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Police suspected of sabotage (251)

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Members of a VIP police unit are the main suspects in a wave of sabotage at the provincial government offices in Johannesburg, reports **Eddie Koch**

A BUG found in the office of Mary Metcalf, education minister for the PWV region, has fuelled fears that conservative civil servants and sections of the police are intent on undermining the new provincial government

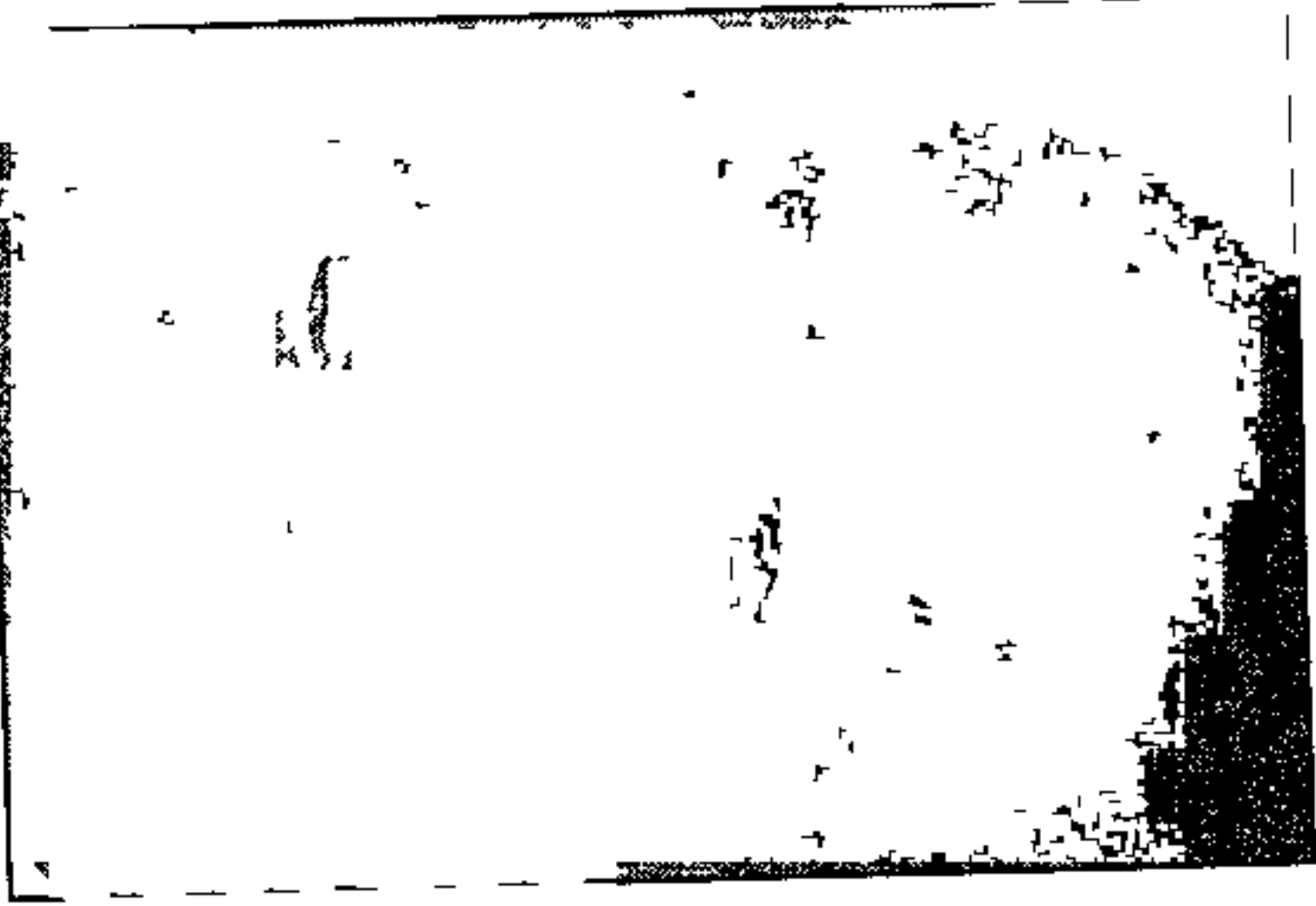
A source close to the provincial cabinet told the W&G the bug was the latest in a campaign of espionage and low-key sabotage. Chief suspects, says the source, are members of the VIP police unit appointed to guard the government's building at 30 Simmonds Street, Johannesburg.

The incidents described include mystery burglaries, tampering with computer disks in ministries that are implementing key aspects of the reconstruction and development programme, the placing of officials to "spy" on government officials, and snooping through documents and computer files. "There were sometimes more than two incidents in a week," says the source.

● A ministry official who went to the offices at 2am caught a



Mary Metcalf .. Bug found in office



Tokyo Sexwale Office burgled

member of the VIP police protection unit going through a filing cabinet

● A civil servant from the old TPA administration has informed officials of PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale that conservative officials have been "sent with a mission" to spy on the new government and obstruct its work

● In another key ministry, a policeman from the VIP unit was found going through important computer files

● Computer files in the Ministry of Land and Rural Development were deliberately destroyed

"This was not a case of a disk

being damaged. Each individual file had been deliberately and systematically deleted"

● In another case, Sexwale's office on the 14th floor of the Simmonds Street building was mysteriously burgled — even though it is guarded by the protection unit

The source believes the motivation of those carrying out espionage at the PWV government's headquarters is similar to that of senior officials at the Development Bank of Southern Africa recently accused of plotting to ensure that the RDP would not be effectively implemented

Asked why these incidents had

not been reported to the police for investigation, the source said they had been uncovered by fairly junior staff who reported to their superiors. "Generally it is difficult to ask the police to investigate when people think it is the police that are involved"

Some staffers in the regional government's building say there is an aura of suspicion in the Simmonds Street building and that, because of this, the security problems may be exaggerated

Says Chris Vick, communications director in Sexwale's office "We are trying to keep an open mind on the whole issue. But there have been a number of different incidents and they are too many to be merely coincidental. We cannot exclude the possibility that they are being carried out by a group with a specific agenda."

The PWV cabinet was due to discuss the incidents and the question of security at its premises this week

Met-calle said she was waiting for a report on the bug in her office before deciding whether to call for an in-depth investigation into the matter

A spokesman for police public relations said the allegations were vague.

"If these alleged incidents took place then the people who are making the allegations must report them. They will then be investigated and only after that will we be able to comment"

Killings 'rooted in conflict'

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

THE killing of policemen was a problem "deeply rooted" in conflict between police and various communities and would only be solved "over time" by mobilising and involving communities over a wide front.

This was the response yesterday by Mr Craig Kotze, spokes-

man for Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi, to angry calls by the South African Police Union for mandatory life sentences for "cop-killers".

Sapu expressed disappointment with Mr Mufamadi's "rhetorical and insubstantial" statements on the issue and demanded he "do something", comparing him with previous in-

cumbents who only "cried tragedy" (251) CT 3/8/94
Simply issuing bullet-proof vests did not solve the problem, as over half the police murdered last year were shot in the head.

Mr Kotze said Mr Mufamadi saw it as a "national tragedy" and promised that the minister would make an announcement on the issue later this week.



Sitting targets ...
Striking policemen
confront members
of the
Internal
Stability
Unit

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Doubts about 'Mr Promises'

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Mondli waka Makhanya

RACIAL tension and frustration at the slow pace of change in the police service led to the revolt by policemen in Cape Town townships

Coloured and African policemen claim they are exposed to great danger by their white superiors through understaffing at their police stations while those in white areas are over-staffed. They claim this makes them sitting targets for criminals on the prowl for weapons.

The strike was centred on the Delft police station and threatened to spill to other townships as well as prisons and traffic departments. It was precipitated by the murder of Constable Donovan Filhes on Sunday night. He was the third policeman to be killed on

the Peninsula over the weekend

Filhes was killed by four men who raided a satellite police station in Delft in search of arms. Police have since found an abandoned vehicle which they suspect belonged to the gang.

For half the week colleagues have been flying the South African flag at half-mast and have been on strike, demanding reinforcements. The policemen, mostly members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union, blockaded roads in the township and on Thursday they marched on parliament to press their demands.

There were a few near-confrontations when Internal Stability Unit members tried to video protesters. The policemen returned to work when regional police minister Patrick McKenzie, known as "Mr Promises", seconded an addition-

al 40 men to the area, pending further staffing assessments.

At issue is the distribution of policemen in various areas. The townships of Belhar and Delft, with a population of 200 000, are serviced by six policemen at a time. The policemen say white Belville, which has a lower crime rate, has an oversupply of cops.

Police representative Raymond Dowd says staffing is a national problem and staff distribution assessments have shown no imbalances.

The policemen are unsure whether McKenzie has the courage to challenge the white echelons of the Western Cape police and get them to practise affirmative action. They also have misgivings about McKenzie having chosen Dowd, a former security policeman, as his liaison officer.

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Cape police in shady deals — claims

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

NEW allegations of shady deals between police and convicted criminals, monetary kickbacks and plots to commit murder have been handed to national safety and security minister Sidney Mufamadi

Copies have also been given to regional police minister Patrick McKenzie and deputy regional commissioner of police Deon du Toit

A document, implicating senior police staff in bribery and corruption, was given to Mr McKenzie by The Argus two months ago. No developments have been announced

The latest document has been compiled by Belhar housewife Wendy Manuel, who two months ago put the allegations to General Du Toit at a meeting at the Bellville South police station and was told to substantiate them

Last week her lawyers handed a document containing affidavits from various people — including one from a convicted prisoner who alleges policemen booked him out of prison so he could spend Christmas with his friends — to General Du Toit and the ministers

"People in the area were all aware of the problems but were too scared to come forward with the information. So I spent a lot of time going to them and getting them to sign sworn statements"

Mrs Manuel claims that much of the trouble and gang activity in Belhar stems from police staff taking bribes, doing favours for, known gangsters and turning a blind eye to gangsters' illegal activities

In most of the affidavits two senior police staff, a colonel, and a sergeant, are repeatedly named

In one of the statements, a convicted prisoner, alleges that on December 21 last year he and another prisoner had been "booked out" of Pollsmoor by the sergeant, who took the two to Bellville South police cells

They spent a night there and were replaced in the cell by two men who had been brought to Bellville South by the brother of the prisoner who made the affidavit. The brother allegedly owns a shebeen

The prisoner alleges the switch in the cell was done in the presence of the colonel, who was allegedly given wine and beer

They were then allowed to leave the station to spend Christmas with friends, before being taken back to Pollsmoor on December 27

Mrs Manuel's dossier also contains claims that

- The sergeant is operating a shebeen from a neighbour's house

- The colonel had arranged for a shebeen owner to obtain a fire-arm licence

- The sergeant had accepted money from a suspect's sister to have charges dropped

- A shebeen owner had supplied the meat and drinks for the colonel's promotion party

- The sergeant and a shebeen owner had plotted to kill an accused in a murder case

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said the document was "pretty extensive" and General Du Toit was still studying it

"But some of the allegations contained in the document were brought to his attention earlier and are under investigation.

"As soon as he finishes assessing it and there is a need, a special investigator will be appointed to look into the allegations"

A spokesman for Mr McKenzie said they had received the document but the minister had not had a chance to read it through

Community must now accept police ⁽²⁵⁾ IFP

THE Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday the recent spate of attacks on policemen confirmed rogue elements were intent on continuing action against the force

IFP spokesman Mr Themba Khoza said it was time to rid communities of a hostile culture and replace it with a healthy relationship between the police and the people

Head of the IFP study group on safety and security Mr Velaphi Ndlovu said people must accept the police as their protectors — Sapa

Police: Shock murder and suicide figures

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

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A TOTAL of 271 policemen — 100 of them on duty — were murdered last year, 67 members of the Defence Force were killed in the line of duty, and 134 policemen and 21 soldiers committed suicide

This was disclosed in Parliament yesterday when the Minister of Defence, Mr Joe Modise, answered a question, tabled by Mr James Selfe (DP) and the police's 1993 report was tabled

The police said 100 members were murdered on duty and 171 while off duty, while a further 23 died in firearm accidents, nine of whom were on duty at the time

The police also said its Crisis Line service counselled 643 members, preventing 72 suicides and dealing with 174 cases of depression and stress

During 1993, 379 members were declared medically unfit because of depression and 64 for psychiatric reasons. A further three members were retired for Aids and three Aids-related deaths were reported, the police said

Mr Modise said 13 permanent force, five national service and three citizen force/commando members committed suicide, while 127 members attempted suicide

Popcru calls off march ⁽²⁵⁾

Labour Reporter

THE Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) has cancelled its planned march on parliament today. **AUG 18/8/94**

The march had been arranged to highlight the rash of police killings and to call for restructuring of the services

Popcru organiser Heston Lottering said the decision to cancel was taken at an executive meeting last night but he declined to divulge the reasons.

It is believed Popcru cancelled the march because rival South African Police Union (Sapu) members were planning to join it and call for the resignation of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

Mr Lottering said today Popcru distanced itself from any calls for Mr Mufamadi's resignation.

"Our problem is with police management, not the minister," he said

Police deaths: Apla dissidents blamed

By DAN SIMON

THE SPATE of police killings countrywide and the attack on the Delft police station last Sunday could be the work of "Apla dissidents" who were in dire need of weapons, says to a senior Apla commander

Apla commander Brigadier Mphozama Yonana, who strongly condemned the killings, said yesterday there were 20 "known dissidents" in the Western Cape who had "declared war" on the peace process

He said the group, aged between 18 and 26, were led by a former Apla field commander. Their names had been passed on to police when they were expelled from the PAC in July

Brigadier Yonana's startling claims were made as Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi announced that strategies to fight violent crime and police killings would be made public next week.

Local police have offered R300 000 in rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers of four Peninsula policemen over the past two weeks

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Among those killed was Sergeant Donovan Fillies, who was gunned down on Sunday when two men burst into the tiny Delft satellite police station in search of arms and ammunition

Angry policemen who staged a protest stay-away at Belhar and Delft police stations, returned to work yesterday after their demands for additional police manpower were met

Commenting on the possible role of Apla dissidents in the killing of police officers, Brigadier Yonana said "Some of these dissidents are former Apla members while others are former PAC members."

He said the dissidents were in dire need of arms. They could be specifically targeting policemen as they were more "vulnerable" than members of the SANDF

Sources within the SA Police Services said they were investigating the possible involvement of Apla dissidents in the killings

Members of the Prisons and Police Civil Rights Union are expected to march on Parliament today to hand over a memorandum to Mr Mufamadi calling for tougher measures

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Deaths: Angry cops to march

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POLICEMEN angry at continued police killings stayed away from work again yesterday leaving only nine policemen to man the Delft, Belhar and Bellville South police stations.

And they have threatened to march to Parliament today protest against the murders of their colleagues.

The march was planned yesterday at the same time that a snap debate was held in Parliament, during which Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi said police killings could be attributed to the fact that criminal elements were threatened by the new relationship between the police and the community.

Another policeman was shot dead yesterday, in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, bringing to 163 the number of policemen who have died since the beginning of the year.

The debate was introduced by NP MP Gert Myburgh, who said "an abhorrent culture has taken root whereby people demonstrate disrespect for those who protect all of us".

The DP's Mr Douglas Gibson said people across the political spectrum should unite to fight criminals who targeted policemen.

The ANC's Mr Linda Mti warned the killing of policemen had the potential of "throwing our country back into the crisis of the past".

Police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said in the police report for last year, tabled in Parliament yesterday, South Africa faced anarchy if crime and violence were not combated effectively.

In Pretoria, the South African Police Union criticised Mr Mufamadi for failing to stop the killings.

Ministry spokesman Mr Craig Kotzé said Mr Mufamadi would meet the Interim Board of Police Commissioners today.

● Scores of policemen are expected to march on Parliament tomorrow to protest the murders of their colleagues, police management practices and staffing levels as their political boss yesterday remained locked in mediation talks.

Local Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie said he had persuaded the executive of Popcru late yesterday to get their 40 striking colleagues to return to work.

While he would allow the police union their right to march tomorrow, he would only give the (illegal) strikers until Monday to return to work.

● The office of the regional commissioner of police, Lieutenant-General Nic Acker, bowed to the striking policemen's demands yesterday by agreeing to deploy 40 extra policemen in Belhar and Delft.

● Police made what they called a vital breakthrough in their investigation into Sunday's fatal attack on Delft police station when they found an abandoned car which they believe was used by the four attackers.

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focus on **GOOD KILLERS**

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THE BATTLE LINES were clearly drawn in the past on the one side were the police and other enforcers of apartheid and on the opposite side the often helpless victims

This scenario has changed drastically in the last few months. Firstly, the police now enjoy some credibility in the wake of the April elections and the emergence of a democracy

Secondly, and in some ways perhaps even more strikingly, the police are now also in the ranks of the victims. They have become the target of a wave of attacks

Last year 279 police were killed in South Africa (almost 70 percent of them black). Most of them were off-duty, either strolling to the cafe or elsewhere near their homes

The death toll this year on the Witwatersrand is already frighteningly high. During April, the number dropped to four. But, since then, it climbed from seven (May) to 10 (June) to 11 (July)

This pushed up the total number of police killed this year on the Witwatersrand to 69. Eight were killed during the weekend of July 29 to August 1 alone

According to Lieutenant Jan Combrinck, liaison officer of the Witwatersrand police, there have been 650 attacks on police this year at the end of July. Almost all were robbed of their firearms

"But the total doesn't really matter," says Combrinck. "One cop killed is one too many. We can't tolerate that. It's unacceptable."

He regards the main reason for the attacks as the excessive availability of unlicensed firearms and lack of response from the community

"We would like to establish a culture within the community that condemns these attacks," says Combrinck. "We are their law-enforcers."

"We know that before the elections we were part of the Government of the day and we were used as a political ball at that stage. We were the so-called apartheid enforcers."

"But we are now part of the new dispensation, the new democratic South Africa. We protect the interests of all law-abiding citizens and they must condemn these attacks."

Low morale

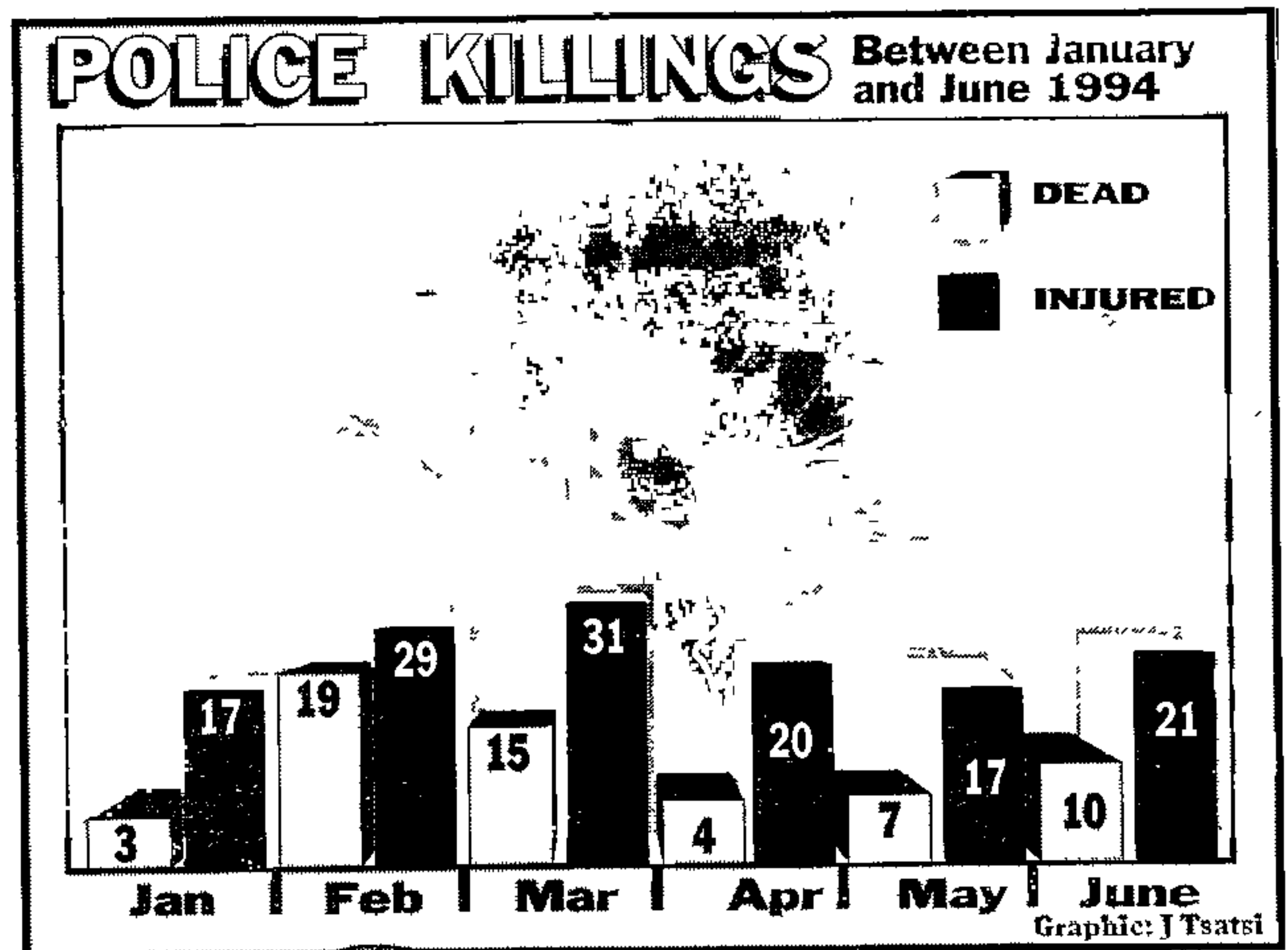
He says social order and voluntary obedience of the law are among the cornerstones of a democracy. "But," says Combrinck, "the community is killing us." He says the morale of the police is low at the moment. "It's very hard for a policeman to do normal policing."

"There's a perception that the police don't get support from the Government (even from the previous government) as expected. Everybody talks and nothing is being done."

Combrinck says there needs to be more pressure from the Government and the community to condemn attacks on the police.

Earlier this year in Britain, for example, he says the community vociferously condemned

Is it time for everyone, including erstwhile victims, to reconsider their attitude towards the police? Political Reporter **Tyrone August** provides an insider's perspective:



the murder of just two policemen who were killed in a very long period

As a result, the community supported the historic decision to arm the British police. The death of a policeman in Canada — the first there in 27 years — drew a similar response

"The whole country came to a standstill," says Combrinck. "But what about the 366 policemen killed in South Africa between January last year and July this year?"

"Before the election there were a lot of excuses — that the attacks on police were political. What's the reason now?"

"Before the election, many leaders were part of the propaganda campaign to discredit us. It's their responsibility to stand up now and discredit the criminal."

Combrinck singles out PWV MEC for safety and security Mrs Jessie Duarte to praise her for efforts to restore the credibility of the police. More of this kind of support is needed, he says

He also recognises that cooperation from the community improved after the election. "The people are suffering too, not only us."

The police have set up direct communication channels with the community. He admits that

problems were sometimes brushed aside in the past

But, he stresses, appropriate forums are now being set up to attend to this. He also called for input and support from the community to improve police procedures

There are currently negotiations for greater authority for the police. "But where the police has more authority, the community must be well-informed," says Combrinck

The police are constantly looking at their training methods as well. Since last year they have been doing intensive training in the use of firearms, searching and other tactics

This has its limits, however. "You can give a policeman any amount of training," says Combrinck. "But can you train a policeman to stop a bullet through the head?"

And yet the police carry on with grim determination. "We are the spoke in the wheel," says Combrinck. "We stop the criminal from committing crime. He sees us as an enemy."

It is clearly a deadly battle, and will still claim many victims. But it is a battle that must be fought. The alternative is a descent into anarchy and terror

slowly being replaced by police work.

- Increased trust in police, greater community support
- Crime statistics will be assessed in the future

— By ANNA COX

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RESULTS: Hijackings and burglaries have dropped dramatically

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"Enough is enough," said Mogase

He said the march, which he will lead with other civic leaders, would start at

march. One of them also expected to be killed by them

"They have been even killed by them"

Should police have the right to strike?

A recurring theme in the debate on the new-style police service is one that can be crudely titled "Police are people, too"

Much as political parties and non-governmental organisations want legislation which compels members of the service to uphold human rights at all times, they are also concerned that police themselves should not be deprived of basic freedoms

At the PWV government's hearing on the draft Police Bill, held in Johannesburg recently, the question of police personnel's rights crystallised around a number of issues: the right to strike, freedom to join political parties, and the right to fully discrimination-free working conditions

The Bill prohibits members of the police service from striking

It provides specifically for the ultimate resolution of disputes through arbitration

The two police unions attending the hearing — the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popercu) and the South African Police Union (Sapu) — did not feel equally strongly about this measure

While Popercu representative Captain Roy Govender stated bluntly "Our rights as workers are being violated", Sapu's national organiser Bereng Kholoane voiced only tentative support of the right to strike and then qualified it heavily. "A strike is the last action we can dream of."

But political parties present — notably the ANC, the Democratic Party and the Freedom Front — said they were pretty sure it was unconstitutional to prohibit strikes for any group,

SHOULD police be treated differently, asks Jo-Anne Collinge in the second of a three-part series

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because the Bill of Rights guaranteed all workers "the right to strike for the purpose of collective bargaining"

It might be legally possible to limit the right, but not to wipe it out completely

National Party spokesman Kobus Bosman argued that the new Bill should list the police as an essential service in order to facilitate limitations on the right of members to strike

Popercu's Govender insisted that if the law was going to make it harder for police to

strike, then the law should also find ways of compelling the employer to attend to legitimate grievances

Despite political change, the police service was still racist and sexist, he charged, and grievances were ignored

The question of discrimination was taken further by Zackie Achmat of the AIDS Law Project. He argued that the Police Bill, insofar as it applied to working conditions, had to guarantee non-discrimination in the same terms as the Bill of Rights

The Bill picked the grounds on which it offered discrimination-free employment

The Interim Constitution banned discrimination on grounds of disability and the police service would have to fall in line, Achmat claimed

This would mean an end to compulsory testing for HIV, an end to the existing ban on HIV-positive applicants entering the service; and an end to the refusal to promote HIV-positive members

Non-discrimination would also put an end to the policy of dismissing unmarried female members of the force who became pregnant, observed Jesse Duarte, PWV MEC for Public Safety and Security

It was Duarte who invited comment on two contentious areas of the Bill: its ban on members of the force publicly supporting or associating with any political party, which ap-

peared to fly in the face of the Bill of Rights, and the disciplinary provisions, which she described as closely resembling magistrate's court proceedings

She put it to participating organisations that more conventional industrial relations practices might be preferable to the quasi-legal provisions made

Double jeopardy

This idea found general favour, even if there were not many concrete proposals for the alternative system

The police unions said that they felt the court-like disciplinary proceedings exposed them to double jeopardy — being charged twice with the same offence

There was also a general feeling that the provision interfering with the exercise of political rights by individuals in the service should be relaxed

None of the parties seemed to hold the view that this would compromise the depoliticisation of the service as a whole

If participants from the public were concerned to uphold the rights of police, they were also set on dismantling the special privileges of the police

Members of the service should not enjoy the special protection of a shorter prescription period for civil claims against them. And why should police clubs be exempt from licence fees and taxes?

Bobbies on the beat

Table View police taking a leaf out of London's book

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■ Don't pinch yourself or look for Big Ben if, while walking in Table View, you're approached by a policeman as friendly as a London Bobbie

DALE KNEEN

Weekend Argus Reporter

THE ever so courteous and always concerned English Bobbie will be a role model for members of the Table View police force in a novel new campaign to increase public involvement in fighting crime

The "London Bobbies project", which includes a media and poster campaign, was launched last weekend in the Milnerton suburb by Cape Town Mayor Patricia-Kremer and has been "phenomenally successful" thus far

It was the brainchild of Table View police station commander Jakkie van Litsenborgh and Table View resident Joe Cook, the chairman of an organisation called Crime Guard Trust

The entire municipal area was divided into 37 areas and each of the 37 detectives and uniformed policemen at Table View police station was assigned to one of the areas

Each policeman was responsible for contacting every resident in the area and handing the home owners a copy of a monthly newsletter called *Table View Community Security Bulletin*

The idea behind the initiative was to win the confidence of the public and encourage residents of Table View to seek advice and contact specific policemen about their security needs and problems

Paul Bester, 25, one of the policemen participating in the project, said he has been systematically walking around his area, going door-to-door to introduce himself to home-owners

He does not use his rank when introducing himself, but tells the residents who he is married to, where he lives and that his hobbies are rugby and fishing

"The whole idea is for me to become friends with the people in my area so that they will feel comfortable calling me up if they have a security problem"



Picture HANNES THIART, Weekend Argus

□ **ABOUT FACE:** Table View policemen are striving to promote their image as caring protectors. Here "London Bobbies" Siebie Siebrits and Susan Reeves help Ann Swart over a pedestrian crossing

Sergeant Bester said the response of all the home-owners he had visited had been "very positive" and many of them had invited him into their homes for coffee and a discussion about alarm systems and burglar bars

Policemen Nico Knoetzen, 22, and André Jordaan, 33, were allocated the squatter areas of Dorningwag and Witsand

They walked around the suburbs, introducing themselves to people and also received good responses,

"People say this is what they have been waiting for. They (the public) phone the police station now and want to speak to a specific policeman," said Sergeant Bester

About 50 percent of the policemen at the station live in Table View and were allocated areas around their homes so that their neighbours would know who to contact in emergencies

"I think people are less intimidated by someone walking around and knocking on their door rather

than several policemen screeching up in a car with flashing lights," said Sergeant Bester

A spokesman for police headquarters said the London Bobbie project was a specific initiative of the Table View police station and there were no plans at this stage to extend it to other areas

20% of police are 'qualified'

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ABOUT a fifth of the members of the South African police force had academic qualifications, the Minister for Safety and Security, Mr Sidney Mufamadi, revealed yesterday **CT 13/9/94**

He said 22 454 members of the 111 000-strong SA Police Service possessed academic qualifications

Police corruption alleged

Southeaster (suppl. to South)
'Shebeen owners and gang leaders paid vast sums to detectives for protection'

BY GENÉ FESTER

CORRUPTION in the police services is contributing to the high rate of gangsterism and crime in communities, says Mrs Wendy Manuel, who has compiled a damaging document on police corruption.

Her dossier was given to regional Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie, national Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and deputy regional Commissioner of Police General Deon du Toit last month

"Police are supposed to protect people. Instead they protect dagga merchants and shebeen owners," claimed Mrs Manuel, a Belhar resident who is frustrated at the lack of police measures to control crime

The dossier contains signed affidavits from shebeen owners and drug dealers who say they paid protection money to certain members of the detective branch at Bellville South police station

Most of the accusations are directed at a sergeant, a senior police colonel and two officers

"I have proof that these officers were given gifts of wine, food and money," Mrs Manuel said

"Known gangsters continued operating their businesses as they knew the police would not bother them. Because they were protected by the police, the gangs felt that they could do anything, and so they

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did That is why the crime rate is sky high in Belhar" *(251)*

The dossier also refers to irregularities that allegedly occurred at Pollsmoor Prison

A convicted prisoner claims that he was allowed to spend last Christmas at his own home after police officers accepted bribes of liquor. He claims that this was not an isolated incident

The dossier also alleges that

- A shebeen owner provided the meat and liquor for the colonel's promotion party

- The sergeant operates a spaza shop from his home and a shebeen

- Firearm licences were arranged for shebeen owners

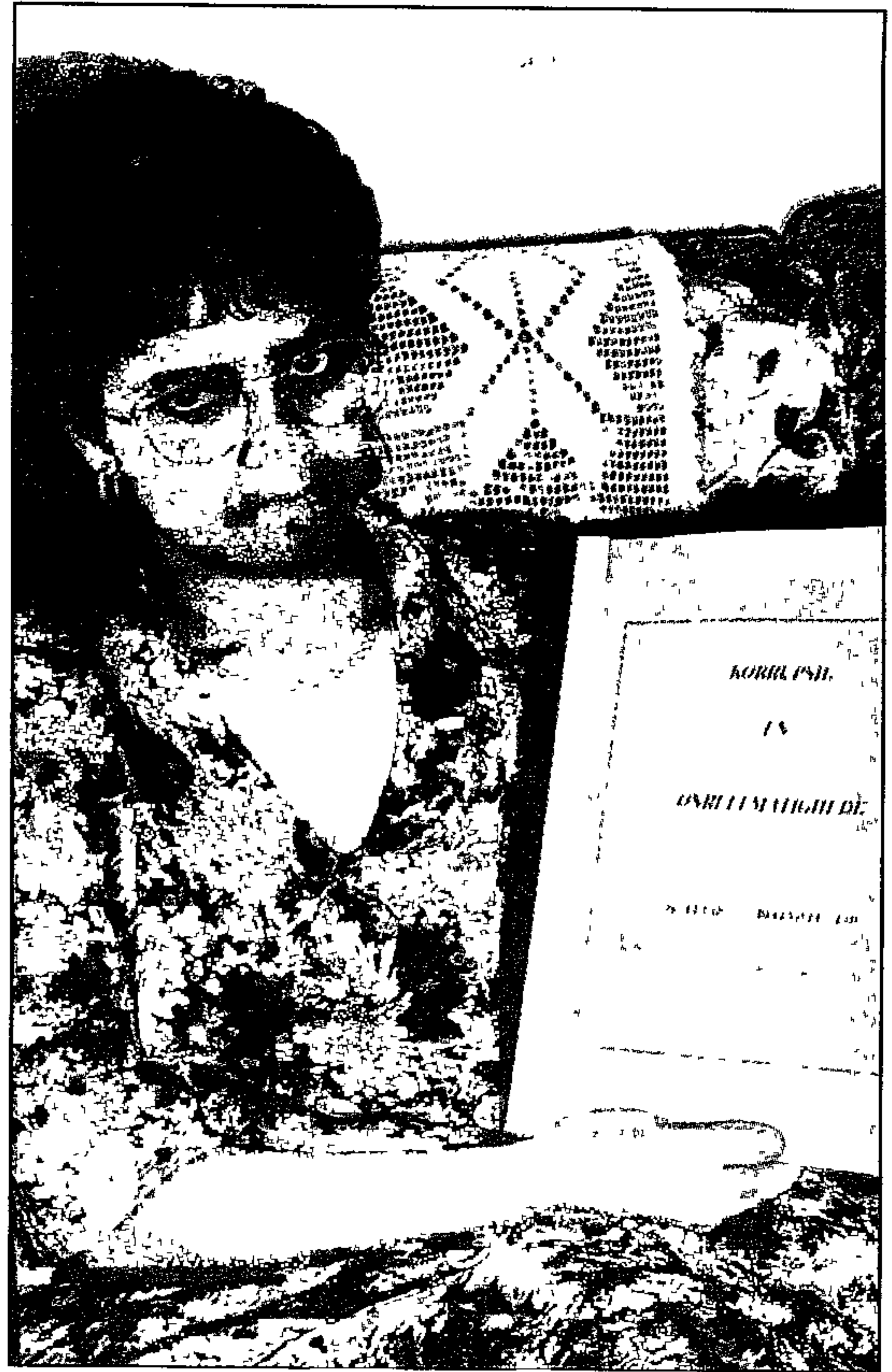
- Shebeen owners paid the colonel "protection" money to safeguard their businesses

- Two shebeen owners charged with attempted murder were released without paying bail

Mrs Manuel's document is being investigated by police. "If I am not satisfied with their findings I will take it further until I feel that justice has been done," she said. "I will not stop until those men are removed from the police service."

"If something should happen to me then it would be because of something good. Nothing is stronger than the truth."

Mrs Manuel received a letter acknowledging receipt of her dossier from Mr Mufamadi, but has not yet had a response from Mr McKenzie



DAMAGING REPORT: Mrs Wendy Manuel with the report alleging police complicity with gangsters

Photo: Roger Sedres

Traffic officers hold management captive

Staff Reporter

TRAFFIC OFFICERS in the Lingeletu West Town Council yesterday barricaded 10 management members into their offices and staged a sit-in, demanding that petrol be issued to fill patrol cars

A spokesman for the 15 protesting traffic officers — the entire force of the Lingeletu West Town Council which patrols Khayelitsha — said the management members were locked in about 4pm

He said the traffic officers were prepared to continue their sit-in protest outside the barricaded doors for "as long as it takes" for their demand for petrol to be met

"We will stay here three days or

more if necessary," said the spokesman, who did not wish to be named

He said he and his colleagues were demanding that they be issued with petrol to fill patrol cars, which the LWTC want "grounded"

He said LWTC management had written to the traffic officers saying patrol cars were being misused

But the traffic officers deny misuse of the cars and refuse to be taken to their points of duty in overloaded vehicles and left behind with no means of transport

"We are badly short-staffed and have been trying to call meetings to discuss our grievances with management for about two years, without success," said a spokesman for the traffic officers

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Lingeletnu West hostage drama ended by early morning interdict

LENORE OLIVER and ANDREA WEISS Staff Reporters

A HOSTAGE drama at the Lingeletnu West town council offices ended at 2.45 am today after the Supreme Court interdicted nine traffic officers from barring the entrance of the property

In the fourth action of its kind this year, the traffic officials staged their protest in support of demands that they be allowed to take their patrol vehicles home every night

The traffic officers barred the entrances to the premises about 4 pm yesterday, preventing workers from leaving the grounds

At 2.45 am today, 18 people were still on the premises including the acting town clerk Wouter Loots, who said it was decided to go to the Supreme Court last night on the advice of the council's attorney

A fax with the interdict from Mr Justice R M Marais arrived at the offices around 2am and was read to the traffic officers

"We went to the guys and explained what it was. They decided to leave and respect the court order," he said

Mr Loots said the men had allowed women and others with urgent business to leave the premises. He said they could have walked out of the premises at any time, but the officers were refusing to allow vehicles to leave

Eighteen people decided to stay and see the matter through

"The drama is over now, and hopefully we can resolve what is left behind as soon as possible," a tired Mr Loots said this morning shortly after the offices re-opened

The dispute arose from a letter earlier this month saying only one vehicle could be used to transport staff to and from work

"We regard travelling together in one vehicle as extremely dangerous, in view of the fact that some of our guys have been shot at several times," a spokesman for the traffic police said yesterday

"They want eight men to sit

in the back of a van and if we are shot at then it's over for all of us"

The spokesman said the officers had also been refused petrol when they asked to fill their vehicles last night

"We are prepared to compromise. Our grievances have not been answered for two years"

He said they only used the vans to serve the community

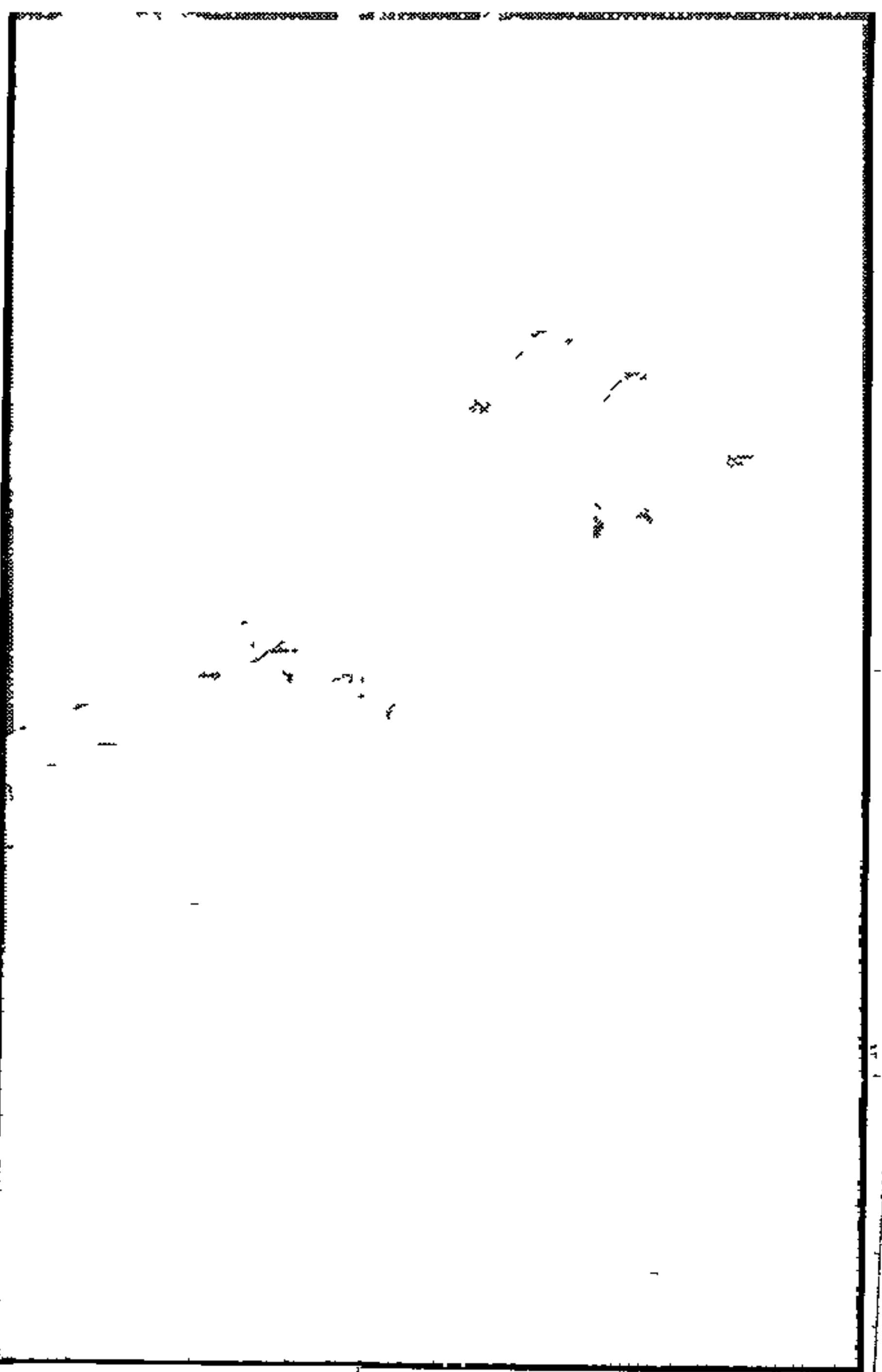
"Our job is difficult enough as it is. We are 14 guys working in an area where there should be 87 traffic cops"

Other grievances included poorly equipped officers and too few patrol vehicles

Mr Loots said he had received complaints the transport was being abused and he had been asked to cut down on transport expense

"The letter sent out was an instruction. The traffic cops are disobeying instructions. We have been begging for them to negotiate with us but nothing seems acceptable to them," Mr Loots said

"We are looking for a resolution without conflict. We have compromised so many times in the past"



NEGOTIATING: Acting Lingeletnu West town clerk Wouter Loots negotiates with some of the traffic officers

Picture OBEED ZILWA, The Argus

'Security cuts spell disaster'

Political Staff

PLANNED cuts in the safety and security budget could have a "disastrous" effect on policing, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi told Parliament yesterday

While the amalgamation and rationalisation of 11 police agencies would demand "vast expenditure", this had not been taken into account for either this year's or next year's budgets, he said

The department had already taken a R200m cut to assist with the implementation of the Reconstruction and Development Programme and a further 4% decrease could be expected in the 1995/96 financial year.

"This will have a disastrous effect on policing"

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To cope with such cuts, a moratorium on recruitment — including advertised community policing posts — or the retrenchment of up to 2 500 officers would have to be considered, Mr Mufamadi said

Although there had been a 97% increase in armed robberies and a 48% rise in murders since 1989, a comprehensive crime combating and prevention programme introduced earlier this year had been remarkably successful, Mr Mufamadi said

One of the most encouraging aspects of these operations was the active participation of communities, he said

"Community policing is showing that it can serve as an effective instrument in combating crime and improving the levels of safety and security"

But one of the major tasks of the new government concerned the transformation of the police from a force instrumental in upholding apartheid to a service fulfilling the vision of the new constitution, Mr Mufamadi said

Along these lines, a draft policy document, which would be developed into a White Paper, had been completed

While the document was only the first step in the process of change, only a partnership of the police and the community would ensure SA became a safer and more secure country for all its people, he said

The new Police Act, which would allow for the unification and rationalisation of SA's 143 000 police officers in 11 agencies, would be introduced to Parliament next year

Dismissed cops to get jobs back

Staff Reporter

AT least 51 policemen who were dismissed in the Eastern Cape in 1991 in connection with protests are to be re-employed, police announced yesterday

They said the decision followed negotiations with the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) earlier this month. (251)

Applications for re-employment were already being processed in East London

The policemen would be re-admitted, with their previous service acknowledged, as soon as possible, a spokesman said. CT 21/9/94

Popcru spokesman Mr Peter Loggenberg said he understood the policemen were dismissed after a sit-in at a police station in the area

Truckers defy govt warning on blockade

THE blockade by about 700 truck drivers at the Mooi River toll plaza on the N3 and the N2 at Colesberg continued last night despite an ultimatum by Transport Minister Mac Maharaj to move or be removed by force.

By late yesterday afternoon only four trucks had been removed and the routes were closed to traffic.

The Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) distanced itself from the action Labour Minister Tito Mboweni called the blockade "totally unacceptable" as negotiation channels had been opened.

It was resolved in a snap debate in Parliament yesterday that no talks would be held with truckers. Mboweni's office said the Minister would not meet the truckers at the scene but wanted them to return to Johannesburg first.

Mboweni said the protest action by truck drivers was in complete breach of the agreement reached by truck drivers and employers last month in a three-day blockade of these and other routes.

It had been agreed that employers and truck drivers would establish a collective bargaining mechanism to deal with grievances, Mboweni said.

Sapa reports that the Turning Wheels International Workers' Movement, the organisation behind the blockade, yesterday vowed to continue until earlier demands put to government were met.

A spokesman for the movement said government had reneged on agreements reached after last month's blockade. The official, who did not want to be named, accused government of bad faith in its negotiations and of using delaying tactics.

He said that the organisation did not

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want the TGWU to represent it in negotiations. It wanted Kwazulu/Natal transport minister S'bu Ndebele to refrain from negotiating with them.

"We want cast-iron commitments or we won't move," the spokesman said.

Ndebele refused to meet the drivers. TWGU assistant general secretary Julius Matroos said the action was organised to "gain political mileage".

Matroos said the three-day blockade organised by the TGWU last month on the same routes was successful because it ended in talks and agreements being reached with the Labour Ministry.

"The current blockade by this unknown organisation is aimed at undermining both the agreement reached as well as current negotiations with the Labour Minister," he said.

The TGWU said the latest move by truck drivers under the banner of the Turning Wheels International was also aimed at discrediting legitimate unions.

The national industrial council would be set up by mid-October, Matroos said, adding that other demands, including tax-free overtime pay and an increase in wages and improved working conditions were also being thrashed out.

He said truckers involved in the present blockade also participated in last month's protest action, but some truckers might have gained the impression that empty promises had been given.

The SA Chamber of Business said yesterday strong action had to be taken against the truckers because the blockade posed serious threats to the national economy.

Dismissed policemen get their jobs back

THE SA Police Service had decided to re-employ 51 policemen who were dismissed in 1991 in the Eastern Cape because of an illegal strike, it said yesterday.

The SAPS said the decision to re-employ the policemen was taken after lengthy negotiations with the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru).

The police said the applications for re-employment had already begun and were being processed in East London.

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Popcru spokesman Lefaso Matutoane said the union felt the agreement was a victory for policemen.

Popcru would soon begin other negotiations for the remuneration of workers who would be re-employed.

He said the SAPS agreed the union should submit motivation applications for ex gratia payments to the Treasury.

Cuts 'will harm policing'

CAPE TOWN — Planned cuts in the public safety and security budget could have a disastrous effect on policing, Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi told Parliament yesterday

Measures to cope with such cuts could include a moratorium on recruitment and retrenchments of officers. While the amalgamation and rationalisation of 11 police agencies would demand "vast expenditure", this had not been taken into account for either this year's or next year's budgets, he said.

The department had already taken a R200m cut to assist with the implementation of the reconstruction and development programme and a further 4% decrease could be expected in the 1995/96 financial year.

To cope with such cuts, a moratorium on recruitment, including advertised community policing posts, or the retrenchment of up to 2 500 officers would have to be considered.

"This will obviously reduce our already limited capacity to ensure that our people live in safe and secure conditions," Mufamadi said.

Although crime had reached unac-

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ceptable levels, with a 97% increase in armed robberies since 1989 and a 48% rise in murders, a comprehensive crime combating and prevention programme introduced earlier this year had been highly successful.

During two nationwide swoops involving up to 40 000 officers, 4 432 people were arrested for a range of serious crimes.

One of the most encouraging aspects of these operations was the active participation of communities in assisting the police, he said.

"Community policing is showing that it can serve as an effective instrument in combating crime and improving the levels of safety and security in our communities."

Further advances had been made in improving the investigative capacity of the police.

But one of the major tasks of the new government concerned the transformation of the police from a force instrumental in upholding apartheid to a service fulfilling the

vision of the new constitution.

Along these lines, a draft policy document, which would be developed into a White Paper, had been completed, Mufamadi said.

Included among the 10 policy issues in the document were the attainment of democratic control over the police, accountability, community consultation and involvement, a new emphasis on the quality and style of service, professionalism, equality and cost-effectiveness.

While the document was just the first step in the process of change, only a partnership of the police and the community would ensure SA became a safer and more secure country for all its people, he said.

The new Police Act, which would allow for the unification and rationalisation of SA's 143 000 police officers in 11 agencies, would be introduced to Parliament next year.

Sapa reports Mufamadi also told the Senate yesterday a total of 6 669 vehicles had been hijacked in the first six months of this year.

Police had arrested 1 177 of the culprits and 1 145 people had been charged in 3 170 cases.

Budget cut to stretch police force further

Star 21/9/94
BY CHRIS WHITFIELD

Cape Town — The proposed trimming of the police budget next year would either result in a moratorium on recruitment or the retrenchment of up to 2 500 members of the thinly stretched force, says Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

Introducing his budget vote in the National Assembly yesterday, Mufamadi said the "vast expenditure" required for the amalgamation and rationalisation of the 11 police forces in the country had not been budgeted for.

"We have already taken a R200 million reduction in our existing

budget in order to assist with the implementation of other elements of the RDP. Next year we face a further decrease of 4 per cent."

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Mufamadi also fleshed out for the first time the contents of a draft policy document being compiled by his ministry.

The document consists of 10 policy issues, including:

- Trained civilians to be employed in posts that did not require the exercising of police powers
- Accountability of the police service.
- Incentives and rewards for policemen.
- A national service
- The use of force by the police service

Khayelitsha

without cops

CT 21/9/94
KHAYELITSHA still has no operational traffic police force, as all 14 of its members have been "grounded" in a bitter dispute with their management over alleged misuse of petrol for private purposes.

A request to them to escort British Prime Minister Mr John Major's entourage yesterday could not be complied with, as they still cannot fill up their cars at council petrol bowsers.

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On Monday evening, the angry patrolmen, who had been denied petrol at the council depot, blockaded for several hours 10 members of management and eight other employees into a fenced administration block.

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■ **NEW ORDER** Bill of Rights

'bound make policing more difficult':

POLICE SALARIES were a national disgrace and a scandal, President Nelson Mandela's legal adviser Professor Fink Haysom said in Pretoria yesterday

Haysom told a human rights conference attended by police generals and attorneys-general that the new constitution would have an impact on the South African Police Services Management which would have to deal with new labour rights

"The current salaries and working conditions of the police are a national disgrace and a scandal," he said

Haysom said the new constitution would make the job of police more difficult

The Bill of Rights would require a thorough review of police practices

Interrogation techniques and issuing of search warrants, for example, would demand "rigorous adherence" to the law. This would be essential to avoid what he called the Dirty Harry syndrome, when policemen tended to take

the law into their own hands

The police should realise they would be under closer public scrutiny from now on

On the other hand, the new constitution would also allow the police to be more professional (251)

Tasks not crucial to their functions should be shelved. For example, border patrols should be taken over by the military

Haysom said police could rest assured the government regarded safety and security as a central part of the Reconstruction and Development Programme

"That is why the police force has not been cut. Police are the guardians of a new human rights order." He said it was time the community began appreciating what the police were doing.

"They are working under difficult circumstances and they're certainly not doing it for the money"

Haysom said the police should also be able to rely on the community to assist in their tasks — Sapa

Police salaries 'are a disgrace'

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PRETORIA — Working conditions and salaries of SA's police officers were a national disgrace, Fink Haysom, legal adviser to President Nelson Mandela's office, said yesterday.

Delivering the opening address at a human rights conference attended by SAPS generals and attorneys-general, Haysom said it was time police received gratitude for the very difficult and sometimes life-threatening work they performed. (25)

"They are definitely not doing the work for monetary reward," he said.

He gave the assurance that government regarded safety and security as a central part of the reconstruction and development programme.

Although the new constitution would make the task of the police more difficult in some respects, it also provided the police with a window of opportunity.

The Bill of Rights would require a thorough review of current police practices and issues such as interrogation techniques and the issuing of search warrants would demand strict adherence to the law.

But, Haysom stressed, the issue of safety and security was not the duty of the police alone.

Haysom was positive the police would succeed in meeting the challenges of the new constitution and said that the shift in attitude towards the police — "even in Parliament" — should not be underestimated.

Government was sensitive to the difficulties experienced by the police and was also alarmed by the rising crime rate in the country.

He said concerns by the police about certain aspects of the Bill of Rights and the constitution regarding policing were real, and certain problems existed which could require legislative intervention.

Salaries for police are 'a disgrace'

PRETORIA. — Salaries and working conditions for South African police were "a national disgrace", the president's legal adviser Fink Haysom said. (251)

The new constitution would have a major impact on the police force, Mr Haysom yesterday told a human rights conference at the South African Police College in Pretoria. ARG 22/9/94

"The rank and file members will want some say and you will have to deal with labour rights as well as salaries and working conditions. In my opinion the salaries and working conditions of police are a national disgrace and a scandal," Mr Haysom told the gathering.

South Africa's bill of rights would affect the court process and make it more difficult for bail to be denied to suspects. It would also necessitate a thorough review of police practices.

"The whole structure of the new constitution has an obligation on the SAPS to be community-sensitive and transparent," Mr Haysom said. — Reuter.

Police salaries 'scandalous'

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PRETORIA — Police salaries were scandalous and a national disgrace, President Nelson Mandela's legal adviser, Professor Fink Haysom, said here yesterday

He told a human rights conference attended by 40 police generals and 12 attorneys-general the new constitution would affect the South African Police Service Management would have to deal with new labour rights

"The salaries and working conditions of the police are a national disgrace and a scandal," he said

Prof Haysom said the new constitution would make policing more difficult

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The police should realise they

would come under closer public scrutiny from now on

On the other hand, the new constitution would also allow the police to be more professional

Prof Haysom said police could rest assured the government regarded safety and security as a central part of the RDP "That is why the police force has not been cut They are the guardians of a new human rights order"

Major-General Tienie Cronjé, head of decentralised training, said the police would be in the frontline of the constitutional relationship between the state and the individual

This was becoming clear, for example, when granting bail, which could not be as easily refused under the bill of rights — Sapa

Police union wants bail curb

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PRETORIA — The South African Police Union yesterday demanded immediate steps to end the granting of bail to suspects in police killings.

The union said it was a "disgrace" that the Department of Justice was allowing "the killers of the community's guardians to go free with ludicrously low amounts of bail" (251) (5)

"This is one of the main factors contributing to the dangerously low morale of police officials in South Africa."

McKenzie hits out at security budget cuts

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Staff Reporter

"HUNDREDS" of Western Cape police officers could lose their jobs if the planned four-percent cut in the safety and security budget goes unchallenged, says "furious" and "disgusted" regional police minister Patrick McKenzie.

He was reacting to statements by Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi that the department had already taken a R200 million cut to assist the Reconstruction and Development Programme and could expect a four percent budget decrease for the 1995/96 financial year.

Mr Mufamadi told parliament the envisaged cut could force the government to retrench 2 500 police nationally.

Mr McKenzie said yesterday it would be impossible to render a "proper police service" to areas crying out for extra officers and equipment.

The policing budget had been "lean" for several years... "I don't think we realise what devastating effects this budget cut will have on our communities", Mr McKenzie said.

A job-freeze would have to be implemented, officers retrenched

and police stations closed

Any affirmative action programme envisaged by the police would grind to a "dead halt"

"The only people who will gain an advantage out of the cut will be criminals, the rest of us will have to suffer."

He suggested the cabinet "sit up and take note that it is the police who are keeping the whole process of the new South Africa together."

"There will be chaos... crime is already almost uncontrollable."

While "fully endorsing" the Reconstruction and Development Programme, Mr McKenzie said "we can have the best RDP in the world but what good will it be if police officers cannot protect the tourists in Cape Town or prevent drugs from pouring into the country through our airport?"

The government was not delivering on its pre- and post-election promises of being "strong on security" and there was a dangerous perception it was getting soft on crime.

● The present Western Cape police budget is about R800 million, roughly 80 percent of which is spent on salaries.

Community policing 'a different way of life'

Weekend Argus Reporter

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COMMUNITY policing represents the most fundamental change in policing since the rise of police professionalism early this century, says police community relations chief André Beukes

Brigadier Beukes told delegates at the annual congress of the Security Association of South Africa that community policing was an entirely different way of life for the traditional police officer

"The task facing police management is nothing less than changing the fundamental culture of the organisation

"This makes our task so much more difficult, because of the unusual strength of police cultures and their great resistance to change"

He said community policing was not soft on crime — in fact it was tougher because it was smarter and more creative

With better information, officers would be able to respond more effectively

The words "community policing" were often perceived as a magic formula

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mula that would change everything and undo the damage wreaked by apartheid

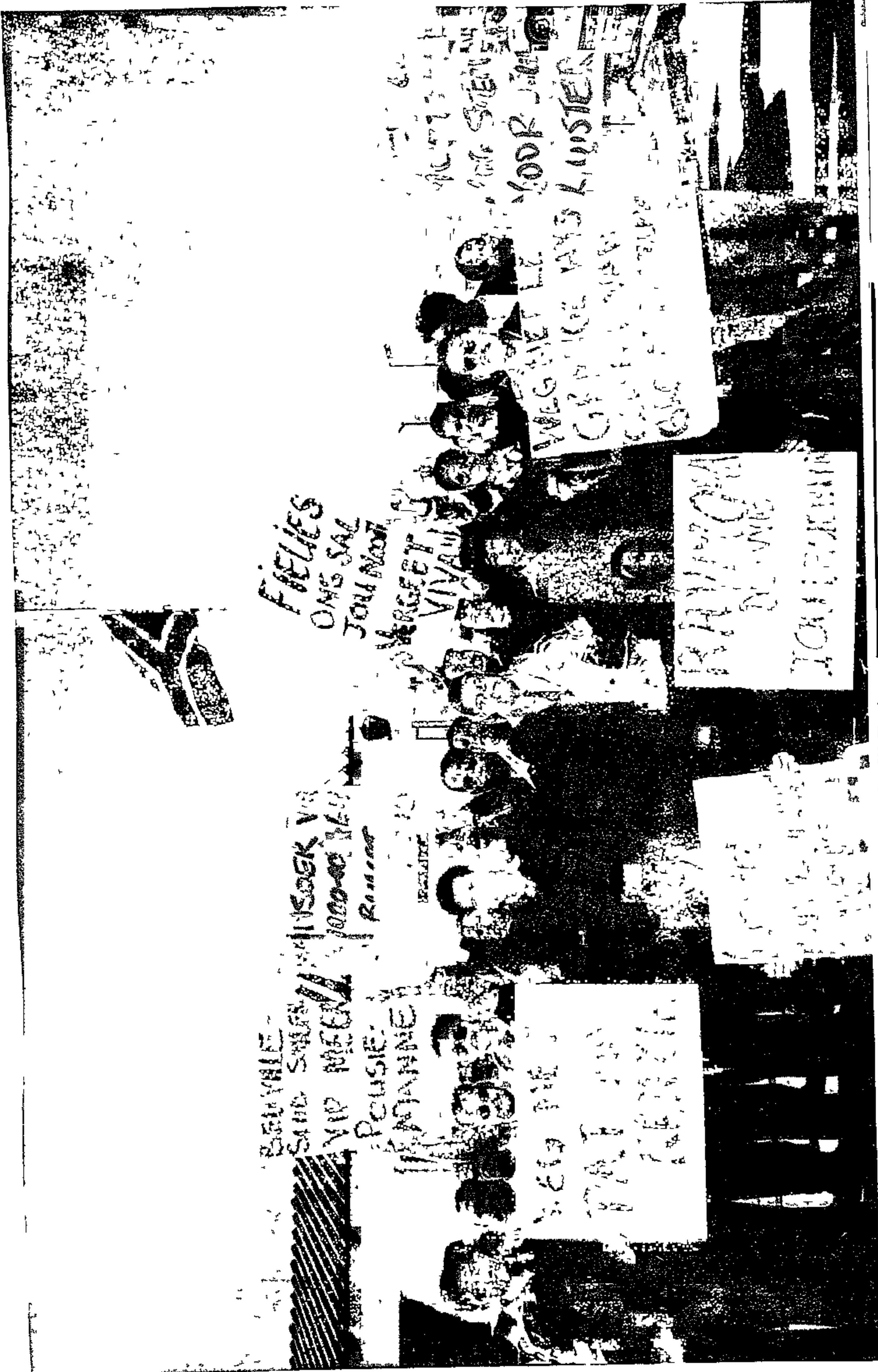
"Many overseas forces who claim to have adopted community policing have simply instructed their officers to patrol the streets on foot instead of racing through the streets in patrol cars"

While this changed the appearance of the police activity, it did not change the fundamental relationship between community and police, Brigadier Beukes said

Traditionally, robbery, murder, assault and rape were top priority, while little or no attention was given to secondary matters or the so-called nuisance problems, Brigadier Beukes said

"We cannot ignore serious crimes and will still deal with them, but we must begin to listen to the people we serve and investigate these quality-of-life issues, because this is where community policing begins"

"The ordinary citizen really does not care whether you made five or 50 arrests in his area for drugs — what he cares about is whether it is still possible to buy drugs in the area"



Picture BRENTON GEACH, The Argus

SHOOTING PROTEST: Some of the 100 angry policemen who demonstrated outside Belhar police station. They demanded police reinforcements after the fatal shooting of their colleague at Delft police station.

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Police jeer

□ Angry marchers unhappy over killing of officers

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Staff Reporters

HUNDREDS of chanting policemen jeered regional safety and security minister Patrick McKenzie when he arrived at Belhar police station today for crisis talks after the slaying of three policemen at the weekend.

Mr McKenzie, Leonard Knipe, chief of the violent crime unit, and police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd are locked in talks with school principals, civic associations, members of Popcru and other high-ranking officers.

Policemen waving placards demonstrated outside the

police station and the crowd swelled to more than 1 000 while the meeting was in progress.

The policemen were demanding the immediate transfer of 20 officers to strengthen the two satellite stations of Belhar and Delft, where Sergeant Donovan Filhes was shot dead last night.

Earlier, the police marched between the two stations

Brigadier Sarel Muller of police head office and Colonel Trevor Vermeulen of Bellville districts head office failed to dissuade the chanting policemen from marching

School principals, residents and pupils joined the march

Bellville South police station commander Pieter Pieterse removed all firearms from the safe at Belhar charge office

The senior officers demanded that police hand over their firearms but they refused

Negotiations were continuing at Delft police station

Police claimed that Major Pieterse knew about the planned attack but he denied this, saying the advance warning was an alert broadcast by police radio on Friday about a threat of "a shooting in a public place"

He said he had had anonymous calls saying that policemen of Bellville South would be led into an ambush

Major Pieterse said "The information I received was that a gang fight would be fabricated in the business area of Bellville South

"When our officers arrived, they would have been fired on and two persons told me explosives would be used

"I did not know that Delft police station would be attacked"

Constable Pumsile Veyi, 27, of Nyanga police station, died after being shot in the thigh in Khayelitsha on Friday. Lance Sergeant Ian Filhes, 24, was shot dead in Manenberg on Saturday and Sergeant Filhes, 32, was shot last night during the attack at Delft

"Criminals seem hell-bent on obtaining firearms and see police and police stations as an easy source," Colonel Dowd said today

● Popcru, members of the ANC Youth League in Langa, the PAC, the SA Communist Party, civic leaders and clergy held a march in Langa on Saturday to show their support for the police

● See pages 2 and 11.

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Angry cops stage strike

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A GROUP of angry Cape Flats policemen went on strike yesterday to protest against the killing of three of their colleagues in as many days

More than 100 residents joined the police protest outside Belhar satellite police station at 9am, where they waved placards calling for the removal of senior police officers and for the deployment of more police in the area

The action took place while Western Cape Police Services Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie was at a meeting at the station with police and community representatives

Several of the protesters screamed that his spokesman, Colonel Raymond Dowd, was "uncaring" for saying staffing levels had nothing to do with police killings. Mr McKenzie struggled to make his voice heard as policemen shouted "Dowd must go," and that the "top structure does not care" about their policemen on the ground

Policemen drawn from the Parow police station took over at Belhar police station as the striking policemen and their supporters took part in a protest march to Delft police station

Traffic came to a standstill as the cavalcade of police vehicles and toy-toying police officers moved down the avenue before holding a minute's silence for their slain colleague. They sang hymns before finally dispersing around 3pm

Mr McKenzie said station commanders were satisfied with his undertakings, which included a meeting with Divisional Commissioner General Nic Acker this morning and a report-back meeting by himself at the Belhar Anglican Church on a day this week to be chosen by the community

● Late last night, in a statement from Col Dowd on behalf of Mr McKenzie, he said "In the light of information received that certain elements of Pop-cru are planning illegal marches with the use of state vehicles, etc, no purpose will be served in the meeting which was scheduled to take place today between us until Popcru gets its house in order and, speaks without any ambiguity"

will all sink in when he sees his... I am convinced there is used the vigour with which policing the area, he said. penalty, Mr Kriel said no.

Police union members to march through city

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Staff Reporters

MEMBERS of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union will march through Cape Town on Thursday to protest against the killing of policemen and to highlight grievances with police minister Patrick McKenzie and police management.

A planned meeting between Mr McKenzie and union officials failed to materialise today when the minister pulled out, claiming the union had a "double agenda".

Police spokesman Raymond Dowd said information had been received that elements within the union were planning actions such as illegal protests with government vehicles. Colonel Dowd said this indicated that Popercu had a double agenda and that Mr McKenzie

would not talk to the union before it "got its house in order".

Earlier, on his way to the meeting, Popercu regional chairman John Jansen said, "union members were 'frustrated' and had 'no confidence' in a minister who just made 'promises and promises'".

His remarks follow a heated confrontation yesterday between at least 150 angry, striking policemen and members of the Internal Stability Unit at Belhar police station after the violent deaths of three Peninsula policemen at the weekend.

During the confrontation an angry argument developed between Mr Jansen and Bellville police district commissioner Colonel Trevor Vermeulen over the fact that two white policemen had been posted to

Belhar's charge office. Mr Jansen said today, "Since the police killings started, nothing constructive has been done to address the situation of the ordinary policeman on the beat."

Members took exception to the fact that the police top-structures were "still of the old order... the old apartheid structures."

"There is no inclusive way of management, no sympathetic manner of dealing with legitimate grievances on the ground. Popercu members are still being harassed and victimised."

Mr Jansen said there was no time to waste. "The whole reconstruction of the police must start now." He said the march on Thursday would "highlight the killings and the way management and the minister are doing nothing constructive".

During yesterday's rowdy slanging match Mr Jansen accused the police of racism.

Mr Jansen said: "The country has changed but you have not changed — but we are going to make you change."

The marching policemen and residents had just returned from Delft police station.

Earlier regional police minister Patrick McKenzie had been jeered by the marching policemen and their crowd of supporters when he visited the police station. Policemen at Delft and Bel-

har started a 24-hour strike yesterday following attacks on Peninsula police, including Delft sergeant Donovan Fielles — who was shot dead on Sunday night.

The policemen were demanding the immediate transfer of 20 officers to strengthen the satellite stations at Belhar and Delft.

Earlier during a visit to Delft, Mr McKenzie promised the angry policemen that policing at grassroots level would undergo dramatic changes to satisfy the community after the publication of a new Police Act in September.

He said the new act would mean the appointment of new commissioners by January next year



Hit-squads to be probed

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MINISTER of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi has announced he will set up a special team to investigate allegations of hit-squads in the kwaZulu Police — but one of the first people he will consult is somebody who has himself been accused of involvement: kwaZulu/Natal's minister of safety and security, Celani Mtetwa.

Mtetwa was named in the Pretoria Supreme Court recently as allegedly involved in a gun-running network set up to supply weapons to the Inkatha Freedom Party.

His name was mentioned during a bail application hearing launched by former Vlakplaas commander Eugene de Kock, who is facing charges of murder, attempted murder, terrorism and unlawful possession of weapons, among others.

Under cross-examination during the hearing, investigating officer Warrant Officer Ernest Holmes named Mtetwa as among senior IFP leaders with whom De Kock allegedly had contact.

Earlier this year, the *Mail & Guardian* reported that the Goldstone Commission had information indicating Mtetwa had allegedly received arms from De Kock's operation. De Kock's arrest in May followed the release of a Goldstone report which detailed the activities of the gun-running network.

Mufamadi said on Wednesday he would consult Mtetwa before deciding who would make up the special investigation team and its terms of reference.

His announcement followed allegations by no less than the former KZP commissioner, General Roy Doring, that "at least one" hit squad was operating within the KZP.

Sources close to the De Kock investigation indicated this week that a cache of military standard weapons of war, alleged to have been in De Kock's possession, may have been destined for Inkatha paramilitary training camps in Natal.

According to court reports, De Kock is alleged to have been in possession of an arsenal — including mortars, handgrenades, anti-personnel mines, high explosives and ammunition — around October last year.

Sources said the weapons were meant for the IFP but it was not known if they actually arrived at the Inkatha camps.

Just before the April election, IFP paramilitary trainer Phillip Powell was caught with one of the home-made guns De Kock's network is alleged to have manufactured.

However, the attorney-general declined to prosecute him after Powell insisted he was on his way to hand the weapon over to the police.

De Kock's bail application was granted this month.

No police chiefs till bill passed

Political Staff

THE National Commissioner of Police and the nine provincial commissioners of the police could not be appointed until Parliament had passed a new Police Act, Mr Azar Cachalia said yesterday **CT 11/8/94**

But, he told the Parliamentary Select Committee on Safety and Security, because more than 200 representations to the draft bill had been received it would not be possible to finalise it before the end of September

Mr Cachalia, chairperson of a technical committee examining proposed changes to the Police Act, said the August 8 deadline for comments on the draft bill, which was published in the Government Gazette on July 18, would be extended by about three weeks

Mr Cachalia said that without the new Police Act, the members of the executive committees in the provinces did not have the powers to act as Ministers of Police

Popcru threatens to strike over demands

JOHANNESBURG — The Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union said yesterday its members might strike unless its demands received prompt attention.

The union's Wits region said its patience with government inaction was stretched to the limit.

"The 100 days' honeymoon is over and we demand results." Popcru said its members were demanding a strike or protest march on August 15.

The branch said it would seek support for its demands "from all workers' unions in our country"

It said the government had been told of these demands, but all the union had received was promises.

"Nobody is prepared to listen to us. The government of the day is unwilling to address the imbalances created by apartheid."

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"It is time the madness stopped the attacks are on a scale unprecedented throughout the world," he said, adding that Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi was deeply distressed at the killings, including those of two flying squad officers near Johannesburg yesterday.

Mufamadi viewed the killing of policemen as a "national tragedy" and intended making a statement later this week, Kotze said.

One of the two officers was a 23-year-old woman sergeant, Monique Marais, who was due to get married this month. Both she and her partner, Theuns van der Vyfer, were shot in the head.

Last year, police appealed for more bullet-proof vests because of the surge in attacks and the flood of cheap weapons from Mozambique.

Bloomberg said 148 police officers were killed in the first six months of the year, compared to 142 in the same period of 1993.

"We feel terrible about what's happening. If you wear a (police) badge you are considered a legitimate target. Criminals have no regard for human life, especially those of the police," he said.

"We thought things would get better in the new SA, but they are getting worse. There was a perception in the past that many attacks on the police were politically motivated but this is no longer the case."

Police say only a handful of arrests and convictions have resulted from the attacks.

Meanwhile, a surge in crime in

Pretoria and the Northern Transvaal has prompted police to consider flexi-time so that more policemen can be deployed in peak crime periods.

Spokesman Capt Evan Johnson said the weekend had been one of the worst regarding violent crimes. There had been reports in Pretoria and the Northern Transvaal of 11 murders, 152 car burglaries, 86 car thefts and 102 burglaries.

Among the crimes was the Friday night abduction of eight-year-old Brigitte Cohen of Wierda Park in Verwoerdburg after her father's car was stolen. The child was later found on the old Krugersdorp road.

In Mamelodi six-year-old Luci Mafefi was raped and murdered. Her body was found near Motheo Primary School on Sunday morning.

The largest of several armed robberies in Pretoria was at Woolworths in Sunnyside. Seven armed men escaped with R160 000. (ZSI)

Johnson said a post-election lull in violent crimes had ended about three weeks ago. "Since then we have seen a steady increase" — Sapa-Reuter.

Police found... Driver killed

Court defence for Afrikaans

PRETORIA — The Freedom Front would take the SABC to court if that proved to be the only way to protect Afrikaans, the party said yesterday. *BIDay*

Spokesman Pieter Mulder said he had obtained legal advice and it was clear the SABC would be contravening Clause 3 of the Constitution if it went ahead with scrapping Afrikaans on TV. *218194*

"Clause 3 explicitly states that language rights may not be curtailed."

Mulder said the SABC was a public institution which meant it had to abide by the stipulation.

In Cape Town, Archbishop Desmond Tutu on Monday spoke out against the proposal to drop Afrikaans but appealed to Afrikaners not to be "hypersensitive" about their language. *(25)*

He said. "Downgrading the status of Afrikaans would be one of the most inept actions the SABC could take."

"We are seeking reconciliation and unity in our country, yet some Afrikaners are feeling so threatened they are talking of a 'taalstryd' To fuel their fears at this stage is totally unnecessary."

Meanwhile, in the Budget debate Andries Beyers (NP) said President Nelson Mandela should intervene and prevent a war against Afrikaans which would probably be launched from ANC ranks.

He said there could be no talk of reconciliation if Afrikaner rights were trampled.

This onslaught against the language came from several sources, especially the ANC-dominated SABC board — Sapa

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NEWS Concern over slaying of policemen ● Mandela tells of immediate restructuring

Jail killers for life, Govt told

By Russel Molefe

THE South African Police Union yesterday called on the Government to impose a mandatory life sentence on killers of policemen. There is widespread concern about the increasing slaying of police officers countrywide.

About 148 policemen have been killed since the beginning of the year. Eight policemen, including two sergeants of the Brixton Flying Squad, have been killed since the weekend.

Another policeman, Constable Riaan Colyt (21), was attacked and seriously wounded at his home in Boksburg yesterday.

In a statement, Sapu said it would initiate a national seminar where "this grave problem" would be dealt with

Sowetan 3/8/94

The continuing slaying of policemen, which was described by Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi as a "national tragedy" sparked off a work-stoppage by about 150 policemen at Orlando East police station yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Ngobeni said the policemen met PWV MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte

At a Press conference in Johannesburg, Duarte said police would be given full support in rooting out criminal elements

Duarte said police from yesterday began to set up roadblocks countrywide to search for weapons and criminals. Police would conduct regular roadblocks, searches, joint raids and identification of criminal elements in various areas

Police halt work over murders

JOHANNESBURG. — Police at Soweto's Orlando East station yesterday refused to go on duty, in protest against a spate of murders of policemen

More than 140 policemen have been murdered this year, a wave of attacks the government says is unprecedented in the world

The protest comes a day after two Flying Squad policemen were shot dead by car thieves

An intensive campaign against crime will start in the PWV this week, including road-blocks to search for illegal weapons, Minister for Safety and Security Ms. Jesse Duarte said yesterday (251)

"The gloves are off. We are going to give police our full support to bring criminals to book."

Ms Duarte said eight attacks on policemen had been reported in the PWV since Friday. Four

policemen had been killed and at least three seriously hurt

Issuing a strong warning to criminals, Ms Duarte said "They're testing the will of this government to see if we are able to bring them to book. We have the will to make a difference and will support the police to make that difference." CT3/8/94

She appealed to the public to help police root out criminals.

PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale added his weight to the condemnation of the murders

The premier "is outraged by the murder of security force members, both black and white". Mr Sexwale would announce stringent measures to ensure "the defence of our communities against criminals, drug pushers, car hijackers and other tsotsi elements", his spokesman said — Sapa

Rockman queries ⁽²⁵¹⁾ cops' fund

Political Staff

FORMER Popcru president Mr Gregory Rockman yesterday demanded to know what had happened to the 10% of the commission on insurance policies taken out by policemen that was paid to the police force.

"We want to know where the money has gone all these years," Mr Rockman, said during the second reading debate on the Budget

"Once we have it, then it can be given to Minister Jay Naidoo, for the Reconstruction and Development Programme."

Mr Rockman, who is now an ANC MP, also proposed that the money from the Commissioner's Fund also be given to the ANC, and he also asked where the money contributed to a "pleasure resort fund" was, adding there was no such resort as far as he knew.

He also criticised the lack of proper police stations in black areas.

Mr Rockman said that in the past it had been extremely difficult for a person of colour to obtain financial credit, but now that he was an MP, "all of a sudden finance is available to Comrade Rockman".

Trainees in 'sit-in' ⁽²⁵¹⁾ at college CT 3/8/94

Staff Reporter

MORE than 300 municipal policemen who are undergoing training at the Bishop Lavis college went on strike yesterday over a pay dispute

Spokesman Col Raymond Dowd said the 350 strikers staged a "peaceful sit-in" after voicing dissatisfaction at not receiving a R17,50 daily allowance they claim they are entitled to

"Apparently no provision was made for a daily subsistence allowance," Colonel Dowd said

Training head Major Gen "Daantjie" Hugget is to address them today

Colonel faces 8 murder charges

PRETORIA — The former commander of the SAP's Vlakplaas unit near here, Colonel Eugene de Kock, will provisionally face eight charges of murder and charges of being an accessory to attempting to murder Mr Dirk Coetzee, fraud, terrorism and the unlawful possession of arms and explosives. (251)
A preliminary charge sheet

was handed in yesterday to the Pretoria Regional Court, where Col De Kock is applying for bail

The police and the Transvaal attorney-general are opposing bail *ET 3/8/94*

Investigating officer WO Ernest Holmes testified yesterday that apart from the strong state case against Col De Kock, which included affidavits from former

Vlakplaas colleagues as well as forensic and other evidence, there was proof that Col De Kok would have left the country on May 8 this year had it not been for his arrest four days earlier

He said Col De Kock's family left the country in May and were presumably in Dublin, Ireland

WO Holmes said witnesses were reluctant to supply state-

ments because they feared Col De Kock.

A witness had refused to make a statement while "the lion" (Col De Kock) was still free, and four others, all former colleagues, went into hiding overseas before Col De Kock's arrest.

The application continues today — Sapa

Policemen end payment sit-in

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Staff Reporter

MORE than 300 police cadets who staged a sit-in protest at the Bishop Lavis police college on Tuesday returned to classes yesterday after being told they would be paid a R17,50 daily subsistence allowance.

The men had gathered in a hall at the college to express their dissatisfaction. Head of training Major-General D Hugget told the protesters yesterday the allowance would be paid.

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Witnesses were 'eliminated' ⁽²⁵⁾ — court told

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Former Vlakplaas police training base commander Colonel Eugene de Kock eliminated witnesses and threatened others with murder, according to evidence in the Pretoria Regional Court

This was said during Colonel De Kock's bail application before magistrate J Venter yesterday.

Investigating officer Warrant Officer Ernest Michael Holmes said a preliminary charge sheet, which included eight murder charges, charges of terrorism and being in possession of explosives, had been drawn up against Colonel De Kock.

He said two witnesses who testified before the Harmse and Goldstone commissions were killed after giving false evidence at the hearings because they were potential risks to him.

Warrant Officer Holmes is a member of the special team investigating the activities of former Vlakplaas members.

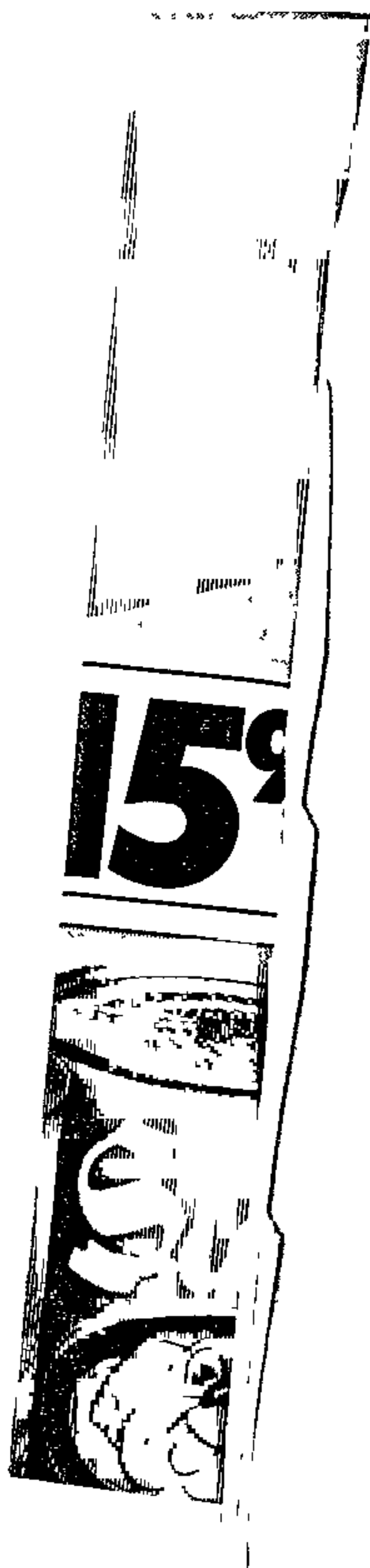
He said his team was formed after information about Vlakplaas was made available by the Goldstone Commission. The commission's report was the starting point of their investigations, he said.

A copy of the Goldstone Commission report on Vlakplaas was handed into court as evidence against Colonel De Kock.

Vlakplaas members, commanded by Colonel De Kock, were involved in train and hostel violence since 1989, the prosecutor quoted from the commission's report.

Warrant Officer Holmes said he thought Colonel De Kock could skip bail if it was granted. The seriousness of the crimes, the possible sentence if found guilty, and no fixed address were all factors which made Warrant Officer Holmes think Colonel De Kock would not stand trial.

(Proceeding)



De Kock held 'to force him to testify'

PRETORIA — Former commander of the police training unit at Vlakplaas Colonel Eugene de Kock was being imprisoned to force him to testify against superior officers, the Regional Court here heard yesterday

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The allegation, made by counsel for Col de Kock, was denied by investigator Warrant Officer Ernest Holmes (251)

Col de Kock faces charges of murder, attempted murder, accessory to murder, fraud, terrorism and unlawful possession of firearms

He was allegedly involved in the murder of people who could testify against him and allegedly ordered some of the bodies be destroyed

The trial continues — Sapa

...ological effect and deterred police officers from taking effective action to defend themselves.

... plan would be presented to Parliament on August 23, she said

Aspects of draft Police Bill criticised at public hearing

POLICE brutality, the right of police to go on strike and police conduct were issues which dominated public hearings into the draft Police Bill held in Johannesburg yesterday

Recommendations made by organisations including advocates, lawyers, police, social workers, activists and former prisoners criticised certain aspects of the Bill.

Their recommendations, if accepted, would go a long way towards ensuring transparency, accountability and an end to police brutality

The hearings, convened by PWV public safety and security minister Jessie Duarte, continue today at the Civic Centre.

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union representative Roy Govender told the hearing "By not being allowed to go on strike, our rights as workers are being violated." He maintained that racism in the police force was "still alive and well".

Addressing the question of the setting up of community police forums, Thsidiso Thipanyane from the National Children's Rights Committee said there was no clarity on what was meant by "community". "Who decides who represents the community and what is the criterion?" he asked.

NOMAVENDA MATHIANE

Claiming the Bill did not include children's rights, he recommended that provision for a special unit to deal with children be made

Nicro's Johannesburg director Jeanette Schmidt suggested police be trained to deal with domestic violence, self awareness and basic listening skills to enable them to deal with traumatised victims

She also suggested debriefing police when they got off duty, giving them the chance to talk about their experiences and deal with stress

Another issue discussed was a code of conduct for police. Mechanisms were required to ensure police co-operation and accountability. It was suggested that non-cooperation by a policeman be a punishable offence.

The Bill was criticised as being vague regarding the powers and jurisdiction of community police. A lack of community awareness necessitated the establishment of workshops to educate the public about their role (251)

People Opposed to Women Abuse representative Lynn Cawood suggested that there be a private room in police stations for cases involving raped or battered women

Vlakplaas (251)
chief met
IFP men'

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Former Vlakplaas commander Colonel Eugene de Kock was introduced to leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) by one of the former members of the unit, the Pretoria Regional Court has heard

This was said by investigating officer Warrant Officer Ernest Holmes yesterday on the third day of Colonel De Kock's bail hearing.

Warrant Officer Holmes said Colonel De Kock was introduced to Themba Khoza and Victor Ndluvo of the IFP by Andries van Heerden, a former member of the Vlakplaas unit

The court heard that in 1990 Mr Van Heerden resigned from the police and joined Absa Bank as head of security.

Mr Van Heerden was later suspended from work for allegedly taking part in politically motivated crimes

He allegedly distributed homemade arms to the Zulus and was frequently in contact with Mr Khoza and Mr Ndluvo.

Colonel De Kock faces charges of murder, attempted murder, accessory to murder, fraud, terrorism and unlawful possession of firearms.

Defence counsel Flip Hattigh said Colonel de Kock would not flee because he still had property in the country.

The hearing continues.

The askari who fooled Modise

WM 5-11/8/94

Louise Flanagan and Chandre Gould

SEVERAL askaris have died in mysterious circumstances — raising the possibility they are being murdered to stop further exposure of hit squad activities

Former Vlakplaas commander Colonel Eugene de Kock, currently facing murder and gun-running charges, is alleged to have killed askari Brian Ngqulunga, shot dead during the Harms Commission investigation into hit squad activities

Former police captain and Vlakplaas commander Captain Dirk Coetzee said in a recent interview Ngqulunga had been very nervous and might have implicated his colleagues if he testified before the Commission

Coetzee claimed Ngqulunga was executed by fellow askari Simon Radebe, whose loyalty to De Kock he said was unquestionable. Coetzee claimed Radebe took part in the March 1985 murder of UBS security guard Japie Maponya and disposed of the body for De Kock. Radebe went as far as to name his son "Eugene De Kock Radebe"

Another askari, Glory "September" Sidebe, a former MK member who worked at Vlakplaas for years, died in March this year. An autopsy indicated the cause of death was a heart attack, but several security force sources believe he was poisoned to prevent him from confessing any of his activities to a new government.

Former MK members told the *Weekly Mail & Guardian* Sidebe was so nervous about his job that he even told Minister of Defence Joe Modise that he was an MK commander.



Joe Modise .. Deceived by askari

Sidebe was snatched from a Swaziland jail by a security police team from Vlakplaas in the mid-1980s. He was "turned" and joined the police as an askari but continued to enjoy the trust of the ANC for years.

"September was running (operating) from South Africa to Nairobi to Mozambique. We suspected (that he was an informer) but there was that friendship which made people trust him," said an MK member, who asked not to be named. He and a colleague said there was a "very close friendship" between Modise and Sidebe.

After Vlakplaas closed down, Sidebe moved on to work for the military's clandestine Directorate of Covert Collection (DCC). He was reportedly still working in frontline states for DCC early this year.

The pathologist in the police draw blood, leave it with the police

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and buzz off. You can do anything you like, get hold of another corpse, chop up his liver or whatever you like and give it to the doctors," Coetzee commented when asked about Sidebe's death.

Other askaris also died in odd circumstances. Some may have been murdered by former MK members in revenge for turning traitor.

Xolelwa Sosha was murdered in a hit squad-style attack in Mdantsane near East London on February 27 this year. Her baby, which she was holding at the time, was slightly injured.

Sosha was linked to the murder of student leader Bathandwa Ndondo at Cala in Transkei together with fellow askari Silulami "Bra" Mose on September 24 1985. She was also alleged to have helped trap and kill guerrilla Lizo "Gift" Macanda and two others in Umtata in February 1988. Mose died, allegedly from a heart attack.

Askari Petrus Johnnie Kwade allegedly committed suicide after driving a truckload of weapons away from Vlakplaas. Askari John Kwade is also dead.

South Africa's security apparatus ran as many as 70 askaris. The Goldstone Commission heard that when they were retrenched last year, they received payments of between R200 000 and R600 000, while De Kock received R1.2-million.

It is believed that one askari was paid R900 000 for his part in helping with the parcel bomb intended for Coetzee, but which killed lawyer Bhekis Mlangeni instead. Among the charges faced by De Kock is that of Mlangeni's killing.

Reshuffle in intelligence agencies

Paul Stober

ALL 12 of South Africa's officially recognised intelligence networks will be incorporated into the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), under three Bills regulating the new intelligence service

Intelligence sources this week indicated the police's Crime Intelligence Service (CIS), the Military Intelligence departments of South Africa and the former independent states, the ANC's Department of Intelligence and Security (DIS) and the National Intelligence Service, among others, will either be absorbed into NIA or placed under the new agency's control

The agency's political head will be a deputy minister who will report directly to President Nelson Mandela. It is an open secret that the post will most likely go to former DIS head Joe Nhlanhla

Most ANC security officials approve of the choice. Nhlanhla is known to be aware of how easily intelligence agencies become over-powerful and corrupt. And he is committed to a high degree of transparency in the intelligence services

Under the deputy minister responsible for intelligence will be four director-generals: one for mili-

tary intelligence, one for domestic intelligence and one for foreign collection. All three areas will be overseen by the fourth director-general

The idea behind removing some services from their natural homes — like taking military intelligence from the Defence Force — is to separate intelligence-gathering from operational responsibilities. "If you mix the responsibilities, then you have the danger of intelligence agencies deciding who they should act against," said a security expert.

It is expected that once the intelligence service identifies a threat to national security, it will pass the information to police to act on it. Powers of criminal investigation and arrest will reside with the police

There is a wrangle in government between the National Party and the ANC over who will get senior positions in NIA. Leaks to the press about which party will nominate candidates for either the co-ordinator's job or the domestic intelligence job are understood to form part of the campaigning

The domestic intelligence job is the most prized because of its importance to internal security and role in setting up the new structure. It would also be a valuable source of information which could be manip-

ulated for party political purposes

The NP would like to see former NIS head Mike Louw in either of the positions. Much to its discomfort, the ANC may be forced to give him one of the plum jobs for political and practical reasons

The organisation lacks anyone suitably qualified to run the inherently conservative CIS, which NIA will take over from the police to serve as its domestic intelligence function. New internal intelligence operations will especially target cross-border drug and gun runners. The police will establish an investigations unit to tackle "non-political" crimes

Louw, as a member of the old government and with the necessary skills, is the natural choice to head the domestic operation. ANC candidates for the job include senior DIS officials Mo Sheik and Billy Masetla

Mandela is said to be taking a personal interest in the intelligence portfolio because of the importance of the internal security situation and the high-level political manoeuvrings centring on control of the agency

The new intelligence agency is expected to be set up within three months of legislation being passed

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Popcru threatens strike

By Russel Molefe

MEMBERS of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union are to stage marches throughout the country on August 27 in support of their demands

Popcru has warned that if their members' demands are not met a strike could follow. President of Popcru Mr Enoch Nelani told *Sowetan* that the demands were submitted to the former government before the general elections in April and they were later handed over to

the Transitional Executive Council, which promised to address them within 100 days. The demands, which have also been submitted to the new Government, include

- The reinstatement of policemen dismissed by the previous government, including Lieutenant Gregory Rockman,

- The promotion of black officers to senior positions,

- The withdrawal of racist officers, especially from black areas, and

- A stop to victimisation of Popcru

members, allegedly by white commanders (251)

None of the demands had been addressed and policemen received only promises, Nelani said. He added that the marches, to be staged throughout the country, would also highlight the continuing killing of policemen.

With the increasing crime rate in the country, concern has been raised that the strike by policemen could plunge the country into lawlessness "never seen before" because criminals would take advantage of the situation.

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Back to basics

Rebuilding SA's security services for the new democracy could be the toughest task facing the government of national unity

It must find a role for a police force demoralised and in conflict with the communities it must serve and for an army seeking to merge leaders with guerrilla cadres they were trained to kill.

The two services face different problems, experts say, but if the solutions are tardy and too costly, they will ultimately affect the ANC's ability to carry out its Reconstruction & Development Programme "It is clear that safety and security are far more closely linked to reconstruction and development than was previously understood," says Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi

"What does it help to build houses, schools and communities if they can be torn down or terrorised the next day?" The new order solution, he says, is "community policing" Police stations and communities must develop a rapport It has already begun, with consultative forums springing up in townships across SA involving police officers, community leaders and peace monitors.

Not only must the police be more representative of their communities, says Mufamadi, they must be in constant dialogue. That would enhance the police's information network and hence its crime-fighting ability, leading to greater acceptance by the communities But all of this, warns Mufamadi, "will take longer, cost more and cause more mess than anybody ever anticipated"

Riots and disorder, meanwhile, will continue throughout the transitional period of the new government and beyond. These are problems demanding a tougher, more militant form of police action — what the authorities call "public order policing" to distinguish it from the bobby-on-the-beat, community-orientated variety

In the past, such tasks fell to the police's Internal Stability Division (ISD). Formed two years ago and modelled on the French anti-riot police, the ISD drew many members from the Koevoet counter-insurgency force used in pre-independent Namibia

The ISD units, though, were so heavy-handed that they have become hated by violence weary black communities. In the most violent areas such as the East Rand, the internal stability units had to be withdrawn and replaced by the army.

As the ISD's image declined, it brought down the image of the police, says Institute

for Defence Policy executive director Jakkie Cilliers. But he believes the solution is more simple than it seems ~~(251)~~ (251)

Cilliers advocates transferring the ISD out of the police service and combining it with the existing counter-insurgency components



of the army to form a new division of the SA National Defence Force, with a separate budget like the navy and air force. The proposed new defence arm could also handle border security, which has deteriorated to the extent that illegal immigrants have become major players in organised crime networks plaguing the nation.

It would continue to act as a public order police unit, Cilliers says, in much the same way as the French *gendarmérie*, which falls under military command but acts as a rural and riot control police force.

Not only would that demilitarise the regular police service and allow it to concentrate on community policing but it would also free the army from township policing The idea has so far drawn no government response.

The already bloated SA National Defence Force is having trouble absorbing between 20 000-33 000 Umkhonto we Sizwe and Apla guerrillas. Demobilisation of the guerrillas from their central African bases has been so slow and intermittent, says the force's Deputy Chief of Staff, Maj Gen P J Venter, that the integration has had to be extended by a year to December 1995

The delays are adding significantly to the costs of integration and rationalisation, scheduled to be completed by April 1997 at a cost of R4,2m — equivalent to nearly half of the defence budget

The ex-guerrillas, added to the 10 000 soldiers from the former TBVC states, will raise the existing defence force strength 35%-50% to 115 000-128 000 full-time sol-

diers Yet this will have to be cut by 37 000 over the next three years, says Venter

It is crucial, he says, that those released from military service be given some training for civilian life. Hence the establishment of development brigades to teach rudimentary skills such as bricklaying, basic plumbing and carpentry

The defence force's problems, though, might not be as bad as those of the police service, says Mufamadi's adviser, Peter Gastrow Though the new SA Police Service exists in name as a single entity, its 11 constituent divisions are still operating under the 11 separate statutes of the apartheid past. This has provoked "pathetic" jurisdictional disputes, spats over salary payments, conflicts over authority and so on, he says

The new Safety & Security Act, open for public comment, is not expected to become law until October or November. President Nelson Mandela is tipped to issue a stopgap proclamation soon, granting all police officers authority to act beyond the old regional boundaries

"If there is one government department where preparations for the new SA have been lacking and dismal, it is the SA police service," says Gastrow. The reason, he adds, is primarily political, ANC leaders were reluctant to become involved in planning for a politically tainted police force during the run-up to the elections

Police union challenges Bill's strike ban

BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The police union Popertu has vigorously challenged the prohibition on strikes contained in the draft Police Bill

"Our rights as workers are being violated. This is a very unfair part of the Bill," Popertu representative Captain Roy Govender commented at a public hearing on the draft law held in Johannesburg yesterday.

Although the Bill is a piece of national legislation, the hearing was convened by

PWV MEC for Public Safety and Security Jessie Duarte and the relevant PWV standing committee as a mechanism to increase public participation in law-making

Ben van der Walt, spokesman for the Freedom Front (FF), said his party felt "there is a constitutional right to strike which cannot be taken away very easily"

Tseliso Thupanyane of the Centre for Criminal Justice also insisted that fundamental rights of members of the service would be breached if the

prohibition was maintained. The whole emphasis of the new law was on community policing rather than maintaining State security.

The ANC and the South African Police Union will make their submissions today. But ANC provincial legislator Sifiso Sadek commented that her party supported the right to strike.

The Bill — which has yet to go before the Cabinet — was also judged by the FF and the Democratic Party to

fall foul of the constitution in relation to its provisions for search and seizure.

The Bill provides for community/police forums to be established in relation to every police station, to promote the accountability of the service, and to advise local police and monitor their effectiveness.

The Bill also provides for an independent complaints inspectorate, under civilian control, which will investigate complaints of "serious" misconduct or "serious" criminal offences committed by police

Jan Munnik, Police Reporting Officer for the Witwatersrand, argued for extension of the inspectorate's powers.

He submitted that all police offences and misconduct affecting the public be investigated by the inspectorate, that the inspectorate identify alleged police offenders early on in investigation and have the power to recommend such steps as transfer or suspension, and that the inspectorate report annually to Parliament — both on its work and the Minister's responses

Minister's no to 'death' call

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi resisted calls yesterday from Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and senior police chiefs to reinstate the death penalty for murderers of police officers

Mr Mufamadi did not rule out the reintroduction of the death penalty, but said the government would balance issues of immediate concern to the police against the overall needs of society and constitutional provisions for the right to life

At the same time he felt the penal system should reserve the harshest penalty for murderers of police

Mr Mufamadi, who had been in Cape Town to commiserate with the families of murdered police

Police urge drastic measures

officers, told a media conference President Nelson Mandela had asked him to convey "his personal, profound sense of loss"

Earlier Witwatersrand Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz predicted that the incidence of police murdered in the region would "continue to escalate unless drastic measures are taken"

Gen Calitz said the fear of legal repercussions and the propaganda levelled against police had a "damaging psychological effect" and deterred police from taking effective defensive action

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There was a feeling that the police were not fully supported by the government

There could be no prospect for softer policing tactics — as urged by community police forums — unless the killings stopped

But Mr Mufamadi said there had been a marked improvement in police-community relations since the April election

Recent killings were not a reflection of community antagonism to the police, but the reaction of "heavily armed criminals haunted by the spectre of a crime-free society which will follow a police-community partnership"

General Van der Merwe supported calls for the reinstatement of the death penalty, and attacked criticism of the penalty as "clever academic arguments from people more concerned about the lives of murderers"

Top cop 'supplied weapons'

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PRETORIA — Former SAP Vlakplaas unit commander Colonel Eugene de Kock had been accused of involvement in the military training of Inkatha Freedom Party members in the former kwaZulu, the Regional Court here heard yesterday

Testifying at Col De Kock's bail application, investigating officer Warrant Officer Ernest Holmes said he was directly or indirectly involved in training Inkatha members and in supplying arms to Inkatha

Witnesses

WO Holmes said former Vlakplaas operative and head of Absa bank security Mr Dries van Heerden had introduced Col De Kock to Inkatha members Mr Themba Khoza and Mr Humphrey Ndlovu

Mr Khoza is now an Inkatha MP and Mr Ndlovu an Inkatha member of the PWV legislature

During cross-examination by defence counsel Mr Flip Hattingh, WO Holmes admitted he had no evidence

to prove Col De Kock's involvement in training Inkatha members but said he had witnesses to prove that he had supplied the organisation with weapons

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Opposed

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Some of the preliminary charges against Col De Kock relate to the death of Johannesburg attorney Mr Bhekí Mlangeni, who was killed by a parcel bomb allegedly intended for former Vlakplaas member Mr Coetzee, who joined the ANC after disclosing details of hit squads

Police and Transvaal attorney-general Mr Jan d'Oliveira are opposing the application

Police powers are broadened

PRETORIA — A proclamation giving members of the different police forces jurisdiction in all parts of South Africa was published in a special Government Gazette yesterday (25)

This meant a member of the South African Police Service would be able to conduct an investigation in any one of the former homelands or vice versa 25/8/94

There are 11 different police agencies, each responsible for rendering service in a different part of the country.

The proclamation is a transitional arrangement to overcome practical problems — Sapa

Secrets of Vlakplaas colonel

Weekend Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — South Africans have been given a brief insight into the alleged secret activities of the former Vlakplaas commander Eugene Alexander de Kock

During four days of evidence in Colonel De Kock's bail application, investigating officer Ernest Holmes told the court of alleged tampered evidence and dockets, arms exchanges involving highly-placed Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) members and false passports

The hearing was yesterday postponed until August 12 by presiding Regional Court magistrate J Venter

And from Colonel De Kock's defence counsel, the court has heard claims that the colonel is being denied bail in a bid to force him to testify against his Vlakplaas superiors

According to evidence by Warrant Officer Holmes, Colonel De Kock had done everything in his power to hamper the investigation when Themba Khoza, now an IFP MP, was arrested in connection with the possession of firearms and explosives

Everything that had to do

■ The bail application of former Vlakplaas commander Eugene de Kock has heard claims of tampered evidence and dockets, arms exchanges involving IFP members and false passports.

with Mr Khoza's case was either stolen or interfered with to make it impossible for the investigating officers to get information, Warrant Officer Holmes said

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Although Colonel De Kock's passports — one in a false name — were confiscated upon his arrest, the prosecution has also claimed that the State runs the risk that Colonel De Kock will flee the country using his extensive military intelligence contacts

Colonel De Kock's family are

already living overseas

But Colonel De Kock's defence has retaliated with claims he is being imprisoned to force him to testify against superior officers

Defence counsel Flip Hattingh put it to Warrant Officer Holmes that denying bail was an attempt to get Colonel De Kock to testify against Major-General Krappies Engelbrecht, who was in charge of the Vlakplaas task force

The defence has also claimed Colonel De Kock had an opportunity to escape earlier this week when he was transported to the Adriaan Vlok police station by an unarmed former colleague after his official transport failed to arrive. They also claim he has property in South Africa and at least R500 000 tied up in a fixed deposit account

Regarding his family living overseas, Colonel De Kock's defence claim the marriage is in trouble and he has filed for divorce

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SACP condemns attacks on policemen

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Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Langa branch of the South African Communist Party has condemned the spate of attacks on the police and has called on the Langa community to find the criminals responsible for the barbaric ambush of two policemen in the area on Wednesday.

The two were on a foot patrol when two armed men stopped them and shot Assistant Constable Khayaletu Makubalo in the head before taking his service revolver. He died in hospital the next day.

His colleague, Assistant Constable Nceba Ntamo, was shot in the shoulder and leg and was discharged from hospital yesterday.

SACP official Khaya Hamana said the entire membership of the party strongly and outrightly condemned the senseless and brutal attack and killings of the police.

"We see this not as an attack on those individual police, families, relatives and friends, but as an attack on the unfolding process of democracy and on

all the peace-loving people of the country.

"We call on all our people, young and old, in all their organisations, churches and homes to stand up and make their condemnation of these criminal acts clear.

"It is only through the collective efforts of all our communities and the police in the fight against crime that we will be able to defend and consolidate peace and democracy that so many, including Chris Hani, struggled and died for."

Mr Hamana said the party also wanted to express its condolences to the bereaved families and relatives of the young men who were attacked by unknown culprits in Langa.

"Your loss is our loss and it is indeed a big loss to all our people, who these brave men sought to protect."

The party, members of the Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union (Popcru) and the community will meet at the Langa police station today to discuss the shootings and look at ways of establishing a community police forum.

Police call for death penalty opposed

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JOHANNESBURG. — Lawyers say the call by senior police for the death penalty to be applied to the murderers of policemen is irresponsible and unconstitutional.

Lawyers for Human Rights director Brian Currin said in a statement yesterday that while the group was appalled by the random killing of police, the real solution was to address the causes of violence rather than the symptoms

"We are absolutely convinced the death penalty will make no

difference whatsoever to the violent crime rate in South Africa," he said. "It is arguable that the death penalty encourages murderers and rapists to kill policemen arresting them because they run the risk of being executed."

Mr Currin said while the LHR supported the police in their fight against crime, capital punishment was a complex and emotive issue which should be debated in a calm and rational way.

Kate Owen, a prominent attorney, backed Mr Currin's view

"Section 9 of the constitution reads 'Every person shall have the right to life.' This section comes directly after the right to equality, which is the first right mentioned in the chapter on fundamental rights. It is cast in unequivocal language," she said.

Other constitutional provisions, such as the right to dignity and the prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, would also be violated by the death penalty, she said. — Sapa.

'De Kock aided IFP man's release'

Weekend Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — Former Vlakplaas commander Eugene de Kock tampered with dockets and evidence when Themba Khoza, now Inkatha Freedom Party MP, was arrested in connection with the possession of firearm and explosives, a Pretoria court has heard

Giving evidence during Colonel De Kock's bail hearing in the Pretoria Regional Court yesterday,

Warrant Office Ernest Holmes said Mr Khoza was arrested after weapons were found in the car he was travelling in

He told the court that Colonel De Kock arranged bail for Mr Khoza, who was then chairman of the IFP

Warrant Officer Holmes said Colonel De Kock had got Mr Khoza out of trouble to prevent him from explaining where the weapons came from. The charges against Mr Khoza were later withdrawn

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Further evidence is expected to be heard on August 12

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Car theft gang smashed

Police Emily Mabaso, 65, in their home



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Police union to tell suspended members to return to work

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NORMAN JOSEPH, Staff Reporter

THE Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Pop-cru) is to tell all its suspended members in the police and correctional services department to return to work at the end of the month.

Union spokesman Samuel Theron said the decision was taken at a meeting in Bellville South yesterday because a white police assistant constable from Goodwood had continued to work without suspension in spite of a pending investigation against him into alleged armed robbery.

Sergeant Theron claimed the policeman had taken part in an armed robbery in Paarl four weeks ago and that a car was stolen during the incident.

The union recently called for the immediate discharge of the constable. It has accused the police of racism, saying had the constable been black, he would have been suspended or banned.

Western Cape police liaison officer Raymond Dowd confirmed that a case of armed robbery had been investigated against the policeman but said "race plays no part in decisions of this nature".

Captain John Sterrenberg said charges against the constable were provisionally withdrawn in the Paarl Magistrate's Court last week.

Sergeant Theron said "Last year five black assistant constables were fired for taking part in a protest march we had in Khayelitsha."

The cases against them had been withdrawn but today they were still without jobs.

"All suspended members in the police and correctional services department will be told to return to work at the end of this month," Sergeant Theron said.

"We will meet Bellville district police commissioner Trevor Vermuelen on Thursday about suspended and banned members in the northern areas"

Omar gets tough with police killers

Staff Reporter and ⁽²⁵⁾
The Argus Correspondent

MINISTER of Justice Dullah Omar is to ask attorneys-general to prosecute police killers with "the utmost vigour", Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said after emergency talks with President Mandela and Mr Omar

Mr Mufamadi is to convene an urgent meeting of the Interim Board of Commissioners to examine policing resources with a view to deploying extra police in areas where attacks are prevalent

"Measures will be announced very soon," he said

Assistant Constable Khayelephu Makubalo was shot dead in Langa last week and his colleague Nceba Ntamo was injured. Police are offering a reward of R10 000 for information leading to the killers' arrests

In the PWV, more than 150 officers were killed in the first six months of the year and nine in the past week

In KwaZulu-Natal, two policemen were murdered and two injured at the weekend near Durban, while another is fighting for his life in hospital after being shot in the city centre yesterday

The fresh wave of police killings has prompted police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe to appeal for the reimposition of the death penalty for the crime

Mr Mufamadi said of his meeting with Mr Mandela and Mr Omar "The three of us were unanimous in the view that in handling cases which involve the killing of community protectors, the courts should view such offences in a serious light. AUG 8/8/94

"It was noted that the courts have the discretion to impose heavy sentences on convicted killers of police personnel. The Minister of Justice will, therefore, request attorneys-general to prosecute the perpetrators of these crimes with the utmost vigour"

Death sentence for police killers 'useless'

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

WESTERN CAPE Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie said it was "useless" calling for the death sentence for police killers when the constitution would almost certainly prevent it from being carried out.

Instead he wanted "cop-killers" to be jailed for life so that "for the rest of their living years they will know

why they're there"

"It takes a few seconds to put a bullet through a policeman's head — I'd rather see no parole at all for these murderers."

"They certainly shouldn't serve life as we know it (15 to 20 years) — I say lock them up and throw away the key," he said.

He would "carefully study" recommendations made by the commis-

sion set up by Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar after meetings with Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi and President Nelson Mandela at the weekend.

He hoped to have full legislative powers by October, soon after the Police Board of Commissioners had decided what functions the Western Cape was capable of handling.

The South African Police Service

has analysed a recent wave of police killings in preparation for a meeting with Mr Mufamadi, ministry spokesman Mr Craig Kotze said yesterday.

Mr Mufamadi is due to meet the police service's Interim Board of Commissioners, established by him, to examine resources in the 11 police agencies, deploy police in areas with a high rate of police kill-

ings and arrest perpetrators.

Mr Kotze said police killings had much to do with the country's apartheid past and the negative perceptions many township people still had.

Reasons for killings vary from this to simple and callous attempts by brutalised members of opposing township groupings to acquire weapons.

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Police merger 'will cost R1,3bn'

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Amalgamation of the SAP and homeland forces into a single South African Police Service (SAPS) would cost R1,3bn, police commissioner Johan van der Merwe said yesterday. *Biday*

Van der Merwe told the standing committee on finance that 76,3% of the police budget went to salaries and wages.

More money would have to be made available for the amalgamation.

Deputy commissioner Johan Swart said there were no plans to enlist more men, but the SAPS was looking at enlisting the self-defence units and self-protection units as reservists. *1018194*

Swart said there were 90 629 reservists and the SAPS was looking at paying them to persuade them to work longer hours.

This would have the effect of making the police more visible.

Van der Merwe also told the committee that it was a fallacy to think the truth about the past would be exposed through a truth commission of inquiry.

"We are not against an investigation of these matters which need to be exposed, we are against a commission of inquiry."

Experience showed that a commission could not perform the task of investigator, prosecutor and judge, he said.

Van der Merwe was being questioned about opposition to a commission of inquiry expressed by a senior police officer at a conference on truth and reconciliation.

The officer had suggested such a commission might be unconstitutional because guarantees of amnesty and indemnity were contained in the constitution. *(251)*

SAPS 'against truth inquiry'

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"To think that the truth can be exposed through such a commission is a fallacy. It just won't work."

Gen Van der Merwe had been asked why a senior police officer's recent statements at a seminar on a truth commission had differed

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from the standpoint of Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi.

He said it was not unusual for there to be differences of opinion. Until such time as the government of national unity came to a decision on the truth commission, the whole matter was open to debate.

He said the SAPS' view was that a process should be developed that allowed for a court of appeal.

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The dialogue between Parliament and public on the character of the new police service has begun. In the first of three articles, Jo-Anne Collinge looks at some of the issues.

Replacing force with service

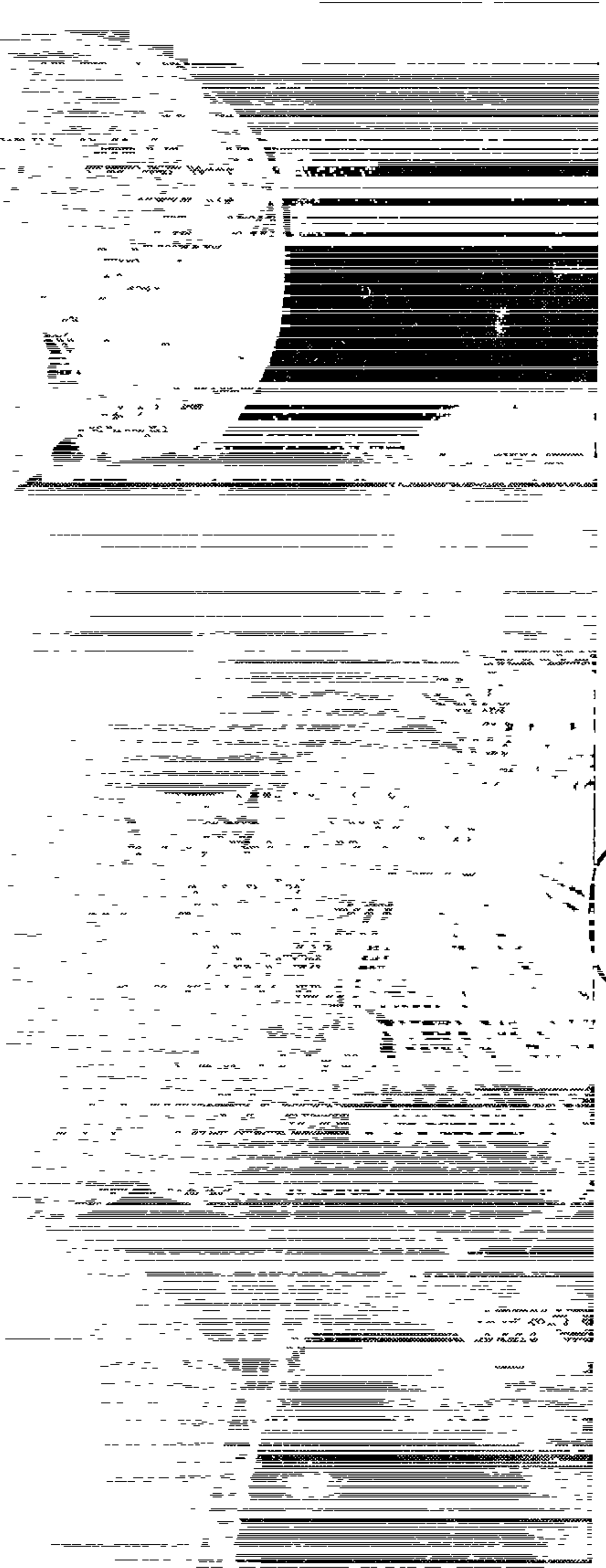
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ANC representative Safoora Sadek summed up two major criticisms when she said that the demilitarisation of the police service is not adequately dealt with and the Bill was very vague on the protection of civilian and human rights.

These were matters which other parties and organisations argued at greater length. It was not enough, they said, to substitute the words 'police service' for 'police force' to re-order the objectives of policing so that fighting crime took priority over security concerns and to introduce well-placed civilian influence into policing structures.

Expected more

Welcome though these measures were, there had to be more.

Kevin Botha of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies suggested that the Bill's architects had missed a fundamental function of the police in a constitutional democracy, which was to safeguard the constitution itself and to uphold the human rights enshrined in that constitution.

Argued Botha, these goals should be included in the Bill as a "peremptory instruction" to all members of the service.

He asserted that the Bill failed to entrench the principle of non-discrimination that the Interim Constitution afforded.

It was not enough to rely on the override powers of the Bill of Rights, extensive provisions on non-discrimination had to be part of a "clear and unambiguous formulation of expectations" applicable to the police service in particular.

The Bill must take account of the fact that the old police force was "an authoritarian, prescriptive, sexist organisation" and



Looking after the public... various groups have noted the draft law's failure to deal with the needs of women and children

that there was a police culture which militated against change, Botha urged.

It was clear from quite diverse submissions that organisations had expected more from the Police Bill as a vehicle for human rights.

Groups such as the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders, the National Children's Rights Committee and People Opposing Women Abuse noted the draft law's failure to deal with

the needs of women and children in relation to the criminal justice system.

Parties, including the Freedom Front, the Democratic Party and the ANC, expressed the view that the Bill actually ran foul of the Bill of Rights in a number of respects, including its provisions for the cordoning and search of areas and the setting up of road blocks.

The DP's Peter Leon and Gerald Heine of the South African Chamber of Business were

insistent on the need for immediate demilitarisation of the police. Leon rejected the notion that there were compelling technical/legal reasons for adopting a two-phased approach to abolishing military ranks.

"There is no time like now and we should start this right away," he stated.

Heine argued, "It is not just a question of rank but of the police being part and parcel of the South African community."

He implied that the Bill was at

odds with itself, purporting to have chosen the route of community policing while clinging to military symbols.

PWV MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte attended most of the two-day session, listening to most of the 15 organisations which made formal presentations and posed some of the bolder questions.

At the outset, she had described the hearing as an opportunity to subject the Bill to public scrutiny at an unusually early stage in the law-making process,

not only before the national standing committee got to grips with it, but before its formal presentation to the Minister and the Cabinet.

There was little doubt that non-government organisations not only appreciated this chance, but relished it. But the opportunity to voice strongly held views on policing has created an expectation that some of these recommendations at least, will be heeded and acted upon. The final verdict on the exercise is, therefore, pending.

Help from civilians an essential building block

Civilian participation in police-related structures and activities is only one pillar of the new community policing approach. But it is an essential one.

Not surprisingly, when the draft Police Bill was put up for comment, there was vigorous debate about how to get maximum returns for the civilian contribution.

As it stands, the Police Bill provides for the following possible forms of civilian participation.

- A civilian *may* be appointed as national or provincial commissioner of police.
- The public *will* nominate two members of the six-member board which will control the National Policing Foundation, whose primary task is research.
- Civilians *may* be appointed to the National Policing Training Board.
- A community police forum *will* be set up in relation to every police station. The purpose of

forums will be to promote the accountability of police to local communities, to promote co-operation between police and public; to provide a channel for the community to advise the police on certain matters and to monitor their effectiveness.

■ A community police board *may*, at the discretion of the MEC, be set up for a province. Its function would be to evaluate community forums and to advise the MEC on how these could be better co-ordinated, as well as on general improvements in policing services.

■ An Independent Complaints Directorate, headed nationally by a "legally qualified" civilian (and controlled by civilians although partly staffed by police), to investigate complaints of serious offences and misconduct committed by members of the police service and recommend to the Minister action to be taken.

At the PWV government's public hearing on the Bill, community forums and the Complaints Directorate claimed most attention.

A lot of disquiet was voiced at the Bill's failure to address the composition of forums, the question of who should take responsibility for their establishment, the issue of resources for their functioning; and operating guidelines.

Nobody bought the argument of the drafting committee that it was unwise to impose any predetermined pattern on these experimental forums. Most organisations argued that to leave forums to operate in a policy vacuum was to invite failure.

Bea Roberts of Idasa submitted that it was vital to establish to whom forums were ultimately answerable: the police service or the MEC.

She and others argued that forums must have guaranteed funding and, in high crime areas, their own organisers/administrators to ensure that decisions were carried through.

The Bill won a fair measure of applause for its Complaints Directorate. This was coupled with specific suggestions about how the mechanism could be improved.

Trevor Bailey of the Legal Resources Centre argued that the directorate's brief should be extended to cover inquest investigations where the police were suspected of having played a part in the death. "For inquests, police ought not to investigate police."

Jan Munnik, Police Reporting Officer for the Witwatersrand, is empowered under the National Peace Accord to do a job quite similar to that of the proposed directorate.

He took issue with the notion that only 'serious' offences and "serious" misconduct should be dealt with by the directorate. This provided a pretext for filtering complaints, he argued, and undermined the constitution's guarantee to the public that all complaints against the police would be investigated.

He also argued that the notion of "misconduct" had to be sharpened up. The way to do this was to develop a statutory code of conduct for the police.

International experts to assist programme

Project will train 2 000

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Cape Town — Two thousand police recruits from all over the country are to undergo a special pilot training project aimed at producing constables equipped to face the challenges of community policing, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

The project, devised by

international advisers and to be run along civilian rather than military lines, should also produce officers who understood the importance of human rights in police work, he said at a press conference.

These initiatives were important building blocks in creating the new police

service.

Mufamadi said he would soon amend police regulations on recruitment and training because he was concerned that some of them conflicted directly with constitutional provisions on equality. Policewomen, particularly, had to enjoy equal treatment.

The new basic-training model, approved by the Police Board in November, would place far greater emphasis on the practical skills of police work.

Part of the change was the extension of basic training from six months to a year.

The pilot programme

to be run at the Pretoria and Hammanskraal police colleges would be assisted by five international police training experts.

A limited number of special application forms for the recruitment programme, which would close on August 26, were available from the SAPS, he said. — Sapa.

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Recruiting starts for new-style police

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CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

RECRUITMENT of 2 000 men and women for new-style demilitarised training as police starts today

No other recruitment at basic training level will take place while the experimental basic training project is in progress

Recruits will be posted back to their home provinces when training is complete

A special effort was to be made to recruit women police and to amend regulations to end discrimination in the police service, said Safety and Security minister Sidney Mufamadi

"This group of applicants will be the first to undergo training in our new, democratic dispensation

"They will be expected to treasure the principles of community policing and human rights which must underpin the new police service"

There would be great emphasis on the practical skills of police work and on "interpersonal skills"

Mr Mufamadi said the pilot training programme would be run on civilian lines "This will be a serious challenge for the police training establishment, which has in the past been highly militarised"

All training will be in English

Language policy for future training will depend on interpretation of the constitution and community needs

The pilot basic training programme will start at the Pretoria and Hammanskraal colleges

Advertisements for recruits are appearing in newspapers countrywide today The deadline for applications is August 26

Vice-chairman of the police board Janine Rauch said demilitarising the police would be a long process

Various proposals had been put forward for a civilian rank system but no decision had been taken

Mufamadi to ⁽²⁵⁾probe hit squads

SAFETY and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi signalled his intention yesterday to probe claims of hit squads in the kwaZulu Police Force

He announced the appointment of a team of police and legal investigators which would be answerable to him "or a body designated by me"

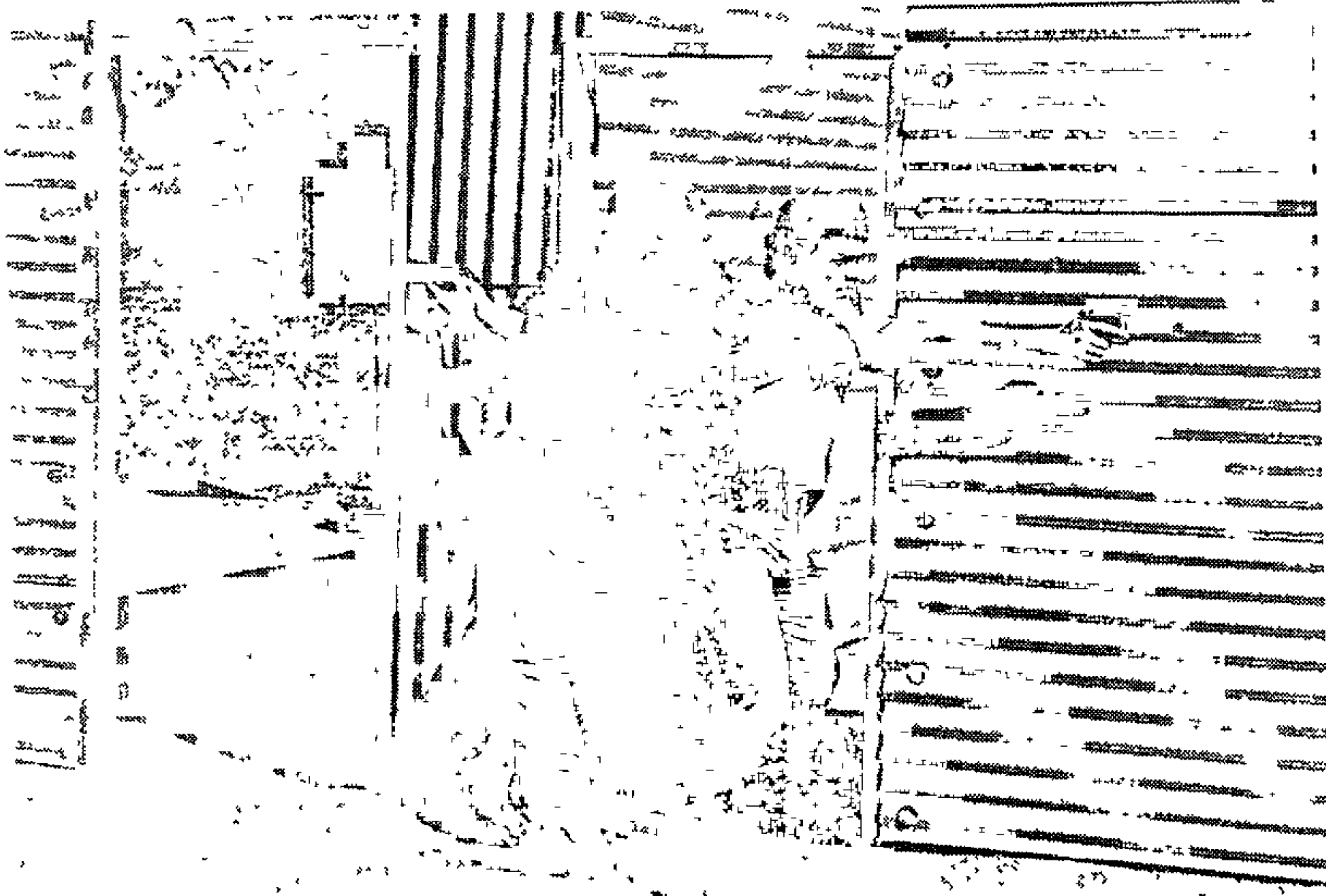
He was considering the establishment of a witness protection programme for the probe, while the investigating team may operate from premises not used by the SAPS or KZP

The terms of reference for the probe, names of the investigation team and other details would be announced after discussions with kwaZulu/Natal Minister of Police Mr Celani Mtetwe

He said recent media statements by former KZP Commissioner Roy During alleging police involvement in hit squads had again focused attention on alleged misconduct or criminal activities by certain KZP members

These "add to existing allegations on the role of certain police officers" in the Goldstone report of March 1994 and the Wallis Commission of Inquiry and Task Group

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Policemen are put through their paces at the SA Police Services training centre at Maleoskop outside Groblersdal yesterday. Training courses have been adapted to prepare policemen better for attacks against them. Picture NICKY DE BLOIS

Woolworths hearing closed

Own Correspondent
CAPE TOWN — The hearing of an Industrial Court action brought by a former senior executive against retail chain Woolworths was closed to the Press and the public by a court ruling yesterday.
Advocate Floors Brand ruled that all third parties be barred from the proceedings under the secrecy provision of the Labour Relations Act. Lawyers for former Woolworths senior executive Jacqueline Dallyn, 42, had sought to keep the case public.
In his ruling Brand said legal representatives for Woolworths had asked that the details of the proceedings not be disclosed. He did not "deem it necessary" to deal with the reasons.
After hearing legal representations, Industrial Court president Prof Adolph Hoffman said it was not up to him to override a ruling made by a presiding officer.

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It has been revealed to the trial that almost complete restitution has been made to the Old Mutual attachment and repatriation of funds held by other mem-

Respect for law needed to stem police killings

GROBLERSDAL — The murder of policemen would continue unless the culture of violence and contempt for law and order was reversed, Witwatersrand SA Police Services (SAPS) media liaison chief Col Dave Bruce said yesterday.
Politics had established this culture over four decades and it could take just as long to reverse.
Bruce was speaking during a news briefing at the SAPS training centre at Maleoskop outside Groblersdal, where courses have recently been adapted to prepare policemen for attacks.
Since January 71 policemen have been killed and 166 injured in more than 631 attacks on the Witwatersrand.
During the pre-election years, policemen had become the symbol of bad government, Bruce said. That had to change. "Because of the nature of his work, it is the easiest thing in the world to kill a policeman, despite all the training," Bruce said.
A concerted campaign to educate the public to play a role in preventing crime had to be conducted in schools, churches and homes. Politicians had to "stop giving two messages" when condemning the killing of police.
"An unequivocal condemnation of such killings is of paramount importance. Recent condemnations are tempered with the qualification that in the past police had been brutal and oppressive. This results in ambiguous, confusing statements being made to the community."
The police had to market themselves by

STEPHANE BOTHMA

rendering a professional, impartial and efficient service in a manner which would earn them respect. *BJ Day*
"The educational authorities, supported by religious leaders, opinion makers and parents, have to condemn criminality, call for the support of the police and work with the authorities to change the mindset of society," he added. *24/8/94*
PWV safety and security minister Jessie Duarte, who also visited Maleoskop, said criminal elements were mainly to blame for attacks on policemen.
Under the previous political system, escalating political violence had created an ideal breeding ground for criminal syndicates. These syndicates now saw the SAPS as a target.
She said the SAPS was prepared to invest time and effort in developing the communities they served.
Centre chief Col Mike Lombart said the Maleoskop training courses concentrated on all aspects of physical survival.
Special emphasis was placed on handling labour unrest, crowd control, anti-ambush drills, advanced shooting courses and mental preparation. *(25)*
Sapa reports that a 24-year-old man from Khayelitsha, Cape Town — who identified himself as an Umkhonto we Sizwe member — was arrested yesterday in connection with the attack on the Delft satellite police station on August 14. A further four suspects were in custody.

Police suicides 'explained'

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POLICE suicides were triggered by a hostile public, horrific murders and long working hours while understaffed and badly-managed, Western Cape Police Services Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie said yesterday

He was replying to questions by his shadow minister, Mr Vincent Diba, on the "alarming rate" of police suicides

Mr McKenzie said there were "about

17" police suicides nationally from January to July this year

"There is the old police culture and policy which caused friction between the public and police they are sworn at, stoned they go to horrific murder scenes when they're just fresh out of college," Mr McKenzie said

He added that police "cannot show emotions and when they go home in search of a friendly face — because of late shifts, there's not even warm food"

Hostility the cause of police suicides, says McKenzie (251)

VUYO BAVUMA, Political Staff

POLICE committed suicide mainly because of public hostility towards them, regional minister of police Patrick McKenzie has said.

Replying to a question from Vincent Diba (ANC) in the provincial parliament yesterday, Mr McKenzie (NP) said this year 17 South African policemen had killed themselves.

This was mainly because of the "old police culture" which led to antagonism between the public and policemen.

In some streets, people threw stones and swore at policemen

During the course of their duties, police endured stress while at murder scenes where they should not display any emotion

Some policemen went home to "unfriendly faces" Some of these members of the force were exposed to the stressful situations at a young age, he said

Mr McKenzie said to counter the situation, the police authorities had called for help from social workers and psychiatrists and provided a 24-hour crisis-counselling service.

He rejected Mr Diba's claim that racism and victimisation of police who belonged to a "certain trade union" contributed to the suicides.

Democratic Party leader Henne Bester said community antagonism against the police had to be eradicated

He said more policemen should be employed to relieve stress caused by a heavy workload.

The provincial parliament passed the Provincial Service Commission bill dealing with greater regional autonomy

Guguletu's police strike continues

ABOUT 20 Guguletu policemen are striking to protest against the reinstatement of a dismissed colleague

Sgt. Eric Holom was reinstated this week after being suspended for contravening departmental rules

Policemen staged a sit-in strike at the station last week to demand his dismissal

The strikers are also demanding the dismissal of two policemen they accused of racism — Sapa

Look out; here comes the long arm of POPU

□ Name, attitude change for Internal Stability Unit

JOHAN SCHRONEN
Crime Reporter

THE police service's controversial Internal Stability Department is set for a change in attitude, name and uniform

The ISD, previously known as the Riot Squad and Internal Stability Unit (ISU) is to change its name to the Public Order Policing Unit (POPU), Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe has said in his 1993 annual report tabled in parliament

The name change was proposed during a conference where

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the department reviewed its activities during 1993, a year in which township communities made repeated pleas for the department to withdraw from certain areas or disband completely

General van der Merwe said certain proposals, including a name change, had been made to the Transitional Executive Council, which preceded the government of national unity, in a bid to enhance the image of the department in the restructuring of the South African Police Service

The proposals include

- A correction of the racial imbalance in staffing,

- The wearing of blue field dress instead of camouflage uniforms,

- The employment of more women members and the use of soft-shell (as opposed to armoured) vehicles in patrols where circumstances permit,

- The display of police badges on these vehicles,

- Adaptations to drill styles and the use of fewer militaristic weapons, and

- Greater involvement in community policing forums

☐ Nehawu workers form united front to aid 30 traffic officers facing fines

Law and order agencies in crisis

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ROGER FRIEDMAN and SHARKEY ISAACS
Staff Reporters

CAPE Town's law and order agencies are in crisis today with union ructions continuing to plague Guguletu police station and with Brackenfell traffic officers, supported by the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union, set to demonstrate in the city.

The Nehawu workers — from hospitals, traffic departments, the naval dockyard and other state departments — have formed a united front to aid 30 traffic officers facing fines of R1 000 each for obstructing traffic in Wale Street during a demonstration in June.

Nehawu has threatened to embark on "rolling action" if the fines are not withdrawn, and was to hold a demonstration in Wale Street at midday.

Meanwhile police liaison boss Colonel Raymond Dowd has appealed to members of both police unions to desist from "unorthodox" strikes as their actions were hampering the police's ability to deliver a quality service to the public.

● In Guguletu, 23 members of the South African Police Union (Sapu) failed to report for duty after booking off sick yesterday — allegedly taking official police vehicles with them.

They are demanding that Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) member Eric Halom be disciplined for alleged contraventions of department rules.

On Monday about 40 Popcru members went on strike, demanding that Sergeant Halom's suspension be lifted and the three top officers stationed at Guguletu be dismissed.

After emergency talks between Regional Safety and Security Minister Patrick McKenzie and Popcru, Sergeant Halom was reinstated pending a departmental enquiry.

Meanwhile Guguletu station commander Colonel Andrew Langeveldt said his second-in-command, Colonel G van Zyl, had transferred to district headquarters — at his own request — as he could not tolerate conditions in Guguletu any longer.

But Popcru Guguletu chairman Michael Marwebu said Colonel Van Zyl was forced out of Guguletu by Mr McKenzie in compliance with the union's demands.

● Nehawu members will today march to Wale Street in solidarity with the traffic officers whose original demonstration was held to highlight alleged unfair labour practices.

A permit for today's march and demonstration was granted from 1pm to 3pm.

Anger as Gugs supports cops' strike

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COP ACTION: Striking Popcru members remove the side gate of the Guguletu police station to allow members of the community to enter the grounds

By Colin Appolis

TEMPERS flared last week when members of the Guguletu community tried to enter their local police station to show solidarity with striking police officers

The strike which was organised by the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) to protest against the suspension of Sergeant Eric Halom, ended this week

Halom was suspended last week

after apparently taking a day off to make funeral arrangements for slain colleague, Sergeant Donovan Fielles

In the shootout at the inadequately equipped and staffed Delft police station Fielles was killed and three others were injured. The shootings resulted in a national and local outcry following the spate of cop killings countrywide

Last Friday the crowd broke down the side gate of the police

station in an attempt to join the toyi-toying police. The police who were guarding the station — not members of Popcru — prevented the crowd from entering the grounds

During the protest, the crowd observed a minute's silence in memory of Fielles

Following the protests Halom was reinstated this week but is still under investigation for his alleged "insolence and disobedience"

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Policeman convicted of 'shocking' assault

The conviction of a Noupport policeman has resulted in civil claims against the minister of safety and security, writes **Gaye Davis**

AKAROO policeman who extracted "confessions" from suspects by suspending them, handcuffed and blindfolded, from a pole and shocking them with electrodes has been convicted in the Graaf-Reinet Regional Court of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, common assault and defeating the ends of justice.

Noupport detective-sergeant Willem van Heerden's five-week trial shed light not only on his investigative techniques but also on glaring irregularities in police procedures.

Civil claims against the minister of safety and security have now been launched by Lawyers for Human Rights Karoo Law Clinic on behalf of three farmworkers whose prosecution was halted on the orders of the attorney-general after lawyers intervened. The claims relate to their assault, arrest, detention and prosecution.

Van Heerden investigated charges of stock theft against six Noupport farmworkers during January and February 1993. The court heard the assaults all took place on the farm Lekkerplaas owned and farmed by Dyk de Villiers. Farmworkers Martiens Williams, June Stoffie and Johnson Ficks — whose trial was later halted — as well as Mossie Johnson and Alan Masooka were all handcuffed, blindfolded and suspended in mid-air by a pole under their knees. Electrodes were attached to their thumbs and they were shocked until they "confessed" — in Stoffie and Williams' case, each "confessed" to stealing eight more sheep than the farmer reported were missing. Another farmworker Glibson Bhengwi was kicked and almost suffo-

ated with a car inner tube until he "confessed", the court heard. The Karoo Law Clinic's Alex Twigg detailed a number of irregularities in police investigation procedures which emerged during the trial.

- Dockets were taken to court with no admissible evidence (such as written confessions or statements by the accused) linking them to the charges yet all were required to plead to the charges immediately.
- Suspects were arrested and detained on dockets involving investigations to which they were not linked.
- Van Heerden maintained that Noupport's detective branch commander was aware of these procedures and condoned them.
- Official procedures designed to ensure suspects' complaints were entered in the police occurrence book were not complied with. Van Heerden admitted in court to being present when another policeman allegedly assaulted one of the farmworkers after his arrest but signed an entry stating "no complaints or injuries".
- When the farmworkers did complain, the Noupport detective branch commander was instructed to investigate. The court heard his investigation yielded affidavits saying the complainants no longer wanted to pursue complaints of assault against Van Heerden.

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POLICE KILLINGS

Tough forensic work

Part of the problem in finding ways to stop the spiral of police killings is identifying the real cause of the carnage and dealing with it. So far this year 164 policemen (and women) have been murdered compared with 271 last year (251)

The unprecedented crime wave obviously plays a significant role. It in turn is coupled to the virtual collapse of social order in some parts of the country due to the ravages of apartheid on the one hand and, on the

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other, the aftermath of the ANC's years of campaigning to make the country ungovernable in an effort to force the Nats from power

In simple terms, the successful implementation of social upliftment programmes should contribute to a lowering of crime and reduce the number of attacks on police. But the problem is extremely complex and cannot simply be lumped together with general lawlessness

A lot has to do with the political abuse by Nat governments of the police, which turned communities against them, and the serious neglect over many years of the development of human resources and logistical needs

The two-point plan unveiled this week by Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi was expected to deal specifically with police killings, but was in fact a general programme to counter crime. It will include a public awareness initiative and an increase in the number of policemen in flash point areas

The plan was greeted with dismay by the SA Police Union which said it would do little to stop the murder of policemen. The union said attacks on the police could not be seen in the same light as general violent crime. Spokesman Paul Botha said Mufamadi's programme was aimed at a long-term solution, while a crisis management plan was necessary to deal immediately with the killings

The union believes that capital punishment for the killers of policemen must be reintroduced — which the ANC rejects — and bail conditions tightened (The alleged murderer of a Western Cape policeman was released on bail of R750 at the weekend, which has outraged local policemen, including regional commissioner Lieutenant General Nic Acker)

The crisis has undermined morale and resulted in strikes by policemen and threats of further action if steps are not taken to protect them

The pressure under which they work is illustrated by the fact that last year 134 committed suicide and 443 were found unfit to continue to serve due to depression and other psychiatric problems

The difficulty government faces in clearly identifying the causes of attacks on police was revealed in parliament last week during a snap debate. For example, ANC MP and member of the parliamentary select committee on Safety & Security Linda Mti acknowledged that "straightforward causal linkages" between the killing of policemen and violent crime was not possible. He said it was an "intricate and complex phenomenon"

Mti added that possible reasons for attacks on the police included

□ A campaign by organised criminals who fear that improved relations between the police and communities would result in more effective law enforcement which would threaten their criminal activities,

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 □ A campaign by "international crime lords" to discredit the new government by undermining confidence in Mufamadi, in particular, and government in general, and (251)

□ Actions by political dissidents intent on destabilising the country

He called for an urgent investigation of the crisis by the National Intelligence Service

Unfortunately, the search for solutions is clouded by political agendas. During last week's debate neither the NP nor ANC could resist dragging up the past. The NP accused the ANC of creating the chaos in which crime is flourishing, and the ANC charged that the NP had turned people against the police by using policemen to enforce apartheid laws. Both allegations are not without substance — but it is not clear how repeating them in crisis debates will improve matters

The correct path to follow would be a fundamental reassessment by the Cabinet of the role of the police and the resources, including manpower, that should be at their disposal

Underpaid and under-equipped police in understaffed police stations — it all has serious consequences. The lack of resources undermines police morale and erodes the confidence of communities in the ability of the police to protect them. Crime could not hope for a better breeding ground. ■

Traffic copos in demo chaos

Officers use official cars to block N1

By WILLEM STEENKAMP
and CHRIS BATEMAN

PROVINCIAL traffic policemen, part of a crowd of protesters who earlier invaded regional Premier Mr Hennus Kriel's office, used their official cars yesterday to block the N1 at peak hour

The day of confrontation began at lunchtime when a group of protesters stormed Mr Kriel's offices, hitting bystanders with handcuffs in their bid to gain access. Uniformed traffic policemen took part in the assault.

The protest, organised by the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu), was to demand the sacking of top provincial officials and the withdrawal of R1 000 fines issued against 30 provincial traffic officers for a city streets blockade on June 1.

About 250 people, comprising CPA traffic officers, health workers, dockworkers and other union supporters, took part.

Violent scuffles broke out at the CPA building when police tried to arrest eight protesters in Mr Kriel's office, and police fired teargas at the angry marchers, who retaliated by beating a policeman. The occupiers of Mr Kriel's office "infiltrated" the CPA building, apparently with the help of CPA security staff and stormed through passages, hitting people with their handcuffs to eventually gain access to Mr Kriel's waiting room, his private secretary, Mr Marinus Durant, said.

He had summoned police after pleas for protesters to leave fell on deaf ears. Mr Kriel was not in the building at the time.

Later the occupiers were removed, some forcibly, on the instructions of local Police Minister Mr Pat-



PROTEST CONFLICT Demonstrators and police clashed in the city centre yesterday as traffic police protested against the fines imposed on them earlier this year. Uniformed traffic police later blocked the N1

rick McKenzie, and eight were charged with illegal occupation.

During the confrontation four ANC provincial MPs were refused entry to their parliamentary building, and claimed the action was "bizarrely racist" as whites had been let in.

Ms Tasneem Essop said she, Ms Lynette Brown, Ms Cecelia Ramotsamai and Mr Vincent Diba were singled out and stopped by South African Police Services officers at the Wale Street reception area.

Regional Economic Affairs Minister Dr Allan Boesak emerged from the building about 4pm and spoke to both sides in an attempt to restore calm.

At about 4.15pm, at the start of the rush hour, CPA traffic officers blockaded the N1 near the Ysterplaat air base, causing a major traffic pile up.

They broke up 30 minutes later when police freed two of their number who had been arrested.

Shortly after 6pm Dr Boesak reappeared outside the CPA building, and told the marchers he had arranged a meeting for them with Mr Kriel this afternoon.

They left after he said he had also secured the release of the eight arrested occupiers, who in an unprecedented move by the police were officially charged there — instead of at a police station — and freed.

"I did my best to calm things down. I was concerned about bloodshed and even possible loss of life," said Dr Boesak, who expressed disgust about weapons carried by the police and municipal traffic officers.



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Policemen strike over rival union's action

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GUGULETU police are split, with 38 policemen not reporting for work yesterday — in protest against the reinstatement earlier this week of a suspended colleague

On Monday a strike by about 100 members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) secured the reinstatement of Sergeant Eric Halom, who had been suspended in connection with 18 charges

Yesterday 38 members of the rival South African Police Union (Sapu) did not arrive for work to protest against Sgt Halom's reinstatement

Sapu spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Andy Miller said Popcru was "getting away with murder"

"All my guys want is some discipline, some order," he said

The Sapu group met provincial Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie to discuss Sgt Halom's reinstatement and a Popcru demand that senior officers at Guguletu be transferred

● The South African Police Union yesterday threatened industrial action after it walked out of negotiations with a South African Police forum claiming SAP management had failed to address the union's demands

A Sapu spokesman said their dissatisfaction stemmed from acts of racism at a Germiston police station, a moratorium placed on promotions and lack of overtime money — Staff Reporter, Sapa

Policemen's daily dice with death

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JUST minutes before I arrived, Colonel Blackie Swart, commanding officer of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, had been given a chilling reminder of precisely what members of the South African Police Service are up against these days

The caller was a criminal on the run. The message was brief and to the point: "You'll never catch me because you'll all die like dogs"

Sitting in his office at the squad's headquarters, Swart doesn't look too fazed. A straight-talking, no-nonsense man with 31 years' service, he says "He's just bragging. He's phoned me twice already."

The caller, a suspect in

'The caller was a criminal on the run. The message was brief and to the point: 'You'll never catch me because you'll all die like dogs.'

several robbery cases in which people have been killed, is known to him, Swart says

Despite Swart's calm, though, the number of policemen killed both on and off duty — on the climb for a number of years now — has reached alarming propor-

BEING a member of the SAPS these days is almost like signing your own death warrant. Why is this so and can anything be done to reverse the shocking trend of police killings?
News Editor BARRY SMIT reports.

More than 270 policemen and women were murdered last year. The figure so far this year has passed the 150 mark.

Different policemen have different theories about what's going on, but they all agree on one thing: no matter how well trained, equipped and prepared police are, they are always vulnerable to killers who have the element of surprise on their side.

To illustrate this point, Swart calls in two detectives who have worked on cases in which policemen have been killed. The file docket they produce contains gruesome pictures of the blood-spattered corpses of murdered colleagues in the morgue and at the scene of the crime.

One such file tells the brutal story of how Sergeant Samuel Khumalo, a 31-year-old officer who was married to a policewoman, was gunned down.

Khumalo and two colleagues were called out late one night on a complaint in Alexandra. He stayed behind in the police van while the others went to investigate. Suddenly they heard shots coming from the direction of their vehicle.

On their return they found Khumalo slumped lifeless in the front seat, shot in the head, his service pistol missing. After a tip-off, his murderers, both younger than 18, were later killed in a shootout with the policemen who attempted to arrest them.

Another docket contains pictures of Constable Siphon Mhlongo (29) lying dead in a park, shot in the back. Mhlongo, from Jeppe Police Station, was off duty at the time of his death. He was followed by two attackers after leaving the Moon City nightclub in Doornfontein. His firearm had also been stolen, his wallet left untouched.

The motive for these killings, police believe, was simply the theft of the policemen's weapons. Other police have been killed by criminals attempting to evade arrest and in ambushes which usually follow hoax calls. Political motives do not play a major role any longer, says Swart, but the abundance of illegal weapons in the country has increased the likelihood of attacks on the police.

Although it is now standard practice for the police to wear bullet-proof flak jackets, which Swart believes has helped save lives, criminals are now "going for the head", he says. And on an eight-hour shift, heavy flak jackets take a heavy toll in sheer physical exhaustion.

Swart believes that the death sentence should be reimposed, as would-be killers would think twice if they knew they could die for their deeds.

In an effort to combat the dangers facing police in the course of their duties, the SAPS has introduced a special training programme concentrating on defence against urban attacks.

Journalists were taken on a tour of the training base, at Maloeskop near Groblersdal in the Eastern Transvaal, earlier this week.

The "tactical policing course", which teaches trainees how to deal with violent and criminal attacks in an urban environment,

was started in December

The head of training at Maloeskop, Major Henk van Zyl, says the course was designed to encourage police to think and act tactically both on and off duty, and to strengthen their attitude.

But in a briefing to journalists at the base, Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce stresses that training alone will not stop the killings. He says there has to be a concerted campaign to educate the public and change the "culture of violence" — or South Africa will be "engulfed in crime" (251)

Bruce says it is "now history that there was an unfair system" in place in South Africa before the transition to democracy — one that united black society against the government and the police. As a result, a culture of non-co-operation with the police developed in

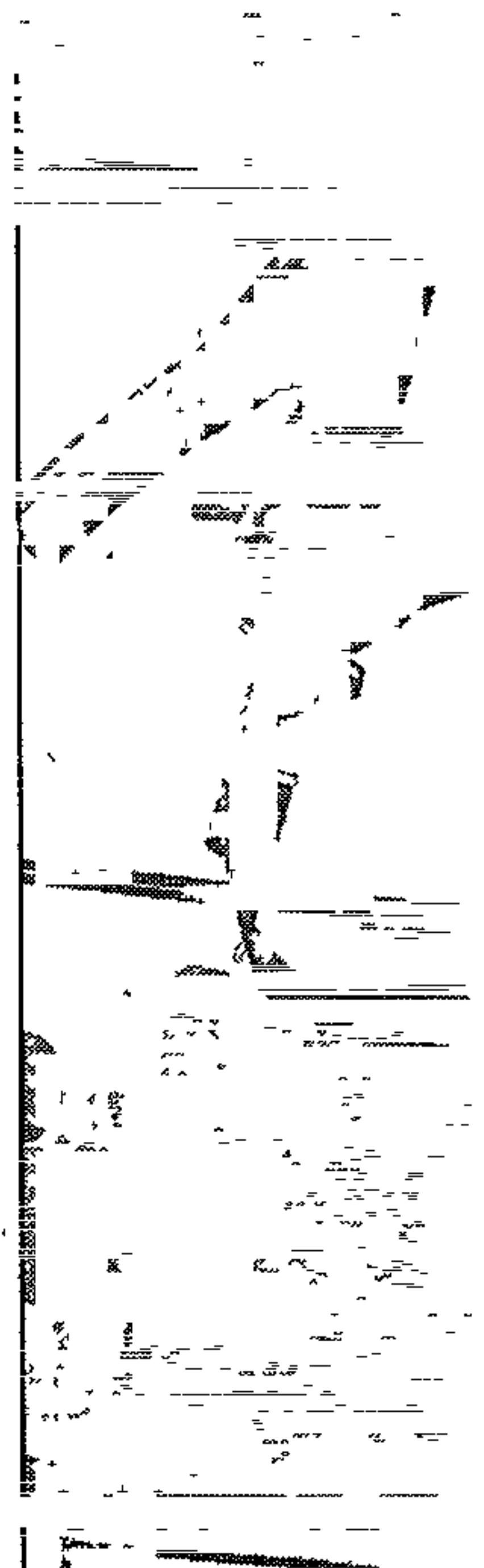
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which certain illegal activities, condemned in other societies, became acceptable. The police were seen as legitimate political targets.

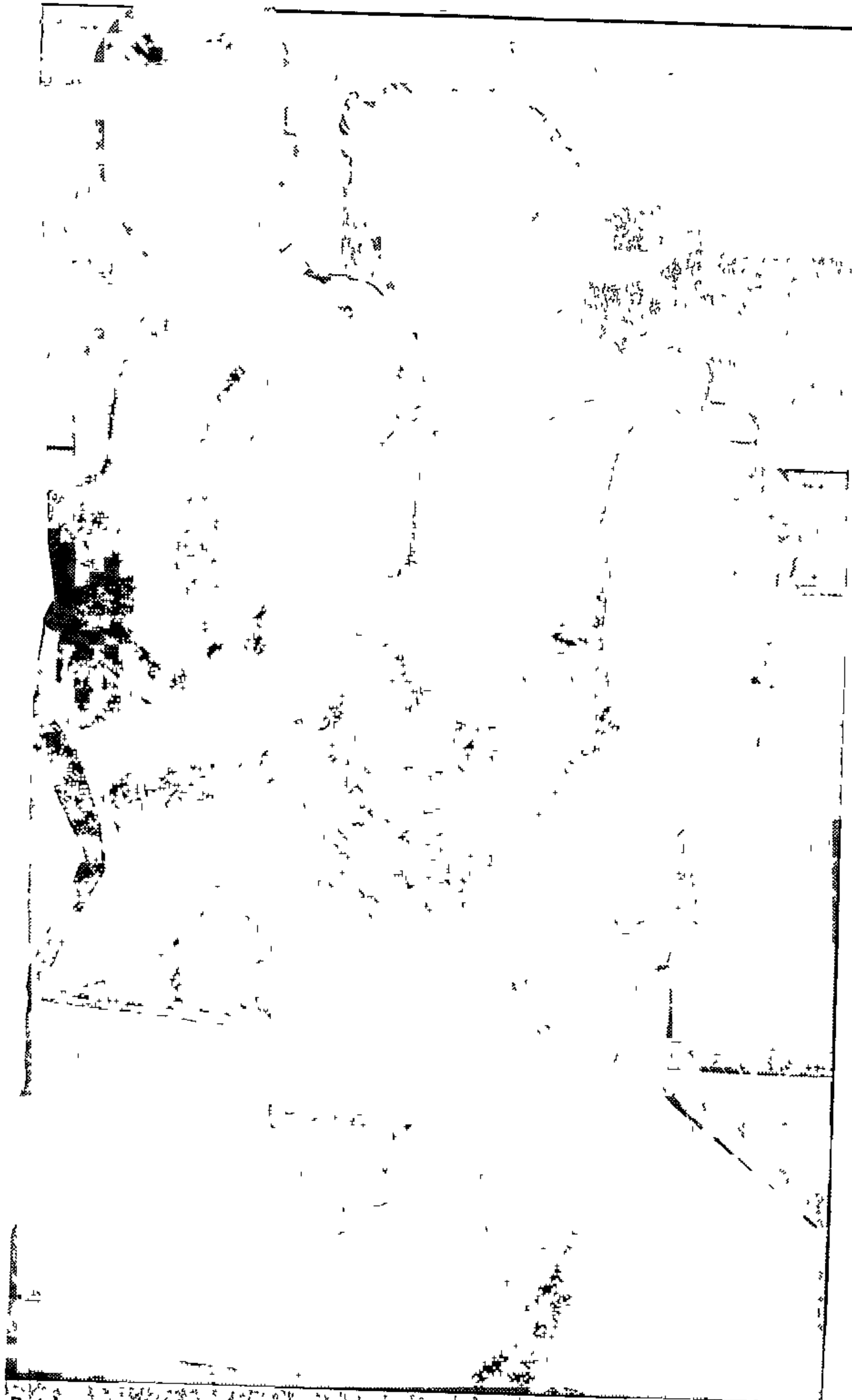
"This whole value system resulted in antagonism to the rule of law", and for four decades the police force "symbolised all that was bad in government", he says. It is not surprising that this culture still exists, Bruce says, as contempt for law and order has become deep-rooted.

"But, sadly, any programme to change the culture of violence may take as long as it took to inculcate the present one," adds

Before I leave his office, Swart stresses the force's determination to stamp out the killing of policemen and asks WeekendStar to convey this message. "The Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad will never ever lie down as far as crime is concerned. I have the most dedicated men serving under me. And no matter who is in charge of government, we will do our job."



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But isn't enough for our beleaguered police force members whose lives are in danger every time they venture out?

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All police promotions held till integration

JOHANNESBURG — The South African Police Service confirmed yesterday all police promotions were on hold pending the inclusion of the country's 11 police agencies into the SAPS

Major Burger van Rooyen from police headquarters in Pretoria confirmed a statement from the Ministry of Safety and Security that a de-facto moratorium had been placed on promotions pending the amalgamation of the policing agencies

The confirmation followed almost a week of uncertainty about the moratorium — Sapa

Meiring slams protesting officers for 'thuggery'

By CHRIS BATEMAN

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THE violent invasion of the CPA building and occupation of Mr Hernus Kriel's office by traffic officers was "unforgivable thuggery", Finance, Expenditure and Service Commission Minister Mr Kobus Meiring said yesterday.

Speaking in the closing session of the provincial legislature, the former Cape administrator said what was unforgivable was that the intruders were looked up to as law enforcers, but had become law breakers.

"Everyone had great patience before the election and bent over backwards to avoid taking steps which would complicate the transition process.

"But now that we have a legitimate government there can be no reason for employees to be so contemptuous of their colleagues and the public," he said.

Mr Meiring said executive members office doors stood open, "but we cannot allow people to gain access in undignified and unacceptable ways".

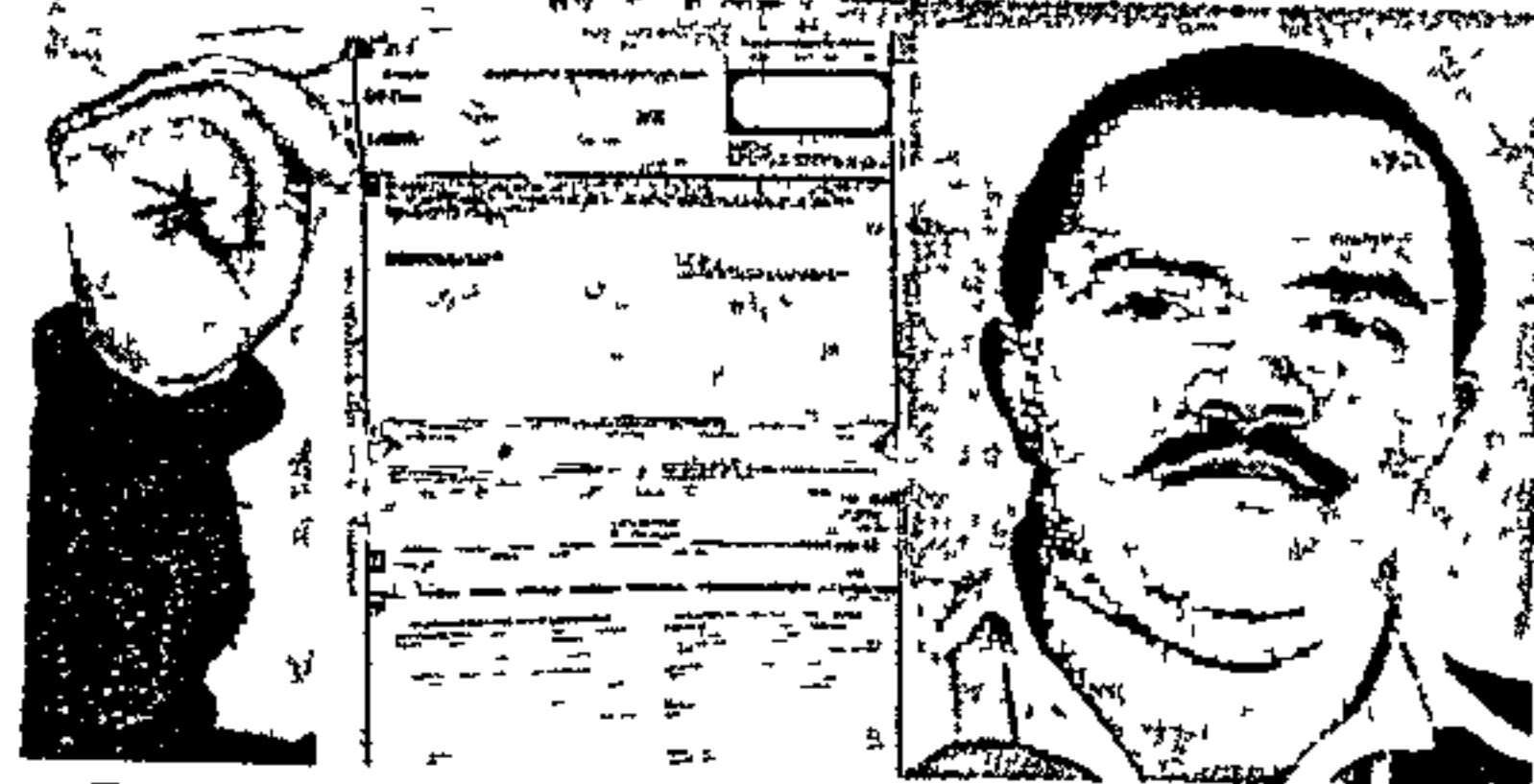
About 15 traffic officers, some in uniform and wielding handcuffs, shoved a single security guard out the way and took occupation of a waiting room adjoining Mr Kriel's office.

Earlier Ms Tashneem Essop (ANC), slammed her fellow members for "making jokes and turning the House into a circus", while a crisis unfolded in the building and at other times during the two-week sitting.

In a heartfelt speech, she said she had "suffered personally" at the hands of apartheid, adding "When we were brought into this chamber we believed we could change the system."

Instead she and fellow ANC MPs experienced discrimination at the hands of "young boys (police-men) who haven't yet changed their attitudes".

She was referring to police guarding the entrance to the CPA building stopping her other colleagues but allowing other white people through.



FINED ... Provincial traffic officer Mr Bernard Joseph shows a R1 000 fine served on him yesterday for his part in a blockade in the city on June 1.

Picture ANNE LAING

Kriel undertakes to 'help' fined officers

Staff Reporters

WESTERN CAPE Premier Mr Hernus Kriel has undertaken to "see what he can do" about the R1 000 fines imposed on traffic policemen for blocking Wale Street in a noisy June 1 protest.

Some 15 traffic officers, many in uniform, on Thursday forced their way into Mr Kriel's waiting room but were eventually forcibly evicted by police on Mr Kriel's orders.

Nehawu regional chairman Mr Wilfred Alcock said yesterday the union would occupy the magistrate's court building on Monday if the charges against the officers are not withdrawn.

Police degree out of step with new SA

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Paul Stoher (251)

AN international policing expert has slammed the police science degree at the University of South Africa (Unisa) — necessary for policemen who want to work their way through South African Police ranks — as dated and out of tune with the needs of the new police service.

In a paper submitted to the International Training Committee, set up to evaluate the training of South African policemen and develop a new curriculum, professor of criminal justice Mike Brogden said "The BA Police Science is like a dinosaur — all body and little brain. It reflects the thinking of a different era." Brogden, who wrote the paper in May this year, is a member of the committee.

Much of the teaching and tutoring in the Unisa course is done by the SAPS' Graaff Reinet Police Academy. Both the academy and the degree course are close to the hearts of the SAPS general staff — most of whom have gone through the academy and have the police sciences degree. "Attacking the degree is like attacking their qualifications," said a local police training expert.

Brogden identified several "sins of omission" in the course. He pointed out that accountability to the community, racism, sexism and community policing — involving communities in upholding the law in their own areas, an approach adopted by the SAP last year — hardly feature in the course material.

"What is astonishing is that the topic of race is rarely mentioned in the course. The degree cannot hope to move forward without bringing the question of race as an area of discrimination in police practice into lengthy critical discussion," said Brogden.

Commenting on the scant mention of community policing in the course, Brogden said: "It is astonishing that when the new South Africa is discussing community policing — with all its defects — the major course on policing in the country fails to recognise its importance."

The International Training Committee's proposals for a new curriculum for policing training, submitted to the Police Board in November last year, are likely to be adopted by the Ministry of Safety and Security, according to sources close to Minister Sydney Mufamadi's advisory team.

The proposals focus on equipping policemen to better understand and resolve problems in the communities they serve — rather than on just enforcing the law.

In a radical departure from the usual "chalk and talk" training, the new curriculum emphasises field training. Trainees are first placed in the field under the control of a Field Training Officer (FTO) and then on their own, under an FTO's supervision. The International Training Committee has set up an implementation committee, under international and local supervision, to run a pilot field-training programme. This committee will also be charged with implementing the new basic training proposals in the SAPS.

Work of the International Training Committee is expected to be taken over by an appointed national police training board.

During claims KZP hit squads exist

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'Outsider' at odds with colleagues

Pressure is mounting for an investigation into the kwazulu Police as its former chief alleges the existence of hit squads, reports **Farouk Chothia**

DIVISIONS and rivalry in the kwazulu Police are blowing the force wide open, with outgoing commissioner General Roy Daring making the most serious allegations yet about "hit squad" activity in the force.

Daring has resigned after only two years of leading this force, saying he was "almost certain" of the existence of "hit squads" in the force — and called for steps to be taken to prosecute culprits on the basis of evidence compiled by the Goldstone Commission and the now-defunct Transitional Executive Council (TEC).

Coming from the commissioner himself, these allegations put immense pressure on Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to act firmly on the repeated allegations of misconduct in the KZP.

In an interview, Daring said he had discussed the issue of "hit squads" with senior government negotiator Dawie de Villiers, who

While General Roy Daring (59) described the existence of a hit squad within his own force, it reflected the deep chasm that had opened between him and his colleagues during his reign as KZP commissioner.

An outsider in the force, Daring was more comfortable with the police men of the new South Africa than those who had been in the total onslaught era.

When South Africa's new freedom fighter prisoner Nelson Mandela refused to free him in 1990, Daring — then in the charge of his security along with that of South Africa's dominant party leader, the Slovo and other high profile reformers.

Daring said the resignation had been one of the high points of the 10-year police career he was pushed into by his police father. Soon the reader Daring went into a shell and retreated into a

His role alone in the 10-year term to end when he was elected by Pretoria to lead the KZP through the difficult transition period. But after five years, he found

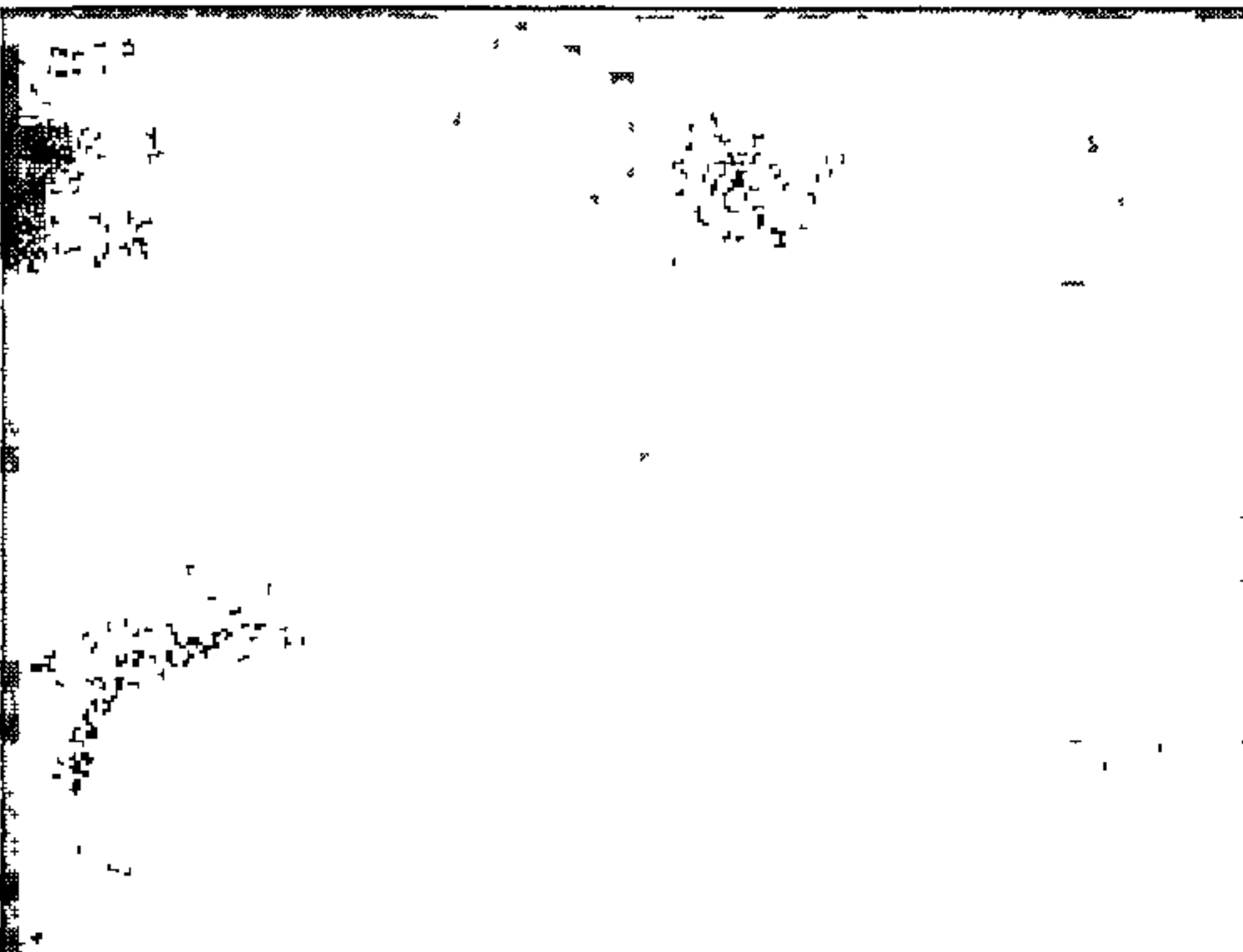
he could not follow in the footsteps of his predecessor General Joe Dlamini, the long-serving police man who was part of the military cross-border road into north-eastern Zimbabwe's military operations.

and who built on close relationship with Muthi and Inkatha's leader Mangosuthu Buthe.

One critic of Daring, the week described the general as "passive" during his short reign in Durban. He failed to call in outside investigators to conduct a thorough investigation into the force — and more evidence had to be put on him before he acted on a few occasions.

In his submission to the TEC, Daring behaved as though he was trapped in the total onslaught era rather than the new South Africa returning to Slovo as a leader, allegedly the 1991 given to the SACP leader by the IAGF.

was saying that he had overheard other parts of intrigue and double legends. Daring added that he will cooperate with any investigation that he had into the force.



General Roy Daring... 'Almost certain' of the existence of hit squads in the kwazulu Police

is also in President Nelson Mandela's cabinet, before the April election — and warned him against being "complacent"

During said he believes instructions for the "hit squads" came from "higher officials" — and those arrested thus far were "just kids"

He added that he could not say whether this "higher authority" had come from within the KZP, the government or a political party

Deputy KZP commissioner Major-General Siphon Mathe's name is mentioned in a TEC report on "hit squads" He is accused of "disgraceful conduct" and "cover-ups" on behalf of "hit squad" policemen The TEC report recommended his immediate suspension

With During on leave since a fortnight ago, and retiring at the end of the month, Mathe is the acting KZP commissioner

The *Mail & Guardian* had also reported earlier this year that the Goldstone Commission has information linking kwaZulu/Natal Minister of Safety and Security Celani Mthethwa to renegade South African policemen It was alleged that Mthethwa had received weapons from the policemen — charges he denied at the time

In their reaction this week, Mthethwa and Mathe denied the existence of "hit squads"

Mathe slammed During for making "mischievous" claims and Mthethwa said During had ample time to provide proof of the allegations and should have done so during his two-year stint as commissioner

During said while he was "almost certain"

of the existence of other "hit squads", he learnt of "one hit squad operating in the KZP following the arrest last year of three junior officers and two civilians at Esikhawini

"I don't believe they were acting on their own They had to have received orders from a higher authority," added During

Caprivi-trained KZP member Gcina Mkhize and Romeo Mbambo and Thembinkosi Mthethwa were arrested last year in connection with the murder of six people They appeared earlier this year in the Mthunzini Magistrate's Court where, in a dramatic twist, an ANC-aligned lawyer appeared on their behalf to reveal that they would be applying for indemnity

During does not rate the arrest of the Mkhize squad highly

"Even when I went to the TEC (in February), I asked Dawie de Villiers not to be complacent because those arrests were just chicken-feed," said During

But During added that other police officers were at the time satisfied with the arrests and believed the investigation was complete

However, During said that at a recent meeting he attended with senior SAP officers, including deputy commissioner General Johan Swart and Natal regional commissioner Lieutenant General Colin Steyn, there was an undertaking to "revitalise" investigations into "hit squad" allegations

During said the "apparently vital evidence" in the possession of the Goldstone Commis-

sion and the TEC needed to be handed over to the police or another independent body capable of prosecuting the offenders

Claiming that he was never privy to the evidence behind the various reports of the Goldstone Commission and the TEC, During said "People say this list has appeared in a newspaper — why don't you make some arrests? But on what grounds do you act? A newspaper article does not qualify as evidence"

Sources revealed that During and Mathe never saw eye-to-eye The two clashed over During's decision to give the SAP the go-ahead to investigate the Mkhize-led "hit squad"

During said his attempts to "clean-up" the KZP were frustrated time and again by "senior officers" whom he declined to name

"Over a period of time when you realise that your instructions have not been completely obeyed you realise you're not getting the support you should be," added During

He said the KZP could not conduct its own investigation into the "hit squad" allegations as the level of "intimidation" within the force was too high

During said he had received a flow of telephonic death threats and knows of other officers who received similar calls

He said he believes the "mutinous strikes" that plagued the KZP in recent weeks had been orchestrated by senior members of the force who wanted to sabotage the amalgamation of the KZP into the SAP

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Police reassured on promotions

JOHANNESBURG — The South African Police Service denied yesterday that there was a moratorium on all promotions in the service until a new Police Act was promulgated.

Earlier the Minister of Safety and Security, Mr Sidney Mufamadi, stated that a de facto moratorium had been placed on promotions pending amalgamation of policing agencies.

Police Commissioner General Johann van der Merwe said in a statement all promotions were only on hold pending an investigation by a committee convened by the Interim Board of Commissioners.

The interim committee, comprising representatives of the country's 11 policing agencies, would regulate promotions until such time as the new Police Act had been promulgated.

Gen Van der Merwe said members who qualified for promotion under present regulations and were rated suitable for promotion would not be prejudiced. — Sapa

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Police union challenge commissioner to debate

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PRETORIA. — The South African Police Union (Sapu) yesterday challenged Commissioner of Police General Johann van der Merwe to debate the issues which led to Sapu's walkout from a negotiating forum on Thursday.

Sapu abandoned talks, claiming police management had failed to deliver concrete explanations on among others, a moratorium on police promotions and the payment of overtime.

Gen Van der Merwe responded, urging the union to return to the negotiating table.

More patrols in Guguletu

By CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICEMEN of the Internal Stability Division have intensified their patrols in Guguletu — in response to fears for their lives expressed by police union members there

Western Cape Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie revealed this yesterday in response to complaints by the South African Police Union (Sapu), that he had failed to fulfil undertakings given to Guguletu members late last week

Mr McKenzie conceded that he had only "partially fulfilled" his undertaking to "beef up" staffing levels at Guguletu police station — but said the ISD response was the most practical measure he could manage.

Angry Mzimela hits at McKenzie

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

AN ANGRY Correctional Services Minister, Mr Siphosizwe Mzimela, yesterday called local Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie "ignorant", for suggesting his staff should look after awaiting-trial prisoners at Cape Town Magistrate's Court

Mr Mzimela said "for a man in the position of Mr McKenzie to be so ignorant of the way the South African government is structured is highly irresponsible"

He said prisoners in magistrates' courts were the responsibility of the South African Police Services and the Justice Department and had "nothing to do with my department"

Mr McKenzie described conditions in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court cells as "inhuman the worst I have

seen in my entire life," and called for a Red Cross inspection

Mr McKenzie said he encountered up to 40 people standing in a urine-soaked 20m² cell with an overflowing toilet and no seating

Lawyers were forced to interview people through bars alongside other awaiting trial prisoners and policemen had to draw water for tea and coffee from a single zinc basin filled with "filthy" cloths

In one badly-ventilated cell were eight to 10 children aged between eight and 11, one of whom had a gash under his eye and was in "obvious" need of medical attention

"I don't care what human rights charters we subscribe to, there is no way we can internationally or locally defend the conditions I saw there," he said

Probe into hit squad allegations

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE government yesterday announced the appointment of a special task unit to investigate allegations of hit squad activities in the kwaZulu/Natal Police (KZP)

The Minister of Safety and Security, Mr Sidney Mufamadi, said the unit would probe, among other things, allegations by the previous KZP police commissioner Lieutenant-General Roy Doring about "misconduct and/or criminal activities concerning certain KZP members"

He emphasised that this was one of several investigations being conducted — including allegations against certain members of the Transkei Police Force and allegations of torture against police in the Vaal Triangle

The minister declined to give details of the kwaZulu probe

The investigation task unit will be led by Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Dutton, who was the investigating officer in the Trust Feeds case and was more recently attached to the Goldstone Commission and other internal investigation units

Mr Mufamadi said that general allegations of police misconduct would in future be dealt with by a "complaints mechanism" that would be outlined in a Police Bill to be tabled in Parliament soon

Location of police stations 'scandalous'

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By BARRY STREEK

IT was a "scandal" that 80% of the police stations were located in formerly white areas, the Minister of Safety and Security, Mr Sidney Mufamadi, said yesterday.

"That is the scandal we are trying to redress," he said during a mini-debate interpellation, introduced in the Senate by the DP's Senator James Selfe.

Senator Selfe said the crime rate was nothing less than scandalous, with more than 50 people being murdered and 87 raped every day.

Mr Mufamadi rejected a statement by Senator Selfe that his plan for im-

proved policing resembled a reorganisation rather than a resolution of the crime problem.

Mr Mufamadi said the police and communities were now marching together against crime and this should contribute to sound police-community relations.

Senator Selfe said South Africa needed to increase the number of policemen and women.

"We are one of the most under-policed nations in the free world. We have an average police to population ratio of 1:358. We regard this as unacceptably low."

Police promotions explained

POLICE considered due for promotion will be promoted before a planned commission sits to investigate the matter of promotions in the country's 11 police agencies, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sidney Mufamadi said in a statement yesterday

In a clarifying statement later, the ministry said a promotion would be granted if the requirements for the position were the same in all 11 police agencies and if they were "clear and be-

yond dispute"

If the requirements for a position differed among the agencies, a joint decision on promotion would be made by the 11 commissioners

Mr Mufamadi said he had held talks with the 11 commissioners and "it was agreed that those policemen and women who, in the opinion of the commissioners, are due for promotion before the planned commission

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makes its final recommendations, will receive their promotion"

Mr Mufamadi earlier announced the plan for a top-level commission to examine promotions and parity after the impending amalgamation of the 11 agencies to form the South African Police Service

He said the commission would consider representations from all interested parties — Sapa

Experts warn on one police force

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

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A NATIONAL police force could not be established nor could police powers be transferred to the provinces because of a gap in the constitution, two legal experts said yesterday

However, ANC and IFP members of the Select Committee on Safety and Security were opposed to "tinkering" with the constitution and urged alternative measures be found to deal with the problem

The chairperson of the technical task force examining amendments to the Police Act, Mr Azar Cachalia, and a police lawyer, Brigadier Gert Joubert, told the committee the new Police Act was unlikely to come into force before August next year

They said that although everyone recognised the need for transitional arrangements for a single police force, the appointment of a national commissioner, the appointment of

nine provincial commissioners and the transfer of powers to the provinces, this was impossible in terms of the constitution

"There is a tremendous lacuna (gap), it was all or nothing," Mr Cachalia said

The constitution did not allow for transitional arrangements to deal with these issues, he added

Brigadier Joubert said there were a number of technical errors in the constitution that should be rectified

Although the constitutional provisions for the unification of the defence force were simpler than for the police, he understood the defence force had legal problems with the constitution

Mr Cachalia said the new Police Bill could only be introduced in May next year and come into force in August

His task force was working through 170 representations, involving more than 1 000 pages, on the draft bill

126 000 apply for 17 000 police jobs

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — More than 126 000 people have applied for 17 000 jobs with the South African Police Services

The Police Training College

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in Pretoria was yesterday a hive of activity. (251)

British police superintendent Roger Griffiths, an adviser to SAPS, said more than 50 per cent of the applications where

from women and that the intake would be "broadly representative of the greater population"

He emphasised the intake was being selected on the quality of applicants, among whom are graduates

Interim provision for single police force

CHRIS WHITFIELD
Political Staff

THE interim constitution may be amended to make way for the formation of a single national police force, it has been disclosed

Azhar Cachalia, the chairman of the technical committee drafting a new police act providing for the rationalised service, said yesterday it was now anticipated that this legislation would probably be promulgated only in August next year

This meant other ways had to be found to

- Begin the rationalisation of 11 homeland police forces

into one service

- Appoint a national commissioner

- Appoint regional commissioners

- Delegate powers to provincial executive committee members responsible for safety and security

He said the drafters of the interim constitution had not worked properly through all the requirements for transitional arrangements and it was therefore inadequate in some aspects

SAP legal adviser Brigadier Gert Bezuidenhout — also on the technical team — told the parliamentary select committee

tee on safety and security the "constitutional deadlock" could be broken in two ways

One was technical amendments to the interim constitution while the other was to promulgate a "short preliminary interim police act"

He advised against a preliminary act because "it will have to be exhaustive in its enabling provisions to cater for all eventualities" It was not possible "at this stage to foresee all the eventualities"

Committee members, particularly from the ANC, were wary about tampering with the constitution and questioned

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whether it would not be better to pass interim legislation

Mr Cachalia agreed that fears of tampering with the interim constitution were generally well-founded, but in this case the technical committee believed technical provisions of the constitution were "frustrating" its general intent

The technical committee would meet department of constitutional development representatives to discuss the proposed changes and report to the select committee on the issue.

Mr Cachalia said it was critical that the legislation not be rushed

Police want 40% pay rise ^{11/3/94} CT 25

PRETORIA — The South African Police Union yesterday demanded a 40% pay rise for police. Organiser Mr Bereng Kholoane told a union meeting the rise should apply to all 11 police agencies and include clerical staff "whether there is money or not" "We work in dangerous and adverse conditions, yet we have not had a decent increase since 1991," he said — Sapa

'Dirty tricks' report: Did it exist or not? ⁽²⁵¹⁾ WMM-2-8/9/94

Did the mysterious 'Steyn report' ever exist? That depends on who you ask, reports **Louise Fianagan**

WHEN Deputy President FW de Klerk told parliament last week that there was no written "Steyn report" into military intelligence "dirty tricks", he contradicted what Lieutenant-General Pierre Steyn had himself said about his controversial report

In response to a question from the Democratic Party, De Klerk stated that he had received a verbal report from Steyn, then South African Defence Force second-in-command, in December 1992. On the strength of this verbal report 23 senior officers lost their jobs

But at the beginning of July, Steyn told the *Weekly Mail & Guardian* that there was a written report and that this, together with a verbal report, had been given to then-president De Klerk

"Yes, of course there was," said Steyn when asked if there had been a written report.

"I was commissioned by President De Klerk I compiled a report and reported to him verbally. He perused the report. I advised him not to keep a report of that nature and content

lying about in his office, so it was retained by the Defence Force". Steyn, who started his new job as secretary of defence this week, was not contactable for comment

National Defence Force chief General Georg Mering told the *WM&G* in July he had never received a copy of the report

At the same time, President Nelson Mandela's spokesman, Joel Ntshenzhe, told the *WM&G* that the report had finally been handed to Mandela's office

Ntshenzhe said at the time "He (Mandela) has been offered the report but whether what was offered was complete or not is a different issue altogether." He said Mandela had asked for a comprehensive briefing on the issues before he looked at the report

Steyn said sections of the report dealing with allegations of criminal activity had been handed to the police and the Transvaal attorney-general, who later declined to prosecute

This report has never been made public and Steyn has said it is not his decision to do this

De Klerk confirmed to parliament last week that, as a result of the report, he took "preventative action and remedial steps" which included the forced early retirement or compulsory leave of 23 officers



PHOTO GUY ADAMS

FW de Klerk ... Received a 'verbal report'

"According to the verbal report there was the possibility of some charges of murder. In some instances there was reason to believe that some of the people were involved in activities beyond the scope of their duties, in unauthorised activities and also illegal activities," De Klerk told parliament

However, De Klerk did not explain

from De Klerk and the military, said in his court action that De Klerk had defamed him when he accused him of involvement in illegal activities

Two months after De Klerk received the report, the military closed down the DCC front Pan African Industrial Investment Consultants (PAIIC). About 65 people were retrenched without warning as a result

Over 20 of these, calling themselves the PAIIC Group, are still demanding reasons for their retrenchments. They claim they lost their jobs as a result of the Steyn report

The PAIIC Group believe the report has not been released because it contains nothing of value

"We do not believe that a cover up is taking place but rather that President Mandela is astounded by what the report does not contain," said PAIIC Group spokesman Clive Brink in a recent letter to the *Pretoria News*. "We maintain that we were innocent victims of political expedience and urge the president to inform the public of the true facts around the matter."

De Klerk's spokesman, Richard Carter, was not prepared to comment, while Mandela's representative, Joel Ntshenzhe, said he did not want to comment further but confirmed his previous statements that a written Steyn report did exist



FW de Klerk ... Holding on to control

FW's tussle over intelligence

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A tussle for control is holding up integration of the intelligence services, reports **Chris Louw**

EFFORTS to integrate South Africa's 12 officially recognised intelligence networks are aground this week when deputy president FW de Klerk refused to relinquish executive control.

De Klerk was put in charge of the intelligence services as part of the pre-election horse-trading when the NP was not granted the Defence portfolio he wanted.

A tussle has developed between De Klerk and ANC-appointed deputy president Thabo Mbeki about who should be in charge of the country's intelligence network.

Both the ANC and the NP closed ranks this week, describing the issue as "highly sensitive". The government has been accused of being "unnecessarily secretive" about the issue.

Two Bills allowing for the new dispensation to be put in place facilitating the amalgamation of the various services into two new ones and placing them under parliamentary control were discussed by the cabinet on Wednesday.

The secrecy surrounding the establishment of the two new intelligence forces originates from the Transitional Executive Council (TEC)-appointed intelligence sub-council which consisted primarily of NP and ANC representatives. Unlike other TEC sub-councils, the work of the intelligence sub-council was never disclosed.

Negotiations have since taken place in almost farcical secrecy — to the degree that when the parliamentary standing committees were announced earlier this month, the intelligence committee was conspicuous by its absence.

Parties not included in the negotiations including the Inkatha Freedom Party, are now objecting to their total exclusion. "We do not even know where the Bills originated from," complained IFP senator Phillip Powell — admitting however, that his party was now "reaping the whirlwind of our non-participation in the TEC".

Although it was easy to talk to both ANC and official intelligence sources the veil of secrecy was maintained. "It is in our nature as spooks not to divulge information,"

said an intelligence source.

It is understood however, that the Bills discussed at Wednesday's meeting provide for the amalgamation of all intelligence agencies — including those of the former homelands and the ANC — into the two new agencies, one internal and one external.

A military expert said the two new agencies would be known as the South African Secret Service.

It was expected that the Bills would get cabinet approval this week and that they would be tabled in the national assembly before parliament goes into recess on September 20.

But ANC sources indicated that reallocating portfolios was "more complicated than originally thought". Although President Nelson Mandela as head of state is commander of the Defence Force Section 88 (5) of the transitional constitution determines that portfolios must be allocated "in the spirit underlying the concept of national unity".

The president "and other functionaries" must endeavour to achieve consensus at all times.

De Klerk's refusal to relinquish the intelligence portfolio has thwarted efforts by Mandela to appoint former ANC department of intelligence and security (DIS) chief Joe Nhlanhla as deputy minister in the president's office responsible for intelligence.

The appointment was expected to be made at the beginning of August and Nhlanhla resigned from his ANC position in anticipation. No announcement was made, however.



Thabo Mbeki

The tussle goes beyond the cabinet with both ANC members and intelligence officers vying for top positions. It is understood that a compromise has been reached allowing for two directors-general of intelligence. Mooted for the posts are former National Intelligence Service (NIS) head Mike Louw and DIS officials Mo Sheik and Billy Masetla.

The ANC's Lindiwe Sisulu will head the intelligence standing committee. Provision for the committee is made in one of the Bills discussed by the cabinet.

It will enjoy more power than most of the present standing committees both in monitoring authority and in ability to scrutinise intelligence budgets.

Sandy Africa, who is linked to the Military Research Group and has made an input into the Bills, said the secrecy surrounding intelligence was "inexcusable".

A media liaison committee consisting of the Heads of Civilian Services was recently established to keep the press abreast of developments but so far it has failed to provide any information. Represented in the committee are the heads of NIS, DIS and the former Venda, Bophuthatswana and Transkei intelligence agencies.

There is a cabinet Committee for Security and Intelligence consisting of Dullah Omar (Justice), Alfred Nzo (Foreign Affairs), Mangosuthu Buthelezi (Home Affairs), Derek Keys (Finance), Joe Modise (Defence), Kader Asmal (Water Affairs and Forestry), Sidney Mufamadi (Safety and Security) and Sipho Mzimela (Correctional Services).

A meeting is planned in Cape Town next week to look at the consequences once the Bills are approved.

Corvette or frigate, it's still a warship

Chris Louw

IN Denmark they are known as frigates, powerful battleships used in war. But South Africa's Minister of Defence, Joe Modise insists that they are nothing more than corvettes, or patrol boats.

The South African Navy will soon acquire four "corvettes" from a foreign country, and indications are that Denmark will be granted the tender in return for buying South African coal.

This week a Danish frigate, the *Vaeddern*, docked in Cape Town's harbour and the public was allowed on board for a sneak preview. Modise was treated to a dinner on the *Vaeddern* on Wednesday evening.

In a recent speech in parliament, Modise insisted that the navy intended buying corvettes "and not frigates". However, military sources disclosed this week that the Danish ships on offer and eyed by Modise are in fact frigates. This is confirmed by leaflets distributed by the Danes to visitors.

"All that is needed is to remove one container on the ship and replace it with missile guns to change the corvette back to a frigate," an expert said.

The *Vaeddern* docked in Cape Town at a time when the navy chief, Vice-Admiral Robert Simpson-Anderson was being entertained by the government in Denmark. Rumours that Simpson-Anderson was secretly flown out by helicopter to inspect the *Vaeddern* before it docked in Cape Town could not be confirmed.

The ANC leftwing strongly opposes the strengthening of South Africa's military capability. Permission has, however, been given to the National Defence Force (SANDF) to acquire patrol boats.

This is believed to be the reason why the frigates are now being disguised as "corvettes".

Deputy defence minister Ronnie Kasrils recently referred to the navy as the "cutting edge" of the SANDF. The navy hopes to be given the green light to purchase "corvettes" after years of behind-the-scenes lobbying. It is believed that naval officers were flown to Denmark during the sanction years to inspect the ships.

● Collins Dictionary describes frigates as "Brit, a warship smaller than a destroyer; US, a warship larger than a destroyer." A corvette is described as "a lightly armed escort warship".

Burning childhood memories



A paraffin-soaked rope is laid in a pattern outside the Electric Workshop in Newtown for a fire-drawing at sunset. A particularly ephemeral piece of art? Not really. It was filmed at the weekend as it burned and will form part of a collaboration by artists William Kentridge and Doris Bloom for the Johannesburg Biennale next March. The Kentridge/Bloom exhibit, which will include animated "drawings in the sky" and whitewash drawings on the Walkerville veld, will focus on memories of a Johannesburg childhood.

Flack may still hit the fans

WILL singers Roberta Flack and Peabo Bryson actually arrive at Jan Smuts Airport on Friday afternoon? On Thursday, Cape Town promoters Farid H Promotions still insisted they were on their way.

It was a tale they had told once or twice earlier in the week.

The first estimated arrival date was Sunday; it was rumoured Winnie Mandela would be there to meet them. In the event Flack and Bryson stayed home. They also didn't arrive on Monday. Nor did they arrive on Wednesday, in time for a Cape Town concert which had to be cancelled.

Yesterday, Computicket was offering ticket holders refunds for any of the three concerts scheduled — in Cape Town on Wednesday, Johannesburg on Saturday and Pretoria on Sunday.

Booking had been suspended on Wednesday. "I really can't put the tickets back on sale until I get some proof that (Flack and Bryson) are on a plane," said Computicket entertainment director Bernard Jay.

The promoters moved quickly, announcing the tour hadn't been cancelled, just postponed. The weekend

concerts would go ahead, and the Cape Town concert would too, a week later than scheduled.

It was, said a spokesman for the promoter, a question of fees. The two had not yet been paid in full, nor had airline tickets been paid for on time. But all was well, said Farid H Promotions. The Wednesday concert had been "officially postponed" to September 7 and the weekend performances "will be delivered as scheduled".

The last time this much tension surrounded a purported tour by an overseas star, the performer was megastar Michael Jackson — and he didn't make it.

But his sister came instead. LaToya Jackson arrived in November last year, several weeks after her brother's non-appearance, with a backing tape, two dancers, an excellent supporting act called Def Dames Dope and a husband who insisted on several thousand rands for an interview.

She was booked into inappropriate venues, like the huge Saabou Arena in Pretoria, and attracted tiny audiences.

Her promoter? The then little-known Farid H Promotions.

Ex-Vlakplaas chief De Kock denied bail

PRETORIA. ^{(254) (251) CT 3/9/94} Colonel Eugène de Kock, former commander of the police training unit at Vlakplaas near here, was refused bail yesterday.

Pretoria Regional Court magistrate Mr J Venter said no bail conditions would stop Col De Kok from fleeing or interfering with the investigation.

Colonel De Kock will face several charges, including eight of murder, one of accessory to murder, one of attempted murder, a charge of contravening the Internal Security Act as well as charges relating to fraud and the unlawful possession of arms, ammunition and explosives. — Sapa

Unions walk out of govt pay talks

TEN unions representing about 180 000 public servants walked out of pay-rise talks yesterday in the government's central bargaining chamber in the city.

The walkout came after the state said it needed 15 days to respond to demands for a minimum wage of R1 500 a month and a 15% pay rise ~~(250)~~

Four unions said they could not continue talks without compromising the interests of their members. ~~(250)~~ (251) CT 3/9/94

The Civil Service Association, South African Health and Public Service Workers' Union, Health Workers' Union and Public Service League said the pay dispute deserved the immediate attention of the government as it was the cause of a wave of industrial action sweeping the country, especially at hospitals.

They said they would return to talks only if the government unambiguously undertook to resolve the dispute.

Public Service League chairman Mr Bernard Domingo said the government had asked for a 15-day extension because its chief negotiator was in Switzerland.

He said league district executives would meet on Wednesday to decide on industrial action. — Sapa

POLITICS *Safety and security minister has to stop cop killings* ● *Restructuring the SAPs*

From critic to a facilitator

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By Mathatha Tsedu
Political Editor

■ **HOT PORTFOLIO** *Mufamadi has*

to change hostile perception of police:

SYDNEY MUFAMADI, the national Minister for Safety and Security is an unlikely candidate for the position

A battle hardened activist who fell foul of the apartheid laws and its police force too many times for him to care to remember, he presides today over the generals who sanctioned his detention, and who in many instances are believed to have been behind other subtle attacks on him, his family and house

Lording it over these officers, in one of the hottest portfolios this side of the democratic transformation, Mufamadi, it would seem, has to deal with two major issues Crime throughout the country, and the killing of his police officers

Mufamadi however disputes this, saying he is faced with simply one problem, crime

Despite the killing of policemen and women, and the calls by his generals for a return of the death sentence, Mufamadi insists that the killing of policemen is not a special issue, but a part of the overall crime scene in the country, which has seen 20 363 people being killed throughout the country last year

effectuated by the police, thus encouraging criminal elements that they can get away with anything they do," Mufamadi said

Mufamadi said the attacks were also mainly in black areas, where the staffing and resourcing of the stations were hopelessly inadequate

"A typical detective in the PWV area is responsible for investigating 60 to 70 cases at any one time. Many detectives work without vehicles

"The apartheid dispensation led to a skewed allocation of resources. For example, 80 percent of all police stations are presently in white areas," Mufamadi said

He said some of the detectives used public transport such as buses to do their rounds of investigations, while vehicles lay unused in "white" police stations

"How do we expect the community of Orlando to respect us if they phone us at night and say they are being attacked and the police say they cannot come because the van is at Chamdor being repaired.

"This is the kind of situation that we cannot allow to continue, and we have

10 353 absconded, 3 650 of them were later linked to further crimes committed after skipping bail

● The upsurge in illegal immigration, which brings smuggling of arms, and drugs,

● The absence of police patrols and effective communication with the communities they serve, due primarily to the history of relations between blacks and the police, and

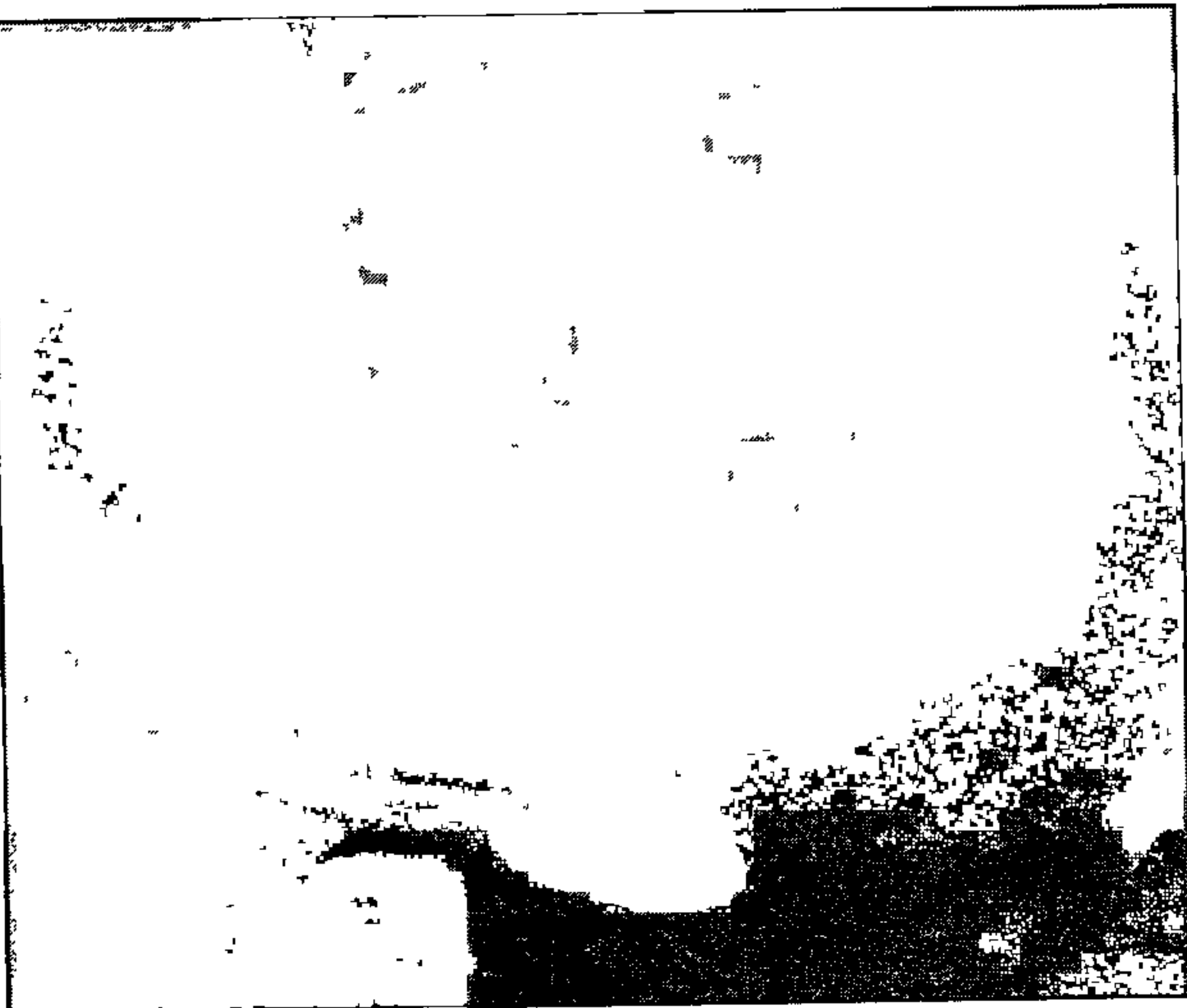
● Easy access to illegal guns

Mufamadi has drawn up an ambitious plan to get the force out of the rut. These include

● Improving investigative capacity of the force by deploying personnel where they are most needed This will include integrating the working of the Murder and Robbery Units, Crime Intelligence Service, Firearm Investigations Unit and the Unrest and Violence Related Crime Units

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This aspect will also entail that skilled investigators will be moved to flash points in a shuffling that will see the investigative capacity of violence ridden areas increased by 40 percent



Sydney Mufamadi

that this would be difficult as bail was a constitutional right of any accused

"We will not be saying that bail should not be granted, but that extreme care needs to be taken as statistics have shown that people just do not return to stand trial", he said

● Creation of contact points and mobile police stations in flash point areas

● A more stringent border control system to curb the flow of illegal immi-

he said

This aspect entailed marshalling the communities behind the police, through the Community Police Forums, which would have a real say in how their areas should be policed

Leaders of political and business organisations are to be involved in this aspect, which will culminate with a National day of Safety and Security. The exact date has not been set but the

"When I say that the killing of police-men and women is not a special issue, it is not because I do not care about their welfare I am concerned and we must do everything in our power to curb this."

"But this must be seen in its proper perspective. Every life lost in this country is a real life which must concern us equally. Our research has shown that the attacks on policemen are not widespread but are limited to specific areas such as the PWV, Natal, Western Cape and Eastern Cape."

"These are areas where violence against ordinary civilians has been very high, and very little arrests have been

ordered an audit of both the human resources and equipment available and their deployment, after which large scale restructuring must ensue," he said. Mufamadi traced the escalating crime rate to the following causes

- The level of deprivation and poverty caused by unemployment,
- Ill equipped police stations,
- The growth of syndicate crimes, including drug cartels,
- The ease with which criminals apprehended by the police are granted bail, and the high number of them who abscond and commit more crimes.

Of the 61 303 people granted bail,

● Deploying the notorious Internal Stability Unit and the Special Task Force to support detectives in violence ridden areas. The ISU will be responsible for back up to the detectives, preventative patrols, and rapid response to calls.

(For Mufamadi, who decried and de-rided the ISU in his opposition role a few months ago over their alleged behavior in areas such as Kaitleng and Bhambhayi, his call is the ultimate sign of changing attitudes.)

● Urgent discussions with the justice department to voice concern over the granting of bail. Mufamadi conceded

grants and the deadly wares they bring along. A special interdepartmental team consisting of the police, Home Affairs, Defence and Foreign Affairs has been constituted to formulate strategies to deal with this issue.

● The maximum use of technology, including the deployment of a police helicopter fitted with high powered video cameras.

In all of these plans, Mufamadi stresses that the duty of policing and reducing crime does not rest with the police alone. "In many instances, a crime is seen by someone who could come forward with that information,"

cabinet discussed the issue this week. Mufamadi said the task of getting community acceptance was paramount, and said indications were there that relations were improving.

But, he insisted, the police have to earn the respect and support of the community through their treatment of the public. His role, he said, was to help in this process by providing the political support that they needed, and marshaling resources through allocations to make their jobs possible.

If that were done, the crime levels "must come down", and with that the killing of police officers

No easy field for Mufamadi

By Mathatha Tsedu
Political Editor

I have been trying to interview Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi since June

Each time I would be told by his media liaison officer, Mr (or is it still Captain) Craig Kotze, that for one reason or another it was not immediately possible.

Either Mufamadi was in Cape Town when I was calling from Johannesburg, or he would be in Pretoria if I were in Cape Town.

After several efforts, I gave up, and said until the minister got himself a more user-friendly media officer, I would not try again.

That is, until last Thursday afternoon in Cape Town when I met him in the foyer of the legislative buildings. He wanted to know what I thought of his plan to combat crime, and I told him I saw something about it on TV but did not know much.

I took the opportunity to complain about the man who was manning the barricades leading to his door, Kotze, and Mufamadi immediately offered to see me in our Cape Town office that afternoon at 3pm.

And sure as a clock, he walked in with a smile, and

shoes, lit his cigarette and curled his feet in our not so comfy sofas and explained how he was coping with the difficult task of policing the nation.

Among his problems are the frustrations of the black police officers who have been denied promotion in years gone by, and who now see the new government as their only salvation.

He said a National Commission on Salary and Promotions had been established to look into the problem.

"We are faced with 11 police agencies, which had 11 pay scales and 11 promotion policies. In trying to redress the imbalances of the past, we have to know what is where and the commission is looking into that."

"I sit with generals who are almost all white, and a senior police corps of white officers only. Blacks were denied promotions in the former SAP while many corrupt methods were also used in other areas."

"All these must be corrected. But before we do that, we need an SAP Service Act which will empower us to deal with the force and its problems. That is why the Provincial MEC's for safety and Security are still without powers, as the law is still being drafted," he said.

The Bill is still a subject of consulta-

legal and human rights bodies, and will not be ready for the present session of parliament.

Running a force of about 183 000 is no easy task, especially when you are assisted by nine men and women who also see themselves as ministers over the same police officers.

Mufamadi said when the integration process is complete, the president would appoint the national commissioner of police, who would in turn, in consultation with the MEC's, appoint provincial commissioners.

Certain responsibilities would remain a national function, and the police service will use the same uniform throughout the country.

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PWV police killings increase

JOHANNESBURG. — More policemen were killed in the PWV in the first seven months of this year than in 1992, said provincial Minister for Public Safety and Security Ms Jessie Duarte.

The January-to-July figure also nearly equalled the number of policemen who died in 1993, she

said in a written reply to questions by Ms Annelize van Wyk (National Party).

While not providing the three figures, Ms Duarte said: "One needs to consider the possibility of further police killings occurring during the remaining months of the year. (251) CT 6/9/94

"Should this happen, the total number of police deaths during this year will exceed that of last year."

She said 19 policemen were killed in the PWV between May 1 and July 31, compared to 20 and 15 during the same periods in 1993 and 1992. — Sapa

Cops charged for death of Sisulu's bodyguard

JOHANNESBURG — Two policeman appeared in the Regional Court here yesterday on charges of culpable homicide in connection with the death of ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu's bodyguard after a car chase in July 1993. (25)

Lance-Sgt Allen Kruger, 24, and Constable Stephanus van Rensburg, 20, were charged after a judicial inquiry found they were criminally liable for the death of Mr Ishmael Manlene Moloane. The hearing was postponed to September 9. — Sapa

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'General anti-cop culture' a problem

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THE South African Police Service "remains a structure which does not enhance confidence within its own ranks or with the public at large," said Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum chairman Chris Ferndale, regarding the slaying of policemen

Nearly 170 policemen have been gunned down so far this year

Mr Ferndale said police still were struggling to shrug off years of "general anti-cop culture" which arose from the service's perceived support of apartheid

But, police now were being targeted routinely also by organised syndicates and individual gangs and it was up to ordinary residents and communities to stamp this out

"That kind of mindset must be transformed and there are a host of organisations, including ours, which are contributing towards changing the police culture

"We are trying to address the problem by working with police officers on various levels," said Mr Ferndale

"We are aware of the hierarchical contradictions within the police and that black officers must bear the brunt of attacks, both psychologically from their seniors within the service and externally, on the street"

Police management was unresponsive to complaints from these officers who held out little hope for meaningful promotions

"Progressive policemen, specifically Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union members, routinely are victi-

mised," he said

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"Our police serving local areas have become sitting ducks and police management has failed to heed the warning signals

"Over many months, people in local forums have been coming out in support of more police in their areas, especially in Delft and Belhar. This issue has been raised over and over again with senior police, regional Police Minister Patrick McKenzie and national Minister Sydney Mufamadi"

Regarding the Delft police station attack last weekend, Mr Ferndale said members of Nicro, the Concerned Residents and the Delft Civic had met a Brigadier Beukes to raise concerns about local policemen on August 8

Days later, Sergeant Donovan Fielles was gunned down in the charge-office

Mr Ferndale added that the way in which the police had dealt with widespread allegations of police corruption in the Western Cape was "problematic"

"It remains a structure that does not enhance confidence in its own ranks or with the public at large"

● The Anti-Crime Forum today embarks on a three-week programme of action to win back the streets of the region from criminals

A picket is to be held in the city centre today to call for the support of all residents

On Wednesday, a march will be held during lunch-hour.

"Street by street, block by block, we must win back the communities for our people," said Mr Ferndale

Cops may be reinstated

By Josias Charle

FORMER members of the SA Police Service who were dismissed for their union or political activities are likely to be re-employed soon

The Ministry of Safety and Security has already initiated steps to reinstate, and possibly compensate, policemen who were dismissed from 1990 to last year

Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union PWV chairman Captain Roy

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Govender told *Sowetan* yesterday that Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi had already outlined the process to be followed.

Mufamadi has asked Popcru and the SAPS to have bilateral discussions with a view to reinstating the affected members and compensating them. (25)

Govender added that the minister said if no agreement was reached, there would be compulsory arbitration.

Popcru has meanwhile also appealed to Mufamadi and nine MECs in charge

of security to address police killings.

"We are also appealing to the public to come to the assistance of the police service with any information regarding these killings and any other crime

"Popcru condemns the senseless destruction of all human beings," Govender said.

The issue of the killing of police will fall under the spotlight at a two-day media visit to Maleoskop training centre in the Northern Transvaal where a tactical policing course is conducted.

Union slates 'frozen promotions'

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PRETORIA — The South African Police Union has criticised what it called the unofficial freezing of promotions within the force because of the integration of former homeland officers (251)

PAC calls for an end to police killings

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) has condemned the recent police killings and has called for the attacks to stop.

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, PAC deputy president Johnson Mlambo denied any knowledge of a group, the People's Concern, which had claimed responsibility for some of the attacks on police officers.

Mlambo said while the erstwhile SAP was widely regarded

as "an agency enforcing legislations adopted by an unrepresentative minority", the new SAPS was "an essential component for maintaining peace and a crime-free South Africa".

"The PAC condemns the attacks on the police service and considers them a deliberate attempt to undermine the democratic process.

"The PAC is calling for the immediate removal of rogue elements within the police force (and for) a change of public attitude towards the transformed SAPS. *APL 20/8/94*

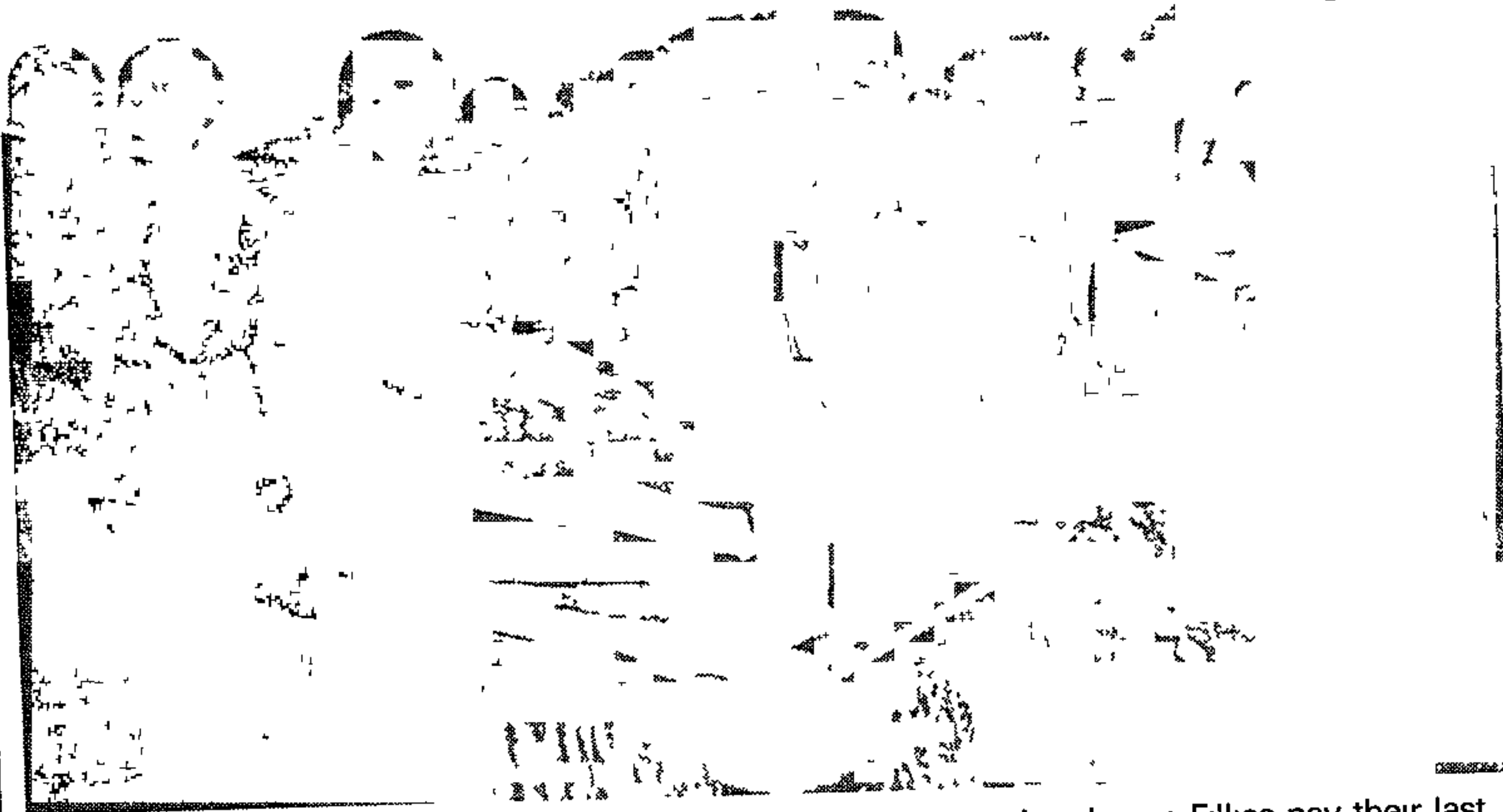
"There is, therefore, an urgent

need for a concerted campaign to build mutual trust and confidence between the public and the SAPS.

"Continued attacks (on) the reformed SAPS members, from whatever quarters, must immediately stop

"The PAC will exert all efforts to put an end to police killings," said Mr Mlambo.

Responding to questions, he said the PAC leadership was doing everything possible to ensure that Apla cadres were integrated into the South African National Defence Force and the SAPS "in order to defend the gains of the liberation struggle". (251)



LAST POST ... Colleagues of slain policeman Lance-Sergeant Ian James Fillies pay their last respects at the side of his coffin before it was lowered into a grave at Martland cemetery yesterday

Picture STEWART COLMAN

Popcru to continue to occupy Guguletu station

MEMBERS of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) participating in a sit-in strike at the Guguletu police station, yesterday vowed not to leave until suspended policeman Sergeant Eric Halom resumes work (25/8/94)

Sgt Halom entered the station earlier yesterday and was given a hero's welcome by colleagues

ANC MP Mr Vincent Diba told the protesters provincial police minister Mr Patrick McKenzie had withdrawn Sgt Halom's suspension order. However, the station commander at Guguletu, a Colonel van Zyl, said he had not been informed of this — Sapa

Attacks linked to police who were thick with thieves

Police involvement with crime syndicates lies behind some of the recent attacks on policemen.

Paul Stober reports

INFORMATION linking some policemen killed in attacks this year to criminal gangs prompted Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi and PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale this week to blame organised crime for the murder of South African Police Service (SAPS) officers

Sources close to the SAPS and the ministry confirmed that investigations into selected attacks on police had revealed that some of the officers had had links with crime syndicates involved in drug smuggling, gun running and theft

And it is believed that as yet unproved revelations by Sexwale that druglords were planning to assassinate him and undermine the PWV regional government — to halt the regional administration's anti-crime drive — was based on information provided by policemen involved in the drug syndicates

However, the sources insisted that only a few of the recent attacks on officers could be linked to police involvement in crime and that gangs could not be blamed for most of the killings. At least 160 policemen have been killed since the beginning of the year,

at least 11 in the past week.

During a snap debate in parliament on Tuesday, Mufamadi blamed organised crime for the murder of policemen "I do believe these killings do not reflect community antagonism towards the police, but rather the extent to which those involved in organised crime are threatened by improved relations between the police and the community" The minister was scheduled to meet regional police commissioners yesterday to discuss ways to halt the killings

Policing Research Project co-ordinator Melanie Lue indicated that police involvement in criminal activity had been well documented "Low morale, poor pay and insecurity about the future has led to a situation where policemen will dip into the evidence to get rich quick. Communities then continue to see the police as criminals"

●SAPS spokesman Dave Bruce said the police had not received any evidence directly linking the killings to organised crime. He accepted that policemen could be involved in crime "because the SAPS is a microcosm of a society where there is crime"; but insisted the police had not been able to link the deaths of any policemen to their involvement in organised crime

Bruce said the murders of policemen would only stop once the police, political parties and communities had gone through a process which ended the lingering perception of the SAPS as "the enemy".

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Fraud: Union to sue police

THE National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) has notified the government it wants to sue for damages suffered in sinister security police operations to defraud it, and possibly other trade unions, of large amounts of money during the apartheid years.

Preliminary details of the scam first surfaced during an investigation into the 1991 murder of Janine Bellingan, wife of then security policeman Michael Bellingan. (251)

At first sight the case appeared to be an open-and-shut family drama, but a bag of bloodied clothing and documentation discovered shortly after her death, brought a twist to the investigation. She started collecting evidence on his alleged diversion of cheques destined for Numsa to bank accounts opened in the name of Nicholas Umsa. WMM 19-25/8/94

While it is not clear to what extent Michael Bellingan had allegedly acted to line his own pocket or as part of a larger security police (later Crime Intelligence Service) operation, false passports and credit cards Bellingan allegedly used in the scam suggest he had at least the logistic support of his special branch colleagues.

Bellingan denied the scam during the inquest, but said it was "quite possible" trade union money had been diverted — and justified the type of operation as "commendable".

Investigators, legal sources and intelligence sources believe the scam went well beyond just a few individuals acting on their own. Stratcom, a nationwide security police operation that reported directly to the State Security Council, is said to have run operations to injure and sow internal confusion among "enemies of the state".

Among other activities, Stratcom operatives are said to have intercepted mail at Jeppe post office in Johannesburg. The contents were sometimes substituted, sometimes cheques were intercepted. Sources said it appeared Bellingan had been linked to Stratcom.

Former Numsa general secretary Bernie Fanaroff said this week the ministries of Safety and Security and Post and Telecommunications had been notified of Numsa's intention to sue for damages. He said Post and Telecommunications was seen by the union as an accomplice in a "conspiracy to steal", as post office staff had been party to the security police operations.

But "because we did not have a tight enough administration we could not quantify the loss".

Fanaroff said companies often queried the union on cheques not acknowledged. Membership fees sent from branches, cheques from companies and donations from abroad went missing.

He said other unions seemed similarly targeted and the fraud seemed to have spanned a period from the 1970s possibly into the 1990s. The National Union of Mineworkers (Num) revealed last year it had been victim of similar fraud.

'Dirty tricks' cop flees South Africa

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Bellingan's alleged involvement within days of the murder, and by the end of 1991 police announced themselves confident of an imminent arrest. A full docket was delivered to Von Lieres' office in February last year, but still no decision was taken to prosecute.

Former Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer brought the case to the attention of President FW de Klerk and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee around October last year.

An inquest was finally ordered by Von Lieres this year. He said this week he was "not much bothered" by the long delay between the mur-

der and the inquest. "We always kept in mind that additional evidence could come in."

He said his office had to wait for the typed records of the inquest before considering a decision, and that had taken a long time because of the lengthy inquest.

Von Lieres said South Africa had no extradition treaty with New Zealand, but that his office was investigating the use of a Commonwealth extradition mechanism that had become available when South Africa rejoined that body.

Bellingan's attorney, Paul Leisher, proclaimed his client's innocence this week, saying he was sure

Bellingan would return if summoned. He said his client had left for New Zealand as "they destroyed him here".

Bellingan is rumoured to have received a "golden handshake" when he left the police. An intelligence source estimated the normal medical discharge package at between R120 000 and R130 000, in addition to a monthly pension of perhaps R3 000. An additional gratuity could have been paid as well.

An Old Mutual spokesman confirmed Bellingan had received a payout from a life assurance policy on his wife after her death.

'Dirty tricks' cop flees as courts dither

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The family of a murdered woman has accused the Witwatersrand attorney-general of delaying the prosecution of the alleged killer, a man suspected of being involved in a trade union scam, reports **Stefans Brümmer**

A FORMER security police captain allegedly at the centre of a "dirty tricks" operation against a trade union, and who is a prime suspect in the brutal slaying of his wife, has skipped the country while judicial authorities delayed his prosecution. Michael Bellingan (36), who was discharged from the police on "medical grounds" last August, was found responsible on May 6 by a Johannesburg inquest court for the 1991 death of his wife, Janine.

The *Mail & Guardian* has learnt reliably that Bellingan left South Africa for New Zealand together with his new wife — who is still in the employ of the South African Police Service — and two young children from his marriage with Janine Bellingan. He left South Africa on or around May 29 after selling his luxury home in Johannesburg.

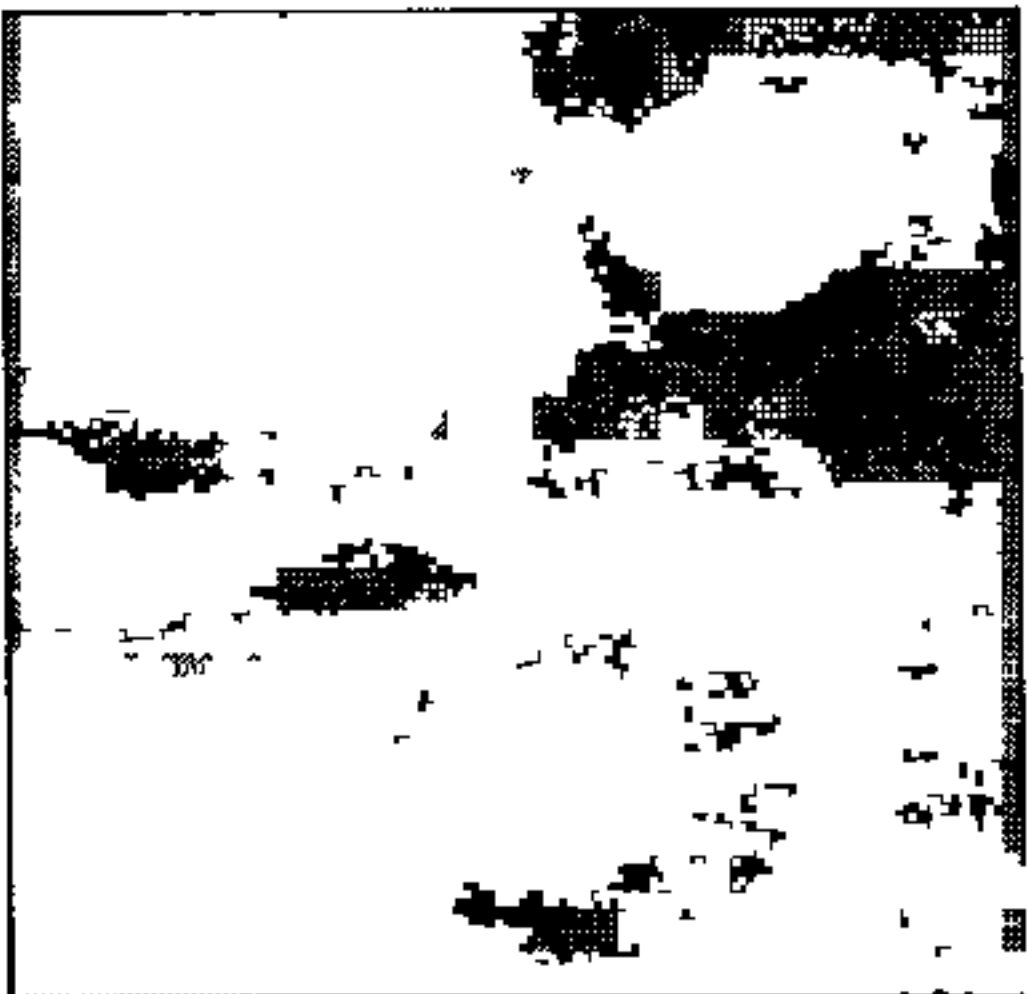
Bellingan had visited New Zealand shortly before the inquest — a fact known to the police

Janine Bellingan (35), who had been considering getting a divorce after five years of unhappy marriage, was found bludgeoned to death in the couples Gallo Manor, Johannesburg, home on September 21 1991.

The murder investigation, which was plagued by alleged obstruction and cover-ups, opened a hornet's nest of allegations about the fraudulent diversion of cheques addressed to at least one trade union, the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa), by security police members (See accompanying story.)

Prior to her death, Janine Bellingan collected evidence on her husband's activities as a security policeman, including his alleged involvement in the Numsa scam. After the murder, police found a bag containing documentation and blooded clothing she had left in a locker at work. She had told a friend to alert police to the bag in case of her death.

Michael Bellingan was a prime suspect, but he had a seemingly impregnable alibi: he had been



Happier times: Michael and Janine Bellingan on their wedding day

in Durban on a police course. At the inquest it emerged his whereabouts could not be vouched for during a number of crucial hours during the night of the murder.

Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres and Wilkau this week confirmed he had "heard" Bellingan was in New Zealand, but said

"Hearing and knowing are two different things." However, a source confirmed that South African authorities knew "exactly" how to reach Bellingan in New Zealand, should the need arise for a summons to be served.

News that Bellingan is overseas has added insult to injury for those who argue there were undue delays in getting Bellingan to face justice. Family members of Janine Bellingan have gone on record saying Von Lieres failed repeatedly to deliver on promises of a speedy resolution to the case.

The inquest also heard claims that the police investigation had been obstructed. Crucial forensic evidence had allegedly been tampered with and finally went missing from the police forensic laboratory in Pretoria.

Investigating officer Major Willie Steyn — who has received several death threats — testified he was denied access to police witnesses in Natal. Sources said Von Lieres was informed of

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Ultimatum by public servants (25)

THE Public Service League of South Africa said it would declare a dispute with Public Service and Administration Minister Dr Zola Skweyiya if he failed to reply to their salary and service demands by midnight yesterday.

The league's public relations officer, Ms Dianne Arenz, said a letter setting out their demands had been posted to Dr Skweyiya on June 15 CT 18/8/94

More than 80% of members had been balloted on industrial action and most favoured declaring a dispute to back their demands, Ms Arenz said.

— Sapa

Call for community police forums

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VUYO BAVUMA
Political Staff

COMMUNITY policing forums should be set up everywhere in the battle to halt murders of police officers, says ANC MP Vincent Diba.

Speaking in the provincial parliament yesterday, he said the police had to defend themselves but the state should be careful not to militarise the force

Community policing forums could ensure that the police were accountable, and this

might change the public perception of the police

In the post-apartheid era the country had carried a burden of racism, politicisation and militarisation of the police, said Mr Diba

The fact that most Western Cape police stations were run by white officers was an expression of racism, and to make matter worse some police officers still kicked house doors open "as in the past"

Mr Diba added "A higher number of policemen will not help police should be reori-

entated so that people can have confidence in them"

Johnny Issel (ANC) said a war against racism should be declared to solve the country's fundamental problems

Many problems within the public service, police and navy had roots in racism, he said. Swift, decisive action was needed to avert far more serious problems

Themba Nyati (NP) gave a warning that the rampant violence in the country would send South Africa the way of African countries to the north.

De Kock 'given secret papers'

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA — Secret police documents that cast doubt on the integrity of a key state witness had been handed to Colonel Eugene de Kock's defence counsel by a high-ranking police officer, the Regional Court heard here yesterday

The secret documents implicated Captain Chappies Klopper in cocaine smuggling and theft of R90 000. Capt Klopper had been identified as the mysterious "Mr Q" whose allegations had led to the arrest of Col De Kock

Col De Kock, the former Vlakplaas commander charged with eight murders, terrorism, attempted murder, arms dealing and fraud, is applying for bail

Mr Flip Hattingh, SC, representing Col De Kock, told the court he had received the documents on Capt Klopper from a Colonel Potgieter of the SAPS

He was responding to a question by state advocate Mr Anton Ackermann on how the documents had ended up in the hands of the defence

The documents alleged that Capt Klopper, while a member of

the Narcotics Bureau, had warned drug smugglers about police traps and had been involved in the "mysterious disappearance" of R90 000 that was to be used in police traps

The court also heard that after defence counsel had asked the SAPS to obtain certain documents to prepare their case, a Capt Bellingham — implicated with Col De Kock in a murder — had been sent by official SAPS channels to collect the documents

The hearing resumes tomorrow

Senate told of plan to speed merger of police services

CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

CHANGES to the constitution are being considered to speed up the merger of South Africa's 11 police services.

But the Police Bill will be ready for tabling in parliament only next year.

Until then, police services have to operate in terms of differing laws inherited from the previous republic, homelands and self-governing territories.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told the senate yesterday that his ministry was considering asking that the constitution be amended to speed rationalisation and amalgamation of police agencies.

Another problem was that there was no provision in this year's budget for the amalgamation of police services

About R200 million was diverted from this year's police budget for the reconstruction and development programme. A further four percent cut was

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expected next year

Mr Mufamadi said the new police service would have a fundamental role to play in upholding human rights

Without the security services, there could be no reconstruction and development programme, he said. But he emphasised that development was essential for community safety

James Selfe (DP) said police lacked staff and essential equipment. Some policemen were working 12-hour shifts seven days a week.

Gerhard Koornhof (NP) asked how many weapons the African National Congress had brought into the country.

He said the attack on the Delft police station had been followed by the arrest of an alleged Umkhonto weSizwe member.

People had a right to know how many unlicensed weapons had been brought into the country and how many had been handed in, Mr Koornhof said

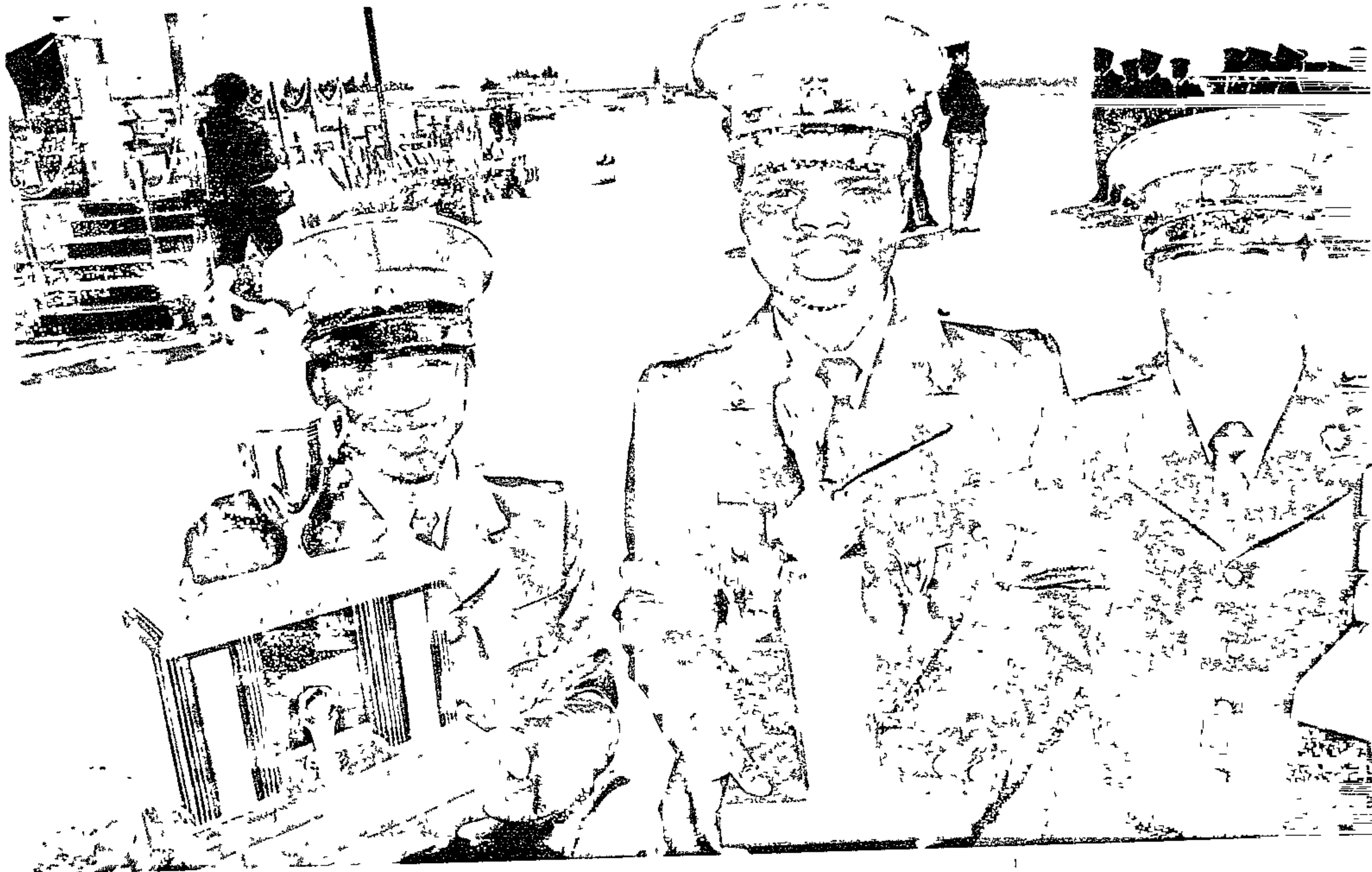
Police union may act against commissioner

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PRETORIA — The South African Police Union (Sapu) yesterday said it would accept a motion of no confidence in South African Police Service commissioner General Johan van der Merwe unless he agreed to a television debate with the union.

Gen Van der Merwe reacted by saying that a public debate on labour disputes would create an "intolerable situation".

In a statement released here he invited Sapu to use the established mechanisms to resolve disputes by arbitration. Issues under discussion include the freeze on police promotions — Sapa



Picture LEON MÜLLER, Weekend Argus

□ **TOP COPS:** Award-winning former "kitskonstabels", newly upgraded to full police constable status, display the trophies awarded to them at their passing-out parade at Koeberg. From left are top academic achiever Michael Madi, best student Knowledge Moyana and top marksman Paul Schoeman.

Koeberg 'kitskonstabels' earn rank as 'real' police

COLIN DOUGLAS
Weekend Argus Reporter

THREE hundred former "kitskonstabels" have become full members of the South African Police Service at a passing-out parade at Koeberg.

Police training chief Daantjie Hugget told the new policemen yesterday: "It is important to be apolitical and impartial and to uphold law and order."

"Stay in close contact with your community — if people accept you, they will help you fight crime. Make the community your friend and partner, not your enemy."

The constables were branded "instant cops" because they received only eight weeks of basic training before being deployed to curb township unrest in the late 1980s.

There was a storm of controversy in 1990 when kitskonstabels were accused of widespread firearm abuse, drunkenness and indiscriminate assault.

Police were blamed for providing inadequate training for the constables and unleashing "third-class cops" on township residents.

Yesterday's passing-out parade followed three months of rigorous training, part of a police programme to upgrade the "assistant constables", as the kitskonstabels are officially known, to permanent status.

About 3 300 kitskonstabels are being retrained countrywide.

Major-General Hugget emphasised the tough task the constables would face in establishing their credibility in many townships.

"We have a long and tedious road to travel before we gain full credibility,

"You will be attacked, ridiculed and threatened — you will have to stand firm."

Knowledge Moyana, from Richards Bay, was awarded the trophy for best student at the ceremony, along with R1 000 in prize money.

Constable Moyana said he felt "amazing" about his achievement and his ambition was now to become a police general.

He became a kitskonstabel in 1989 when the death of his parents forced him to drop out of Technikon and look for work.

The constables achieved the highest pass rate in the country — only one of the 300 trainees failed.

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Power to people's police

By Alexandra Zavis

COMMUNITY police forums are set to get real powers over the police

Provincial Minister of Police, Mr Patrick McKenzie, is planning a series of bills to transform policing in the Western Cape

First, he would like to make the force more transparent and directly accountable to communities

The chairperson of the local forum could, for example, be given a seat on the management board of the local station

In addition, forums could be given the authority to direct the police to make certain arrests or raids

Ultimately, forums could play a role in discussing and even suggesting new legislation for the police

McKenzie would also like to increase the power of the police in their fight against gangsterism

"One of the problems that we have at the moment is that a lot of gang leaders use young children to do the dirty work for them, and then we can never make a case against them," he said

"We need to define what a gangster is. Then we can look at the illegal things that they do and make a law that outlaws those things."

This could mean focusing on the people who plan crimes instead of always trying to catch someone red-handed, he said

Finally, McKenzie would like to improve relations within the police service

"I have already accepted the concept of trade unions in the police, and I am the first police minister to do so," McKenzie said

He is now working out a whole new structure for the service, which will incorporate the trade unions. He also plans to meet with trade



MR PATRICK MCKENZIE: The first police minister to support trade unions in the police

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union representatives on a regular basis to discuss policy matters

In the past, police officers were expected to implement apartheid laws they did not always agree with

McKenzie wants to make sure his

officers support the laws they are called on to implement by involving them in the process of drawing them up

However, these laws can only make it to the statute books next

year, as police powers have not been devolved from central government to the provinces yet.

"It is useless for me to make laws, when I don't have the power to implement them," McKenzie said

'corrupt' cops

BLOEMFONTEIN —

Many former members of homeland police forces were guilty of corruption and would not be considered for inclusion in the Free State's new police service, Free State Premier Mr Patrick Lekota said yesterday. He said investigations into corruption were still in progress. Mr Lekota said some of the most experienced policemen and officers were involved — Sapa

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cism from the Independent

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share your resources with the broader community?

Farmers should be let off the hook — union

PIETERSBURG

Transvaal Agricultural Union

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president Mr Dries Bruwer said yesterday SA's cash-strapped farmers should also benefit from debt write-offs similar to those extended by town councils to residents unable to pay for services.

Mr Bruwer said the national debt of the country's farmers — running into billions of rands — could not be redeemed in the current financial climate.

If city and town councils could write off millions of rands for services rendered, and if neighbouring countries' debts could be set aside, then the agricultural sector should expect the same sympathetic approach, he said — Sapa

Arrears: Mofokeng 'opts out'

JOHANNESBURG —

PWV Local Government Minister Mr Dan Mofokeng had opted for a way out of his plan to scrap all service and rent arrears in coloured and Indian suburbs, Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Roelf Meyer said here yesterday.

He said Mr Mofokeng had been present at a meeting between himself and provincial ministers on Friday "We didn't force him on it. We tried to create a way out

for him because his Wednesday statement was clearly totally unacceptable."

"Instead of going back and trying to find a solution for the PWV only, we said let's rather address the problem on a nationwide basis."

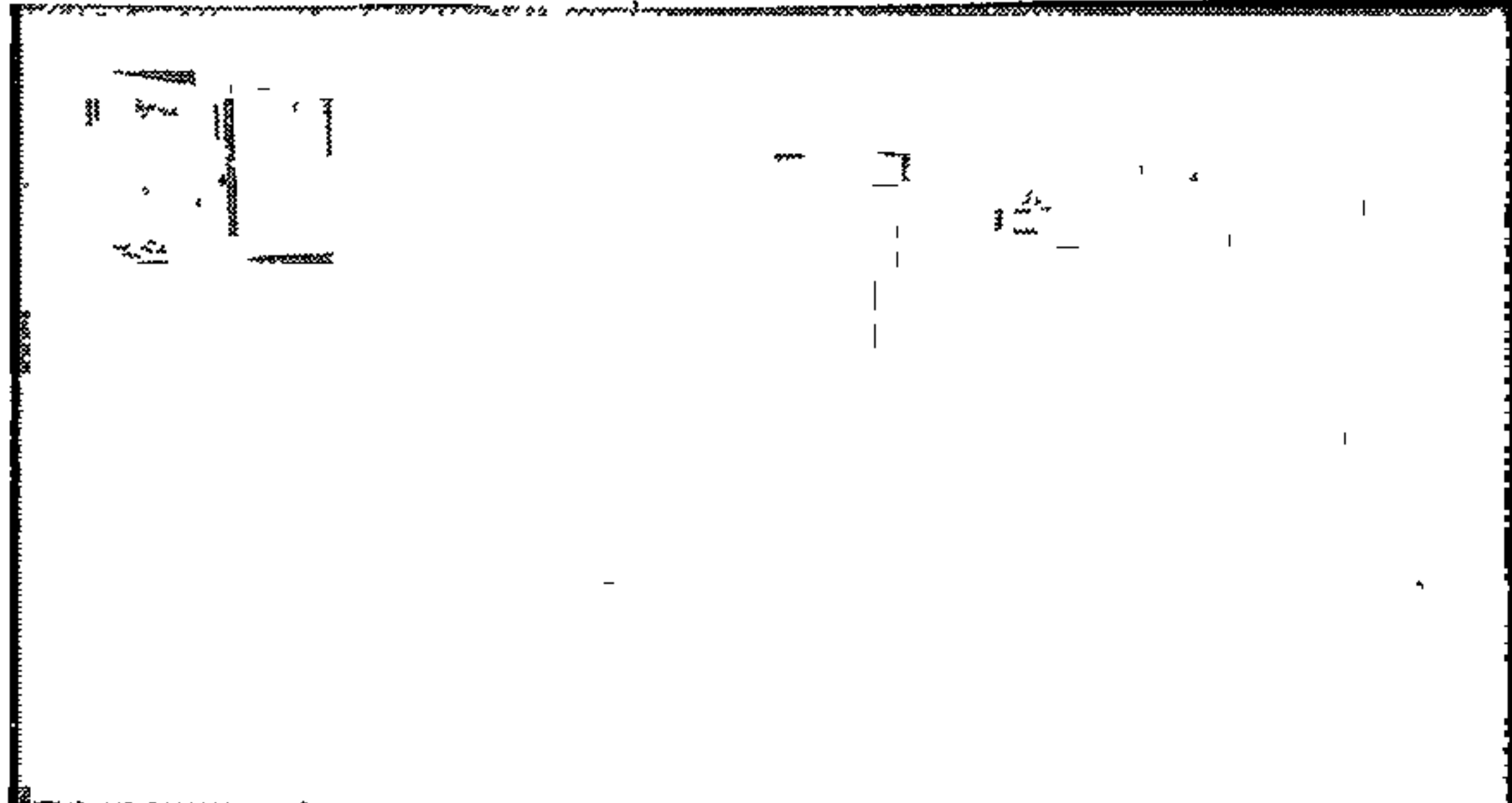
Mr Meyer said the ministers agreed to examine ways of spending a budgeted R709 million on supporting households earning less than R5 000 a year.

"Through that we gave him a way out as well. So he gladly accepted."

Mr Meyer described as incorrect Mr Mofokeng's claim that an agreement signed in January by ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and then-president Mr F.W. de Klerk allowed him to scrap all arrears. The agreement was applicable only to service charges, in black local authorities for which R238m had been budgeted, Mr Meyer said — Sapa

Some members of the ANC had said that they were asked whether the ANC had been asked to support the violence be-





DAMAGED: One of the vandalised toilets at the hostel complex

Constitution may have to change to speed up merger of police forces

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CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

WELDING South Africa's 11 police forces into a single federal service is being held up by a constitutional impasse

Unless the constitution is amended, rationalisation cannot begin and power over police cannot be devolved to the provinces

The constitution will have to be amended so that national and provincial commissioners can be appointed, a key element in the rationalisation process

A new Police Act must be passed to enable completion of the process, but top sources have indicated this will not be possible this year

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told parliament earlier that constitutional amendments were being considered to speed rationalisation of police services

The impasse is that the constitution requires the passing of a new Police Act before rationalisation can begin

This cancels the president's constitutional power to promulgate measures to enable rationalisation of the police, as he can for other sectors of the civil service

An additional clause in the constitution will be required

Other amendments may be needed to remove problems in interpreting sections of the constitution dealing with creating a new police service

Police law advisers probing the issue said possible solutions were to pass rationalisation legislation piecemeal, or to amend the constitution

But interim legislation would not have the same force as the constitution

The constitutional amendment — the recommended option — would allow the appointment of provincial and national commissioners, and a board of commissioners

Police services of the former Republic of South Africa, four homelands and six self-governing territories must be restructured to meet the requirements of the new constitution

Each has a different Act, still in force until a new national Act is passed

Conditions of service differ dramatically in some cases, including wide variations in retirement ages and pension benefits

Lack of control over police is one of the main sources of frustration for provincial governments

Equal benefits for policewomen

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PRETORIA — Race and gender discrimination in the police service is to disappear

New regulations "will be issued in the Government Gazette shortly", Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday

The regulations, are aimed at removing discrimination, on race and gender

They also provide for policewomen to be recognised as breadwinners, enabling them to claim medical benefits for their spouses and dependants

In terms of the regulations, equal standards would be applied to all applicants, Mr Mufamadi said

Ministry spokesman Mr Craig Kotze said the new regulations would also be applicable to existing members of the police force — Sapa

Minister bids to end dispute

JOHANNESBURG ^{WFS} —
Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi rushed to Vereeniging yesterday after policemen demanding his intervention in a wage dispute occupied the district commissioner's office (251)

Pressing for a 40% pay rise and to highlight "unfair dismissals" the policemen said only the intervention of Mr Mufamadi would save the situation ET 13/10/94

Regional leader of the Police Prisons and Civil Rights Union Mr Lefaso Matutoane said 200 members were taking part in the protest

"We want Mr Mufamadi and the commissioner of police to make an undertaking they will meet these demands," he said — Sapa



FRUSTRATED: Khayelitsha police station commander Frank du Preez who was locked out of the building.

Pictures. LEON MULLER, The Argus

POLICE TOYI-TOYING: Members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union who disrupted the Khayelitsha police station services for five hours.

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Police station closed, sealed during protests

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MXOLISI MGXASHE
Staff Reporter

KHAYELITSHA police station was shut down for almost five hours — with services at a standstill and all gates sealed — while more than 50 policemen toyi-toyed and demanded that their grievances be redressed.

Grievances ranged from dissatisfaction with transfers to demands for salary increases

No-one was allowed into or out of the police station during the incident yesterday without the permission of the demonstrators. Even station commander F du Preez was barred.

The words of one of the

songs chanted by the policemen included "We don't know what these Boers want"

The incident, according to police spokesman John Sterrenberg, began at 7 30am when about 40 policemen decided at a meeting to shut the gates from 10am

Five hours later the gates were reopened as a result of negotiations between police labour relations officers and representatives of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu).

"We are still locked in negotiations and some progress is being made. We hope things will be amicably resolved," said Captain Sterrenberg.

Off-duty hours are the most deadly for police

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Increasing numbers of policemen are being killed off duty and the unions are blaming the SAPS for ignoring this problem, writes **Mduduzi ka Harvey**

Police are no longer political targets but they are still being killed at an alarming rate for their weaponry

The rate of violent death for police has not dropped since the elections. This year 196 police have been murdered. The Witwatersrand has been most affected with 88 police murders this year. Seventy percent of the policemen killed are in black areas and two-thirds are murdered either when they are off duty or on their way to or from work.

This pattern has prompted calls from the South African Police Union (Sapu) and Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) for police to be allowed to carry weapons off duty and the imposition of the death sentence for people found guilty of police killings.

According to South African Police Services spokesman Colonel Rueben Blumberg, the killings have taken a new trend from politically motivated murders. "Most of the deaths are as a result of criminals either resisting arrest or in order to gain access to the officer's firearm," he said.

Police unions are blaming the South African Police Services for turning a blind eye towards this problem. Popcru secretary Nkane Mqwathi explains: "When we demand firearms to protect ourselves off duty we are told there are no guns available, but some of our white counterparts are given guns to carry for 24 hours."

Mqwathi also claimed that the indifference of the department to the need to provide black policemen with transport to and from work contributed to the problem. He alleged that most white officers were provided with

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transport to and from home on a daily basis.

But, SAPS spokesman Captain Govindsamy Marimuthoo dismissed these allegations. He said: "The allegations made by Popcru members should first be channelled through the structures already established for discussion within the Department. The issue must be taken up with the various commanders concerned."

Concern is also mounting among Sapu members who have collected 110 000 signatures on a nationwide petition calling on Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mafumadi to give more protection to officers. On August 22 they approached the minister with a list of proposals.

Sapu spokesman Gontse Koltsoe said: "We are calling on the minister to provide investigators with the back up of the Internal Stability Division when our men are out on the streets and we are also demanding that our members be transported to and from work as a greater percentage of our men are killed when they are off duty."

Some of the proposals made to the minister include tactical training specific to urban policing, encouragement of carrying of ready to use firearms, permission for police to draw and point their guns while conducting searches or arrests.

The union also called on the minister to provide effective bullet-proof vests as the present vests are largely incapable of stopping an AK47 round. Other practical measures suggested were: publishing the arrests and conviction of murderers; bigger rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of criminals and a positive attitude from the criminal justice system where prosecutors must seek to actively prosecute cop-killers.

Speaking at a memorial service for two police killed in the line of duty last year, held at Cleveland police station this week, PWV MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte talked about the need to change the image of the



Lest we forget PWV MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte spoke at a memorial service for two police killed in the line of duty, but it was the size of the sponsor's logo that left a lasting impression

police. "We have to transform the police to meet the needs of the community. We should remove the distance that uniforms have created and we should not treat uniform as a barrier, but as a means of showing that we are one. We must support the police."

But, police unions and experts say this is easier said than done. Popcru's Mqwathi explains: "We are still seen as an instrument of the government implementing the laws of the old regime." He also identified flaws in the implementation of community policing: "The problem is we still have police in senior positions who are not for change and they are not for the idea of

getting involved with the community. We also have the problem whereby, when meetings are held with the communities, only the top brass are present and the policemen who walk the streets are excluded, this makes it difficult when they have to implement policies at a grassroots level," he said.

Spokesman for the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Melanie Lue shares Duarte's sentiments: "The government may have changed, but the image of the police has definitely not changed. There are still aggressive police. There is also a lack of visible policing which leaves criminal elements to operate as they wish."

Crime does pay - for the informants

Mapula Sibanda

THE South African Police Services has paid up to R12.5 million in rewards so far this year, with R5.2 million — almost half of the money — going to the PWV.

The biggest single payout so far this year was R65 000.

The amount paid out so far is almost a third of the R35-million parliamentary-authorised budget for rewards allocated to police units countrywide according to SAPS spokesman Lieutenant Brahm du Preez. He said it was impossible to determine how much of this sum was paid out for information phoned into the SAPS's Crime Stop unit — an anonymous call-in facility — as all rewards were paid out by Regional Commissioners.

Statistics of criminals convicted as a result of general reward schemes are not kept but breakthroughs were made by Crime Stop on an estimated 19 000 cases last year.

Crime Stop, which has five offices countrywide, provides a 24-hour, confidential toll-free line as a means to involve residents in community policing.

Members of the public can phone in to supply anonymous information about a crime that is being planned, or that has already been committed in exchange for a reward.

On average, the five offices receive up to 15 000 calls a day or 450 000 calls per month. High on the list of information offered are tipoffs on murder, robbery, possession of illegal firearms, carjacking and fraud.

To eliminate intimidation the identity of the informer can never be revealed even in court. To ensure that anonymity is guaranteed at all times a caller is given a code number instead of taking down his personal details.

The informant is advised to claim the reward later using the given code number, if after police investigations, the information supplied proves instrumental to the arrest of implicated criminals.

When paying out rewards, there are no set guidelines on the average amount paid out, as each crime has its own unique set of circumstances. It is the seriousness of the crime, however, that will determine the amount of money offered by a Regional Commissioner.

A payout is made in full when, for example, all the perpetrators engaged in the crime are arrested as a result of the tipoff. If only one out of five accomplices is arrested, the reward is paid out pro rata.

Interesting cases solved through the Crime Stop service include the arrest and conviction of five people for murder and arson which took place near the FNB stadium during Chris Hani's funeral proceedings. The investigation into the murders was almost at a dead end until information was received by the Newlands office.

Said Du Preez: "People's attitudes regarding community policing have definitely improved with the promise of their identities being protected by the police. Initially, some reacted solely because of the financial benefit. Nowadays, we get informants who refuse the rewards as an act of taking a moral stand against crime and contributing towards the general safety of society."

Police 'riddled with ⁽²⁵¹⁾ racism'

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Labour Reporter

SITE B police are to raise 21 grievances with management and the police labour relations division at a meeting in Khayelitsha today.

Members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union at Site B charge office held a press conference yesterday where they claimed the service was riddled with racism.

Popercu branch chairman Elliot Sinyangana said Xhosa-speaking police made up only about 20 percent of the station's personnel.

Members joined Popercu in an attempt to alleviate their problems, only to find increasing harassment and victimisation by senior officers.

Mr Sinyangana said members had tried to address their grievances through the correct channels but were thwarted.

Frustration boiled over causing Wednesday's incident where angry Popercu members blockaded the police station.

At yesterday's press conference police spoke of racism by white colleagues including an incident where two detectives sprayed fire-extinguishers in the charge-office during President Mandela's inauguration saying "they would never be ruled by a communist".

One policeman said his colleagues joked about braaied meat, and their favourite portions, while attending a shack-fire where a child died.

One of the greatest impediments to resolving their problems was a "racist" internal investigations division. They called for an independent body to investigate allegations.

Site B acting station commander Mervyn Bezuidenhoud said many grievances could only be dealt with at regional or national level.

Acting police liaison chief John Sterrenberg said the police labour relations division had been battling to address problems raised at Site B for the past two days.

● The complaints at Site B mirror those raised by Guguletu police last month.

Police salaries reviewed

PRETORIA. — Raising police salaries was an urgent priority, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

Releasing a draft policy statement for the SA Police Service here, he said ways had to be found to improve the conditions of service of the police

"We should be able to come up with a plan very soon," Mr Mufamadi said

An inter-departmental committee

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was assisting Public Service and Administration Minister Dr Zola Skweyiya in examining ways to improve public servants' salaries in general, including those of the police

Mr Mufamadi said he was especially concerned about police salaries in lower ranks

Better salaries would make police less prone to corruption, which was one of the factors contributing to the high level of crime. — Sapa

Police 'trusted' now

JOHANNESBURG — Some policemen incorrectly assume they are being targeted by the public, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sidney Mufamadi said yesterday in remarks on the murder of policemen

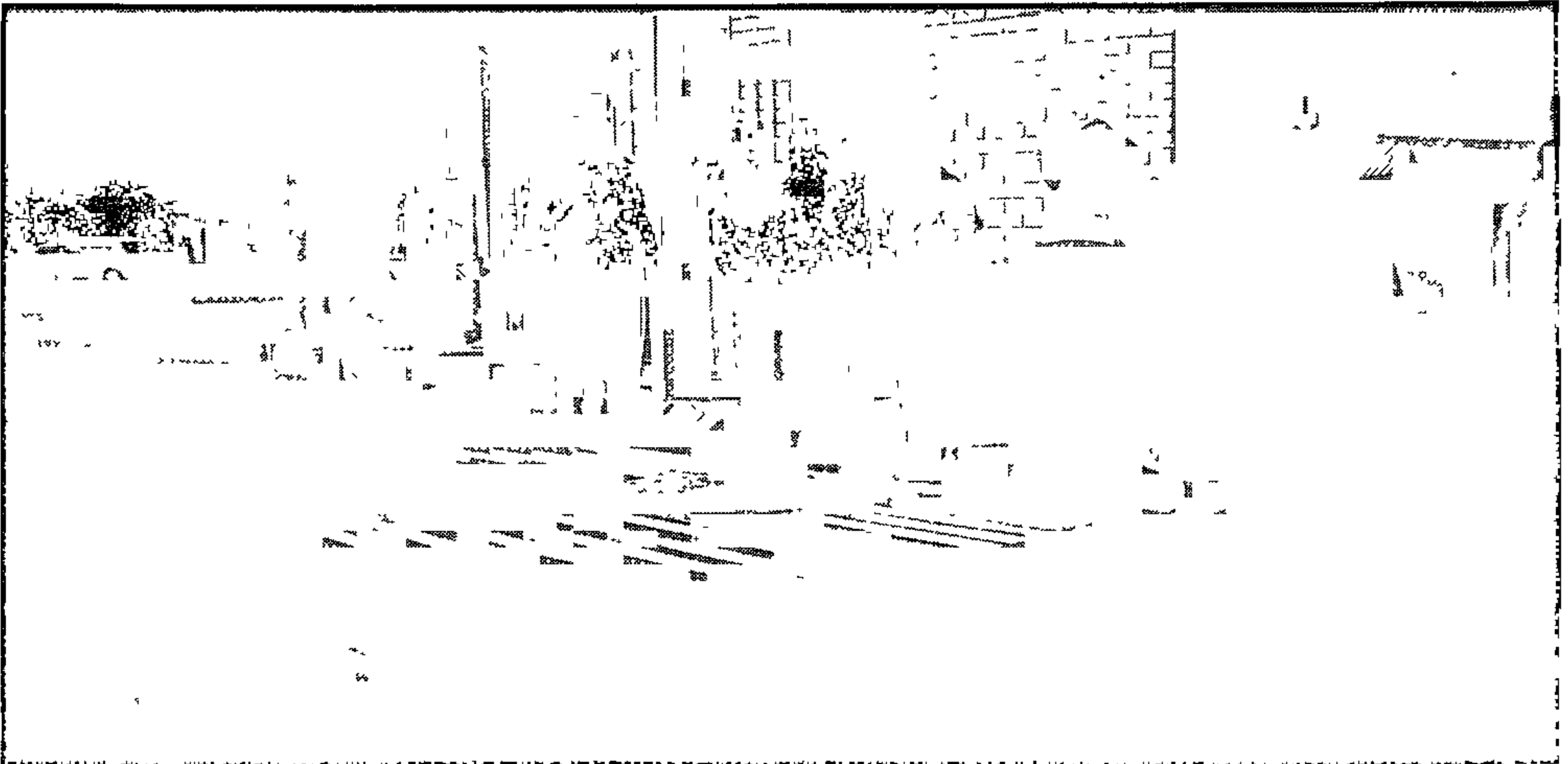
He told hundreds of policemen and women here the public had joined police marches to protest against the killings

"The communities lately are reporting crimes like never before. It shows that members of the commu-

ity, who used to report crimes to street committees, now have trust in the police" (251)

He said the suspected killer of a policeman had been arrested near Pretoria recently, thanks to the help of the public. CT 20/8/94

● The South African Police Union yesterday welcomed Mr Mufamadi's decision to set up a commission of inquiry into police grievances — Sapa



ALL FALL DOWN: After a fierce tussle between demonstrating Popcru members and their non-Popcru peers, the gate to Guguletu police station comes down
 Pictures OBED ZILWA, The Argus

Gate pulled down during police protest

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
 Labour Reporter

PROTESTING Popcru members have brought business to a halt at Guguletu police station.

They are demanding the

reinstatement of a suspended union official and the dismissal of the station's top white officers.

Eric Halom, Popcru's regional vice-chairman, was suspended last week pending

departmental hearings.

But Popcru's Guguletu spokesman, Michael Marwebu, said senior police routinely targeted Sergeant Halom for discrimination because of his position on the

police union

"We want our police station to reflect our community," said Sergeant Marwebu.

"We want (colonels) Van Zyl and Langeveld and (captain) Kotze out"

He said unless Sergeant Halom was reinstated today, Popcru members would strike

Earlier about 40 uniformed members toy-toyed and sang freedom songs outside the police station

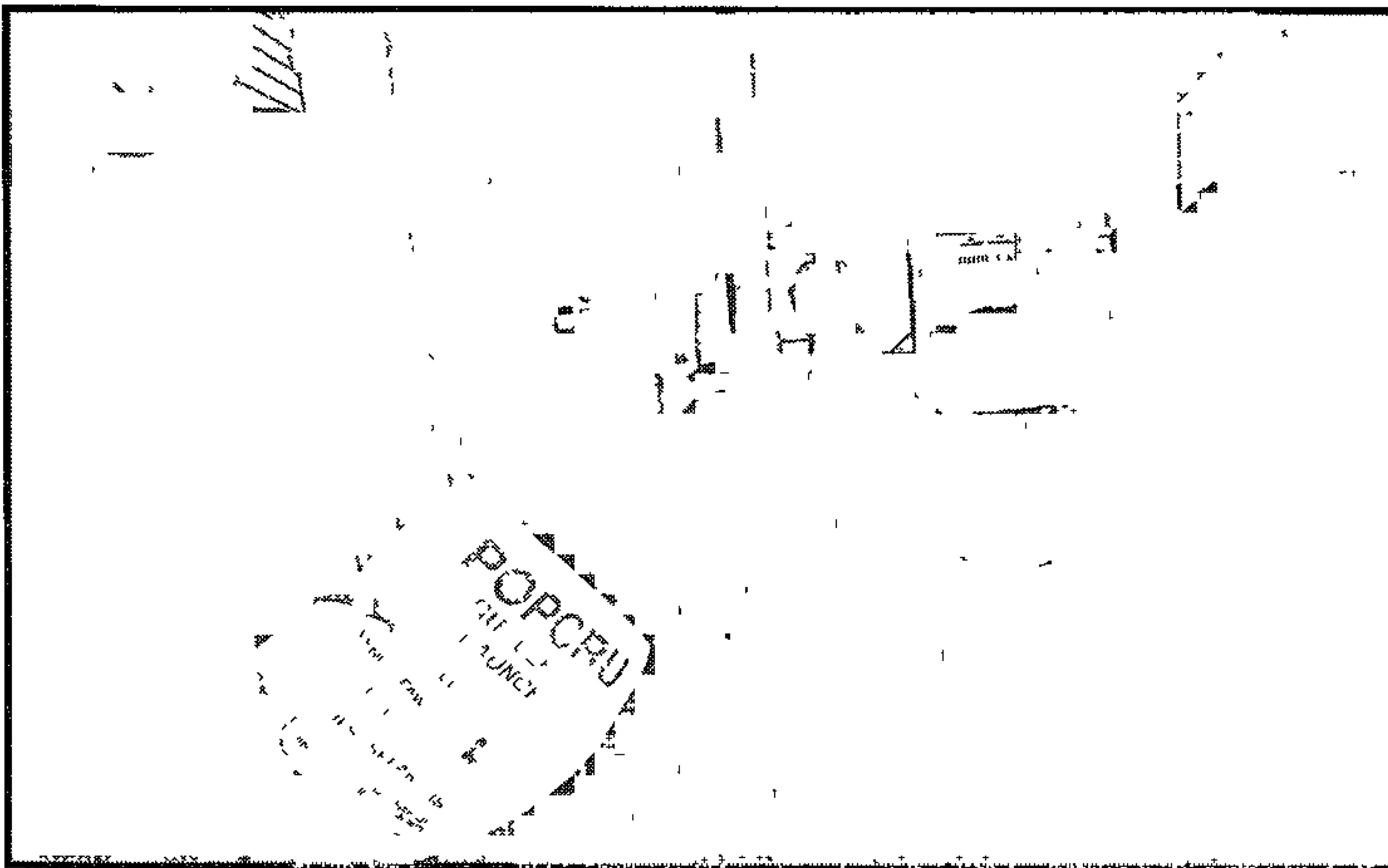
Non-Popcru members tried to prevent their colleagues from gaining access to the premises, and in the struggle a large sliding gate was pulled down

The Popcru members then entered and toy-toyed in the courtyard

"This is our police station this is our township," Sergeant Marwebu told them

He said Popcru was waiting for the promised arrival of regional police minister Patrick McKenzie and ANC police spokesman Vincent Diba

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said the special police labour relations task team was negotiating with Popcru leadership to broker an amicable settlement to the dispute.



STAY OUTSIDE: Internal stability unit members help senior Guguletu police officers in their bid to prevent Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union members from gaining access to the police station

Guguletu police strikers to resume duties — minister

Labour Reporter

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POLICE and Prisons Civil Rights Union members stationed at Guguletu have agreed to resume their duties today, regional police minister Patrick McKenzie has announced

Yesterday about 40 police officers brought business to a halt at the usually busy township charge office demanding the reinstatement of a suspended sergeant and the dismissal of the top white officers stationed there

The demonstrators refused to negotiate with the regional

police commissioner of a police labour relations team, insisting on an audience with the minister.

In a statement today Mr McKenzie said "all but one" of the demonstrators' grievances had been addressed and they would all return to work

The outstanding and unspecified grievance would be the basis for further discussions today

Sergeant Eric Halom's suspension has been lifted but the inquiry into his alleged misconduct "will run its course"

40% rise in police for ⁽²⁵¹⁾ unrest areas ^{CT 23/8/94}

PRETORIA — Police numbers in strife-torn areas will be raised by 40% as soon as possible and their resources will be improved, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sidney Mufamadi said yesterday.

"The apartheid dispensation led to a skewed allocation of resources. For example, 80% of all police stations are in white areas," he said.

A detective in the PWV area normally investigated between 60 and 70 cases at a time.

Mr Mufamadi said he envisaged the use of the SAPS's internal stability division and the special police task force to protect policemen in certain areas.

He said at least 164 policemen had been killed this year. Armed robberies had risen by 97% and murders by 48% since 1989.

Preventative patrols would be increased in trouble spots.

● The NP expressed appreciation yesterday for measures announced by Mr Mufamadi to combat crime and the murder of policemen.

● The South African Police Union yesterday proposed more stringent measures to curb killers of police officers, including the reinstatement of the death penalty.

It also proposed larger rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of police killers and publicising such arrests.

● More than 50 people were murdered and 87 raped every day in South Africa during the first three months of this year.

Mr Mufamadi said that in the first quarter of the year, there were 7 855 reported rapes, an increase of 1 109 from the same period in 1993 — Sapa-Reuter

Talks to end police strike at Guguletu

Crime Reporter

HIGH-LEVEL crisis talks yesterday between Western Cape Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie, ANC MP Mr Gregory Rockman and regional ANC MP Mr Vincent Diba brought an end to a strike at Guguletu police station (25)

In a statement last night Mr McKenzie said all but one of a list of grievances handed to him had been addressed — including the lifting of the suspension of Guguletu policeman Sergeant Eric Halom. C 23/8/94

The striking policemen had agreed to return to their posts

About 100 policemen joined Guguletu policemen in a sit-in and protest march calling for the reinstatement of Sgt Halom, who faces 18 charges for alleged insolence and disobeying orders

Mr McKenzie said in his statement, however, that despite the suspension being lifted the inquiry against Sgt Halom "will run its course"

Buthelezi criticised

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi came under fire yesterday for his criticism of the appointment of a commission of inquiry into allegations of hit squads within the kwaZulu Police Force (KZP) (25)

Safety and Security select committee chairperson Mr Linda Mti yesterday hit out at the IFP leader for criticising Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi for appointing the inquiry.

"This unfortunate and misguided

criticism has the potential of eroding the little appreciation and confidence the ANC was starting to develop for the IFP leader." CT 23/8/94

Mr Mti said in his retirement speech, KZP chief General Roy During had alleged that some senior members of the KZP "may have been involved in hit-squad activity"

Mr Mufamadi had then launched an inquiry. Mr Mti said Mr Mufamadi had not just "set up an inquiry for no apparent reason"

Blueprint for a better police force

A MORE professional, user-friendly and demilitarised police service is on the cards, in terms of a draft policy document unveiled by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi

The Green Paper, expected to go before parliament next year, precedes the the new Police Act dealing with the restructuring of the SAPS and due to be considered later in the year

The release of the document was timed to coincide with today's National Day of Safety and Security

Mr Mufamadi said yesterday

the ministry's main challenge was the rationalisation of the different policing administrations, a necessary precursor to the devolution of full powers to the provinces

A single, national payroll would soon be established for all SAPS employees. The improvement of salaries was a priority of his ministry

Poor pay and disparities between the former apartheid-based policing arms have caused dissatisfaction in police circles recently. The Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popcu) has demanded a 40 percent increase for all SAPS

members up to the rank of warrant officer (251)

The policy document acknowledges that there are serious disparities between the 11 existing police agencies

However, the main thrust of the document, which will be circulated to all SAPS employees next week for their comment, is the democratisation and restructuring of the service

It proposes a scrapping of the military culture within the police, which hampered the development of a truly professional service, and warns that

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Friendly police force on the cards

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the history of political interference in the police has made it difficult for some to co-operate with the government

Among the key aims expressed in the document are

■ Clear demarcations between areas of policy and operations to ensure the professional integrity of the service and prevent political interference,

■ Empowering communities to assist the police and public education campaigns in crime prevention, human rights, police procedures and aid to victims,

■ Involving local community representatives in developing recruitment and promotions procedures,

■ Devising a new non-military rank structure and a realistic code of conduct, as well as the design of a new national uniform as soon as possible,

■ Restructuring to make the force less top-heavy,

■ Training in industrial relations for all senior officers and a more enlightened approach towards police trade unions, and

■ Bringing police regulations in line with international standards to minimise the use of force, issuing police only with weapons appropriate to situations they are likely to encounter and prohibiting the use of force in certain situations, such as interrogations

The government yesterday shrugged off claims by the right wing that the Day of Safety and Security today was an ANC propaganda exercise

CP and Afrikaner Volksfront leader Ferdi Hartzenberg said earlier that it was degrading for policemen and women to take part in the parades and ceremonies and he called on all SAPS employees who were not members of the ANC to boycott the events. Such events would create the impression that the protection of the public was not part of the duties of the police

Mbeki backs pay hike for police

RBAN — Deputy President Thabo Mbeki has thrown his weight behind a fight for better pay for policemen taking part in a National Day for Safety and Security rally in King's Park at the weekend, he said the government's other priorities should not cause police needs to be neglected.

His comments drew much applause from thousands of police officers present apart from building houses and making water available, we need to ensure the police service is properly paid," Mr Mbeki

commented to stamping out crime was played at similar rallies throughout the country. With arms clasped around one another, President Nelson Mandela, Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and National Party's Mr Pik Botha carried messages of unity and hope to PWV townships. There has been absolutely no violence (straight) It's dead quiet," said police

Anti-crime

rallies

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spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrinck

In Vosloorus, once one of the most violent townships in the country, ANC and Inkatha banners flew side by side

ANC and Inkatha supporters, who only five months ago were at each other's throats, sat together for some time to listen to their leaders

While political violence has declined since the election, the government, has declared war on crime

"As long as I am the president of this

country I am going to go all out to destroy crime," said Mr Mandela

He warned that crime was threatening the post-apartheid reconstruction of South Africa, now that political unrest has been all-but eradicated

Chief Buthelezi went out of his way at the rallies to tell supporters the days of violence were over

"On this historic day, President Mandela and I have finally come together as the political leaders of the new South Africa to join hands and share the responsibility," he said

He said partisan armed groups, blamed for much of the township violence, "have to work together against a common enemy of violence, crime and intimidation"

To underline that rapprochement, several hundred former gunmen, clad in newly-issued dark blue police reserve uniforms, paraded in front of the leaders in Vosloorus pledging to fight crime rather than each other



ALLIES AGAINST CRIME . Children at Saturday's Grand Parade rally marking a National Day of Safety and Security found friendly policemen eager to improve community links

Picture BEMMY GOOL

Losing battle: The rising death toll among policemen is matched by the soaring crime rate

Off-duty hours are the most deadly for police

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Increasing numbers of

policemen are being killed off duty and the unions are blaming the SAPS for

ignoring this problem, writes

Mduduzi ka Harvey

Police are no longer political targets, but they are still being killed at an alarming rate for their weaponry.

The rate of violent death for police has not dropped since the elections. This year 196 police have been murdered. The Witwatersrand has been most affected with 88 police murders this year. Seventy percent of the policemen killed are in black areas and two-thirds are murdered either when they are off duty or on their way to or from work.

This pattern has prompted calls from the South African Police Union (Sapu) and Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popercu) for police to be allowed to carry weapons off duty and the imposition of the death sentence for people found guilty of police killings.

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But, SAPS spokesman Captain Govindsamy Maremuthoo dismissed these allegations. He said "The allegations made by Popercu members should first be channelled through the structures already established for discussion within the Department. The issue must be taken up with the various commanders concerned."

Concern is also mounting among Sapu members, who have collected 110 000 signatures on a nationwide petition calling on Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mafumadi to give more protection to officers. On August 22 they approached the minister with a list of proposals.

Sapu spokesman Gontse Koitsiso said "We are calling on the minister to provide investigators with the back up of the Internal Stability Division when our men are out on the streets and we are also demanding that our members be transported to and from work as a greater percentage of our men are killed when they are off duty."

Some of the proposals made to the minister include tactical training



Crime does pay -- for the informants

Mapula Sibanda

THE South African Police Services has paid up to R12,5 million in rewards so far this year, with R5,2 million — almost half of the money — going to the PWV.

The biggest single payout so far this year was R65 000.

The amount paid out so far is almost a third of the R35-million parliamentary-authorised budget for rewards allocated to police units countrywide, according to SAPS spokesman Lieutenant Brahm du Preez. He said it was impossible to determine how much of this sum was paid out for information phoned into the SAPS's Crime Stop unit — an anonymous call-in facility — as all rewards were paid out by Regional Commissioners.

Statistics of criminals convicted as a result of general reward schemes are not kept, but breakthroughs were made by Crime Stop on an estimated 19 000 cases last year.

Crime Stop, which has five offices countrywide, provides a 24-hour, confidential, toll-free line as a means to involve residents in community policing.

Members of the public can phone in to supply anonymous information about a crime that is being planned, or that has already been committed, in exchange

Services spokesman Colonel Rueben Blumberg, the killings have taken a new trend from politically motivated murders "Most of the deaths are as a result of criminals either resisting arrest or in order to gain access to the officer's firearm," he said

Police unions are blaming the South African Police Services for turning a blind eye towards this problem Poparu secretary Nkane Mgwathi explains "When we demand firearms to protect ourselves off duty we are told there are no guns available, but some of our white counterparts are given guns to carry for 24 hours "

Mgwathi also claimed that the indifference of the department to the need to provide black policemen with transport to and from work contributed to the problem He alleged that most white officers were provided with

ment of carrying of ready to use firearms, permission for police to draw and point their guns while conducting searches or arrests

The union also called on the minister to provide effective bullet-proof vests as the present vests are largely incapable of stopping an AK47 round Other practical measures suggested were, publishing the arrests and conviction of murderers, bigger rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of criminals and a positive attitude from the criminal justice system where prosecutors must seek to actively prosecute cop-killers

Speaking at a memorial service for two police killed in the line of duty last year, held at Cleveland police station this week, PWV MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte talked about the need to change the image of the

Let us forget PWV MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte spoke at a memorial service for two police killed in the line of duty, but it was the size of the sponsor's logo that left a lasting impression

police "We have to transform the police to meet the needs of the community We should remove the distance that uniforms have created and we should not treat uniform as a barrier, but as a means of showing that we are one We must support the police "

But, police unions and experts say this is easier said than done Poparu's Mgwathi explains "We are still seen as an instrument of the government implementing the laws of the old regime " He also identified flaws in the implementation of community policing "The problem is we still have police in senior positions who are not for change and they are not for the idea of

getting involved with the community We also have the problem whereby, when meetings are held with the communities, only the top brass are present and the policemen who walk the streets are excluded, this makes it difficult when they have to implement policies at a grassroots level," he said

Spokesman for the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, Melanie Lue shares Duarte's sentiments "The government may have changed, but the image of the police has definitely not changed There are still aggressive police There is also a lack of visible policing which leaves criminal elements to operate as they wish"

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reward

On average, the five offices receive up to 15 000 calls a day, or 450 000 calls per month High on the list of information offered are tipoffs on murder, robbery, possession of illegal firearms, carjacking and fraud

To eliminate intimidation, the identity of the informer can never be revealed, even in court. To ensure that anonymity is guaranteed at all times, a caller is given a code number instead of taking down his personal details

The informant is advised to claim the reward later, using the given code number, if after police investigations, the information supplied proves instrumental to the arrest of implicated criminals

When paying out rewards, there are no set guidelines on the average amount paid out, as each crime has its own unique set of circumstances It is the seriousness of the crime, however, that will determine the amount of money offered by a Regional Commissioner

A payout is made in full when, for example, all the perpetrators engaged in the crime are arrested as a result of the tipoff If only one out of five accomplices is arrested, the reward is paid out pro rata

Interesting cases solved through the Crime Stop service include the arrest and conviction of five people for murder and arson which took place near the FNB stadium during Chrs Han's funeral proceedings The investigation into the murders was almost at a dead end until information was received by the Newlands office

Said Du Preez "People's attitudes regarding community policing have definitely improved with the promise of their identities being protected by the police Initially, some reacted solely because of the financial benefit. Nowadays, we get informants who refuse the rewards as an act of taking a moral stand against crime and contributing towards the general safety of society "

Intelligence network revamp to meet post-apartheid needs

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Political Correspondent

A HUGE revamp of South Africa's intelligence network was announced today

All civilian and military intelligence services are to be restructured to meet the needs of a post-Cold War world and a post-apartheid South Africa.

In a White Paper, the intelligence services have been committed to political neutrality and the separation of intelligence gathering from policy making

The services will be subject to the rule of law and will have no law enforcement powers. They will be fully accountable to inspectors-general — one for each service — and to parliament.

All existing intelligence structures are to be amalgamated into a National Intelligence Agency (NIA). The NIA will be created by merging the national intelligence service, the African National Congress's department of intelligence and se-

curity and the intelligence services of the former Transkei, Bophuthatswana and Venda

A national intelligence co-ordination committee is to be set up, chaired by an intelligence co-ordinator who will answer to the president

Duties of the agencies will be

- The NIA will conduct domestic intelligence and national counter-intelligence
- The SA Police Services will be in charge of crime intelligence
- The National Defence Force will be in charge of foreign and some domestic military intelligence

Draft legislation tabled in Parliament today included the Intelligence Services Bill and National Strategic Intelligence Bill

In terms of the Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence Bill, the parliamentary committee will consist of seven members of the national assembly.

'Spooks' to be transparent

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government yesterday partially lifted the veil of South Africa's controversial "spook" community

It also announced plans for an expanded intelligence network with separate arms operating at home and abroad

Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar promised that the new-look intelligence community would not treat citizens as enemies or rely heavily on using espionage methods against South Africans

Details of plans to revamp the intelligence services are contained in a White Paper and three bills tabled yesterday

The White Paper commits the intelligence community to political neutrality, the separation of intelligence and policy-making,

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ing, and a balance between secrecy and transparency

The Intelligence Services Bill aims to amalgamate existing intelligence structures into a National Intelligence Agency focusing on domestic intelligence, and empowers the President to establish a South African Secret Service to deal with foreign intelligence

The National Strategic Intelligence Bill demarcates the functions of various intelligence structures and establishes a

National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee

The Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence Bill establishes a parliamentary committee to monitor and review the work of the intelligence community

Although the White Paper repeatedly emphasises the need for greater transparency in intelligence matters, officials declined yesterday to supply details of the intelligence budget

They added that the media would probably be barred from the parliamentary committee to which the two intelligence bodies are accountable

President Nelson Mandela will have the power to screen and exclude MPs from the multi-party committee on intelligence

Mr Mandela has overall political responsibility for intelligence matters

Attempt to end SA's culture of dirty tricks

By EDYTH BULBRING
Political Correspondent

THE new intelligence services to be established in terms of three bills presented before Parliament on Friday face two major challenges — to change their dirty culture and become accountable and transparent. The bills provide for the integration of 3 000 to 4 000 members of the former National Intelligence Service, and the homelands and ANC into a new National Intelligence Agency.

It will be responsible for intelligence-gathering inside the country. ANC intelligence boss Joe Ntlanhla said that while the service would be overbloated at first, it would be slimmed down after integration.

The South African Secret Service will be formed after the integration process has been completed and will be responsible for external intelligence gathering and defence capacities will be confined to defence matters and criminal investigations.

The National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee will bring together the heads of the different services and will report to the cabinet or the president. In an attempt to provide accountability, there will be a parliamentary committee appointed by the president in concurrence with the Speaker and the leaders of political parties.

However, the MPs on the committee are likely to be individuals linked to former intelligence agencies and their meetings will, on the whole, be conducted in camera. Inspectors-general of the new intelligence agencies, also appointed by the president, will monitor and have total access to the parliamentary committee and to the relevant ministers.

A new culture for the agencies is also being introduced. Justice Minister Dullah Omar said on Friday that the role of the agencies was not to gather information on political parties that dissented against the government — as in the past — but to gather "information on those who oppose democracy and threaten individual liberties". Their objectives were to be associated with the "improvement of the quality of life, the pursuit of freedom, the promotion of social justice, the overall development of the nation and the deepening of democracy", Mr Omar said. They would be politically neutral and strike a balance between secrecy and transparency.

South African policemen are coming under increasing pressure with very little help from society, reports Cheryl Hunte

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Policeman's lot now intolerable

It had been a long day for Constable Johnny Mokoena. He had risen early to reach the police station where he started work at 6 am.

By the time he left for home that night, the charge office had opened dockets on seven new murders, 12 rapes and numerous robberies, thefts, muggings and other crimes.

Slumped in his train seat during the long journey home, he considered a more personal headache. The death of a colleague who had been gunned down the day before and his weapon stolen. Just the latest statistic of violence surrounding the South African police.

Mokoena is a typical policeman in a country which has the dubious distinction of having one of the highest crime rates in the world, further, more than 200 policemen have been murdered this year, while numerous others have committed suicide.

Attacks on policemen have

grown steadily since 1987 when 67 members of the service were killed in political or criminal violence.

Last year, 279 officers were murdered and police believe the toll will be higher this year.

According to SAPS psychotherapist Major Juan Nel, the violence, instability, stress and trauma which police officers experience on a daily basis has

led to an increase in stress-related illnesses including heart attacks and ulcers and suicides.

Nel said the lack of community support, continued killing of officers and the lack of a support network within the service all placed pressure on police.

There have been frequent incidents of young policemen shooting family members or girlfriends. Nel attributes this to

stress. "A solid family unit is essential in the lives of young policemen who witness so much instability. This is the reason that marital or relationship problems often lead to suicides."

The problem is exacerbated by the fact that many policemen have been uprooted from their homes to work in different parts of the country.

Station commanders speak openly of the demotivation of their staff.

They admit that while the average constable receives less than R16 000 a year, they put in long hours of overtime without remuneration.

Policemen can travel freely on public transport, but opt to pay fares from meagre salaries because they are afraid to travel in

their uniforms. Corruption becomes a problem because officers see others earning more than they can ever hope to make honestly," a PWV commander said recently.

According to experts, however, the state of the service needs to be seen in the wider context of South African society.

Director for the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconcili-

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ation Lloyd Vogelmann said more than 50 people were killed in this country every day this year and this situation has only been made worse by the availability of weapons.

Vogelmann said the problem was more prominent in the police force only because of the extreme working conditions officers were faced with.

"There should be more sup-

port for members to help them to deal with the problems of colleagues dying, suicides and general violence they experience on a daily basis."

A partial solution which has received the support of PWV Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte is the involvement of the community in fighting crime.

Community policing has been touted by Duarte as a way of breaching the enormous gap between communities and police, but this concept has not yet received the full support of the players involved.

"Until communities trust the police enough to give us information about criminals, this is a useless exercise," one policeman commented.

However, the improvement of police salaries and working conditions have been announced as priorities in the draft policy document by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

Probe into police action during demo

ANDREA WEISS
Municipal Reporter

TWO days of upheaval in Cape Town's municipal workforce ends today after an agreement between the council's executive committee and the SA Municipal Workers' Union

And in a further move related to the violence on the steps of the civic centre on Monday, the parliamentary standing committees on local government and police have indicated they will launch an inquiry into police action

Both Samwu and executive committee chairman Arthur Wienburg have welcomed the inquiry, albeit from different viewpoints

Mr Wienburg said today such an inquiry would exonerate the police of all blame. He reiterated that neither he nor his senior officials called the police, but praised the police for "acting admirably in containing an ugly situation"

Samwu branch secretary Robert Adams said the union was still trying to establish who had called the police

Mr Adams said Samwu had achieved major victories in its negotiations with council

He blamed the deterioration in relations between Samwu and the council on "the change in leadership"

He was referring to the recent election of Mr Wienburg as head of exco and the ousting of Clive Keegan

Today the council has given the union an hour to discuss the agreement with members, after which they are expected to return to work

The terms of the agreement include

- Any upgrading in job categories not currently on the agenda of the Town Clerk's Forum will be dealt with by the new incoming council, except in exceptional

circumstances. Those now being dealt with will proceed

- The sale or lease of Kogel Bay and the Wemmershoek facilities will be dealt with by the new incoming council

- The council will negotiate with abattoir staff regarding re-training and alternative placement, and will negotiate on severance benefits where applicable. Samwu is to get a copy of the lease agreement, which will be advertised for comment, giving people the opportunity to object

- The existing bargaining forum, being the Town Clerk's Forum, will remain and this forum will be fully mandated by council to speed up proceedings

- Exco will facilitate meetings between the unions with a view to establishing an industrial union

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Police 'must change or go'

JOHANNESBURG — Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said police who resisted all persuasion to serve the broader community would face retirement (251)

Speaking to a forum of black professionals, he said a police service which interacted with the community it served was imperative in the transformation of the country.

"Our colonial past has left us with a legacy of military style policing which is entirely inappropriate. ARC 26/10/94

"There must be a complete change of attitude on the part of the police — they must see the community as their clients" — Reuter

Bop policemen march for pay

PRETORIA — About 700 former Bophuthatswana policemen marched to the GaRankuwa Magistrate's Courts north of here yesterday to hand in a memorandum of demands ~~(10)~~ (251)

Demands by the policemen — all members of the South African Police Union — concerned a 40% salary increase, maternity leave and recognition of their union ~~CT 28/10/94~~

The union gave North-West police authorities seven days to respond

Moving with the times

Star 29/10/94

INTELLIGENCE operatives' mandate has been broadened to include social, environmental and economic espionage with a view to maintaining SA's competitiveness. STEVE MATTHEWSON reports.

THOSE who work in the shadowy world of intelligence-gathering appear to have two extra skills the ability to swop one acronym for another and the ability to justify their existence in the face of a changing environment

Despite their often sordid histories, South Africa's spies have acquired both and are set to thrive in the new dispensation

ANC intelligence chief Joe Nhlanhla is said to be beaming with pride over the apparently successful amalgamation of his staff and the National Intelligence Service (NIS) within a relatively short time, compared with the military integration process

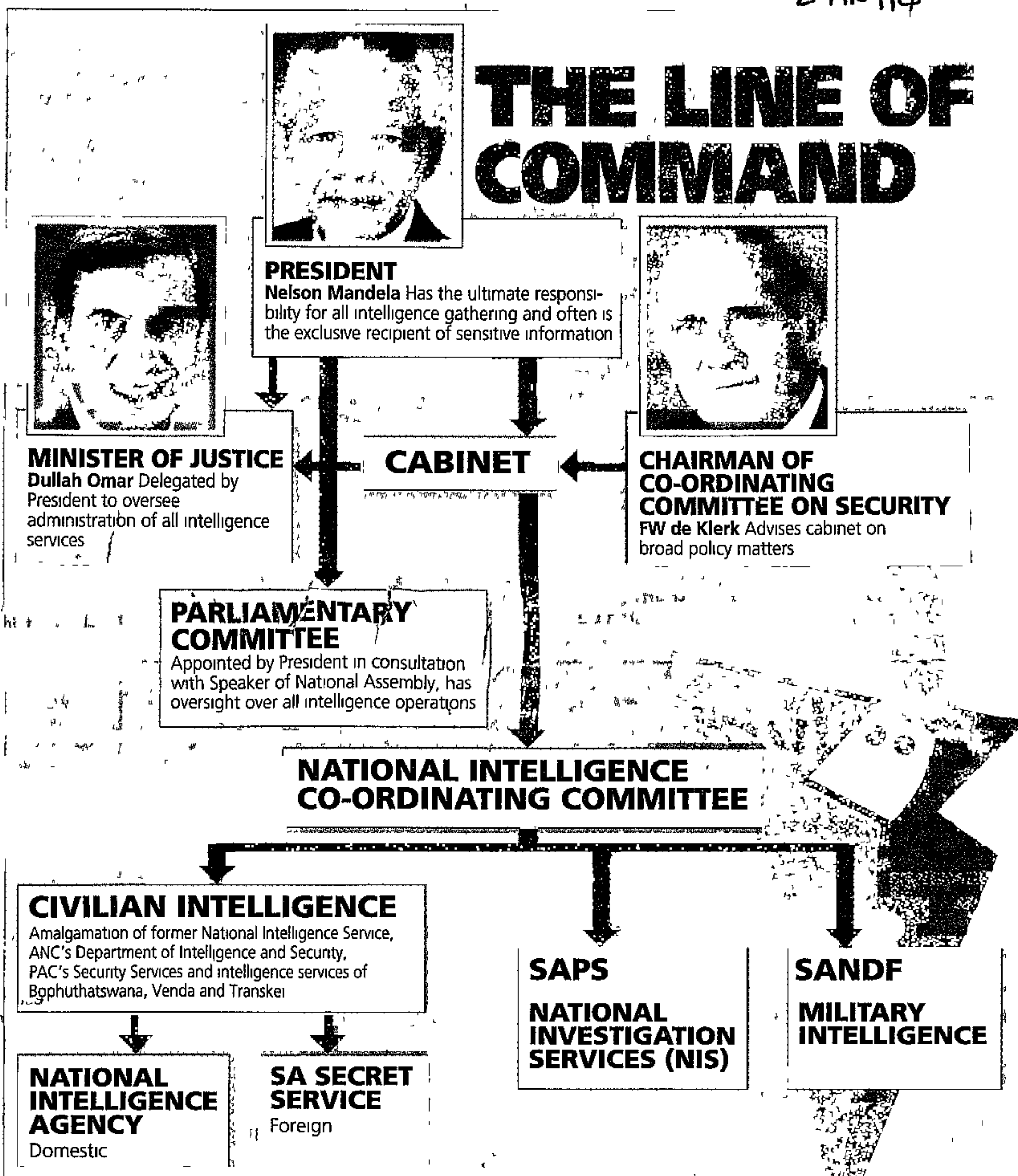
This is probably not just because they share a common professional interest. The NIS and the ANC's intelligence operatives began what became a close working relationship before the liberation movements were unbanned

Ice-breaking

The role of people like Niel Barnard, now Constitutional Development Director-General, and current NIS chief Mike Louw in the initially tentative detente between the regime and the ANC movement is common knowledge. Both men were at the first ice-breaking meeting in Europe in September 1989 with an ANC delegation led by Thabo Mbeki, who is now deputy president

As Mark Shaw of the Centre for Policy Studies points out in his review of the transition, *The Small Miracle*, the civilian NIS was moved to then-president F W de Klerk's office within the first week of his tenure and quickly came to play an important role behind the scenes in the constitutional rebirth of the country. It was not new for a head of government to give primacy to a particular intelligence agency. B J Vorster relied on the SAP's Security Branch, and P W Botha enhanced the Directorate for Military Intelligence's role

It is clear that the two new civilian agencies — the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), concentrating on domestic intelligence-gathering, and the SA Secret Service (SASS),



which will have a foreign focus — will enjoy the same primacy with the Government as their predecessor

The White Paper on intelligence talks about post-Cold War realities which have forced a shift away from a narrow and almost exclusively military-strategic approach to security

The new mandate of intelligence operatives has been broadened to include social, environmental and ec-

onomic espionage, with a view to maintaining South Africa's competitiveness. So where does this leave the other agencies which are not particularly well positioned to fulfil such a mandate?

It is uncertain whether military and criminal intelligence groups have embraced the change in political mindset to the same degree as their civilian counterparts. Military Intelligence (MI) dirty

tricks were as much a part of the post-1990 era as open debate and political compromise. It is, therefore, significant that the South African Police Service's (SAPS) national investigation service and MI will now fall under the same scrutiny as their civilian counterparts. The National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee will be responsible for MI and SASS in the interim, this is likely to become permanent

Another factor that might turn these two agencies from their old ways will be — in the case of MI — the installation of General Pierre Steyn (who investigated MI) as Secretary of Defence and the demilitarisation of the SAPS (25)

There might be growing concern in the ranks of MI and the SAPS intelligence corps over the Government's favouring of civilian agencies. The new legislation demands a clear division in duties but there is bound to be an overlap

Maintaining a degree of competition between the civilian and military intelligence services is not necessarily bad. It will exist anyway, so it is best to make this a productive phenomenon, argues former MI chief of staff General Chris Thurion

The parliamentary oversight committee is to provide for political accountability and, assuming it is open to the media, as are other substructures of the legislature, will provide a modicum of transparency

The fact that this committee will be made up only of ANC, NP and Inkatha Freedom Party members appointed by the president has already raised a note of caution. However, sources believe that for the sake of credibility, the Speaker of the National Assembly might be invited to appoint committee members in consultation with the president

Multiparty control, even if it is only within the Government, also appears in the form of De Klerk's presence as chairman of the Cabinet committee on security

Contradiction

The Intelligence Services Bill speaks ambiguously about the deputy president or Minister's powers, which include the firing and hiring of operatives and control over resources

The new guiding principles of intelligence call for separation of the activities of the intelligence agencies from the policy of the government of the day. But Shaw points to a contradiction in this: the new dispensation also talks about a role for the intelligence community in the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) which is, essentially, government policy

He predicts that a likely defence of this will be that the RDP is the policy of a government representative of all parties rather than any one organisation and that the RDP is a campaign to ensure the country's security — a key aim of intelligence

Shaw's response to this is that since the RDP is to be carried out overtly, why is there a need for covert action to protect it?

'Police must work with community'

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I HAVE often been asked whether it is possible to reduce levels of crime in South Africa when many of the promises made in the form of the reconstruction and development programme (RDP) have not yet materialised.

The Ministry of Safety and Security is of the view that there is an important relationship between stability and development. For a reasonable level of safety, the success of the RDP is necessary.

When we examine the challenges facing the new South African Police Service (SAPS), therefore, we shall have to do so in the context of this programme, which quite clearly seeks to ameliorate the conditions in which our people find themselves.

One of their legitimate expectations was that, in the immediate aftermath of the nonracial, democratic elections, all conflicts — in particular, political violence — would disappear from the face of the country. Although we have seen reductions in levels of violence, we should not assume that violent crime will disappear. In fact, levels of interpersonal violence may increase because of anxieties and apprehensions which are attendant problems of processes of transitions.

The interim constitution puts forward the vision of community policing, a notion that is not new in the South African vocabulary. But many previous efforts to improve police-community relations have fallen victim to the view of police officials that such efforts were mere window-dressing.

It is clear to us, therefore, that community policing involves more fundamental transformation of the police organisation than was envisaged previously. The police service must be organised in such a way that police officials at all levels can define priorities which are attuned to the needs



Police are beginning to operate under a new ethos but in a context fraught with difficulty. Minister of Safety and Security **SYDNEY MUFAMADI** sketched the way ahead in a recent speech to the Independent Mediation Service of South Africa.

did not have to expose police officials to these universal, non-enforcement functions of policing.

This legacy will be with us for some time to come. It would be naive, therefore, to expect the police to immediately become accustomed to playing a conflict-solving role when history has made them one of the parties in conflict.

Another potential source of conflict is the increasing awareness of personal and fundamental rights among the public. To some police officers, this constitutes a challenge to authority and they feel compelled to respond by exerting more authority, at times through the use of force.

The interim constitution is the supreme law of the land. We are in government to uphold the law. The constitution says, among other things, that workers have a right to strike as part of the collective bargaining process.

Recently truck drivers decided to exercise this right by blockading highways, because that is their workplace. A snap debate was introduced in parliament on the issue.

After the debate I asked the commissioner of the SAPS to send the police to the highways. Transport Minister Mac Maharaj and Labour Minister Tito Mboweni were going there to negotiate with truck drivers and their employers, and I considered it important for the police to be there as observers.

It is now a matter of record that the conflict was resolved because both the employers and the union agreed on the

and sentiments of the community.

This implies a consultative approach to police work, an approach which sees a police-community partnership as an essential ingredient for effective crime prevention. As I see it, there are two basic obstacles which stand in the way of realising such an approach.

The first is that the current structure and culture of police organisation does not facilitate a consultative process of police work. Decision-making powers in the police force are so centralised that police officials on the ground are not empowered to exercise their professional discretion. This culture is so deep-rooted that the new approach is viewed as a loss of authority.

The second problem is the historical lack of police training and skills in such important areas as conflict resolution, problem solving and communication. The oppressive political dispensation of the past, to which police work was functional,

formation of an industrial council. Negotiations would continue within that framework.

I have yet to receive a report from the police officers commanding the units deployed on the highway, but from that report I will assess the extent to which they learnt from the negotiations facilitated by the two ministers.

However, there are times when members of the public exercise their rights in a manner which does not suggest sufficient appreciation of the rights of others.

These cases include situations in which striking workers believe, quite erroneously, that their right to picket entitles them to use force to prevent others from doing business with the companies they work for. This explains why neutral third party intervention will remain necessary for some time to come.

The rôle to be played by service organisations cannot be confined to mediations, given the picture I have just painted. It will have to be extended in a big way to include education and training. And I see the major stakeholders in matters of safety and security, namely the police and the broader community itself, as the prospective students.

The following story illustrates this point. An activist told me he was trying to set up a community-police forum in White City, Soweto. He complained that the station commander was not co-operating with him in this regard, he was being reactionary. In fact, said the activist, the station commander was undermining the RDP because he disagreed with the activist's suggestions.

This points to the important rôle to be played by service organisations in encouraging a more nuanced, sophisticated and profound interpretation of some of the important things that are being put forward, among these the RDP.

These principles should not be treated as slogans. If this practice continues, then we will not be able to consummate the process of democratising our country.

'Vlakplaas men in Boipatong killings'

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BLOEMFONTEIN — Former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee claimed this week Vlakplaas secret policemen were involved in, among other things, train violence and the 1992 Boipatong massacre

Speaking at a workshop here on the proposed truth commission on Thursday, he said Vlakplaas policemen had been involved in train violence since 1992, making it seem like black-on-black violence by one day being IFP members with pangas and the next ANC members with AK-47 rifles.

Although an inquest had cleared police of involvement in the massacre, when 42 people were killed, Mr Coetzee said he knew Vlakplaas policemen were involved. He named two men — Sapa

Police frustration at 'flash point'

3/10/94
GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Frustration among the SA Police Union's (Sapu) 44 000 "underpaid and overworked" members had reached flash point mainly because of a lack of negotiating machinery to end its pay deadlock, Sapu national secretary Peter-Don Brandt said at the weekend.

The lack of formal negotiating channels was a "monumental neglect" of police rights. New legislation was needed to give police the same rights as other workers.

Sapu is demanding a minimum wage of R1 500 a month with a 40% increase for ranks below brigadier. *(25)*

As an alternative to striking, Sapu had pressure mechanisms which could be used to support claims, Brandt said. However, Sapu would resort to pressure tactics only as a last-ditch move. Administration could be brought to a "grinding halt".

The public would still be served by the operational units of the force.

Sapu was confident it had the community behind it in its demands "and it would be short-sighted to resort to action which could disadvantage the community and the reconstruction and development programme."

"We need an acceptable response soon if we are to contain the dissatisfaction and anger among our members. Pressure on the union to resort to strike action is becoming overwhelming," Brandt said.



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McBRIDE:
'Would have
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bloodbath'

McBride attacks police SDU report ⁽²⁵⁾

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Political Staff

AFRICAN National Congress PWV MP Robert McBride has attacked a police report to the cabinet accusing him of playing a role in disputes between police and Self Defence Units (SDUs) that hampered police investigations.

The briefing document says some politicians like PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale and PWV Minister for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte are working towards the incorporation of the SDUs into the police force.

The report lists an incident in which Mr McBride led negotiations — "apparently accom-

panied by attempts to intimidate the police" — that ended with unlicensed firearms being handed back to SDU members in Tembisa.

"The weapons were later returned to the police after one of the weapons had been switched with another pistol. Under threat of an attack on the local Internal Stability Unit (ISU) base, fingerprints taken from the accused were torn up by the base commander, as were the warning statements made by the suspects after their arrest."

The report does not elaborate on whether Mr McBride

played a role in the events after the negotiations.

In another incident a few days later Mr McBride turned up at a protest staged by SDU members at Tokoza.

He commented yesterday "In the first instance in Tembisa the Internal Stability Unit paged me and asked me to intervene with a problem involving the SDUs. If I had not gone there, there would have been a bloodbath."

He had in fact persuaded the SDUs to hand over their weapons "In the second incident, I was not even there."

Police report alleges 'third force' violence

CHRIS WHITFIELD
Political Staff

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POLICE are investigating information that former and present security force members may have been involved in "third force" violence

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A secret police intelligence report to the cabinet on the security situation in the country revealed that "unverified information implicating former, and possibly also existing, members of the security forces in criminal activities" had been received

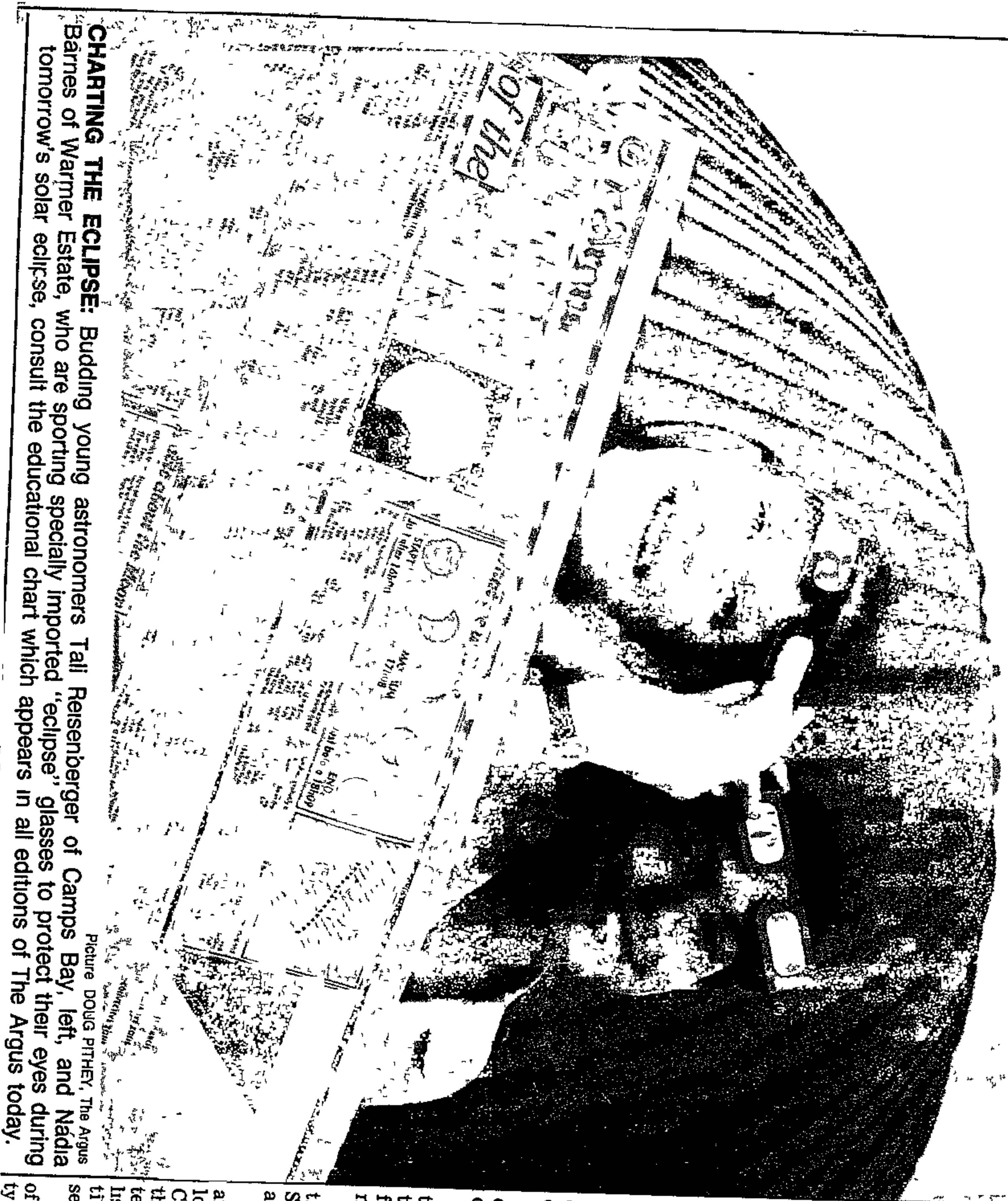
It said the alleged activities "may be construed as third force" practices and could be divided into three categories

These included "the destabilising activities of former CCB-members, as well as the possible involvement of ex-security force members in crime syndicates and militant rightwing activities"

The police were investigating the allegations and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and the attorney-general had been fully briefed

The briefing document — marked secret and with instructions to destroy it when no longer needed — was compiled by the Crime Intelligence Service of the SAP for the cabinet committee on security and intelligence affairs. It was handed to journalists during a meeting yesterday of the national assembly's safety and security select committee

It also pointed to possible involvement of security force members "in their capacity as individuals" in taxi violence



CHARTING THE ECLIPSE: Budding young astronomers Tali Reisenberger of Camps Bay, left, and Nadia Barnes of Warner Estate, who are sporting specially imported "eclipse" glasses to protect their eyes during tomorrow's solar eclipse, consult the educational chart which appears in all editions of The Argus today.

Picture DOUG PITHEE, The Argus

Police station commanders to be elected in future

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□ Minister announces extensive changes

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

ALL police station commanders in the Western Cape are to stand down to make way for community-elected replacements, regional police minister Patrick McKenzie has announced

Station commanders will be able to re-apply for their jobs but the minister has opened the door for civilian appointments

Six suburbs have been identified for prototype community police stations

"If the community wants to see change in the South African Police Services, that change must start at local police station level," Mr McKenzie said

Station commanders will be able to re-apply for their positions. "If he's done a good job the community will give their backing. I believe each station commander should have the backing of his community"

Before the middle of next year, the police will advertise station commander jobs. Criteria for their appointments have yet to be worked out but civilians would be welcome to apply, Mr McKenzie said.

The community would be consulted through community police forums which have sprung up at 133 of the about 150 police stations in the Western Cape

Steenberg, Guguletu, Bonteheuwel, Atlantis, Kuils River-Eerste River and Bridgetown in Oudtshoorn have been earmarked for the region's pilot community policing stations

All six areas had been identified as high crime areas or problem areas, Mr McKenzie said

They will join 34 other police stations across the country in being staffed by "a new breed of policeman" — new community policing recruits due to

start their theoretical training in January

Mr McKenzie said on completion of the theoretical component of their course in June, they would be deployed to community policing stations for in-service training

Bonteheuwel, which does not have a police station, will become the first community policing station in the region

Mr McKenzie said he hoped the pilot stations would be "heavily funded" from abroad

The pilot stations would be model stations in terms of equipment, facilities and personnel.

"Once this pilot project is completed, the idea is to identify another group of stations," Mr McKenzie said

"What we hope to achieve is to provide an adequate service to the community, and to show the community how well the police can perform their duties, given the necessary infrastructure and equipment."

Wynberg Forum urges McKenzie to help police

GILL TURNBULL
Staff Reporter

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SOUTHERN areas policemen on the beat are in crisis and something must be done urgently or the strength, morale and efficiency of the service will suffer

This was the gist of a letter from the chairman of the Wynberg Community Forum, Mel Anderson, to Cape Minister of Police Patrick McKenzie

A copy went to Minister of Safety and Security Sidney Mufumadi

Wynberg community forum is concerned about

- Illogical or inefficient use of policemen for purposes other than crime prevention Manpower is short and extra duties, such as mortuary and court work, transporting mental patients and patrolling sports meetings, could be done by outside personnel

- Salaries are too low Police are under enormous stress and young policemen are finding their take-home pay is inadequate

- Lack of promotion It appears promotions are being withheld or are long overdue

- No overtime pay Police worked many hours overtime for no pay and deserve compensation and recognition

- Terms and conditions of service are grossly unfavourable when compared with other police forces

Mr Anderson told the minister his forum's consensus was that unless grievances were addressed urgently the strength, mo-

rale and efficiency of the service would be seriously jeopardised

Referring to claims that while non-commissioned members were expected to change their attitudes, the top brass were just as rigid and racist as before, Mr Anderson said "We have seen tremendous changes over the past 24 months and we must do our best at the forum to make sure all police members are looked after and treated as equals"

- Pinelands and Thornton residents are helping to combat crime, according to police

Liaison officer Freddy Troost said that with residents' help, in eight reported incidents police made 12 arrests for offences, including housebreaking, theft, shoplifting, bicycle theft and possession of unlicensed firearms and car theft

Altogether Pinelands police made 66 arrests during October out of 213 cases for the whole of the Pinelands police district, which includes Thornton, Epping and N'dabeni

Figures for October show that in the Pinelands residential area there were 14 burglaries, 24 thefts out of cars, three cars stolen and a robbery at Mutual station

In Thornton there were nine burglaries, six thefts from cars and one car stolen

Pineland neighbourhood watch holds its annual general meeting today at 7 45pm in the Pinelands Town Hall

Thornton neighbourhood watch meets on November 8 at 7pm in the scout hall, Dipres Avenue

Police minister spells out how to control riotous crowds . . .

Crime Reporter

BATONS, not bullets, is the way to control crowds says regional police minister Patrick McKenzie, and he promised a "softer" and more restrained approach by police at protests.

In the wake of much criticised police action during recent marches, particularly at the Civic Centre last week when 40 municipal workers and seven policemen were injured, Mr McKenzie said that the mere sight of a shotgun-wielding policeman could aggravate already explosive situations.

"I'm of the opinion that we in the Western Cape should go the internationally accepted baton-and-shield way," said Mr McKenzie

"It is the democratic right of any organisation to publicly demonstrate about their grievances by means of proper planned legal marches and mass actions

"Since the election in April we have had more marches than ever before and we must therefore guard against destroying our reputation of effective community policing by mass actions that turn ugly"

Mr McKenzie said the Internal Stability Unit's crowd control training covered the use of batons and shields

Ideally, police procedure at a potentially riotous situation should be to first attempt to defuse the situation by negotiating with key figures such as shop stewards and marshals

"If negotiations fail, then a buffer zone of baton-and-shield policemen should come into action enforcing minimum violence to control unruly crowds, followed by an "arrest core" to apprehend culprits," said Mr McKenzie

'Batons before bullets'

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He said there was still a place for rubber bullets "right at the back" and "out of sight"

Mr McKenzie said he also regarded the presence of police dogs as aggravating and suggested that doghandlers should also maintain a low profile in the background

"But there are two sides to the story," said Mr McKenzie

"Last month police were faced by a bottle and stone-wielding crowd who destroyed everything in their way and hurt several policemen

"There is a definite outside criminal element who interfere with mass action and

cause turmoil among members of unions and organisations who are serious about their grievances

"It is up to shop stewards to identify the bad element in their crowds and point them out to police, so that they can be arrested, preventing a mass action from going ugly

"We want to earn respect through our actions, not force it from the community by a hard-line approach

"Which ever way you look at the situation, the police's duty is to protect the community and safeguard their property, so police must act when necessary"

Mandela's claims puzzle top generals

CT 7/11/94 (251)

By CHRIS BATEMAN

AT least two of the country's top police generals were puzzled yesterday by President Nelson Mandela's accusation that the South African Police Services had "declared war" on the ANC.

Police management is set to meet Mr Mandela on Thursday to discuss the impending Truth and Reconciliation Commission — and not alleged police opposition to the government.

Presidential spokesman Mr Parks Mankahlana said Thursday's meeting was a long-standing arrangement and not a recent "summonsing" of recalcitrant generals.

The country's Chief of Community Policing, General André Pruis, said his biggest concern was that Mr Mandela reportedly accused police of trying to embarrass the government by talking about salary-related problems.

"As soon as I read it I phoned General Johan van der Merwe (Police Commissioner), who said he was unaware of just what the President was referring to," Gen Pruis said.

Generals Pruis and Van der Merwe are known to have speculated on whether Mr Mandela

might have been referring to their strong opposition to a proposed four percent slashing of the police budget next year.

Obstructing

Mr Mandela's attack came in an off-the-cuff address to the ANC's PWV region annual congress on Saturday and in the wake of sharp attacks on the ANC for "obstructing" police investigations into the Shell House massacre. Mr Mandela also hit at MK dissidents and said his patience has been exhausted.

He cited a recent shooting incident in Port Shepstone in which 14 people were killed, claiming that "in spite of sufficient evidence" police had made no arrests.

Mr Mankahlana said there were recorded "incidents of police not co-operating so well, for example in Natal" but declined to elaborate.

Mr Mankahlana denied that Mr Mandela's criticisms were a reflection on Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi, saying the President was "very happy and pleased with his performance — he has very clear plans about where he wants to take the police".

● Mandela warns MK — Page 2

Probe into police promotions

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi yesterday announced the appointment of a five-person committee to scrutinise promotions in the police forces, including racial discrimination and pre-election "promotion sprees".

Mufamadi said at a news conference the most important problem to be addressed would be race and gender discrimination, which had resulted in blacks and women being "systematically denied access to training and often held back".

The historically distorted development of policing in the homelands had resulted in political patronage, nepotism and corruption associated with "artificial governments detached from any semblance of a democratic process".

Mufamadi said pre-election "promotion

sprees" had taken place not only in Transkei, but in most of the 11 police forces. There were allegations of mass promotions just before the election and accelerated promotions over the past year.

The appointment of the probe comes days after President Nelson Mandela announced he would be meeting police chiefs on Thursday to lay down the law to them.

Sapa reports Mandela will tell the top policemen to "shape up or ship out".

ANC sources said he would tell them that the ANC now ran the country and could not be victimised as if it were an opposition force.

The sources said the four-hour meeting

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scheduled for the Union Buildings was likely to be "heated".

Mufamadi said Eskom senior GM Dawn Mokhobo would chair the new committee.

Other members were former Independent Electoral Commission member Phurushaw Camay; Goldstone commission member Advocate Solly Sithole, Stellenbosch School of Public Management director Prof Erwin Schwella, and former com-

mission for administration chairman and former Manpower director-general PJ van der Merwe.

Yesterday, Mufamadi also slammed police in the Port Shepstone area for their "unimpressive record" in controlling violence and arresting perpetrators.

After a meeting with a police delegation from KwaZulu/Natal, Mufamadi promised measures to protect people in the area.

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Committee to probe police

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

A COMMITTEE is to examine and review widespread allegations of malpractice in promotions in the police force, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday

The allegations concern the 11 police agencies that are being amalgamated

The first task of the committee would probably be to look at race and gender discrimination in promotions and training opportunities in the police force

It would also look into the "distorted development of policing in the homelands", including "political patronage, nepotism and

corruption"

Mr Mufamadi said "These police agencies have, in the recent past, been fraught with problems of mass promotion, overturning of procedures and nepotism"

The committee would make recommendations on corrective action relating both to unfair promotions and the lack of recognition of disadvantaged officers

The committee, to be chaired by Ms Dawn Mokobo of Eskom, will include Mr Piroshaw Camay, Mr Solly Sithole, Professor Erwin Schwella and Dr PJ van der Merwe

Mr Mufamadi also said President Nelson Mandela did not believe the police were meeting the government's targets in resolving violent crime

He was commenting on Mr Mandela's accusation that the SA Police had declared war on the ANC, and his plans to raise the dissatisfaction at his meeting with generals on Thursday

Mr Mufamadi said the police's record in solving problems of violence in certain areas had "not been impressive"

Speaking after meeting a police delegation from the Port Shepstone district in kwaZulu/Natal about their "not-so-impressive" record in arresting the perpetrators of violence, he said

"We expect co-operation from the police. We expect commitment and dedication from them"

"Those who feel they cannot meet this expectation may be asked to leave"

Police, striking workers clash

UMTATA — Fifty-five people were arrested and several others injured when police clashed with protesting agricultural workers who blocked the N2 to Durban here yesterday morning (25) (11/11/94)

The blockade, part of a strike at the former Transkei homeland's biggest agricultural corporation, Tracor and Magwa Tea, was the second in two days

Police said officials from the Food and Allied Workers' Union later negotiated the release of those arrested — Sapa

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Police generals laud Mandela

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — President Nelson Mandela emerged from lengthy talks with senior police officers yesterday to express confidence that tensions between the ANC and the SA Police Service would be resolved.

The discussions with about 30 police generals and brigadiers lasted more than three hours and ended with Mr Mandela receiving a standing ovation from the generals.

They talks, at the Wonderboom Police Mobilisation Centre near Pretoria, had been "very candid, frank and we were able to handle very sensitive matters in a spirit of mutual respect," Mr Mandela said.

Mr Mandela had been "sharp" in his criticism of police attitudes to the government, and had repeated his weekend claim that "the police had declared war on the ANC".

He also told the generals he was disheartened by the manner in which police had treated PWV Safety and Security Minister Ms Jessie Duarte. He later described the relationship between police and Ms Duarte as "sensitive".

Ms Duarte said yesterday she had

ordered an investigation into comments by police officers in the PWV Business Day this week.

The role of police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe - whom Mr Mandela also criticised at the weekend - was not discussed.

"It emerged clearly from every commission that they are fully behind the President and the government," Mr Mandela said.

He said police were working in "primitive conditions which remind me of slavery" and promised that when we prepare our next budget we will consider very seriously the position of the police.

'Magnificent'

But there could be no increase in the police budget this year as there were no funds. The 1994/5 police budget had been prepared by the previous government without proper consultation.

He paid tribute to the work of the police during SA's transition. The contribution had been "magnificent" and the police force is doing a very difficult job, he said. But the scarcity of black officers in the upper echelon was "unacceptable".

The meeting also covered police investigations into recent shootings at Port Shepstone on the Natal coast and the death of Zulu royalists during a march past the ANC's national headquarters at Shell House in March.



TALKING SHIP SHOP Seaman Joe Heaton (right) discusses one of the finer points of the powerful pair of ship's binoculars with Able Seaman Robert Rakoma of the SA Navy. The USS Gettysburg and USS Halyburton are visiting the city, the first US warships to do so in 27 years. ● Report — Page 3

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Popcru leads protest against 'victimisation'

CT 15/11/94
MIDDELBURG — Members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union protesting outside police regional headquarters here yesterday were unhappy with senior police management, the union said in Johannesburg. *(251) (203)*

Union spokesman Mr Nkane Mqwathi said members complained of victimisation by senior police officers "intent on sowing division between Popcru members and communities"

Popcru members — numbering about 200 — were to present a list of grievances yesterday — Sapa

Government ARG accused of 16/11/94 harming morale

CLIVE SAWYER, Political Correspondent

THE government has been accused in parliament of undermining police morale as South Africa turns into a crime battlefield

Reacting to the concern, safety and security minister Sydney Mufamadi has said police have been assured of government support

The senate yesterday had to be called to order more than once by its president, Kobie Coetsee, during a heated debate on police morale and the expected effect of budget cuts

Replying to a question by Gert Koorhof (NP), Mr Mufamadi said the government intended taking steps to improve police morale and establish order in South Africa

Morale problems were "pronounced" in lower ranks

A commission had been set up to probe unfair promotions

Replying to James Selfe (DP), Mr Mufamadi said the police would be hard-hit if a four percent budget cut was imposed

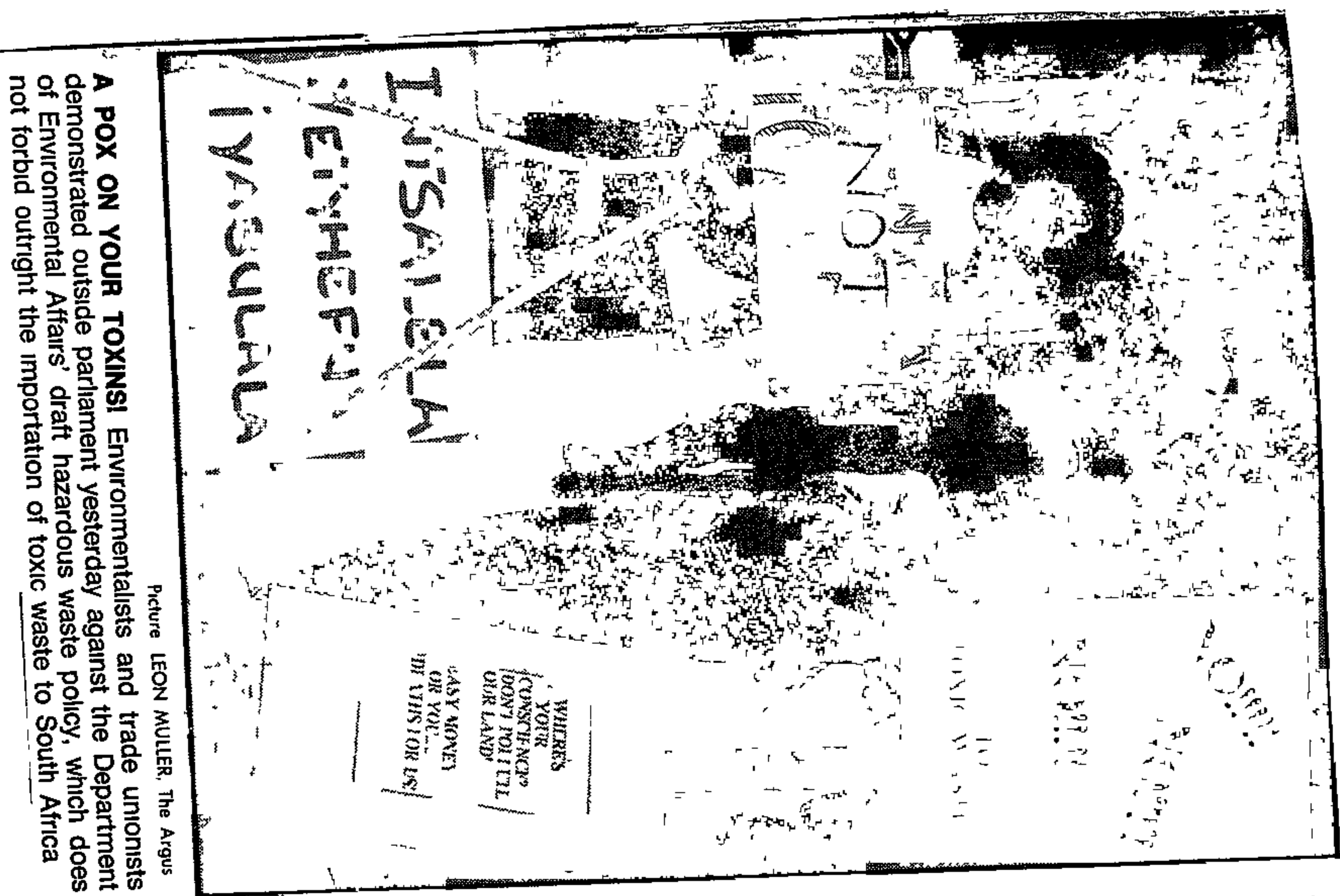
Steps which would have to be taken included a freeze on filling vacancies, the dropping of plans to enlist 2 000 new recruits, and retrenchments

Mr Koorhof lashed out at statements by top African National Congress figures, including Mr Mufamadi, critical of the police

"Must we crush the police in public?" he asked. He questioned the ANC's commitment to co-operating with the police.

Mr Koorhof said deputy-president Thabo Mbeki's claim at the weekend — that police had inflated crime statistics to get a bigger slice of the budget — was "irresponsible"

Mr Mufamadi said he had had several meetings with the interim board of police commissioners and at no stage had he been told the services lacked confidence in the government



Picture LEON MULLER. The Argus
A POX ON YOUR TOXINS! Environmentalists and trade unionists demonstrated outside parliament yesterday against the Department of Environmental Affairs' draft hazardous waste policy, which does not forbid outright the importation of toxic waste to South Africa

● 'War could end within hours'

Budget plan hits at cops

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discontent and insecurity could result:

THE police force would have to freeze all posts, abandon their 1995 recruiting drive and even retrench members if they were forced to implement a four percent budget cut in 1995-96, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

The cut, proposed by the Department of State Expenditure, will also affect the police's ability to deal with serious crime. Because the police force is a labour intensive organisation, any budget cut would affect the number of jobs it can offer, Mufamadi said in an interpellation debate in the Senate.

He said to enable the SAPS to operate within the limits of the minus four percent scenario in the 1995-96 financial year, the following steps would have to be taken:

● There should be no filling of current and arising vacancies,

● There should be no enlistment of 2 000 new recruits for next year, and
● Some members of the force would have to be retrenched.

"These steps will result in a gradual decline of the available personnel of SAPS," Mufamadi said.

Any reduction in personnel will obviously have a serious effect on the level of service to the community. The personnel loss will mean the ability of the police to respond to, and deal with, serious crime will be curtailed.

The effect would be increased community dissatisfaction and greater insecurity, Mufamadi said. The Constitution obliged the police to amalgamate the 11 policing agencies, redress disparities, introduce community orientated policing, redistribute resources and reorientate and retrain all police officers. The expected cost of all this amounts to more than a million rands.

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Bigger police budget 'no guarantee of less crime'

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

A BIGGER police budget will not necessarily translate into less crime, chairman of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum Chris Ferndale said

"In the past, they have had relatively large budgets, but have been incapable of stopping rampant crime. How can they suddenly be expected to do it with a bigger budget now?"

The anti-crime forum represents more than 50 communities across the Western Cape, Boland and Overberg.

Mr Ferndale said, the police

should restructure — "there is still no equitable distribution of resources"

He said most specialist police units were still based in white areas and run by white officers even the gang unit

"How can they expect communities affected by rampant crime to support them in their quest for a larger budget when we don't know how they plan to spend it?"

"We agree lower-ranking officers need better wages, which would also help stamp out corruption

"But there needs to be resolution on other issues. The generals and police management must first be made accountable

before any budget increase

"We know they are implementing community policing, but there are still a host of senior officers working against this concept. This even takes place at police station level

"There is still large-scale mismanagement in the way they use their resources. They abuse vehicles, spend time at shebeens and get involved in corruption

"That must be dealt with before they can claim extra money," Mr Ferndale said

"Restructuring is not taking place fast enough. We want to be part of the change-management process

"It seems the police are making out they have the support of millions in their drive for a bigger budget

"Our communities will support them if we see they are community-driven

"Crime prevention programmes should become more effective. Anti-crime drives should be linked to development programmes. The prisons are already overflowing

"They must become more victim-orientated if they want more community support

"The Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum wants to support the police, but we want openness and transparency from the lowest to the highest levels"

'Police still (251) harass unions'

JOHANNESBURG

Police harassment continued in labour disputes in spite of the government urging restraint, the Trade Union of South African Authorities (Tusaa) claimed in Pretoria yesterday CT 16/11/94

Tusaa general secretary Mr Nakedi Mogale said repeated efforts by the union to discuss the matter with Northern Transvaal Premier Mr Ngoako Ramathlodi had been unsuccessful — Sapa

Police bid to gag press

By COLIN HOWELL
News Editor

POLICE yesterday slapped a nationwide ban on reporters speaking to policemen in a hardline move to ensure that only "authorised" information is released to the public

This follows what police claim are "incorrect" reports linking the murder of Prof Johan Heyns and the discovery of an arms cache in Pretoria.

Lieutenant-General Andre Pruis, head of the SAPS' community relations division, has approved an internal memorandum invoking police standing orders forbidding policemen other than appointed liaison officers from speaking to the press

Colonel Raymond Dowd, Western Cape police public relations chief, yesterday informed reporters that any policeman who passed on information to the media without the express permission of the media office would face a departmental trial

Reporters would no longer have access to officers at the Peninsula's radio control unit, who have kept newspapers briefed on breaking news

Col Dowd said the restriction had been endorsed by the Regional Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Nic Acker.

The news clamp departs from the "transparent" information strategy employed since the states of emergency were lifted. There was an angry response.

● Western Cape Police Minister Mr Pat

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rick McKenzie said he had not been consulted. "If they are going to gag the guys in the department, they won't gag me"

"Just when we are beginning to experience what a free South Africa is all about, the police must not be the instrument whereby the Great Shut Up comes again."

● The National Party said the press "must have the freedom to communicate with any member of the SAPS". Spokes-

man Mr Danie du Plessis said "The role of a liaison officer should be to facilitate communication between the press and the SAPS — not to act as a barrier"

● A spokesman for Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said the ministry "would not approve of anything that runs counter to the interests of transparency in the police" and noted that operational decisions by the police were not routinely cleared by the minister

A police spokesman in Pretoria claimed liaison officers around the country had reported continuing problems where information "leaked" to the press prematurely had hampered investigations or had been incorrect. CT 16/11/94

"For some time we have been having hassles — and the Heyns report was the final straw."

CHRIS BATEMAN reports that Mr McKenzie said he would summon Colonel Dowd first thing today to clarify the matter, but he would go out of his way to ensure there was no clampdown on the press in the Western Cape

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He "seriously questioned" the need for a standing order preventing policemen talking to the media in the much-vaunted transparency of a new order

He intended appointing a civilian to run the Western Cape police liaison department from February next year

A spokesman for the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said no new policy matters had been raised in Genl Pruis' memorandum

However, "during the past couple of years it has been common knowledge that reporters have recruited unauthorised sources within the SA Police"

"While we have been lenient in this regard, matters have come to a head

"Certain journalists have not complied with an agreement between the SAPS and the Conference of Editors and had approached unofficial sources, leading to major investigations being jeopardised

"Consequently, the attention of police was drawn to the already existing instructions and no new policy is at issue

"However, the commissioner has made it clear that the SA Police must be flexible and realistic," the spokesman said

Accordingly, reporters at scenes of crimes could interview officers in charge there and information about the investigation of crimes could be divulged by the detective probing the case, provided the police official was identified in the report and was "prepared to accept full responsibility for the information furnished"

Dowd 'dumped' without warning

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Staff Reporters

COLONEL Raymond Dowd, Western Cape police liaison chief, last night expressed "disappointment" at a statement by local Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie, that he (Col Dowd) is to be replaced by a civilian.

Col Dowd, who also acts as official spokesman for Mr McKenzie, said he found it "disconcerting" to read for the first time in the Cape Times yesterday that Mr McKenzie intended appointing a civilian to run the Western Cape police liaison office from February

"To date, the minister has not communicated anything to me and if it's true, I find it very disappointing because I've served him since his appointment

"But as a policeman, I'm here to serve the community and I will serve wherever I am required to"

On Tuesday, Colonel Dowd was the first to inform the media of a revived ban on policemen speaking to reporters, a clamp officially abandoned yesterday

Mr McKenzie's remarks about the staffing of the liaison office were made when he hit out at the ban on Tuesday.

Reacting to yesterday's lifting of all police media restrictions, Colonel Dowd said he had "no problem" with the directive sent from Pretoria "as long as it was handled responsibly" by police and the media.

"The bottom line is that the public must receive quick, factual information without jeopardising an investigation," he said

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Police chief
lifts Press
contact ban

JOHANNESBURG — Police Commissioner Johan van der Merwe has lifted the ban on members of the force talking to reporters

"I have urgently directed that an order banning SAP members (other than official liaison officers) from media contact be withdrawn immediately, as such an order undoubtedly contradicts SAP obligations and policy to be as fully transparent as possible in all circumstances," he said in a statement yesterday.

"In addition, in order to speed up and further entrench a culture of transparency and communication within the SAP, I have decided to introduce an interim transparency and communication programme"

He said this programme would "sensitise and train as many SAP members as possible in their obligations for transparency and communication" — Reuter.

W Cape has 9 440 policemen

Political Correspondent

THE Western Cape had 11 805 of the 85 186 full-time staff members of the SA Police Service in South Africa on November 3 1994, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi told Parliament yesterday

The force complement in the Western Cape is made up of 9 440 policemen and women and 2 365 civilians

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The total staff complement (including civilians and members of the crime investigating units) at some stations in the Western Cape are Cape Town central 1 165, Matieland 166, Milnerton 108, Pinelands 40, Sea Point 113, Kensington 43, Woodstock 97, Table View 47, Atlantis 113, Wynberg 179, Fish Hoek 98, Simon's Town 26, Rondebosch 56, Muizenberg 64, Mowbray 50, Hout Bay 43, Diep River 65, Claremont 117, Steenberg 71, Kirstenhof 50, Athlone 226, Bishop Lavis 123, Nyanga

119, Grassy Park 99, Guguletu 200, Langa 95, Lansdowne 73, Philippi 128, Manenberg 105, Mitchells Plain 312, Khayelitsha 179, Crossroads 47, Linguilethu West 88, Bellville 242, Bellville South 166, Durbanville 55, Goodwood 85, Kraaifontein 118, Kuils River 734, Parow 149, Elsie's River, Ravensmead 98, Brackenfell 83, Paarl 465, Worcester 239, Stellenbosch 147, Somerset West 103, Oudtshoorn 378, George 246, Mossel Bay 138, Knysna 103, Plettenberg Bay 48 and Beaufort West 147

Police media restrictions scrapped

By COLIN HOWELL

IN a dramatic policy reversal yesterday, the commissioner of police scrapped all old-style media restrictions, including a national ban on policemen speaking to reporters.

General Johan van der Merwe rescinded the standing orders which were the backbone of the news clamp authorised on Monday by Lieutenant-General Andre Pruis of the SAPS community relations division.

He also announced a fundamental reshaping of police communication systems, promising "maximum transparency".

The clamp was announced and implemented in the Western Cape on Tuesday. In a statement issued in Pretoria, Gen. Van der Merwe said:

- "No such ban can in future be placed on SAPS members."
- Gen Pruis' order had been withdrawn immediately as it "undoubtedly contradicts SAPS obligations and policy to be as fully transparent as possible."
- The media would now be allowed "the broadest possible contact with the police."
- A new programme had been launched nationally and regionally to speed up and entrench transparency and communication within the SAPS.
- This Transparency and Communication Programme (TCP) would "sensitise and train as many SAPS members as possible

with regard to their obligations concerning transparency and communication."

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His only new requirement was that all SAPS members who liaise with the media

"report such contact to the relevant media liaison office" so that media contact would be on an "orderly basis".

Gen Van der Merwe said he had instructed the SAPS to submit a draft proposal on the restructuring and implementation of the TCP as soon as possible.

It is understood that Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi was not consulted before Monday's directive was made but it could not be established yesterday if political pressure had been a factor in the sudden reversal and Mr Mufamadi could not be reached for comment.

Before the commissioner's statement, an urgent meeting of the Conference of Editors was to be called to discuss the directive that only "authorised" information is to be released to the public, reports CHRIS BAYE-MAN.

The proposed meeting had received the immediate backing of Western Cape Police Minister Mr Patrick Mckenzie, who described it as "excellent — to help break down the culture of the past."

He said he was "elated" at the lifting of a national ban preventing policemen from speaking to reporters.

"I believe Gen Van der Merwe did what is in the best interests of the SAPS. We the community are much happier with a transparent police service," Mr Mckenzie said.

The chairman of the Editors' Conference and editor of City Press, Mr Mzimkulu Sibya, said the press was as important to police as it was to the public because it was able to highlight "things police are unable to uncover".

Judge gives KZP a tongue-lashing

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Weekly Mail Reporter

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A SUPREME Court judge launched one of the most virulent attacks from the Bench on the kwaZulu Police (KZP) this week, in the wake of evidence that the KZP had conducted shoddy investigations into the death of a colleague allegedly murdered by a KZP hit squad.

Mr Justice N van der Reyden gave a tongue-lashing to KZP Warrant Officer Richard Ndlovu for his tardiness in investigating the killing of Sergeant Solomon Dlamini in June last year. "Now I understand why the township people say they don't have a police service and a police force to protect them," he said.

Ndlovu admitted under cross-examination that he had waited five days before taking a statement from Ndlovu's wife; he failed to get a photographer to take pictures of the murder scene, and he failed to seal off the murder site.

Added Van der Reyden: "If this type of case happens in an ordinary white suburb, you will have the whole police force there."

Ndlovu also admitted that cartridges picked up at the murder scene disappeared while in the possession of the KZP, prompting the judge to remark: "It is absolutely a disgrace ... The things that were revealed in this case will not rest and will not die with this case."

Dlamini was gunned down in Esikhawini, northern Natal, allegedly by a hit squad comprising Romeo Mbambo Gcina Mkhize (28) and Israel Hlongwane (29), for co-operating with the South African Police.

The case is being heard in Mtunzini. The three accused also face five other counts of murder and charges of attempted murder and kidnapping. They have pleaded not guilty and have applied for indemnity.

Youngs officers earn R9000

Sowetan Correspondent

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Details of police

officers pay released by Mufamadi:

YOUNG police officers walk the streets risking their lives at the hands of dangerous criminals for just R900 a month, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi has revealed.

Details of the salaries of police officers were released by Mufamadi in the National Assembly on Wednesday in reply to questions from Democratic Party MP Mr Douglas Gibson.

This is what the police earn:
General Johan van der Merwe as Commissioner gets R266 784 a year, which is what directors-general of all government departments get. A lieutenant-

ant-general earns R183 432 a year, a major-general R148 599 and a brigadier R126 411

Police colonels earn from R81 114 to R107 019, a lieutenant-colonel R67 245 to R91 683, a major R58 185 to R72 411, a captain R48 420 to R62 715, a lieutenant R40 920 to R54 045, a warrant-officer R34 662 to R62 715, a sergeant R28 392 to R39 045, a lance-sergeant from R20 982 to R32 154, a constable R10 800 to R24 630, an assistant lance-sergeant R10 950 a year, and an assistant constable R9 492 a year

Mufamadi could not say when the pay scales would be increased again but said an investigation into the salary structure was in progress and would be finalised by December 31.

Employee organisations

The matter would then go to the Public Service Commission. "If the commission agreed to such a proposed remuneration structure, it can be negotiated with the various employee organisations of the South African Police."

The successful implementation of the total of 85 186 members.

the final proposed remuneration structure will depend solely on the approval of funds by Parliament. It must be kept in mind that the salary structures of the SAP, as is the case with all other government departments, are determined by the Public Service Commission," Mufamadi said.

In response, Gibson said the shockingly low salaries paid to the lower ranks explained the low morale.

"How can one attract and retain good people if we exploit them like this? Money will simply have to be found to improve police salaries and working conditions," Gibson said.

Mufamadi told DP Senator James Selfe there were 68 971 police officers in the SAP and 16 215 civilians, for a

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Police lash out at anti-crime lobby

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

POLICE have hit back at the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum's claim that a bigger police budget did not necessarily guarantee a decrease in crime.

Chairman of the forum Chris Ferndale said "relatively large" budgets of the past had not been able to halt rampant crime

He suggested the police force restructure itself before demanding a larger slice of the national budget. "there is still no equitable distribution of resources"

"There is still large-scale mismanagement in the way they use their resources. They abuse vehicles, spend time at shebeens and get involved in corrupton," he added.

But, police liaison chief Raymond Dowd said it was unfortunate Mr Ferndale made statements without "being in possession of the facts".

"The crime rate is escalating and a bigger budget will enable

the police to recruit and obtain more and better equipment

"Restructuring is already in progress in the Western Cape. Dozens of civilians have been recruited to fill certain posts, thus relieving policemen for active duty."

Colonel Dowd said top police management was totally committed to community policing.

"The wild allegations and general statement that vehicles are misused and resources mismanaged and about visits to shebeens should be substantiated.

"These allegations are regularly made, but, strangely, can never be substantiated."

Colonel Dowd said it was high time "people like Mr Ferndale" really became constructively involved instead of attacking the police at every conceivable opportunity.

"It should be remembered that only the thin blue line in conjunction with the community can address the problem of spiralling crime".

Police to train to aid victims

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By JACKIE CAMERON
Crime Reporter

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DETECTIVES will soon be trained to become as sensitive as British police to the victims of rape, sodomy and sexual abuse — not only to help alleviate emotional trauma but also to get more vital information out of distraught victims.

A team of detective trainers will be taught the techniques used by British police at the beginning of next year and will in turn pass on their skills to police members on the beat, Captain Sharon Schutte of the murder and robbery unit in Pretoria said at the weekend.

Capt Schutte has just returned from an intensive Sexual Offences Investigative Techniques course, run by the London Metropolitan Police.

She said SA detectives could benefit from a particular style of interviewing which gets more information out of victims.

Public to elect W Cape police station heads

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — All police station commanders in the Western Cape are to make way for community-elected replacements, regional Police MEC Patrick McKenzie has announced.

Existing station commanders will be able to reapply for their jobs, but the MEC has opened the door for civilian appointments.

And six suburbs have been identified for prototype community police stations in the region.

"If the community wants to see change in the South African Police Service, that change must start at local police station level," he said.

Good job (251)

Station commanders will be able to reapply for their positions.

"If he's done a good job, the community will give him backing. I believe each station commander should have the backing of his community."

The police will advertise station commander jobs before the middle of next year. Criteria for appointments have still to be worked out but civilians would be welcome to apply, McKenzie said.

The community will be consulted through community/police forums which have sprung up at 133 of the 150-odd police stations in the province.

Steenberg, Guguletu, Bonteheuwel, Atlantis, Kuils River/Eerste River as well as Bridgetown in Oudtshoorn have been earmarked to house the region's pilot community policing stations.

McKenzie said all six areas had been identified as high crime areas.

They will join 34 other police stations across the country in being staffed by "a new breed of policeman" — community policing recruits due to start training in January.

On completion of the theoretical component of their course in June, they will be deployed to community policing stations for in-service training.

Bonteheuwel, which does not have a police station, will become the first community policing station in the region.

Once this pilot project is complete, another group of stations will be identified.

"We hope to provide an adequate service to the community, and to show the community how well the police can perform their duties, given the necessary infrastructure and equipment."

Police promotions slammed

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The promotion system of the South African Police Services still favours whites despite Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi's insistence that policemen be promoted fairly, Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) claimed yesterday (251)

Popcru official Captain Mzingisi Moshara said yesterday the police promotion board in

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the Eastern Cape consisted only of whites and black policemen with years of experience were being ignored for promotion

"A few months ago, Mr Mufamadi announced all people should be promoted irrespective of colour. To our dismay, the same practice continued where only whites are promoted"

He showed journalists a confidential document which he said gave details of an officer's course

in January which was to be attended by 48 white warrant officers and only 15 non-white warrant officers

Captain Moshara claimed since Mr Mufamadi's announcement, a large number of white warrant officers had been sent on an officer's course without having passed any examination

He said he knew of one policeman who had held the rank of constable for 17 years

'Probe unfair dismissals'

BLOEMFONTEIN — Former policemen called yesterday for a judicial commission of inquiry into what they said were unfair dismissals, victimisation and racial and other discrimination in the former SAP (251)

The Ex-South African Police Members Fraternity Council, which operates only in the Free State but plans to expand nationwide, staged a march here on Friday and presented a memorandum to chief magistrate Mr

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M Steyn for provincial Safety and Security Minister Mr Papi Kganare

The council wants a response to its demands in 14 days. These included that unfairly dismissed policeman be unconditionally reinstated and that alleged irregularities in pension and medical funds be investigated

Council vice-chairman Mr Daniel Mokebe said its members believed they had been misled to promote their white counterparts

Police morale under threat

By JACKIE CAMERON
Crime Reporter

PROVINCIAL Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie's decision that all police station commanders must re-apply for their posts applies also to regional commissioners and commanders of specialised units

The move threatens to further lower police morale, already undermined by the high crime rate and low salaries

SA Police Union (Sapu) spokesman Mr Gontse Koitsoie said Mr McKenzie might have pre-empted a statement by Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi

Mr McKenzie's spokesman, Colonel Raymond Dowd, said yesterday that "all police members in command posts will have to stand down and re-apply for their posts with civilians"

This would include regional commissioners, commanders of specialised units and station commanders and would affect the posts of about 500 police officers in the province

By late yesterday, neither regional police commissioner General Nic Acker nor commanders had been officially notified that they stood to lose their positions

While Mr McKenzie's office confirmed the announcement yesterday, Mr McKenzie himself was not available to elaborate

Mr Koitsoie said he had heard rumours of a national decision for some time and believed Mr McKenzie may have pre-empted an imminent statement by Mr Mufamadi

Mr Mufamadi's spokesman, Mr Craig Kotze, said his minister would neither comment on the announcement nor con-

firm that this was part of a national strategy until he had consulted Mr McKenzie

Mr Koitsoie said "We have the right to agree or disagree with what the ministers are proposing and have a right to be consulted" (251)

Regional Commissioner General Nic Acker said he did not wish to comment until he had discussed the matter with the minister.

● CHRIS BATEMAN reports that Mr McKenzie, speaking earlier from Moorreesburg, where he was on a goodwill tour, said he was certain a station commander who had done a "good job" would get community backing to keep his post

From June next year the posts will be advertised to enable communities to make changes in the force at a critical level

McKenzie to make final appointments

By CHRIS BATEMAN

COMMUNITY forums at each police station will put forward the names of civilians for consideration as station commanders next year, but the final appointment will be made by Western Cape Police Services Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie.

Elaborating on yesterday's reports that station commanders would have to re-apply for their posts from June next year, Mr McKenzie said this would only happen if they did not have the full support of their communities. "My message to all policemen is that nobody can keep a good man down. They must ensure that they continue to serve the community in the best possible way. I will stand by my men, and so will the community." He said the new initiative was an

attempt to avoid a repeat of recent controversies caused by community dissatisfaction with station commanders in Khayelitsha, Guguletu and Delft, and to widen the consultative process to ensure community support.

Mr McKenzie said police/community forums would propose several names to him. "I won't accept first, second or third choices — I want them to be of equal value," and he would then choose the station commander.

"School committees do this successfully with school principals," he added.

Mr McKenzie said depending on individual police station needs, the community forums would have to decide whether they wanted a "manager or a commander".

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Police to march in salaries demand

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Crime Reporter

ABOUT 300 South African Police Union (Sapu) members are expected to march on parliament today to call for a government promise of substantial salary increases for lower-ranking members and overtime pay.

The union announced a march in August but changed their plans to a mass meeting because of "intimidation by police management", and a request by regional police minister Mr Patrick McKenzie, Sapu spokesman Mr Andy Miller said yesterday.

Police are expected to hand a petition to Mr McKenzie calling for an immediate salary increase of at least 40% for lower paid staff, overtime pay and the axing of allegedly racist commanders.

President Nelson Mandela has promised that the working conditions of police will be "considered very seriously" when the next budget is prepared, but Mr Miller said union members wanted an immediate guarantee of a substantial salary increase.

He said changes effected by Mr McKenzie following the mass meeting had included:

- Abolishing the archaic police rules in which unmarried pregnant policewomen faced departmental charges

- Allowing policewomen who are breadwinners to have their husbands and dependants registered on police medical aid

- Training of some assistant constables to enable them to become permanent members of the police force

City police in protest march

By JACKIE CAMERON
Crime Reporter

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ABOUT 300 police members, not in uniform, took to the city streets yesterday chanting for more money and an end to police killings in the first organised police march in the city.

The placard-bearing law enforcers walked briskly from Darling Street to the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) in Wale Street where they handed local Minister of Police Mr Patrick McKenzie a memorandum around lunchtime.

Mr McKenzie said to the police members — who shouted "Viva McKenzie" — that "without you we cannot make the new South Africa work".

He told them that he would inform national Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi tomorrow of their demands, which included a 40% salary increase for lower-ranking police members and payment for overtime.

Internal stability division members kept a watchful eye on their colleagues as they whistled and chanted through the city. Here and there a half-hearted clenched fist was seen raised above the crowd and two policemen attempted a toy-toy but got their legs tangled and tripped.

A street vendor lent the protesters some flags. "I'm sure I'll get them back. If you cannot trust these demonstrators, who can you trust?"

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Police recruits 'criminals' (251)

DURBAN.— The Ministry of Safety and Security yesterday said it had blocked the graduation of 600 former kwaZulu police recruits because some were said to be "known criminals".

The recruits, due to pass out this month after six months' training, were to be deployed from their Ulundi training college as consta-

bles throughout kwaZulu/Natal

Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi said it had been claimed some of the recruits were known criminals or had criminal records.

He had directed that the claims be investigated by the Investigation Task Unit

"Pending the result of this investigation I have further directed that these recruits are not to graduate as constables and are to remain at the police training college at Ulundi," Mr Mufamadi said.

kwaZulu police spokesman Sgt Malusi Mnguni said the recruits' files would be given to the investigation team. — Sapa

NEWS FEATURE *Openness and flexibility must be the hallmarks of community policing*

Expert criticises cop training

MAJOR CHANGE NECESSARY ^(ZSI) The community now has power over the police:

By Sharon Chetty

WHEN THE COUNCIL OF the Technikon South Africa met last week, they had to deal with a report that strongly criticised their police training programme

The institution caters for the academic training of the largest number of SAPS recruits, a deal which is guaranteed by law.

Earlier this year the Technikon authorities — realising that their courses had to be drastically altered to cater for policing in the new South Africa — called in British policing expert Professor Michael Brogden to assess their course and make recommendations

"We recognised that there were problems and something had to be done about them. Professor Brogden came here at our request," explains Dr Dermot Moore, vice-rector in charge of the policing programme. Brogden is unsparing in his criticism

His report, which is expected to be made public once staff have had a chance to react to it, has spurred moves to drastically change the way the police programme is run.

Fundamental changes

Brogden criticised the way the course is structured and the inefficiency of the lecturers and mismanagement within the department.

As a result "fundamental" changes are being looked at, says Dermot. Already the position of a former director of the programme, Mr Johan Pretorius, has been advertised.

Technikon South Africa has been the largest police training institution since 1986 and staff are aware that they contributed to the old-style

"We now have to adjust and serve the needs of the new dispensation," says Dermot

He believes that there is a genuine willingness among staff to alter their approach and once organised, Technikon SA will be in a position to serve sub-Saharan Africa as a training facility.

"Give us three years and we will be the best in the world," is Moore's boast

As a distance teaching facility, Technikon SA has the ability to reach into the rest of Africa, he says "Through our new diploma in police management, trainees can now major in community policing, there is a human rights component to the course and the approach is more universal. This will put us in an ideal position to spread our training"

"Crucial to the whole process is the fact that there is a changed accountability and we have to adjust," says Dermot

"Police are now accountable and responsible to the community — not their superior officers. This is something they have to get used to. The community now has power over police officers and they must respect this. Openness and flexibility have to be the hallmarks of police work now," he adds

Major changes

"Serious changes have to be made" for example, a constable is expected to be able intervene in a marriage dispute, comfort a rape victim and afterwards be able to arrest a suspect. His training needs to take into account all of these aspects of his duties

Community policing means he is no more required to simply know the rules, kick doors in and throw handcuffs on a suspect — a more sensitive and people-friendly force is what is needed now, adds Moore

He believes that the police has to be demilitarised to transform it to a community police service. Slowly this is happening — at the police training academy, uniforms are not worn and trainees call each other by their first names. The informal atmosphere, it is hoped, will help foster better relationships. But Moore points out that complete demilitarisation is not necessarily the answer, as violence and crime rates are still high and police need to be able to cope with that.

"Some say that it is not yet possible for a Bobby-on-the-beat system, where police are unarmed. All of these considerations have to be looked at," says Moore. Moore sees the next three years as crucial

The priority would be to take corrective action, he says. This includes new staff appoint-



New police recruits can look forward to a revamped programme at Tech SA.

ments and strengthening the management and academic components of the team

Already the post of director has been advertised, as the previous director was sharply criticised by Brogden. In addition to that, "our own observations" resulted in the man's removal from the post, as he was found to be inappropriate for the job, says Moore. Several other cases are being looked at in relation to the Brogden report, he adds. Eighteen new staff are expected to be employed, a 40 percent increase in quota

Wide consultations

Moore says the next step would be wide consultations on how to change things around, like looking at course content. Consultations with overseas academics are being done in this regard, he said

Technikon SA's relationship with other technikons also needs to be looked at — some have already indicated an interest in running the police courses and complementary work will be looked at

Short courses, where necessary, may be introduced. These would help in the reorientation of the existing 120 000 members of the force.

Moore has confidence in the department's staff, saying, "They are committed to changing and developing new techniques. We know we have to change and the utmost is being done in this regard"

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Pay up, Mac

ABOUT 100 police members marched to regional parliament this week to demand better wages and working conditions

Members of the 45 000-strong South African Police Union handed a petition to minister of police Mr Patrick MacKenzie demanding

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- A 40 percent salary increase for lower paid staff
 - Payment of overtime to detectives and other staff
 - Eradicating sexual discrimination in the force
 - Maintaining the mandatory death penalty for police killers
 - That racist commanders in rural areas be retired

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and certainly no funds to pay what people with those skills would demand

For example, the draft policy document envisages a redirection of training programmes towards interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills so that most police duties can be carried out without resorting to force (251)

"The police service should be known for the conflict resolution skills of its members rather than for being 'trigger-happy' Members of the service should have a range of skills for use in resolving all types of conflicts. Of these, force should be among the least used"

It is well known that conflict resolution skills are among the most difficult to learn and master. With the SAPS having to deal with an increasingly violent crime wave — much of it directed at the police — there seems little hope that negotiation alone will turn the tide

The document accepts that the RDP will help stabilise crime-racked communities but appears to believe that a change of policing style will have an even more significant effect

It acknowledges that improving the quality of service means improving service conditions and reducing the massive gap in pay scales between senior and junior ranks, but within budgetary constraints

This comment raises an aspect of the unacceptable conditions under which many police personnel now work. It was highlighted by Mufamadi in a recent written reply to a question by DP MP Douglas Gibson on pay scales

He disclosed that a police constable starts work on a salary of R900 a month, rising to R2 052 with service. Other scales are: A lance-sergeant R1 748-R2 679, sergeant R2 366-R3 253, warrant officer R2 888-R5 226, lieutenant R3 410-R4 503, captain R4 035-R5 226, major R4 848-R6 034, lieutenant-colonel R5 603-R7 640, and a colonel R6 759-R8 918



Mufamadi a question of funding for better skills

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The top four ranks are on fixed salaries. A brigadier earns R10 534 a month, a major-general R12 383, a lieutenant-general R15 286 and a general (who is chief of the SAPS and on the same scale as a departmental director-general) R22 232

Salaries for the top four ranks increased by between 14,6% and 19% at the end of last year while those for ranks from lance-sergeant to major increased in April this year by only 3,4%. The salaries of lieutenant-colonels and colonels were raised by 10%. Constables were given a 5% increase in July

Mufamadi could not say when police salaries would next be increased or by what percentage (251)

Salaries of all public servants are being investigated by the Public Service Commission. The SAPS has made representations to the commission on a proposed new salary structure for the police ■

POLICE Fm 2/12/94 **Paying the piper**

Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi's plan to transform the Police Service into a well-trained and equipped force in tune with the needs of the community is likely to falter unless morale and service conditions are improved urgently

The latest blow to SAPS hopes of a better deal was the recent suggestion by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki that reports of a rapidly escalating crime rate could simply be an attempt by police generals to secure a bigger slice of the Budget (251)

After a meeting with the generals last week, Mbeki effectively backed down and conceded the seriousness of the situation. But the harm had been done and morale further undermined

There is no doubt that the generals want additional funds to deal with the undeniably critical crime situation. At some stage Mbeki and other doubters in government will be forced to face the reality

Meanwhile, Mufamadi's draft policy document on SAPS restructuring paints a glowing picture of the sort of police force all countries wish for but few achieve

The level of skill and professionalism he seems to expect for his force is arguably unattainable simply because there are insufficient qualified people to fill the posts

Shirley Gunn

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□ Sequel to Khotso House bombing

CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

ACTIVIST Shirley Gunn is set to turn the tables on former law and order minister Adriaan Vlok, who once linked her to the 1988 bombing of Khotso House, headquarters of the SA Council of Churches

Mr Vlok said at the time Ms Gunn was one of three "suspects" being sought in connection with the bombing, in which 18 people were injured and damage of more than R1 million was caused.

Mr Vlok's allegations were widely rejected by organisations including the SA Council of Churches and Congress of SA Trade Unions.

No charges in regard to the bombing were ever brought against Ms Gunn.

In 1990, the African National Congress demanded a public retraction from Mr Vlok of the allegation of involvement with the bombing

Newspaper reports in the past week have disclosed that affidavits claim police themselves carried out the sabotage, and among those alleged to have congratulated the bombers was Mr Vlok

Ms Gunn's lawyer, Essa Moosa, said she was considering civil action and criminal charges, possibly including defamation and defeating the ends of justice

It was possible the State and Mr



Adriaan Vlok



Shirley Gunn

Vlok would be named in legal action.

Mr Moosa said Ms Gunn had been detained even though Mr Vlok allegedly had been aware she could not have had anything to do with the bombing.

"She was not involved, and yet she was detained and has also said she was tortured"

Documentation, including affidavits about Mr Vlok's involvement and press cuttings about his allegations, was being compiled.

Ms Gunn, a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe who grew up in Cape Town, rose to prominence in 1984 as an organiser for the Clothing Workers Union.

She was detained for 112 days in 1985.

Public sympathy was aroused when she was detained for two months in 1990 and her infant son was held with her

Police force 'too small'

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE police force is too small, according to the vast majority of whites, coloureds and Asians interviewed in a Cape Times/Omnichek survey

The nation-wide survey commissioned several months ago through the research surveys division, involved 800 face-to-face interviews in the country's major urban areas

Of those who agreed that the South African Police Services was "too small," 63% and 69% of respondents were white

women and men, respectively, and 33% and 38% black women and men, respectively

Coloured/Asians (put together for survey purposes) who also felt the force needed enlarging comprised 66% women and 70% men

Asked if they felt they could rely on the police to protect them, 61% of white women said yes (53% of white men)

This figure for black women,

Whites

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pletely eliminated" in the police force. However, this figure for other race groups of both sexes hovered around 10%

Reasons for the large numbers of policemen being murdered varied markedly according to race with 45% of white men saying the killings were politically motivated and 31% of black men saying it was straight gun theft

White women were most satisfied with response rates by police (25%), nearly three times more so than their black

counterparts (nine percent)

The group most dissatisfied with police response times, however, turned out to be coloured/Asian men at 22%

The most negative perception of corruption levels within the police came from coloured/Asian men — 36% felt it was "very widespread"

This percentage for black men stood at 33 and for white men 20

men, and coloured/Asians of both sexes stood at 38%, 39% and 33% respectively

Twice as many whites believe racism has been eliminated in the police force as do other race groups — while the greatest "faith in the force" is held by white women

It showed that 23% and 19% of white women and men respectively felt racism had been "com-

1 800 police recruited

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PRETORIA — The first recruits for the country's new police force will begin training in January, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday

The 1 800 recruits had been selected from 150 000 applicants "by a multi-agency screening team" according to new criteria drawn up with the help of international police officers

The new recruit group is representative of the population and in-

cludes a higher proportion of women than were recruited in the past

The training course has been extended from six months to one year with an emphasis on community policing and human rights

More than half of the training will be of a practical nature

Only successful applicants had been sent letters by recruitment officers. Those who had not heard from them should assume their applications were unsuccessful — Sapa

Heated row over police conditions

By CHRIS BATEMAN

HEATED debate and frayed tempers marked a DP motion in the provincial legislature yesterday which alleged that police had been so "demoralised and mismanaged" that their ability to combat crime and violence had been undermined.

NP MPC Mr Cecil Herandien was ordered to withdraw a reference to Mr Cameron Dugmore, the only white ANC member, as "Cremora" Dugmore.

Police Services Minister Mr. Patrick McKenzie accused the ANC of creating a "culture of chasing police out of the townships", and Mr Johnny Issel threw back "Yes, we did."

Mr McKenzie: "He's just admitted it... the culture of throwing petrol bombs at police members' homes and intimidation is the ANC's."

'No-confidence'

Ms Tasneed Essop interjected "What about police shooting children in the townships? Our culture was based on your culture."

Mr McKenzie, replying to Mr Issel's allegation that the police services were run by a "clique of generals", said Mr Issel had effectively put a vote of no-confidence in his own national police minister

Mr. Herandien had to withdraw a second remark when the ANC took exception to his reference to the national police minister as "Mr Mofi-madi"

Expanding on his motion, DP provincial leader Mr Hennie Bester asked for "radical steps" to redeem a situation that had led to a police suicide rate three times the national average.

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Police start new syllabus

PRETORIA — The first recruits for SA's new police force would begin training next month, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday

The 1 800 recruits had been selected from 150 000 applicants "by a multi-agency screening team" according to new criteria drawn up with the help of international policemen

"The new recruit group is representative of the population and includes a higher proportion of women than the police services have recruited in the past

"They will be the first trainees to undergo the new basic training, which has been extended from six months to one year.

"The emphasis of the training will be on community policing and human rights"

The training would commence at Pretoria and Hammanskraal on January

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Police in T'kei 'running amok'

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BISHO — Policing in the former Transkei had virtually collapsed, with police running amok, arming criminals and benefiting from crime, the provincial legislature was told yesterday

Mr Mzimasi Mangotywa, chairman of the Select Committee on Safety and Security, said police could not guarantee people's safety in the Eastern Cape

There were conflicts between junior staff and their seniors, because of differences about salaries and promotions

There were also conflicts between the police and communities reminiscent of the situation under apartheid

"Relations are characterised by the torture of innocent civilians, harassment and victimisation of activists and the degradation of old and young"

Mr Themba Manyosi (ANC) said communities in Transkei had accused the police of siding against them, rather than protecting them

Police were arming communities to steal stock, and were sharing in the proceeds of crime

People had been killed by stock-thieves

"Sometimes an investigator, if he is honest, will either be transferred or die mysteriously," he said — Sapa

Police promotions may be reversed

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA — Hundreds of white police officers who had benefited from "rapid promotions" before the April election could have their promotions reviewed or even reversed

Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday there were suggestions of irregular promotions in the police before the election

Those who benefited were likely to have their promotions reviewed by a commission to be appointed by President Nelson Mandela under the Constitution, the minister said in a statement.

"This commission will have the power to reverse, alter or confirm the promotion," he said

Mr Mufamadi also announced that the promotion of 11 441 policemen between the rank of constable and brigadier — withheld since April for finalisation and approval — had been approved by him

This included 7 114 black, coloured and Indian non-commissioned officers, 2 554 white non commissioned officers, 605 black commissioned officers and 1 168 white commissioned officers

His decision to approve the promotions followed consultations with the nine provincial ministers responsible for safety and security as well as the leadership of the police unions, Mr Mufamadi said

He said the issue of promotions was fraught with complications as a result of what the SA Police Service had inherited from the past. In the absence of the new Police Act, 11 different promotion policies existed

"Many black members and women were discriminated against and were not given the opportunity to advance themselves," the minister said

Phases

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His ministry had adopted a phased approach towards promotion to ensure that those disadvantaged in the past would benefit from corrective steps

Phase one was the scrupulousness of promotions before August 30 Phase two dealt with promotions after September 1, under new policies Phase three would come into effect with a new Police Act at the end of next year

Vlakplaas commander 'used police facilities for self-enrichment'

FORMER Vlakplaas police unit commander Col Eugene de Kock used police vehicles to smuggle and sell white maize despite a Maize Board prohibition, two former policemen in a witness protection programme have claimed.

De Kock is facing more than 100 charges including murder, fraud and kidnapping. According to statements made by two former police officers and leaked to the media, De Kock and several others — some were also Vlakplaas police unit members — used police vehicles to smuggle white maize from Harismith to the Rand and Pretoria in state-owned vehicles, including a seven-ton truck.

"The (smuggling) activities were merely for profit and continued for about six months," one of the witnesses stated.

At the time, the sale of pure white maize products was prohibited in the national interest because of drought and a severe shortage of the product. Only mixed maize products were permitted on the shelves.

De Kock also used policemen under his command for "self-enrichment purposes" when he was paid for training Inkatha members at the Umfolozi Game Reserve during 1993, they said. The Vlakplaas members did all the training and De Kock visited the training site only once during the course

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"I was very unhappy about this incident, because it was clear to me that De Kock was once again using (police) members for his own enrichment," the witness said.

In another development, sources said yesterday the Transvaal attorney-general was set to add a host of criminal charges to the indictment already served on De Kock.

Deputy Attorney-General Anton Ackermann said the investigation against De Kock had been continuing despite the fact that the indictment had been served on him on October 5.

At an unsuccessful bail application shortly after his arrest on May 4, legal counsel representing De Kock objected to his detention while the investigating team completed its work.

"It is not impossible that additional charges could be added to his indictment before his Transvaal Supreme Court trial starts on February 20 1995," Ackermann said. He would not comment further.

Ackermann was reacting to allegations against De Kock and other Vlakplaas CI unit members contained in sworn statements made by two former policemen in a witness protection programme in Europe. The statements alleged that De

Kock and others were implicated in at least seven other murders, the bombing of buildings, supplying weapons and explosives to fuel township violence and involvement in a failed coup attempt in Transkei. Several high-ranking police officers, including generals, had been aware of these activities, the statements said.

The witnesses described in detail how the Inkatha Freedom Party had allegedly been supplied by certain Vlakplaas members, from June 1990 to end-1992, with ammunition and weapons. A former Vlak-

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plaas policeman, who joined Absa as a security officer after his resignation from the force, had acted as a middleman between the suppliers and receivers of the weaponry, they claimed.

On several occasions, weapons which could not be handed over immediately to Inkatha officials had been hidden in the Absa Towers building in Johannesburg. The Absa employee (suspended from the bank when the Goldstone commission made allegations about his involvement)

and several Inkatha office-bearers had been registered as police informers and had received regular payments and official police vehicles, they alleged.

De Kock made it clear that the weapons had to be handed out at hostels under the strict control of (Zulu) indunas and only to bona fide Inkatha members, one witness stated. The weapons were not meant to be used against defence force or SA Police members, or in train violence.

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Police generals to be axed

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NEW LAW Old promotions to be

reviewed by another commission:

AT LEAST 11 POLICE GENERALS face the axe when the general staff for the new South African Police Service is appointed next year. Informed police sources confirmed that the appointment of the Big 40, as the new general staff will be known, is scheduled to be announced by the end of March.

However, this will see radical changes with the present ratio of white and black generals differing vastly from what is envisaged. The current ratio of the present

51-member general staff is 50 whites to one black, this is expected to change to 24 black, 4 Indian, 4 coloured and 8 white generals by the year 2000. Current police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe is widely tipped to be appointed as the new and last white police commissioner in January and he may be assisted by three deputies.

The possibility that one of these appointments may be a civilian appointment has not been excluded. Temporary legislation is pending for the interim appointment of the national commissioner and his nine regional commissioners. The general staff currently consists of 51 generals, including staff who served with the 10 other police services in independent and self-governing territories.

Regarding SAPS promotions, Safety

and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi yesterday said his ministry had adopted a three-phased approach to do justice to those entitled for promotion in line with its new promotion system.

The International Training Committee in its newly completed policy document on SAPS training recommended a credit system making provision for salary increments based on skill acquisition and experience and not purely through promotion.

● Mufamadi also announced that officers who had benefited from irregular or rapid promotions before the April elections were likely to have their ranks reviewed, reports Sappz.

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Salary increases will help lift morale

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WESTERN Cape police on lower pay scales will be given bigger increases than their high-ranking colleagues, if regional Police Minister Patrick McKenzie has his way.

Mr McKenzie said a "sliding scale" of salary increases would produce a fairer distribution of salary funds at a time when the morale of cash-strapped, overworked police needed boosting.

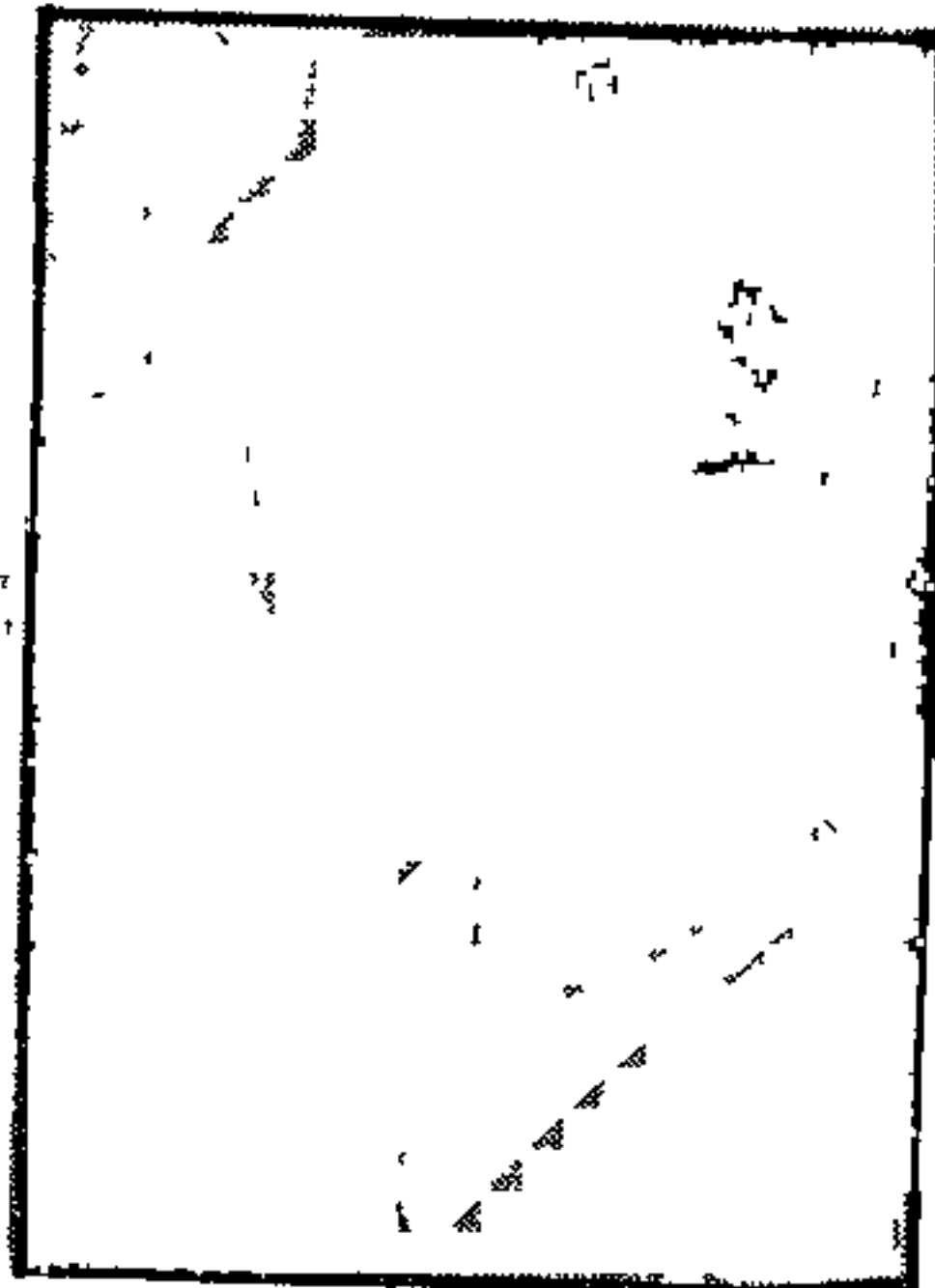
"A 30-percent increase for a young constable will make a substantial difference to his take-home money and probably still be less than a 10 percent increase in a general's salary," said Mr McKenzie.

"We need to create a higher morale among members.

"I think rewarding policemen and women, the service's most valuable asset, would be a logical departure point.

"The members on beat are our first contact with the community. They carry out our image but being underpaid we can expect higher stress levels and poor performance to match.

"I'm confident that the forthcoming police budget would



Patrick McKenzie

change for the better and that the police, the cornerstone of a socially stable community, would enjoy a bigger slice of the budget cake."

The Provincial Change Team — introduced to encourage positive change in the police — would identify "alternative sources" of money other than the budget to enhance working conditions in the service and help create more effective policing.

Mr McKenzie supported a drive for funds generated locally to remain in provincial coffers.

He said the issue of locally generated funds being absorbed into the national police budget, was being addressed at ministerial level.

He called for an independent financial management system in each province.

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Setting the pace in Western Cape

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POLICE in the Western Cape have earned national and international acclaim for their role in positive change after the successful creation of a Provincial Change Team (PCT) to promote the cause

Patrick McKenzie, regional Minister of Police, said the national police ministry had praised the service in the Western Cape and described the Cape as "well ahead" in the new South Africa.

Mr. McKenzie added the PCT, which served to initiate projects and encourage positive change in the Police Service, had also prompted praise from police forces abroad

"It was heartwarming to hear from overseas police that our province was fast becoming the best service in the world and that they would like to learn from us," said Mr McKenzie

He said the team was to follow two "core philosophies" — affirmative action and community policing, which would

be monitored through a management strategy

"The thrusts include re-engineering of the service in fields such as rationalisation, legislation and staff appointments, among others

"One of the other important thrusts is in the area of finance and the identification of alternative and external monetary sources.

"We also initiated a project thrust to become involved in the Olympic Bid programme from its infant stages

"It's imperative to promote our cause in a professional and effective manner and that is why I have appointed Dr Ria Hugo-Burrows as the convenor of the communications and marketing thrust with my police liaison chief Colonel Raymond Dowd in charge of internal and external communication of the PCT"

He said police in the Western Cape were seen as "trend-setters"

Members and outsiders with suggestions have been asked to call Colonel Dowd at 462-2860, fax 462-2864

Mufamadi reassures police

PIETERSBURG — Integrating the national police force and removing all forms of discrimination within its ranks was receiving top-level attention, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi said at a police rally here yesterday.

The government had inherited 11 police forces from the apartheid era and there were serious disparities which had to be corrected immediately, he said.

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Of the 50 generals in the South African Police only three were black and none was a woman.

"There is a vast difference between the earnings of a policeman in Umtata and his counterpart in Gazankulu, yet they are both doing exactly the same job."

Mr Mufamadi said members of the future command structure would not necessarily be drawn only from the ranks of the generals and women would be consid-

ered for the highest posts

It was scandalous what some low-ranking policemen were being paid. However, they had no reason for undue concern because the matter was receiving urgent attention.

Referring to disparities between politicians' salaries and the earnings of members of the civil service, Mr Mufamadi said investigations into the matter would be accelerated. — Sapa

NEWS Seven members of the union's N TVI region among those held

70 Popcorn protesters arrested

By McKeed Kotlolo

COLLEAGUES CHARGED

Demo at police headquarters:

AT LEAST 70 protesting members of the Northern Transvaal region of Popcorn, including seven executive members, were arrested outside police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday.

Pretoria police liaison officer Colonel Andrew Lesch confirmed the arrests, saying the 70 police and correctional services employees would face charges of illegal gathering and carrying firearms in public during a demonstration.

He said they disrupted free traffic flow and threatened to stage a sit-in at the Central Police Station at about 7am.

Charges against the majority of the accused followed their refusal to take transfers to other areas. Minyuku said the union members had not appeared before any departmental inquiry.

According to Lesch, all departmental cases were at present heard by highly trained officers stationed at various magistrates' courts.

Lesch denied allegations by Minyuku that some of their members were assaulted during the arrest.

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Court moves 'overprivileged' De Kock from police cell to prison

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PRETORIA — The Transvaal Supreme Court moved Col Eugene de Kock to Pretoria Central Prison yesterday after it came to light that the former Vlakplaas commander had too many privileges and too little security at the Adriaan Vlok police station cells in Verwoerdburg.

Since July, De Kock had made cellular telephone calls worth more than R10 000 from his cell — one to transfer almost R1m from his Swiss bank account to an institution in Portugal, where his wife and children were believed to be living.

The court heard that De Kock — facing 106 criminal charges, including murder and kidnapping, relating to Third Force activities — also had alcohol, a colour television set, a video recorder, an M-Net decoder and a steak knife when a special investigation team inspected his cell on December 8. He had been having drinks with visitors in his unlocked cell.

De Kock, who had an alarm installed in his cell after someone tried to enter it one night, had also been taken on outings, once to the Verwoerdburg Rugby Club.

The former policeman was arrested on May 4. The courts twice refused him bail pending his trial on February 20 on the grounds that he was unlikely to stand trial and would interfere with State witnesses. He was held in Verwoerdburg to give him easier access to legal representatives.

According to an affidavit submitted to court by Transvaal Deputy Attorney-General Antonette de Jager yesterday, De Kock used his cellular telephone to contact a journalist at the Weekly Mail & Guardian newspaper 26 times, trying to have information published that would discredit

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members of the team appointed to investigate his alleged crimes. He also contacted a State witness and made regular calls to SA Police Service members.

Documents before court showed that between July and October, De Kock had paid R7 034,50 for cellular calls. Another R3 255,59 had yet to be paid.

De Kock, in his answering affidavit, said the phone was not in his possession throughout that period, so he was not responsible for the full amount.

De Jager said the conditions under which De Kock had been detained could easily give the former policeman the opportunity to escape.

"Attempts had been made to limit the possibility of escape and interference with State witnesses by keeping him in detention. This objective was, however, being defied by the fact that the accused was receiving unprecedented privileges under police protection and was abusing the privileges granted to him for humanitarian reasons," De Jager said.

De Kock's legal team did not oppose the application to move him to Pretoria Central Prison.

Popcru says prisons could face strikes



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Staff Reporter

THE Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) yesterday warned that local prisons could face worker strikes if their grievances were not addressed.

A spokesman for the Pollsmoor branch of Popcru said members were drafting a letter to the Minister of Correctional Services, Mr Sipho Mzimela, to draw to his attention to their complaints, which included the 80% dominance of whites in positions of authority, Mr Mzimela's apparent lack of commitment towards creating sound labour relations and no affirmative action plan being visible