allegations made at a news conference were published in a Sapa report carried by The Star and the Citizen. Judgment was reserved.

Gen Holomisa had initially sued Inkatha for R100 000.

Holomisa sues

Inkatha

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By Bongani Mavuso

TRANSKEI military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday applied in the Rand Supreme Court for defamation claims totalling R80 000 against the Inkatha Freedom Party and two of its senior officials. 23/3/94

The IFP and respondents Themba Khoza and Carter Ndlovu did not oppose the application and Mr Justice J Coetzer is expected to give a ruling this week. (103)

In his application Holomisa cited allegations, made by Khoza and Ndlovu, and published in two Johannesburg daily newspapers last November, claiming that he and some senior members of the African National Congress were the "masterminds" behind plans to murder IFP officials.

The IFP further alleged that Umkhonto we Sizwe was using the Transkei to launch attacks on IFP leaders in Natal. Holomisa and the ANC members were also accused of perpetrating violence.

NP 'has right to campaign' in Transkei

CAPE TOWN — The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) told the Transkei government yesterday that all parties, including the NP, had every right to campaign in the homeland.

IEC mediators met a Transkei government delegation yesterday about an NP complaint that it had not been allowed to establish an office in Transkei.

Transkei's government, whose leader, Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa, is a prominent ANC national assembly candidate, has told the NP that it cannot open an office because its safety cannot be guaranteed.

"During the meeting it was established that any refusal of registration of political parties in Transkei is invalid," the

Political Staff

IEC said.

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The Transkei government representatives undertook to co-operate and the matter would now be discussed with other parties. *24/3/94*

Sapa reports the IEC said yesterday the Western Cape Agricultural Union had agreed to the principle of political parties having access to farms for electioneering. The commission met the union on Tuesday and it was agreed farmers be given five days' written notice of a visit by politicians. *(103) (204)*

Report by B Streek, TML, 122 St George's St, Cape Town; and P Bulger, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb.

NP 'must talk security with us' — Holomisa

UMTATA. — Major-General Bantu Holomisa says the National Party will be unable to open election offices in Transkei until his government and the NP have discussed security. (103)

He was replying in a letter yesterday to Law and Order minister Mr Hernus Kriel, who demanded safety guarantees for NP offices and officials.

Gen Holomisa said Transkeians were angry with the NP over last year's SADF raid. He said a meeting between Transkei and the NP could be hosted by the Independent Electoral Commission. — Sapa

IFP ordered to pay Holomisa

JOHANNESBURG. — The Rand Supreme Court yesterday ordered the IFP to pay Major-General Bantu Holomisa of Transkei a record R60 000 for defaming his good name. (103)

Gen Holomisa had brought an urgent application against the IFP and two of its leaders for alleging that he was responsible for the violence in the country.

The IFP Youth Brigade also claimed at the November 1992 press conference that Gen Holomisa had masterminded the killing of Inkatha leaders. — Sapa

CT 26/3/94

Holomisa gets R60 000 in biggest defamation award

THE Inkatha Freedom party and two of its Youth Brigade officials were ordered to pay Transkei leader Gen Bantu Holomisa R60 000 damages by the Rand Supreme Court on Friday in what the judge said was the largest defamation award in the country's legal history. **Biday**

Holomisa instituted action against Inkatha, Carter Humphrey and Temba Ndlovu after they accused him and various ANC/SACP leaders, at a news conference on November 7 1992, of masterminding the killing of IFP leaders and members.

Footage from the news conference was broadcast on two television stations nationwide. **28 B 194**

Reports of the conference were carried also by the The Star and the Citizen newspapers.

Holomisa publicly denied the allegations the next day. Inkatha did not retract their allegations, nor did the organisation defend the defamation claim, which was heard by Judge J H Coetzee last week.

He found that the allegations made against Holomisa by Inkatha and the Youth Brigade officials were defama-

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tory, and said one would not have expected such a scurrilous attack on a head of state by an organisation which had signed the peace accord.

The judge said Inkatha had made no attempt to check the accuracy and reliability of its allegations. Despite Holomisa's denial, Inkatha had also not made any retraction nor tendered an apology. **(103)**

Coetzee said it had to be taken into account also that the allegations were made at a time when the country was gripped by a series of inexplicable incidents of violence. **(113)**

It was a matter of public concern that the perpetrators were traced and brought to justice, he said.

But to attribute these incidents to someone in the current climate in this country was to expose that person to danger.

He found that Holomisa's claim for R80 000 was excessive and awarded R60 000 instead.

The judge described the award as a "high watermark" in SA law.

"No amount this high has been made before," he said.

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Nats lobby T'kei

DISPELLING DOUBTS

THE NATIONAL Party's candidate for the premiership of the Eastern Cape, Dr Tertius Delpoit, will travel to Umtata today or tomorrow to discuss opening an NP office in the territory, according to Major-General Bantu Holomisa.

Speaking in Keiskammahock, where he addressed about 1 000 people at an ANC election meeting on Saturday, the Transkei leader said he hoped to find

Holomisa says Delpoit is welcome:

common ground with Dr Delpoit. "He's welcome here to discuss the security arrangements and guarantees that were demanded by Hennis Kriel," he said. "Hennis Kriel won't come to Transkei. He must concentrate on the

scandal of his generals." (103)
Mr Kriel, Minister of Law and Order and NP candidate for premier in the Western Cape, wrote to Holomisa earlier this month asking for permission to open an NP office in Umtata.

According to Holomisa, Kriel demanded that the Transkei government guarantee the security of NP workers and of the office. Holomisa has not directly refused, but has said the Transkei needs funds for more policing equipment, such as Casspirs and helicopters, before it can give any guarantees. The general on Saturday also thanked Ciskei civil servants for "controlling themselves" over the past week and for demanding their rights. "But I hope the security forces here, who are reputed to be resisting this change, will discuss their views with the people of Ciskei on the ground." — *Sapa*.
(Report by B Macleanman, Press Gallery, Parliament.)

Transkei yes to NP offices

UMTATA — The Transkei government has given the NP the go-ahead to open election offices in the territory. 29/3/94

The breakthrough came after talks yesterday between NP representatives and the Transkei government. The talks were mediated by the Independent Electoral Commission.

NP Border chairman Manie Schoeman said his party would open offices in Umtata and Butterworth "as soon as possible" 103

Transkei has guaranteed security for the offices and personnel until April 4, when the situation will be reviewed. — Sapa 103

Report by B MacLennan, 26 Carlton St, EL.

T'kei allows NP offices

UMTATA. — The Transkeian government has given the go-ahead for the National Party to open election offices in the territory. *CT 29/3/94*

The breakthrough came after more than five hours of talks in Umtata yesterday between representatives of the NP and the Transkeian government. NP Border chairman Dr Manie Schoeman said afterwards his party would open offices in Umtata and Butterworth "as soon as possible".

The Transkeian government has guaranteed security for the offices and personnel until April 4, when the situation will be reviewed.

The talks were mediated by the Independent Electoral Commission. — Sapa (103)

Nats to rig voting - Holomisa

Port Elizabeth — The Department of Home Affairs is to spearhead a Government plan to sabotage ballot papers abroad and in rural areas, inflating the number of votes for the NP, Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa charged yesterday. (103)

During an address to about 200 students at the University of Port Elizabeth, Holomisa said the plan involved the Nation-

al Intelligence Service and the Department of Home Affairs.

"They are going to get hold of ballot papers and inflate the votes for the NP by putting crosses next to that bald-headed man," Holomisa said, referring to President de Klerk, leader of the NP.

Holomisa also said the South African Government would insist that polling booths abroad be set up at SA embassies.

He said the same British company that printed the ballot papers for the Namibian election was printing the South African order and a similar plan had been put into action in Namibia.

Home Affairs official Niel du Bois denied the allegation, saying it was "totally ridiculous and impractical" and that no one would believe it was possible. — Ecna.

(Beverley Garson and Shadley Nash,
109 High St, Grahamstown)

TEC asked to block sale of Transkei land

EAST LONDON — The Transitional Executive Council has been asked to block the sale of 100 000 ha of State-owned farmland in Transkei.

It has been told "powerful and wealthy individuals" in the territory appear to be trying to gain control of the farms ahead of the election.

The Border Rural Committee said in a memorandum to the TEC this week that if the transfers went ahead they would severely limit the land which a future government would have at its disposal for land reform and redistribution.

Although official confirmation could not be obtained, the memorandum was reportedly discussed by the TEC's sub-council on regional and local government on Wednesday.

A recommendation to halt immediately all processes leading to the transfer is expected to be ratified by the executive council next week.

The memorandum said 247 formerly white-owned farms in the Indwe and Queenstown districts were incorporated into Transkei in the 1980s, and leased by the Transkei government to "certain individuals".

A list in Sapa's possession names several former Transkei MPs and cabinet ministers, three chiefs of the Matanzima clan and several headmen as holding leases on some of this land in the Guba area, near Indwe.

Transkei deputy director-general of agriculture Star Memke said in an earlier interview about 100 000 hectares of farmland throughout Transkei

Objections have been raised to the sale of State-owned land in Transkei to private individuals as this land will no longer be available for redistribution to land-hungry residents who also fear eviction by the new owners.

was being sold off. He was not aware of any opposition.

The sale was approved by Transkei's cabinet "quite some time ago" and the farms were now being surveyed and valued so that individuals could obtain purchase loans from the Agricultural Bank of Transkei.

Farmers' associations had also applied to the Development Bank of Southern Africa for assistance in developing the land.

Deputy director-general of local government and land Sandile Matshoba said none of the farms had yet been registered in the names of the buyers.

Asked if it was correct that many of the lessees and therefore prospective buyers were senior civil servants or politicians, he said: "I would not know that, but logically the middle class is the one capable of running such a farm."

"These people will have the capital and the infrastructure. It just happens naturally."

He said he was aware of some opposition to the sale of farms in the Lady Frere area, near Queenstown.

The BRC said in its memorandum it had been asked by residents of the Guba farms, including former farmworkers, to help them prevent the transfer into private hands and also to prevent their eviction from the land.

"The residents on these farms, some of whom have laboured and lived on this land all their lives, have been threatened with eviction by the current leaseholders whom the residents believe are about to become owners of the land."

It appeared that the leaseholders were doing little farming on this land, apparently because they were professional people living outside the area and pursuing non-farming careers.

The BRC was aware of many land-hungry communities in the vicinity of the Guba and Queenstown land.

"Such State land, if it remains in the hands of the State, could be an obvious starting point for any future government intent on addressing the land and development needs of black communities."

It appeared that powerful and wealthy individuals were hurriedly trying to transfer various State resources, including land, into their own hands before the election and before a new government was in place.

The PAC's secretary for land affairs Dr Peter Mayende said from Umtata the sale would greatly complicate whatever efforts might be put in place to address the issue of land reform. — Sapa.

(News by B MacLennan, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg).

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**Transkei to
upgrade roads**

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TRANSKEI is to spend R3-million on upgrading its roads to improve accessibility to election points.

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More than 8 000km of gravel roads, recently damaged by rain, will be upgraded. — Sapa

Probe into huge sales of state-owned land

By ANDREW TRENCH

PLANS to sell off vast tracts of state-owned land before the election have been exposed in Transkei and Ciskei.

Ciskei officials announced this week that they would be investigating "massive sales" of state-owned land in the last few months of Brigadier Oupa Gqozo's rule.

Earlier, the Border Rural Committee claimed the Transkei Government planned to sell off 100 000 hectares of state-owned farm land to "wealthy and powerful" individuals.

The organisation has appealed to the TEC to block the sale of the land — which it argues should be retained for redistribution under a future government's land policy.

Ciskei's new Councillor for Justice and former homeland Attorney-General, Mr Willem Jurgens, said there should be clarity on the investigation within the next few days.

"We have barely started, but I do know we are going somewhere," he said.

Ciskei's interim administrators have already placed a moratorium on the further sale of state land.

The Border Rural Committee, which exposed plans to sell off land in Transkei, said it did not have information on the Ciskei deals.

However, interim administrator Reverend Bongani Finca confirmed that the purchases of farms by Brigadier Gqozo will be included in the probe for "irregularities".

Brigadier Gqozo is known to own two farms in Ciskei — New Bradford at Wesley on the Peddie coast and the other, Blacklands, near King William's Town.

Last year Brigadier Gqozo appointed an executive committee to investigate

the sale of state land because of worries "about the way senior officials were abusing their positions to buy up land... (for weekend braai places)".

The Border Rural Committee said "powerful and wealthy individuals are hurriedly trying to transfer various state resources, including land, into their own hands before the April elections and a new government is in place".

But the committee's protest to the TEC over the proposed land sale appears to have put the deal on ice.

Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said he would abide by the TEC's decision and that no sales have yet occurred.

The committee said two of the farms were registered in the names of former Transkei rulers George and Kaizer Matanzima.

The disputed farms have been leased to people in Transkei, allegedly to other members of the Matanzima clan and former Transkei cabinet ministers who are now attempting to buy the land.

The 6 500-member Transkei Consolidated Farmers' Union is in favour of sales to proficient black farmers.

"The farmers feel this land should be sold. You cannot improve something that does not belong to you," says TCFU general secretary Gilbert Nomlala.

"Our view is that the farms should be leased back to the farmers for five years. If they are successful, the farms should be sold to them. If they fail, they should be chucked out.

"We do not want farms to be given as gifts — they should be bought," he said, stressing the sales should go ahead before the elections and the inauguration of a new government indisposed to selling the land.

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Bantu stirs his porridge claim

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Peddie — Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomisa has repeated his claim that the National Party planned to feed black voters with porridge laced with invisible ink, so that they would be disqualified from voting for the ANC on election day.

Holomisa led the 2 500-strong crowd at an ANC rally in the Eastern Cape in a chant of: "Down with the porridge of the Boers. We will not go to their rallies."

Asked afterwards by reporters whether this was not merely an attempt to scare people away from National Party election

campaigning, he said: "Well, I leave it to you. That is your own opinion."

Asked if he still stood by his claims, he replied: "Yes, sir."

Holomisa also said that it seemed President de Klerk did not value the lives of black people in KwaZulu.

Beef up

"For him to hide or shield behind the (Zulu) king, all this footwork he is trying to do, I suspect that he doesn't value the lives of black people," said the Transkei leader.

General Holomisa added the

National Party was claiming the Transkei government had been selling off State farms to private owners.

What the Transkei had in fact done was to set the machinery in motion to evaluate the farms, he said.

No farms had not been sold as yet.

The matter had been referred to the Transitional Executive Council and Transkei was waiting for the council's decision on whether the sales should go ahead. — Sapa.

(Report by Ben MacLennan, 26 Caxton Street, East London.)

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Transkei accepts TEC farms decision

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East London — Transkei will abide by the TEC's decision on the proposed sale of 100 000 ha of State-owned farmland in the territory, military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.

Addressing a special sitting of Ciskei's interim council, he said his government was waiting for a summons from the executive council. (103)

"We will play everything according to the rules."

Last week, the Border Rural Committee asked the executive council to halt the sale of the formerly white farmland, saying it appeared "pow-

erful and wealthy individuals" in Transkei were trying to gain ownership of the farms before the election.

Holomisa told the interim council a previous Transkei government had leased certain farms to people, including members of the former Matanzima government.

In 1991, the Departments of Local Government and of Agriculture had been inundated with applications by these people to buy the farms.

The policy of any government selling land was to give preference to those living on it, Holomisa said. — Sapa.

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Transkei nurses on strike

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UMTATA. — About 15 000 nurses have begun an indefinite pay strike in Transkei, forcing patients to leave hospitals.

Strike leaders said yesterday they had walked out to back two-year-old demands that their salaries be brought on a par with their counterparts in South Africa and added they would not return until their demands were met.

The strike has affected all 30 hospitals in the homeland. — Sapa

Strike paralyzes hospital

UMTATA. — The 1200-bed Umtata General Hospital was virtually empty yesterday after most of its patients were evacuated following a countrywide strike by Transkei nurses.

Senior doctors spent most of yesterday morning sorting out patients for transportation to hospitals in Durban and East London.

(03) By early evening 16 patients had been attended to at East London's Frere Hospital and six were admitted.

While most patients arrived by private transport, the more serious cases were transported by ambulance.

In Umtata, patients who were able to walk by themselves were

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given rail warrants to go home or to other hospitals in South Africa.

The town's only private hospital was filled to capacity.

The nurses are striking in support of pay demands, including salary adjustments which they claim were promised by the government in October 1993 after a three-day strike. — Sapa

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'Kei back in the fold

SHADLEY NASH

PORT ELIZABETH — The Transkei military government is expected to formally announce the reincorporation of the homeland into South Africa next week, ending nearly 20 years of nominal independence.

The three-day ceremony will be held at Umtata's Independence Stadium on Thursday, but Transkeians are expected to begin the celebrations on Tuesday.

SA Minister of Foreign Affairs Pik Botha and heads of neighbouring states including Lesotho, Swaziland and Botswana are expected to attend the celebrations.

ANC president Nelson Mandela and PAC president Clarence Makwetu will also attend. — Eena.

Hospitals in chaos as nurses strike

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UMTATA. — Inmates at a Transkei mental hospital abandoned the institution and roamed the streets following a three-day-old strike by nurses.

Some of the mental patients at Uzimkhulu Hospital were reported to have been taken into custody at a local police station after breaking out.

Thousands of nurses demanding higher pay have gone on strike, which has affected 32 hospitals.

Four babies were among six deaths in hospitals here and in Butterworth.

Most patients have been sent home and those in a serious condition have been referred to South African hospitals.

According to one source, money was reported to be available for pay increases but implementation has not taken place.

He said clerks processing the salaries failed to turn up for overtime at the weekend following work stoppages earlier in the week.

The nurses' strike was being dealt with at the "highest level", the territory's military ruler, Major General Bantu Holomisa said yesterday.

He said directors-general, administrative clerks and a nurses' committee would meet to decide what to do, but "the cheques are being processed". — Sapa

Tribunal to hear ink-in-pap case

Holomisa threatens to dish up more dirt

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Cofimvaba — Transkei military ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday threatened to release information that would make President de Klerk "regret the day" the National Party laid an electoral complaint against him.

Speaking at a Chris Hani memorial rally at Hani's birthplace, Cofimvaba, in north-west Transkei, he repeated his claim that the NP planned to lace porridge at rural election meetings with invisible ink to prevent people from voting.

The NP has laid a complaint, due to be heard by an Independent Electoral Commission tri-

GENERAL says he will release more damaging details if forced to appear before tribunal

bunal in Port Elizabeth this week. (103)

Holomisa, a senior ANC candidate for the National Assembly, also told several thousand people at the rally that De Klerk was likely to offer mealie meal at the National Party's newly opened office in Umtata.

"The people must reject it," he said.

Holomisa told Sapa afterwards that De Klerk would "regret having taken me to court when I appear".

Asked whether he would appear in person, he said: "If they want me in person, I'll go; if they want an affidavit, I'll do it."

The rally, held on a grassy hillside above Cofimvaba, was also addressed by ANC national executive members Ronnie Kasrils and Dr Pallo Jordan as well as the Thembu king, Chief Buyelekhaya Dalindyebo, who urged Transkeians to vote for the ANC.

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Hordes in Transkei need voters' cards

East London — With just over two weeks to the election it is estimated that just under a third of all potential voters in Transkei do not have documentation which will allow them to vote.

An Independent Electoral Commission eastern Cape spokesman confirmed that some 750 000 of a potential 3,1 million voters in Transkei are without valid documents.

The backlog could have a major impact on the election result and the IEC was taking the problem seriously.

"We are working at break-neck pace in Transkei to get out as many temporary voters' cards

as soon as possible," the spokesman said, adding: "This is a mammoth task."

The IEC says the approximately 750 000 people will have to apply for temporary voters' cards.

South African Home Affairs and the Internal Affairs departments of Ciskei and Transkei are responsible for issuing the cards.

The IEC is monitoring and auditing the work of these departments and is satisfied that Transkei's Department of Internal Affairs would be able to deliver on the backlog. — Ecna.

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Strike: Cleaners tend patients

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BUTTERWORTH. — Cleaning staff at Butterworth Hospital were caring for terminally ill patients yesterday as the Transkei nurses' strike continued.

Doctors were on duty and supervising medical care of the few patients still in the hospital on the seventh day of the strike.

But it was a group of cleaning women who were feeding, washing and monitoring terminally-ill patients — and administering medication.

Most patients have been transferred to South African or Ciskeian hospitals.

● The Transkei Ministry of Health said it would speed up the

issuing of salary cheques to striking nurses by paying 51 senior nurses.

A Transkei Nurses' Crisis Committee spokeswoman said the strike would continue until all irregularities in promotions, parity, annual increments and the payment of outstanding cheques had been sorted out. — Sapa

Transkei's flag lowered

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■ BY PATRICK LAURENCE

Umtata — The Transkei flag was lowered in a colourful ceremony yesterday to symbolise — in the words of Transkei military ruler Bantu Holomisa — “the closing of the last chapter of the apartheid system” and the impending reincorporation of Transkei into South Africa.

Lowering of the flag coincided with anxiety in the Transkei civil service, expressed by a rash of strikes which threaten to cripple the administration in Transkei's last days as a nominally inde-

pendent state.

Holomisa devoted a major portion of his address during the flag-lowering ceremony to the strike situation. He tried alternately to assuage the anxieties of his civil service and to chide them for not being more positive about reunification with South Africa.

Interview

As Holomisa explained in an interview in his office after the ceremony, the primary factor behind the strikes was a desire by civil servants to secure increases, attain sala-

ry parity with their SA counterparts, and obtain assurances that they would not be retrenched and that their pension contributions would be protected before Transkei was reintegrated.

In what was seen as a defensive action, a Military Council publication handed out at the ceremony contained sharp criticisms of the Transkei Auditor-General, accusing him and his staff of acting on rumours and bulldozing anyone in their way. His actions “smacked of a vendetta” and he was compared to a medieval feudal lord.

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Nurses' strike continues

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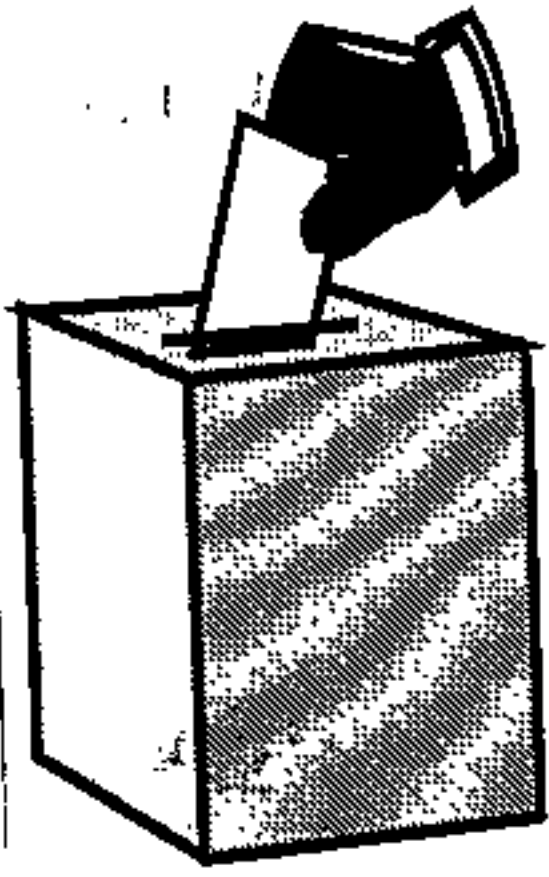
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Kei govt workers help

Sowetan 19/4/94
THE Transkei Government has released 10 percent of its civil servants to help the electoral authority organise the elections in the homeland.

Independent Electoral Commission Eastern Cape spokesman Mr Mike Chandler also confirmed that the government had agreed to release over 3 000 teachers to help in the election.

With the teachers and civil servants the IEC should have the assistance of about 10 000 extra people. (103)
Transkei has presented itself as the

biggest hurdle for the IEC in organising the election in the Eastern Cape.

The IEC has now identified nearly 1 500 voting stations in Transkei but is still confirming the locations.

Compounding the problem was an IEC estimation that about 1 million of the 1,4 million people eligible to vote in the Transkei are still without any form of identity document. Without some form of identification people will not qualify to vote. "Officially these people do not exist," he said. — *Ecna*.

ID backlog threatens Transkei poll

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Hundred of thousands of potential voters in the Transkei may not be able to make their crosses, reports **Andrew Trench**

AS MANY as one million Transkei voters — 70 per cent of an electorate estimated at totalling 1,4-million — are still without any form of identity document enabling them to vote.

The ANC and Pan Africanist Congress, the main contenders in the region, are extremely concerned and fear the backlog could affect the final election result in the Eastern Cape region, of which Transkei forms a key part.

Cape. Massive voter turn-out in Transkei is central to a high poll and will be crucial for the ANC and PAC which both regard the territory as a stronghold.

PAC Transkei Central deputy chairman Gilbert Sineke says the backlog in issuing voter cards will "definitely" affect its poll results. ANC Border media officer Mcebisi Bata added: "It is a huge, huge problem. It will have an impact on the entire Eastern Cape region."

Independent Electoral Commission Eastern Cape spokesman Mike Chandler confirmed the figure but said the IEC was not sure they were all eligible to vote. "There is a lack of reliable statistics," he said, explaining that many areas in the homeland had never had formal government offices.

"We just have to estimate and prepare," he said, stressing that the final number could be below the one million figure the IEC is working with.

The IEC is working against the clock to issue a daily average of 150 000 temporary voters' cards right up until polling begins.

It has recruited the help of thousands of teachers and civil servants who have been released from their normal duties to assist with issuing cards.

Bata said the ANC had spoken to Cosatu about sending in scores of volunteers to help out.

For Chandler, issuing temporary voter cards was the "crucial question" at present. Despite the daunting nature of the task, the IEC has notched up successes in other critical areas.

In past weeks it has managed to locate an extra 1 000 Transkei polling stations after initial estimates proved completely inadequate.

By today it will have trained some 2 500 monitors for the homeland.

Communication problems have been circumvented by the installation of a satellite telephone system — like that used by CNN to cover the Gulf War — linking rural polling stations to Umtata.

Chandler is confident the IEC can make the deadline for the election and issue all the temporary voters' cards required. He said the IEC had the staff and the capacity to meet the demand.

But he pointed out: "The election does not belong to the IEC, but to the people who will vote. As owners they are responsible to see that they have IDs."

He conceded that Transkei's lack of infrastructure and the isolation of large parts of the population may have rendered it "physically impossible" for many potential voters to get identification.

However, the IEC's insistence that political parties ensure voters have the necessary documents does not hold water with the PAC and ANC.

Sineke said the PAC had reports of people standing idle in queues after supplies of temporary voter cards ran out. He said the IEC should ensure this did not happen.

Bata said there was a feeling the IEC was not as organised in the region as it should be. "We are only hoping that they have enough resources to solve the problem in the next four days."

He dismissed the IEC's complaint that Transkei's lack of infrastructure and inaccessibility made logistical arrangements a nightmare. "They knew Transkei is largely rural, they should have made provision for it."

But the problem in Transkei lies deeper than that. "It's a question of the Third World facing a First World election," say Chandler. — Ecran

About 70% *Stat 22/4/94* in Transkei have no ID

East London — The Independent Electoral Commission estimates that in Transkei alone, as many as 1 million people still do not have any form of identity document.

The ANC and PAC, the main contenders in the region, are extremely concerned and fear that the backlog could have a significant impact on the final election result in the Eastern Cape region, of which Transkei is a key part. (103) (228)

The magnitude of the problem is highlighted by the fact that there are only 1.4 million voters in the homeland. So, by the IEC's estimation, about 70 percent do not have voting documents.

There are just over 3 million voters in the entire region.

The IEC is trying to issue a daily average of 150 000 temporary voter cards in time for the election. — Echa.

(109 High St, Grahamstown)

Wild Coast awaits tourist boom

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

PORT ST JOHNS. — Brutal attacks on travellers in Transkei — and last month's shoot-out involving the army, African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress members here — have made the homeland a place to avoid.

But, several resort owners around the dilapidated towns are fighting to lure back tourists and have spent huge sums of money to upgrade their facilities.

They believe that if the ANC wins the election, tourism is almost certain to increase — and if South Africa plunges into civil war, the Transkei will become a safe haven.

Second Beach Holiday Resort manager Ray Hoy said tourism in the once world famous resort died with SACP leader Chris Hani, who was assassinated in April last year.

"When Hani was shot tourism here went to hell," Hoy said, recalling the surge of cancellations by people from all over South Africa.

Mr Hoy has no time for the pre-election hysteria sweeping the country.

"The tense situation is having

■ Port St Johns on the Transkei's Wild Coast is preparing for the "second coming" following the slump in tourism caused by attacks on visitors.

a direct influence on tourism here. I am getting sick and tired of hearing 'wait and see what happens after April 27'.

"That's all a load of nonsense, man, it's just another election where the white man will be liberated as well as the black."

Town treasurer Barry Gray was not so optimistic.

"The recent killings here are the problem. These ANC and PAC guys have AK-47s like you and I have watches," he said.

"We are trying to keep the army and police around so people feel safe, but it is really as safe here as it is anywhere around South Africa."

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The Cape Hermes Hotel is still standing, but bears little resemblance to the halcyon days when Port St Johns was a favourite destination.

Most of the furniture has been cleared out and there is nessesman Abie Cilliers bludgeoned to death at near Tsolo; and, most recently,

■ on April 9, a schoolboy, Mark Pizey, stabbed to death at Lwandile beach.

Last week the homeland's flag was lowered and the Transkei once again became part of South Africa.

A few whites still living in the small Wild Coast town no food or hot water.

Shellfish tug-of-war in Transkei

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Shellfish on the Transkei's Wild Coast are being plundered by unemployed who are desperate for some kind of income.

Undersized crayfish and tiny oysters are collected in their thousand and resort owners have banded together to try to stop them being wiped out.

Several rooms have been rented out and one bar is operating, but it is lucky to get five patrons a day.

The municipality is battling to survive.

Some serious attacks in Transkei in the past year include:

■ April 1, 1993: A Natal Newspapers van delivering papers in Gumbu attacked by gunmen. No injuries.

■ April 13, 1993: Brothers Alistar and Glenn Weakley shot dead near Port St Johns while returning from a fishing trip.

■ April 14, 1993: Two German tourists injured after being

Youngsters selling undersized crayfish are increasingly being turned away from resorts where in the past they were almost guaranteed a sale as chefs catered for the limitless demand.

This, combined with almost zero tourism, is removing the easy source of income for locals. Town treasurer Barry Gray said the shellfish along

the Wild Coast was "incredible". A crayfish costs R1 and some have tails 20cm long. There is an abundance of oysters and mussels," he said.

"There is such a high rate of unemployment around here that people will do anything to make a few rands."

Bags of 36 oysters selling for R3,50 would cost at least R60 in a restaurant.

ing attacked by a mob of 200 at Mount Ayiliff.

■ May 10: Free State business wanted the lawless situation addressed and felt the SA Police and SADF taking control.

Several whites in Port St Johns said they were on first name terms with many of the black residents.

"There are so few of us here anyway, but all you have to do is get to know the local Xhosas. They are great people," resort owner Mr Hoy said.

Barkeeper at the dilapidated Cape Hermes Hotel, Zelphe Nontanda, said becoming a South African again did not make much difference to her.

"Down here we are so far from everywhere, and no-one cares about things like that. There is not much violence in Port St Johns — not like in Durban that we see on the TV," she said.

"Oh, I am scared to go there

Most residents of Port St Johns are members of the ANC and not the PAC like many people believe.

The relatively low level of violence in the homeland can probably be attributed to this lack of rivalry.

(By Greg Knowler, 18 Osborne Street, Durban.)

T'kei nurses back at work

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EAST LONDON. —
Transkei nurses, have
begun returning to work
after a decision to sus-
pend their 18-day strike.
A representative of
the Nurses Crisis Com-
mittee, Mrs Zola Dabula,
yesterday said the com-
mittee had decided the
territory's 32 hospitals
should be operating over
the election period.
The nurses would
meet again after the
election and re-assess
the situation. — Sapa

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Poll hitch in Transkei

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ANOTHER 600 polling stations did not open in the Transkei because there were neither ballot boxes nor voting papers yesterday. 29/4/94

This means that 1 200 of the 1 700 polling stations in Transkei were not operational. (103)

Even in Umtata the two polling stations in the town, one at the town hall and the other at the magistrate's court, had long queues long before the 7am opening time.

In the town centre alone 5 000 people stood in long queues in the hot morning sun as they patiently waited for ballot boxes and voting slips.

At the IEC warehouse, officials were working frantically to dispatch ballot boxes and slips to the various polling stations around the former homeland.

— *Sowetan Correspondent*

Polling in Transkei in full swing

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The Argus Correspondent

UMTATA. — An election network of 4 000 people swung into action early today to ensure that 1 700 polling booths in Transkei would be operational for the first time.

An estimated one-million people were expected to cast their votes in 28 districts.

Spokesman for the IEC in Umtata John Hlophe said that all essential materials ranging from 1,25 million ballot papers arrived in three separate airlifts last night.

"Our people worked flat out,

which enabled all voting stations to have enough material to be operational and we have enough back-up supplies to overcome any shortages," said Professor Hlophe.

He said that he hoped all voters would be able to cast ballots long before nightfall. Transkei ruler Bantu Holomisa left Umtata at the crack of dawn and flew to remote polling stations to ensure that all was well.

Before leaving, he said that the extra-time today would enable all voters in the region to cast their vote for the first

time since the election started on Tuesday.

There was no voting in seven districts involving 609 polling stations because there were no facilities.

"But I am pleased to note that every effort was made by the IEC to ensure that all our people had the opportunity to vote," said General Holomisa.

There were no incidents reported from any of the voting stations and while some of them were very quiet there were long queues in the seven districts where there was no voting over the past three days.

Special payments call for Transkei slammed

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ANGER is growing over a request to the Transitional Executive Council to make special "ex-gratia" payments to members of the now defunct Transkei military council.

The life of Bantu Holomisa's military council was ended this week when South Africa's new interim constitution abolished the existence of the formerly independent homelands, including Transkei, leaving some members of the council unemployed.

But Major-General Holomisa has asked the TEC for R1.1 million to pay ex-gratia amounts to those members of his defunct military council who no longer have a political job.

But Democratic Party spokesman on public service Roger Burrows said it was unacceptable for the TEC to seriously consider paying for a decision taken by a military government which took office through a coup, when the members themselves had vested financial benefits in the decision.

He said the members of General Holomisa's military council should benefit only from normal pensions.

"The DP will look very carefully at any proposal of this nature to the TEC," he said.

General Holomisa said the payments were for eight civilian ministers on his military council who were not on a pension fund.

He said the members of the military council, including himself, who came from the Transkei defence force, were on military pension schemes and were not involved in the request for ex-gratia payments.

These special payments would only be for civilian ministers serving on the military council.

"If we had a parliament then they would have qualified for pensions. But as there is no parliament here, they do not," he said.

General Holomisa said a policy had been adopted when the military took over through a coup in 1988 that civilian members of the military council would receive ex-gratia payments when their terms ended — as had now happened.

The former Transkei military ruler is high on the ANC's election list and is assured of becoming a member of South Africa's new national assembly.

The ANC also dominates the TEC and is likely to dominate the new government of national unity elected this week. This could increase the chances of his request for the money being considered favourably.

Holomisa hands over to Raymond Mhlaba

UMTATA. — Former Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa yesterday handed over the reins of the homeland government to newly-elected Eastern Cape Province premier Mr Raymond Mhlaba.

Addressing dignitaries and his outgoing cabinet, Gen Holomisa welcomed Mr Mhlaba

and gave him a brief overview of the government departments he would inherit.

"I ... vowed that Transkei would only be surrendered to a government of national unity. The time has now come to hand over the reins to the new political order," Gen Holomisa said. —

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