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Probe into Revenue

'corruption'

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

A senior Justice Department official is to begin investigations into alleged corruption and maladministration in Cape Town's Department of Inland Revenue's (DIR) office.

Allegations of corruption among officials in the Cape Town office came to light when Trevor Foster, a department deputy director and head of a special investigations team of the DIR, launched a court action against the Finance Department last year.

Mr Foster was awarded an undisclosed settlement after claiming the department had blocked his promotion after he exposed corruption.

He has since resigned.

213 Peninsula rapes last month

Staff Reporter

MORE than 200 women were raped in the Peninsula last month.

According to police statistics, the number of women raped in December rose to 213 — an increase of 11 over the same period in 1990.

The statistics, compiled by police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaier, cover the four Peninsula police districts — Cape Town, Wynberg, Athlone and Bellville.

The statistics also show a drop in the number of murders in the Athlone district.

There was a big increase in burglaries in Cape Town and Bellville, but the number of break-ins dropped in Wynberg and Athlone.

The report showed that:

- Rapes in Cape Town district increased from 19 to 26, in Athlone from 96 to 101 and in Bellville from 55 to 65; and decreased in Wynberg from 30 to 21.
- Murders in Wynberg rose from 11 to 21, in Cape Town from 14 to 18, and from 44 to 45 in Bellville; but decreased from 50 to 14 in Athlone.

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- Burglaries in Cape Town increased to 257 from 222, in Bellville from 166 to 181; and dropped by 115 to 276 in Wynberg and declined in Athlone from 22 to 17.

The house break-in statistics were only for "white" homes.

- Robberies rose by 42 to 170 in Athlone and by 12 to 143 in Bellville, but declined in Cape Town from nine to 24 and from 50 to 33 in Wynberg.
- Shoplifting offences in Cape Town increased from 117 to 132, in Wynberg from 91 to 101, in Bellville from 117 to 129; and decreased in Athlone from 60 to 49.

March against Gangsterism

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Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of Manenberg residents took to the streets yesterday afternoon to march for peace and to call for an end to gangsterism and violence in the crime-infested suburb.

With placards bearing "I don't want to grow up with violence" and "Stop gangsterism!", hundreds of residents, together with local religious leaders, members of the ANC, and the Manenberg Civic Association, marched together through the suburb, calling for peace.

The march was the product of

last Wednesday's truce between the Jesters and the Hard Livings gangs, whose leaders "shook hands" in front of 600 residents and pledged to bury the hatchet.

Community activists warned, however, that the fragile accord between the Jesters and the Hard Livings could be in danger after police shot and fatally wounded a gang member at the weekend.

Mr John Wagenaar, 27, was shot on Friday night. He died in hospital early on Saturday.

Commenting on the shooting of Mr Wagenaar, local police spokesman Colonel Tony Dewhurst said yesterday an inquest had been opened into his death, and the matter was "sub judice".

He said two reservists had been involved in the shooting, and invited any witnesses to come forward with evidence.

High-density Manenberg has gained notoriety over the years as the Cape Flats area with the most crime and where mandrax is freely available. Open territorial disputes between various gangs have also had residents living in fear.

After the two-kilometre march, Manenberg Civic Association chairman Ms. Faldie de Vries said the community's peace efforts would not end with the march but would intensify until peace was restored and gangsterism was wiped out.



CALL FOR PEACE ... Hundreds of Manenberg residents took to the streets yesterday in a march for peace and to call for an end to gangsterism and violence in the crime-infested suburb. A contingent of police monitored the march, which ended peacefully.

Picture: HAROLD KING

PE police hit out at anti-crime units

CIPRES 26/11/92
POLICE in Port Elizabeth have come out strongly against community-based anti-crime units, saying they disapprove of individuals or groups in the community taking the law into their own hands.

The police were reacting to recently-reported initiatives by the ANC, PAC and the Port Elizabeth Peoples' Civic

Organisation (Peppo) to establish anti-crime units to combat rising levels of crime in the city's townships. (35)

Peppo has already established a number of functioning "anti-crime" units - linked to street committees - in a bid to stem the wave of crime sweeping areas like Kwazakhele and New Brighton. - Pen

“WHEN I KILL someone in revenge, I feel great. Just for that time I feel very happy but when I think about it afterwards I start regretting it and I think it is wrong — but at the time it is very different. “When I am looking for revenge I get very angry. There is nothing else in my mind, except the need to kill.” These are the words of a member of the Jester Kids speaking from his gang’s headquarters. Gang members do not want their names to be used when they speak to the press. They claim what they say could easily become their deathwish.

The Jesters have recently declared a truce with their main rivals, the Hard Livings.

Although Manenberg residents are sceptical, the Jesters are confident the truce will last.

Let there be peace, say rivals

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“We certainly do not want gang warfare to flare up again. I believe it will last, we have to think positively about it,” the Jester Kid said.

“It has been very difficult. But once we met to discuss peace, it became a very emotional thing as we had been fighting each other for so long.

“We see one another as friends now but we are always cautious.”

The gang members refused to say how the conflict started as they were anxious that this might create further tension between the two “families”.

There are positive signs that gang wars between the Jesters and the Hard Livings may end. Yet there are a host

of other issues that have to be resolved first.

In this township there are up to 143 gangs.

Residents say that in every street there are two to three drug dealers who each look to a gang for the protection of their territory.

It is also common knowledge in Manenberg that police are bribed to keep out of the drug dealing.

In an internal memorandum last year, police admitted that corruption is a problem in the Athlone district.

“The cops are the only ones who get rich from the gang warfare. Often it gets to the point where two rival

gangs pay money to the same policemen for their protection,” a gang leader said.

“They get to the scene of a battle five minutes after it has ended and always bring an ambulance — knowing there will be deaths and injuries,” a resident alleged.

“They say that they are short of staff but when there is a political meeting we see them out in full force.

“Another reason why the police do not get involved is that they believe that their job is made easier if gangs wipe one another out.

“When gangsters are sentenced, they get away with light sentences. Often

Let there be peace, say rivals

a murderer can be out on the streets after serving three years,” the resident said.

The root of the problem though lies in the inadequate socio-economic conditions of Manenberg, according to residents.

With unemployment rife in the area, the legacy of apartheid still grips the township. With no jobs, no sport or recreational facilities available — youths are driven to join gangs in the hope of gaining respect and money.

Police spokesperson Captain Hendrik Opperman said: “There is an internal investigation on the way looking into allegations of police corruption in the Athlone district. Before the findings of this investigation are made known, we are not in a position to comment.”

SPEAKING face to face with the Jester Kids is like being in a mafia movie. I am in their territory with one of their leaders when a BMW pulls up, carrying four members of the "family", all wearing hats, sunglasses and impeccably dressed.

After a brief discussion they are satisfied I am not from "Jump Street" — a police unit — and agree to being interviewed, on two conditions: no names and no photographs.

The following is the story of one of their members, whom I have called David.

David has been a member of the Jesters for 18 years. He joined when he was 12 and has since been stabbed in the neck, shot in the wrist and been in prison twice, once for murder. He completed matric in prison.

He has a quiet aura of dignity, and the only telltale signs of his tumultuous past are his scars and his shaking hands.

He is currently studying Business Management and hopes to write a book on his experiences in gangs and prisons.

Gangs are a source of support and security

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"There were many reasons why I joined — there were problems at home. There was no love in my family and I looked to my friends for that support and security," David says.

"There is a lot more security if you are in a gang. Another factor was poverty.

"We are not gangsters, we are a family. We are business people where everybody has a say in what we do but it is also a process of building a family.

"There are good guys and there are bad guys, but whatever happens, we stick together.

"A lot of us love our friends and find more security with them than our parents."

David's first experience with gangsters was when he was five years old and living in District Six.

He remembers his mother grabbing him and fleeing from a chasing mob.

"At that stage I developed a sense of hate for gangsterism but when we were moved to Manenberg we fought a war with the Stalags and I got stabbed in the neck," he says.

"By the age of 15 I was made to be evil and very bitter. I shot the person who stabbed me in the neck and was imprisoned for three years."

In David's circle of friends, pangas and knives are souvenirs of their youth. Now it is guns that do

their talking when their "business" arrangements are threatened.

David is not willing to say what line of business he was involved in.

"In our case anybody can die — from the day I got involved I accepted that anything could happen to me, I know that I can die at any time," he says.

"When you are fighting it is a test of your brain. You have to be very careful and be able to move very quickly.

"It is a personal matter and no two people feel the same way — for me it is one big combination of being embarrassed, scared, brave and aggressive."

When at war with another gang David can go for long periods without sleep and explains that they operate similarly to an army — being constantly alert and taking turns to keep watch while others try to catch a few hours sleep.

For David, like many of his kind, years of gang warfare have taken their toll and, at 30, he is looking for a more peaceful life through his writings.

The code is broken, the battle begins

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South 2/11 - 5/2/92

In battle-hardened Manenberg where murders occur daily, a gang skirmish in which no one dies would be classed as a light scuffle. **QUENTIN WILSON** uncovered a world where killings, drugs and police corruption are the unwritten laws which govern Manenberg:

TODDLERS ARE scooped off the streets and taken indoors. Parked cars start up and hurriedly leave. Flat windows are filled with spectators while the bold venture outside for a ringside spot

It is the middle of a Friday afternoon, I'm in Playboy territory and the Americans have crossed their turf. For the two Manenberg gangs, the unwritten code has been broken — preparations for a street battle have begun.

At one end of the street, the Americans taunt. Pangas are twirled and knives are flaunted while the odd half brick is thrown at the Playboys who stand their ground 50m away.

The Playboys casually sidestep oncoming missiles. Keeping their eyes on the "enemy", they fling a couple of half bricks back in retaliation.

As the excitement grows among the watching crowd, the gangsters warm up by exercising their arms and fetching dustbin lids to use as shields.

A Playboy throws a brick at the kerb. He picks up the larger of the two fragments, but the piece is still not the right size; he throws it again. This time he is happy.

For 10 minutes nothing happens. Then a Playboy storms the American camp hurling bricks. His "family" covers him and they succeed in driving the Americans back.

But the Americans are not quelled. One of their members strolls menacingly toward the Playboy pack. The shower of rocks does not bother him. Waving his panga he edges closer, causing his opponents to threaten him with abuse.

Finally the Playboys decide to punish him for his cheek. A group charges him and fires a salvo of half bricks from point blank range.

The Americans rush to support him, hoping to drive away their opponents. Instead they are forced to retreat, dragging their injured frontliner with them.

The Playboys have reclaimed their territory.



GANGLAND: Graffiti marks out the turf of the more than 143 gangs in Manenberg

PIG: YUNUS MOHAMED

South African Police with a view to keep awaiting-trial juveniles out of prison.

Civil claims against SAP

89. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many civil claims were instituted against the South African Police in 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991, respectively;
- (2) in respect of each such year, (a) (i) how many such claims were settled out of court and (ii) at what cost to the State and (b) what total amount in damages was awarded against the Police by the courts?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	1988	1989	1990	1991
(1)	3 903	3 768	5 456	4 791
(2) (a) (i)	360	277	229	231
(ii)	R699 594,86	R686 135,78	R611 132,48	R107 304,69
(b)	R209 995,74	R182 422,28	R845 317,67	R847 209,91

Labour disputes/work stoppages/strikes: SAP called

93. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

In how many instances were the South African Police called to the scene of (a) labour disputes, (b) work stoppages and (c) strikes in 1991?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) 287.
- (b) 113.
- (c) 523.

Pinetown police district: crime statistics

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Pinetown Police district of the Natal Region in 1991?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Bellair	1	12	27	150	5	21	59	27	83	322
Hillcrest	47	20	34	178	43	148	158	66	150	828
Kwa-Dabeka	65	15	187	137	74	117	92	—	117	285
Malvern	17	15	73	267	15	77	151	22	140	629
Mayville	13	12	23	200	25	72	288	17	152	542
Pinetown-West	64	23	251	236	85	366	151	5	290	636
Westville	8	11	27	106	10	74	84	54	102	635

Note:

- (gi) — vehicles
(gii) — bicycles

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Durban South police district: crime statistics

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Durban South Police district of the Natal Region in 1991?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Amazimtoti	51	57	57	220	33	194	360	76	163	656
Brighton Beach	36	14	73	302	25	166	251	49	161	602
Louis Botha Airport	—	—	—	6	—	—	29	—	12	2
Montclair	55	32	98	256	51	323	167	16	148	365
Wentworth	19	11	207	689	24	128	103	11	370	234
Lamontville	41	16	73	185	58	182	12	7	79	128

Note:

- (gi) — vehicles
(gii) — bicycles

Pretoria police district: crime statistics

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

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Pretoria Police district in 1991?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Atteridgeville	29	7	638	991	200	400	115	2	498	337
Brooklyn	4	27	98	341	32	112	961	753	289	2 800
Erasmia	11	5	64	106	16	46	36	16	70	290
Verwoerdburg	7	31	72	164	20	83	396	170	164	1 099
Pta Central	21	37	243	910	53	537	983	67	426	932
Pta West	18	8	99	517	58	121	297	96	314	659
Sunnyside	8	13	33	501	17	55	1 042	134	629	1 140
Wierdabrug	11	14	105	247	38	101	243	173	207	1 286
Laudium	6	2	75	201	23	42	101	—	128	248

Note:

- (gi) — vehicles
(gii) — bicycles

Crime statistics: Cape Town police district

103. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Cape Town police district in 1991?

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(gi)	(gii)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Atlantis.....	22	18	244	607	78	110	48	36	496	730	214
Cape Town.....	19	13	289	399	58	576	763	53	536	1 412	323
Table Bay.....	2	2	113	96	9	37	25	3	67	206	81
Woodstock.....	12	12	105	211	22	253	451	23	182	1 177	430
Camps Bay.....	—	2	19	19	4	7	45	9	33	252	13
Kensington.....	18	4	172	107	14	59	44	14	91	214	53
Maitland.....	9	14	89	131	18	109	100	15	93	438	143
Melkbosstrand.....	1	7	10	12	4	4	5	5	45	3	—
Milnerton.....	14	15	93	119	27	33	94	23	101	659	31
Pinelands.....	6	8	25	61	3	63	105	114	43	563	105
Sea Point.....	9	7	66	152	9	56	359	16	182	1 000	71
Tableview.....	3	17	35	78	9	10	62	16	48	370	21

Note:
(gi) — vehicles
(gii) — bicycles

Crime statistics: Wynberg police district

104. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Wynberg police district in 1991?

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(gi)	(gii)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Claremont.....	9	7	48	137	13	74	551	158	125	1 232	76
Diep River.....	6	14	64	94	7	51	157	81	73	742	38
Hout Bay.....	8	3	110	96	18	44	17	26	51	414	44
Kirstenhof.....	6	2	69	75	7	48	84	67	84	550	144
Mowbray.....	1	11	17	84	7	50	249	34	60	512	34
Muizenberg.....	4	8	143	221	25	85	107	31	130	568	49
Rondebosch.....	2	3	19	54	6	32	210	157	71	621	15
Simons Town.....	3	—	38	59	10	2	12	2	27	119	11
Steenberg.....	31	10	414	530	82	300	136	51	374	764	129
Fish Hoek.....	15	8	109	193	19	40	58	38	142	459	33
Wynberg.....	6	15	59	120	19	104	263	67	89	705	73

Note:
(gi) — vehicles
(gii) — bicycles

Crime statistics: Athlone police district

105. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Athlone police district in 1991?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(gi)	(gii)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Athlone.....	21	22	279	372	46	343	239	49	333	718	172
Bishop Lavis.....	83	57	734	1 074	119	585	108	64	736	901	296
Grassy Park.....	44	29	358	443	84	237	210	50	358	1 205	354
Guguleto.....	144	29	940	484	98	335	120	9	426	429	272
Khayelitsha.....	264	100	741	562	165	507	169	7	330	639	287
Langa.....	48	8	500	255	61	252	57	6	77	294	589
Landsdowne.....	11	8	95	259	38	174	168	39	175	631	72
Manenberg.....	44	21	553	457	68	440	102	27	667	746	389
Mitchells Plain.....	77	28	659	2 406	223	1 048	755	124	1 168	2 496	478
Nyanga.....	149	30	514	177	58	209	64	3	199	208	45
Philippi.....	53	67	317	298	90	355	200	26	249	826	362

Note:
(gi) — vehicles
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Crime in city dropped last year

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Political Staff

CAPE TOWN is fast losing its reputation as the crime capital of the world, after a sharp drop last year in the number of murders and assaults.

But with 31 324 burglaries — over 85 daily — and the theft of 5 933 cars — over 16 daily — crimes against property remain high.

Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Her- nus Kriel, said yesterday there had been 1 044 murders in the Cape Town, Wynberg and Athlone police districts.

This is nearly a third lower than the 1990 figure for the three police districts — 1 505 — which in itself was a

quarter lower than the 1989 figure. This means that the murder-rate in Cape Town has almost halved over the past three years.

Mr. Kriel, who was replying to a question tabled in Parliament by Mr. Colin Eglin (DP, Sea Point), revealed a similar trend in the number of assaults.

In 1990, there were more than 25 000 assaults in the three police districts, but in 1991, this had dropped to 16 480.

Last year, 8 038 assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm and 8 442 common assaults took place in the three police districts — an average of

45 assaults daily.

There were also 599 culpable homicides and 2 518 rapes reported in the Peninsula.

These figures reflect a marked decline in the number of crimes against people.

Crimes against property show a different trend.

Last year, 6 102 robberies, 7 421 cases of damage to property and 17 801 cases of housebreaking took place.

There were also 5 447 cases of drug possession reported.

This trend was reflected in all areas. In one of the high crime areas, Khaye-

litsha, the number of murders dropped from 287 to 264 and the number of assaults reported from more than 2 000 to 1 303.

However, in Mitchells Plain, where 7 620 crimes were committed in 1990, there was no change and 7 462 crimes were committed last year.

In general, wealthier areas were less crime-ridden than poorer areas — no murders took place in Camps Bay and only one each in Mowbray and Melkbosstrand, compared to the 264 in Khayelitsha, 149 in Nyanga, 144 in Guguletu and 77 in Mitchells Plain, Mr. Kriel said.

M'Plain ⁽³⁵⁾ 'worst' ^{CT 28/2/92} for crime

Staff Reporter

MITCHELLS PLAIN continued last year to be the worst place in the Peninsula for crimes against property, according to statistics tabled in parliament this week by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel.

There were 2 496 burglaries and 879 vehicle thefts reported in the area last year, compared with 2 167 and 731 respectively in 1990.

Trailing behind Mitchells Plain last year were Cape Town (1 412), Claremont (1 232) and Grassy Park (1 205).

By contrast, the best area to live in terms of burglaries and vehicle thefts was Simon's Town, with only 119 break-ins and 14 car and cycle thefts.

There were 206 burglaries in Table Bay, 208 in Nyanga and 214 in Kensington.

Table Bay had only 28 vehicle thefts, followed by Hout Bay (43), Camps Bay (54) and Kensington (58).

Western Cape crime prevention head Colonel Quinton Visser said yesterday that most crimes against property occurred during the day, while people were at work and the city was full of cars.

The areas with the highest incidence last year were:

BURGLARIES: Mitchells Plain 2 496, Cape Town 1 412, Claremont 1 232, Grassy Park 1 205, Woodstock 1 177, Sea Point 1 000, Bishop Lavis 901.

CAR/CYCLE THEFTS: Mitchells Plain 879, Cape Town 816, Claremont 709, Woodstock 474, Rondebosch 367, Mowbray 283.

The areas with the lowest figures were:

BURGLARIES: Simon's Town 119, Table Bay 206, Nyanga 208, Kensington 214, Langa 294, Camps Bay 252, Table View 370, Hout Bay 414.

CAR/CYCLE THEFTS: Simon's Town 14, Table Bay 28, Hout Bay 43, Camps Bay 54, Kensington 58, Langa 63, Table View 64, Nyanga 67.

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Woodstock lanes are haven for criminals'

By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

CRIMINALS in Woodstock may find it harder to hide from the long arm of the law if a proposal by a top Cape Town detective is adopted. Detective W/O Al Slabbert, acting head of the SAP Homicide and Robbery Unit at Woodstock police station, has called on local residents to press the city council to seal the maze of alleyways which run behind their houses.

"The lanes and alleyways provide an ideal hiding place for drug dealers, prostitutes, shebeen owners, muggers and vagrants as well as giving thieves an unspoiled view of the homes they intend to rob," he said.

"It is also difficult for policemen to catch criminals who run into the lanes then disappear into the maze of alleyways."

His suggestion has been supported by Mr Alan Dolby, Cape Town's Deputy City Administrator.

"We have long been aware that lanes pose a security



AL SLABBERT
'Close the alleys'

risk and would be only too happy, as a matter of policy, to close them off," he said.

"But some of them provide access for refuse collection

and sewer service and others are necessary thoroughfares."

"But we would be happy to close those lanes and alleyways which serve no practical use."

According to figures released by police there were 123 reports of theft from cars in Woodstock in November last year, 59 in December and 42 in the first two weeks of January.

There were 10 reported housebreakings in the suburb last November, 46 in December and in the first two weeks of this month, 56.

In the same period of time there were 35 muggings in the area.

Det W/O Slabbert said Woodstock police had an average 50 percent rate of success in solving crime and bringing criminals to book in Woodstock which has one of the highest rates of crime in the city area.

"But if the lanes are closed, the rate of crime will drop and our rate of success will be far higher," he predicted.

Rape: Residents burn bush, clash with police

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By GUY OLIVER

HANOVER PARK residents and police clashed last night when residents set fire to a bushy wasteland where a seven-year-old girl was raped at the weekend. Teargas was fired and at least one man arrested during the angry confrontation that lasted for almost four hours.

Residents said they had wanted to make the area safer.

Police spokeswoman Captain Denise Brand said police acted after residents had set fire to the veld bordering Lansdowne Road in the late afternoon.

She said protesters had stoned police and they had retaliated with four rounds of teargas.

A fire brigade team was also stoned while dousing the flames.

The father of the rape victim, who was among the crowd of about 300 residents, said his

As confrontation continued, police in two unmarked police cars and one SAP bakkie arrested a man in the crowd in front of Agulhas Court, in Downberg Road, next to the wasteland, just after 7pm.

Captain Brand said the man was a "troublemaker". He had been charged with public violence, arson, assault on a police officer, damage to police property, resisting arrest and refusing to give his name and address to the police.

But residents claimed last night the man was assaulted at the Phillippi police station, where he has been detained.

Captain Brand said his injuries resulted from his resisting arrest and the police used the "necessary force" to make the arrest.

She said the man was "free to lay a charge" against the police for excessive force.



FIRE ROW ... A policeman and a woman from Hanover Park argue after residents set fire to the wasteland where a girl was raped on Saturday.

daughter's "mind is still snapped".

Residents say they have asked the council many times to clear the wasteland, which has become a haven for rapists, murderers and mug-

gers".

Clutching her four-year-old daughter in her arms, Downberg Road resident Mrs Merle Solomon said: "We want the wasteland cleared to make it safer."



SCUFFLE ... A Hanover Park resident is involved in a scuffle with police after residents set fire to the bushy wasteland in the suburb where a girl was raped. Residents say the wasteland is a haven for criminals.

PICTURES: BENNY GOOL

Focus on ⁽³⁵⁾ city crime, security

CT 7/2/92
POLICE yesterday met representatives of several Cape Town security firms to begin discussions on formulating ways of fighting spiralling crime in the city.

Also present at what was described as a "feelers meeting" initiated by Caledon Square police station commander Lieutenant-Colonel Trevor Vermeulen, were representatives from the Civil Defence Organisation, ambulance services, the Defence Force, the traffic department and the city council's protection services.

Yesterday's meeting follows a news report last week which stated that SA Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe was considering a blueprint which recommends increased private sector and police co-operation to counter crime.

An idea being mooted is that private security firms might be contracted by the police to perform non-crime prevention functions, enabling the police to counter the national crime wave.

'Lost' R80 000 ends SA women projects

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By Rafiq Rohan, in Amsterdam

THE DUTCH Anti-Apartheid Movement (AABN) has lost more than R80 000 after a Cape Town travel agency which owed them the money declared bankruptcy.

The AABN mistakenly paid R89 668 twice to S&S Travel Agency in Athlone, which brought South African women to the Malibongwe Conference

in Amsterdam in January 1990.

And because S&S cannot refund the full amount, the AABN says it has had to "sacrifice" projects for women in South Africa.

The money was transferred to S&S in December 1989 and two weeks later, in error, the same amount was transferred into the accounts of the agency.

The mistake was discovered only in January 1990 and Mr Rashid Banderker, S&S travel manager, was contacted.

"He confirmed the receipt of the double payment and promised to return the money immediately," Ms Hansje Galesloot, treasurer of the Malibongwe Foundation, said.

The money was not returned.

According to Galesloot, Banderker told her he was having problems transferring the money through the Reserve Bank because it wanted the names of the women who had travelled on the tickets. S&S allegedly refused to give the names to the bank.

"At the time," Galesloot said, "we had the feeling that S&S was trying to delay the repayment for as long as possible."

S&S offered to repay the money in terms of air tickets but this offer was rejected by the Malibongwe Foundation.

In September 1990, the matter was handed over to a firm of attorneys to use whatever legal means necessary to retrieve the money.

However, S&S also hired attorneys and chose to defend the claim in court and the matter has dragged on until now with no settlement achieved.

Fraud

In December last year, two executive members of AABN, Mr Peter Hermes and Mr Vincent Vendel, came to Cape Town in a bid to meet the directors of S&S. They had a meeting with Banderker and Mr Abdul Qayyum Sayed.

"They only reacted positively when we threatened to go to the police and lay a charge of theft and fraud," said Vendel. We also threatened to expose them in the press. It was only then that they agreed to a meeting with us, our lawyers and themselves."

An agreement was signed at the meeting whereby S&S would pay amounts of R5 000 at the end of December 1990, in January and February 1991, with the balance to be paid in March.

The payments were met for the first two months, but none were forthcoming for February. It was then that the AABN discovered S&S was bankrupt.

SOUTH attempted to contact Banderker for comment, but was unsuccessful. On Tuesday, a person at the agency, who would only identify himself as "a liquidator", confirmed the business was bankrupt.

"We should have laid the charges of theft and fraud when we were in Cape Town last year," commented Vendel.

"Then at least we could have stood a chance of getting some of our money back."

**Crime shuts
down Perm's**

PE branch

CP Correspondent

PORT Elizabeth pensioners were dealt a major blow this week when the SA Perm branch in New Brighton township was closed down because of armed robberies.

When the pensioners whose money was paid into the branch went to collect their pensions they found a note on the door which read: "This branch will be closed until further notice."

The pensioners have been forced to travel long distances to get their money.

Stolen

An undisclosed amount of money was stolen from the bank at the weekend by six armed men soon after a Fidelity Guards van had delivered money.

Police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Lt Lisbe Vermeulen, said no one had been arrested and police were investigating.

The bank's regional manager, Ayanda Mjekula, said that over the past few years the branch had been increasingly subjected to attempts at forced entry, excessive and costly vandalism to electronic equipment and armed robberies.

"We now find the situation untenable. The safety of not only our clients but also our staff cannot reasonably be guaranteed, as many of the security mechanisms deployed in the Central Business Districts and elsewhere, like Business Watch, do not exist in the New Brighton area," he said.

Bo-Kaap menfolk muster muscle to clean up crime

"WE'VE had enough." This is the message given out by Bo-Kaap residents who, alarmed by rising crime, are to begin a neighbourhood watch.

Following the murder of Mr Waneed Isaacks, who was stabbed outside his parents' home, and the return of an abducted child, residents met and decided to start a night patrol.

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About 200 people supported neighbourhood watch co-ordinators Mr Fakir Sedick and Mr Suleiman Samaai in their called for action. (35)

"We want to try to avoid the build-up of gangs," said Mr Samaai.

He said gangs from outlying areas were giving the Bo-Kaap a bad name, but religious leader Mr A Ahmed said

there were problems on the community's doorstep that needed to be tackled. Among these were drug dealing, muggings, theft and gang fights.

The neighbourhood watch plans to use two-ways radios and an alarm system but until the equipment can be bought, male residents are to patrol in "one big group".



COP ON JOB . . . Colonel Q Visser, new crime prevention chief. Picture: ANNE LAING

Halt^{CF 20/2/92}ing crime his aim³⁵

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape's new commander for crime prevention is a dedicated detective with 28 years experience whose focus is to stamp out crime on trains.

Ex-Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit chief Colonel Quinton Visser is quick to acknowledge that crime in the Peninsula is high and that the police force lacks the necessary manpower to deal effectively with the problem.

The 46-year-old detective, who headed the investigation into the string of murders carried out by the "Station Strangler" some years back, took over the position from Colonel "Poffie" van Eeden, who vacated the post on January 1.

Commenting on his new role, Colonel Visser said his responsibilities were the planning and organising of crime prevention strategies and the co-ordination

of both the Neighbourhood and Business Watches.

"My primary responsibility, however, is crime prevention on Spoornet stations and trains. Even though the trend is slacking off there is still work to be done." With regard to the increasing number of armed robberies, Colonel Visser said he would go all out to encourage more visible policing, especially foot patrols near banks.

Loss of jobs boosts crime

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By DIANA STREAK

AN INCREASE in armed robberies in the Peninsula has been blamed on rising unemployment, a deepening recession and the unrepentant behaviour of the perpetrators.

This type of crime was following a nationwide trend, but fortunately "the curse of the AK 47 hasn't hit us yet" the head of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery unit, Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Knipe, said this week.

Banks and building society were not prime targets — as they were in Johannesburg — largely due to preventative measures which were "paying dividends", he said.

"We've been spared the AK, mostly handguns are used," he said.

The Western Cape's new commander for crime prevention, Colonel Quinton Visser, said the increase in armed robbery was caused by the deteriorating socio-economic situation as more and more people lost their jobs.

Ignore

Hundreds more police were needed for foot patrols and it would be necessary to reshuffle departments to increase "visible police work", he said. A visible police presence would mean fewer opportunities for criminals.

Armed robbers generally operated in gangs and tended to repeat their crimes and some even committed a robbery while out on bail on another similar charge.

"We can't get them tried quickly enough, they're released on bail and rob again," Colonel Knipe said. Most convicted armed robbers had robbed several times before.

"People should be alert and not hesitate to call the police," Colonel Visser urged. He said people didn't want to "get involved" and go to court and so ignored criminal situations.

"The public can be the eyes and ears of the police. Then we will have a chance of stopping this kind of crime," he said.

Colonel Knipe said most armed robbery targets were small businesses which unlike banks could not afford sophisticated security systems. He said shopkeepers, cafes and particularly restaurants were soft targets.

People were often robbed in transit with a large sum of money like a payroll. Colonel Knipe said there was an "element of neglect" among firms who should step up their security awareness. People in the CBD should join a business watch.

Criminal Act used to question FNB workers

B/Pay 12/3/92

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LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — Three First National Bank (FNB) employees were subjected to an inquiry in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedures Act in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday for refusing to provide the police with confidential information regarding the Gilbeys account.

The employees said it was the policy of the bank not to give confidential information about clients unless subpoenaed.

The questioning by Adv Petrus Marais of the Office for Serious Economic Offences related to the police investigation of charges of fraud and corruption against former Gilbeys bookkeeper Margaret Harding. Harding was indicted on Friday in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court to appear in the Cape Supreme Court on April 27 on charges of fraud and corruption.

She was alleged to have invested Gilbeys money on a fixed deposit basis with provisionally liquidated broking house, Fundstrust, without Gilbeys' authority and to have received commissions totalling R2,4m from Fundstrust to do so. Gilbeys had R45m invested with Fundstrust when it was provisionally wound up.

FNB manager's assistant in the Cape Town corporate branch Derek Myngaard said that Gilbeys borrowed money on a call basis from FNB up to a prearranged limit which was negotiated at a high level. Harding did the draw downs and Myngaard said he assumed she was working within the scope of Gilbeys' authorisation.

FNB cables department Martina Reinink clerk said she received the instructions from Harding to undertake the transfer of Gilbeys funds. One instruction from Harding had only one of the required two

authorised signatures and another had no signatures at all. Harding had explained this and the transfers went ahead.

The indictment against Harding said that from August 1990 Fundstrust director Ansi Kamfer began to reward Harding with cash amounts of R1 000 for maintaining the relationship between Gilbeys and Fundstrust. Up to January 1991, she accepted seven such payments.

In early 1991 Kamfer allegedly said to Harding that she would get a commission of 1% of funds placed with Fundstrust on a fixed deposit basis. Harding allegedly borrowed money on Gilbeys account on call from the money market to onlend on a fixed basis to Fundstrust.

Criteria

In her daily statements Harding allegedly omitted to mention all funds she had borrowed on a call basis for the purpose of fixing the funds with Fundstrust.

Meanwhile, in a recent circular to creditors, Fundstrust liquidators said the company's assets totalled R47m, including loans to clients of R16m, the vast majority of which "were not made on the normal lending criteria".

"Our attorneys have already been instructed to institute legal proceedings against many clients."

The provisional liquidators were reasonably certain that investors would not receive less than 35c in the rand. They were confident that a first dividend of 10c in the rand would be paid during July.

Police probe into De Novo after SOUTH investigation

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SOUTH
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OF CAPE
DRUGS
CENTRE

DE NOVO OFFICIALS ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTED BRIBE CORRUPTION

- Officially charged with attempting to bribe
- Having wife appointed member of board
- Medication dispensing licence suspended
- Corruption investigation launched
- Inmates granted token

debilitating drug addicts and alcoholics and is run by the Department of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Representatives.

A police spokesperson confirmed that they began an investigation into irregularities on March 2.

The SOUTH investigation into De Novo last month found that high-ranking officials at the centre were allegedly linked to a scandal involving corruption, and victimisation of patients.

Documents leaked from De Novo revealed serious charges against these officials, including sexual misconduct.

Inmates charged them with hoarding food and clothing meant

for patients. The officials were also accused of selling these items outside the centre.

Officials were also accused of making false claims from the department for equipment for the centre — which never reached the inmates.

"It is a complete joke — there are people making a lot of money at the expense of the taxpayer. I am prepared to stand in court and testify against De Novo officials who sell goods which are meant for the patients," ex-inmate Mr Eric Croy said.

A spokesperson for the House of Representatives, Mr Ashley Theron, said the body would have welcomed closer collaboration with the police.

"We were informed of the investigation when the police arrived at the rehabilitation centre on March 2," Theron said. "We were unaware of any investigation prior to that."

Theron said the Department of Health Services and Welfare had started its own investigation into De Novo in December last year and it was being finalised at present.

"Should it become apparent from the investigation that any criminal offence has been committed, referral to the police would be a natural consequence," he said.

Anybody with any information to assist the police investigation can phone Sergeant Wynand Brits at (021) 419-8600.

By Quentin Wilson

POLICE are investigating "various allegations of irregularities" at the De Novo drug rehabilitation centre in Kraaifontein following SOUTH's exposure of alleged corruption and theft by government officials working there.

A source who preferred to remain anonymous told SOUTH this week that charges of theft and fraud "amounting to R10-million" were being investigated.

No arrests have been made and no disciplinary action has been taken since the allegations were made.

De Novo is geared towards reha-



City's drugs busters have score to settle

South 14/3 - 19/3/92

By Chiara Carter

THE UNDERCOVER cop who mixes with dangerous criminals to set up a drugs bust is not the sole property of Hollywood. Infiltrating Cape Town's drug scene is part of the routine of the police officers who work in the SA Police's narcotics division, Sanab.

Cape Town bureau chief Colonel Miller Haggard is a veteran of 11 years in the drug war. He acknowledges that the work is dangerous, but says Sanab is determined to root out drugs.

"A detective has to go undercover and mingle with the crowd. You have to ensure that your cover is not blown. The detective sets up a transaction.

"Once the price and amount are settled, the dealer is arrested in the

convicted.

There are several Sanab centres in the Peninsula. The Cape Town bureau covers the city centre, Salt River, Atlantis, Kensington, Ravensmead, Elsies River and the Bo-Kaap.

Last year, the Cape Town bureau confiscated 1 852kg of dagga and 34 194 Mandrax tablets. The bureau also confiscated about six grams of cocaine and six caps of LSD.

Between July and December last year, 97 people were arrested for possession of dagga and 39 for Mandrax. Seven were juveniles. During the same period, 160 people were arrested for dealing in dagga and 127 for dealing in Mandrax.

More than 400 of last year's arrests involved men between 18 and 35; fewer than 100 involved women in the same age group.

Haggard says the bureau mea-

sures success by seizing drugs, particularly in big hauls, before they hit the streets.

"We want to cut off the supply rather than go for the small user."

All the bureau's detectives applied of their own accord to join Sanab. What makes them volunteer to join the drug squad, as the bureau is often called?

For some it's the excitement, while others see it as a way of advancing their careers.

But invariably they have a grudge against drugs stemming from an experience in their youth.

Despite the determination of men like Haggard, drugs enter the country in increasing amounts.

"We are anticipating an increased influx of drugs, given the lifting of international sanctions," says Haggard.

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Parents go on patrol to bust the drugs trade in one suburb, while in another residents tell the dealers and police: "We've had enough!" This is the final installment of the SOUTH investigation into drugs.

Justin Pearce reports:

MY PASSENGER points out an unassuming suburban house as we drive past. "See that house there? You can get anything you ask from there. "That's the field where they hide the stuff," he continues as we move down the street. "Dagga in one place, Mandrax in another."

A group of men bunched together on the pavement peer in the direction of the car. "Those are the guys. The big guy is M.... Everyone knows him."

We turn into another street. A yellow police van passes us, its driver apparently unaware that Mandrax is being sold publicly a block away.

We are in Surrey Estate, the

respectable middle-class and largely Muslim suburb where the residents are mobilising themselves against the drug merchants who operate in full view of inhabitants and police.

Groups of residents drive around the area in convoys, contacting each other by two-way radio when the dealers are seen operating. A daytime watch scheme is being planned among people at home during the day.

At the same time the community's religious leader has given up his house for use as a drug rehabilitation centre where volunteer doctors are available to treat addicts.

In one recent incident, more than 50 members of an anti-drug patrol

were taken to Manenberg police station in connection with charges of damage to property. The charges — which were later proved false — had been laid by none other than the drug dealers who were waiting in the station to identify the accused.

We return to the home of one of the patrol members.

There his colleagues are introduced to me by first name only, and I am asked to produce my press card before they will talk to me.

Their caution is born of experience. Threats of violence have been made to community members outside the local mosque, and the presence of hired killers is a real possibility.

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"We are threatening a multi-million rand industry," explains one of the patrol members. "For them to pay R50 000 for a hit squad is nothing." But the patrol refuses to be intimidated.

He also has reason to believe that the impunity enjoyed by the dealers is linked to certain people "giving gifts" to the police.

It is also no coincidence that the drug dealers and their merchandise never seem to be at home when the police conduct a raid, the patrol member feels.

"M.... has been operating here 22 years and has never had any opposition."

Yet, the patrol members feel their relationship with the police is good, and getting better.

We'll die so our children can live

"Most elements in the police acknowledge what we do is good. The crime rate has dropped since we started."

Housebreaking and car theft are known to accompany the drug trade, as desperate addicts try to finance their next fix.

Police have voiced certain complaints about the way the patrols operate, but these criticisms have been dealt with constructively after discussion between the police and the community.

"We live here. We have different reasons for fighting the crime."

"Our motive is to protect our children. You can see youngsters walking around like zombies from the drugs. If necessary we'll die fighting this."



Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 27 on 27 March 1990 and Question No 55 on 15 March 1991, any persons have been detained, arrested, charged and/or convicted in connection with the alleged murders of 16 persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names of the persons (i) detained, (ii) arrested, (iii) charged and/or (iv) convicted in connection with each of these alleged murders and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

B332E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No, nobody has yet been charged or convicted for the alleged murders, because no evidence could be obtained to connect anybody with the cases.

- (a), (i), (ii) and (iv) Fall away.
(b) 9 March 1992.

Note:

As a result of Mr Dirk Coetzee's confession regarding the murder on Griffiths Mxenge, a warrant for his arrest was issued. The warrant of arrest was cancelled on 1 October 1991 by the Attorney-General of Natal. Alfred Nofomela, who was condemned to death, also alleged that he was involved in the murder of Griffiths Mxenge. The Attorney-General of Natal intended to institute charges against Nofomela, but the charge has been preliminary withdrawn. Nofomela also appeared before the Harms Commission in connection with his and Dirk Coetzee's allegations. The ruling of the Judge is common knowledge.

Prostitution

135. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many women were arrested for prostitution during the course of 1991;
(2) whether these women were tested for sexually transmitted diseases; if not, why not; if so, how many of them were found to be HIV-positive?

B339E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) 2 061

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(2) No, the South African Police has no authority to subject women to such tests.

Investigation: Ibhayi Town Council/Municipal Police Force

142. Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 17 on 14 May 1991, the investigation into the affairs of the (a) Ibhayi Town Council and (b) Ibhayi Municipal Police Force has been completed; if not, (i) why not and (ii) when is it anticipated that it will be completed; if so, what are the findings;

- (2) whether any interim reports have been received; if so, what are the relevant details;

- (3) whether (a) any charges have been laid as a result of the above investigation and (b) any of those charged have appeared in court; if so, (i) (aa) what charges and (bb) against whom have they been laid and (ii) what are the names of those who have appeared in court;

- (4) whether any of these persons have been convicted; if not, why not; if so, what are their names?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1), (2), (3) and (4)

Because of the number of cases involved and the various stages of the investigation, it is not possible to answer the question point by point but rather as a whole.

The investigation of the following cases has already been completed:

New Brighton CR(A) 28/8/90 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 29/8/90 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 38/8/90 — corruption
New Brighton CR(A) 327/1/91 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 328/1/91 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 329/1/91 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 282/1/92 — extortion
New Brighton CR(A) 30/8/90 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 31/8/90 — fraud
New Brighton CR(A) 326/1/91 — fraud
Louis le Grange Square CR(A) 491/1/91 — fraud

(In my reply to Question No 17 on 14 May 1991 the case reference was given as Louis le Grange Square CR(A) 479/1/91.)

The investigation of the cases Algoa Park CR(A) 5/9/88, New Brighton CR(A) 34/8/90 and New Brighton CR(A) 35/8/90—fraud—has been completed. The Attorney-General declined to prosecute.

Regarding the cases New Brighton CR(A) 279/3/88—corruption against the Town Council and New Brighton CR(A) 36/8/90—corruption against an employee of the Town Council, the investigation has not been completed.

— The reason why the investigation has not been completed, is because the accounting records of the Town Council of Ibhayi is being audited by an auditing firm at present. Their final report has not been submitted. According to the auditing firm it will still be a considerable time before the audit is completed, as the books of Ibhayi were not kept up to date.

— It is not possible to determine when the investigation of the two cases will be completed.

The investigation of the following cases has not been finalized:

New Brighton CR(A) 324/2/92—fraud—goods obtained with false Town Council order forms.

New Brighton CR(A) 438/2/92—fraud—tender documents forged.

In order not to delay the police investigation, the relevant auditing firm has already submitted two interim reports which show alleged fraud and corruption, and the investigation is nearly completed.

In the cases New Brighton CR(A) 28/8/90, 29/8/90, 38/8/90, 327/1/91, 328/1/91, 329/1/91 and 282/1/92 *supra* the accused have been charged.

— They have already appeared in court. However, the allegations against them were provisionally withdrawn on instructions from the Attorney-General.

— The cases New Brighton CR(A) 30/8/90, 31/8/90, 326/1/91 and Louis le Grange Square CR(A) 491/1/91 *supra* is with the

(35) In the following cases the accused have already been found guilty and sentenced:

New Brighton CR(A) 32/8/90—the State versus Philda N Msimango—fraud.

New Brighton CR(A) 33/8/90—the State versus Mxolix F Sosi—fraud.

In the case Louis le Grange Square CR(A) 522/9/90 Jacobus Johannes Nieman was charged with corruption. He was acquitted as the State could not prove corruption to the satisfaction of the court.

Ore-berth, Port Elizabeth

143. Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister for Public Enterprises:

- (1) (a) What is the capital investment of South African parastatal bodies in the ore-berth in Port Elizabeth Harbour and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

- (2) (a) what is the life-span of the mechanized system currently in use at this ore-berth, (b) when is it due for refitting and (c) how much will this refitting cost?

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THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

The Managing Director of TRANSNET LIMITED has furnished the following information in reply to the hon member's question:

- (1) (a) R21,9 million.
(b) As on 11 February 1992.
(2) (a) The remaining economic life-span is approximately 15 years.
(b) Refitting/maintenance is done on a continuous basis.
(c) Approximately R3 million is budgeted under operating expenditure for refitting/maintenance per year.

Port Elizabeth Airport

144. Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister for Public Enterprises:

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992.

Hospitals/clinics: theft of medicines

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

- (1) Whether any instances of theft of medicines from hospitals and clinics under the control of her Department occurred during the course of 1991; if so, (a) from which hospitals and clinics and (b) what is the value of the medicines stolen;
- (2) whether her Department is investigating these thefts; if not, why not; if so, with what result;
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter? B314E

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE:

- (1) Yes. B314E
 - (a) Parowmed Pharmacy in Parow Day Hospital.
 - (b) R1 680,00.
- (2) Yes, the theft was reported to the South African Police on 24 July 1991, reference number MR331/07/1991. No arrest has been made yet and no stock has been recovered.
- (3) No.

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rule of Parliament.

New Question:

*1. Mr R M BURROWS—Health Services and Welfare. [Question standing over.]

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Certain security firm

106. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether a certain security firm, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, has at any stage been

under investigation by the Police; if so, for what reasons;

- (2) whether this firm has at any stage been reported to the South African Police; if so, (a) by whom and (b) for what reasons;
- (3) whether the managing director of this firm, whose name has also been furnished to the South African Police, has a criminal record; if so, what are the details;
- (4) whether the said managing director (a) has any criminal case pending, and/or (b) has had any restraining orders issued, against him; if so, what are the details in each case;
- (5) whether he will disclose the name of the (a) security firm and (b) managing director in question; if not, why not; if so, what are their names? B266E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes, information was received that the firm was in possession of unlicensed firearms.
- (2) Yes. B266E
- (a) A previous employee of the firm.
- (b) Because the firm was in possession of unlicensed firearms.
- (3) No.
- (4) (a) Yes.
- (b) No.
- (5) No, the decision of the Senior State Prosecutor is not yet known.

Crime prevention unit: Sandton

113. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many arrests in respect of each specified offence were effected in 1991 by the special crime prevention unit stationed in Sandton? B277E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Crime	Arrests
Murder	4
Armed robbery	70
Attempted armed robbery	3
Housebreaking with intent to steal and theft	494

Hillbrow police station

130. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) What is the estimated population served by the Hillbrow police station over the latest specified period of five years for which information is available;
- (2) whether he will furnish details on the staff and vehicle complement at the Hillbrow police station; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) staff and (ii) vehicle complement at this police station as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) (i) how many of these policemen were (aa) White, (bb) Coloured, (cc) Indian and (dd) Black and (ii) what were their ranks in each case and (c) how many policemen are on foot patrol in Hillbrow (i) by day and (ii) at night;
- (3) whether it is envisaged to increase the complement of policemen at the Hillbrow police station in 1992; if so, what percentage increase is envisaged? B331E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Dec '87 Dec '88 Dec '89 Dec '90 Dec '91
136 974 138 482 140 026 141 608 143 227
Statistics are kept only in respect of the month of December.
- (2) (a), (b) and (c)

No, it is not in the interest of the Force in general and the members at the relevant police station, to furnish information of this nature. I am, however, prepared to inform the honourable member personally and confidentially in this regard.

- (3) An increase of personnel at police stations is subject to investigations by the Division: Efficiency Services of the South African Police. Such investigations are at present in an advanced stage, but figures and percentages are not yet available. The recently announced expansion of the Force will not only supplement Hillbrow's strength, but will also ensure greater visible policing in the entire Witwatersrand area.

Murder: 16 persons

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

- (iv) the implementation of a direct radio link between the Medical Emergency Service Unit and the Valkenberg Hospital;
- (v) the launching of an investigation into the effective safeguarding of the Hospital.

Maximum security psychiatric facilities

*12. Miss M SMUTS asked the Minister of National Health:

- (1) Whether there are any maximum security psychiatric facilities available in the Cape Peninsula at institutions other than the Valkenberg Hospital; if so, what are the relevant details; if not, why not;
- (2) whether any funds have been allocated to any administration for the erection of maximum security facilities; if so, (a) to which administration, (b) how much and (c) when?

B302E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (1) No, planning was undertaken and completed in January 1991 for the building of a maximum security unit on the grounds of Lentegeur Hospital, Mitchells Plain, Cape Town. No funds were specifically allocated to the Administration: House of Representatives, Department of Health Services and Welfare for the building of a maximum security unit and secondly, since the total budget for the financial years 1990/1991 and 1991/1992 were significantly reduced, the project could not be proceeded with;

- (2) no, (a), (b) and (c) fall away.

Codesa: assistance of public servants

*13. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development:

- Whether any public servants have been released temporarily or permanently from their normal duties to assist any political parties in their work at Codesa; if so, (a) what are their names, (b) what positions do they hold, (c) which political parties are they assisting and (d) what is the cost to the State of this assistance?

B304E

Arising from his reply to Interpellation No 1 on 19 February 1992, (a) to which political parties or groupings of political parties in South West Africa did the South African Government make funds available with a view to the election of members of the Constituent Assembly in South West Africa/Namibia in November 1989 and (b) what amounts were made available to these parties or groupings of parties?

B306E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (a) and (b)

This matter was conclusively dealt with in my reply to Question No 29 of 27 March 1990 as well as in my reply to Interpellation No 1 of 19 February 1992.

Black local authorities: quorums

*16. Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing:†

- How many Black local authorities in the (a) Transvaal and (b) Orange Free State still had quorums as at 31 January 1992?

B307E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

- (a) Transvaal
36 out of 85.
- (b) Orange Free State
19 out of 73.

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992:

SAP: examination fees

*1. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether the South African Police will no longer be required to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma in Police Administration; if so, why; if not, what is the position in this regard;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter

B288E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) and (2)

It was never required from the South African Police to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma (Police Administration) nor was it a condition of service.

The amount was approved by the Treasury on condition that funds were available. As a result of the reduction in state expenditure, funds have been withdrawn and expenses that were paid to members for obtaining the National Diploma (Police Administration) were recently suspended.

Since January 1992 a new dispensation has come into effect, whereby a cash amount of R3 740,00 for the three year study course is allocated to students after successful completion of the course.

Theft of medicines

*2. Mr M JELLIS asked the Minister of National Health:

- (1) Whether any instances of theft of medicines from the State hospitals and clinics occurred during the course of 1991; if so, (a) from which hospitals and clinics and (b) what is the value of the medicines stolen;
- (2) whether her Department is investigating these thefts; if not, why not; if so, with what result;
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

B313E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope (CPA)

- (1) Yes,

- (a) Eben Dönges Hospital, Worcester and
(b) R15 000,00;

- (2) yes, in accordance with regulations all investigations by the CPA are undertaken in conjunction with the South African Police and the Department of Justice. The above-mentioned case is still to be finalized; the accused has been brought to trial;

- (3) no.

Provincial Administration of Natal

- (1) Yes, (35)
- (a) (i) Provincial Medical Supply Centre
- (ii) Port Shepstone Hospital
- (iii) St Andrews Hospital and
- (b) R2 292,45. (Excluding losses routinely written off during annual stocktaking);
- (2) yes, the Health Services Branch of the Natal Provincial Administration investigates all cases of reported theft and these are also referred to the South African Police for investigation. Losses are written off under delegated authority if the South African Police are unable to resolve the case;
- (3) no.

Aids: educational programmes

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

- (1) Whether her Department has drawn up any Aids education programmes for use in schools; if so, (a) (i) for which standards and (ii) in which education departments are these programmes available and (b) what has been the response of the above departments to these programmes;
- (2) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

B315E

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (1) Yes,
- (a) (i) an Aids and Life Style Education Programme for pupils in secondary schools, has been compiled after extensive research during 1991. Research is also being undertaken during this year for the development of programmes for children of primary school age as well as for pre-school children and (ii) the programme will be made available to all education departments, including those of the TBVC States and Self-governing Territories and

- (b) extensive liaison with the education departments took place during the period of research and establishing of the programme. They all accepted in principle that children should be Aids literate by standard five. The programme will be made available in a draft format to incorporate feedback from users;
- (2) yes, the programme will be introduced by myself and Mr L A Pienaar, Minister of National Education and of Environment Affairs, on 30 March 1992 in Cape Town. The package will then be available for distribution.

Gambling legislation: casinos

*4. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether the Government is considering changes to the gambling legislation governing the operation of casinos within the borders of South Africa; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B323E

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (1) and (2)
- Yes. In a press statement released on 27 February 1992 I pointed out that the Government's policy on gambling and lotteries is embodied in the Gambling Act, 1965 (Act No 51 of 1965), which prohibits participation in, or allowing games of chance.
- During a Parliamentary debate on State Lotteries in 1991 the Deputy Minister of Justice pointed out the following:
- * Gambling and lotteries purely for personal material gain is unacceptable and remains illegal.
 - * There is reason, however, for an investigation into the legalisation of games of chance with which funds are raised for health, welfare and educational institutions
 - * The case for fund raising competitions in which chance plays a role, controlled by the State, has however not been made out yet.

The Government would approach this matter very carefully and would not take steps before having available all the facts and before having consulted the churches. This process has not yet been concluded.

The Departments of Justice and National Health and Population Development are jointly in a process of preparing a Green Paper wherein certain proposals will be made in regard to amendments to the Gambling Act. The Green Paper will be published for comment and all interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to comment thereon.

Telephone services/private post boxes: Pretoria

*5. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications:

- Whether any applications for (a) telephone services and (b) private post boxes were outstanding in the Pretoria area as at the latest specified date for which figures are available; if so, (i) how many and (ii) when is it anticipated that the backlog will be eliminated?

B340E

THE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

- (a) yes;
- (i) 6 497 as at 29 February 1992; and
- (ii) approximately 3 440 of the waiting applicants will be provided with telephone service during the 1992/93 financial year. It is at this stage not possible to indicate when the requirements of the remaining applicants, whose applications are being deferred owing to a shortage of cable leads and insufficient capacity in certain exchanges, will be met.
- (b) Yes;
- (i) 2 668 as at 29 February 1992 (Alkantrant 50, Bon Accord 50, Brooklyn 200, Faerie Glen 200, Laudium 200, Lynn East 50, Totiusdal 50, Menlo Park 200, Onderstepoort 50, Pretoria 200, Pretoria West 100, Pyramid 100, Rosslyn 300, Silverton 300, Sinoville 200, Valhalla 50, Waterkloof 100, Olifantsfontein 30, Pierre van Ryneveld 38, Hennopsmeer 200)

(ii) **Alkantrant**—Negotiations are in progress to procure a suitable site for the provision of additional boxes for allocation to applicants residing mainly in Ashlea Gardens, De Beers, Lynnwood, Lynnwood Manor and Newlands. Some 600 vacant boxes are available at the Lynnwood Ridge Post Office which is situated approximately 2,5 km from the Alkantrant Post Office.

Bon Accord—Additional boxes will be installed during 1992/93.

Brooklyn—Space is not available for the installation of additional boxes at this office but 3 000 boxes will be installed during 1993/94 at the Hatfield Post Office, only 2 km away.

Faerie Glen—Additional boxes will be provided during 1992/93.

Laudium—A new post office with 2 400 boxes is being planned for completion during April 1993.

Lynn East and Totiusdal—450 additional boxes have been installed at the Villiera Post Office which should relieve the demand at both Lynn East and Totiusdal.

Menlo Park—Additional boxes will be installed during 1992/93.

Onderstepoort—Space is not available for the installation of additional boxes at this office but additional boxes will be installed at the Pretoria North Post Office during 1992/93 which should relieve the demand at Onderstepoort.

Pretoria—The possibility of installing additional boxes is being investigated.

Pretoria West—Additional boxes will be installed during 1993/94.

Pyramid—Additional boxes will be installed during 1992/93.

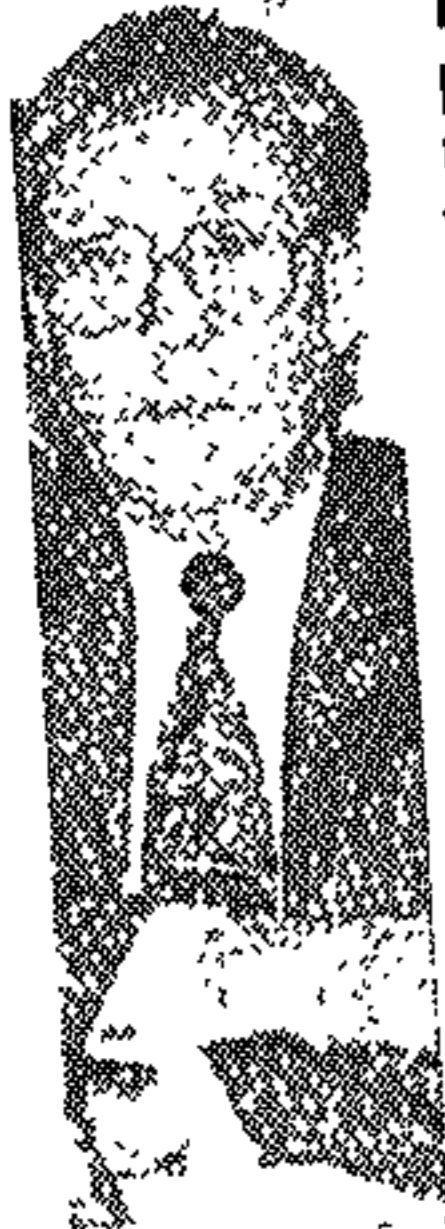
Rosslyn—Additional boxes will be installed during 1992/93.

Silverton—1 150 additional boxes will be installed during 1992/93.

Sinoville—A new post office with

Police start big clean-up in Athlone

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NIC ACKER
Police chief

POLICE this week launched what appears to be a comprehensive "clean-up" of the Athlone police district, following reports of alleged widespread bribery and corruption among policemen operating there.

They also again responded to consistent allegations of police complicity, partiality and active participation in the Western Cape's bloody taxi war.

"Police take allegations of misconduct very seriously," a spokesman said this week. Dockets had already been opened on 42 cases of alleged misconduct and were "at various stages of investigation".

But organisations monitoring police action in the townships expressed dissatisfaction about police measures to investigate allegations against its members.

The ANC this week called for an independent investigation into the role of police,

By **KURT SWART**

especially in the taxi war violence, while the umbrella monitoring group, the Joint Forum — which includes the Unrest Monitoring and Awareness (Umac), the Black Sash, the Democratic Party and the ANC — said it was not satisfied with the rate of progress on the investigations.

The Joint Forum also warned of extreme tension between township residents and the riot squad, describing the situation as a "potentially terminal relationship".

Police this week announced "Operation Alpha Athlone" to investigate "why service to the public was not up to standard" in the district, which covers Bishop Lavis, Guguletu, Khayelitsha, Manenberg, Grassy Park and Mitchells Plain.

The operation follows the leaking to an Afrikaans newspaper in December last year of an internal memorandum from Athlone district commissioner Colonel Jan Benadie to regional commissioner Major-General Nic Acker.

In the memorandum Col Benadie reportedly complained of corruption among the men under his command, including taking bribes and being drawn into criminal activity, and said most attempts to act against the perpetrators had been thwarted.

He reportedly requested that corrupt policemen be posted out of his district because they had an attitude of being "untouchable" and witnesses were intimidated from testifying against crooked policemen.

Col Benadie is also reported to have said that there was a tendency by policemen in the low socio-economic district to treat the public with contempt.

Service

This week regional police chief Major-General Nic Acker announced: "Because of the reports that appeared in the press in December 1991 in connection with the so-called bad behaviour of policemen in the Athlone district, I have taken steps to rectify the matter."

Chief police liaison officer Col Anthony Dewhurst said, however: "It is important to state that the project Alpha Athlone was not launched due to the allegations of corruption but forms part of a strategy to improve service to the public in the Western Cape."

A project team, consisting of behavioural psychologists, welfare officers, police chaplains and management consultants, had been formed to investigate the Athlone District.

"After a thorough investigation the project team came to the conclusion that a need exists for development of management skills down to supervisory level and in-service training for all members to cope effectively with conflict and stressful situations," said Col Dewhurst, speaking on behalf of Gen Acker.

"The report by Col Benadie was based on certain allegations of corruption in the Athlone district. To date no physical evidence of corruption has been found. As a matter of course all such allegations are investigated.

Regarding constant allegations that policemen have taken the side of the Webta faction in the township taxi war, Col Dewhurst said: "No one has been able to furnish any proof in regard to this. However the Goldstone Commission is sitting from March 16 and they will look into, among others, this type of allegation."

Owners

Affidavits detailing police participation in attacks on township residents and their shacks were being investigated as were allegations that white men in plain clothes, disguised with balaclavas, had taken part in attacks on residents.

Police had also investigated allegations that white men, including policemen, town councillors and businessmen, had financial involvement in the Webta taxi association.

"We have found that some vehicles are owned by white persons. But we can not say whether they are from Lagunya or Webta. No policeman has asked or been granted permission to own vehicles for remuneration."

ANC assistant secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr said the ANC was not happy with the progress of the investigations and also lacked confidence in the people doing the investigation who included three former security policemen, one of whom was still active in the so-called monitoring of political opponents.

allowances that will still exist after the foregoing 10 percent.
In plain language, from April 1

you put a bit by saying the Mouton Committee, whose report on a retirement provision system for South Africa will be completed later this

had expected, had not been announced this week.

"But at least the gap has been narrowed considerably," he said.

Slabbert's bold plan to bring down crime rate

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A SENIOR detective has called on Woodstock residents to form a "crime watch" to help police combat crime in the area.

By EVELYN HOLTZHAUSEN

Detective W/O Al Slabbert, acting head of the SAP Homicide and Robbery Unit at Woodstock Police Station, said a recent call on Woodstock residents to appeal to the City Council to close the alleyways in the area had been received with "enthusiasm".

"If residents ask the city council to close the alleyways and then form a crime watch, and local businessmen chip in with the formation of a business watch, I believe there will be a 95 percent drop in theft, housebreaking, car theft and muggings," he said.

According to police statistics there were 188 incidents of housebreaking in Woodstock in the first two months of this year. During the same period, 187 people reported that their cars had been broken into.

"We are doing what we can," said Det W/O Slabbert, "but without the assistance of local businessmen and residents we will never be able put an end to crime in Woodstock."

Det W/O Slabbert said he would be available to address meetings arranged by residents to help them set up the crime and business watches.

"I am not proposing the formation of a posse of vigilantes. What we need is for businessmen and residents to keep a watch for suspicious people, then contact us to deal with the situation."

Earlier this year Det W/O Slabbert called on residents to appeal to the city council to close the maze of unused alleyways in the suburb.

"The lanes and alleyways provide an ideal hiding place for drug dealers, prostitutes, shebeen owners, muggers and vagrants as well as providing potential thieves a safe view of homes they intend to rob," he said.

Det W/O Slabbert said Woodstock police had an average 50 percent success rate against crime in the area.

"But if the lanes are closed and the watches are formed, the rate of crime will drop and our rate of success will be far higher," he predicted.



CRIMEFIGHTER ... Det W/O Al Slabbert has urged Woodstock residents to form a neighbourhood watch to fight crime
Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

'Police could be covering up rape'

By Justin Pearce

POLICE collaborating with drug barons may be implicated in hushing up a rape that allegedly took place in Surrey Estate, residents said this week.

Members of the Surrey Estate neighbourhood watch said they were driving through the suburb early on Sunday as part of their regular patrol against drug dealing. They became suspicious when they saw a car parked outside a half-constructed building, and radioed for other patrol members to assist them.

When they entered the building they found a man raping a 15-year-old girl, the patrol members said. They pulled him away, tied him

down and called the police. The man tried to scare the patrol away by saying he was related to the area's most influential drug dealer, patrol members said.

The patrollers said they saw the police at the dealer's home shortly afterwards. Later they drove past the scene of the rape again and noticed the rapist's car had been removed.

Following an alleged rape it is usual procedure for police to take the victim to a district surgeon immediately for a medical examination. But in this case police did not come to the girl's house until 10am when she was not home, a patrol member said.

The patrol members took the girl

to the Woodstock police station, where the staff were very co-operative in arranging a medical examination, they said.

In the light of previous allegations of collaboration between the Manenberg police and drug lords, patrol members fear the police are trying to protect the dealer's relative. Delaying or preventing the girl's examination by the district surgeon could have weakened evidence against the alleged rapist, possibly leading to charges being dropped.

Patrol members declined to be named, since they had previously received threats of violence from dealers. The police failed to respond to the allegations.

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City warned of rise in ⁽³⁵⁾ violent crime _{CT 11/4/92}

By WILLEM STEENKAMP

POLICE yesterday expressed alarm at the rise in the number of violent crimes in the city and warned they might increase.

The concern comes in the wake of five armed robberies on Monday, in which more than R730 000 was stolen, including more than R583 000 from the Shoprite parking area in Mowbray, where four gunmen held up three Trust Bank security guards.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Knipe, chief of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit, said yesterday that an influx of people into townships, widespread poverty, "lots of guns in circulation" and a general drop in security standards had played a role in the increase in violent crime.

"Show me where you can get so much money so easily," he said.

Colonel Knipe said he believed the crime wave would increase and Capetonians could expect robbers to begin using AK-47 rifles, as was the case in the Transvaal.

Forced out

The increase in car thefts has also "blown over from the Transvaal", Vehicle Theft Unit commander Colonel Piet Rossouw said yesterday.

The modus operandi, he said, was for robbers to force drivers out of their cars at stop streets and to drive off. Colonel Chris van Zyl, head of the East Rand Vehicle Theft Unit, said yesterday his unit had received 625 such cases this year.

Colonel Rossouw and Colonel Van Zyl said drivers should lock their car doors at all times and wear their seatbelts to prevent being pulled from cars.

● Police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the Shoprite robbers. The robbers used a beige 1991 model Toyota Corolla 1,3ℓ car, registration CA 134853, which had been stolen from D F Malan Airport on Saturday.

Anybody with information is asked to telephone Captain Desmond Segal at 951-6665 (w) or page him at 21-5420 code 47491.

Flying with the squad

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CRIME BUSTER: An Eastridge resident assures the police that she will sort out any crime in her street

SPENDING FRIDAY night with the Mitchells Plain Flying Squad was not the perfect start to a weekend. With crime levels in the area among the world's highest, this was not going to be a joyride.

For Sergeants Jeffrey Philips and Patrick Hawes it was just another nightshift in a job each has done for six years. From 10pm to 6am they cruise Mitchells Plain in their yellow Toyota twincam 16, on constant standby while busting "reliable trouble spots" in their spare time.

Before meeting with the other squad car in the area, they decide to break up a few road-side gambling sessions for starters.

In an Eastridge cul-de-sac, six people are playing dice. With headlights doused we edge nearer. Hawes says casually: "I won't be a moment," and leaps from the car, rushes at the gamblers, revolver in hand and, with Philips, orders the culprits up against the wall.

There is no place to run, so they obey. After being frisked for weapons — none are found — they get off with a warning. The pool — R7 — is returned to them.

It seems a bit heavy-handed. Hawes explains: "It's still a bit early. Later, when they start arguing about the money, then they start stabbing each other."

The next stop is Mosterthoek Street, where another cluster of about 20 are playing the same game. This time the gamblers are too quick and scamper away in a flash, laughing excitedly. Hawes promises to return later, convinced the game will continue. He is right. This time a knife is confiscated.

"Why are you here?" asks one, "We're just gambling and smoking a pipe. If you're looking for trouble go

Quentin Wilson and photographer **Ralf-G Will** spent two Friday nights with the Flying Squad, in Mitchells Plain and in Cape Town. This is what they saw:

to the black townships."

Around the corner, two neighbours are quarelling. Hawes demands both return to their homes and sober up. They are not receptive to the idea. One announces: "Boer! I am going to drink and I will drink till I die!"

After less than 20 minutes on the road, and everywhere we went, a great deal of antagonism between the Flying Squad and the public became apparent. When we linked up with the other squad car, I switched to the company of Sergeant Norman Josephs and Constable Shane Hartzberg. The previous week Josephs had been ambushed in Khayelitsha while following a stolen car.

While he escaped the AK-47 fire which came at him from the front and back, his tyre had been shot, leaving him stranded.

He showed me his pocket book, severely dented by a bullet that had

gone through the car door.

Was he scared? "I did not have time to be scared — you have to remain calm," he said.

"It was difficult, though, because they were shooting at me from all directions — I did not know where to return fire." He collected the shells before being picked up.

For the next couple of hours we hit suspected shebeens. Of the three houses suspected of dealing in dagga, "buttons" (Mandrax) and booze, no conclusive evidence was found.

At the first house it was seven long minutes before the knock was answered. Around the back fierce dogs protected the property and small amounts of dagga were found outside the back wall. No drugs

were found after we were eventually allowed in. Only an abundant supply of plastic bankbags and two red-eyed gentlemen indicated there was some drug pushing. Not enough to go by.

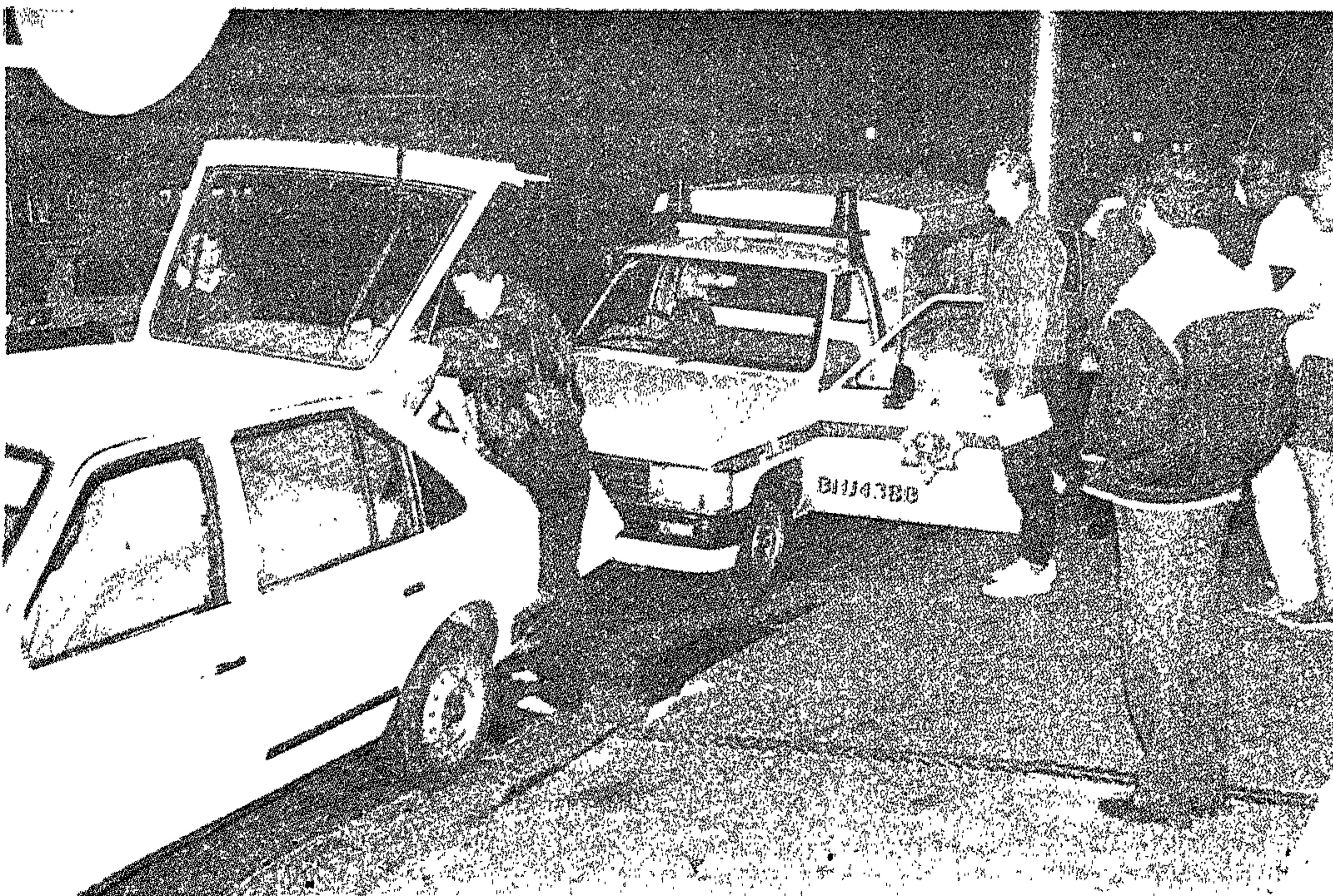
The second house, in Rocklands, was immediately opened and the middle-aged host did not hide that she was running a "business". The problem was that on the night she did not have capital for supplies.

"It's my sons. I need money for my business and they steal from me," she complained.

Pointing to her 21-year-old son, she said he was the problem this time. Hitting him across the face, she asked the police advice on how to handle him.

"He just takes, takes, takes. He

I don't know what to do,' she told the policemen about her son. I've already had to stab him.'



PULL OVER!: "You guys are kinky. I am taking you to court, what have I done wrong? I haven't stabbed anybody or anything." — an angry driver insists on showing the police that he has nothing to hide

No Friday South

IT WAS a slow three hours punctuated by car-washing and false burglar alarm alerts before the Flying Squad squealed into action in Cape Town last Friday night.

Mitchells Plain exactly a week before seemed like another world — there it had taken only seven minutes for the first crisis to break.

Our Cape Town hosts, Constables Andre van Eeden and Gavin van Rensburg, bided their time in the early evening with less than earth-shattering events.

A member of the public asked to be directed to an all-night chemist.

Several burglar alarm alerts proved to have been set off accidentally. It was so quiet there was even

on the night-shift...



SPREAD 'EM: The Mitchells Plain Flying Squad team searches roadside gamblers for weapons

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even steals from his own mother. I don't know what to do, I have already had to stab him," she wearily explained.

The scene was set for Hawes: He proceeded to give a strongly worded lecture to the dumbstruck youth — the first half of which admonished him for being such a low-life while the second half dealt with what he should do about it.

"You must learn to stand on your own two feet. Now get out there and find a job!" he said.

The third suspected shebeen, in Lentegour, was rather anti-climactic. Nobody answered the door.

Even though we could see and smell through the kitchen window that people were smoking dagga, Josephs advised against breaking in.

"There is an old lady living here. If we break the door down, she will have a heart-attack."

The radio reported a "housebreak in progress". Josephs raced there, reaching a top speed of 170 km/h and treating the township's robots as

if they were yield signs.

One moment, the squad car was quietly coasting along and the next it burst into speed, siren whining. At no point, though, could Josephs' driving be described as reckless.

When we arrived at the scene, two people were inside the house. Their knives were confiscated and they were taken to the station.

The two men caught inside the house said three others had come before them, forced the

locked door open and did the stealing. One of them claimed it was his sister's house and he went there often.

The neighbours, who by this time had filled the street, however, said they had never seen him before.

The only other incident of note was when a 6.35mm pistol was confiscated at a house in Woodlands.

A woman had returned home to her husband in the small hours and

invited two men friends back with her.

Her husband, not particularly pleased, took out his gun and threatened them. When we arrived he had hidden his piece, but it was quickly found and confiscated.

Crime statistics are frightening. Average monthly figures from reported cases over show there are 100 murders, 300 robberies, 300 rapes, 150 assaults, 200 burgled houses, 250 cases of theft and 100 stolen cars in Mitchells Plain.

night fever on Cape Town beat

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time to wash the squad car.

But when the first real alert came in, things happened fast.

The call came while the squad car was patrolling the back streets of Observatory.

Motorists in a car in Sea Point were wielding a revolver. Find that car, came the order.

It took just over three-and-a-half minutes before Van Eeden arrived on the scene.

The offending vehicle was intercepted and the two suspects didn't stand a chance. We arrived to see them being loaded into the back of a police van.

Minutes later, on the main road in Woodstock, two people were spotted running, one carrying a

plastic bag. Thinking this suspicious, Van Eeden called them over but they continued running.

The policemen were on the verge of giving chase when a call came, alerting them to a housebreak in progress in University Estate. Five cars converged on the house only to find the cause of the drama was ... two dogs fighting!

This was to be the pattern for the night. A lot of dud calls came in and at least five police cars would arrive, including the dog squad, another squad car and police vans. This was in stark contrast to Mitchells Plain where there were mostly two and sometimes one other back-up vehicle.

In Cape Town, it was a night

spent for the most part patrolling the streets, looking for stolen cars and wagging fingers at sex workers.

The second housebreak call was as uneventful as the first. Our squad car raced off to Hampstead Road but the address we were looking for proved elusive — it did not in fact exist. On arriving at the proper address — in Homestead Road — the problem proved to have been a stone thrown at a window of the house.

Likewise, a report that a neighbour had fired a gunshot fizzled out. The man accused was most indignant when a flock of police cars surrounded his home. He said he knew nothing of the claim. We left the others to sort it out.



IT'S NOT INSIDE, IT'S ON TOP: Constable Hartzenberg looks for drugs in the roof of an Eastridge home

Night-shift danger at the petrol pumps

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There's another side to the helping hands at the petrol pump, as

SABATA NGCAI

discovered:

CONSTANTLY exposed to the danger of armed robbers who could strike in the middle of their long night-shifts, petrol attendants have few defences against these criminals.

At some sophisticated garages the money is handed to an attendant behind bullet-proof glass. But for the rest, each night could be the one when money, or a life, is taken.

"As we are exposed to danger trying to make more money for our employers, we should at least be paid decent salaries. It is a tendency of garage employers to treat the lives of their employees cheaply," says a petrol attendant at Woodstock's Trentyre garage.

He receives R175 for a 45-hour week, he says. "We know the employers are making a fortune because we count thousands of rands each seven-and-a-half hour day or night shift."

Like domestic workers, petrol attendants are among the least paid workers in the country. They too have little education and do not have a sophisticated understanding of labour law.

Many supplement their 45-hour a week wages by working overtime to make ends meet.

But, says the Trentyre garage petrol attendant, the management does not allow any overtime "and we have nothing to supplement our meagre wages".

"As we are members of the National Union of Metal Workers of South Africa (Numsa), I attend the union meetings on behalf of the workers, but my wages are deducted."

He says the management was opposed to any meetings by the petrol attendants during working hours.

Trentyre garage manager Mr Rencke, who said his first name was not important, refused to comment and referred all queries to a Mr Van Rooyen.

Van Rooyen, who refused to give his full name, said he could not comment on the telephone.

At Bonteheuwel's Vanguard Motors, petrol attendants were dissatisfied with their wages and the way it was given to them.

"At the end of each week the money is given to us in money bags

and not in envelopes, as it is done in other garages. It is not exactly clear what we earn," says one of the workers.

"We are not given any pay-slips which show how much is deducted. We are not members of any trade union and that is why we are so vulnerable.

"Here, as it has recently happened, it is easy for one to lose one's job for failure to report for duty in one day of absence, even if one explains the reasons for absence."

The employee says they were also attacked at night by tsotsis who demand money and threaten to kill them with knives and pangas.

"One night we had to flee from the garage after attackers chased us away. We reported the matter to the manager but no steps have been taken as the attackers are continuing to attack and threaten us with death," says the attendant.

Vanguard Motors, which has a 15-hour night-shift, pays R2,70 an hour. The day-shift, which lasts from 7:30am to 4:30pm, pays the same amount.

"In both shifts there is neither tea nor lunch breaks for us."

Vanguard manager Mr A Parker said "I work out their wages every Friday in front of them. They know how much they earn and how much is deducted. If they need pay-slips I will give them and if they want their money in envelopes they will get it."

"I am new to the garage and I have no experience. When I took over the money was given to the employees in plastic bags."

"As far as the threats of death and attacks on the workers are concerned, they no longer happen since I took over this year."

Parker said there are policemen patrolling at night.

Attendants at Guguletu's Sivuyile Service Centre recently were the victims of an armed robbery by balacava-clad men.

"The petrol attendants were ordered to lie down and had their hands tied to their backs," said one of the workers.

The employee, who did not want to give his name for fear of losing his job, showed SOUTH his payslip.

The slip showed a payment of R122,40 for 45 hours and R63 for overtime. They work for 12 hours a shift, eight hours of employment and four hours for overtime.

The attendant says the workers have agreed to join a trade union.

"Because we are two, when we are busy attending the two first cars, other customers start shouting abusive language at us for poor service," the attendant said.

Garage manager Mr Clement Ramatlakoana said: "The amount of money of R2,72 an hour is the amount that was agreed upon

between ourselves and the Industrial Council. The number of people employed is determined by production. We cannot employ many people when production does not allow us to do so.

"We get only R1 800 per night, so if we employ three or more people we would definitely be running at a loss."

"The workers are safe because they do not handle any money by themselves. All the money they collect is given to our cashier who is safe behind a bullet-proof window. Apart from that the police patrol the place at night to ensure safety of workers."

At Mowbray's Old Mill garage, the petrol attendants work 45 hours a week for R122,40.

Petrol attendants work 11 hours and the 12th hour is taken for lunch.

"We are not satisfied with the amount because our lives are in danger. We carry the money bag everyday and have nothing to defend ourselves when robbers come," Mathela said.

The garage manager said through a receptionist that he was not prepared to comment on the telephone.



ALL NIGHT LONG: Life for a petrol attendant often means low wages and long hours

Photo: Yunus Mohamed

'The workers are safe because they do not handle any money by themselves. All the money they collect is given to our cashier who is safe behind a bullet-proof window'

Gang's On The Rise Again

THE gang menace which has plagued Western Cape townships over the years may be on the rise again.

Terrified parents, especially in Guguletu's Section One and Three areas, have warned their children not to venture out after dark.

Yesterday shocked Guguletu teachers called on police and parents to act to end a sudden outbreak of "barbaric" gang violence which has claimed the lives of three school students, including Luyanda Myanda, 21, and Vishnzi Tshafute, 16. A fourth I D Mkhize pupil, Siyabulela Mhese, was in a serious condition in hospital after being stabbed, allegedly by members of the Ama-Soweto gang.

Sources said the killers of one of the pupils ignored pleas from the passengers in a bus which was passing by as they hacked their victim.

The first signs that the marauding gangs might be back emerged three weeks after Zoleka Sikoti, a 17-year-old I D Mkhize pupil attending a sports meeting, was lured away, murdered, raped and her eyes gouged out.

Murder statistics in the townships for the past two months make grim reading. Police say 23 people have been killed in Guguletu, 60 in Khayelitsha — at a rate of one day — 19 in Nyanga and 21 in Langa.

Residents believe the Ama-Soweto gang are mainly responsible. Members have a Jekyll and Hyde character — most are pupils by day and marauding gangsters by night.

As in the past the gangs' squabbles often start at school and then spill over into the streets.

Because they are armed, the gang members flout the authority of their teachers. Teachers sometimes meet the gangsters' parents in a bid to try to regain authority, but usually in vain.

The last bout of gang warfare erupted in 1987 and was crushed about 15 months later only after a concerted effort by the residents and police. Night-time social life almost came to a halt as vigilante groups patrolled the streets, and known gang members were ostracised, expelled from their areas and even killed.

Now residents fear it could all be about to start again.

The Ama-Soweto seem to have survived the "great purge". Shocked I D Mkhize teachers called for action to be taken by the community and police in order to nip the gangs in the bud.

Will they call for peace for fall on deaf ears? Or will the townships be embroiled in senseless violence currently plaguing the country?

The last battle of the gang war began in Guguletu's Section Three. Soon they multiplied as youths gathered to defend their territories.

The gangsterism gained momentum after more than 20 political organisations, including civic associations, were restricted by the then Minister of Law and Order in February 1988.

In Section One, the most dominant gangs were the Nisaras and the Amafelandawoye or "those who die in the same place", most of whom lived in NY6 and NY27.

Other smaller groups in the area were Ama-Toffy, Ama-Deseters, Guilty Boys, the Ama-Soweto and the Ama-Adderleys. They wore no distinctive clothing, and rarely had any kind of

Criminal violence, lawlessness and murder of innocent of people is on the rise in the Western Cape townships, especially Guguletu. Weekend Argus Reporter **VUYO BAVUMA** assesses the situation.

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□ **LEFT ALONE:** Grieving widow Mrs Lena Benya of Guguletu holds a picture of her third son who was stabbed to death in the township violence.

Picture: WILHE DE KLERK, Weekend Argus.

Stabbing and murder were the order of the day for the gangs.

To many residents, the mere mention of the gangs' names caused fear.

Some areas in Section Three were nicknamed "M-Net" by residents as they used to watch, what they called, "free action movies".

The gang members tied pieces of multi in cloths around their arms which allegedly rendered them invincible.

More than 20 people were killed in the conflict and scores were injured.

Pupils in some schools were afraid to attend classes because they feared to cross the "enemy territory" on the schools.

It took a multiple pronged strategy to end the gangs' activities.

Several gangsters were convicted and sentenced in court for their actions.

Police organised soccer clubs in a bid to "pacify" the gangs. They also organised kits and soccer balls for the team.

In some areas, especially in the Section Three, the residents patrolled the streets and rid their neighbourhoods of the known gangs.

In one Section One incident, which led to a court case, a suspected gangster was stabbed and stoned to death by an angry mob of people who were on a clean-up mission.

Alleged gangs' hideouts — mostly backyard shacks — were also set alight by the residents. Some gangsters were expelled from the communities.

Most sought "asylum" in relatively quiet townships such as Langa and Khayelitsha, but were also chased out of the areas.

During the patrols many weapons, such as pangas, siletos and axes, were confiscated. But in some cases, vigilante residents clashed with police who fired teargas at them because they were illegal.

At various community meetings the gangs were asked to rescind their membership and publically apologise for their crimes. Some did and were accepted back into the communities.

In Khayelitsha the residents had street patrols and strangers were scrutinised before being accepted in the neighbourhood.

The unbanning of the political organisations such as the Pan Africanist Congress and African National Congress strengthened the residents' muscle to build a strong platform against the emergence of gangs.

Crime blitz

CAPE TOWN police arrested 132 people during a crime prevention exercise in the Athlone area early on Friday. (2/4/92) (35)

Police said more than 50 arrests were made for robbery and theft, 11 for alleged rape, and several for various other crimes.

Police seized stolen goods, including hi-fi sets, VCRs, fridges and stoves valued at more than R10 000.

Guguletu gears up to fight its growing crime

Staff Reporter

ANGRY Guguletu residents have started forming street committees to patrol the "gangster-infected" township.

At a press conference, held at the Eyona Centre last night, it was announced that a working group had been established to: Organise street patrols, with the knowledge of the police, to monitor dwellings which house gangsters and to investigate ways to curb the growing crime rate in the township.

Mr Sam Dakusi, an executive member of the Western Cape Civic Association, Guguletu Zone, said at the press conference that the Guguletu community had experienced "serious gang-related violence" during the past two months.

A schoolgirl had been raped and murdered about two months ago and four people were killed in gang-related violence two weeks ago, he said.

The measures announced last night follow a meeting of about 600 residents on Sunday. After the meeting they marched through the township to the houses of known gangsters belonging to the newly formed Sowetans gang.

Mr Dakusi said last night that the

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recent increase of gangsterism in the area was a direct "offspring" of the recent taxi war — but that unemployment and a lack of recreational facilities were part of the problem.

He said street patrols had already been established in certain streets and others would be operating in the area "very soon".

The community had informed the police of their actions.

The members of the gangs were part of their community and they were "victims of their circumstances" created by the racist government.

'Not healthy'

"Teachers are assisting us by educating students at schools in the area about the wrongs of joining a gang or being a gangster."

Part of the problem was that the community's relationship with the police was not healthy, Mr Dakusi added.

A police spokesman last night said the police welcomed the community's participation in the combating of crime.

The relationship between the Guguletu community and the local police was "very good" and the community was happy with the police.

'Mounties' to help fight rural crime

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By JANICE HILLIER

A HORSEBACK unit of the South African Police has been formed to help fight crime in the rural areas of Hottentot's Holland.

The mounted police reservist patrol unit, the first of its kind in the Cape, was initiated by Strand police.

"The unit will intensify policing of farms and small-holdings as part of a crime-prevention programme," Strand station commander Captain Tienie Meiring said this week.

Operating from Gordon's Bay to Macassar, police reservists will now be able to patrol rural areas inaccessible to vehicles.

Stolen

"The idea came after a spate of house burglaries in the rural area," said the head of the reservist unit, Lieutenant Ferdi Mostert. "The horses will enable the unit to cut off foot routes used by criminals when moving stolen goods."

The patrols are to be made up of a minimum of four reservists per group.

And, needing additional manpower, the police have started a recruitment drive.

Said Lieutenant Mostert: "We hope to recruit as many as 80 people and all interested members of the public who can ride a horse and who would like to volunteer are welcome."

The police will try to find a horse for volunteers who can ride and don't own one.

"Some owners have said they are prepared to make their horses available for the mounted reservist patrol unit. We will provide training in policing and the handling of firearms as well as police uniforms."

When a patrol group wanted to go out, they would telephone the station and a police vehicle would meet them and issue firearms, two-way radios and a duty book.

Lieutenant Mostert said a meeting for all those interested in enlisting would be held in the Strand Library Hall on Thursday.

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City car thefts on the up

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The rising cost of insurance meant that more than 75% of the 76 159 motor vehicles stolen last year were not insured — and police figures show a steep rise in car thefts in Cape Town in particular.

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Cape Town insurer Mr David Hersch said at the weekend that reports by insurance companies and police indicated a steep rise in car thefts in Cape Town in particular. He said the Western

Cape, Natal and Bloemfontein were now being targeted by car thieves. Natal and Bloemfontein were particularly favoured by thieves because of their proximity to homelands and international boundaries.

Mr Hersch said that of the 18 570 stolen vehicles which were insured, 15 310 were never recovered — almost half the 34 322 vehicles police did not recover. Police recovered 41 837 vehicles.

He said insurance companies'

insistence that Johannesburg drivers install immobilisers had made the theft of stationary vehicles more difficult. However, it had also led to more armed hijackings.

Last year car insurance rates were raised by between 30% and 50%. Although further increases were expected this year, they would not be of the same magnitude, he said. Motorists who shopped around would find big differences in the premiums charged by leading companies.

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Call to help police fight high crime rate

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LENORE OLIVER, Staff Reporter

SIX people are murdered and 15 to 20 women are raped in Mitchell's Plain each week.

In addition more than six houses or businesses are broken into every day.

It is figures like these which are causing serious concern to police who have urged residents to get more involved in combating crime.

Serious crimes in January totalled 994, in February 907, in March 994 and in April 850.

They include murder, rape,

housebreaking, robbery and theft, mainly in Tafelsig and Rocklands.

The Mitchell's Plain police station deals with an average of 50 serious cases a month, including an average of six murders, between 15 and 20 rapes and about 45 break-ins a week.

"The main factors contributing to the high crime rate are alcohol and drug abuse and gang wars," said station commander Lieutenant-Colonel Gys Engelbrecht.

Mitchell's Plain has the highest crime rate in the Western Cape

but police point out that the area has a large population.

"The police are trying their utmost to combat crime in Mitchell's Plain and although we could function more efficiently with more manpower, we are doing well under the circumstances," Colonel Engelbrecht said.

"Although it is encouraging to have neighbourhood watches, we find they become militant only when a crime has taken place and soon forget their function until there is another crime in their area," he said.

Report hails sharp drop in violent crime

Municipal Reporter

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THE sharp decline in violent crime in the Peninsula and central business district in the past year is heartening, says the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce.

In its annual report, the executive council said police had made "a most commendable effort" to make Cape Town safer for residents and visitors.

The chamber helped start the Cape Town Business Watch three years ago. It aided safety by reintroducing the "bobby on the beat".

Last year the Business Watch was extended to include the area between Adderley Street and the Grand Parade.

A special after-hours crime prevention unit patrolling areas not covered by the Business Watch and a tourist protection unit, with an office in the centre of Cape Town, were set up last year.

Police spokesman Captain Attie Lauscher confirmed the sharp drop in violent crime. This was thanks to more police patrols, the successes of the tourist and "takkie" squads, regular crime prevention operations and people becoming more "crime aware".

Surrey Estate sleeps peacefully with nightwatch patrol

Police are praising residents who have sacrificed their weekends to keep crime off neighbourhood streets.

QUENTIN WILSON reports.

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IT'S GOLD and it's past midnight, yet 15 residents huddle together and prepare for another weekend patrol in Surrey Estate. One of the captains reads a code of conduct, setting out the rules for patrol.

After going through all the "do's" and "don'ts", the captain says, "Don't, and I say again, don't draw your firearm except in *extreme, extreme* necessity. Please, this is very important."

After he has finished, the volunteers with their batons and concealed guns move off in three cars to start a seven-hour slog that finishes at dawn.

I get into a mini-bus with six others and after the "beats" are discussed over CB radio, we trek off to cover our section of the largely middle-class neighbourhood.

The streets are empty and the night is long. Soon we are bored — a result of the patrol's work over the past 12 months, I am told.

"We used to be really busy, all the time something used to happen.

It has quietened down a lot but we must not get complacent — we have to expect the unexpected and besides, crime hasn't been wiped out completely yet. And that is our goal — to wipe out crime," says a member of the patrol.

None wants to be named for fear of intimidation. Drug barons in the area have threatened them — an indication of the patrol's effectiveness.

Eventually we come across someone walking the street. We stop and three men get out to talk to him.

"Good evening, Surrey Estate Nightwatch Patrol. Where are you going?"

"To my mother," the youth is surprised and seems threatened.

"Where have you come from?" the questions are asked quickly.

"A disco."

"Where are you going?"

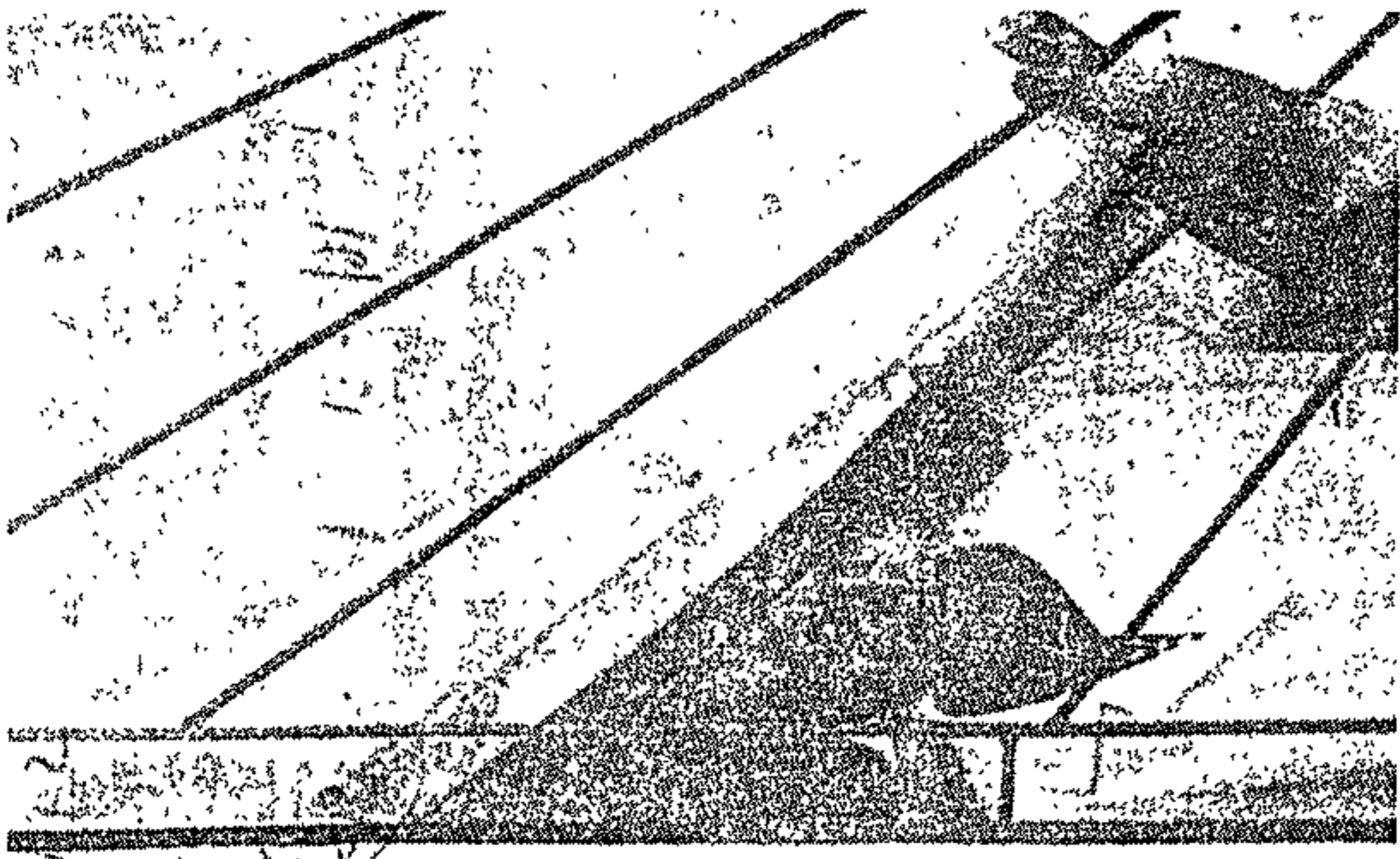
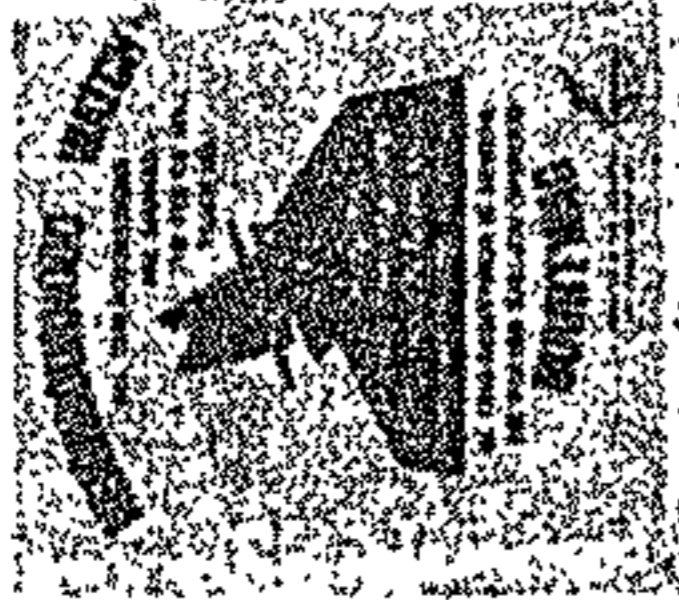
"Just down the road there (points), to my aunt."

The patrol is not happy with his answers and tells him to get up against a wall so they can search him for weapons.

They find a specially sharpened bread knife and confiscate it, telling him to pick it up at the local police station on Monday. He walks away without protest, later accelerating into a run.

The patrol is vigilant. Anybody walking in the road is considered a "suspect" and roaming cars are carefully watched. All houses are under surveillance and the slightest irregularity is investigated.

Muammar (not his real name)



WHO'S THERE? A Surrey Estate housewife who is too scared to open the door

said the police had gradually accepted their right to watch over their community.

"When we started a year ago, we had terrible problems. The police didn't want us to patrol at all. We were also very sceptical of them because not only had they failed in dealing with crime in our area, they were also the ones who shot at us during the political uprisings.

"We realised though that we can't do without them. We must

work with them and we have set up quite a good relationship with them, especially at the moment," he said.

At the end of April, the Commissioner of Police in the Athlone area wrote to the patrol praising their efforts.

The praise came after the patrol had caught a man raping a young girl in the unfinished hall in Porterville. This man was wanted by the police on another rape charge.

The patrol has 150 people who sacrifice their Friday and Saturday nights for the safety of Surrey Estate.

One of the members explained his involvement: "I have been living here for 35 years. This is my home and I don't see why I should have to live here in a state of fear. One should sleep in peace without having to get up three or four times a night because of strange noises outside — like we used to."

Villiersdorp boys are beaten, displayed on the streets after stealing sausage

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Punishment reminiscent of the stocks of the Middle Ages occurred in Villiersdorp, reports **QUENTIN WILSON:**

THEIR crime was stealing a sausage — their punishment was to be assaulted and publicly humiliated. In full view of passersby, the two boys accused of shoplifting spent nearly an hour tied to a telephone pole.

Hanging from their necks were cardboard signs which read: "I am a thief. I steal."

These events took place at the Trio Supermarket in the Boland town of Villiersdorp last Thursday.

A shop assistant caught Louis Williams, 15, allegedly hiding a sausage under his shirt. She called the manager, Mr Waldo Visser.

Visser allegedly assaulted Williams and his friend, Cecil Deelman, 12, and then he allegedly tied the boys to a telephone pole.

The two boys were tied to the pole for about an hour before astounded onlookers called on local ANC leader Mr Thomas Jansen to intervene.

An outraged Jansen, who untied the boys, was threatened with being charged for interfering with Visser's private property — the rope used to tie the boys.

"I was shocked by the fear on the faces of these children," Jansen said.

Eye-witnesses, who do not want to be named for fear of police harassment, said an off-duty policeman, a Sergeant Benadie, saw the tied-up boys and did nothing to free them. They also claim they saw a police van drive past.

Jansen, accompanied by two witnesses, went to ask Visser to explain his actions. Visser said he could do what he wanted and demanded that Jansen leave his shop.

Jansen refused and Visser threatened to phone the police.

"I didn't have a problem with him phoning the police as I also wanted to lay a charge," Jansen said. "He was looking all over for their number and eventually I told him what the number was.

"I told him that his actions were unacceptable to us in the community. It was wrong for anyone to steal but the kids are not his property — it is up to the magistrate to determine the punishment," Jansen said.

"When the police came, they went to Visser to listen to his complaints. I was told to wait outside on the pavement, which I did.



TO THE RESCUE: Mr Thomas Jansen, the local ANC chairperson, who freed the two boys

"When I told one of the policemen that I also wanted to lay a charge, I was told to go to the police station."

While Visser was attended to immediately, Jansen had trouble getting any attention. Along with the two youths and two witnesses, Jansen went to the station where he was told to wait for the acting sta-

tion commander.

After waiting ten minutes, he was told that he could not lay a charge because he was not a parent of one of the boys.

Then the mothers of the boys walked in. When Jansen explained Visser's actions to them, both women wanted to lay a charge. They were told to go back to the super-

market and lodge a complaint with the police who were there.

They went to the supermarket only to be told to return to the police station — which they did.

The mothers' scurrying back and forth finally ended when Visser decided not to press charges.

African and coloured residents are to boycott the supermarket.



ACCUSED 1: Louis Williams, 15



ACCUSED 2: Cecil Deelman, 12

Trio manager says that the incident was 'a little thing'

APPROACHED for comment on the incident last Thursday, Trio supermarket manager Mr Waldo Visser brushed off the incident as "a little thing", suggesting "it's not a good idea to do a story on this".

I met Visser, a burly man over six feet tall, in an office overlooking the deserted supermarket floor. On his desk lay a concealed hand-gun.

In his early thirties, the supermarket manager tried to justify his actions.

"I have people stealing from me daily. I just arrested the two until the police came and then some guy came along and took them away.

Visser, who would not allow photographs to be taken of him, denied assaulting them and suggested the story be dropped.

"Who told you about this anyway?" he demanded to know.

He refused to answer any more questions and said: "I will do my talking in court, if necessary.

"I dropped the charges against them because of their young age," he said.

While talking, he suddenly blurted out "Here they go again", and frantically joined his assistant in the aisle to watch every move of their latest 'suspect'.

An African man had entered and looked at goods at the back of the supermarket. After a few anxious

moments, the 'suspect' turned out to be a bona fide shopper.

"No really, I have nothing to say about what happened, just put down 'no comment'. You really shouldn't do this story anyway, nothing happened," he said.

After leaving the supermarket, I went to the police station about 600m away, to get their side of the story.

Walking into the charge office, I was greeted by a Sergeant Benadie. I hardly explained the issue I had come to get comment on when he interrupted by repeatedly saying he knew nothing about it. Shaking his head and waving his hands, he suggested I speak to Warrant Officer Johannes Reyneke, who was not in.

Benadie did not know when he would return exactly.

Later over the phone, Reyneke explained the police's position.

"The supermarket owner reported the case (the theft) to the police, who went down and got a statement. When the police returned to the station, the owner phoned and said we should not go ahead and register the charge.

"We believe there are rumours the children were tied to a pole but we didn't see it," Reyneke said.

Asked to respond to allegations the police had seen it, he said: "I don't know about that, as far as I know, they didn't."

'He smacked me in the face and then kicked me in the ribs'

"MY BODY was shaking, I was so afraid. When he tied me to the pole, the rope was very tight around my hands and feet which hurt me very much. It gave me a horrible headache."

Cecil Deelman, 12, could not have predicted last Thursday's events after going to the shop for his mother.

"My mom sent me to get some potatoes and I went with Louis Williams, my friend. When we went into the supermarket, Louis saw the sausage and hid it inside his shirt.

"We went to the lady at the till to ask where the potatoes were as we couldn't find them. She asked him what was inside his shirt and we didn't say anything.

"Then she asked Louis to take

out the sausage. He took it out and she then called the manager of the supermarket.

"He took us by the arms and pushed us into the cold store at the back of the supermarket," Cecil said.

Louis, 15, sporting a swollen eye, said he stole the sausage as he was hungry. "The man smacked me across the face. I fell over some groceries that were on the floor and then he kicked me in the ribs and face.

"He swore at me and asked 'why the f... did you steal the sausage?'. I told him I was hungry and that I was sorry.

"After slapping Cecil across the face, he left the room and returned with some rope in his hand. He took us outside and tied us

very tightly to the telephone pole. I still had the sausage in my hand."

The two slight kids, small for their age, said they felt "skaam" being left tied to the pole.

"He hung cardboard signs over our necks and left us until Mr Jansen came," Cecil said.

"I felt humiliated. Lots of people gathered round us, including some of our schoolmates. One of my schoolfriends shouted at the manager to untie us and to call the police instead."

The two softly-spoken kids said they could not face going to school the next day as they felt very ashamed.

"I felt so hurt and embarrassed but my mom said I didn't have to be," Cecil said.

Groote Schuur thefts probed

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CAPE TOWN — A group of undercover investigators has moved into Cape Town's Groote Schuur Hospital to combat widespread thefts, director-general of hospital and health services Dr George Watermeyer has revealed.

Thieves have removed goods ranging from chairs and trolleys to wall clocks from under the noses of security guards.

Dr Watermeyer, who would not give details of the undercover group, said Groote Schuur Hospital was in a "unique situation" because it was located in a high-crime area.

There had been a number of successful prosecutions of people caught pilfering, he

said. Thieving at the hospital had been found to be a mixture of an organised racket and individual pilferers.

The medical superintendent at Groote Schuur, Dr Jocelyn Kane-Berman, expressed deep concern about the continuing problems of theft and security.

She said annual losses due to theft amounted to about R1 million.

One facet of the problem was petty pilfering by staff, patients and visitors.

"Efforts to control this are focused on organised random searches and better control of stores," she said.

Major linen losses had sometimes resulted in inadequate supplies of theatre and bed linen for patients.

New control measures had reduced linen losses by about 40 percent in the past, Dr Kane-Berman said.

Other measures taken by the hospital included:

- Foot patrols by hospital security personnel.
- The installation of electronic alarm systems and the extension of the closed-circuit television network.
- The appointment of a security committee to identify new ways of resolving the problems.

Dr Kane-Berman said that 10 000 people moved in and out of the complex daily. "People must have easy access to the complex at all times. A hospital cannot be guarded like a fortress," she said. — Sapa.

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Tax clerk guilty

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A TAX office clerk who defrauded the Receiver of Revenue of more than R100 000, has been sentenced to three years in jail by the Cape Town Regional Court.

Antony Hartogh, 47, of Blue Downs, pleaded guilty to 169 counts of fraud. He deflated selling prices of cars when buyers paid GST. For instance, a car sold for R10 000 was recorded as having been sold for R1 000, enabling the buyer to pay R130 in GST instead of R1 300.

The magistrate said Hartogh had reinforced the average man's idea that the State was corrupt.

Tax clerk jailed for GST fraud

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A CLERK who defrauded the Receiver of Revenue of more than R100 000 has been sentenced in the Cape Town Regional Court to three years' imprisonment and correctional supervision.

Antony Hartogh (47) of Blue Downs in Cape Town, pleaded guilty to 169 counts of fraud committed between November 1989 and July 1991.

Hartogh, who worked for the Receiver of Revenue, deflated selling prices of cars when buyers paid general sales tax, enabling them to pay less tax.

For example, a car sold for R10 000 was recorded as having been sold for R1 000, enabling the buyer to pay R130 GST instead of R1 300, prosecutor Mr DEM Fitshen said. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

By GAYE DAVIS
AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into one of the largest medical aid schemes in the country after it emerged that the wife of the chairman of the scheme's management committee was paid R16 000 "pocket money" out of trust funds.

The wife of Pro Sano medical aid scheme chairman Cyril Beukes received the money when she accompanied her husband and the vice-chairman of the management committee, Malcolm Domingo, to Hong Kong in 1990 — where they attended an international medical aid scheme conference before spending a four-week holiday.

Wife 'pockets' medical funds

Beukes is also the deputy director of administration in the House of Representatives, while Domingo is the registrar of the Athlone Technical College in Cape Town and also chairman of the Civil Servants' League of South Africa.

Mourning dissatisfaction among Pro Sano's 58 000 members — most of them formerly classified "coloured" and employed by the civil service as teachers, post and telecommunication workers and municipal employees — resulted in a special general meeting of

the Union of Teachers' Associations in South Africa, whose 23 000 members are all registered with the scheme, a motion of no-confidence in the management committee was put. It was decided that there should be a full investigation into the incident, that management committee members take

no more foreign trips until the investigation was concluded and that because trust funds were involved, a supervisory committee would be appointed to monitor affairs.

Pro Sano is one of 39 medical aid schemes administered by Medscheme. A Medscheme director, Keith Hollis — speaking in the absence of Medscheme's chief executive officer, Piet van der Merwe, who is overseas — said it would not have been possible for members to bring about the removal of the management commit-

tee at the general meeting.

A supervisory committee, which included auditors and a legal representative, had been set up to investigate why the management committee took a decision to give Beukes' wife the money, as well as determine how the money was spent.

"There is a willingness on the part of everyone to get to the truth of the matter to the satisfaction of the members," Hollis said.

He said Medscheme administered Pro Sano, but did not run it as such. "We are subject to the management committee," he said.

He said results of the investigation would be made public.

Revenue officials cleared by inquiry

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CAPE TOWN — A judicial committee of inquiry has cleared four Cape Town Inland Revenue officials of alleged corruption, but found practices in the department that lent themselves to abuse, Finance director-general Gerhard Croeser said yesterday.

In a statement he said the committee had found that:

- There was no evidence of corruption against any of the four officials;
- Certain procedural and other practices existed that lent themselves to possible abuse and which should be rectified departmentally;
- It could not, given the magnitude of the work performed by the Receiver in Cape Town, pass any judgment on maladministration on the basis of only a few deficiencies; and
- The department investigated the allegations timeously and thoroughly.

Croeser said that it should be noted that the committee had at its disposal all the relevant documentation and also took oral evidence.

"The former officer who made the allegations, Mr T N Foster, was invited verbally and in writing to provide further evidence, but chose neither to appear before the committee nor to submit further documentation," he said.

Any allegations of maladministration or corruption, Croeser said, were promptly investigated as a matter of course and in accordance with proven procedures.

Taxpayers, therefore, could rest secure in the knowledge that their tax affairs were treated with the utmost responsibility and that prompt and severe action was taken when irregularities surfaced.

Our political staff reports that Croeser's

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statement was issued after the conviction last week of Cape Town tax official Anthony Hartogh on 169 counts of fraud amounting to R100 000.

This fraud was perpetrated by submitting lower sales figures of motor vehicles, allowing buyers to pay less GST.

Hartogh was subsequently sentenced to three years imprisonment, with correctional supervision.

Croeser said that after allegations of maladministration and corruption in the Cape Town offices of the Inland Revenue branch of the Department of Finance, a senior jurist, Regional Court president P J Botha was appointed by the Justice director-general to serve as a one-man committee. The committee was to determine whether there was substance in the allegations, and if there was, who were the people involved and what was the extent of the alleged maladministration and corruption.

The committee was to determine, also, whether in its opinion the department's investigation was timeous and thorough.

The summary of its conclusions was quoted in full in the statement and "the committee could find no prima facie evidence of corruption against any of the four officials against whom allegations had been made".

Croeser said: "Unsubstantiated allegations or suspicion-sowing involving the administration of tax collection are in no one's interests, as is shown by these recent events and the findings of the committee.

"Such things place a needless question mark over the high integrity consistently maintained by the broad corps of Revenue personnel."

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Let's get together — township colonel

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VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

A GUGULETU policeman has asked township residents to forget the past and co-operate with the police to combat gangsterism.

Colonel D A Langevelt, station commander at Guguletu, made the appeal at a meeting with executive members of the Western Cape Civic Association on Monday night.

The meeting, believed to be the first between police and the association, follows the death of another person in gang violence on Saturday.

A gang war broke out in March after a 17-year-old ID

Mkize High School pupil was raped and killed.

Reading from a lengthy document, Colonel Langevelt said the police could not succeed without the support of the community.

"Police and community members should be partners to prevent crime. The time has come for the public to become informed, but we are not asking for the establishment of private armies or street committees.

"Stop being scared of members of your community when you want to report crime. We are reaching out to you. We are here to protect and serve you," he said.

There should be a two way communication between the community and the police.

"We are asking for a chance. We are calling for ideas to safeguard people and limit crime.

"With the help of the people we can combat crime. We can form neighbourhood watches," he said.

In response, members of the association said the police did not adhere to the National Peace Accord.

A member requested that riot police not be allowed to operate in the townships.

Others said the police should

not interfere when residents disciplined gangsters.

Members also said that a leader of a certain gang who was allegedly involved in a number of murders "is roaming around in the streets".

Colonel Langevelt said the people should not confuse the court with the police as "we take people to court where the magistrate is the boss".

"We should forget about the old fights. Let's try new ways and see. We are begging that," he said.

The civic association members resolved to refer the matter to their branches for discussion.

Council buzzing with new words

Govt clampdown on drug trade

CAPE TOWN ^{Blopay 2/6/92} — Government introduced tough new regulations yesterday to combat the drug trade, including the right to confiscate property acquired through trafficking.

The aim of the Drugs and Drug Trafficking Bill, tabled in Parliament, is to bring SA's drug laws into line with the UN convention against illicit traffic in narcotics and psychotropic substances.

According to the Justice Department memorandum, the Bill has been introduced to counter the expanding national and international dimensions of drug trafficking.

Apart from the harsh confiscation of property clause — which says all property that dealers have acquired through trafficking can be confiscated by the state — the Bill also increases the state's powers to combat

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drug trafficking by increasing the number of drug-related crimes.

If the Bill is passed it will become a crime to:

- Manufacture or supply a scheduled substance, knowing or suspecting that it is to be used in or for the unlawful manufacture of a drug;
- Acquire property knowing that it is the proceeds of a defined crime; and
- Convert property knowing it is the proceeds of a defined crime.

The Bill makes it an obligation for the owner, occupier or manager of any place of entertainment to report to the police if they believe any person on the premises is in possession of or is dealing in drugs.

Failure to comply will become an offence.

Likewise, provision is made to

compel financial institutions to report to the police property purchases suspected of having a direct link to crime.

The central feature of the Bill is the wide powers it gives the state to confiscate from drug traffickers the entire proceeds of their trafficking retrospective to the passage of the Bill.

The memorandum states that the aim is to remove the incentive for people to become involved in drug trafficking by removing the proceeds and making the continued practice unattractive.

The Bill also contains mechanisms to improve co-operation with foreign authorities in an endeavour to combat drug trafficking.

The state will be able to confiscate property in SA of drug traffickers found guilty in foreign courts.

DP, CP slam bid to scrap Part Appropriation Act

CAPE TOWN ^{Blopay 2/6/92} — The DP and CP yesterday strongly objected to the proposed abolition of the Part Appropriation Act — saying that the step would undermine parliamentary control of government expenditure.

It would also reduce the time spent on debating vital financial, economic and other topical issues, they said.

The Part Appropriation Act governs state expenditure on current services from April 1 until about June when the main Budget is implemented.

In introducing the Part Appropriation Acts Abolition Bill, State Expenditure Minister Amie Venter said its motivation was to streamline the budgetary process by obtaining a standing authorisation from Parliament for interim expenditure on the basis of the previous year's approved budget.

A limit of 45% calculated on the previous year's parliamentary authorisation for expenditure during the first four months of the following financial year was proposed and thereafter 10% per month, calculated on the previous year's authorisations of already approved services.

Venter said it appeared that expenditure in the first four months would total about 35% of the previous year's total budget.

"The nature and limited analytical worth of information which is includ-

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ed in the part appropriation does not provide a basis for any in-depth parliamentary debate over economic policy and control of state expenditure," Venter said, adding it therefore appeared to be a waste of time and effort.

DP MP Ken Andrews said the proposed abolition of the Part Appropriation Act was another nail in the coffin of parliamentary accountability and democracy. At a time when greater control over government spending was required, a measure was being proposed which would leave government expenditure unchecked for a long time.

The DP objected to the magnitude of spending which the bill made possible and said the legislation was pernicious and extremely dangerous.

"The government can spend 45% of this year's budget amount in the first four months of next year — a spending increase of 12%. It can also spend a further 10% per month thereafter and we could end up with a situation in which the government only summons Parliament in January or February 1994, omitting the whole of 1993, having spent almost the total permissible budget amount for that financial year without having any parliamentary approval at all," DP MP Douglas Gibson said.

Tough move on guns proposed

CAPE TOWN ^{Blopay 2/6/92} — In a further attempt to crack down on weapons used in crime and political violence, government yesterday tabled a new Bill increasing penalties for illegal possession of semi-automatic guns and rifles to a maximum of 25 years.

The Arms and Ammunition Acts Amendment Bill excludes semi-automatic guns and semi-automatic rifles from the definition of "arms" and these may only be possessed once a special permit has been granted.

Law and Order Minister Henus Kriel proposes in the Bill that any rifle capable of firing repeatedly should be forbidden to civilians.

Police adviser Leon Kellerman said that an existing ban on sub-machineguns would be extended to civilian models of the AK-47 and the R1 and R5 rifles.

He said these weapons played the greatest role in crime and political violence in SA.

The penalty for owning a non-automatic AK-47 would rise from a fine of R12 000 to a prison sentence of between five and 25 years. The five-year minimum would be introduced as an amendment to the Bill next week.

A police spokesman said 1,2-million South Africans legally owned 3,3-million firearms, but declined to release details of how many were owned by whites and how many by blacks.

Farmers³⁵ CT 17/6/92 police to fight crime

Staff Reporter

KUILS RIVER farmers are forming a crime prevention committee — with the help of the former security police — following an armed robbery in the area.

Armed robbers escaped with R15 000 and four firearms from Sandown Piggery on Monday — the latest in a run of robberies in the area.

Farm owner Mr Giancarlo Ghisolfo said armed men had held up himself and his wife before escaping with the money and firearms in the couple's vehicle.

A criminal investigations services — formerly the security police — spokesman confirmed the police unit would be giving security advice to farmers in the area.

Farmer Mr Harold Beeselaar said farmers were in the process of establishing radio links with the police.

Gangs force Hanover Park residents to live in terror

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JACQUELYN SWARTZ, Staff Reporter

TERRIFIED Hanover Park residents are being held hostage in their own homes by horrifying acts of gangsterism.

For six months muggings, armed robberies and murders have been the order of the day following nearly two years of peace after rival gangs promised to end violence.

But in December the vow made in March 1990 was broken with renewed outbreaks of crime.

"We are living in fear," said a woman resident.

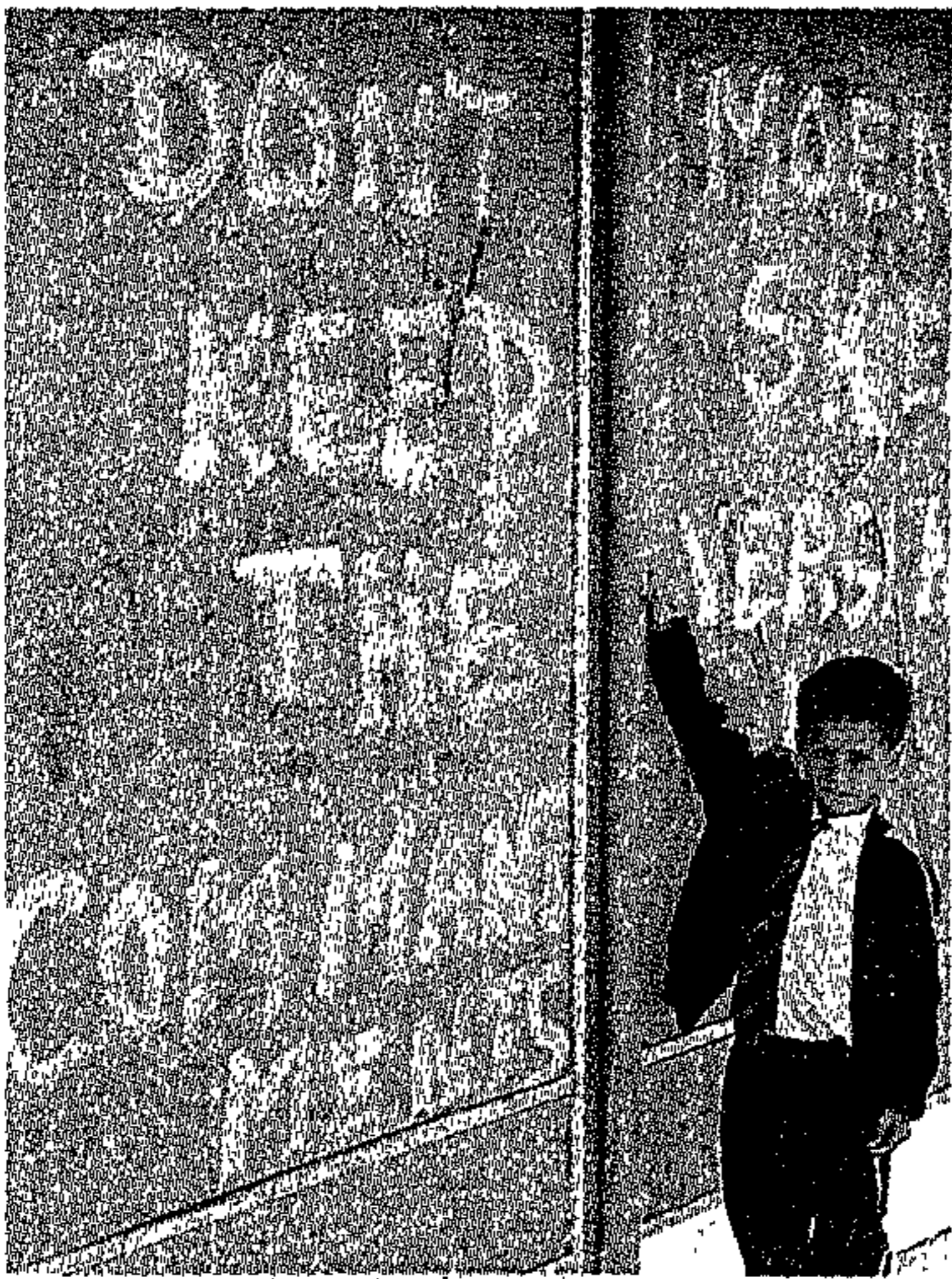
"The Mongrels are the worst. They are cold-blooded killers. There have been four murders this year."

She said the gang, based in the Hanover Park flatland, had about 100 members in the suburb alone, with children as young as nine belonging to it.

Like other residents interviewed, she was afraid to reveal her identity.

"It's death for us — we must not be named," she said.

But fear of recrimination did not stop her and a small group of incensed neighbours from meeting The Argus in her modest Hanover park council house.



GANGLAND: Graffiti scrawled on a wall in Hanover Park sums up the philosophy of the gangs terrorising residents.

One matronly woman became irate when discussing the problem, blaming the police for not showing enough interest. Others nodded in agreement, recounting their experiences.

One, a 55-year-old mother of nine, has twice been forced to intervene when gangsters were on the brink of killing innocent young men.

The most recent incident was last week when she begged a Mongrel to put away the gun he was holding to her 19-year-old companion's head.

The young man — her daughter's boyfriend — was on his way to look for a job when he was accosted.

He tried to resist and the gangster pulled out a gun.

"If I was not with him that morning to plead for his life . . . I don't even want to think of what would have happened," she said.

Although she wants an end to the reign of terror, the woman refused to let the young man lay a charge because she believed he would be killed.

Like many other school-leavers in the area, he is forced to stay at home because going out to look for work could prove fatal.

One young woman was forced to give up her job after being repeatedly attacked by gangsters who allegedly killed her 18-year-old brother in May.

He had gone to fetch cassettes in Howick Court, which is in Mongrel-controlled territory, when he was stabbed to death.

Her grief-stricken mother is terrified for her family's safety.

"My children can't walk in the streets because they are his sisters. They have had bricks thrown at them," she said.

She said her son's killer bragged in front of her that he had committed the crime.

"He says he will go free. He wants to kill the witnesses as well," she said.

Another woman complained that in the 23 years she had lived in Hanover Park the situation had never been worse.

With her was her two-year-old grandson who was nearly a victim of the Mongrels when they chased an uncle he was with.

"Every morning my son gets robbed with a knife to his throat," she said.

"It's not even safe to be in your own home. We hardly have money for food, but we have to get burglar bars."

● A spokesman for the Philippi police said they were aware of the problem and were doing their best.

"We are sending in the maximum number of men we can," he said. "The area is policed nearly every day."

Cop blames hunger for increase in robberies

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By DIANA STREAK

AN increase in armed robberies in the Peninsula can be ascribed to the deteriorating economic climate and the high number of illegal firearms around.

This was said by Lieutenant Colonel Leonard Knipe, head of the Murder and Robbery Unit, after police reported that there had been more than 100 cases of armed robbery, in which hundreds of thousands of rand were stolen.

"There are more and more people out of work and

there are a terrific number of firearms available, largely from house break-ins," he said.

"Now a bread delivery man or any carrier of money in the township is at risk from a hungry mouth.

"A lot of businesses are also not as careful as they should be when carrying large amounts of money."

Even the police have not been exempt as targets. Four police assistants on duty at the Mandalay railway station were robbed of two shotguns, a 9 mm pistol, ammunition and a two-way

radio this week.

Three armed men surprised the police assistants, forced them into a toilet and robbed them.

On Thursday, six men armed with an AK-47s, a shotgun and several pistols forced three employees of Kennedy and Gail cheese agents in Steenberg into a toilet and locked 10 other people in a cold storage room. The gang fled with R15 000 in cash.

"A lot of people and cafe-owners carry firearms and many of these are stolen," said Lt-Col Knipe. "A lot are stolen off the police as well.

Lt-Col Knipe emphasised that there were two kinds of armed robbers. The first worked in well-organised professional gangs, had arms caches in different areas and moved from city to city, committing daring and well-planned raids on banks and building societies.

"Then you have the local chaps who have acquired a firearm and rob because of economics."

Guguletu battles gangs to stop the bloodshed

VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

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EMBATTLED Guguletu residents are determined to stamp out gangsterism — and they seem to be winning.

A three-month-old initiative is starting to bear fruit as the violence dies down.

Residents feared the gang menace, hot on the heels of the bloody taxi war, would turn the township into another Maritzburg-type killing field.

The conflict flared in March after the killing of an I D Mkize High School pupil who was found raped and repeatedly stabbed.

This sparked vicious clashes between the Ama-Soweto and Amafela gangs and school attendances fell as terrified pupils stayed home.

Most of victims were pupils from Oscar Mpetha High School in Nyanga and I D Mkize High in Guguletu.

Many residents, aghast at the violence, were afraid to venture out of their homes. Social life in the normally vibrant townships all but died.

Frightened residents accused the police of not taking firm action as the alleged killers roamed the streets. Police denied they were lax and said people were not laying charges.

Eventually several alleged gangsters were arrested and appeared in court and the peace initiative was set in motion by the Western Cape Civic Association.

People met regularly in community halls and private homes to plot how to counter the gang menace.

The difference between now and 1988, when the last spate of violence tore communities apart, is that the residents have structures to deal with the problem.

During those turbulent times, the residents launched "street clean-up" campaigns to rid the townships of the gangsters. In one incident, an alleged member of Amafelandawonye, Si-

mon Madukunene, was killed by an angry mob.

Several people were arrested in connection with the incident, but residents were not deterred and patrolled their neighbourhoods at night to protect themselves from the gangsters.

In some areas, groups of known gangsters had their hide-outs set alight by angry residents.

Gangsters' weapons were confiscated and some were forced to apologise publicly for tormenting the community.

Early in 1989, another peace initiative was launched by Major Johan Kleyn, then head of Guguletu's detective unit, who organised soccer games for the notorious Ntsaras and Amafelandawonye gangs.

Major Kleyn also engineered a truce between the factions.

But three years of relative calm was shattered when the gangs re-surfaced. This year violence was mainly between the much-feared Amafela and Ama-Soweto gangs in the Section One and Four areas.

Thanks to the unbanning of political organisations in February 1990, townships have a network of street committees which meet weekly to discuss residents' grievances.

In Section Four, which has been hard hit by violence, the residents are also setting up youth committees to stage cultural events to keep youths off the streets. They are also trying to organise the building of recreational halls and gymnasiums and to raise the standard of living.

Agencies such as Nicro are trying to help by organising peace meetings between feuding gangs and by counselling victims of the violence.

The peace campaign was boosted when the police organised a meeting with civic association members and asked the residents to co-operate with them to curb gangsterism.

Last week the parties held another meeting where they reaffirmed their commitment to stamp out the problem.

Now there appears to be a tenuous peace and hopes are high it will be permanent.

Vow on railway patrols

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By JACKIE CAMERON

POLICE are to step up patrols at railway stations, in subways and on trains in the southern suburbs following a brutal attack on a 79-year-old great-grandmother in the Harfield Village subway near her home on Thursday.

Mrs Martha Hart was seriously injured when a mugger hit her on the head. The man had approached her from behind while she was in the subway making her way to the platform.

The man made off with Mrs Hart's bag after ripping it from the straps while she lay unconscious on the ground, a police spokesman said yesterday.

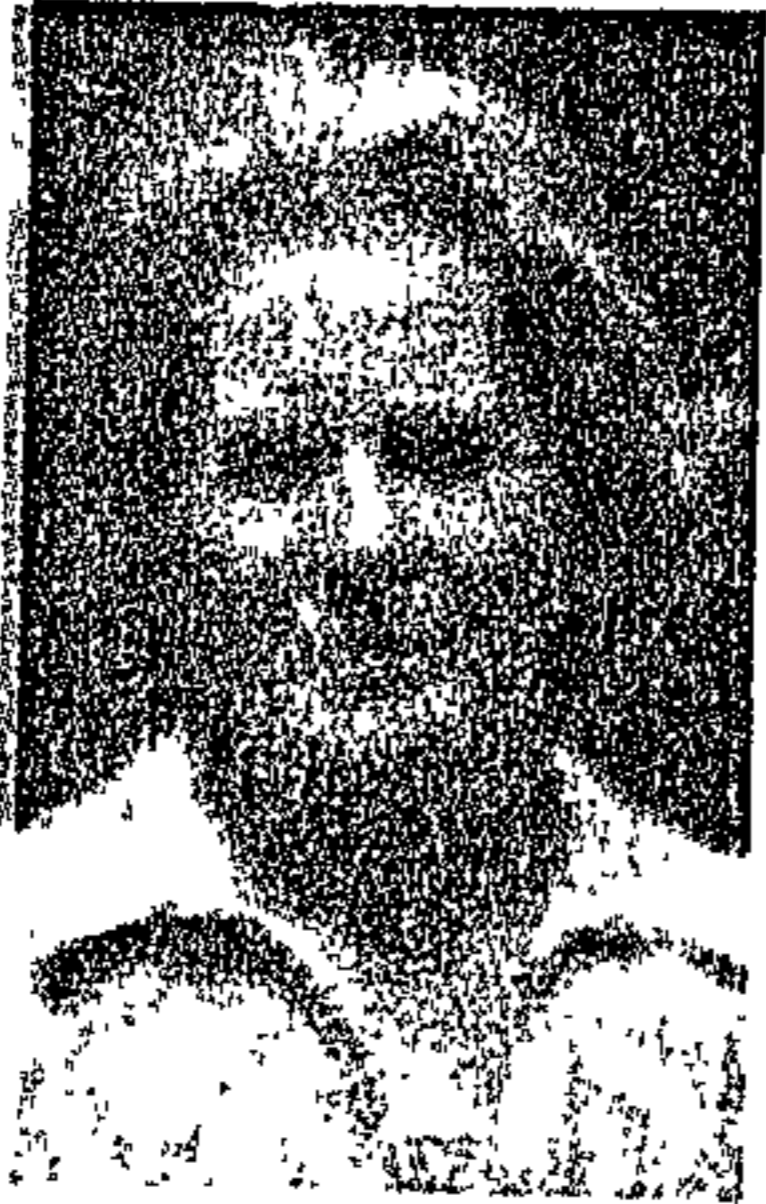
Mrs Hart was too shocked and ill to speak of her ordeal yesterday, her daughter Mrs Jenny Meiring said.

"When she came round, she was in the ticket office with a clerk and a policeman."

The District Commissioner for Wynberg, Colonel Raymond Dowd, said "police regard the brutal attack in a very serious light" and vowed to step up crime prevention at railway stations and in subways in the area.

He urged elderly people to contact their nearest police station for an escort should they feel afraid to walk in subways alone and said: "We won't see it as a waste of time or inconvenience."

Commuters in the vicinity at the time of the attack had seen the man, around 30 years old, loitering at the Harfield Village platform for



VICTIM ...
Martha Hart, 79

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Shadow of new gangs on townships after long lull

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EAST LONDON. — The name Stimela strikes terror into the hearts of township residents in East London.

It is a name taken over from Ray Phiri's famous band by one of two new gangs that have sprung up in Mdantsane and Duncan Village.

Stimela and the other gang, the Damaras, are said to be more dangerous than earlier gangs.

They are the talk of the townships — though in murmurs.

For fear of the new gangs has silenced even rural villages outside East London.

Residents in Mdantsane's NU 2 area, where the Stimelas are based, claim that the youths — aged between 15 and 18 — operate in a group of about 50.

They have knives, pangas and guns and armed robbery is becoming common.

A resident, fearful of giving his name, said people were afraid to go out at night.

"A man lost his eye after he was shot by these chaps last week," he said.

Mr Lulamile Mjekula, who lives in Mncontsho, said: "We can be easy targets here because police stations are far away, so I can't open for strangers at night."

Recently, four of the Stimela group were hauled before a "people's court" in a primary school hall, interrogated — then sjambokked when one confessed to being a member of the gang.

They were tied together with belts and locked up in an outside toilet for the night.

The Damaras operate in both Mdantsane and Duncan Village. They take the name from a Namibian ethnic group — which raises fears they are mercenaries from Namibia.

The Mdantsane Residents' Association (Mdara) accused the Ciskei police of turning a blind eye to the gangs' activities and ignoring complaints.

Border and Ciskei police spokesmen said they knew about the gangsters, but there was not enough information to act against them.

The residents have begun morning and night vigils in an attempt to counter the gangs.

The re-emergence of gangs comes after a lull since the March 1990 coup in Ciskei when they were suppressed by activists.

Members of a notorious gang, the Beasts, were killed and others fled after an all-out manhunt by residents in the areas.

Other gangs were The Supremes and Kool and the Gang, and they all disappeared as a result of pressure from residents.

The One-Way gang was an older group and was based in Duncan Village.

This group went underground during the 1985 uprising in East London.

The Beasts were named after a TV movie, *The Beauty and the Beast*, while the Supremes regarded themselves as "supreme" rulers of the township.

Kool and the Gang took their name from the American pop group. The One-Ways name originated from old gangster groups on the Reef. — Eena.

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Crime ⁽³⁵⁾

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goes down

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — May was an extraordinary month in South Africa — the crime figures dropped.

Crimes reported in May this year were down by 4,61 percent compared with the figure for last year.

This meant that 5 347 fewer crimes were reported this May, police commissioner General Johan Van der Merwe said yesterday.

"What makes this even more remarkable and encouraging is that the percentage of crime solved for the same month increased by two percent," General Van der Merwe said.

"This is a very clear indication that the recently announced crime plan, coupled with the combination of Crime Intelligence Service and Crime Investigation Service, is now proving to be successful."

"Because of the higher visible policing, also a result of the crime plan, reaction time is shorter and more criminals are arrested at the scene of the crime."

Detailing police successes in June, General Van der Merwe disclosed that:

- The Child Protection Unit had arrested 441 people (145 for rape, 75 for indecent assault, and 20 for assault on children).

- The Vehicle Theft Unit had confiscated 1 666 vehicles (valued at more than R45 million) of which 959 were identified as stolen. During investigations more than 900 people were charged with motor vehicle theft and robbery of vehicles.

- The Diamond and Gold Unit confiscated diamonds, gold and other precious metals valued at more than R500 000 and arrested 247 people.

- The Commercial Crime Unit arrested 424 people who were charged in 479 cases.

- The Truck Theft Unit arrested 153 people and recovered goods valued at more than R170 000.

- The SA Narcotics Bureau arrested 1 378 people for possession of Mandrax, LSD and cocaine, and confiscated more than 74 000 Mandrax tablets, 364 units of LSD and 430 grams of cocaine.

In all a total of 59 978 people were arrested in June, of whom 23 651 had previous offences, the general added. — Sapa-Crime Staff.

Colorado Park losing ⁽³⁵⁾ 'bush war' against crime ARG 31/1/92

JACQUELYN SWARTZ, Staff Reporter

IN the past eight months Colorado Park resident Mr Mogamat Abrahams has been robbed more times than he cares to remember — and he blames it on the Regional Services Council for failing to clear thick bush next to his house.

Mr Abrahams believes thieves use the rapidly-growing vegetation as cover from which to watch houses and to escape.

"They stole my bakkie four times in the past eight months. I get it back every time, but with no wheels, no battery ..." said the motor mechanic who lives in Rosewood Drive

"They take what they want and dip into the bush. It's perfect."

Mr Abrahams claims that whenever there is a theft from his grounds, there are footprints leading into the bush

Thieves have also broken into a car parked in his yard and stolen its gearbox, and washing has been taken from his clothesline.

Last Friday goods worth R1 500 were stolen from his bakkie.

The next day a neighbour had a television set and video recorder stolen.

But it is not just the thefts that worry Mr Abrahams.

"My wife hangs up washing outside and I'm afraid someone might jump out of the bush and attack her," he said.

The bush is so thick it is beginning to invade Mr Abrahams's property.

A spokesman for the Mitchell's Plain police confirmed that the crime rate in the area had risen.

"There has been an increase in break-ins and thefts in the vicinity since the beginning of the year," he said.

"The bushes are not far from the houses in that street and could be the problem," he said.

Mr Abrahams emphasised that crime had died down briefly after the bush was cleared about a year ago.

Residents also complain that there are no street lights in the suburb of mostly new houses near Mitchell's Plain.

"If a car stops we can't even make out what kind it is. All you can see is something standing there," said Mr Abrahams.

He also blames the lack of lighting for an attack on his neighbour's wife when she was on her way to work early one morning.

In spite of daily contact with the Western Cape Regional Services Council Mr Abrahams has been unsuccessful in getting the bush cleared.

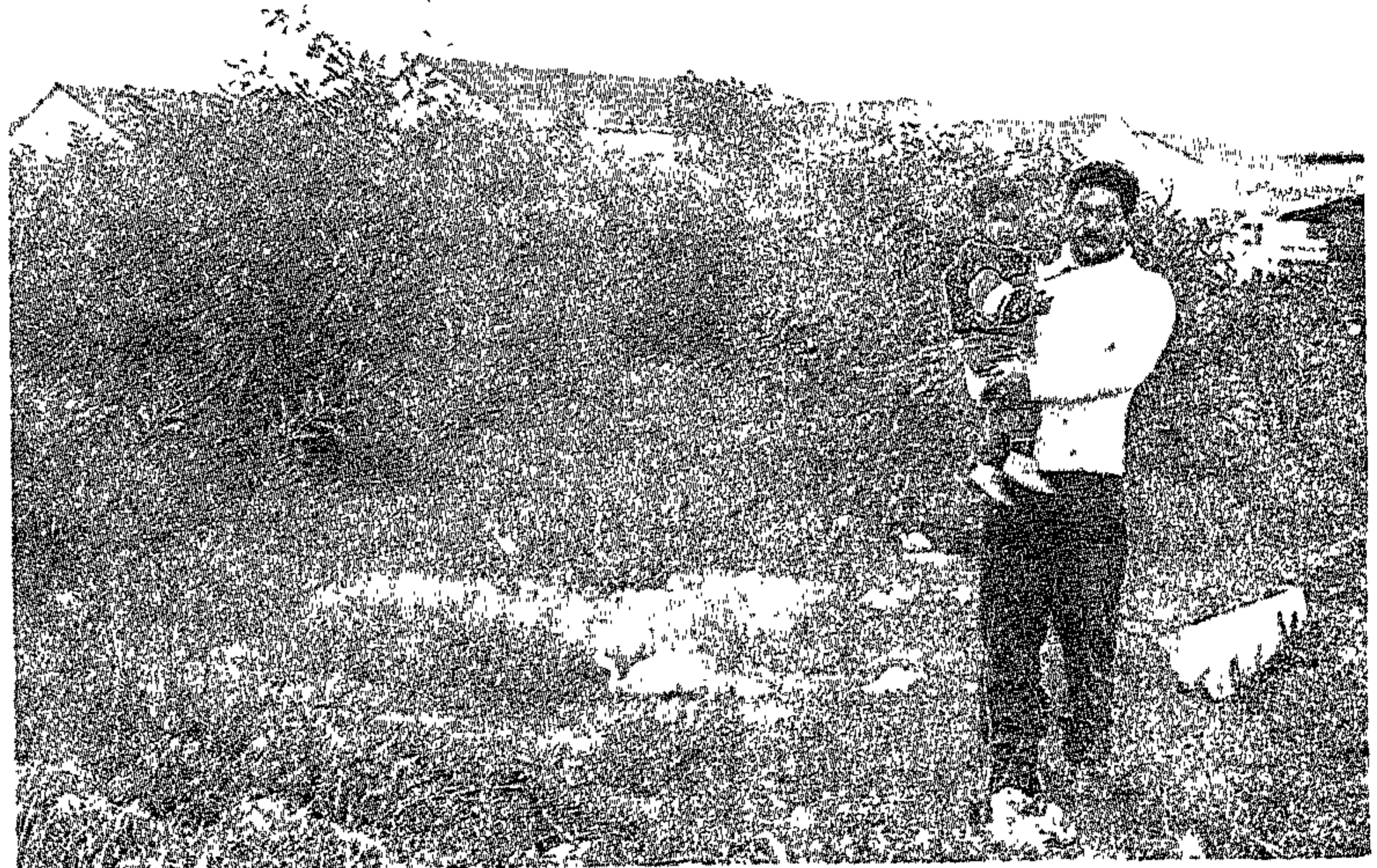
"One thing I like about them is that everybody is capable of giving you another phone number.

"Is the RSC here for crime promotion or crime prevention?" he asked.

A spokesman said the RSC was aware of the danger posed by overgrown vegetation, but did not have specific inspectorate to follow up such problems.

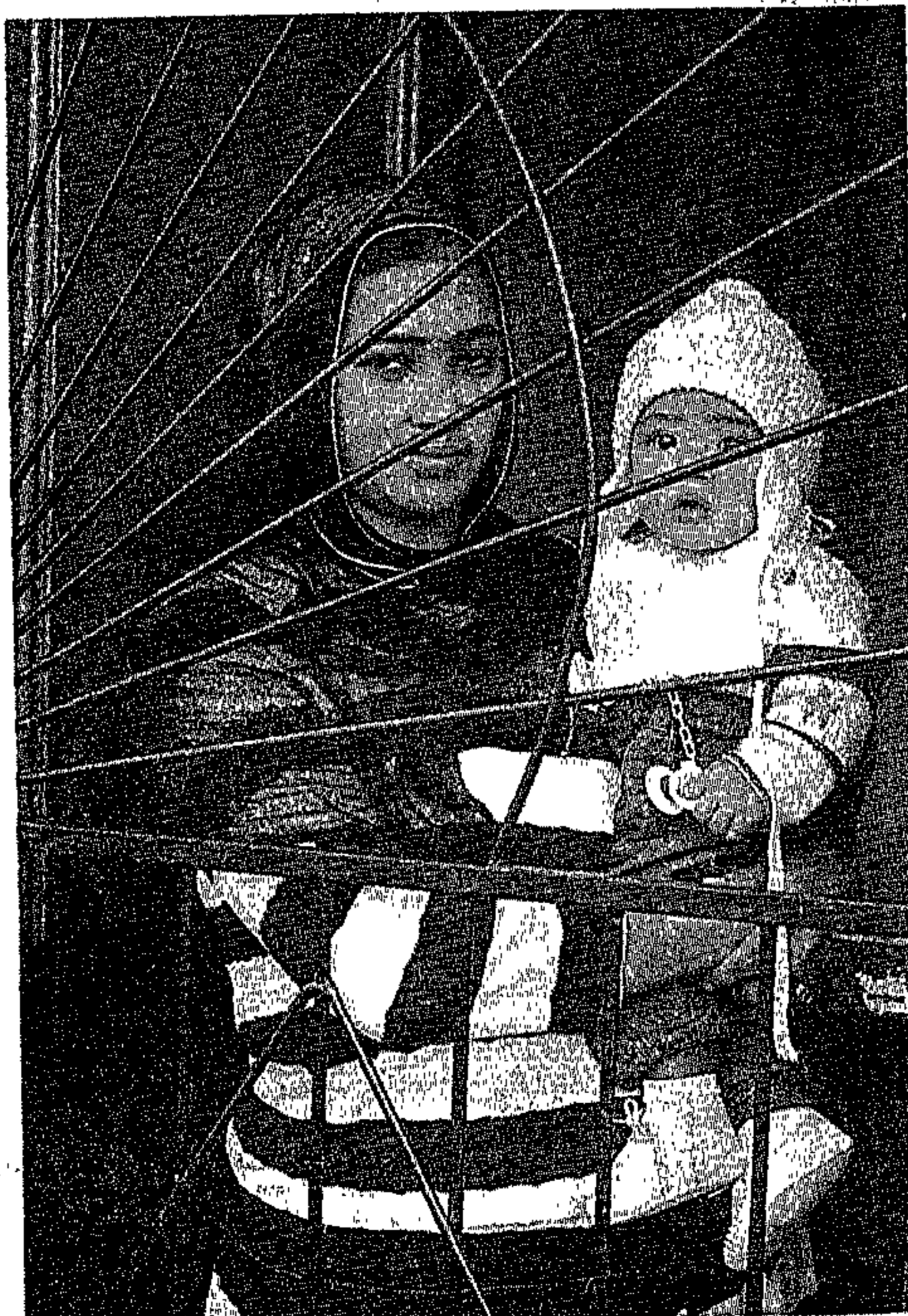
The spokesman said the land was state-owned and the department concerned had been informed.

The RSC was spending R200 000 this year on street lighting between Rosewood Drive and the R-300 and R200 000 would be budgeted next year for lights between Rosewood and Highlands drives.



Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus

DANGEROUS: Mr Mogamat Abrahams with his two-year-old son Luqmaan in the bushy area next to his Colorado Park home.



PROTECTED: Mrs Nazlie Saal and baby Moegamad Kashief, six months, hide behind a security gate. She feels in danger because of the dense bush in Rosewood Drive.

The struggle against crime in 'the Plain'

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TYRONE SEALE
Staff Reporter

FOUR murders, seven attempted murders and 111 burglaries in one month is relatively good news in Mitchell's Plain.

The month under the spotlight is May 1992 and the comparison is with May 1991 when the sprawling dormitory town, with an estimated population of 390 000, reported five murders, 11 attempted murders and 110 burglaries.

May 1992 included 35 car thefts and 55 reported assaults compared with last year's figures of 50 car thefts and 110 assaults.

Regardless of the figures, however, Nicro's Mr Norman Jantjes, social worker and director of the Mitchell's Plain branch of the institute, says their campaign for a crime-free city remains unaltered.

Mr Jantjes, who has made a career of studying crime in "the Plain", is calling on religious leaders, civic bodies, the police, neighbourhood watches, the South African National Council on Alcoholism (Sanca) and others for help.

"The crime in this area is pretty stable at the moment — but, of course, everyone in Mitchell's Plain wants crime stamped out," he says.

"Maybe many people are growing out of the problem. Maybe it's a phase that has



Mr Norman Jantjes

blown over for many young people, and maybe it has to do with programmes like Nicro's crime prevention actions, neighbourhood watches and greater accountability and credibility from the police.

"I think the police are realising they are public servants and have to be more accountable to their employers — the community."

However, "on the whole, the community here is more positive about their role in preventing crime".

The rise of teen gangs is one item coming under the microscope at Nicro's Mitchell's Plain Crime Awareness Week next week.

Mr Jantjes remains concerned about the rise of the gangs.

"Most of the criminals and gangsters in Mitchells Plain are youngsters.

"The older gangsters have moved off the street corners and seem to be involved in drug peddling and organised crime, while teenagers, who form more than 60 percent of the area's population and are very vulnerable, are taking to the streets.

However, he believes a great deal of crime "has to do with the lack of recreational and other social amenities in Mitchell's Plain".

Nicro and the business community are particularly concerned about an average of 25 shoplifting cases reported every month and will be discussing this during the Crime Awareness Week.

The Crime Awareness Week will include a discussion on juvenile delinquency and the role of the family and school in fighting this problem.

The legal implications of shoplifting and its effects on the shoplifter, the family and the consumer/business sector will be addressed in a separate seminar.

Mr Jantjes hopes the week's discussions will highlight specific problems in Mitchell's Plain and point the way to combating crime in other residential areas, as well as ways to manage crime in a changing South Africa.

The organisation has invited

ANC executive member Mr Kader Asmal, Wynberg Democratic Party MP Mr Robin Carlisle, Pan Africanist Congress Western Cape chairman Mr Theo Mabusela and National Party MP for Bonteheuwel Mr Patrick Mackenzie to lead a seminar entitled Political Perspectives On Crime.

"When we have a new government, whatever it's going to be, it will have to address the problem of crime around the country, said Mr Jantjes.

"People need the opportunity to listen to what they have to say about crime. If crime is a major problem in a particular area, the local politicians' policies on the matter will probably determine the vote in that area," he added.

Invitations to a seminar on safer public transport have gone out to the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta), the Cape Housing Action Committee (Cahac), the police, the Chamber of Commerce, Golden Arrow Bus Services, Transnet and trade unions.

"Public transport is obviously of great concern to all communities in South Africa and we have invited as many interest groups as possible to discuss problems and solutions. We hope talks here can provide hope for other areas."

● For more information on the Crime Awareness Week contact Nicro Mitchell's Plain at ☎ 397 6060/1/2.

Lawyers under spotlight in funds scandal

By FRED KHUMALO

LEGISLATION could soon be passed that would compel bank managers to report any irregularities in a lawyer's trust account to the Association of Law Societies.

This week, Maritzburg attorney Younus Bayat was struck off the roll after the Supreme Court found a "massive" shortfall in his trust account, bringing to 10 the number of lawyers - most of them black - getting the axe in the same number of months in Natal alone.

Bayat's case has turned the spotlight on the law fraternity - showing what Natal Law Society spokesman David Randolph recently called a "marked increase" in the number of lawyers finding themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Randolph said the society had noted with concern that lawyers were "cunning and clever" and with the aid of their bank managers had been able to conceal irregularities in their trust accounts.

To counter the trend the society had recommended to the govern-

ment a law which would force banks to divulge information about lawyers' trust accounts. (36)

Bayat has reportedly fled overseas and Randolph said the Attorneys' Fidelity Fund would now reimburse clients "whose money was stolen".

In 1989 the Fidelity Fund forked out R3,6-million to reimburse cheated clients.

Meanwhile, two prominent lawyers' trust accounts are under intense scrutiny following allegations of irregularities in the accounts.

The Natal Law Society has applied to the Supreme Court to have Stephen Dawson, a prominent Durban lawyer, struck from the roll of attorneys because he allegedly misappropriated funds.

Dawson has denied the charge, saying he had been sick and unable to check the bank statements.

Durban attorney Kwanza Mlaba is also alleged to have received stolen funds which were deposited into his trust account.

City scores a violent first in the world

SITimes, CCM 9/18/92 (35)

VIOLENT injuries, mainly the result of assaults, occur more frequently in the greater Cape Town area than anywhere else in the world.

This has been revealed by an article in the Medical Research Council's annual report which was published this week.

The head of the MRC's trauma research unit, Dr Johan van der Spuy, said in the report that the trauma rate — the rate at which people need treatment in hospital for fresh injuries — was higher in the greater Cape Town area than anywhere else in the world.

In an interview this week he said the only other place with one comparable statistic was the District of Columbia in the United States where the homicide death rate from, for instance, gunshot wounds, was higher than Cape Town's.

Dr Van der Spuy said 37 percent of trauma injuries requiring hospital treatment were the result of assault. At teaching hospitals the rate was higher at 50 percent.

Accidents

In the article, Dr Van der Spuy said that an MRC study had shown that one in 10 people in greater Cape Town — or 25 130 people out of a population of 2,5 million — required medical treatment for a fresh injury every year.

This indicated a trauma rate of 10 000 cases per 100 000 of the population — the highest rate recorded anywhere in the world.

The study analysed more than 8 000 fatal and non-fatal trauma cases treated by state and private hospitals, clinics and doctors.

Of these 37 percent overall were caused by assault — 50 percent at teaching hospitals — 63 percent by "domestic" injuries, including accidents in homes and schools, and 13 percent by traffic accidents. A total of

By EVE VOSLOO

33 percent of all injuries were alcohol-related.

Dr Van der Spuy said the clinical load on the treatment staff for trauma was "vast", much higher than in any other region researched in the world.

"We are using very sophisticated facilities to treat large volumes of relatively minor trauma, which is incredibly expensive."

The statistics gathered by the study show that trauma caused by assault was most prevalent in lower-income, so-called "coloured" areas of Cape Town where one in eight people suffered injuries at home.

Part of the explanation for this could be socio-economic conditions but most were associated with alcohol misuse.

The data from the study was already being used by the Cape Provincial Administration and private hospital groups in planning trauma facilities, as well as in the insurance industry, Dr Van der Spuy said.

One aspect that was already being tackled was a study of the personal profiles of victims of repeated assaults treated at provincial hospitals with the aim of helping to identify high-risk factors in individuals and devising an intervention programme focusing on these factors.

Masked gangs hit traders in townships

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DENNIS CRUYWAGEN, Staff Reporter

BALACLAVA-CLAD robbers have targeted traders in Nyanga, Khayelitsha and Philippi in a reign of terror since March — netting nearly R100 000 from one small businessman alone.

In a letter handed to Khayelitsha station commander Lieutenant-Colonel W J Heunis today, the Triple Trust Organisation said organised groups of criminals acting boldly and with shocking regularity appeared to be responsible.

A University of Cape Town education department academic and owner of Nabe Stores, Dr Mzobs Mboya, has been the worst hit.

- In early March four balaclava-clad men robbed him of R5 000;
- The same month he was robbed of R40 000 by four men wearing balaclavas;
- On Good Friday four balaclava-clad men robbed him of R10 000 and his car valued at R40 000; and
- He was also robbed in April.

The Triple Trust letter said: "We are concerned about how robberies are destabilising the positive gains of the business community. Businesses making a positive impact in the community are no longer safe.

"It appears that organised criminals are targeting all business ventures which appear to be successful."

Many crimes were not reported to police because of fears of retribution and intimidation, said Triple Trust, which is involved in self-employment and job-creation programmes in the townships.

The letter said some people had reported crimes but had not seen results after going "through the legal process".

The organisation was aware that appalling socio-economic conditions were a major factor in the increase in crime.

Police and Trust members were due to discuss the situation at a meeting today.

The organisation gave a list of people hit by the balaclava robbers.

- A woman who asked to remain anonymous was robbed of R2 500 by four balaclava-clad men in her Khayelitsha home in February;
- In May, five men wearing balaclavas raided the Pele Pele Cash Store, Khayelitsha. A 12-year-old boy was shot and killed during the robbery;
- In June robbers struck at the Standard Bank in Philippi's Small Businessman Development Corporation hive, taking an undisclosed amount; and
- In February, a man delivering chickens to stores in Khayelitsha was stopped by a gunman who robbed him of R20 000 and fired a shot which grazed his head.

Popular Annie leads fight against crime in Uitsig

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JOSEPH ARANES, Staff Reporter

UITSIG, like many Cape Flats townships, is dirty, overcrowded and a mecca for criminals. But its people are fighting back.

Uitsig can be divided into two distinct parts, a middle class section and a sub-economic section where people live under harsh conditions.

In the latter area, housing is inadequate and people resort to building shacks in their backyards to house their children. Most houses do not have electricity.

Unemployment in this section is very high and recreational facilities are non-existent.

Annie Jacobs, who has lived in Uitsig for 17 years, says this is a recipe for disaster.

Mrs Jacobs is a well known, popular figure in the area and one of the few who has been able to afford to have electricity installed in her home.

Her popularity stems from her determination to rid the area of gangsters.

She has single-handedly brought warring parties together and negotiated a truce among them.

"The problem is that there are no facilities in the area, so the youth turn to crime, drugs and alcohol," she said.

Now she is working with the ANC branch in Uitsig to establish recreational facilities for youngsters to encourage them to turn from violence.

ANC sports convener Jacobus van der Berg said it was a tremendous challenge to re-direct the energy of the youth, but with their co-operation and that of the community, they could succeed.

He said the ANC would ask the Regional Services Council to clear overgrown fields so that sports could be played.

They were collecting sports equipment, he said.

Ravensmead police station commander Captain Pieter le Roux said the crime rate in his area was dropping, "but Uitsig is still where the highest number of serious crimes occur".

Last week the ANC handed a memorandum to the police asking for a mobile police station to be set up in Uitsig to help counter gangsterism.

Police say they will investigate the feasibility of such a mobile unit or satellite police station in the area, but it will depend on the availability of funds.

20 shot dead as spree of ruthless robberies plagues township traders

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Reign of balaclava gangs

■ The identity of the much-feared balaclava robbers remains unknown and police have made no arrests. Meanwhile, the robberies go on.

VUYO BAVUMA

Weekend Argus Reporter

A TERROR campaign carried out by balaclava-clad gunmen is wreaking havoc in Cape Town townships, with police nowhere near a breakthrough.

In the past nine months, more than 20 people have been shot dead and goods and cash worth more than R150 000 stolen in a series of robberies of small traders and taverns, especially in Nyanga and Khayelithsha.

On Sunday night a fast-food chicken outlet in the Langa shopping centre was robbed of R10 000 by seven gunmen

wearing balaclavas. No one was injured in the attack.

Only 24 hours earlier, three Langa residents, including popular shebeen owner Mr Isaacs "Saki" Masakana, were shot dead at the men's hostel in Zone 2. The robbers stole an undisclosed amount of cash before speeding off.

Also killed were Mr Zolile Newenze, 27, who had been brazing at the time, and a shebeen patron gunned down while having a beer.

A worker at the shebeen, Miss Puleng Phillips, described how six gunmen held her up and forced her to open the safe.

"Two of the men jumped over the counter and pointed their guns at me. They also forced two kitchen workers to lie on the floor.

"One of the gunmen grabbed me by the hair and dragged me into the office. He threatened to shoot me and forced me to open the safe."

This week, a community organisation expressed shock at

the regularity of the crimes. There have been no arrests.

The crimes include:

■ The owner of Nabe stores, Dr Mzombi Mboya, who is also an academic at University of Cape Town's education department, has been robbed of R100 000 in a series of raids since March.

■ Since the beginning of this year, small businesses, especially shebeens, have been robbed. In some cases, the robbers shoot their way out.

■ In July, a Nyanga father of five was shot dead in front of his family by a gang wearing balaclavas. They robbed him of an undisclosed amount of money and a video machine.

■ A week earlier, three cousins were shot dead and six people injured when a balaclava gang opened fire outside a tavern in Harare squatter camp, Khayelithsha, and

■ A Khayelithsha Western Cape Civic Association leader, Mr Nelson Sithole, was shot dead by men armed with R-1 rifles and axes.

Move to clean up Lavender Hill

■ The Cape Areas Housing Action Committee is co-ordinating attempts to deal with gangsterism in notorious Lavender Hill near Retreat, while police say they cannot make the area safe without support from residents.

NORMAN JOSEPH

Weekend Argus Reporter

ONGOING battles between the Mongrels and Mafias gangs in Lavender Hill near Retreat can only be curbed and the area made safe if residents give greater support to police efforts, says spokeswoman Major Denise Brandt.

She was reacting this week to residents' growing fears about gang wars in the township, and calls by community leader Mr Joe Marks for job creation programmes and for-

eign investment to help raise living standards.

Since the beginning of July a man has been shot and killed in Ashley Court, three men stabbed another to death in Prince George Drive, another man was stabbed and died in Retreat Road, and violent robberies have been reported.

Mr Brentino Lendis, 18, of Kepele Court said: "In the evenings I have to walk home about 9 pm from my girlfriend's place to avoid confrontation with gangsters".

A Steenberg resident who wished to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals, said the fighting among gangsters induced fear in the area.

Major Brandt said: "The police and the police should form a 'communal police' to work as a team."

She explained that unless the community gave the police greater support, crime could not be combated effectively.

Mr Marks, chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action

Committee (Cahac) and the Steenberg/Retreat Housing Action Association said that gangsterism was the direct result of the unemployment of the past three years.

"It is also linked to the increase in the use of dagga and Mandrax by the majority of the youth in the area. Our civic association has run a campaign regarding drug abuse for the past four years. But much more needs to be done.

"We need foreign investors to pump massive amounts in this country so that we will be able to address unemployment," said Mr Marks.

"As far as lawlessness is concerned, it is not only the responsibility of the police, but every person who lives in the area has to become involved."

Mr Marks said Cahac was in the process of co-ordinating discussions among gangs and community organisations.

"My immediate aim is to talk to the leaders of these gangsters and try to bring them together," said Mr Marks



WHEELS: It was all go for Prised wheelchair — made presentation to the Astra Ms Vanessa van den H

Ithuba

■ Ithuba, savior of the disabled, has launched a campaign to achieve it

VUYO BAVUMA

Weekend Argus Reporter



New measures to fight crime on Waterfront

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By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

TIGHTER security at the Waterfront will coincide with the opening of the Victoria Wharf in October and security adviser Mr Paddy Allen, a former London Docks police superintendent, has just returned from studying the latest crime-fighting methods at similar overseas attractions.

Irish-born Paddy, who visited London and the United States, said: "I have made provision for a new security system, not only for Victoria Wharf, but for the Waterfront as a whole."

He said he would be introducing measures he had learned at Pier 17 in New York, where he was assisted by the New York police.

Phone-in points

He also learned much from what he called his "old stamping ground" — St Katherine's docks, in the Wapping area of London.

He said that under the new security system all tenants would be in immediate electronic communication with security in case of fire, thefts, burglaries and muggings.

He would also introduce phone-in points so that members of the public could call for help anywhere on the Waterfront.

"If anyone feels he is in danger of being mugged he can go to a phone for our immediate assistance. This system is being operated on Waterfronts in the United States and Britain and has been extremely

successful."

Mr Allen also said the waterfront would be getting a police station. This would be at the Victoria Wharf and was expected to be opened this month.

He added that the waterfront's security staff worked in close liaison with the South African Police.

Quickly caught

In his career Mr Allen has dealt with accidents, faintings, heart-attacks, people falling down manholes and has even assisted in a birth.

"I have not had to deliver a baby in Cape Town but I did deliver one at London Docks in 1949 on a bomb site in the Whitechapel Road in the East End.

"The Press gave me the full treatment and I was overjoyed when the mum christened the little chap Paddy."

Mr Allen was appointed security adviser to the Waterfront in February 1990 and has coped with millions of people during the past two seasons.

He feels that with the completion of the Victoria Wharf there will be even more challenges but he is optimistic that they will cope with them.

He believes the Waterfront can become one of the showpieces of the world and he wants to keep it safe for overseas and local visitors.

"Isn't this going to be one of the greatest boosts to our tourism industry, isn't this going to put Cape Town more firmly on the map than ever, and isn't it worth fighting for?" he asked.

Senior Scouts honour

Atlantis crime to take a knock

Political Correspondent

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THE building of a R6,5-million police station in Atlantis would soon make the high crime rate in the area "a thing of the past", the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Representatives, Mr Abe Williams, said yesterday.

Mr Williams said the police station would have "high visibility", as the site was close to the shopping centre and Wesfleur Hospital. (35)

Peninsula armed robberies triple ⁽³³⁾

DAVID YUTAR, Staff Reporter

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ARMED robberies in the Peninsula have almost tripled in the past four years, reaching an average of more than three a day this year.

Police murder and robbery squad figures show that armed robberies increased at an average annual rate of just under 45 percent between 1988 and 1991.

The number rose from 425 in 1988 to 558 in 1989, 783 in 1990 and 1 185 last year. This year there have already been 861 armed robberies in the Peninsula involving goods worth R4,8 million.

The value of goods stolen in armed robberies in 1988 was R940 294, in 1989 R1,5 million, in 1990 R3,6 million and in 1991 R5,8 million.

Police liaison officer Captain Attie Laubscher said the biggest cause of the dramatic increase in armed robbery was the weak economy.

"By far the majority of such crimes are committed by unemployed people who see armed robbery as the easiest way to obtain large amounts of money quickly." He also cited people's "negligence with firearms" as a contributing factor.

Captain Laubscher cautioned that the figures should "be seen in perspective" and said police had a success rate of more than 80 percent in solving such crimes and recovering stolen goods or money.

Police were "aware that certain gangs were still operating in the Peninsula and elsewhere" and "expect a breakthrough soon".

He added: "Heavy sentences imposed by the courts will help reduce the number of armed robberies."

TRENDS

Consumer

GRAVE MISTAKE:
A dead dog's owners in the US have been awarded about R3 million because pet cemetery owners buried another dog in their pooch's coffin. This was outrageous, a judge said. — Daily Mail.



SOMETHING TO MOO ABOUT:
Aussie scientists have invented the world's first animal-fat-free milk with the full cream thickness and flavour of conventional milk. They believe it will earn the country millions in export sales. — Sapa.

Beating the boggy of joblessness

BREAKING BARRIERS

The Crafts Association helps people convert determination into progress. It opens the export market for local producers by establishing ties with "fair trade" bodies abroad, reports PHILIP ZOIO.

FOR Alvina Malatsi, the security of a weekly wage is gone forever. But she enjoys the esteem and independence she has gained from her self-initiated home industry, specialising in jackets and bags made from German prints.

The route from factory worker to small businesswoman has not been an easy one.

When riots erupted in Soweto in 1976, Mrs Malatsi stayed away from her work at a clothing factory. When she returned, she no longer had a job. So she and some friends got together and, using knowledge acquired from years in the factory, set up a home-based industry.

"At the factory I would make 60 trousers an hour. I'm too old for that now," says Mrs Malatsi, who is 56.

Gone also are the built-in structures for buying materials and selling goods. But Mrs Malatsi is able to rely on assistance from the Crafts Association, which helps people like her

work through obstacles that would otherwise prohibit them from operating successfully.

The association offers marketing advice, sometimes direct financial assistance, and distribution through its shop — Rural Craft — in Rosebank, Johannesburg. It also organises sales events at markets often far from home.

Another Sowetan, Mathilda Mashaba, is a regular participant of Crafts Association sales events. She's a tenacious woman. Her self-help project has suffered the kind of setbacks that would have broken other, less hardy, spirits.

Three burglaries within a year left her group without money, machines and materials for the next nine months.

But now, after some help from the United States embassy, she's back in business with a confidence that speaks, if not of wealth, at least of future success. Her ambition for the group is to own a production centre from which other mem-

bers of the community could be trained in manufacturing and literacy.

The Crafts Association, founded in 1983, brings together a variety of people. Many make long journeys — from rural northern Transvaal and even from neighbouring states.

Jameson Mankole, from a remote village in Gazankulu, wanted to preserve the identity of the Tsonga people by reviving production and use of their traditional costume, a black embroidered mityeka (cloth). Half of the 26 members of his self-help group, started in 1986, now depend solely on the profit for their livelihood.

The intimacy among members of her self-help cooperative in Venda appeals to mother-of-four Cecilia Mamburn, who knits thick woolen jerseys. The women in her group discuss personal affairs, solving problems as they arise. Work and income are divided equally, creating a sense of community rare in Western workplaces.

For Elizabeth Mahesu, who lives near Louis Trichardt, another advantage of her association with her group is the opportunity to visit other areas and meet different people.

Others, such as Ethel Ringani and Joyce Ngobeni from Gazankulu, enjoy learning new techniques and developing their abilities.

All these women and men have a common purpose — to discover a way to survive and prosper in a punishing economic environment.

The Crafts Association helps them convert their determination into real progress. One of its strategies is to open the export market for local producers by establishing ties with "fair trade" organisations abroad.

As Crafts Association founder and director Sipho Mashini says: "We would like to establish a large fair trade organisation, where we pay a fair price to the producer and the profits go back for their training and development."



Proud... Gazankulu's Joyce Ngobeni a

W Cape crime rise

'lowest' (35)

CT 16/9/92

PRETORIA. — Police yesterday painted a gloomy picture of the crime crisis in South Africa, but claimed they were "getting a grip" on the situation.

The chief of the Witwatersrand Crime Combating and Investigating Unit, Major-General Chris Serfontein, said at a news conference the increase in serious crime during the past six months was the lowest in the Western Cape (1,09%) compared to the previous year, while the highest increase was recorded in the western Transvaal (10,49%).

Nationwide, serious crime had increased by 12,9% in 1990 compared to the previous year, while the increase in 1992 was "only" 3,21%, compared to 1991. He said the rate at which serious crimes were solved had increased since the start of the SAP's national crime plan, with 38 000 more people having been arrested and charged in the first six months of this year compared to the same period last year.

General Serfontein said although the unit had to investigate 318 000 cases daily, the only "workable solution" of cases was community involvement and not the recruitment of more policemen.

He said the SAP had already established community forums and plans were under way to establish a national crime combating council.

General Serfontein said there were "sharp increases" in fraud cases over the past four years, with almost 20 000 cases being investigated involving about R3,7 billion.

In July 626 vehicles to the value of R23m were stolen, compared to 504 vehicles valued at R19m in May.

Regarding attacks on the elderly, he said there was an increase of 30% from January to August compared to the same period last year. — Sapa

Big drop in city muggings

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Staff Reporter

THE introduction of the Tourist Protection Unit has led to a considerable drop in the number of mugging cases in the city centre, according to a senior police officer.

Brigadier Philip Delpont told members of the Federal Hospitality Association of South Africa (Fedhasa) at its annual meeting that muggings had dropped from 74 last year to 12 so far this year.

He said this drop in crime had resulted from close co-operation between the business sector and the police.

It had also become necessary to bring together units like the "takkie squad", Tourist Protection Unit and other security units under a single authority to ensure greater vigilance and protection.

Special cops in Cape linked to spate of crimes

■ **BAIL APPLICATION** Groups held

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responsible for brutal killings, rapes and armed robberies in Peninsula townships:

By Sowetan Correspondent

FORMER special constables who had formed themselves into groups were partly responsible for the spate of brutal killings, rapes and armed robberies in Peninsula townships, the Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court has heard.

Giving evidence during a bail application for Mr Fuzile Jangile and Mr Michael Mvukwe, both of Khayelitsha, yesterday, Warrant Officer G Brink of the Murder and Robbery Unit said there was a link between the Balaclava Gang, which is menacing the lives of township businessmen, and the activities of some former special constables.

He said there was forensic evidence linking former special constables Jangile (25) and Mvukwe (22) to the attacks on and the killings of township businessmen and that more investigations were being undertaken on their activities.

They are also linked to the cold-blooded murder of a policeman, the killings of prominent Langa businessmen and an at-

tack on party-goers in Khayelitsha's up-market Ikhwezi Park area.

Warrant Officer Brink said other former special constables were in custody in connection with Balaclava Gang activities.

The state also links Jangile to eight armed robberies and murders in Transkei.

The two were arrested in a car on August 31 on Lansdowne Road, allegedly on their way to an attack in the Frankdale squatter camp.

Asked to plead

No charges were put to them and they were not asked to plead.

On Tuesday Jangile appeared in the Mitchell's Plain Regional Court but the case was postponed because his co-accused, Mr Makwezi Ntakane, also a former Special Constable, failed to appear.

Warrant Officer Brink also told the court that the two men were caught on their way to taking part in an attack in a squatters camp in Frankdale, in which a man was killed, a woman and her daughter raped and a shopkeeper robbed.

Anger over release of 'hardened criminal'

STAN 11/10/97
Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A policeman whose partner was wounded in a shootout with the Dube Gang has reacted with outrage to the release of Lucky Malaza, whom he considers a definite threat to society.

Captain Shane Keohane said: "I am extremely disappointed in the system which could have allowed such a hardened criminal to be released in this way."

And a Government source said yesterday the matter was receiving high-level Government attention.

The source said President de Klerk was aware of and concerned about the situation and Correctional Services Minister Adriaan Vlok was personally dealing with the investigation into Malaza's release.

On June 16 1987 Captain Keohane (then a sergeant) was on patrol with two partners, Constable Rod Beer and Constable Gordon Etheridge, near Third Beach, Clifton.

They spotted a car in suspicious circumstances and went to investigate, but everything appeared to be in order.

As they were leaving the scene they saw a man walking towards a bakkie. Constable Beer went over to question him.

His colleagues then noticed the interior light of a luxury car switch on and off. They went to the car and found Malaza lying on the front seat. He told them he was waiting for his employer.

Constable Etheridge was on his way to verify Malaza's story when a shot rang out.

Constable Beer had been shot in the neck by Jabu Dube, leader of the notorious Dube Gang, who was standing over Constable Beer with a gun in either hand.

Meanwhile, Mr Justice R M Marais, who sentenced Malaza to 16 years in jail for murdering Constable Michael Cockrell during a shootout after the Dube Gang robbed a Mowbray, Cape Town, bank of R57 000 in 1987, said he was astounded that the man had been released under the amnesty.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said Malaza's release would have to be reconsidered if the allegations were correct.

Border's Operation Phoenix

Own Correspondent

QUEENSTOWN. — The South African Police have launched a number of crime prevention operations in Border regions since February, according to Eastern Cape Regional Commissioner of Police Major-General Koos Calitz.

"A large contingent of police is deployed in the region extending from Cathcart to Maclear as part of Operation Phoenix," he said.

"Since the start of the operation on September 3, 825 farms have been visited by police and 172 roadblocks held; 6 502 vehicles and 6 732 people have been searched.

"The area is patrolled by mobile, foot and mounted patrols aided by a helicopter and a fixed-wing aircraft."

Henderson station commander, Sergeant Guilliam Pretorius said: "Farmers are active in protecting their property. We are only 10 km from the Transkei border."

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Civic's call to weed out crime

Staff Reporter

THE Khayelitsha Civic Association has called on its members to join forces in identifying the "bad element" responsible for violent crimes in the township.

A recent spate of attacks on delivery trucks has led to drivers' refusing to enter the worst-hit areas. Drivers are using the police station as a

distribution point.

Zone secretary Mr Dixon Kulani said yesterday the association was not sure who the culprits were but suspected "the skollie element in the community".

The driver of a bread delivery truck had been shot dead last week in an incident that indicated robbery had been a motive, he said. The civic

association did not believe the violence was politically motivated.

"The action is strongly condemned by the civic association and we're calling on all our units to join forces and identify the bad elements."

The civic association is to meet the Lingeletu West Town Council to discuss council workers' refusal to work

Spiral of murders in Mitchells Plain

By Juanita Williams

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THERE have been 12 murders in Mitchells Plain in the last two months.

The latest murder victim was a 15-year-old girl, whose body was found on the corner of Morgenster and Duine roads on Monday. She had allegedly been raped.

This spiral of deaths in Mitchells Plain has prompted community organisations to demand that a crime prevention forum be established in the area.

Police started a forum three months ago, which community organisations have attended, but doubts have been expressed about the "credibility" of the forum.

Nicro (National Institute of Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders) branch director, Mr Norman Jantjes, said: "The forum that the police have at present is not truly representative of the community.

"They (the police) invited organisations to their forum. We were not informed when the meetings would take place."

At a meeting between the police and community organisation representatives to discuss the forum, Nicro had suggested that the present police forum be disbanded.

"The community would then be given a chance to establish a forum that they can be involved in more directly," Jantjes said.

Mitchells Plain police public relations officer Sergeant Jacobus Slingers, said the forum was meant to "boost liaison between police and the community".

"The forum is fairly representative. About nine organisations attended the meetings," he said.

The organisations are from the House of Representatives, the Evangelical Ministers Fraternal, the Mainline Ministers Fraternal, the Merchants Association, Mitchells Plain private hospital and day hospital, the Neighbourhood Watch Association and the Mitchells Plain Management Committee.

Slingers insisted Nicro had been invited to the forum, but did not attend.

The Mitchells Plain ANC zone, the Merchants Association, the Minister's Fraternal, the Advice Centre, Nicro and the co-ordinating committee of civic organisations in Mitchells Plain have held meetings to discuss the formation of a "more democratic" forum.

Crime decreasing in Hout Bay, says SAP

By PENNY SWIFT
CRIME is on the decrease in Hout Bay, figures released by the South African Police this week indicate.

Station Commander Warrant Officer William Cockrell said this week that the incidence of crime was the lowest in five years.

An increased visibility of policemen and growing public co-operation had contributed to this, he added.

"It is essential for people to realise that safety and security are a community responsibility," W.O. Cockrell said. "We have to concentrate on preventing crime." He said Hout Bay had an

effective neighbourhood watch programme which was continuing to grow, "especially now that people are seeing the results of their efforts".

"We also have a permanent business watch which has helped the commercial area become more secure." A foot beat also patrols all residential areas.

"When one considers that crime nationally increases between 25% and 30% annually, Hout Bay has to be one of the safest places in our country today," says police reservist W/O Harold Becker, who has compiled statistics on crime in the valley for five years.

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Hout Bay 'one of the safest places in SA'

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By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

THE crime rate in Hout Bay is now lower than any time in the past five years, according to figures released by the South African Police.

Warrant Officer Harold Becker, a police reservist who helped set up seven Neighbourhood Watch groups in the Hout Bay valley, said: "In fact, when one considers that crime, nationally, increases by 25-30% a year, then Hout Bay, according to our local police statistics, has to be one of the safest places to live in our country today."

Mr Becker recently analysed the police records for the first six months of every year from 1988 to 1992.

For instance, burglaries this year have more than halved in comparison to the past two years as well as crimes categorised as theft.

Even theft from motor vehicles has been radically reduced.

In 1988, 144 cars were broken into and this rose to an alarming 347 in 1990 but had dropped to 97 this year.

Rampant

Burglaries and thefts were also rampant in 1990 when they totalled 675 and this figure has dropped to 275.

Even cases of drunk persons in public are lower!

Only incidents of common assault have increased in the past five

years, although they have slowly been decreasing since 1989; but this, say the police, is largely a social problem rather than due to criminal behaviour.

In the past three months (June to August) reported crimes have totalled 275, whereas last year there were 292 cases during a similar period.

Interestingly, only 63 of these were committed in the residential areas bordering the informal Imizamo Yethu settlement (commonly referred to as Mandela Park).

Although this is a little higher than last year when 50 crimes were reported, housebreaking has decreased from 21 to 13 cases.

"Theft from motor vehicles has been a major problem here," said station commander Warrant Officer William Cockrell, who was transferred to Hout Bay in February.

"This happens largely at night and often from cars which have been left open or where valuables can be seen from outside.

"On the other hand, burglaries are more common during the day when residents are away at work."

Warrant Officer Cockrell believes the decrease is due to better policing — not only because of efforts of the force, but by community participation, particularly in the Neighbourhood Watch movement.

"I have increased foot patrols this year and that has also helped to prevent crime," he said.

More secure

"In addition, we have a Business Watch with a policeman visiting offices and commercial outlets on a daily basis, offering advice and assisting to make premises more secure."

Mr Becker adds that the Hout Bay police have had "an exceptionally high success rate in crime solving and speedy arrests of perpetrators".

"There has been a greater police presence and police visibility in our various neighbourhoods," he said.

"There has also been a far greater awareness of a potential crime situation by residents which has led to a successful Neighbourhood Watch system.

"While the ever-increasing bond between the SAP and Hout Bay residents makes the task of the criminal an extremely difficult one, more volunteers are needed for Neighbourhood Watch."



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ANC take
on crime

Staff Reporter

POLICE and regional ANC leaders in Mitchells Plain are to attend a series of meetings together with a view to co-operating in overcoming the suburb's crime problem.

There have been 44 murders in the suburb this year — many of them apparently gang-related.

Mr Achmat Semaar, the ANC's area chairman, said yesterday the process had not been without problems.

Police had started a police-community forum three months ago, but the ANC and community organisations were unhappy it did not represent the entire community.

Mr Semaar said a meeting held last Thursday, in which "dirty washing was aired", had resolved the problems

Move to cut jail numbers

Sowetan 15/10/92
■ **PACKED PRISONS** Plans to release

convicts early to ease overcrowding:

Sowetan Correspondent

HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS are to be moved from the Pollsmoor Prison to the Eastern and Northern Cape and Free State to defuse a crisis caused by overcrowding.

About 250 maximum security prisoners in the prison - described by Commissioner of Correctional Services General Willie Willemse as "bursting at the seams" - will be taken to less crowded prisons.

Several hundred others from overcrowded Southern Cape prisons will also be moved.

At a medal parade at Brandvlei Prison in Worcester today, General Willemse also announced that plans were being made for additional prison facilities in the Western and Southern Cape to hold up to 1 200 prisoners.

The occupancy rate of Western Cape prisons was 159 percent and of Southern Cape prisons, 165 percent.

He said a programme to wash bedding to curb the spread of lice was being launched at Pollsmoor. These measures were intended to bring short-term relief, he said.

35 In the longer term, the Department of Correctional Services was convinced a "controlled earlier release programme" was the best option to keep down the overall prison population.

It would be done responsibly and would not lead to prisoners convicted of serious offences being freed.

The parole system was also being extended. So far, it had an 88,6 percent success rate and was cheaper than conventional punishment.

General Willemse painted a grim picture of the effects of life at Pollsmoor where overcrowding often exceeded 100 percent.

● Ablution facilities in cells intended for 15 to 18 prisoners were being used by 30 to 40 prisoners.

● Prisoners had to sleep on mats.

● Single cells were being occupied by more than one prisoner.

● Prisoners were forced to have meals in their cells which don't have tables or benches.

● Prisoners had insufficient outdoor exercise time.

General Willemse said South Africa's prison population of 109 162 exceeded available accommodation by 29 percent.

Violent crime spirals

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By Edwina Booysen

JOHANNESBURG has been pegged as the new crime capital of the world, but it seems someone has neglected to tell Cape Town's criminals.

By October 23 police in the Western Cape had received about 80 reports of armed robberies for the month and, as Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Knipe of the Peninsula murder and robbery squad, said: "It is not even the end of the month yet".

Although more cases had been reported by the same time in past months, especially July and August, it is possible October's rate can still increase.

More than 130 and 180 cases were reported in July and August respectively.

"The area experiencing the most problems is Khayelitsha," Knipe said.

"Reports are received at an hourly rate."

Although all robberies could not be attributed to gangs, Knipe said, very few of the cases were committed by individuals.

"In most cases the offence is

committed by a group, but one cannot call them a gang simply because they act together," he said.

He said he could not divulge the police's strategy for crime prevention, especially armed robberies, but gave the assurance that a visible police presence was always upheld in all areas.

By Friday, police had arrested 32 suspects in connection with the robberies.

- The owner of Blouberg Motors, Mr Brian Hopkins, was held up at 6am on Monday and robbed of his car, valued at R45 000, and over R5 000 in cash.

Hopkins was in the garage office when three unidentified men entered and threatened him with knives.

At 7.45am, while Mr Douglas Pool, a salesman at Barnard Spares in Voortrekker Road, Maitland, was unlocking the premises, three unidentified men forced him into the office.

One of the men threatened Pool with a firearm and robbed him of R5 000 in cash. The men fled after locking Pool in the toilet.

Police believe both robberies were committed by the same men.

More coloured crime

THE criminal conviction rate among coloured people is three times higher than for other population groups, a Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) study has found.

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Total conviction rates for coloureds were 3 874 per 100 000, blacks 1 426 per 100 000, Asians 1 189 and whites 1 011. The conviction rate for illiterate black and coloured males was higher than the rate for other educational categories for most types of serious crime, with the exception of robbery and motor vehicle theft.

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Coloured³⁵ crime shock

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The study, *An Analysis of South African Crime Statistics, Convictions for the Period 1956 to 1988*, was recently published by the HSRC.

Gangs war fear after stay-ins

■ A plea for peace in Hanover Park has been made by the mother of murdered gang leader Lugmaan "Joepie" Jochem — but police and residents in the suburb are bracing themselves for the worst.

TYRONE SEALE

Weekend Argus Reporter

POLICE and residents fear a new outbreak of gang warfare in the tense suburb of Hanover Park today as the traditional seven-day period of Muslim mourning draws to a close.

But the mother of a gang leader killed last Sunday has appealed to the rival factions — the Young Americans and the Back Street Kids — to forget the past and leave the township in peace.

Mrs. Veronica Jochems, mother of murdered Young Americans leader 'Joepie' Jochems, 25, urged gang members not to try to avenge the death of her son.

A 200-strong special police squad, comprising members of the Peninsula Gang Unit and Philippi police, patrolled Hanover Park round the clock this week to safeguard the area. This was in spite of an assurance given by the Young Americans to police and the community that they would observe their mourning in peace.

Police strategy included foot and vehicle patrols, a pamphlet drive, impromptu roadblocks, searching suspects on the streets, and attending to all complaints from residents about gang activity.

The Young Americans have accused the Back Street Kids gangs of killing Mr Jochems.

Speaking to Weekend Argus yesterday, Mrs Jochems said: "I've always said these people shouldn't fight. It's not easy to solve this problem because these people (the Young Americans) are going mad."

Police believe the gang is marking time, waiting for the end of the mourning period at 8 pm today, before avenging the knife attack on Mr Jochems last Sunday. Mr Jochems left a five-month pregnant girlfriend, Ms Shireen Arendse.

Seven men and two youths, ranging in age from 16 to 27, appeared in the Athlone Magistrate's Court on Wednesday in connection with the killing. No charges were put to them.

Ten months ago, Mr Jochems was left for dead by rival gangsters who had shot him nine times. He recovered in hospital.

During a clean-up operation by 217 policemen on Thursday night, a man was arrested with 110 mandrax tablets in his possession. Police also made an arrest in connection with a long-unsolved murder.

The gang unit's Major Hein Smit and Philippi station commander Captain J P Engelbrecht said police would maintain their presence in the township. They urged residents to report gang-related information to the Gang Unit on 951 3510 or to Captain Engelbrecht on 692 1230.

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Crimebusters

on Cape Flats

SOUTH 14/11-18/11/92

By Edwina Booysen

COMMUNITY organisations and police have joined forces in a groundbreaking initiative in Manenberg, one of the most crime-ridden areas on the Cape Flats.

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A joint forum, launched in January, has overcome teething problems and, since July, has been active in combating crime in the areas served by the Manenberg police station.

"It was established because crime is not only a police problem," said station commander Captain Arno Lamoer, a member on the forum's secretariat.

Woman visitor 'raped' in prison toilet

By AYESHA ISMAIL

A YOUNG Woodstock woman was allegedly raped by a prisoner at Pollmoor Prison last week after visiting her husband there.

The woman, who cannot be identified, said she was lured into a toilet in the visitors' waiting room by a prisoner who had asked her whether she could deposit money into his bank account.

He had accumulated it by doing favours for people.

"Because I knew him from my visits, I agreed.

"I asked him for the money and the card in the waiting room but he said he could not give them to me there, as the warders would see.

"He walked into the toilet saying he would give me the account number there. Once we were in the toilet he just went mad."

The woman said she reported the matter to a warder who took her to the colonel on duty.

"The colonel asked whether I wanted to lay a charge, but I refused. I did not want to go through the trauma of long court appearances. I just wanted to forget what happened."

She said the colonel told her the prisoner would be moved to another section to ensure that the incident was not repeated.

It is believed that the prisoner, a former traffic officer, is due for release soon.

Complaint

A spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services said he could not confirm the incident as the woman did not lay a charge.

"We invite her to lay a charge with the SAP and also a complaint with the head of Pollsmoor Prison so that the matter can be investigated," he said.

● A Hout Bay man, aged 35, was arrested in connection with the rape of a 54-year old woman in Scarborough early yesterday morning.

Police said the man allegedly entered the house through an open window and raped the woman twice.

Neighbours called police after the incident and the man was arrested in the Koggelfontein Nature Reserve a kilometre from the house minutes later.

The man is expected to appear in the Simons Town magistrate's court on Monday.

The woman, who has lived alone in Scarborough for 11 years, said the man had held a knife to her throat and threatened to kill her.

The woman was admitted to the False Bay Hospital with serious internal injuries and will be tested for Aids.

No arrest yet in shooting of schoolgirl, 13

By Justin Pearce

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THE MAN who allegedly shot 13-year-old Jolene Peterson of Villiersdorp has still not been arrested, more than six weeks after the incident occurred.

This is despite fact that the farmer who allegedly fired the shot was recognised and identified by Jolene at the time of the shooting on October 4.

Jolene was shot behind the ear while she was taking a short cut through a field.

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Police spokesperson Major Hendrick Opperman said the investigation was complete. The findings were sent on Tuesday to the senior state prosecutor who will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a decision whether to arrest the suspect.

Opperman said that this unusual procedure was necessary because it was "a very sensitive case" owing to the amount of publicity given to it.

Activists in Villiersdorp have claimed the police had deliberately tried to forestall an arrest.

Villiersdorp ANC chairperson Mr Thomas Jansen said he enquired two weeks ago about the progress of the investigation and police told him the matter had been referred to the Attorney General.

This is in contradiction to Opperman's statement.

Jolene has experienced continuous pain since the shooting, which severed a nerve.

Doctors have not yet removed the shot, which is lodged next to her tongue, for fear of causing further tissue damage.

Story on the home front

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Cootzer
 Domestic worker organisations have reacted with cautious optimism to news that this sector's workers may soon be covered by protective legislation.
 African Domestic Workers' Association (Sadwu) executive Mrs Dianne de Vries said this news was a "wonderful base" for the sector's commitment to extend the Basic Conditions of Employment Act (BCEA) to domestic workers.
 The Domes- Association, Ms Mag-stressed the amend- be a "wonderful base".
 added it was now vital workers became professional and equipped with appropriate skills. commitment to extend protection to domestic

workers was given during a November 6 meeting between the minister and the general secretary of Cosatu, Mr Jay Naidoo.

In a resolution, Wessels agreed that the Department of Manpower would submit to him draft legislation to extend the BCEA to domestic workers so he could introduce the Bill in parliament.

Wessels also agreed to facilitate the parliamentary process to have the Bill passed by not later than the second half of 1993.

The BCEA covers issues like hours of employment, meal intervals, overtime, weekend work, holidays, sick leave, maternity benefits, termination of service, minimum age, and certificates and contracts of employment.

The minister also agreed to the establishment of a committee — comprising representatives of the Department of Manpower, the Department of Justice, Cosatu, Nactu and Saccola — to investigate and make proposals about the

extension of the Labour Relations Act to domestic workers.

Agreement was also reached on the extension of unemployment and worker's compensation benefits to domestic workers.

Although the DWA has expressed concern at its exclusion from the meeting between the minister and Cosatu, it is clear all domestic workers organisations can claim some victory from the outcome.

Oewies said her organisation felt it was important that workers be trained in house organising skills.

The Third World technikon initiated by the DWA offered courses in first aid, home nursing, cooking, driving, child care and swimming.

"The more skilled our workers are, the more leeway they have to bargain with their employers.

"The whole area of domestic work must become more professional," said Oewies.

She said domestic workers were traditionally difficult to organise, particularly because of their dispersed places of employment, but it would be possible to educate them about new laws.

"People are very quick to pick up on their rights," she said.



DOING DUTY OR DOMESTIC BLISS: Will protective legislation benefit domestic workers from or will it just be empty words?

Care-ful, march in progress

SOUTH 21/11-25/11/92

By Diane Cootzer

EDUCARE workers are preparing to take to the streets in defence of the education and care of small children.

The United Pre-School Association (UPSA) is inviting all education workers to take part in a march on parliament on Saturday to demand that the state take responsibility for pre-school education and care.

UPSA spokesperson Ms Gloria Britain said a list of demands will be presented to an official from the Department of Education.

"In townships like Guguletu, Khayelitsha and Langa there is an absence of formal childcare and pre-primary facilities.

"What little facilities there are, are under threat as the Department of Education and Training is trying to get these to conform to certain standards.

"Facilities should be of a high standard, but this is not feasible in poor communities where a church hall is the only place available."

Britain said the increasing number of working mothers meant a greater need for education.

"The state must be pressured into realising it needs to take responsibility for all the children in the country," Britain said.

● The march starts at 10.00am on the Parade.

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Crimefighters may join forces

By Juanita Williams

TWO rival forums which aim to combat crime in Mitchells Plain may merge if proposals on unity are accepted at a meeting this week.

One forum was started by police while the other was started by community organisations and the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

Mr Norman Jantjes, branch

director of Nicro in Mitchells Plain, said the community groups would send a delegation to the police forum meeting this week.

"We want to unite the two forums. We do not want one group to be more dominant," Jantjes said.

The Mitchells Plain police station commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Gysbert Engelbrecht, said members of the police crime forum were reluctant to join the community forum.

Youths head for course in United States

By Mluleki Gantsho

FIFTEEN South African youths have been invited to the United States to attend a two-month course on conflict resolution, community organising and non-violent change.

The youths are participants in Leadership South, a multi-disciplined life skills programme.

They have been invited by Dr Dudley Weeks, the international director of FutureLinks in the US, to take part in a training programme from December 15 to February 15.

"We need to raise R120 000 to send the youth," said Leadership South founder, Mr Graham Phippen.

"We will try to raise money in the US and in South Africa."

"The community forum has suggested changes with which we don't agree. For instance, they want to change the name of the police forum," Engelbrecht said.

Although the police forum includes some community representatives, Engelbrecht admitted that police chaired all meetings.

This has been the main objection of Nicro, the Advice Centre and the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco).

Team leader Mr Eldred de Klerk is already in America and assisting with fundraising, said Phippen.

One of the youths, Mr Mzamo Masito of Khayelitsha, said he had attended FutureLinks conflict resolution workshops in Cape Town.

"I have already facilitated programmes using skills that I learnt," he said.

Hanover gangs war erupts

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JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter AUG 24/11/92

THERE is no love lost between the warring Young Americans and Back Street Kids gangs in Hanover Park and fighting erupted again at the weekend.

Three bystanders, including a 13-year-old boy, were shot in Back Street "territory" on Sunday afternoon by two armed members of the Young Americans gang who were bent on taking revenge for the brutal killing of the leader, Lugmaan 'Joejie' Jochems, three weeks ago.

The boy was shot three times and underwent surgery at Groote Schuur Hospital last night. The others were married men aged 23 and 30.

One of the men, Mervyn Williams, said he was playing with a group of schoolchildren at the corner of Erie Court when they heard shots being fired from two different directions.

"We did not know where to run and fell to the ground. When the first volley was over, we jumped up and ran down the road but, the firing started again and I was shot in the calf.

"I cannot understand how they can come here and fire indiscriminately and hurt innocent people. It was a good thing that they could not shoot properly and a gun jammed or more children would have been injured," he said.

Angry residents of the area said they blamed the police for not protecting them from the Americans gangsters.

"The policemen in Phillippi are scared of the Young Americans and allow them to terrorise the neighbourhood," said a resident who did not want to be

named.

Members of the Back Street Kids agreed with the allegations and said they are continually harassed by the police.

"We do not have guns, but half our members are in prison. Joejie was a murderer and many children do not have fathers because of him, but the police protected him."

Municipality launches bid to banish crime

A CRIME Prevention Week launched in Milnerton this week has led to a dramatic drop in crime rates, according to residents. (35)

The event, which hopes to eliminate crime in the Milnerton, was launched by the mayor, Mr D E Krynauw.

Dr Krynauw said the operation involved municipal services, the SAP, Neighbourhood Watch groups and Government departments in an attempt to halt crime completely for a week.

It was hoped all offences ranging from crayfish poaching to illegal dumping of garden refuse would be stopped. Residents of Milnerton, Rugby, Brooklyn, Tygerhof, Sanddrift, Bothasig, Richwood, Montague Gardens and Milnerton Ridge would be informed of crime prevention methods, he said.

The project got off to a good start on Monday when three suspects were arrested after a break-in at a farmhouse. 27/11/92

Residents report a remarkable drop in crime, including petty crimes such as vagrancy and loitering.

Crimebusters forum to ⁽³⁵⁾ go ahead

South 5/12-9/12/92.
By Juanita Williams

TWO rival crime prevention forums in Mitchells Plain have reached a compromise on the issue of a merger.

The merger was an initiative of the community forum, which includes a number of community organisations.

The merger is set to take place next year, said Colonel Gysbert Engelbrecht, Mitchells Plain police station commander.

At a recent meeting, a joint committee was formed by the two forums, one established by the community and the other by the police.

A member of the joint committee, Mr Norman Jantjes, branch director of National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said the committee would monitor models of joint policing by the police and the community, such as the Manenberg crime prevention forum.

"The structure of the organisation, like chairing and the name of the organisation will also be considered," he said.

Jantjes said police had a "positive" attitude toward the merger.

Plan to uncage the jailed children by Christmas

By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town

LAWYERS across South Africa have been given the names of children awaiting trial behind bars — with the injunction to do their utmost to get them freed by Christmas.

This is the thrust of a campaign launched recently by Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), which forms part of a concerted effort to address the plight of children caught up in a juvenile justice system condemned as ineffective and counter-productive.

Ann Skelton, director of the LHR's applied criminal justice project, said the Department of Correctional Services had agreed to provide the names of all children aged 17 and under awaiting trial in prisons — and came up with 350.

She passed the names on to members of LHR, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers and the Black Lawyers' Association. "We've called on them to provide these children with legal representation on a *pro bono* basis. The idea is to get as many children awaiting trial out of jail and into the care of their parents or a place of safety before Christmas."

Durban Prison, with 350 children aged 17 and under awaiting trial, topped the list, Skelton said. Next came Johannesburg Prison (27), Pollsmoor in Cape Town (26), King William's Town (10) and Modderbee (7).

Durban's high figure could in part be attributed to the violence afflicting the region which had displaced thousands of families, Skelton said. However, Durban police had agreed to ensure that a child's guardians were brought to court as soon as possible.

The LHR campaign is just one of the advances made since the October release of a report, *Justice for the Child: No Child Should be Caged*, which focused attention on the failings of South Africa's juvenile justice system.

Since the report appeared, players in the criminal justice system — including magistrates, lawyers, social workers, government ministers and city council officials — had finally begun to address the multiplicity of problems plaguing children who become part of the system.

In Cape Town, the National Institute for Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) had held workshops with prosecutors to inform them of diversionary programmes and sentencing alternatives. Magistrates had met to discuss possibilities for reforming and improving juvenile courts and the attorney-general had asked that children who appeared in court not be returned to prison or police cells.

Permission has also been granted for independent court monitors to attend juvenile court hearings — normally strictly in camera — and discussions were under way regarding providing an office for monitors at court, Morris said.

Cape Town City Council has appointed legal advisors to investigate the city's by-laws where they affect children, and the attorney-general's office has put the onus on arresting officers to explain why children's parents cannot be traced.

Another welcome move was the recent decision by the African National Congress to put children's rights on its constitutional agenda.

"Children's rights should no longer be an afterthought," said Michelle Morris, who heads the Children's Rights Research and Advocacy Project at University of the Western Cape's Community Law Centre.

Despite these advances, children were still languishing in prison, Morris said — stressing the need for a long-term strategy to create a new system of juvenile justice: one that took into account children's rights as human beings.

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JACKSON MGCINENI'S right arm is still in a cast, seven months after he nearly lost it in a firefight outside his Khayelitsha home. But the chairman of the African National Congress branch for Trevor Vilikazi section is lucky: at least he's alive.

Like most of his branch executive, Mgcineni is in hiding: fellow executive member Bongzi Mpisane was shot and wounded in August when his shop was torched and a friend's home razed; Mgcineni's own home was petrol-bombed and shot at in September, "but fortunately, I was not there". Last week, Million Sizani (44) and Mkhokhel "Xhego" Mpongwana (42), both executive members of

Gangsters pose as defence unit

Renegade ANC Youth League members are terrorising Khayelitsha, reports GAYE DAVIS

Khayelitsha's civic organisation and ANC branch members, were gunned down outside a takeaway shop where they had stopped to buy food.

Both men had been helping police track down witnesses and gather information about the shootings, shack burnings and killings in the section.

By so doing, they could have signed their own death warrants. In a Mitchell's Plain courtroom last Mon-

day, the day before they were killed, threats were issued against them: in the dock were three Khayelitsha men facing charges of murder and attempted murder.

Township sources say the three men form part of a murderous armed gang of renegade ANC Youth League members who refuse to submit to the discipline of the movement and have engaged in an orgy of wrong-doing — robbing shebeens and individuals,

looting and stealing vehicles and ensuring nobody fingers them through killings, shack-burning and other intimidation.

"They want no one to stop them," said Mgcineni. "They're criminal elements, politically ignorant but using the organisation as an umbrella to do unfair, terrible things."

"They were harming the ANC. People were afraid to go to meetings. Support was dropping. Delivery

trucks won't go into the area and most of the shops in the area have closed down: these guys in their balaclavas were robbing them and shooting and killing the people.

"They call themselves the defence unit — the people call them gangsters."

Sizani and Mpongwana, "were fighting this crime on behalf of the civic", said Mgcineni. They were part of a committee of six elected by residents who decided to approach the police for help after attempts by the ANC to defuse the situation failed.

According to Major Louis van Brakel, head of the South African Police's Special Investigations Unit, incidents of shooting and arson reduced "dramatically" once police and members of the community — after lengthy negotiations — started working together in September.

Now Van Brakel fears that co-operation will founder on the assassination of Sizani and Mpongwana. "We're going to have problems," he said. "Eyewitnesses who have already come forward might no longer want to testify. There are elements who do not want this co-operation," he said.

The deaths of Sizani and Mpongwana bring to nine the number of people killed in the area since April this year, a period which has seen scores of people burned out of their homes or injured.

Christmas crime upsurge

IN THIS period of peace and goodwill the Western Cape should gear itself for a marked increase in crime.

Police have confirmed that there has already been an alarming spate of robberies, murders and rapes over the past week.

Police spokesperson Lieutenant John Sterrenberg said the crime rate usually increases over the festive season.

"There are generally more reports of housebreaking, fraud and theft this time of the year.

"Residents who are going on holiday should register their homes with their police station's vacant house register, so that their homes can be checked on a regular basis.

"People should be alert at all times. Everyone should watch out for themselves and their neighbours," Sterrenberg said.

Incidents reported this week include:

- A 31-year-old woman was raped by a man in Ocean View while she was walking home from friends at 4am Wednesday morning. The man dragged her on to the premises of the Anglican Church, raped her and fled.
- A 31-year-old woman was raped by four men in a two-hour ordeal at the Sunset Beach parking area in Sea Point on Saturday night.

The woman, a domestic servant, was visiting friends in the area and left about 8pm to visit her boyfriend.

She was walking down Beach Road when a car stopped next to her. The driver asked her for directions and while she was talking to him, some of the men grabbed her and forced her into the car.

The men drove her to the parking area and took turns raping her. Shortly before midnight, police received a complaint from

A number of women were raped this week as violent crime in Cape Town spiralled, reports **Edwina Booysen**

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a resident of a half naked woman roaming the streets. They found her walking down Beach Road covered in blood. The woman, who was in a state of shock, was unable to provide police with a description of her assailants.

- At about 12 midday on Tuesday, a 42-year-old man and his 12-year-old daughter were attacked at their spaza shop in Lenteguur, Mitchells Plain.

Mr Melvin Steyn and his daughter Liesl, of 17 Lavender Road, Lenteguur, were attacked in the shop by two men. They stabbed Steyn several times. He died as a result of his injuries. The men abducted his daughter in a light blue Toyota Corolla. Liesl was later found by a beach constable at Monwabisi beach, with several stab wounds in her neck. She was taken to Groote Schuur Hospital where she underwent surgery.

- A 17-year-old Belhar girl was gang raped by three men in the early hours of Monday morning. She was walking home with three friends (two women and a man) down Batavia Avenue, Extension 13, when they were approached by three men who raped the girl.
- An 80-year-old blind woman was attacked and strangled at her Hanover

Park home early on Sunday morning.

Mrs Amelia Henefeldt of Surwood Road woke up at about 1am to the sound of breaking glass. The noise stopped and she went back to bed. A few minutes later a blanket was thrown over her head and she was strangled.

Henefeldt was found by a neighbour at 8am that morning. The suspects had apparently entered the house through the toilet window. The only item missing from the home was Henefeldt's purse containing R7.

- An unidentified man wearing only a shirt collapsed and died in a street in Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain at 1am on Wednesday morning. The man had a deep wound on the left side of his neck.
- At 9am on Saturday morning, Mr Selwyn Bailey of the Shell Garage in Epping, was approached by three men, two of whom were armed with fire-arms. They robbed him of cash and cheques to the value of R14 600 and fled.
- At 3am on Sunday morning, a man was killed and his brother wounded when a unidentified man shot at them after a argument outside Bra Syd's Tavern in NY1 Guguletu.

Mr Enoch Stuurman, 23, and his brother Richard, 20, were celebrating a friend's 21st birthday with a group of people at the tavern when a argument started with a third man.

According to witnesses, 10 shots were fired. Enoch, who was hit seven times, died instantly and Richard was wounded in the stomach. The gunman fled on foot.

No arrests have been made.

Anyone with information about the above incidents can contact their nearest police station or telephone 10111.

US tourist stabbed on city train

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By JACKIE CAMERON
Crime Reporter

AN American tourist was stabbed and seriously injured and two Transvaal visitors were robbed at knifepoint when a gang rampaged through Heathfield on Boxing Day.

The gang had also robbed three Heathfield teenagers of their shirts, shoes and watches during their spree, a police spokesman said yesterday.

He said two men, aged 29 and 20, and a 15-year-old youth had been arrested shortly afterwards. One of them had been shot and wounded when he tried to flee.

The brief reign of terror had begun when a gang of about five men had surrounded a Middelburg couple who were about to draw money from an automatic teller in Main Road, Bergvliet.

Mr Eric Quantrilla and his wife Rowena, both in their 30s, had been at the automatic teller when he felt a knife pressed against the side of his neck, the police spokesman said.

The gang had ordered Mrs Quantrilla to hand over her rings and money and had then run off towards Heathfield railway station, where they had robbed three teenagers of their shirts, shoes and watches.

When a train stopped at the station, one of the gangsters had stuck his head into a carriage, stabbed Mr Derek Praskin, 27, a tourist from Massachusetts, and pulled off his glasses.

The knife had narrowly missed Mr Praskin's heart and he had been rushed to hospital when the train arrived at Diep River.

Police on patrol in Heathfield had been alerted and had shot and wounded one of the gang on the railway line as he tried to get away, the spokesman said.

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Lavender Hill gangs run amok, shooting, stabbing and throwing bricks

Runnings battles in city's gangs war

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SHOTS were fired, bricks flew, people were hurt and traffic was disrupted when gangs waged a pitched battle in Carda Village near Lavender Hill.

At least nine people were taken to hospital with gunshot and stab wounds and two policemen who tried to separate fighting gangsters were injured.

Police said about 50 members of the Americans and Mongreil's gangs clashed between 5pm and 7pm yesterday and for a while Prince George Drive was closed for the safety of motorists.

The fighting subsided but later the gangs faced up again and police fired teargas to disperse them.

A Retreat man who was taking his wife to Victoria Hospital in Wynberg just after 5pm said he turned back when he saw "bricks flying" in Prince George Drive.

He said both sides of the road were lined with onlookers and cars were stopped further along the road.

At the hospital he later saw no casualties of the fight. "I saw a girl who had been shot in the shoulder. She was about 23 or 24 years old. I could see by the look on her face that she was in pain.

"A guy also came in with three stab wounds in his back. His finger was also nearly off — it was hanging by a thread." Argus messenger Mr Sonny Basier, 49, drove through the fight.

He said the gangs were positioned on either side of Prince George Drive.

"I saw gangsters standing with big batons in their hands. They also had sticks and pan-gas and were throwing stones." Mr Basier said the gangsters moved out of the way when he drove through.

"I heard two gunshots. "I got a fright. I began shaking a bit," he said.

A member of the Americans interviewed in Carda Village today said the Mongreils retaliated when the Mongreils came over Prince George Drive from Lavender Hill and harassed people.

He said he felt his life was in danger and "ran around and threw bricks" in a pitched battle which lasted several hours.

A resident said the area was "like a war zone" but people were no longer afraid because gang fights happened so often.

Mrs Betty Davids said her husband was shot twice in the hand while watching the action from their garden.

Their next door neighbour was shot in the face. She said people coming from the shops had also been shot. Sharon Williams, 17, said residents of the village were used to gang warfare.

Schoolgirl Charlene Jones, 14, said the Mongreils had come into her parents' house and had started shooting.

"They shot four people in our house. They were not worried about the children. I ran next door."

The police spokesman said shotguns and other firearms were used in the fighting.

A man brandishing a double-barreled shotgun — who had allegedly wounded four rival gangsters — was wounded by police.

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Big drive against crime in Peninsula

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of police swooped on foot, in cars and in the air in a huge operation to fight crime in the Peninsula and the Bo-

land. Operation Eagle was launched in the Athlone, Wynberg, Stellenbosch, Bellville, Paarl and Cape Town police districts yesterday.

Specially equipped helicopters patrolled the skies while fixed-wing aircraft stood by. The primary focus of the operation, which will continue all week, is community policing and the prevention of crime.

A total of 76 people have been arrested for alleged crimes, varying from illegal possession of firearms to murder and traffic offences. One man was arrested for allegedly possessing 17 petrol bombs and 35 people were warned for offences including urinating in public and loitering.

In Athlone and Wynberg, special attention was paid to gangs.

Meanwhile, police say they have turned the corner in their fight against crime in the Western Cape.

After crime rate increases of nearly nine percent a year for some time, the trend reversed last year and crime fell by nearly 10 percent.

Western Cape deputy commissioner and crime combating and investigation chief Major General Nick Snyman said the merger between the old security and criminal investigation branches had played a significant role in reducing crime.

"The figures are way below our expectations as our initial goal set last year was purely to stabilise crime," he said.

Between March and October last year housebreaking was 5.3 percent down on the same period in 1991.

Theft from vehicles was down 5.5 percent, armed robbery down 0.6 percent, motor vehicle theft down 6.4 percent, and criminal investigation only theft and fraud, termed "economic crimes" by General Snyman, showed increases.

Murder was down by 3.1 percent, attempted murder by 14.5 percent, arson by 7.2 percent and malicious damage to property by 7.1 percent.

No figures for rape were available. Last year all crime was down by 9.72 percent. An increase of 8.45 percent had been projected.

Street committee South 319 - 719193 tackles Gugs crime

By Quentin Wilson

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A STREET committee in Guguletu, Section 3, has vowed to step up its campaign against crime in the area — and their work has won the unstinting support of residents.

Affiliated to the South African National Civics Association (Sanco), the street committee of NY141 has successfully tracked down and "disciplined" numerous offenders over the past few months.

"I have no words to describe how happy I am," says Mrs Nosakhele Skampula, who recently had her stolen cooking pots returned to her.

"At last I have confidence that when crimes are committed in my area, there is a strong chance that my street committee will solve everything.

"Everybody in this street that I have spoken to will do anything to help them in their work."

Another resident, Mr Zamikhaya Sibali, said he would "never forget the help given by the street committee and would find some way to repay them".

Sibali had silverware worth R2 500 stolen. It was returned earlier this month through the work of the committee.

But his offer of a "thank-you braai" was turned down by members of the street committee, who insisted he save his money.

"All we want is to make our street a beautiful place to live in," said Mr Siphso Citabatwa, assistant secretary of the 12-member committee.

"We will do anything we can to put a stop to crime, that is what we want as a reward."

Citabatwa said four members of the committee were undergoing a training course in community policing with the Community Peace Foundation at the University of the Western Cape.

"Our training ensures that we use correct methods and never lose the trust of residents here," says Citabatwa. "For example, we never use force as a means of punishment. We prefer some form of community service."

This includes cleaning the local school, street cleaning or anything else which the committee thinks will upgrade the area.

Khaba set to blast crime with 2-way radios

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THE Khayelitsha Business Association (Khaba) recently hit upon an innovative way to curb crime in the township.

Sergeant Jackson Fulani who made the arrests.

Private businesses, including the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC), donated the radios.

Eleven shops and three cars now have two-way radios which are linked to the police station in Site B.

This facilitates instant communication with the station when the "balaclava's" strike.

The success of the method was proved last week when a shopkeeper from S Block in Site B was attacked.

The police was immediately alerted and were able to respond within minutes. Other businessmen in the area also heard the alert and were able to go to the shopkeeper's aid.

Another shopkeeper, Mr Glades Fusa, was shot in the arm. He was admitted to hospital soon afterwards.

Khaba PRO Mr Michael Kupiso said the four attackers were arrested and felt strongly they should not be released on bail.

Khaba also thanked Detective-

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which would be used for security needs.

Many more radios were needed so that

the whole area could be covered. Companies willing to sponsor radios for this project should contact Mr Kupiso at tel: 361-2530/1.

● Khaba and Codeta last week hosted over 150 senior citizens from Khayelitsha when they were taken on a trip to Monwabisi beach.

Khaba president Mr Victor Mbauli said he and his committee felt strongly about thanking the residents for their continued support of small businesses in the area.

The companies who sponsored the outing were: Tastic Rice, Tiger Oats, Langerberg Co-op, Sorghum Breweries, Knorrox and Coca Cola, who provided the cold drinks.

JENNY HARRIS

Brazil on alert for 'coke run' from SA

STimes (C/Metro)
 Brazil on alert for 'coke run' from SA

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drug mafia the easiest and fastest routes from cocaine-producing South America to rich potential markets like Japan and Australia.

That "halfway-house" South Africa happens to be a prosperous and lucrative market as well, is an added bonus for the drug bosses.

"The African connection is not new," a senior officer at federal police headquarters in Brasilia said.

"All flights from Brazil to that continent, and that includes Cape Town, are checked with suspicion."

The official, who did not want his name published, declined to comment on Cape Town's importance as an international drug centre.

"That is something for the SA Police ties to confirm," he said.

"I'm not denying that there is a connection. But we do not like to talk in public about new routes or even old ones. We are not dealing with petty criminals, but with heavy unscrupulous gangsters," he said.

SAA is embarrassed and frustrated by the situation.

"We are doing all we can to bar cocaine loads from our aircraft, but our action range is limited at foreign departure points," explained Mr van Rensburg in Rio.

"Policing, searching and arresting powers rest with local authorities. We have the right to search a person or go through his belongings, but only in the presence of a local police officer or customs official."

Mr van Rensburg said it would be impossible to check all luggage before take-off as is done on arrival.

"Imagine doing that with the average two pieces of luggage of each and every one of 200 passengers," he said.

SAA's own security measures at Rio's airport are limited to scanning luggage with a metal and bomb detector.

He said check-in staff also looked for suspicious behaviour or nervousness.

Brazil to Lagos — and being rerouted to Europe.

Adding weight to this theory is that the SAP has confirmed that Nigerians appear to be the kingpins behind the new flood of cocaine into South Africa.

Cape Town is also a handy halfway point to lucrative markets further east.

"By using D F Malan, the drug traders simply piggyback on SAA's new extended services to these regions," said SAA Rio de Janeiro station manager Mr Phillip van Rensburg.

He said he was aware of the drug-carrying problems on flight SA206.

It has emerged that, unintentionally, SAA offers the international

By WIM VAN VOLSEM in RIO DE JANEIRO

into South Africa follows a series of large drug busts by the SAP's Wynberg Narcotics Bureau in which passengers from Rio have been caught with large quantities of cocaine.

The regularity and similarity of these arrests suggest a possible new international cocaine smuggling route, Brazilian police sources said.

Rio undercover anti-drug units suspect that South American cocaine bosses have selected Cape Town as a substitute for Lagos after Brazilian police blew the "Nigeria Connection" earlier this year.

It was discovered that huge quantities of cocaine from neighbouring Colombia and Bolivia were being smuggled via

SAA flight SA206 from Rio de Janeiro to Cape Town — known as "the coke run" — has been given a top-secret "operational and strategic listing" by Brazil's Federal police drug busters.

This was confirmed to Cape Metro this week by top sources in the Brazilian Narcotic Enforcement Department at federal police headquarters in the capital Brasilia.

But a police spokesman refused to disclose what it plans to do about the apparently regular cocaine consignments on this flight, which leaves from Rio's Galeão airport every Sunday night.

The confirmation of Brazil's investigation into cocaine smuggling

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Crime claims lives of policeman, six others

SEVEN people, including an assistant constable, were murdered early in the weekend around the Peninsula, police said.

Three of the murders occurred in Eerste River, three in Khayelitsha and one in Guguletu, police liaison officer Captain John Sterrenberg said.

The off-duty assistant constable was shot twice in the head by an unknown assailant. Dean Fisher, 18, was fatally wounded when he was shot in the eye by an off-duty assistant constable shortly afterwards in

By DIANA STREAK

Eerste River. (35)
In Khayelitsha three men were stabbed to death in separate incidents and the body of a 31-year-old man was found by a police patrol in Kleinvlei.

In Guguletu a 21-year-old man was stabbed to death during a fight between two groups of men.

In the early hours of yesterday morning a 22-year-old man shot and wounded two men outside the Carlsberg Hotel in Voortrekker Road, Maitland.

Colonel heads city anti-crime strategy

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Crime Reporter

TOP city detective Colonel Leonard Knipe has been appointed to head all investigations into violent crimes in a new police bid to combat escalating violence in the Western Cape.

Police yesterday announced a new investigations strategy in which the Murder and Robbery Unit, the Special Investigation Unit, Gang Unit and Firearm Unit are to retain their separate identities but will all fall under the command of Colonel Knipe, former Murder and Robbery Unit chief.

Deputy Regional Commissioner Major-General Nick Snyman said the new police initiative had "come in the wake of rioting and the escalation of violence connected to taxi feuds".

Colonel Knipe said the focus would

be on co-ordinating investigations to eliminate wasted manhours.

"I am very positive about this new strategy. We will be able to pool information and resources, thus eliminating wasted manhours."

He said a strong emphasis would be placed on winning over the confidence of the community so that people felt happy to come forward with information and assist police with investigations.

Major Desmond Segal is to take over as head of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit.

Major Derick Joubert has been appointed to head the Special Investigation Unit which has been renamed the Riot and Violence Unit.

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Police, ANC in bid to end gang killings

Staff Reporters

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POLICE and the ANC are to meet to discuss ways of ending gang warfare which has been on the increase in Belhar, a police spokesman said yesterday.

According to frightened residents about 15 people have been killed in assassination-type gang-related incidents over the past three months.

Feelings came to a head at the weekend after a resident was killed.

An ANC spokesman said gangsters wished to monopolise the "big business" taxi and shebeen industries, and had targeted specific persons.

"All the people who have been killed were taxi operators or shebeen runners, who were called out of their homes late at night and gunned down."

Bellville-South SAP station commander Major Hendrik Opperman said he was "happy to meet residents and their community leaders" to discuss the violence and gang activity in Belhar.

"We cannot solve this problem without help from the community because it is a social one. We also need people to come forward with information and co-operate with us in our investigations," he said.

M' Plain crime tide is turning

Staff Reporter ³⁵

THE tide has turned in Mitchell's Plain where police believe they are winning the battle against housebreakings, car thefts and theft from cars.

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Latest figures show that housebreakings decreased from 264 in January to 188 in February, theft from cars from 159 in January to 95 in February and car thefts from 68 in January to 38 in February.

These are the fruits of a campaign launched in January to concentrate on these crimes, which police say are the most common in the area.

"We decided to target the most common types of crime in Mitchell's Plain because the situation was becoming worse," said station commander Colonel Gys Engelbrecht.

He said a graph was kept so that police could monitor their progress.

"The decrease in these crimes shows that this type of policing definitely works and we will continue with it," he said.

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Ex-Tollgate chiefs raided

OFFICERS from the Office for Serious Economic Offences have raided the Cape Town homes of Post Office boss Hennie Diedericks and former chairman of collapsed Tollgate Holdings, Johan Claasen.

Several private files relating to Tollgate Holdings were confiscated.

Mr Diedericks had "no comment" about the raid on his Constantia house.

Post Office chairman Donald Masson said the raid was unfortunate in terms of adverse publicity, "but I would expect the police to do it as part of their investigation into Tollgate".

Asked if Mr Diedericks' role as

By JEREMY WOODS

Tollgate managing director was investigated before his appointment as Post Office chief, Mr Masson said: "At that stage it was not a controversy."

"Tollgate had not collapsed and though all references were checked, I saw no reason to run any kind of special investigation."

Mr Masson recommended Mr Diedericks' appointment to the Post Office board.

The Office for Serious Economic Offences would neither confirm nor deny the raids.

Crime increases by 51% in Rondebosch

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CRIME in Rondebosch last month increased by 51% compared with the same period last year, said Warrant Officer Piet van der Merwe, head of the crime prevention unit at Rondebosch Police Station.

Safe parking

"Most crimes are committed in the station area," he said. "Duke and College roads are the worst affected at night. All areas are at risk during the day. A total of 210 crimes of all types were reported to us last month but only 139 in June last year."

WO Van der Merwe said thefts of cars (late-model Opels topped the list) totalled 23, thefts out of cars (mainly radios and tape-decks) totalled 110, housebreaking totalled 59, robberies three and thefts of bicycles 15.

"The problem in this area is that a lot of cars are not garaged," he said. "Neighbourhood Watches could be more alert."

Successful watches

"The Baxter Theatre parking area is now very safe on performance nights because security personnel patrol the area."

Mr Cyril Willcock and Mrs Monica Sutherland, co-ordinators of several Neighbourhood Watch programmes in Rondebosch, said there was no watch in the areas of Duke and College roads. They said Neighbourhood Watches worked well in other parts of Rondebosch.

According to them there were about 45 successful watches operating in the area.

□ People who live in these areas should contact either Mr Willcock on (021) 689-2869 or Mrs Sutherland on 685-2601 and they will visit you to talk about how to set up a watch.

Loitering to be decriminalised

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Municipal Reporter

BEGGING and loitering are to be decriminalised within the Cape Town municipality, DP caucus leader in the council Dr John Sonnenberg said yesterday.

At present, one can be arrested for either of these "offences", said Dr Sonnenberg, who is also chairman of the council's committee on vagrancy.

Proposal

The issue arose when councillor Mrs Isobel Edelstein expressed concern that children were being introduced to the prisons system at a tender age, and said that this was not good for their future development.

Dr Sonnenberg said there were no separate by-laws for adults and children. A proposal that begging and loitering should no

Council move not favoured by police

longer be offences will be considered by one of the council sub-committees next week.

Some provision is likely to be made to enable the council's own law enforcement officers to act against people who obstruct or hinder others.

Police are not happy at the prospect of the loitering by-law being scrapped, as this removes one of the options they have for

dealing with certain types of complaint, Colonel Raymond Dowd, regional head of public relations, said yesterday.

He said vagrancy was already not an offence, but the loitering by-law allowed police to arrest people whose presence in a particular place — such as just outside someone's gate or door — had given rise to a complaint from a member of the public.

Trivial

Offenders were always first asked to move, and then given time to do so.

They were arrested only if they did not co-operate, and even then the police regarded loitering as a trivial offence.

"We might be able to use some other provision to do the same thing," he said, "but I think police will not be in favour of having this option removed."

Attempted murder charge after teachers' city protest

South 10/7-14/7/93.
By Lorelle Bell and Shannon Neill

A CERES teacher was arrested last week and charged with the attempted murder of a policeman. The arrest came in the wake of a South African Democratic Teachers Union (Sadtu) motorcade through the streets of Cape Town on June 16.

Senior police spokesperson Colonel Raymond Dowd said it was alleged that Mr Daniel Wildschutt tried to run over a police official with his motor vehicle during an illegal march.

Wildschutt was called into the charge office and given the option of either appearing at a special court hearing on Tuesday night, or he could walk out of the charge office and later be formally arrested on a charge of attempted murder.

He went voluntarily to court where charges of attempted murder and failure to obey a police officer were read and the case was remanded to August 6.

Mr Wilmar Saville, chairperson of Sadtu Ceres branch, said Wildschutt was leading the motorcade when a policeman jumped in front of the car in an attempt to stop the motorcade.

"The motorcade was travelling at a pedestrian pace and Wildschutt simply drove around the policeman who was not hit," he said.

Wildschutt said, "After the march I was called into the charge office and asked to get those who participated in the march to go to the police."

"I refused and they then offered me the choice of arrest or voluntary appearance in court". He was apparently warned that if he chose to be arrested it would "happen at school in front of the children".

The arrest follows alleged police comments that "certain of the teachers in the area needed to be reined in and disciplined."

Police were unavailable to comment to this allegation.

Sanco probe into murder of treasurer

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10/7-14/7/93

By Sabata Ngcai

THE WESTERN Cape branch of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) is to appoint an independent investigating team into the mysterious death of its treasurer.

Mr Supervisor Mongameli Nkathazo, 50, was gunned down by unknown assassins two weeks ago.

His bullet-riddled body was found by the police between Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain.

According to Sanco spokesperson Mr Welcome Zenzile, Nkathazo was last seen on June 27 when attending a branch meeting in Nyanga.

"While still searching, the police advised us to check on the unidentified bodies at the state mortuary in Salt River," Zenzile said.

"We found his body with bullet wounds in the head, chest and on the back."

Nkathazo narrowly escaped death in February last year with six other Sanco members while attending a meeting in Nyanga. During this incident shots were fired at them by unknown gunmen.

Zenzile said the incident added to "the on-going harrassment" of the civic movement by the agents of the state.

Nkathazo will be buried in Engcobo in Tanskei on Saturday.

He leaves his wife and four children.

● Police have reported 17 crime-related deaths in Cape Town since last weekend.

Ten of the 17 dead were residents of Nyanga, Guguletu and Khayelitsha.

Police spokesperson Colonel Raymond Dowd said police had "stepped up" their patrols in the areas.

Dowd appealed to the community to co-operate with the police "to identify the culprits".

Answer is a R250-m lemon

Star 10/17/93
THE citrus industry could lose more than R250 million this year. Chairman of the Letaba District Agricultural Union, Edward Vorster, said drought in the lowveld had caused a 30 percent drop in the export harvest. Irrigation water is expected to run out before December. — Sapa *(34)*

R45,000 Cape LSD haul

Star 10/17/93
CAPE TOWN — Paarl detectives yesterday confiscated a large consignment of the drug LSD and arrested two suspects in Cape Town. The 1 246 LSD units were worth more than R45 000. Police said the drugs had come from Amsterdam. — Sapa *(35)*



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Police try to sell a dummy

CAPE TOWN — Police are to urge Cape Town shopkeepers to place life-sized cardboard cutouts of police officers or mannequins in police garb in their shops in a bid to help stamp out shoplifting.

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said the concept had proved successful overseas.

"Children, who are the major offenders when it comes to shoplifting, and less-educated people, are easily deterred by this," Colonel Dowd said. — Sapa.

Shopkeepers alarmed by crime wave

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ARC 10/2/93

LENORE OLIVER
Staff Reporter

MITCHELL'S Plain Town Centre Merchants' Association is planning a meeting with the police to discuss a spate of robberies in the area.

Shops in Mitchell's Plain have been plagued by armed robbers regularly in recent months.

"This is a problem that must be addressed as soon as possible," said association secretary Mr Alex McLeod.

The main problem was the "skollie" element and unemployment was a contributing factor. "The town centre remains a big attraction and we often find unemployed people hanging around there," he said.

Shop owners in Mitchell's Plain were generally security conscious and

aware of the need to take precautions.

"At our meeting we will ask the police what their plans are to curb the high rate of robberies," Mr McLeod said.

"There is a lack of police presence at the town centre and although we know police are often understaffed, something must be done."

The meeting, which would include shop owners and various organisations, would be arranged at a later date, Mr McLeod said.

Last weekend armed robbers stole R150 000 from a grocery wholesaler and four armed men held up a shop owner, stealing more than R50 000.

In December, armed robbers killed a shop owner, abducted his 12-year-old daughter and stole his car and goods worth R15 000.

Security boost as crime spirals

STimes (Cape metro) 10/11/93 (35)
INDUSTRIAL and commercial concerns are bracing themselves for more crime and violence in 1993 as security companies report increased demand for guards, electrified fencing, bullet resistant glass, and computerised access control at single points in a building.

One of the latest developments is a "biometric" hand reader which eliminates the need for employees to carry a card.

They simply insert their hand into a reading device which checks it against the security records.

As the hand is "read" top and bottom and on its sides, small injuries can be overlooked.

Provided five of either points tally with the records, the user will be given access.

Also, the reader can record changes that have occurred to a hand for further reference.

The managing director of Cape-based Fences & Guards, John Swart, said the system had been proved to have less than one percent error.

He pointed out that security companies in the Western Cape were benefiting from the present economic conditions.

The high unemployment rate had made petty crime a "way of life" for certain sections of the Cape community — and the only remedy for this, he said, was to protect one's premises.

"The result is that we are budgeting for at least a 30 percent increase in turnover in the year ahead.

"We will be supplying every sector of the market — industrial, agricultural and commercial as well as domestic."

Four years ago property owners had been satisfied simply to erect perimeter fencing.

"Today, in most cases, they want it electrified," said Mr Swart.

He warned that the increased demand for security systems had led to inexperienced contractors entering the field in the hope of making quick profits.

"All too often the quality of their equipment is suspect and their installation work shoddy," said Mr Swart.

He advised companies to obtain a list of previous customers and to ask them how their systems and the contractors were performing.

Asking questions is also part of the sales philosophy of Paarden Eiland-based Africa Glass Cape, which finds a fast-growing market for its laminated bullet-proof glass panes, Saf-T-Guard.

"The big questions is always what degree of protection is required," said managing director Trevor Millar.

"Does the client want or need protection from assault weapons such as AK47s and R1s, or will protection from the more commonly used 9 mm parabelum handguns be sufficient?"

Paarl narcotics cop makes SA's biggest bust

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By PETA KROST
A PAARL Narcotics Bureau detective working undercover infiltrated a drug ring and gained the confidence of the alleged dealer, leading to what police have described as South Africa's biggest-ever LSD seizure.

Warrant-Officer Pieter Mans' successful infiltration led to the confiscation this week of 1 246 "caps of acid" — with a street value of more than R40 000 — after he "befriended" two men.
"After he infiltrated the drug scene in May, he first bought 361 caps

of acid on May 26," said South African Narcotics Bureau's Paarl commanding officer Major Ernie Jooné.

"On Friday Warrant-Officer Mans arrested the Bothasig men when they allegedly attempted to sell him 800 caps of acid."

Major Jooné said another 85 caps were found on the premises after the arrest.

The police believe the drugs could have been transported by ship to Cape Town from Holland.

Last week Wynberg Narcotics Bureau confis-

cated 500 "caps" of LSD, which at that time was the biggest LSD haul in the Western Cape.

"In my opinion, the Western Cape could soon have the worst drug problem in the country," Major Jooné said.

□ See page 3

By PETA KROST

POLICE in the Western Cape, battling to stem the tide of hard drugs pouring into the region, have called on the courts to impose more severe sentences as a deterrent.

The drug problem in the Western Cape has reached epidemic proportions and is now far too big an issue for the police alone, according to narcotics detective Sergeant Mark Uren.

"It is time that the courts started imposing the mandatory sentences that are on the statute books," said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Raymond Dowd.

Call for stiff drug sentences

Sunday Times CC Metro

The new Drug and Drug-Trafficking Act, which brings South Africa in line with tough international laws, came into effect on May 1, 1993.

The law, among other things, makes allowance for money or possessions of convicted drug dealers to be confiscated by the courts and placed in state coffers.

The police have the power to seize any property owned by a convicted dealer if there is a threat it may be removed or disposed

of before it is confiscated by the court.

Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn said: "The new legislation views drug-related offences as very serious and we will act accordingly."

But despite these harsh new powers, the courts in the Cape have yet to use.

While the track records of the Wynberg and Cape Town SANAB branches have been excellent, police believe they will only make a real breakthrough once the courts begin impos-

ing stiffer sentences.

"The problem is that smuggling drugs is so easy and financially rewarding," Sergeant Uren said.

"This is why the trade has grown so drastically and where there was one dealer in certain areas five years ago, there are about 100 now," he said.

Some of these dealers, who may have started because they were unemployed or simply did not want to work, are now using children and elderly people to do their dirty work, he

said.

But often, when police finally arrest a dealer — sometimes after an investigation lasting up to a year — they are sentenced to a large fine and a suspended jail term.

"Six or seven years ago the mandatory sentence for anyone dealing in any amount of Mandrax was a five-year jail sentence with no option of a fine.

"That was a deterrent and the drug problem wasn't half as bad as it is now.

"Now the fine is the more popular sentence, which in the case of a big-time drug dealer is pocket money."

Acid back in as drug choice

By BEN HIRSCHLER

JUST over 50 years after Dr Albert Hofmann, a research chemist at Swiss drugs firm Sandoz, stumbled across the mind-bending substance LSD on April 16, 1943, "acid" is once again riding high.

Police and drug experts say both supply and demand have increased sharply worldwide as a new generation rediscovers the drug which launched a million trips in the psychedelic 1960s.

British seizures of LSD (lysergic acid diethylamine) rose to 152 000 doses last year from 88 000 in 1991, after rising steadily from 40 000 in 1988, customs data shows.

In the United States, LSD is now second only to marijuana as the recreational drug of choice among 12 to 17-year-olds, according to recent studies.

The Vienna-based United Nations' International Narcotics Control Board reported earlier this year that "the abuse of LSD seems to be re-emerging" across Europe.

"We're seeing something of an acid revival. There's no question about that," said Mike Goodman, director of the British drug counselling agency Release.

"There's a hippy, trippy scene out there again."

Central London is peppered with dance clubs harking back nostalgically to the original acid era with names like "Freak Out", "The Mile High Club" and "Alice in Wonderland".

Though not addictive, the effects of LSD, which heightens and distorts reality, are extremely unpredictable.

For some the experience is a revela-



BIGGEST HAUL ... LSD by the handful was confiscated by the Paarl Narcotics Bureau on Friday

tion. Others find it leads to paranoia, long-term mental disturbance or even suicide.

But Fraser Clarke, editor of underground magazine *Evolution* and a long-

standing LSD enthusiast, believes the drug has had a bad press for too long. In the years that followed, Dr Hofmann's new drug — a derivative of ergot, a mould which attacks rye — fuelled growing controversy.

Some psychotherapists and intellectuals believed it was a key to unlock the workings of the human mind.

Cary Grant, one of 40 000 patients given LSD therapeutically in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s, also praised its effects.

Governments, too, were quick to realise its potential.

The CIA thought LSD could be the ultimate truth drug — and a potentially awesome battlefield weapon with which to debilitate soldiers.

It embarked on a huge programme of LSD experiments, giving the drug to CIA workers, soldiers, prisoners and mental patients. Ironically, the main effect was to alert students and others to LSD's potential, speeding its release on to the streets.

Once out of CIA control, LSD use exploded in the United States and abroad in 1960s.

But, by the mid-1960s the LSD backlash had begun and the drug was finally banned on both sides of the Atlantic in 1967.

Dr Hofmann is saddened by the history of the drug he once described as "my problem child".

Now in his late 80s, he maintains LSD could have a therapeutic benefit for some patients if used in small quantities under controlled conditions. — Sapa-Reuter

Allegations of aid abuses

BY DIANA STREAK

A GOVERNMENT job-creation scheme to assist underprivileged communities was allegedly abused by local authority officials who allegedly used project materials for their personal use.

This resulted in outstanding amounts — which could run into millions of rands countrywide — which will have to be written off.

The details of the alleged abuses were raised in a question in Parliament last week by DP MP Robin Carlisle.

Mr Carlisle said on Friday that the allegations were contained in a detailed document which had been supplied to him.

According to the document in

several townships in the Western Cape material worth over R364 000 drawn from the stores of the (then) Cape Town Committee for job-creation projects, has not been accounted for.

At the time the Development Board was handling the co-ordination of the project and the "balances" were transferred to Ikapa Town Council when the board was disbanded.

The Sunday Times is in possession of a statement by a former CPA employee who claims that he and several labourers were instructed to build a ballustrade, which was then installed in the Durbanville home of a senior official, during working hours.

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Gang warfare in Manenberg

ARG 15/6/93
□ 'Slow' police reaction slammed

JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

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GANG warfare in Manenberg is raging unchecked, say residents.

Last night, members of the Americans, Playboys and Hard Living gangs fought running battles typical of incidents over the past two weeks, said ANC Manenberg branch representative Mr Irvin Kinnes.

Resident Mr Ronald Snipper said police appeared to stand back as the gangs fought.

Gang violence had been unchecked "every night" in the suburb for the past fortnight, he said.

Mr Kinnes said the ANC had tried to intervene.

A meeting between the warring parties was held last night, but it failed to produce any commitment.

Mr Kinnes described "running battles" between gangsters with

pick-axe handles, rocks and pangas.

Residents had been attacked and homes destroyed, he said.

Police sent reinforcements to the area last night, Mr Kinnes said. But he was "disappointed" at police reaction to the violence.

At first only two police vans arrived, he said.

Ms Faldila de Vries, of the Manenberg Civic Association said police took 30 minutes to respond to a telephone call about the violence.

She feared that unless action was taken, the battles — apparently a fight for territorial supremacy — would intensify, with firearms being more commonly used.

Residents have been invited to a meeting today to discuss ways of dealing with the violence, she said.

Police have been asked to comment.

Community unites against gangsters

CT 16/6/93 Staff Reporter

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THE formation of street committees including members of gangs was one of the measures decided on at a Manenberg community meeting last night to combat a recent outbreak of gang violence in the area.

Residents' homes have been smashed, their doors kicked in and windows shattered in violence which resulted from fighting between the Hard Living Kids, the Playboys, and the Americans gangs, ANC representative Mr Irvin Kinnes told the meeting.

A visibly distraught woman made a call to residents for love and peace in Manenberg.

"I am tired of burying gangsters," she said.

Mr Kinnes said the ANC had intervened in an attempt to stop the fighting.

The meeting also resolved to call on organisations in the area to work together for peace. Gang members will also be part of the group.

The meeting also called on the Western Cape Peace Committee to involve itself in the campaign for peace in Manenberg.

Manenberg peace body established

JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

MANENBERG residents have formed a peace committee in a bid to curb gang violence.

The troubled Cape Flats community has been hit by conflict between the Americans, Hard Living and Playboys gangs over the past fortnight. *ANC 16/6/93*

At a meeting last night residents adopted a proposal by the African National Congress Manenberg branch to form the committee.

The committee will include religious leaders, community organisations, police, residents and gang members and should meet this week.

The aim is to end the violence by next month.

Community leaders told parents they could help bring peace to Manenberg by removing their children from the gangs and not getting involved in the violence themselves.

Parents had been seen helping gangs by giving them items such as pickaxe handles.

"It is time for parents to start behaving like parents," said Mr Irvin Kinnes of the ANC.

Ms Faldila de Vries of the Manenberg Civic Association said the community had gained a reputation for violence which extended far beyond Cape Town.

Mr Kinnes said gangsters facing prosecution arising from the violence were prepared to take a pledge of peace if charges were withdrawn.

Police were criticised for not ending the violence and for "standing aside" during fighting.

But they have rejected allegations of little or no reaction to gang fights in Manenberg and called on residents to help them fight crime.

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said greater success could be achieved if people who had been victims of — or had witnessed — gang activity came forward and reported the incidents.

Police plan to extend long arm

THE police in the Western Cape have pledged to enter into a community-supported policing agreement as part of their plan to combat crime in the region, divisional commissioner Lieutenant-General Nick Acker said this week.

Revealing details of a five-year plan to reduce crime and make policing more cost effective, he said manpower would be increased by 15% and at least three new police stations and another 12 satellite offices would be opened during this

period. **16/5/93**
"We also started community liaison forums, business watches, crime watches and reservist groups."
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He said the police have undertaken to keep the public informed about what "we do, why and how it is done".

Random Nyanga shooting kills four

ST. ILMER (C) NEW YORK
By PETA KROST

THE Western Cape was hit by a crime wave this weekend with eight murders, five armed robberies, a rape, a kidnapping, an attempted murder and an accidental shooting being reported to police.

The most serious incident occurred on Friday night when two men went on a random shooting rampage in Stoch Street, Nyanga, killing four men and injuring a 16-year-old girl in the hand.

A police spokesman said the motive for the shootings was unknown and investigations were continuing.

In other incidents:
● A 30-year-old man was fatally shot in the back while walking outside the Day Hospital in Guguletu on Friday.
● Two vagrants — a man and woman — were found murdered at the Bellville Railway Station early yesterday.

- A woman vagrant, aged about 47, was found stabbed to death in Buitenkant Street late on Friday night. *S. Times*
 - A petrol attendant, 33, was fatally shot by a robber in Athlone at 6.10am on Saturday.
 - A 19-year-old waitress was raped in her City Bowl flat at 3.50am yesterday after she returned from work.
 - A three-year-old Brooklyn girl, Charmaine Rooi, was kidnapped on Thursday after she left her home with a friend of her mother, who said she was taking her to the shops to buy sweets. The child has not been seen since. *16/5/93*
 - Unknown gunmen in two vehicles opened fire on policemen on guard outside the New Crossroads Police Station on Friday evening. No one was injured and the police did not return fire. The vehicles sped off, but one broke down and the occupants fled on foot.
 - A 19-year-old man who stumbled into the wrong house in Kraaifontein was shot by the occupant who thought he was an intruder. Police said the man was "disoriented and thought it was his own home." He is being treated at Tygerberg Hospital.
 - A total of R24 000 was stolen in four separate robberies in Camps Bay, Nyanga, Phillippi and Athlone.
- Anyone who can assist police in connection with any of these incidents should call 10111 or the toll-free number 0800-111213.

Cops claim cops assaulted them

STimes (Cape metro) 16/5/93. (35)

THREE off-duty policemen were allegedly assaulted by several colleagues in Bellville on Friday night after they were accused of reckless driving and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The policemen, Warrant Officer Thirath Gokul, Sergeant Michael le Roux and Constable Isaac Nkefane, are all based at the Khayelitsha police station.

A spokesman for the South African Police, Lieutenant John Sterrenberg, yesterday confirmed that the three policemen had laid a

By **AYESHA ISMAIL**

charge of assault. The incident would be investigated by the Internal Investigation Unit of the SAP, he said.

Yesterday the three policeman said they were released from the Bellville police station without being charged after they had been held for five hours.

They claimed they were at first denied access to a telephone after their arrest. But after about three hours, after it was confirmed they were members of the SAP, one of them was allowed to use the telephone.

Sergeant Le Roux said they were driving through Bellville on their way home from a braai, when they were forced off the road by a private car.

"I pulled off to the side of the road and the occupant of the vehicle identified himself as a detective.

Radioed

"He told me that I was driving recklessly and that I was under the influence of alcohol.

"After I told him that I had had couple of drinks, he radioed for help," Sergeant Le Roux said.

He said three police vans arrived and the policemen started assaulting them.

"I was still in my seat when they arrived. A policeman told me that I was drunk and slapped me across the face several times before pushing me into a police van," Sergeant Le Roux said.



BEATEN UP ... Warrant officer Thirath Gokul, front, Sergeant Michael le Roux, back left, and Constable Isaac Nkefane, who claim that they were beaten up by policemen after being accused of being drunk and driving negligently

Warrant Officer Gokul said he was punched in the face several times and also kicked while he was still sitting in the back seat.

Although Constable Nkefane did not sustain any visible injuries, he said he was also assaulted.

Sergeant Le Roux said they were taken in sepa-

rate vans to the police station and put into a holding cell, before being transferred to another cell.

"If I was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, why then did they not test the alcohol level in my blood before releasing me?" asked Sergeant Le Roux.

Gun-toting gangsters bring terror to Belhar

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HENRI du PLESSIS, Staff Reporter

GANGSTERS went on the rampage in Belhar last night, shooting at houses and terrorising residents.

Members of the Americans and Sexy Boys gangs, armed with pistols and rifles, drove into Belhar Extension 13 about 9pm and shot at five houses in the block enclosed by Drakenstein and Matroosberg roads.

No one was injured but windows were broken and walls and furniture were riddled with bullets.

In Drakenstein Road, Mrs Gabiba Abzal, her husband Hassiem and their children were watching television when the shooting started.

"We fell flat on the floor to escape the bullets flying through the windows," said Mrs Abzal.

"There were about 100 of them in cars in the street.

"The shooting started at the house of a woman called Ysa Rajab and minutes later the men started shooting at our house."

Mrs Abzal said the gunmen ran amok in the street and attacked three more homes.

Today she gave policemen a bowl containing spent cartridges from a 9mm Luger, a .45, and .38 Special calibre, as well as a 7,62mm cartridge similar to FN or R1 ammunition, and a 12-gauge shotgun cartridge.

"The people involved were the Americans and the Sexy Boys," said Mrs Abzal.

"They call us the Kapenaars because we moved to Belhar from District Six. They come from Parow and Elsies River and they moved in here after us, but they want to chase us out."

Residents accused Bellville South police of being slow to react.

Mrs Abzal said: "During the shooting, I called the police but they did not come. Only one van came much later. I also called the ANC and asked for help, because we could do nothing."

Police said they arrested seven men soon after the attack.

Shoplifters caught in 'sting' operation

ARG 19/6/93 (35)
NORMAN JOSEPH, Weekend Argus Reporter

AT least 1 000 shoplifting arrests have been made every month since Shoprite/Checkers introduced its "Sting Operation" in the Western Cape at the beginning of the year.

The operation involves video cameras controlled from an office which films thefts on the shop floor.

A spokeswoman for the company said from Johannesburg that the operation was started "due to heavy losses". The company has 25 branches in the Western Cape.

The spokeswoman said shoplifting had emerged as a major problem in the supermarket industry recently.

Last week, 13 people appeared in the Bellville Magistrate's Court in connection with shoplifting from Shoprite stores.

Six former employees of Shoprite/Checkers were convicted of theft in the Bellville Magistrate's Court this week. They were collectively sentenced to a fine of more than R6 000 or faced a total of six years in jail.

State prosecutor Mr Dudley Williams said the accused had no option but to plead guilty because of the video camera material of the sting operation which was played as evidence in court.

Among those sentenced this week in Bellville were:

- Lionel Armonville, 22, of Ravensmead and Donovan Liebenberg, 21, of Elsie's River, who hid groceries worth more than R3 000 in a trolley;
- Anthony Julies, 23, of Durbanville, who stole Tupperware containers and washing powders;
- William Nero, 20, of Durbanville, who was filmed taking cleansing chemicals and groceries;
- William Kammies, 32, of Macassar, who stole an electric fan worth R164; ■ Constant Johnson, 26, of Paarl, who took groceries worth R188.



Tension ⁽³⁵⁾ over gangs in M Plain

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Political Staff

TENSION reigned in Mitchell's Plain as police armed with shotguns patrolled the Town Centre complex in anticipation of clashes between two rival gangs, the Dixie Boys and the Yankees.

Mr Willie Simmers, chairman of the Rocklands branch of the ANC, said police warned shoppers yesterday to leave the bustling centre for their own safety.

"They were warning everyone, including hawkers, to leave. I spoke to them and learned they feared the Dixie Boys would attack a rival gang to avenge the death of one of their members killed in the centre last week."

ANC Mitchell's Plain secretary Ms Brenda Leonard criticised the police action because it gave the impression that the situation was out of control.

However, a Mitchell's Plain police spokesman denied that shoppers were asked to leave the centre.

Earlier in the day police asked five members of the Yankees hawking in the centre, including the gang's leader, to leave the area. They did, but returned later.

"It was then that we asked the other hawkers to leave. We did not ask other people to leave, but warned them of a possible gang fight because they always end up in the middle of these clashes."

The two gangs had had skirmishes at the weekend, but police were not called in.



CONFLICT SCENE . . . Storms River Way has been the scene of most of the battles between rival gangs in Manenberg Pictures: AMBROSE PETERS

Gangs turn Cape Flats into war zone

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STimes [C/metro] 20/6/93.

Sunday Times Reporter
 WHILE many cinema-
 goers are flocking to
 local movie houses to
 see *Blood In Blood Out* —
 Hollywood's latest cellu-
 loid look at gangs in the
 United States — resi-
 dents of several Cape
 Flats areas are experi-
 encing the reality of
 gangland terror.
 To them, pitched gun
 battles and street fights



Police probe doctors in drug rackets

S Times (Cape metro)

By PETA KROST 20/6/93

THE Narcotics Bureau is investigating six Cape Town doctors suspected of selling prescriptions for potentially lethal drugs to addicts.

At least one of the doctors is allegedly trading high-schedule drug prescriptions for sex with young female "patients", SANAB Detective-Sergeant Mark Uren said this week.

According to Sgt Uren, the drugs include Wellconal, Seconal, Obex, Valium, Rohypnol, and pethidine.

Abuse of Wellconal has already reached epidemic proportions in Johannesburg and is becoming a problem in Cape Town, especially among "middle-class white schoolgirls at

reputable schools", say police and local drug experts.

Wellconal, a restricted schedule seven drug, is "highly addictive from the first or second spike" and rehabilitation chances are "virtually nil".

"We sent an extremely thin girl, with a hidden tape recorder, to one of

these doctors. She told him she was addicted to the diet tablet Obex and asked him to give her a prescription. He did this without question," Sgt Uren said.

On Tuesday police arrested a 34-year-old Groote Schuur anaesthetist for allegedly using prescription pads belonging to colleagues to obtain Wellconal.

The doctor is facing three charges of falsifying prescriptions and three of uttering — using the false scripts to get drugs.

The doctor, whom police would not name, is presently a psychiatric patient at Groote Schuur. He has been warned to appear in court again on July 12.

Sergeant Uren said it was difficult to ascertain how many overdoses there have been in Cape Town because most of these deaths are reported as heart attacks.

Complications

But, according to Groote Schuur psychiatrist Dr Don Wilson, who also works as a counsellor for the Cape Town Drug Counselling Centre, there are a number of people who are brought in with complications after "spiking" Wellconal.

SANAB prefers to report these cases to the SA Medical and Dental Council (SAMDC) rather than work through the legal system as this appeared to be "more effective" Sergeant Uren said.

"If the council finds them guilty they will probably be struck off the medical role, but the chances of them walking out of court scot free are excellent.

"It is very difficult to convict these doctors in court because they would plead that, in their professional opinion, they believed that the drugs were needed."

In a move to stamp out problems involving suspect prescriptions, Sgt Uren and his team are working closely with retail pharmacists.

"Retail pharmacists have sponsored two bleepers for SANAB and if they come across suspicious prescriptions, they immediately contact us," he said.

● Gangs turn Cape Flats into war zone as they fight for control of the lucrative illicit drug market, page 5.

Peace bid: Dixies to meet Yankees

DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporter

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ARG 21/7/93

AN URGENT meeting is to be set up between Mitchell's Plain's two warring gangs, the Dixie Boys and the Yankees, as part of an initiative to make the Town Centre safer.

From today police will also improve their visibility in the Town Centre and man a kiosk in the heart of area's business complex.

Clashes between the two rival gangs have already resulted in one killing, and on Monday police fearing another gang fight, ordered hawkers and others to leave the Town Centre. Yesterday the ANC, the police, the

Communist Party, hawkers, civic associations and the Mitchell's Merchants' Association met at Mitchell's Plain police station

ANC zonal secretary Ms Brenda Leonard said it was agreed that the community police forum would arrange a peace meeting between the Dixie Boys and the Yankees.

"We agreed on the need to make the Town Centre safe for all."

Eight policemen were on duty in the Town Centre daily, but police were asked to increase this to 30.

Mitchell's Plain station commander Colonel Gys Engelbrecht said he did not have the manpower to agree to this, but said he would ask divisional

police headquarters for more men.

Ms Leonard said police had agreed to take over a kiosk in front of OK Bazaars.

"We agreed that there was a need for more and the Merchants' Association agreed to pay for at least two more kiosks."

The community police forum had also been told to ask the Regional Peace Committee to help compile and distribute a pamphlet on gangsterism.

Efforts to bring peace to Mitchell's Plain follow a decision to form a peace committee in Belhar after a meeting last week of the police, the ANC, the Democratic Party, Nicro and Belhar residents.

ing representatives from the US Departments of Commerce, Defence and of State as well as the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency held discussions on these subjects with a South African delegation in Pretoria on 2 and 3 December 1992. The South African delegation included representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Denel (Pty) Ltd.

- (iii) Discussions on these issues are continuing.

Increase in number of policemen

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

- (1) (a) What was the total net increase in the number of policemen in the South African Police Force in 1992 and (b) (i) how many are still in training and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B644E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) 2 237
- (b) (i) 2 337
(ii) 2 April 1993.
- (2) No.

Post Office: advertising campaign

*14. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Post and Telecommunications:

- (1) Whether the Post Office launched an advertising campaign recently; if so, (a) when and (b) what (i) are the details relating to, and (ii) was the cost of each aspect of, this campaign;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B645E

The MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

The Managing Director of SA Post Office Limited replied as follows to the hon member's question:

- (1) Yes, information programmes are being

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launched to communicate to clients the Post Office's future plans in regard to the rendering of postal services which will meet the needs of the total community.

- (a) During February, March and April 1993.

(b) (i)

(aa) An advertisement in eight magazines to encourage people to post a letter or a card to a loved one before Valentine's Day. This formed part of a planned campaign to remind people that a written message through the post is still the most lasting form of personal distance communication. Underlying this approach is to motivate people to send messages by mail for all special occasions and thereby increasing mail volumes.

(bb) An advertisement in 15 Sunday and daily newspapers (3 placings) propagating the competitive interest rate of 11% currently paid on investments in savings bank certificates to encourage new investments.

(cc) News clock before the 18:00 and 20:00 TV news bulletins promoting visibility of the Post Office.

(dd) An advertisement in newspapers countrywide (3 placings) explaining the reasoning behind and benefit for the client of the recently announced tariff increases.

(ee) An advertisement in newspapers countrywide (3 placings) was well as a radio information campaign explaining the correct use of the new no face value postage stamp—a new concept in South Africa.

(ff) Some six million information pamphlets in six languages especially rural communities explaining the new concept of

cluster postboxes and inviting inputs.

(b)(ii)

(aa) R 145 000 (production cost enclosed)

(bb) R 269 000 (production cost enclosed)

(cc) R 94 000

(dd) R 300 000

(ee) R 450 000

(ff) R 280 000

R1 538 000

- (2) In order to gain greater visibility as a client-oriented company and to promote our image among the public, further information programmes will be launched during the course of the year. Apart from this campaign, information sessions are being held with major clients, consumer bodies and parliamentary and extra-parliamentary groups, while efforts are also being made to obtain positive media coverage and favourable editorial comment on a large scale.

Cape Town police station: charges against two persons

*15. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether any criminal charges were laid at the Cape Town Police Station on or about 4 May 1992 against two persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, what (a) was the nature of these charges and (b) are the names of the persons concerned;

(2) whether any action has been taken as a result of these charges; if not, why not; if so, what action;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B648E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) and (b)

Contravention of section 54(1)(a) and/or

54(1)(b)(ii) and/or (iv) of the Internal Security Act, 1982 (Act No 74 of 1982).

Mr Benny Alexander.

Contravention of section 54(1)(b) read with 54(2)(b) and 54(2)(k) as well as 54(3)(c)(iv) of the Internal Security Act, 1982 (Act No 74 of 1982).

Mr Jay Naidoo.

(2) No.

Upon completion of the investigation, the case dockets were referred to the various Attorneys-General who subsequently refused to prosecute in both cases.

(3) No.

Record of Understanding: prisoners released

*16. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Correctional Services:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 16 on 17 February 1993, he will furnish information on the convictions for which prisoners who have been released in terms of the Record of Understanding were serving prison sentences; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? B647E

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

No, as already mentioned in my reply in the House of Assembly on 17 February 1993 to Question No 16 for written reply, it is departmental policy not to disclose personal particulars pertaining to individuals. For obvious reasons such as *inter alia* the interests of the released prisoner's family, his reintegration into society, etc it is not considered expedient to publicly disclose the information as requested. However, I would like to repeat my invitation to the hon member that should he be interested in further detailed information (including information on convictions), he is welcome to approach me whereupon I will consider making the information available to him on a personal basis.

Haemophilus b: deaths

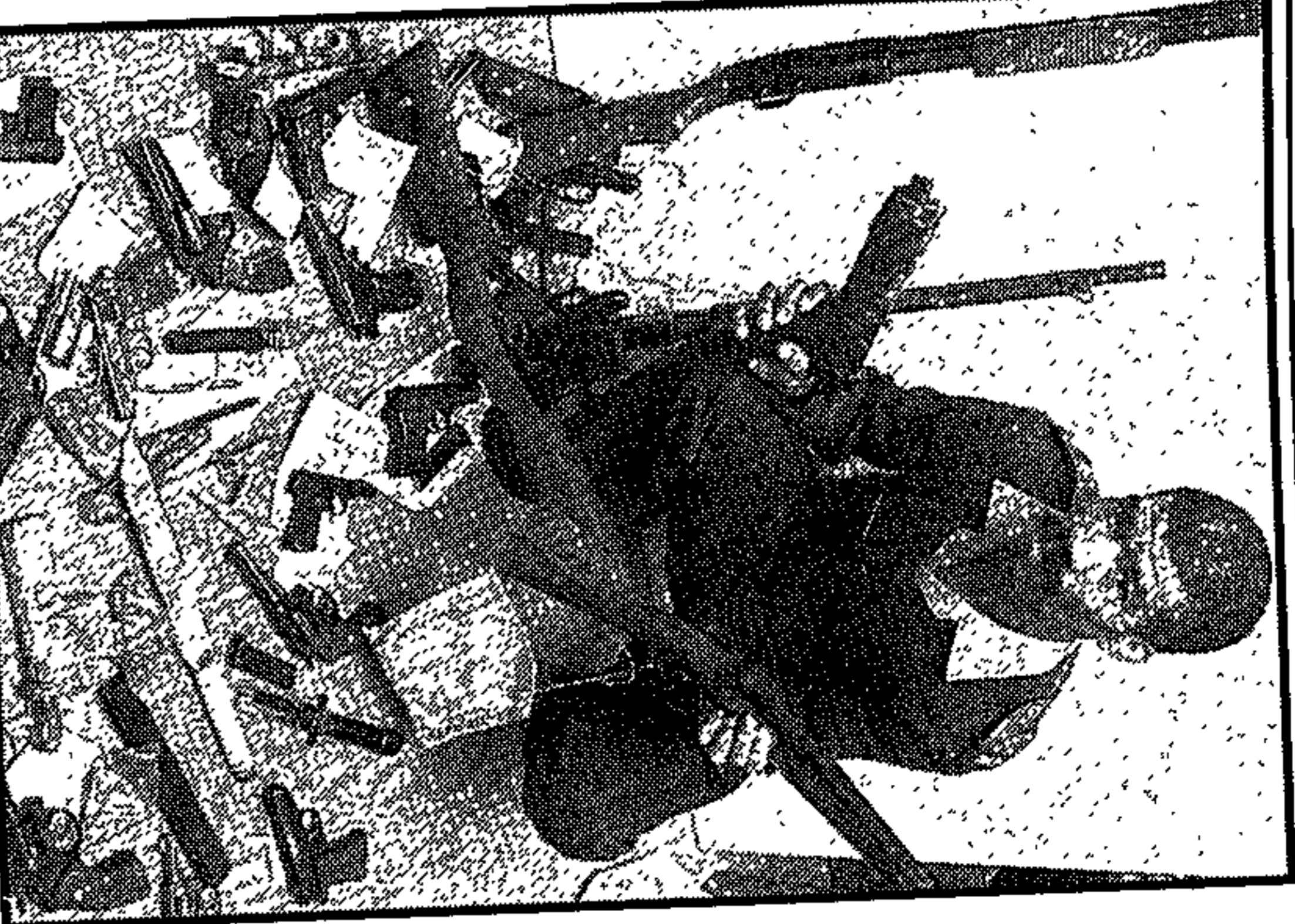
*17. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare:

- (1) How many children died of the disease

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Belhar in grip of terror as gangs warfare makes life a nightmare

35 Feb 20/6



WEAPONS OF WAR: Constable Jacob John Cornelius with stolen firearms and homemade zipguns

Picture: BRENTON GEACH

HENRI du PLESSIS
Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of Belhar are living in terror of a war among gangs whose members are causing havoc as they rampage through the suburb at night.

Since Thursday, gangs have gone on shooting sprees in Belhar twice, spending whole nights shooting up houses and wounding innocent children.

Residents say they are too afraid to go out after dark and have likened their suburb to Al Capone's gangland Chicago.

The fighting escalates as gangs take revenge against one another. This leads to reprisal after reprisal, long after the cause of the original conflict is forgotten, police believe.

It is virtually impossible to get a clear picture of what started the fighting in the first place, says Bellville South police station commander Major Hendrik Opperman.

A number of gangs are involved — the Dixie Boys, the Hard Living Kids, the Capetonians, the Sexy Boys and the Americans.

Fighting arises from "cross border" raids by one gang into another's territory.

Since the shooting started in earnest on Thursday night, three children have been wounded. The people the gunmen have in their sights usually escape injury.

Weapons were the stolen and handmade firearms of the Americans and Sexy Boys; the targets, the homes of Capetonians and their relatives.

Gangsters in cars careered past, shooting from open windows. Capetonians believe the Americans want to drive them from the area.

Capetonians claim they are not a gang, but are called Capetonians by the Americans because they moved to Belhar from District Six.

On Sunday night, the alleged reprisal was more specific.

The house of Mary Walters and her husband, Jakobus, was attacked by Hard Living Kids and Capetonians who believed it was an Americans' base.

Mrs Walters, who runs a disco and TV games establishment next to her house, said: "A car stopped outside with screaming tyres and they shot at my front



SHOT THROUGH: Mrs Mary Walters at the door of her house which was hit by shotgun pellets fired from the street. She points to one of the larger splinter holes.

Picture: LEON MÜLLER, The Argus.

"I wasn't at home, but my children were. I went to sleep with friends and in the morning when I went to fetch my children for school, I found the (shotgun) cartridges at the roadside.

"There were splinters all over the kitchen, as well as these pellets which had been shot through the door."

A six-year-old girl in the house was wounded as she slept.

Mrs Walters denied any links with a gang.

"I run the disco and games and everybody was welcome to come here. Once however, the Capetonians came here and started pushing people around, so we had to tell them to leave.

"They have since been jealous, because there is no place for them to go

in their area.

"My husband was a member of the 28 gang when he was in jail, but since he came out he has had nothing to do with gangs, because I told him not to."

But, an Americans' member, who did not want to be named, said the occupants of the house had expected to be attacked and went to stay with friends on Sunday night to get out of the line of fire.

Major Opperman says finding the cause of the fighting is a headache for police and the recently-founded Belhar Discussion Forum.

"This is the first time since February that things have got out of hand like this. In March, we founded all Discussion Forum, which included all political groupings, the National Insti-

tute of Crime and the Rehabilitation of Offenders, welfare, churches, residents

"We have been actively trying to combat gangs, but it is a great worry for us that membership in this area is mainly among children from 15 to 18 and completely voluntary."

"Since January, we have confiscated 54 firearms — 40 stolen and 14 homemade zipguns."

Major Opperman said he had not heard about individual policemen being involved with the gangs, as alleged by residents, but would "investigate such allegations to their very roots".

"We have members of the gang unit, the uniformed branch and detectives working on the problem — about 30 men in all. It seems to be fairly under control."

Belhar 'becomes a battlefield nightly'

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Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of Belhar are living in fear of their lives as gang warfare becomes a nightly occurrence.

Three more residents were shot yesterday. This followed the arrest of 22 gang members last week.

In one of the worst-hit areas, the sub-economic Extension 13, residents say they have to lock themselves in at night "as gangsters take over and the area becomes a battlefield".

A woman who has lived there for 12 years said: "We are absolutely terrified."

The woman, who declined to be identified for fear of reprisal, said: "It has reached a point where we can look forward to hearing gunshots at least

three or four nights a week".

An 83-year-old man said: "We are terrified when the gangsters start shooting, but we simply have to live with it."

A group of gangsters went on the rampage in Barnard Street early yesterday and "shot up" the home of Miss Carol Williams.

"My six-year-old daughter sustained minor injuries and had to be taken to hospital for treatment," she said.

Police say a man was shot when he found three men tampering with his car outside his home in Drakenstein Road early yesterday. And ambulancemen were called to a house in Elsenburg Street to collect a young woman who had been shot.

Six die as Cape Flats gang violence surges

35 ARCT 22/3/93

STEFAANS BRÜMMER
Staff Reporter

AT least six people have been killed in an upsurge of gang-related violence in Mitchell's Plain, Hanover Park, Lavender Hill, Belhar and Bellville South and Ravensmead.

A policeman was shot in the face in a weekend gun battle in Hanover Park.

Hanover Park neighbourhood watch member Mr Henry Everson alleged that the battle was started by members of a neighbourhood watch acting outside their territory.

Mr Everson said trouble started in Hanover Park on Saturday afternoon when Americans gang members were "cooling off" on a soccer field. One was attacked by Back Street Kids gang members and hacked with pangas. He was hospitalised.

There was no more trouble until after 2am on Sunday, when about 30 members of the Green Turf Neighbourhood Watch, and possibly other neighbourhood watches, surrounded a small group of Americans gangsters and started firing wildly, Mr Everson claimed.

"If you had stuck your head out of the door you would have got it. They were firing like a bunch of hooligans. That is not right."

He said the Green Turf Neighbourhood Watch encroached on the area of the Hanover South Neighbourhood Watch, of which he was a member and which had built up a "good relationship" with the Americans, involving them in soccer matches and other constructive activities.

He said a number of Americans were wounded.

Sergeant P Vermaak was shot and injured in the face when police were called to end a street battle.

A police spokesman denied allegations that police fired had randomly into flats after the incident.

Senior Western Cape police liaison officer Colonel Raymond Dowd said police were unaware of neighbourhood watches acting as "vigilante groups".

At least six people have been killed in an upsurge of gang-related violence in Mitchell's Plain, Hanover Park, Lavender Hill, Belhar and Bellville South and Ravensmead.

"Crime watches are structured according to accepted norms in that they are the eyes and the ears of the police. They are independent organisations which work closely with the police and have committees that control them."

He said police did not conduct crime watch units taking the law into their own hands.

Police spokesmen said a gang war in Mitchell's Plain led to the slaying of a Nice Time Kids gangster on Saturday and the revenge killing of a member of the rival Dixi Kids last night.

In Lavender Hill early yesterday a man died after being stabbed in the neck when Mon-grels gangsters allegedly attacked a group of people.

On Saturday night a man died after being attacked with a bottle-neck near his Belhar home. Another man was stabbed to death in Bellville South and a man was shot dead in Ravensmead.

Six murdered in gang fights

CT 22/3/93

(35)

By JACKIE CAMERON
Crime Reporter

AT least six people were murdered and a policeman was injured in a weekend of gang fights around the Peninsula.

Early yesterday Sergeant P Vermaak was shot and injured in the face after police were called to end a battle between the Young Americans and Back Street Kids gangs in Hanover Park, a police spokesman said.

Hanover Park residents said police shot randomly into flats after the policeman was injured — but this was denied by police.

Teargas

Police spokesman Major Attie Laubscher said about 200 gangsters, all heavily armed with knives, guns and sharp objects were battling in London Road around 3am.

"Police were called to the scene. We used teargas and fired several shots to disperse the warring factions.

"One Young American was injured in the stomach and two in

200 in battle on Flats

the leg after they tried to resist arrest. They have been placed under police guard in a city hospital," he said.

Another man, 22, was arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm and attempted murder. More arrests are expected soon.

Major Laubscher said no complaint had been laid by any member of public against police action during the incident.

In Lavender Hill early yesterday, Mr Andries Maliqua, 27, died after being stabbed in the neck when members of the Mongrels gang allegedly attacked a group of people playing dice outside some flats.

A witness, who does not wish to be named, said the gangsters ran-

sacked the players' pockets before fleeing. No arrests have been made.

On Saturday night 39-year-old Mr John Charles died after being attacked with a bottle-neck near his Belhar Extension 13 home.

A 46-year-old man was arrested shortly afterwards, a police spokesman said.

On Saturday 29-year-old Mr Searl Sampson was stabbed to death in a gang fight in Rocklands.

Hours later a man, who may not be identified as his next of kin have not been informed, died after being stabbed in an alleged revenge attack for Mr Sampson's death.

No arrests have been made.

Stabbed

In other gang-related murders on Saturday, Mr Mervyn Boer, 24, was stabbed to death in Oop street, Bellville South, and Mr Mervyn Davids, 25, was shot dead in Ravensmead.

No arrests have been made, a police spokesman said.

Tourists safer in city

By YVETTE VAN BREDA
Staff Reporter

ATTACKS on tourists in the city decreased by 90% in December last year compared to the previous year — and all the credit has to go to the police Tourist Assistance Unit.

So says Captour spokeswoman Ms Marion Kelder. "We are incredibly pleased by the drop in muggings of tourists and the SAP's Tourist Assistance Unit must be credited for that."

Captain Carl Thiant, head of the unit, said there was a marked

decrease in reported crime on tourists this festive season.

Since the inception of the unit in February 1991 there had been an average of three to five tourist muggings in the city a month compared to 45 in Johannesburg. Since the unit in Johannesburg was started, this figure had decreased to 30 a month.

Capt Thiant said the most remarkable decrease was in December last year when only two muggings — cameras were snatched — had taken place compared to 1991's 11. In October last

year no incidents were reported.

● JACKIE CAMERON reports that while tourist crime is on the decrease, the incidence of thefts from offices in the city has increased.

A police spokesman said it was becoming common practice for thieves to walk into offices under the guise of looking for work.

"Thefts from offices are particularly common in buildings with security systems. There is a false sense of security and people tend to leave purses and bags lying around," he said.

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(b) 10th school day of 1993.
 For written reply: *[Signature]*
 General Affairs:

Television licences: prosecutions/convictions

12. Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Home Affairs:†
 Whether he will furnish details on how many
 (a) Whites, (b) Blacks, (c) Coloureds and (d) Indians were (i) prosecuted for and (ii) convicted of failure to pay their television licences in 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
 B29E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

Statistics relating to prosecutions and convictions for failure to pay television licences are not kept on the basis of population groups or per calendar year.

Statistics in this respect are being kept on a combined basis and according to the SABC's licence year which covers the period 1 October of a year till 30 September of the following year. During the past three licence years namely 1990, 1991 and 1992, a total of 11 473, 22 206 and 22 212 pirate viewers respectively, were traced. These users were fined by the SABC in terms of the Regulations promulgated in terms of the Broadcasting Act, Act 73 of 1976. Of the above-mentioned numbers of pirate viewers who were traced, the following numbers were prosecuted, for various reasons, namely:

- *1990 = 1 983
- *1991 = 5 151
- *1992 = 8 421

* Figures are included in the totals of pirate viewers.

Identity documents issued

17. Mr S P BARNARD asked the Minister of Home Affairs:†
 Whether more than one identity document was issued to any (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds and (c) Indians above the age of 18 years during the latest specified period of 12 months; if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) for what reasons?
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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

Statistics on the basis as required by the hon-ourable member are not being kept systematically. A record is being kept in the Population Register of every identity document issued to an individual, but any statistics in this respect, have to be withdrawn from the Population Register on an individual basis.

Re-issuing of documents occurs in the following circumstances only:

- (a) upon replacement of a lost, stolen or damaged identity document;
- (b) upon insertion of a new driver's licence;
- (c) upon change of personal particulars, for instance in the case of a marriage or a divorce or change of surname; and
- (d) upon acquisition of South African citizenship by an alien who was the holder of an identity document in which his status had been indicated as alien.

The previous identity document is cancelled, where available.

It must be emphasised that section 18 (1) (f) of the Identification Act, 1986 (Act 72 of 1986), prohibit persons to be in possession of more than one identity document.

Whites: applications for citizenship

18. Mr S P BARNARD asked the Minister of Home Affairs:†

How many Whites (a) applied to his Department for citizenship (i) during the period 1 September 1991 up to and including 30 April 1992 and (ii) in every month during this period and (b) had more than one citizenship on 15 January 1993 according to the records of his Department?
 B41E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

Statistics in respect of citizenship are not kept on the basis of population groups or of applications received. Record is being kept of the number of approvals only. The total number of approvals for the period 1 September 1991 to 30 April 1992 is 28 380.

The number of approvals per month during this period is as follows:

September 1991	484
October 1991	520

November 1991	421
December 1991	357
January 1992	443
February 1992	2 817
March 1992	2 273
April 1992	1 065

Information in respect of persons that have more than one citizenship is also not available since statistics are not kept on the citizenship of persons applying for naturalization.



The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Cape Town police district: crime statistics
 28. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:
 How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Cape Town police district in 1992?
 B61E

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(gii)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Cape Town	26	19	324	524	61	622	878	58	748	1 394	044
Camps Bay	0	0	16	29	4	9	59	9	50	229	001
Maitland	10	10	109	153	17	100	93	25	117	500	009
Milnerton	22	11	136	155	19	37	93	50	123	598	003
Pinehills	0	7	28	38	12	75	86	89	45	543	001
Sea Point	3	6	67	139	16	67	394	18	230	812	014
Kensington	8	1	175	110	18	40	27	19	92	211	013
Woodstock	21	10	113	221	16	242	352	17	135	1 059	085
Tableview	6	13	29	70	10	8	85	9	46	338	001
Melkbosstrand	3	9	13	23	1	2	3	4	9	56	001
Atlantis	24	11	264	670	73	128	52	34	343	711	020
Table Bay Harbour	3	4	107	147	9	33	65	5	65	186	005

Note:
 (g) — Motor vehicles
 (gii) — Bicycles

Wynberg police district: crime statistics

29. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) house-breaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Wynberg police district in 1992?
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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(gii)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Wynberg	7	4	49	172	17	129	267	34	111	588	003
Fish Hoek	14	4	102	312	16	29	91	54	139	530	006
Simonstown	2	4	22	47	6	3	10	4	21	91	000
Rondebosch	3	1	24	51	5	40	183	141	59	539	001
Mutzenberg	9	4	175	294	35	104	137	60	176	578	002
Mowbray	3	8	14	68	10	52	195	27	56	425	003
Hout Bay	21	4	116	116	22	27	34	22	74	316	001
Diepriver	0	9	49	88	7	50	161	84	72	709	001

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	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Claremont	3	2	56	116	10	83	422	114	103	935
Steenberg	22	7	399	523	62	211	101	72	309	795
Kirstenhof	6	7	58	84	2	33	96	65	98	439
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Note:
(g) — Motor vehicles
(h) — Bicycles

Natal: murders

53. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) How many murders were reported in (a) the Natal Midlands and (b) Natal in 1992;
- (2) with reference to the murders reported, (a) how many cases have resulted in (i) an investigation, (ii) prosecution and (iii) conviction and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) (a) 2 175
(b) 3 397
- (2) (a) (i) Natal 3 397
(ii) Natal Midlands 2 175
(iii) 1 296 614
(b) 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992. 456 183

Persons awaiting trial: period of time between arrest/sentencing

54. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Correctional Services:

- (a) What, in respect of persons awaiting trial in prisons, was the average period of time that elapsed between arrest and sentencing calculated as at the last day of each month in 1992 and (b) what was the (i) age and (ii) gender distribution of persons awaiting trial in that year?

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

- (a) The precise information cannot be provided to the Honourable Member as it is, *inter alia*, not centrally available and

there are various practical problems with the recording of such statistics. In this regard I refer to my reply of 26 February 1992 in the House of Assembly to question number 87 for written reply (Hansard coll 313-315) and wish to quote the following appropriate section:

“Statistics out of an exercise which was done on 2 January 1991 of all awaiting-trial prisoners who were detained in South African prisons on that day, are as follows:

25,7% — 1 day until 14 days
30,5% — 14 days until 1 month
33% — 1 month until 3 months
8,3% — 3 months until 6 months
2,5% — Longer than 6 months

A further spot check at the Johannesburg, Pretoria, Pollsmoor, Witbank, Durban and Port Elizabeth Prisons on 13 February 1992 where a total of 10 999 awaiting-trial prisoners were in detention on that day, delivered the following statistical data:

26,33% — 1 day until 14 days
22,48% — 14 days until 1 month
32,74% — 1 month until 3 months
2,16% — 3 months until 6 months
16,29% — Longer than 6 months

(i) and (ii)
As on 31 December 1992.

Age	Male	Female
Younger than 20 years	4 522	166
20 years and younger	5 197	186
25 years and older	9 574	384
Total	19 293	736

Grand total: 20 029

Section 29 of the Correctional Services Act, 1959 (Act No 8 of 1959) stipulates,

inter alia, that a person under the age of eighteen years who is accused of having committed an offence shall not be detained in a prison prior to his conviction unless his detention is essential and no suitable place of safety as mentioned in the Child Care Act, 1983 (Act No 74 of 1983) is available for his detention. In every such case the particular judicial officer issues a certificate to this effect. In deciding on the suitability of the place of detention, the nature of the offence with which a person is charged is taken into account as well as age, sex, character etc.

The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

- (a) and (b) Yes

A juvenile who is detained in terms of section 29 of the Correctional Services Act, 1959 shall not be permitted to associate with a person over the age of 21 years who is in custody, excluding such a person who was charged jointly with him, provided the Head of the Prison is of the opinion that such association will not be detrimental to him. Juveniles are also separated with regard to age groups where facilities permit.

Discussions take place regularly between the Department of Correctional Services, the local magistrates, prosecutors and the South African Police with a view to keeping awaiting-trial juveniles out of prison.

As the Honourable Member may be aware, the Government has taken the initiative of addressing the problem of juveniles in custody by means of a Working Group with regard to Alternative Centres for Juveniles in Custody under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Minister of National Housing. This Working Group has already made good progress and issued various reports. Should the Honourable Member require more information in this regard, I suggest that he contact the Chairman of the Working Group concerned.

Whether any (a) awaiting-trial and (b) sentenced prisoners held in custody escaped from prisons in South Africa in 1992; if so, (i) how many prisoners escaped, (ii) from which prisons did they escape, and (iii) how many were recaptured, in each case?

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The endeavour continually remains to eliminate escapes, hence every escape incident is thoroughly investigated in order to identify shortcomings and introduce preventive measures where necessary.

Appropriate disciplinary steps are taken in cases of negligence whilst in cases where aiding in escaping are suspected, the matter is reported to the SA Police for the necessary judicial process to take its course. Flaws which may be found to exist in directives are rectified while the correct application and fulfilment of directives are regularly brought to the attention of members. Defects to buildings and over-population are also factors attributing to escapes and corrective steps are also taken in this regard although financial implications sometimes play a restrictive role.

Adults 'using kids to steal'

Crime Reporter

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A GROUP of 10 street children were arrested in a Rondebosch flat during a break-in — and police believe they are being used by adults to commit crimes.

The children, aged between nine and 15, are being held in custody until other arrangements have been finalised with social workers, a police spokesman said yesterday.

He said the children were bundling goods into bedding when police arrived after being alerted by a neighbour.

Sell goods

The children, runaways living under the railway bridge crossing the Liesbeeck River canal in Rondebosch, are believed to be paid small amounts of cash by adults to commit crimes.

The adults then sell the goods in the streets of Khayelitsha, Guguletu, Langa and Nyanga.

The police spokesman said the incidence of crimes committed by youngsters in Rondebosch had increased.

He said: "This is a very difficult problem for the police. People complain when children are held in custody and they complain when the children commit crimes."



HIDEOUT . . . A runaway, who would not give his name, shows where a group of about 10 children, arrested for housebreaking, live under the railway bridge over the Liesbeeck River in Rondebosch.

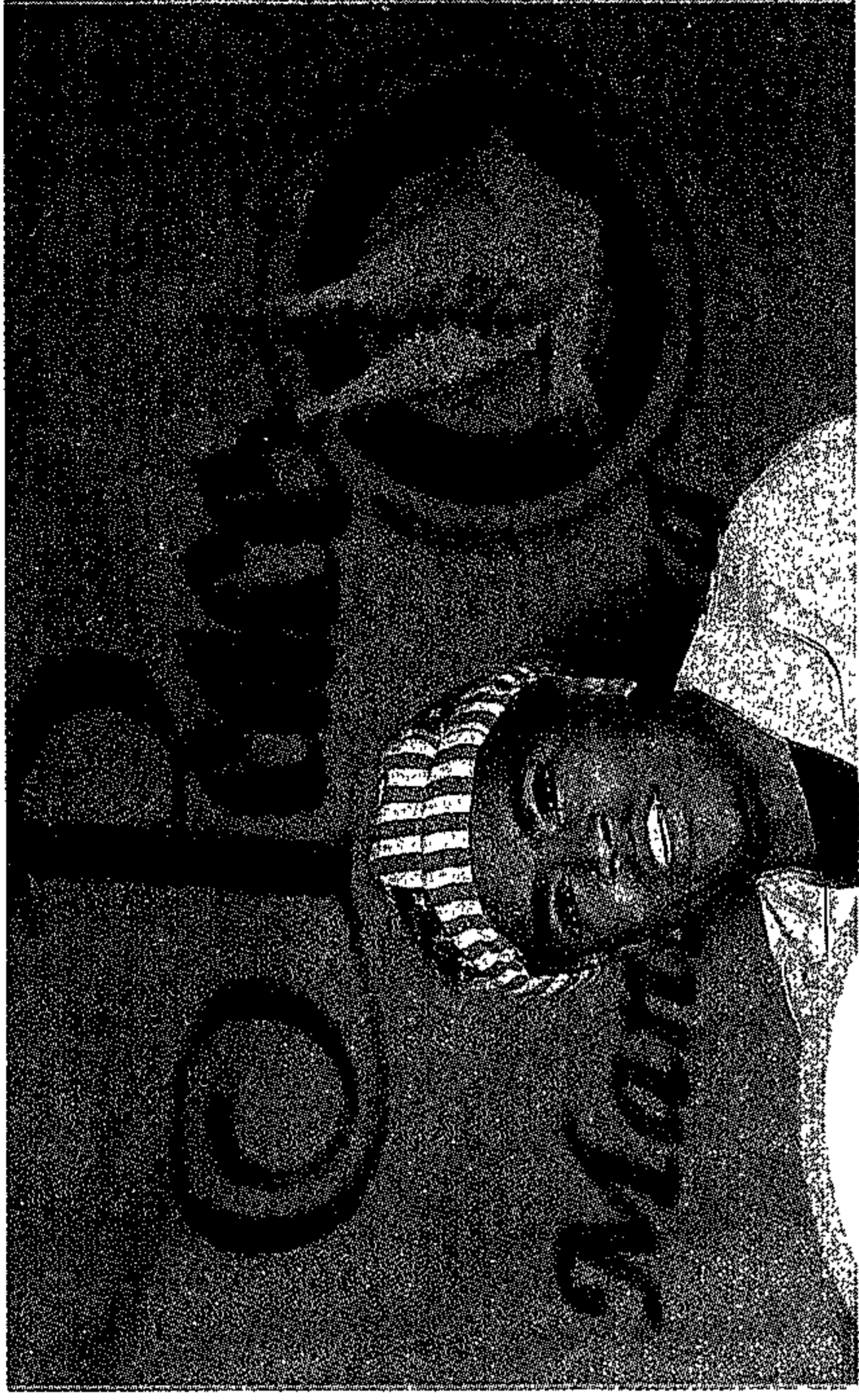
Picture: ANNE LAING



PEACEMAKER:
American gang member Mr Walter Hendricks, right, shows the stars and stripes at the peace meeting in Manenberg last night.

Pictures
OBED ZILWA
The Argus

AND THE LAW: The police were there too, represented by Manenberg police station commander Captain Arno Lamoer, left.



Manenberg gang peace in sight

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Residents cheer as Playboys and Americans pledge to end fighting

HENRIËTTE GELDENHUYS
Staff Reporter

AN end to gang warfare in Manenberg came a step closer when members of two opposing gangs signed a peace agreement in front of about 300 cheering residents.

At a meeting last night Mr Shahied Majief of the Playboys and Mr Walter Hendricks of the Americans pledged to unite to build peace, to stop fighting and to apologise for causing destruction and injury.

"We as Playboys want peace. No

more violence. I don't know about the others, but our parents cannot take it anymore. We'll just have to listen to them. What else can we do?" Mr Majief said to an applauding crowd, who roared when Mr Hendricks walked on to the stage wearing a cap in the stars and stripes.

"We as Americans want peace. Our parents are also moaning. Innocent people got hurt," said Mr Hendricks.

But the third most prominent gang in central Manenberg, the HJs (Hard Livings) declined an invitation to the peace meeting organised by the Man-

enberg ANC branch and attended by sports bodies, traders, religious leaders, community organisations, police, the peace committee formed to curb gangsterism, parents, the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders), about 30 Americans aged 12 to 27 and about 20 Playboys aged 15 to 23.

The Hard Livings had told the peace committee, formed last week after running battles between the three gangs, that they wanted to shake hands with the Americans and Playboys at a separate meeting first,

said Mr Irvin Kinnes, ANC branch representative on the committee.

The Americans agreed to peace after residents promised to withdraw charges against four of their members, said Mr Hendricks.

After the meeting, a worried peace committee member, Father Christopher Clohessy of the Manenberg Catholic Church, said: "Gangsters need to be disbanded and employed, otherwise they have no reason to stop."

Mr Kinnes said: "There's been no more fighting since June 15. I know there will be peace in Manenberg."

Crime drops as trains blitzed

THE removal of more than 50 000 people from Cape Town's suburban trains for not paying fares had been accompanied by the dropping of serious crime on the trains by 70%, Deputy Minister of Justice Mrs Sheila Camerer said in Parliament yesterday.

There had also been a dramatic increase in the demand for weekly and monthly train tickets, she

said during the debate on the Justice vote.

The exercise, which had now taken place 86 times, was an excellent example of co-ordination involving the Metro train service, the police and the magistrate's court, usually at Wynberg.

On an appointed day the court was on standby and the police raided the trains for offenders

who were taken to court and dealt with there and then, Mrs Camerer said.

Previously, ticket inspectors demanding payment of fares on the trains had been attacked and assaulted. Rape, robbery and murder rates had dropped by 70%, she said.

Over 2 000 arrests had been made.

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One murder, rape a day in Cape Town last year

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

CAPE Town had an average of one killing, one rape, 19 assaults, six robberies, 11 car thefts and 34 burglaries every day last year.

And that excludes the vast townships on the Cape Flats.

There were 216 murders, 155 culpable homicides, 448 rapes and more than 6 500 assaults, according to shock figures given in parliament yesterday.

There were 2 124 robberies — one every four hours; 3 884 car thefts — one every 2¼ hours; 1 014 bicycle thefts and 12 582 burglaries — one every 41 minutes.

The statistics were recorded at 23 police stations from Simon's Town through the southern suburbs, the central city, the Atlantic seaboard and the coastal strip from Milnerton to Atlantis.

They were given by Minister of Law and Order Mr Henus Kriel in reply to a question by Democratic Party MP for Sea-Point Mr Colin Eglin.

The Cape Town central police station recorded the highest tally of murders (26), culpable homicides (19), robberies (622), car thefts (878), damage to property (748) and burglaries (1 394).

The West Coast satellite town Atlantis is also ridden with crime ... murders totalled 24, culpable homicides 11, assaults 934 and the highest tally of rapes — 73.

A breakdown of murders shows that after Cape Town and Atlantis, Milnerton and Steenberg share third place (22), and Hout Bay and Woodstock are fourth (21). The next highest is Fish Hoek (14).

No murders were reported in three suburbs — Camps Bay, Pinelands and Diep River.

After Cape Town central, the next highest car-theft rate was recorded in Claremont (422), followed by Sea Point (394) and Woodstock (352).

The highest number of burglaries, after Cape Town central, was in Woodstock (1 059) and Claremont (935).

City crime 'in check'

Staff Reporter

PENINSULA police do not foresee crime in the region reaching the same epidemic proportions experienced in Johannesburg, saying the situation in Cape Town and surrounding areas "was under control".

Western Cape regional public relations chief Lieutenant-Colonel Raymond Dowd said yesterday that while the current crime rate gave cause for concern, police in the Western Cape had a "good track record" in solving crimes.

Colonel Dowd was commenting on the levels of crime following several

recent armed robberies.

"However, we do call on the public to take the necessary precautions to counter this type of crime."

Among their recent successes were:

● A breakthrough in the spate of armed attacks on busdrivers in the townships when two men were caught while robbing a bus driver;

● The arrest of a 33-year-old Khayelitsha man in connection with 14 armed robberies committed on Golden Arrow buses travelling along the Nyanga route.

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Wiber 72 airlifted | Serbs block

Businessmen urged to help bust crime ⁽³⁵⁾

ARG 26/2/93

ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

BUSINESSMEN must help calm the crime wave in the Cape and everybody must be careful, observant and report anything they find suspicious to the police.

And the insurance industry has warned businessmen to look closer at risk management or their excesses could rise.

Executive director of operations for Protea Assurance Jim Brayson said the commercial sector had been "unbelievably cooperative" in their response to risk management so far.

Western Cape deputy police commissioner General Nick Snyman said the high level of unemployment was the major factor contributing to the crime situation. Businessmen with poor security systems were seen as easy targets.

General Snyman said they needed to invest in security, particularly when they had been hit more than once.

- They should develop response systems to armed robberies similar to fire-drills;

- They should employ more security guards, visible and undercover, particularly when handling cash;

- They should not do their banking or clear their safes at the same time each day; and

- They should not send the same person to do their banking each day.

Retailer Raymond Ackerman, whose Claremont store was robbed this week and a security guard shot dead, said security systems at his store had been checked immediately.

"We are jacking up how we pay wages and salaries," he said.



SNOWSTORM: Some of the 3,5kg of cocaine confiscated by police this year (above and below)

SA cocaine market about to boom

South 26/6 - 30/6/93

By Edwina Booysen

COCAINE is the most powerful natural stimulant known.

Commonly known as coke or snow, the drug is extracted from the coca plant to make an off-white or brownish powder known as coca paste.

Most users sniff cocaine, leading rapidly to an experience of euphoria, well being and increased energy. At the same time mild feelings of anxiety, tension, nervousness and agitation may be felt.

With long term use of cocaine, abusers become nervous, excitable, agitated, hypersensitive and many become paranoid.

Eventually the chronic abuser lives a life of constant overstimulation, agitation, insomnia and anorexia.

Commander of the South African Narcotic Bureau (Sanab) in Wynberg, Major Alwies van Schalkwyk, said cocaine was rare in South Africa until recently.

"The problem picked up in the last year," Van Schalkwyk said.

"In 1992, we confiscated about 1,4kg of cocaine. In the first six months of this year we have already confiscated more than 3,5kg."

The quality of the cocaine smug-



gled into the Cape had improved.

"The cocaine confiscated before was about 50 percent pure, the more recent loads were almost 100 percent pure," Van Schalkwyk said.

"The price has also dropped. Last year's market price ranged between R350 and R400 a gram, now it has dropped to about R180."

It is easier to smuggle the drug into South Africa because there are more direct flights from around the world, Van Schalkwyk said.

The lifting of more sanctions could leave South Africa with an undeveloped drug market, Van Schalkwyk warned.

"South Africa is still richer than other countries in Africa. We expect the cocaine problem will be rife in future and as it becomes more available the price will drop further and more people will become hooked."

He said in the past cocaine was sold and used by mostly by young whites in Sea Point and Constantia.

"Now many more blacks are becoming involved. The same people who used to be mandrax dealers are now selling cocaine, because the mandrax market is flooded."

"The problem is in its infant stages now, but will increase unless the community becomes involved."

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, once again I regret that I do not have those specific details with me. Perhaps it would be advisable for the hon member or the hon member for Port Elizabeth Central to put another question on the Question Paper.

Mr E W TRENT: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I would like him to give us an assurance that he will investigate the whole system of cadet camps, the authority pertaining to such camps and how these camps are conducted so that something like this does not recur in the future. Can he give us the assurance that the Department will investigate this issue?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the matter is already the subject of an investigation.

Medihelp: teachers on early retirement

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

- (1) Whether he or his Department have had or are engaged in discussions with Medihelp and/or any teachers' organizations regarding the funding of the State portion of contributions to Medihelp in respect of teachers on early retirement who have reached the age of 60 years; if not, why not; if so, what is the (a) nature and (b) purport of these discussions;
- (2) whether such teachers were informed that the State portion in respect of con-

tributions to Medihelp would cease after their reaching the age of 60 years; if so,

- (3) whether this information was subsequently repudiated by Medihelp; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

- (4) whether he intends taking any steps in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what steps? B842E

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes,
 - (a) officials from the Department and the Department of National Education held discussions with Medihelp and the Commission for Administration. The matter was also raised in talks I held with teachers' organizations. I am still in discussion on the matter with the Chairman of the Commission for Administration,
 - (b) to establish what the State's future subsidization policy regarding Medihelp will be;
- (2) I do not have knowledge of any such information having been given to teachers;
- (3) falls away;
- (4) as already stated, I am in discussion with the Commission for Administration which, as I have been told, will take matters relating to Medihelp further.

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QUESTIONS

indicates translated version.

For oral reply:

General Affairs:

Certain person arrested in Hankey

*1. Rev A D GOOSEN asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was arrested in Hankey on or about 9 May 1993; if so, on what charge;

- (2) whether this person has appeared in court; if not, why not; if so, when; 35

- (3) whether the said person was released on bail; if not, why not; if so, what was the amount of the bail;

- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C108E

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes. Murder.

- (2) Yes. 10 May 1993.

- (3) No. The person was released on his own recognisances.

- (4) No.

Mr M A HENDRICKSE: Mr Chairman, arising out from the hon the Minister's reply, can we tell us why the local police or the investigating officer delayed the search for the victim of this gruesome murder after it was reported? I believe that some time elapsed before an investigation was launched into this disappearance.

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I do not believe I have that information available. The hon member will appreciate the fact that it happened far away from Cape Town and that I was not present. There was no suggestion in the question whatsoever that a delay took place.

I was under the impression that the question was asked specifically to talk about whether bail should be granted or not. I therefore apologise to the hon member for not having the answer to that question available. If the hon member insists on a reply, however, the information can be made available.

†Mr J C OOSTHUIZEN: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, for what reasons was this person who is charged with murder released on his own recognisance?

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, neither the Minister of Law and Order, nor the police, nor the Minister of Justice has any say whatsoever over whether a magistrate grants bail or not. It is judged by the magistrate in every case and therefore it is not within my jurisdiction to react to it.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Is that the normal procedure?

The MINISTER: Yes. The hon the Leader of the Official Opposition may believe it or not, but I was also a prosecutor in my younger days. The test is really whether an accused will stand trial or not. On numerous occasions, when I was still a prosecutor and was certain that somebody would stand trial, I did not apply for bail to be posted.

Mr M A HENDRICKSE: Mr Chairman, I do grant the hon the Minister that the final decision does rest with the court and the magistrate in question, but further arising out of his reply I would like to know whether the SA Police, and specifically the investigating officer, opposed any application for bail or opposed the fact that the murderer was to be released on his own recognisance?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, that happens after evidence is led. In other words, it is at the discretion of the magistrate. It is not at the discretion of the SA Police.

Mr M A HENDRICKSE: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, we know that the final decision rests with the magistrate, but did the police and the prosecutor in the particular case lodge their opposition

to the granting of bail or to the fact that somebody must be released on his own recognisance?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I do not have that information available. However, as I say, whatever they do, the final decision rests with the magistrate. It is therefore really academic whether they did so or not. [Interjections.]

†Mr J C OOSTHUIZEN: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, will he conduct an inquiry into why the police did not want to accept a charge from these people in the first place?

†The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, if that is so, I will most certainly have enquiries made. I have already said to the hon member who asked about this earlier on, that if he experiences any problems in this regard and there are such allegations, I am quite prepared to have it investigated. There will not only be a commission of enquiry, we will investigate it thoroughly.

INTERPELLATION

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

Own Affairs:

Purchase of piece of land at Kirkwood

*1. Mr N M ISAACS asked the Minister of Housing:

- (1) Whether the former Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the Administration: House of Representatives purchased a piece of land at Kirkwood for housing purposes; if so, what are the relevant details in respect of this purchase transaction;
- (2) whether there has been any development on this land since the date of purchase; if not, why not; if so, what development?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING: Mr Chairman, the Development Board, House of Representatives, acquired eight portions of land with a total

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The background to this transaction was that this land was bought from farmers who were eking out a precarious existence. They could do absolutely nothing with it. Who came along and took these farmers out of their quagmire of poverty? The taxpayers' money was used for that purpose.

I can go even further. We could ask who the Minister concerned was at the time. The Minister at the time did not even know that that land had been purchased. He delegated all his powers to the Development Council. Every time one asked that Minister what was happening, he said, "Go to my officials". As far as this land is concerned, it was all of R700 000 of the taxpayers' hard-earned money that was wasted. No decent development for those people will ever come from this.

I want to make a plea here today for no further money to be wasted in this way. That land must be sold, because the farmers were unable to make a living there . . . [Time expired.]

Mr M A HENDRICKSE: Mr Chairman, I want to quote the following statement by the hon member for Addo who unfortunately cannot be here today. He says:

I have in my possession letters from the Regional Director: House of Representatives, Port Elizabeth, and from the Department of Regional and Land Affairs, Port Elizabeth, that state very clearly that I opposed the purchase of this ground.

What I did lobby for was the purchase of Aquapark from the Department of Water Affairs on which there were already houses standing . . . and the workers of that department were moving on.

This was opposed by the NP Town Council of Kirkwood as well as the NP-controlled Department of Community Development.

They wanted to save this land for the future extension of the White area. As we all know, with the NP policy White interests come before anybody or anything else.

The people who supported the purchase of this land were the following NP-controlled structures: The Regional Director, Department of Public Works, Port Elizabeth; the Cape Provincial Administration; the Regional

Director, Administration: House of Assembly and Dr T Delpont, the NP MP for the area.

Dr Delpont is today the hon the Minister of Local Government and is also known to some as the person who almost single-handedly caused the breakdown of Codesa 2, and therefore is responsible for the loss of life since then as well as the economic backlash. He is also known as one of the advisers to the killers of Comrade Goniwe and others.

We have here today again seen the Brown-nosers of the NP trying to justify or blame the victims of apartheid for the immoral, evil and vicious effects of NP policies.

This question originates from the hon member for Bishop Lavis, who has publicly been accused of threatening people that if they do not join the NP they will be evicted from their houses. [Interjections.] Hon members can look at *South* of 1 May to 5 May 1993.

This question was posed because the hon member for Belhar insinuated that certain financial benefits were involved. [Interjections.] That accusation must be refuted and denied and treated with the contempt that it deserves. [Time expired.]

*Mr S SIMMONS: Mr Chairman, what is before this House today is irrefutable proof of the absolutely hopeless administration of the LPSA while they were in power. [Interjections.] The hon member for Addo should be the last one to try and exonerate himself in this House, since he does not care a fig for the people of Kirkwood.

What is very important, however, is the fact that he was the Chairman of the Ministers' Council. He is still taking decisions for the LPSA. [Interjections.] Has he ever risen in this House and objected to the purchase of the mountain? [Interjections.] No, he could not do so, because he was part of the decision that was taken.

*Mr M A HENDRICKSE: You remain stupid. [Interjections.]

*Mr S SIMMONS: According to my information R700 000 was paid for the mountain. What worries one, however, is that R9,6 million is required to provide the services for the envisaged 800 plots on that land. It amounts to R12 000 per plot. Can the poor people of Kirkwood afford it? In the end they will have to pay

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10-point plan

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10-point plan

From page 1



Yesterday
LENNY GOOL

FROM ANC TO DP... Mr Joe Marks, a former ANC branch chairman, when it was announced that he had joined the Democratic Party.

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CAPE TOWN is to get a new high-tech, super-snooper "eye in the sky" helicopter as part of the nationwide 10-point plan to crack down on rising crime and violence.

This is one of a number of measures set out in a 10-point plan announced by President F W de Klerk in parliament on Wednesday.

The plan — already in effect in the Western Cape and Transvaal — was "an honest attempt to amalgamate all crime prevention methods under one umbrella, and is not aimed at Apla but all criminals", a police spokesman said yesterday.

It will cost an estimated R10 million, involve at least 21 000 reservists and entail more visible policing and added support to farmers and businesses.

The network will be expanded to combat arms smuggling and provide for a more effective application of mechanisms established under the National Peace Accord.

The announcement of the 10-point plan came only hours after a high-ranking officer from Pretoria police headquarters told the Cape Times that the PAC's military wing, Apla, had targeted the Western Cape as new ground for its campaign of violence.

He said that recent intelligence indicated strongly that Apla "has plans to attack certain venues in the Western Cape soon".

"We do not want to frighten the public, but they should be alert and should also know that we are working hard to gather more information to prevent any attacks," the officer said.

He declined to divulge more information about the "venues" Apla has apparently targeted, except to say that these were "frequented predominantly by white people".

"Apla hits one area and moves when security force actively steps up there," he said.

Asked for comment, Western Cape PAC spokeswoman Mrs Patricia de Lille said: "The media are trying hard to point out that there is a division in the PAC leadership about Apla activities. For this reason inquiries about Apla will only be attended to by spokesmen at our national office."

A PAC national spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Cape Town senior police liaison officer Colonel Raymond Dowd said: "We are aware here that Apla has targeted the Western Cape and the necessary preventative measures are being taken.

"We are not, however, specifically targeting any organisation in our investigations but the individuals who are committing crimes."

Giving further details of the 10-point plan, Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said in Pretoria that the highly effective "eye in the sky" Leo airborne surveillance system, which currently operates in the

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South Profile

SOUTH 27/3-31/3/93.
Nombuhle Chonco (35)

Has an almost impossible mission — she plans to reduce the crime rate of Cape Town, one of the most crime-ridden cities in the world. Her work with the National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) also involves rehabilitating ex-prisoners.

THE NEWLY appointed deputy national director of Nicro knows all about what it is like to make a fresh start and is confident that she will be able to use her experience in her work.

Nombuhle Chonco, based in Cape Town with her husband and three children, was appointed Deputy National Director responsible for research and training with Nicro two months ago.

Chonco has big plans for the organisation which she hopes will help reduce the high crime rate in the city.

She intends to compile statistics that will show, for the first time, Nicro's success rate in prisoner rehabilitation.

On training, she has thrown herself into a "Youth Justice" programme aimed at curbing crime before it happens. The programme provides training in street law and life skills, providing youth with information to prevent them from becoming involved in crime.

The 31-year-old recently returned from America, where she worked as assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin's Criminal Justice department after completing her studies at Michigan State University.

Chonco grew up in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, where she attended "strict" Catholic schools.

"These were girls-only schools. When I completed matric and started at the University of Zululand, I was really at a loss. Here I was,

independent, and I still had to get to grips with the fact that the institution was co-ed."

She completed a BA and social work degree in 1982 and started working for the Department of Correctional Services.

"I worked there until September 1984 when I was offered a scholarship to complete my Masters in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University," Chonco said.

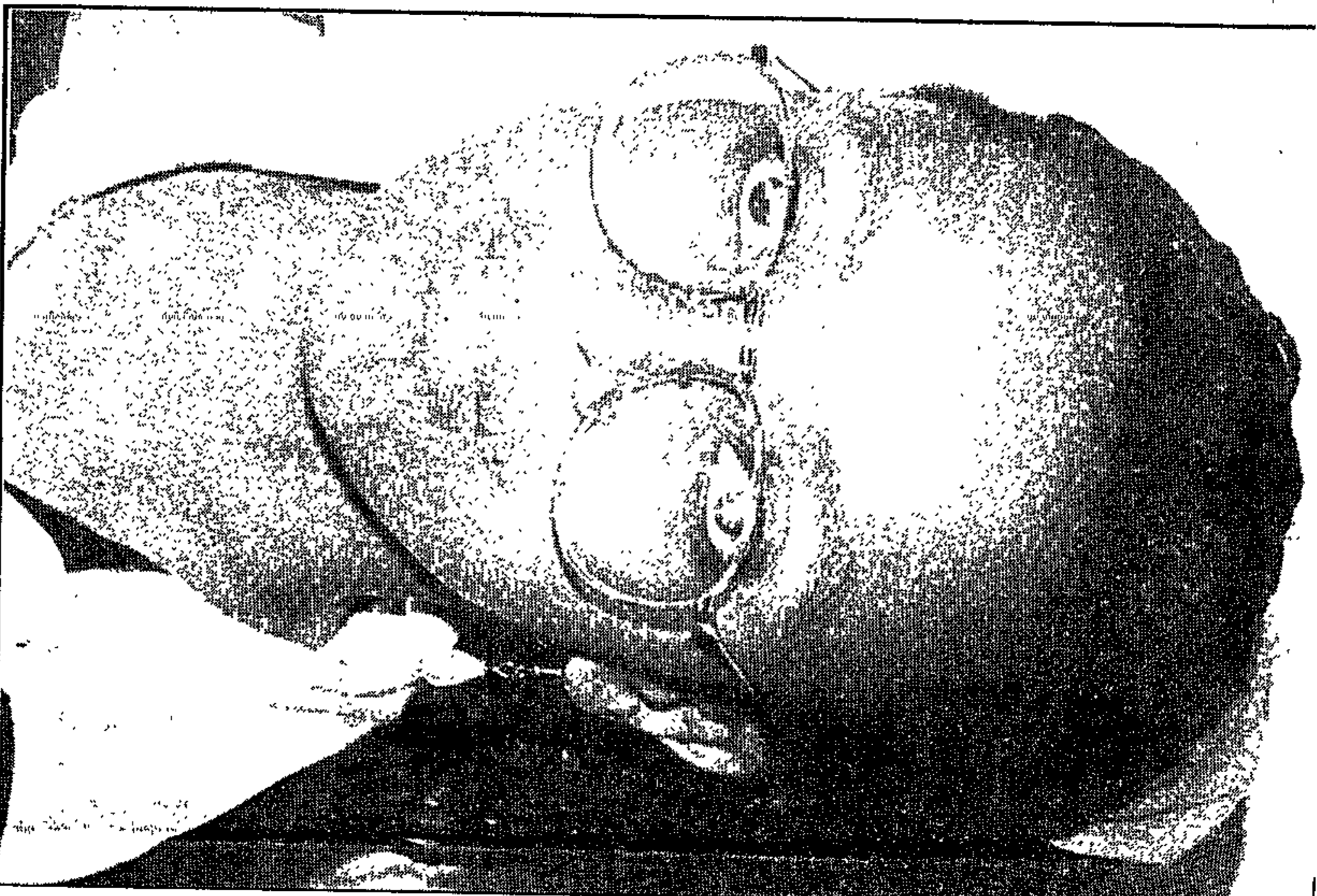
"The problems I had at the University of Zululand, because of it being co-ed, seemed like fun compared to the problems I had in the States. The first time I set foot on US soil, with my first born on my arm, I asked myself: 'What am I doing here?'" she laughs.

Chonco and her son were alone. Her husband, Seshi, was also in America, but working in New York.

"It was so strange. I was in a foreign country in the middle of winter and there were so many things to get used to. I had to find a place for my son and I to stay and the volunteers at Michigan State's African Student Centre were very helpful," Chonco said.

Getting used to the climate was the first problem to overcome. Understanding the heavily-accented English was another.

"The professor at the first lecture I attended spoke in this thick American accent. I couldn't understand a word. Thinking that if I sat in front it would help, I moved, but I still couldn't make out what he was saying.



"It was a terrible feeling and I thought: 'I'm going to fail my courses!'"

Chonco managed to overcome the problem by spending hours watching American TV programmes.

Information about criminal activity, Chonco says, is readily available in the US. There are centres specialising in collecting data on, for example, juvenile offences and offenders.

"The data is stored at the centres and everyone has access to it. The fact that information is so easily available, is heartening to those who have to work in the field," she said.

Chonco feels that this sort of system is what is needed in South Africa.

"The information we get and have access to at Nicro is insufficient. There are no readily available statistics with regard to age, race or geographical location of the offenders."

"The job itself is difficult as it is. I don't really think anyone can rehabilitate offenders. They have to want to be rehabilitated.

"It's easy to tell them they have to mend their ways, but what do you answer when you are told that someone has to steal to keep himself or his family alive?" Chonco wanted

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to know.

Because of high unemployment, she said, many of the people referred to Nicro or who come of their own volition, justify stealing.

"That's why we started the Economic Opportunity Programme, to encourage self-employment among people who visit the organisation."

Chonco is also involved in Nicro's Employment Empowerment Programme. The programme is aimed at getting people just released from prison back into the work situation as soon as possible.

"We liaise with employers to provide job opportunities to the ex-prisoners. This also serves as a preventive measure," she said.

Chonco feels people will be less likely to repeat their offences if they are in a stable employment position.

"But all these things take time and many of the ex-prisoners are not prepared to wait. They want tangible things, like money and clothes immediately," she said.

With the lack of statistics, Chonco said, it is difficult to measure what the organisation's success rate is.

"One of my responsibilities is to develop a programme so that we can measure for ourselves what the statistics are.

"We know that the organisation's services are very much in demand," she said.

Nicro has 13 branches country-wide and is presently focusing on crime prevention among the youth through youth programmes.

EDWINA BOOYSEN

Gangland

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IT'S EASY to find the gangsters in Hawston. The members of the Terrible Josters gang have painted their gang's name all over the high fence that encircles the house where they live.

A handful of them are hanging out next to the house, the youngest in their early teens, the oldest in their thirties. These are the people who are suspected of crimes including murder and rape, and they are eager to talk to journalists.

Gang member Mr Dave Solomons assures us from behind his gold-rimmed dark glasses that the gangs are committed to seeking peace.

On the gang's past activities Solomons is less forthcoming.

"We can't talk of the past. We've forgotten the past, we're looking forward to a better future," he says.

Gangsters have terrorised the south coast fishing village for the past four years. But now the gangsters have agreed to turn in their weapons and cease gang activities in return for freedom of movement throughout the village. A local peace committee has been set up to supervise the process.

Other residents of Hawston join Solomons in his vision of "a better future", but are less eager to write off the past so glibly.

Last week the Terrible Josters (also known as the Rooidakke) hosted a public meeting together with another gang, the Louws, to try to assure the community of their

Gangsterism has spread from the cities to the rural towns.

Justin Pearce reports on a peace initiative in the fishing village of Hawston:

intentions to lay down arms.

Gangsters in sunglasses and baseball caps shared the stage with lawyers in suits and ties. The quiet village was suddenly full of police vans and blue uniforms — with gangsters congregating from all over the Boland, the SAP were not taking any chances.

Everyone was bodysearched as they entered the dingy hall normally used for Saturday night discos.

Lawyers representing the gangs assured the curious members of the Hawston public of their clients' good intentions. The audience weren't completely convinced.

"How can these people guarantee our safety?" was a recurrent question.

But other members of the community realise that their only chance lies in optimism.

Gang warfare in Hawston started after a young man by the name of



OUT AND PROUD: The Terrible Josters, in Hawston

Photo: Guy van Raail

Louw was shot dead, allegedly by the Rooidakke (Terrible Josters). A new gang, the Louws, sprung into being by way of retaliation. The Louws are a family affair but linked to the well-known Cape Flats gang the Americans. The Road Warriors and the Scorpions also operated in Hawston until the peace treaty was proposed.

Business people have been centrally involved in the peace committee, as have the teachers. Schools in the area have virtually become free markets for dagga and mandrax.

The social problems such as unemployment, poverty and inadequate education that drive township youth to join gangs in urban areas are just as prevalent in the quietest rural villages.

Hawston is traditionally a fishing community, where small boat owners battle to make a living from

waters robbed of fish by the big-time commercial boat operators. The peace committee realises that peace cannot last unless more jobs are created soon.

The gangsters boast of having the skills that will help them rehabilitate: "Some of us are bricklayers, some of us have worked as hawkers," Solomons says.

Fishing licences need to be more widely available to create business opportunities in the area, says peace committee member Mr Phillip May.

The Hawston fishermen can only obtain "B" licences. These put them at a disadvantage compared with the large fishing companies.

The peace committee is looking for ways to create business opportunities for reformed gangsters.

"After all, the gangsters have got good business minds," May says wryly.

Network from cities to towns

PART of the gang activity in Hawston is linked to a network extending from Cape Town through the Boland and Overberg as far as Bredasdorp.

"Gangsterism in urban areas has developed to the extent that the rural towns are needed as hideouts. The Boland is also on the drug route to and from Cape Town," says Nicro spokesperson Chris Fernwood.

"There has been a move from area-based gangs towards syndication. The underlying idea seems to be to extend the markets for drugs," Fernwood says.

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QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Crime statistics: Grahamstown police district

6. Mr P A C HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of Law and Order: **35** The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
Alexandria	3	4	142	125	19	4	16	119	39	176	3	000
Alcedale	2	0	46	40	2	1	1	40	14	36	9	000
Bathurst	5	2	61	83	11	1	55	34	34	69	8	000
Committees	1	2	0	1	1	0	20	3	3	5	2	000
Doringkloof	0	0	5	2	0	1	3	0	0	7	0	000
Fort Beaufort	18	6	371	256	29	31	317	129	1	321	21	000
Fort Brown	1	3	5	2	2	0	11	1	1	8	1	000
Grahamstown	52	17	952	784	123	123	1 145	420	2	1 027	114	000
Kafhr Drift	1	1	14	6	5	0	11	11	2	39	1	000
Kenton-on-Sea	4	1	59	53	6	3	90	28	234	52	17	000
Paterson	1	1	108	65	6	5	43	24	24	52	12	000
Port Alfred	13	4	311	423	43	41	344	124	449	47	0	000
Riebeeck East	1	1	17	16	1	0	9	8	13	13	0	000
Seven Fountains	1	6	17	23	2	1	22	4	27	0	0	000

Crime statistics: Graaff-Reinet police district

7. Mr P A C HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles, (h)

theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs and (l) prostitution were reported at each specified police station in the Graaff-Reinet police district in 1992? C34E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
Aberdeen	4	13	87	67	6	9	0	55	29	75	6	000
Graaff-Reinet	28	11	399	265	39	39	7	411	196	367	83	000
Jansenville	2	4	55	46	4	2	4	25	15	54	11	000
Klipplaat	1	0	15	14	4	1	0	14	4	27	16	000
Murraysburg	5	4	53	47	2	1	3	39	40	83	14	000
Nieu-Bethesda	3	0	17	14	3	1	4	6	6	4	1	000
Pearston	5	4	64	36	6	2	2	35	23	43	27	000
Rietbron	0	6	4	3	0	0	0	4	3	9	3	000
Seydlerville	2	0	38	64	3	3	0	45	13	27	15	000
Studs	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	000
Willowmore	7	6	79	145	5	5	1	54	54	42	22	000

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Crime statistics: Port Elizabeth police district **35**

8. Mr P A C HENDRICKSE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles, (h) theft of other items, (i) damage to property, (j) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft, (k) possession of drugs and (l) prostitution were reported at each specified police station in the Port Elizabeth police district in 1992? C35E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
HF Verwoerd												
Airport	0	0	0	2	0	3	10	283	7	0	0	0
Humewood	6	8	57	418	28	122	289	1 425	359	1 053	1	16
Kabega Park	24	18	203	262	32	99	55	422	137	747	1	0
Louis le Grange												
Plain	10	22	105	522	28	181	392	1 632	310	1 132	0	0
Walmer	25	5	181	95	40	38	110	1 459	96	757	0	0

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Cape police plan anti-crime blitz

Crime Reporter

THE Western Cape will be awash with yellow and blue next week as policemen take to the streets and air in a massive community-oriented crime prevention operation.

The crime rate is expected to drop next week as a record number of policemen, reservists and crimewatch patrol mem-

bers work extra hours to show a visible force against criminals, police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said.

The crime prevention operation, code-named Operation Arend, had a strong community emphasis in line with the new police effort to improve relations with the community, he said.

It will start on Monday and end on Friday.

"We will not concentrate on arrests unless a crime is committed in our presence."

Vehicle and foot patrols as well as policing from helicopters and a small aircraft would be stepped up, Colonel Dowd said.

"The possibility exists that the sound of helicopters will be inconvenient to some residents, but we ask them to bear with us," he said.

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mitted to the Deputy Minister (to whom the authority has been granted) who takes a decision on the application. This procedure is followed in all cases, including Pretoria.

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†The STATE PRESIDENT: Mr Chairman, I suggest that the hon member Mr H D K van der Merwe speaks to my colleagues to find out whether they are satisfied with my leadership. The acrimoniousness of the CP and the manner in which they concentrate on trying to displace my leadership prove that they are very eager to have me out of the way. [Interjections.]

†Adv J J S PRINSLOO: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the State President's replies, I would like to ask whether he can explain to us what functional improvement the transfer of the hon the Minister of Defence, who was appointed and then dismissed within less than a year, achieved in the Cabinet.

†The STATE PRESIDENT: Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister of Defence who is now retiring is doing so because he indicated that he has come to the end of a very long political career. If his service as Administrator is included, he is one of the longest serving members of this House.

As Administrator he served the Cape with great distinction. He is one of the best loved Administrators that we have had. [Interjections.] His transfer to the Department of Defence was brought about by the retirement and illness of Dr G Viljoen. That necessitated the transfer of the new young hon Minister of Defence, Mr Roelf Meyer, to the Department of Constitutional Development.

It happens that transfers have to be made as a result of circumstances beyond one's control. I am sorry that the hon the Minister of Defence could not serve in this office longer and that his retirement has caught up with him. He is a competent man.

I would like to pay tribute to each of the hon Ministers who are retiring today, as I also did in Cabinet today and at a farewell function. They served South Africa with great honour. Their

contribution to the Cabinet was excellent and we thank them most sincerely. [Interjections.]

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! Before we proceed with questions, I must point out to hon members that when an hon member avails himself of his right to put a question to an hon Minister and the hon the Minister takes the trouble to reply to that question, there are hon members who are interested in the reply. It is not an invitation for general comment from hon members.

Mrs De Klerk: visit to Atlantis

2. Mr J J WALSH asked the State President:

(1) What was the total cost to the State of his spouse's visit to Atlantis on or about 10 March 1993;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B581E

†The STATE PRESIDENT:

(1) The direct cost to the State of the visit referred to in the question was limited to the cost of her transportation by motor car to and from Atlantis. The distance involved is approximately 104 km, giving an estimated petrol cost of R13,00 for the trip. One could also include the cost of car wear and tear, which according to current AA rates would give a total cost of R276,16.

As the hon member is aware, the wife of the State President does not receive any kind of remuneration, despite the extensive official duties which she is expected to perform. Neither does she receive a clothing allowance, even though she is expected to maintain a high standard in her personal attire. As far as the indirect cost to the State is concerned, it was basically limited to the provision of security, which was necessitated by intimidation threats by the ANC. Security in this regard was provided by the South African Police and is available to all public figures, political parties, sports organisations and the like whenever it is deemed necessary on the basis of a risk analysis. The security services were rendered by the South African Police in the ordinary course of their public duty, and did not give rise to any significant expen-

diture which would not have been incurred if the relevant visit had not taken place at all.

(2) Yes. All civilized countries provide adequate security to their Heads of State, their spouses and other public figures who might be the targets of radical political organisations or individuals. For those who are thus protected, it represents a cumbersome but unavoidable intrusion into their privacy. To blame them for the costs incurred would be a case of adding insult to injury.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the State President, could I ask him whether, as a matter of principle, the direct costs incurred by the State, whether by his spouse, himself, or any Cabinet Minister or Deputy Minister going to address a closed political party function, should not be refunded directly by the political party involved? I ask that on a question of principle.

†The STATE PRESIDENT: Mr Chairman, the transport of all members of Parliament is subsidised, and the direct cost involved in that is paid to them whatever they use that transport for, whether for the purposes of advancing the interests of their political party or whatever other duty, or even for their own private relaxation.

As opposed to that, there is a perks tax, which provides for the personal part of the official transport, which is thus provided by the State. In the case of the Executive, the same applies. I am in a somewhat different position, in that I do not pay tax. It might be news to the hon members, but my wife has to pay tax and regularly pays tax.

†Mr J H MOMBBERG: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the State President's reply, I want to ask him whether or not the allegation made that policemen served the tea during that function is correct.

†The STATE PRESIDENT: Mr Chairman, I have to apologize to hon members because I did not reply to one of the questions. To the best of my knowledge it was not an official NP function. As far as the question of the hon member for Simon's Town is concerned, I was not there to see who did or did not serve the tea.

I doubt whether the future of this country in these serious times we live in is going to be influenced by either the R13 or the R276 or by who was kind enough to hand my wife a cup of tea. [Interjections.]

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! The arguments among members must stop.

Ministers:

*1. Mr L FUCHS—Justice. [Withdrawn.]

*2. Mr E W TRENT—National Intelligence Service. † [Question standing over.]

Cape Town/Somerset West: crime on N2

*3. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) Whether any cases of serious crime against motorists on the N2 freeway between Cape Town and Somerset West were reported to the South African Police during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available; if so, (a) how many and (b) what kinds of crime;

(2) whether the Police have taken any steps to protect motorists on this freeway; if not, why not; if so, what steps;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B485E

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 32 cases.

- (b) 28—malicious injury to property (threw stones at vehicle)
- 1—malicious injury to property (threw petrol bomb at vehicle)
- 1—malicious injury to property (threw tree-stump at vehicle)
- 1—malicious injury to property (threw iron pipe at vehicle)
- 1—malicious injury to property (threw brick at vehicle)

(2) Yes.

The road is patrolled on a 24-hour basis by a fully equipped vehicle.

(3) No.

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Informal settlements: schools

*10. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training:

(1) Whether any schools were provided by his Department in informal settlement areas in 1992; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) in which areas;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B568E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

(1) Yes.

(a) Twelve

(b) Daveyton, Benoni
Kwa-Guga, Witbank
Embalenhle, Secunda
Kathlehong, Alberton
Khayelitsha, Wynberg (two schools)
Philippi, Wynberg
Orange Farm, Vanderbijlpark (two schools)
Kutwanong, Odendaalsrus
Mogheleang, Ficksburg
Thabong, Welkom.

(2) At the eleven primary schools and the one secondary school which have been provided, there are 253 classrooms for primary pupils and twenty for secondary pupils.

SADTU/NAPTOSA: recognition

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(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to Question No 4 on 19 February 1992, he has given consideration to recognizing the South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU) and the National Professional Teachers' Organisation of South Africa (NAPTOSA) for the purposes of negotiation on education; if not, why not; if so,

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A HIT list bearing the names of eight civic association members is causing alarm in a Port Elizabeth township.

The list, which bears the names of eight members of a Zwide anti-crime committee, surfaced in the township last weekend and is being interpreted as a politically motivated attempt to destabilise the region.

The hit list is headed "One Team One Nation, Operation Clean-Up Hit List" and has the names and addresses of the eight crime-busters on it.

The anti-crime committee in Zwide has, in recent months, enjoyed much success in combating crime in the sprawling township.

A spokesman for the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco), Monde Mtanga, said his organisation found it strange that the hit list appeared at a time when hundreds of criminals were being released from prison and the Goldstone Commission had disclosed state complicity in assassinations in the Transvaal. - Pen

Township activists reclaim the night

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VUYO BAVUMA
Weekend Argus Reporter

"PEOPLE power" took on a new meaning when Khayelitsha activists arrested two gangsters who had been on a spree of housebreaking in the townships.

The activists recovered five TV sets, two hi-fi sets and several gas stoves.

The goods, worth more than R15 000, were stolen from Khayelitsha and Mandalay and later sold.

And now the SA National Civic Organisation, which is spearheading a crime-busting campaign, is mounting patrols on Friday and Saturday nights to protect residents and their property, said spokesman Benjamin Nduna.

Sanco's campaign began last week after a man reported to the D-section branch that he had met someone who was wearing clothes of his which had been stolen.

The alleged thief was roughed up before he "confessed" that he and a 16-year-old youth had been involved in a string of burglaries.

The culprits were locked up in a house, but one escaped. The other was later "released" into his mother's custody.

Before that, the culprits were forced to point out the houses where they had sold the stolen goods.

In Langa, the officials recovered a colour television which had been sold by the culprits for R300.

■ Khayelitsha residents, troubled by soaring crime in their neighbourhood, are using "people power" to fight the scourge.

Four more television sets, two hi-fi sets and several gas stoves were also seized.

Explaining how the goods had been recovered, Mr Nduna said: "We told the people that the goods had been stolen and should be returned to their rightful owners."

"Some complained about their money, but we referred them to the people who had taken their money."

Some people denied they had bought goods and were left alone.

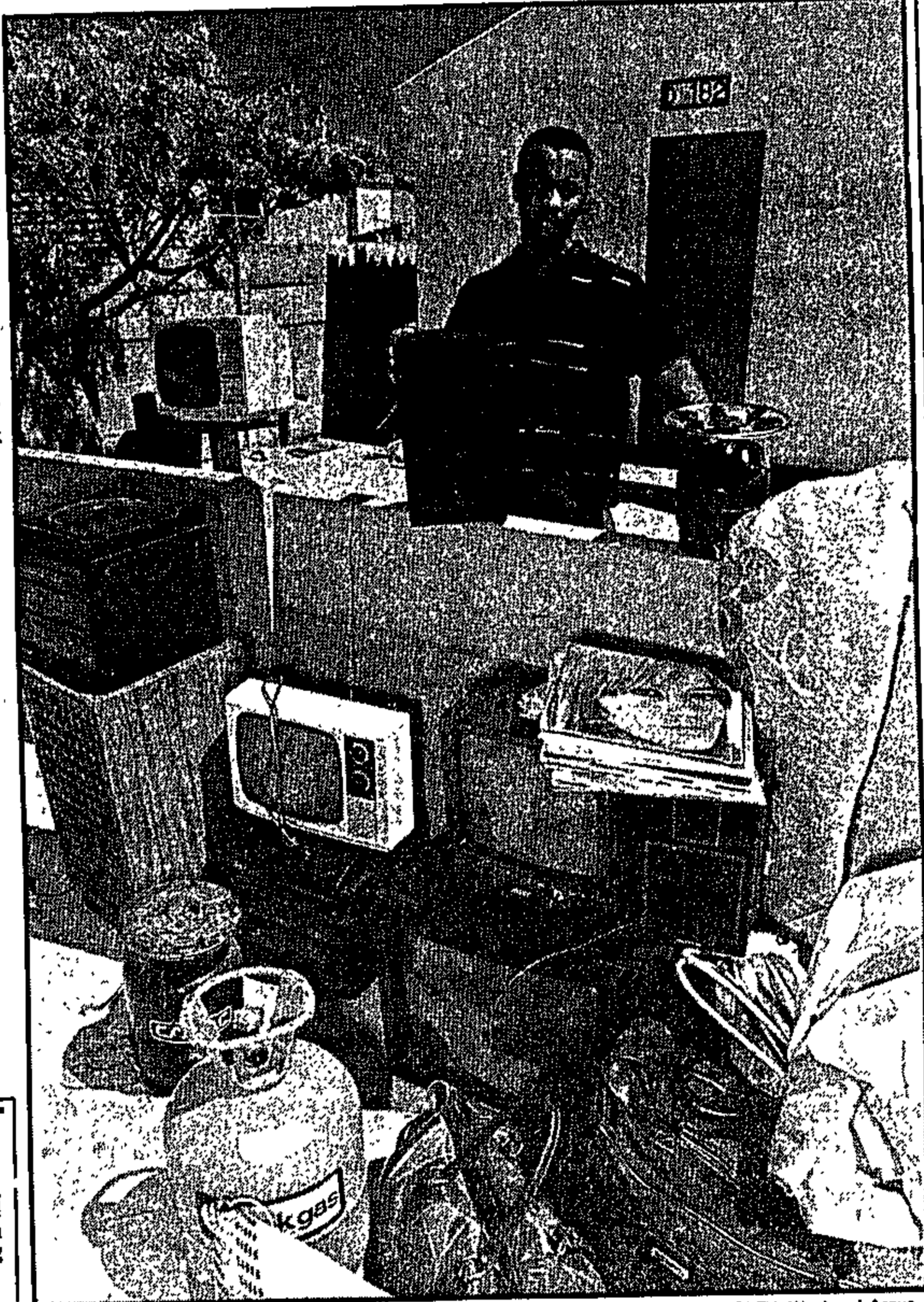
"We also expect to recover a tape recorder that was sent to the Transkel," said Mr Nduna.

Asked why the culprits had not been taken to the police, Mr Nduna said the branch "handles such matters on its own".

"We only report serious crimes such as murder and rape. Crime is so high in our area that we patrol the streets Friday and Saturday nights. We want to bring peace to our people."

Sanco has appealed to the owners of the goods to come forward and claim them. The items will be on display at the Homba Primary School on Tuesday evening. Owners should bring documentary proof.

● Police said they had no record of the incident.



Picture: ROY WIGLEY, Weekend Argus.

□ **RECOVERED:** Benjamin Nduna, media officer of the South African National Civic Organisation, shows some of the stolen goods recovered after they had been sold.

13th Zambian MP quits ruling party

LUSAKA. — Another Zambian member of parliament has resigned from the ruling Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD).

This brings to 13 the number of MPs who have quit the party in the past three months.

Announcing his resignation, Collins Hinamanjolo accused the party of breaking election pledges and demonstrating poor judgement.

Eleven of the defecting MPs have joined the opposition National Party. — Sapa-Reuter.

'Interim ceasefire' after Manenberg gangs enter talks

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□ ANC brokers meeting for township peace

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

AN "interim ceasefire" is in effect in Manenberg after a late-night meeting between the Hard Livings and Clever Kids gangs.

The meeting was brokered by the African National Congress after meetings earlier in the day with both gangs in an attempt to defuse rising tension in the troubled township.

The ANC's Manenberg gang mediation chief, Irvin Kinnes, and regional executive committee member Salie Manie presided at the meeting attended by two representatives from each gang last night. Also present were national ANC leaders Pallo Jordan, Steve Tshwete and Trevor Manuel.

Another meeting between the gangs is scheduled for tonight.

Mr Kinnes pronounced himself "very optimistic".

"It started off very tense, but improved once both sides started negotiating. We will try to cement the agreement tonight."

Over the past six weeks at least five residents — including a nine-year-old boy — have been killed in crossfire.

In the latest gang-related incident three men were seriously injured in a drive-by shoot-

ing by gangsters with semi-automatic weapons on Tuesday night.

After last night's meeting the ANC delegation met police briefly but Brigadier Willem Smit described this encounter as "not too fruitful".

Dr Jordan commented: "The meeting with police was far less satisfactory than the meetings with the gangsters."

He said the ANC's national leadership had been in Manenberg to conduct a "people's forum" directed mainly at housewives.

"But we found the people in the community were too terrified to come out because of the shootings.

"As a consequence we felt it important to try and lend strength to the peace process started by the ANC Manenberg branch some time ago.

"We found the meetings with the rival gang delegations refreshing. Both sides displayed an apparent willingness to explore the possibility of ending hostilities.

"Then we met police and we stressed their deep-rooted credibility problem.

"They are aware of — and we re-emphasised this — allegations of police involvement with the gangsters. They de-

nied police involvement but undertook to conduct further investigations.

"We told the police the huge inflow of guns of all sorts had to be addressed. We stressed to both gangs that the violence affected their own community and would bring ruin solely upon their own community."

Brigadier Smit said his delegation had tried to assure the ANC that police were doing their best, were very concerned and were trying to be as visible as possible.

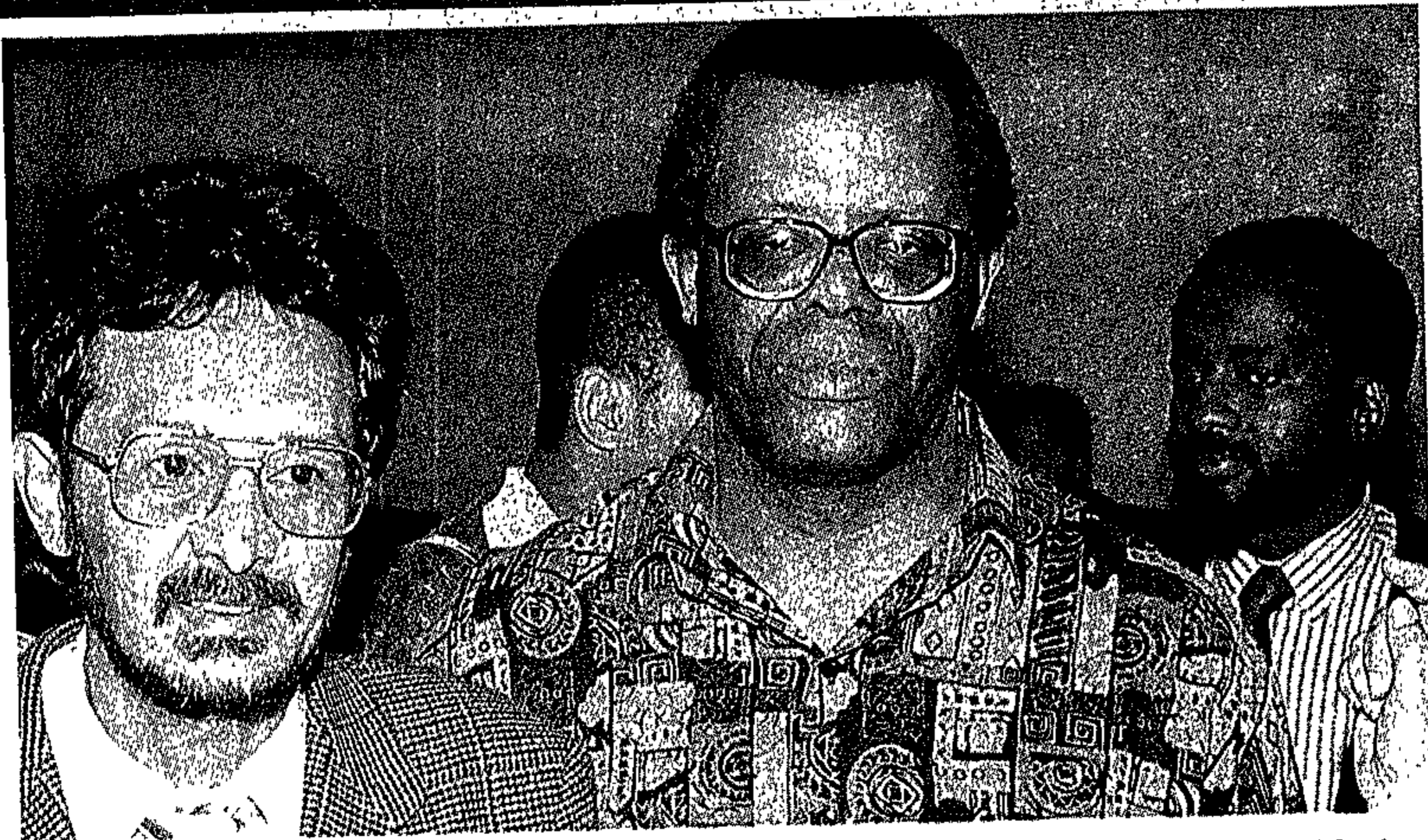
"Our arrest record is good but it seems difficult to satisfy these people. They accused us of having a negative attitude.

"People from the one side complain they have seen police in the presence of the other side and vice versa. Obviously we have to talk to all of them.

"Although I wouldn't call it a fruitful meeting, we still intend to do our best and I remain positive for the future."

Brigadier Smit said it appeared the fighting was over territory and the lucrative drug trade.

● Police have seized 15 illegal firearms and two zip-guns and have arrested five members of the Hard Livings for alleged murder since mid-October.



ANC DELEGATES . . . ANC National Executive Committee members (from left) Mr Salie Manie, Mr Steve Tshwete and Dr Pallo Jordan at the Manenberg People's Centre yesterday before holding discussions with police on gangsterism in the area. (35) Picture: STEWART COLMAN

ANC call for Manenberg police blitz to curb gangs

09/12/93

By JACKIE CAMERON

POLICE said yesterday they had been asked by the ANC to effectively seal off Manenberg after a spate of gang shootings in the suburb.

A police spokesman said the ANC had asked police to increase their presence in Manenberg — with policemen appointed to patrol individual blocks of flats, and police roadblocks set up around the suburb.

ANC national executive committee members yesterday arranged a meeting with police at the Manenberg People's Centre to discuss gangsterism.

The ANC delayed the police meeting for more than an hour so that senior members, including Dr Pallo Jordan, Mr Trevor Manuel, Mr Steve Tshwete and Mr Salie Manie, could meet with Manenberg gangsters.

The ANC, after inviting the press to the day's proceedings, allowed only selected members of the media, which included a South journalist and a BBC film crew, to accompany them.

Mr Tshwete told the Cape Times and other newspapers that they should stay behind because the meetings with gangsters were "sensitive".

After the tour, an ANC source revealed that gangsters had initially refused to meet the senior ANC delegates, but had finally agreed on condition that the BBC film crew was present.

Pushed

Shortly before the ANC/SAP meeting, police said the press were welcome to attend and "listen to criticism about the police as it is in line with our new policy of transparency".

ANC delegates, however, instructed the press to leave and physically pushed a Cape Times reporter out of the room when she asked why the ANC had invited all the press to attend the meeting.

Mr Trevor Manuel shouted: "Just get out, get out", while Dr Jordan — amid laughter from ANC representatives — referred to the reporter as "pushy" and

said: "What newspaper is that anyway. The Cape Times. Oh that rag."

The ANC told the Cape Times a joint statement would be issued later, but last night a police spokesman said no joint statement would be issued.

He said that ANC delegates and former policeman Mr Gregory Rockman had claimed police were not serious about combatting the gang problem.

"The ANC asked for roadblocks to be set up around the suburb and for policemen to be specially appointed to patrol individual blocks of flats.

"We will consider these requests.

"However, people should realise that gangs are problematic in many other areas and we cannot strengthen up to this extent in Manenberg without weakening our operation in others.

"It is ironic that the ANC want the police out of townships, yet they say that we are good enough to be in Manenberg," the spokesman said.

Witnesses terrified — policeman

HENRIETTE GELDENHUYS
Weekend Argus Reporter

VIOLENT clashes between rival gangs in Hanover Park continued unabated and witnesses to the gang warfare were too terrified to testify, the Wynberg Magistrate's Court has heard. (35)

Detective-Sergeant Tyrone Verone of Manenberg was testifying in the bail application of four members of the Americans gang who appeared on charges of murdering Laughing Boys leader "Archie" Fuad Jinoo three weeks ago.

Hanover Park Americans' Roger Fortuin, 23, and Graham Solomons, 25, of Agulhas Court, and Jerome Gordon, 29, of Caspion Place, were granted R700 bail and Louis Phillips, of Crystal Place, was granted R500 bail yesterday. ARG 11/12/93

Sergeant Verone said a State witness had been attacked and stabbed with a knife by Americans. She and other witnesses feared for their lives.

"Witnesses are hard to find. The people live in fear. They don't want to come forward to testify against the gangsters," he said.

He conceded that the arrests of the four Americans had not helped to stop gang shootings.

Magistrate Susan Smith postponed the case to January 10. Pietman Mostert appeared for the men and G. José for the State.

■ Members of the Mongrels and Americans chased each other through the corridors of the Wynberg Magistrate's Court building yesterday.

A Mongrels member was arrested when he punched a member of the Americans. The Mongrels, Hard Livings and Back Street Kids allegedly supported the Laughing Boys against the Americans in Hanover Park.

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Two nights in Manenberg's war zone

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Tales of police corruption, police taking sides in gang-fights and arriving at the scene of the crime too late, are regularly heard. **JOSEPH ARANES** and **YUNUS MOHAMED** went on patrol with the Manenberg police to test the allegations:

GANGSTERS are shooting at each other off Duinefontein Road. This message came through from radio control just after we arrived at Manenberg police station at 8 pm on Friday.

"The area has been on the brink of an all-out war between rival gangs: the Ugly Americans and the Hard Livings," said station liaison officer Sergeant Jamie Grootboom. "The Americans shot and killed a Hard Living last weekend and there has been trouble ever since."

Within minutes of the call coming in, the charge office erupted into chaos as about 20 policemen and reservists returned from the scene.

"They had arrested a suspect in Gourtiz Street and confiscated his gun, a .45 revolver with three spent rounds.

The suspect, a member of the Americans, was shot in the right hand during the fight.

Grootboom said: "Before we can do anything we must see that his wound is treated. He will then be taken for a residue test to establish if he fired the weapon."

The police later established the gun was stolen in Constantia several years ago.

By this time members of different neighbourhood watches had reported for duty. After being issued with two-way radios and assigned with members of the reserve force, they went on foot patrols.

While Grootboom was issuing the radios and firearms to the reservists a delegation from the local ANC branch walked into his office to raise concerns about the tense situation in the area to find out what the police's response was going to be.

Grootboom put their minds at rest, and took a headache powder. Then we got into his yellow police car and drove into the war zone.

The area looked quiet, but on each street corner and at the entrances to the flats and courts, seemingly unoccupied people were hanging around.

"Do not be fooled by those guys, they are on a post waiting and watching for any sign of the rival gangs to make a move on their territory — even those young boys."

It was now about 11pm and the streets were very busy with people moving around in all directions.

We continued cruising around and then stopped in front of a house with a zinc cabin in its yard.

"This is where the Hard Livings congregate," Grootboom told us.

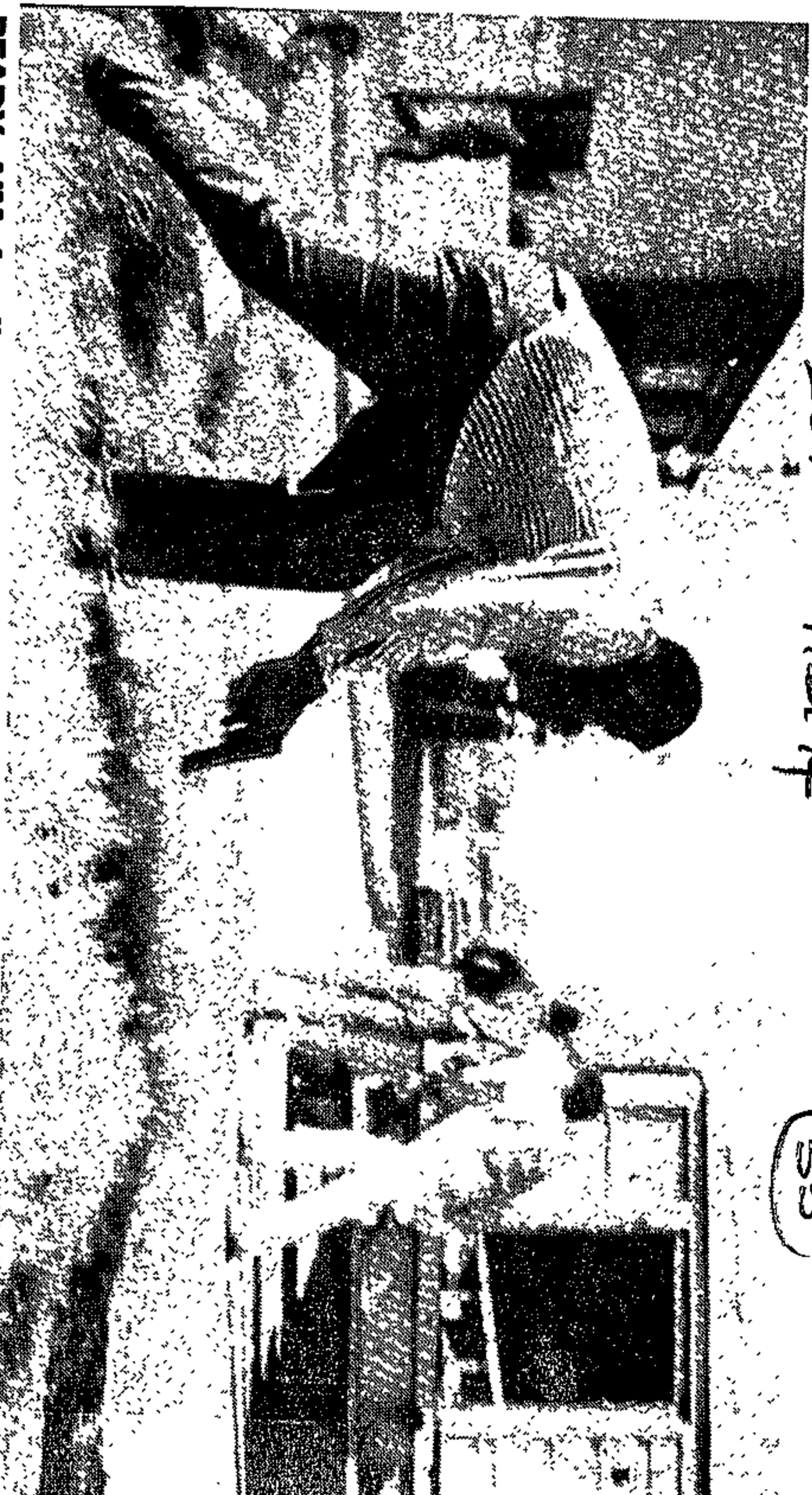
"Their local leader, Watson, lives where that BMW is parked."

He went into the cabin and spoke to some of the people there.

When he returned, the police car would not start. We got out and gave it a push while the Hard Livings stood and watched.

We stopped at the mobile station parked in Sabie Street and asked the police there how the situation was.

"It is quiet now, but earlier we



READY, AIM: A police reservist cocks his gun as he prepares to enter a Manenberg shebeen that reported an armed robbery

'They are watching for any sign of the rival gangs to make a move on their territory — even those young boys'

were surrounded by members of the Clever Kids and women from the courts across the road.

"We tried to arrest an armed youth, but couldn't — these people with their children swamped us.

"I quickly it did not end violently," said the young lieutenant helping out at the caravan.

We continued on our patrol and stopped at another hang-out of the Hard Livings.

Grootboom spoke to one of the "generals", Keff, and asked him what they were planning for later

that night.

"I just came home a few minutes ago and don't know what is going on in the area — I sold my car in Mitchell's Plain and here's the R10 000 I got for it," said Keff.

He took out a bundle of R50 notes and laughed mockingly.

"By the time he gets home he will probably have double that amount," said Grootboom. "He operates a couple of shebeens in the area."

The radio in the car blurted out that shots were being fired near the caravan. We rushed and found the three policemen manning it on their haunches with rifles pointed into the darkness. More shots rang out.

"I must take you away from here, it is not safe," Grootboom warned.

We drove into one of the side streets and he stopped three men scurrying across the road.

"The Americans shot at us and chased us on the field behind the shop next to the Shawco Clinic," they said breathlessly.

Immediately the sergeant radioed for back-up units.

We drove to the area and our car's lights were switched off as we entered the street.

There was no sign of life in the street and on the field. As we were about to leave another patrol van pulled up.

"Die plek lyk nie so alhamdullillah (okay) nie — dit is te donker hier. Hoe moet ons weet om op wie te skiet?" said one of the policemen in the van.

It was 1.30 am when we went back to the station.

The police arrested seven people that night: four drunks, one sexual abuse offender, the gangster with the firearm earlier the evening and another American gangster with a firearm, who was wanted in connection with the murder of a gang member the previous weekend.

The gun he had used belonged to a policeman stationed at Mitchell's Plain who had reported it stolen.



Picture: HANNES THIART; The Argus

COMMUNITY POLICING: The police caravan outside Manenberg Library has come under fire from gangsters several times recently.

Gang rule: ANC ⁽³⁵⁾ appeals to army

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ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

RAMPANT gangsterism in Manenberg has made it a no-go area for political activity and could prompt the Goldstone Commission to refer the problem to the Transitional Executive Council.

The African National Congress's Manenberg branch meets police commissioner Nick Acker today to ask that the army be deployed in the township to help the police.

"We have still not reached a decision on how to deal with the matter. It is difficult," Goldstone Commissioner and former Cape Attorney-General Neil Roussouw said today.

"If you hold a public inquiry how do you protect witnesses? If you try to subpoena gang leaders they can simply refuse to come and if you hold an inquiry *in camera* it loses its impact.

"Our main concern is that Manenberg has been made a no-go area for political parties by the gangs. This is primarily a policing issue and at present we are considering going to the TEC to see what they can deliver," Mr Roussouw said.

Most of Manenberg's difficulties appear to stem from a territorial battle between the "Hard Livings" and the "Clever Kids".

At least three people died and two were injured in drive-by shootings last week, according to Nicro gang mediator Irvin Kinnes.

Mr Kinnes said that victims often did not bother to report incidents.

He said gang activity had increased alarmingly over the past three weeks.

"The resolution to the problem is to disarm the gangsters and halt the free flow of weapons. If the impression is created that the gangs are in control of the area people will lose all respect for the police."

Mr Kinnes said he sympathised with the police who were either "out-gunned and scared" or "disinterested in the community".

But Manenberg police spokesman Reginald Daries said "gang fights have been less frequent since the beginning of the year" although he admitted the police caravan parked outside the library had been fired on twice in the past few weeks. The caravan has now been surrounded by sandbags.

Sergeant Daries said "there are quite a lot of arms in the area" and this was the police's "main concern".

"We have not got the gangsters under control but we are trying to establish a forum for communication between gangsters and police."

Manenberg ANC chairman Mario Wanza said he had already told the Independent Electoral Commission "there is no space for us to do day-to-day canvassing in the area".

"Over the past three weeks it has escalated into a full-out war. The police are either incapable or don't have the will to stop it."

Gangs to fight on 'until the elections'

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

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GANG-related violence will continue in Manenberg at least until there is a new government, says the leader of the Hard Livings gang, Rashied Rastaggie.

He was speaking at a meeting called by the Hard Livings at the Holy Family Catholic Church last night to address the issues of protectionism, kick-backs and tension between the taxi industry and gangsters.

Gangsterism in Manenberg is said to be on the increase, and the African National Congress has appealed for the army to be deployed in the area. At least three people have died and two injured in drive-by shootings in the past few weeks.

Last night Mr Rastaggie urged taxi drivers to speak out if they had problems. About half of last night's 250-strong audience comprised drivers, and the rest were gangsters.

"We are here for you to criticise us," he said, and they did.

Drivers complained of being forced to pay protection money "at each corner", being hijacked to transport mourners to funerals, being forced to transport gangsters for free and being threatened and victimised.

One driver said: "Most of us are married and paying off our houses. If we have to continue giving away R2 at each street corner we will just not survive".

Mr Rastaggie responded that the drivers allowed themselves to be cornered by the gangsters as many of them "made friends with the HLs and smoked pipes with them".

Another driver said he felt the community could solve its own problems without summoning extra police or the army. "The only way to stop it is for the community to come together".

Mr Rastaggie said: "It is not a question of stopping the fight with the Clever Kids, it's a question of stopping the flow of innocent blood."

He said the reason for calling the meeting was that life was becoming dangerous for taxi passengers, who included the families of many of the gangsters.

"It's not nice for me to stand here as gang leader and if innocent people are killed then people come to us. I have children of my own. Sometimes I have to give orders, or issue people guns. Do you think I enjoy it? I am an HL and I am what I am due to circumstances. But I want to be respected."

The meeting agreed that protection payments, free rides and hijackings should stop, drivers should not be seen to favour one gang over another, and the proper channels should be followed if taxis were required for funerals.

Policing 'is far below norm' in M'Plain

Staff Reporter

THE number of policemen assigned to Mitchells Plain is almost seven times fewer than the national average.

There is one policeman for every 526 South Africans. In Mitchells Plain there is one policeman for every 3 400 residents. The area's one million people are served by one police station and two satellite

stations, with a total of 294 policemen.

Western Cape liaison chief Colonel Raymond Dowd said there were not enough police in Mitchells Plain, but reinforcements were moved in from time to time when necessary.

He refused to release comparable statistics for other Cape Town suburbs because this would "affect

our crime-prevention activities".

The police shortage in Mitchells Plain was compounded by poor socio-economic conditions which resulted in some parents "distancing themselves from their children's activities," an SAP spokesman said.

He cited the example of a parent who reported she had last seen her 14-year-old son at 4pm the previous

day. She said she had not been overly concerned about his disappearance at the time because "the boy often stayed away from home".

The SAP traced the child within two hours and returned him to his mother.

Alcohol and drug abuse and participation in gang activity also contributed to the deterioration of the social fabric, he said.

South Africa's average is 1.9 policemen for every 1 000 people. Pretoria SAP spokesman Colonel Reg Crewe said: "We really don't compare very favourably to other countries".

In the United States there is an average of 8.2 policemen for every 1 000 people. In Sweden there are 7.3 and in the UK 5.2.

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Manenberg's Hard Livings gang ready 'to build for new S Africa'

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□ 'If I told you why we're fighting each other I'd be a liar,' says leader after meeting

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

MANENBERG'S Hard Livings gang is "trying to build something ... to be meaningful in the new South Africa", leader Rashied Rastaggie says.

Gangsterism has reduced Manenberg to a "no-go area for political parties" according to Goldstone Commissioner Niel Roussouw, while residents say they are living in a "Beirut".

Manenberg Is Where It's Happening was the title of the album that rocketed Cape Flais pianist Dollar Brand to prominence in the 1970s. And evidently it still is ...

Drive-by shootings, protection rackets, intimidation and attacks on police have become daily fare for battle-weary Manenbergers, prompting the ANC to appeal to the army for help this week.

"We cannot allow the gangs to become the ultimate author-

ity in Manenberg," ANC Manenberg chairman Mario Wanza said.

Interviewed after a meeting between his gang and taxi drivers in Manenberg on Wednesday, Mr Rastaggie said the Hard Livings had been fighting with "you know who" (the Clever Kids and Americans) for reasons that escaped him.

"If I told you why we are fighting then I would be a liar, I really don't know," he said. He denied that the fighting had anything to do with drugs or territory.

But the self-described "professional Hard Living" — who was a founder member of the gang in 1971 — said the fighting seemed set to continue at least until after the elections.

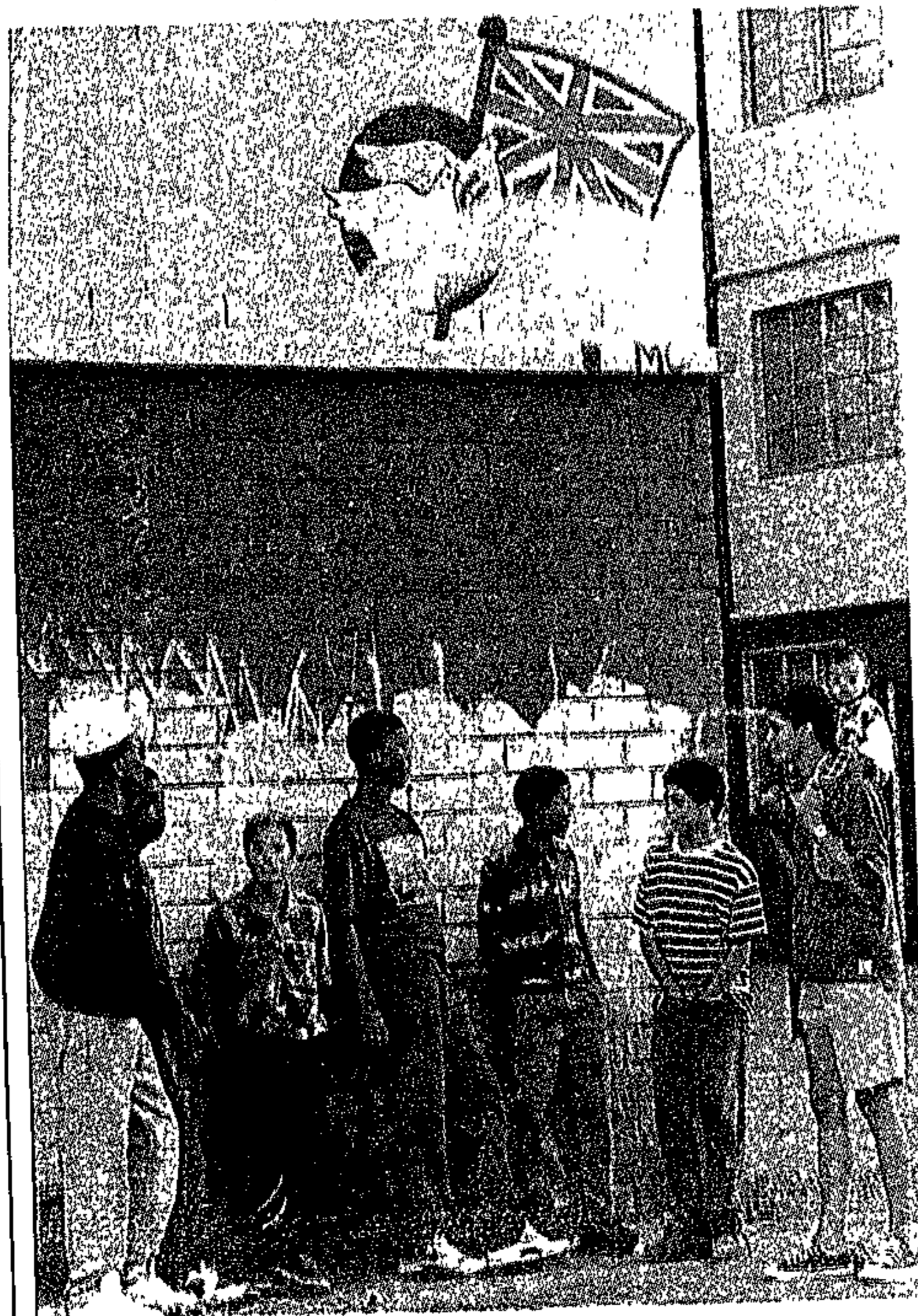
"None of us wants to die, even if we believe strongly in our religions. We want to contribute something, never mind what's written about us."

He said "the end (to the violence) can only come when a



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OH MANENBERG: A typical sunset in Manenberg. Soon the streets will be deserted as night-time gangster activity starts.



HARD LIVING TURF: A peace symbol is overtaken by the Hard Livings' Union Jack motif deep in Hard Living territory in Manenberg.

new political party is in power." He hinted that the Hard Livings were about to throw their weight behind a certain party which he did not wish to name.

"There will always be violence, but I believe when the people are delivered something new in the new South Africa the violence could be reduced."

Earlier, he told the meeting of about 250 taxi drivers and gangsters: "We are here because we have the community at heart."

He said the Hard Livings were prepared to clean up

their act but needed the full support of the community.

"We feel guilty that we are frowned on by the community. We want to demonstrate to you we can make a contribution. We will attempt to make right whatever's worrying you."

Mr Rastaggie said it was not always easy being a gangster: "It is not nice for me to stand here as a gang leader and have to answer for the deaths of innocent people. I have a family of my own."

"Sometimes I have to give orders or issue people guns. Do you think I enjoy it? It comes

back to our consciences.

"When the politics come right we can change from our Hard Living culture, but until then ..."

Mr Rastaggie said he was "unhappy" with the levels of violence and was "looking for solutions".

"We who remain alive need to do something," he said.

Fielding complaints from the drivers that they were being threatened, forced to pay protection money, being hijacked and abused, Mr Rastaggie suggested they go to the police.



LIVING IN FEAR: As dusk approaches and gangsters start their evening prowls, Manenberg residents retreat to the safety of their flats.

Army help requested to stop gangs

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Cathy Powers

RESIDENTS of Manenberg on the Cape Flats have called for the army to quell gang warfare raging in the township and have rejected a police offer to deploy its Internal Stability Unit.

Manenberg Civic Association chairman Faldela de Vries said this week the community rejected the offer of the ISU because "we have seen what the ISU does in other communities like Katlehong and Guguletu where they kicked down the doors of people's homes".

Western Cape police spokesman Captain John Sterrenberg said: "We offered the ISU because they are trained to deal with such situations. It's a crime problem, not a military problem."

De Vries claimed police had not done enough to stop running battles between the Hard Livings, the Clever Kids and The Americans gangs.

She said: "Gangs are run like organisations and they conform to their own discipline. The members are not just a bunch of misfits getting together — they have their own code. They use theft, killing and drug-trafficking to generate income."

Sterrenberg said patrols had been increased and police had called on the public to assist them. "It's very difficult to pinpoint whether the incidents are gang-related."

The violence has been going on for as long as De Vries can remember. "Any time you walk in the street the shooting could start," she said. "It's like a war zone and can only be addressed by similar action."

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□ "Their oppression is through violence"

JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

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HIS predecessor was abducted and brutally murdered and the streets he walks are ruled by the Peninsula's most-feared gangsters.

But, Catholic priest Christopher Clohessy says he wouldn't leave Manenberg for the world.

For more than two years, he has lived and worked in one of Cape Town's most violent communities. Each nightfall brings a clatter of gunfire as the Cape Flats gangs go to war.

"There's never a night without shooting. You get used to gunfire very quickly. It's a rough area," says Father Clohessy with a large degree of understatement.

Gangsters have taken to using a field alongside his parish in Manenberg Avenue for shooting practice. "That's what it sounds like," he says.

The brutality of life among Manenberg's ugly graffiti-daubed flats was most vividly demonstrated by the September 1990 slaying of Father Noel Stanton.

He was abducted by robbers and killed like an animal alongside a lonely dirt road. When that happened, the Catholic Church reconsidered the notion of having a priest living in the community.

But, Father Clohessy, 30, saw an opportunity.

"The parish was vacant for a while. There was no waiting list, you know, to get in at Manenberg.

"I was at the stage where I was assistant at Wynberg and, when you're an assistant, you want your own parish. I didn't even know where Manenberg was.

"But, I asked for it anyway, and got it. I had been here once or twice, but never alone."

He lives alone at the parish, but after two years does not feel in any danger.

"I'm known in Manenberg. I walk a great deal in the streets — I don't use a car. It's easy to do that and that's how people get to know you.

"I think I'm probably safer than anyone. What happened to Father Stanton was a one-off event. It was an unfortunate thing. But, it had nothing to do with gangsterism!

"It was just a robbery. I certainly don't lock myself up and hide away from people.

"I'm a little wary and careful and don't do anything stupid. If I'm called out at night, I go. Coming home at night can be a problem sometimes. That was the problem with Father Stanton — he arrived home and there were people waiting."

It troubles him that the ever-present gangsterism is more of a concern to the people of Manenberg than the dramatic political change which lies a few months ahead.

"The fact that we are standing on the brink of a whole new way of life doesn't seem to have hit home very strongly.

"These people are not fooled. Manenberg is going to be here next year and it is going to be much the same.

"They don't care so much about what happens in a few months' time. They're worried about the fact that tonight they have to walk through a gangfight and get home safely and make sure their children are off the streets. That's far more important."

Father Clohessy believes the people of Manenberg will not know freedom until they are rid of the gangs.

"If the people of the Cape Flats can fight apartheid and destroy it, they can fight gangsterism and destroy it, too. As long as gangsterism and violence continue, they will continue to be oppressed."

He has taken a brave stand against gangs like the Hard Living Kids, who virtually control the neighbourhood.

● An "operation plan" compiled by the deputy regional commissioner of police to combat gangsterism in Manenberg has already been put in effect, says liaison chief Raymond Dowd.

But the ANC, which has been campaigning vigorously for the deployment of the army in the troubled township, says fighting continued unabated over the weekend with at least two further shootings.

Police have twice met representatives of the Manenberg branch of the ANC in the past week.

At a meeting in Manenberg on Saturday police repeated their offer to deploy Internal Stability unit swat teams trained to counter gangsterism.

But the ANC repeated its call for the army, saying the unit lacked credibility in the townships.

Colonel Dowd said although "it was debatable the ANC was representative of the entire community" police did not want to "force anything" on Manenberg.

He said the deputy commissioner's plan included increased manpower and vehicles. Police had studied gangsterism in the area and would concentrate on "problem days", especially Fridays and weekends.

"Although the plan will help combat the situation we still feel the ISU would be most effective. In fact we believe the ISU will be the solution," Colonel Dowd said.

Manenberg ANC chairman Mario Wanza said the plan presented by police on Saturday was "flimsy".

"We still want the army and have submitted details to our representative on the Transitional Executive Council's sub-council on law and order.

"The police said their plan had already been effected but if so we have not noticed it. Two more people were shot in broad daylight near the police caravan on Friday," Mr Wanza said.

Police beef up forces against gangsters

□ Warfare rages on in Manenberg with innocent bystanders caught in crossfire

ROGER FRIEDMAN
and JACQUELYN SWARTZ
Staff Reporters

COLONEL Gys Engelbrecht of the Athlone district commissioner's office will assume overall command of a special task force to combat rampant gangsterism in Manenberg.

Two extra radio vehicles and an extra dog vehicle for each shift, backed by 13 members of the Gang Unit with another two vehicles, have already been deployed in the township.

Police liaison chief Colonel Raymond Dowd said an extra 23 uniformed police with six vehicles were also in the area.

The Gang Unit and uniformed members would perform duties in two groups and work flexitime, concentrating on problem times. A commissioned officer would be in charge of each shift.

The Dog Unit and radio vehicles would operate around the clock, while all policemen would be equipped with bullet-proof vests and be "suitably armed".

"These additional measures are indicative of the serious attitude of the police in combating gang activity."

Colonel Dowd said the op-

eration would continue until March 9, when it would be evaluated.

Meanwhile, two men, Adam Salie, 40, and Washied Kariem, 18, both on their way from work to homes in Scheit Walk, were hit by stray bullets as Manenberg's gang wars continued to simmer last night.

The men were taken to Hanover Park day hospital.

A source in Manenberg said police arrived "in numbers" and defused the tense situation which developed after the shootings.

Police believe the Hanover Park shooting incident in which a 77-year-old woman and a teenager were wounded may be related to the gunning-down of a Mongrels gang leader.

Achmat Bull, 35, said to be second-in-command of the gang in the area, died when nine shots were fired at him on Monday night.

The shooting happened outside Galloway Court. Next door at Howick Court, Rachmat Afradien, 77, who was at prayer, and Igshaan Abrahams, 19, were wounded.

It is believed they were struck by bullets meant for Mr Bull.

They were taken to Grootte Schuur Hospital.



OH BROTHER! Dylan Adriaans, Bert van der Heyden and Richard Daniels from Christian Brothers College risk a guess.

Keen contest marks second round

Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

Gang violence forces Manenberg library to close temporarily

□ 'It's like the wild west,' committee told

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

MANENBERG library has been closed temporarily because gang violence threatens the lives of staff and borrowers.

One person has been shot dead and others have been wounded by stray bullets in front of the library since the beginning of the year.

Cape Town's amenities and health committee said the decision to close the library would be reviewed monthly.

Chairman Chris Joubert said the Manenberg police station commander had told him police numbers had been doubled.

Chief librarian Heinrich Heyman said gunfights broke out without warning.

Mr Joubert said he had been told Manenberg "was like the wild west".

Mr Heyman said the library had been closed last week and staff deployed at other branches.

Deputy city administrator Attie van der Merwe said library staff did not want the suburb deprived of a service. The library could be moved elsewhere within Manenberg.

City planning official Hugh Paton said civic organisations wanted two libraries in the area, the existing one and another near Sherwood Park.

Arthur Wienburg said the police and community should get together "to drive out the cancer" of gangs.

● In a surprise turn in the saga of moving the central library headquarters, another building is available.

It was earlier reported by the council that the Old Granary Building in Buitenkant Street would not be available

because the police would need it. The building was lent by the council to the state on condition it would revert to the council when no longer needed.

A snag was that the building was in poor condition and would need expensive renovation, the committee was told.

A report to the committee said the library headquarters should be put in the City Hall as a temporary measure. This would cost R600 000.

The headquarters would not take up as much space as the central library, which is to move to the Drill Hall, and space would be freed.

Leon Markovitz said the council should consider leasing the Granary building on the open market.

The committee adjourned the matter for two months to allow a full report on the Granary building to be compiled.

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STREET JUSTICE: A Guguletu court decides on the punishment of a boy who stole a car battery Photo Yunus Mohamed

Street committee ending crime

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During the week neighbours who have fallen victim to criminals hand complaints to committee members who then deal with the cases.

The phenomenal success of one street committee's fight against crime in Guguletu has trailblazed the way for other streets to get organised. **QUENTIN WILSON** reports:

Punishment varies according to severity of the crime. While the formal judicial system works on the principle of retribution — punishment — Guguletu's informal court works more on restoration.

Citabatwa explains: "If, for example, a car battery is stolen, the main aim is to return the battery to its owner — not to concentrate on meting out severe punishment to the person who stole it."

In the case of wife-beatings or other forms of assault, the guilty party is instructed to remunerate the victim with money — often in instalments if he or she is struggling financially.

If the offender cannot pay, other forms of punishment are devised. It might mean cleaning a street or painting a house, just so long as the victim is compensated in some way.

And with more serious crimes, like murder?

"We'll hand him over to the police," answers Mr Kelly Lang, one of 15 executive members.

"But we won't rely on police to catch the culprit. They are simply not fast enough when we need them urgently. We prefer to catch the murderer and hand him over when they arrive."

Often it is theft. Sometimes a drunken man has beaten up his wife. The street committee calls in the accused to the meeting to decide on punishment.

"The suspects choose whether they want the case dealt with by the police or us. So far nobody has wanted the police involved because that often means jail and a criminal record," says Mr Sipho Citabatwa, assistant secretary of the committee.

Citabatwa says suspects always

EVERY Monday at 7pm, 15 residents of NY140, NY141 and NY143 meet in Mr Kelly Lang's garage to fight crime.

Some committee leaders have had training in community policing. The Community Peace Foundation, an affiliate of the Western Cape Law Community Centre at the University of the Western Cape, has offered training.

The work of the street committee in Section 3 has inspired other street committees in Guguletu.

"Our three streets are turning into a crime free zone," says Citabatwa.

"We have been approached by other street committees for advice. We have learnt lessons others can learn from."

The danger in community courts, according to Citabatwa, is that criminals are not treated with the "dignity they deserve".

"We cannot let a kangaroo court situation to develop. We must keep the trust of residents," he added.

A precaution the committee takes is ensuring elders are in the leadership.

"Conflict would arise if this was not so. It is difficult for an accused elderly man to answer to people a lot younger than him. Elders must deal with these instances," Citabatwa said.

The committee has the support of police. According to committee members, they are sometimes invited by police to handle an unsolved crime in the area.

"We have found that the station commander is someone we can work with. I consider him my friend these days. There was suspicion in the beginning but after we held meetings and explained our work to the police, we have had no problems," says Citabatwa.

Uneasy peace reigns in gang-torn Manenberg

ANC calls for permanent deployment of the army

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

A KIND of peace has settled on gang-infested Manenberg since the deployment of extra police there two weeks ago.

But the African National Congress says the peace will last only as long as the high-profile police presence does and reiterated its call for the army to be deployed.

The matter came to a head last month when the ANC complained to the Independent Electoral Commission that it was unable to conduct normal political activity in the area.

Southern Peninsula deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Carl van Eeden said yesterday he was "very happy" with the effect the deployment of extra police had had on the community.

The police planned to review the commitment of extra members in Manenberg this week at the conclusion of a two-week trial

period, but Brigadier Van Eeden said he had no plans to withdraw any units.

"In the meantime we are going to keep the men there," he said.

Manenberg police station commander Captain Jonathan van der Rheede said incidents of gangsterism had been reduced considerably.

"Whereas we had shootings every day, now they are down to one or two a week." But he warned that gangsters appeared to be heightening their activities in the neighbouring suburb of Heideveld.

ANC Manenberg chairman Mario Wanza agreed things had quietened down but wanted to know for how long.

"The level of violence has definitely dropped but the shootings will just carry on as soon as the extra police leave the area.

"Sending in extra policemen is a reactive measure, whereas we are demanding pro-active measures.

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"We want the army to be deployed on a permanent basis to disarm the gangsters and to give all community organisations in the area some breathing space to transform the culture of violence into one of peace and tolerance."

Meanwhile several Internal Stability Unit vehicles have been seen driving around Manenberg, to the distress of the ANC, which says the unit has no credibility.

Mr Wanza attacked the police for deploying the ISU "behind (our) backs".

At a meeting with police called by the ANC a fortnight ago, the ANC specifically requested that the ISU not be sent into Manenberg.

But Captain Van der Rheede said the ISU had the blessing of all six neighbourhood watches in the area. He had not consulted the ANC because he had spoken to the Manenberg Civic, People's Centre and Heideveld Advice Office and "they are the ANC".

Gangs: Call the army, says ANC

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

IN spite of the presence of extra police — including members of the controversial Internal Stability Unit — gangsters continue to hold Manenberg to ransom.

After a relatively quiet start to the week, four people — including a five-months pregnant woman — have been gunned down in the streets.

This after Southern Peninsula deputy regional commissioner Brigadier Carl van Eeden on Wednesday pronounced himself "very happy" with the effect the deployment of extra police had had on the community.

Incidents over the past few days include:

■ About 4pm yesterday police dispersed a mob with tear-gas outside the Manenberg People's Centre after sporadic shooting;

■ On Thursday night five-months-pregnant Patricia Hess, 20, was shot in the side

and Vincent America shot in both legs; and

■ On Wednesday two men were shot during a game of cricket in the street.

In a strongly-worded statement made over the telephone a spokesman for the African National Congress (Manenberg branch) repeated their call for the deployment of the army in the area.

"We have just watched people breaking the law right under the noses of the police. People are fighting and walking around with guns and pangas and the police have failed to make any arrests," the spokesman said as gunfire rattled in the background.

"In the space of two days four people have been shot including a pregnant woman. The police are unable to handle the situation and restore law and order.

"All that the police have achieved is dispersing the crowd by firing teargas. They cannot do the job and we reiterate our call for the army to restore law and order.

"They could operate jointly with the police."

Accusing the police of acting in bad faith by deploying the Internal Stability Unit in Manenberg against the ANC's wishes, the spokesmen said: "It has just been proven the ISU cannot handle the situation and have merely stirred up deeper anger.

"Anarchy must stop. We deplore the shooting of innocent people. The community must stand firm against these type of outrages."

■ Manenberg library was closed this week because gang violence threatened the well-being of staff and borrowers. One person has been shot dead and others wounded by stray bullets outside the library this year.

A police caravan parked outside the library has been surrounded by sandbags after coming under fire.

■ Ten people, including four women, were reportedly arrested in Manenberg on Thursday night after a fight apparently started by women gangsters.

ANC again calls for army in Manenberg ⁽³⁵⁾

□ New round of gang warfare causes alarm

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

POLICE have again turned down an African National Congress request to call for the deployment of the army in Manenberg, and the ANC has turned down a police proposal to deploy the Internal Stability Unit.

In the meantime, four more people were shot in the gang-infested suburb last night, bringing the number of injured to more than 12 over the past five days.

An ANC delegation led by national executive member Trevor Manuel met police under the leadership of regional commissioner General Nick Acker today.

ANC president Nelson Mandela will visit Manenberg on Sunday, specifically to address the issue of gangsterism.

General Acker told today's meeting an extra 20 police had been deployed in Manenberg. He said since January 1 police had confiscated 317 rounds of ammu-

nition, two rifles and 17 handguns.

They had also had "a fair amount of success" in carrying out arrests.

He said he hoped Mr Mandela would give some recognition to the progress police had made.

But Mr Manuel countered: "Nothing has been done ... why don't you go out and trawl for weapons?"

"You say you want recognition ... I'm not sure what you want this recognition for."

The ANC has already petitioned the Independent Electoral Commission because it says it cannot conduct pre-election activities in Manenberg.

Last night Gerald van Wyk, 18, was shot in the testicles, Rushana Dini, 7, in the hand, Oliver Cupido, 22, in the leg and Ryan Kanemeyer, 17, in the arm.



A police spokesman said the shootings seemed to be related to conflict between the Hard Livings and Jesters gangs.

A balaclava-clad man had been arrested.

The injured were taken to Hanover Park Day Hospital by Manenberg ANC chairman Mario Wanza.

The four were sitting on the stairs of Erica Court about 8pm when men, allegedly members of the Hard Livings, opened fire with "at least two guns".

Soon after last night's incident, ANC regional deputy-secretary Chris Nissen visited the area and called for the resignation of Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel and an inquiry into the policing of Manenberg.

"If this was a white area, much more would have been done to curb violence. We need to be able to work for peace — but peace can come only with democracy and a stable society," said Mr Nissen.

(News by R. Friedman, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town).

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Manenberg issue to be referred to TFC

By BARRY STREER
and JACKIE CAMERON

THE refusal of the police to call on the army to move into Manenberg to deal with the gangster crisis is to be referred to the TFC's sub-council on law and order.

The ANC held a meeting with police yesterday and ANC national executive member Mr Trevor Manuel said Regional Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Nick Aker had threatened to blame the gang problem on the ANC.

Over the past week there had been a number of shootings in Manenberg, Mr Manuel said. "It just goes on, and the police writing their hands and say: 'What do you expect?'"

Meanwhile, in a statement issued last night, police said they had "explained to the ANC that gangsterism is a criminal activity" to be dealt with by the police and not by the military.

The gang unit had arrested more than 30 members of gangs for crimes ranging from murder to assault and confiscated at least 17 guns in Manenberg since the beginning of the year.

Mr Manuel said the area needed to be stabilised but the community wanted the army to do it, not the internal stability division. The police had refused this request.

The community did not want the ISD because its methods were not in tune with community policing. The unit had been trained in bush warfare and had Koozvet recruits. Wherever the ISD had been, there had been problems.

"The meeting ended on a very sinister note with General Aker saying that if gang warfare took off, the ANC would have to take the blame."

A police spokesman said they would set up a meeting with the community at which a joint decision would be made about the deployment of the ISD in the area.

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Gangs — probe into root cause

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Staff Reporter

THE root cause of gangsterism on the Cape Flats is to be investigated by a special representative task force set up by the Western Cape Peace Committee.

Committee spokeswoman Ms Francine Joss said yesterday the special task force, comprising representatives from police, peace structures, civic associations, community organisations and political parties, would hold its first meeting tomorrow. It would operate under the auspices of the community policing sub-committee and would investigate the increase of gangsterism throughout the Western Cape.

Ms Joss said priority in discussions would be given to election-related incidents of violence and intimidation, but the task force's mandate would call for long-term initiatives to address gangsterism.

Stabilise

She said the task force aimed to help gang-ravaged communities and to prevent "possible manipulation of the electoral process" by gangsters.

A recent request by the ANC for the SADF to crack down on gangsterism in Manenberg was turned down by police commissioner General Nick Acker, who said the SAP's internal stability division was the only force which could stabilise the area. However, the ANC said the ISD was "totally unsuited".

At 3.15pm on Sunday, Mr Nelson Mandela will visit a peace event at the Greens Football Field in Manenberg. The event will begin at 1.30pm.

application as the investigation officer was in Johannesburg unable to testify.

won the Western Cape Schools Model Bridge Building Competition with a prize of R1 000 for their school. Twenty-seven schools to Civil Engineers.

Gangs meet, agree to end Flats war

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Staff Reporter

IN a breakthrough agreement last night, leaders of four Manenberg gangs agreed to stop the gang warfare that has been terrorising residents, said local ANC branch chairman Mr Mario Wanza.

Representatives from the Hard Livings, Clever Kids, Jesters and the Americans gave their commitment to an agreement that ensured freedom of movement, Mr Wanza said.

He said gang members had also agreed to call on the ANC for mediation should there be a breach of the pact.

"They gave us their assurances they will be loyal to the agreement. We are confident they are genuine," he said.

Mr Wanza said the ANC branch had been working "tirelessly" to bring about this agreement and considered the meeting a "major breakthrough" in bringing peace to the area, so that the "community could conduct their lives normally without fear".

● Police will meet with Manenberg residents next week before taking a decision on deploying the internal stability division (ISD) in the violence-torn area.

About 12 ISD members have been deployed in neighbouring Hanover Park, said police.

The ANC have opposed the deployment of the ISD in Manenberg and have told police that residents would prefer the army's deployment.

Four gangs agree to a cease-fire

ROGER FRIEDMAN (35)
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE prospects for peace in gang-ravaged Manenberg have taken a sharply-upward turn after the signing of a cease-fire agreement involving four major gangs.

Countless people have been shot, 12 in the last week, since fighting resumed — following a brief, peaceful period — at the end of January.

Leaders of the Hard Livings, Clever Kids, Americans and Jesters met for a final round of talks in Manenberg yesterday after three days of negotiation.

The agreement was brokered by the Manenberg branch of the African National Congress. After the meeting, the gang

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leaders released a short joint statement: "After three nights of negotiation the Hard Livings, Jesters, Clever Kids and Americans have decided to lay down their weapons and agreed to peace.

"All hostilities are to stop with immediate effect."

Manenberg ANC chairman Mario Wanza, who has been monitoring gang activity, said the last shooting in the area happened on Wednesday night.

Since negotiations started, the suburb had been quiet.

"We are confident the peace will hold," he said.

The ANC last month complained to the Independent Electoral Commission that they and other political parties were unable to carry out nor-

mal political activities because of the gangs.

The party said police were unable to handle the situation and demanded an army presence in the area. This demand was turned down by police who instead offered the services of the Internal Stability Unit.

After last night's meeting, Mr Wanza said the gangs "understood that political parties require freedom of movement".

"They also undertook that people could go about their normal lives unhindered," he said.

■ A source close to one of the gangs said the meeting had been concluded on such a positive note that the Hard Livings "walked the Clever Kids home to their territory".



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

WIDE OPEN: Ottery Baptist minister Pat Thomas in his new church where burglars have struck three times.

Bare as a church mouse after thieves strike thrice

JOHN VILJOEN, Staff Reporter

OTTERY's Baptist congregation hoped their new church would have a roof by the end of July, but thieves have made this unlikely.

Parishioners laid foundations for the new building a year ago and, thanks to a sterling fund-raising effort, the church is nearing completion.

Much of the money came from the sale of a portion of church ground, the rest from gifts, cake sales, a barn-dance and a fun-walk.

A team of 15 parishioners has toiled on the building site, with some help from outside contractors.

Two minor thefts from the site in recent months represented a bit of a setback.

But, last weekend thieves dealt the church project a major blow. Sometime on Saturday night they struck, stealing doors and wood worth about R4 000.

"It's a blow to us because we had just about enough money for the roof," said parish minister the Rev Pat Thomas.

"But, we are going to have to dig into that fund now to pay for the doors and the wood."

The congregation had hoped the new church would have its roof by the end of July or early August, said Mr Thomas.

Police have made a cast of tyre tracks — a clue possibly left by the thieves.

Anyone who can help the congregation should contact Mr Thomas at 23 4156.

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Khayelitsha school being stripped bare by thieves

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Education Reporter

A KHAYELITSHA primary school is being stripped bare by thieves in the very community it is intended to serve, say teachers.

Thieves have struck at Nomsa Maphongwana Primary on three successive nights this week, making off with many of the school's doors and cartons of toilet paper.

The fence around the school, which has been open for just a year, was stolen months ago, said teacher Mcabisi Mnconywa.

The school has a nightwatchman but he stood back each time the thieves struck this week, apparently fearing for his life. The guard was unarmed and unable to stop the burglars who struck in groups of four, Mr Mnconywa said.

Some of the doors came from classrooms and others were taken off the school's toilets.

The 1 500 pupils were sent home early yesterday with instructions to ask their parents for help in tracing the thieves.

"These people who are vandalising the school are people within the community. Perhaps the parents have seen the doors or been offered them for sale," Mr Mnconywa said.

Apart from wintry discomfort for pupils, the loss of the doors means teachers cannot store materials in the classrooms, he said.

If the nightwatchman was issued with a firearm he might be able to deter future thieves, he suggested.

In the meantime Nomsa Maphongwana teachers were disturbed at the thought that the thieves could even be parents with pupils at the school.

"These people are living within the community. How can they vandalise the school? It is being stripped," one said.

Police use 'Chicago' tactics to bust Cape Flats gangs

ROGER FRIEDMAN
and JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporters

POLICE are implementing methods similar to those used to trap Chicago gangster Al Capone in an attempt to nail the "untouchable" leaders of powerful Cape Flats gangs.

New measures to curb gangsterism include:

- A specialised gang co-ordinating unit separate to the Gang Unit.

- A shift in focus for the crime prevention units.

- An expanded witness protection programme.

Mayor Patricia Kreiner said this week gangsterism had become a "major concern" to the city, profoundly affecting the "morale and behaviour patterns" of thousands of residents.

In common with the legendary Al Capone, Cape gang leaders live off the proceeds of illicit liquor, gun-running, drug, prostitution and protection rackets.

Although Cape Town police

have made thousands of gang-related arrests over the years, the leaders of the gangs have consistently slipped through the net.

Police hope their new strategies — aimed at shifting the focus from the perpetrators of gang-related crime to the gang leaders — will effectively stop the gangsters in their tracks.

All offences allegedly involving gang leaders will be gathered into a single docket and, if necessary, they will be charged with tax evasion, conspiracy or other "lesser" offences.

Announcing a "vast onslaught against gangs", Western Cape deputy police commissioner Nic Snyman told The Argus the co-ordinating sub-unit had been formed within the Violent Crimes Unit.

Under the command of Mike Barkhuizen, the new unit was dedicated to co-ordinating all gang-related crime.

Members of the unit had been freed from investigative tasks and court appearances,

and their specific goal was "getting the big boys".

General Snyman said crime prevention units attached to police stations throughout the Cape Flats had been ordered to "focus" on gangs and gang-related activities.

"Together with the new co-ordinators this represents a vast onslaught against the problem."

Also, the witness protection programme — implemented last year after discussions with peace committee structures and advocate Neil Roussouw of the Goldstone Commission — had been expanded, he said.

"Extra resources have been made available to us to deal with this problem."

In another change, the special Gang Unit — which has concentrated on preventive policing — is to be given broad investigative powers, working alongside detectives of the Violent Crimes Investigation Unit and the new gang co-ordinating team.

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Armed robberies increasing

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'People are stripped and forced to walk home naked' in the townships

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stripped and forced to walk home naked'

BY SABATA NGCAL

ARMED robberies are increasing in African townships, sparking fears that gangsterism is taking root.

Mr Mbuyiselo Mtsheketshe was recently robbed at knife point by four men in Phillippi.

"I was on my way to the station when these men forced me back into the bush," he said.

"They asked for money and I gave them my wallet with R250 inside.

"They took off my belt and were about to take off my pants when a man came towards us. I shouted for help and the robbers ran away."

Mr Mtsheketshe's attack was unusual, because most criminal activities in the townships happen at night, mostly at weekends.

People under the influence of liquor, especially, are robbed on



TROUBLE: There are fears that gang activity is moving into African areas

Friday nights when they visit taverns with their weekly pay.

In some incidents people are stripped and forced to walk home naked.

According to police the number of armed robberies in African townships rose in the first three months of this year to 460 compared to 374 in the same period last year.

Police spokesperson Colonel Raymond Dowd said his department has stepped up patrols in the African townships.

"The situation is getting out of hand and could result in the kind of gangsterism we see in

coloured areas," Colonel Dowd said.

He called on people who have been victims of such criminals to report it to the police.

Colonel Dowd said his department was consulting with the community about what should be done to combat crime in African townships. (35)

"There is nothing that can be done by the police on their own without the assistance of the community," he said.

Dowd attributed crime to unemployment, breakdown of family control and a lack of social activities for children.

FIGHTING gangsterism on the Cape Flats is the number one priority for provincial minister of police Patrick McKenzie.

Blaming the apartheid system for creating the problem by neglecting the socio-economic needs of the people in the affected communities, he said:

"This is a new order and although we come out of an era where police handled the matter in a very *kragdadige* manner, we must create a situation where gangsters can approach the police without fear."

He said it was important, when dealing with gangs, to understand their backgrounds, their needs and their ideas on how the problem could be solved.

"I will approach the problem by speaking to all the gang leaders, many of whom have exceptional talents, but are using them in negative ways, and to listen to them. I believe in an open-door, hands-on approach.

"We must work together to rebuild old family values and respect for human life. These values have been lost because the old system degraded people to such an extent that life became meaningless and cheap to those living on the Flats.

"The common perception that police and gangsters always must fight each other also must be changed.

He said the police role was to equally serve the communities, whether they were in Manenberg or Constantia, and to facilitate a working relationship with residents to eradicate problems in their areas.

"But, we can't expect to solve gangsterism by not addressing the social needs of the people in areas where the problem is greatest.

"We need to create alternatives or the next generation of children also will band together on street corners and form gangs.

"We must find ways of creating jobs, building facilities and getting people interested in building their communities.

"The fear that people feel, no matter how real, must be channelled in a positive way so police and gangs can work together to rid communities of the scourges of the past," said Mr McKenzie.

Coinciding with his appointment as provincial Minister of Police, the police last week announced new strategies to deal

New Way to

fight gangs

The Western Cape's new minister of police has declared war on gangs. A special Weekend Argus report by **JOSEPH ARANES** and **ROGER FRIEDMAN**.

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with the numerous gangs operating on the Cape Flats.

These included:

■ Establishing a new gang co-ordinating unit;

■ Crime prevention units at local stations to focus on gangsterism;

■ Making more funds available to fight gangs; and

■ Extending the witness protection programme.

Gang expert and head of the Institute of Criminology at University of Cape Town Wilfried Schärf has welcomed the announcement of the new police initiative.

But, he warns that unless the plans are executed with greater urgency and commitment than in the past, they will all come to naught.

Professor Schärf — who is also chairman of Nicro's management committee — said there was a long history of gangsterism on the Cape Flats.

"The Western Cape is very interesting in that there is a considerable presence of street gangs in so-called coloured areas — tending to concentrate in the sub-economic areas — yet, there is no significant street gang presence in black areas.

"This goes against most common-sense notions that poverty is something that generates street gangs."

Professor Schärf said the only explanation he could offer for this apparent anomaly was that black organised crim-

nals controlled the dagga wholesaling business, while Mandrax was very much the domain of coloured gangsters.

There were, however, common characteristics in the type of youngster who would become a gangster.

"The most common cause of youngsters joining gangs is the breakdown of the extended family unit.

"We find most kids who join gangs have a poor relationship with the male head of their household who is either absent entirely, in prison, or indulges heavily in drink or drugs.

"This is a recurring statistical indicator.

"Another common feature is that most kids who become gangsters — with very rare exceptions — have been poor performers at school.

"This is not to say they are stupid, but poor school performance is certainly a common warning signal.

"They tend to start drifting into gangs — it is definitely a slide, not a sudden decision — between 11 and 14.

"At that stage, it is mostly a process of looking for a peer group that will give them respect and a sense of belonging, almost a surrogate family.

"They start off in 'peer groups', or defence gangs, hanging out on corners and slowly getting drawn into more organised (gang) business.

"Youngsters often are used by older gangsters to run illegal operations, be it

drugs, housebreaking or whatever.

"The gang then becomes a source of entertainment ... money, women, drugs and a far racier lifestyle than the straight and narrow path."

Professor Schärf said the lack of recreational facilities in sub-economic areas, the dearth of a social welfare catchment-net at schools and the hitherto lack of co-ordinated police action allowed for the proliferation of gangsterism.

"Civic associations have to play a more important role than in the past, and, very importantly, schools have to play a more informed role."

Past initiatives had collapsed as "gangs had colonised fun".

"One has to find alternatives that are as lucrative and appealing in the long-run if we are to lure youngsters away from gangs.

"Putting the leaders behind bars certainly dents the gang, but also opens up opportunities for other members.

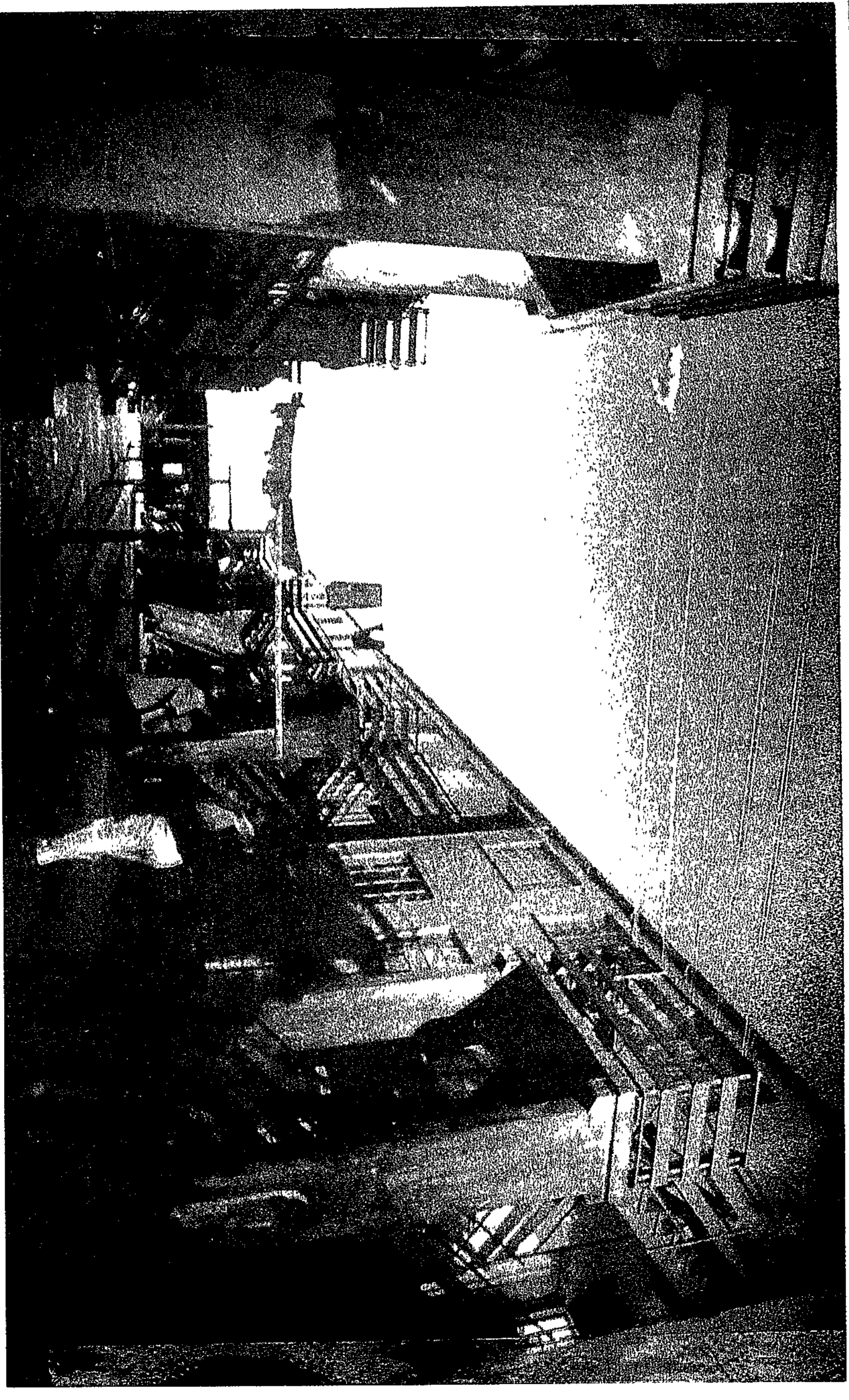
"The police should initiate a more co-ordinated and pro-active approach, drawing in other state and non-governmental structures."

Professor Schärf termed gangsterism "a world view".

"They have a mindset and youngsters are socialised into it. Each gang has a whole array of hangers-on, worshippers and assistants.

"It is a mindset which sees the outside world as hostile and providing few opportunities for survival."

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□ **GANGLAND:** Many Cape Flats youngsters face a bleak future in sub-economic homes where father figures are remote, so they turn to crime for excitement and an alternative to perpetual poverty.

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Gang battle threatens to spin out of control

□ Shooting of gangster could spark violence ARC 19/5/94 38

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

THE battle between two gangs for supremacy in Manenberg threatens to spiral out of control again after further gang-related killings.

The territorial war between the Hard Livings and Clever Kids — the largest of Manenberg's gangs — reduced the suburb to a no-go area earlier this year before an ANC-brokered peace pact late in March.

But Manenberg residents fear the shooting of a Hard Livings member in the Sherwood Lounge

on Saturday could be the spark for renewed violence.

On Monday, another Hard Livings member was stabbed and is still in intensive care.

Hard Livings' leader Rashied Staggie immediately gave police the assurance his members would not take up arms.

But an incident last night could change his mind.

Ricardo Hendricks, 20, was sitting on the stairs of Coleen Court with two friends when four men strolled past and one fired three shots.

Mr Hendricks was struck in the chest and died on the spot.

"The incident is apparently gang-related," police spokesman Ben Theron said today.

Sources in Manenberg say Mr Hendricks was a Hard Livings member and his four assailants were Clever Kids.

The only difference between last night's incident and those earlier in the year was that the Clever Kids were prepared to conduct a sortie into the heart of Hard Livings' turf.

Previously, the battle was fought on neutral ground or on Clever Kids' territory.

No arrests have been made.

'Probe cops in gang wars'

Staff Reporter

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THE ANC Manenberg branch is calling on the Minister of Justice, Mr Dullah Omar, to appoint a special commission to investigate allegations of police complicity in the gang wars raging on the Cape Flats.

The branch said the alleged police complicity was "deep-rooted".

Mr Omar said the gang wars and allegations of police complicity were a matter of "great concern". He said once the department had received representation it would consider the matter.

Manenberg moms declare war on gangs

JOSEPH ARANES, Staff Reporter

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MANENBERG mothers, tired of living in constant fear of their lives and those of their children, invited police to a meeting at the Silvertree Youth Centre.

The chat was convened by Patricia Adams and other concerned parents — who felt it was time mothers protested gang violence.

Jointly chaired by Mrs Adams and acting station commander Dirk Mentoor, last night's meeting allowed parents to share their anxieties about living in Manenberg — 'where incidence drive-by shootings, gang fights and other crimes has escalated. The mothers, and occasionally a father, took it in turns to voice grievances.

Although the meeting decided members should remain anonymous for fear of reprisals, they left no stone unturned when identifying gangs.

Mrs Adams said gangsters made residents' lives unbearable.

"We can't send our children to school, to the shops or allow them to play outside. We don't know when they may be shot and killed.

"Our children are being abused by these gangsters, who constantly threaten them and force them to join.

"We send them off to school, but discover they never make it there because along the way they get roped in by the gangs. Instead of being at school, our children are running drugs and carrying arms for the big gangsters."

Another mother said she was afraid to use public transport. "These gangsters stop the taxis and demand protection money from drivers. And if the drivers don't have cash the gangs rob passengers.

"On the trains and at the station there are always gangsters waiting to rob you. Whether its 5am or 6pm they are there, preying on us."

Calls were made for the community to launch a vigilante group to fight the gangs — and although the idea was at first enthusiastically received, it was shelved when a resident said it could cause more harm than good.



MAKING A POINT: A mother shares her experiences with residents who attended last night's meeting.

Picture: HANNES THIAFT, The Argus.

Frank Gutuza, director of the youth centre, said that a few years ago the idea had worked well, but at that time not as many gangsters had guns.

"Today, before you get a chance to see your attacker, he has already shot you."

Mr Gutuza said the police underestimated the extent of the problem in Manenberg.

"They have a bigger task than they think and the only way to deal with it is if the community works closely with them.

"But the police must win back the confidence of

the community. There are too many serious allegations of police being implicated in gang activity to ignore."

Major Mentoor said the police were doing the best they could, but they could not win the battle alone.

"We need the community to be the ears and eyes of the police and to tell us where the gangsters hide guns, where they keep drugs and who are responsible for the shootings and killings and other crimes in the area."

Steakhouse killing — two jailed for 25 years

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PATRICK FARRELL, Supreme Court Reporter
TWO former Spur steakhouse grillers have been jailed for 25 years for the murder of their boss — allegedly on the orders of his business partner.

Mrs Justice Traverso today sentenced Mbulelo Peter, 29, and Fezile Baka, 26, to 25 years' imprisonment for murdering Geoffrey Lomax at the Rocky Mountain Spur in Tokai last September.

She also sentenced them to 10 years' imprisonment for robbing Mr Lomax but the sentences are to run concurrently.

The judge said the two men must have been influenced by Mr Lomax's business partner Geoff Wolhuter who allegedly offered them R5 000 each to murder Mr Lomax.

She said both Peter and Baka had clean records and had lived "structured" lives and neither took an active part in the murder.

However, she said they had fully associated themselves with the murder and planned it over a few months.

Neither was in dire financial straits and committed the crime solely for financial gain.

Both had co-operated fully with the police and had pleaded guilty and had indicated they would be State witnesses for any charges brought against Mr Wolhuter.

She said they had shown remorse but it came after the crime, and she wondered if they would have shown remorse if they had not been arrested.

Mike Stowe appeared for the State. Karien Roux appeared for Peter and J Louwrens appeared for Baka.

Another youth of 17 gunned down

Gangs

Wars:

Minister steps in

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

THE government has stepped in to help deal with the vicious gang warfare terrorising people on the Cape Flats.

And the Attorney-General of the Cape has warned that he will call for heavy sentences in gang-related cases.

Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi has pronounced himself "extremely concerned" at "one of the major law enforcement issues of the Western Cape".

Safety and Security ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said today: "The minister is watching developments very closely and is formulating strategies and policies with police.

"An intensive process of consultation with the communities involved will have to be initiated as soon as possible."

Attorney-General Frank Kahn said that, although it was difficult to prove which crimes were gang-related and which not, his staff would call for heavy sentences in proven gangster cases.

He did not support the idea of a special gang court, suggested by mayor Patricia

Kreiner last month, as gangsters had to be treated as the ordinary criminals they were.

In the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday Harry Joshua, of Welgelegen Street, Voorbrug, Delft, appeared in connection with this week's Delft shotgun killing of four teenagers and a hawkler.

Police said at least three of the shotgun victims were members of the Hard Livings gang.

Mr Joshua, 39, was released on R1 500 bail in an unopposed application. After the appearance, his attorney William Booth said his client's shotgun was licensed and he would plead self-defence.

Neighbours said Mr Joshua, married with a young son and daughter and employed as a painter-maintenance man in Sea Point, was a pillar of society in his gang-infested neighbourhood.

Mr Justice W E Cooper warned yesterday that gangsters who acted as if nothing would happen to them were "making a big mistake".

He said this while sentencing Belhar gangster Leon Davids, 19, to an effective 16 years' imprisonment for two murders, one count of attempted murder and one of pointing a firearm.

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JOSEPH ARANES and ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporters
A YOUTH was shot dead in the grounds of the Red River Primary School today — the second 17-year-old to die in gang-plagued Manenberg in the past two days.

Police said witnesses saw the youth being chased across a field by two men, who opened fire as he reached the school buildings. The youth collapsed and died before an ambulance could reach him.

Police said they had "good witnesses" and hoped to make an arrest soon.

Yesterday four balaclava-clad men opened fire on a group of Manenberg residents from a car, killing a 17-year-old youth. Two 15-year-old boys were injured in the attack at Aletha Court, Manenberg Avenue.

Aletha Court is believed to be the headquarters of the Hard Livings gang.

The latest shootings are yet another ugly chapter in the continuing territorial battle which has claimed at least three lives and left 11 people injured in the past two weeks.

Gavin Collins was standing with a group of friends when the men opened fire. He was shot in the head, chest and left leg. Two friends, Wahied Salie and Irefaan Frans, were struck in the right foot and right leg respectively.

Irene Collins, the dead boy's mother, said she was sewing when she heard the shots.

"I ran to the window and saw Gavin's friends carrying him. I fell to my knees and started praying.

"After a few minutes I went out and bent over him. He was still alive and was trying to say something to me, but blood started flowing from his mouth. I closed his eyes and knew he was dead."

● In Heideveld, a taxi fare collector (gartjie) died today after a panga attack by a member of a rival taxi faction.

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LOST GENERATION: Manuel Hansson, Eugene Jordan and Angelo Adonis playing in Hard Living territory
Photo: Yunus Mohamed

When gunfire keeps the kids awake

By Shannon Neill

EVERY NIGHT in Manenberg the silence is shattered by the sound of gunshots in the continuing gang wars.

The children say they can't sleep when the shooting starts because the walls in the flats are thin.

"The next day at school you can't think because you're tired," one child says.

Every evening children are dragged away from their games by terrified parents who want them inside before the shooting begins.

The children say they are sick of the shooting and the gangs. They want the police to end the violence.

Ekeram Davids, 11, is in standard three. He says: "We need peace in Manenberg and I think the police can do it."

"When I grow up I want to be a policeman and I want to be well educated."

"I think the police should take all the gangsters and lock them up."

"I don't want to be a gangster. It's not nice. You die quickly. You can't live like

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 that — run, run, run."

Nigel Valentine, 11, is in standard four. He says: "Children must go to school and learn. They mustn't become gangsters." (35)

"When I finish standard 10 I'm going to the army. My ouma says I must do this so I can become a man."

Andre Lawrence, 10, is in standard three. He also wants to be a policeman when he grows up.

"Then I'll pick up the skollies because they rob and shoot people. Then there will be peace here," he says.

Not all the children are so positive. Some believe they can only ever be gangsters.

Manuel Hasson, 16, left school at the beginning of the year.

He says: "About 12 Dixie Boys broke into the classroom. They all had knives. The teacher could do nothing. I jumped out of the window and escaped. I didn't go back to school then."

Now he wants to be a gangster. He explains he can't go back to school because the security is bad and the gang-

sters could come onto the school grounds and kill him at any time.

He wasn't a gangster when he was attacked — just a child who lived in one gang's territory and went to school in another's territory.

He claims his mother doesn't care whether he goes to school or not.

He isn't afraid he will be shot. "We are used to Manenberg. We're used to the shooting."

"It's true that sometimes innocent people are shot. If there's shooting people stand on the corners and look and then they're shot by mistake. It's just an accident," he says.

Eugene Jordan left school five years ago when he was eleven. All he's done since leaving is smoke and drink. He wants to be a gangster because "it's good to have enemies and shoot guns."

Angelo Adonis, 14, left school recently after finishing standard four.

"I don't know why I left. My mummy says nothing. Why should I go to school? It's boring and I'll never get a job," he says.

'Rooftop out the cancer'

By JACKIE CAMERON
Crime Reporter

POLICE with guns drawn and wearing bullet-proof vests moved into the heart of the city's gangland yesterday, searching suspected gangsters in Manenberg for firearms and drugs in the most determined crackdown yet on gang-related violence.

The show of force in the stop-and-search operation was highlighted by regional Minister of Police Mr Patrick McKenzie, who pledged that police campaigns would intensify until the "cancer of gangsterism is rooted out" of the Cape Flats.

Besieged residents were overheard quietly thanking members of the internal stability division (ISD) while others in the territory of the notorious Hard Lying Kids shouted at police to get out.

The operation marked the start of an intensive Gang Bust campaign in Manenberg which Mr McKenzie, interviewed at the local police station, said would continue indefinitely and spread to other suburbs.

Mr McKenzie also said he would consider improving witness protection programmes and ways of "tightening local laws", particularly those on gangsterism.

About 160 ISD members will work on the campaign and co-operate with the gang unit, local police and the Flying Squad.

Police in drive to break gangs

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Police will visit Manenberg homes and gather information about crimes.

Mr McKenzie said he planned to set up advisory committees "with real teeth" which would involve residents in the war against gangsterism. He said he would meet regularly with these committees.

Groups of heavily-armed ISD members descended on Manenberg late yesterday, searching suspected gangsters for weapons and drugs.

Two women, relatives of 17-year-old Gavin Collins, who was gunned down in a drive-by shooting in Manenberg on Wednesday, said: "We are very relieved. It is a nightmare living here. These gangsters are out of control."

They did not want to be named because they feared for their lives.

Two youths, with balaclavas over their heads, said they did "not mind the police being here because they are just doing their job". An operations centre, equipped with radios and telephones, has been set up in a mobile caravan and regular reports would be sent to police chiefs, police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said.

Also yesterday, at least 2,000 pamphlets informing residents of the campaign and eliciting their support in the campaign were distributed.

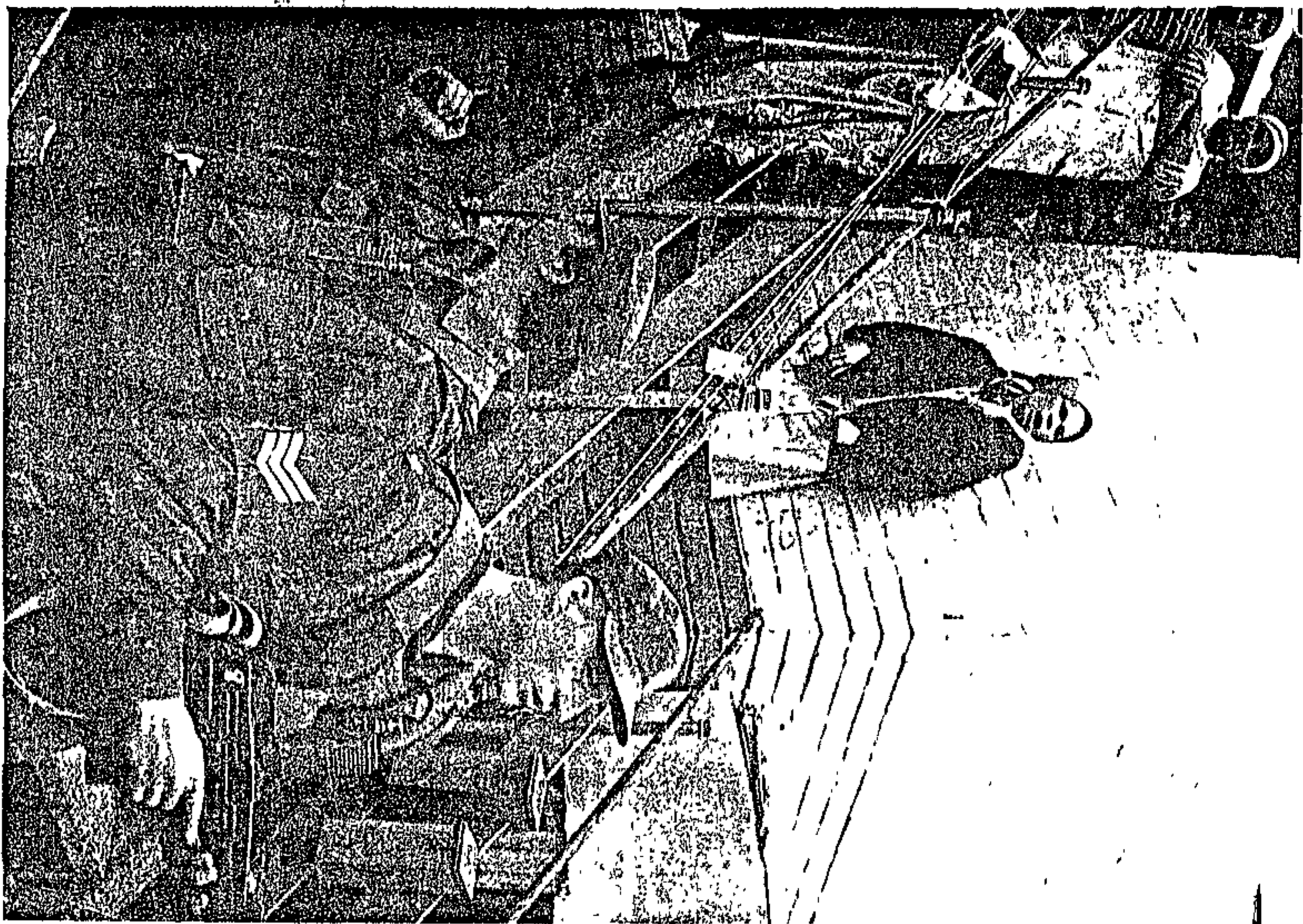
Colonel Dowd said: "No gang-related incidents were reported in Manenberg by last night."

He said rewards would be paid for information that would help police trace suspects, stolen firearms and goods. Residents could telephone police anonymously and toll-free at 0800-11-12-13.

A statement that National Minister of Safety and Security Minister spokesman Mr Craig Kotzé should not comment on Cape Flats gangsterism were the sentiments of Mr McKenzie, the regional minister's spokesman, Colonel Dowd, said yesterday.

He said "the minister felt the question of gangsterism (on the Cape Flats) falls within the ambit of community policing which would be his responsibility".

Mr McKenzie felt Col Dowd, as his spokesman, "should make the necessary comments", said Col Dowd.



CRIME BUSTERS . . . Armed and flak-jacketed, these policemen took part in a stop-and-search operation in Manenberg yesterday in the start of the police's Gang Bust campaign on the Cape Flats. About 2 000 pamphlets were also distributed informing residents of the anti-crime drive.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

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Gangs raid debacle: Pledge by minister



□ TRAPPED: Former Miss South Africa finalist Vanessa Goosen 'duped' into carrying heroin.

8 from SA now held in Thai jails

DAVID BREIER
Weekend Argus Political Staff

TWO more South Africans are being held in Thailand in connection with alleged heroin smuggling, bringing the total number in jail to eight.

This has been disclosed by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Two South African men have been arrested in addition to the six women being held in Thai jails. They are among many foreigners facing execution or long prison terms for drug-smuggling in the south-east Asian country.

Foreign Affairs sources said the death penalty by machine-

■ 'I was duped' says SA mother from Thai jail. See page 11.

gunning was no longer normally imposed for drug-smuggling in Thailand, but those convicted faced lengthy jail terms.

The department said the two men were Alexander Krebs and Jordaan Ebrahim, but had little further detail.

As reported in The Argus yesterday, the six women include Nila Duginov who is of Ukrainian origin.

She arrived in South Africa from Odessa in the Ukraine four years ago with her mother and four-year-old son Adam.

She has written to President Mandela begging for his help. Presidential spokesman Joel Netshitenzhe told Weekend Argus that if Mr Mandela received a letter he would pass it on to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

PROVINCIAL police minister Patrick McKenzie is considering recommending a judicial commission of inquiry into alleged police complicity with gangs on the Cape Flats.

Operation Gangbust — the largest ever police operation to curtail rampant gangsterism on the Cape Flats — got underway in Manenberg yesterday amid taunts from gangsters who claimed they had been informed of the operation by "crooked" policemen well in advance.

In spite of searching the houses of suspects, police uncovered no firearms or drugs.

At least four people have died and scores have been wounded in gang-related violence in the area over the past 14 days.

Allegations of police complicity with gangs in Manenberg emerged about 10 months ago. A BBC documentary on gangsters re-inforced the allegations recently.

But a top-level police internal investigation found no hard evidence of complicity when it presented its report last month.

"Coming here like this when we already know they are coming doesn't help the situation at all. It only makes the community more antagonistic," gang-leader Rashied Staggie said of Operation Gangbust.

Mr McKenzie said the aim of Operation Gangbust was winning back the respect of the Manenberg and Hanover Park communities, and involving the communities in formulating future strategies.

"We did not go into Manenberg to declare war, we went in to show a strong police presence. From here we will continue."

Arrests and weapon or drug seizures were secondary to the plan.

If the gangsters were tipped off about the Operation — launched in a blaze of publicity — it did not necessarily mean they were tipped off by police.

"But if there is a traitor in our ranks we will smell him out. If the gangsters say we lost the battle today, I can assure them we will not lose the war."

"We will see in the long-term who wins control of the area," Mr McKenzie said.

He promised: "If just one person is prepared to come and speak to me in confidence and lay any facts, not allegations, of police complicity before me, I will ask the prime minister to appoint a judicial commission."

Operation Gangbust got off to a belated start yesterday after 200 policemen and women from various divisions met at Manenberg police station.

They were addressed by Mr McKenzie, deputy regional commissioner General Nick Snyman and operation commander Colonel Philip van der Riel.

The operation will continue for as long as it takes to bring stability to the area, they said.

Colonel Van Der Riel urged

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□ WHAT HAVE WE HERE? A heavily-armed policeman searches a resident at Aletta Court — in the heart of Hard Living gang territory in Manenberg — during Operation Gangbust.

Former detective gunned down at lake

NORMAN JOSEPH
Weekend Argus Reporter

THE body of a former policeman has been found with bullet wounds in the head at a Zeekoeivlei picnic site.

Police identified the man as former detective Karel "Kallie" Nomdoe of Mitchell's Plain, formerly stationed at Philippi.

City council worker Cupido "Kip-

pie" Jaftha found the body at 9.50am yesterday at a picnic spot near the Aquatic Club.

Mr Jaftha, of the council's waste water treatment works, said he was doing his usual inspection round at the vlei when he saw the body.

"I was surprised to see a man sleeping on the grass but when I went closer, I saw blood on his head and knew

he was dead. I then telephoned the police," he said.

Police found four spent cartridges in a pool of blood on the scene and a pair of shoes which they suspect belonged to the victim.

Anybody with information may contact Detective-Sergeant John Johnson or Captain Leon le Grange on 705 2615.

Challenge of a gentler kind...

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

PARLIAMENTARIANS have been talking about challenges all week — political challenges, developmental challenges and economic challenges, but none of them was prepared for PAC punch-packer Patricia De Lille's challenge.

Rounding on MPs, the outspo-

ken Ms De Lille said: "No one has publicly followed the example of our state president to pledge a contribution to the poor and needy children of our country."

"I hereby pledge to contribute R1 000 a month to the fund established by President Mandela for the rest of my political office."

"And I challenge all parliamentarians to do the same."

Mitterrand to visit S...

PARIS. — French president Francois Mitterrand will visit South Africa from June 15-17, according to a timetable of his activities released here.

The Elysee presidential palace had no immediate comment on the timetable, which was published by the presidential press office yesterday.

The visit, which is expected to be officiated shortly, could be the first by a major world leader to South Africa — President Mandela's inauguration. — S. Reuter.

Mandela keen to facilitate Mid-East solution

TOS WENTZEL
Diplomatic Correspondent

AFTER his remarkable success as a kingpin in the making of the New South Africa, President Mandela may now be called on to help bring peace in the Middle East.

Mr Mandela is expected to visit the Middle East soon, amidst hopes that his experience of compromise and reconciliation could help in achieving a major breakthrough in the peace process there.

According to diplomatic sources Mr Mandela has expressed a strong interest in such a visit.

And in parliament yesterday, Minister of Foreign Affairs Alfred Nzo said the new government would undertake whatever action was possible to facilitate and promote a lasting peace between Israel and its neighbours.

Mr Mandela indicated interest in visiting the area in meetings with foreign heads of states and other mission leaders at the time of his inauguration recently, diplomats revealed this week.

He was also interested in visiting areas such as the ancient city of Jericho which has been placed under Palestinian control.

In the past Mr Mandela has met Yassar Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israeli president Ezer Weizman together.

He then expressed appreciation for the help the ANC had received from the PLO. But he also supported the concept of Israel as an independent state living in peace with its neighbours.

And he gave encouragement to the two sides in the difficult peace process Israel and the Palestinians are involved in.

Complicating the process is the intransigent attitude of countries such as Iran, Iraq and Libya to the existence of Israel.

One of the problems in a Middle East peace process was the resistance by some radical groups to the idea of compromise while the give and take of this process had been the key to success in South Africa.

There was also now the reconciliation process and the defusing of tensions in South Africa which was another example for the Middle East.

Mr Mandela's international popularity, recognition, credibility, along with his dignity and a talent for diplomacy are given as some of the qualities that would make it possible for him to carry a message to a region plagued by so much enmity.

At present Mr Mandela is one of the best-known and most popular leaders in the world and there are hopes that such a visit could take place in the next few months.

South Africa is keenly interested in the area. According to Mr Nzo the Middle East is of growing importance to South Africa. It represents a large and wealthy market for South African goods.



□ **HARD LIVING:** Gang leader Rashied Staggie with some of his followers shortly after police blitzed the area, searching people and homes.



□ **MEETING THE MINISTER:** Provincial police minister Patrick McKenzie shares a joke with members of the force at Manenberg police station before they set out to launch Operation Gangbust.

Anti-gangs operation

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his men to "show the people we can emulate our successes during the elections". He ran the police operation in the run-up to, and during last months elections.

He said making use of police from different divisions should "nullify the allegations of corruption. That is one of the things we discussed and are trying to prevent".

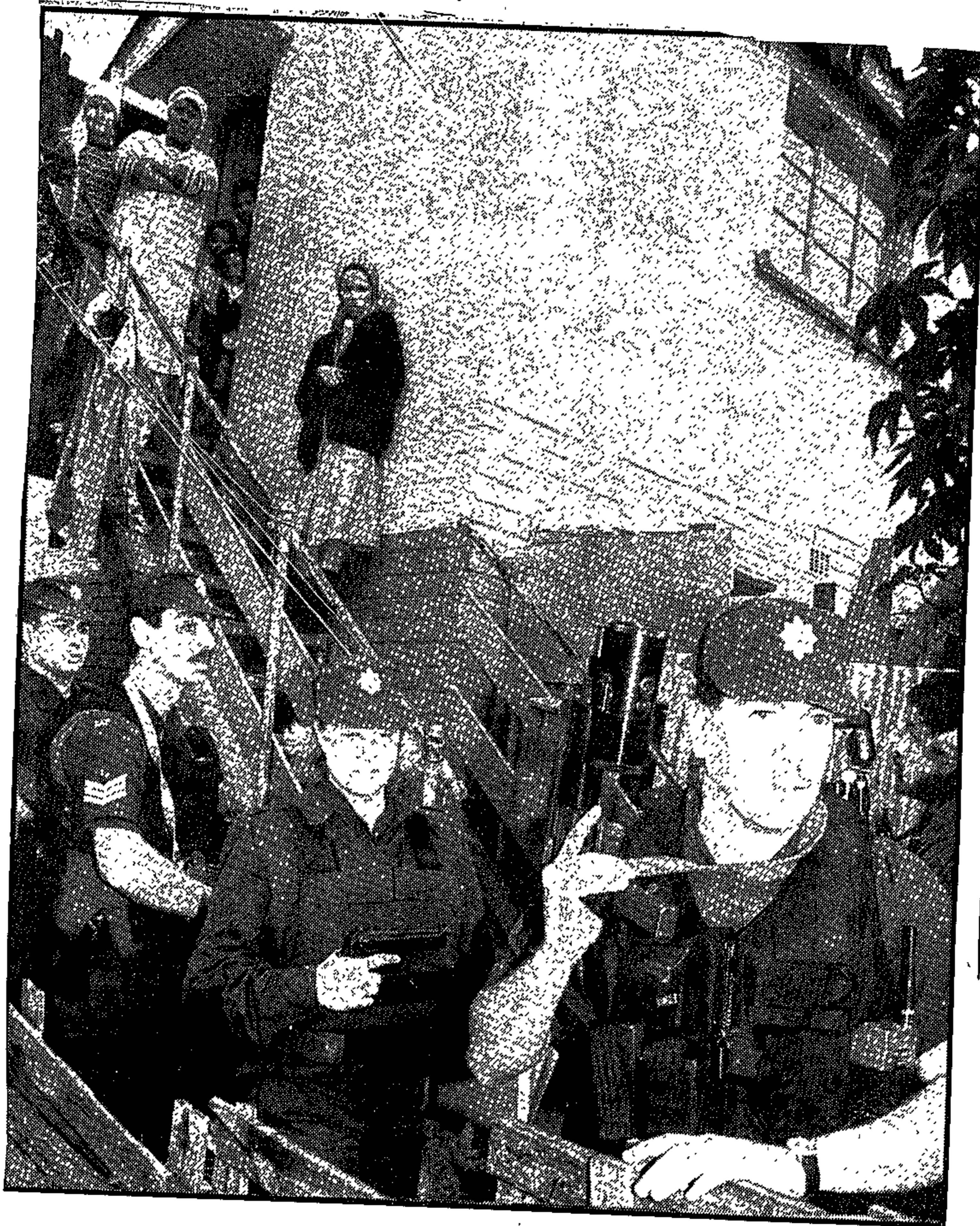
■ Late last night police liaison chief Colonel Raymond Dowd said: "There have been no gang-related incidents as

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yet. We measure our successes according to that."

He said police had already distributed 2 000 pamphlets and spoken to scores of residents in an attempt to put community policing firmly on the map.

■ The ANC in Manenberg have called on national police minister Sydney Mafumedi to step in, preferably by deploying the army in the area.

"Efforts to fight gangsters will come to nought if there are gangsters in blue," spokesman Irvin Kinnes said.



Pictures: LEON MÜLLER, The Argus.

□ **GANGBUSTERS:** Police surround a block of flats in Manenberg Avenue ... part of the large-scale Operation Gangbust involving 200 policemen.

Drive to replace violence with joy

Staff Reporter

AMID all the gang violence and killing in Manenberg, there is a group of people who believe most residents are tired of living in constant fear and want to experience the joys of life.

And they are doing something about it.

The Silvertree Community Welfare Centre, which offers

the area's youth a chance of improving their life skills through sport, education and other extra-mural activities, is organising a sports festival.

Director of the centre Frank Gutuza said the centre was worried about the recent spate of attacks, which has left two 17-year-olds dead over the past two days.

"But in spite of this we can't

let criminal elements continuously disrupt our lives.

"There are enough people in Manenberg who want to get on with their daily routines and chores, and we are reaching out to them to join us in bringing normality back to Manenberg.

"We are organising this festival and have involved a number of local schools and sports

clubs here and in other areas, because we want to show the world that not everybody supports violence and crime.

"Too many among our youth cannot play sport because of the shootings and the regular gang fights. This is an opportunity to normalise our society," said Mr Gutuza.

The festival starts today

Manenberg gang war: Plan for shared responsibility ⁽³⁵⁾

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□ Police want to involve community in decision-making

JOSEPH ARANES

Staff Reporter

MANENBERG police have worked out a plan they believe will provide a long-term solution to the area's continuing gang war, which has wrecked the lives of many residents.

Acting station commander Dirk Mentoor said the essence of the new strategy was shared responsibility.

"We want the community to decide jointly with the police how crime should be solved here."

The plan calls for representatives of different political parties and organisations in the area to serve on a joint management committee with the police, which will oversee the combating and prevention of crime under the station's jurisdiction.

"Once you have got the community involved in finding solutions you will get them involved in preventing and combating crime."

The management committee would meet at least once a week and problems would be tabled, including difficulties the police might have in certain areas.

"We will share this information and find solutions to the problems. This will be very effective because not only will the community be our eyes and ears."

Major Mentoor said the community and the police had been working together for the past two years on the Community Police Liaison Forum with some success.

"Both the police and the



SPEAKING TERMS: Hard Livings co-leader Rashied Staggie, left, speaks to police after a shooting at Red River Primary. He accused police of targeting the Hard Livings and ignoring other gangs in Manenberg.

Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

community organisations hold up our past achievements as examples of how community policing should be handled. The new plan will revolutionise this process even further.

"This plan will empower the community and allow them to sit with the station's management committee and jointly decide how best to handle the crime and gang activity in the area served by the police station.

"They will join us in the hot seat and together, on an equal footing, we will rid the community of the drive-by shootings, killings and other crime.

"We believe the image of the police will change immensely and the broader community will no longer view us as representatives of the government, but rather as their police.

"They won't look at us as being just another paramilitary

group bent on causing havoc, but will see us as a people's police force because they will have a say in how crime is handled and solved in the area."

Major Mentoor said police were confident crime would drop drastically once the plan was operational. Gangsters would have little chance, he said, as they would be viewed as obstacles to peace by their neighbours.

Gangbust plan causes bust-up with residents

REGIONAL police services minister Patrick McKenzie and national safety and security minister Sydney Mafumadi are on a collision course over the handling of the continuing problem of gang warfare in the Western Cape.

At issue is the launch on Friday of Mr McKenzie's Operation Gangbust, a strategy he described yesterday as the largest police operation yet to curtail gangsterism.

The strategy involves 200 policemen drawn from various units from all over the Peninsula. Their first operation on Friday night resulted in two arrests after four houses, 43 people and 10 cars were searched.

But local communities say they were never consulted and have sought an urgent meeting with Mr Mafumadi to discuss the issue.

Mr McKenzie believes the problem should be handled by the provincial authorities. However, statutory powers have not yet been devolved to the provinces there are indications that Mr Mafumadi plans to involve himself in resolving the gang problem.

By NAZEEM HOWA

Community worker Irvin Kinnes said Manenberg residents found Mr McKenzie's actions extremely arrogant.

Representatives from the forum met with Mr Mafumadi on Friday — virtually at the same time that Mr McKenzie was addressing his "gangbusters" — to discuss their unhappiness with Operation Gangbust.

Forum representatives are appealing to Mr Mafumadi to get the SA National Defence Force to intervene in the ongoing gang warfare instead of the police because of allegations of their complicity with the gangs.



GANG BUSTING? . . . Police speak to Manenberg residents during their gang raids on Friday
Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

'Peacemaker' Kinnes is still optimistic

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Mondli waka Makhanya

IRVIN KINNES sounds like a religious fanatic when he speaks about Manenberg. He talks of the desolate township — tucked away on the periphery of Cape Town — as if it were a booming holiday resort.

As convener of the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum, Kinnes faces the task of ending the bloody gang warfare in the township. Already several truces which he brokered with local ANC branch colleagues have collapsed. The last one lasted two months before faltering three weeks ago and sending Manenberg back to square one.

Kinnes is the social development organiser at Nicro's Manenberg branch. The job training and placement aspects that go with the job put him in daily contact with ex-offenders, many of whom are more than likely to slide back into gangsterism soon after they are released. He recently spent a month in London studying job creation programmes for ex-offenders.

Having grown up in Manenberg from the age of three, the 28-year-

old Kinnes admits he could have gone the same route as the gang members.

"We were poor. My father gave us a lot of problems as he was an alcoholic. But I didn't become a gangster like many of my friends."

Nor did he follow the route of others who like him got a tertiary education and moved out of the township, preferring to work in the community and serve as a role model.

He recently featured in a Channel Four documentary on gangsterism, in which he was contrasted with two ganglord brothers, Rashied and Rashad Staggie.

But maintaining contact with his now unsavoury childhood friends — "because there's always more good than bad in people" — has given him easy access to the world of gangsterism.

A former unionist is also the ANC branch's deputy chairman and chairs the Manenberg People's Centre, a community housing development organisation. Some of these organisations are setting up a development forum which will embark on upgrading projects. One is painting



Optimistic ... Irvin Kinnes

murals on the depressing face brick walls of flats, which are presently adorned with gangland graffiti.

Kinnes speaks optimistically about Manenberg, which is without doubt the most violent area in the Western Cape. "We want to make Manenberg the kind of place people want to move to. There's already so much life and vibrancy here," he says enthusiastically.

His two regrets are that the war has disrupted his soccer playing and given him little time to spend with his elderly parents.

"I feel guilty that I'm neglecting them, but somebody has to do the job," he says resignedly.

Manenberg residents vow to fight gangs

Staff Reporter

MANENBERG residents are thinking of forming self-defence units to protect themselves from gangsters.

This was one of the points to come out of a meeting of the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum last night. The forum comprises the major political parties, schools, youth clubs and civic associations.

Spokesman Irvin Kinnes said after last night's meeting a call had gone out to "legal gun owners to come forward to assist us".

He said armed "court committees" or "street committees" were envisaged. "We have got to be able to protect ourselves".

Mr Kinnes said the forum resolved to meet Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi to call for the deployment of the army and the establishment of an independent commission to investigate allegations of police complicity with gangs.

The forum was fiercely critical of the police's Operation Gangbust launched last Friday,

even though it was conceded that violent incidents had largely abated in the troubled township since then.

Provincial Police Minister Patrick McKenzie also came in for criticism.

Mr McKenzie had failed to discuss matters with relevant community organisations before embarking on Operation Gangbust which turned out to be "a damp squib".

"There has been no significant gun recovery and the gangs are still running around. In fact they even knew the police were coming," Mr Kinnes

said.

"We doubt if Mr McKenzie was serious about rooting out gangsters in our community.

"We will also call on the minister (Mr Mufamadi) to take steps to prevent known gangsters from being granted bail as soon as they are arrested. We want no night courts."

Finally, the forum resolved to take steps to project a "more positive" image of Manenberg. Calling on local business to help, it resolved to start organising community events beginning with a fun-run.

Manenberg a war zone again as truce fails 35

A truce that kept Manenberg peaceful before the elections has been shattered, and gang warfare is claiming lives again, writes **Mondli waka Makhanya**

IT works like clockwork. When dusk falls, residents of "coloured" Manenberg on the Cape Flats scurry indoors and prepare to listen to the music of gunfire.

And the next morning the taxi and train conversations are predictable. They revolve around who died, who was hospitalised and who went to jail the previous night.

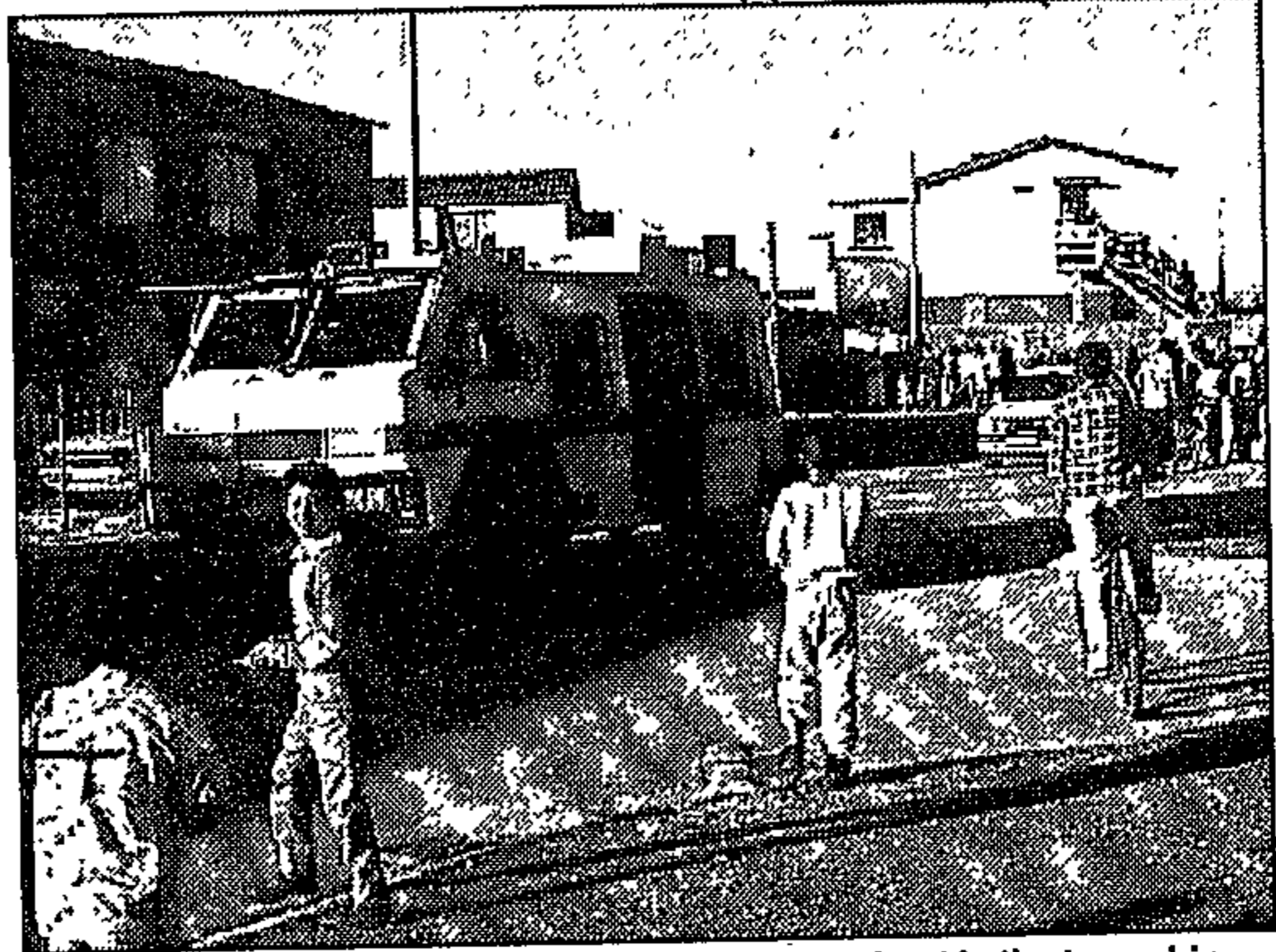
Gang fights had virtually ceased in the run-up to elections after a truce was brokered by local leaders. But three weeks ago, the rival Clever Kids and Hard Livings clashed at a local nightclub, and now nightly clashes take place.

After four deaths in two weeks, the terror in the township is tangible. It has wrought havoc on the community's social life and created no-go areas in an otherwise neighbourly community. Even schools have become war zones, with shootings and stabbings taking place on school grounds. Some church leaders involved in peace initiatives are even refusing to bury gang war victims.

The AK-47 has not yet become the norm — shotguns and R-1s are the most popular weaponry. The killings are correspondingly gruesome. Last week a handicapped youth who had friends in the Hard Livings was mowed down by members of the Clever Kids on his way back from a shebeen and was finished off as he lay writhing on the ground.

And although the enmities are certainly not political, the political over-spill has a familiar ring. There is a universal distrust of the police, particularly the Internal Stability Unit, and increasingly strident calls for the South African National Defence Force to replace it.

This war is even proving a poser



On patrol ... Police have launched Operation Gangbust in the township

PHOTOS: NIC BOTHMA

for the yet undefined relations between the national government and the National Party-run regional administration.

In a bid to stem the fighting and stamp his authority on the region, police services minister Patrick McKenzie launched Operation Gangbust, saturating Manenberg with policemen and sparking the opposition of community organisations, who say they were not consulted about the crackdown. Even the local NP branch, which is part of the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum, is opposed to the operation.

Local organisations want national Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi to intervene personally, something he has said he is keen to do.

While police claim success in the week-old operation — 18 arrests for drugs and vehicle theft — Operation Gangbust has united Manenberg against them. Policemen patrolling the streets are often accosted by residents complaining about harassment.

"These guys, maybe they think they are trying to do their job. But they overdo it and they are not doing it right," said one resident, who complained about police raids and body

searches. "If you search me in the street in front of everybody and you search my house what are people going to think of me?"

Charges of police corruption and kickbacks from gang leaders also abound in Manenberg and other Cape Flats townships. It is widely believed that the gangs were tipped off about the launch of the police operation and stashed their guns and drugs.

"There are a lot of allegations about police corruption and policemen informing for gangsters, but when we investigate we find no evidence of this. When we ask people to come forward with proof, they don't," said Colonel Raymond Dowd, a police spokesman.

The gang leaders operate, Mafia-style, by remote control from classier suburbs. They pay rent and buy groceries for their operatives in the townships, engendering a dependency. And they are ruthless with opponents, which intimidates potential witnesses.

"People just do not trust that the police will protect them if they come forward. Sometimes the community organisations have to protect them and that's not our job," said Irvin Kinnes, peace worker and ANC activist.

Special rape and children's court

BY VICKY STARK

A SPECIAL rape and children's court will be established by the Department of Justice in Mitchells Plain this year.

"In the new court, victims will no longer feel that the legal process was almost as dreadful as the act of violence itself," said the advocate

general of the Cape, Mr Frank Kahn, who started the process of establishing the special court in the area earlier this year.

While victims of rape and child molestation are dealt with in the present court system, the new court aims to ease the trauma at trials involving sexual offences.

"We need to treat the victims in such a way that they are not further damaged by the court process," Mr

Kahn said.

"Victims are entitled to more sophisticated treatment than they are getting. We must try to allay suspicion of the system.

"Where people are suspicious of the police, we liaise with private groups to whom these people might turn.

"They might, for example, approach an advice officer who will then contact us at the court.

"The victims will then be dealt with by a team of people who have become sensitised to their needs. They will ask, 'How do you feel? Tell me about it,' and be talked through the incident until they have overcome the initial trauma."

A team of medical professionals, prosecutors and social welfare officers will be employed at the Mitchells Plain court.

"If cases are dealt with as they

should be, the Department of Justice will, in time, be able to establish the real prevalence of the offence, give better sentences and eventually, if they do not stamp out the problem entirely, at least deal with it adequately," said Mr Kahn.

Problems with accommodation are delaying the establishment of the special court in Mitchells Plain.

The first court like this opened in Wynberg last year.

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Gangsterism probe deal

Crime Reporter

WESTERN CAPE Minister of Police Mr Patrick McKenzie has agreed to investigate the possibility of setting up an independent commission of inquiry into alleged police involvement in Cape Flats gangsterism.

This was said yesterday by a spokesman for the Manenberg Anti-crime Forum, Mr Faggie

Johnson, who added that Mr McKenzie had agreed to look into the possibility of deploying the Defence Force in Manenberg. (35) CT 7/6/94

Mr Johnson said: "We are happy with the outcome of the meeting because we have the minister's undertaking that something serious will be done to stop gangsterism. We have the minis-

ter's agreement that he will consult with us on a regular basis."

● Manenberg library, which has been closed for two months due to gang violence, is to open again on Monday, thanks to a deal brokered by Mr Chris Joubert. The council will have to spend R45 000 on security alterations to the building and R36 000 a year on security guards.

Talk clears air between forum and police chief

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RELATIONS between the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum and regional Police Minister Patrick McKenzie improved dramatically after the two sides met to discuss Manenberg's gang problem and police intervention.

Yesterday's meeting followed a war of words between the parties in which forum spokesman Irvin Kinnes said he doubted if the minister was serious about rooting out gangsters in Manenberg.

He called the police's highly publicised Operation Gangbust a "damp squib".

Deputy regional police commissioner Nick Snyman jumped to the minister's defence saying the attack on him was "unjustified" and "in poor taste" and he was convinced Minister McKenzie was serious about eliminating gangsterism.

The meeting was described by both sides as positive and overdue and although few details were released, the parties felt their relationship had improved considerably.

Forum spokesman Faggie Johnson said they put their demands to the minister who said he would discuss them with his generals.

The forum demanded the army be deployed in Manenberg, an independent commission be set up to investigate allegations of police complicity with gangsters, that a coherent and all embracing strategy be used to root out the gangs and that the community be consulted on all aspects of police work in the area.

"We had positive feedback from the minister on all our demands, but we decided not to discuss the outcome of the meeting with the Press other than to say it was a very positive meeting."

Minister McKenzie said the meeting was part of his three-point plan to combat gangsterism.

"The first part was to establish a visible police presence in Manenberg. The second prong was to consult with the different role players in the community and to lay the ground work for the final phase which will be the continuous consultation between the police and the community on how best to overcome the problem.

"We had fruitful discussions and understood each other much better. We agreed on certain issues immediately like the establishment of formal contact between us.

"They will nominate a person who will liaise directly with me and whom I will pass information to about police action in the area.

"We decided to give my strategy a chance and together will monitor the situation in Manenberg and if we see the plan is not working, the door will still be open for other possible solutions," Mr McKenzie said.

Minister wants to turn gangs into soccer teams

**MICHAEL MORRIS
and JOE ARANES**
Staff Reporters

WESTERN Cape Police Minister Patrick McKenzie is to ask Cape Town businesses to help him turn Cape Flats gangs into soccer teams.

He said he would approach the business community for help in funding sports facilities in deprived, gang-plagued areas.

And he has appointed a senior police officer to investigate one of two allegations made against policemen named in connection with complicity with the gangs.

Gang and community leaders told him at meetings this week that soccer and other sports could be effective in diverting the atten-

tion of gangsters.

Speaking after meeting about a dozen gang and community leaders at his Wale Street office, Mr McKenzie also:

● Promised "strong action" against policemen — who were named in yesterday's talks — if allegations of complicity in law-breaking were proved.

● Announced that he would recommend to regional Premier Her-nus Kriel a period of amnesty on unlicensed firearms to encourage gang members and others to hand them in without fear of arrest or conviction.

● Undertook to sustain dialogue with gangs and community leaders in a bid to find a lasting solution to gang violence and crime

and lay the basis for sound community/police relations.

● Appealed to employers to think twice before turning away job-seekers who had a criminal record. They had paid their dues to society and employment was the key to solve the gang problem.

None of the gang and community leaders at yesterday's meeting would give their names.

Mr McKenzie said most of them came to the meeting without telling their supporters and the process as a whole was "very sensitive". They were not gangs operating in Manenberg, he said.

He said six gang leaders he met on Monday told him they wanted to form soccer teams, but had no money nor facilities.

"We have no money either, but I said I would see what I could do."

This was something the business community could help with.

"This is where we can do something pro-actively, to see how we can develop sporting facilities for these people."

One of the community/gang leaders from Elsies River said: "In our area there are no facilities. The children have nowhere to play except in the streets. And that's where gangsterism begins."

Mr McKenzie said he had received an undertaking from the gang leaders he had met not to involve children in their activities, and to avoid drawing innocent people in their communities into gang fights.

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Referring to alleged police complicity with the gangs, he said he had been told of two allegations, one more serious than the other and the names of two "not-too-senior" policemen involved.

"Some of the people at the meeting were prepared to testify that the allegations were true. We will look at how substantial the allegations are and, while the iron is hot, investigate the matter.

"We want a solid case and know the truth before we go public with names and facts."

Mr McKenzie said the other allegation was not as serious, but the local police station was investigating the matter.

Gangs: M'berg demands action

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By Shannon Neill

"WHY should we negotiate with gangsters?" demanded angry Manenberg residents at a meeting in the area last week.

According to Ms Patricia Adams, chairperson of the Concerned Parents of Manenberg, talking is not enough: "We want the gangsters rooted out. We want the shooting stopped."

She said most of the gangsters were young and still had a chance to change their ways and get jobs before they fell victim to one of the senseless gang wars that have ravaged the community.

She promised the community would no longer tolerate them if they did not stop fighting.

"If we mothers don't put our feet down and say 'no more!' our children will continue to fall.

"From now if I see a gangster with a gun I will point him out," she vowed. (35)

She said the community wanted to live "in peace and love".

"You know the police can come, the army can come, Superman can come, but if we as the community don't work with them we will not get rid of the gangsters," she said.

The meeting broke up when gangsters, angered by verbal attacks from community members, got up and left.

● The following day a group of residents marched to parliament where five of them chained themselves to the gates.

Member of Parliament Mr Vincent Diba promised the protesters the South African National Defence Force would be brought into Manenberg to combat gangsterism if this was what the community wanted.

Police chief confident of revealing corruption

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ARLT 15/6/94

□ Public asked to help inquiry

ROGER FRIEDMAN
and JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporters

WESTERN Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie is confident he will soon have hard evidence that a "not too senior" policeman is on the pay-roll of a Cape Flats gang.

He said once he had the evidence he would ask Western Cape premier Hennis Kriel to appoint a judicial commission to investigate alleged police corruption and complicity with gangs.

And the minister revealed last night that two members of his family were knifed to death by gangsters in Manenberg years ago. One of them was also raped.

"When I speak to you I speak from my heart," he told about 200 people attending a Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum meeting.

Earlier, Mr McKenzie told The Argus that a secret investigation reporting directly to him could be the key to opening a Pandora's box of corruption and police complicity.

He was speaking after The Argus gave him a new list of allegations, compiled and sent to the newspaper by an anonymous policeman, alleging senior officers were enjoying the fruits of organised crime.

Last week the minister was given the names of two allegedly corrupt "not too senior" policemen after a series of meetings with gang and community leaders.

Mr McKenzie said one of these cases had been handled

"departmentally" but the other "more serious" one could lead to the appointment of a judicial commission.

"It involved a policeman on the take... money is involved," was all the minister would say.

"I am getting the officer (handling the secret investigation) to report directly to me because I want to be convinced we have an open-and-shut case.

"Once I have those facts I will go to the prime minister and ask for a judicial commission of inquiry."

Mr McKenzie said he was pinning his hopes on the case under investigation.

"If I can just obtain proof on one count I don't need to do the others -- I can pass them on to the commission," he said.

The minister said he was confident he would obtain the required proof.

Mr McKenzie begged people at last night's meeting: "If there are police you know who are involved in corruption, on the pay-roll of gangsters, or who park their vans in front of shebeens the whole day, give their names and information directly to me. I'm putting the ball in your court."

Meanwhile, police have made significant breakthroughs in their fight against crime in gang-infested Manenberg since the launch of Operation Gangbust three weeks ago.

Liaison chief Raymond Dowd said there had been a "marked decrease" in all forms of crime in the area.

Gang-related violence had virtually dried up, apart from two incidents this week.



Pictures. ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

RESIDENT: Manenberg district National Party chairwoman and member of the Anti-Crime Forum Marlene Russo, above, raises a point at the Silvertree Youth Centre.

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MINISTER: Western Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie, right, was well received by Manenberg residents at an Anti-Crime Forum report-back at Silvertree Youth Centre.



Police chief revamps liaison forums

Staff Reporters

COMMUNITY-POLICE liaison forums in the region are set to undergo a "radical" shift in emphasis, says Western Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie.

"The forums will change radically. They should not only consist of a few policemen and their friends but must represent the whole community," Mr McKenzie told Manenberg residents last night.

"High-handed policing is past. We don't work for the

police any more -- they work for us. They must deliver a service to us."

A civilian would head each forum and Mr McKenzie said he was drawing up criteria for how the forums would operate.

The forum heads would be democratically elected by the community, at a date to be announced soon by the minister.

Mr McKenzie said no new forums or commissions at provincial level would be appointed without his approval.

"My position as local minister of police means I need first-hand information of such appointments."

He added: "I feel I'm the only guy vigorously pursuing community policing in the country."

On the subject of community policing, he said: "I am not looking for informers... rather people speaking out of their own conviction, for their own security and the safety of their children. They will give information."

Secret probe of police collusion

Political Staff

A SECRET investigator of alleged police collusion with gangsters is reporting to Western Province detective chief Colonel Nick Snyman.

This was confirmed yesterday by Colonel Raymond Dowd, spokesman for provincial Police Services Minister

Mr Patrick McKenzie.

Col Dowd said the speech Mr McKenzie made at a meeting of Manenberg residents earlier this week had boosted "gang-busting" operations with more people giving information.

He said Colonel Snyman was confident at least one policeman was on the payroll of a

gang.

However, he strongly denied rumours that the new minister wanted to "hang out to dry" a senior policeman for corruption to gain quick credibility and prevent more deep-seated "rot" from being exposed.

He emphasised that Mr McKenzie had said that once he was in possession of hard

facts, he would ask Premier Mr Hernus Kriel to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into police corruption.

Col Dowd confirmed that the corruption probe focused on the Athlone police district.

Since the start of the "gang-busting" operation in Manenberg, 156 people have been arrested.

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Police Minister McKenzie keeps tabs on gangs himself

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Staff Reporters

THE Minister is listening in.

Western Cape Police Minister Patrick McKenzie is so consumed by festering gangsterism on the Cape Flats that he drives around the deserted streets at night listening to the portable police radio he carries in his car.

"I don't just want to be a Minister in the office, I want closer contact with the police ... to be part of the police and the community," he said.

"I want the community to know police at the highest level are interested in their plight.

"This is all part of my hands-on approach ... I am completely involved."

The Minister's resolve is heightened by the fact that two of his own family fell prey to gangster's knives in Manenberg in the past.

Mr McKenzie said he found it disturbing that gangsters appeared to be resorting to new strategies, including drive-by shootings, to sow fear in their communities.

Police would concentrate on gun recovery once "we've cleaned up the inside and brought the community under control".

"We need a complete new look at roadblocks. There is no other way for guns to come into Manenberg."

Mr McKenzie added that with information pouring into the police caravan from the community since the launch of Operation Gangbust three weeks ago, police had been able to identify "certain houses" where gangsters were active.

He promised house-to-house searches in the future would concentrate on these dwellings first.



Picture: LEON MÜLLER, The Argus.

TUNED IN: Police Minister Patrick McKenzie is on the ball ... he carries a police radio in his car at night so he can keep tabs on what is happening in gang-riddled areas.

But, said Mr McKenzie, while driving through the deserted streets at 2am on Sunday two weeks ago he had been struck by the filth in the streets.

"When I came in on the Monday morning I asked my secretary to draft a letter to the city

council to ask them to clean up the community.

"If we clear gangsterism, the city council must do their part in upliftment.

"I, myself, will go in with a black garbage bag ... so we can look at the whole environment and bring back some pride."

Held prisoner by the gun

Shopping for firearm

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Newspapers and television daily report about the killings in Rwanda or Bosnia. Most people don't even read or listen to this because they don't understand why. But when people are killed in Cape Town neighbourhoods, the reason perhaps is that it is too easy to get a gun, VICKY STARK reports:

GUNFIRE rings through the ears of thousands of Manenberg residents almost every night.

They have become prisoners in their own homes because they fear they will be shot and killed by gun-wielding gangsters.

The police say there have been 256 gun related murders in the Western Cape region since the beginning of this year.

Ricardo Hendricks, 20, of Manenberg, became a number in that statistic two weeks ago.

"He was sitting on the pavement when four boys walked by and one shot him three times," said his



TARGET PRACTICE: Honing the skill of self-defence? Or mastering murder?

mother, Mrs Lorraine Hendricks.

She described her son as a happy, peace-loving child who was not a gangster. "Why did they have to shoot him?"

"I grew up in the centre of Cape Town and there were no gangsters

there. When people fought, at

worst, they would have fist fights now they use guns.

"Life means nothing anymore. Everybody walks around with a gun. It's so easy to get one," she said.

HOW EASY is it to obtain a firearm legally?

South African Police spokesperson, Sergeant Vima Louw, said the first stop is the gun shop.

"The prospective gun owner should select the gun," she said. "The person who sells the gun, will provide the customer with an application form for a licence."

The applicant must take the form to the police station.

"The form and the applicant's identity document will be sent to Pretoria," Sergeant Louw said.

A firearm may not be granted if the applicant has a criminal record. When the licence is granted, police take it to the gunsmith who notifies the applicant, she said.

"Some gunshop owners require customers to pass basic tests."

But competency and psychological tests are not a prerequisite for the police.

Licensed to kill

POLICE have no records of how many gun licences they've issued in the Western Cape.

And judging by two people with guns, gunshop owners seem to be more responsible about firearm ownership than the police.

After surviving the trauma of numerous assaults and robberies, Miss Maria Smith, of Athlone, went to a range where she learnt to shoot and dismantle and clean a gun before buying a firearm.

Before getting her licence, she did a competency test and had a 90-minute interview with an officer at the Athlone police station.

She obtained a special permit to carry her revolver on the train. Would she shoot to kill?

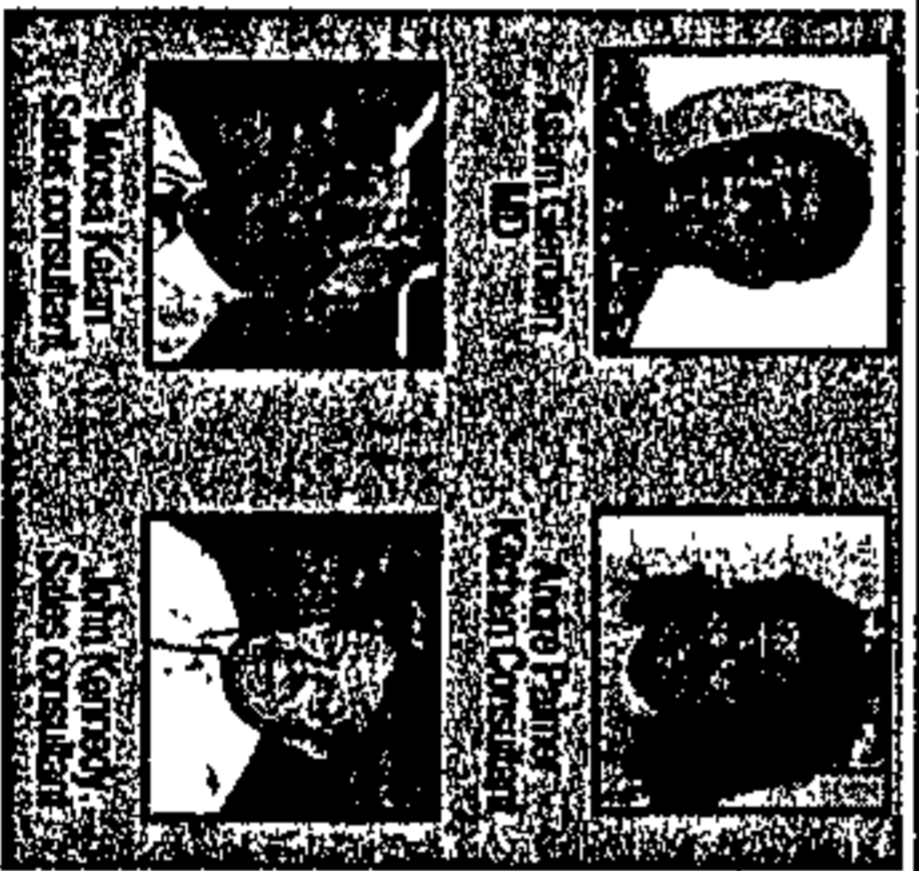
"I was trained to shoot and wound," Miss Smith said.

Mr Sean van Horsten, 24, bought his Rossi revolver from an acquaintance who took him to the Rondebosch police station.

"I got a temporary licence after giving them my personal details and got the gun immediately. I waited for four months for my permanent licence," he said.

"They didn't ask whether I knew how to use the gun or whether I knew the regulations that go with owning one."

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TEENAGE TERROR STALKS BELLVILLE

BY BARBARA-ANN BOSWELL

WITHIN the short space of two months, Bellville South has changed from a quiet, relatively safe suburb to a place where residents are harassed by teenage gangsters and fear for their lives.

A resident told how he was shot at in broad daylight by a group of young children.

"These children had home-made guns, made of long pipes," said the resident, who does not want to be identified.

"One had a real gun, and they were just running up and down, shooting.

"I didn't even have a chance to run or hide. I was lucky nothing happened to me.

"Most of the gangsters are youngsters from the community. I work with their parents. Their own fathers are scared of them."

According to community organisations, gang violence was unheard of in Bellville South two months ago. Since then a 17-year-old youth, Edward Farao, has died in a gang shooting.

Last weekend two 17-year-old boys, who may not be identified,



CHILD'S PLAY: Bellville residents live in fear of young gangsters

were also shot. They are being treated at the Tygerberg hospital.

The Internal Stability Unit has also been deployed in the area.

A spokesperson for the Bellville Gang Unit, Captain Jan Louw, said most gangsters arrested were between 12 and 16 years old.

"They are deeply involved with gangs, and are influenced and used by gang leaders," he said.

Mr Anthony Daniels of the ANC office in Bellville said the area between Oop Street, Werda Street and Industry Road had become an open battleground for gangsters.

"Certain gangsters are protecting shebeens in the area, and the fact that most of the fights take place outside the shebeen points to shebeen rivalry," he said.

He said gangs like the Hard

Living's, the Fanta Kids, the Nice Time Kids and the Terrible Schoolboys were also running a protection racket among taxi drivers.

Mr Daniels said religious leaders, taxi owners, school principals, the police and other members of the Bellville community would be meeting soon to discuss ways to make the area safer.

'Most of the gangsters are youngsters from the community. Their own fathers are scared of them.'

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Meanwhile, the Bellville Gang Unit and the community met last week, and agreed to the following measures to combat gang violence:

- Areas hardest hit by gang violence would be identified.
- More patrols would be sent to these areas.
- Police would become much more visible in Bellville South.
- Regular house searches would be conducted.

Captain Louw said the police could only stop the problem with the co-operation of the community, and urged the public to phone 951-3510 if they knew of any gang related incidents.

Give peace a chance, cries gang-infested Manenberg

JOSEPH ARANES
Weekend Argus Reporter

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"GIVE peace a chance", is the new cry from gang-infested Manenberg.

The chorus is being led by the area's Anti-Crime Forum.

Comprising 14 religious, political, educational, civic and community structures, the forum devised a three-week holiday programme for local youths to maintain peace in the neighbourhood.

Forum spokesman Faggie Johnson said the holiday programme would be followed by long-term plans that were still being honed.

"We started the programme this week because it was school holidays and many of the youths have little to do other than to stand on street corners.

"The programme, which offers a range of activities including sports tournaments, creative art classes and modelling, ends on July 16 with a fun run and cultural show featuring local bands and talents.

"We are giving the youth of Manenberg a chance to take part in creating a peaceful community and, since the programme started, many have responded favourably."

Mr Johnson said that once the programme ended, the forum would pursue its plans to draw gang members into other constructive activities.

"We see this programme as the first phase which leads to the developmental phase in which we will actively involve gang members in rehabilitation, job creation and life skills programmes.

Police-gangster complicity probe

MICHAEL MORRIS

Political Correspondent

INVESTIGATIONS into alleged police complicity in gangsterism on the Cape Flats is the subject of a meeting today between Western Cape Police Minister Patrick McKenzie and the two most senior officers in the region.

Regional Commissioner General Nic Acker and Brigadier Quinton Visser were expected to give Mr McKenzie an update on a probe into claims of police being involved in gang activities. ARG 4/7/94

One of two cases that came to light after talks with gang leaders last month has been handled departmentally, but the second "more serious" case required a fuller inquiry.

Mr McKenzie, who is interrupting his holiday for today's meeting, is understood to be concerned at delays in finalising this case.

256 arrested in crackdown on gangsters

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Staff Reporter

POLICE have arrested more than 250 people during Operation Gangbust in the past month.

There were claims that gangs had been tipped off by crooked policemen about the first huge raid in Manenberg at the end of May involving 200 policemen, when no guns or drugs were recovered.

Announcing the arrests today, police spokesman Raymond Dowd said Operation Gangbust had a long-term goal and these were short-term results.

Colonel Dowd said police had manned 37 roadblocks in June during which 296 vehicles had been searched.

Fifty-eight house searches were conducted and 1 094 people were body-searched.

Among the 256 people arrested were eight for the possession of unlicensed firearms, 12 for assault, six for armed rob-

bbery, five for vehicle theft, one for rape and 74 for drug dealing.

A 16-year-old youth was arrested in connection with a murder.

Police took possession of eight unlicensed guns, three stolen vehicles and more than 80 bullets.

More than 1 300 Mandrax tablets with a street value of about R20 220 and 18 kg of dagga were confiscated.

● Regional commissioner of police Major-General Nic Acker and Brigadier Quinton Visser are to meet Western Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie today to discuss the investigation into two alleged cases of police complicity in gang activities.

Colonel Dowd said that according to his information one of the alleged offences was of a serious criminal nature while the other was "a departmental offence".

Ambulance services disrupted by protest

JENNY VIAL
Staff Reporter

AMBULANCE services were disrupted in Cape Town today when ambulance workers refused to go on duty with beach constables.

The beach constables completed a three-week intensive training course and were to start working today with the ambulance service for the winter months.

Ambulance workers say they were not consulted on the moves. They are also unhappy that the beach constables are to get a five percent pay increase.

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Rod Douglas, chief officer of

Cape Ambulance Rescue Services, said the South African Municipal Workers' Union and the council had negotiated the new deal.

An ambulanceman said: "We work in pairs as a team and now they are splitting us up."

Mr Douglas said: "I sympathise with them when it comes to splitting up partnerships but once the constables find their feet we will put them back with their partners."

"All I am asking is that in their own interests and the interests of the community they put their grievances aside so that we can get more people on the road."

McKenzie now 'happy'

By CHRIS BATEMAN
Political Staff

WESTERN CAPE Police Services Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie said yesterday he was "happy" with the probe into alleged police collusion with Cape Flats gangs.

This was after an hour-long meeting with Lieutenant-General Nic Acker, Regional Police Commissioner.

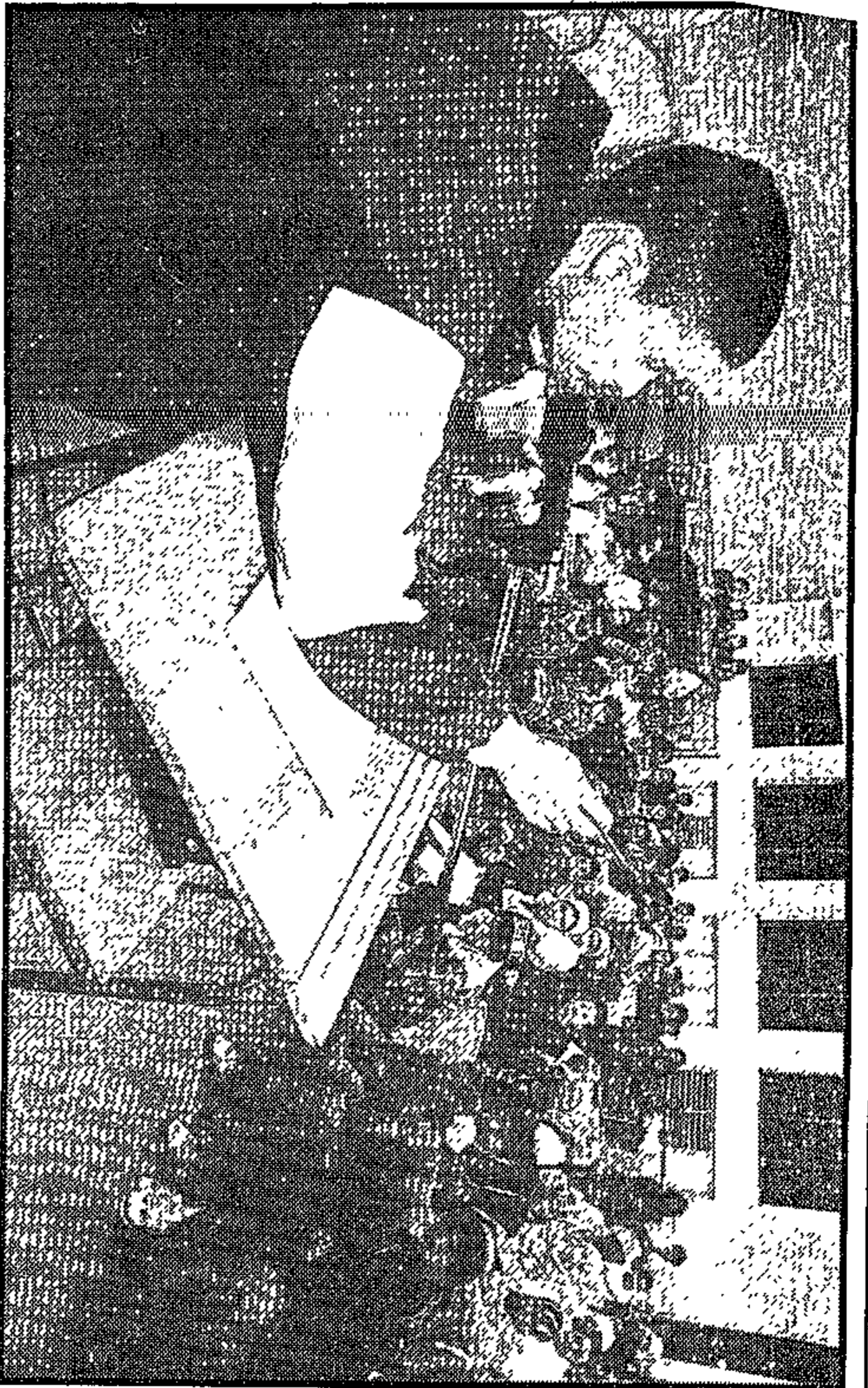
It followed weekend reports that Mr McKenzie "summoned" General Acker and his deputy, Major-General

Nick Snyman, to explain why their probe was "taking so long", when they had appointed a senior officer to it two months ago.

The reports also quoted Mr McKenzie as saying he wanted "something we can release to the public to show them that we are doing something about the problem".

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His spokesman, Captain Dirk Odenaal, said yesterday Mr McKenzie had received an interim report and was "happy with the investigation so far".





Picture: HANNES THIART, The Argus.

WAR ON GANGS: Co-chairman of the Hout Bay Gangsterism Eradication Committee Timothy Jacobs speaks at a community meeting in a Hout Bay school hall last night.

ON A ROLL: Hout Bay resident Jennifer Hendricks urges her neighbours to break the scourge of gangsterism in the fishing village.

Independent commission to probe

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PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

AN independent, community-based commission comprising professionals and clergy will investigate gangsterism in Hout Bay.

About 150 residents who attended a meeting convened by the Hout Bay Gangsterism Eradication Committee (GEC) last night decided to

invite local lawyers, teachers and church ministers to form such a commission.

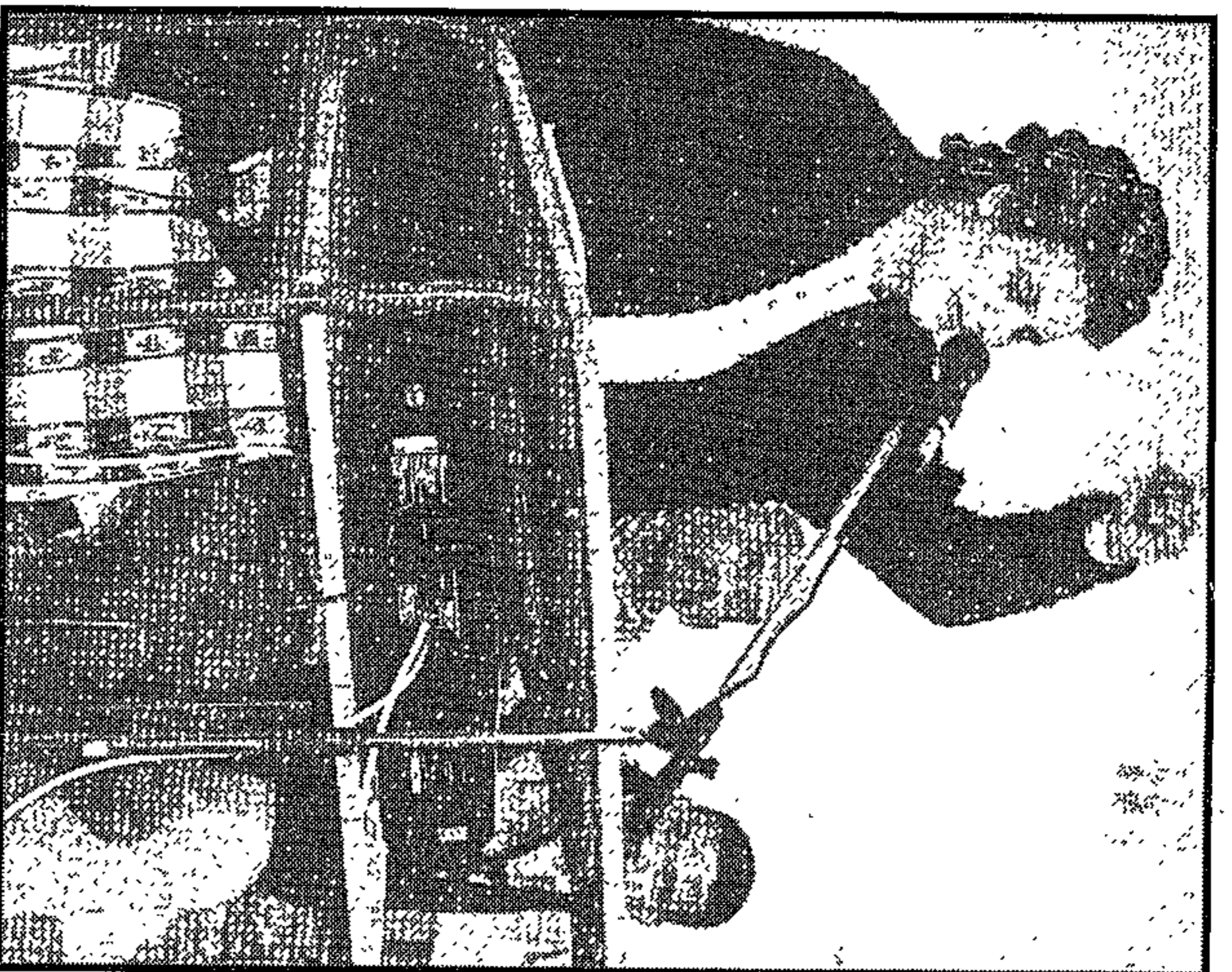
The action follows weekend clashes in the fishing village between rival gangs that are believed to be off-shoots of Cape Flats gangs.

In one incident a Mitchell's Plain teenager, Gurshen Nathan, 15, jumped into the sea after he was attacked by a gangster. Police found the

youth struggling in the sea about 60m offshore.

GEC co-chairman Timothy Jacobs said the commission, among other things, would investigate charges of police complicity in gang activities.

At the meeting, marked by emotional pleas from speakers who said gangsterism was tearing the community apart, Hout Bay residents also decided to form a neighbourhood watch to patrol the



Hout Bay gangsterism

The meeting also called for the withdrawal of the police internal stability unit from the suburb's streets.

Mr Jacobs said members of his committee would meet Western Cape police minister Patrick Mackenzie to discuss the people's demands.

"We are one big family in Hout Bay. If one child dies

streets at night. Patrols began last night.

"Today people are getting killed all around us — and it is our own children who kill people. If we want peace we must work at it ourselves."

we are all sad," said a speaker at the meeting.

Joseph Moyer, a Hout Bay resident since 1958, recalled the days when residents could walk from Hout Bay to Chapman's Peak without fear.

Policemen shot at, stoned as gangs rampage in Manenberg

JOSEPH ARANES (35)
Staff Reporter ARU 12/7/94

A POLICE anti-gang patrol in Manenberg came under gunfire and stoning as gangsters went on the rampage after a funeral, attacking taxi drivers and passengers and fighting in the streets.

The attacks yesterday followed a funeral service for the brother of a Clever Kids gang member. The service was held in a rival gang's territory.

Shots were fired at the police, minibus taxis were stopped and drivers and passengers robbed and assaulted as gang violence erupted yesterday.

The funeral service for Donovan McClean, 15, was held in the Catholic Church which is in the heart of Hard Living territory.

A passenger in one of the taxis said about 6pm she was in a taxi that stopped near Aletta Court, Manenberg.

"Police were standing all over the

place but once the taxi stopped, gangsters arrived, some with guns, and beat up the driver, while the police stood and watched. They never responded to our calls for help."

A taxi driver said she was stopped in full view of police who had not helped.

"They just stood there and watched while the gangsters stabbed my fare collector and took my identity document and taxi permit.

"To make matters worse, when I reported the matter at the police station and gave them the number plate of the police vehicle parked near where the incident occurred, the policeman would not take the details."

Sergeant Grootboom said although there were quite a large number of policemen patrolling Manenberg, the gangsters kept firing and stoning them.

He said "in the circumstances it was better not to act against the gangsters as more people could have been seriously injured".

CAPE FLATS

When life turns ugly

Family decides to move on, to escape the gang violence

(35) ARG 13/7/94

LIFE on the Cape Flats is tough. Whether you are unemployed and trying to scrape together a living for yourself and family or if you have a decent job and a modest place to call home.

It seems as if all the problems life has to offer are blown into your path once you move onto its wind-swept sand dunes.

In most areas recreational facilities are non-existent, crime and gang activity are part of everyday life and, worst of all, it seems as if no one in power, either in government or at city council level, cares about your plight.

The area was developed to house the thousands of so-called coloureds who were forced out of their homes in places like District Six, Claremont, Harfield, Wynberg and Goodwood under apartheid's Group Areas Act.

It was more like a giant hostel — a collection of dormitory towns — to house the thousands of workers the region's industry depended upon and today thousands use it for that very purpose because there is little else for them to do.

Thousands of children growing up in these areas join gangs and turn to crime in a bid to get money to escape the harsh realities of the place and this, in turn, impacts negatively on those who are trying to make a decent, honest living under difficult conditions.

Jeremy October, who lives in the more affluent suburb of Portlands in Mitchell's Plain, said during his short life he had witnessed the best and the worst life on the Cape Flats had to offer.

"I was only two years old when my family was uprooted from Steurhof and dumped into a one-bedroomed house in Retreat.

"My father was devastated and promised he would find a better house for us to live in."

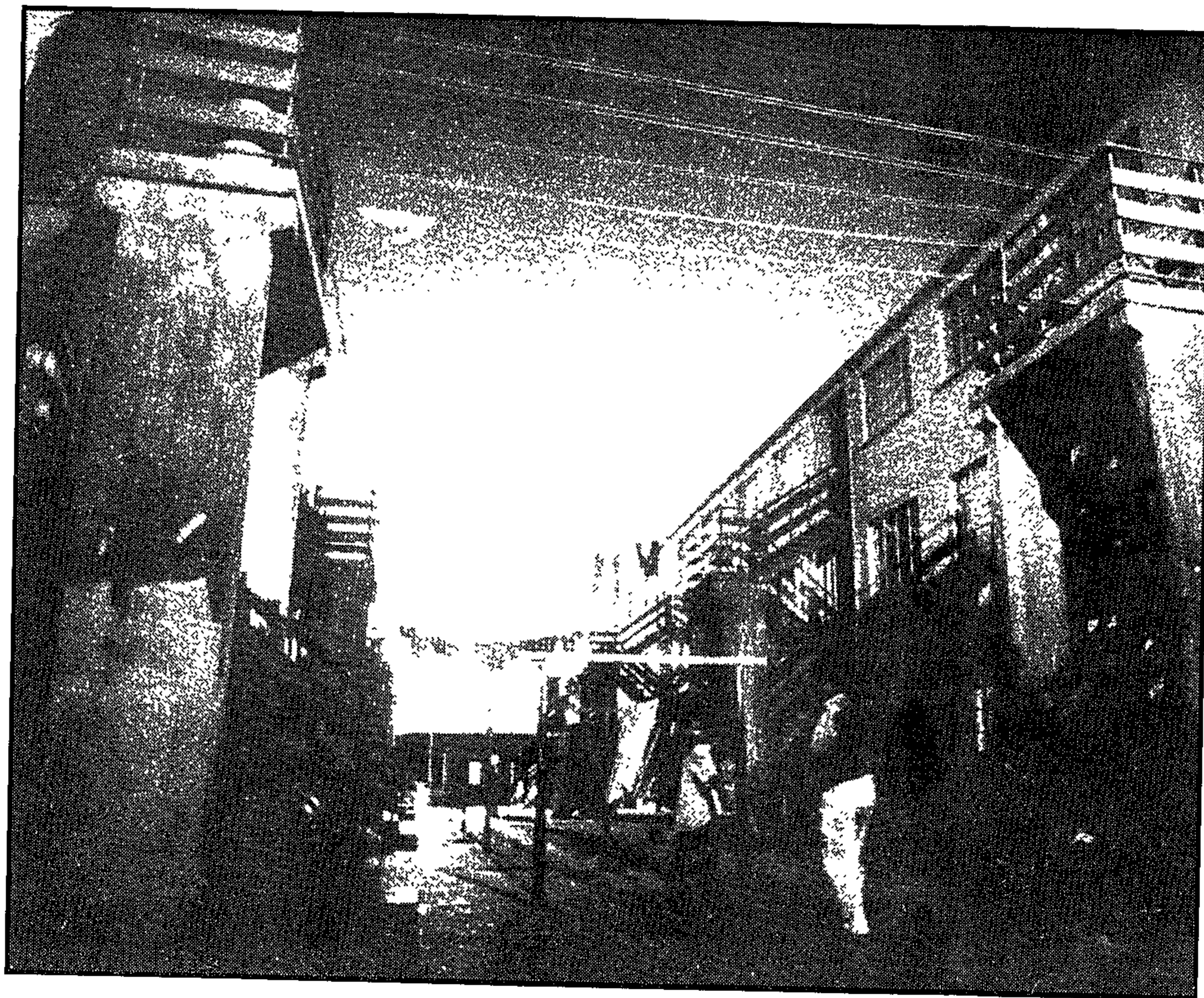
Three long years later and the October family, three sons and two daughters, moved into a three-bedroomed house in Ottery.

"I can vaguely remember the move, but clearly recall how happy we were. The area was beautiful and peaceful.

"The neighbours were all very friendly and us children could play freely outside. On Sundays we would all go to church and after lunch would visit the neighbours.

"On warm summer nights

Crime and gangsterism have wrecked the lives of thousands of families living on the Cape Flats. Earlier this week gangsters went on the rampage in Manenberg stopping taxis and robbing and assaulting passengers. In Hout Bay residents have formed a neighbourhood watch to counter gang activity in the area. Meanwhile the lives of thousands of honest, hard-working families are disrupted because it seems no-one can eradicate the problem completely. Staff Reporter JOSEPH ARANES talks to the October family of Mitchell's Plain.



GANGLAND: Dusk on the Cape Flats. Residents of sub-economic homes settle down for the night behind locked doors. Many youngsters, faced with a bleak future, have turned to crime.

we would lay on the roof-tops and watch the movies being shown at the drive-in theatre. We had great fun until one day all that started to change."

A new high-density housing scheme was built less than a hundred metres from where they lived.

"The authorities moved in people from the surrounding shanty settlements of Retreat, Steenberg and those who were forced out of Dis-

trict Six. But beside building additional schools, nothing else was provided for the residents.

"Soon gang activity destroyed the social structure of our neighbourhood. Families remained indoors and the only time we could play with our friends was while we were at school.

"As we grew older the gangsters started harassing us. They stole our bicycles and on three occasions, I was

stripped of my clothing. Life just became ugly.

"My parents wanted to move but did not have the money, instead they sent my brothers to live with relatives and battled on to get us through school."

Jeremy stayed on in Ottery until eight years ago when he married and bought his own house in the quiet Mitchell's Plain suburb.

Little did he know the whole ugly cycle would re-

peat itself.

"We moved into the area confident we left the spectre of the gangs behind and for the first three to four years, it seemed as if we had.

"The community itself was new, but soon a closeness and bond developed between the neighbours. The women would regularly have their housewives meetings and the men would visit and talk sport and have a few drinks.

"The area was clean and

there were playing fields and parks for the children. We were all friends and knew each other and felt safe until one brutal event shattered all our dreams and hopes.

"A 16-year-old neighbourhood girl, Jermaine Abrahams, was brutally tortured and murdered in her home while she was preparing to go to school."

The young girl was throttled twice, stabbed 28 times and her killers, Sandra Smith and Yassiem Harris, slit her throat.

They were executed in 1989.

"This really shocked the neighbourhood and immediately thereafter, everybody was putting up fences, installing alarm systems and security gates and bars.

"We traded our little poodle for two rottweilers and virtually transformed our home into Fort Knox.

"The friendly visits stopped and it was back to the old life. You get up in the morning go to work, come back home at night, lock up the house, eat and sleep.

"Gangs also started operating in the area and threatened and robbed the children and some of the adults in broad daylight. Cars and houses were also regularly broken in to. It seemed the police were unable to stop the rise in crime."

The men formed a neighbourhood watch to stem the spiralling crime. They patrolled the area at night to deter the gangsters.

"This plan worked well and we caught a couple of guys and took them to the police station and although no charges were laid, it was a way of getting them out of the area.

"But four months ago, my wife and myself adopted twin girls and decided it was time to move on.

"We went through the mill and know what it is like — it won't be correct of us to raise our daughters in a violent situation like this.

"We are going to move and hopefully find a place we can finally call home safe home," Jeremy said.

Taxi drivers in protest against gangland violence

□ 'Let me drive in peace' poster voices drivers' concerns

PIETER MALAN (35) ARLT 13/1/94
Staff Reporter

TAXI drivers on routes through gang-infested Manenberg staged a mobile protest to highlight the effects of gang violence on the area and the taxi industry in particular.

The parade moved through the streets, with blaring hooters, each minibus sporting a poster voicing drivers' concerns.

"Let me drive in peace," declared a poster, while others reminded gangsters of the vital service taxis provided to the community.

Taxi guard Trevor Bakkes is living proof of the dangers of driving a taxi in a suburb almost controlled by gangs who have turned to protection rackets as a source of income and intimidation.

On Monday gangsters pulled him out of his vehicle and beat him up.

Trouble flared in the area after a funeral service for a rival gang member's brother in the heart of "Hard Living" territory.

"Some of the gangsters stopped us and demanded money," said Mr Bakkes. "They wanted us to pay them to ensure our safety in the area."

Chairman of the Manenberg Taxi Association Nassaurdien Palmer said: "We believe the cavalcade has made residents realise taxi owners and drivers are serious about getting rid of the gangs."



Picture: HANNES THIART, The Argus.

MOBILISING FORCES: Angry taxi drivers wave their placards at motorists on Duinefontein Road, Manenberg, to protest against gang violence in the area.

Earlier yesterday drivers called for the police force in the area to be removed and replaced by national defence force members.

At a meeting in the Manenberg People's Centre yesterday, 50 drivers and their guards discussed gangs' protection rackets.

The drivers decided to seek community support in their fight against gangsterism and decided to become part of the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum.

They also voted not to operate vehicles on the days leading up to Saturday's march to highlight their plight.

Manenberg police spokesman Jannie Grootboom, who attended the meeting, said it was a difficult situation, one the police could not solve alone.

Sergeant Grootboom said arrangements had been made for more police patrols along the taxi routes.

Few calls about taxi rank move

Staff Reporter

ONLY a few commuters have so far telephoned the mayor's office to complain about the proposed new rank for taxis on the deck of Cape Town station.

Taxi drivers who are campaigning for the retention of the Strand Street rank have placed bold posters on and in their vehicles, inviting commuters who support them to call mayor Patricia Kreiner. The posters display the mayor's telephone number.

Assistant city council public relations officer Dulcie Perks said the mayor's staff were handling the complaints in between "hundreds" of other telephone calls.

She said: "Staff have been told to note down the callers name and nature of the complaint. The complaints will be discussed at the next liaison meeting between the City Council and taxi associations."

Two vehicles stolen in Peninsula hijacks

Crime Reporter

TWO vehicles have been hijacked in separate incidents in the Peninsula, adding to fears about the spread of this type of robbery.

Vehicle hijackings in the Peninsula showed a sharp increase recently when 21 commercial vehicles were hijacked in one week.

At midnight on Monday taxi driver Basil Chindikano, 32, was kidnapped in the harbour by hijackers who flagged him down, pretending to be clients.

A police spokesman said four armed men stopped Mr Chindikano, hit him and robbed him of R200 before forcing him in the back of his vehicle.

They drove the slightly injured Mr Chindikano to Khayelitsha where he contacted the police.

The taxi, a Nissan Sentra, CA 71671, is still missing.

● About 2.30am yesterday an armed gang hijacked a panel van after threatening the driver, Abduragham Brenner, in Disa Road, Philippi.

The five men pulled Mr Brenner out of his vehicle and sped off. No arrests have been made.

Police have intensified patrols in problem areas on the Cape flats and have warned drivers to be on the lookout for suspicious-looking people at intersections.

Building workers in wage protest

Staff Reporter

MORE than 1 000 building workers from six trade unions gathered today at the Building Industrial Council (BIC) offices on the Foreshore to demand wage increases.

The noisy crowd handed their list of demands to the Master Builders Association.

The unions are the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, Building Workers Union, Construction and Allied Workers Union, South African Operative Masons Society and South African Woodworkers Union.

Apollo Sea's owners in call for 'evidence'

THE owners of the Apollo Sea — reported to have sunk with all its crew off the Western Cape coast — have asked for proof that the vessel has foundered.

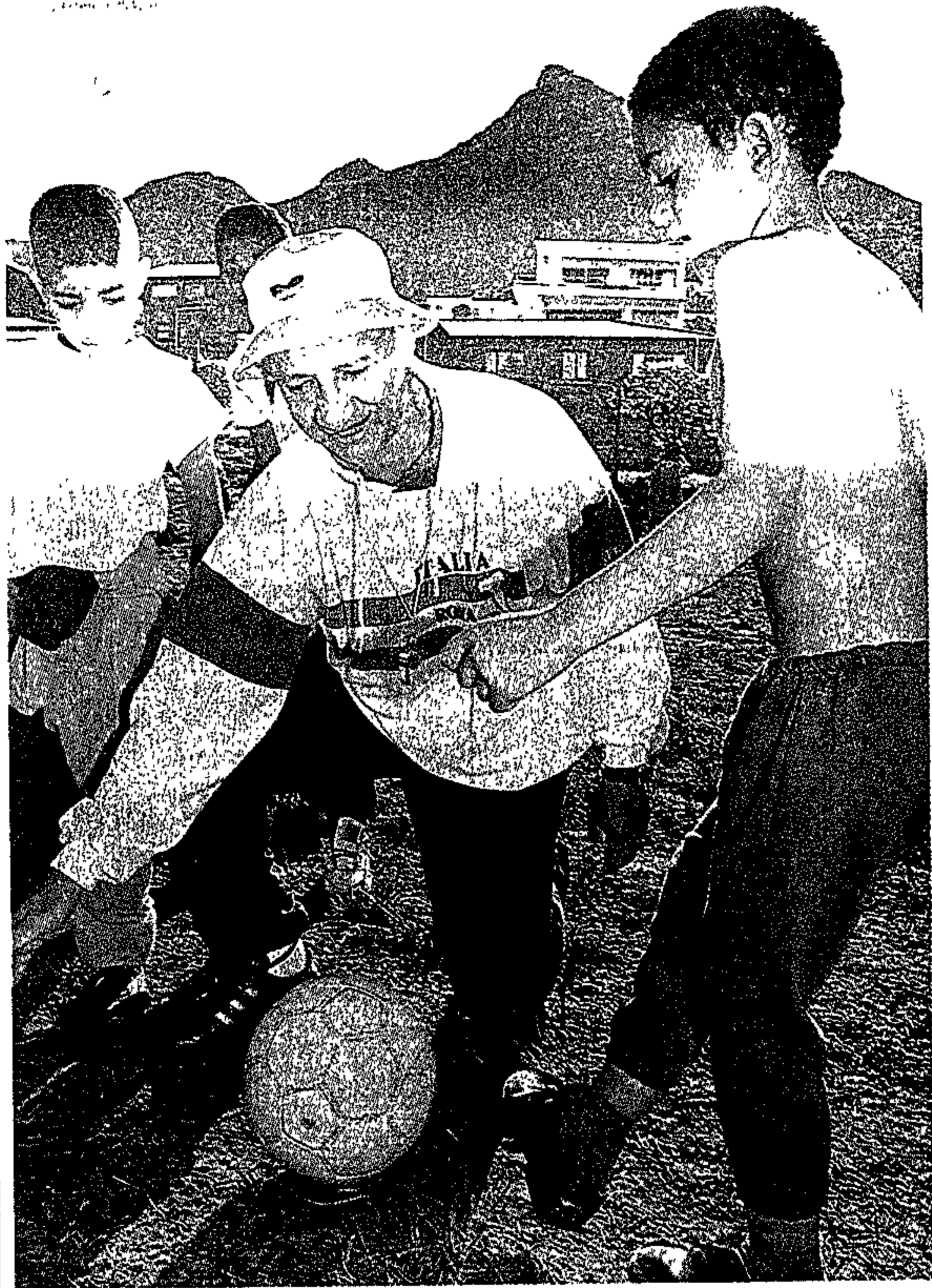
South African shipping and pollution authorities believe

the vessel is responsible for extensive oil pollution on the Western Cape coast.

Apollo Shipping Maritime SA of Panama said in statement it had not yet been conclusively established that the wreck recently located north of Robben

Island was that of the Apollo Sea.

The company said: "We hope the next underwater survey, due we understand to take place later this week, will establish the final identity of that wreck."



Picture, ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

BUDDING TALENT: Football coach Puzzy Jansen gives Kevin Titus and Lukin Adonis, both aged six, some tips on how to master the art of soccer at a coaching clinic in Hout Bay.

Soccer clinic ⁽³⁵⁾ tackling Hout Bay gangsterism

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□ 'Initiative to keep youth off streets'

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

FORMER Cape Town Spurs soccer player Puzzy Jansen has found work for idle feet to do in Hout Bay.

Mr Jansen "donned boots and a tracksuit this week to take Hout Bay youths' minds off the gang violence that erupted in the fishing village at the weekend between offshoots of Cape Flats gangs.

About 100 enthusiastic villagers, aged between six and 18, attended the swiftly organised coaching clinic under the auspices of the Hout Bay Gangsterism Eradication Committee (GEC).

But GEC member Abdurahman Samuels warned that initiatives like the soccer clinic could only have lasting success if the community were given sorely needed facilities or had access to all existing amenities in the area.

The area has only one football field. It's also used for rugby, and 15 football teams have to share the field with the area's three schools.

"The idea behind the clinics is to tackle the problem of gangsterism by creating alternative outlets of expression for the youth, but we need more

facilities and resources to keep them off the streets.

"Hout Bay is a very popular tourist destination and over the festive season the harbour is crowded.

"Most of the residents work in the harbour and spend most of their lives there, but the bosses won't put a cent back into the community that is helping them make money.

"On the other side of the harbour is a white school with an impressive sports field which is under-utilised. We would like to use the facility, but don't have the money to hire it.

"Hout Bay is a small place and we can eradicate gangs from the area if we offer young people alternatives, but we need the facilities to keep the youth out of gangs," Mr Samuels said.

Regarding the gang fights at the weekend, Mr Samuels said: "Nobody really knows why or how they started, but I think boredom has a lot to do with it.

"There has been peace in Hout Bay for the past year and we managed to get many of the gangsters to compete with each other on the one soccer field we have. However, because of the limited resources they easily get bored and turn to crime and gangsterism."

Rape horror stalks Cape squatter camp

By Alexandra Zavis

A WOMAN is raped almost every week in Marconi Beam Squatter camp, residents say. And the shebeen-crawling rapists don't discriminate when it comes to the age of the victim.

Recently a 63-year-old grandmother was gang-raped and beaten unconscious by three young men.

"They dragged me to the bush and hit me with a stick on the face," said Ms Elena Gwamba, 63. "Two boys held me on the ground and pulled off my panties. They raped me, all three. I was unconscious, and they ran away."

Gwamba spent two nights at Grootte Schuur Hospital after her ordeal.

Ms Hilda Noggala, 34, said she had been gang-raped twice this year.

She has been in and out of mental institutions for the past three years and is taken care of by Princess Matshaya, who runs a shebeen.

But Matshaya is a member of the civic association and has to leave Noggala by herself when she attends meetings.

"People don't seem to have any regard for her here. I am worried because this raping thing is a recurring process, and I am worried they will do something worse in the future," Matshaya said.

Most of the attacks have occurred in C-section, where there are numerous shebeens open 24 hours a day.

These are frequented primarily by the



DEVASTATED: 63-year-old Elena Gwamba was beaten and gang-raped

Photo: Yunus Mohamed
young men and women.

"They are not working, maybe they have nothing to do during the day, so they go from shebeen to shebeen," said Ms Elda Mahlender of the local civic association.

"I think one of the greatest reasons for all this is the whole set-up of the camp," said Warrant Officer Frikkie Le Cock, community liaison officer at Milherton Police Station. "Houses are built on top of each other.

There are lots of shebeens, and young people come from all over to go to them. Unemployment, poverty, the breakdown of the family all work themselves into this."

Ms Cynthia Madola, who runs a women's sewing project, added: "This location is not like others. There is no leadership here, no control. Crossroads, Khayelisha, they have street committees that control every street."

Mahlender said while relations between community structures and the police are good, few women report the rapes to either structure because they are afraid of people's response.

On the rare occasions incidents were reported, the police struggled to apprehend the attackers.

"One of the biggest problems in a squatter camp is that it is unorganised. The houses aren't numbered, and people disappear into the woodwork. If you don't have an ID number or a street address, it is very difficult for us to trace you," Le Cock explained.

Another problem the police have is that most women are unfamiliar with the procedure for reporting a rape.

"We need a medical report as quickly as possible after the incident, but we get women coming in a day after, or they wash first," Le Cock said.

He would like to see a neighbourhood watch established, but stressed it must not be turned into a vigilante force.

"There are also moves in the law to try to legalise shebeens. If we licensed them, they could be controlled," he said.

Women leaders demand state action on rape

THE GOVERNMENT must intervene to help rape victims, women's leaders declared this week. Ms Lynne Brown, MP, was outraged when SOUTH told her women were regularly gang-raped in Marconi Beam squatter camp.

Brown, regional secretary of the ANC Women's League, said: "This is a community that has had its whole social fabric destroyed, and to further reduce women to objects is sickening."

She plans to visit Marconi Beam with other women MPs.

"We need to get a women's group to take up action in these camps. But the real issue is not the behaviour of women but the behaviour of men," she said.

"Women should be allowed to walk around, have their drink and not be exposed to violence by men. There needs to be a police force that enforces order in the camps and that offers protection to women. And we must look at ways of punishing men."

Ms Mandisa Monakali, co-ordinator of Nitha Labantu, is also planning to visit the camp.

Her organisation runs a centre for the protection of women against violence in Guguletu.

"Nobody wants to be involved in these issues. Society still believes it is a personal issue," she said.

She also believes the government should get involved by providing resources to deprived areas and to organisations like Nitha Labantu.

"I think this should be part of the RDP, because we are developing women to deal with issues of violence for themselves," she said.

Ms Kate Stratten of the Rape Crisis Centre agreed: "Cape Town seriously lacks prevention and counselling structures for rape victims."

"The government should be funding and promoting these projects in all communities."

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Quiet street

□ Gangsters make life hell for residents ⁽³⁵⁾

JOSEPH ARANES Staff Reporter

LIVING in Welgelegen Street, Delft is becoming more terrifying by the day.

Street gangs continue to harass and threaten residents in this quiet street in the suburb of Voorbrug after they responded to the pleas of a night-watchman who was being robbed by gangsters in May.

The residents arrested one of the attackers after shooting him in the shoulder. The gangsters, members of the notorious Hard Livings, started victimising the neighbourhood until five people were killed in a shotgun attack. Welgelegen resident Harry Joshua is facing five murder charges. Police believe at least three of the slain were members of the Hard Livings gang.

Mr Joshua and his family have since moved away, but early on Sunday neighbours found gang members breaking into his empty house and caught one of the robbers.

A neighbour said the suspect claimed to be the brother of one of the people killed in the earlier attack.

The neighbour said: "We heard a noise and our telephone rang. We knew it was trouble because we have worked out a system of telephone calls to inform everybody in the street if trouble is brewing."

"My husband got dressed and took his firearm and went to investigate. He was joined by other armed residents and they caught one of the burglars."

"While this was happening I telephoned the police and for once they were on the scene within minutes. As

they put the man into the van he said he was a brother of one of the victims and that they would be back."

The neighbour then telephoned Mr Joshua to inform him of the break-in and after discussing the night's events with some of the neighbours, they went back to bed.

"We could not sleep and were lying awake when we heard more noises outside."

"My husband jumped up and found six men trying to break into our car. He fired a warning shot and the men fled. He chased them, firing two more shots, but they all got away."

Another neighbour said that they all came out their houses again and called the police who took statements from the residents.

"While we were speaking, Mr Joshua and a friend arrived to check on his house and while they were at the back of the house, two men tried to steal his car."

"They surprised the men, firing two warning shots before they caught one of the men. He was also handed over to the police."

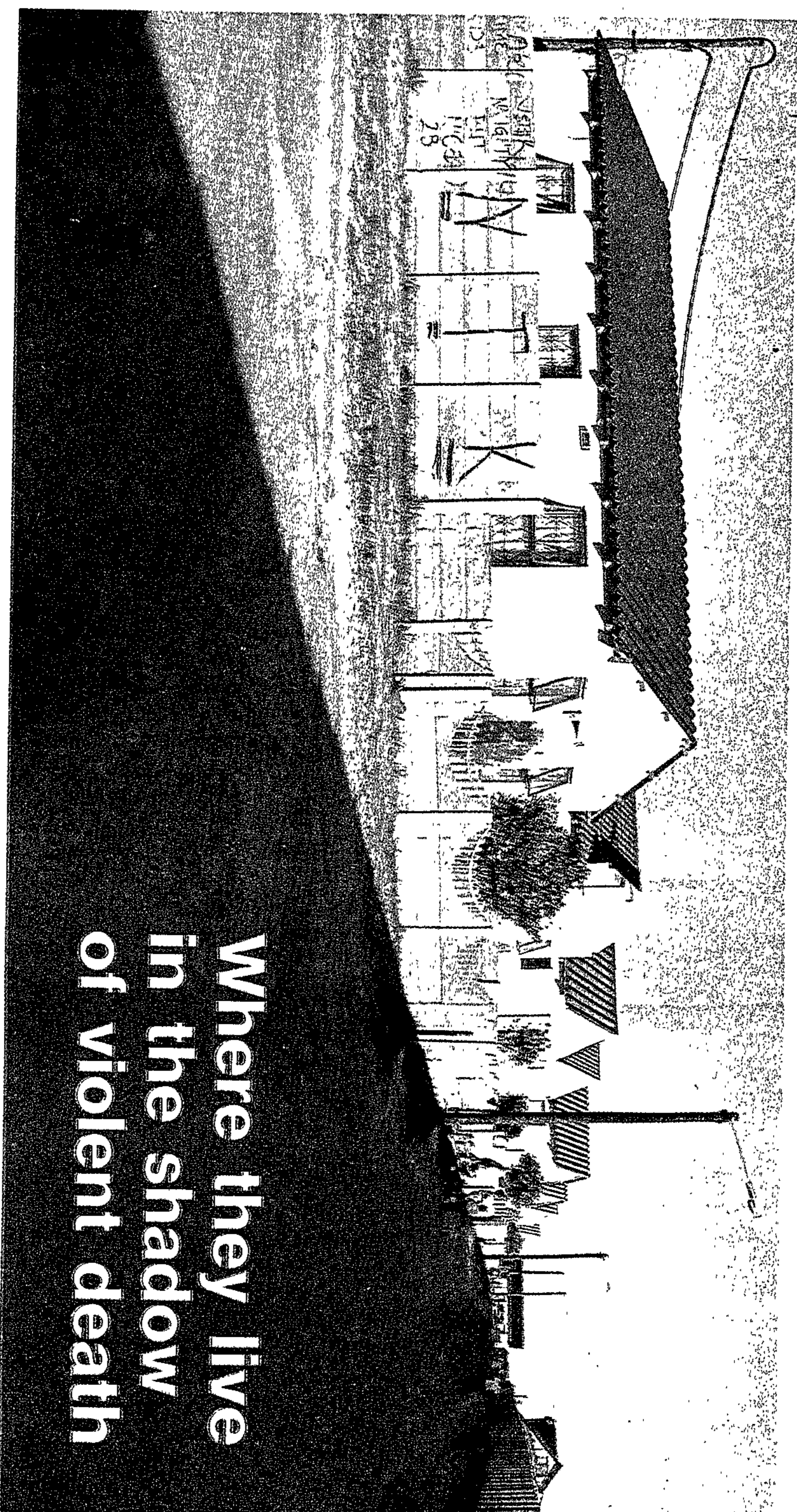
The neighbour said: "It is terrible living like this. We spent such a lot of money building these houses. Now these gangsters come and ruin our peaceful neighbourhood."

"People are continuously telling us to move out of the area, but where must we move to?"

Another resident said: "Our doors are locked 24 hours a day and most of our husbands have firearms to protect us. They now want us, the wives, to apply for gun licences so we can protect ourselves and children while they are at work during the day."

becomes a scene of terror

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Where they live
in the shadow
of violent death

THE STREET WHERE THEY LIVE: Welgelegen Street in Delft where mothers keep their children indoors and keep those doors locked.

Picture: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus.

Parties 'tried to use gangs'

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

POLITICAL parties had tried to use gangs to intimidate and harass political opponents during the April election in the Western Cape, according to Independent Electoral Commission monitor Dr Bob Mattes.

Dr Mattes, a visiting American academic lecturing in the political science department at the University of Cape Town, said one gang claimed it had spent about R100 000 acquiring guns in anticipation of demand from political parties.

He wrote in a supplement to the latest issue of the University of Natal journal Indicator SA that while gang and taxi violence and gun-running never

combined into the scenario the monitors feared most, they were real concerns.

"More importantly, they have not gone away and they are now emerging as important post-election issues which demand immediate attention by the new national and provincial governments."

Initially, police and IEC monitors in the Western Cape believed that gang presence at campaign rallies was purely a function of criminal activity.

"But deeper probes uncovered a widespread and consistent body of information, allegation and rumour that there was indeed an effort by political parties to use gangs to intimidate and harass political opponents," he said.

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Cape gangsters feeling the heat

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ANDREA WEISS, Staff Reporter

POLICE believe they are gaining the upper-hand in the fight against crime in Manenberg, one of the most gang-infested areas on the Cape Flats.

But spokesman Raymond Dowd warned that the defeated gangs might move to other areas, sparking wars with rival organisations.

Colonel Dowd said the police had learned that gang leaders were worried by falling revenues. "At the moment we are breaking the backs of the gangs in Manenberg. They can't operate there any more. This might cause a gang war because gangs are area-based."

Colonel Dowd's remarks come a day after Supreme Court judge Mr Justice Rose-Innes said during a murder judgment on a gangster that a concerted policy was needed to eliminate gang activity in the Western Cape.

People were living in "intolerable conditions because of violence committed in the course of so-called gang warfare".

In their latest arrest early today, police recovered four guns from a 15-year-old member of the Dixie Boys in Kewtown, Athlone.

The boy was carrying a 7,65mm Llama pistol, and led police to a 9mm CZ Parabellum pistol with 28 bullets, .22 pistol with three rounds and a .38 revolver with seven bullets. They also found 22 parcels and a plastic bag of dagga.

The Llama pistol was stolen in Woodstock in 1988. Police are still trying to identify the other weapons, which they believe were used in Manenberg gang activities.

The boy will appear in the Athlone Magistrate's Court soon.

Colonel Dowd added that Operation Gang Bust had made significant arrests since it had focused attention on Manenberg.

□ New initiative to combat rampant wrongdoing in W Cape announced by

Crime Crackdown

Police minister

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent
and **JOHAN SCHRONEN**
Crime Reporter

A NEW initiative is to be launched by Western Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie to combat rampant crime.

It will include:

● Seeking support for improving police-community relations in talks with township leaders of the African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress.

● Providing better protection for police.

● Proposing national legislation for tough penalties for police killers.

● Developing plans for a witness protection scheme.

● Providing funds in the provincial budget for assistance for special constables who do not qualify for medical aid.

Mr McKenzie's comments come a day after two Langa special constables were shot, one fatally.

Police are urgently refining their national crime prevention

strategy.

Government spokesmen said the protection of citizens and the creation of a secure environment for investors was a priority.

These announcements follow a wave of crime countrywide, including more than 23 incidents of violent crimes in the Western Cape. Among them:

● The brutal slaying of prominent Woodstock shoe wholesaler Brian Nitsun, 56, in his shop last night.

● The killing of the Orffer family and their domestic

worker Sannetjie Jacobs in Stellenbosch.

● The apparent suicide of a man in Claremont who was found wearing jewellery and a wristwatch looted during an armed robbery in Observatory earlier this week.

Today, Mr McKenzie was to meet Mr Justice Rose-Innes and Mr Justice Farlam to discuss a witness protection scheme to help in the fight against gangsterism.

Mr McKenzie has also asked the ANC to arrange a meeting between him and its members

in Langa to discuss measures to involve the community in crime prevention, and specifically in helping to track down the men who attacked the Langa special constables yesterday.

He said similar talks were planned with PAC members.

"We want to do all we can to get the community to help us," he said.

He would also ask national Minister of Safety and Security Sidney Mufamadi to "consider

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legislation providing for tough penalties for people convicted of killing police.

"This should be a long jail term," he said.

Mr McKenzie said funeral expenses for the slain special constable and the medical expenses of the injured man would be settled by the province.

The new national police strategy emphasises the need to "mobilise the entire community" in the fight against crime. Safety and Security Ministry

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spokesman Craig Kotze said today: "We are working on a national crime prevention with all urgency.

"The government fully realises that crime and violence could fatally destabilise the RDP, and the country. This is crucial for citizens, and in terms of foreign investment."

Mr Kotze said it was vital that the public acknowledged its role in fighting crime.

"It's not just a job for the police," he said.

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Anti-crime forum has bold plans for W. Cape

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ROGER FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

WIDE ranging changes to police structures including community involvement in the appointment of station commanders have been proposed by a new body set up to fight crime.

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The Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, representing 30 gang-infested Cape Flats communities and several Boland and West Coast towns, held its inaugural meeting in Mitchell's Plain yesterday.

The meeting was brought forward to allow for submissions to be made to the parliamentary standing committee on police legislation. The closing date for submissions is today.

The forum proposes:

- Greater police accountability to communities.
- More power to community police forums.
- Legislation to allow community police forums to appoint members of police station management committees.
- Representation on regional police minister Patrick McKenzie's change management team.
- Powers for community police forums to appoint station commanders.

The forum is also demanding representation on the national standing committee on policing and the National Commission on Justice.

And negotiations are under way with the United States consulate about satellite links between forum members and their counterparts in gang-ridden American cities.

The initiative was the brainchild of the Manenberg community, which embarked on inter-community consultation about two months ago.

Forum chairman Chris Ferndale said today that the dearth of legislation "or even working principles" to fight gangsterism was a major concern to the forum.

"There are no interlocking mechanisms between the police, courts, prison services and communities in addressing gangsterism," he said.

So, for example, prison amnesties were commonly followed by waves of violence.

Mr. Ferndale also criticised the courts for "not always being sympathetic to the positions of the communities". He said: "Courts must become sensitive to the social upheaval gangsterism is causing within our communities."

He appealed to gangsters to become involved in the development of our communities, rather than destroying them.

Wipe out gang activity judge

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Supreme Court Reporter

A POLICY must be formulated to "exterminate" gang activity in the Western Cape, a judge has said in a special judgment.

Mr Justice Rose-Innes made the remark after a judgment he handed down with Mr Justice Farlam concerning the appeal in the Supreme Court of a gangster against his conviction for the murder of a rival gangster.

The judges set aside the eight-year sentence of Charles Daniels as they found there was a reasonable possibility he did not commit a murder in Bonteheuwel in 1990.

They upheld his conviction on a charge of malicious damage to property.

Judge Rose-Innes said before the court adjourned he wished to place on record the "unacceptable situation which prevails in the Western Cape".

"It is generally known that members of the community in several areas who conduct orderly and peaceful lives are living under intolerable conditions because of violence committed in the course of so-called gang warfare.

"The use of guns in these crimes are becoming more and more frequent and people live in fear of these street gangs."

He said the police had reacted to the problem by forming special units and the court was aware that the police had liaised with the community to try to combat gangs.

There were obvious sociological causes which would have to be remedied.

"It is not only a question of policing and prosecutions. We make these remarks because the people have requested a need for protection from gangs and their need must be answered.

"There should be a proper inquiry into the whole situation and a policy formulated to combat and exterminate gang activities."

The judge said once the policy was formulated "it should be carried out".

He requested that the court's remarks be sent to the relevant government departments.



Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus.

NO FORUM QUORUM: The poorly-supported Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum stages a placard protest in the city to highlight the effects of crime on the people of Cape Town.

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Poor turnout for anti-crime demo

PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

ONLY 37 people joined an anti-crime demonstration in the city centre to protest spiralling crime.

Three members of parliament, including ANC MP and member of the standing committee on police, Linda Mti, were among the small group who stood in Adderley Street at lunchtime yesterday.

Mr Mti was joined by fellow MPs Willie Hofmeyer and Mnyamezeli Boo, who held placards that read "Children killers in Manenberg" and "Stop Police Killings".

Mayor Patricia Kreiner, who had earlier challenged parliamentarians and magistrates to support the demonstration, was not present due to a medical appointment and because she had been told the organisers had not obtained permission for a planned march.

"I'm very sorry the march did not take place because the issue is very important to me and they deserve all the support they can get," she said.

Other placards were highly critical

of the courts — some of them asking magistrates not to give "murderers grace" or calling the courts "insensitive".

The forum was established recently after the spate of murders on policemen and in an effort to get the community involved in stopping crime that is keeping thousands of Cape Town residents hostage.

Anti-crime forum chairman Chris Ferndale warned the forum would target magistrates' courts if the courts did not deal severely with gangsters.

"Magistrates are dealing with gangsters as if their activities are only isolated cases of violence — they are not keeping in mind that they are holding whole communities to ransom."

Mr Ferndale said he would tell American drug specialist Lee Brown the Cape Flats gangs were followers of an American gang culture.

"They see these things in American movies — they even call themselves Americans."

"If they want to be Americans then the American president must come and fetch his people."

Manenberg ridden by fear again as gangsters regroup

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
and LIBBY PEACOCK
Staff Reporters

GANGSTERS in Manenberg are regrouping amid allegations that the police's Operation Gangbust of the past few months has not done enough to secure the fear-ridden community.

Last night an ambulance turned back after it was bombarded with stones in Manenberg on its way to pick up a 15-year-old girl who was hit on the head with a half-brick in a gang-related incident.

Private transport was used to get the girl to hospital.

At the weekend, a man was bludgeoned and then shot dead in an apparently drug-related vendetta killing. Two others were injured.

Last week Cape Town Anti-Crime Forum spokesman Irvin Kinnes told White House drug policy director Lee Brown Manenberg gangs were threatening to assume Los Angeles proportions.

Mr Kinnes said at least 25 people had died of gang-related gunshot wounds in Manenberg so far this year and another 124 had been injured. Police had recovered 57 firearms and arrested 271 youths for drug-related offences.

Manenberg Crime Forum spokesman Faggie Johnson said the sound of gunshots had once again become routine and called on police to step up patrols in the area. He also called on residents to assist police.

Mr Johnson could not understand why so many illegal guns were still circulating in Manenberg — in spite of Operation Gangbust — and called for the deployment of extra police until the "scourge" of gangs had been wiped out altogether.

The Crime Forum meets tonight to discuss community strategies to address the escalating problem.

"Some of us have been shot at and others threatened to the extent that forum members are wondering whether to continue the fight against gangsterism in the perceived absence of police support.

"How long will it take for us to know we can walk around in safety — even during the day?"

"But our members still have faith in the feeling this evil must be fought," Mr Johnson said.

Police spokesman Raymond Dowd was busy formulating a response at the time of going to press.

● Reacting to last night's incident, Cape Ambulance Rescue Services chief Rod Douglas said his staff were there to serve and deserved the respect of the entire community.

"This is not the first time an incident like this has occurred," Mr Douglas said.

He said he was "very concerned" about the safety of the ambulance workers and last night's incident was being investigated.

When gangs fought one another, ambulancemen were sometimes seen as helping the "enemy" and targeted.



COMMUNITY FORUM . . . About 150 people attended a workshop of the Manenberg Development Forum yesterday, including members of the community who expressed concerns about gangsterism, violence and unemployment in the area.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

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'Police may only shoot as last resort'

Staff Reporter

POLICEMEN have never been entitled by law to shoot at a petty thief trying to escape arrest but have — as a last resort — been entitled to shoot at suspects trying to escape for crimes such as rape, robbery and murder.

And they may only do so after all attempts at arrest have failed.

So said Colonel Reg Crewe, national media liaison chief for the South African Police Service, last night.

He was responding to a statement by Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi that "force should only be used when life and limb were threatened", during the Safety and Security debate in Parliament yesterday.

"Charges may be pressed and policemen have been convicted of crimes relating to use of unnecessary force," said Col Crewe. — Staff Reporter, Sapa

Gang members help search for solutions

Staff Reporter

MANENBERG gang members joined with community representatives at a Manenberg Development Forum workshop yesterday to propose solutions to the gang problem in the area.

The workshop, which was attended by about 150 people from a wide variety of organisations, also discussed several other issues, including a five-year upgrading plan for the township.

Mr Tony Ruiters, co-ordinator for the provincial RDP, said organisations hoping to have a say in the future of Manenberg should get involved in a forum to channel government funds to

the appropriate projects.

Members of the School Boys and the Dixies attended the session on crime, where it was suggested that sport, recreation and education should be addressed to prevent gangsterism.

It was also suggested that the local police station have a social worker on call to deal with crises, that the witness protection programme be "tighter", that second offenders of violent crimes not be allowed bail and that a job creation programme be discussed with gang leaders.

During question time a speaker said it was "no use building things without solving the gangster problem".



SCENE OF ASSAULT: The field where the girls were attacked

Gangsters save girl from attempted rape

By Shannon Neill

A SEVEN-year-old girl was rescued by gangsters after a man in his forties allegedly tried to rape her in the bush near Downberg Road in Hanover Park on Monday.

The Child Protection Unit (CPU) believes another seven-year-old girl managed to escape. The unit is trying to trace her. Both girls are in Sub A at a local school.

Furious residents later set the bush alight because they claim people are constantly raped, murdered

and robbed there.

Pleas to the council to clear the bush have been ignored because the land apparently belongs to the old House of Representatives and the Community Development Board.

A witness to the assault said the man offered the girls 20c and then took them into the bush behind the football field. Four gangsters followed to see what he was doing. "He was holding the girl and then he pulled his pants off."

The gangsters handed the man to police at the mobile station opposite

the bus terminus. He was later taken to Philippi police station.

Another witness, Mr Errol Davids, said: "They didn't assault him but it was lucky the police took him when they did because I don't know what would have happened."

"I hope now someone will do something about this bush because we've been fighting to have it removed since before the election."

The man has not yet been charged. Anyone with more information can contact Sergeant Anslin April at the CPU at 5922601.

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City crime rate still rampant

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE shocking rate of serious crime in the Cape Flats and Cape Town's southern suburbs was confirmed yesterday by Safety and Security Minister, Mr Sidney Mufamadi.

The latest figures released to Parliament — which exclude the Atlantic and northern suburbs — show that figures revealing a sharp decline in reported crime in the Cape Town area last month were inaccurate.

Replying to questions from DP MP Mr Colin Eglin, the minister said that the Cape Flats and southern suburbs police districts had 1 113 murders in 1993 — about three a day.

Khayelitsha (304), Nyanga (222), Guguletu (146) and Mitchells Plain (111) were the worst affected areas.

The areas had 17 037 reported cases of assault — about one every 30 minutes — and 1 661 reported cases of rape — about 4,6 a day.

The rate of serious crime in Cape Flats police districts was markedly higher than those in the southern suburbs.

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Athlone	19	15	283	386	44	304	260	734	76
B Lavis	65	20	696	1 019	147	532	150	917	227
Grassy Park	29	12	390	500	82	237	194	758	320
Guguletu	146	28	887	579	174	593	128	522	126
Claremont	19	8	42	125	19	103	649	863	49
Diep River	1	8	38	99	11	55	239	604	21
Hout Bay	13	2	130	173	21	27	37	498	28
Kirstenhof	7	7	78	127	8	49	110	433	159
Khayelitsha	304	101	941	457	247	802	204	585	190
Langa	45	5	528	296	56	224	43	331	135
Lansdowne	10	6	62	154	10	93	244	670	27
Manenberg	41	15	975	414	112	444	116	858	227
M'Plain	111	53	975	3 017	311	381	674	2 990	492
Nyanga	222	78	597	244	140	515	100	374	248
Phillippi	27	33	352	451	84	235	120	579	148
Mowbray	1	4	14	70	13	51	204	411	14
Mutzenberg	11	7	164	226	42	81	178	551	23
Rondebosch	2	4	21	56	10	44	369	481	12
S Town	0	1	26	29	5	8	17	126	6
Steenberg	21	13	417	472	88	195	135	642	128
Fish Hoek	15	5	78	198	17	34	163	581	53
Wynberg	4	5	63	191	20	112	287	615	74

Key: (a) murder (b) culpable homicide, (c) serious assault, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) housebreaking, (i) possession of drugs.

Cape Flats in grip of soaring crime wave

□ Minister answers questions from DP's Eglin

35 ARG 13/9/94

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Political Correspondent

AN epidemic of crime has taken hold of the Cape Flats, according to figures released by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

There were 1 019 murders last year in the Athlone police district, which includes — with murder totals in brackets — Khayelitsha (304), Mitchell's Plain (111), Nyanga (222), Guguletu (146), Athlone (19), Bishop Lavis (65), Grassy Park (29), Langa (45), Lansdowne (10), Manenberg (41), and Philippi (27).

Rapes in the district for the same period totalled 1 407, the most in Mitchell's Plain (311), Khayelitsha (247) and Guguletu (174).

Mr Mufamadi disclosed the statistics in reply to questions from Colin Eglin (DP).

Figures for common assault also ran into the thousands, with 1 019 reported in Bishop Lavis and 3 017 in Mitchell's Plain.

Mitchell's Plain and Manen-

berg tied for the highest number of assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm — 975 each.

There were 1 381 robberies in Mitchell's Plain and 802 in Khayelitsha. Theft of vehicles and cycles was at its highest in Mitchell's Plain (674) followed by Athlone (260) and Lansdowne (244).

In the southern suburbs, murders in the Wynberg police district last year totalled 94.

This district includes Fish Hoek, Steenberg, Simon's Town, Rondebosch, Muizenberg, Mowbray, Kirstenhof, Hout Bay, Diep River and Claremont.

Steenberg had the most murders (21), followed by Claremont (19) and Fish Hoek (15).

No murders were reported to the Simon's Town police last year.

In the Wynberg police district rapes totalled 254.

Of these most were in Steenberg (88), followed by Muizenberg (42) and Hout Bay (21).

Theft of vehicles and cycles in the Wynberg police district last

year totalled 2 628.

Most were in Claremont (649), followed by Rondebosch (369), Wynberg (287), Diep River (239), Mowbray (204), Muizenberg (178) and Steenberg (135).

Cases of housebreaking reported were: Athlone (734), Bishop Lavis (917), Claremont (863), Diep River (604), Grassy Park (758), Guguletu (522), Hout Bay (498), Kirstenhof (433), Khayelitsha (585), Langa (331), Lansdowne (670), Manenberg (858), Mitchell's Plain (2 990), Mowbray (411), Muizenberg (551), Nyanga (374), Rondebosch (481), Simon's Town (126), Philippi (579), Steenberg (642), Fish Hoek (581) and Wynberg (615).

While figures for murder and assault may have been low in the leafy suburbs, no residential area was spared drug cases.

In the Athlone police district, cases of possession in Bishop Lavis and Manenberg each totalled 227, together just less than Mitchell's Plain's 492 cases.

There were 320 drug possession cases in Grassy Park.

Forum furious over gangsters

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

POLICEMEN are not magicians. So said provincial Minister of Safety and Security Patrick McKenzie after a scathing attack on him by the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum following a resurgence of violence in the area.

An 11-year-old boy was shot, execution-style, in the back of the head and two men died as gangsterism reared its ugly head in Manenberg on Thursday night.

In his reaction to the killings, Irvin Kinnes of the Anti-Crime Forum called for Mr McKenzie's head — and that of regional commissioner Nick Acker — saying they were allowing the killing to go on unabated.

Mr Kinnes accused Mr McKenzie of being "nothing more than a police public relations officer".

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 ■ Manenberg's Anti-Crime Forum has called for the head of regional Minister of Safety and Security Patrick McKenzie as crime in the area rages on.

"We have serious doubts he is serious about stopping the gangs in our community. Police are claiming successes in Manenberg while our people are dying... it's making a mockery of our community.

"When we raised the issue of gang killings with McKenzie, he came up with Operation Gangbust. Now his chickens are coming home to roost. We need new strategies and a new minister and commissioner.

Mr McKenzie said the fact that police had made two arrests barely an hour after the shooting of 11-year-old Yunis Arendse made a mockery of Mr Kinnes's statements.

"Community policing means just that — a joint undertaking to

strive towards a crime-free society, not constant police bashing as practised by Mr Kinnes."

Operation Gangbust, "with numerous successes, is still in full swing. More policemen are deployed in Manenberg than in many other areas.

Mr McKenzie said: "The police, contrary to popular belief, are not magicians, and can only police a community that wants to be policed."

Mr McKenzie called on Mr Kinnes to make a concerted effort to unite the community in a common front against crime and criminals.

He asked Mr Kinnes to use "his influence with the national minister (Sydney Mufamadi) in an effort to stop the budget cut".

Forums helping to beat crime (35)

CT 3/10/94
Staff Reporter

THE crime rate in Nyanga and Crossroads is decreasing owing to better relations between the police and the community.

As a result of their success, police believe better community relations could be the way to overcome crime in all Cape Flats townships.

A convoy of police vehicles laden with township children toured Nyanga yesterday afternoon to demonstrate the progress made.

The tour took place in conjunction with a march organised by the Nyanga Peace Committee and was attended by a number of political and community organisations.

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It was aimed at driving home the message that community policing is an effective means of combating crime, said peace committee organiser Mr Malibongwe Sopangisa.

Nyanga station commander Major Ezra Theron said the creation of more than 20 police and community forums throughout the township had led to more crimes being reported.

"Crime in general is declining and the success rate in solving crimes is also on the increase," he said.

"Most of our crimes occur inside shebeens and shacks and are difficult to police."

"We need to work together with the community and they need to come forward with information about crimes in order to help us police the area."

Calls for army to combat Manenberg gangs

Justin Pearce

THE murder toll in the gangland of Manenberg is higher than ever — fuelling allegations of incompetent policing and calls for the army to be brought in.

Western Cape Police Services Minister Patrick McKenzie seems to be reconsidering his previous insistence that the police go it alone.

In May this year McKenzie launched the high-profile "Operation Gangbust" and has insisted that the police had the situation under control and that there is no need to call in the army.

While he is still reluctant for the army to step in, he said he would "be guided by the will of the majority" in deciding on whether the army would be deployed, and met senior police officials earlier this week to discuss the matter.

This week also saw the formation of a committee to co-ordinate anti-crime operations on the Cape Flats, headed by attorney general Frank Kahn and including representatives

of communities, the magistrates courts and the Department of Correctional Services.

This comes after months of flatly contradictory claims by McKenzie and the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum concerning the success of Operation Gangbust. McKenzie points to the arrest of 400 gangsters since the operation began as evidence of its success. However, September saw nine murders being reported in Manenberg — by far the highest incidence of any month this year — and 26 cases of attempted murder, the highest since February.

Irvin Kinnes of the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum believes that Operation Gangbust is little more than a high-profile public relations exercise by McKenzie.

"We are convinced the police are unable to do their jobs," he says. "Soldiers get their orders and carry them out. The police are too worried about antagonising the community."

Kinnes and his colleagues in the anti-crime forum remember when "troops out of the townships" was a

political rallying cry. Now, they say, they have no objection to their homes being searched by the army if it is part of an effective operation to rid the area of crime.

McKenzie blames the Justice Department for being too ready to grant bail to those suspected of violent crimes — and in this respect the anti-crime forum agrees with him.

At a public meeting in Manenberg earlier this week, attorney general Kahn faced an irate crowd of residents who demanded to know why bail was granted — frequently in night courts — to people arrested on such serious charges as murder. Police representative Captain John Sterrenberg said that in the most recent incident, two men arrested in connection with a weekend murder had been released, one on R1 500 bail and the other on his own recognisance.

The anti-crime forum continues to insist that police are being paid off by gangsters. McKenzie has promised an independent enquiry into corruption only if solid evidence emerges

against an individual. So far, no such evidence has come to light. But forum members claim that gangsters have boasted of being tipped off by police before their homes were raided, which gave them a chance to hide their guns and mandrax.

Willem Basson of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, a body which unites local crime-prevention bodies throughout the province, believes gangsterism must be tackled regionally since gangs are united in regional networks: "Most gangs are so well organised they can transport someone from Wolseley (100km from Cape Town) into Manenberg, shoot someone and then take the killer back to Wolseley before anyone knows."

Basson believes that witness protection programmes must be extended if there is ever to be any solid evidence against gang bosses. He is also certain that the bosses, recognisable by their luxury cars, could be put behind bars if only the police would investigate charges of tax evasion.

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Huge increase in robberies

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By DAN SIMON

ARMED robberies in the Peninsula have rocketed by more than 1 000% over the past five years and have netted armed robbers more than R44 million, police statistics revealed during a murder trial this week.

Police say that over the past nine months alone, 1 203 armed robberies took place in the Peninsula — netting robbers some R17m.

The figure was more than double the R7,8m stolen last year during 1 320 robberies and if the trend continued the figure could top R20m by the end of the year.

Compiled by the SAPS crime information analysis and interpretation centre, the statistics were handed in at the trial of Zola Gongota, who was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment on Thursday for the murder of US

Haul may top R20m this year

citizen Mr Terry Miller in May 1992.

Gongota was also found guilty on charges of robbery with aggravating circumstances and the illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

The court heard that Gongota, 27, of Guguletu, was originally refused bail by the Mitchells Plain Magistrate's Court after his arrest in connection with Mr Miller's death. However, he was granted bail on appeal by the Supreme Court.

While out on bail this year he allegedly participated in three armed robberies in which more than R2m was stolen.

Peninsula murder and robbery unit detective Sergeant Johan Etsebeth told the court that police investigations allegedly linked Gongota with the R800 000 armed robbery at Metro Cash & Carry in August and the R220 000 armed robbery at OK Bazaars in July.

The convicted killer was also allegedly linked to the armed robbery in Woodstock on August 26 in which R1m was stolen.

Police public relations spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said it was becoming a "regular occurrence" for suspects who were out on bail to commit other criminal acts.

"There should be a whole re-look at the conditions of granting of bail and the police should be given more time to prepare their cases when it comes to opposing bail," Colonel Dowd said.

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Crime out of control on Cape Flats, says Leon

(35)

JOHAN SCHRÖNEN, Crime Reporter
CRIME on the Cape Flats has spun out of control, says Democratic Party leader Tony Leon.

He visited police stations on the Cape Flats yesterday after Deputy President Thabo Mbeki said the police might be exaggerating the extent of crime to avoid a budget cut.

Mr Leon said he "went in cold" to Khayelitsha and Mitchell's Plain police stations and was shocked by a "disastrous" state of affairs.

Khayelitsha police chief Mervyn Bezuidenhout told Mr Leon that his station served a "conservative" estimate of 900 000 residents but he could afford only 26 policemen a shift who had only three vehicles at their disposal.

Major Bezuidenhout said in reality fewer police staffed each shift when leave and sick leave were taken into account.

Mr Leon learnt that the almost "unbearable" situation at Khayelitsha contributed to a high level of stress among members of the service, which was visibly detrimental to morale at the station.

Referring to the recent suicide of an officer stationed at Khayelitsha, the murder of a constable and the high absentee rate, Mr Leon said a cutback in the police budget would worsen the situation.

"Two colonels off work, last week's hostage drama involving the acting station commander, undisciplined union pressures and militant self-defence units among residents are unacceptable," said Mr Leon.

He said the literacy level of assistant constables at Khayelitsha should also be addressed urgently.

At Mitchell's Plain, station commander Wally McKaiser told Mr Leon that they had a more developed infrastructure than Khayelitsha and were "better off" in that respect.

But Colonel McKaiser said his problem lay with manpower and resources. He had only 30 members allocated to each shift with five vehicles to patrol, serve and protect between 600 000 and 800 000 people.

"I don't have staff and I don't have vehicles," said Colonel McKaiser.

Mitchell's Plain detective branch commander Piet Rossouw told Mr Leon that Mitchell's Plain was the "crime capital" of the Western Cape with an average of 1 700 new cases landing on his desk every month and only 71 detectives to investigate them.

"We have between 11 and 18 murders every month, about one every second day," said Colonel Rossouw.

"Then there are between 24 and 40 reported rapes, up to 20 armed robberies and about 55 other robberies.

"In Mitchell's Plain between 50 and 60 cars are stolen every month and up to 200 cases of theft from cars are being reported on average monthly," said Colonel Rossouw, adding that housebreakings hovered around the 250 mark.

Mr Leon said he was shocked by the "policing crisis" on the Cape Flats and that he was not of the view that police exaggerated crime statistics to qualify for more funds and service benefits.

Gangster attacks set to drive rescue staff away

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Staff Reporter

METRO Rescue personnel will withdraw from certain areas if gangster attacks on their vehicles continue.

But the Western Cape ambulance service has said it will not withdraw unless told to do so by police.

Gangsters are just one of the many problems Western Cape ambulancemen face while doing their job.

These men live in fear as they are attacked on duty in the communities they serve.

At the weekend two ambulancemen had to withdraw from Manenberg when they were confronted by a group of hostile gangsters.

Earlier this year a crew also withdrew from Manenberg after gangsters approached the ambulance threateningly.

Said Metro's Director of Emergency Medical Services

Marius Kotze: "This a problem the community must sort out.

"We are there to provide an emergency service and if the community does not make it possible for us then we cannot provide that service.

"I am utterly shocked at this kind of behaviour. It sets a precedent and it must be the lowest point in the history of the ambulance service," he said.

"We will withdraw from any particular area until it is safe to go back again."

Dr Kotze said it was not fair to expose the ambulancemen to unreasonable danger.

"We certainly cannot put our staff in danger."

He said such incidents affected personnel negatively.

"This is something that can be addressed and contained," Dr Kotze said.

But ambulance chief Rod Douglas said the ambulance service — which falls under

the provincial administration — would continue to cover all areas in the Western Cape.

"Throughout the violence we were able to maintain an efficient service and we are proud of that," Mr Douglas said.

The only time ambulances would not go in was if they were advised not to by police.

"This is normally of a temporary nature — one or two hours.

"Our staff will always try to get to a patient but it's up to them to decide to stay or leave.

"I have the utmost confidence in my staff and trust them to evaluate the situation. If they decide to leave an area I will support them because I trust their judgment."

Mr Douglas appealed to gangsters to allow the ambulancemen to carry out their duties without being intimidated.

"They are there to help and they have a life-saving duty. I appeal to communities to assist

and respect them while they go about their duties."

He said there had been a number of incidents this year but he could not say exactly how many.

Meanwhile the acting general secretary of the South African Municipal Workers Union (SAMWU), Roger Ronnie, said although the union did not condone such behaviour from the community, telling gangsters to stop attacking ambulance personnel was not enough.

"We have to take into consideration socio-economic conditions where gangsterism is rife.

"We've got to uplift the communities to try to eliminate the gangster culture within these communities," Mr Ronnie said.

"Communities must learn that ambulance staff are carrying out an essential duty and they should be allowed to do so.

"We should not allow staff to be caught in crossfire or be attacked."

W Cape crime deterring investors

CRIME and violence in the Western Cape are deterring overseas investors from putting money in Cape Town, says Ernest Wilson, chairman of the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

At a meeting between regional police minister Patrick McKenzie and Mr Wilson, Mr McKenzie invited the Chamber to join his advisory committee on crime.

Mr Wilson, back from an overseas visit, said South Africa had an "anxious and hesitant" investors' market overseas.

Business giants abroad recognised the vast economic potential in the Western Cape but were waiting for crime to normalise and for a good standard of law and order.

"Sensible decisions have taken those money-men to the top and they are not now going to waste their wealth in a bottomless pit of crime and violence — which is unfortunately their perception of this area," said Mr Wilson.

Members of the chamber met Mr McKenzie last week to discuss the business community's approach to crime.

"We went in cold but came out hopeful and extremely positive," said Mr Wilson.

"Mr McKenzie recognised the business community's concern about rampant crime which is a threat to productivity hampering growth in the economy.

"He immediately invited the chamber into his advisory committee which proved his sincerity in wanting to co-operate.

"Law, order and stability would pave the way for investors, creating jobs and forcing down unemployment which is one of the major factors contributing to crime.

"But it's a vicious circle: crime, no investors, no tourists, no money, no jobs, more crime."

Mr Wilson expressed concern about the "vast proliferation" of players in the crime prevention arena, such as thousands of armed response security companies, self defence units and neighbourhood watches.

There was no room for "private armies".

Mr Wilson said he agreed with Mr McKenzie that low morale in the police service was counter-productive.

"I would like to see better training in the force, better pay and a high standard of service.

"Our police should be the backbone of our safety and security but at the moment it floats in a no-man's land somewhere between a government police force, which it was, to a community police service, which it aims to be," said Mr Wilson.

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Emergency measures on crime for ⁽³⁵⁾ West Cape?

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Political Correspondent

TOUGH state of emergency measures are being mooted by regional police minister Patrick McKenzie as part of an all-out crackdown on soaring crime in the Western Cape.

He raised this possibility in debate on a private member's motion by National Party legislator Anwar Ismail that urgent steps were needed to deal with the anarchic levels of violence in the province.

"We simply cannot go on," Mr McKenzie said. "If we want tourism, and the Olympics, then we must — as a community — stop this nonsense."

He revealed that in a meeting with advisers on tougher anti-crime measures yesterday, it emerged that "the only stiffer action we can take is a state of emergency".

He acknowledged this would be controversial, but added: "Perhaps crime has reached a point where we should seriously look at this."

Mr McKenzie also said pressure was mounting steadily for the lifting

of the moratorium on death sentences, and for a tougher stand on bail.

"I had a three-hour meeting with my generals and advisers yesterday. I want firm action, and we will be taking this in the next few weeks."

"I am warning the people out there that we will not tolerate crime. We are going to take stronger, stiffer and firmer action against gangsters, she-beens, taxi violence and possession of unlawful firearms."

If this was not done, "we can kiss investment and tourism goodbye".

He was confident crime could be overcome, but this would require a community effort.

Regional minister of environment affairs and tourism Lerumo Kalako warned that violence was putting off investors and tourists.

Commending the police for their efforts, he said that while they deserved encouragement, it was clear the army should be called in.

He and fellow African National Congress legislator Johnny Issel cautioned that turning the violence debate into a political slanging match would imperil the province.

CRIME FACT FILE

Political Correspondent

A TOTAL of 1 640 people were murdered in the Western Cape between January and August this year, regional police minister Patrick McKenzie has revealed.

Replying to provincial parliament debate on a private member's motion on violence, he said that in the same period there had been:

- 3 290 rapes and attempted rapes;
- 10 police killed;

- 4 336 robberies with aggravating circumstances;
- 43 759 assaults;
- nine attacks on farms and small-holdings;
- 12 809 cases of malicious damage to property;
- 30 114 thefts, other than of cars;
- 33 356 cases of housebreaking;
- 21 883 thefts from cars;
- 6 052 car thefts;
- 86 cases of hijacking, including three of loaded trucks; and
- 5 234 fraud cases.

100 squatters to R140m raised but

Shoredits looks forward to boom in years ahead

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CONSTRUCTION and civil engineering group Shoredits had secured a number of major contracts and order book levels in most divisions were higher than ever, chairman Andy Shoredits said in his annual review.

He said the turning point in the civil construction industry was reached late last year, with the building construction industry following a few months later.

"The latest scenarios suggest that boom times in the building industry such as those experienced in 1982/83 will again be experienced in 1995/96, and will thereafter further increase to 2000," Shoredits said.

Much of the activity would come from the substantial reconstruction and development programme spending on infrastructure and housing.

The group's available capacity had already given it a distinct advantage in tendering for the increased business, he said.

Satisfactory growth in turnover was expected following the high levels of orders. "Even if margins remain the same, our operating income should benefit accordingly. We are, however, already experiencing the improved margins which are the inevitable result of reduced spare capacity in the industry."

The group's recent R19.2m rights

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offer would improve the capital base to fund growth. Shoredits said the group had already demonstrated its flexibility and ability to adapt to a rapidly changing environment, which should serve it in good stead for the challenging times ahead.

The year to June saw a further consolidation in operations, as the group invested in the divisions which showed potential for growth in line with the improved economic environment, and streamlined others to bring down overhead costs.

"There can be no doubt that the diversified nature of the group, with its interests in civil construction, property development, and niche markets in certain areas in the industry, has helped to maintain margins during the worst building industry recession in the country's history.

"Our strategy throughout these extremely difficult and trying times has been to retain key staff while reducing overheads and maintain the quality and condition of our plant register, and refusing to chase turnover at the expense of profit," he said.

This strategy had positioned the group to take advantage of the new business opportunities which were already being experienced.

Nine die in new gang violence

CT 28/12/94 (35)

By EUNICE RIDER

VIGOROUS efforts by police to bring peace to gang-riddled Cape Flats townships were blown to pieces in a frenzy of gang-related killings over Christmas, including the slaying of a woman witness in a recent gang-related murder trial.

Police said Mrs Georgina Stevens, 49, who testified in a gang-related murder trial recently, was shot eight times when a group of men fired a volley of shots at her in the doorway of her home in Gousblom Street, Belhar, about 10.30pm on Christmas night.

She was wounded in the head, arms and legs and died on the scene.

Police have offered a R25 000 reward for information leading to the prosecution and conviction of her murderers.

And the two-year-old Delft boy, Ashwin Saal, who was struck in the back of the head by a gang-

Killings cripple peace bid

fighter's stray bullet on Christmas Day, yesterday lost the battle for his life and died at the Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Hospital staff said Ashwin had been "very critical since his admission" with a serious head wound on Christmas Day. Surgery early yesterday to try to stop the bleeding failed.

Ashwin was found lying in the street near his home in a pool of blood by police who had rushed to the scene to investigate the source of gunshots fired by warring gangsters.

He died about noon yesterday.

Police said at least six other youths and young men were killed in gang violence over the weekend.

And yesterday morning 22-year-old Mr Nazeem Noordien of Agapanthus Street in Lenteguur was stabbed several times and shot in the head following an argument in yet another gang incident, police said.

No arrests have been made.

Major-General Nick Snyman, Western Cape detective branch head and Deputy Regional Commander of Police, called on communities yesterday "not to tolerate gangsterism any longer" and to "fight back and protest" against gangsters by reporting them to the police.

"The communities must stand up and fight back against the gangsters — we cannot be everywhere at once and without help from the community the battle against these criminals is very difficult.

"It's sad that people tolerate them murdering their children and friends," he said.

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Police in cahoots with gangs claim: Minister pledges highest level probe

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Staff Reporter

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Gangland wars 'run from prison'

□ Leaders in jail are pulling community strings, claim police

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ROGER FRIEDMAN and
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WESTERN Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie has warned of a possible escalation in gangland violence, orchestrated by gang leaders from jail.

Today thousands of residents took to the streets of Manenberg to protest against violence in their community.

And leaders of several gangs in the area endorsed the call for peace.

Mr McKenzie was speaking after a bloody weekend clash between police and Manenberg residents left a man dead and 16 people injured, including a nine-year-old boy, a 13-year-old boy and two middle-aged women.

What sparked the confrontation on Saturday outside Isabel Court is a mystery to residents, police and Mr McKenzie.

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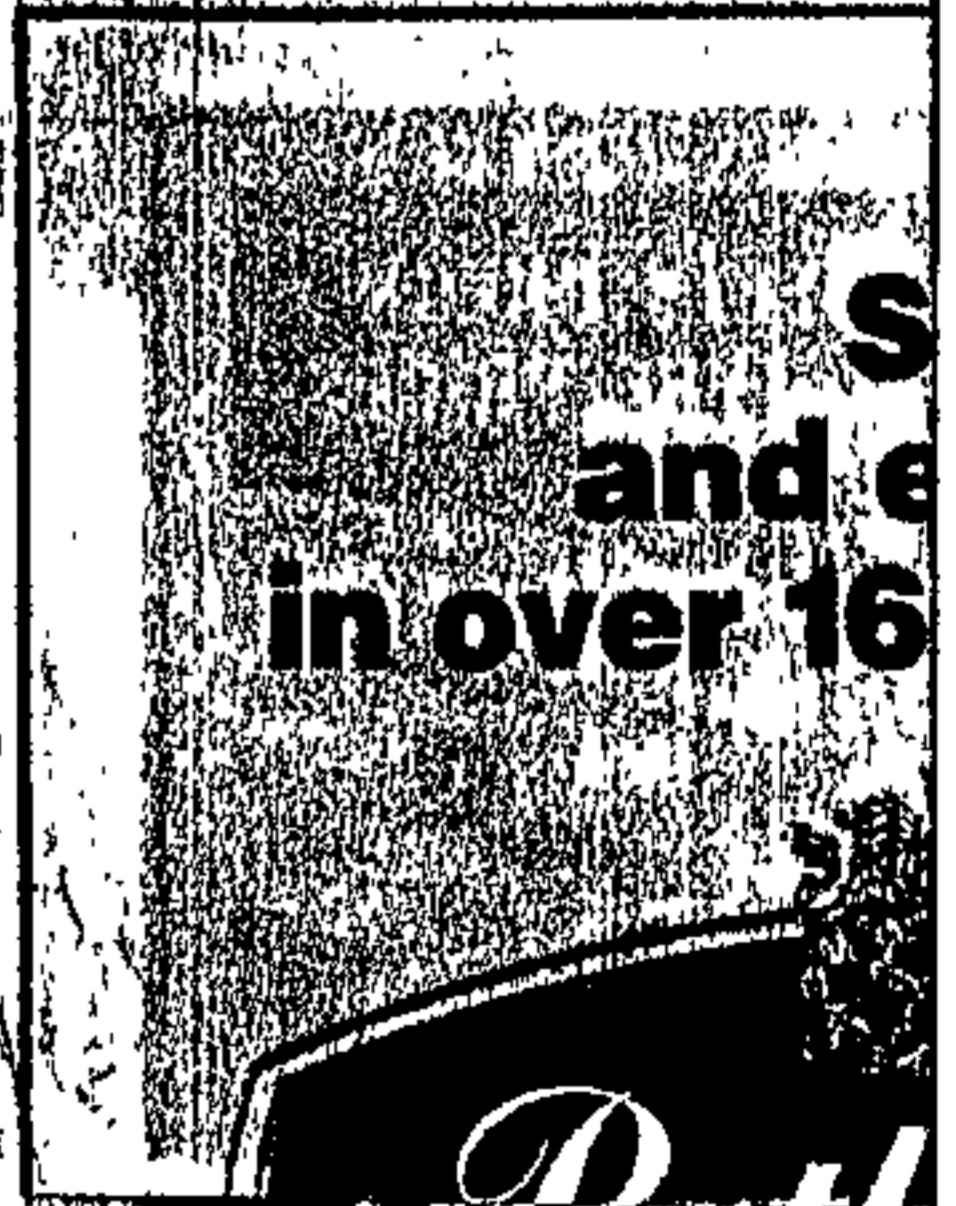
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Gangland wars 'run from prison'

□ Leaders in jail are pulling community strings, claim police

AR 6/3/95

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ROGER FRIEDMAN and
ADELE BALETA, Staff Reporters

WESTERN Cape police minister Patrick McKenzie has warned of a possible escalation in gangland violence, orchestrated by gang-leaders from jail.

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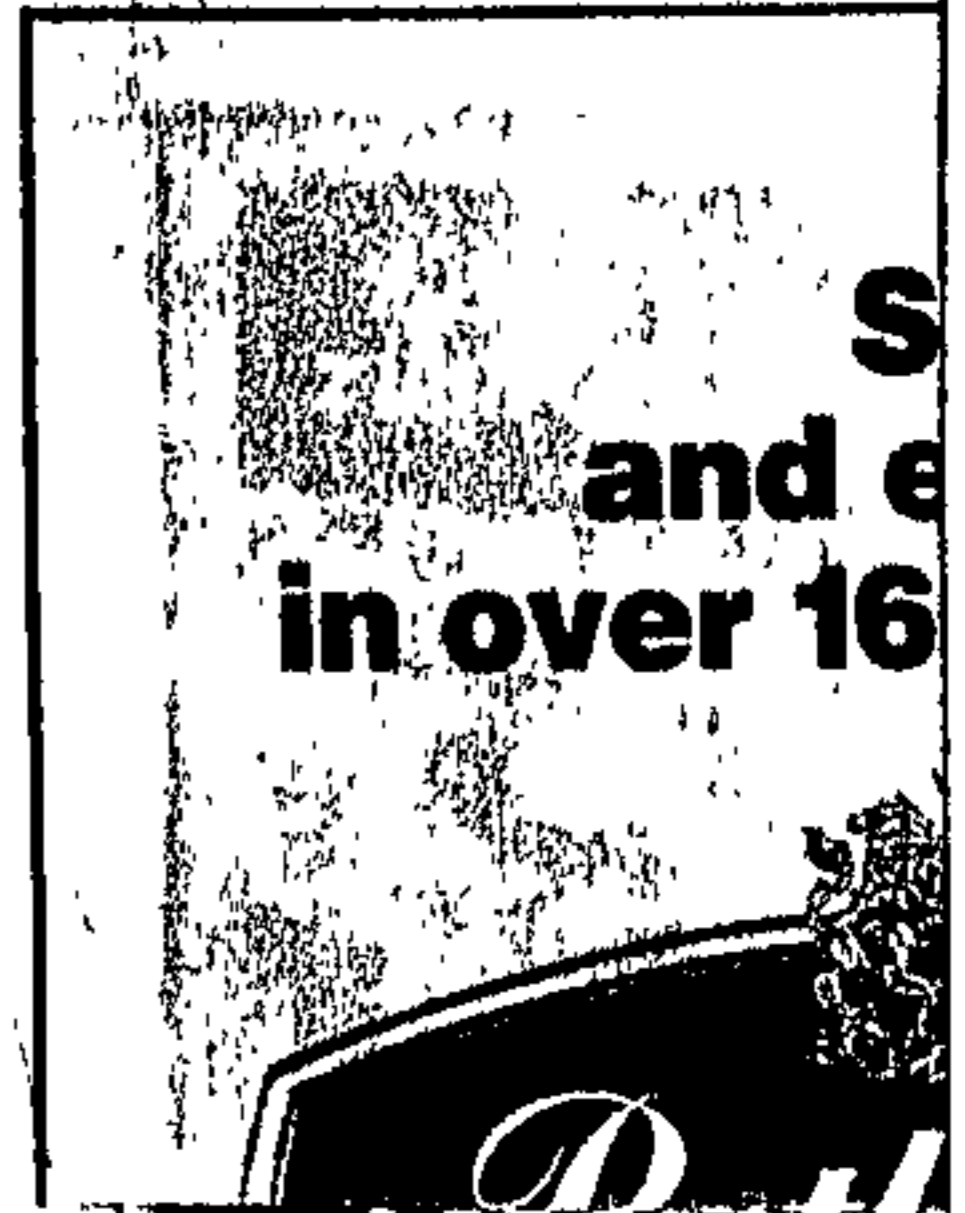
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Beukes vows war on crime

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EUNICE RIDER

STAFF REPORTER

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NEW provincial police commissioner Lieutenant-General André Beukes yesterday vowed to "stage a revolt" against crime.

"The worst problems are gangsterism and drug-related crimes."

Gen Beukes said his philosophy in fighting crime was consultation, adaptation, mobilisation and problem-solving: "I call this my CAMPS to Combat Crime philosophy".

But, he said, community involvement was crucial. "The police alone cannot succeed — we need the help of the law-abiding majority of our community."

Gen Beukes said he was "disappointed" at the decision by his two rivals for the post to take early retirement.

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GAINSBOROUGH-WARING

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The delegation, which will meet Minister of Police Patrick Mckenzie, will be led by the Rev John Fry. Other members are new mayor of Hout Bay/Llandudno Dick Meter; Patrick McCarthy, Ashley Anderson, Lungile Wellem and Theo Veerapen.

Sergeant Kobus Beukes, Hout Bay's community policing officer, said: "This is a community-driven initiative.

"What the delegation is seeking is a 24-hour police presence or a satellite station in the harbour area which will free other officers to patrol the rest of Hout Bay.

"There is continual friction between the Americans and Yuppies in the harbour area. Although the gangs are localised, they are not interested in mediation and many members of the community feel intimidated.

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GO MAN, GO! Although Zwaanswyk High School were overall winners of an interschools athletic tournament at the Bellville Stadium, competitors from Windsor High in Rondebosch got plenty of encouragement from their cheerleaders Nerine Rampono and Amy Bennett in Flintstone outfits.
Picture: PIETER van der VYVER.

Bad drivers better beware - traffic chief

JILYAN PITMAN

CHIEF traffic manager Wouter Smitt said he received about 30 complaints a month about bad driving habits of some taxi drivers, most from the southern suburbs.

He said that next month his new computer programme would be able to highlight specific offenders and, when that happens, offenders had better beware!

In the meantime, telephonic and written complaints came into his office on a daily basis, and most were about bad driving by taxi operators, particularly on Settler's Way and in Mowbray, Wynberg, Wetton and Ottery.

"People who complain tell us about taxi drivers who overtake, cut in front of other vehicles, pull away from stationery

positions at high speed, stop where they feel like it and disregard traffic signs."

There was a general disregard for the law.

"There are people who say we don't do enough to curb these offenders, but we are constantly looking for ways to deal with them so the offenders are not arrested."

"The public sometimes send us registration numbers of vehicles and we follow up on the complaint. Most times, we have to try and piece information together to try and find the offenders."

He said bad drivers should "beware" because his department's new programme would help identify those who broke traffic laws.

WYNBERG

Plea to trust police force

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GILL TURNBULL
Staff Reporter

TWO ANC MPs joined a Wynberg Community Forum meeting with police at Wittebome Civic Centre to plead with members of the Wynberg Civic Association and others to trust the "new" police force and help fight rising crime.

Former activist, detainee and long-time police fugitive, Johnny Issel, told an audience of about 150 last week that it felt strange to be sharing a platform with police "in a non-hostile manner" and yet soci-

ety had changed and so had the police.

"It is well known the community still regards police with strong suspicion because they had a hard time at their hands in the bad days. But it is only through greater openness we are now going to find a solution to rising crime. It is absolutely necessary the police build an alliance with the community if we are to win the battle."

Jan van Eck, ANC MP and member of a select committee for safety and security, joined

ANC MPs join community forum in appeal to fight crime

Mr Issel in calling for greater co-operation with police.

Community forums had the potential to play an important role, he said.

"Some organisations are still not represented on the forums — yet these are your forums there to address problems. There can be no curbing of rising crime unless community-police relationships are addressed. This is part of the problem in Manenberg, people are not reporting what they see because they are suspicious

that some police are working with the gangs. While that suspicion remains we'll never beat crime."

Mr Van Eck said the police service was being completely overhauled — a departure from its former military style. Men and women were being re-trained to form a people-friendly service — "not there to just there to pull out a gun and shoot".

Pierre van der Riel, Wynberg police station commander, said police knew it was go-

ing to be a difficult task to win community trust.

"We can't expect people to forget the past. We have to prove ourselves and to do this we need help from the community."

Major Van der Riel paid tribute to Wynberg Community Forum chairman, Mel Anderson, for having put the Wynberg forum on the map as the most active and successful forum in the Western Cape.

Major Van der Riel also promised police would in future pay more attention to "the

other side of the railway line" and Wynberg railway station.

In response to a complaint from a woman in the audience, who described how police had sworn at her on more than one occasion during last year's Pick 'n Pay strike, Major Van der Riel undertook to investigate and deal with all such complaints.

Mr Anderson added that if anyone was unhappy about police behavior they could go to the chairmen of their local community forums and request the complaint be taken "to the top" — to the minister of police if necessary.

Total onslaught on Cape crime

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Beukes talks tough on first day in office

JOHAN SCHRÖNEN
Crime Reporter

ANDRÉ Beukes, the Western Cape's new commissioner of police, today declared war on gangsters, drug-dealers and crime syndicate bosses.

In a hard-hitting statement on his first day in office, General Beukes vowed to "eliminate the scourge of ruthless gangsterism" in the "most determined" attempt to beat criminals yet.

General Beukes said he supported community police but warned that a people-friendly police service did not imply a "softer approach" to crime.

"Smarter policing will be aimed at the proactive prevention rather than the reactive solution of crime," said General Beukes.

"A campaign to reduce crime, which includes a determined drive against gangsterism, which has been terrorising too many of our communities, will get under way immediately.

"The campaign will require a total commitment from all members of the police and the law-abiding majority of the community.

In terms of the interim constitution, communities now had the opportunity to discuss their safety and security needs with the police in a structured way, which

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Onslaught on crime

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in turn provided essential input for planned policing in the province, said General Beukes.

Partnership policing had become a "realistic philosophy". General Beukes said he wanted to promote interaction with community forums, government departments and other role players in the fight against crime.

The overall approach of partnership policing was summarised by the acronym "Camps".

General Beukes said this stood for Community policing, Adaptation, Mobilisation and Problem Solving or alternately, Credibility, Accountability, Mandate and Professionalism.

"Five years ago I had the opportunity of assisting in the preparation and execution of the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes, the first formal agreements between the former government and the African National Congress towards an interim constitution and the general election last April.

"The constitutional miracle of the new South Africa was made possible through the patriotism and statesmanship of many committed leaders in the country.

"But above all, the new South Africa came into being due to the determination and of ordinary people who helped normalise the apartheid situation and bring an end to political violence," he said.

Dirty money stains West Cape's stiff white collars...

□ 4 000 current case dockets amount to R1,7-bn in fraud
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WHITE-COLLAR criminals in the Western Cape have dropped more than 4 000 case dockets — representing more than R1,7 billion — on the desks of Commercial Crime detectives.

Commercial Branch commander Gerry van Rooyen said he wanted the business community to become more involved in a "proactive drive" against the fraudsters whose actions seriously affected the economy.

Colonel Van Rooyen softened the picture of their workload, saying the 4 000 commercial crime cases included dossiers of investigations that had been completed, but were still the subject of court hearings.

Referring to the monetary value of the cases, he said the R1,7 billion included millions in potential losses which had been prevented by the unit's investigations.

Colonel Van Rooyen is in the process of establishing a Commercial Crime Prevention Forum which will include members of the business and commercial community as well as financial institutions and specific government departments.

The forum will be part of a national network of forums aimed at reducing commercial crime to an "acceptable level" through a proposed masterplan.

The plan will involve proactive policing, education and awareness programmes, and a central data bank of information.

The Commercial Branch was restructured into its present form on January 1 1992 through the amalgamation of the Fraud, Syndicate Fraud and Commercial Crime branches.

Colonel Van Rooyen said his unit's investigations were unique and were often lengthy, sometimes taking more than two years.

The unit's work differed substantially from investigations into crimes such as burglaries and robbery.

"Our cases are different and the people we deal with are different — so our approach has to be unique," said Colonel Van Rooyen.

"We deal with a specialised type of crime which often involves people in the higher echelons of the community.

"The ability to deal with those people and communicate effectively with them are prerequisites in our work."

Colonel Van Rooyen stressed the importance of community involve-



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

FRAUD-BUSTERS: Commander of the syndicate fraud unit Colonel Hester van Rooyen, commercial branch commander Colonel Gerhard von Rooyen, commander of the commercial crime unit Lieutenant-Colonel L C Steyn and fraud unit commander Colonel Billy Laubschcer team up to tackle white-collar criminals.

ment in commercial crime prevention.

He said the community could be educated to recognise irregularities and tell-tale signs at an early stage of a scam and could then channel information to the unit in good time. This would, in the end, have a positive effect on the economy.

Many fraudsters and conmen committed fraud to acquire easy money to fund other illicit deals involving drugs, firearms and vehicles.

And in many cases a whole chain of crimes could be prevented if a fraudster was exposed.

Colonel Van Rooyen encouraged people with information, no matter how insignificant it might seem, to call Crime-Stop at ☎ 0800 11 12 13 or his office at ☎ 419 8600.

"I have high regard for the good relationship we already have with the community, and we are striving to provide an even more professional service," he said.

Colonel Van Rooyen said recent successes spoke of the unit's dedication to the community.

During 1994 the unit obtained 873 convictions after arresting 932 suspects.

The crime syndicate team's proactive measures prevented the actual loss to banks of almost R100 million.

Substantial rewards are payable for information which could lead to the arrest and conviction of criminals.

Top squad to tackle gangs

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CHRIS BATEMAN
POLITICAL STAFF

CAPE Flats gangs are about to come up against a formidable multi-disciplinary police task force, backed by top civilian expertise, and designed in the Peninsula.

Police Services Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie and Police Commissioner General André Beukes yesterday announced their new "holistic" approach to combat gangsterism.

Mr McKenzie said that within three weeks an operation room

and facilities, sponsored by a private insurance company, would be home to a top police squad.

The operations room would have input from all affected station commanders, heads of the Internal Stability Division, Narcotics, the Violent Crime Unit and existing gang-busting squads.

About 16 top officers from these units met Mr McKenzie yesterday to adopt an integrated approach that will use a central computer to profile gang-related activities and identify and monitor persistent offenders.

Three independent criminologists, Professor Don Pinnock, Professor Wilfred Scharf and Ms Fannie Gross are to act as consultants to assist the police squad.

"This is a co-ordinated onslaught and we will win," Mr McKenzie declared.

From next week a strong police presence would be visible in the worst affected flats townships.

Among the townships most affected by gangs are Kensington, Atlantis, Hout Bay, Ocean View, Mitchells Plain, Hanover Park and Manenberg, he added.

Durban crime levels rocket

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NICOLA JENVEY (36)

DURBAN — Nearly 80% of local businessmen believe Durban's serious crime situation will not improve during the next year, and 85% believe the functioning of the criminal justice system is "less than mediocre", a security survey conducted by the Durban Regional Chamber of Business has found.

Armed robbery topped the list of security issues posing the greatest threat, with 19% of respondents stating this as a priority to be tackled by police.

It was followed by theft and burglary (18%), vehicle hijacking (14%), vehicle theft (10%) and lack of visible or poor policing (8%).

"Response to direct criminal exposure either personally, through employees or the business since December was really frightening and the figures are an alarming indictment of our society," chamber portfolio manager responsible for security Fred Barry said.

Eleven percent of respondents had had an employee murdered, 37% had experienced armed robbery, 57% burglary, 30% fraud, 30% vehicle hijacking, 51% vehicle theft, 60% theft from vehicles, 58% theft and 28% snatchings.

Service rendered by the SAPS proved unsatisfactory, with 77% claiming it was below average to very bad.

However, business watch units received "a refreshing response" with 76% claiming their services were above average to excellent.

"The image and effectiveness of the SAPS and city police must be urgently upgraded," Barry said.

DP's Cape leader calls for negotiations with gangsters

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

GANG leaders must be drawn into a comprehensive negotiation process with police, community and political representatives, business leaders and private security companies as part of a major thrust to curb crime, says Western Cape leader of the Democratic Party Hennie Bester.

Dialogue with "all role-players" should go hand-in-hand with efforts to strengthen the police and pay them better.

Mr Bester called in the pro-

vincial budget debate in the Western Cape legislature for Premier Hennis Kriel to declare the combating and prevention of crime "public priority number one" in the region.

Strengthening the police was vital, but unless the community was fully involved, the fight against crime would have limited success.

He suggested that Police Minister Patrick McKenzie launch a comprehensive negotiations process "to create a unity of purpose and joint political will around the establishment

of community policing in our province".

Acknowledging that the notion of including gang leaders in such a forum was "controversial", Mr Bester warned: "Because gangsterism is so deeply ingrained in the Western Cape community culture, law enforcement itself will never address this problem satisfactorily."

● Earlier, Mr Bester welcomed the initiative launched by Mr McKenzie in Sea Point in which the local community was involved in policing the area.

But African National Congress legislator Cameron Dugmore expressed concern at the risk that private security agencies could become "vigilante" operations that threatened peace and security.

"We have two examples of men — visiting wives or lovers working in Sea Point as domestic workers — who have been harassed in the so-called interest of law and order.

"One has to ask whether another form of influx control is being applied here," Mr Dugmore said. (35)

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50 CONSTABLES JOIN THE FIGHT

Police bolster forces to combat gangs (35)

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POLICE COMPLICITY TO BE EXPOSED

Gangs will be beaten

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THE war against gangs will go on and police complicity will be not be hidden, the Western Cape gov't says. **WILLEM STEENKAMP** reports.

WESTERN CAPE Safety and Security Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie will release details in the provincial legislature tomorrow of prosecutions against policemen for complicity in gang activities.

Mr McKenzie said this last night after a three-hour "walkabout" in various Cape Flats suburbs with members of the gang unit, which he said was succeeding in its fight against gangsterism.

"The gangsterism problem cannot be solved only by the police," he said, pointing out that without sorely-needed socio-economic upliftment the problem of gangs would never be solved.

He would call a meeting of "all relevant ministers" on the matter, which he described as the "number one priority" for police in the Western Cape.

There would be "no cover-up" of police complicity in gang activities, he said. A few policemen had been prosecuted, and he would fully answer a question on the



GANGS THE PRIORITY: Western Cape Safety and Security Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie (left), with violent crimes unit chief Colonel Leonard Knipe (right) and gang unit members yesterday.

PICTURE: YUNUS MOHAMED

matter in the legislature tomorrow.

Residents of the gang-infested suburbs of Manenberg, Hanover Park and Valhalla Park mostly reacted favourably to his visit, although the Manenberg Anti-Crime Forum claimed Mr McKenzie was "exploiting the issue of

gangsterism for political gain" in the run-up to the local elections.

Quoting police statistics, forum spokeswoman Ms Faldela de Vries said the Operation Gang Bust initiative had been "a complete flop" as there had been 25 murders in the area in the first

three months of this year, compared with 51 killings for the whole of 1994.

Mr McKenzie denied using the tour for political purposes. He said he had warned of an upsurge in gang-related crime in response to efforts to curb their activities.

KwaZulu Natal has blueprint for beating crime nationally, says chamber president

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By JOHN SHERROCKS

KWAZULU NATAL BUSINESS EDITOR

Reversing the runaway statistics that threaten to abort KwaZulu Natal's vast tourism potential is a determined goal of the newly appointed Durban Regional Chamber of Business (DRCB) president, Robin Boustred.

And he is confident, following a recent meeting with the minister of safety and security, Sydney Mufamadi, that it is an attainable one.

"I believe that given the support of central government, we could see improvements within a month," Boustred said.

At the meeting earlier this month in Pretoria, which was brokered by Sacob, the KwaZulu Natal delegation put forward a plan to fight crime and violence.

Details of the proposal, which Boustred said was positively received by Mufamadi, could be released this week. Although it was suggested by the province, Boustred said the proposal could be implemented nationally.

"We believe that we have tabled a solution which has the potential for solving the problem. It is a package for South Africa which we would assist the authorities in driving locally. It can equally be implemented in any other province."

A recent survey by the Durban Regional Chamber of Business shows that one out of two business people in Durban has fallen victim to criminals in the past three months.

Among more than 250 members interviewed, more than half had experienced burglary, vehicle theft, theft from vehicles and theft in the past three months.

Hijackings (30 percent) and armed rob-

but in Maputo they will tell you that you are perfectly safe walking anywhere in the city, day or night, because the police are totally in control and there is very tough discipline.

"Social issues and jobs for all is part of the solution, but you are trapped in a vicious circle.

"You won't get employment, you won't get businesses coming into the territory until you get security and the only people who can break that chain are the people that prevent crime.

"My big concern is that we are breeding a generation who believe that crime pays."

Boustred has three primary objectives for his term of office: besides crime he has targeted achieving a formal alignment of the numerous business chambers within the province, many of which are separated along racial lines, and providing business with a mouthpiece at provincial level.

"One of the biggest problems at the moment is the question of credibility... we (the Durban chamber) are seen as representing only a portion of the population."

Given that the merging of the city's industry and commerce representative bodies took years of negotiating despite apparent agreement in principle by both parties, Boustred faces a difficult task.

The bickering between the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) and Business South Africa (BSA) over the number of business seats on Nedlac is a reflection of the extent of the rift between black and white business chambers.

Compounding the divisions is the concern that black chambers would be numerically swamped and risk losing their identity.

Boustred, however, is so confident that

overwhelming common objectives will be enough to seal a bond that he is forecasting that some form of amalgamation will take place within six months.

"In Durban we have eight or nine chambers and we all by and large have the same major objectives. We might each have sectarian objectives but there is no reason why those can't exist within a body that is fully representative.

"When we put industry and commerce together a lot of people were saying that it would never work... but 90 percent of what we wanted was common and we could accommodate the remaining 10 percent within the overall movement and I think that is the way we have to go now.

"We are talking to the other chambers and if we have to we will go back to the drawing board to accommodate everyone.

"To avoid swamping, it might be necessary that we all get into something new."

Boustred believes merging is essential. "If business is not united, then you can't blame government and labour for exploiting that situation. Business must get its house in order because within that unity is strength."

His third key objective is to establish representation for business at regional level.

"Under the new government system we hope that the region is going to play an increasingly important part and it is very important that business has representation at that level.

"We have for some time had an informal relationship between all the Sacob-related chambers in the province and we are well down the road to looking at a formal linkup."

Boustred said that if the economic upturn was to be capitalised on it was essential that urgency be attached to decision-making.

"While it is agreed that the previous system was unacceptable, there is certainly a concern among business that you can go on negotiating to the point of a total standstill.

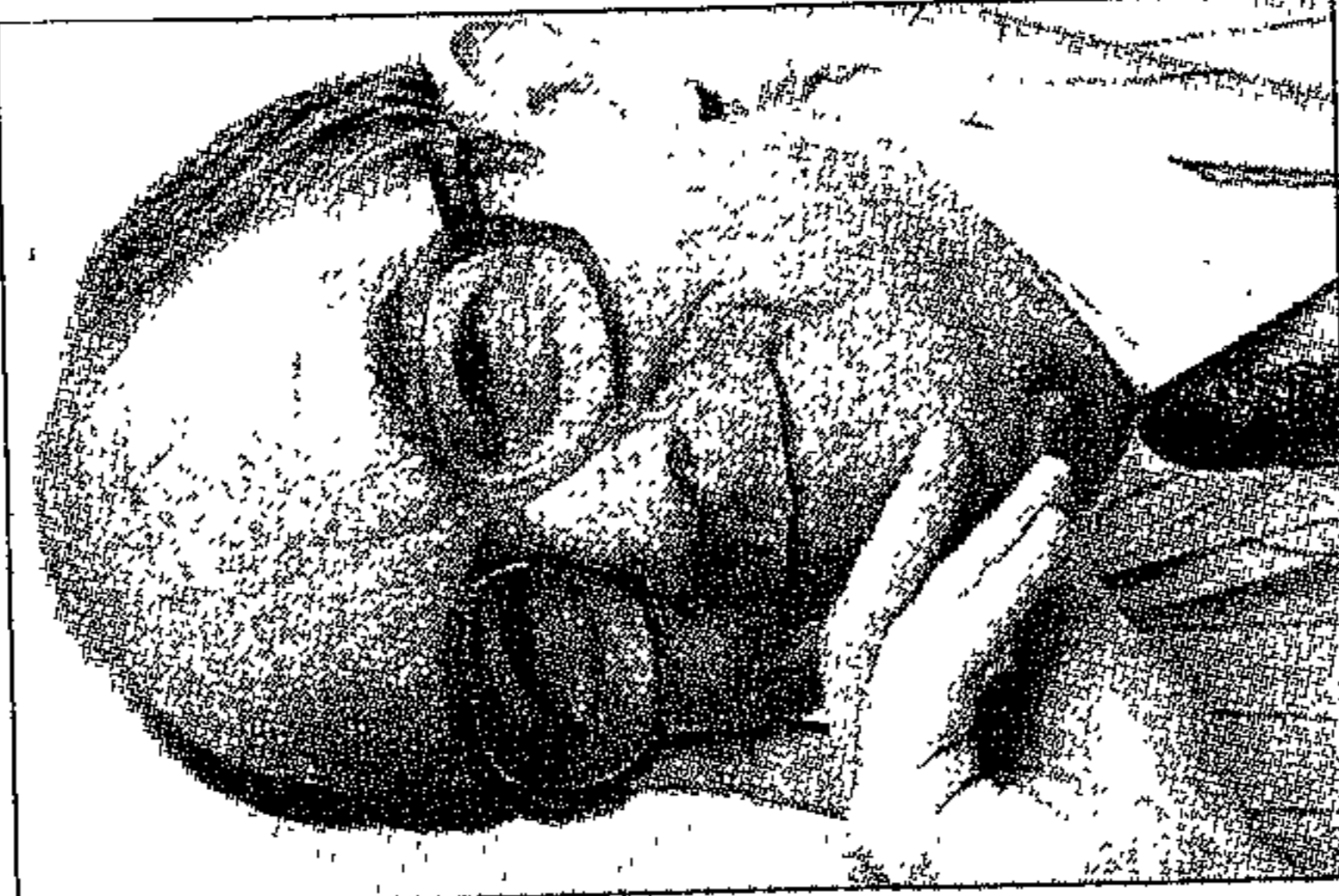
"I don't believe that at the present level of consensus-reaching we are going to end up with enough time between now and the next election to achieve the objectives of the reconstruction and development programme, and that could be crucial for the country."

"The economy is picking up quite nicely and it should by all accounts improve all the way through (the year) but I do believe that it is time that the politicians actually got things going now.

"We have had a stalemate for too long at local level. We have had a situation of negotiation paralysis in the council... there is still considerable indecision and lack of confidence out there as to who is in charge and who is actually rowing the boat at local and provincial level.

"Hopefully things will start settling down and we can get discipline back into the structures and things can start happening."

'My concern is that we are breeding a generation who believe crime pays'



Robin Boustred, who believes the vicious circle of crime and poverty can be broken

bery (37 percent) were high, while 11 percent had been directly exposed to murder.

"The direct cost to business is enormous but there are also all sorts of indirect costs: for example, the tourism industry, which holds tremendous potential for KwaZulu Natal."

While agreeing that socio-economic problems do fuel crime, Boustred argues that the solution lies in tackling crime.

"Everyone knows that unemployment in Mozambique is the highest in the world



'Criminals get cop, army aid'

Secret report says SANDF, SAPS fuelling gangsterism

CITY PRESS has in its possession a declassified police document, headed "Secret", which contains allegations that certain police and members of the National Defence Force have been fuelling gangster activity in the Cape Town area.

The document, addressed to the Head, Crime Combating and Investigation, Western Cape, is a summary of an investigation into "Gangsterism Crime Tendency" dated "94-09-14" by the Intelligence Co-ordinator (Gangsterism Tendency).

Col Raymond Dowd, chief media officer of the Western Cape, admitted that the document was genuine, but dismissed the information as being merely allegations that had not been proved.

The document, which gives names of suspects, alleges:

- Police involvement in organised drug smuggling and arms theft;
- The existence of a structure known as the "Firm" which is allegedly an umbrella body that arbitrates for all the gangs and negotiates on their behalf with government officials;
- That gangs obtain unlicensed firearms through sources within SAPS and the SANDF;
- That illegal firearms seized during police raids are sold back to suspects;
- A link between gangs and the taxi industry; and
- That policemen consort with gang leaders.

In addition to providing information on the "Firm", the document talks about an inter-organisational gang structure called the "Syndicate".

The document states:

CAPE Town has become the heartland of gangster activity and an investigation by RAFIQ ROHAN has uncovered a police document that appears to suggest police and army complicity in the burgeoning gangster business.

"The 'Syndicate', which supplies drugs to various dealers, is presently short of drugs and has approached the 'Firm' for stocks while waiting for their own shipment to arrive.

"The expected shipment of a drug, known as 'flowers', amounts to R10 million and is in a warehouse in Maputo, Mozambique, at present.

"The shipment of drugs will be brought into South Africa via road, using three couriers, initially to Johannesburg.

"From Johannesburg the shipment will be flown (sic) to Cape Town, using another three couriers, and received in Cape Town. The shipment of 'flowers' is to be hidden in bunches of lentils."

The report alleges that the shipment of drugs to Cape Town is co-ordinated by a member of the SA Narcotics Bureau in Cape Town and another member in Johannesburg.

In a sub-section of the report, it is alleged that guns for the gangster appear to originate from the Defence Force.

"The Organised Crime Unit has identified a soldier stationed at the Cas-

tle, Cape Town, as being a supplier of ammunition to the gang, the Hard Living Kids.

"A link between a soldier, who is named, and Simons Town Naval Depot is being investigated jointly by DMI-CI and the SAPS."

This investigation was prompted after the Organised Crime Unit intercepted the sale of ammunition between a soldier and a gang leader.

A person stationed at 2 Military Hospital, Wynberg, is also named as a suspect involved in the illegal sale of drugs from 2 Military Hospital.

The report tells of illegal firearms seized during police raids and sold back to suspects or of police firearms found in the possession of gangsters.

"A further source of illegal firearms is alleged to include receipt of weapons by gang leaders and/or dealers from members of the SAPS, who subsequently report such weapons as stolen."

"This tendency could be subject to further investigation by the Internal Investigations Officer, be reflected in an incident which occurred on 94-07-

16, when during a routine patrol in Beatrix Ave, Manenberg, the Internal Stability found a quantity of bullets, magazines and a Z88 pistol.

"On investigation it was established the weapon had been issued to a sergeant who reported the weapon as having been stolen on 94-04-01 at 13:50."

The report also alleges that firearms find their way to Peninsula taxi associations through gangs.

"In this context specific reference has been made to such firearms having been in the possession (sic) and used by members of the 'Big 8'. The alleged link between gangs and elements within the taxi industry is corroborated to an extent in the context of members of the Dixie Boys gang in Mitchells Plain who are alleged to 'protect' drivers aligned to the Bus and Taxi Association."

The report concludes with the recommendation that the Gang Unit be given extended powers.

Colonel Dowd explained to City Press that as part of the police's gang-combating initiatives in the Western Cape a crime intelligence gathering network was set up to gather information and work out strategies.

"This particular document has been referred to the national Ministry and as far as I know most of those allegations have not been substantiated, but we are still investigating."

■ WYNBERG

5 000 break-ins, 86 murders in district

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TYRONE SEALE
Political Staff

MORE than 5 000 house-breakings and 86 murders were reported in the Wynberg police district last year, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said.

He was answering a question tabled in the senate by the National Party's Charles Redcliffe.

The figures provided by the minister do not reflect how many cases had been solved or had reached the courts.

The first year of democracy did little to shift long-standing, apartheid-based crime patterns.

Steenberg police, responsible for relatively poor areas such as Vrygrond and gang-infested Lavender Hill and Steenberg proper, were asked to investigate 27 murders, the highest in the district.

This was also the area with the highest numbers of serious and common assaults, rapes and damage to property.

At the other end of the economic scale, Claremont police were inundated with 750 housebreaking dockets and 557 cases of car and cycle thefts.

In spite of Southern Suburbs residents' continuous outcry over sex workers brazenly plying their trade day and night, only two cases of prostitution were reported throughout the district.

The graphic shows the incidence of various crimes in areas covered by the Wynberg police district.

Cape needs extra courts to deal with rising tide of crime, says Kahn

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Political Correspondent

ANOTHER four regional courts could be set up in the Cape to cope with the rising tide of crime.

In his annual report to parliament, Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn said crime was becoming more organised and sophisticated, and urged the creation of additional regional magistrate posts.

He said cases took longer to try. Commercial crime had increased, and cases involving gangsterism should be tried more quickly.

The two courts for sexual offences could no longer cope with their workload and prosecutors in the larger centres said far too much of the time of professional staff was taken up by administrative duties.

Extra clerical posts were needed to free prosecutors to deal only with trial matters.

Police had complained that offenders were not punished heavily enough, in spite of severe penalties provided by law. This was partly because over-full court rolls did not allow enough time for sufficient emphasis on sentencing.

Mr Kahn said figures provided by the police showed the extent of the drug problem.

Police had asked for special drug courts, a proposal he did not support. The drug problem would be addressed in the coming year by training for prosecutors and regular liaison with the police.

Mr Kahn said he had attempted to get active community participation to combat gang violence.

Meetings contributed to better understanding by communities of the workings of his office and the criminal law system.

Another benefit was "a better understanding by local law enforcement officials that the needs of the community must be addressed, no matter how trifling".

Several bail applications by gang leaders had been opposed.

Prosecutors had been asked to be "more witness- and community-friendly".

Every attempt was made to prevent contact between the accused and witnesses. But although the witness protection programme had been implemented successfully in isolated cases, it was ineffectual.

Commercial crime had soared, with 398 cases referred to his office last year, compared to 195 in 1993.

Police statistics showed the fraud unit had received 744 cases a month last year, compared to 584 a month in 1993.

A positive note was that political change had brought co-operation internationally.

Mr Kahn said new measures considered to combat commercial crime included:

- Confiscation of the profits of crime.
- The freezing of a suspect's assets at an early stage of the investigation.
- The creation of a body to deal with all international requests for assistance.

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Gang killings 'half of total'

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BARRY STREEK

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HALF the murders in six residential areas of Cape Town in six months were committed by gangs, Minister for Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

Gangs were responsible for 125 of the 253 murders (49%) in Mitchells Plain, Manenberg, Philippi, Bishop Lavis, Bellville South and Elsie's River between October last year and March.

Gangs were also responsible for 307 of the 637 cases of attempted murder in these areas, he said in reply to a question tabled by Senator Gerhard Koornhof (NP).

Since the inception of the gang investigation unit on February 12 this year, the unit had investigated 202 reported gang-related crimes, of which 119 were solved.

Mr Mufamadi said in reply to another question tabled by Senator James Selfe (DP) that 29 people were killed and 88 injured in the minibus taxi violence in the Western Cape last year. None had been killed or injured in 1995.

Southern Cape crime picture looks brighter.

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Crime Reporter

THE absence of radicalism, especially in political circles, and good community relations have contributed to a "better picture" of crime in the Southern Cape.

So says the area's new commissioner, Dirk Crafford, who claims his police are fortunate to have a tolerant and forgiving community, channelling their energy and efforts towards a peaceful future.

"An added advantage of our positive community is that my men on the ground are welcome in every outpost of my area which in itself promotes good interaction.

"After all, the community is just as much part of the policing process as are police men and women. We fight crime together... crime is a common evil."

Brigadier Crafford cited a recent Rastafarian protest march in Knysna as a "prime example" of good understanding in the community.

"They were adamant about smoking dagga in the street during the march and we could not allow that," said Brigadier Crafford.

"We then approached our very effective police forum leaders who listened to our inputs, gave us the view point of the rastas and then held a meeting.

"The result was no dagga smoking in the street," said Brigadier Crafford, who emphasised that rather than being a victory for the police, it was instead a "win" for community policing.

Police fear crime's rural tentacle

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

POLICE believe Western Cape crime bosses could be turning to armed robberies in the platteland after their failed initiative — under the guise of making peace — to partition the region into areas of control.

Senior liaison officer Raymond Dowd said yesterday the Western Cape interior was being "plagued by a spate of armed robberies... which might indicate a shift of tactics on the part of gang leaders".

The interior and West Coast offered "vast opportunities for criminals of this calibre", said Colonel Dowd.

Attempts by the gang leaders to "make peace" — as gang wars were damaging the lucrative drug trade — were shot down last month when the mediators withdrew from the process after pressure from the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum and police.

Colonel Dowd said police were trying to keep abreast of the opportunistic and adaptable gangsters.

"It could be that they are trying to spread their tentacles further afield. If that is the

case, we will definitely have to smash them there too.

"They are like an octopus. We are cutting off their tentacles one by one."

Colonel Dowd said the police were constantly re-evaluating their gang-busting strategies.

"To minimise the opportunities for gangs to infest these areas, increased strategies are being planned.

"Certain alterations are being made to the present methodology to curb the escalating gang-related crime and violence in the Western Cape."

He refused to divulge — "for obvious reasons" — what form the alterations could take.

● In the week ending July 13, 49 gang fights were recorded by the police.

Colonel Dowd ascribed the majority of fighting to revenge attacks, drug and firearm smuggling, and the introduction of a costly new mandrax tablet on the Cape Flats.

Selling at about R40 a tablet — compared to R20 to R30 for lesser models — the "chopper" promised a "quicker effect". According to Colonel Dowd's description, the tablet was blue with a clover design, apparently similar to their popular predecessors, "flowers".

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'Drug factor in youth crimes'

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CLOSE on 5 000 youths under the age of 19 were arrested for a variety of crimes committed in the Peninsula between January and April this year.

Police said the "escalating abuse" of alcohol and drugs was becoming a worrying factor.

Between January and April, a total of 4 931 youths were arrested for various crimes and the figure was "substantially up" from the corresponding period last year. No comparative figure was given for the same period last year.

Offences included rape and murder and a substantial number of burglaries and petty thefts, he said.

In recent incidents, four youths were arrested in De Doorns in the Boland on Sunday on a charge of murder. They had allegedly stabbed farm labourer Mr Pieter Adonis more than 30 times during an argument on a road near his Naudeshof farm home.

On Tuesday, a 15-year-old Hanover Park girl was arrested in Khayelitsha in connection with the murder of a security guard, Mr Peter Loeks, 40, of Valhalla Park, who was found in his patrol vehicle with a head wound.

Teenagers targeted

"The escalating use of alcohol and drugs by youths is believed to contribute to their involvement in crime.

"Teenagers are also being targeted by drug dealers, forcing them into crime to support the habit," police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said.

He appealed to parents and other people with authority over children to educate them on the serious nature of crime and on the effects of drugs and alcohol.

"We cannot allow our youth to be destroyed this way," Colonel Dowd said.

Chamber calls for unity against crime

WILLEM STEENKAMP

Staff Reporter

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THE Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and Industry has launched a comprehensive survey of crime in the Peninsula and will use the information to launch a drive against crime.

A spokesman said the chamber was concerned about the high crime rate, particularly in the central business district. ARG 16/9/95

"But, we need the facts and this survey should allow us to come forward with concrete proposals.

"We would like to see all the different organisations working together to fight crime."

Police spokesman Raymond Dowd said the police were doing everything possible to combat crime and maintaining a high profile.

Crime in the CBD between January and August this year had dropped by more than 13 percent, compared with the same period last year.

But, there were budget and personnel constraints and police also had a responsibility towards other areas, he said.

"We have to police according to priorities and we concentrate on areas where there is a particularly high crime rate."

Colonel Dowd said police had earmarked areas in townships where there was a high crime rate, for special policing projects.

Commenting on a possible metropolitan police force which would fall under the authority of the municipality, Colonel Dowd said this would be discussed once the new police force had been structured.

Housebreaking up but most crimes falling

□ Information from public a big help to police
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Southern Reporter

HOUSEBREAKING is increasing alarmingly in several southern suburbs.

But statistics comparing August 1994 with August 1995 show that police could be winning the fight against most other crimes.

Police Deputy Area Commander (South Peninsula) Paul du Toit said the main reasons for improvements were crime prevention programmes, community policing and the fact that the public is providing more information.

Hout Bay was among the worst-hit areas for housebreakings, increasing from 43 in August last year to 61 last month. Colonel Du Toit said factors influencing this included the rise in the number of illegal immigrants attracted by the fishing industry.

Comparative southern suburbs crime figures for August 1994 and August 1995 respectively were:

● Claremont: Theft out of motor car (195 to 121), theft of motor vehicle (55 to 26), housebreaking (74 to 92), robbery (14 to 16), attempted murder (0 to 0), murder (0 to 0), rape (2 to 0); Colonel Du Toit said most of Claremont's problems were directly linked to the size of the area and the fact that it was on major transport

routes which gave criminals easy access and exit;

● Diep River: Theft out of motor car (68 to 70), theft of motor vehicle (21 to 8), housebreaking (74 to 73), robbery (4 to 9), attempted murder (1 to 0), murder (0 to 1), rape (0 to 0);

● Hout Bay: Theft out of motor car (57 to 26), theft of motor vehicle (3 to 0), housebreaking (43 to 61), attempted murder (2 to 3), murder (0 to 1), rape (2 to 3);

● Kirstenhof: Theft out of motor car (30 to 22), theft of motor vehicle (16 to 4), housebreaking (42 to 40), robbery (7 to 6), attempted murder (0 to 0), murder (0 to 0), rape (0 to 1); Kirstenhof has a remarkably high crime solution rate of 54 percent;

● Mowbray: Theft out of motor car (33 to 67), theft of motor vehicle (31 to 18), housebreaking (33 to 38), robbery (8 to 2), attempted murder (0 to 0), murder (0 to 0), rape (0 to 0); lack of lock-up parking was a major contributor to the problem of theft out of motor cars in this area, according to police;

● Muizenberg: Theft out of motor car (25 to 12), theft of motor vehicle (6 to 13), housebreaking (43 to 52), robbery (7 to 4), attempted murder (2 to 1), murder (3 to 2), rape (6 to 1); the theft of

motor cars has taken place predominantly on the beachfront with most being Mazdas or older Toyotas, and the majority of cars were recovered in Khayelitsha;

● Rondebosch: Theft out of motor car (63 to 81), theft of motor vehicle (20 to 19), housebreaking (25 to 45), robbery (4 to 6), attempted murder (0 to 1), murder (1 to 0), rape (1 to 2); lack of lock-up parking contributed to the high rate of theft out of motor cars in Rondebosch, police said;

● Fish Hoek: Theft out of motor car (21 to 20), theft of motor vehicle (4 to 7), housebreaking (67 to 73), robbery (7 to 8), attempted murder (0 to 0), murder (0 to 2), rape (3 to 1);

● Steenberg: Theft out of motor car (28 to 24), theft of motor vehicle (9 to 5), housebreaking (46 to 49), robbery (22 to 23), attempted murder (6 to 4), murder (3 to 2), rape (9 to 7);

● Wynberg: Theft out of motor car (63 to 59), theft of motor vehicle (21 to 13), housebreaking (53 to 41), robbery (13 to 2), attempted murder (1 to 1), murder (1 to 1), rape (2 to 4).

Colonel du Toit again warned young women about the danger of hitch-hiking home at night, a practise which made them prime targets for rape.

■ CLAREMONT

Gangs violence and crime 'worrying'

Robberies and assaults are escalating, say shopkeepers

Staff Reporters

ESCALATING crime and violence by roving gangs in Claremont's central business district (CBD) are worrying business people.

They said they were fed up with being robbed and assaulted by gangs armed with guns and knives.

One of the reasons they believe criminals view Claremont as a soft target is that the Claremont police station in Lansdowne Road is isolated from the main business centre.

The police, however, have opened a satellite police station in the Claremont station building, another high

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crime area on the edge of the CBD. It will have a staff of eight, the majority of whom will be on patrol and in constant radio contact with the office.

Vineyard Service Station owner Guy Cloete, who was held up by an armed gang and robbed on September 4, said he did not feel safe in Claremont.

"We are paying rates and taxes for protection which we are not getting," he said.

"Violence has increased so much and almost everybody I speak to has a terrible story to tell. I am prepared to help in any way I can."

Pat Flesch, a decorator in Corwen Street, has been robbed several times.

She said that when police had an office about 18 months ago in the Vineyard Centre — paid for by the business community — crime had decreased.

"It was reassuring to know they were there, but when one of the policemen left, the whole set-up fell apart," she said.

"There must be a police station nearby."

Business Watch spokesperson Yvonne Hanekom said although the new office at the station did not dis-

play any signs, the police had approached businesses to sponsor them.

The station office was becoming "fairly well known" to businesses in Claremont.

Marius van der Westhuizen at the Claremont police station, said the office at the station was the beginning of an increased police presence in Claremont.

The police accepted the need for another satellite station in a more centralised part of Claremont.

"The premises will have to be donated, however, as the police cannot afford to provide them," Lieutenant Van der Westhuizen said.

A gang leader with no regrets

By CHARL DE VILLIERS



GHETTO LIFE . . . gangs stalk housing estates Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

The air in Delft has been poisoned

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

ARMED residents of Delft lay "defensive" ambushes every night in case gangsters return to take revenge for comrades killed by self-styled vigilante Harry Joshua.

On May 23 last year, Joshua, seen as a folk hero by many residents of the bleak Cape Flats housing estate, took a 12-gauge shotgun and went on the rampage, killing two members of the Hard Livings gang and two hawkers, when police failed to respond after his wife was robbed by gangsters.

A third gangster died in the shootout, but Joshua was acquitted of his murder.

On Monday, Joshua was sentenced to 15 years in jail for the killings — but police fear that a "death sentence" ordered by the gang could be carried out in jail.

Meanwhile, his neighbours live in a poisoned atmosphere, guns within easy reach.

"You don't know what is going to happen today. You cannot talk about tomorrow," says one man.

"The devil is at work here," says Farieda, who is too scared to give her surname. She was speaking in the house where veg-

etable vendor "Boeta" Hassan died in the arms of his 14-year-old daughter, wounded by a blast from Joshua's powerful weapon.

The suburb's clapboard charge office was recently raided by robbers who shot and killed a policeman as they escaped with a trunk-load of arms.

A local shopkeeper, a friend of Joshua's, says he has received death threats. He tells about sinister vans which patrol the street outside his home with dimmed lights.

Ibrahim Carriem says he has requested a police tap on his telephone. "Callers say I must watch out, my wife and daughters are going to be raped. They say I testified for Harry Joshua. I didn't."

Later, Siraj, 18, a friend of one of Joshua's surviving victims, points to a weal on his back and says he was attacked this week by four men who accused him of being a gangster, which he denies. "They said they'd kill me."

Some residents believe the Cape Supreme Court's judgment was too harsh, others believe it was too lenient. But most believe that the last has not been heard from the gangsters of Delft.

FROM hard living to fast cars, ready cash and the "best girls", Cape Town gang leader Rashied Staggie had it all — and he has no regrets.

Mr Staggie says his gang, The Hard Livings, which hit the headlines after the vigilante-style slaying of members in Delft, is a product of apartheid.

He and his twin brother, Rashaad, formed the gang in 1971 when their family were forcibly removed from the mixed suburb of Diep River to the gang-ridden township of Manenberg in terms of the Group Areas Act.

"We both suffered there, so we formed the Hard Livings . . . The name says it all," says Mr Staggie.

Then came the 1976 riots, spawning a myriad of new gangs. "Children rose against apartheid. Then the riots were over and they had nothing. So they joined gangs. It's the poverty, the conditions. You make friends, experience warmth which you maybe don't have at home."

One of his troops, who asked not to be named, concedes he is a "skelm". "I loved stealing from rich people. Nice cars, nice clothes, jewellery."

The Hard Livings fought their way to dominance in the low-income, flatland ghetto, sweeping away rivals like the Jesters, Jokers, Starlights and Mongrels.

Violence, says Mr Staggie, is "logical". "If there is merit in a case, then you fight."

Fighting words from a man who is talking peace. He wants to meet the Western Cape Police Minister Patrick McKenzie, who recently promised to wage a war on the Mother City's gangs.

"We are keen to talk to the government, to find a positive solution for the gang problem in the Western Cape and the rest of the country."

Mr Staggie and his followers are presenting themselves as victims of apartheid who deserve clemency. "We must be given a chance, just like the ANC and the government," he says.

Mr McKenzie's war is doomed to failure, Mr Staggie says. "McKenzie says he wants to destroy us, but we're part of South Africa."

"Just look at the ANC. They were seen as communists and terrorists. Other people murdered for apartheid. Now the government is shaking hands with them."

His gang, he says, voted for the ANC in South Africa's first democratic elections.

"But now we're disappointed at the way in which the ANC is treating us. We're also products of apartheid."

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Trying to behead a monstrous octopus

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By RAYMOND JOSEPH

GANGS in the Western Cape, which police believe could be responsible for up to half the crime in the region, are controlled by 10 to 15 drug lords.

The gangs operate many of the region's major crime syndicates: drug dealing — mainly Mandrax but, increasingly, cocaine — protection rackets, prostitution and theft, say police.

Hard-pressed members of the police's gang unit, based in Belville South, believe the only way to eradicate the gangs is to target their gang bosses.

"Most of the time we get only lower-order gang members, but what we need is to assign single policemen to individual gang bosses so that they can spend as much time as is needed, even if it takes years, to put the big boys behind bars," says unit member Warrant Officer Charles Carolissen.

"If you cut off the head, the tentacles will die," he said.

This week police in the Western Cape began planning their biggest campaign against gangsterism. The move follows the death two weeks ago of a policeman in an ambush in the crime-ridden suburb of Woodlands in Mitchells Plain.

Patrick McKenzie, the police minister for the Western Cape, says the fight against gangsterism is now the top policing priority in the Western Cape.

But police say that to succeed, they will need the help of the communities in which the gangs operate.

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said: "The days of policing in isolation of the community are past.

"Gangsterism is a socio-economic phenomenon and the causes, like poor housing, the breakdown of families and unemployment, must be removed if we hope to win this war."

Captain Jan Louw, the head of the visible gang unit, which is trying to win the support of communities in their war against gangs, said: "Gangsterism is ... a way of life for many people to make ends meet. Gangs always have lots of money and they assist people living in their areas by helping them pay their rent and buy food. This is very difficult to break down."

Another problem, say police, are new laws which make it difficult for police to detain minors.

"The gangs use youngsters to carry drugs and firearms and, more and more, they are using these kids to do the actual shooting. They know there is very little we can do when we arrest underage youths."

HARD LIVING ... Rashied Staggie says his headline-hitting gang is the product of apartheid and its members deserve amnesty
Picture: TERRY SHEAN

Forces join to rid Western

Cape of gang terror

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JOHAN SCHRÖNEN
Crime Reporter

THE Internal Stability Department and the Gang Unit are to join forces to combat gangsterism in the Western Cape.

Gang Unit members will wear uniforms to enhance their presence in gang-plagued areas and their efforts will be boosted by 800 ISU counterparts to offer a better match for gangland's estimated 100 000 members.

Regional Minister of Police Patrick McKenzie made these announcements at Faure yesterday at the first of a series of anti-gangsterism workshops.

All role players, from the ministry down to community level,

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were invited in a bid to find a lasting solution to the problem and to minimise violence.

But, Mr McKenzie said he would negotiate only with gangsters serious about changing their ways.

The workshop focused on effective means to cut off the main "arteries" which supported gang economy.

The workshop heard drug trafficking and weapon-smuggling formed the basis of the industry, which also included prostitution and extortion rackets.

Police are to rely heavily on their intelligence service in a bid to address the problem scientifically.

Mr McKenzie said police had a comprehensive data base on gang leaders and would concentrate efforts to identify Cape Flats drug dealers

A senior Gang Unit officer said Mitchell's Plain on its own had about 170 major drug distribution centres.

He also pointed out the involvement of minors in gang and drug-related crimes.

An overwhelming number of arrests involved minors, and investigations disclosed many drug barons deliberately used minors to do the dirty work.

The attraction of drug money often sent youths on a "one way road to hell," the officer said.

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800 EXTRA MEMBERS

Gang unit to be beefed up

THE POLICE SERVICE in the Western Cape will be restructured to combat gang violence more efficiently. **JACKIE CAMERON** reports.

IN another bid to crack down on gangsterism, the Western Cape's gang unit is to be effectively beefed up by 800 uniformed members.

Police are also poised to crack down on 168 identified drug dealers in Mitchells Plain, as the battle for control of the drugs market continues to fuel gang-related violence.

This was said by regional Minister of Police Mr Patrick McKenzie at a strategy workshop with senior

police managers yesterday, as gangsterism continues to hamper efforts to reduce crime.

Mr McKenzie said the 60-member gang unit would work in uniform and would join 800 internal stability division members in armoured vehicles on a permanent basis to provide a strong visible deterrent in all gang-infested areas.

Previously the gang unit focused on "hot spots" — but gangsters then moved to other areas to wage their battles.

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Another important move would be the appointment of an officer to enlist and co-ordinate the involvement of other government departments to find a long-term solution to gangsterism.

While senior police officers do not believe the gang problem can be eradicated, Mr McKenzie is more optimistic, despite several announcements in the past of gang-busting actions, and said: "I am confident we will be able to wipe out gangsterism as it has never been properly addressed.

"This new move is not a change in strategy but an enhancement."

Mr McKenzie said the fact that 17 gang leaders had been arrested

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and were currently out on bail for offences ranging from murder to more minor crimes was an indication that police were notching up successes in clamping down on the catalysts of violence.

"Certain gang leaders are under surveillance. We are watching their every move. We also have a special team investigating possible police complicity in gang activity."

Mr McKenzie said police members would be allowed to communicate with gang leaders — according to strict rules to prevent them gaining credibility.

"I will refuse to talk to a gangster unless he wants to surrender or get out of that way of life," he said.

Sea Point gets safer and cleans up its act

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■ A new partnership between residents and police has resulted in a cleaner, safer Sea Point.

IRVING STEYN
Staff Reporter

IT was an experiment born of desperation, but it has worked and the letters say it all ...

"I am writing on behalf of my mother and myself who enjoy walking along the beachfront promenade. We have not done this for a while due to being continuously harassed. It was such a pleasure to once again walk and this time see patrol officers of the SAPS patrolling the beachfront for the protection of visitors and tourists. I congratulate your forum for supporting this."

Another said: "I wish to congratulate all those involved in initiating the extra police officers patrolling the Sea Point beachfront. With the invasion of so many undesirable types, walking without harassment had become impossible. But now, with the visibility of these police officers, I feel safe and secure to enjoy a leisurely stroll once again. Living on the main road, my only regret is that there are not similar patrols here, but I am sure that having achieved what you have thus far and with the continued support of the local residents, this too could become possible."

A year ago crime had become such a problem in Sea Point many people were too afraid to venture from their homes.

Chris Joubert, city councillor for the area, said the situation had become unbearable.

"The whole suburb was becoming tired, dirty and less secure, especially on the beachfront. Young hooligans were terrorising people. School-girls were being accosted in broad daylight."

As willing as the Sea Point police were, they were not able to put more men in the field.

But a solution presented itself in the example set by the residents of Sandton, one of whom told Mr Joubert of their most successful scheme.

Provincial Police Minister Patrick McKenzie was invited to a meeting which included the Sea Point Traders' Association, of which Mr Joubert is chairman, the chairman of the local ratepayers' association, Mike Stavourpoulos and Heather Tager of the Police Community Liaison Forum.

Mr McKenzie gave the scheme his blessing and Rent-a-Cops was born.

The scheme was launched in May with six community patrol officers chosen from 1 060 applicants. They were trained by the SAPS and started patrolling the beachfront in June.

They wear SAPS uniforms and have full powers of arrest. Their salaries, which compare favourably with fulltime police members, are paid for by businesses. The money is administered by a trust.

"We have had a lot of support for voluntary financial contributions and we have collected enough money to pay their wages for a year. Our patrol officers are proving very successful. People are accepting them as friends," Mr Joubert said.

A police kiosk manned by patrol officers will be built on the beachfront and the number of men will be doubled during the holiday season.

In the longer term there are plans to widen the patrol area to include the whole of Sea Point.

Another project is the appointment of cleaning staff to supplement the city council service.

"Sea Point is becoming a model, not only in dealing with crime, but also on the cleanliness front. It proves that self-help is the only way to go if we want to improve our suburbs," Mr Joubert said.

The partnership between the community and the police and the community and the cleansing department had been 90 percent successful, he said. "I would like to see the same happen in the CBD," he added.

Crimebusters ready to clean up unsafe city

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IRVING STEYN

Staff Reporter (35)

BUSINESSMEN in central Cape Town are likely to follow the example of Sea Point and establish a force of "community police officers" to rid the crime-ridden city core of bad elements before the holiday season.

"We are extremely concerned by the rise in the rate of crime in the central business district," said Piet Pienaar, a member of the CBD Initiative.

His comment followed a meeting at Sea Point police station this week at which city councillor Chris Joubert outlined the policing scheme Sea Point residents had introduced in conjunction with the police.

Businessmen and others consider the CBD to be unsafe, especially after hours, said Mr Pienaar.

"Look at the city centre's financial decline in the past two years and how Saturday trade has regressed. People are not coming into the city anymore," he said.

"Cleansing is also a major factor. The CBD has become filthy. Our view is that unless we are prepared to accept the status quo we must be prepared to do something about it."

In his own experience, not a week goes by without a mugging in the immediate surrounds of the Cape Sun hotel. "People are demanding safety," he said.

Mr Pienaar said most businesses were "quite prepared" to make a financial contribution. He said the Sea Point model was very well received and retailers and the hotel groups would support it.

"We are determined to start the process here and put a few more Bobbies on the beat."

■ How Sea Point is being cleaned up.
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Outrage at axing of crack gang unit

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CAPE TOWN'S gang-busters have demanded an urgent meeting with regional Minister of Police Patrick McKenzie to challenge his shock axing of their crack unit.

Backed by the SA Police Union, the Visible Gang Unit wants to meet Mr McKenzie and local police brass tomorrow to discuss the team's disbanding.

Failure to save the unit would force Sapu to "elicit community support to show the honourable minister he is living in a fool's paradise", Sapu Western Cape secretary Andy Miller said yesterday.

The unit, using the element of surprise, operates randomly in gang strongholds, often without informing local station commanders.

"We are totally against the disbanding of an elite unit which has had outstanding results in combating gang problems which are rooted in the community," Mr Miller and the unit's commanding officer, Captain Jan Louw, said in a statement yesterday.

They said the future of community policing was at stake following Mr McKenzie's bombshell announcement on Thursday that the 80-strong gang unit was to be absorbed by the Internal Stability Division.

Mr McKenzie said the gang-busters team must don uniforms and join 800 paramilitary ISD policemen in troop carriers as a visible and permanent deterrent to organised gangsters.

However, Sapu and Captain Louw say the presence of armoured vehicles in residential

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

areas will be counter-productive and will alienate the very people who have assured the crack unit's good image — law-abiding citizens.

"If this exercise by Mr McKenzie is indicative of the way he intends to implement community policing in the Western Cape, we can expect it to be a dismal failure," the statement says.

Team members say seven years of specialist experience — and with this an outstanding record of fighting street hoods with hard-won community approval — will be lost if the unit goes under.

Scathing

Community sentiment about the National Party minister's rejigging of the elite anti-gang team is blunt and scathing. He has been accused of political showmanship.

"The whole thing is an election ploy by Patrick McKenzie to give a perception that the cops are really doing something," says Anti-Crime Forum justice spokesman Freddy Joseph.

"How can he take a group that is so motivated and so committed to fighting gangsterism and violence and put it in a discredited unit like the ISU?"

Police Commissioner Andre Beukes said Sapu's demands were "superfluous" as Capt Louw had already agreed to a

second meeting with police labour consultant Colonel Johan Lourens tomorrow.

However, no changes would be implemented without in-depth consultation with all parties, including unions.

Mr Beukes said that this week's workshop to discuss the gang unit's future had followed extensive consultation between Mr McKenzie and various communities and their leaders.

The gathering — allegedly attended by 56 police officers and only two community representatives — had been called to find viable solutions to gangsterism.

Mr Beukes said policing in the Western Cape was a team effort and the partnership between the SA Police Services and communities would be strengthened even more.

Gang-busters want clarity over future

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Staff Reporter

POLICE gang-busting activities were put on hold today as furious gang unit members confronted police management on the proposed restructuring of their unit.

Western Cape regional police minister Patrick McKenzie was accused of trying to score political points with the restructuring.

Police management recently announced the visible gang unit was to be absorbed into the Internal Stability Division (ISD), which prompted a storm of outrage from unions and community leaders who claimed they had not been consulted.

The restructuring proposal was perceived by the unions and gang unit members to mean that the visible gang unit was to be disbanded.

Gang unit members were up in arms that, in terms of the proposal, they would have to go back into uniform.

A meeting called by the South African Police Union (Sapu) in Bellville South today was attended by the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, police management and outraged members of gang-infested communities.

Police management said no

final decisions had been taken.

The gang unit was not to be disbanded but strengthened by incorporation into the ISD, they said.

But other people at the meeting accused police management of "autocratic decision-making".

Sapu's Andy Miller asked where democracy had gone, and accused Mr McKenzie of trying to score political points.

A committee comprising representatives of all role-players — including gang unit and union members and community representatives — was elected to meet Mr McKenzie urgently to discuss the issue.

Thieves and vandals drive firm out of township

BY FRANÇOISE BOTHA

STAFF WRITER

Not all businesses established in the township areas surrounding Cape Town can boast success in the face of adverse circumstances to the same degree as Premier Equipment.

The company, which has been operating from Khayelitsha for the past 22 years, recently announced that it would be moving premises because of continued vandalism and theft.

The equipment supply company has 7 branches countrywide.

According to Johan Duvenage, the service manager, the Khayelitsha branch employs 43 workers and has provided jobs for another three part-time workers, but security reasons have forced the firm to move.

Against this background, the branch has managed to increase its annual turnover steadily to more than R15 million.

According to Duvenage, an

increase of 17 percent is expected for the next year.

"At the Khayelitsha site, we had between two and three break-ins a week which cost us more than R6 000 a month in stolen tools, workshop equipment and damage to property," he said.

Since the company decided to move premises nine months ago, it had paid out more than R50 000 for the replacement of items, including brass taps and drain covers, which had been stolen.

"While we were moving premises, the doors were being unscrewed from their hinges and we were not even out of the building yet," said Duvenage.

The decision to move would help the firm's profitability, he said, as they would be purchasing their own property.

Because the property had been rented, it would have to be restored to its previous condition for the new tenants, a job estimated to cost the company R70 000.

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McKenzie 'playing politics' over gangs unit proposals

Staff Reporter

REGIONAL Police Minister Patrick McKenzie has been slammed by the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum and the two major police unions for "interfering with police operational activities for his own political purposes" and undermining community policing.

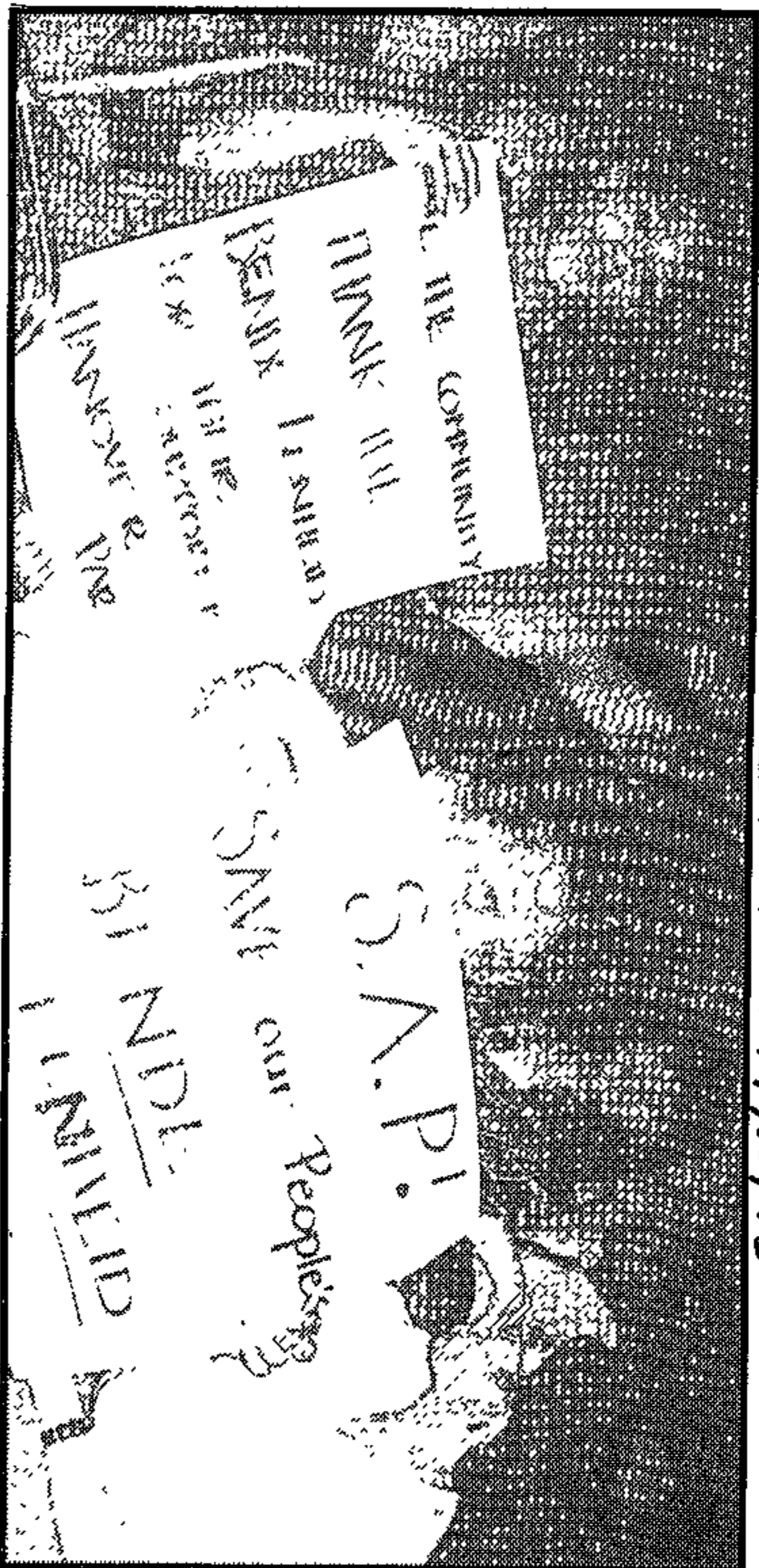
And senior police officers fear that a "perfectly good operational plan" to combat resurgent gangsterism could be "messed up by politics ... by Mr McKenzie jumping on the handwagon for his own political ends".

The cause of the uproar is the proposed restructuring of the visible gang unit, which was decided without consulting community role-players.

In terms of the proposal, the visible gang unit will be absorbed into Internal Stability Division (ISD).

The proposal evolved from a workshop last week attended by more than 50 police and two community representatives, neither of whom was mandated to attend by the organisations they represent.

Members of the gang unit — who were not notified of the restructuring proposal until they read about it in the media —



NO CONSULTATION: Residents from gang-plagued areas support the call at a meeting in Bellville for the proposed incorporation of the police gang unit into the Internal Stability Division to be put on hold.

Picture: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus.

claimed yesterday that their having to wear uniforms and operate with the "militaristic" ISD would remove the crucial element of surprise.

At a meeting in Bellville yesterday, the South African Police Union, the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union, gang unit members and community representatives formed a committee with the aim of countering the restructuring proposal. After the meeting, ISD head Fanie Bouwer said the percep-

tion that the gang unit was to be disbanded was incorrect.

"On the contrary, what we are attempting to do is strengthen our resources to fight gangs.

"The only purpose of the restructuring is to provide a more efficient, professional service," said Colonel Bouwer.

But the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum — representing about 50 crime-racked communities in the region — called on Mr McKenzie to start afresh by

reconvening the workshop to include "proper" community consultation before attempting to "steamroller" proposals.

Mr McKenzie's "autocratic" actions made nonsense of agreements that he would consult the community, said forum chairman Chris Ferndale.

"He has been making empty promises for more than a year and his actions are undermining community policing.

"He is interfering with police

operational activities for his own political purposes.

"We agree that there should be more resources made available to the gang unit, but the way this issue has been dealt with undermines the credibility of the entire process," Mr Ferndale said.

Senior police sources who have an intimate knowledge of the gang unit and the restructuring proposal, said it would be a shame if a "very rational operational proposal is shot down on the basis of political mistakes".

The gang unit was too small and had to operate over too wide an area for it to be effective.

Mr McKenzie was in George and unable to respond to the criticism.

But his spokesman, Raymond Dowd, said because of "the problems" which had arisen in reaction to the proposal, no final decisions had been taken.

"Policing is not static but has to be revitalised on an on-going basis.

"It must be remembered that ISD members are highly-trained policemen and women.

"We are trying to be proactive, rather than reactive, and instil a sense of safety in our communities," Colonel Dowd said.

Move to halt police gang plan

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LYNETTE JOHNS
STAFF REPORTER

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THE POLICE gang unit and residents of gang-infested communities formed a committee in Bellville South yesterday to counter the controversial proposal to have the unit incorporated into the Internal Stability Division.

The committee said they would meet Western Cape regional Police Minister Mr Patrick McKenzie later this week.

Last week police management announced the visible gang unit was to be absorbed into the Internal Stability Division.

Angry residents and union representatives claimed they had not been consulted on the proposed incorporation.

'Autocratic'

Members of the unit slated the police management yesterday, claiming they were autocratic.

According to the proposal, members of the gang unit would be required to wear uniforms and use armoured vehicles. Uniforms would "remove the element of surprise" when apprehending and infiltrating gangs, members said.

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said last night the perception that the gang unit was being disbanded was "totally incorrect". "The idea was to incorporate the gang unit with certain elements of the Internal Stability Unit to ensure a more effective and larger police presence."

Col Dowd said no final decision had yet been taken.

Gang unit revamp plan takes knock

□ *McKenzie using police as 'political football'*

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ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

THE proposed restructuring of the police gang unit has had a triple setback.

African National Congress regional leader Chris Nissen has rejected the proposal that the visible gang unit be incorporated in the internal stability division (ISD) saying the unit should be strengthened with extra people and resources.

The Joint Forum on Policing — consisting of a host of non-governmental and community organisations — yesterday refused to discuss the merits of the restructuring proposal with its architects in the absence of broad community consultation.

Senior police and community sources have claimed that the real reason behind the plan

could be to save the controversial ISD in the light of the proposed establishment of public order policing units.

Earlier this week, regional Police Minister Patrick McKenzie was accused of trying to gain political mileage out of the proposed restructuring by presenting it as a *fait accompli* — and therefore looking tough on crime — without meaningful dialogue with community role players.

Mr Nissen said yesterday the ANC wished to remind Mr McKenzie that the visible gang unit was formed after complaints from residents in gang-infested communities. Community members had played an "integral role" in the unit's formation.

"Now Mr McKenzie has unilaterally decided to disband the

unit. This is typical of old National Party politics, making decisions for and on behalf of the people," said Mr Nissen.

"We cannot allow Mr McKenzie to use the police as a political football," he said.

Joint Forum on Policing chairman Wilfried Schärf confirmed he had been approached by the architects of the plan — who include senior criminal intelligence service members Jeremy Vearey and Gordon Brookbanks, head of the ISD Fanie Bouwer and head of violent crimes Leonard Knipe — to arrange a meeting.

"We suggested they communicate far more broadly with the community.

"They have undertaken to take this suggestion back to their management committee."

Tourist muggings sky-rocket

STAFF REPORTERS

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ATTACKS on tourists in the city have sky-rocketed, leading police to identify the worst crime hot spots in the Central Business District.

At least 96 tourists have been robbed or pickpocketed in the city since the beginning of the year — almost four times as many as during the same period last year, according to police statistics released yesterday.

More than 930 people have been robbed or pickpocketed since the beginning of the year in the city, compared with 772 last year.

Crime hot spots in the city include St George's Mall, Green Market Square, entrances to the Golden Acre shopping complex, the station deck, the Grand Parade and Strand Street.

Police, alarmed at the increase in attacks on tourists and crime's "negative influence" on tourism and trade, have set up a task force with members of the business community to try to reduce the city's crime rate.

"We are looking into the possibility of having a policeman on just about every street corner. Police members on duty will also be encouraged to pay regular courtesy calls to get to know shop personnel and improve co-operation," police spokesman Lieutenant André Traut said.

Special attention would be given to identifying escape routes out of the city and to criminals who regularly targeted tourists, he said.

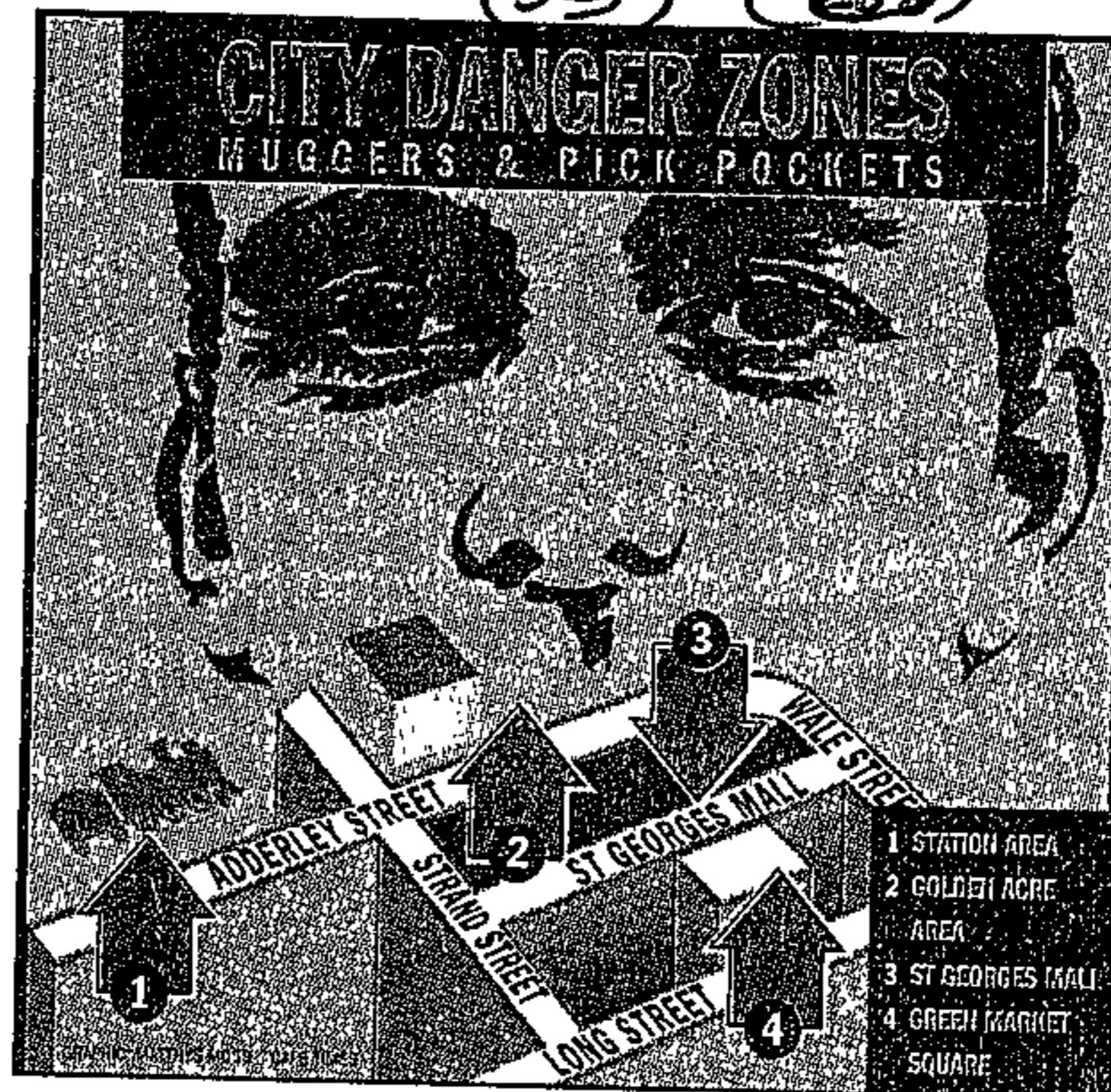
"The efforts of police in the city will be monitored closely and crime prevention planning will be done more comprehensively with the help of the community."

Lieut Traut said the task group would approach the Department of Justice to secure an agreement that court cases be held while tourists are still in the country.

He appealed to people to report all crimes in the city, regardless of the value of the goods stolen, as this would assist police in identifying trends.

Meanwhile it appears that tourists wander the streets of Cape Town with little warning about danger areas.

Mr Helmut Osterberg and Ms Dorothea Duwe-Osterberg of Germany told the Cape Times they had received no warnings



at all in Cape Town.

"In Johannesburg we were told not to visit Berea and Hill-brow in the evening and in Durban we were escorted to our hotel at six one evening by a security guard at the insistence of a shop owner."

Mr Herman von Hulzer from Holland — touring with a group of 45 Europeans, one of whom had a gold necklace ripped from her neck while walking through the CBD on Sunday — said they had not been warned about crime spots.

A British couple said their hotel had issued no warnings at all, but that a hawker on the station deck had warned them against going down a dark flight of stairs and had escorted them back to the street by an alternative route.

A group of four Belgian tourists said they had been warned against walking in the city at night and carrying valuables but had not been told which areas might be hazardous and had felt "uncomfortable" while shopping on the station deck.

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Ace gang unit gets reprieve

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WESTERN CAPE Police Minister Patrick McKenzie has backed down on his controversial attempt to disband Cape Town's highly-regarded Visible Gang Unit.

In a dramatic retreat after crisis talks on Friday between Mr McKenzie, top police management, members of the unit and the SA Police Union, the minister denied that the unit was to be disbanded.

The anti-gang task group was thrown into turmoil after the disclosure of Mr McKenzie's bombshell plan to disperse the Visible Gang Unit among 800 riot police and make them don uniforms and operate from armoured cars as a deterrent to violent street gangs.

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd yesterday said the unit's future would be decided by a project team headed by Western Cape police services Commissioner Andre Beukes.

Mr McKenzie came under fire from community and political organisations, who accused him of exploiting the gang issue for his political ends.

"Mr McKenzie has back-tracked by passing the buck to Mr Beukes," SA Police Union Western Cape secretary Andy Miller charged yesterday.

"He did this for political expediency because he knew his plans were very unpopular."

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

The plainclothes unit — which relies on surprise when stalking suspected gangsters — says any move to link it to the Internal Stability Division would alienate it from the vital support it has had from law-abiding residents living under the shadow of gangs in the city's violence-wracked housing estates.

Promising full consultation on the issue, Col Dowd said a final decision had not been taken about the future of the gang unit.

The latest twist in the saga surrounding the unit's future arose during Friday's meeting between Mr McKenzie, Mr Beukes, senior police services managers, gang unit members and the SA Police Union.

"Mr McKenzie has not backed down," Col Dowd said.

"It's a wrong impression that he had initiated proposals about the unit: it was a normal operational policing plan, with recommendations that came from the police."

However, according to unit members, Mr McKenzie had "unilaterally" told them at a workshop on October 12 of his controversial plans for the unit's future.

Neither Mr McKenzie nor Mr Beukes could be contacted for comment yesterday.

School 'for gangsters'

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STAFF REPORTER

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BOREDOM at school contributed greatly to gangsterism, an anti-crime conference in Mitchells Plain heard yesterday.

The forum, organised by the Mitchells Plain youth development programme, attracted about 50 people, including teachers, pupils, parents, members of the SA Police Services and representatives from the National Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro).

Lack of recreational and extramural activities were cited as the main reasons for school pupils viewing gang activities as a means of alleviating boredom.

Mr Melvin Dirkse, an Observatory Primary School teacher, said: "Children weren't interested in schools as places to spend free time, because there was nothing there to keep them interested."

He said the erection of sporting and recreational facilities was essential in changing children's attitudes towards schools.

A further meeting with Nicro to consider crime in youth is planned for next week.

'Crime a threat to Games bid'

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IF attacks on tourists continued, Cape Town would have no chance of hosting the 2004 Games, Olympic Bid Company chief executive Mr Chris Ball said last night.

Mr Ball, guest speaker at Capetown's annual meeting, said tough measures should be taken or "we should not bid" for the Olympics.

Greater Cape Town's population had swelled by a million people in 10 years to 3,1 million, but

this had not been matched by economic growth. By 2004, the population would be 4,5 million.

Tourism would increase if the city hosted the Games. For every 100 tourists to Cape Town annually, 150 jobs would be created.

● The Azanian People's Organisation says it opposes the Olympic bid as it will not alleviate black people's poor living conditions.—
Staff Reporter

POLICE BROCHURE LISTS DANGER SPOTS

Tourists warned on crime

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POLICE have issued a brochure for tourists listing the mugging danger areas of Cape Town and suggesting ways to avoid becoming a victim. **JACKIE CAMERON** reports.

AS at least another 12 tourists have become victims of crime in the city this month, police, in a brochure launched yesterday, are urging visitors to conceal their cameras and not to wear expensive jewellery.

Criminals have netted at least R45 000 in cash and goods after swooping on tourists, mostly from Germany and Switzerland, in the last 10 days, say police.

Street gangs have not been the only culprits: A video camera was stolen out of a locked hotel room and a lap-top computer stolen at the civic centre.

While most muggings occurred in St George's Mall and Adderley street, Government Avenue and Signal Hill are also proving to be danger zones.

In the new brochure, police

advise tourists that: "South Africa does indeed experience high crime tendencies in certain areas. But this problem is no worse than that currently experienced in other major tourist destinations in the world."

Tips to reduce the possibility of becoming a crime victim include storing valuables in hotel safes and not opening hotel doors without checking the identity of a caller.

Wary

Police also advise tourists to carry cameras in large shoulder bags, to avoid walking in unlit places, to travel in groups and to be constantly wary of bag-snatchers and pickpockets.

Contact numbers for the police Tourist Assistance Unit and Flying Squad are included in the brochure.



INFORMATION CAMPAIGN: Police public relations chief Colonel Raymond Dowd shows a draft copy of the new brochure, aimed at reducing crimes against tourists, yesterday. **PICTURE: CLIVE SMITH**

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Police solve only 22 percent of serious crimes in Peninsula

Staff Reporter

NEW figures released by the police show that their success rate in solving serious crime is much lower than previously calculated.

Only 22 percent of serious crimes reported in the Peninsula between April and September this year have been solved, the figures show.

Previously the police recorded a crime-solving rate for serious offences of almost 60 percent.

The new figures are based on a revised, more realistic tabulation of crime statistics, put into place by the police's Western Cape systems co-ordinators in July.

Several crimes which were previously classified as serious have been left out of the new calculations, including possession of dagga, a crime which by

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its nature carries an automatic 100 percent solving rate.

The new solving rate is based on nine truly serious crimes, including murder, rape, burglary, car theft and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily injury.

Of the 895 murders reported in the Peninsula between April and September, only 252, or 28 percent, have been solved.

The total number of murders reported was up sharply from 715 for the same period last year, while the police's success rate in solving them had declined from 33 percent.

There were equally depressing figures for car thefts, with only 15 percent of crimes solved, and armed robberies at 24 percent.

Solving figures for rape and for assault with intent to cause

injury were better, at 56 percent and 65 percent respectively.

Contradicting recent claims by ANC leaders that Cape Town's crime problems had eased since last year, the new figures show both that crime has increased and that the rate of solving it has declined.

A total of 47 291 serious crimes were reported in the Peninsula between April and September this year, up three percent from 45 766 for the same period last year.

The proportion of crimes solved fell from just under 24 percent in the April-to-September period last year, to 22 percent in the same period this year.

The increase in the crime rate was more pronounced in the southern Peninsula than in northern areas.

Waterfront crime spree feared

JACKIE CAMERON
CRIME REPORTER

POLICE fear crime will increase at the V&A Waterfront over the festive season — after criminals swept through the area "like a hurricane" at the weekend.

More than 27 crimes were committed at the popular leisure area which is believed to be one of the safest places to visit in the Peninsula.

Dutch tourist Mrs Hermien van Muiswinkel was mugged by about six men who made off with her handbag containing about R400, in Dock Road on Friday night, police said.

At least nine shoplifters were arrested after stealing goods from Pick 'n Pay, two thieves were caught breaking into a car and a man was arrested after stealing two handbags at Cantina Tequila on Saturday night around 11.

Four cars were stolen from the Granger Bay parking area. Most of the stolen vehicles had been Toyotas.

Police are investigating the possibility that a car-theft syndicate is behind these incidents.

"Criminals hit the waterfront like a hurricane," one shocked policeman said.

"We receive reports of two cars being stolen there each

week."

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Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd said: "Normally the waterfront's security staff are very good but obviously they cannot be everywhere. There is also a strong police presence in this area, which is classed as one of the safest venues in the Western Cape."

Captour spokesman Mr Gordon Oliver said: "This is awful. Crime is just getting out of hand. I believe there has to be much more of a concerted effort by business, as well as police, in finding a solution.

We cannot allow the situation to deteriorate like it has in

Johannesburg, where they're on a slippery slope and can never return to normality."

Mr Oliver said laws should be changed to enable police to pursue charges against muggers after tourists had left the country, and punishment should be more harsh.

City councillor Mr Chris Joubert warned that unless business made a concerted effort to participate in a community police officers (rent-a-cop) system in the city "we may as well just turn off the lights".

Attacks on tourists in the city have sky-rocketed since the beginning of the year.

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Commissioner of police warns tourists of crime

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STAFF REPORTER

AFTER the highly publicised mugging of German tourists in Cape Town on Monday, regional commissioner of police General André Beukes met foreign tourists at Cape Town International Airport yesterday to warn them against muggers. He said he wanted to make their visit here the highlight of their stay in South Africa.

Gen Beukes and other police staff gave the tourists pamphlets with tips on precau-

tions to take at their hotels, in the street, on car safety, and with contact telephone numbers should they need help.

Police already had plans to ensure the safety of tourists visiting Cape Town, the pamphlet said.

The tourists were visibly impressed and said they were grateful an effort had been made to make their stay safer.

Tourists were warned not to flaunt valuables in the street, to leave expensive jewellery in a safe place at the hotel, not to carry large amounts of cash and to avoid dark unlit places.

The pamphlet also advises tourists to travel in groups and to keep their baggage or handbag close at hand.

Police said South Africa did experience high crime in certain areas but the prob-



TOURIST TIPS: Australians tourists, Ms Kim Hardware and Ms Rachelle Bassett, were welcomed to Cape Town by Police Commissioner General André Beukes. PICTURE: ANNE LAING

lem was no worse than in other major tourist destinations in the world.

● Another German tourist has been robbed in the city centre.

Mr Fritz Güttler, 50, was with a small group of tourists in the covered Strand Street bridge when a pickpocket stole his wallet containing about R600, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Güttler told police a man pushed a trolley alongside him for some time before seizing the opportunity to block his path.

An accomplice grabbed Mr Güttler's wallet out of his pocket, before fleeing with the man who had pushed the trolley.

Late yesterday, police were following strong leads on the identities of the culprits and were optimistic about making early arrests.

Cape Town tourists get welcome with difference

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□ *Police greet visitors at airport with tips for safe stay*

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

FOUR Italian tourists jetting into Cape Town were more than a little surprised to walk into an official police welcome — but it had nothing to do with anything they had done.

Regional police commissioner André Beukes and other members of the police force were at Cape Town international airport to welcome the tourists with plenty of tips for a safe stay in the city.

But the tourists were undeterred, saying Cape Town couldn't be any worse than "most big cities of the world".

The tourists were part of a group of Air Zimbabwe passengers welcomed by General Beukes and other policemen,

and handed information pamphlets outlining the dangers of crime in the city, especially in the Sea Point and central business district (CBD) areas.

Tour group leader Laura Grippa said they came to South Africa, and to Cape Town in particular, to enjoy themselves and did not think the city's criminals posed much of a threat.

"How bad can it be . . . I don't think it is any worse than is the case in most of the big cities of the world. We heard nothing about it in Italy before we left."

She said they were surprised but at the same time delighted to get such a rousing welcome, and appreciated the police's concern about their wellbeing

and safety.

Other passengers on the plane looked just as surprised when confronted by the police and press contingent, but all accepted the pamphlets and thanked the police for their care.

General Beukes said he did not think that crime against tourists was out of control but felt it was a good idea to make them aware of the potential dangers and the sort of precautions they needed to take.

He said police would hold discussions with Captour and the Olympic Bid Company to put the issue into perspective as it was not as bad as it appeared.

"At the moment, crime against tourists constitutes

about three percent of the overall crime picture, but with initiatives like these I am sure we will be able to lower that figure.

"By making potential victims aware of the situation and giving to them basic safety hints and valuable contact numbers the risk will be minimised and they will better enjoy their stay in the Cape of Good Hope."

He said the information drive was not something new but an extension of the police's success in the past.

"After the brutal attack on tourists in Transkei earlier this year, it is necessary to focus on the safety of tourists and this type of grassroots approach does a lot to address the concerns of the visitors."

Big business urged to back rent-a-cop plan for city

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JACKIE CAMERON
CRIME REPORTER

THE chairman of the city's business watch has challenged big business to "put their money where their mouths are" and contribute funds for a rent-a-cop programme to stamp out crime which is threatening tourism and trade.

Mr Ralph Rosen, who chairs a committee of police and business leaders who are trying to find solutions to city crime and who is also a Chamber of Commerce executive committee member, said: "The only way we can make Cape Town safe is by having lots of bob-

bies on the beat to make tourists feel safe. We need at least an extra 100 police members walking up and down the streets."

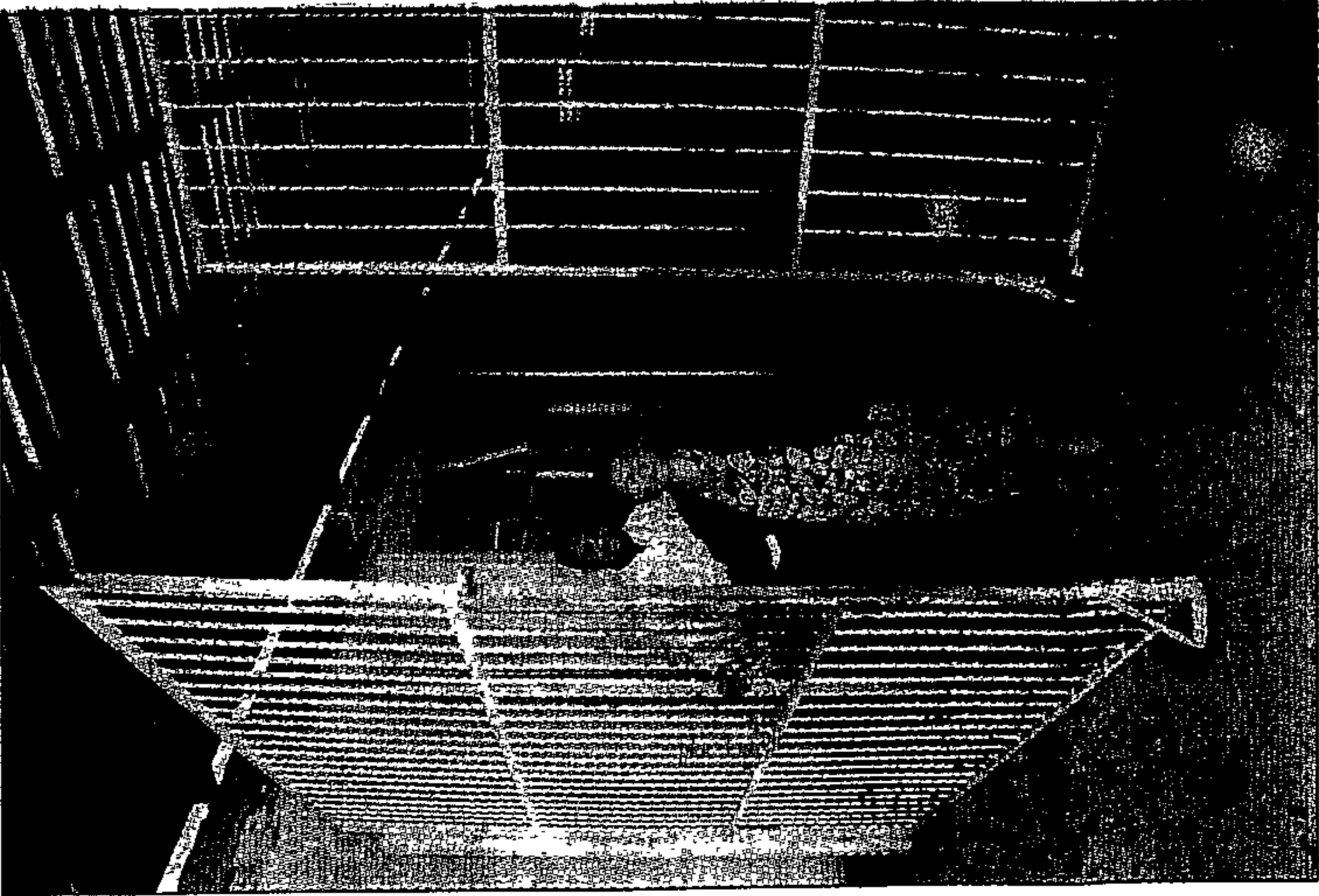
Police do not have enough manpower to beef up visible policing on city streets.

"No business has yet come forward with any substantial amount. The big boys, like oil companies and banks, need to put their money where their mouths are. The season is virtually upon us and we have to act now."

Mr Rosen appealed to business leaders to attend a meeting, on November 24, at which the rent-a-cop system would be discussed.

Gangs 'terrorise' day hospital workers

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DANGER ZONE: The high gates at the entrance to the trauma unit do not put off gangsters who climb over and force medical staff to tend to them. Looking on are hospital volunteer Mr Mogamat Cassiem and policing forum member Ms Avril Phillips. **PICTURES: ALAN TAYLOR**

CAROL CAMPBELL

WHEN a bullet ripped through the prefabricated wall of a consulting room at Hanover Park Day Hospital and wounded a young doctor, it was the last straw for the tired and demoralised hospital staff.

After months of abuse from gangsters in the area the nurses, doctors and volunteers are ready to close the 24-hour trauma unit because they no longer feel safe working after dark.

Dr Rucknoodien Ismail was shot in the buttocks this week while treating a mother and her baby.

The hospital is a day clinic and the trauma unit is an additional service to the community which puts an added drain on the handful of committed doctors and nurses who are always available.

Western Cape health department head Dr Tom Sutcliffe said a senior member of his staff would probably visit the hospital today to look at ways of helping the staff.

"This is a wider social problem which we all have to help resolve. The health department doesn't have the capacity to keep throwing resources at problems."

On a tour of the hospital yesterday staff said they were terrified of the gangsters who "took over" the hospital during gang fights.

They all tell horror stories of how armed and aggressive gangsters pushed their way to the front of the queue if a gang member was wounded and often, if a gangster was killed and was admitted dead on arrival his friends would demand that the medical staff try



CLOSE SHAVE: Hanover Park Day Hospital guard Mr Frederick Stoffberg points out the spot where a bullet went straight through the hospital wall, wounding a doctor inside.

to resuscitate him.

If gangsters were forced to stay outside the trauma unit by security guards they simply climbed over the gates wielding guns and knives and pushed their way in.

On several occasions rival gangs followed their enemies into the hospital and their battle continued amid the hospital beds.

The Hanover Park Health Forum, made up of concerned community members, the community policing forum and staff from the hospital said they were sick and tired of accepting their lot and wanted improvements.

"We want a wall around the clinic or a building with proper walls which can guarantee the safety of our staff — they cannot

work like this because they live in fear of their lives," said forum member Ms Adelaide Daniels.

They appealed to Western Cape Health Minister Mr Ebrahim Rasool to visit the hospital to "see for himself" the frightening conditions they worked under.

One doctor said a colleague working night shift always slept on the floor of the staff rest room instead of the bed provided because he was terrified of stray bullets flying through the windows and walls.

The sister in charge, Ms Roslind Fredericks, said since the attack on Dr Ismail more security guards had been sent to the hospital, but even stronger security precautions were needed.

City centre police force demanded

□ Stekhoven says crime biggest threat

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Business Editor

OUTGOING president of the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry Michael Stekhoven has called for extra policemen in the city centre to fight crime.

He told the chamber's annual general meeting in Cape Town yesterday that although the public demanded reductions in government spending, expenditure on security was an exception.

Nothing threatened the country's institutions and economy as much as crime.

"It is almost impossible to exaggerate the affect on confidence and investment — or lack thereof. Every South African and every tourist lives to some degree in fear."

Mr Stekhoven said thousands of South Africans and visitors left permanently because of crime and "countless thousands" of potential tourists did not come to the country.

"The V & A Waterfront is our most popular place to visit not only because of its physical attractions and activities, but because it is perceived

as safe," Mr Stekhoven said. "The cost of providing this security is repaid a hundredfold by the resulting higher rents, turnovers and profits."

Extra policemen in the city centre would "pay for themselves" within months from increased taxes from new or more profitable business.

Mr Stekhoven also called for a higher proportion of tourism taxes for the Western Cape.

All local authorities in the region should contribute to providing the funds necessary for the effective functioning of Captour, whose budget had been cut just when its services were most needed.

Roughly a third of funds raised in the region through the Satour accommodation bed levy was re-allocated back to the Western Cape, but only a small proportion went to Captour, Mr Stekhoven said.

"The region should be entitled to at least 50 percent of the funds raised by way of the bed levy, and the Cape Metro as the main generator of these funds should get the lion's share of the allocation, which should be used to attract tourists to the Cape."

McKenzie has bold vision for curbing crime in CBD

□ *Rent-a-cop scheme expands*

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Staff Reporter

A POLICE officer responsible for each city block, and closed-circuit television on the pavements and streets are among innovative plans to curb crime in the central business district of Cape Town.

Reg. Police Minister Patrick McKenzie revealed his vision for inner-city policing at the Cape Sun hotel yesterday, at the official launch of the rent-a-cop scheme in St George's Mall.

The hotel has combined with Woolworths to put up the money to employ five community patrol officers full-time — to complement existing police activities in St George's Mall between Strand Street and Shortmarket Street.

The five comprise three formerly unemployed police reservists, a retired detective from Vereeniging and a fourth reservist who gave up his civilian job to work permanently for the police.

The St George's Mall initiative comes less than a week after the rent-a-cop scheme was introduced to Greenmarket Square — and follows a pilot scheme apparently run with some success in Sea Point for the past several months.

The organisers of the scheme hope more businesses and the city council will come on board so the concept can be extended throughout Cape Town and into the suburbs.

Mr McKenzie said Sea Point residents' response to the plan had been "amazing". Money poured in to the tune of tens of thousands of rands.

"This thing has now snowballed to such an extent that people outside

the Western Cape want to meet our people to talk about setting up similar projects in the Eastern Cape and Gauteng," he said.

The bobby on the beat was set to become a way of life in South Africa: "I want fewer policemen and women in vehicles and more on the street," he said.

He stressed the Community Patrol Officers had not been appointed to replace existing policemen and women attached to Caledon Square or the Tourist and Business Watch Unit — but to complement them.

"You are not here to take over their role. You are an addition," he told the five new rent-a-coppers.

The next plan he had up his sleeve was the extension of closed-circuit television from inside shops to include the shop's exterior environs.

He already had offers of assistance in this regard from the governments of England, France and Germany.

"They have said to me, in writing, that they would be prepared to assist in terms of closed-circuit television and a control room," he said.

Ultimately, Mr McKenzie wants the central business district divided into "little blocks".

"My aim and vision is to empower policemen and women to accept responsibility for a block each.

"From there, we will be able to softly, slowly, infiltrate the entire city."

A similar concept was already bearing fruit in Guguletu, Mr McKenzie said.

Cape Town murder rate shock

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

CAPE Town's murder rate is six times the national average of the United States — and more than 80 percent of the victims are black and coloured men from the city's poorer areas.

The rate of deaths on the road is more than double that of the US.

This emerges from a Medical Research Council (MRC) report on non-natural deaths in the metropole last year.

It found there was an average of 35 murders, 21 transport-related deaths and five suicides a week.

The MRC warned that the city "cannot

afford such a loss of life and the fear it generates" and urged communities to get actively involved in helping the authorities curb violence and crime.

"The authorities cannot do it on their own," said Debbie Bradshaw of the MRC.

She said the public in Cape Town "must form an alliance with the authorities to develop safe and healthy communities".

By far the greatest number of victims — 84 percent — were black and coloured men, more than half of whom were between the ages of 15 and 34.

The five top homicide areas were Khayelitsha, Nyanga, Guguletu, Mitchell's Plain and Elsies River.

Litany of unnatural deaths

Edward West

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CAPE TOWN — Pedestrian fatalities and a homicide rate six times that of the US national average are the biggest sources of unnatural deaths in the Cape Town metropolitan area.

These were the findings of a research report released yesterday by the Medical Research Council and the forensic medicine departments of the universities of Cape Town and Stellenbosch.

According to the report, the homicide rate in the area was 68 in 100 000 people. The transport-related mortality rate of 43 in 100 000 people was more than double that of the US. Pedestrian fatalities accounted for 68% of transport-related deaths last year.

There were 1 789 homicides in Cape Town last year, 291 suicides and 1 128 transport-related deaths — equivalent to 4,9 homicides, 3,1 transport-related deaths and 0,8 suicides a day.

Eighty-four percent of murder victims were black and coloured males, and of these 52% were between the ages of 15 and 34. The murder rate among whites was 10,4 in 100 000, similar to that of the US. Suicide was prevalent among white and coloured males. Fires caused 294 deaths. There were 56 suicides and 264 transport-related deaths among women.

The young age of most of the injury and violence fatalities resulted in 130 000 potential years of life lost, almost half the number of potential years of life lost to all causes of death.

More than half of pedestrian and driving fatalities, 56% of the homicides, 62% of the fire fatalities, 31% of drownings and 26% of the suicides were under the influence of alcohol. "We cannot afford such a loss of life, nor the fear that it generates," council spokesman Dr Debbie Bradshaw said.



After Premier Group chairman Doug Band's car was hijacked on the way to a function at the British consulate to welcome the England cricket team, the team decided to give his son Alexander, right, an autographed cricket bat. With him is James Gallo, who also received a bat, and England fast bowler Darren Gough. Picture: NICKY DEBLOIS

Man disabled by 'racists' sues attackers

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□ Shot gardener seeks R360 000

HENRIËTTE GELDENHUYS
Supreme Court Reporter

A GARDENER who lived in a squatter camp has told the Supreme Court how he was abducted on his way to work and shot until he lost consciousness, after being told he was a "kaffir" who was "going to die".

A soft-spoken Douglas Nkwali, 41, a married man with two children, of Wallacedene squatter camp in Kraaifontein, slowly made his way to the witness stand on crutches and recalled how he was admitted to the intensive care unit at Tygerberg hospital after the brutal attack in January 1993 that left him permanently disabled.

He testified yesterday in his civil trial against "racists" Peet Rens, 36, of Joostenbergvlakte, and James Downey, 38, of Durbanville, who he is suing for damages of R360 000.

Rens, a former Sanlam representative who is defending himself, has lost much weight since he was imprisoned in May last year on criminal charges of abducting and attempting to murder Mr Nkwali.

He was sentenced to an effective 11 and a half years in prison.

Downey, a businessman, was fined R3 000 after being found guilty of abduction, but he indicated he would not defend the action.

Rens's facial muscles twitched and he tapped his foot impatiently during Mr Nkwali's evidence, after complaining to Mr Justice A J Lategan that Mr Nkwali had a defence team paid for by the State while he was denied legal representation.

Mr Justice Lategan said he could not override the Legal Aid Board's decision not to grant Rens representation.

Mr Nkwali said he had left for work at 4.30 am to catch a train from Kraaifontein to Salt River, and from there to Heathfield to work as a gardener and cleaner at a block of flats, earning R35 a day.

He had his bag with him, containing his keys, wallet, his weekly train ticket, an overcoat and his wife's shoes, which he planned to hand in for repairs.

A vehicle blocked his way and "I was shocked and I stopped".

"The passenger (Rens) got out and said 'Ja kaffir' and punched me. I staggered ... he kicked me.

"He went back to the car and I took my bag and carried on walking. They followed me, slowly driving behind me.

"I went into someone else's property, hoping to get assistance, but when I tried to ring the bell, they came towards me. The driver (Downey) took my bag and put his arm around my neck, telling me they were going to shoot me.

"They forced me into the car. I was resisting, but they helped each other.

"We drove to a gravel road at the end of Bloekombos squatter camp. There were bushes.

"The passenger opened the door and said: 'Kaffir, get out'. The driver asked 'where is Mandela' and then he said 'you are full of nonsense, you and Mandela. You are going to die now'.

"I saw that he (Rens) had a firearm. He started firing shots at me. I remember two shots in my head and one in the leg. I fell to the ground and lost consciousness.

"When I came around, I saw a vehicle approach. It hooted. I couldn't lift my head. Then I realised I couldn't lift my arm to flag the car down. They passed, but stopped and reversed. I told them what had happened.

"The police came. I was taken away in an ambulance to Tygerberg hospital and I stayed there for three months."

He added that Rens and Downey had left the scene with his bag.

Mr Nkwali said his wife was also unemployed and his family lived on a disability grant from the state of R410 a month.

He had worked every day of the week except Sundays, when he went to church, and had earned between R35 and R50 a day as a gardener in Heathfield, Vredehoek, Somerset West, Stellenridge and Kenridge.

He said he was now in constant pain.

An orthopaedic surgeon, Anthony Mullins, testified that there had been six gunshot wounds in Mr Nkwali's body.

Dr. Mullins said the wounds were life-threatening and that it was "incredible that he had survived the assault".

He had to wear a neckbrace "for a long time" from a gunshot wound to his neck, which fractured his neck vertebrae and also injured a nerve and artery.

Blood had to be drained from his chest from a gunshot wound to his left chest. This damaged his nerves.

He had gunshot wounds in both thighs and in his thumb.

He also had two gunshot wounds in the forehead, which did not penetrate his skull, but he had a fractured jaw and abrasions on the forehead.

At present, Mr Nkwali's head was permanently tilted over to the right and his neck painful and stiff.

He was unable to lift his left arm and had difficulty eating because of restriction in the movement of the jaw.

He suffered from extreme pain and discomfort and was permanently unfit to work.

Steven Majiedt appeared for Mr Nkwali.

BIDD TO BEAT THE MUGGERS

□ Big business, communities rush to hire 'Rent A Cops'

ARG 9/12/95 (35)

■ Cape Town's business and residential communities are moving swiftly to prevent muggings and attacks from becoming a way of life.

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
Staff Reporter

THE spate of attacks and muggings in the Peninsula has led to a rush by major businesses as well as Metro Rail to sign up with the "Rent A Cop" scheme.

Hiring trained community police officers is seen as the only solution to fighting the increasing number of muggings and robberies in Cape Town, according to city councillor Chris Joubert, co-chairman of the Central City Interim Police Board co-ordinating the "Rent A Cop" scheme.

In the central business district alone, R300 000 needs to be raised from the corporate sector to employ 120 trained community police officers to patrol the area.

As concern grew about escalating crime, half the target had already been reached, said Mr Joubert.

The latest mugging victim was 19-year-old Franso van der Merwe and his friend Charmaine Claasen, who were attacked in daylight in Long Street this week.

Mr Joubert said large corporations would have to subsidise smaller business concerns, like those in Long Street, which would be urged to join up with the "Rent A Cop" scheme to make the area safe.

"We are not subsidising the police. It is a partnership. They give us the uniforms, the trained men and the supervision. We want to make our city safe. It is the only way to go," he said.

It appears few areas are safe from crime in Cape Town and police protection has become a necessity in many top tourist spots.

An increase in vehicle break-ins in the parking area at the foot of Table Mountain had prompted the Cableway Company to sign up with the "Rent A Cop" scheme, Mr Joubert said.

The popular Sea Point pavilion, which was the scene of an attack on a pedestrian from Milnerton out for an evening stroll, is the focus of a crime prevention drive.

A new police kiosk which will be manned by a police tourist unit officer and open from 8 am to 11 pm was opened yesterday at the pavilion. The kiosk will double up as a tourist information centre.

Senior Superintendent Colonel Dowd said the financing by business and residential communities of their own additional policing was a step in the right direction.

"Additional manpower will be brought in, trained by the police and paid for by the local community with trust funds," he said.

"Dozens and dozens" of applicants had already been in-

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Business, communities rush to join anti-crime drive

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interviewed for the posts to be trained as police reservists and put on the streets in police uniforms.

"The business community wants visible policing — the bobby on the beat. This will create that impression," said Superintendent Dowd.

In Sea Point, a 24-hour telephone number at the newly-opened police kiosk will be given out to residents who might need to alert the police officer on duty about incidents at the pavilion.

The Beachfront Action Group Trust has raised more than R30 000 from flatdwellers and businesses in a determined

effort to fight crime in Sea Point.

"This is a sincere effort to prevent any further muggings," said Mr Joubert.

The hiring of the community police officers in Cape Town was the brainchild of Western Cape Police Minister Patrick McKenzie, who had seen a similar scheme operating in Singapore, according to Mr Joubert.

Mr McKenzie has promised five extra police officers to Sea Point over the festive season.

Sea Point residents and business operators are now paying for eight hired police officers, who will work under the command of the Sea Point police station.

Following a vicious attack on beach-goers by knife-wielding robbers on secluded beaches between Bakoven and Llandudno, police have stepped up security on beaches over the festive season.

An attack on a 23-year-old German tourist on Noordhoek beach earlier last week should serve as a warning to people not to go to isolated spots, said Superintendent Dowd.

However vehicle, helicopter and water patrols would be increased along beach areas, he said.

Police pamphlets warning about safety measures would be handed out to tourists visiting Cape Town, he said.

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