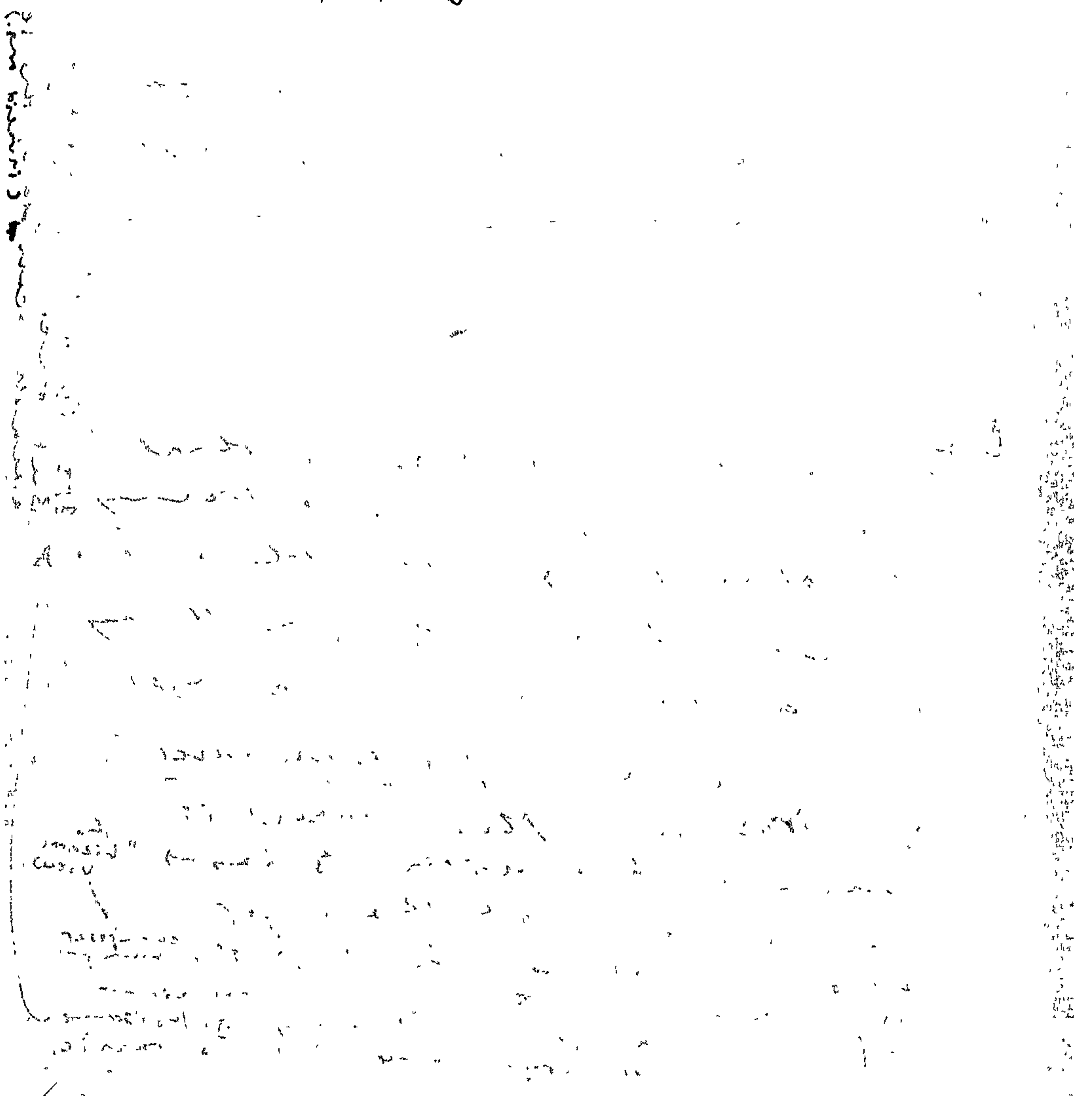


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Dramatic meeting at Harms probe

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By Chris Whitfield,
The Star Bureau

LONDON — In a moment of drama at the Harms Commission hearing here, alleged hit squad boss Dirk Coetzee yesterday came face-to-face with one of the men he claimed may have played a part in the killing of an ANC member.

Mr Coetzee alleged that in 1981 a Captain Doep du Plessis of Port Elizabeth Security Branch and another senior policeman had driven ANC activist Sizwe Kondile to Komati-poort, where he was killed.

Mr Coetzee added that he understood Captain du Plessis had been involved in some way in the Steve Biko case.

Mr Maritz turned and pointed to a greying man dressed in a charcoal suit in the public benches. "Is the Colonel du Plessis sitting in the commission the Captain du Plessis you are referring to?" He asked.

"He looks familiar ... It's 10 years ago. I can't say for sure" replied Mr Coetzee, looking straight at Colonel du Plessis.

Mr Maritz said the Colonel du Plessis "sitting here" would deny he had anything to do with the Biko case or the Kondile killing. Mr Coetzee asked if the colonel had been in the Port Elizabeth Security Branch in 1981.

When Mr Maritz replied that he had, Mr Coetzee replied that "one would then have to check" if it was the same person he had been talking about.

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Several top policemen promoted

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Several prominent policemen on the Reef, in the Vaal Triangle and the SAP public relations directorate have been promoted, police said yesterday

In Pretoria, Colonel Vic Haynes, second-in-command of the public relations division, has been promoted to brigadier. Lieutenant-Colonel Steve van Rooyen, SAP media liaison section chief, has been promoted to full colonel

In Johannesburg, Colonel Wally Snowball has been promoted to brigadier, along with Colonel S Taljaard of the John Vorster Square commercial branch

The commander of the Johannesburg flying squad, Lieutenant-Colonel W Swart, was promoted to full colonel, as was Lieutenant-Colonel C Fouche, commander of the Witwatersrand gold and diamond branch.

Also promoted were the station commanders of Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, and Katlehong, near Germiston, police stations. These were Lieutenant-Colonel Othmel Mazibuko of Sebokeng and Lieutenant-Colonel D Dhlamini of Katlehong.

Promoted to lieutenant-colonel was Major Ivor Human, commander of the East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad.

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The hearing continues

Germiston appoints new bosses

East Rand Bureau

Germiston's City Council officially appointed its new Management Committee at a special meeting yesterday.

Mr Leon Louw of the National Party was officially elected chairman and Mr Sarel Hattingh (NP), vice chairman.

The new members are Mr Herman Immelman (NP), last year's mayor and Mr Piet Delpoit (NP), last year's deputy mayor and Mr Ray Hofmeester, a member of the independent alliance.

The previous chairman, Mr Stan van Eeden, the vice chairman, Mr Fanie Coetzee and Mr Johan Roussouw all members of the NP, resigned under pressure from the caucus last week.

Stop ostracism of SA, pleads IJS academic

By Ramsay Mills
The Star's Foreign News Service

NEW YORK — The president of one of America's premier universities made a stirring appeal yesterday to United States academics to end their ostracism of South Africa's "open" universities — which, he said, have received scant credit for having been at the forefront of opposition to apartheid for years.

It was odd, said Dr Jean Mayer, president of Tufts University, that "supposedly liberal academics outside South Africa who claim to favour a non-racial society there, have ostracised the educators and researchers fighting an anti-apartheid war on the academic front."

Dr Mayer said that by refusing to acknowledge the battle against apartheid waged by the administrators of South Africa's five non-racial universities, and forcing them to operate in intellectual isolation, the world's academic community has done them a disservice.

With high-quality, integrated higher education — the key to a multiracial society — South Africa needed a mass of educated blacks to participate in government and to improve the primary and secondary system for all people of colour.

Many publishers refused to supply South Africa with journals and textbooks, he said. This ostracism had been especially costly to South Africa's medical research community and all its citizens who depended on the country's health care system.

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Counsel for officers named denies 'atrocities' involvement

LONDON — Advocate Sam Maritz, counsel for policemen alleged by self-confessed hit-squad commander Dirk Coetzee to have been implicated in security police 'atrocities', denied their involvement to the Harms Commission yesterday.

Among those named by Coetzee in a week of evidence are the present and former commissioners of police, generals Johan van der Merwe and Johan Coetzee.

During cross-examination Maritz found several apparent contradictions of statements Coetzee made earlier, as well as failure to corroborate evidence of two other former alleged hit-squad members.

Maritz: "Your stories are totally ridiculous."

Coetzee "They are 100% correct."

Maritz stated earlier that then Colonel Nick van Rensburg of the Port Elizabeth security branch (now a brigadier) would also deny that he received R7 000 which Coetzee claimed was obtained from the sale of a minibus stolen from a Uitenhage trade union.

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Untrue

Coetzee said while he headed the hit-squad at Vlakplaas, other members were "selected", including Vermeulen. When the judge asked why a security chief, Brig Arthur Flemington, was not named as a murderer, Coetzee said he never testified that Flemington killed anyone.

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Weekblad had reported, following an interview with Coetzee, that he was the "leader of the security police murder squad". Coetzee said Pauw's report was untrue.

He agreed with the judge that it was untrue that his group at Vlakplaas formed the "core" of the hit-squad operations and that Vlakplaas was the headquarters of the murder squads.

Coetzee yesterday contested a claim by Maritz that Sipho Mtinkulu of Port Elizabeth was in good health when released from detention on October 20 1981.

He said that Mtinkulu, on his release, was given thalium poison in a fruit-drink which paralysed him.

Maritz said Mtinkulu was discharged from prison on October 20, but only disappeared in April the following year. Coetzee said that immediately after his release he landed up in hospital.

A civil case against the Minister of Police was pending, he said. On a second visit to Groote Schuur Mtinkulu disappeared.

Maritz said it was on record that Mtinkulu had recuperated or was on the way to recuperating when he left the country on April 14 1982.

Hit squad probe told of Swazi abduction

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LONDON. — Alleged police death squad leader, former police captain Dirk Coetzee, had acted on his own in organising the 1981 abduction from Swaziland of ANC member Mr Joe Pillay, enraging his superiors and causing an international furore which severely embarrassed the government, the Harms Commission heard here yesterday.

Mr Sam Maritz, SC, for policemen implicated in the hit squad allegations, put this to Mr Coetzee on the fourth day of his cross-examination.

Mr Coetzee vehemently denied this was true, insisting he had acted on clear instructions from superiors, including Brigadier Willem Schoon.

He had even been congratulated on a job well done after Mr Pillay had been brought to Pretoria for interrogation, and before it was realised an international outcry was being raised.

Earlier evidence before Mr Justice Louis Harms was that Mr Pillay had been kidnapped in Swaziland by Mr Coetzee's hit squad, badly beaten and spirited across the border to Pretoria for interrogation.

Set free

Mr Coetzee alleged that he and his men had kept guard over the man for a couple of days, during which a "truth serum" had been administered intravenously.

When the Department of Foreign Affairs intervened as a result of the international incident after Swazi police captured one of the hit squad, Mr Pillay was kept at a policeman's house for a while so that his bruises could subside.

He was then returned to Swaziland and set free, just inside that country's border with about R15 in his pocket to get him home.

Mr Maritz: "My instructions are that you acted alone and completely out of order... and that Brigadier Schoon was furious when he learned about it."

Mr Coetzee: "No, I did not act on my own. It looks like success has many fathers but failure is an orphan."

Mr Maritz said Mr Coetzee's superiors had known he was active in Swaziland in the course of his duties as a security policeman, but had definitely not ordered the abduction of Mr Pillay.

Mr Maritz: "You caused tremendous embarrassment for the South African government... the whole world was crying out... senior police generals had to go to the border and explain to the Swazi police... Foreign Affairs was brought in."

Mr Coetzee: "Yes, but at first it was seen as a successful operation... I was congratulated the morning after by Brigadier Johan Coetzee (then second in command at security police and now a retired commissioner of police)."

Mr Maritz asked Mr Coetzee to confirm earlier evidence that Mr Pillay had been kept under guard at the Pretoria home of an alleged fellow hit squad member, Sergeant Koos Schutte, while the international incident was raging, before he was returned to Swaziland.

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"You're saying Mr Pillay was kept at a policeman's home, guarded by a labourer from Vlakplaas with a knobkerrie who was not even a policeman (alleged squad member Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalange) . . . this while there was a world outcry, your superiors were furious with you, police generals had to go to Swaziland, and Foreign Affairs was involved?"

"Are you serious?" Mr Maritz asked, suddenly raising his voice in a clear indication of utter disbelief

Mr Coetzee: "That is how it happened."

Mr Maritz: "I won't go through all the details again, but I put it to you that those South African policemen you have scurrilously implicated in your actions will deny every one of the allegations"

Mr Coetzee: "I can believe it, they have no other option."

Mr Maritz's cross-examination of Mr Coetzee goes into its fifth day tomorrow.

Mr Coetzee also told the commission that a valuable hunting knife used in the alleged 1981 death squad killing of activist lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge was kept, and should be available in South Africa even now for forensic tests.

Mr Coetzee said two cheap "okapi" pen-knives also used in the Mxenge stabbing were probably disposed of.

The hunting knife, which Mr Coetzee has alleged was supplied by Sgt Koos Schutte, foreman and mechanic at the Vlakplaas hit squad camp near Pretoria, was kept "because it was precious"

"I can tell you where it is . . . it was returned after a while to Paul Pretorius of a farm near Bon Accord . . . he is a friend of Koos Schutte . . . he has the hunting knife," Mr Coetzee said

The hunting knife could be tested and matched to stab wounds recorded on Mr Mxenge's body, Mr Coetzee said.

Dishonest witness

Referring to the evidence given earlier by Almond Nofemela and Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalange — who said they were part of the death squad — and Mr Coetzee's own evidence-in-chief, as well as a statement made in Mauritius last year to a newspaper reporter, Mr Maritz submitted that the former policeman was clearly proving to be a dishonest witness.

"The inference is inescapable that you are adjusting your evidence to fit in (with theirs)," Mr Maritz said.

Mr Coetzee denied this, saying Mr Maritz was pushing him relentlessly on unimportant details which he could not remember clearly from 10 years ago.

Mr Maritz: "The details are important"

Mr Coetzee: "You want to make a big drama about the planning of this murder . . . it was not (so), it was short and sweet"

Mr Maritz: "The murder itself was very simple . . . an easy story to tell . . . but on virtually every detail surrounding it, you, Nofemela and Tshikalange differ. In the end, the only thing the three of you can say is that the murder was committed."

Mr Coetzee: "I didn't plan this murder and make notes of the finer details having in mind coming to this commission 10 years later and testifying about it."

Mr Maritz, commenting on a detailed description by Mr Coetzee of the Durban hotel bar where he allegedly met the hit squad members after Mr Mxenge was killed, said: "I must say you have a remarkable memory . . . sometimes."

Mr Coetzee: "Yes, Mr Maritz, sometimes."

Mr Justice Louis Harms commented he too could probably give a detailed description of a Durban hotel he had stayed in years ago.

He was sure the hotel Mr Coetzee was describing did in fact exist in Durban, but the point was not relevant to the inquiry.

Mr Maritz also told the commission that a total of 288 security policemen were charged between 1981 and 1989 with criminal offences committed in the course of their duties.

Mr Maritz said he was putting these statistics, supplied by the South African Police, to Mr Coetzee to show his "above the law" story was nonsense

"Of those charged, 21 were found guilty," Mr Maritz said.

Mr Coetzee responded it was strange that only 21 of the 288 charged had been found guilty. He would like to compare these statistics with those for the ordinary uniformed branch of the police

Drunken driving

Most of the security policemen found guilty were probably charged only with offences like drunken driving.

Mr Maritz: "So now you are saying that the courts were in on the deal too?"

Mr Coetzee: "No, but the court cases can only be as efficient as the police investigation"

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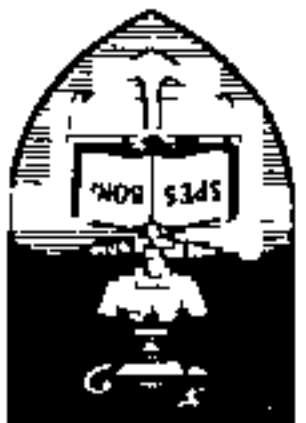
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● In one of the most macabre pieces of evidence yet, Mr Coetzee indicated that police had held a braai and drank beers while burning corpses of people they had killed — Own Correspondent, Sapa



Top brass 'will deny claims'

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"Why would I leave my country just to tell a whole lot of lies to the world?" he asked

He said he had only been able to relax and get his facts straight once he was in the hands of the "so-called enemy" — the ANC — and out of the reach of the SAP

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Thrown away

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Mr Coetzee also charged that a report by Captain Koos Vermeulen, from Vlakplaas, in which he said Askari Isaac "Ace" Moema had disappeared in February 1982 while on an operation was a falsification

He said Captain Vermeulen had told him he had "taken out" Mr Moema and destroyed the body in the second half of 1981. The decision had been taken to kill him because they feared he would return to the ANC



'Lot of nonsense'

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Senior police will defend themselves, Harms told

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There was another particularly grisly moment yesterday. After being questioned on how long a car would take to burn, Mr Coetzee said "I never sat next to it like with a body burning, having a few beers and a braai waiting for it to burn out"

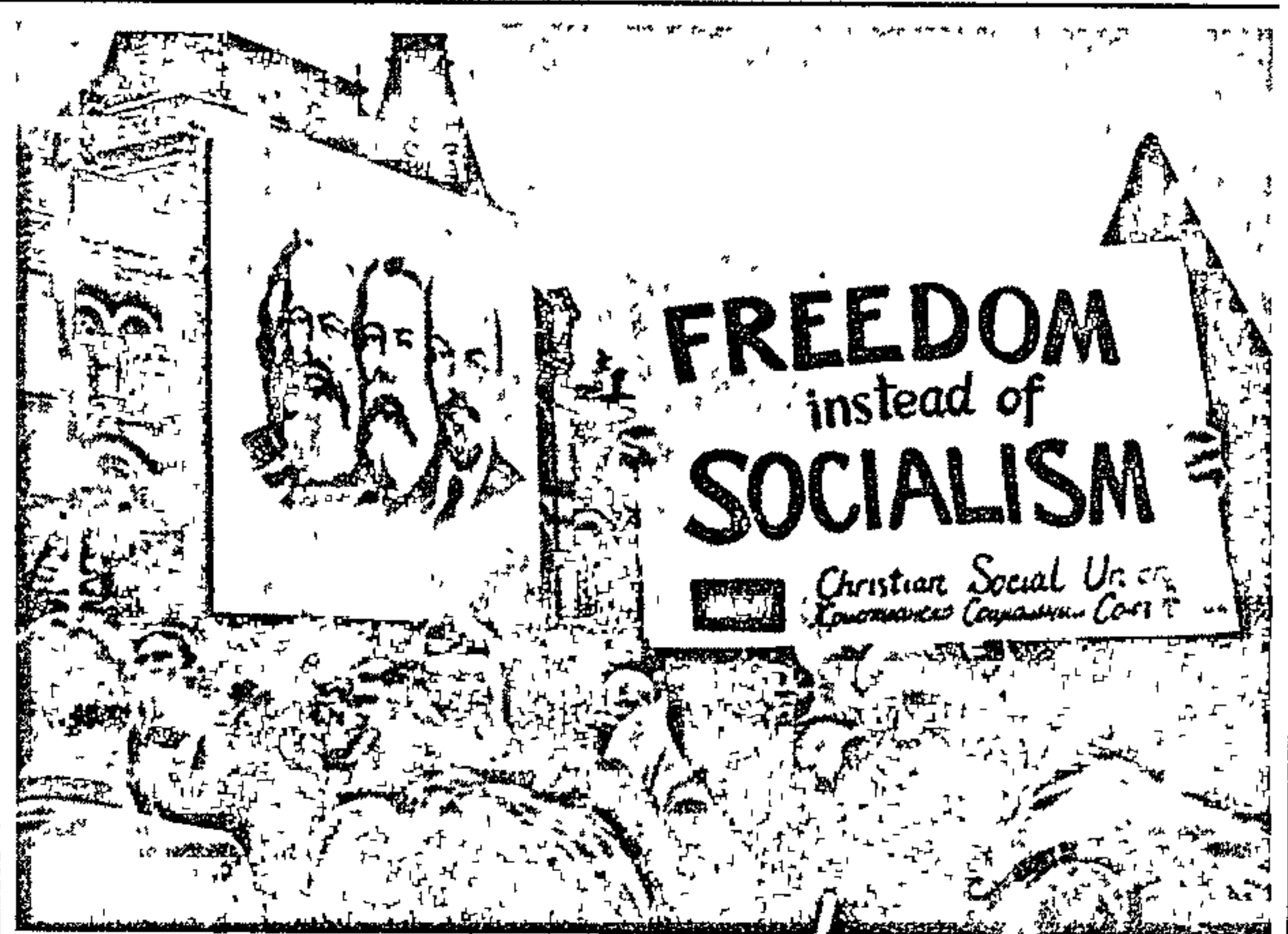
Anti-nuke demo over birth defects

The Argus Foreign Service MADRID — Fifty-one employees of a nuclear research centre at Madrid university have given birth to deformed babies, it was revealed here

The 1 500 workers at the controversial institute, in the middle of the Madrid University campus, denounced the government and accused it of gross negligence in the management of the nuclear college (CIE-MAT) at a May Day protest yesterday

Fifty-one workers at CIE-MAT have received grants to help with babies with Down's syndrome born within the past few years

Nuclear waste containing 90kg of spent uranium was used to landscape the gardens, protesters said



MAYDAY: A demonstrator holds a banner during yesterday's annual May Day parade in Red Square. The giant poster in the background shows the portraits of Marx, Engels and Lenin.

Slap in face for Gorbachev as thousands stage protest

MOSCOW — Grim-faced Soviet leaders looked on aghast as radical protesters turned communism's annual May Day pat on the back into a blunt denunciation of the system

Tens of thousands of people took part in an official counter-demonstration in Red Square, using socialism's big day to deliver the most serious public rebuke to President Mikhail Gorbachev since he came to power five years ago

Chanting "Down with the KGB" and "Freedom for Lithuania", many waved red, yellow and green Lithuanian flags and demanded an end to Moscow's economic blockade of the breakaway republic

After standing on top of Le-

nin's mausoleum for 25 minutes, an unsmiling Mr Gorbachev and fellow Kremlin leaders stalked off

"We've won. The Politburo is leaving the mausoleum. Resign, resign," sections of the crowd chanted

There was widespread contempt for Mr Gorbachev, who was castigated for not introducing greater pluralism and failing to rescue the country's disastrous economy

"We're shocked that the West is supporting Gorbachev," a young mother said. "Why is he so popular abroad? Do foreigners not realise how much we dislike him?"

In spite of the noisy chanting, the atmosphere was calm

and cheerful

Children played at their parents' feet and usually dour policemen even laughed at the more extreme banners. One read "The Mafia members in the Politburo should spend a really long holiday behind bars"

May Day parades, once held in the capital of every republic and every big city, were scrapped in Leningrad, the Baltic republics and Transcaucasia

The enthusiasm shown by the Moscow protesters contrasted with the largely apathetic 40-minute official celebration, organised by the State-run trade union movement — Sapa-Reuter

Coetzee 'made up stories' - claim

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LONDON - The seventh day of the Harms Commission hearing began on Monday with Mr Dirk Coetzee facing accusations that he was "dishonest" and making up stories as he went along.

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Sam Maritz representing various policemen, and

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Coetzee at the hearing in the makeshift courtroom in the South African Embassy.

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2 new police stations to go up in CT area

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TWO new police stations are to be built in the Cape Town area, one in Khayelitsha and the other in Kraaifontein.

Details of the new police stations were contained in a memorandum on the government's building programme during the 1990/1 financial year, which was tabled in Parliament by the Minister of Transport, Public Works and Land Affairs, Mr George Bartlett.

The cost of the Khayelitsha police station has been estimated at R665 000, of which R545 000 will be spent during the current financial year

The cost of the Kraaifontein police station has been estimated at R12,3 million, of which R310 000 will be spent this year

A new R1,5-million police station will also be built at Mossel Bay, of which R320 000 will be spent this year

The memorandum also said R3,5 million will be provided for improvements to the power-distribution system on Robben Island, of which R210 000 will be spent this year

A further R530 000 will be provided for the cost of materials for the R2,5-million additions and alterations on Robben Island

Additional offices and visitors' facilities, estimated to cost R1,1 million, fire ventilators, estimated to cost R360 000, and the upgrading of civil services, estimated to cost R5,7 million, are to be built at Pollsmoor Prison, although only R506 000 of this will be provided this year

A R600 000 chicken project and R2,5 million for the upgrading of civil services at Victor Verster Prison had also been estimated and R305 000 of this will be spent this year

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Strike off

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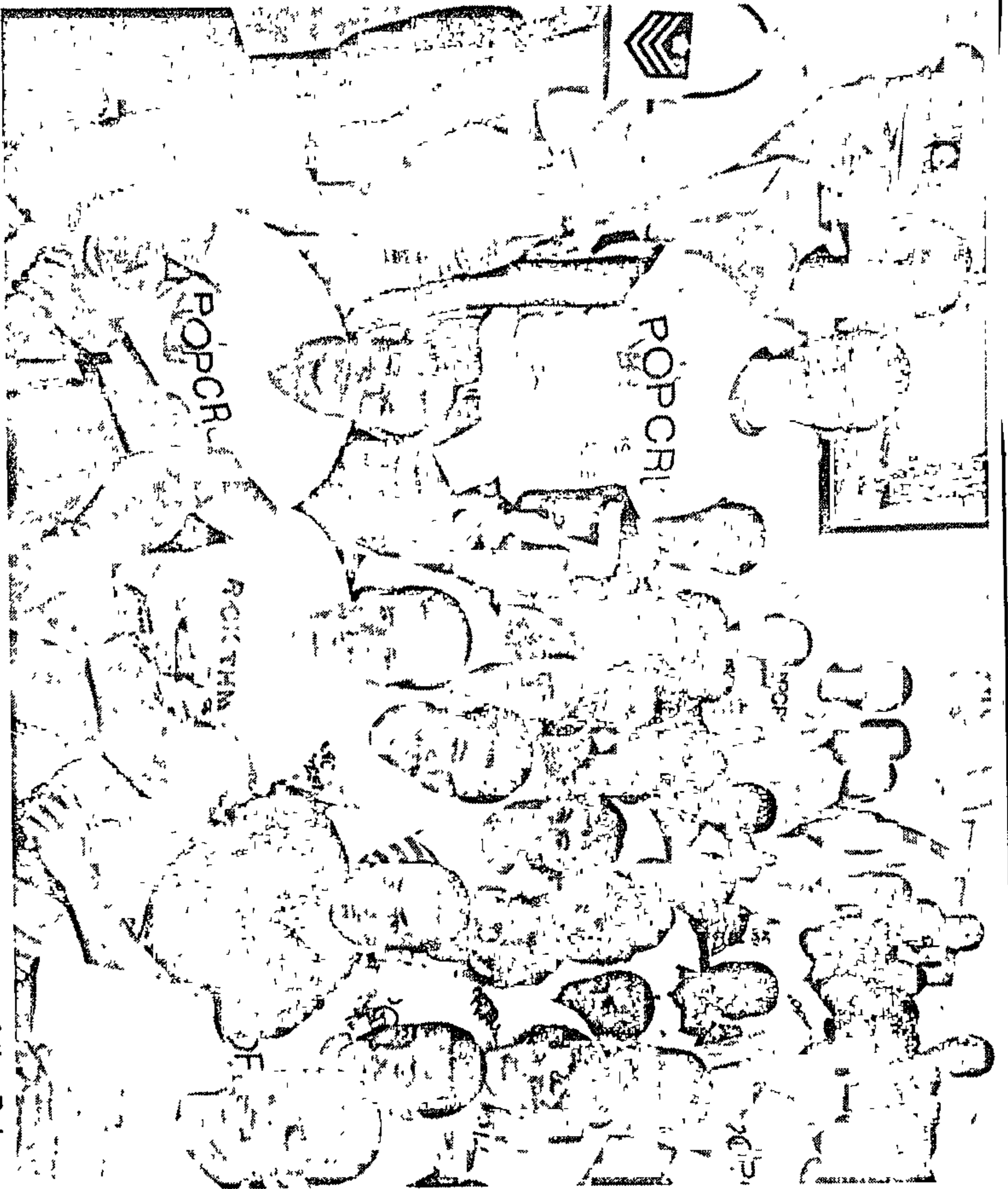
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Coetzee 'wanted to bomb police HQ'

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LONDON — Former police captain Dirk Coetzee planned to bomb security police headquarters after fleeing South Africa and hoped to return one day as investigator for a "postwar Nuremberg trial", the Harms Commission was told

On the eighth day of its special London hearing the commission was told that the information came from a former African National Congress operative, Mr James Stevens, who gave himself up to police when he was sent to South Africa from Lusaka on a mission

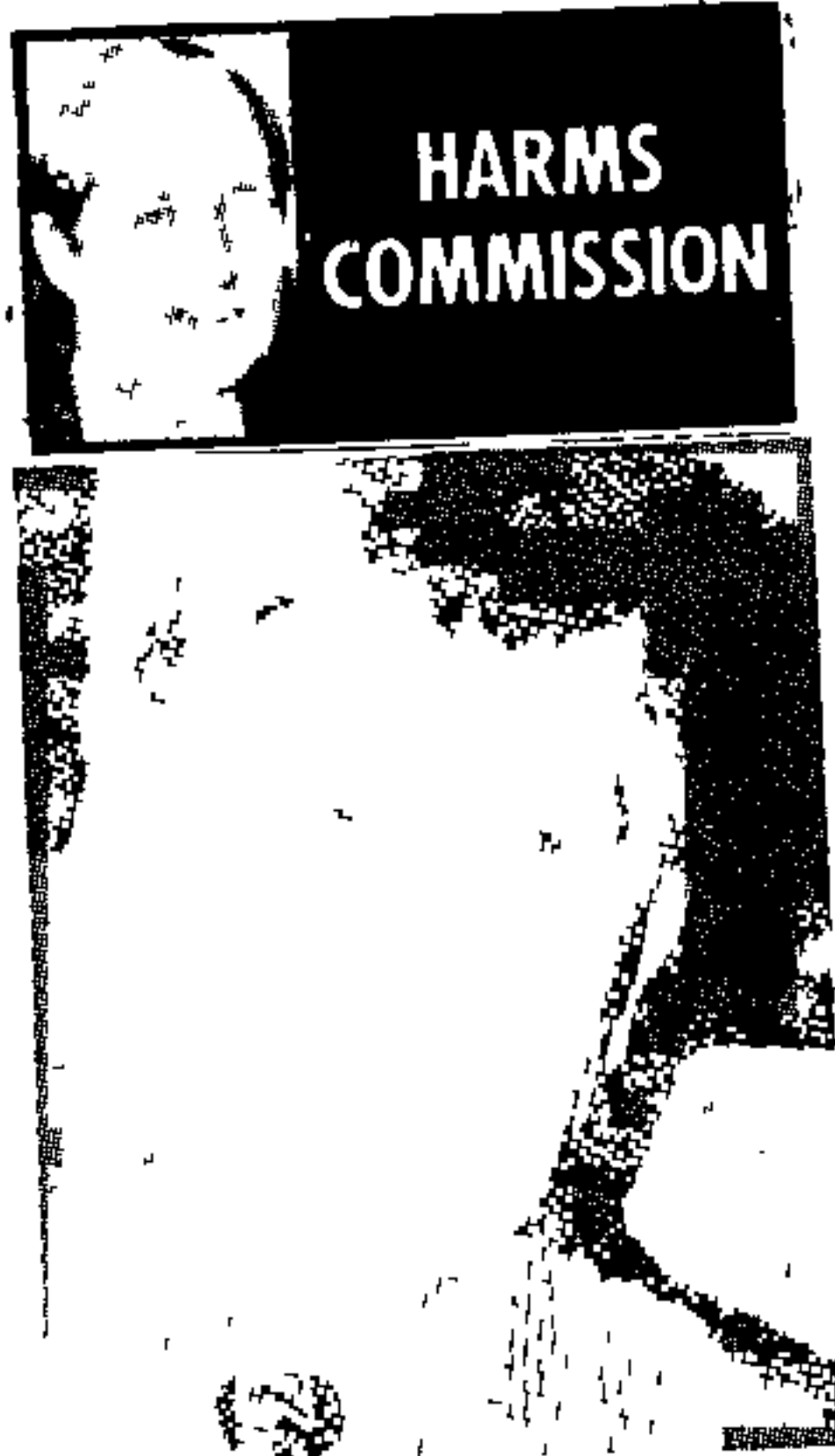
He had handed over to police two letters written by Mr Coetzee and told them of discussions he had with the former security policeman in the Zambian capital

Told to wait

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Mr Coetzee, who has given evidence for five days in the makeshift courtroom in the South African Embassy, denied the claim yesterday. He could not say why Mr Stevens had lied

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Dirk Coetzee

be a "privilege" to head a Nuremberg-style investigation, as he had written in a letter to his brother-in-law, Mr Chris Krause

Mr Coetzee wrote the letter this year in Lusaka and gave it to Mr Stevens to post in South Africa

He also wrote that he believed the "boere" had bought (omgekoop) Almond Nofemela. He explained that "I can't understand how he (Nofemela) could have told all those stories" in his evidence to the commission

Nofemela's confession the day before he was due to hang last year first revealed allegations of a police hit squad and prompted Mr Coetzee to leave South Africa and tell his story

Mr Coetzee wrote about getting a job one day in an ANC government, joking that he might be given a senior rank

The former policeman wrote in a letter to a Mrs Minnie Robertson, also handed over by Mr Stevens to the police, that he hoped the Harms Commission did not turn into a "circus"

He wrote that he did not doubt Mr Justice Louis Harms's ability to "unravel the truth, but he's got to rely on the evidence put in front of him and the mandate given to him"

Mr Coetzee revealed he was now a member of the ANC and was to be used in intelligence. He claimed the organisation had spies within the SAP and at Vlakplaas, the alleged base from which he and other hit-squad members operated.

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'Coetzee planned to bomb SP offices'

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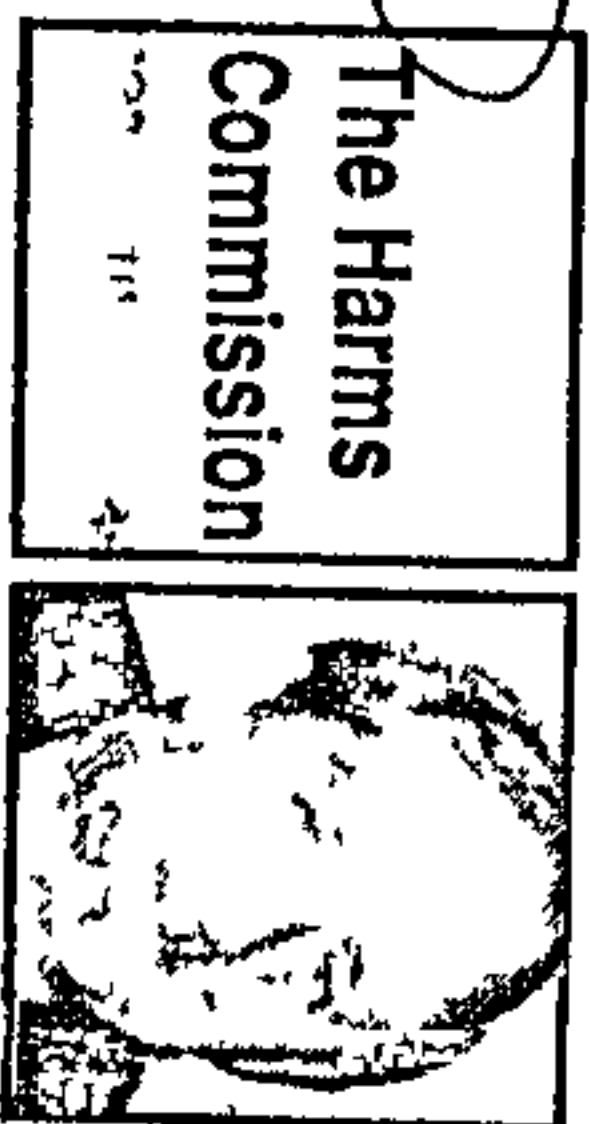
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'Worked out plan'

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Mr Coetzee flatly denied the claim yesterday.

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it might one day be a "privilege" to head a Nuremberg-style investigation, as he had written in an intercepted letter to his brother-in-law, Mr Chris Krause.

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Minnie Robertson — which was also intercepted by police — that he thought the commission was in danger of becoming "a circus".

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ANC spies

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Deadly gas Bop radio, airport road

'He's not the Peter Dlamini I helped kill'

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LONDON — "He's 100 percent for sure not the same Peter," Mr Dirk Coetzee told the Harms Commission yesterday.

He had just been asked to identify a Mr Peter Dlamini brought to the hearing by Mr Peter Harris, a lawyer for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression in South Africa.

Mr Coetzee denied that the man was the Peter Dlamini he had helped to kill.

Earlier Mr Coetzee told the commission how a man named Peter had defected from the ANC and been recruited as a police Askari at Vlakplaas. He was then found to have the wrong "attitude" and was killed.

Mr Sam Maritz, for various policemen, then told Mr Coetzee the man was alive. Mr Maritz said his name was Peter Dlamini and that police had intercepted an ANC message recommending he be sent from Luanda to Sweden for training as a teacher.

Yesterday Mr Harris said the Mr Dlamini brought to the hearing was an ANC member who was transferred from Luanda to Sweden.

Mr Harris said the man had stated that he had never been at Vlakplaas. It was clear he was the same man Mr Maritz had referred to, said Mr Harris.

But Mr Coetzee was sure it was not the man he had known.

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Coetzee refuted the claim but agreed that he still felt it might one day be a "privilege" to lead a Nuremberg style investigation, as he had written in an intercepted letter to his brother-in-law, Mr Chris Krause

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No work for Popcru members

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MEMBERS of the unofficial Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) have been dismissed and cannot go back to work, according to a spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order

Members of the union were dismissed recently for stopping work

Yesterday Brigadier Leon Mellet described Mr Gregory Rockman's call this week for policemen to go back to work on Tuesday as "total nonsense".

"As far as the SA Police are concerned, those members who were dismissed had an opportunity to appeal to the minister within a specific time which has now elapsed," he said

"Only one of them appealed His appeal is still being considered

For the rest, their dismissal is already in effect, and they cannot come back."

Popcru vice-president Warrant Officer John Jansen said yesterday that his organisation had called on all its members to go back to work on Tuesday, May 8.

"The police situation is under discussion," he said "We are busy negotiating about the warders' suspensions"

Judge's outburst during Dirk Coetzee's evidence

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LONDON. — A stir went through the senior counsel benches at the Harms Commission yesterday when an exasperated chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, described an aspect of Mr Dirk Coetzee's evidence as "a lot of crap"

Mr Justice Harms's comment came after several sharp exchanges between him and Mr Coetzee as the judge repeatedly tried to extract a clear response to a question put to Mr Coetzee

The incident involved Mr Coetzee's written statement to a newspaper reporter in Mauritius last year, in which he had said a radio/tape removed from murdered Natal activist lawyer Mr Griffiths

Mxenge's car was installed in Brigadier Willem Schoon's car

In evidence before the commission, Mr Coetzee said last week that he wanted to correct this, and that the radio/tape was actually installed in Brigadier Jan du Preez's Mercedes 230

Under cross-examination by Mr Les Roberts, legal counsel for the commission, Mr Coetzee reiterated that he had lied about this at first only because he had wanted to protect Brig Du Preez, who was a close personal friend

Mr Justice Harms intervened, pointing out this was not logical as Mr Coetzee had implicated Brig Du Preez elsewhere in the allegations about atrocities, so

why would he lie at the time about the radio?

Mr Coetzee maintained that it had been logical at the time and Mr Justice Harms, not satisfied with the explanation, rephrased the question several times

A mini-debate ensued about the logicity of Mr Coetzee's action and Mr Justice Harms eventually interrupted the witness with the unexpected retort.

Some counsel seemed shaken by the judge's outburst Mr Justice Harms could not be reached for comment last night — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Vlaskplaas 'arms hidden'

LONDON — Two truck-loads of Russian-made arms were taken from Vlaskplaas near Pretoria the day before it was shown to the media, following allegations by Almond Nofemela that it was a security police hit-squad base.

This was said in evidence to the Harms Commission on the final day of its London sitting yesterday by former police captain and self-proclaimed death-squad commander Mr Dirk Coetzee.

In another surprise, two minutes before the sitting ended yesterday afternoon, Archbishop Desmond Tutu arrived at the hearing, in the South African embassy.

He and Mr Coetzee shook hands warmly and Archbishop Tutu said jokingly that he was "trying to find out about the baboon foetuses", a reference to other

evidence on alleged victimisation of opponents of the government.

During yesterday's cross-examination of Mr Coetzee, his suggestion on Wednesday that he might lead an investigation at a Nuremberg-type trial was dismissed by counsel for the commission as being akin to Rudolf Hess having led the original investigation.

Mr Coetzee raised the issue of the Russian weapons during cross-examination by Mr Les Roberts, SC, for the commission. He was asked when it was that he decided the war the security police was fighting was no longer just Mr Coetzee said this was after he met the "so-called enemy", the African National Congress, in Lusaka.

There he saw how "indoctrinated by propaganda" through radio, television and so on, he had become.

Mr Roberts asked him if he was now against any form of violence Mr Coetzee replied that he was, adding that he now

worked for the intelligence section of the ANC and not its military wing.

He said part of his role included ensuring that the ANC weren't "misled by South African security forces".

For instance, he said, the day before Vlaskplaas was shown to the public as "an innocent place", two truck-loads of Russian weaponry were removed from it. He expanded on this later in an interview.

At another stage, Mr Roberts asked Mr Coetzee whether, at the end of his "Nuremberg" investigation, he would then turn himself in. Mr Coetzee "Yes, as accused number one".

Mr Roberts said it "makes as much sense as if they made Rudolph Hess chief investigator at Nuremberg".

How, he asked, could Mr Coetzee be impartial when he was deeply involved in the alleged atrocities Mr Coetzee said he had admitted his involvement. "It is a question of getting the truth out of those others involved."

Mr Roberts asked Mr Coetzee if anyone

had suggested that he would get the job of chief investigator Mr Coetzee said he was "hoping for it".

In other evidence yesterday

Mr Coetzee said a retired head of the Diamond and Gold branch of the South African Police, a Brigadier Johan Erasmus, had paid a R6 000 admission of guilt fine, on taking early retirement. This was in the face of illicit diamond dealing charges against him. The issue, Mr Coetzee said, was "kept quiet".

Mr Coetzee admitted to driving an average of 12 000km a month between August and December 1981 with 40kg of explosives, two cases of handgrenades and a variety of guns and ammunition in the boot of his car.

Mr Coetzee said he got the explosives and grenades from Military Intelligence and the weapons from security head-office.

Asked whose idea it was, he said it was "arranged by Brigadier Schoon".

Asked what he needed them for, he

said that at that time he did "a lot of cross-border attacks". He needed to have them at hand for use at short notice. He said he later handed his "arsenal" to another policeman, a Jan Coetzee. A Gene de Kok later ended up with it.

Asked about the danger of involvement in an accident, he agreed it was "very dangerous".

The commission returns to South Africa at the weekend and will resume sitting in Pretoria's Dutch Reformed Church synodal hall on Monday.

Evidence will be led by Brig Floris Mostert, who is investigating CCB activities.

Mr Christo Britz, who allegedly acted as CCB co-ordinator between the unit head, Col Joe Verster, and its Region Six sector is also expected to testify.

A former head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad and alleged CCB cell commander, Mr 'Staal' Burger, will also appear — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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Coetzee betrayed — by his colleague

By IVOR POWELL

IT took another former policeman, who defected to the African National Congress earlier this year, to betray Dirk Coetzee, the self-confessed leader of a security police death squad.

Letters written in Lusaka by Coetzee and entrusted to former Piet Re-tief police constable James Stevens, who fled South Africa for Zambia earlier this year, fell into police hands when Stevens handed himself in to his former masters.

He was returning to the country on a mission allegedly ordered by Coetzee and directed at obtaining certain documentation from the Piet Re-tief police station.

The embarrassing contents of the letters were read to Coetzee during the Harms Commission hearings in London this week.

Before fleeing in February this year Stevens, together with fellow policeman and defector Marthinus Grobler, told the *Weekly Mail* of security po-

lice abuses in Piet Re-tief, notably in connection with two incidents in 1988 in which eight suspected ANC members were killed.

They claimed that the eight had been gunned down in ambushes and that dates had been falsified by the police in the subsequent cover-up.

Stevens, however, was evading a number of criminal investigations arising out of the use of excessive force while carrying out his duties as a policeman. They included charges of assault and illegal discharge of a firearm. In all of the cases the alleged violence was directed against blacks.

Stevens admitted to the *Weekly Mail* that his motives for leaving the country had little to do with political convictions. He often had to be stopped short by Grobler when racial

perjoratives and gleeful descriptions of alleged police tortures slipped from his lips.

A third fugitive, a woman friend who accompanied the two policemen, returned last month describing the ANC officials she had met in Lusaka as "nice people"; but the general milieu as "much too black for me".

It was, as Stevens said, the promise of adventure and the threat of prosecution which allowed him to be persuaded by Grobler to give corroboration to the latter's story and to take the "Lusaka Safari". He was hoping to travel through Africa and eventually find his way to the United States.

In March the *Weekly Mail* was informed that, after an initial period of

quarantine and debriefing in a Lusaka prison, the two police defectors — by this stage reportedly dressed "like beachboys in Hawaii" — had been allowed to join the ANC and that they were working with Coetzee.

In an affidavit to the police taken after his second defection, Stevens said that among the ploys Coetzee masterminded in Lusaka was a plan to blow up security police headquarters.

In the Coetzee letters — addressed to friends inside the country — which were led as evidence before the commission in London this week, it was revealed that Coetzee had nurtured hopes of being appointed as chief investigating officer in a "post-war Nuremberg trial in South Africa".

According to Sam Maritz, SC, act-

ing for certain policemen at the commission, Coetzee also pictured himself in prose as an important general in the future ANC government's military establishment.

But under cross-examination by Les Roberts for the commission, Coetzee projected himself as "accused number one in the dock" at these trials of the criminals of the apartheid war.

Roberts responded by remarking that the scenario "makes about as much sense as appointing Rudolf Hess as chief investigating officer at Nuremberg would have done".

Coetzee was retired from the security police in 1983, ostensibly because he had diabetes. Though the retirement came in the wake of a intradepartmental inquiry into alleged criminal activities, a senior police source said the disease had induced mood swings and described Coetzee as a "dangerously unstable man".

Vlok shows a soft spot for Uitenhage

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok seems to have a soft spot for Uitenhage's KwaNobuhle.

Regarded as a hawk in the government, and widely condemned for his handling of the Natal violence, Vlok has been bending over backwards to build good relations with the Mass Democratic Movement in Uitenhage.

After his most recent visits to the town late last week, it was announced that the police and the MDM were to set up a liaison structure to handle complaints against the police. MDM sources said they were surprised by his willingness to listen, and he went further than they expected.

Ten weeks ago, a peace pact between Africanists and the United Democratic Front brought an end to some two years of conflict which cost many lives. The peace is still holding, but has been marred by allegations of assaults and harassment of residents by police.

It is these complaints, rather than the fighting between the two groups, which has prompted two visits by Vlok to the town so far, and may see him return again before the end of the month.

But observers are wondering whether Vlok's apparent new commitment to negotiation and fair play will filter down to the area's policemen.

At last week's meeting, Vlok promised both to investigate the grievances and to make it clear to local policemen that unlawful action could not be tolerated.

In turn, the MDM agreed the police should not be hindered in their crime-fighting work, and said its structures would help in the campaign against crime and violence where possible.

Rory Riordan of the Human Rights Trust, who attended the meeting on the invitation of the MDM, believes Vlok's visits and attitude is a reflection of new thinking in the government as a whole.

"In (State President FW) De Klerk we have an immensely clearer thinker. He knows he has to deal with legitimate black leadership. This entails addressing genuine problems and preconditions which black communities are bringing to him."

This view was now widely held in government circles. "I don't think there is any dissent in the National Party caucus on this issue," Riordan said.

Vlok had to recognise the fact that police were not simply leaving the

Adriaan Vlok surprises the East Cape MDM by going out of his way to repair relations. PATRICK GOODENOUGH reports



Adriaan Vlok

force in droves because of poor pay — police salaries had always been low — but because of a real crisis brought about by political changes which had fundamentally changed their role.

Riordan said it was clear Vlok realised it was essential the police clean up their act and improve their image if they were not to become a serious stumbling block to the talks.

"I believe the minister is concerned that Nelson Mandela and other have made statements about him and his force that are intensely critical, and that this could reflect on the prospect of negotiations."

With other observers, Riordan agreed that the meeting and agreement could in part have been a public relations gesture in the days leading up to this week's crucial Cape Town talks. Vlok's presence at the table has threatened to become a controversial issue.

Nevertheless, the overall impression was that the peace deal was "extremely positive, particularly for the region".

In recent years, Uitenhage's townships have been torn apart by the Langa shootings and other "police atrocities" as well as by an anti-police campaign which cost the lives of some, and the homes of practically all policemen there.

Riordan said it was remarkable "to have 17 senior policemen and 17 senior comrades sitting down together. This would have been unbelievable just a few months ago."

He believed the initiative was "so hopeful, as we slowly but surely see people finding each other".

AS THE HIT SQUAD HEARINGS GO ON, MORE CLUES CONTINUE TO EMERGE

The poison they call a killer's dream

By PATRICK GOODENOUGH

THEY call it the homicide's dream, a poison that is tasteless, colourless and odourless

It is thallium, a rat poison illegal in South Africa, and according to evidence by former police captain Dirk Coetzee, it was administered to detained student leader Siphiso Munkhulu

Coetzee's evidence corroborates tests done on Munkhulu at Groote Schuur Hospital some eight years ago, which identified thallium as the cause of his illness, and has focused attention again on the alleged use of poisons by police hit squads

Munkhulu sued the police for damages, but then disappeared and has never been seen again. Coetzee's evidence was the first indication of Munkhulu's fate since his disappearance in 1982.

Coetzee told the Harms Commission in London he was sent to Port Elizabeth to "kidnap and dispose of" Munkhulu, a local leader of the Congress of South African Students. He was recalled en route and later learnt that thallium had been flown to Port Elizabeth security police chief Colonel Nick van Rensburg, and administered to Munkhulu before his release from detention.

The dosage had not been sufficient to kill him, but made him "lame", said Coetzee.

Munkhulu was kidnapped while on his way to Groote Schuur for treatment — at this point he was confined

to a wheelchair — and disappeared.

His wheelchair was later found with a friend's car near the Lesotho border.

His mother, Joyce Munkhulu, believes her son may have been killed in the same as Sizwe Kondile. Coetzee told the commission last week that Kondile had been drugged, shot and then burnt near Komaniport.

Coetzee's claims have thrown little new light on the bizarre string of events around the disappearance of Munkhulu on April 17 1982.

Six months before, Munkhulu was released from five months of solitary

confinement.

On the day he was released, he began complaining of pains in his feet and stomach. Two days later he was unable to walk.

Medical tests at Groote Schuur revealed he had become disabled as a result of an intake of thallium. The rare rat poison resulted in gastrointestinal pain, dizziness and pain in the limbs. His hair soon began to fall out

When it became clear the poison must have been taken while Munkhulu was in detention, he lodged a R150 000 action against the Minister of Law and Order. Several days later he disappeared

A month after her son went missing, Mrs Munkhulu said, the security police had taken her in to ask about his whereabouts.

Until earlier this year, the Munkhulu family had heard nothing.

Then self-confessed Civil Cooperation Bureau member Allan van der Schyff reported that in 1985 he took Munkhulu — now seriously ill — from Port Elizabeth to Valkenberg Hospital in Cape Town.

Munkhulu's father flew to Johannesburg in the hope of tracing his son. Munkhulu's mother said Van der Schyff agreed to accompany her husband from there to Cape Town.

But before they could take the flight, Van der Schyff disappeared, and her husband came back empty-handed, she said.

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EASTERN CAPE lawyers have uncovered clues which appear to lend support to Captain Dirk Coetzee's startling accounts of death squad activities

For the past week policemen implicated by former hit squad leader Coetzee in his testimony before the Harms Commission of Inquiry have denied the allegations of their former colleague. Their legal team has dismissed Coetzee's account

This week, however, the Legal Resources Centre in Port Elizabeth released to the *Weekly Mail* a dossier recording seven years of suspected hit squad activities. It provides strong backing for some of the most dramatic allegations made by Coetzee

While the Harms and Hiemstra commissions have provided an insight into the workings of Civil Cooperation Bureau and the security police death squads in the Transvaal, Natal and Western Cape, little is known about their operations in the Eastern Cape

For the first time the Coetzee testimony and research by the LRC and *Weekly Mail* has brought to light information on operations in this area. Many believe the Eastern Cape to be the area of the most systematic and brutal death squad activity.

Among the Coetzee allegations examined by the LRC are

● Coetzee told the commission that while in the Eastern Cape in 1981 he stole the car of a Uitenhage unionist as part of a campaign of harassment

One of the policemen wanted the tyres, so it was driven to Jeffrey's Bay police station for the exchange before being destroyed. Another former police employee, David Tshikalange, also referred to the incident in his evidence before the commission

In an affidavit, Edward Apolose Maepe confirmed the theft of his Audi 80 GL from his home in 1981. At the time Maepe was an organiser of the National Automobile and Allied Workers Union

"The police contacted me, as far as I can recall, some six weeks later to inform me that they had found my car and that it was burnt out," he said

● Coetzee said that when he went to the Jeffrey's Bay police station he saw an alleged ANC member, Sizwe Kondile, handcuffed to a bed. He was told by a "doctor friend" that this was "another Steve Biko case coming up" because Kondile had suffered brain damage during interrogation

Kondile was allegedly driven in a Datsun by Captain (now Colonel) Doep du Plessis, of the Port Elizabeth security branch, and another security policeman to Komatipoort

Coetzee said he was present when Kondile was given "knock-out drops" obtained from General Lothar Neethling, head of police forensic laboratories. After Kondile was dosed he was "shot dead in the head"

He was then "burnt to ashes" on a pyre of wood and tyres. Coetzee named five other policemen, four of them from Port Elizabeth, who were allegedly present at the burning.

Kondile was a student at Fort Hare University but moved to Lesotho in 1981 after jumping bail on charges of attending an illegal gathering. In June

As Dirk Coetzee gives evidence to the Harms commission in London, lawyers in the Eastern Cape are digging up clues which seem to support his claims, reports GAVIN EVANS

that year police told his family that he and his car had "disappeared".

His girlfriend in Port Elizabeth said she had been talking to him on the phone when the conversation "ended abruptly". She said she heard the sound of traffic, indicating that the receiver had not been replaced.

His father, Port Elizabeth attorney Dumile Kondile, said police informed him that Sizwe had been detained on June 26 1981 at the Lesotho border post at Van Rooyensnek. After being held in Bloemfontein he was moved to Port Elizabeth for "further investigations". He was allegedly released on August 10 and taken back to Bloemfontein by Captain du Plessis

"He was there placed in possession of a motor vehicle and allowed to proceed to wherever he wanted to go. He has not been seen by any member of the SAP since his departure and his present whereabouts are unknown," the police told his family.

Another security police letter, dated June 26 1982, said he was "returning to Lesotho from South Africa in a yellow Datsun Stanza"

Responding to a question in parliament, the then Minister of Law and Order, Louis le Grange, said Kondile had never been visited by a magistrate or district surgeon and had last seen an inspector of detainees a week before his disappearance.

● Coetzee said in a statement made in Mauritius, also referred to in the Harms Commission, that in 1981 a Colonel van Rensburg, of the Port Elizabeth security police, had told him police were attempting to stop Eastern Cape trade union leaders from going to a conference in Harare

According to Coetzee, police put "dagga pills" in the Kombi's ventilation holes. The men were stopped at a roadblock near Queenstown but the police failed to find the dagga.

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In his affidavit, national projects secretary of the Metal and Allied Workers Union Freddie Sauls said he and four unionists were going to a conference in Harare when they were stopped at a roadblock in Cradock

He said the vehicle and the luggage were again searched at the local police station and the unionists were body searched

Sauls said that on August 4 1981 they booked into an hotel in Hillbrow and later that evening discovered the Kombi had been stolen. Hotel security staff told them a "tall white person" had come to collect the keys

The Port Elizabeth branch manager

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● The Legal Resources Centre has compiled a list of 30 incidents in the last seven years which they believe was the work of police hit squads

"I must stress," says LRC lawyer Kobus Pienaar, "that these incidents are not exhaustive and we are likely to uncover many more"

The listed incidents include the December 1984 bombing of the house of unionist Fikile Kobese, in which his brother, Lesley, was killed, the May 1985 disappearance of Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation leaders Qaqawuli Godolozu, Siphon Hashe and Champion Galela following their alleged detention, the attempted assassinations of Elizabeth Hashe and United Democratic Front member Sicelo Aplem (in May 1985); the murders of Cradock community leaders Matthew Goniwe, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkhonto and Sicelo Mhlawuli in June 1985, and the bombing of the Watson brothers' home in 1986

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— 'Protection of old friend' — Harms rebukes Dirk Coetzee

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Ex-CCB hitman wants to testify

JOHANNESBURG. — Another alleged former member of the Civilian Co-operation Bureau has broken cover saying he has inside information on murder and abduction by the organisation — and is prepared to testify to this effect before the Harms Commission.

Mr Willie van Deventer contacted Vrye Weekblad in London this week and told them he had been a member of the CCB until 1987.

He has offered to testify on his participation in numerous operations during that period, including:

- The murder of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife in Mamelodi in 1987;

- Car-bomb attacks from 1983 to 1986 which claimed the lives of several people including Mr Peter Ntuli and Mr Nat Serachi, both ANC members;

- The CCB's involvement in Natal, and the abduction of Mr Kwane Sebe from Ciskei.

The Vrye Weekblad said Mr Van Deventer alleged that the CCB used a farm near Pretoria to launch and plan several operations.

He further claimed he had information on contract work for the army done by ex-Rhodesian security force members.

The Weekblad said his evidence included documents and a tape-recording.

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3 000 Reef municipal workers down tools

By Montshiwa Moroke

About 3 000 black municipal workers from Alberton, Bedfordview and Kempton Park downed tools this week, bringing rubbish removal to a standstill.

The work stoppage, concerning wages, enters its third day today after a breakdown in negotiations between workers and the three councils.

Yesterday, union officials alleged that 16 members had been attacked by the police.

A spokesman for the Witwatersrand police said last night he was not aware of any police action.

Officials of Alberton and Bedfordview councils said yesterday they were prepared to resume negotiations only if work started.

A union official said members would go back only if reasonable increases were offered. The demand is for a minimum across-the-board R1 000 to R1 200 a month. Management's offer is R460.

I am missing SA - Coetzee

LONDON - Mr Dirk Coetzee desperately misses South Africa and his two sons, but "if I had to, I would do it all again"

Speaking in the SA Embassy after finishing his evidence to the Harms Commission Mr Coetzee said he planned to stay with the ANC

"I will go wherever the organisation needs me. I will not be part of an armed onslaught against South Africa but will help in intelligence"

He was optimistic about the talks between the ANC and the Government in South Africa, saying that his new leaders were "honest guys. Yes is yes and no is no with them"

He admitted he missed his country and particularly his two sons, aged 13 and 11.

"They are standing behind their father," he said "I'd very much like them to join me but only with my wife's permission," he said. He understood his wife might re-marry

"This is the price I have got to

pay for the truth and I feel much better for it. If I had to do it all over again I would"

He was writing a book about his experiences, and hoped it would be published shortly

Late in yesterday's proceedings Archbishop Desmond Tutu arrived to join the public benches

Immediately after finishing his evidence Mr Coetzee went and greeted the Archbishop, who joked "I just wanted to find out about the monkey's foetus"

The Facts

POLICE did not use batons to break up a demonstration outside the Cape Sun Hotel on Thursday as was reported yesterday. The Cape Times was misled by eyewitness versions of the incident, and a police denial that batons had been used on the protesters was inadvertently omitted. The error is regretted.

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Child unit denies resignations

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THE police Child Protection Unit is understaffed — but yesterday denied a Cape Times report that half its members had resigned.

The 11-man unit is operating on about half staff because of one resignation and several detectives being on leave or attending courses.

The man who resigned yesterday, Sergeant Chris Hansinger, quit in favour of a salary four times that which he was earning in the police.

As a social sciences graduate and expert in handling paedophile cases, he had to support a family of five on a take-home salary of less than R1 000 a month.

Mr Hansinger said last night that the specialist unit "did not deserve to lose its qualified detectives" but that it would continue to do so until the government developed a separate salary scale for graduates.

The Cape Times yesterday wrongly reported that seven detectives had resigned from the unit.

When the Cape Times tried to check its information with the liaison department before going to press, the duty officer declined to confirm or deny the rumoured resignations, saying it was not policy to disclose such information as it was a departmental matter which had "nothing to do with the public".

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Union slams cops for 'unprovoked attack'

Staff Reporter

THE Unemployed Workers' Union yesterday slammed the police for "their unprovoked and un-disciplined attack" on union members who were leaving Cape Town Magistrate's Court after they had appeared on illegal gathering charges.

Secretary for the Western Cape branch of the union Mr Shahied Mohammed said about 70 people appeared briefly in court on Thursday.

"When the people left the court, they were laid upon by the police. Seven people were arrested for holding an illegal gathering. About eight people were injured."

According to the police report, police arrested six men and a youth amid "violent resistance" after the group ignored an order to disperse as they moved into Buitenkant Street.

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Coetzee tells UK squad of bombing

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LONDON — Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad yesterday interrogated "death squad" policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee at length on investigations into alleged South African dirty tricks in Britain

Mr Coetzee, who has defected to the ANC, said he had volunteered to supply detectives with "detailed" information on a bomb blast which tore the ANC's London offices apart in 1982

An anti-terrorist squad spokesman confirmed that the meeting with Mr Coetzee had taken place and welcomed the information he had supplied

Scotland Yard has kept an open file on the unsolved bombing and on the many claims by exiles that they have been spied on or terrorised by South African agents

Mr Coetzee, who said joining the ANC had given him back his self-respect, told a press conference he had given the squad the full names and backgrounds of security police operatives behind the ANC bombing.

Speaking excitedly, he named a police general and a well-known spy-master, whom he described as "dangerously schizophrenic" and "out of control", as the masterminds of the London operation

He named a security police explosives expert and alleged that the sergeant had travelled to London to assemble the bomb. This policeman was later awarded one of the highest police honours at a "private medal parade", he claimed

Mr Coetzee alleged that a well-known and confirmed former South African agent in London had placed the bomb. He said he had spoken personally with the man and a member of his family

LONDON. — Former police "hit squad" captain Mr Dirk Coetzee is writing a book on the so-called death squads.

He said he had almost completed the manuscript — which even "a six-year-old will understand".

Until the "full truth" of hit squad operations comes out into the open, atrocities will continue, according to Mr Coetzee.

Interviewed in the South African embassy after standing down from giving evidence for seven days to the Harms Commission, Mr Coetzee said he did not expect his marriage to his wife Karin, 42, to last

He hoped his two sons, Dirk, 13, and Carl, 11, would be able to join him in exile — with his wife's consent.

Asked about his future, he said he was happy to "stick with the ANC" and would go "where they need me". However, he would not be "part of the onslaught against South Africa"

A trip to America was on the cards

Mr Coetzee said he realised that his past as a "murderer, poisoner and professional liar" for the security police meant people would not readily believe him and that he was "on a loser" trying to convince a court there was truth to his claims

He said that while giving evidence to the Harms Commission, he felt as though he was "playing a rugby match in a squash court — you are always running into walls"

He said he hoped he would one day be able to return to South Africa to be reunited with his family

He said his main purpose in life now was to try to compensate for his self-confessed barbaric conduct while a security policeman

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400 more cops quit the force

By DE WET POTGIETER

MORE than 400 policemen left the force during April. This means that the police force was weakened by an average of 14 policemen a day. *S. Times*

And general discontent about the new salary packages, announced by Mr Adriaan Vlok recently, is expected to be responsible for yet another stream of resignations. *6/5/90*

"A lot of men only waited to see the salary increases before deciding about their futures as policemen," one officer said.

He added that the Minister's salary announcement didn't give any new incentives for policemen to stay in the force.

Kitscop shot dead

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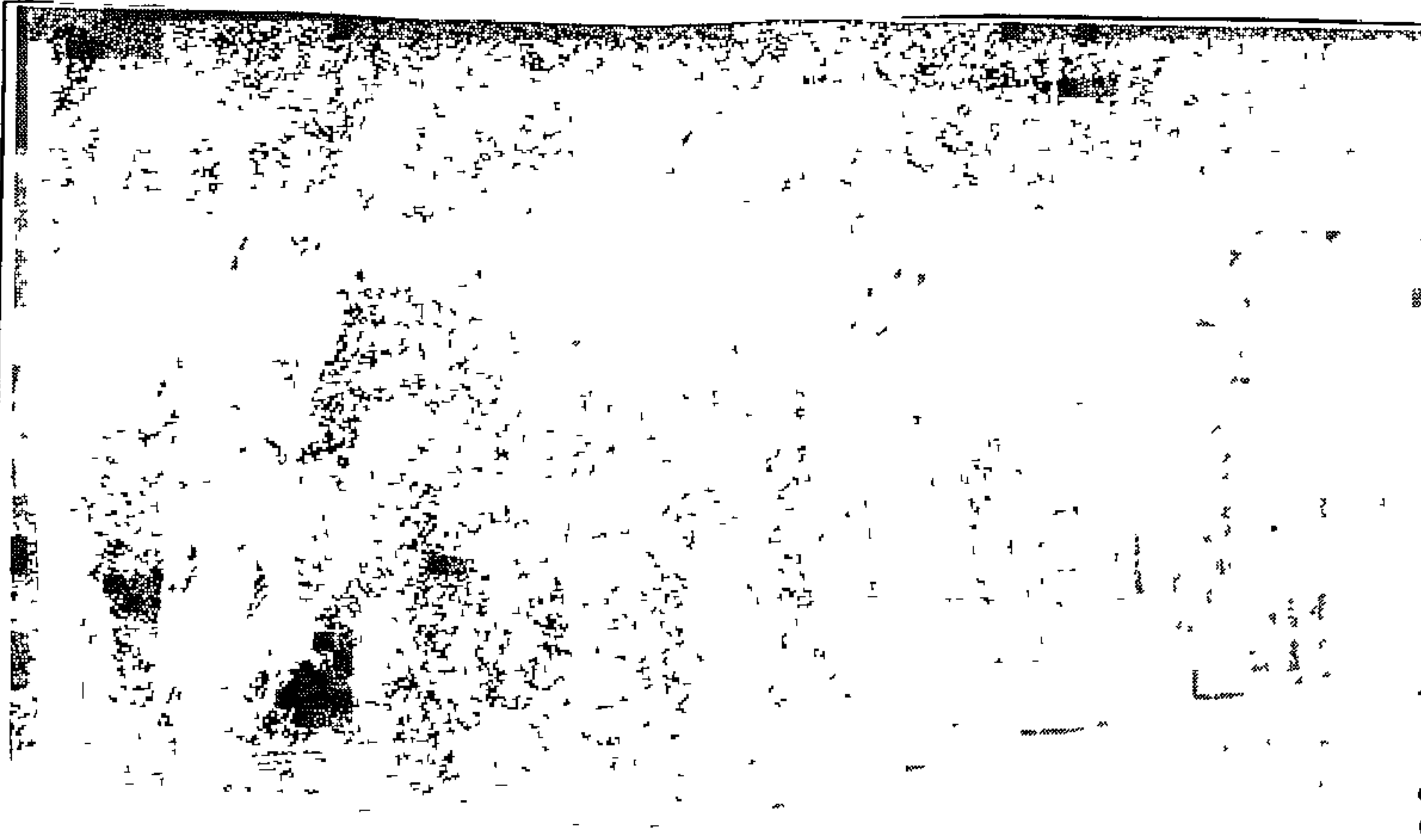
Crime Reporter

A 47-YEAR-OLD special constable was shot dead in Old Crossroads on Saturday night, police said yesterday

The constable, who was off duty at the time, was shot in the stomach and chest about 8pm in Section Three

Police, who declined to name the constable, were investigating but no arrests had been made

A leadership struggle has led to serious violence in the camp in recent months



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Members of the South African Police riot squad disperse people who gathered in Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, to watch a march by the police and prison staffers on Saturday. Later tear gas was fired. See page 4. (251)
Pic: Veli Nhlapho

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Policeman dies, woman raped in Cape violence

A special constable was stabbed to death and an off-duty policeman seriously injured while his girlfriend was allegedly raped by a mob in two separate incidents in the Kimberley township of Galeshewe on Saturday, police said yesterday.

The official unrest report issued by the SAP's public relations division in Pretoria also recorded the arrests of 12 people at an illegal gathering in Johannesburg and nine people in New Brighton near Port Elizabeth.

A group of people who gathered at the old Wits Technikon in Johannesburg on Saturday were ordered by police to disperse, which they refused to do. They were dispersed by police using batons. Nine men and three women were arrested, according to the police report.

Striking municipal workers who gathered at New Brighton refused a police order to disperse. They were then dispersed by police with tearsmoke. Nine men were arrested.

Seven youths were arrested after a stone-throwing incident at Constantia near Kroonstad.

At Galeshewe, a mob attacked an off-duty policeman with knives. He was admitted to hospital in a critical condition. His girlfriend was raped. Police are investigating.

Knife attack

In the same area, an off-duty special constable died of injuries which he sustained when a mob attacked him with knives, said the police report.

So far no arrests have been made in connection with either incident in Kimberley.

Five houses were extensively damaged at Inhlalakahle near Greytown by a mob with petrol bombs.

At Meloping near Virginia, a mob set a private vehicle alight. The owner of the vehicle was slightly injured.

A man was fatally wounded at Riverview, near Pinetown, on Friday when he was shot by an unknown assailant. — Sapa

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Sebokeng evidence is sought

The judicial commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings, among others, will start on Wednesday at Vereeniging, Mr Justice R J Goldstone has announced

He said the commission's terms of reference were to investigate and report urgently on all the

circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton in which people were killed or injured

He invited anybody with evidence to contact the commission's secretary, Mr J A Meyer, at telephone number (011) 834-2940.

Written representations could be addressed to The Secretary, Commission of Inquiry into the incidents at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Lekoa, Sharpeville and Evaton, Private Bag 1, Johannesburg 2000. — Sapa

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JOHANNESBURG —
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in April did not fairly re-
flect reaction to pay in-
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Police (SAP) public rela-
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Friday

May would be the criti-
cal month to gauge the
government's success in
stemming the exodus
from the police force by
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adjusting pay scales, he
said

400 resignations *CAH 7/27 7/5/90 (251)* 'not reflection' on cops' pay hike

A number of police-
men could have been
waiting to resign until
after they received their
bonus with their April
pay packet. Policemen
with birthdays between
January and April re-

ceive their annual thir-
teenth cheque at the end
of April

This could explain the
apparent drop in resig-
nations from about 22 a
day during the first
three months of the year

to about 14 a day in
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Furthermore, Major
Stadler said, Law and
Order Minister Mr
Adriaan Vlok had an-
nounced the pay in-
creases on April 23 and
the overall number of
resignations since then
were not yet available

Although the 10% in-
crease for all govern-
ment employes would
have appeared in pay
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April, the further in-
creases announced for
policemen would be
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said

Probes to cross paths as Pretoria hearing reopens

The first direct link between the Harms and Hiemstra commissions will come to the fore when the Harms Commission resumes its South African sittings in Pretoria today

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The commission has been hearing evidence in London from self-styled hit squad members Mr Dirk Coetzee and Mr David "Spyker" Tshukulungu.

One of the witnesses due to testify before Mr Justice Harms is Mr Hannes Gouws, a former Johannesburg City Council security department training officer, who has admitted to having given to The Star documents detailing the existence of a spy ring within the department

It is understood that the first witness to take the stand today will be Brigadier Floris Mostert, commander of Witwatersrand Special Investigations

He is to be followed by an alleged SADF Civil Cooperation Bureau (CCB) operative known as "Christo Brits" and by former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad commander Mr Staal Burger

Mr Gouws is expected to testify after these men, and will probably be followed by Mr Joe Verster, the managing director of the CCB

Political impartiality of police is crucial (251) Vlok

CAPE TOWN — It was necessary now, more than ever before, that the integrity and impartiality of each policeman be above suspicion, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

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He said the time had come to remove the police from the party political arena. This was why government was introducing legislation forbidding them from being members of political organisations

It would be to the detriment of the force and the country were political parties to claim the allegiance of the police for their own gain

Mentz said Vlok was allowing policemen to be active in party politics just as long as people did not know it

Everyone knew that Vlok himself was a member of the Broederbond, he said

Last year the Broederbond had drawn up guidelines for constitutional development which had become the blueprint for the NP's five year plan, he said

How could a policeman be a member of the organisation and not be involved in politics, he asked

Denis Worrall (DP Berea) said that as far as the DP was concerned membership of a political party was not the issue

What was important was that it should not affect a policeman's performance of his duty — Sapa

Vlok: SAP must be impartial

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Cop shoots woman dead,

then himself

A POLICEMAN yesterday shot dead a woman who constantly turned down his advances - and later turned the gun on himself.

The dead are Miss Portia Tumahole (20), of Monaheng Section, Katlehong, and Mr Joe Ndllovu, who was attached to the SAP in Germiston and lived at Kadlehong, two streets away from Tumahole's home.

The tragedy occurred at about 7am.

Public relations officer for the East Rand police, Lieutenant Ida van Zuuvel, yesterday confirmed the incident.

She said police were still investigating the circumstances leading to the killings.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Tumahole's aunt, Mrs Gertrude Sibanyoni, said her niece had been coming for the past few weeks that Ndllovu had threatened to kill her after she had constantly turned down his advances.

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"Ndllovu assaulted my niece on Monday and also threatened her with a firearm after she had refused his advances again. She had to receive medical treatment," she said.

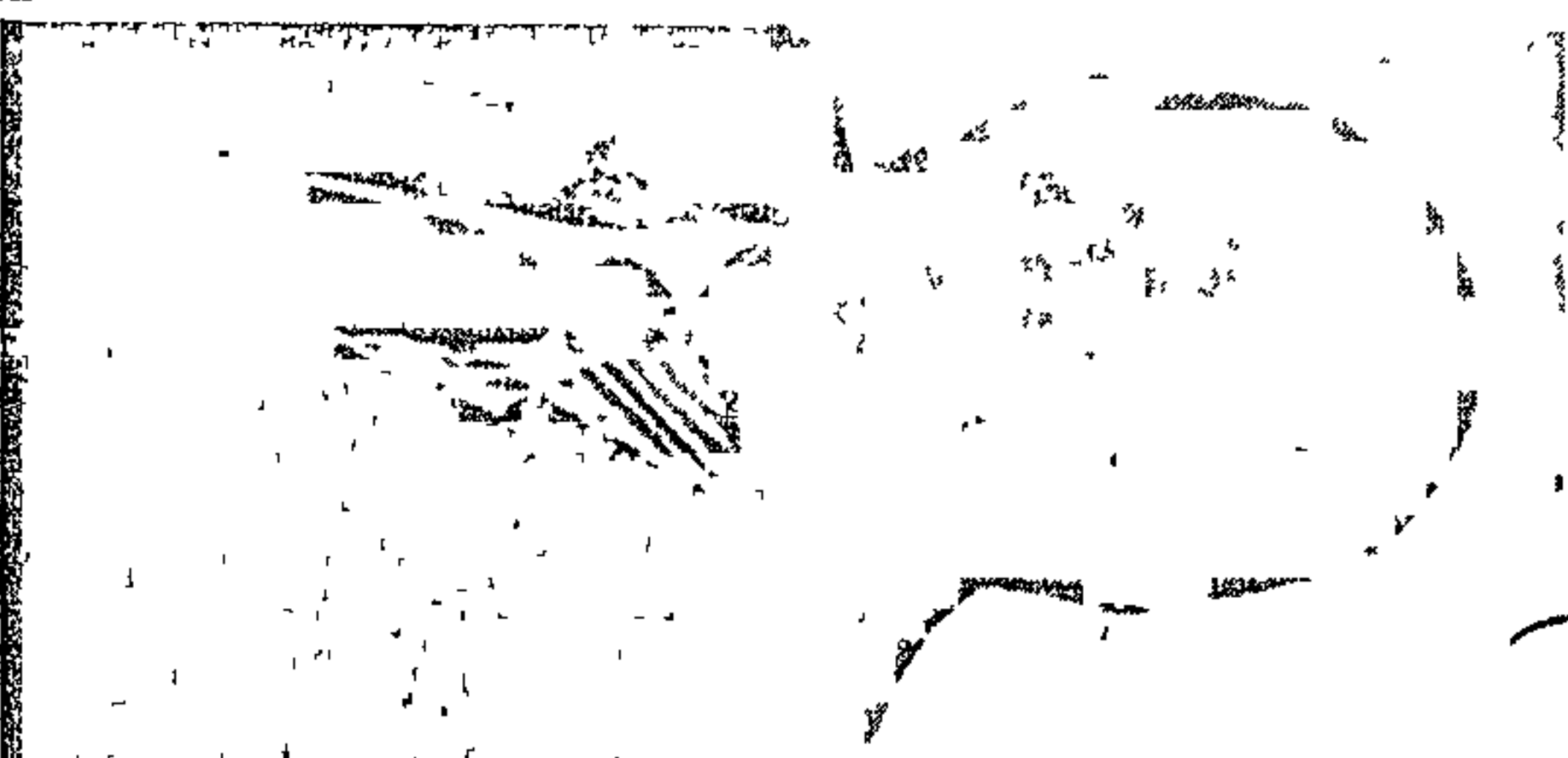
Sibanyoni said Ndllovu had gone to their home (Sibanyoni's) yesterday morning where he found Tumahole alone in the house. She was preparing to go to work.

"According to neigh-

bours, Portia screamed for help before two shots were fired. The neighbours found the couple lying next to each other in the diningroom. Ndllovu's service revolver was found next to his body and there was blood all over the place," Sibanyoni said.

Tumahole leaves her mother, Dorris.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised.



ALTON MASHABA

Gospel singer Alton is dead

GOSPEL singer Alton Mashaba is dead.

He was shot and controversy surrounds the death, which his family blames on the police.

They claim he was killed by the police, who have denied the allegation, claiming Mashaba committed suicide by shooting himself with a police firearm while trying to escape.

Mashaba (36), of Yeoville, Johannesburg three weeks ago for alleged car theft and held at Hillbrow Police Station, in Johannesburg.

His family only knew about his death at the weekend.

A spokesman for the Soweto police, Colonel MJ Halgryn, said two policemen were taking Mashaba to Soweto on April 26 to investigate the alleged car theft when they were stopped by a Mr

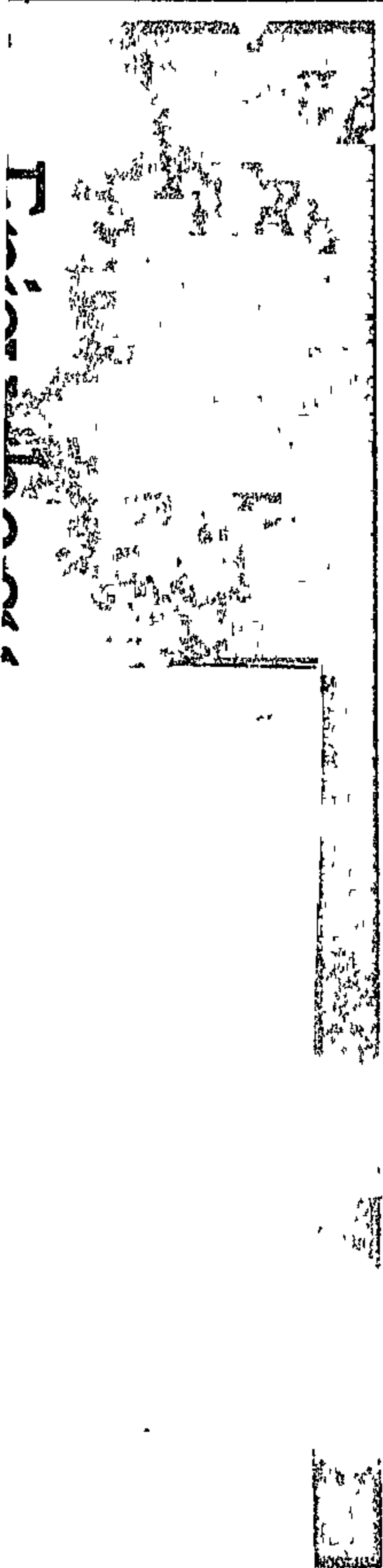
By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Ndllovu in Hillbrow, who claimed to be a member of the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad and asked for a lift.

"When they reached Diepkloof, Ndllovu produced a firearm and threatened the policemen. Mashaba managed to grab a firearm from one of the policemen and shot the cop in the left foot. He fled together with Ndllovu," Halgryn said.

Halgryn said Mashaba's body was found by police in Moroka the next day with a bullet wound in the forehead.

Mashaba's brother, Lazarus, said yesterday: "My brother was with two armed policemen and there was no way he could have escaped. Police are just covering up because they know who killed my brother."



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Probe into Sebokeng shooting starts today

By Stan Hlophe

The Goldstone commission of inquiry into the Sebokeng shooting on March 26, in which at least 16 people died when thousands marched on the Vereenging police station to present a petition, begins its sittings today

Mr Justice R J Goldstone will, judging by media reports on the shootings, hear vastly different versions of what happened that day.

Herbert Mabuza, The Star photographer who was at the scene 10 minutes before shooting started, says:

"There was a volley of shots. Then silence. The police started laughing. The crowd seemed frozen for a second — then they started screaming, turned, and ran, fighting and jumping over each other to get away from the police.

"As quickly as the shooting started it ended. As the people ran a cloud of dust rose up, mixing with teargas.

"Those who were injured struggled frantically to crawl or get up and run."

A committee member of the Vaal Civic Association says:

"We were returning to the crowd after handing over a memorandum to the police station commander, Lieutenant Colonel O Mazibuko. Suddenly the police opened fire, we didn't know why. I and other organisers and leaders had our backs to the police."

Mr Isaac Rantsasi, who headed the march, says:

"I was about 20 m from the police when they started shooting. People carried sticks but there was no threat."

Oupa Tsotetsi (17), a Std 7 pupil, says:

"I was part of a human chain formed by marshals to stop the crowd from surging forward after the leaders had given Colonel Mazibuko the memorandum, when the police started firing."

The police say:

"Police opened fire on a crowd of 50 000 armed people — killing five and injuring hundreds in the Vaal Triangle's Sebokeng township after SAP members were attacked by the mob screaming 'Kill the Boers'."

"In another incident in the same township police shot dead three people who plundered a bottle store."

"The crowd was armed with sticks, rocks, bricks, knobkerries, and other weapons. Police opened fire in self-defence. Two people were killed at the scene, another three died later in hospital, 130 were hit by birdshots and 170 were injured when they were trampled in the rush to get away. Thirty people were admitted to hospital."

"The crowd was warned to disperse several times and was allowed to hand over a petition to Colonel Mazibuko, the station commander. The crowd was then ordered to disperse."

"The crowd, which acted in a threatening manner, surged forward and refused to disperse. Police were attacked and opened fire in self-defence."

Police must be impartial

Vlok

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Political Staff

MEMBERS of the police force could be members of the Afrikaner-Broerbond or any other organisation or movement which did not promote or oppose party political aims in public, Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order said yesterday.

His reply to a question by Mr Moolman Mentz, the Conservative Party MP for Ermelo, brought howls of laughter from the CP whose spokesmen argued later that the while the police could not be members of the AWB, they could be of the Afrikaner-Broerbond (A-B), which they said was the National Party's "think tank".

Mr Vlok said it was more important than ever for the police force to have an impartial image which was not possible if its members were actively engaged in party political activities.



The centre of Welkom was deserted today as the consumer boycott launched by township residents reduced trade to a trickle

● Picture by Sean Woods

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Extra police move into tense Welkom

By Dawn Barkhuizen

WELKOM — Hundreds of extra police are being ferried into this tense Free State city to act as a buffer between black township residents and white right-wing extremists

A black consumer boycott of the city started this week, allegedly in retaliation for blacks being attacked by whites

Truckloads of police could be seen moving into Welkom late yesterday and foot patrols were visible on almost every street corner in the CBD

District Commandant Colonel Hennie Heymans said police had been issued with strict instructions to act impartially

Both the AWB and the Blanke Veiligheid (BV) organisations had promised to withdraw street patrols until at least Thursday but splinter

groups continued to aggravate the situation, he said

Police could take no action against self-styled lawmen unless they were found to be acting outside the law

Negotiations to end the boycott and defuse the situation are continuing around the clock

Scores of shops in the CBD closed their doors as black buyers stayed away en masse on the second day of the boycott. Streets and shops were empty

Outfitter Klaas van der Westhuizen said he was losing thousands of rands daily and had been forced to send workers on unpaid leave until the boycott ended

The boycott has also extended to nearby Virginia and intensified in Odendaalsrus

Since the weekend, when two off-duty policemen were attacked and

whites shot at blacks in the CBD, no racial incidents have been reported

At least two black people are thought to have died at the hands of white vigilantes since trouble flared in March. The AWB says whites are being threatened by blacks in Welkom

Boycott organiser Mbulelo Bongani said "The outcome of this problem depends very much on the authorities

"We need to see the police stopping and dispersing the vigilantes. We want no trouble with the right wingers but they are being deliberately confrontational and attempting to terrorise our community

"They regard us as inferior kaffirs. Black people are too afraid to go into town after dark"

He denied that there had been black aggression towards whites

Area AWB secretary Blikkies Blygnaut said "Blacks are intimidating whites in our own area. We are sick and tired of it. Ons is net lus om kaffirs te skiet (We just want to shoot kaffirs)

"This is an all-out war. We have declared war on the ANC"

He denied that his men were responsible for recent assaults

BV founder Hannes Muller, who has received threats because he is "too liberal", has called off his patrols but is continuing to hold first-aid sessions for nurses and rifle practice for women and children. He said the assaults on black people were not the work of his men

A mediator, the Rev Gavin Graham of St Luke's Methodist Church, said he believed the situation was the first manifestation of a national trend



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CCB men named in Webster death

PRETORIA — Police had information that alleged Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) members Mr Ferdie Barnard and Mr Calla Botha were involved in the assassinations of Swapo executive member Mr Anton Lubowski and Dr David Webster, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

This was said by Brigadier Mostert, the officer investigating the death of Wits academic Dr David Webster

Brig Mostert told Mr Justice Louis Harms that so far the information — and not evidence — had implicated the men in the deaths, but it had not said they were the murderers

In a statement made on April 5 this year, Brig Mostert, the SA Police's regional commander of special units on the Witwatersrand, said an anonymous caller told police on June 9 and August 29 last year the people who killed Dr David Webster had links to "one or other department of the Special Forces section of the SA Defence Force"

Another call was received early in September from Cape Town saying the person who killed Mr Lubowski was the same person who had murdered Dr Webster

Asked by Mr Tim McNally, who is leading evidence for the commission whether he would identify the source of the information or the sex of the caller, Brig Mostert refused

Mr McNally then handed in a statement made by the regional chairman of the Black Sash in the Western Cape, Mrs Beverley Runciman, in which she wrote of a telephone call she received at the organisation's Mowbray office at about 11 45am on September 18 last year

Her statement said the telephone call had been

made by a male who spoke English with an Afrikaans accent

The caller told her Mr Lubowski's assassination had been carried out by people in a Cape Town-registered car by members of a military reaction unit who were only answerable to the minister

The caller claimed to be a former member of the unit and had telephoned as the head of the unit "has so much power he is a danger to the country"

Brig Mostert said he was present at a meeting with the then head of the police, General Johan Coetzee, and the Minister of Law and Order and it was suggested that Mr Barnard should be detained in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act

Mr Barnard was arrested on October 31 He told the investigating team about a secret organisation, the CCB, and its activities

He named his handler as "Louis" and was involved with someone who had been identified to the commission as a double agent, a Mr Dermott McQuillan, Brigadier Mostert told the commission

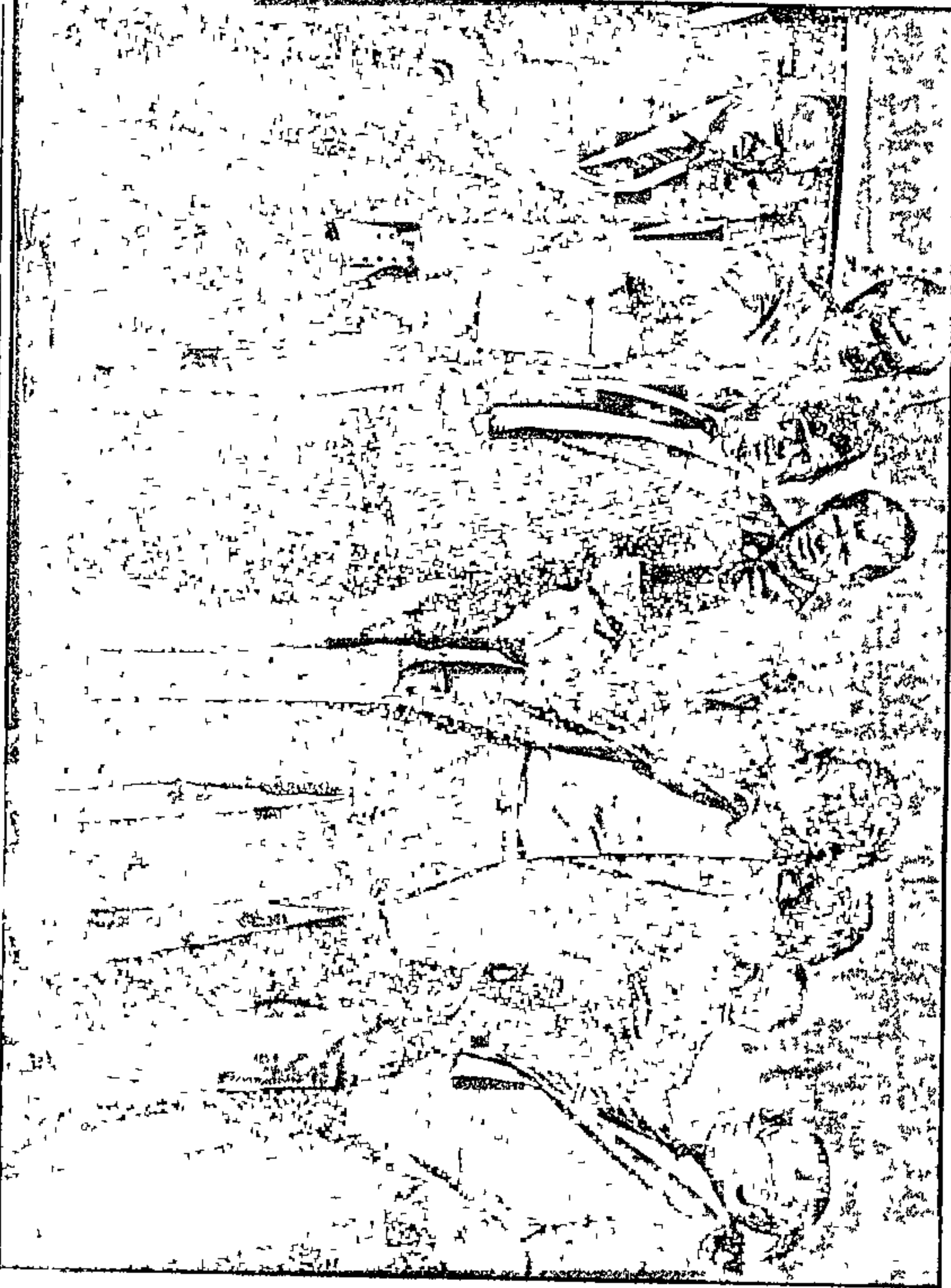
Mr Barnard on December 2, three days after the arrest of Mr Botha, identified the CCB by name but the investigating team decided to keep this information secret so it would not hinder investigations

The alleged CCB head, Colonel Joe Verster, was interviewed on January 28 this year, but he refused to answer any questions, said Brig Mostert

Later, under cross-examination by Mr Flip Hattingh, for the CCB, Brig Mostert said he had no facts directly linking Colonel Verster to Dr Webster's death or any other CCB operations

Today Brigadier Mostert is to be cross-examined by legal teams for Cosatu and the SA Council of Churches as well as Mr Barnard's legal team — Sapa

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On the spot Mr Justice Goldstone (left) listens as Etienne du Toit, for the Department of Law and Order and the Police, makes a point. Partly obscured between the two is George Bizos.

Judge visits scene of Sebokeng shootings

By Michael Shatto

The curved sign above the gate says "Sondela". In Zulu it means, "Come nearer".

And, as one observer put it yesterday, as the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings made an inspection *in loco*, "they came".

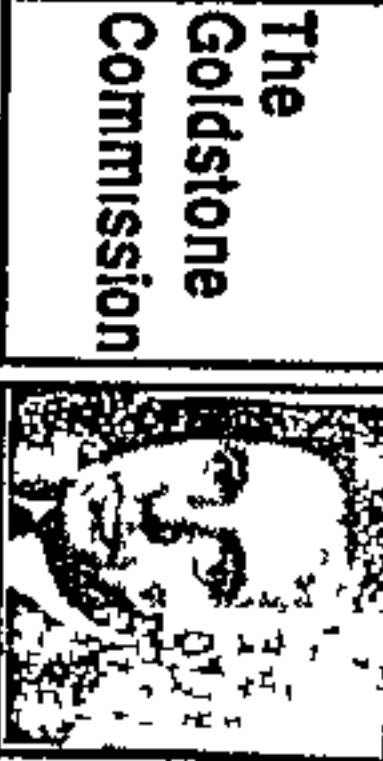
The sign is that of the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng. The crowd of some 50 000 who were to have marched on Vereeniging that day, never got that far. They were stopped by a police roadblock less than 500 m from the brewery — ironically, within little more than a stone's throw of the Sebokeng Hospital.

There after an edgy confrontation, at least 12 were left dead and 57 wounded when police opened fire.

Mr Justice R G Goldstone, who is conducting the one-man investigation into the shootings on March 26, was there yesterday, surrounded by members of the legal teams — including George Bizos, SC, for the families of the deceased as well as the wounded Etienne du Toit represented the Minister of Law and Order and the SA Police.

The judge — dark-haired, shortish and with steely eyes — stood beside the red and white minibuses that had transported them to the site, against a background of tall winter-whitened grass.

They moved on to other points where the marchers had assembled in defiance of a ban by the Vereeniging Town Council and the local chief magistrate.



The commission's presence in Sebokeng was the last act of a brief opening session of the Goldstone inquiry, which started yesterday in the horseshoe-shaped Vereeniging Council Chamber. Formal proceedings would get under way next Wednesday, Mr Justice Goldstone announced.

Mystery

Even before the start of the inquiry, an element of mystery has surfaced. The Vaal Council of Churches claims 17 people died in the shootings. Sebokeng Hospital records put the figure at 14, but Mr Bizos yesterday confirmed that he would be appearing for the families of a deceased 12.

Mr Bizos stole the show in the council chamber. With expressive hands providing just the right accompaniment, he told the judge that while he appreciated the suggestion that the proceedings be as informal as possible, "I would prefer to stand when addressing the commission. I find that when I sit I get tongue-tied".

Picture by Karen Fletcher

Policeman killed by grenade

By Craig Kotze

A policeman was killed and another four were injured, two seriously, in a hand grenade attack last night at the Moroka police barracks in Soweto, police said.

Four Soviet-made grenades were hurled at the building at 7.25 pm by an unknown number of attackers.

Three exploded but one failed to go off. It was defused by police explosives experts.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said one of the grenades had landed in a first-floor room where four constables were talking.

They were seriously injured and one was certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

A second grenade had landed at the door of another room. Shrapnel had injured another policeman.

The third grenade had gone off on a fire escape, said Colonel Halgryn.

An extensive investigation has been launched by Soweto Security Police and Colonel Halgryn said detectives had vowed to go out of their way to find the killers.

"We will not allow such senseless attacks to go out of our way to track down those responsible for this deed and bring them before the court," he said.

He refused to say whether police were investigating whether African National Congress or Pan Africanist Congress fighters, who are still conducting their armed struggle, were involved.

Major-General Johan Swart, Soweto Regional Commissioner, today expressed his condolences and sympathy to the families of the dead policeman and the injured.

The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released.

● The attack yesterday was the second on policemen in the township recently. Two weeks ago a hand grenade was thrown at the home of a warrant officer. He was not injured.

Webster: Dramatic turnaround

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PRETORIA. — Brigadier Floris Mostert, the detective heading the investigation into the murder of Dr David Webster, yesterday said it was reasonably certain that the three Civil Co-operation Bureau members held by the police were not involved in the killing.

His dramatic turnaround came during the Harms Commission hearing.

At Tuesday's hearing Brigadier Mostert said he had information from more than one source that Mr Ferdie Barnard and Mr Calla Botha had been "involved" in the Webster murder but were not the killers.

During his cross-examination yesterday, he said neither Mr Barnard nor Mr Botha seemed to be involved in the May 1, 1989, shotgun killing of the Wits social anthropologist.

In reply to a question by Mr Hennie Goosen, for Mr Barnard, Brigadier Mostert said he was "reasonably sure" the third CCB member or former member to be detained by police early this year, Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl, was also not involved.

When asked if any current members or former members of the CCB were involved in Dr Webster's death, Brigadier Mostert replied "I am reasonably sure those (CCB members) we know were not involved in the murder."

He also said that as the police and CCB were "sister departments" it was difficult to have action taken against the bureau.

Under cross-examination by Mr Paul Pretorius, for the SA Council of Churches and Cosatu, Brigadier Mostert said the delay in a search of a CCB office at Bronkhorstspruit was due to difficulties experienced at top military level.

He also admitted that identikit issued shortly after the death of Dr Webster had proved inaccurate. Police, on checking the story of an alleged witness, had established that the man had arrived at the murder scene only half-an-hour after the killing.

A second witness had, he said, provided more substantial information, and subsequent inquiries had verified certain of the facts passed on by this person.

Giving evidence before the commission yesterday, the CCB's Region 6 project co-ordinator outlined projects totalling more than R5,5 million.

Testifying under his operational alias of Christo Brits, the co-ordinator outlined a number of projects run by Region 6 — mainly external with the innocuous-sounding names of "Bliss", "Tourist", "Maxie" and "Patriotic".

Mr Brits outlined another five that were not attached to his region, but the commission ruled that they could not be named or reported on in terms of the Protection of Information Act.

Mr Brits gave his testimony on the understanding that no photographs or sketches be made of him.

Mr Brits denied that the CCB was involved in the murder of Dr Webster and said that as project co-ordinator of Region 6 he would have known about plans to kill him.

A portion of a statement given to the commission by the CCB's managing director, Colonel Joe Verster, was handed in yesterday in which he also denied that his organisation was linked to the assassination of Dr Webster.

Colonel Verster also denied giving any orders to poison SA Council of Churches general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane — Sapa.



crack of dawn



Bang goes the white man's identity in Namibia. They're not allowed to call him "baas" anymore!

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Rockman
in anti-FW
protest

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Ex-policeman Mr Gregory Rockman will speak at one of many rallies organised by Anti-Apartheid Movements (AAM) in Europe and Britain, who are coordinating a two-week campaign against President F W de Klerk's visit.

The first demonstration is planned for Paris today.

British AAM president Archbishop Trevor Huddleston said yesterday that he would write to the president of the European Commission, Mr Jacques Delors, stating the AAMs' opposition to the trip. He would also seek an urgent meeting with him.

Former police lieutenant Mr Rockman will address a rally at the Trade Union Congress hall in London on Friday May 18.

Death-row prisoner tells how Bop 'hit-squad' helped kill police chief who recruited them

Brigadier was killed by his own hit-squad

By CHARLES LEONARD and VUSI GUNENE

BRIGADIER Andrew Molope, the notorious Bophuthatswana policeman responsible for the Winterveld massacre, was murdered by his own hit-squad

This was revealed by a man who took part in the killing, Bophuthatswana death row prisoner David Themba Mzimela.

In a written statement, Mzimela, a police informer, said he was ordered to act as a driver for an assassin imported from another area to kill the brigadier.

He also took part in two other petrol bomb attacks — on the houses of Dr Sam Motsuenyane, president of the National Federated Chamber of Commerce, and community leader Martha Lebopo.

He alleges that a hit list of prominent people like Motsuenyane, Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa, general secretary of the Institute of Contextual Theology, and self-exiled Chief Lebone Molotlegi, of Phokeng near Rustenburg, existed.

THE DIRTY WAR STARTS AGAIN
Seven political killings this month
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The condemned prisoner — whose revelations chillingly parallel those of Almond Nofemela, the Pretoria death row prisoner who first revealed the existence of death squads — told lawyers he was part of the Zebra Force hit squad which operated mainly in the Winterveld area north of Pretoria during 1986.

The murdered brigadier allegedly ordered the shootings on March 26 1986 when 11 people were killed and numerous others injured in a soccer stadium in Winterveld.

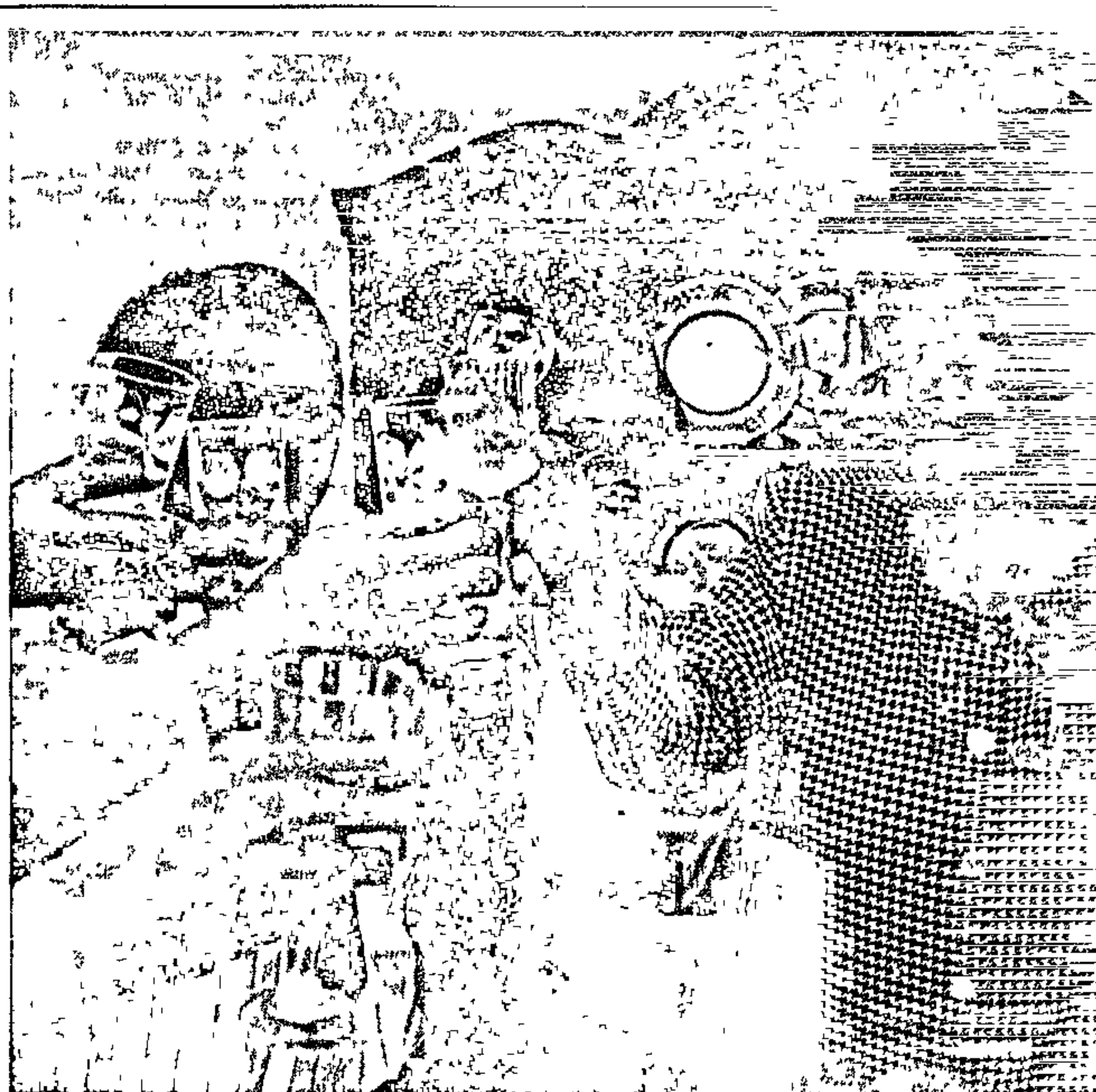
Molope gave evidence before the Smith Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Bophuthatswana government to investigate the massacre. The commission's findings have not been made public.

The brigadier was apparently killed because his evidence might have implicated a very senior Bophuthatswana official.

Says Mzimela, "After some time we heard that Molope had told the court (commission) that the instruction to kill the Winterveld people came from high up."

His handler had called him and told him "Killer — that is my name they

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A toast for the return of Huhudi's most famous resident. African National Congress executive member; the township near Vryburg this week after more than 20 years in exile. See PAGE 6

Hospital strike ends with rights

By THANDEKA GQUBULE

THOUSANDS of black health workers last night ended their 10-day strike at a dozen hospitals on the Reef after the authorities agreed to wide-ranging union rights and an end to discriminatory labour practices in the public sector.

The National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) clinched the agreement, the first-ever between a black union and the government's health services, after a week of intense bargaining.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration granted *de facto* recognition to the union and agreed to bargain with

it over wages in future. The workers did not, however, win any immediate wage increases.

African National Congress Deputy President Nelson Mandela made a 30-minute telephone call to Constitutional Affairs Minister Gerrit Viljoen on the eve of his trip through Africa, union sources told the *Weekly Mail*. This helped to break the logjam in the dispute that left most townships on the Reef without effective health services for a week.

"Today's agreement is not only a

victory for health workers, but for the public making use of services," said Nehawu general secretary Sisa Njikelana at a press conference in Johannesburg last night.

"It is also a victory for the entire labour movement in that it is a step in the battle to win basic workers' rights from the state in the public sector."

The TPA said it would put an end to the practice of employing workers casual labour and from the date signing all employees were defined as permanent workers.

The strike was sparked by com-

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Bop hit-squad 'helped kill 251 police chief'

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know me with — the time is ripe for Molo-
lope's assassination "

Mzimela, a Winterveld resident, said he had been detained by Bophuthatswana Police Moloape "instructed three policemen to interrogate me .. and afterwards to kill me". But another policeman told the brigadier that "I should be recruited into the police because I knew the comrades well".

He joined the "homeland's" police force as an informer only a few days after the Winterveld shootings, he said

Mzimela alleges that the tasks of the squad included attacks on community leaders' houses and the elimination of key activists. The Zebra Force's clandestine operations were carried out using stolen cars impounded at police stations

He alleges the squad was divided into four groups, two of which operated in Winterveld and one each in Hamanskraal and Mafikeng

Mzimela says his first task was to spy on the houses of Motsuenyane and Lebopo Both houses were subsequently petrol bombed, but no one was injured in the attacks Mzimela says he was paid R1 000 for each of the bombings

During the Smith Commission, Joycelyn Motsuenyane and Lebopo as well as Moloape gave evidence on the Winterveld shootings.

On the day of the brigadier's murder, Mzimela, fellow "Bop squad" members and the assassin changed their car for a stolen car impounded at a police station They then drove to "Beirut" in Winterveld where Moloape lived

Mzimela waited in the car as the assassin and another squad member went to Moloape's house

"When I was approaching the house I heard a shot being fired and then I put more speed knowing that the assassination has been carried out," he says

Back at a rendezvous the assassin took off his overalls, revealing a soldier's uniform, says the condemned man.

Mzimela said he was paid R1 500 and promised a car and a house for his part in the assassination.

Reports at the time said Moloape, divisional commissioner of police for the Odi and Moretele districts, was shot dead about 8pm on 21 June 1986 At his funeral President Lucas Mangope said "He died for our independence."

●Mzimela was sentenced to death after being convicted for murder and two armed robberies

Shock report on cop killings

A TOTAL of 139 people have been killed and 1 429 injured "directly or indirectly by police action" since State President FW de Klerk's watershed reform

SOWETAN Correspondent

speech on February 2.

This shock figure - including the homelands which have been plagued by unrest since the unbanning of the ANC - was given yesterday by the Human Rights Commission in its latest update on political unrest.

Contradiction

The HRC said there was "a contradiction between what the Government is saying to the international community and what the police are doing on the ground".

Much of the current repressive state action was taking place in country towns and rural areas.

Detentions

The legal space created for free political activity by De Klerk stood in question.

The HRC said the number of detentions under the state of emergency had risen to 324 on Wednesday.

A further 43 people were being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act and six under Section 31 of the Act

Its estimate on people killed or injured through police action since February 2 was conservative because it had mainly been compiled from Press reports.

Its breakdown revealed that 89 people through direct or indirect police action in South Africa and 50 in the homelands. A total of 966 people had been injured in South Africa compared with 463 in the homelands.

Vlok strikes deal on vigilante patrols

8/10/90 11/5/90 ALAN FINE

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday promised Welkom's right-wing Blanke Veiligheid (BV) organisation intensified police efforts to maintain law and order in Welkom, and received in exchange a BV undertaking to halt vigilante patrols.

Vlok, who met a range of community leaders yesterday, also assured the BV he would make an effort to have Welkom's consumer boycott called off.

But while Vlok's visit made some progress towards reducing racial tensions in the area, his efforts were hampered by the AWB's refusal to meet him.

This and a police raid on Thabong township has made black community leaders delay calling off the boycott.

BV chief Hannes Muller said he had had a "nice informal meeting" with Vlok.

Sapa reports Vlok promised to deploy, from Monday, 10 fully equipped squad cars manned by 30 policemen. Muller said the Minister also promised to build a police station in the town's Riebeeckstad suburb.

Consumer boycott spokesman Mbulelo Bongani said the BV undertaking was a start, but until the AWB gave a similar undertaking on vigilante patrols his committee would not call off the boycott.

Sapa reported Welkom SAP spokesman Maj Johann Fouche confirmed the arrest of 2156 people in Thabong. He said 2114 were released after being warned for trespassing hostel premises. The remaining 42 were being held on criminal charges, including illegal immigration, illegal possession of gold and dagga.

Police station attacked

11/5/90

West Rand Bureau

Gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles and hand grenades attacked Soweto's Diepkloof Police Station last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the small police station was attacked at about 7:45 pm

Two grenades were thrown inside the courtyard. One exploded. The other was later rendered harmless by police explosive experts.

The sergeant on duty returned fire with an R-1 rifle and hit one of the attackers.

"In view of the amount of blood found at the scene, someone was seriously hurt," Colonel Halgryn said.

He said no policemen were injured and damage was minimal.



Vlok promises Welkom a police flying squad

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 The Argus Correspondent

WELKOM. — Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has promised to send a police flying squad to Welkom in a bid to end mounting racial conflict.

He also said mounted police would be introduced in certain areas and a police reservist air wing would be established.

The flying squad, made up of 10 patrol cars with a major and 30 men, would be used throughout the Gold Fields.

The announcement followed a meeting in Welkom yesterday between Mr Vlok and residents of Thabong township, businessmen, the self-styled vigilante group Blanke Veiligheid, police and clergymen.

Mr Vlok, accompanied by Virginia MP Mr Piet Clase and the Free State Divisional Commissioner, General Tom Erasmus, visited the town in an attempt to defuse the black-white powder keg.

Mr Vlok was given an undertaking from BV founder Hannes Muller to stop street patrols for three months.

Wait and see

But he was unable to persuade a delegation of the Thabong crisis committee and boycott committee to call off their week-long boycott of white shops. The group adopted a wait-and-see attitude, adamant that consumer action would continue until attacks on them by whites ceased.

The AWB, who have been accused of assaulting and terrorising the black community, refused to meet the Minister yesterday, saying the problem was too big and required national research. They handed him a letter asking to meet him in Cape Town next week.

The AWB contingent, in uniform and carrying guns, arrived in a Land Rover with a sticker saying "If guns are outlawed how can we shoot liberals?"

It is not certain what their strategy will be from now on. Earlier this week they agreed to halt all patrols until Mr Vlok's visit.

AWB area leader Mr Bhekies Bhignaut refused to comment yesterday.

Mr Vlok told a Press conference police were acting quickly to control a situation which could spread to other parts of the country.

"We do not like the vigilante patrols. They lead to the formation of what has been experienced here. The moment you start with vigilante groups you are looking for trouble. People may be trying to safeguard their property but they are doing it the wrong way."

He was confident that with the right attitude the situation could be remedied.

While Welkom's CBD was deserted yesterday Thabong was tense, with a strong police presence at the entrance.

Police station attacked

JOHANNESBURG —
Gunmen armed with
AK47 rifles and hand-
grenades attacked Sowe-
to's Diepkloof police sta-
tion on Thursday night.

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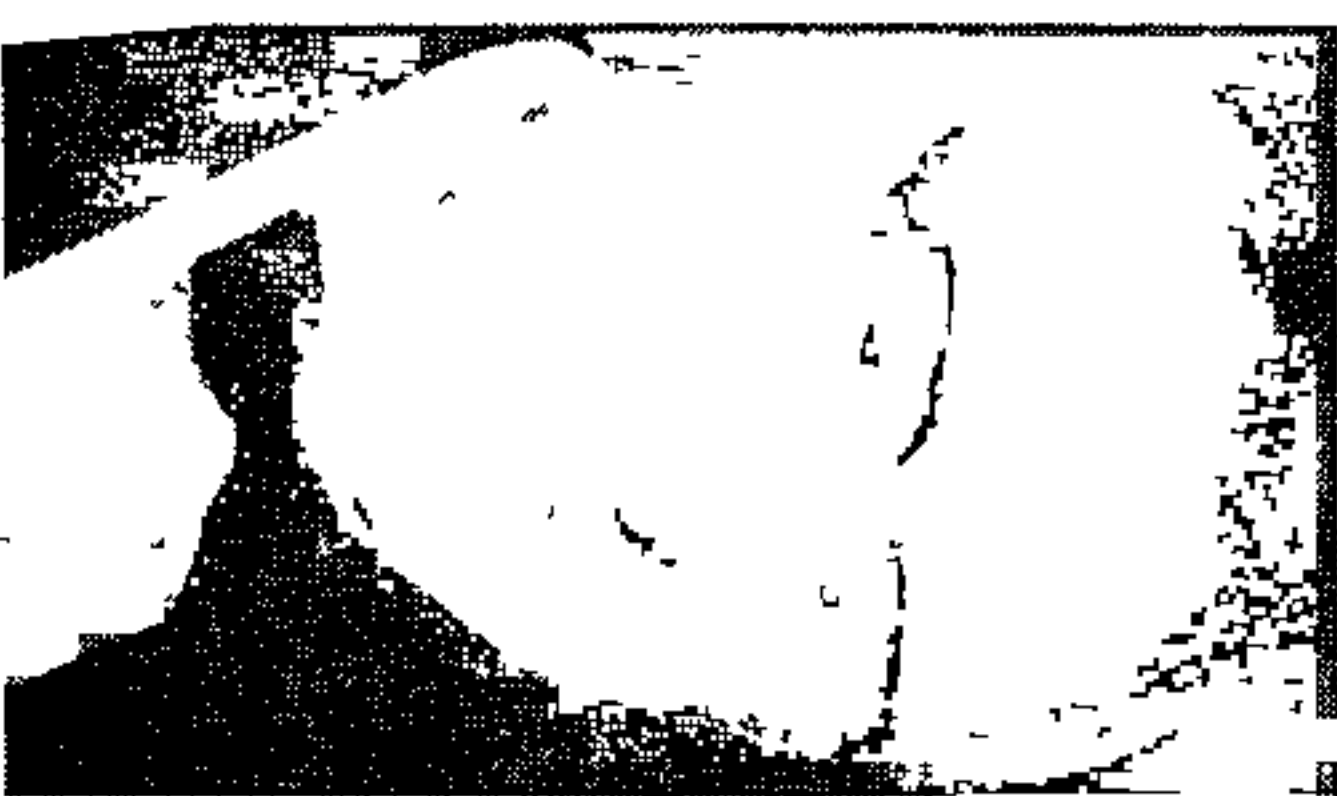
The sergeant on duty
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Vlok 'no comment' on CCB claims

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff



Adriaan Vlok

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday refused to make any comment on reports, published in Vrye Weekblad, that he had been fully briefed last year on the activities of the secret Civil Co-operation Bureau.

The former acting manager of the CCB's region two, named as Mr Petrus Jacobus "Pieter" Botes, said in an interview, published in yesterday's issue of Vrye Weekblad, that two generals had been present when he briefed Mr Vlok on the CCB in August last year.

However, a spokesman for Mr Vlok said the minister had said the whole CCB was at present subject to a commission of inquiry. "He is not prepared to say anything," the spokesman said.

It is understood that Mr Vlok is prepared to give evidence to the Harms Commission on the matter if necessary. He seems not to be taking Mr Botes's claims seriously although he apparently did meet Mr Botes briefly last year.

In the Vrye Weekblad interview, Mr Botes said he met Mr Vlok on August 29 last year. Mr Botes said he told Mr Vlok that his CCB team had put cholera germs in drinking water in the Dobra refugee camp in Namibia.

This was allegedly part of a plan to disrupt Swapo during the November elections.

He claimed chaos had plagued the CCB in the past year — probably leading to the "unfortunate death" of Swapo executive member, Mr Anton Lubowski, who was

gunned down outside his Windhoek home in September last year.

Mr Botes also told of a plot to murder Mr Hiddipo Hamutenya, how the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in Namibia

Sapa reported yesterday that Namibia's Director of Community Health Services, Dr Rodion Kraus, said there were absolutely no traces of anyone carrying or contracting cholera at Dobra, while Mr Hamutenya said he was "not shocked" at the claim

that the CCB had planned to kill him.

Mr Botes said he was the CCB regional manager for Mozambique and Swaziland over the past two years. His agents were allegedly responsible for murder attempts on well-known activists — including the bomb attack on top ANC member Mr Albie Sachs.

This week Mr Botes discussed with commission lawyers the possibility of testifying before the Harms Commission.

'139 dead in police action since Feb 2'

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Political Reporter

A TOTAL of 139 people have been killed and 1 429 injured "directly or indirectly by police action" since President de Klerk's reform speech on February 2 (25)

This shock figure — including the homelands which have been plagued by unrest since the unbanning of the African National Congress — was given this week by the Human Rights Commission in its latest update on political unrest.

The HRC said there was "a contradiction between what the Government is saying to the international community and what the police are doing on the ground".

Much of the current repressive State action was taking place in country towns and rural areas. Its breakdown revealed that 89 people died through direct or indirect police action in South Africa and 50 in the homelands.

A total of 966 people had been injured in South Africa against 463 in the homelands

Harms warns CCB witness of prosecution

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PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR member of the Civil Co-Operation Bureau could be prosecuted for obstructing the proceedings of the Harms Commission, Mr Justice Harms indicated yesterday.

Mr Braam Cilliers — a codename — was giving evidence about the disappearance of CCB files containing details of projects carried out inside South Africa.

The judge put it to Mr Cilliers that he was "deliberately trying to obstruct the proceedings of the commission and to mislead the commission".

Mr Cilliers commented by shrugging his shoulders.

His lawyer, Mr P A Hattingh, said Mr Cilliers could not be expected to incriminate himself by commenting on the judge's statement.

"It seemed as if Mr

Justice Harms was "considering referring the matter to the Attorney-General for prosecution", Mr Hattingh said.

"Yes," Mr Justice Harms answered.

Earlier, Mr Cilliers said when the commander of Special Forces, Major-General Eddie Webb, had phoned him to inquire about the files on the instructions of the commission, he had told him that either CCB managing director Mr Joe Verster or regional director Mr Staal Burger had the files.

"In other words, you lied to General Webb," Mr Justice Harms said. "You knew the files were at Special Forces headquarters at the time."

The commission adjourned until Monday, when the cross-examination of the CCB regional

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co-ordinator code-named Christo Brits will resume.

The publication of a photograph of CCB managing director Mr Joe Verster by the Afrikaners weekly Vrye Weekblad — in spite of an order by Mr Justice Harms that no photograph of Mr Verster may be published — was greeted with shock by lawyers and CCB members attending the hearings.

Former Brixton Murder and Robbery squad commander and now a CCB regional director Mr Staal Burger, on being shown the photograph of Mr Verster, exclaimed "God, what is this!"

Then, seeing this reporter standing next to

him, he said "Who the (expletive deleted) is the guy on this photograph?" He then took the newspaper into the commission room, where he studied it together with lawyer Mr Hennie Goosen.

CCB chairman Major-General Eddie Webb, seeing an article quoting alleged former CCB regional co-ordinator Mr Marius Botes, just asked "Is dit Botes wat dit se?" He then smiled briefly before walking away.

Mr Justice Harms has not reacted to the article yet, although the commission's secretary, Mr Chris Erasmus, confirmed that a copy had been filed as an exhibit.

Mr Erasmus said the commission had already obtained an affidavit from Mr Botes. Mr Botes would testify before the commission later, he said.

CCB 'plotted to kill Swapo men'

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Namibia to protest to SA

THE Namibian Government will deliver a formal protest to the South African government tomorrow about a plot by the SADF's Civil Co-operation Bureau to assassinate Hideo Hamutenya, Namibia's Minister of Information and Broadcasting, before independence last year.

According to reliable sources Swapo knew about the plot, which also included plans to kill a Namibian deputy minister, Danny Tjongarero.

This follows revelations by a regional commander of the CCB, Pieter Botes, in the Afrikaans weekly newspaper *Vrye Weekblad*.

Botes told the newspaper the two Namibian politicians were to be assassinated to sow dissent in Swapo as it had to be made to look as if other Swapo members were responsible.

Botes also revealed the CCB was responsible for the car explosion in which ANC member Albie Sachs lost an arm. The bomb was intended for ANC politburo member Indress Naidoo, but Sachs was driving Naidoo's car on the day of the explosion.

An effort to blow up SACP leader Joe Slovo at the grave of his wife Ruth First in Maputo failed after the operative was detained.

Botes also revealed plans to

Danny Tjongarero... on the CCB hit list.

throw bombs at Swapo meetings and release yellow fever and cholera germs in the drinking water at Swapo returnee camps. Cholera germs had been thrown into the water of the Dobra camp but the chlorine in the water killed the germs,

Botes said.

He also said it was planned to set fire to the cars of UN Special Representative in Namibia Martti Ahtisaari and UN administrative head Cedric Thornberry, and to sabotage a Swapo printing press that entered the country through Walvis Bay. Fifty-four Swapo vehicles were identified for sabotage.

Tjongarero was taken off the hit list after he contracted a kidney disease. It was planned to shoot Hamutenya in the Namibian Nights nightclub in Windhoek with a Russian pistol, Botes said.

There were no traces of cholera in the water or cases of anyone carrying or contracting cholera at the Dobra centre near Windhoek last year, the Director of Community Health Services, Dr Rodion Kraus, said in Windhoek this week.

Chairman of the Harms Commission, Judge Louis Harms, confirmed this week that *Vrye Weekblad* had published a picture of CCB head Col Joe Verster in contravention of an order Harms had issued. The newspaper on Friday ran the picture of the secretive Col Verster on its front page.

KwaZulu minister 'formed hit squad to kill opponents'

By S'BU MNGADI

PINETOWN police are searching for two missing members of the KwaZulu Police, known only as Vela and Vusi, who allegedly carried out assassinations in Clermont, Durban, between 1985 and 1989 on the instructions of KwaZulu's Deputy Interior Minister, Samuel Bhekizwe Jamile.

Jamile, 60, a senior member of Inkatha's Central Committee and the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, was last week charged with five counts of murder, seven of attempted murder and three of incitement to murder. His co-accused, Msizi Hlophe, 19, is implicated in all the charges.

The case is set down for hearing in the Maritzburg Supreme Court on June 4.

Jamile, a prominent herbalist who operates his muti business in Kranskloof, Clermont, was arrested at his Ulundi ministerial home on February 19 — a day after an exclusive article in *City Press* had linked him to the assassinations of five Clermont community leaders and plots to kill others.

Hlophe was arrested weeks earlier. Both men have been repeatedly refused bail.

UDF co-president Archie Gumede is named as one of the people Jamile allegedly tried to kill.

Vela and Vusi are implicated in three murders and plots to kill many other people.

The indictment cites disagreement over the proposed incorporation of the freehold suburb of Clermont into KwaZulu between 1982 and 1985 as having led to the killings.

The defunct Clermont Advisory Board (Cab) under the chairmanship of attorney Aubrey Nyembezi, was opposed to incorporation.

Jamile favoured incorporation.

During September/October 1985, Nyembezi stood for election to Cab while Deputy Minister, and stood for

election to the Inkatha committee against advocate Vuka Tshabalala.

On the night of October 10, 1985 Jamile's men, including Hlophe, fired shots at Nyembezi's house and set it alight with Nyembezi and his wife inside.

Jamile was also a member of the Inyanda Chamber of Commerce and Industry, of which businessman and anti-incorporation activist Obed Mthembu was a chairman, while Pearl Tshabalala — wife of advocate Vuka Tshabalala — Zazi Khuzwayo and Emmanuel Khuzwayo, both Cab members, were also members.

On various occasions, the indictment alleges, Jamile clashed with Mrs Tshabalala and Mthembu. One of these incidents resulted in him being ordered by Mthembu to leave the meeting.

Jamile procured a group of men, including Hlope, Vusi and Vela, and incited Thokoza Paulos Ntshalintshali to join the group.

Joseph Bhekuyise Khumalo, who was staying in the Inkatha leader's house, told Richard Phili of the plot.

On hearing this Jamile, accompanied by Vela and two others, allegedly took Khumalo and his girlfriend Thoko Shabalala to a deserted spot in the Mamba Valley in Riverside, where Khumalo was shot three times in the head.

Shabalala's throat was cut with a blunt instrument and she was dragged into the bush and left for dead, but she survived.

On October 15, 1989, on Jamile's instructions, Hlophe fatally gunned down Pearl Tshabalala.

Four days later a group that included Hlophe shot at Obed Mthembu and his wife several times before Mthembu's house was set alight, but the couple escaped.

It is also alleged that Hlophe and another man, acting on Jamile's instructions, killed Clermont taxi operator Nicholas Mkhize on July 15, 1988.

ANC man abducted

by former comrades

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Nkosi said he fled into the nightclub and the Askaris bundled Dhladla into their car and drove off at high speed.

Dhladla said: "They took me to John Vorster Square where they detained me briefly before I was taken to a building somewhere towards Pretoria."

He was questioned at length about the ANC by a police captain. When the policeman realised who he was he apologised and ordered that Dhladla be taken home immediately.

"They even served me with coffee," Dhladla said.

Dhladla said he was freed after five hours of interrogation.

After his release, Dhladla was taken to the

Soweto home where he has been living with relatives

Dhladla said he was first threatened with death by a man called "Blondie" in the ANC camp in Lusaka before the man disappeared in 1988 to join the Askaris.

The Askaris are linked to allegations of police hit squads. The unit was at one stage allegedly headed by Brig Dirk Coetzee, who has confessed to the alleged murder of Durban lawyer Griffith Mxenge.

Dhladla, from Atteridgeville in Pretoria, fled the country to join the ANC military wing Umkonto We Sizwe in 1980. He is expected to leave tomorrow for Lusaka, where he works in the office of Alfred Nzo, ANC secretary-general, who was also in the country for the Cape Town talks.

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Harms Commission starts turning

By DESMOND BLOW

EVIDENCE before the Harms Commission — and some of the witnesses — are beginning to take on the appearance of a whodunnit farce.

This week a spectator seen at various times during the hearings in different guises eventually identified himself as Christo Brits.

That was not his real name, the Commission was told, but his code name, and he was the co-ordinator of Section 6 of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, of which former policemen Staal Burger, Calla Botha and Slang van Zyl were members.

“Brits”, aged about 30, took the witness stand in a

farical disguise of black curly wig, jet-black whiskers that covered everything but his nose, mouth and eyes, and horn-rimmed spectacles covered his eyes.

Later in the week another secret agent, “Braum Cilliers” also appeared in disguise.

What witnesses are telling the commission is also confusing.

Earlier, Brig Floris Mostert, head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, who is investigating officer into the murder of left-wing activist David Webster, first told the commission he had received information that Ferdi Barnard and Calla Botha had been involved in Webster's murder.

But a day later Mostert said he was reasonably sure that Barnard, Botha and Slang van Zyl had not been in-

volved.

Cross-examined by Paul Pretorius for the SA Council of Churches and Cosatu, Mostert said that soon after Webster's murder identikit pictures of three suspects had been issued to the Press but it was later found that the witness, a national serviceman, had only arrived at the scene 30 minutes after the murder.

Another set of identikit pictures, obtained from a true witness, had not been released to the Press, nor had any further investigation been undertaken as to why the national serviceman had lied.

During the evidence of “Christo Brits” it was found that a diary of projects handed to the commission had pages missing, including entries for August 31 and September 1, 1989.

Cross-examined by E Bertelman, for the David Webster Trust, he said he had torn them out to place them in files.

Bertelman expressed surprise that pages had only been removed on dates when important things had happened: the two dates referred to were the day a limpet mine exploded in Athlone, Cape, and the day Anton Lubowski, a Swapo executive, was assassinated.

Towards the end of the week Judge Harms was involved in sharp clashes with both “Brits” and “Cilliers”.

Harms said a secret military committee, under Gen Rudolf “Witkop” Badenhorst, Chief of Staff Military Intelligence, was making a mockery of the judicial commission that was probing political murders.

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Pensioner slams GOOS

Raid on home by twelve men

By SANDILE MEMELA

A SOWETO pensioner this week expressed anger at the "wild behaviour" of security policemen who ransacked her house in search of her son who went into exile in 1977.

Naomh Manye, 72, of Orlando West, said the policemen terrorised her family and humiliated her two sons who were mistaken for alleged ANC commander Christopher Tse Manye.

The raid took place on the night of the final day of the historical Groote Schuur talks between the African National Congress and the government.

According to Manye one of the dozen security cops who burst into her house said they wanted Tse because "he is a smart man who can teach us something".

Her two sons, Azi and Tikh, were forced to produce their identity documents to prove they were not the wanted man.

Manye also claimed the police pointed guns at her 73-year-



Naomh Manye with her grandchild Thato. Manye has expressed anger at the 'wild policemen' who ransacked her home. M PIC: TLAJIKHURUM.

Police bust massive vehicle smuggling gangs

By SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG police have uncovered a massive motor vehicle theft network in Zimbabwe, Zambia and other African states.

The car racket group was uncovered by "Operation Watchdog", which was launched throughout the country on May 1 this year by police to clamp down on crime and the theft of motor vehicles.

Whitefriars road police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said the network specialised in taking vehicles to African states through Botswana using false registration plates and clearance documents.

Malherbe said several vehicles worth R1-million - including a posh Mercedes Benz 380 SEC - were recovered from Zimbabwe this week while 12 others are reported to have already passed from the same address through Botswana in the last six months.

The other vehicles recovered are a Toyota Corolla, a BMW and a heavy duty truck hijacked in Orlando in February this year.

The owner of the Mercedes Benz was traced to Pretoria and is a Basie Booyens, who sold the vehicle for R160 000 in a deal done at Jan Smuts Airport last week.

Booyens was given a cheque that bounced at the bank.

Five black men believed to be members of the "cheque syndicate" have been arrested in connection with the theft of the vehicles and police are hunting for syndicate leader Peter Vickerman - a mechanic who they say did all the alterations to the vehicles.

Malherbe said police arrested the entire syndicate on South African territory, except for Vickerman, 41, who

every after it was falsely reported that a truck belonging to the United Brush Company had been hijacked on Tuesday morning.

Police threw a cordon around all areas and rounds in search of the vehicle.

The truck was later found on the New Canada-Soweto route heading towards Dobsouville and had in fact not been hijacked.

The driver and his assistants, all employed by United Brush - were arrested.

Police are now trying to establish whether the three men are linked to the "cheque syndicate".

Although investigations have not revealed the exact destination of vehicles in Botswana, the police force there has been alerted and it is hoped more arrests will be made.

"Police believe Botswana is only being used as a transit route to Zambia, Zimbabwe and further on, and intensive investigations are being made to find out

old husband Thomas, who was asleep in the bedroom.

"It is really unthinkable that this kind of thing can happen at a time when the government is considering granting indemnity to exiles."

"I never expected this to happen when there is so much hope in the country. The wild behaviour of the police has left me questioning the government's commitment to finding a peaceful solution to the problems of the country," said Manye.

Soweto police spokesman Lt Col Timmie Halgryn could not confirm the raid.

But, said Halgryn, "the house could have been singled out for searching under the recently launched Project Watchdog aimed at crime prevention."

ANC DRAWD UP GUARD DRAMA

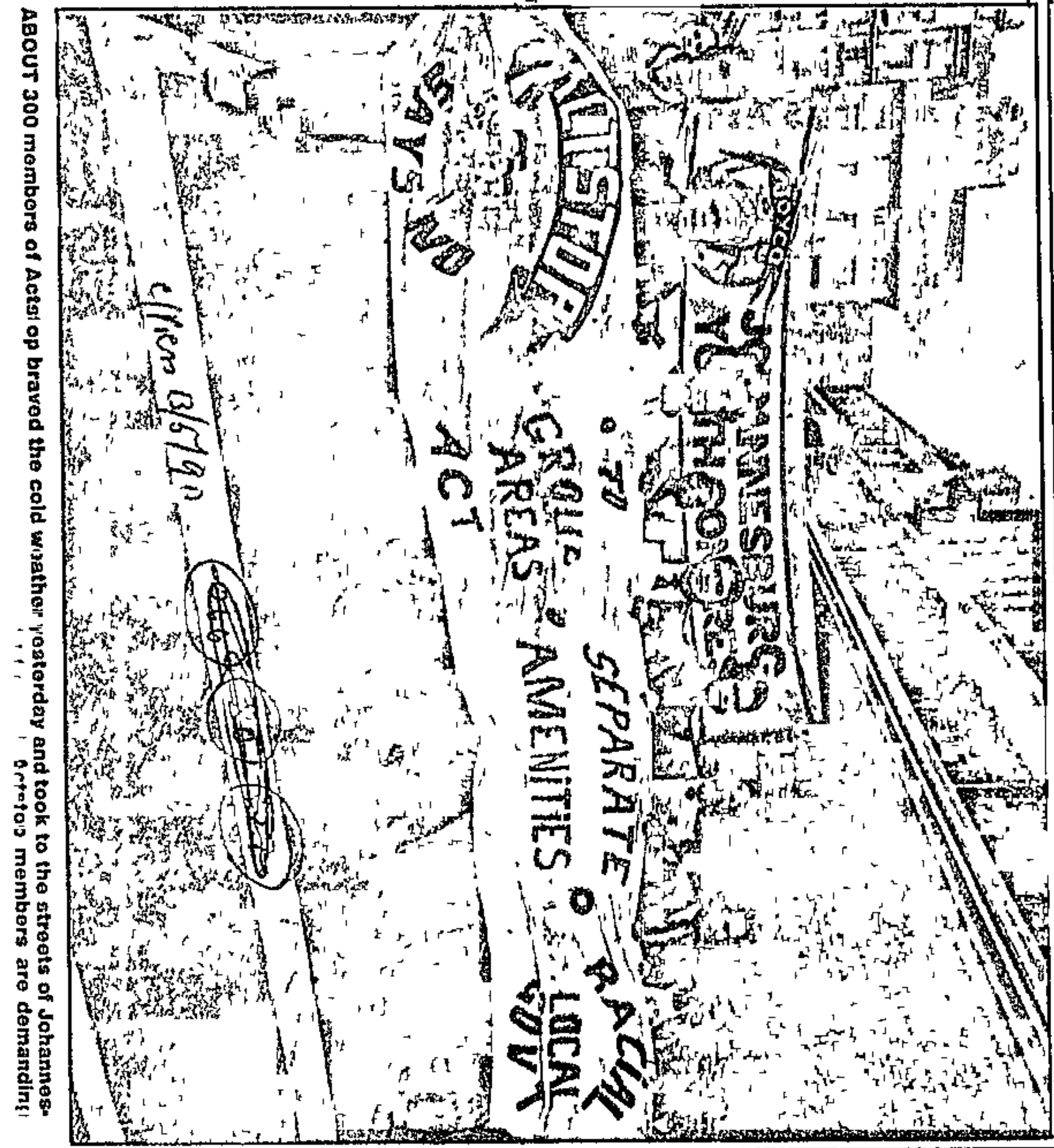
Racial attacks on the increase

By CHARLES MORGAN
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Attacks have recently taken place in the Conservative Party-controlled towns of Boksburg, Klerksdorp, Carletonville and Welkom - and at Mamelodi township near Pretoria.

In four accidents reported, five people have been killed and one is lying in a Pretoria hospital.

The attacks come amid threats of a "hard Boer War" by rightwing elements opposed to State President F.W. de Klerk's reforms. The AWB and Boersnat Party have warned they will take over by force if the government capitulates to black rule.



Police informers abduct ANC delegation bodyguard

BY ELIAS MALULEKE

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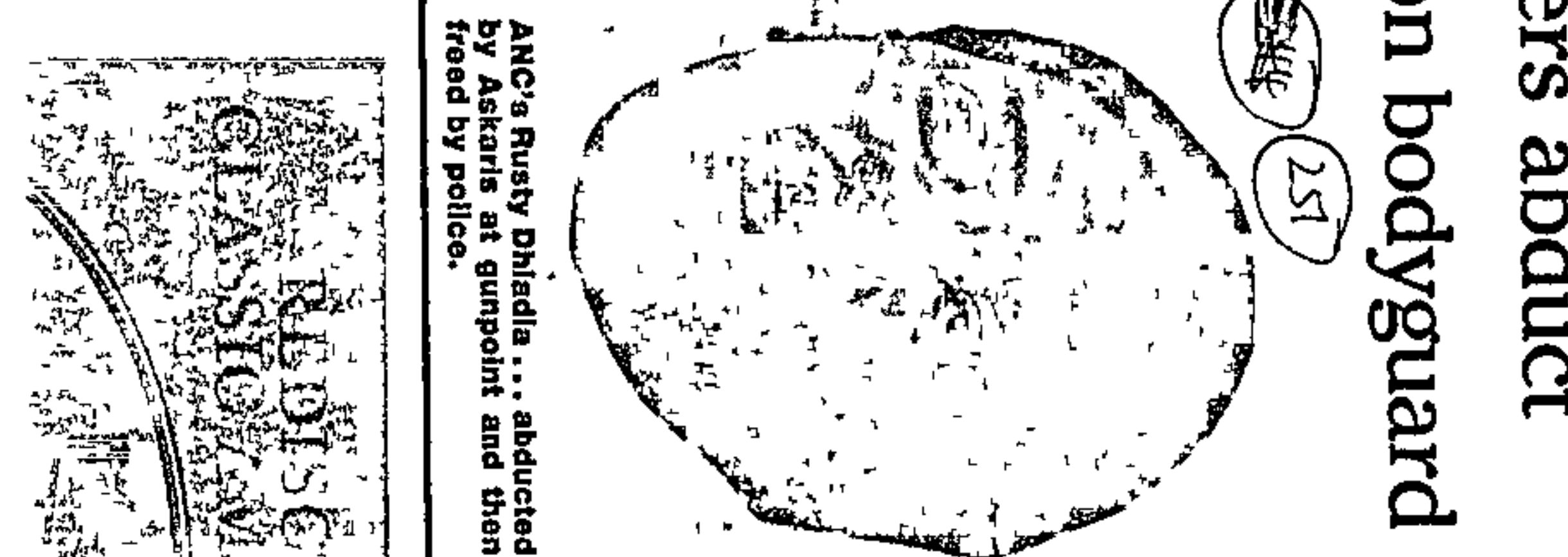
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"He had no idea the man had been granted indemnity," Opperman said. He said Dhladla was on the police



ANC's Rusty Dhladla... abducted by Askaris at gunpoint and then freed by police.

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He said Dhladla was on the police wanted list, but when it was discovered that he had indemnity he was freed

Head of ANC intelligence, Jacob Zuma would only say, "We are looking into the matter."

Dhladla remained in the country after the Cape Town talks, taking advantage of the indemnity granted to participating delegates in terms of the agreement reached between the ANC and the government

The abduction drama happened on Thursday night when five Askaris travelling in a grey car and wearing civilian clothes and balaclavas confronted Dhladla at the corner of Bree and Mooi Streets in central Johannesburg. He was with his cousin Percy Nkosi of Soweto

Nkosi said his car was at a filling station in Noord Street when the grey car pulled up next to them

"Rusty recognised one of the men as a former ANC guerrilla now working for the police," Nkosi said

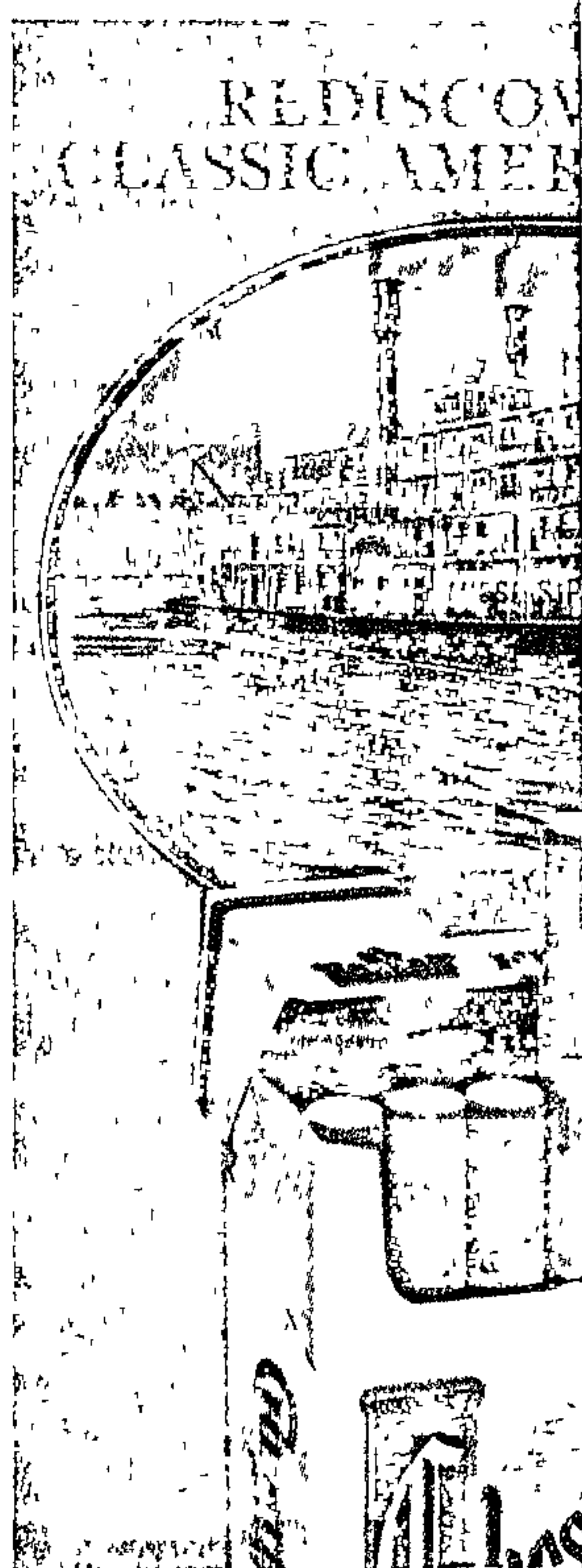
When Nkosi pulled away the other car followed and Nkosi decided to drive to a nightclub in Bree Street

Said Nkosi: "The men parked next to our car and rushed out, guns in hand, and one of them called Rusty by name and demanded to know what he was doing in the country".

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Police targeted by unknown gunmen

WILSON ZWANE

THERE have been numerous attacks on Witwatersrand police stations recently, police spokesmen confirmed at the week-end.

Last week two separate attacks by armed gunmen were made on Rabie Ridge at Midrand and Soweto's Diepkloof police stations.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said unknown gunmen armed with AK-47s and handgrenades attacked Diepkloof police station on Thursday.

Shots were fired and two handgrenades were thrown into the courtyard where one exploded. The other was neutralised by police explosives experts, he said.

"We don't know the number of attackers, but in view of blood stains we found on the ground, we conclude that one of the attackers was wounded when a sergeant on duty returned fire," Halgryn added.

Two other hits were made on Moroka police station and Dube municipal hostel.

Another recent attack on police was made in Bophelong near Vanderbijlpark.

Pretoria police spokesman Maj Reg Crewe confirmed attacks on police over the past three months. However, he said, information of the hits countrywide was not readily available.

Another police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman deplored the attacks on police stations and municipal police.



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Picture ROBERT BOTHA

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE Mr Speaker, I do not fault the hon member for Hillbrow in his pronouncement on principle I do not fault him I agree that criminals should be arrested and brought to trial I agree with him [Interjections] I want to emphasise that, even at this very moment, we will go to great lengths to ensure that justice is done, not only in Namibia, but also elsewhere We will do everything within our power to bring about these arrangements that will empower us to do as they have requested [Interjections] That is a firm commitment because there are still four people in South Africa who should be apprehended and brought to trial in Namibia With regard to these gentlemen we have not received the necessary documentation and we do not have a firm basis to act upon

*Having said that, I also want to tell hon members that they must please take into consideration that just as we are, they are striving for a point where the rule of law will take priority, which means that one will honour and respect the individual and all his rights This also holds good for possible accused, because a man is innocent until found guilty [Interjections] We cannot simply grab someone and extradite him That would be wrong, and that is what those hon members want [Interjections] That is what they want They want us to grab witnesses, etc We are therefore not legalistic—we do not go by the letter of the law We talk about an absolute minimum and what we stand for is that we shall grant the necessary absolute co-operation [Time expired]

many cases and (b) what political parties had handled the ballot papers concerned,
(2) whether the Police took any steps in connection with these irregularities, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) with what result?
Hansard 15/5/90 B889E
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER
(1) Yes
(a) As far as could be ascertained, 7 instances
(b) 1 by the Labour Party
1 by the Freedom Party
1 by the National Party
1 by the Democratic Party
(2) Yes
(a) In all the instances, cases were registered and investigated
(b) In the instance that was handled by the Labour Party, the case was withdrawn at the request of the complainant
In the instance that was handled by the Freedom Party, the Senior State Prosecutor withdrew the case
In two of the instances which were handled by the National Party, it appeared that the complainants were unfounded In the remaining two instances the Senior State Prosecutor withdrew the cases
The instance which was handled by the Democratic Party is still under investigation

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Postal votes: Irregularities

*1 Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Law and Order † Hansard 15/5/90
(1) Whether any irregularities in connection with postal votes during the 1989 general election were brought to the attention of the South African Police, if so, (a) in how

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(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?
Hansard 15/5/90 251 B918E
The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER
(1) No, not at this stage The area is at present effectively served by the Diep River police station which is situated 3 kilometres from there If it later appears to be essential, the establishment of a police station in the area will be reconsidered
(a) and (b) Fall away
(2) No

Exploding fireworks/crackers: banning

*3 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order
(1) Whether he has received any representations regarding the banning of exploding fireworks and/or crackers, if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) purport of and (ii) response to each such representation,
(2) whether he has given any consideration to banning such fireworks and/or crackers, if not, why not, if so, with what result?
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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2)
Since 1988 representations have been received from time to time from a number of organisations, members of Parliament and individual members of the public
The purport of these representations included *inter alia* the following
that negligent use of fireworks could cause injuries to people and animals and also damage to property,
that the use of fireworks causes animals to become terrified,
that the celebration of so called "Guy Fawkes" in South Africa was not warranted
The prohibition on less dangerous fireworks was partially lifted during 1986, after representations in this regard were received from certain communities who use fireworks during religious festivities However, the prohibition

on fireworks such as rockets and crackers larger than 25 X 4 mm, etcetera is still in force Since 1986, the easing of the prohibition has been exploited by certain dealers who are set on pure profiteering and who have illegally imported prohibited fireworks I requested that this matter be thoroughly investigated Certain recommendations are at present being considered in order to try and find an acceptable solution to the problem

Smutsville: Coloured community

*4 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs
(1) Whether approximately 35 Black families are living among the Coloured residents of Smutsville, near Sedgelyield, if so,
(2) whether the Coloured community of Smutsville recently approached his Department regarding this matter, if so, (a) what are the circumstances surrounding this matter and (b)(i) for what purpose did the community concerned approach his Department and (ii) what was the response thereto?
Hansard 15/5/90 B931E
The DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS (Mr A Fourie)
(1) Yes
(2) No
The rest of this question falls away

†Mr A GERBER Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, the Coloured communities have, according to reports, decided in a referendum that they are going to request the town council of Sedgelyield to remove the Black families Now I should like to know whether the Department would favourably consider such a request from the Coloured community

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have just said no to the hon member I do not know why he is now asking a further question What I can say to him is that there are apparently problems there, but the community is busy sorting out the problem among themselves and it is being solved
†Mr J J S PRINSLOO Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy

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That strange three-day 'ammo' coincidence

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Listening to evidence at the Harms Commission and reading through reports on its proceedings, one cannot help being struck by a convergence of coincidences which may — or may not — have a greater overall significance.

The latest emerged yesterday during cross examination by Eberhard Betelsmann, for the David Webster Trust, of Christo Brits, as the disguised co-ordinator of Region 6 of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) calls himself.

Mr Brits's diary contained a cryptic entry on April 28, 1989 "Get ammo" Mr Brits agreed that the word "ammo" was an abbreviation for "ammunition".

Three days later, on May 1, as Mr Betelsmann noted, David Webster was shot dead outside his home in Troyeville.

The same period of three days lapsed between the issue of a limpet mine and an explosion at the Early Learning Centre in Athlone, Cape Town, on August 31 last year. Evidence about the CCB's alleged involvement in the blast is contained in the affidavit given to the Harms Commission by former CCB member Abram van Zyl.

In his affidavit Mr Van Zyl implicated two members of his CCB cell in the explosion, Staal Burger and Calla Botha. Both Mr Burger and Mr Botha refused to answer questions about the Athlone explosion, invoking their right to protect themselves against possible self-incrimination.

Referring to the expiry of three days between issue of "ammo" to CCB men and the Webster murder and bomb blast, Mr Betelsmann asked Mr Brits whether it was purely coincidental.

Mr Brits replied that it must have been. Earlier Mr Brits insisted that the CCB had access to 9mm ammunition only. CCB members were armed with 9mm pistols. Dr Webster was shot dead with a shotgun. But, pressed by Mr Eberhard, Mr Brits agreed that he could, if necessary, get access to different kinds of "hardware".

The lapse of three days between the CCB drawing of ammunition — in the broad sense of the word — and violent episodes was the third coincidence to emerge

PATRICK LAURENCE looks at a series of coincidences which have emerged during the Harms Commission investigation into alleged political killings and asks whether they are pointers to a greater significance.

during Mr Brits's three-day testimony.

The first of the three "coincidences" related to missing pages from Mr Brits' diary containing brief references to CCB activities.

Mr Betelsmann described the dates for the missing pages as "conspicuously coincidental". To which Mr Brits responded "I don't understand".

One missing page was for August 31 last year, another was for September 12. Mr Betelsmann elaborated on the coincidence "August 31 was the day on which a limpet mine exploded at the Early Learning Centre in Athlone. What happened on September 12? On September 12 Anton Lubowski was shot dead in Windhoek."

Another coincidence was the disappearance of CCB files. Mr Brits told the commission that files relating to Region 6 had "disappeared". He did not know what had happened to them.

Region 6, coincidentally, concerned CCB projects within South Africa, the area which fell under the immediate command of Mr Burger, the former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad commander and the man who allegedly supplied Mr van Zyl with a Makarov pistol for a CCB plot to kill Dullah Omar, the Cape-based human rights lawyer.

The files that coincidentally went missing included both project and financial files and which, presumably, would have contained invaluable information for the Harms Commission.

Yet another coincidence surfaced during the Harms Commission hearings. On Sep-

tember 12, the day on which Mr Lubowski was shot dead, Mr Burger allegedly flew to Windhoek under the pseudonym Gagliano, returning to South Africa the next day.

In his sworn statement to the Harms Commission on April 5, 1990, Brigadier Floris Mostert, the investigating officer in the Webster murder case, referred to "one Botes" who approached the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, on August 29 last year about an explosion at his business premises on August 28.

Before that, according to Brigadier Mostert's affidavit, the police received a telephone call from an anonymous person telling them that Dr Webster was killed by "a person" attached to a unit of the South African Defence Force's Special Forces, a description which fitted the CCB.

Under cross-examination by Paul Pretorius, for the South African Council of Churches, about the two early leads on the Webster murder — the anonymous call and Mr Botes's approach to Mr Vlok — Brigadier Mostert repeated a point made in his affidavit: the matter concerning Mr Botes had been referred to General Jaap Joubert, the Deputy Chief of the CID.

At one point, however, Brigadier Mostert told the persistent Mr Pretorius that Mr Botes was a "man with a grudge" and thus a man whose evidence had to be treated cautiously.

Last Friday Vrye Weekblad published an interview with Mr Petrus Jacobus Botes, a former CCB regional commander; in the interview Mr Botes identified himself as the man who approached Mr Vlok on August 29.

He told Vrye Weekblad that he had quarrelled over an audit inquiry with the CCB's managing director, Joe Verster, and accused Mr Verster of threatening him with death.

It raised the question of whether the quarrel, the anonymous call tipping the police off about the CCB alleged involvement in the Webster killing and the bomb explosion at Mr Botes's business premises was a coincidental conjunction of events.

Not all secret projects ours — Burger

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Former top policeman Staal Burger told the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday that some secret operations in African states were not connected to the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB)

He also denied knowing anything about last year's murder of activist Dr David Webster

Mr Burger refused to answer questions about surveillance work and the hanging of a baboon foetus at the home of Cape Town's Archbishop Desmond Tutu on the grounds that he might incriminate himself

In his testimony before Mr Justice Louis Harms yesterday, Mr Burger — full name Daniel Ferdinand du Toit Burger — also denied knowing the whereabouts of vital project and financial files missing from CCB headquarters in Pretoria. Most of the files concern Region 6, of which Mr Burger was regional manager in Johannesburg

The appearance of Mr Burger on the witness stand follows his decision to come out of hiding after the Namibian police earlier this year issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with the murder of Anton Lubowski, a Swapo national executive member who was shot in Windhoek on September 12 last year

In a short affidavit read into the record yesterday, Mr Burger denied having knowledge of cer-

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tain secret projects, which he said were not the work of the CCB

Earlier evidence by the co-ordinator of Region 6, "Christo Brits" — a code name — revealed the Region was responsible for a large number of foreign projects carried out under the banner of the CCB

Front

These included infiltrating an African country's intelligence unit, setting up businesses in various countries as a front for obtaining information, and providing a man with a new identity to enable him to infiltrate a foreign state. The countries have not been revealed

It was said that millions of rands was spent on the projects so far revealed

These have been detailed in paragraph 10 of a lengthy affidavit provided by "Mr Brits". The paragraph has been ruled to be "secret" by Mr Justice Harms

Referring to missing files, Mr Burger yesterday told the commission he "had no idea" where they were and that he had last seen them in January this year

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"in a hotel room" in Johannesburg when he had given the files to "Mr Brits" for safekeeping

Mr Burger refused to answer any questions concerning last year's limpet mine blast at the Early Learning Centre (ELC) in Athlone, Cape Town, as well as questions concerning a plot to kill Cape Town advocate Dullah Omar or the surveillance of journalist Gavin Evans on the grounds what he had to say about the incidents might incriminate him

In earlier evidence yesterday, Mr Justice Harms heard that three days before the murder of Dr Webster, "Mr Brits" had supplied ammunition to a unnamed CCB operative

The supplying of ammunition prior to an incident had happened on at least one previous occasion, according to "Mr Brits's" office diary, which has become an exhibit. This was a limpet mine which was, according to earlier evidence before the commission, given to an operative three days before the ELC explosion

Dr Webster was killed outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home on May 1 last year, three days after 9mm ammunition was supplied to the operative. Dr Webster was shot dead by a person using a shotgun

Asked by E Bertelsman, acting for the Webster Family and Trust and other parties, whether it was purely coincidental that

ammunition had been supplied, "Mr Brits" said that he had access to other weaponry and not only to 9mm ammunition

Cross-examined by Paul Pretorius, acting for Cosatu and other parties, "Mr Brits" said he understood Cosatu to be an organisation "which looked after trade unions, but was a front for the African National Congress"

He added that it was his view that Cosatu was "part of the enemy" facing South Africa

Meeting

Asked about meetings of members of Region 6, "Mr Brits" said that he could not recall such meetings, but admitted under cross-examination that there had been a meeting between himself, Joe Verster, managing director of the CCB, and Mr Burger

He could not recall the venue, but the meeting had taken place two days after the establishment of the Harms Commission in February and the prime aim was to offer co-operation to the commission

Mr Verster had at the meeting told him to pass on documentation to commission officers — "at that time, the files were available," he said

Later "Mr Brits" was told by another operative, known as "Braam Celliers", that Region 6 files were missing

The hearing continues

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45 arrests by
enthusiastic cops

THE Peninsula Flying Squad arrested 45 suspects at the weekend — believed to be a record number of arrests in a single weekend.

Colonel Karel Steenkamp, commander of the police unit, attributed the increase to "a new sense of enthusiasm" among his men since the unit doubled in size earlier this month.

The unit operates around the clock with 15 cars and 120 men. For emergencies ☎ 10111.

New council 'spy' got double pay

JOHANNESBURG City Council security department spy handler, Martin Hennig, invited a freshly recruited spy to work for the security police as well so that the new spy could be adequately compensated for the "risks" involved in infiltrating the Five Freedoms Forum. *Sowetan 16/5/90*

This was suggested by Hennig's legal counsel, Manie Meyer, during cross-examination of Tony Naude - the recruit - in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry which is investigating allegations the council's security department conducted irregular spying activities on, among others, legitimate organisations

Meyer also suggested Hennig simultaneously recruited Naude to spy for both the council and the security police to allay Naude's concern that the security establishment would not approve of him being a FFF member.

Asked whether the money received for his spying escapades was adequate compensation for the adverse publicity he had undergone as a result of his testimony, Naude replied "Obviously not" - Sapa

Kitskonstabels slammed in UCT report

By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter
SPECIAL constables have been responsible for many of the atrocities described by the government as "black-on-black violence", says a report by the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

The report, *Kitskonstabels in Crisis*, claims that the thousands of special constables used to police the townships have shown a systematic pattern of unlawful conduct and abuse of power

Called "kitskonstabels" (instant constables) because they have only six weeks' training, the special constables were responsible for at least 49 deaths, numerous assaults, death threats and sexual abuse since they were first introduced in 1986, the report said

Lack of supervision

Lack of effective supervision and knowing that it was unlikely they would be disciplined or prosecuted encouraged them to take the law into their own hands, the report said

"A central component of (what the State calls) 'black-on-black violence' is violence carried out in the name of 'black-on-black policing'.

"There are many similarities between black police units (like kitskonstabels and municipal police) and vigilantes," the report said.

Examples cited were similar ways of recruiting members, the "brutal" methods used and the targeting of members of progressive organisations.

This had resulted in black policing being unsuccessful as the special constables did not have the support of the community.

This meant special constables would have to "continue using extreme force" to impose the State's version of law and order, the report said

The solution to the problem of law-

lessness on the part of the police units was a political one.

Lawlessness would be reduced if the power of special constables was limited and those that abused their power were prosecuted.

"An accountable police force that has the support of the mass of the people can surely only be established and operate in a democratic political environment," the report said.

It was therefore significant that the demand for the withdrawal of troops and para-military police forces from the townships had been set as one of the preconditions for negotiations between the government and the African National Congress.

● The training and recruitment of kitskonstabels has come under fire from political organisations and human rights workers, according to the report.

They are paid daily on a no-work no-pay basis.

In March 1988 their wages ranged from R250 to just over R400 a month and they were paid in cash, with no pay slips (these amounts have since been increased).

Shotguns

Normal SAP shifts were worked — 6am to 2pm, 2pm to 10pm and 10pm to 6am, the report said. They could also be used on a day-to-day basis by other specialised units of the SAP such as car-theft units.

They had no benefits and no sick or annual leave. If injured on duty their medical expenses were paid.

The SAP could dismiss them without notice. It was illegal for them to belong to trade unions or to strike.

Weaponry differed from that issued to normal police officers. They were issued with shotguns that fire buckshot or birdshot. Both of these could be deadly if fired from close range. They were also given batons and handcuffs. Until recently they used sjamboks but these were withdrawn at the end of 1989, the report said.

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Two killed as police shoot stonethrowers

Staff Reporter

Two teenagers were shot dead by police and an unknown number of people was injured in Kroonstad's Maokeng township yesterday, allegedly in an operation resembling the Cape's "Trojan Horse" shootings.

Police and witnesses gave fundamentally different accounts last night.

A Detainees' Parents Support Committee fieldworker in Kroonstad, Biza Makhate, told The Star about an hour after the shootings that a Protea Furnishers truck carrying police hidden under a tarpaulin on the back entered the township at about 5.30 pm and fired on a group of youths who stoned the vehicle.

Mr Makhate said: "About 60 to 80 people, mainly youths, began stoning the vehicle. The police threw off the tarpaulin and started shooting.

"The situation in Maokeng at 6.30 pm was still very tense. Gunfire can still be heard.

"The injured were transported to the Boitumelo Hospital."

The SAP's Major Reg Crewe confirmed the deaths.

Major Crewe said: "Police patrolling the township in a private vehicle were surrounded by a crowd of about 1 000 people who threw stones and a petrol bomb at them. The policemen dispersed the crowd with shotgun fire."

Late last night, police spokesman Colonel Jac de Vries said: "A 14-year-old youth and an 18-year-old were killed in the shooting. The policemen involved were investigating recent unrest incidents, especially one which happened on Monday when a vehicle in which the postmaster and his assistant were travelling was attacked and gutted."

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Acheson had links with the IRA, says Barnard

By Norman Chandler and Karen Stander

Donald Acheson, released by Namibia last week for lack of evidence in his alleged involvement in the murder of Swapo executive member Anton Lubowski, was described to the Harms Commission, yesterday as a former bounty-hunter and Congo mercenary with Irish Republican Army links

Former Civil Co-operation Bureau operative Ferdi Barnard told Mr Justice Louis Harms he had met Mr Acheson through Sergeant Willie Knox, a police friend, and "saw his potential" and made him a "superficial job offer" with the CCB

Mr Acheson, now in Swaziland, was told he would work for a consortium who wanted information on certain organisations which were "sabotaging the economy"

Mr Barnard was cross-examined by Martin Luitingh, for the Webster family and trust, and other parties, when he was recalled to the stand for questioning on his evidence-in-chief given some weeks ago

He said Mr Acheson was a former mercenary, had worked as a bounty hunter, which involved receiving "head money" for arresting or killing suspects and had had links with the IRA, the British Green Berets

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and the former Rhodesian Special Forces He knew Mr Acheson as "Donald Nolan" Mr Barnard said he had given Mr Acheson's details to Calla Botha, another former operative, as a possible recruit for the CCB, a covert unit of the SADF's Special Forces

Objections

There were objections to Mr Luitingh's questioning from lawyers representing the SADF and the Minister of Defence on the grounds that the questions related to alleged activities in Namibia The terms of reference of the Harms Commission, which is investigating alleged politically motivated murders, specifically exclude investigating of projects outside South Africa

Mr Luitingh said the questions did not necessarily relate to Namibia as it was pos-

sible Mr Barnard could have knowledge of other activities indulged in by Mr Acheson

"What we have here is that this witness has admitted to contact with Mr Acheson He has told us what kind of human being Mr Acheson actually is," Mr Luitingh said

Mr Justice Harms asked Mr Barnard "Do you know if Mr Acheson worked for the CCB before his arrest in Namibia?" Mr Barnard "No"

Asked by Mr Luitingh to confirm that he had mounted a monitoring programme on Mr Lubowski, who was shot dead in Windhoek on September 12 last year, Mr Barnard denied this was the case

Mr Luitingh quoted from evidence given by another former operative, Abram "Slang" van Zyl, who said Mr Barnard had monitored Mr Lubowski in Cape Town

Mr Barnard told the commission "I never monitored Mr Lubowski"

It emerged under cross-examination that Mr Barnard had been arrested in the then-South West Africa in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act in connection with investigations into Mr Lubowski's murder

Mr Barnard had been released and left the territory at once, leaving his car at Windhoek airport He paid a man identified as Kobus le Roux R2 000 to collect the vehicle He did not return as he "was busy"

Webster: Staal repeats denial

Staff Reporters

Staal 16/5/90

Former top policeman Staal Burger again denied to the Harms Commission yesterday that he was involved in the murder of Dr David Webster and said he had not been aware the name of the activist had appeared on a list found in the offices of the Civil Co-operation Bureau.

He also said that he was not aware Dr Webster was regarded "as a potential enemy of SA."

Dr Webster was murdered outside his Johannesburg home on May 1 last year. His killer or killers have not been found.

Teargassing

Under cross-examination, Mr Burger — the regional manager of the CCB in Johannesburg and also former commander of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad — said he had never exchanged information obtained by CCB operatives with the police nor had he anything to do with the teargassing of workers at the Matthysen Bus Services company at Midrand.

Mr Burger told Mr Justice Louis Harms, chairman of the commission, that he was still a member of the CCB.

Questioned by Eberhard Bertelsmann, acting for the Web-

ster Family and Trust and other parties, Mr Burger said he had disappeared from public view earlier this year after Namibia had issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with the murder of Swapo executive member Anton Lubowski.

"Where were you?" asked Mr Bertelsmann.

"I was away," replied Mr Burger.

He had not been told to go into hiding by anyone.

Following Mr Burger's cross-examination, he left the witness stand and spoke briefly to his attorney, P A Hattingh.

He asked to be allowed to explain events leading to a discussion he had with Sector 6 co-ordinator "Christo Brits", who gave evidence under that alias, and about an entry in "Mr Brits'" diary about rumours of Mr Burger being involved in a smuggling racket.

Mr Burger said he had never been involved in smuggling and a rumour to the effect he was involved had emanated from a member of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad.

He said the problem had been sorted out at a meeting with the squad's then-commander, Brigadier Floris Mostert, which was attended by two other officers

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'I wanted to admit to killings'

By Norman Chandler
and Karen Stander

Ferdinand Barnard offered to make a false statement admitting he had killed activist David Webster and Swapo executive member Anton Lubowski to secure his release from Section 29 detention, he told the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday.

Desperate to get out of a tiny cell and "interrogated for seven to nine hours a day", he still managed to keep a diary, which had been smuggled in.

Mr Barnard was detained in terms of the Internal Security Act on October 31 1989 and released on February 14 this year.

Affidavit

He served three years' jail for two murders and the attempted murder of drug dealers while a Narcotics Bureau member, and is a former member of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau.

The disclosure of the contents of the diary came as a result of a request by Paul Pretorius, acting for various parties, for access to the diary, which was mentioned in Mr Barnard's affidavit to the commission.

"The diary detailed what I had seen, what had been said. I kept it for about a month," Mr

Barnard said.

The commission heard there was the possibility that Section 29 statements made by Mr Barnard and others who had been detained would be handed in as evidence before the commission.

Mr Justice Louis Harms asked Mr Barnard about the statements, and Mr Barnard pleaded for his Section 29 statements not to be taken too seriously.

He said 90 percent of their contents was false and he had made up a story in a bid to secure his release. He described Section 29 detention as inhuman.

It was obvious that police were not going to release him "till they had a story from me".

Once he had offered to make a statement admitting he had killed Dr Webster and Mr Lubowski. "I said 'Give me the paper and I will give you the statement'. I would have done anything to get out of that cell."

Interrogators had refused to take such a statement from him.

Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Witwatersrand, SAP Special Investigations, had told him he was being used as "a political football" and that some Ministers wanted to sign his release orders and others did not.

"Brigadier Mostert told lies to keep me inside," he claimed.

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'Trojan horse' shooting alleged as police kill two

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were shot dead by police and an unknown number were injured in Kroonstad's Maokeng township, allegedly in a "Trojan horse" type operation.

Witnesses to yesterday's shootings and police gave fundamentally different accounts of the incident.

Mr Biza Makhate, a Detainees Parents Support Committee field worker in Kroonstad, said that a Protea Furnishers truck carrying police hidden under rags on the back entered the township about 5.30pm.

SITUATION "TENSE"

"A crowd of about 60 to 80 people, mainly youths, began stoning the vehicle," Mr Makhate said.

"The police threw off the rags and started shooting. Two people died. I don't know how many people were injured."

Mr Makhate said he got his

information from witnesses, some of whom "were very near to the bodies".

He said the situation in Maokeng at 6.30pm was "still very tense", adding that gunfire continued to be heard.

In a statement to Sapa last night, police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe confirmed that a man and a youth were killed by police.

He said police patrolling the township in a "private vehicle" were surrounded by a crowd of about 1 000 who threw stones and a petrol bomb at them.

The police dispersed the crowd with shotgun fire and a man and a youth were killed. No injuries were reported to the police.

Mr Makhate said the injured were taken to the Boitumelo Hospital where they were treated. Last night the hospital's superintendent, a Dr Oosthuizen, refused to comment.

Durban North police district: offences
 322 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order *Answered 17/5/90*

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 North police district of the Port Natal Division in 1989?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Durban North	5	18	23	87	9	39	174	156	332	—
Glendale	9	1	115	42	15	13	4	29	71	—
Greenwood Park	29	66	105	503	40	204	338	498	771	5
Inanda	465	62	284	519	158	530	83	471	642	—
Newark	3	9	36	24	3	7	3	7	51	—
Stanger	68	54	226	139	68	210	113	186	758	2
Tongaat	42	37	204	408	51	197	126	205	421	2
Umlhali	26	36	93	117	27	66	37	64	337	—
Venlam	82	23	215	428	51	228	117	270	463	3
Phoenix	27	53	388	1 307	74	435	385	1 177	571	11

Note Because the South African Police is not satisfied with the crime situation in the RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored I wish to assure the hon member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency

Durban South police district: offences

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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 Port Natal Division in 1989?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Amantsotho	33	20	68	232	19	75	295	191	342	2
Louis Botha Airport	—	3	—	6	—	1	35	16	410	—
Montclair	98	38	150	344	53	201	245	247	410	—
Wentworth	11	6	190	503	32	67	106	325	192	—
Brighton Beach	23	10	75	262	18	63	230	139	443	—
Island View	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	1	—

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Fire-arms: licences

345 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order *Answered 17/5/90*

(1) How many persons in the Republic were as at 31 December 1989 licensed to possess fire-arms and (b) what was the

(2) how many applications for licences were (a) received and (b) granted in 1989, (3) how many fire-arms were reported lost or stolen in 1989,

total number of licences issued as at that date, *Answered 17/5/90*

(4) whether, in 1989, any persons were declared unfit to possess fire-arms, if so, how many? *Answered 17/5/90* B835E

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(1) (a) 1 114 738

(b) 2 880 050

(2) (a) 130 655

(b) 123 415

(3) 7 760

(4) Yes, 8 367 persons

Persons under 18 years awaiting trial

373 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order *Answered 17/5/90*

How many persons under the age of 18 years were awaiting trial in police cells as at 31 December 1989? *Answered 17/5/90* B901E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

742 persons

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Hillbrow	103	59	412	1 272	128	814	2 678	894	1 762	21
Lombardy East	5	15	27	68	9	132	389	97	724	0
Norwood	14	12	43	119	13	149	673	286	1 091	0
Parkview	6	8	86	181	11	120	691	299	1 190	2
Yeoville	10	3	45	141	17	75	684	254	651	5
Fairlands	1	2	42	89	9	21	231	75	356	1

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Germiston police district: offences

406 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order *Answered 17/5/90* B953E

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 Germiston police district in 1989?

SADF: members killed/wounded
 378 Lt-Gen R H D ROGERS asked the Minister of Defence *Answered 17/5/90* B906E

How many members of the South African Defence Force were (a) killed and (b) wounded in 1989?

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(a) 2 members were killed in military operations

(b) The hon member is referred to the reply to part (b) of the written question number 167 of 1984

Johannesburg North police district: offences

382 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order *Answered 17/5/90*

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 Johannesburg North police district in 1989?

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WARNING TO POLICE ON VIOLENCE

PRETORIA — Commissioner of Police Gen Johan van der Merwe has urged policemen not to become involved in acts of unlawful violence.

Speaking at the police riot control training base at Maleoskop near Groblersdal yesterday, Van der Merwe said too often young policemen became embroiled in unlawful violence.

Parents, too, in moments of strong emotion, sometimes made statements that planted the seeds of violence in young hearts. This, he said, could lead to death and destruction

He was addressing the first "clearing out" parade of conscripts undergoing their national service in the police.

While it could be expected of policemen to exercise a certain amount of violence in the course of their duties, this had to be committed with the greatest circumspection and with the knowledge that human lives were precious.

But he warned that the SAP stood united against crime of any nature and the force would leave no stone unturned to apprehend criminals. — Sapa.

Inquiry sees videos of Sebokeng violence

VEREENIGING — The Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry into the violence in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26 started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers

The investigating officer, Lt D S Cilliers of the Sebokeng SAP detective branch, and Sebokeng station commander, Col O Mazibuko, were both due to testify.

Video material was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the SAP and a Mr Deysel of Vereeniging

At least 12 people died and about 300 were injured in clashes between police and demonstrators at 11 different sites. Seven policemen were also injured.

The main incidents took place in front of

the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng between 11am and noon during the all-day events.

The estimated crowd of 50 000 UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices against what they termed inferior black education.

The videos showed how police negotiated, then asked the crowd to disperse, fired teargas and, when this failed to disperse the people, fired shotguns and rubber bullets

Mr Justice R J Goldstone is chairing the commission. — Sapa.

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Sebokeng inquiry told of burst of gunfire

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JOHANNESBURG. — Only minutes after leaving the scene where he had been handed a memorandum at a large gathering in Sebokeng in March this year, Colonel Paddy Mazibuku, station commander of the Sebokeng police, heard a short burst of gunfire, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told.

Soon afterwards the "shocked" colonel said he saw crowds of people thronging to the entrance of Sebokeng Hospital. He saw blood in the road in front of him and shoes, branches, kerries, sticks, iron pipes and bricks scattered around, Colonel Mazibuku said yesterday on the first day of the inquiry into the Sebokeng shooting. It is under the chairmanship of Mr Justice R G Goldstone.

The shooting occurred after a proposed march by the UDF and affiliated organisations through Vereeniging was halted by police on March 26.

Colonel Mazibuku said the gathering was to assemble at the Vereeniging Showgrounds from

where they would march to the offices of the National Party MP in Vereeniging.

Colonel Mazibuku testified that on March 26 he had started patrolling at 4am. He saw people moving towards the bus terminals in Adam's Road, Evaton, and to a community hall in Sebokeng.

Hear loud noise

Several hours later Colonel Mazibuku said he was in his office when three of the organisers of the march approached him to receive a memorandum in Sebokeng.

They were still discussing the issue when they heard a loud noise in Moshoeshoe Street. After everyone had dashed out of the office they drove to the gathering where "more than 45 minutes was spent trying to cool the spirit of the multitudes. But it was evident the crowds were uncontrollable," Colonel Mazibuku stated.

He was later asked to move backwards towards a police cordon, which had been erected without his knowledge, so that those at the back of the crowd could see the memorandum being handed to him.

"Those in front were quite hap-

py, they even clapped us, but there was a force which kept pushing from behind. I interpreted the crowds feelings to be mixed."

Soon after receiving the memorandum, Colonel Mazibuku left in his car.

"About 500m away from the scene I suddenly heard a short burst of gunfire. I was shocked and turned back towards the crowd. They were already thronging the entrance of the hospital."

Asked by Mr Johan du Toit, who is leading the evidence in the inquiry, whether he had at any time seen people throwing stones at the police or heard them chanting that they were going to kill the police, the colonel replied "No, not in my presence."

The inquiry continues today.

Rockman leads anti-FW protests

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Rockman

From GUY BERGER
LONDON. — The president of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru), Mr Gregory Rockman is at the centre of British protests this week

against the visit of state president FW de Klerk.

Rockman emerged from Heathrow on Wednesday, angry at having been detained and questioned by British immigration authorities.

Rockman interrupted a meeting with South African Congress of Trade Union (Sactu) officials at his London hotel when he heard news of the sit-in by five Popcru members at the German embassy in Cape Town

He immediately contacted Popcru

officials there for an update on the situation

He told SOUTH. "What has happened at the embassy sit-in is a direct result of the government's reluctance to negotiate with Popcru and meet our very simple demand for an immediate and unconditional reinstatement of all dismissed members

"It has proved to us that the government is not serious about negotiating with us or negotiating at all

"Therefore our members felt it was necessary to stage this action"

He emphasised that the sit-in would continue until the union's demands were met

He went straight into meetings with South African exiles from the ANC, Sactu, the International Defence and Aid Fund, and the war resisters group, Congress of South African War Resisters

Rockman meets British groups on Friday before addressing a major protest rally at the Trade Union Council headquarters in the evening

Complain

He and fellow Popcru executive member Randall Fortuin, a serving prison warder, are lined up for a wide range of interviews — effectively setting the media agenda just before state president FW de Klerk's visit

They have talks scheduled with David Evans, leader of Britain's 23 700-member Prison Officers Association, as well as with Alan Eastwood, the head of the British police's staff federation.

They are even expected to be officially received by top Metropolitan police officers responsible for community and race relations in London

The Anti-Apartheid Movement meanwhile is geared to picket the hotel hosting De Klerk and has chartered coaches to take demonstrators to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's country residence where talks are expected to take place on Saturday

● Patrick Goodenough reports from Port Elizabeth that four more warders at Port Elizabeth's St Albans Prison have been suspended while protesting against the alleged refusal by authorities to reinstate fellow members of Popcru

The new suspension followed unsuccessful attempts by 24 Popcru warders, who themselves had earlier been suspended, to return to work at St Albans in accordance with the union's decision to end national strike action



SIT-IN: Dismissed Popcru members occupy the West German embassy in Cape Town
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Welkom tense after mineworkers killed

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From MONO BADELA

JOHANNESBURG. — The Orange Free State town of Welkom is sitting on a powderkeg, following the killing of two white mineworkers at the President Steyn gold mine on Wednesday.

Tension has been mounting in the town since the killing a fortnight ago of two members of the National Union of Mineworkers by bands of rightwingers which sparked off a black consumer boycott

NUM spokesperson, Mr Jerry Matlajawadi, expressed fear that rightwing elements would use the killing of the white mineworkers as an excuse to launch further attacks on the black community

Wednesday's killing took place after a protest by about 3 000 mineworkers against the dismissal of a colleague

Rightwing elements are thought to be responsible for the shooting of a man and the disappearance of three youth leaders in the Botleng township near Delmas in the Transvaal this week.

UDF sources here claimed a resident of Botleng was shot dead on Tuesday by a man wearing an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) uniform

A lawyer acting for several township organisations said three executive members of the Botleng Youth Congress, which is spearheading a consumer boycott in the area, were reported missing on Sunday

Tension in the Botleng township was running high, the lawyer said

Lutheran church minister, the Reverend Frank Muller, said several incidents of arson, looting and stoning had occurred since last weekend after an armed AWB supporter entered the township and was attacked by youths

"The man fired and wounded one,"

he said

In a separate incident, two youths were shot dead by police in Kroonstad's Maokeng township in what has been described as a second "Trojan Horse" ploy.

The police claimed that about 1 000 people surrounded a truck and threw stones and a petrol bomb at them

Meanwhile, the open mobilisation of the rightwing was condemned by anti-apartheid bodies this week.

ANC national executive committee member, Mr Steve Tshwete, described the AWB's display of "fire power" last weekend as a "disturbing phenomenon"

"Their target is the ANC This is an army being trained to attack our people."

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC), the Rev Frank Chikane, called on the government to act against the AWB

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Police and union views on mine deaths differ

Two versions of how the violence at the President Steyn gold mine broke out have been given by police and unionists.

Police say

The mine security officers were attacked and opened fire with rubber bullets and 9 mm pistols.

Twelve black workers were wounded and are under police guard in the Ernest Oppenheimer Hospital.

One of the security guards was injured in the attack and died later in hospital.

Another man was apparently driving through mine property when his car was stoned

He lost control and swerved into an embankment. The car was surrounded and he was killed; his throat was cut

● Anglo American spokesman Paul Plothier confirmed the incident, but said they were still trying to establish the facts.

"We cannot condone violence, from whatever quarter, and call on all parties to show restraint," he said.

Union says:

National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) publicity secretary Jerry Majatladi said workers held a demonstration yesterday in protest against an incident last week when blacks were allegedly assaulted underground by whites for wearing ANC badges and colours.

A hearing was to take place today, he said, but in the meantime three workers had been dismissed.

Yesterday's demonstration was held in objection to the dismissals before the hearing.

Mr Majatladi said the mine security were called in to stop the demonstration.

He said two white men, one a mine trainer, were killed in the resulting confrontation.

Mr Majatladi said it was a regrettable incident, and appealed to all to remain calm and disciplined so that the situation could be brought under control

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Municipal police force to be probed

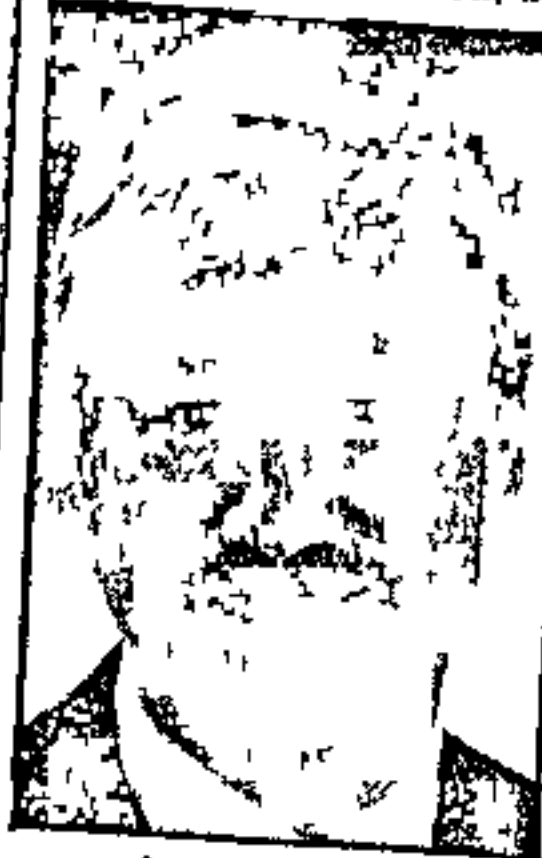
Staff Reporter

Johannesburg's management committee has announced the establishment of a high-powered committee to investigate the launch of a municipal police force in the city.

Chairman Ian Davidson yesterday said at a press conference that the aim was not to replace the SAP but to supplement it.

Such a force would not only be "your traditional bobby on the beat" in city suburbs, but would include municipal police on horseback and motor-bikes.

"Not only is the South African force under-strength compared with the UK and America, but



Ian Davidson

on the SAP's own admission, they are losing 22 members of staff daily.

"The SAP admits it is unable to meet the need for the necessary visible presence on the streets," Mr Davidson said.

The committee, headed by Democratic Party councillor Christopher Newton Thompson, would include the District Commissioner of Police in Johannesburg, Brigadier A S Venter, or his nominee, six councillors, including an independent and one member of the Conservative Party; and top council officials.

Mr Davidson stressed that a long, hard look would be taken at the security department's present R25 million budget when it came to financing the municipal force.

"The security department should be geared towards protecting the ratepayers rather than spying on them," he said.

There were no plans at present to increase rates in Johannesburg if the council went ahead with a municipal police.

"But if the time comes, and we have to increase rates marginally — and I stress very marginally — I think there will be a positive response from people," Mr Davidson maintained.

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Files hidden in emergency plan - Verster

By Norman Chandler and Karen Stander

An "emergency plan" was evolved by Joe Verster, the managing director of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, to ensure that project and financial files disappeared because the CCB was "concerned" about the political situation and action being taken against operatives

The result of the "plan" is that the files are still missing and Mr Verster claims that even he cannot get his hands on them

Obvious

Mr Justice Harms said it appeared obvious to him that if the CCB was innocent as it claimed, handing the files over could prove this

The CCB legal representative, P A Hattingh, pointed out that Mr Verster and other CCB witnesses had pleaded privilege on the grounds they could be incriminated. Therefore the judge's remarks were not entirely accurate

Mr Justice Harms conceded this, but said this was not true of all the files and he could not understand why at least some of the files were not handed over

He said the problem with Mr Verster's

"plan" was that other people could have access to CCB files. Mr Verster protested that the files were locked in suitcases - but the judge said it was not difficult to break open a suitcase

Mr Justice Harms then said "I don't believe you had such an emergency plan. A second problem with the plan was that there was no control to regain possession of the files"

Mr Verster told how the "emergency plan" was put into effect in mid-January, just before the Harms Commission was appointed to investigate alleged politically-motivated murders. This entailed Mr Verster telephoning a person unknown to him and asking that the files on internal and external operations be moved to a safe place

He made the call from his car telephone. The person could have been "one of 20 or 30" who worked at CCB headquarters and it was now impossible for him to find out who the person was

According to Mr Verster, who at one stage remarked that the State had decided he was a "terrorist", the next stage of the "plan" was for the person to hide the files. He said keys to a strongroom were to be

left in "a certain place". Someone would then take the keys and remove the files to a place only that person knew of

The person who moved the files would not be known to anyone so as not to "contaminate" other CCB members

He then said the files could have been handed to anyone. It did not necessarily mean they were members of the CCB

Monday

Mr Justice Harms (to laughter from the gallery) "Maybe Martina (Navratilova) has it"

Mr Verster then claimed that a man had telephoned him yesterday to say he "knew" where the external files were being kept, to which Eberhard Bertelsmann, acting for the Webster Family and Trust, immediately asked when these may be available

"On Monday," said Mr Verster

Tim McNally, the Free State Attorney-General who is assisting the commission, then requested that Monday's proceedings be postponed to enable him to study the files.

Mr Justice Harms granted the request

CCB agents 'may have shot Webster'

By Norman Chandler and Karen Stander

It is possible that members of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) murdered activist Dr David Webster, the organisation's managing director Joe Verster told the Harms Commission yesterday

Members were "not always directly" under his control, he said, and this would make it possible for him not to know what they were involved in

A heavily disguised Mr Verster, giving evidence for the first time, said that as far as he knew, the CCB was not involved. No authorisation had been given to any project involving Dr Webster, who was shot dead outside his home on May 1 last year

His testimony follows on evidence given by top police investigator Brigadier Floris Mostert last week to the Harms Commission, chaired by Mr Justice Louis Harms, at which he said he believed the CCB and its members had been involved

The next day he changed his evidence, stating that no members of the CCB who had been detained in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act could be held responsible

The CCB's Sector 6 regional manager Staal Burger has also told the commission he did not believe the organisation or its personnel were involved

Mr Verster, wearing a false beard, wig and dark glasses, confirmed yesterday during his evidence-in-chief that he had asked members of Sector 6 after the murder whether they had been involved in the

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crime He had received assurances this was not the case

Under cross-examination by Eberhard Bertelsmann, representing the Webster Family and Trust and other parties, Mr Verster (44) described the question as a normal part of his duties Mr Bertelsmann said his answer was "particularly illuminating"

No authority

Earlier Mr Verster had said that CCB projects were approved at a higher level than the organisation's chairman He himself had no authority to approve projects

The routine was that a document setting out a proposed project would be handed to the chairman, General Eddie Webb, who, with others, would listen to a presentation about the particular project If consensus was reached, the project would be "taken further for approval on a higher level"

Mr Verster said he had the authority to approve the writing of feasibility studies The ideas for these studies often came from individual cell members

However, under cross-examination by Mr Bertelsmann, he said he did not know

whether authority was granted by anyone higher than General Webb He was not a member of General Webb's office, he said

Reading from an affidavit handed into the commission, Mr Verster said the CCB was involved in internal and external activities, particularly relating to the African National Congress, the Pan African Congress and the South African Communist Party Infiltration of the organisations and its intelligence pipelines was a key aspect

Regarding decisions on infiltration, he admitted there had been occasions when normal procedures could not be followed and decisions had to be taken orally Some decisions were given over the telephone

The CCB had monitored activist Bruce White, journalist Gavin Evans and Cape Town attorney Dullah Omar "because they were all prominent leftist activists"

He would not answer questions about the intimidation of Archbishop Desmond Tutu or about a limpet mine explosion at the Early Learning Centre in Cape Town

Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State who is assisting the commission, asked, as he led Mr Verster through his question-and-answer affidavit prepared for Brigadier Mostert, whether the CCB had had a five-point plan to intimidate Archbishop Tutu

"No One or two jokes were made in respect of his superstition," said Mr Verster, but he refused to answer questions on the "jokes"

Cross-examination continues today

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General's warning on police violence

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PRETORIA. — The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has issued a strongly-worded plea to policemen not to become involved in acts of unlawful violence.
Speaking at the police riot control training base at Maleoskop near Groblersdal yesterday, General Van der Merwe said too often young policemen were embroiled in unlawful violence.

Parents, too, in moments of strong emotion, sometimes made statements which planted the seeds of violence in young hearts which could lead to death and destruction, he said
General Van der Merwe was addressing the first parade of conscripts undergoing their national service in the police force
“Beware of boastful and cheap talk which could place young and experienced boys

on the road to violence,” he said
“It is so easy to create a false impression of bravery which, in essence, constitutes common crime, sometimes ending with the perpetrator in prison or even the death cell”
While it could be expected of policemen to exercise a certain amount of violence in the course of their duties, this had to be committed with the greatest circumspection and with the knowledge that human lives were precious

At the same time, he had to warn that the SAP stood united against crime of any nature and the force would leave no stone unturned to apprehend criminals
The SAP was a dynamic force which always strove to improve itself and the quality of service it rendered to the public.
It had also proved that it could easily adapt to changing political and social circumstances. — Sapa

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Commission sees videos of unrest

VEREENIGING. — The Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry into violence in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26, 1990, viewed videos and started hearing its first evidence yesterday at the Vereeniging council chambers.

The investigating officer, Lieutenant D S Cilliers, of the Sebokeng detective branch and Sebokeng station commander Colonel O Mazibuko were both due to testify all day.

Video material of the march and the violence was submitted from CBS, BBC, ITN television, the police and a Mr Deysel of Vereeniging. Five different groups of demonstrators had gathered in the townships and started marching towards Vereeniging that day, according to the video footage.

The main incidents took place in Sebokeng between 11am and noon.

An estimated crowd of 50 000 UDF demonstrators had allegedly planned a march to the Vereeniging business district to present petitions to NP MP Mr Tom Gunning and the Transvaal Education Department offices against what they termed inferior black education.

The videos showed how police negotiated, then asked the crowd to disperse, fired teargas and, when this failed to disperse them, fired shotguns and rubber bullets. Scenes of people taking away wounded in private vehicles were also shown.

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The challenge of peace

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With a police career spanning more than three decades, Jac Buchner, brigadier and Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police, is one of the central figures trying to end the endemic violence of KwaZulu and Natal

The position invites praise and criticism. KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi credits Buchner (51) with raising the morale and quality of the 10-year-old force

ANC leaders, like Thabo Mbeki, say Buchner is part of the problem and there can never be peace in KwaZulu/Natal with him in charge because of his years of work against the ANC and affiliated organisations

Buchner points out his work against the previously outlawed ANC was part of his job "I've always been a professional, dedicated policeman"

Buchner became KwaZulu Police Commissioner in September. Before that he was divisional commander of the SAP's security branch in Natal, stationed at Maritzburg

Reasons for the conflict are more complex than just a straight power play, he says. Buchner believes that, while the violence started as a struggle for power between the UDF-ANC and Inkatha, secondary causes like "revenge killings, hooliganism and a misguided sense of justice" now sustain it

The reason calls for peace from leaders like Buthelezi and Nelson Mandela have had little effect, he believes, shows "they have not got the control over their people they thought they had"

To combat the problem Buchner wants to expand the force from around 3 000

Now the level of violence has subsided a little, he wants his men to establish closer links with the Zulu community to help to restore some of the tribal authority broken down by violence and rapid urbanisation

"The system of tribal authority used to maintain law and discipline in black areas. When I joined the police in 1955, there was little need to police black areas because of that"



Buchner ... calling the shots

His police force has been accused on a number of occasions of backing Inkatha. A Supreme Court hearing of allegations against members of the force is pending

Buchner responds "My men learn law enforcement, not political party policy"

He was born in the eastern Cape in 1939 of second-generation German immigrants, left school in Std 8 and joined the SAP. In 1960 he went to Rhodesia and joined the army and four years later joined the SA security branch

He became an expert on the ANC and SACP, giving expert evidence at a number of trials. Over 10 years he interrogated more than 250 captured ANC members. He claims to know most members of the ANC, if not personally,

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then by their dossiers

Buchner studied for his degree and honours in criminology and police science through Unisa. He is a keen cricketer and golfer but now has little time for sport.

He met and married his wife, Judith, while seconded to the Rhodesian Police at Victoria Falls between 1968 and 1975. His two daughters, both born in the old Rhodesia, are at university

No stones were thrown at the Sebokeng police — witness

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A Red Cross official yesterday told the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings how he and his helpers treated five people after they were injured at the scene of the clash between marchers and police in the Vaal Triangle township on March 26.

Piet More, who was in charge of a group of 14 Red Cross officials on duty, said one of the injured had a birdshot wound in the back.

Mr More said that another had a sprained shoulder and the other three complained of being suffocated by teargas.

This was shortly after two separate rounds of gunfire, one lasting about a minute, were heard and two lots of teargas were fired at the 50 000-strong crowd.

The shooting occurred after a proposed march was halted by the police near the Sondela brewery in Sebokeng.

The group apparently intended marching to the National Party offices in Vereeniging.

The chief magistrate had prohibited the march.

Testifying before commission chairman Mr Justice Goldstone, Mr More said that he had seen no bodies after the shootings.

There were also no injuries among the Red Cross group which, in search of casualties, three times moved their base further forward towards a police cordon.

Mr More said that his party had moved their base simply to give their patients sufficient breathing space, not because they ever felt they were in any danger.

Describing the crowd's attitude just before the shots were fired, he said they were singing songs.

Mr More said that at no time

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did he see stones being thrown at the police.

Earlier in the hearing yesterday, a photo-journalist of the local newspaper, Vaalweekblad, who had been assigned to cover the proceedings in the township on March 26, was called to the witness stand.

The journalist, Peter Mabuye, told the commission that police twice tried to stop the march from going ahead but that, because of a shortage of vehicles, their roadblocks were insufficient to prevent the crowd from flanking out to one side.

When shooting later broke out, Mr Mabuye said he had taken cover behind a tree.

Shortly afterwards, Mr Mabuye photographed the body of a dead woman (later identified as Lettiah Mphele).

The woman, one of about 2 000 marshals on duty to control the people, was lying about 50 m from a police cordon.

When he was asked by Etienne du Toit, SC, for the police, whether he had heard people in the crowd shouting to the police "We want your guns... dogs ... hit the boere", Mr Mabuye replied that he had not.

He also denied seeing any stones thrown at the police, although he admitted it could have happened.

The commission is expected to continue with its hearing at the Vereeniging council chambers for the next four to six weeks.

All evidence before the commission is being led by Johan du Toit, SC, from the Attorney-General's offices in Johannesburg.

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Probe told of poison razor blades plan

By Norman Chandler
and Karen Stander

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A document allegedly outlining a Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) plan to murder a Durban attorney by smearing poison on his razor blades was handed in as evidence to the Harms Commission yesterday

The man allegedly to be killed was K E Mlaba, said to be a senior member of the internal wing of the ANC, and involved with the UDF

The document was handed in by Pieter Botes, former regional co-ordinator for Sector 2, an external operation of the CCB

Mr Botes said the plan was proposed by Shane du Plooy, an operative who also worked outside the country. Mr du Plooy and Bois Nolo, a Mozambican, were to attempt the assassination

Talks on taxis

The document — dated March 4 1989 — was a proposal to be presented to Joe Verster, managing director of the CCB, but Mr Botes told the commission that he declined to be involved, and the plan was scrapped.

According to the plan, Mr Nolo was to visit Mr Mlaba's offices in Durban, where he was "to wait to see him to talk about regulations pertaining to black taxis"

He was to enter the office carrying two bags. In the one was a razor in its original holder. Blades were also in their original packing — but treated with poison

It was anticipated that as soon as anyone shaved with the blades, the poison would enter their system

Some floor sweepers earn more than police

Staff Reporter

A floor sweeper takes home nearly double the salary of a trained, experienced policeman.

And often, a floor sweeper's perks are better.

According to statistics, a policeman with five years' experience takes home just over R800. A floor sweeper with South African Breweries who has the same number of years' service takes home more than R1 450 before overtime and shift pay.

Cleaners, tea makers and general assistants who work in police departments earn only a few hundred rands less than an experienced policeman.

Adrian Botha, press officer for SAB, said "The very lowest our sweepers and other general workers earn is more than R1 000, and because so many of them work shifts or overtime, they take home considerably more than their basic pay. Plus there are other perks."

Forced

A young member of the SAP told The Star he had been forced to look for another job because he and his wife were unable to start a family on his present salary.

The policeman has been in the force for nearly five years and takes home just over R800.

"Even though my salary went up by R99 in May the rent in married quarters went up R70, leaving me with only a R25 increase after tax. We are constantly promised improved benefits. Most police desperately need more money to take home.

"Now, because of the staff shortage, authorities try to encourage us to work on Saturdays.

"After tax, we end up only taking home R25 for an eight-hour day, which is ridiculous."

According to a recent police statement, an average of seven policemen resign from the force every day. Since the beginning of the year, 573 men have resigned, of whom four were very experienced officers.

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Guarantees of safety useless, says

By Karen Stander and Norman Chandler

The managing director of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) told the Harms Commission yesterday that neither the commission nor lawyers could guarantee the safety of its operatives if missing project and financial files fell into the hands of the wrong people

Joe Verster told Mr Justice Louis Harms that "even the assurance" of safety would be useless

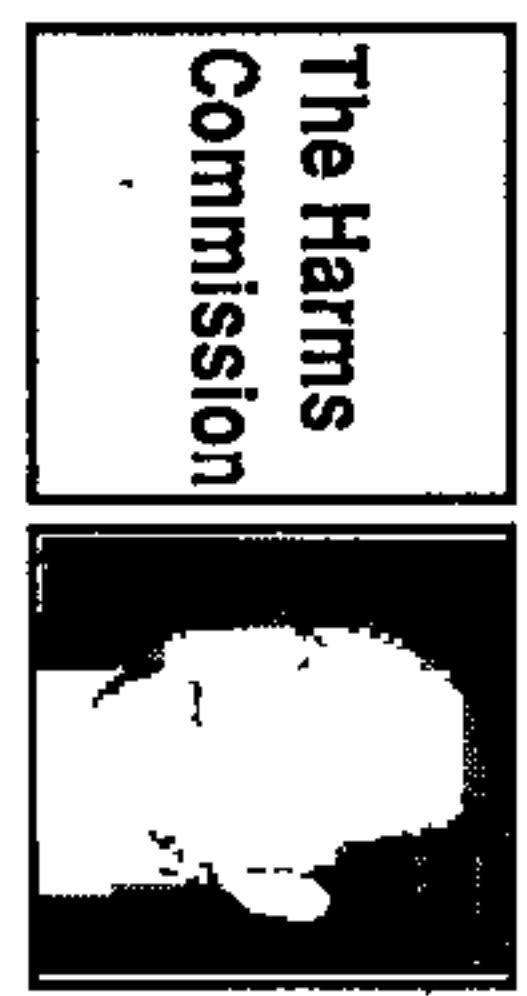
He was replying to cross-examination by Paul Pretorius, for the South African Council of Churches and other parties, on the question of the missing files

strong-room at the organisation's headquarters in Pretoria

According to Mr Verster, they vanished after he activated an emergency plan to hide the files because of concern over the political situation and action being taken against operatives

Mr Justice Harms said it appeared that military Intelligence, according to Mr Verster, could not be trusted because they would have exposed people

"You also did not trust me. You never told me there was an emergency plan in action. When I in-



quired about the files, you told me there was a law protecting information, or the Official Secrets Act"

Mr Verster also revealed that the CCB was not involved in any projects at present, and the only work he was doing was "financial"

Earlier, the commission heard that the CCB obtained weapons from outside South Africa as well as from the SADF

Mr Verster said that an operative, Pieter Botes, was responsible for moving weapons between countries

Mr Botes began his evidence-in-chief before the commission yesterday

Under cross-examination by Eberhard Bertelsmann, for the Webster family and other parties, Mr Verster said the CCB did not keep a register of weap-

CCB boss

ons it had outside South Africa. The weapons it had inside the country were licensed

"Are you saying that Makarov pistols and other weapons, taken from Swapo in Namibia for instance, were licensed?" asked Mr Bertelsmann

Mr Verster said Mr Botes was responsible for weapons "in other countries", and for moving these weapons between countries

On the day President de Klerk unbanned the ANC, weapons were being made available from Zimbabwe. There were, at that time, 150 "terrorists" waiting to enter South Africa from Swaziland and Mozambique — "and people told me it was a pity that they were now unable to do their work" (as agents)

The hearing has been adjourned till Tuesday for commission officials and lawyers to study various documents

Colonel discounts ^{Capt Tint's 18/5/90} 'mystery man' _(251/15)

VEREENIGING — Sebokeng police station commander Colonel Paddy Mazibuko yesterday denied any knowledge of "a mystery man" in short sleeves who apparently disappeared from a police cordon after firing a shot into a crowd of marchers in Sebokeng on March 26

- Col Mazibuko told the Goldstone commission during cross-examination by Mr George Bizos, SC, for relatives of the dead and injured, that he would not have allowed any person in a police cordon if his identity was unknown

Referring to events which took place before the shooting which left an estimated 17 people dead, Col Mazibuko said he was anxious to leave the gathering after a memorandum had been presented to him, as he had promised the organisers of the march he would present it to the NP offices in Vereeniging

However, a "heated argument" arose over the memorandum between him and a Captain du Plooy of the Vanderbijlpark riot unit.

The captain insisted on taking the memorandum, saying he would give it to the "big boss" (apparently Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok) circling overhead in a helicopter

"I told Capt du Plooy the crowd was going to disperse as soon as the memorandum was handed to the MP. That's why I moved away," Col Mazibuko said.

"Kitscops" defended

PRETORIA — A reported claim that thousands of special constables (kitscops) had shown a systematic pattern of unlawful conduct and abuse of power was a gross exaggeration, say police public relations

Reacting to a report by the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology, the SAP's public relations division said in a statement yesterday "that to state special constables were responsible for 49 deaths and numerous assaults without mentioning that many of these deaths were due to action taken in self-defence indicated bias" — Sapa

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FW 'has lost control of police'

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — President F W de Klerk had lost control of the police force who remained "as brutal as ever", former police officer Mr Gregory Rockman said in a BBC radio interview here yesterday.

He was speaking on the eve of Mr De Klerk's visit to Britain and in the wake of this week's "Trojan horse" killing of two people by police in Maokeng.

He said there was no sign that Mr De Klerk's recent call for policemen to stay out of politics was being heeded. "It shows that Mr De Klerk is out of control of his police and they are still going on as brutal(ly) as ever before with their racism"

● The sit-in at the West German consulate by five Popcru members is under discussion by the joint government-ANC committee and a decision will be released on Monday, one of them said yesterday.

Warrant Officer Peter Loggenberg said the regional ANC representative, Mr Trevor Manuel, had contacted him to tell him this after an initial meeting with them on Wednesday.

Kitskop abuse claim 'gross exaggeration'

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Crime Reporter

POLICE have described claims made in a University of Cape Town Institute of Criminology report on the abuse of power by special constables as "gross exaggerations".

The report, released this week, said special constables had been responsible for many of the atrocities described by the government as "black-on-black" violence.

General Herman Stadler, head of police public relations, said: "While it cannot be denied that individual members have stepped out of line and have been punished for doing so, such a generalisation can serve no purpose other than to cause ill-feeling between the constables and the community they serve."

Proud of role

"It must be pointed out that the majority of these members (constables), whose duties are not made any easier by threats, intimidation and attacks, not only on themselves but also on their homes and families, are

proud of the role they perform in maintaining law and order and serve with distinction and pride."

The report also claimed special constables were responsible for at least 49 deaths, numerous assaults, death threats and sexual abuse since they were introduced in 1986.

General Stadler said "Statistics can be very misleading. To state that special constables were responsible for 49 deaths without mentioning that many of these deaths were due to action taken in self-defence... indicates a very biased view of the actual situation."

Twenty special constables had been killed and many injured since 1986 "for no other reason than that they were special constables".

Answering the allegation that special constables were not supervised, General Stadler said the constables performed their duties "at all times" under the supervision of a permanent member of the police force.

"The claim that special constables are exempt from discipline or prosecution cannot be further from the truth."

500 police in Hillbrow crime sweep

MORE than 500 policemen took to the streets in the Hillbrow-Berea area last night in one of the biggest displays of crime prevention there to date

It was the second in the area this month, and part of the nationwide Operation Watchdog

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the aim was to prevent and combat crime, and a public relations exercise to let the public know that police were out to protect them

Roadblocks

Drug squad and child protection unit members took nightclubs by surprise to check for drugs and teenage drinkers

Roadblocks were set up by Hillbrow police and the dog squad, with traffic po-

lice at hand with alcohol testers

Captain Opperman said particular attention was paid to taxis and the possession of unlicensed firearms

Hundreds of revellers travelling within the area were caught at the roadblocks Streets were cordoned off for blitz searches

Hundreds of policemen patrolled the area on foot, hunting for bag snatchers and car thieves

Before the raid, Lieutenant-General Dorf Mathee, in charge of the operation, warned the police to be disciplined and reasonable — "there will be no kicking down doors or windows unless absolutely necessary"

Within an hour, two stolen vehicles were recovered and quantities of alcohol was confiscated in shebeen raids

Nearly a 100 litres of homemade skokiaan and "barberton" were taken from a shebeen in Olivia Street, Berea

Delighted

A plainclothes sergeant infiltrated the premises and bought a beer before about 15 uniformed men moved in and arrested the two owners and a few dozen drinkers

A resident in a flat across the road expressed delight at the evening's event

"We've frequently complained of noise and traffic outside the house, and are really glad the police are now taking action."

Children burnt in torch accident

MELODY McDOUGALL

VEREENIGING — An undisclosed number of school children were treated for burn injuries at the Sasolburg Hospital last night after an accident during a torch-light procession

A witness, who phoned the Vereeniging office of The Star, said pupils of the Sasolburg High School were taking part in the procession — part of a German festival — when the incident happened.

According to unconfirmed reports one of the participants in the procession knocked over one of the paraffin-filled torches Chaos ensued and several children suffered burns

Shell gives activists' pleas on SA a hearing

SUE LEEMAN

LONDON — Denis Goldberg, who was an accused in the Rivonia trial, and other anti-apartheid activists were allowed to address the Shell annual meeting this week to put their case for disinvestment from South Africa

The Shell management which, in recent years, has become accustomed to anti-apartheid demonstrators disrupting annual meetings, agreed to allow an hour for discussion of the South African question

Last year, chairman Sir Peter Holmes refused to bow to pressure for an intensive debate on Shell's involvement in South Africa

On Thursday, he allowed Mr Goldberg and two others to speak, each for seven minutes This avoided a repetition of the shouting match which usually ensues as activists, most of whom hold one share each, clamour to be heard

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has been responsible for a sustained boycott campaign against Shell In Holland, the campaign has involved a number of arson attacks at Shell petrol stations

Top jockey suspended

ROBERT GARNER

A TOP South African, jockey Rhys van Wyk, has been suspended for six months by the Mauritian turf authorities

Van Wyk, champion jockey on the Highveld last season, was suspended after being found guilty of not giving his mount every chance to win in a race on the island last Saturday

Van Wyk appealed, but failed to attend the hearing on Thursday and the suspension is now in force The suspension applies in all racing countries

See Star Racing.

'I never
realised
spying
was illegal'



By Louise Burgers and
Helen Grange

Frik Barnard, who co-ordinated the Johannesburg City Council security department's spying activities, was unaware his actions were illegal, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

The deputy director of security admitted to advocate Wim Trengove, for the Five Freedoms Forum, that he was unaware that the spying activities of his department had to be authorised by Parliament.

"But don't you know that security forces in this country need statutory authorisation to act in a similar manner?" Mr Trengove asked.

"I was not aware of that."

"You thought that without legal authorisation you could spy on people?"

"Yes," Mr Barnard replied.

The late Dame van Zyl, former management committee chairman, had ordered the security department to "monitor everything", the commission was also told yesterday.

This was revealed after former senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser and director of public safety John Pearce were identified by Mr Barnard as initiators of the spy network.

Recalled to the witness stand, Brigadier Visser said that when he joined the security department he had asked Mr van Zyl what the extent of the security department's mandate was.

Instability

"Mr van Zyl said we had to know everything that had a bearing on the city council. He wanted to know the details and involvements of council workers and personnel, information on instability in the country and how outside organisations affected the council."

Also recalled, Mr Pearce said he was given the duty of forming the security department after the management committee had decided it was necessary to upgrade the protection of council facilities and personnel.

"I don't have specific knowledge of security matters and I recommended the appointment of an expert Brigadier Visser," Mr Pearce said.

Earlier, in answer to a question from Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, Mr Barnard said Brigadier Visser had taken the initiative and set the network in motion, after Mr Pearce had had the vision to foresee the escalating security situation in 1984.

Mr Barnard admitted, under questioning from Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, that council security officials had received training on a farm. This was because the city council did not have the "expertise" in 1983 to train security officials for its newly established security department.

Paid overtime

Two weeks ago, key witness Hannes Gouws testified that council security officials had been part of a special "unit" with military personnel. The unit had carried out assaults on people and had been involved in the torching of a house thought to be an ANC headquarters.

Mr Barnard could not confirm or deny giving Mr Gouws orders to work with the military.

"If my men could benefit by information gathered and training received from the military, it could only have benefited the (security) department."

When asked earlier, by Mr Trengove whether "innocent" people had been spied on, Mr Barnard said he did not know who was innocent.

Mr Trengove put it to him that the invasion of privacy of certain individuals could amount to a prima facie crime.

Asked about an incident involving the teargassing of a "troublesome" guard by security officials, Mr Barnard admitted to giving orders to "sort the man out" but denied he had ordered the teargassing.

The hearing continues.

Alleged CCB target for a kill ^{Star 19/1/90 (25)} survived shooting

THE Durban lawyer, Kwenza Mlaba, who was allegedly marked by the Civil Co-operation Bureau for assassination, narrowly escaped death in August 1986 when unknown gunmen severely wounded him.

Mr Mlaba, a civil rights lawyer with African National Congress sympathies, was named as the target of an alleged CCB assassination plan by Mr Pieter Botes, a former CCB regional co-ordinator.

Mr Botes (35), gave evidence to the Harms Commission on Thursday, having earlier submitted an affidavit and a purported CCB draft plan to murder Mr Mlaba.

Under surveillance

His allegations were dismissed as "absolute nonsense" by the CCB's managing director, Mr Joe Verster. The heavily disguised Mr Verster described Mr Botes as a man who had become completely irrational and vengeful (*wraaksugtig*) as a result of a dispute within the CCB over his reported administrative mishandling of nearly R200 000.

Mr Botes submitted a handwritten document to the commission, claiming that it was the draft CCB plan to murder Mr Mlaba Dated March 4, 1989, and written in Afrikaans, it read in part: "K E Mlaba Reason for elimination Senior internal ANC leader involved with the UDF Method Poison".

Mr Mlaba's name appeared on a separate file marked "Kinross Finances" confiscated from the CCB offices by Colonel Johann Wright of the police. He was identified in the file as a person under CCB surveillance.

They did not, Mr Betelsmann reckoned, expressly exclude assassination as a CCB objective and thus meant that, if the "elimination" of Dr Webster had been a Region 6 project, it would have been carried out.

Later Mr Verster admitted under cross-examination that the Webster murder could have been carried out by an undisciplined CCB member as he did not have day-to-day supervision over their activities.

It was for that reason that Mr Verster made inquiries after the gunning down of Dr Webster on May 1 last year as to whether a CCB member had been involved. His inquiries satisfied him that the CCB was not involved, he said.

Before Mr Verster took the witness stand another CCB man, Mr Ferdi Barnard, testified Mr Barnard acknowledged that he had been "put on ice" or suspended in February/March of last year.

Convicted

Mr Barnard, a convicted murderer, admitted too, that he had been anxious to resume his work with the CCB and that at the end of June he had been paid between R9 000 and R12 000 by his CCB handler, even though he had not worked for the CCB for at least three months.

Mr Barnard, like his colleagues in the CCB, denied involvement in, or knowledge of, the murder of Dr Webster.

Evidence before the Harms commission over the past

PATRICK LAURENCE

Whatever the truth about Mr Botes's charges, an actual attempt was made to kill Mr Mlaba in August 1986. He was attacked outside his Umlazi home. Six bullets were fired into his chest. Later two AK-47 shells were found outside his home.

The Harms Commission had heard earlier, in March and April, of the killing of another Durban lawyer, Mr Griffiths Mxenge. He was brutally stabbed to death in November 1981 after his three bull terrier dogs were poisoned.

Three former policemen — Mr Dirk Coetzee, Mr David Tshkhalange and Mr Almond Nofemela — told Mr Justice Louis Harms that Mr Mxenge had been murdered by a police death squad on the orders of superior officers. The trio identified themselves as members of the alleged death squad.

During the past week three senior members of the CCB — Mr Verster, Mr Staal Burger, the CCB regional director of Region 6, and "Mr Christo Brits", the alias of the Region 6 co-ordinator — strongly denied that they were involved in, or knew anything about, the assassination last year of Dr David Webster.

The way in which Mr Brits phrased his denial drew comment from Mr Eberhard Betelsmann, SC, representing the David Webster Trust. Mr Brits said: "The CCB was not involved in Webster's death. If it had been a Region 6 project, I would have known about it."

Mr Betelsmann remarked during cross-examination of Mr Brits that his choice of words was "interesting".

few days left a trail of what legal observers saw as contradictions.

One was the dispersal of CCB documents, according to what Mr Verster called an "emergency plan". The objective, according to Mr Verster, was to protect CCB members from the "present political situation".

He was referring to the detention of CCB members and to the unbanning of the ANC, complaining that he, a man who had served in the SADF for 27 years, had been detained like a terrorist.

But, as Mr Justice Harms pointed out, the identities of Region 6 CCB members were all known and they were, therefore, not protected by the "disappearance" of CCB files relating to their activities.

On the contrary, Mr Justice Harms said, the missing files were vital to their protestations of innocence. They were suspected of responsibility for murdering Dr Webster by some people but could prove their innocence if the relevant files were produced.

One bit of evidence which had not disappeared was Mr Brits' diary, although some key pages were missing. It contained an entry on April 28 "Get ammo". Three days later Dr Webster was murdered. The same three-day lapse occurred between the issue of a limpet mine and a bomb explosion on August 31 last year at the Early Learning Centre in Cape Town.

Another contradiction related to Mr Burger's denial that he was involved in the murder in September last year of the white Swapo leader, Mr Anton Lubowski. Mr Burger emphatically denied involvement in the killing but refused to go to Windhoek to stand trial as a co-accused with the Irishman, Mr Donald Acheson.

Appeal Court to hear Trojan case

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The Appeal Court here has directed that an application for six questions of law to be reserved in the "Trojan Horse" case is to be argued before the court.

An earlier application for the questions of law to be reserved was rejected by the Cape Supreme Court.

The application was made after Mr Justice D.M. Williamson had found — in a private prosecution by Mr Martin Stanley Magmoed — that 13 police officers and men were not guilty of culpable homicide or murder, as a result of the deaths of 16-year-old Shaun Magmoed and two others.

Three people died and about 15 were injured when shots were fired by a group of concealed security force members at a crowd from a disguised vehicle in Athlone, Cape.

The Appeal Court has also requested that, if the application should be granted on any of the questions of law, counsel should be prepared forthwith to argue the appeal on the question or questions of law reserved. — Sapa

Lawyer lives in fear

By ELIAS MALULEKE

HUGGINS Montsho "Chucks" Sefanyetso, the lawyer who exposed the alleged police hit squads, fears for his life. Sefanyetso is the research and monitoring executive for the Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) national directorate in Pretoria.

Sefanyetso has been forced to take extra safety precautions by the recent upsurge in white-on-black violence. He fears that he could be a target of the rightwing Wit Wolwe. He now chooses his routes, drinking places and friends carefully, and avoids unnecessary trips at night.

Sefanyetso, who initially lived in Mamelodi, now frequently changes his sleeping places in the black townships of Pretoria. The LHR offices have also been targets of white racists who telephone to threaten the staff and make abusive remarks.

"Chucks", as he is popularly known, says although the police have denied the existence of the Wit Wolwe, events since Wit Wolf Barend Hendrik Stridom went on a shooting rampage in Pretoria, prove otherwise. His fears are not without foundation.

Man who exposed police hit squads could be target

"The mere fact that members of the SADF were found loitering on the property of Brian Currin and threats to eliminate some of our staff members make it probable that we are targets," Sefanyetso says.

Currin is the LHR national director. His name is said to be on the Civil Cooperation Bureau hit list.

Sefanyetso was the first person to hear about the alleged police hit squads from Almond Butana Nofomela, the ex-cop on Death Row.

Nofomela's confessed to involvement in the murder of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge and other clandestine activities he allegedly carried out with police and Askaris, the ANC cadres-turned-informers.

The confession led to the appointment of the Harms Commission of inquiry into police death squads and the CCB.

Sefanyetso says: "I am scared, like many other people in my field, but can

we help it?"

Sefanyetso met Nofomela for the first time in the Pretoria Death Row cells in April 1989 after the convict wrote a letter to the lawyer asking for help.

"I treated the letter like others I receive from Death Row prisoners and there was nothing special about it. I did not even know he was a former policeman," he says.

For several months, the lawyer went through all legal avenues to try to save Nofomela's life, but finally even a plea for clemency to the State President failed.

Then, on October 13 last year Nofomela wrote to Sefanyetso informing him that he was due to hang on October 20.

"I visited him on the 16th and 17th to comfort him, and on the 18th Nofomela broke down and told me how he had been betrayed by his police colleagues." Nofomela told him how he had mur-

dered Mxenge on the instruction of his police chief Capt Dirk Coetzee.

"I persuaded him to tell me the whole story and after he did, I just stood there, dumbfounded with disbelief."

He requested a written statement from Nofomela and sought a ministerial stay of execution from Justice Minister Kobie Coetzee.

"Hit squad allegations gained momentum when Coetzee confessed his involvement and implicated senior police officers.

"We pressed the government for a commission of inquiry and help was given by the Democratic Party before the State President instituted the Harms Commission."

Sefanyetso, who will not give his age, has made Death Row his business since he established the LHR Death Row monitoring unit in 1987.

"I believe the death penalty will be done away with in the next few years," he says.

Sefanyetso studied law at the University of the North and joined a firm of attorneys for his articles in 1980. He joined the LHR in 1987. He plans to join the Bar Council and become a good citizen if my life is spared", he adds.

CCB spent over R6-m in less than a year

By DESMOND BLOW

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SECTION 6 of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), the alleged hit squad, under the command of Staal Burger, spent well over R6 million on "projects" in 11 months between April last year and February this year, according to documents handed to the Harms Commission last week.

By far the largest amount was spent on two projects outside the country - R5 386 804 was spent on one project and R413 934 was earmarked for another.

Judge Louis Harms agreed to a request by lawyers representing the CCB that newspapers be forbidden to publish details of these external projects.

Large sums of money were also spent on "internal" projects. It appears that only one signature was needed to approve vast sums. Most were signed by a B Brummer, but another sole signature was that of Christo Brits, the code-name of the co-ordinator for Section 6, who gave evidence to the commission last week.

Very often Brits signed for large amounts of money to be paid over to himself for projects.

The files of all these internal projects have gone "missing" it was revealed before the commission this week, although the files for the external projects, which the commission is not investigating, have not.

Project Choice was set up to recruit and install Staal Burger, Slang van Zyl, Chappie Maree and Calla Botha as an internal wing of the CCB. Two large amounts were drawn for this - R20 611 and R5 200, plus a running account of R2 064 a month. No indication is given as to how this money was spent on recruiting the four ex-policemen.

A project name and funds were given to each member of Section 6 personally.

Each member of Section 6 was also established in a business to give him a cover, Brits said in evidence, and project names were given to the businesses.

Each member also received money to establish and run his cover business.

362 suspended warders on duty

CAPE TOWN — Of the 646 prison warders who were suspended from duty after disobeying orders and ignoring ordinary discipline, 362 had been reinstated, a spokesman for the SA Prisons Service said yesterday.

The Prisons Service emphasised that the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) — of which the warders are members — was not a recognised union in terms of existing laws.

“Sufficient and effective channels of communication exist.”

It added that all suspended members who reported to their commanding officers not later than May 30 and applied for the lifting of their suspension would be permitted to resume their duties immediately — “subject to the application of the Prisons Act, regulations and the disciplinary code”.

The warders went on strike country-wide about 10 weeks ago, protesting against discrimination. — Sapa

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By Craig Kotze

Suspect is shot dead in police crackdown

A housebreaking suspect was shot dead yesterday after he allegedly opened fire on security forces who were being deployed for a crime-prevention operation in a township near Pinetown, Natal, police said.

A Defence Force soldier was also wounded when he accidentally shot himself in the leg.

Police said 3 000 policemen and troops took part in Operation Watchdog in Kwadabeka yesterday, in which 70 suspects

were arrested. It was the biggest sweep in the country since the operation began on May 1.

Large numbers of guns — including two AK-47 rifles with full magazines — and homemade weapons, pangas and spears were discovered. Police also seized 80 kg of dagga.

Natal police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said another three people were injured during the operation, but said he

could not confirm a total number of seven injured.

Lieutenant Naidoo said the operation started at 4 am when 3 000 policemen and soldiers moved into Kwadabeka Road. Blocks were set up and room-to-room searches were conducted.

He said a suspected housebreaker, wanted for attempted murder, shot at troops as they moved into the area. A soldier returned fire and the man was

killed. Security forces also destroyed a dagga plantation.

Lieutenant Naidoo said the latest arrests brought to 4 384 the number of people arrested in Natal in connection with the operation. Of this number, 30 were held in connection with illegal possession of guns and ammunition.

● Johannesburg police arrested 101 suspects in an Operation Watchdog swoop in Hillbrow

and the city centre at the weekend. Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said two of the suspects were being held for murder and three for alleged robbery.

In Friday night's clean-up police recovered three stolen cars and 4 000 litres of alcohol. Stolen goods worth R8 000 were found in a cafe.

Colonel Malherbe said 25 motorists were arrested for drunken driving and several women were detained for prostitution

SAP action in strike criticised

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Police have been criticised for their handling of a strike at Telkor Manufacturing, in Industria, Johannesburg.

According to a worker, more than 300 strikers were gathered outside the plant last week when riot police arrived and gave them five minutes to disperse.

"As they were collecting their weekly pay, this was impossible," he said.

Police then held three women and threw them into a van "as if they were just rubbish".

An SAP spokesman said action had been taken after reports that strikers were rowdy and had been drinking.

Three women, seen as instigators, had been taken into temporary custody. "Police might have used necessary force to get them into the van," he said.

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Products, the Atomic Energy Corporation and local food irradiators as well as the South African Consumers Union. Recently objections were expressed by a few individuals who did not want to eat irradiated food, whether it was safe and wholesome, as declared by the World Health Organisation, or not.

(b) (i) refer to (2) (a),

(ii) although no scientific reasons exist for doing so, the Department of National Health and Population Development decided that since it is the democratic right of the consumer to be able to choose whether he/she wants to eat irradiated food or not, the labelling of such foodstuffs be made compulsory.

To this effect all first generation products have to be labelled, as from 1 January 1990, with the internationally recognised Radura emblem and one of the following words: "Radunseed"/"Irradiated" or "Geradunseed"/"Bestraald".

Draft Labelling and Advertising Regulations which are in the process of being drawn up, will make full labelling of all irradiated products, including ingredients of composites or manufactured food products, mandatory.

None of the other processing methods such as boiling, cooking, roasting, frying, grilling, retorting, pasteurisation or cooking by microwave, have been subjected to the same scrutiny as was the case with food irradiation.

Mr Lennox Sebe: current residence

*3 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs ~~Handwritten~~ 22/5/90

With reference to paragraph (1) (b) of his reply to Question No 24 of 17 April 1990, (a) who owns the house in which Mr Lennox Sebe is currently residing, (b) what rental is being paid for the house by Mr Sebe and (c) where is it situated?

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ~~Handwritten~~ 22/5/90

(a) The Department of Public Works and Land Affairs

(b) Mr Sebe is temporarily accommodated in Pretoria as a guest of the South African Government in an attempt to promote peace and quiet in Ciskei which is also in the interest of South Africa. Mr Sebe is consequently not expected to pay rent. He, however, pays for his own upkeep.

(c) Waterkloof Heights

Simon's Town dockyard, vessels repaired/refurbished

*4 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether any vessels other than those of the South African Navy were repaired or in any way refurbished at the Simon's Town dockyard in 1989, if so, (a) which vessels and (b) at what cost,

(2) whether Treasury approval was obtained in advance in each case, if not, why not?

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†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) Yes

(a) A British vessel and a yacht belonging to the General Botha Merchant Navy Academy

(b) R13 203,94

(2) No. The British vessel called at Cape Town harbour for emergency docking but the dock was occupied. The ship was routed to Simon's Town where it was repaired without obtaining Treasury approval in advance, due to the time factor. The cost was recovered and receipts were issued. The yacht was loaned by the SA Navy under contract conditions, including maintenance and repair. Treasury approval was not required in this case.

Hillbrow Hospital: strike action/staff dissent

*5 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development ~~Handwritten~~ 22/5/90

(1) Whether there has been any strike action or staff dissent at Hillbrow Hospital since January 1990, if so, (a) when, (b) what (i)

is the extent of and (ii) are the reasons given for such action or dissent and (c) what steps were taken and/or are being taken to rectify the situation,

(2) whether patients were affected by this action or dissent, if so, in what manner? B993E

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes,

(a) 19 to 27 April 1990 and from 30 April 1990,

(b) (i) during the period 19 to 27 April 1990, the general assistants and clerks only worked until 11-00 whereafter they assembled on the grounds. From 30 April 1990 all general assistants, clerks and approximately 30 nurses struck. The strikers were aggressive and intimidated the personnel who wanted to proceed with their work. The strikers assembled on the grounds and disrupted the hospital activities,

(ii) reasons advanced for the incidents are —

dissatisfaction with salaries and conditions of service, alleged discriminatory practices at the hospital, temporary status of general assistants, segregated health services, privatisation, local accommodation arrangements at the hospital, dissatisfaction with recognised staff association, and the demand for the recognition of the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu) as union,

(c) discussions between the hospital management and the workers' committee were conducted to defuse the situation

Representatives of the Transvaal Provincial Administration negotiated with the workers' committees.

Discussions between Nehawu and the TPA were held to resolve the problems at this hospital, as well as other hospitals and an agreement was reached with the union in terms of which the strikers would resume duties not later than 12 May 1990. Formal channels for communication between Nehawu and the TPA are to be established.

(2) Yes, admissions were limited to emergency cases, out-patient services were discontinued, cleaning and food services were obstructed and surgery had to be postponed.

†Dr W J SINYMAN Mr Chairman, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister I should like to know in respect of the nurses who were involved in the strike, whether any disciplinary steps were taken against them in their professional capacity, and if so, what steps. In the second instance I should like to know whether the hon the Minister's announcement arose out of the strikers' demand for non-segregation.

†THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, in the case of disciplinary steps against the nurses, this is a matter for the Nursing Council. The Nursing Council issued a press statement on this and it is thus within their authority to decide what steps they will take.

As far as the second question is concerned, I can say that the request made by Nehawu in this case had nothing to do with the announcement I made in Parliament last Wednesday.

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, would she please tell us whether and to what extent payment was made during the period that the people did not work either wholly or partially?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I do not have that information available. If the hon member will table his question I shall get the information for him.

Servamus et Servimus copies printed

*6 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~Handwritten~~ 22/5/90 251

(a) How many copies of the planner *Servamus et Servimus/Ons beskerem en ons dien/We protect and we serve* were printed, (b) to what

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purpose were they printed and (c) to whom were they issued? **251** B991E

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Challenge to ^{AKCWS} police on ^{22/5/90} (251) 'kitskonstabels'

JOHANNESBURG — The University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology has challenged Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and police liaison chief General Herman Stadler to make available detailed figures of claims of criminal charges against "kitskonstabels".

The institute issued a statement yesterday in which it noted with concern General Stadler's publicised response to the institute's recently released report "Kitskonstabels in crisis".

A kitskonstabel, or "instant constable", is a policeman who undergoes a shortened period of training and usually works within his community.

The general had made no serious attempt to deal with the wide range of allegations made by the institute other than to claim that kitskonstabels had had to kill in self-defence and that they were constantly supervised by members of the Permanent Force.

For the period of review, late 1986 to mid-1989, the institute's report contained many allegations of the misuse of firearms "short of killing", drunkenness, indiscriminate assaults, verbal and sexual abuse, and theft on the part of kitskonstabels — Sapa.

*Mr C UYS Mr Chairman, this afternoon I had the privilege of receiving the Press statement released yesterday evening by the hon the Minister For the most part this afternoon he repeated here what he had said in the Press statement

I agree with the hon the Minister that, as matters stand at the moment, it is probably not possible to privatise the control boards or marketing councils as I prefer to call them as such and still allow them to fulfill their present function, because after all the marketing board is part of the Government sector of South Africa. But it is possible to privatise the marketing function as such of a marketing council

It is no use trying to split hairs here with one's choice of words. The popular word "privatisation", and this applies to the agricultural marketing boards as well, is doing the rounds. If hon members were to read the latest *Landbouweekblad* they would see that the entire leading article is devoted to this issue. We also read in the *Landbouweekblad* that at its recent meeting, the Red Meat Producers' Organisation decided in principle that the Meat Board should be privatised

That is why we have instability among our farmers as such, and they want to know what is going on and what the Government's standpoint is on the possible privatisation of the marketing functions of the respective marketing boards

We know that, for various reasons, we do not have two marketing boards operating in the same way. Take it that the marketing of tomatoes and the marketing of wool are two entirely different things, which one cannot deal with in the same way. [Interjections] Unfortunately, however, I am not as clever as the hon the Minister, nor as objectionable. [Interjections] Our farmers are jealous of the retention of the Marketing Act and the functions of our control boards. [Time expired]

*Mr A A B BRUWER Mr Chairman, I know the hon the Minister to be a person who is fond of playing with words. [Interjections] The hon member for Barberton has now spelt out very clearly to him what the problem is, and from whatever angle one is going to look at this entire question of the functioning of these boards, these people are at present functioning in an extremely unfavourable climate when it comes to forecasts, because the climate in which they have to function

is the present unstable political climate. What does the present political climate look like? No agriculturist can plan in this present political climate. We have been asking this Government for some considerable time now to tell us precisely what their plans are, for example the redistribution of agricultural land. We get no reply from them. [Interjections] How can these marketing boards function within such an unstable climate? [Time expired]

*The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I can tell hon members that the Press statement issued last night was made at the request of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee of Control Boards, because he had found, in the sphere of operation of the boards, that there was a great lack of understanding of the situation, that there were expectations which were nowhere near the reality, and for that reason he asked me to issue this Press statement together with him

There is no problem with the possibility that industries could decide to deal with their own marketing function. For example tomatoes are not dealt with by a marketing board. They are sold on the national markets by the individual farmers themselves, while potatoes are in fact, dealt with by a marketing board, and that differs from wool marketing, as the hon member for Barberton in fact said. After all, we cannot deal with the interests of agriculture on a reservation basis, and then occasionally intervene on behalf of the farmers

The last time we discussed matters in the Agriculture Vote, the hon members of the CP saw fit, for political reasons, to walk out of this House. We then discussed this matter in depth. [Interjections] The Marketing Act continues to exist, but the application of the Regulations requires regular evaluation, and that is what is happening here

Debate concluded

AWB: new commandos

2 Mr W C MALAN to ask the Minister of Law and Order ^{News} 225190

(1) Whether any action has been taken to date with regard to the establishment of approximately 50 new Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging commandos, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,

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(2) whether the Government is considering a ban on public demonstrations of dangerous weapons in terms of existing legislation, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Chairman, I should like to reply to paragraph 1 and 2 as follows

The increasing occurrence of so-called "vigilante" and other armed, politically-orientated groups in different places in the country, is an understandable but alarming phenomenon

This is understandable and even natural for people who are either panic-stricken or who want to seize political power in the country by violent means. Unfortunately one finds people from both categories in South Africa today

My own, as well as the Government's, standpoint on the matter has been spelt out repeatedly—we find the existence of these groups unnecessary and unacceptable. South Africa and its inhabitants can do without such groups. The SA Police, supported by the SA Defence Force, as and when necessary, are the official security mechanism of the State that maintains law and order in a orderly and responsible manner

Although circumstances are difficult and in a state of flux, the SA Police and the Defence Force are in control of the security situation in the country. Those who wish to seize power are not going to succeed, and those who are frightened will be safeguarded by the SA Police and the Defence Force

The Government and the SA Police welcome any form of assistance to combat crime, provided it does not disturb or threaten public order. Under no circumstances, however, can individuals or groups be allowed to act in such a way or carry weapons in such a way that other members of the community feel threatened or in such a way as to give rise to confrontation. The maintenance of law and order is the task of the SA Police, who have been trained and equipped for it

The Government cannot allow individuals or groups to carry out this task in an arbitrary manner. This is in conflict with all the principles of law enforcement and is not tolerated in any civilised country. We are also committed to the principle that in future politics will be practised

freely and democratically in this country. The existence and conduct of these groups are irreconcilable with and are completely detrimental to such a process of orderly political administration. There is even the great danger that it could destroy such a process completely. In the spirit of granting greater freedom to all people in the country, the Government has therefore chosen the road of discussion and persuasion

For a considerable length of time now I have held discussions on a country-wide basis with representatives of various organisations and interest groups right across the political spectrum, and I have done so precisely in accordance with this pattern. I have done this in order to end the violence and promote peace and stability in the Republic. In this way I have also held talks with representatives of the PAC—Ama Africa—the UDF, the MDM, Cosatu, the ANC, Num, Inkatha, the AWB, the BBB, Blanke Veiiligheld, the CP and many others

I have conveyed only one message to these leaders and to their people, and that is that the violence, ununitedness and incitement which lead to acts of violence, are unacceptable and have to stop as soon as possible. At the same time I spelt out to them that "vigilante" groups, "comrades", "task forces", "Boer armies", "Marshals" and such like do not, in what they are doing, contribute to peace and security in this country. [Time expired]

*Mr W C MALAN Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister's meeting with representatives of the AWB on 14 May will be remembered for the mutual friendliness, the assurance from Mr Terre'Blanche that they do not want to establish a Boer army, and many subsequent statements that they are only establishing Boer commandos, within the framework of the old culture, and then especially the hon the Minister's silence in the face of continuing commando activities

The hon the Minister clearly accepts his overall responsibility for the maintenance of law and order. We do not disagree with him in regard to his principles. As such he is also responsible for the protection of the freedom, life and property of all South Africans, including the AWB. No civil defence force or commando activities of whatever nature can be allowed, especially not in the defence of sectional interests

The DP's standpoint has been common knowledge for years, viz that the AWB must be allowed to pursue and give effect to its political ideals, and that it is indeed their right to do so. As a matter of fact, the NP's earlier pressure on hon members of this House who were members of the AWB, which led to their resignation—I think of the hon members for Bethal and Ermelo—had a negative effect because it resulted in further radicalisation [Interjections]

The kind of activities carried out by an Aquila—I think that in principle the hon the Minister is saying the same thing—are completely unacceptable. They are dangerous, and such a body could become another Umkhonto we Sizwe, giving rise to new rebellion or a new civil war [Interjections] The hon the Minister also has the responsibility of protecting the supporters of the AWB, but he will only succeed in this if he ensures that they themselves are not guilty of intimidation or are party to acts of intimidation. In terms of the legislation we have already passed, he has the right and the power to take action and prohibit the carrying of weapons in public. He has the power and is able to prohibit the organisation of commando activities among the civilian population if these encroach upon defence force activities, or activities aimed at protecting citizens, and to take the necessary action. We should like to see him take on this responsibility in all its ramifications.

*Mr C D DE JAGER Mr Chairman, it suited the hon the Minister to start off with rather a cutting contribution and to refer to his duty to safeguard those who are frightened. I should like to know whether he thinks that Koen and Du Preez were also frightened and whether he tried to safeguard them [Interjections]

The question which has to be answered, is why these commandos are established. In the first place they are established because the people do not trust the hon the Minister with the safety of the country.

In the second place the organisations are established because the people have been refused membership of the reserve force. The hon the Minister gave orders that nobody who belonged to either the CP, the AWB or the NP could be a member of the reserve force. Where must these

men go? Must they be lost to us because they may not protect homes and belongings? The hon the Minister should place them under his authority, the authority of the police and the authority of the generals, then there would be law and order. By his own conduct, however, the hon the Minister was instrumental in having these powers established outside the ambit of police authority, because he did not want to keep those people under the authority of the police [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! *Mr C D DE JAGER The hon the Minister said that he could protect the people. On 11 May the Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging undertook not to patrol the streets any longer. On 16 May two Whites were murdered. Over the weekend Blacks were murdered in Thabong [Interjections] The CP can surely not be held responsible for the necklace murders of other Blacks. The hon the Minister has to maintain law and order. He has to take action. He must not be spineless, and every time the police take action he must not request a commission of inquiry and place the police in the dock [Interjections]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Chairman, I wish to complete my reply to the hon member for Randburg.

In a friendly spirit I clearly and earnestly want to address this message to all leaders who have taken these groups under their wing, and here I include their fellow-travellers.

In spite of this fair and just action on my part and on the part of the Government, there are unfortunately individuals and groups who obstinately refuse to heed the warning and continue to appear at gatherings armed with all kinds of dangerous weapons, including firearms, or marching through the streets of our towns and cities.

*Mr J H HOON And with pangas

*The MINISTER This kind of conduct is intimidatory and fills ordinary people with fear and revulsion.

I have been very accommodating and patient about this, but this unacceptable public intimidation and provocation has now reached the stage where it can no longer be allowed to continue or develop any further [Interjections] If people do

not want to listen to the voice of reason, they will come up against the harsh provisions of the law I have at my disposal. In the process I am prepared to consider, among other things, conduct with regard to the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act, Act 29 of 1990, or even to consider the emergency regulations. This could mean having dangerous weapons, including firearms, prohibited at all protest marches and public political meetings. This is what it could mean.

Such a step is drastic and has certain implications, but I am not prepared to allow these reckless and panic-stricken people push our country into the abyss of racial conflict. I know that such a step has certain disadvantages, and that I am also encroaching on the freedom of certain individuals. I am extremely sorry about this, but if matters continue as they are, I shall have no choice.

I trust that everyone in this country who is politically active, will come to their senses and respond to this appeal, however, so that it will not be necessary for me to take such a step.

I should like to refer to the hon member for Bethal [Time expired]

*Mr A J LEON Mr Chairman, we are encouraged by what the hon the Minister of Law and Order has just told us now because it is important to remind the House that Mr Eugène Terre-Blanche and the AWB are elected by no one. They have no answerability and accountability, and they represent a very small constituency.

However, this person is intent on holding this country to ransom and is doing his best to derail the constitutional debate and the orderly transition to a negotiated new dispensation.

Without doubt he is also a threat to democracy and an enemy of the open society. It is quite clear, and the hon the Minister has just proved this, that one cannot fight fascism with a powder-puff. However, the hon the Minister, who has just spoken, was as the hon member for Randburg said "all smiles" after his meeting with the gentleman representing the right wing, namely Mr Terre-Blanche. It is clear that Mr Terre-Blanche has very winning ways as the range of his charm seems to embrace Jan Allan, the CP and now even this Government [Interjections]

The Citizen of this morning says the following:

Welkom is tense as AWB talks of war. Mr Blikkies Blyngaert who is the chairman of the AWB in the Orange Free State says "We are ready for full-scale war. We are finished with talking."

The hon the Minister referred earlier to the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act which was enacted this year. I want to draw the hon the Minister's attention to what Mr Terre-Blanche said about this Act on 12 May 1990. He said:

That will be the day when weapons are forbidden at public meetings. You won't take away a Boer's gun.

The Government has the power to outlaw weapons demonstrations at public meetings. Only last week when he came to visit the hon the Minister Mr Terre-Blanche's bodyguards marched into Government buildings with guns. This is something that we have not seen in Parliament before. Guns have no place in our political life [Time expired]

*Mr W C MALAN Mr Chairman, I should also like to associate myself with the gratitude expressed because the hon the Minister said he was prepared to consider this action, but I want to warn that if he only considers doing so, it will not be any use. In terms of his powers, the hon the Minister can already prohibit what we asked him to prohibit. If he does not do so, he will have to take action on another occasion when emotions are running high. We do not know what is going to happen on 26 May, except that

*HON MEMBERS Oh! [Interjections]

*Mr W C MALAN I do not know how very big a meeting it is going to be [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Middelburg!

*Mr W C MALAN Allow me to reassure my friends on this side. They do not have to be worried about my thinking that there will be violence, on the contrary, I think that there will be delirious enthusiasm, but the demonstration that could take place, if certain people are carrying weapons—I do not know whether they have any control over that—could have really detrimental consequences. If, against the background of that enthusiasm, the hon the Minister were subsequently to take action prohibiting such events which seem to have been proper and orderly, he would be faced with a great deal

more trouble. Therefore it is now the time to act [Interjections]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Chauman, the standpoint and actions of the DP are really astounding. Yes, they are the ones who have always advocated freedom, but now we have to impose restrictions and abrogate freedoms.

*Mr W C MALAN We still advocate it [Interjections]

*The MINISTER In the second place it seems to me as if the leadership struggle among the three sitting here in front of me is so fierce that what they say is no longer consistent [Interjections]

*Mr J H VANDER MERWE All three leaders are armed

*The MINISTER No, I do not think they are armed, they are not frightened people

If we, and the SA Police, appeal to the people on the left, begging them to renounce violence, we are heroes, but the moment we talk to Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche on the right in the same manner, we are villains [Interjections]

As far as this matter is concerned I am not interested in designating a winner. I am really interested in putting an end to violence in this country. The SA Police and I seek peace. We do not want to single out any winners in regard to these sensitive matters, because what is involved here is the future of this country. That is why we act this way!

The hon member for Bethal is dissatisfied because we are taking the SA Police reservists out of party politics. I want to give him this advice: If a Police reservist had to choose between being a member of the CP or a Police reservist, the best choice would be to remain a Police reservist [Interjections] That is my considered opinion. I should like to tell the hon member that

The hon member for Bethal is now very angry. He says that another two Whites have been murdered, and that is why the people of Welkom—the White people—are up in arms again. The fact is that the two people in Welkom were murdered in the streets of Welkom. One must not use all kinds of excuses to do these irresponsible things [Interjections] That is why I have

vously not prosecuted. Less serious crimes inter alia refer to crimes such as

- Drunkness,
- Drinking in public,
- Prostitution,
- Trespassing,
- Ignoring traffic rules,
- Riotous behaviour, etc

Although an increase of 15,44% in serious crimes occurred during the period 1985 until 1989, the intensified police actions on the one hand prevented a more drastic increase in serious crime. On the other hand it resulted in the institution of 86% more prosecutions against less serious offenders. The average detection figures for serious and less serious crimes during this period were 45,8% and 99,1% respectively.

From the available records it was ascertained that the following number of uniformed policemen were stationed at Cape Town Police Station

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However, it must be kept in mind that a number of these policemen are utilised daily, to perform duty on suburban trains and also at magistrates', regional and Supreme courts. From time to time some of these members are also nominated to do special duty in areas afflicted by unrest as well as other areas in the Republic.

New questions

Laapek Police Station: alleged assault by constable 251

*1 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Law and Order 22/5/90

- (1) Whether an incident involving an alleged assault on a member of the public by a certain constable, particulars of whom have been furnished to the South African

Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was reported at the Laapek Police Station on 6 April 1990, if so, what is the name of the constable, 251

- (2) whether any action (a) has been taken in respect of the constable concerned, if so, what action, if not, why not? 22/5/90 B967E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes. The name which was furnished by the hon member
- (2) No because at that stage the member of the public concerned, preferred not to lay a charge. If the person would now like to lay a charge, it would be appreciated if he could immediately make an affidavit available to us

- (a) and (b) Fall away

Food irradiation: consultations

*2 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

- (1) Whether any individuals, institutions or organisations were consulted before the decision to allow food irradiation in the Republic was made, if not, why not, if so, (a) which individuals, institutions or organisations and (b) when
- (2) whether the Government has received any representations regarding food irradiation, if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was the (i) purpose of and (ii) response to each such representation? 22/5/90 B985E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Yes,
- (a) and (b) all interested persons were invited to submit any substantiated comments on the proposed regulations, governing irradiated foodstuffs or any representations in regard thereto, as per Government Notice R 157 of 4 March 1983,

- (2) yes
- (a) support for the regulations was expressed by the Pilot Committee for the Sale of Irradiated Agricultural

Reporter: Police 'laughed' after gunfire

VEREENIGING. — Photo-journalist Herbert Mabuza, who arrived in Sebokeng shortly before the shooting in March this year, first heard a burst of gunfire — then laughter coming from armed men in plainclothes four metres behind him.

Mr Mabuza, of the Star newspaper, said he saw no stone-throwing or any aggressiveness from the "noisy crowd" before the shooting.

He was testifying before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry which is investigating the shootings in the township on March 26 in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 residents injured.

He told the commission: "I was there and heard laughter from the armed men in plainclothes behind me.

I presumed at the time they were security police."

Earlier, Warrant Officer Etienne Roedolf Coetzee, officer commanding the reaction unit at Vanderbijl Park, testified that reported claims that deputy leader of the right-wing Boerestaat Party Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph having been present at the Sebokeng shootings "might have been possible" — but not very probable.

Video material, photographic and personal evidence from the incidents at Sebokeng so far show an absence of any person resembling Mr Rudolph, currently wanted by police in connection with a theft of arms from the Air Force HQ in Pretoria

The hearing continues. — Sapa

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I made 2 false statements, policeman admits

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A Vereeniging Security Branch policeman yesterday admitted before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry that he had made two false statements in connection with certain occurrences at the Sebokeng Shootings on March 26, in which several people were killed and many injured.

However, Warrant Officer Kalman Csajaghy, told the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R G Goldstone, he was unable to explain why he had done so

The issue was raised under cross-examination by George Bizos SC, representing relatives of 12 dead people and the injured, when the policeman was called to the witness stand to testify yesterday.

It was revealed that Warrant Officer Csajaghy had initially made a sworn statement shortly after the shooting in which he made no mention of stones being thrown at a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng on the day. He also did not mention seeing a group of demonstrators storm the police.

Second statement

At a later stage — he could not remember when — he made a second statement, in which he said he had seen the stone-throwing and storming incidents himself.

But yesterday he said he had not personally seen the incidents, but had heard of them from someone afterwards.

Asked by Mr Bizos why he had made two false statements Warrant Officer Csajaghy replied "I do not know about this"

Asked by Mr Justice Goldstone how he could say this, he stated. "I don't know. A person is a person" ('n mens is maar 'n mens).

Minutes later Mr Bizos asked the commission to note that Warrant Officer Csajaghy had had a grin on his face while being led through his evidence by Johan du Toit and during the last part of cross examination.

(Earlier in the hearing the witness denied allegations by a photographer of The Star, Hebert Mabuza, that he had heard laughter from people in civilian clothing behind a police line-up which he assumed included security policemen, immediately after fire was opened on the crowd. From evidence led yesterday, it emerged Warrant Officer Csajaghy was part of a group of security police in plain clothes standing behind the line-up.)

Shots were fired

Giving evidence yesterday, another policeman, Constable Andries Potgieter, told the commission he was in a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery on March 26 when stones were hurled at the police from the crowd. Shortly afterwards he heard shots being fired. He did not know who fired the first shot, but moments later he himself fired three rounds of bird-shot at the crowd.

"I opened fire to drive back the crowd because I felt our (police) lives were in danger."

He said that before the shooting, marshals had formed a human chain to prevent the crowd from surging forward, but "more than five people had burst through" towards the police line-up. At that stage the masses had a threatening attitude and sang songs that they were going to "hit the police".

● The shooting occurred after a UDF gathering which, apparently, had intended marching to Vereeniging, was halted by police in the township on March 26. The proposed march was banned by both the Vereeniging Town Council and the local chief magistrate.

Inkatha leaders knew of 'hit squads', says officer

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ANOTHER piece of the puzzle of the KwaZulu Police (ZP) hit squad scandal in Natal fell into place last week when a ZP officer confirmed its existence in an affidavit to a Durban lawyer.

The policeman claimed there were two hit squad units — one under the leadership of a deputy commissioner of Police.

Claiming that Inkatha Central Committee (ICC) members were also aware of the hit squad's existence, the policeman is set to shake the pillars of power at Ulundi in Dirk Coetzee-style with his revelations.

It will also give added impetus to the campaign of the African

National Congress (ANC) and Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to press State President FW de Klerk to strip KwaZulu's Chief Gatsha Buthelezi of his police powers.

Attacked

Claiming that both hit squad units were based in Ulundi, the policeman sketched out their composition and tasks, and identified two training camps — one at Amatikulu, the other at Umkuze.

According to the policeman, former ANC guerrillas who joined the ZP belonged to the hit squad.

"These persons are highly trained as ANC guerrillas and were

at Amatikulu, a training camp for the KwaZulu Police

"They attacked UDF activists in all the areas in Natal," the policeman claimed.

Luthuli, Constable VP Shange and Constable MV Ngubane (also known as Tallman) were "responsible for attacks on comrades at Mpumalanga", the policeman said.

"During the day, they (police) would perform official duties and at night work with vigilantes and attack UDF supporters and activists," he said.

According to the policeman, all ZPs were told to be Inkatha members. On a "certain day" the whole unit in Ulundi had to produce membership cards, he claimed.

"But, in order for them to carry fire-arms, they are given documents as police reservists," the policeman alleged.

Special constables were used to guard Inkatha members and obtained arms and ammunition when an attack was to take place.

Arrested

"There is an instruction that members of Inkatha should not be arrested by the KwaZulu Police.

"When an Inkatha person is arrested, a phone call is made to Ulundi and an instruction is conveyed for the release of that person," the policeman claimed.

Rumours of a ZP hit squad have been circulating for the past month, with the first revelation being made by the South African Youth Congress (Sayco).

Sayco said hit squad members received training in Israel.

Subsequent reports — which appeared to be independent of Sayco's sources — said the hit squad received training for seven months to use weapons such as AK 47 rifles, Uzis, G3s, mortars and limpet mines, and training in unarmed combat, releasing hostages, intelligence and security.

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Violence, police acts threaten negotiations

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**Esmaré van der Merwe
and Parliamentary Staff**

The negotiation process in South Africa is again being threatened by a wave of violence and by police action to curb it.

For the second time in only a few weeks, Government-ANC talks have been jeopardised by police shooting demonstrators. Even President de Klerk's unambiguous commitment to remove apartheid is being undermined by violent police-demonstrator clashes and right-wing vigilante posturing.

The damage unrest is doing to the climate for negotiation was brought into sharp focus yesterday by two major developments:

● African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela threatened at a press conference in Johannesburg to pull out of negotiations if the Government does not put a stop to "brutal police action against peaceful demonstrators".

● Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has threatened to use the full force of the law against right-wing elements and others who provocatively display arms or are openly intimidating.

He was prepared to consider using the Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act and even the

Emergency Regulations to ban the carrying of weapons at protest or public political meetings.

Mr Vlok told Parliament that unacceptable provocation and intimidation had reached a point where it could no longer be tolerated.

He was responding to a question from Democratic Party co-leader Wynand Malan on the formation of new Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging commandos and the carrying of weapons by its members.

Conservative Party MP Chris de Jager said Mr Vlok was "weak" in his efforts to maintain law and order, and people were arming themselves because he could not be trusted to provide security.

Mr Malan warned that if Mr Vlok's words remained merely a threat, it would not help.

At his press conference yesterday, Mr Mandela said the Government's apparent "inability or unwillingness" to "stop the massacre of our people" had been demonstrated by police actions in war-torn Natal and the recent police shootings in Sebokeng, near Vereeniging, and in the Welkom township of Thabong.

The ANC could not tolerate police brutality aimed at "removing certain individuals" and crushing the ANC and other organisations.

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Homes searched in midnight raid

Police swoop on troubled township

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By Helen Grange, Mike Cohen and Stan Hlophe

WELKOM — In a massive midnight raid, police and troops swooped on Welkom's Thabong township last night, searching thousands of homes.

With the temperature at minus 2 deg C, policemen and troops moved from house in house in the township, which this morning returned to normal after three days of bloody violence.

A police spokesman said that despite the bitterly cold night, police were cordially received, and most residents "supported the SAP".

Thabong residents said police conducted house-to-house searches.

"They banged on the door and shouted," a middle-aged woman told Sapa. "When I argued, they threatened to search the house and leave everything in a mess."

The raid ended at dawn today when security forces moved out of the township in columns of troop vehicles.

Major Johan Fouche, District Commissioner of Police in Welkom, said today that more than 1 000 policemen, assisted by the army, scoured Thabong's streets.

More deaths

A total of 39 people were arrested, and stolen property — including videos, mine equipment, dagga and gold — was recovered.

The death toll in Welkom since Sunday's clash between police and township residents rose to 11 yesterday after another two victims of the conflict died in hospital.

The death toll in the entire gold fields since the latest outbreak of violence is 12. The 12th victim was a man trampled to death as police clashed with protesters outside Virginia this week.

More than 100 people have been injured over the past three days. Most suffered birdshot or buckshot wounds as police moved on rioters who targeted "collaborators" and the homes of town councillors and black policemen for attack.

This morning the township's streets were cleared of rubble and gutted vehicles in accordance with a decision yesterday by about 3 000 students and teachers to "clean the streets" and "go back to school".

People went to work as usual as Thabong returned to normal.

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Combat zone ... burnt-out cars and rubble were used to barricade the main

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The negotiation process in South Africa is again being threatened by

Emergency Regulations to ban the carrying of weapons at protest or public political meetings

Mr Vlok told Parliament that unacceptable provocation and intimid

Father of injured boy seeks driver

By Carina le Grange

Two young Johannesburg motorcyclists are in Johannesburg Hospital after a hit and run accident, and the father of

Official Secrets Act did not apply, says witness

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By Norman Chandler and Kate Stander

The Commission threatened the Official Secrets Act while giving evidence to the Civil Information Bureau



The Harms Commission

The witness, Petrus Botes, a former co-ordinator in Sector 2 of the CCB, claimed during cross-examination that he had been present in 1987 when the organisation's future "civilian character" was discussed with the Chief of the Defence Force, General Jannie Geldenhuys. The general has said he learnt of the CCB's existence after media reports had appeared.

Mr Botes, cross-examined by P A Hattingh for the CCB, was asked why he had disclosed information about the organisation to the press and if he had not contravened the Official Secrets Act in the process.

Mr Botes argued that the CCB had broken ties with the SADF at the end of 1987 and was a civilian organisation.

He told Mr Justice Harms, the commission chairman, that he no longer worked for the CCB at the time he had granted an interview with a newspaper and, therefore, the Official Secrets Act did not apply.

Mr Justice Harms asked Mr Botes, a former captain in the Permanent Force and former acting major in the Citizen Force, if it were his understanding of the Act that it no longer applied once somebody resigned.

Mr Botes. "Yes. What can they do to you if you are out of the SADF?"

Mr Hattingh. "Perhaps you will still find out."

Later, Mr Botes agreed with the chairman that what he had been telling the commission was that "everything the CCB

did in 1989 had nothing to do with the SADF as it (the CCB) was an independent organisation"

Mr Botes said that from 1988 he could no longer approach the SADF directly. The only link was through General Eddie Webb, the CCB chairman.

He told Mr Justice Harms that prior to this he had attended a meeting with General Geldenhuys, during which a proposal to separate the organisation from the SADF was presented.

He did not know if General Geldenhuys had approved the proposal, but assumed he had done so as the CCB had become civilian in character.

Evidence was also led about a clash between Mr Botes and CCB managing director Joe Verster. Mr Botes claimed they quarrelled over alleged maladministration of the affairs of Sector 2, a foreign arm of the CCB operating in Mozambique and Swaziland. Mr Botes claimed Mr Verster threatened to kill him or have him killed.

Shortly afterwards, his identity was disclosed to "unconscious" members of the CCB. He did not know who had passed on this information.

Six days after the argument, an explosion took place in the Verwoerdburg office he shared with a colleague. He suspected Mr Verster had ordered the placing of the bomb.

Mr Botes confirmed he had claimed R1.4 million from the CCB on behalf of "indirect" and "unconscious" agents he had placed in the field. This money was still outstanding and he intended taking the SADF to court, he said.

Asked why he divulged the names of CCB agents to Vrye Weekblad, Mr Botes said it was because his own identity had been disclosed. He denied having given the paper a photo of Mr Verster, although he agreed he had "organised" a passport for him at one stage. Mr Hattingh said Mr Verster would say the photo in the paper was the same as that in the passport.

The hearing continues today.

Police action threat to talks — Mandela

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JOHANNESBURG — The African National Congress would not tolerate the continuing "massacre" of people by police while negotiations on peace were in progress, Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday

Speaking at a news conference after his African tour, Mr Mandela said negotiations could be fruitful only if conducted in an atmosphere conducive to negotiations

"Violence makes this impossible"

Commenting on an incident at Thabong near Welkom in which police had allegedly opened fire on a demonstrating crowd, killing eight and injuring 40, Mr Mandela claimed President F W de Klerk was unable to control the police

He said every black was regarded by the police and army as a target

The Pan Africanist Congress yesterday warned that it would send armed units into the black areas of Welkom to "defend the unarmed civilian population"

In a statement from Dar-es-Salaam, external PAC administrative secretary Mr Joe Mkwanazi said the killing of unarmed blacks in the town left the organisation with no alternative "but to support the struggle of the Welkom people against the racist regime"

Mr Mandela also accused the government of using the Natal conflict to eliminate those whom they considered to be a threat

The issue of the Natal violence had been raised on many occasions on the tour, he said

"We pointed out that the violence was originally a conflict between two political organisations — ANC and Inkatha"

Mr Mandela said he had already suggested to President De Klerk that the reason the government had not ended the violence was because they were using the differences between the parties to "crush the ANC"

Mr Mandela said the African states had accepted this analysis of the Natal conflict

He emphasised that he considered Mr De Klerk to be honest in his attempts to curb the violence

It was the government itself which wanted to crush the ANC and other "progressive" organisations, not Mr De Klerk, he said

"The fact that Mr De Klerk is having difficulties straightening out these problems does not mean he is dishonest," said Mr Mandela

He insisted that the government, with its sophisticated police force, had the capacity to solve the problem "within three or four days" if it wanted to

Mr Mandela said the tour of Africa, during which he had visited Angola, Nigeria, Libya, Algeria and Egypt as well as stopping over at Kenya and Zimbabwe, had succeeded beyond his "wildest expectations" — Sapa

Striking workers held
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Police yesterday arrested about 180 striking workers at Rand Rubber Products in Boksburg, according to the Chemical Workers Industrial Union

The workers, some of whom were teargassed, were arrested while leaving the factory, the union said.

Police confirmation could not be obtained. The union said the workers had been charged with obstructing traffic and faced R300 fines. It would fight "this absurd charge" in court

Undercover police cleared of 4 deaths

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Durban magistrate found yesterday that four undercover policemen, who shot dead four men in Chesterville in June 1986, had acted in self-defence

Presiding over the inquest, the magistrate, B J Olivier, found that the under-cover policemen arrived in Durban on June 20 that year to infiltrate an ANC cell in Chesterville

They made contact with a comrade in a shebeen and pretended to be ANC terrorists

They went to a nearby shack where they met the four deceased, Russell Mngomezulu (23), Mutuwenkosi Khanyile (24), Joseph Thembu (20) and Sandile Khawala (23) and others

Grenades

Among them was a Charles Ngcobo who, according to the undercover group's information, was in possession of an AK47 and hand grenades

The policemen thought the group had believed that they were terrorists

They left to get help in arresting the residents of the shack

As they left a shot was fired from the shack

The police knew they were

dealing with potentially dangerous people, possibly trained terrorists.

Mr Olivier said he believed that when the first shot was fired, the policemen — also highly trained — acted instinctively in firing at the shack

They did not know how many people were firing or if more than one shot had been fired at them. They did not know what type of weapons were being used against them.

The policemen were using automatic weapons and in the circumstances their firing of 67 to 88 shots was not unreasonable

After the shooting the policemen reported the incident to the local police station

Mr Olivier said there had been suggestions that this was a hit-squad operation

The policemen could not have been identified by the people in the shack and could simply have returned to their base at Vlakplaas. Instead they had reported to the police

They did not return to the shack to find out if there were survivors, or take any action to kill them

The magistrate said "If this was a hit squad with instructions to kill, then all I can say is that the police or the persons or-

ganising the hit squads, were a bunch of fools"

Mr Olivier said one person in the shack was seriously injured, and another man was miraculously unscathed

Mr Olivier found that the policemen thought they were under attack and acted in self-defence. He was satisfied that they had acted as any reasonable person would have done in the circumstances

Record

The magistrate said if he understood G Penzhorn, for the families, he was obliged to send a record to the Attorney-General to consider with a view to possible prosecution

Mr Olivier said he understood his duty was to properly evaluate all the evidence and to make a finding in terms of the Inquest Act

The record would in any case be sent to the Attorney-General for scrutiny.

Aggrieved parties could also make representations to the Attorney-General, especially in the light of public controversy about alleged hit squads

Mr Olivier said the families of the deceased men were not the only issues at stake. Other parties were also involved.

Witness: Vlok lied about CCB

By Norman Chandler and Karen Stander

A Harms Commission witness yesterday accused Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok of lying when he said he had not been informed of the existence of the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau.

Petrus Botes, a former foreign-based co-ordinator for the CCB, said he had told Mr Vlok about the nature and operations of the organisation on the afternoon of August 29 last year.

He visited Mr Vlok at his offices to tell him a bomb had wrecked his business premises and that he believed his employees were responsible.

Louis Visser, for the Minister and the SAP, told Mr Justice Louis Harms that Mr Vlok would say that Mr Botes might have mentioned the name "CCB" during the interview but that this would have meant "nothing" to him.

In evidence presented to the

The Harms Commission



commission by Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Witwatersrand, SAP Special Investigations, on May 8 this year, it was said that he (Brigadier Mostert) had first heard about "a mysterious organisation called the CCB" as a result of a tip-off on August 29 to Mr Vlok.

Mr Botes told the commission he had told Mr Vlok of his involvement with the CCB and that he had worked for CCB managing director Joe Verster.

He told the Minister that the previous week he had been involved in an operation in the then South West Africa in which cholera germs were placed in the water of a Swapo refugee camp.

He also told Mr Vlok about his argument with Mr Verster

over auditing queries and his suspicion that a bomb which damaged his office at Verwoerdburgstad had been the work of Mr Verster.

Mr Visser told the commission that the Minister said Mr Botes had never mentioned Mr Verster's name.

Mr Botes said "I did."

Mr Visser "Then the Minister must be lying."

Mr Botes "Then the Minister lies."

Mr Visser then said Mr Vlok's recollection was that Mr Botes had not said anything about cholera germs being introduced into the water supply.

Surprise

Mr Justice Harms, addressing Mr Botes, said "Surely this must have been a surprise to him that you, as a private person, came and said that, on behalf of a private organisation, you put cholera in the water of a refugee camp?"

Asked by Mr Visser whether the Minister had expressed astonishment, Mr Botes replied he had not expressed astonishment nor had he commented.

Mr Justice Harms "He also didn't offer you a medal?"

According to Mr Visser, the interview with Mr Vlok was arranged because Mr Botes was a voter in Mr Vlok's constituency and "it was shortly before a general election."

When Mr Botes arrived at Mr Vlok's offices, the Minister was already aware of the explosion at Verwoerdburgstad and had made preliminary inquiries. Indications were that it had not been politically motivated, the commission heard.

"When you arrived and said your office had been bombed, the Minister was no longer interested in you because you could help the detectives and it had nothing to do with politics," Mr Visser told Mr Botes.

The next sitting of the commission will be on Monday.

Witness tells of an agreement between Security Branch, CCB

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A formal agreement was reached between the South African Police's security branch and the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) that intelligence operations in Swaziland and South Africa would be the responsibility of the security police.

This was claimed at the Harms Commission yesterday by Petrus Botes, former CCB co-ordinator for sector 2, which covered Swaziland and Mozambique.

Mr Botes told Mr Justice Louis Harms that for this reason his sector had never operated in Swaziland. He also gave this agreement as a reason for refusing to co-operate in a plan to assassinate Durban attorney K E Mlaga. The plan was not carried out.

The alleged agreement was originally mentioned in an article in Vrye Weekblad. The article said the agreement was between Mr Botes himself and the police but, in an affidavit to the commission Mr Botes claimed it was with

the SADF. In evidence yesterday, he said both statements were incorrect and the agreement was between the police and the CCB.

Under cross-examination by Willem Burger, for the Minister of Defence and the SADF, Mr Botes was asked. "So the police were aware of the existence of the CCB? Is that why they locked the members up?"

Mr Botes "I believe they did know." He based this reasoning on another incident in which he and another CCB member were arrested and promptly released.

Mr Burger "Did you tell them you were a member of the CCB?"

Mr Botes "Yes. I told them I worked for Joe Verster."

Mr Burger, laughing "It was surely because you worked for Joe Verster that they let you go."

Mr Burger then accused Mr Botes of "talking nonsense" under oath and making wild guesses.

CCB chief trained in Beirut and Taiwan, Harms is told

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Top spy Joe Verster was trained in Beirut, attended a "warfare school" in the Republic of China and underwent further training with the former Rhodesian military unit, the Selous Scouts.

This emerged in evidence given to the Harms Commission yesterday

Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) managing director Mr Verster, in disguise, heard P A Hattingh, for the CCB, describe his military background prior to joining the organisation five years ago.

He had previously been a colonel in the SADF.

These details emerged when Petrus Botes, a former regional co-ordinator, was being questioned over an interview he had with the Afrikaans weekly newspaper Vrye Weekblad. A report claimed Mr Verster (44) had no operational

experience.

Mr Hattingh also revealed that Mr Verster had been a founder-commander of 5 Reconnaissance Unit and had frequently fought in Angola and South-West Africa.

Mr Botes said he was not aware of this.

Under cross-examination, Mr Botes claimed there were several errors in the Vrye Weekblad reports.

Willem Burger, for the Minister of Defence and the SADF, asked Mr Botes about a statement he made to Vrye Weekblad that the CCB had permeated the civil service.

Mr Botes said this was correct. He knew of a CCB member in Military Intelligence, and another who either worked for the Pretoria City Council or was a city councillor. He was prepared to give their names to the hearing.

Undercover cops cleared of killings

Cape Times 24/5/90 *251*

DURBAN. — Undercover policemen who shot four men dead at Chesterville in June 1986 were yesterday exonerated by a Durban inquest magistrate, who found they had acted in self-defence. The magistrate, Mr B J Olivier, found that a group of undercover policemen had arrived in Durban on June 20, 1986, to infiltrate an African National Congress cell at Chesterville. They had made contact with an ANC comrade in a nearby shebeen and pretended to be ANC terrorists. Later they had gone to a nearby shack where they met the four deceased — Mr Russell Mngomezulu, 23, Mr Mutuwenkosi Khanyile, 24, Mr Joseph Thembu, 20, and Mr Sandile Khawala, 23 — and other people.

The policemen believed they had been accepted as fellow terrorists. But as they left to get help in arresting the shack residents a shot was fired from the shack.

Knowing they were dealing with potentially dangerous people, who were possibly trained terrorists, the police acted instinctively when they returned the fire, Mr Olivier said.

They were not to know how many people were firing or if more than one shot had been fired.

As the policemen were using automatic weapons, in the circumstances their firing of 67 to 88 shots was not unreasonable, the inquest magistrate said. — Sapa

Kitscop under AG's protection

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VERENIGING. — Mr Justice R J Goldstone yesterday placed a special constable under the protection of the advocate representing the Attorney-General's office.

The special constable (kitskonstabel) had identified a white colleague, a Constable S van Rhyu, as allegedly firing the first shot at the site of the Sebokeng shooting in front of the Sondela brewery there.

The Goldstone commission is investigating the shooting in Sebokeng in which five demonstrators died and at least 76 were injured on March 26.

Mr Justice Goldstone told Special Const Motshawo Oujan Mhaboko of the Vanderbijl Park SAP reaction unit: "It would be quite wrong if any action were taken

against you in connection with the evidence you gave today."

He said that if any action were taken against the constable (for testifying against a colleague) he was instructed to immediately contact Mr J J du Toit, who represents the Attorney-General's office at the inquiry.

Special Constable Mhaboko testified about his position in the police cordon, that the crowd had slowly advanced towards them, and that he saw stones thrown at the police vehicles.

"I heard a shot, looked up and noticed it had come from my right side. I noticed it was Constable van Rhyu," he said.

The special constable had been afraid to come forward with this information until late on Tuesday.

"I was afraid to tell them that a white police officer had fired first without having been given a command."

As a special constable, he had temporary status and felt insecure in his job, which also supported his parents.

The Goldstone commission's terms of reference are to investigate on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville and Evaton in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 residents injured. . . . The hearing continues. — Sapa

Scared cop fired first by accident

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Yesterday's dramatic testimony came after a special constable had indicated Constable van Rhyn was the man to fire the first shot

Until then Constable van Rhyn had not told anyone of his role in the shooting. He had not volunteered the information although "my conscience had bothered me"

The constable had been tense and nervous about the size and aggression of the 50 000-strong crowd

Shortly before the shooting, he grew frightened and extremely tense when the noisy crowd slowly danced closer to the police line

He had held his finger on the trigger and when a stone came flying past his head from the crowd, Constable van Rhyn accidentally fired his "stopper" (containing one teargas projectile)

He said it had been a "fear reflex". "If the stone had struck my head, I

could have died from it," he said

Constable Van Rhyn admitted that his first shot — firing a teargas grenade — had set off a similar chain reaction among his colleagues

He fired another two teargas projectiles before he heard the "stop firing" shout from the commanding officer, Captain Willie du Plooy.

At this scene, opposite the brewery in Sebokeng, five people died and 76 people were injured, most of them with bird- or buckshot pellets

The attorneys representing the families of the deceased and the victims maintain the police had fired unnecessarily at the crowd in front of the brewery, and that the resultant injuries and deaths set off the rest of the day's rioting, looting and arson.

None of the previous police witnesses had been able to say which of their colleagues had fired that first shot — which may have started a chain reaction among the rest of the police contingent.

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Sebokeng inquiry told how chain reaction was sparked

First shot fired 'out of fear'

By Melody McDougall

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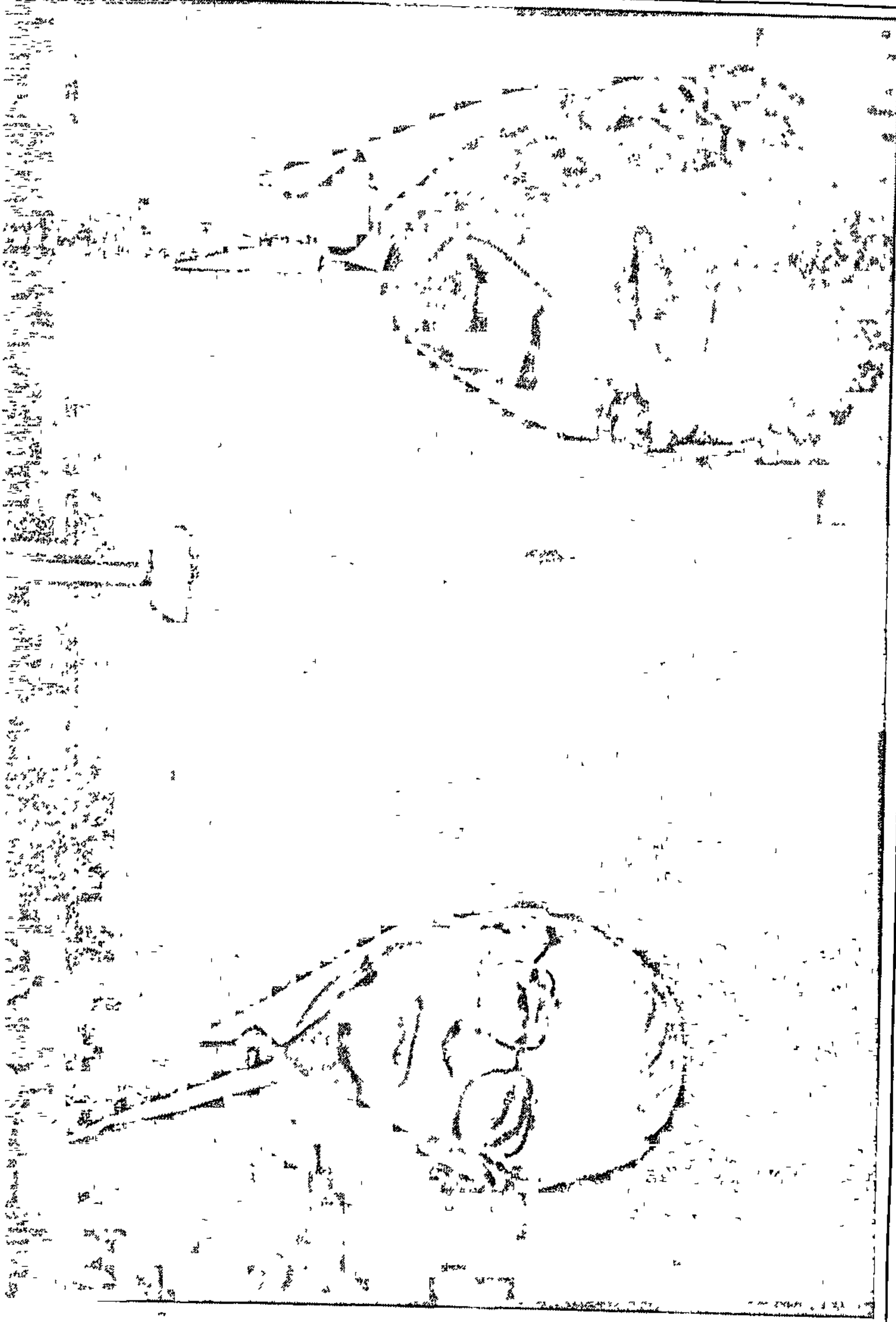
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Fired spontaneously

Constable van Rhyn said that while the middle section of the gathering continued to come nearer he saw a stone flying over his head.

"Then a shot went off. It was probably fired by me, because I had my finger on the trigger of the stopper all the time. Other policemen then started firing spontaneously," he said. "I didn't really mean to shoot, it was an accident."

Afterwards he heard a command to stop firing, and the crowds turned around and started running away.

He said he never reported to the commanding officer that he had fired the first shot because he did not think it necessary as he had fired with a stopper, while the other policemen had used shotguns.

Constable van Rhyn said he was very nervous that morning as a result of other incidents in the Vaal Triangle townships. Half an hour before in neighbouring Evaton he had been hit on the back by a stone.

Asked by Mr du Toit when he had actually realised he was the person who fired the first shot, he said he couldn't remember. But it had bothered him ever since that day.

During cross examination George Bizos SC, representing families of 12 dead people and the injured, asked if it was not true that the constable had decided to admit firing the first shot only after hearing that a special constable had come forward and made a statement on Tuesday night. He replied "That was the final point which convinced me."

The Goldstone Commission is investigating the circumstances of all incidents in the Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

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Hand grenades hurled at police homes in Soweto

Grenades were hurled at the Soweto homes of two policemen last night.

A police spokesman said last night two Soviet-made grenades were thrown at the Molapo home of a police warrant officer at 8.05 pm, causing damage to the walls and windows.

No one was injured.

Shots from an AK-47 were fired at the house.

Earlier, at about 7 pm, a hand grenade of unknown origin was thrown at the Tladi home of a special constable, damaging walls, windows and a bed.

The constable's hand was injured in the blast.

The names of the policemen have been withheld.

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**Police cleared
of 'Chesterville
Four' killings** (25)

By CARMEL RICKARD

A SQUAD of policemen from a secret unit stationed at Vlakplaas, outside Pretoria, has been exonerated by the Chesterville inquest court of killing four Durban youths in 1986.

The squad's commanding officer, security police major Eugene de Kock, has been named in evidence to the Harms Commission as a leader of police "hit squads". The families of the four youths claimed the killings were "assassinations".

Among the members of the unit involved in the shooting were several Askaris — turned members of the African National Congress. However, the version of the police, which was accepted by the inquest magistrate, BJ Olivier, was that they had intended to arrest the youths.

Members of the unit said they attempted to infiltrate the group, but that it was dangerous as they believed the "comrades" might have weapons.

The police said before they were able to arrest the youths they heard a shot, and thinking they were under attack, returned fire, killing four youths and injuring two others.

Olivier found the police witnesses had corroborated each other in their evidence. He did not accept the argument that they had acted as a "hit squad", saying they would not have reported the incident to the police.

Olivier ruled the members of the unit thought they were under attack and acted in self defence.

A case of homespun justice

From SARA SUSSENS
Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Kangaroo court "judge" Joe Mahlatsi metes out township justice. He says the "accused" invariably admit they are wrong and, once punished, are readily accepted back into the community.

Punishment takes the form of beatings by sjambok. He says they never allow necklacings. The "court" is usually assembled within hours of a crime being committed and the participants stand in the street. There will usually be about five "judges" and a "jury" numbering anything up to 30.

The middle-aged part-time gardener who lives in Alexandria sees the controversial people's courts this way: "Police might be able to help fight crime but we want to solve our problems ourselves."

"The trouble with the police is that they take people off to jail. This is not nice because the person is stuck in jail instead of being able to discuss what happened and then, finish, it's over. And then people can be together again. People's courts breed love and peace and show us how to live together."

Mr Mahlatsi said the term "kangaroo" court was a bad one used for what he calls a people's court. By implication a people's court has the blessing of the people.

However the "comrades" in the township, those who are members of organised political structures such as the Youth League and the Civic Organisation which are affiliated to the United Democratic Front, are rapidly distancing themselves from this homespun form of justice.

According to residents, people's courts came about spontaneously in 1985-86 after people went to the police with their complaints but were sent away and told to go back and sort out their problems with the comrades.

"Police were chased out of the townships in 1986 when people thought they were no longer controlling crime but participating in apartheid," said Mzwanele Mayekiso of the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

"People's courts were originally used to solve petty problems like arguments or a stolen watch or bicycle. The ideal was to settle amicably."

"Where there is life there are problems. Unfortunately the thing spun out of control and now people's courts are sometimes run by children."

"The police still come to us and ask us about kangaroo courts but we know nothing about it. Our comrades do not participate in it. Or at least if they do they haven't been attending our meetings where we condemn such activities."

"There are social, political and economic problems that have to be addressed. We want people to help each other solve the problems but not by using punishments. We hope to establish yard, block, street and area committees where they can discuss their problems."

Education workshop

Mr Mayekiso said the organisations were planning a major education workshop campaign for the township which could include shebeens and stokvels being requested to close at 9pm to help curb crime.

In April last year Mr Mayekiso, his brother, Moses Mayekiso and three other Alexandra community leaders, Obed Bapela, Richard Mdakane and Paul Tashabalana, were acquitted after a treason trial spanning two years and four months. Included



Part-time judge Joe Mahlatsi believes people's courts foster love and peace.

Kangaroo courts 'breed love and peace' in the townships



Mzwanele Mayekiso ... out of control. Thomas Leshiba ... harsh punishment.

in the charges was an allegation that the men formed people's courts.

For others the people's court represents the only "justice" available. Elizabeth Hlatshwayo, who was recently "sentenced" to 40 lashes by a people's court for stabbing a man, still supports the people's courts even though she feels she was unfairly treated.

The court that sentenced her was wrong, she feels, as she stabbed the man in self-defence after he tried to rape her.

It was humiliating to be lashed and the whole neighbourhood had watched.

However, Mrs Hlatshwayo will tell you that those who report crime to the police are necklaced or chased from the township.

"We are happy with the people's courts. It's just the beatings I don't like because sometimes people are not healthy enough to take it like me," she said.

"Courts are good if they educate people."

Mrs Hlatshwayo, who lives in a tiny shack surrounded by garbage, has been unemployed for many years.

Her victim, Thomas Leshiba, who says she attacked him when he went to return a box of matches he had borrowed, believes the lashings were a harsh punishment.

"She was drunk. She did not mean to hurt me," he said.

After she had stabbed him a group of people had

"disarmed" her and marched her off to appear in front of a court.

He said he supported the idea of people's courts. For Joe Mahlatsi, kangaroo courts have become a way of life that is totally acceptable. To illustrate this he told the story of Mr Mandontsela.

"It was on April 14, a Saturday", he began.

"Madontsela went to his shack and demanded to see the man who was involved with his ex-wife. But there was no one there."

"He asked the neighbours where they were and they did not know. So he went home."

"That night the boyfriend returned to the shack — he had come from the shebeen. There were two of them sleeping there."

"Madontsela returned late at night. He took a piece of wire and tied the door shut. Then he put newspaper under the door, poured paraffin over it and set it alight. Then he stood to watch the flames."

"The men escaped with the help of neighbours. They came out in their vests and underpants. Everything was burnt."

"On Tuesday we sent four boys to fetch Madontsela. They brought him to me and he appeared before our people's court."

"I questioned him about what he had done. He said he had wanted to kill this man. He said his heart had told him to kill."

"We said to him 'Do you see what you have done? These people could have been roasted alive.' Then Mandontsela became cheeky and wanted to fight with us. There were about 30 of us."

"We told him he would be fined. I said to him 'I am going to give you 200 lashes and he accepted this. I told him that if he kills it is good to be killed so that you can taste what you do to others and he agreed with that.'"

"I told him we don't kill, but we want to turn his mind so that he is able to live with the people peacefully."

"He was sentenced to 200 lashings but after the 25th he screamed for mercy so we stopped. We told him that if commits a crime again he will get the rest of the lashes."

"Yes", said Joe Mahlatsi, "I want to tell you this. The flame that Madontsela had in his hands to roast people alive has slipped out of his hands and down to his buttocks."

KITS COPS: Challenge

to Vlok

UCT body urges action on alleged abuses

By DALE KNEEN
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MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has been challenged to release figures of criminal charges and civil claims against special constables amid claims that misconduct by them is continuing

The University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology made the challenge because police showed "no serious attempt" to address alleged abuse by special constables listed in an academic report released this month

The report contains many allegations of the misuse of firearms, drunkenness, indiscriminate assaults, verbal and sexual abuse and theft on the part of "kitskonstabels" (instant constables)

Standing orders

"It is of concern that no serious attempt is made to deal with the wide range of allegations made by the institute other than to claim that kitskonstabels have had to kill in self-defence and that they are constantly supervised by members of the permanent force," said a statement issued by the institute.

The institute challenged the head of police public relations, General Herman Stadler, to make available SAP standing orders issued or amended in response to the "serious" disciplinary problems experienced with special constables.

"If (any standing orders have been issued or amended they should) be made available for public scrutiny," the statement said

Mr Vlok and General Stadler were also challenged to make available detailed figures relating to criminal charges and civil claims made against special constables since their introduction in late 1986

Community pressure

These figures have hitherto been refused in parliament on the basis that it was not in the public interest or because the compilation of such figures would take too long

"We concede that there has been a decline in the incidence of unlawful conduct by kitskonstabels in some areas

"However, we believe that the improvements that have occurred have been a direct result of community pressure, negative publicity and legal action taken against the kitskonstabels," the statement said

Regular reports of arbitrary and irregular actions on the part of special constables continued to reach the institute's office

Recent examples of misconduct and shootings had been recorded by lawyers in Sandkraal, George and, together with municipal police, in Paballelo, Upington, and Zwelihle, Hermanus

The statement noted that General Stadler's comments in The Argus last week that allegations against special constables could "cause ill-feeling between the constables and the community they serve" assumed that the constables were indeed perceived by the township residents as serving their interests

A community survey conducted by the institute in Bhongolethu, Oudtshoorn, however showed an "overwhelming" rejection of the special constables by residents

"We urge General Stadler and his colleagues to rather address these issues than to attempt to defend the indefensible," the statement said

It was significant that special constables and municipal policemen were questioning their working conditions and role in the township as evidenced by their joining the Police and Prison Warders Civil Rights Union

● General Stadler said the effectiveness of the special constables was greatly dependent on their acceptability to the community they served

"For this reason, any transgression which is re-

ported to the police and substantiated by facts, as opposed to vague allegations to the media, serves a much better purpose as under these circumstances specific transgressions can be investigated and transgressors brought to book

"It must be pointed out that members of the police force are not above the law — we would not have it otherwise

"This has been pointed out by Mr Vlok, the Commissioner of Police and various other senior officers

"I would therefore like to repeat the invitation to any aggrieved party to report such incidents for the necessary investigation," said General Stadler

NEED A RIDE? If you thought Jo'burg mini-buses could get rather crowded, take a look at this Indian father taking his wife and four children for a drive in New Delhi. It's not an unusual sight in that city, where relatively inexpensive scooters are popular for the "medium-sized family".

'We are going to kill police'

VEREENIGING — "Today we are going to kill you policemen — we want Mandela's policemen" was one of the slogans shouted at police by a Sebokeng crowd before the shootings in the township on March 26

This evidence was read yesterday by a member of Sebokeng's Municipal Police force, Warrant Officer Gabriel Johannes van der Lith, before the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry in Vereeniging

The Commission, chaired by Mr Justice RG Goldstone, is investigating circumstances of all incidents — including the Sebokeng shooting — in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

Killed

Several people were killed and many injured during a clash between police and demonstrators that day after a 50 000-strong United Democratic Front march to Vereeniging was halted near the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng. The proposed march had been banned several days before by both the Vereeniging town council and the local chief magistrate

Giving evidence at the inquiry into the shooting, Warrant Officer van der Lith said yesterday he was ordered to patrol the Vaal Triangle Townships on March 26. At one stage during the patrols he heard a crowd of people shouting in Sotho that "today we are going to kill you policemen — we want Mandela's policeman". He is fluent in the language

Warrant Officer van der Lith continued that he and some other municipal policemen under his command later fell in behind a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery's gate. His men were ordered to keep a low profile and not to shoot unless they received an order to do so

When he saw the crowd flanking out to two sides in a threatening manner, he went to his bakkie nearby

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to move the vehicle backwards. It was then that he heard shots ringing out. When he looked up he saw people running away and screaming, and at that point received a radio message to go somewhere else because "people were torching municipal buildings and cars nearby".

Under cross-examination by Karel Tip, a legal adviser with the Bizos team representing relatives of 12 dead people and the injured, Warrant Officer van der Lith said the crowd had never actually stormed the police, but it appeared as if they could have done so at any time

Asked by Mr Tip whether he wasn't shocked by the scenes after the shooting when people fell in the road, Warrant Officer van der Lith stated "No, I wasn't shocked. It was the first time I had ever witnessed a shooting incident with live ammunition, but all of our lives (police) were in danger"

Frightened

He added that he never fired a shot because "before I could shoot everything was already over"

Another policeman who was called to the witness stand yesterday, Constable Samuel Lesikare of the SAP's unrest unit at Vanderbijlpark, also testified that he had heard the crowd "insulting" the police that day. Slogans shouted included, "We are going to hit the police" and "Dogs". They also pointed sticks at police and shouted that they were going to kill the police

According to the constable he fired one round of SSG ammunition into the air during the shooting because he was frightened. He had been hit by a stone on his arm

Goldstone inquiry ⁽²⁵¹⁾ hears police evidence

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VEREENIGING. — "Today we will kill you policemen, because we want Mandela's policemen now," was the slogan heard by WO Gabriel Johannes van der Lith of the Sebokeng municipal police the morning of the shooting on March 26.

Earlier, Constable Willem Joseph John van der Walt of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit testified that the crowd were slowly closing in towards the police.

He denied an allegation put to him by advocate Mr George Bizos that "your specific little group of policemen discussed plans to shoot certain people in the crowd".

The Goldstone Judicial Commission of Inquiry, appointed by the State President, is urgently investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured. — Sapa

What REALLY happened in Welkom

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By DESMOND BLOW

THABONG youths did not intend to march on Welkom last Sunday when they were teargassed by police, but were toyi-toying alongside mineworkers going to taxi ranks outside the Free State township after a meeting in the township.

It had been decided at the meeting to suspend the boycott of Welkom's white businesses on Tuesday.

An investigation by *City Press* this week concluded that the needless teargassing of about 300 unarmed youths led to the unrest that claimed the lives of 12 people and injured more than 100 others.

Observers in the township blame rightwingers on the scene for influencing the police into believing the youths wanted confrontation.

Police claim the youths intended to march into the white suburbs of Welkom. This is also claimed by Blanke Veiligheidsbeweging leader Hennie Muller, who was at the scene.

But people in Thabong say it is a ritual after meetings for youths to escort mineworkers either to the taxi ranks just outside Thabong or to walk part of the way to the mine compounds with them.

"They never intended to go into Welkom. They are too afraid to do so. A few hundred unarmed youths are not likely to invade a town of 50 000 whites patrolled by armed vigilantes," a Thabong attorney told *City Press*.

Confirming this, Thabong Youth Congress chairman Thabo Masoleng denied that the toyi-toying youths were intent on trouble because they disagreed with the decision of the 5 000 people at the meeting to end the boycott of white Welkom businesses on Tuesday.

"The only people who disagreed with the decision to end the boycott were township shopkeepers who stood to lose financially by the end of the boycott, and a certain minority of splinter-group politicians."

"None of those toyi-toying were opposed to ending the boycott."

A mine personnel officer who witnessed the events said police - "clearly not from Welkom" - without warning fired teargas at a mass of people

moving back to the mines accompanied by youths. Observers say that after the youths were teargassed they ran back into the township and armed themselves with stones. They were joined by scores of other people angered by what they had seen.

Police say petrol bombs were hurled at them and they retaliated with pellets and rubber bullets.

The unrest spread to other sections of the township and a criminal element became involved. Taverns and other buildings were torched and police used live ammunition.

That evening Muller told a meeting of about 250 whites to carry weapons and to resume patrols in white suburbs.

"You must carry your weapons. A white man who doesn't is committing suicide," he urged.

There was chaos in Thabong for 48 hours. Fiery barricades were erected along two kilometres of Mothusi Road and in other streets.

However on Tuesday, at a meeting called by Thabiso teachers and attended by 4 000 youths, it was decided to clear the barricades and return to school.

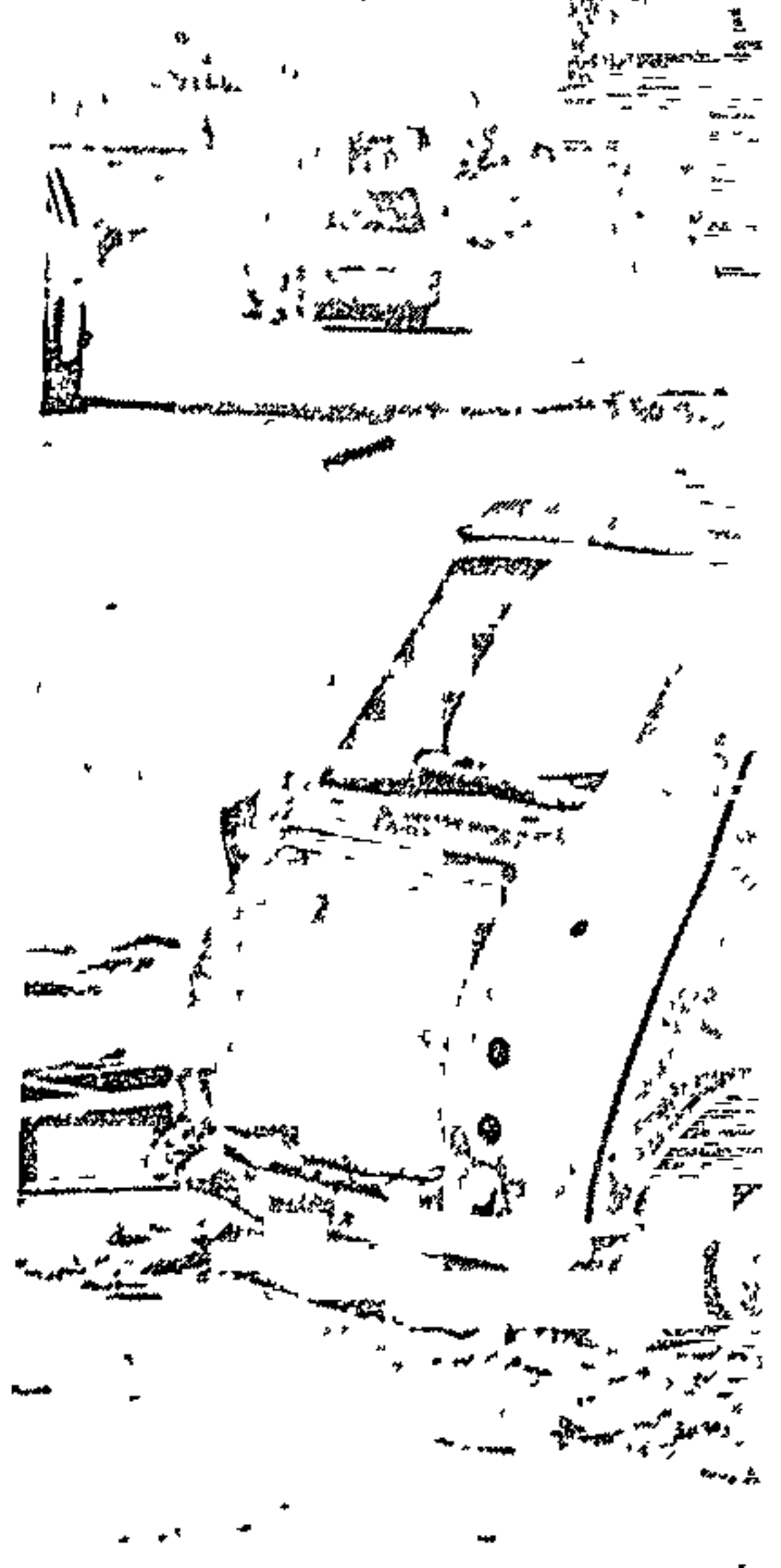
"They had made their protest against the police killings and it was felt the criminal element was taking over and burning taverns and homes," Masoleng said.

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, after the barricades had been cleared, 1 000 policemen supported by members of the SADF and about 60 armoured vehicles, made a "crime prevention" raid of the areas in Thabong believed to be trouble spots.

House-to-house searches were made, but the raid seemed to accomplish little.

The following morning police displayed what they had confiscated in the raid: two knobkerries, one axe, a short-bladed spear, a suspected stolen video recorder and six packets of dagga. Some gold was also said to have been confiscated.

The black boycott of white businesses in retaliation to action by white vigilantes was most successful and this increased the tension and insecurity felt by white extremists. Rumours spread that they were in danger from blacks.



Empty shells of vehicles and plumes of

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A senior member of the UDF said that Inkatha action by Muller had contributed to the riot in the township.

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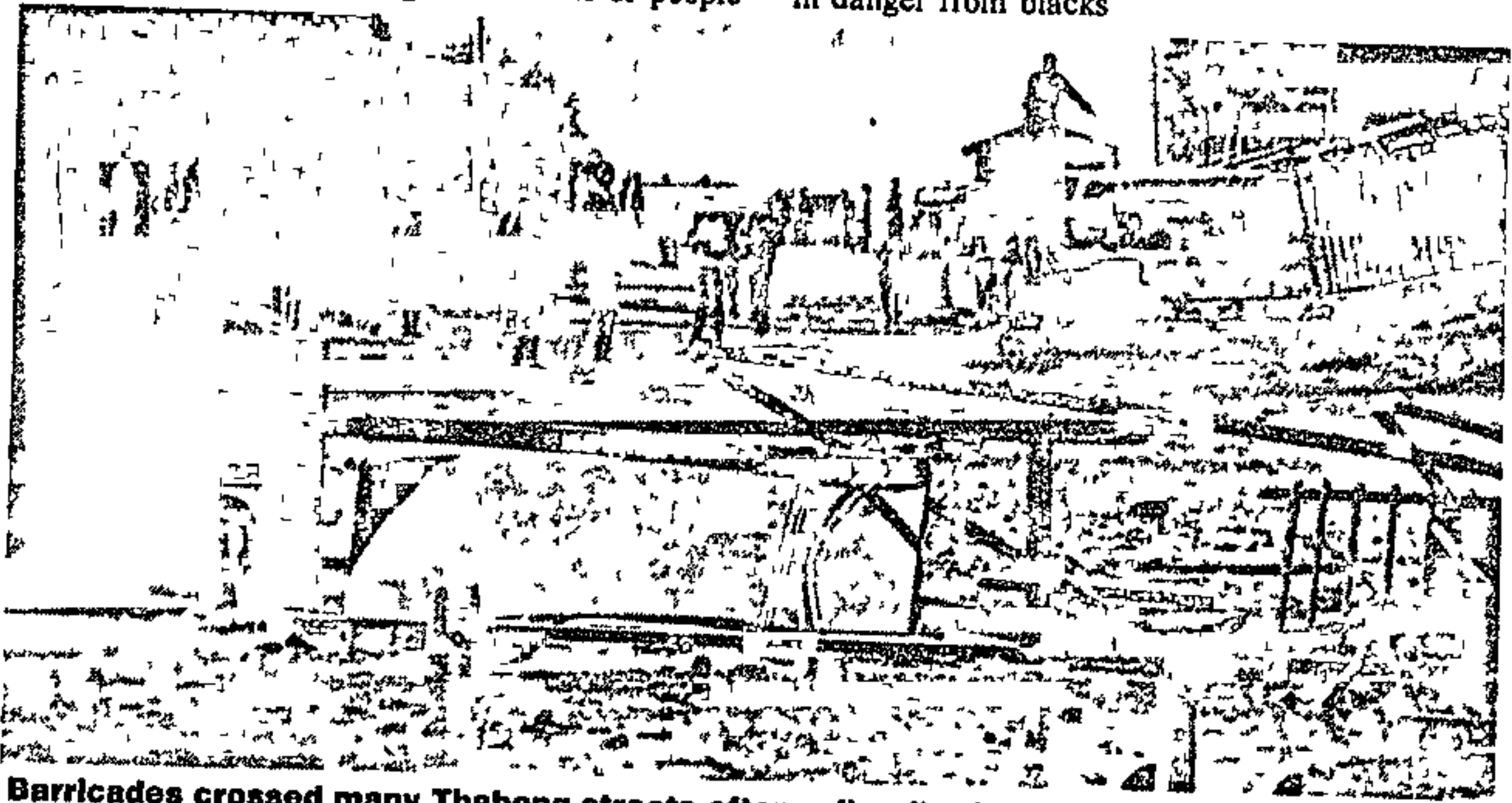
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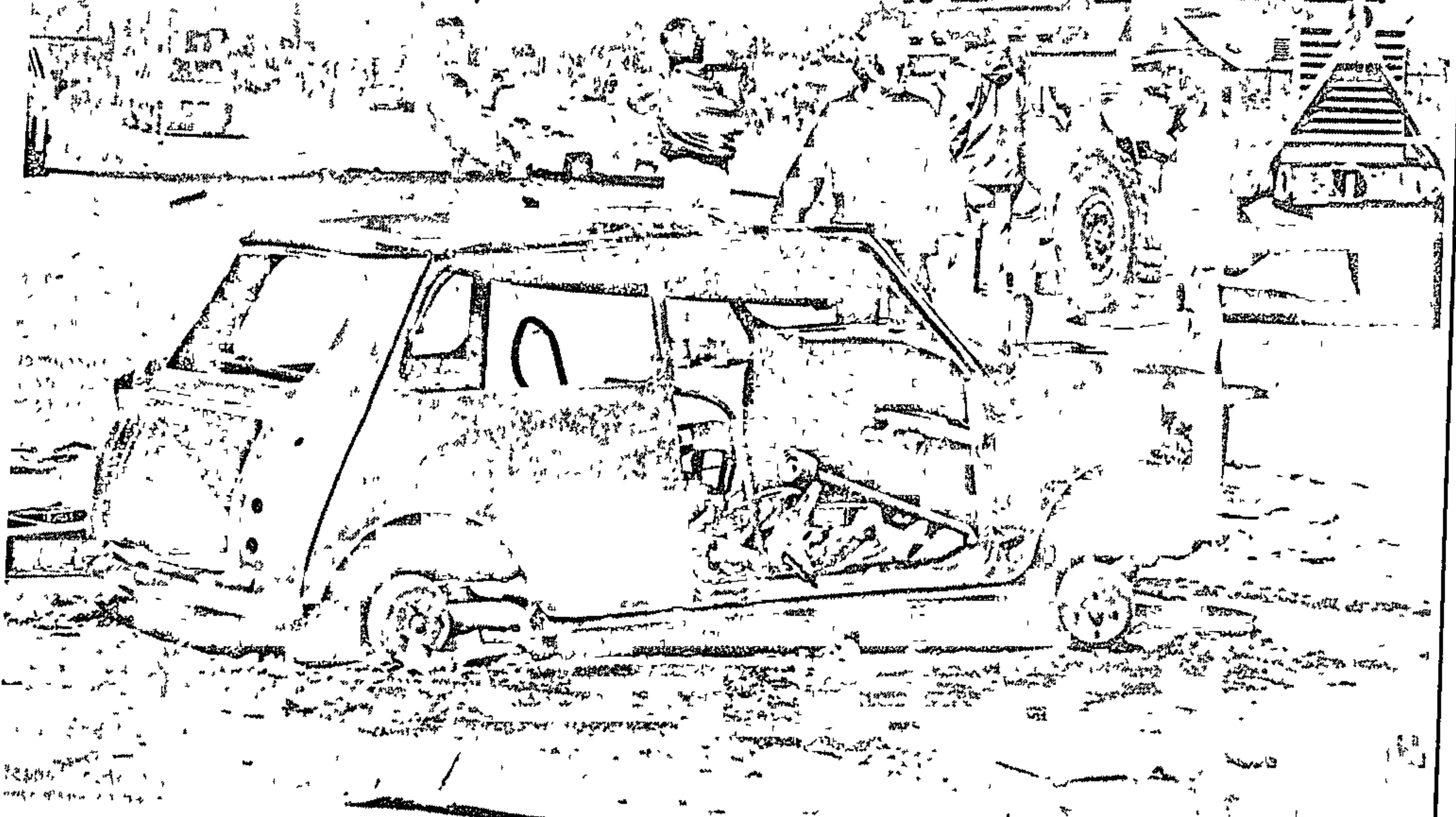
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Barricades crossed many Thabong streets after police fired on youths last weekend.

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Youth forced into attack

A 13-YEAR-OLD boy is in police custody in Welkom on a charge of public violence, police liaison officer Maj Johann Fouche confirmed on Friday

Fernando Ndlovu was picked up in a minibus by several "bigger boys" on Monday night and forced to participate in a petrol-bomb attack on a "comrade's" house, according to his father Salmao Ndlovu, 46

"The boys took advantage of the fact he spoke Shangaan and could not speak Sotho. He was caught red-handed after being used as a pawn," Ndlovu said

The boy was caught during the attack by neighbours who took him to the police on Tuesday

Ndlovu said he saw his son in court on Wednesday, and claimed he had been assaulted. "His face is swollen," he alleged

Ndlovu comes from GaZankulu but has lived in Thabong township and worked on President Steyn gold mine since 1971

Fernando appears in court again on June 15 and has been promised a Shangaan interpreter

UDF, Cosatu and NUM representatives met in Thabong township on Thursday night to discuss the formation of the Northern Free State branch of the ANC, according to a senior Thabong activist

Discussions focused on the appointment and election of "zonal representatives" to the ANC Regional Executive Committee

Representatives from UDF-affiliated Thabong youth, student and women's organisations and civic associations met earlier on Thursday to discuss funeral arrangements for the 12 people killed on Sunday and Monday in police action in the township

The dead are to be buried at a mass funeral next weekend

The education crisis and recent events were also discussed following a youth and student meeting on Tuesday which resolved to work for a normalisation of the situation in the township, according to Thabong Youth Congress president Paul Mahlatsi

THE Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference has appealed to those in positions of authority and leadership to find solutions to the Welkom race crisis

Directing its plea at the security forces, community organisations and vigilantes, the SACBC in the Free State and Goldfields said it had witnessed the recent violence in Welkom and Thabong with pain and sadness

"We deeply regret the loss of life which occurred and all the suffering that has arisen as a result," the SACBC said in a statement on Friday

"We extend our sincerest condolences to the families of all the deceased"

The SACBC called on leaders and those in positions of authority to work together to identify the causes which had "led to this angry expression of frustration"

"We appeal to the police and security forces to act with restraint and sensitivity and to bear in mind that their presence often serves to inflame, rather than defuse, the situation

"We urgently request all organisations and structures in Welkom and Thabong to normalise the situation by maintaining discipline among their members and by avoiding provocative speech and action

"Clearly, vigilante action only worsens the tension and should be stopped

"It is essential that uncontrolled elements which use the existing tension for their own purposes, be brought under control by community leaders," the statement said - Sapa

I fired through fear, says cop

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A POLICEMAN who fired two rounds of buckshot into a 50 000-strong crowd at Sebokeng had "felt so threatened I would have fired the first shot if my colleague's gun had not fired accidentally shortly before".

This was said by SAP Const Gideon Johannes Jacobus Joubert of the Vereeniging Cattle Theft Unit before the Goldstone Commission on Friday

Judge RJ Goldstone's commission is urgently investigating the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 at Sebokeng in which at least 12 people were killed and about 300 injured.

A UDF protest march was stopped that day by a police contingent of about 60 men from undertaking a march to the National Party offices in Vereeniging, for which no permission had been obtained

Joubert said he would have

fired the first shot if his colleague, Const Shaun van Rhyn, had not already done so

"I was frightened enough as they threw stones and were closing in, and moreover felt it was my duty as a policeman to stop this huge, uncontrollable crowd from entering Vereeniging"

The crowd had appeared very threatening. "They were waving knobkieries, singing, dancing and slowly closing in towards the police line. The marshals were unable to control the crowd"

He saw stones thrown from the crowd and felt "very anxious as I knew they were going to attack", heard one shot and immediately fired two rounds of buckshot into the crowd. He aimed at "legs and bodies below the belt", he testified

Sebokeng municipal police W/O Gabriel Johannes van der

Lith told the commission he had heard the chant: "Today we will kill you policemen, because we want Mandela's policemen now."

Van der Lith said demonstrators had frequently shouted this slogan to him in Sotho - which he speaks fluently - while he patrolled the townships from early that morning

He said he believed the demonstrators meant to carry out their stated threats to kill policemen.

Earlier, Const Willem Joseph John van der Walt of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit testified the crowd was singing "Shaya ma Boere", dancing and slowly moving towards the police line

He said he saw stones thrown from the crowd, believed it was going to attack the police, heard a shot nearby - and fired two rounds of buckshot into the crowd

The hearing continues. - Sapa.

Cops plotted to frame Boesak - claim

A PLOT of the National Intelligence Service (NIS) to lead Allan Boesak, other anti-apartheid leaders and Soviet diplomats into a trap to prove a communist conspiracy against South Africa and cause an international scandal, has been exposed.

A former agent of the NIS and the security police spilled the beans in an interview with the Afrikaans weekly *Vrye Weekblad*.

He also revealed that plans were made to lead Albertina Sisulu, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Cosatu leader Jay Naidoo into traps to prove a "communist onslaught" against the country.

Boesak, who had two meetings with the agent, a Springbok sportsman, described the plan this week as "diabolical".

He said it could have destroyed his career in the NG Sendingkerk. "It shows to what depths the government is prepared to stoop to prove the 'total onslaught'," he said.

The plan failed because the agent became too friendly with the Russians and respected Boesak too much to betray him.

According to the plan:

- Meetings between Boesak and an Oleg D Khodyref, a senior Soviet diplomat based in Lesotho, were to be arranged. The two would then be led into a trap;
- Secret meetings were to be arranged between Jay Naidoo and other Cosatu leaders and the Soviets in Lesotho. The Co-

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satu leaders were to be arrested when they re-entered South Africa. The agent said he met former Cosatu official Frank Meintjes twice, and Meetings between the Soviets and Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Albertina Sisulu were to be set up. The agent failed to contact Sisulu but he said he met Tutu once at an airport.

Khodyref, who has strong links with the KGB, was to be used to create an international incident and an embarrass-

ment to the Soviet Union.

The agent had two meetings - in 1987 and beginning of 1988 - with Boesak in his office in Bellville. Boesak said he had no objections to meeting Khodyref in the interest of peace.

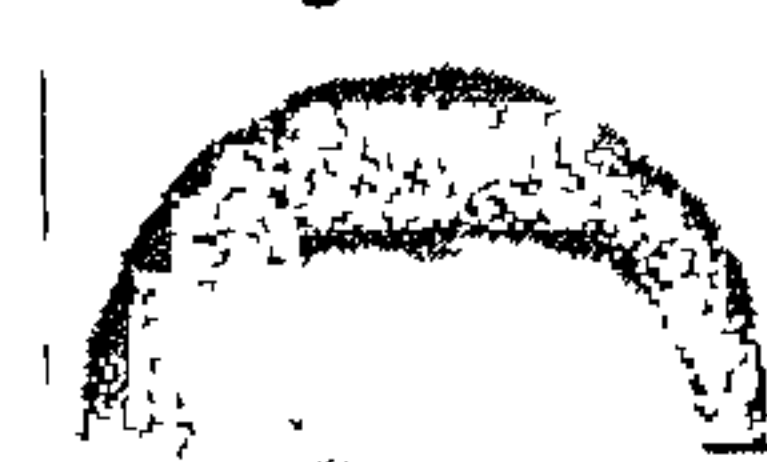
Boesak told *Vrye Weekblad* this week: "I remember him very very well. We saw each other twice. He (the agent) told me about his links with the Russians. During our first meeting we drank tea and discussed politics, church and other things. I remember well that he

asked me how I felt about whites.

"During our second meeting he directly proposed that I meet the Russian diplomat in Cape Town. He proposed the meeting in the interest of peace. He said the diplomat would influence his countrymen and government to bring peace to South Africa.

"He was very credible and I had no idea he was an agent."

Political comment and newsbills by K Sibuya, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg



Family in fear of police

By NAT DISEKO

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THE Ramasodi family of Orlando West, Soweto, are living in fear because they are allegedly harassed continuously by the security police.

Widowed Priscilla Ramasodi, 82, who is head of the family, said the latest incident was on Thursday morning as her 15-year-old granddaughter, also Priscilla, was getting ready to go to school.

She said policemen jumped over her fence and crowded into the house.

She said they had with them a file with photos of various people, among them her son Sydney, 40, who went into exile in 1976.

"At first they asked little Priscilla whether her uncle Sydney ever wrote to us. Later, they said to me we should 'negotiate'. One of the policemen then said to me Sydney was in the mortuary.

"I was very upset to hear this and another policemen remonstrated with the one who had said Sydney was in the mortuary, saying he should not make such sick jokes with an elderly person."

Ramasodi said she was generally in poor health.

Her daughter, nursing sister Norah Ramasodi, 50, said she was afraid her mother had been bedridden for the past two months.

Ramasodi said there have been many such "visits" Four weeks ago the family was woken by heavy knocking on the back door 1am. Granddaughter Priscilla went to answer the persistent knocks.

"Suddenly I heard Priscilla scream. I hurried to find out what the matter was, only to find her face to face with a white man pointing a gun at her.

"The house was soon full of Afrikaans-speaking white men. They refused to identify themselves and did not say what they wanted. There were many cars outside and the occupants said they wanted Sydney because they had heard he was coming back into the country to cause trouble."

Police spokesman Lt Col Tienie Halgryn said it was normal police duty during Operation Watchdog to check on families of people outside the country and that the police would continue this procedure.

Police admit shooting 2 in tense Free State township

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Three people have died in police shootings in Masilo township, outside Theunissen in the OFS, in the past week, a youth leader claimed yesterday

A boycott of white businesses in the town — which entered its 13th day yesterday — might end tomorrow, he added

Northern Free State police liaison officer Major Johann Fouche confirmed that two people died in police shooting in Masilo last week, but said he would only be able to comment on the third death today

Friction began in the township — 50 km from Welkom — on March 26, said the youth, a committee member of the SA Youth Congress's Masilo branch who asked not to be named

Damaged

On that day a black businessman's wife allegedly allowed police to use his van to round up youth activists during a school boycott

They approached her after their armoured Hippo vehicle had broken down in the township

Since then the Masilo shopping centre and a house, both owned by Kwenane Moilola, had been extensively damaged in arson attacks

The supermarket, and a shoe shop belonging to a Mr Mota Diboka — an associate of Mr Moilola — were set on fire on Saturday evening and again on Sunday morning

SAP public relations officer in Pretoria, Major Mike Lombard, yesterday confirmed that "a group of blacks caused extensive damage when they set alight a supermarket and shoe shop" in Masilo

"When police arrived, they were attacked by the mob

"The police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets and shotguns to disperse the group"

He said four people were slightly injured and 22 arrested

According to the youth activist, a meeting took place on Friday evening

between residents and Theunissen police station commander Lieutenant van Rooyen

The officer "promised at the meeting that he would get Mr Moilola and Mr Diboka and their families to leave Masilo" — one of the township's conditions for the lifting of the consumer boycott of white businesses

The youth leader reported yesterday afternoon that the two families had left the township and the Masilo Civic Association and Youth Congress expected the boycott to end tomorrow

A meeting of residents and the two organisations, to discuss the future of the boycott, is scheduled for this afternoon

Asked why the supermarket and shoe shop had been burnt after Friday's assurance by police that the two families would leave Masilo, the youth leader said

"Residents are still very angry about the deaths"

He said residents had set the shop on fire again yesterday morning and there had been further looting

The original decision to boycott white businesses, which began on May 15, was taken because Mr Moilola "has a partnership with a white businessman — Mr Fred Ben — of Theunissen"

Killing mob

"Everyone in Masilo has stuck to the boycott these past 13 days," the youth leader said

He stressed, however, that the unrest in Masilo was not of a political nature but was "a residential problem"

"It is not a war between Comrades and anti-Comrades. We haven't had any anti-Comrades until now," he said

Mr Moilola's home was originally set on fire in early April, a week after police had used his van and after he refused a request from youth leaders to help secure the release of seven activists

The youths have since been released on bail — Sapa

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Group appeals to policemen to stay in the force

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Support the Police Action Group (Spag) has appealed to policemen to stay in the force until a better remuneration deal was worked out. Handing over a cheque of R2 000 to Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner Major-General Gert Erasmus, Spag chairman Mrs Avril Budd said South Africa and the SAP needed its policemen desperately.

"South Africa really needs you now — so stay on in the force because we do not doubt that something will be done to improve your lot," Mrs Budd said in Johannesburg.

PETITION

She said Spag was compiling a petition — which already had 25 000 signatures — to be sent to President De Klerk. This was being done to get more attention focused on urgent salary increases needed for policemen.

It was hoped that the document would be handed over within the next few weeks.

The cheque handed over by Mrs Budd will go to the SAP Widows and Orphans Fund. The money was donated by the Transvaal Nomad Bowlers.

"It is gratifying to know that through the work of Spag there is a growing concern in the public sector regarding the critical situation which faces our police force in these days of crisis in our country," said Mrs Budd.

She added that R1 billion of the R3 billion set aside by the government for the upliftment of blacks should have been spent of the police.

M-Net broadcasting licence

*13 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 29 on 20 March 1990 the consideration of the application by M-Net with regard to amending its broadcasting licence has been completed, if not why not if so, with what result?

B1124E

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

No, further particulars were requested. The matter is therefore still under consideration.

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman arising from the reply of the hon the Minister when does he anticipate the Cabinet will take a decision and, secondly, what is his personal recommendation with regard to the suggestion that M-Net should be allowed to broadcast news?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, it will be done in a matter of weeks and the decision will be taken by the full Cabinet. There are no personal recommendations in this regard.

+Dr P W A MULDER Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply how extensively is he prepared to consult with a view to the recommendation to the Cabinet on the M-Net situation?

-The MINISTER Mr Chairman all possible relevant information is being gathered and after it is available, a decision will be taken. It should take place within weeks.

Assault against members of SAP

*14 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether any progress has been made in the cases of five persons particulars of whom have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, relating to charges of assault against members of the South African Police, if not, why not if so, (a) what progress (b) what are the names of these persons and (c) what were the circumstances surrounding these charges?

B1125E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) to (c)

Three of the cases to which the hon member refers, namely those of Lydia Mazibuko, the Majoli family and the Mkhize family, are being investigated under the personal supervision of General Stan Schutte. The investigation of these cases has almost been completed and it is anticipated that they will shortly be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision.

Victor Langa lodged a charge of assault at the South African Police, Plessislaer, after he had been arrested on a charge of attempted murder. However, this complainant refuses to assist the Police in their investigation. He informed the investigating officer that he would convey the information at his disposal to the Police, via his attorney. He was also not prepared to reveal the identity of his attorney. Up until now, no further information has been received from him or his attorney. He is at present awaiting trial on the charge of attempted murder.

In the instance of Lucky Ndlovu, no record of the complaint that was alleged to have been lodged could be traced. If he would still like to lodge a complaint, it would be appreciated if he could immediately make an affidavit available to the South African Police.

*15 Mr L Fuchs — Justice [Withdrawn]

St Lucia wilderness area, KwaZulu

*16 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Development Aid +

(1) Whether any portion of KwaZulu falls within the boundaries of the new larger St Lucia wilderness area, if so,

(2) whether the Government intends removing the portion concerned from the said wilderness area, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what way, (b) when and (c) what is the size of this portion?

B1137E

The MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) No. To avoid any misconception I however wish to point out that there is a portion of KwaZulu (Reserve No 1) which is surrounded by the St Lucia wilderness area.

(2) Falls away

Dukuduku forest: Black squatters

*17 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs +

(1) Whether there are any Black squatters living in the Dukuduku forest near St Lucia, if so, (a) (i) how many are estimated to be living in this forest at present and (ii) in respect of what date is this figure furnished and (b) since when have they been squatting there,

(2) whether the Government intends taking any steps to remove these squatters, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when?

B1139E

+The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(a) (i) Estimated 400 families

(ii) 30 April 1990

(b) Squatting commenced immediately after the 1987 floods and gained momentum during 1989.

(2) The Department of Environment Affairs and the State Attorney have already instituted legal proceedings, and in terms of the *sub judice* rule, neither my colleague the Minister of Environment Affairs nor I can supply any further information at this stage.

Smutsville, referendum

*18 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs +

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 4 on 15 May 1990, his Department and/or the Cape Provincial Administration has been informed that the town council of Sedgefield held a referendum among the Coloured community of Smutsville in connection with the settlement of approximately 35 Black families in their area, if so, what was the result of the referendum;

(2) whether his Department has been informed what steps the said town council has taken or intends taking in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details,

(3) whether these steps are in accordance with the policy of his Department?

B1140E

+The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) No. The Cape Provincial Administration ascertained telephonically from the Town Clerk of Sedgefield that a referendum was held on 8 November 1989. Of the 500 registered voters 114 voted against the settlement of Blacks in Smutsville and 21 voted in favour thereof.

(2) No.

(3) As the reply to question (2) supra is no, it is not possible to supply an answer in this regard.

INTERPELLATIONS

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Own Affairs

New education models: additional information

Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture +

(1) Whether he has submitted any additional information on the two new education models to the bodies which he had approached to advise him on them before 15 June, if so, what are the relevant details,

(2) whether at that time this additional information was also made available to opposition parties in the House of Assembly, if not, why not, if so, when?

B1160E INT

*The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, with reference to the two questions asked in the first part of this interpellation, my reply is that additional guidelines and not information, have in fact been given only to the advisory bodies on a confidential basis for assessment of the models, or for further inputs. The reply to the second part of the interpellation is no.

*Mr A GERBER Mr Chairman what is happening in this House this afternoon is simply

+Mr H A SMITT He has no respect for the Chair!

[The hon member for Overvaal thereupon withdrew from the Chamber]

+The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I now once again call on the hon the State President

+The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister of Justice said in public that he had informed me after I became leader of the NP and that I was aware of the fact that Mr Mandela would meet Mr P W Botha On account of my line function prior to this, I was not involved with this matter [Interjections]

Ministers

Question standing over from Tuesday, 22 May 1990

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signing

*20 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Whether, subsequent to his reply to Question No 9 on 20 February 1990, the Government has taken a decision to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, if not, why not, if so, when does it intend to sign the treaty? B1066E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (for the Minister of Foreign Affairs)

The position of the Government has not changed in essence since I replied to Question No 9 on 20 February this year

New questions

Adoptions: different race groups

*1 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

Whether the race group of prospective adoptive parents is a factor in determining their suitability, if so, why? B1048E

+The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

Yes

The Child Care Act, 1983 (Act 73 of 1983) provides that the court shall not place a child in the custody of any person whose classification in terms of the Population Registration Act,

Cape Town. deaths due to unrest-related incidents

*3 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether any persons died in Cape Town as a result of unrest on or about 6 September 1989 if so, how many? B1056E

+The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

No As far as could be ascertained not in the area of jurisdiction of the Cape Town police station

Durban academic hospital. earthworks programme delayed

*4 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

(1) Whether the Cabinet injunction not to proceed with major hospital construction has meant that the commencement of the earthworks programme for the new Durban academic hospital has been delayed, if so, (a) for how long has it been delayed and (b) what additional costs are likely to be incurred as a result,

(2) whether the University of Natal has been informed of the delay, if not, why not if so, when,

(3) whether she will furnish the date on which the said earthworks programme will commence, if not, why not, if so, what is that date? B1068E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) No,

(2) falls away.

(3) the existing planning provides for the calling of tenders during July 1990

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Minister, I wish to say that her reply now is in total contradiction to a reply to a similar question asked in respect of the Natal Provincial Administration's Hospital Services Section, which indicated that there had been a delay of six months in the earthworks commencement

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! What is the hon member's question?

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Chairman, is the hon the Minister aware of the position of the Natal Provincial Administration?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the answer is yes I stated during the discussion of my Vote that the situation at King Edward VIII Hospital is being considered as a priority

*5 Mr R R Hulley—Law and Order [Question standing over]

Irradiated food. health problems

*6 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

Whether she or her Department has received any reports of instances or alleged instances of individuals experiencing health problems as a result of the consumption of irradiated food, if so, (a) when, (b) from whom and (c) what was the (i) purport of and (ii) response to each such report? B1071E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

No

Harms Commission. evidence by Minister

*7 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether he in his capacity as the Minister of Defence is willing to give evidence in person before the Harms Commission, if not why not, if so,

(2) whether he has indicated this willingness to the chairman of the Commission, if not, why not if so, when? B1075E

+The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) Yes

(2) Yes By means of my legal representative during February, 1990 and personally on 2 March 1990 The hon member is also referred to column 1631 of the Hansard of 26 February 1990

Cycads illegally removed

*8 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether certain persons particulars of whom have been furnished to the Minis-

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General Affairs

Theft of arms progress in investigation

Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

What progress has been made in the investigation into the theft of arms from the South African Air Force Headquarters in Pretoria on or about 18 April 1990 in which a certain person whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply was allegedly involved? B1194E INT

*Mr S C JACOBS Tell us about yesterday evening!

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Chairman yesterday evening there were a bunch of ill-mannered CP members present at the meeting and I hope they will be better behaved today! [Interjections] I should like to reply as follows

As a result of competent detective work by members of the SA Police quick and positive results, which the Commissioner and I are very proud of, were achieved

Within the short space of three days—in fact on 17 April 1990 at approximately 02 30—three arrests were made in connection with the thefts. Those arrested confessed to the crime, the confessions being corroborated by evidence. Shortly afterwards—in fact on 18 April 1990 at approximately 22 00—another arrest was made in connection with the crime. It was in regard to this arrest that an attempt was made to free the prisoner from police custody. As a result of very good detective work and information gathered by the SA Police the person responsible for this was arrested. He has subsequently been sentenced to an effective two years imprisonment.

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cannot imagine why that is the case. I have got certain theories which I shall put forward in a moment, but I feel that if the SA Police cannot find one person in the Western Transvaal I find that simply not good enough. The man has been on the run for more than six weeks now and I feel that the police should have done something about apprehending him.

The security forces have been able over many years to track the movement of insurgents. When they have come across the border into Botswana they have monitored their progress towards South Africa and I find it very difficult to understand why one person on the run in the confines of the Western Transvaal cannot be apprehended particularly as he is someone who regularly tweaks the nose of this hon. Minister by phoning in to newspapers to boast about his exploits and his acts of sabotage. Why cannot he be caught?

I do not believe it is incompetence. There are good detectives in the Force although this hon. Minister and many of his predecessors have done all they can to undermine the police.

They have done this by making them enforce many ridiculous inhuman and incomprehensible or unenforceable apartheid laws such as pass laws mixed marriages laws and immorality laws. These men were required to go around feeling whether a bed was warm rather than enforcing the law.

Therefore, I believe it is not incompetence but may be a reluctance on the part of certain members of the Force. Some of the rightwingers were encouraged to join the SA Police Force over the many years that this Government has been in office. Are some of these rightwingers in the Force looking after their friend? Is he being protected by a certain element in the SA Police Force who recall the Robey Leibbrandt saga some years ago? There are many good men in the SA Police Force, but there are also some bad eggs.

I believe the Government has wrecked the morale of the SA Police Force by putting them at the cutting edge of apartheid, by taking them for granted and by not paying them adequately over the years by abusing them politically in this country and by making them work long hours and in often dangerous conditions.

The Government is not preparing a non-partisan traditional police force which has to be the custodian of law and order. I believe this Minister has something to do with that and he should make sure that something happens in the very near future.

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, the theft of weapons and the recent explosion in Pretoria offer tangible proof of the present tense atmosphere in South Africa.

The CP rejects violence as a method of achieving political objectives and we condemn instances in which this has in fact, taken place. We do however understand the unrest amongst Whites at present. The hon. the State President has prompted that state of affairs and today he must take responsibility for the confusion, unrest and fury that has been unleashed amongst Whites.

The unrest has nothing to do with so-called White fears because such fears do not exist. [Interjections] Whites are no more or less afraid than anyone else. The Afrikaners do have legitimate political aspirations. It is those legitimate aspirations which are being jeopardised at present by the Government's reform measures. The crux of the present problem is the fact that the hon. the State President is not only acting without the necessary mandate but is acting in direct conflict with the mandate he did receive. [Interjections] His actions are therefore immoral and he is disregarding the will of the majority of the voters in South Africa. The hon. the State President is moving away from democracy.

*Mr P W COETZER Mr Chairman, on a point of order. Approximately 10 days ago, when I used the expression 'immoral political action', the Chair ruled it out of order, and I submit that the hon. member for Overvaal has just used the same expression.

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon. member for Overvaal must withdraw the word 'immoral'.

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE I withdraw 'immoral'. Sir.

The Government can expect an escalation of unrest and rage amongst the Whites if he continues along the present undemocratic path. Today we again appeal to the hon. the State President to

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adhere to the democratic process and to act within the context of his mandate. In doing so he would have nothing to fear. Then the unrest and rage would subside.

*Mr H J BEKKER What mandate do you people have?

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Whether there are going to be further problems and further unrest, depends on the hon the State President. He must adhere to the democratic process, within the framework of his mandate, or the situation will increasingly be exacerbated, and the blame will lie with him. [Interjections]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Chairman, there is just one question I want to put to the hon member for Overaal. Who won the election on 6 September of last year? [Interjections] Who won the election? [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! [Interjections] Order! [Interjections]

*The MINISTER The hon member may not ask me a question. I asked him a question to which I shall reply. I shall furnish a reply. [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Overaal!

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, in the light of the fact that the hon the Minister asked me a question. [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Overaal must resume his seat. The hon the Minister may continue.

*The MINISTER The NP won the election. [Interjections] Here we are sitting on this side, and there sit the few hon CP members. [Interjections] We went to the voters with certain proposals, which they agreed to and we are now implementing those proposals. [Interjections] It seems to me, however, as if the CP does not want to accept that. The hon member says we should respect democracy, but they specifically do not.

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE You do not know the word.

*The MINISTER Sir, that is precisely what we are doing. [Interjections] We democratically won the election. There are more NP members

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able that they cannot get their hands on him. [Interjections]

I want to tell the hon the Minister that our concern involves the fact that this is the kind of thing that undermines confidence in the police in the long term.

Mr Piet Rudolph's name is now being added to a long list of people—members of Government bodies or right-wing elements—who have committed crimes—in some cases murder—which the police have not had much success in solving over the years. That is why a list of 72 murders is before the Harms Commission. We cannot go on tolerating this kind of situation, and the hon the Minister must understand that he has a tremendous responsibility to do something about this.

I want to ask him how certain he is that he can depend on the loyalty of every person in his department as far as this is concerned. How certain is he that he can depend on every person's loyalty? I am not merely speaking about the investigating officers involved in tracing Mr Piet Rudolph, and in particular the weapons. Are there others in his department who receive information which they do not pass on, as they are duty-bound to do? Could the hon the Minister give us any assurances about this?

I just want to mention to him that in the past day or so there was a news item in the Press about the AWB's intention to furnish commando training here in the Western Cape. Has his department taken note of that and is it going to do something about it? [Time expired]

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, I believe that Piet Rudolph can be caught. [Interjections]

Mr D DE V GRAAFF Then why don't you catch him? [Interjections]

Mr P G SOAL I believe that this hon Minister can do it but he has to put some steel into his spine. [Interjections] That is what he must do. [Interjections] He must stop smiling. If those fools at the back would stop laughing I might be able to make a point. [Interjections]

Mr S S VAN DER MERWE Hon fools! [Interjections]

Mr P G SOAL The hon the Minister has to stop smiling at Eugène Terre-Blanche.

*Mr J J NIEMANN Mr Chairman, on a point of order. The hon member referred to the back-benchers as "fools". Is it permissible?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Johannesburg North must withdraw the word "fools".

Mr P G SOAL I withdraw the word, Mr Chairman. If those hon members would stop laughing I might be able to make my point.

The hon the Minister must stop smiling at Eugène Terre-Blanche. [Interjections]

*Mr P W COETZER Mr Chairman, on a further point of order. Is it permissible for the hon member for Green Point to refer to hon members on this side of the House as "hon fools"?

*Mr S S VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, I withdraw that.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Johannesburg North may continue.

Mr P G SOAL I say let us have some action!

The hon the Minister says that there are some people who are protecting Mr Rudolph. I want to ask him what he is doing about those people who are protecting him because I also believe that there are people protecting him. What is he doing about this situation? [Time expired]

*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER Mr Chairman, it is very clear to me now that the hon member who asked the question has received the information I gave him. He is now simply making random attempts to fabricate all kinds of stories about this. [Interjections] We regard this as a very serious matter and are therefore trying our level best to catch this man. The hon member is now telling me to charge the people who are hiding him, but heavens above, if I knew who was hiding him, I would catch him and charge them. [Interjections] What nonsense is this? Surely Johannesburg North does not produce such stupid people? [Interjections] I want to tell hon members

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, on a point of order Is the hon the Minister allowed to talk about "dom members from Johannesburg North" [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I heard the hon the Minister referring to dom membe

*The MINISTER Mr Chairman I said that surely Johannesburg North did not produce such stupid people unless the hon member wants to accept the fact that it does [Interjections]

*Mr W C MALAN Mr Chairman on a point of order My submission is that the hon the Minister said that surely Johannesburg North did not produce people as stupid as the hon member [Interjections] I suggest that you ask the hon the Minister what he meant

*The MINISTER Mr Chairman I am always prepared to withdraw if That would solve the problem [Time expired]

Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

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General Affairs

State President

Mandela visit by Cabinet members

*1 Adv S C JACOBS asked the State President -

(1) Whether he and any members of his Cabinet excluding the Minister of Justice visited or received Mr Nelson Mandela inside or outside prison if so (a) on how many occasions (b) where and (c) which Ministers were present on each occasion

(2) whether future meetings between him and/or his Ministers and Mr Mandela were mentioned on any of these occasions, if so

(3) whether the constitutional future of South Africa was discussed during their talks if so what are the relevant details?

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*The STATE PRESIDENT

(1) (a) (b) and (c) are being dealt with in respect of meetings during the period before Mr Mandela's release when I was involved I received Mr Mandela in my office on two occasions Ministers Viljoen and Coetsee were present on both these occasions Meetings which took place after his release are common public knowledge

(2) No further fixed appointments between me and/or the Ministers concerned and Mr Mandela were made at either of these meetings The further meetings which took place were the result of certain needs which became relevant at various stages

(3) Apart from passing and broad statements of views on general aspects of policy, there was no discussion about South Africa's constitutional future From the side of the Government all discussions thus far have been directed at reaching a clear commitment to seeking peaceful solutions before negotiation on South Africa's constitutional future can take place

*Adv S C JACOBS Mr Chairman arising out of the hon the State President's reply may we ask on what dates the visits on these two occasions took place?

*The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman I do not have my diary with me but both were reported in the press The one was late last year and the other was a few days before the actual release

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the State President's reply were any of the two interviews which he held with Mr Mandela before 6 September?

*The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman the reply is no There was an interview between my predecessor and Mr Mandela before 6 September which produced certain results

*Adv S C JACOBS Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the State President's reply

were any discussions held with a view to talks with Mr Mandela before 6 September?

*The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman the approach of the Government in respect of talks with the ANC is clear to everyone It is not the untruths on which the CP bases its propaganda against the NP

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Such as what?

*The STATE PRESIDENT It is not to surrender the Whites to Black domination [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

*The STATE PRESIDENT It is not to surrender the Whites to oppression and it is not to destroy the freedom of the Whites

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE It is!

*The STATE PRESIDENT The object of the talks as I stated in a speech as far back as July is to ensure that the basis of participation by people who commit themselves to peaceful solutions is as broad as possible

It is in the best interest of South Africa that parties and movements and individuals who were previously committed to violence and who participated in violence turn away from violence It is in the best interest of South Africa that the numbers of those people who wish to strive for reasonable solutions and who truly wish to seek solutions in a peaceful manner be increased as far as possible This is what the Government is doing and the CP is at present doing precisely the opposite [Interjections]

*Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman further arising out of the hon the State President's reply will he tell us whether Mr Mandela has renounced violence yet?

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE Daan where are your platters? [Interjections]

*The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman the hon member is referring firstly

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Just say yes or no man!

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

*The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman the hon member Mr H D K van der Merwe is referring firstly to what was announced in a press

release after Mr Mandela met my predecessor the first time Then already it was said that Mr Mandela strives after peaceful solutions [Interjections] I have had the same experience in discussions with him and I refer the hon member to the terms which were announced publicly in the joint statement after the Groote Schuur talks

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE But did he renounce violence?

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE You see, Sir he does not answer it!

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member or Overaal will take his seat immediately and restrain himself from any further interjections

*Adv S C JACOBS Mr Chairman further arising from the reply of the hon the State President and in the light of the fact that the hon the Minister of Justice announced on a previous occasion that the Government had been holding talks with Mr Mandela since 1985 will the hon the State President tell us whether he knew while he was still Minister of National Education that the members of Mr P W Botha's Cabinet had held talks with Mr Nelson Mandela in 1985 already?

*The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Chairman the hon Minister [Interjections]

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE [Inaudible]

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Overaal will now withdraw from the Chamber immediately!

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman I was only busy

*The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon member for Overaal will withdraw from the Chamber now!

*Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Yes now I will leave the Chamber! I am only gathering my things so that I can go! [Interjections]

*Mr H A SMITH Leave man! Leave! [Interjections]

*The CHIEF WHIP OF PARLIAMENT But surely he cannot get away with that!

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'Hard to halt Sebokeng march at short notice'

By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

An organiser of the proposed UDF march through Vereeniging, which was scheduled for March 26, yesterday told the Goldstone Commission they had intended going ahead with the event unless there was a heavy police presence.

Bavumile Vilakazi, a member of the Vaal Civic Association and UDF area committee, testified that this was despite the fact that the march had been banned several days before by the Vereeniging Town Council and the local chief magistrate.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice R G Goldstone, is investigating circumstances relating to all incidents, including the Sebokeng shootings, in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

Mr Vilakazi said March 26 had been fixed as the date for the proposed march by the UDF and affiliated organisations at a meeting in February.

Three days before the event the organisers had been informed that the march had been prohibited. The general view of the people was "disappointment at not been allowed to hold a peaceful protest march". They felt it would be almost impossible to stop the event from going ahead at such short notice.

Mr Vilakazi had suggested that the march be decentralised and that participants should instead march to police stations in their respective townships to present copies of the memorandum.

Asked by Johan du Toit, who is leading all evidence before the commission, whether the organisers still considered going ahead with the march at that stage, Mr Vilakazi said they had — unless there was a heavy police presence that morning. If that was the case, they would have decided not to proceed with the march because that "could lead to bloodshed".

Later, while discussing the handing-over of the memorandum with Colonel Paddy Mazibuko, station commander of the Sebokeng police, at the colonel's office, they heard noises outside. They realised the march was going beyond the agreed point, and drove to the front of the march near the Sondela brewery gate, where a police line-up was encountered.

Mr Vilakazi requested the gathering to disperse and go home, but another huge group from Evaton arrived and came driving through the crowd.

Asked whether he had heard the police shouting at the crowds before the shooting, Mr Vilakazi replied: "One person was appealing to a policeman, 'My brother, whatever happens, please don't shoot'."

Others in the crowd shouted to police that they were "also workers and should be part of the march, not blocking it off" and "hit the Boere".

The hearing continues

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Harms: nine refusals to answer questions

Pretoria Bureau

A Harms Commission witness yesterday refused nine times to answer questions, including one on the murders of Mamelodi's Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife.

Former Civil Co-operation Bureau agent Willie van Deventer refused to answer a question on the double murder on the grounds that what he would say could incriminate him.

Dr Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, were shot dead at their Mamelodi home on December 1 1986.

Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State who is assisting the commission, asked Mr van Deventer whether he in fact wanted to give evidence.

'Memory loss'

He hesitated for some time before saying he would do so but he immediately refused to answer questions on the Ribeiro murder. He claimed to have lost his memory 24 days after making accusations in London about car bombings and murders.

A number of former CCB operatives as well as SADF generals and brigadiers have refused to give evidence on the grounds of possible incrimination.

Earlier, during cross-examination of a disguised CCB witness, codenamed "Shane du Plooy", Mr Justice Harms threatened to hold a closed hearing if attorney Ebelhard Bertelsmann, acting for various parties, did not change his line of questioning.

Mr Bertelsmann had just asked Mr du Plooy whether he could identify the person who gave him information that Durban lawyer, Kwenza Mlaba, was an alleged ANC official.

The hearing resumes today with cross-examination of CCB chairman General Eddie Webb.

Lekoa leader denies police were 'afraid'

Own Correspondent

VEREENIGING. — Mr Bayumile Vilakazi, organiser of the Lekoa area march that led to police shootings on March 26 this year, yesterday angrily demanded a temporary adjournment of the Goldstone Commission and stalked out — after vehemently denying that police had been afraid of the 50 000-strong crowd of demonstrators and had thus fired on them

The outburst came after cross-examination by Mr Etienne du Toit SC, legal counsel for the SAP and the Minister of Law and Order

Mr Vilakazi reacted after Mr Du Toit put it to him that "police had felt threatened" by an apparently uncontrolled crowd, which had danced ever closer to the police line, had thrown stones, made two unsuccessful flanking movements around police, made threatening gestures, had carried sticks and shouted "We want to march to Vereeniging"

Mr Vilakazi: "I saw no reason to do anything about the crowd carrying sticks. It is a sign of authority in their homes I cannot see it as provocation. "I do not accept that police had

been afraid. I still have to be told the real reason why police fired at the crowd," he said angrily — before demanding an immediate adjournment and stalking out of the room

Earlier, he denied allegations by Mr Du Toit that he had been "extremely irresponsible" by making last-minute changes in his organisations' (the Vaal Civic Association and the United Democratic Front) plans for a mass march

These changes, Mr Du Toit said, allegedly created massive confusion among the huge crowd

Evidence was that large sections of the crowd had believed they were marching to Vereeniging, while others believed they would witness a petitioning ceremony at their local police stations instead

The Goldstone Commission was appointed to investigate and report urgently on all the circumstances relating to incidents on March 26 in the Lekoa area — in which at least 12 people were killed and an estimated 300 demonstrators injured

Chairing the commission is Mr Justice R J Goldstone Mr J J du Toit appears for the Attorney General's office Two legal teams, headed by Mr George Bizos and Mr S C Mbinga, represent families of the dead as well as injured marchers

The commission continues today and thereafter reconvenes next Monday — Sapa

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Security police beat me, schoolboy claims

By Janet Heard

The Alexandra branch of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) has accused security police stationed in nearby Kew of "harassing and beating up" its members.

It cited the case of a 16-year-old schoolboy who alleged he was beaten up by plainclothes security policemen in 15th Avenue while he was walking to school on Monday.

Mike Ndlovu, a Std 7 pupil and a member of Alexandra's Cosas branch, visited The Star yesterday wearing a patch over his left eye.

He said six men travelling in a white Husky Kombi approached him while he was walking to school at about 6.45 am. He recognised two as being security policemen.

Eye bled

"They stopped me and, without saying anything, removed an ANC badge I was wearing.

"They then started to beat me with their hands. My left eye began to bleed and they left me.

"I went to the Alexandra Clinic for treatment."

A police spokesman confirmed that a charge of assault had been laid at the Alexandra police station. It would be investigated, he said.

In a statement, Lolo Kekana, president of the local Cosas branch, alleged that a number of other Cosas members, including Mike Maele and Mishak Kunene, had been beaten up by



Mike Ndlovu (16) of Alexandra claims he was beaten up by security police on Monday.

Picture by John Hogg

members of the security branch over the past few weeks and in some cases had to go to hospital.

"We are very concerned that these senseless actions are being carried out by people ... who claim to be maintaining law and order in the country," he said.

Obed Bapela, publicity secretary of the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), said there appeared to be an increase in incidents of harassment, intimidation and interrogation carried out by certain members of the security police.

"We appeal to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to stop this reign of terror. We are shocked that this type of action continues under the present political climate of negotiations."

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Policemen urged not to resign

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The Support the Police Action Group (Spag) yesterday appealed to policemen to stay in the force until a better pay deal was worked out

Handing a cheque of R2 000 to Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner Major-General Gert Erasmus, Spag chairman Avril Budd said South Africa and the SAP needed its policemen desperately

"South Africa really needs you now so stay on in the force because we do not doubt that something will be done to improve your lot," Mrs Budd said in Johannesburg

Spag was compiling a petition to be sent to President de Klerk, she said This was being done to get more attention focused on urgent salary increases for policemen

The Spag cheque will go to the SAP Widows' and Orphans' Fund The money was donated by the Transvaal Nomad Bowlers

Sebokeng: ^{Cape Times} 3/5/90 251 ~~251~~ Ammunition 'not checked'

VEREENIGING. — The officer commanding the two Reaction Units involved in the Sebokeng shooting on March 26 had not checked the strength of his men's shotgun ammunition before forming his roadblock there.

Both Reaction Unit commanders — Captain Willem Jacobus du Plooy, the overall commanding officer of the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijlpark Reaction Units as well as commander of the Vanderbijlpark unit, Warrant Officer Etienne Roedolf Coetzee — were recalled yesterday by the Goldstone Commission for further testimony.

On Tuesday, Colonel Johannes van der Merwe, officer commanding the SAP Maleeuskop Training Centre had testified that no police line-up of Reaction Units engaged in crowd control were allowed to load their tear-gas "stopper" guns or arm their shotguns in advance until specifically ordered to do so on the scene by their commanding officers.

But many special constables and regular SAP members admitted having loaded their shotguns at least one hour before joining the police blockade where the shooting took place.

Many also admitted that they had not checked the strength of the loaded shells.

Captain du Plooy explained during cross-examination yesterday that he had not checked whether any of the "stoppers" carried by the policemen on the scene had been loaded.

He also had not checked the strength of shotgun ammunition in the men's shotguns.

He admitted during cross-questioning that he would have had been ample time to do so, as the road block had been in place for about an hour before the shooting.

Capt du Plooy also said the additional training in crowd control which he had received at Maleeuskop in 1987 "had gaps, as we were not taught to work with such huge crowds of 50 000 people or so" — Sapa

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Judge Slams police on kitskonstabel

By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

POLICE were yesterday severely criticised by a Supreme Court judge for "arming an unqualified, poorly trained and mentally ill-equipped person" as a special constable (kitskonstabel).

Passing sentence on Mbulelo Gwemntu after his conviction for culpable homicide following a shooting incident in Langa, Mr Justice J H Conradie said the authorities were partly to blame for what happened to him.

Evidence was that Gwemntu fatally wounded Mr Reuben Mathobela Nxusaka — who tried to calm him during an argument with a woman in the New Flats hostel, Langa — by shooting him in the chest on December 10, 1988.

Gwemntu was sentenced to six years' imprisonment of which three years were conditionally suspended for five years. He was also declared

permanently unfit to possess a firearm.

Mr Justice Conradie said a serious degree of negligence, which bordered on recklessness, was present in Gwemntu's action. Specially appointed guardians of order must be punished, the judge said.

"Unfortunately in the recent past there have been numerous problems with special constables and in particular with unlawful actions by them. The incidence of such transgressions is naturally something this court would take into consideration when imposing sentence.

"I know from experience that this shooting incident in which the accused was involved was not an isolated incident... there have already been three similar fatal shootings before this court in recent times. "When guardians of order trans-

gress in this manner it must be made clear to society that they are penalised for their actions," Mr Justice Conradie said.

The judge said Gwemntu, a labourer who had completed Sid 5, had lived a steady life and had no previous convictions.

"After receiving training for six weeks, a shotgun was placed in his hand and it was expected of him to maintain himself under difficult and tense circumstances.

"My impression of the accused is that he was simply not equal to the task. I do not understand how it can be expected of someone — who had until then struggled to push a wheelbarrow — to handle a firearm sensibly.

"One cannot take a labourer and without any noteworthy training give him authority over other people. He feels ill at ease in a position of author-

ity and is not by a nature an authoritative person.

"Immediately when such a person is placed in a position of authority and finds he cannot enforce authority and tends to overreact, especially if he is challenged.

"He finds he must play the boss to enforce his authority. "It was a tragic fact that, undisciplined and poorly trained policemen and soldiers worldwide indulge in excesses, the judge said.

"For that reason I am of the opinion that the authorities are partly responsible for what happened. The police were responsible for arming an unqualified, poorly trained and mentally ill-equipped person."

Gwemntu should be given an opportunity to be rehabilitated after he was punished, Mr Justice Conradie said. Mr B O'Leary and Ms R Scialbrino were the assessors. Mr Chris Cillier prosecuted and Ms T de Kock appeared pro Deo for Gwemntu.

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Unlikely FW knew about CCB - agent

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

The existence of the super-secret Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) was probably not known to the State President, a former operative told the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday.

Calla Botha, who worked from 1988 until this year for a Sector 6 cell in Johannesburg, said it would be "naive" for someone to believe otherwise, just as it was naive for him to have thought that a State President would have pardoned him for actions undertaken on behalf of the CCB.

Two presidents were in office during his employment — P W Botha and F W de Klerk.

Mr de Klerk ordered a judicial inquiry this year — the present commission — into alleged politically-motivated murders, resulting in the activities of the CCB being made public for the first time after media reports of its existence.

Calla Botha was answering questions yesterday by Martin Luitingh, acting for various parties, while under cross-examination of his testimony given earlier this year.

The former policeman told commission chairman Justice Louis Harms that "it was logical that CCB managing director Joe Verster had told him and other operatives about being pardoned while on CCB business".

He could not recall precisely how pardons were to be granted and agreed that from what he had been told, the State President would have given him his freedom.

"I understood there would be

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a pardon . it was naive of me to think that the State President knew about the CCB."

Mr Botha refused to answer a number of questions yesterday on the grounds that he could be incriminated.

These included an incident known as the "Roskarn project" which involved the destruction of a motor car belonging to a student leader.

He denied having any knowledge of projects in which "eliminations" were proposed.

He denied that the monitoring, by himself and former operative Ferdi Barnard, of activist Bruce White was merely the cover for the planned murder of Mr White. It was established in earlier evidence that the two operatives were arrested by the South African Police while keeping Mr White under surveillance.

Mr Luitingh said a witness was willing to testify that Mr Barnard had told him (the witness) that Mr White was to be killed.

The hearing is to continue on Monday.

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Activist claims (251) police intimidation

By Stan Hlophe *Star 1/6/90*

A Mohlakeng activist, Thomas Seshoka, has alleged that he was intimidated by an unidentified member of the Krugersdorp security police.

A West Rand SAP commander, Lieutenant Colonel P E J Kruger, said the incident was "news" to him and that he had not yet received a letter from Mr Seshoka's attorney. He advised Mr Seshoka to make an appointment with him and promised to "do something" about the matter.

Mr Seshoka is a general secretary of the Mohlakeng Hostel Residents' Committee, and an executive member of Mohlakeng Civic Association (Moca).

In a letter to The Star he claims "In the past few weeks a clear pattern of harassment and intimidation by state agents on political activities has developed. On numerous occasions I have been visited by a man purporting to be from a Krugersdorp security company.

"Ironically it was discovered that the vehicle he was travelling in has different sets of registration plates, some of which were seen inside the kombi. The man was later discovered to be a member of the security branch.

"I was visited by this man on May 21 and questioned about the activities of the hostel and the mass rally held on May 19 at the Mohlakeng Stadium.

"The man asked a lot of questions, and it was clear he was out to intimidate me."

A lawyer confirmed she had written to the Krugersdorp police station commander asking that the man stop harassing Mr Seshoka and was still waiting for a reply.

Ex-CCB man could shed light on Ribeiro murder

By 1/6/90

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The children of the murdered Ribeiro couple recently had their hopes raised when a former agent of the Civil Co-operation Bureau, Willie van Deventer, came forward with claims that he had information on the brutal slaying in 1986 of their parents.

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He also claimed to have lost his memory between the time he made the claims in London and giving testimony this week.

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But Mr van Deventer also told the commission that his legal representatives had been threatened and harassed "to intimidate me and the people who help me".

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HELEN GRANGE reports

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Opel Kadett

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A preparatory examination was a "pre-trial" procedure which had not been used in South Africa since 1977.

In addition, legal experts said at the time that they could not understand why Mr Robey was arrested in the first place, since the police came up with no evidence against him apart from linking him to a vehicle registration number.

Mr Robey was cleared of allegations against him.

Another mystery in the circumstances surrounding the Ribeiro murders was an incident on the day of the dead couple's funeral.

A key eyewitness to the murders, Joseph Mamuru, and a friend had gone to investigate sounds coming from the deserted Ribeiro home and encountered two men wearing balaclavas.

Mr Mamuru was shot and had to be admitted to hospital.

It transpired later that one of the men was a SA Defence Force member, Graham Cook — who told a Pretoria magistrate that he had been monitoring the dead couple's home with a colleague when an "aggressive" group of blacks approached them.

The magistrate acquitted Mr Cook on the grounds that he shot in self-defence.

In the nearly three years since Mr Cook was acquitted, police have failed to come up with any new leads which may solve the Ribeiro murders.

Until Mr van Deventer came forward



Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence killed outside their Mamelodi home in December, 1986. Their murder is still shrouded in mystery.

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The proceedings were highly unusual.

A preparatory examination was a "pre-trial" procedure which had not been used in South Africa since 1977.

In addition, legal experts said at the time that they could not understand why Mr Robey was arrested in the first place, since the police came up with no evidence against him apart from linking him to a vehicle registration number.

Mr Robey was cleared of allegations against him.

Another mystery in the circumstances surrounding the Ribeiro murders was an incident on the day of the dead couple's funeral.

A key eyewitness to the murders, Joseph Mampuru, and a friend had gone to investigate sounds coming from the deserted Ribeiro home and encountered two men wearing balaclavas.

Mr Mampuru was shot and had to be admitted to hospital.

It transpired later that one of the men was a SA Defence Force member, Graham Cook — who told a Pretoria magistrate that he had been monitoring the dead couple's home with a colleague when an "aggressive" group of blacks approached them.

The magistrate acquitted Mr Cook on the grounds that he shot in self-defence.

In the nearly three years since Mr Cook was acquitted police have failed to come up with any new leads which may solve the Ribeiro murders. Until Mr van Deventer came forward.



Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence killed outside their Mamelodi home in December, 1986. Their murder is still shrouded in mystery.

Kitskonstabel jailed: judge blames SAP

A Cape Town Supreme Court judge has criticised the police for "arming an unqualified, poorly trained and mentally ill-equipped person" as a special constable (Kitskonstabel).

Passing sentence on Mbulelo Gwemntu on Wednesday after his conviction for culpable homicide following a shooting incident in Langa, Mr Justice J H Conradie said the authorities were partly to blame for what had happened to him.

Argument

A police spokesman said yesterday he was unable to comment on the views expressed by Mr Justice Conradie until the SAP had scrutinised a written copy of the judgment.

In court, evidence was that Gwemntu fatally wounded Reuben Mathobela Nxuseka, who had tried to calm him during an argument with a woman in the New Flats hostel, Langa, by shooting him in the chest on December 10 1988.

Gwemntu was sentenced to six years' jail, of which three were conditionally suspended for five

years.

He was also declared permanently unfit to possess a firearm.

Mr Justice Conradie said a serious degree of negligence, which bordered on recklessness, was present in Gwemntu's action. Specially appointed guardians of order had to be punished, the judge said.

"Unfortunately, in the recent past, there have been numerous problems with special constables and in particular with unlawful actions by them.

Shootings

"The incidence of such transgressions is naturally something this court would take into consideration when imposing sentence.

"I know from experience that this shooting incident in which the accused was involved was not an isolated incident. There have already been three similar fatal shootings before this court in recent times.

"When guardians of order transgress in this manner, it must be made clear to society that they are penalised for their actions," the judge said.



False number plates charge against cops

JOHANNESBURG — Krugersdorp police are investigating claims that policemen are using false number plates while harassing political activists

The SA Police liaison officer in Krugersdorp, Lieutenant Henriette Bester, yesterday confirmed the investigation and added that it was illegal for police to use false number plates

This follows allegations made yesterday to the New Nation

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newspaper that in "one of the latest incidents" Mohlakeng township activist Mr Thomas Seshoka was "interrogated" by men alleged to be using both false identification documents and number plates

Days after the unidentified interrogators demanded information from Mr Seshoka, Krugersdorp security police detained him on the grounds that he was refusing to co-operate with

police, says the report

Lt Bester confirmed charges had been laid in connection with the incident.

She said sometimes police used "alternative number plates" registered with local authorities

Alternative number plates which are used by police are registered in terms of the normal provincial codings and are not illegal, she added — Sapa



Mourners stand around the coffin of one of the four people killed in Thabong violence last week.

Photo: BONGANI MNGUNI

30 000 mourn Thabong unrest dead

By DAN DHLAMINI

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THIRTY thousand mourners, many wearing ANC colours, paid homage to four Thabong unrest victims buried at Thuswanong cemetery yesterday

Eleven unidentified victims are believed still to be in the government mortuary. They were allegedly shot by police on May 20 and 21 after a mass meeting at Thabong Stadium had agreed to lift the boycott of white businesses in Welkom.

Fears of disturbances at the funeral were unfounded as the police kept a low profile and did not approach Thabong Stadium, where a memorial service began at 11am.

Scores of ANC marshals, many with imitation weapons, provided a guard of honour for the victims. The mourners included schoolchildren.

A placard was carried beside the coffins reading "Stop the killing, Vlok, AWB". ANC internal wing leader Walter Sisulu addressed

the huge crowd. He was given a tumultuous welcome as he entered the stadium.

The dead - Teboho Winston Jase, 21, Mothibe Alwin Molefi, 20, Annah Ncala, 18, and Frances Mosimane, 16, were allegedly shot by police on May 20 - the day Thabong residents lifted the 14-day consumer boycott which crippled white businesses.

Also killed on that day were Zamekile Paul, 21, and Ndoda Dyonda, 20, who were both buried yesterday in the Transkei.

George Mofokeng, 51, who was also allegedly shot dead by police during the unrest that swept through Thabong, was buried in QwaQwa and Tsumi Mokoena, 14, was buried last week.

The official death toll is 12, but the Thabong community is still uncertain as to the number of dead.

The Thabong UDF area committee believes that as many as 18 were killed and more than a hundred injured.

A UDF spokesman said about 10 unknown unrest victims were in the State mortuary.

He said the UDF also suspected that the unidentified bodies might be the victims of the vigilante group, Blanke Veiligheid, as it once charged that the actual number of the dead was 18 and not 12 as reported by the police.

Besides Sisulu, speakers at the mass funeral included UDF's Muhammed Vali.

Sisulu and other speakers condemned the action of the police and urged the black community of Thabong to unite.

He also called on all ANC supporters and other anti-apartheid organisations to help eradicate black-on-black violence.

He also called on all students to return to school because "the danger of having a semi-literate or an illiterate generation would be equal to giving away the freedom for which the black masses have fought for".

'Hit squads': time to weigh the evidence

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

The Harms Commission of Inquiry into unsolved political murders is to concentrate today on whether convicted murderer Butana Almond Nofemela was right or wrong about "hit squads" being operated by the South African Police

Nofemela, a former police sergeant who made an affidavit alleging the existence of the squads hours before he was to be hanged for murder last October, earlier told commission chairman Mr Justice Harms that various police officers were involved

A second affidavit from Nofemela has not been made public

Use of knives

As a result of the affidavits, Nofemela (31) has been given an "administrative reprieve" from the death sentence

He said he had been trained in kidnap and ambush techniques, shooting and the use of knives at Vlakplaas police farm, outside Pretoria, and had participated in various projects in South Africa and in cross-border raids

A third former policeman,



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Spyker Tshukulungu, has also testified to the commission

Nofemela, who was to be hanged for the murder of a Brits farmer, has been said by lawyers for the police to be lying

They say he has made scurrilous allegations about individual policemen during the six consecutive days that he spent on the witness stand during March

According to commission officials, a number of witnesses, including police officers, will be called, and Nofemela may also take the stand for further cross-examination.

Cross-examination of witnesses on what was told to the commission by former police captain Dirk Coetzee and Mr Tshukulungu in London will also feature



Licence racket: Police impound documents

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Documents relating to vehicle licensing and the issue of roadworthiness certificates have been impounded by police

This follows allegations of a massive bribery and corruption racket in the traffic and licensing department of the Johannesburg City Council

The police commercial fraud branch has been conducting an eight-month investigation into claims that three top officials in the licensing department

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were receiving payments for issuing roadworthy certificates

The three men work under one of the men at the centre of the municipal spy scandal, director of public safety Mr John Pearce. Mr Pearce was not available for comment yesterday

In a further development the chairman of the City Council management committee, Mr Ian Davidson, said he would take charge of an investigation

An official in the traffic department conducted a personal in-depth investigation into suspected irregularities in the li-

ensing department over a six-month period

In October last year the man approached Mr Davidson, then opposition leader in the council. Mr Davidson said he advised him to go to the police with his information

Recently, taking office as chairman of management, Mr Davidson promised a clean and open administration

He is angry at not being informed officially by the top men in the department about the police investigation
"I will demand a full expla-

nation as to why I was not informed by the department heads concerned about the fraud investigation"

Mr Davidson said it was important to establish contact with the investigating officer to find out the names of the officials involved and whether the matter would be referred to the Attorney-General

"This should be done immediately and appropriate action will be taken," he said

Police said yesterday that charges of bribery were being investigated against three men in the licensing department. A

police spokesman could not say whether the licensing of stolen vehicles was one of the charges being probed

● The Hiemstra spy commission investigating allegations of a spy network operating from within the Johannesburg City Council security department resumes today and is expected to hear evidence for another two weeks

A report on the financial affairs of the security department and the funding of the spy ring will be presented by the auditor-general's department

Hotel strikers baton-charged

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4/6/90 By Stan Hlophe

Five employees of the Mariston Hotel in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, were allegedly shot and several others baton-charged when police dispersed more than 200 strikers at the weekend.

The strikers, members of the Catering and Allied Workers' Union, are demanding a "living wage" of R650 a month. They are now earning R380 a month.

A Mariston Hotel manager refused to comment.

Those injured were Irene Qika, Beauty Qika, a woman known as Sarah and two men known only as Buti and Johannes. They were admitted to Hillbrow Hospital.

Police denied there was shooting, but confirmed that about 60 demonstrators were baton-charged outside the hotel after being warned to disperse.

Police need far more funds, says NP

The additional R100 million budgeted for the police in the Supplementary Estimate was a mere drop in the ocean compared to the needs of the force, Mr F P Smit (NP, Algoa) said yesterday.

"We can't allow the safety of the public and the maintenance of law

and order to be affected by a shortage of roadworthy vehicles in the SAP," he said.

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More should be budgeted for computer services and better use should be made of the advanced technology available — Sapa.

Dugard calls for extension of Harms Commission inquiry

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

President de Klerk must extend the Harms Commission inquiry to cross-border raids if the full extent of hit squad operations are to be ascertained, Professor John Dugard, of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, said in Johannesburg yesterday.

He told a press conference "The restriction of excluding investigations into cross-border raids has made it difficult to uncover the activities of certain State bodies."

The police had also paid little attention to about 256 cases of politically motivated violence presented to them and the commission by Lawyers for Human Rights, Professor Dugard said.

Little information

Brian Currin, of Lawyers for Human Rights and a member of the Independent Board, said that since the appointment of the commission of inquiry into hit squads, very little information had surfaced.

He said Defence Minister Magnus Malan had taken no steps to investigate the disappearance of the internal files of the Civil Co-operation Bureau

(CCB), an SA Defence Force covert operation, which should have been handed over to officers of the Harms Commission. The CCB had a membership of about 200 people but the names of only seven people had been uncovered.

Endorsing the call for the extension of the terms of the commission, Dr Max Coleman said that even while the Harms Commission was in progress, hit squad activities continued.

On April 7, Alexandra Township activist Aldo Mogano had been murdered by unknown assassins. On April 23, Pan Africanist Congress member Sam Chand and his family of four were killed in Botswana by an unknown hit squad. Five days later, the Reverend Michael Lapsley — said to be an African National Congress supporter — survived a parcel bomb explosion in Harare. The parcel had allegedly been posted in South Africa.

Dr Coleman said it was not enough merely to investigate the actions of the CCB and other covert operations. The Government must take steps to halt these actions.

"Negotiations cannot begin if well-defined obstacles like the CCB and other covert operations are not removed."

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Witnesses refuse to testify

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Witnesses have refused to give evidence to the Harms Commission unless their identities are concealed.

Mr Justice Louis Harms, the chairman, was told yesterday that witnesses subpoenaed to testify about alleged South African Police "hit squads" would not take the witness stand because they feared for their lives or for the intimidation of their families

Lawyers acting for individual policemen — both present and retired — told the judge that the "gravity of the matter" had been underestimated

The disclosure brought to a halt yesterday's hearings of the commission — at the start of its 14th week. The inquiry is investigating claims by convicted murderer Butana Almond Nofemela, a former police sergeant, that "hit squads" were trained at Vlakplaas prison farm, outside Pretoria, and operated in South Africa, Botswana, and Swaziland.

The "hit squads" allegedly killed, abducted or intimidated political activists and African National Congress operatives

Urgent consultations took place yesterday and last night between officials of the commission, legal representatives and witnesses in a bid to overcome the problem, which arose after Mr Justice Harms refused an application at the start of yesterday's proceedings that no photographs of security police Sergeant Joseph Mamasela should be allowed.

Sam Maritz, SC, who brought the application, told the judge "My witness refuses point-blank to testify. I underestimated the gravity of the situation."

Demis Kuny, SC, for Butana Almond Nofemela, who opposed the application, said he understood that "all black witnesses will take this attitude. I understand some white witnesses will also be taking the same attitude"

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He did not want witnesses to appear in disguise, and said that consultations would take place to try to overcome "the impasse which has developed" Disguises were used by some witnesses who gave evidence in regard to the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB), a unit of the SA Defence Force.

Mr Maritz told the commission that he would today renew his application for Mr Mamasela not to be photographed or sketched.

Mr Mamasela — who refused to enter the commission room until the original application had been dealt with — earlier asked that the ruling be made because he was "in some danger" were he to be identified.

It was alleged in evidence earlier this year that he had been a member of a "hit squad" which allegedly killed Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge

Mr Kuny said it "was important from the public's point of view" that Mr Mamasela be identified He said the witness lived in Soweto, was well-known as a security policeman, and had been one since "at least 1981" It would serve no purpose to keep his identity secret

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Crowd failed to stop as agreed

By Melody McDougall,
Vereniging Bureau

The Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry yesterday heard how a gathering of 10 000 people had marched about 5 km beyond the Sharpeville police station, their supposed destination, before presenting a memorandum to a local police officer on the day of the Sebokeng shooting on March 26

Sergeant Paul Hermannus le Roux of the Vanderbijl Reaction Unit told the commission that the group was between 8 km and 10 km away from Vereniging at that stage. From evidence led last week it emerged that another gathering of about 50 000 had also failed to stop their peaceful protest march at the Sebokeng police station, as agreed, the same day.

Instead, they, too, marched on beyond the police station in the direction of Vereniging until they encountered a police line up. This sparked a confrontation between the police and marchers, in which at least five people were killed.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone, is investigating all incidents, including the Sebokeng shooting, in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

Initially, organisers of the proposed UDF protest had decided to march to the National Party offices in Vereniging that day to

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present a memorandum to local MP Tom Gunning. However, after the event was banned by Vereniging authorities, it was agreed to decentralise the march to various township police stations.

Testifying yesterday, Sergeant le Roux said he was on duty in Sharpeville on the morning of March 26 when a group of about 10 000 people marched some 5 km beyond the police station before stopping between 500 m and 1 km from a police blockade, where they presented their memorandum to a police officer.

Afterwards, the commanding officer gave the crowd five minutes to disperse. When one of the organisers addressed the gathering and asked them to go home, they drowned out his voice by singing. A while later the commanding officer gave the order to fire teargas, and only then did the gathering disperse.

Most of yesterday's testimony centred around the discovery of an unidentified man's body in Evaton, several hours after the Sebokeng shooting. According to an autopsy report the man

had been shot in the head with SSD pellets. However, several policemen who were called to the witness stand to testify, said they had at no stage fired shotguns in the direction where the body was found. Most of them were called to this particular spot in Evaton after rioting mobs had looted and smashed windows at a Shell garage in Adams Road.

During the same incident the crowd had also surrounded patrol cars and sporadically thrown stones at the police and the filling station itself.

Earlier yesterday, a young man dressed in a camouflage jacket and holding a fake plastic AK-47 rifle was removed by police from the packed public gallery.

The man, who has not been identified, was searched by police outside the building.

A group of about five or six young men, some of them wearing ANC badges, were then escorted outside the building where they were frisked by police.

It could not be established whether the gun-toting man had actually pointed the weapon at members of the commission.

Proceedings resumed shortly afterwards. The hearing continues today.

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Silence drums of violence urges Vlok

Leaders of all political parties should refrain from beating the drums of violence, because it was making the work of the police more difficult.

Speaking in the debate on the supplementary budget, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok appealed to leaders to assist the police in their task of maintaining law and order.

They should stop making emotional speeches from political stages and should rather call on their supporters to remain calm.

Amend

Replying to questions raised during debate about proposed increases in police salaries, he said members of the police would receive increases next month in addition to the R100 million granted earlier this year.

The Commission for Administration was working on the increases and he would announce details at a later stage.

Mr Vlok said he was also planning to amend the law to deal more effectively with intimidation which had become a serious problem in black townships — Sapa.

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Schwarz defends (251) 'untrained' policemen

— It was utterly unfair to use young policemen untrained in dealing with crowds in the frontline against large numbers of demonstrators, Harry Schwarz (DP Yeoville) said in Parliament yesterday

Speaking in debate on the supplementary estimates, he said he did not want to prejudge the findings of any commission. (The Goldstone Commission is investigating the Sebokeng shooting incident).

"But it is utterly unacceptable to use young policemen in a thin line in front of a crowd of 50 000 people when they are trained to deal with livestock theft and diamond infringements, not in dealing with threatening crowds.

"Nor was it fair that, after having been put in a situation for

which they had not been trained, they were then criticised for their conduct."

Mr Schwarz also said the ongoing violence in black areas made it imperative that there be a major reassessment of the role of law and order agencies in ensuring the free will of the people could be effectively exercised once there was universal franchise

CP Law and Order spokesman Moolman Mentz said the Minister, Adriaan Vlok, was guilty of shamelessly misleading policemen when he promised improved pay packets that never materialised.

"This was an injustice to these people, an injustice that cries out. This will lead to further resignations from the police, which we can't afford at this stage," Mr Mentz said. — Sapa.

new facilities or provision for such schooling has been made during the past year? B1163E

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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(a) The Department subsidises 139 pre-primary institutions and provides guidance on request. In addition the Department provides, free of charge, manuals and teaching programmes to all institutions and bodies on request.

The establishment of pre-primary institutions are encouraged by collaboration with *inter alia* the following

The Urban Foundation
The Rural Foundation
The SA Society for Early Childhood Education
Educare Training
Grassroots
ELRU (Early Learning Resource Unit)
Provincial Administrations (Regional Welfare Boards)
The Department of National Health and Population Development
CONTACT for better human relations

(b) None that was undertaken by the Department

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, if this pre-primary education is considered cost effective in terms of improving Black education as a whole, can he tell us why funds are not made available if they are used for things that are less cost effective?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, the reason is simply that there are other matters that have higher priority and therefore require more urgent attention

Programmes/facilities for gifted children

*9 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education *Howard 5/6/90* *(S)*
Whether his Department makes provision for special attention to be given to gifted children, if not, why not, if so, (a) what special attention and (b) what (i) programmes and (ii) facilities are made available to these children? B1164E

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Yes

Howard 5/6/90 *(S)*

(a) A Task Group has investigated this area of education and has submitted a report. A pilot project in this regard is now being planned. Private initiatives in this regard are supported.

(b) (i) Programmes for the enrichment of the child's extraordinary intellectual ability have been drafted by the Department and will be tested by means of a pilot project as soon as funds are available.
(ii) None

Gazankulu, shooting of elephant

*10 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs

(1) (a) What are the circumstances surrounding the shooting of an elephant which had allegedly strayed into Gazankulu on or about 6 May 1990 from a private game reserve, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, and (b) what is the name of the game reserve,
(2) whether a permit had been issued allowing the animal to be shot, if so, (a) when and (b) (i) by whom and (ii) to whom? B1165E

†The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) (a) The Department of the Chief Minister of Gazankulu has confirmed that an elephant had been shot on their land in the period mentioned but full details are not yet available, and
(b) the animal had apparently strayed from Sabi Sand Nature Reserve

(2) The Transvaal Provincial Administration has no jurisdiction regarding the issuing of permits in Gazankulu. The details requested can be obtained from the Department of the Chief Minister of Gazankulu

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, if he does not have the other information, does he know the name of the elephant? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, if I remember correctly, I think his name was 'Herrie op die ou Trempoor' [Interjections]

†The SPEAKER Order! I assume the hon member for Yeoville is satisfied with the reply! *Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament*

Drunken driving, educational programmes

*11 Mr L FLUCHS asked the Minister of Transport

(1) How much money was spent by his Department on educational programmes on drunken driving in the 1989-90 financial year,
(2) whether his Department has received any response to such programmes, if so, (a) from whom, and (b) what was the purport of the response, in each case,
(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? B1166E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

(1) The National Road Safety Council (NRSC) spent R50 000 during the 1989/90 financial year on educational programmes regarding drunken driving
(2) (a) and (b) The NRSC evaluated reaction on its programmes by means of market research which indicated that the consciousness level regarding drunken driving rose considerably during the period concerned
(3) Yes, educational programmes that were aimed at drunken driving included the 'Buddy-project' at universities as well as liaisoning with secondary schools via education departments, guidance programmes at the 17 alcohol safety schools and mass guidance via the mass media during peak period projects such as Easter weekends and other holiday projects

The NRSC's continuous campaigns against drunken driving since 1983, caused the drinking rate of motor-vehicle drivers to drop from 6.7% to 4.9% in 1988 and regarding pedestrians from 16.2% to 9.0% over the same period
Further information with regard to this matter is available in the annual reports of the NRSC which have been Tabled

Hillbrow, necklace murder

*12 Adv J J S PRINSLLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order *(S)*

(1) Whether a necklace murder was committed in Hillbrow earlier this year, if so, what were the circumstances surrounding this incident,
(2) whether the identity of the victim has been established, if not, why not, if so, who was this person, *Howard 5/6/90*
(3) whether any person has been arrested in connection with this crime, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? B1168E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes
On 4 April 1990 the burnt out body of a Black female was found in Banker Street, Hillbrow. It appears that she was murdered by means of the so-called necklace method
(2) No Because the body of the person was mutilated beyond recognition, up until now the identity of the person could not be determined. Forensic tests and reconstruction are at present being performed in an attempt to ascertain the identity of the person
(3) No However, the investigation in the case is continuing unabatedly

Umkhonto we Sizwe members in SA

*13 Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Law and Order *(S)* *(S)*
Whether the South African Police has information on how many members of Umkhonto we Sizwe there are in South Africa at present, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? *Howard 5/6/90* B1169E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

The South African Police is on a full-time basis investigating the actions of persons who may possibly pose a threat to the safety of the State and its inhabitants. In this manner several suspect persons are being kept under surveillance, but particulars cannot be made known

until such time that they are arrested and appear in court **251**

Cape Recife Nature Reserve. complaints about SADF members **254**

*14 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Defence **256/90**

Whether the South African Defence Force or the Eastern Province Command has received any complaints about the behaviour or actions of Defence Force members in the Cape Recife Nature Reserve, if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) purport of and (ii) response to each such complaint? **B1171E**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(a) The Chairman of the Cape Recife Environment Project Committee and also the Eastern Province Branch of the Wildlife Society of SA

(c) (i) and (ii) A Board of Inquiry has been convened to investigate the alleged behaviour or actions of members of the SA Defence Force in the area. The investigation has as yet not been completed

Death sentences

*15 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Justice

(a) How many persons were sentenced to death from 2 February 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) for what crimes in each case? **256/90** **B1175E**

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Position as at 28 May 1990

- (a) 39
(b) Murder 35, rape 4

TV news bulletins

*16 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Home Affairs

Whether the Government has considered any applications to broadcast news bulletins received from any television broadcasting organ-

isations, if so, (a) from whom were such applications received and (b) what was the result of such consideration in each case? **B1176E**

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(a) and (b)

Should the hon member with the words "has considered" mean "finalised" the reply is no. The hon member is however referred to my replies of 29 May 1990 to Question 13 and follow-up questions when I have indicated that details are being obtained with regard to an application received from M-Net, whereafter the matter will be considered by the full Cabinet and hopefully be finalised within the next few weeks

Transfer duty

*17 Mr A B BRUWER asked the Minister of Finance

- (1) What amount did the State collect by way of transfer duty during the 1989-90 financial year,
(2) whether the Government intends abolishing transfer duty, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? **B1180E**

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

(1) R675 332 729,76

(2) No. Transfer duty remains an important source of revenue and if it was abolished it would mean that tax would have to be levied in another manner to recoup the tax sacrificed

SADF: propagation of policy of certain political party

*18 Mr H J COETZEE asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether any officers of the South African Defence Force in their capacity as such officers hold information sessions for Commando and/or Citizen Force members in which they propagate the policy of a certain political party, the name of which has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, of which political party,

(2) whether he is taking or has taken any steps to prevent this, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when? **B1181E**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) No

(2) The guidelines and instructions regarding the participation of members of the SA Defence Force in political activities, are laid down in the SA Defence Force Personnel Code, which is available at all units and is strictly adhered to

ANC/SACP: policy

*19 Mr H J COETZEE asked the Minister of Defence

Whether the policy of the (a) ANC and (b) South African Communist Party is in accordance with the staff regulations of the South African Defence Force relating to employment in the Permanent Force, if not, why not, what are the points of difference? **B1182E**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

The conditions of employment in the SA Defence Force are laid down in Chapters III and IV of the General Regulations of the SA Defence Force. All appointments/employment in the SA Defence Force in a permanent capacity is, therefore, subject to a variety of requirements

Foskor: privatisation

*20 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises

- (1) (a) When will Foskor be privatised and (b) what is the present value of Foskor's assets,
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? **B1183E**

THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(1) (a) Pending the outcome of an investigation by consultants on the feasibility of the privatisation of Foskor, no indication can be given at this stage when Foskor will be privatised

(b) R329 927 000, based on share capital and reserves as at 30 June 1989

Employees of Department, accommodation Environment Affairs

*21 Mr C B SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of Environment Affairs

Whether White and Black unmarried employees of his Department are accommodated together in the same single quarters, if so (a) why and (b) where? **B1184E**

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS

- (a) Falls away
(b) Falls away

INTERPELLATIONS

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

Own Affairs

Colleges of Education: administration

Mr K M ANDREW to ask the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he is prepared to transfer the administration and control of colleges of education to universities of their choice, if not, why not? **B1231E INT**

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Mr Speaker, the answer is no. Fundamentally the missions of the two types of institutions are at variance. Universities are scientific institutions which focus primarily on the teaching and development of the various sciences. Colleges of education, on the other hand, are professional institutions specifically geared to the training of teachers for the primary school. In doing so, a very close relationship needs to exist between the colleges and their client schools

In the fulfilment of their mission, colleges of education educate from a particular cultural perspective. This is required in order to maintain cultural continuity between home and school. Universities, on the other hand, are focused on a

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Witness balks at testifying after judge rules on picture

ALLEGED Vlakplaas hit squad member, murderer and former security police informer Joseph Mamasela yesterday refused to appear before the Harms Commission after a ruling allowing publication of his photograph.

Advocate Dennis Kuny SC, for Butana Almond Nofemela and others, applied to Mr Justice Louis Harms to issue the ruling in favour of photographing or sketching Mamasela "In the interests of Press freedom there's no reason to withhold his picture. We all know who he is," said Kuny.

Advocate Sam Maritz, for Mamasela, argued for prohibition, claiming Mamasela's "family and children faced possible threats if his picture was published, especially since he played such a deep role as an informer".

Kuny argued that publication of Mamasela's picture might encourage members of the public to offer the

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commission more information. Other witnesses might also take advantage of a similar ruling.

After making his decision, Mr Justice Harms asked for the witness to take the stand, only to be told by Maritz that Mamasela refused "point-blank to appear without protection of his identification".

Absent

Commission Secretary Chris Erasmus said the issue would be "treated exactly the same as any other criminal case. It will be referred to the State Attorney." Mamasela could face a contempt charge.

Absent from the proceedings was Nofemela, the death-row prisoner who exposed the alleged Vlakplaas hit squad's activities just before his scheduled execution.

This week's commission sittings are to be devoted solely to issues

surrounding Nofemela's testimony, in which, among other things, he confessed to the murder of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge in November 1981.

Nofemela named Mamasela, Brian Justice Nqulunga and David Tshikilanga as his partners in the murder.

Free State Attorney-General Tim MacNally said Nofemela's presence "disrupted the prison warders' activities, and that a possible escape attempt could not be ruled out".

Kuny disagreed "Surely it's not a consideration of logistics getting Nofemela here. If we're concerned with getting to crucial matters, it's important to have him here.

"It's true affidavits are furnished to him in advance, but other things come to light during cross-examination, and if we were to ask for an adjournment every day to consult with and be instructed by our client, it would hold up the commission."

The hearing continues.

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Teargas fired at squatters resisting shack demolitions

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

Police opened fire with teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse a group of squatters who resisted the demolition of their shacks by Alberton municipal policemen at a section of the Pola Park squatter camp in Tokoza yesterday.

Pola Park Crisis Committee vice-chairman Prince Mhlambi said several people were injured and were taken to a local doctor for treatment.

A four-year-old girl was reportedly injured when debris fell on her during the demolition.

At least three vehicles were on fire when The Star visited the scene.

Major Reg Crewe of the SAP public relations directorate in Pretoria said police were on the scene to protect their municipal counterparts when the incident took place.

He said that when the municipal police entered the area they were attacked by the squatters.

SAP members used teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

Major Crewe said police also

used teargas and birdshot to disperse a group of people who had set vehicles alight.

He said no injuries were reported to the SAP.

A street committee member, Mandla Tshabalala, said municipal police entered the area with a bulldozer and started flattening the shacks. Shack-dwellers retaliated by hurling stones.

Mr Tshabalala said police baton-charged the shack-dwellers.

Warning

A total of 102 shacks had been destroyed, leaving many without accommodation.

Last week, Alberton Town Council issued notices to the shack-dwellers warning them that the shacks would be demolished on June 4 in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act of 1951.

The notice said the squatters had to make suitable arrangements for accommodation before that date.

There were unconfirmed reports that about 15 people were later arrested at the camp.

Policeman denies he shot man in Evaton

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A Krugersdorp policeman yesterday denied allegations that he was the person who shot dead an unidentified man in Evaton, shortly after the Sebokeng shootings on March 26

Constable Jacobus Johannes Horn of the Krugersdorp Unrest Unit denied he had been in the vicinity where the man's body was found, or that he had fired any shots that day

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry, chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone, is investigating all incidents in the Vaal Triangle township on March 26, including the Sebokeng shootings, which were apparently sparked after a 50 000-strong proposed UDF march to Vereeniging was halted by a police line-up.

According to evidence led so far, at least five people were killed and many more injured during the confrontation

Several other people were killed and injured in various incidents in other Vaal townships the same day

Giving evidence, Constable Horn told the commission he had arrived in Evaton with his

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commanding officer, Sergeant Pieter Prinsloo, and three other policemen in a Casspir on the afternoon of March 26 to deliver ammunition supplies and collect a broken down vehicle

He said they had stopped at a garage in Adams Road, which had been looted by unruly mobs earlier in the day, to inquire about directions to the broken down vehicle.

Shortly afterwards they left, but could not find the vehicle and returned to the garage

According to the constable he got out of the Casspir, had a drink of water at a tap and then asked policemen on the scene, who were guarding the garage, for directions to the stranded vehicle

About 10 minutes later he got back into the Casspir and while they were pulling out of the filling station, they were approached by a man who informed the commanding officer

that a person's body had been found in a yard next to a house close by. After the officer told him to report this to the policemen at the garage, they drove off in search of the vehicle.

However, they still could not find it and later returned to the garage again where they were told to go and check if the report about the body found nearby was true.

They drove to the spot and found a man's body, later identified as Mahlomola David Khaile (35). According to an autopsy he had been shot in the head with SSG pellets.

Under cross-examination by George Bizos, SC, representing relatives of 12 dead and the injured, Constable Horn denied he was the person who had shot the deceased

On Monday an Evaton resident, Andries Mokoena, testified he had seen a white policeman standing in front of a Casspir and firing shots in the direction of where the body was found

The constable admitted he had had a shotgun with him that day, but said he had left it in the Casspir. He denied he had at any stage stood in front of the police vehicle at the scene

● The inquiry ends today.

Mxenge murder: 2 deny involvement

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

A security policeman, said to have been part of a police hit squad which murdered Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge, yesterday admitted having been in the city at the time but "emphatically denied" he and a colleague had been involved.

Brian Ngqulunga and Joseph Mamasela, both former members of the ANC, told the Harms Commission they did not know why they had been singled out by former police Captain Dirk Coetzee and former Sergeant Butana Almond Nofemela.

Mr Ngqulunga told commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms that he had been in Durban with the two former policemen at the time the murder had taken place in November 1981. Also present was David "Spyker" Tshukulungu, another former policeman who has fled the country.

Mr Ngqulunga said yesterday "Most of the Vlakplaas squad was in Durban" He testified that the squad did not include Mr Mamasela.

Vlakplaas is a police training farm outside Pretoria claimed to be the



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headquarters for a hit squad.

According to Mr Ngqulunga, he had no independent recollection of the fact that he was in Durban in November 1981 apart from police worksheets which showed he was there between November 4 and 21.

"I recall reading about the murder of Griffiths Mxenge in the newspapers, but I do not remember when or where it was not important to me."

Mr Ngqulunga said he was recruited by the ANC in 1977 and underwent training in Angola and Mozambique.

Deported after two years in a Maputo prison, Mr Ngqulunga identified himself to the security police and volunteered his services. He underwent training at Vlakplaas in 1980.

Mr Mamasela in his evidence-in-chief yesterday denied involvement in various alleged hit squad activities.

He was recruited by the ANC in 1979, and sent to Botswana. He was, however, unmasked in 1981 as an agent of the SAP and taken to Selebe-Pikwe in Botswana from where he escaped and returned to South Africa.

He later joined the police full-time, and was trained at Vlakplaas.

He said he had met Mr Coetzee and Nofemela at the farm but denied allegations by the two that he was a hit squad member or had participated in the Mxenge murder.

The hearing continues today

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Request for ambulance 'refused'

VEREENIGING — Ambulance personnel allegedly refused to respond to a police request to fetch a seriously injured man near the Sebokeng post office on March 26

Police had to drive the injured man to Sebokeng Hospital themselves. The man died of his shotgun wounds the following day.

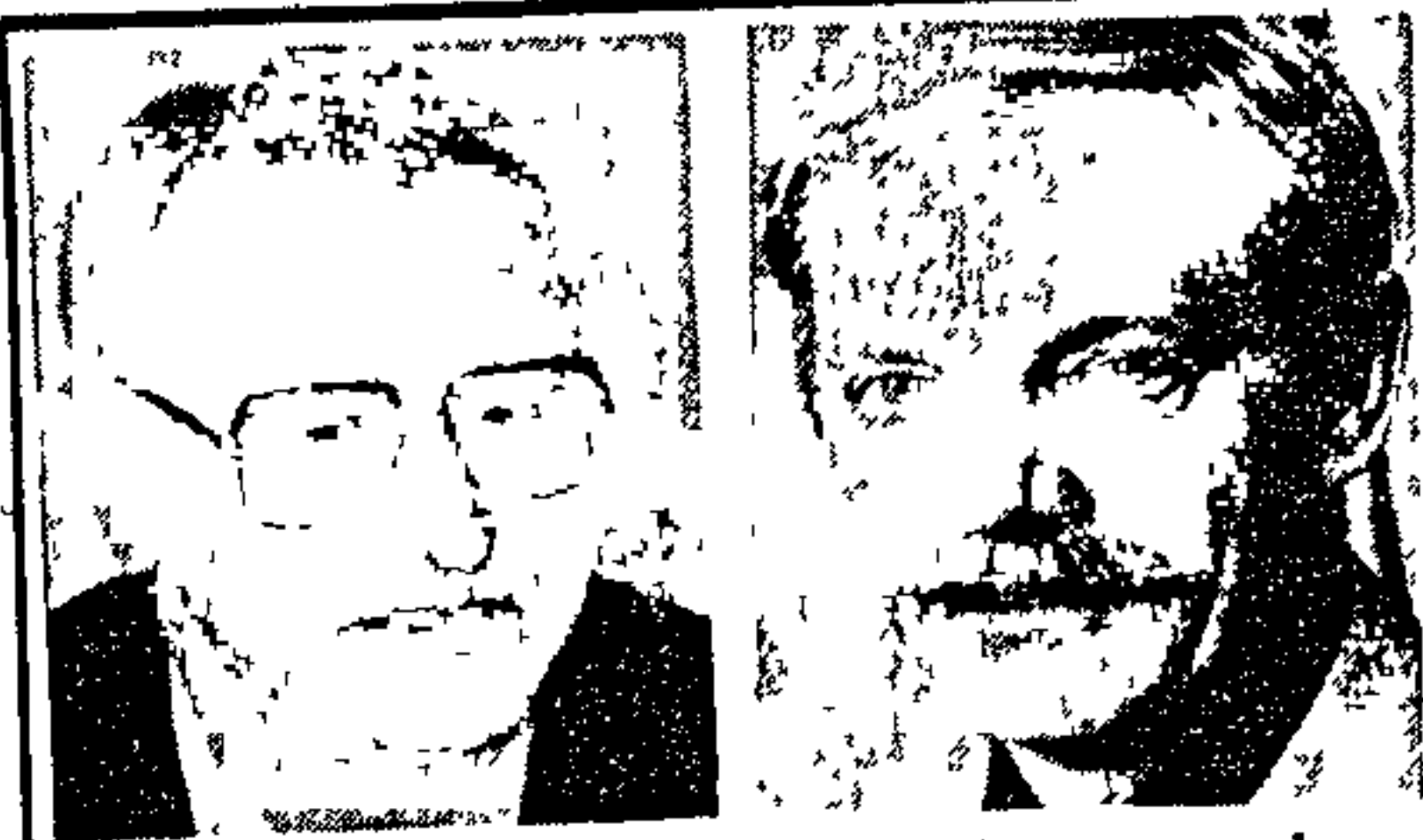
This was evidence yesterday before the Goldstone Commission by Constable Jurie Geldenhuys and Sergeant Rudgerd van Huyssteen of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit.

Constable Geldenhuys and Sergeant Van Huyssteen described two incidents when rioters attacked police near the Sebokeng post office.

At 2.30pm, at the Kgapoloyaka general dealers and the Kwagga Bottle store in Sebokeng, a 400-strong crowd of shop-looters had stoned, surrounded and attacked Constable Geldenhuys and Sergeant Van Huyssteen when they tried to arrest looters.

The two men had to shoot their way out.—
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Mr Adriaan Vlok

Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg

CP claim on police untrue, says Vlok

Political Correspondent

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has strongly criticised deputy leader of the Conservative Party Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg for suggesting that the police intended accommodating members of Umkhonto we Sizwe in its ranks.

The timing of Dr Hartzenberg's comments, the eve of the Umlazi by-election, suggested they were intended merely to gain votes for the CP, Mr Vlok said.

It was a pity that a false impression was being created simply for the CP's cheap political gain.

Mr Vlok said Dr Hartzenberg had suggested that the idea of accommodating ANC guerrillas in the police had been contained in a document leaked to the CP.

This was untrue. There was no such document and the police had no intention of integrating guerrillas into its ranks.

Mr Vlok said the only ANC members in the police were former terrorists who had turned their backs on the organisation and provided the police with useful information.

Theft suspect died of his injuries — inquest

By SHARON SOROUR
Staff Reporter

A WETTON textiles employee, arrested by police at the factory for attempted theft and housebreaking, died in hospital four days later of bleeding on the brain caused by a severe head injury, a Cape Town inquest magistrate has heard

Mr Farrington Siyolo, who was arrested with Mr Derek Thembane on the premises of the factory on the night of January 14 1988, was treated at a day hospital and then admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital where he had brain surgery. He died on January 18

According to the state pathologist Mr Siyolo had three wounds one on his left shoulder, a 4cm-long cut on his chin and a gash between his left eye and ear

Magistrate Mr W Marais heard allegations that a policeman had beaten up the two suspects and sprayed tear-gas at Mr Siyolo. Various accounts of events on the night of January 14 were given in evidence yesterday

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The owner of the factory, Mr E G Burn — who was summoned to the factory by the police — said that when he arrived there were two policemen and a security guard watching over Mr Siyolo and Mr Thembane, whose feet and hands were bound Mr

Siyolo was lying on the ground. Two other policemen arrived later.

Mr Burn said he was annoyed that Mr Siyolo and Mr Thembane had broken into the factory and he "padded the nose" of Mr Siyolo with his shoe "two or three times" and "smacked both men in the face two or three times"

Mr Burn denied kicking the suspects "I am not a violent man by nature," he said

Constable Geldenhuys testified to having told an angry Mr Burn to stop kicking Mr Siyolo, but he could not recall Mr Burn kicking Mr Siyolo in the face, but on the legs. He also recalled having noticed Mr Siyolo's swollen left eye

One of the other policemen at the scene, Constable N W van der Westhuizen, told the court that he had pulled Mr Siyolo down from a hiding place in the factory and he had knocked his head on a table and on the floor

Evidence was that en route to Phillippi police station the van had stopped, Constable Geldenhuys and Sergeant Benjamin Gouws left the van briefly and Constable D Carolisen was asked to watch over the men.

Constable Geldenhuys said "When I came out after about five minutes I smelt teargas"

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Security for cops Who fears for life

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A FORMER police informer who is now a sergeant in the Security Police was yesterday given protection in return for testifying to the Harms Commission.

Mr Joseph Mamasele on Monday refused to take the witness stand because he feared for his life if he were to be identified in photographs.

Mr Justice Louis Harms, the Commission chairman, changed a ruling he made on Monday about photographs and ordered yesterday that, in view of new evidence having been placed before him, he had decided that Mamasele could receive protection.

Facts

The Harms Commission is investigating alleged politically motivated murders.

Making the new application today, Mr Sam Maritz, SC, acting for past and present members of the SAP, argued that it was necessary to offer protection to Mamasele.



SOWETAN Correspondent

He had not been in a position on Monday to place all the facts before the commission but had been able to do so yesterday.

Mr Denis Kuny, SC, acting for Butana Almond Nofemela, said that as a result of the new facts, it was now agreed protection should be offered although it was not totally acceptable.

Taking the stand, Mamasele said that on October 26 last year and again on April 18 this year, he had made statements denying involvement in various alleged activities of the alleged SAP hit squads.

In 1976 he had been involved in the Soweto

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nots while a schoolboy but had not fled the country as had hundreds of his friends.

He was arrested in 1979 on housebreaking and theft charges, which were dropped when he was found to be innocent.

However, because of rumours within the ANC, he had been harassed. He was recruited by the ANC and sent to Botswana to attend an intelligence course and was unmasked in 1981 as an SAP agent.

He escaped from the ANC and returned to South Africa.

Trained

Mamasele told Harms that he had then joined the SAP and was trained at Viakplas police farm outside Pretoria. His work mainly involved the trac-

ing of insurgents.

He said he had met former police Captain Dirk Coetzee and Nofemela at the farm.

He denied allegations by Nofemela and Coetzee that he was a hit squad member.

"I emphatically deny I was involved in the murder of Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge. As far as I am concerned, I did not know of the existence of Coetzee or Nofemela at the time of the murder in 1981.

"I also emphatically deny I was involved in the murder of a diamond dealer in the Free State," Mamasele said.

He also denied involvement in abductions as claimed by Nofemela before the commission.

Mamasele said he had nothing to do with the kidnapping of Ernest Dypale, who was, the commission heard in earlier evidence, taken to a farm near Zeerust and subsequently disappeared.

He said hit squads had never existed and added: "There has never been any love lost between me and Nofemela."

Two named in Mxenge killing deny involvement

TWO Security Branch policemen yesterday told the Harms Commission they "emphatically denied" involvement in the murder of Griffiths Mxenge in November 1981 despite being named as accessories by three self-confessed members of hit squads

Sgt Joseph Tshepo Mamasela and Const Brian Boy Elliot Ngqulunga also said they knew nothing about the hit squads allegedly operating from Vlakplaas, a Security Police base near Pretoria

They could offer no explanation to the Harms Commission of Inquiry as to why they were named by former police Capt Dirk Coetzee, his former gardener David "Spyker" Tshikanga and Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela, Sapa reports

The three former members of the staff at Vlakplaas confessed to killing Mxenge at Umlazi Stadium in late 1981 and said Mamasela and Ngqulunga were present

According to affidavits before the commission, Mamasela had difficulty removing a knife from Mxenge's

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chest while Ngqulunga was alleged to have been at the scene but did not participate in the stabbing

In an affidavit handed in to the commission, Mamasela said he was not in the police force at the time but was working as a police informer

While awaiting trial on charges of housebreaking in 1979, Mamasela met Security Branch officer Maj Gerhard Kruger and agreed to work for him "combating terrorism" after his release from prison

Kidnapped

He became a paid SAP informer from June 1979 and joined the SAP on February 4 1982, he said

As an informer Mamasela infiltrated the ANC in Botswana, undergoing intelligence training with them

In the winter of 1981 his cover was blown, and a friend of his was allegedly kidnapped and murdered by the ANC. Mamasela was kidnapped in Gaborone and taken to Selibe Pkwe, 400km north of Gaborone, by colleagues from the intelligence course

He later escaped

Earlier in the day, Adv Denis Kuy SC, for Almond Nofemela and others, asked that two senior SAP officers move out of Mamasela's line of sight

The two men, a Gen van der Westhuizen and a Gen du Plessis, then moved to the back of the room

Ngqulunga also denied any involvement in the Mxenge murder

It was put to Ngqulunga that due to his background and knowledge of the Durban area he was the perfect person to advise the killers

In an affidavit he admitted he had been in Durban in November 1981 but said he was looking for ANC members and knew nothing of Mxenge's assassination

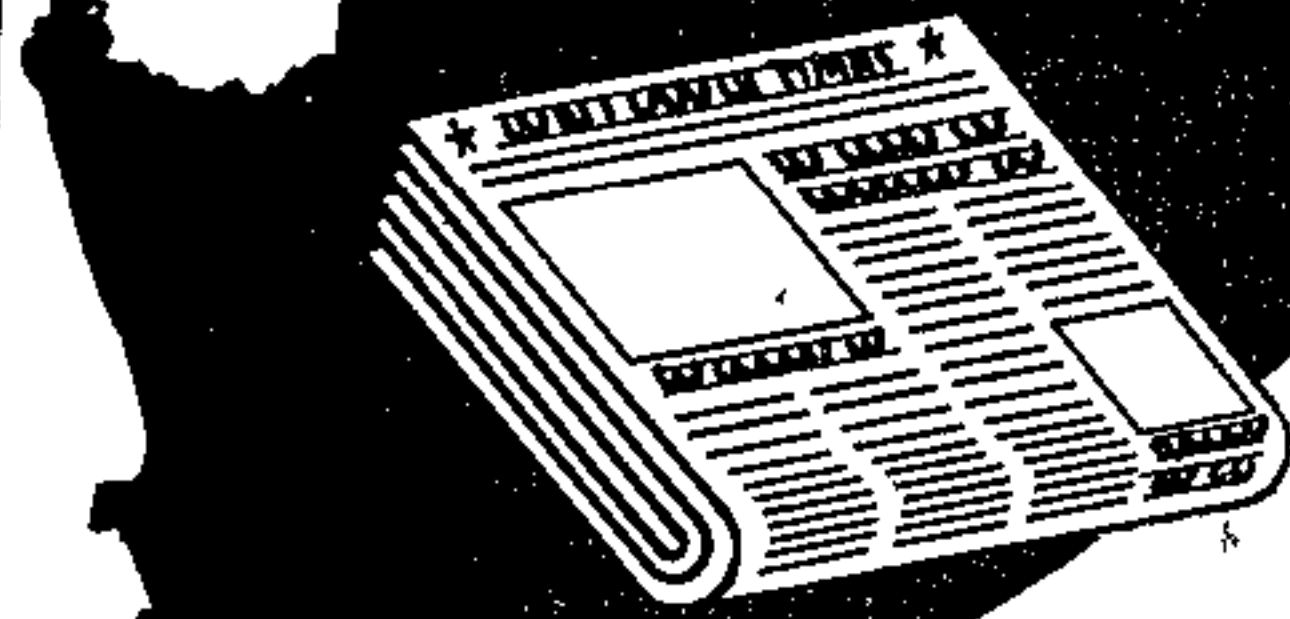
Former ANC member Ngqulunga, who had not been promoted since going over to the SAP in January 1981, was given the task of identifying ANC members he knew from his period of membership

He admitted that during his nine years with the police not one arrest had arisen from his work, as he had failed to identify anybody

Cross-examination of Ngqulunga continues this morning

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Coetzee wants 'war crimes' trial

ALLEGED former police hit squad leader Dirk Coetzee told the Harms Commission, hearing in London on Thursday he hoped one day to be chief investigating officer in South Africa at a post-war Nuremburg-type trial to bring out the truth.

Cross-examined by Les Roberts, legal counsel for the Harms Commission, he confirmed he did not believe the full truth about death squad atrocities could be uncovered by Judge Louis Harms because the security police, who denied his allegations, were manipulating evidence.

Coetzee agreed with Roberts that after he had "flushed everybody out" he would be first in the dock.

Said Roberts: "That makes about as much sense as appointing Rudolf Hess chief investigating officer at Nuremburg would have done."

Kangaroo court suspects arrested

East Rand Bureau

Police on the East Rand have arrested a number of suspects in Daveyton at the weekend allegedly involved in assaults on residents at kangaroo courts.

Lieutenant Ida van Zweel of the East Rand police liaison office confirmed the arrests but declined to give the number of suspects arrested.

She said such disclosures would hamper further police investigations

According to reports, more than 10 people were said to have been arrested when police raided the headquarters of the "courts" in the Xhosa section of the township.

Lieutenant van Zweel said she did not know if the suspects had appeared in court.

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Birdshot can kill at close range, probe hears

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Most of the policemen who shot at the 50 000-strong United Democratic Front gathering in Sebokeng on March 26 fired No 5 birdshot in the belief they were using minimum violence and non-lethal ammunition

However, a ballistics expert at the police forensic science laboratory in Pretoria, Colonel P R Gouws, said this ammunition could be deadly, especially when fired at 30 m or closer

Giving evidence on the last day of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings, Colonel Gouws said yesterday he had conducted ballistic tests to determine the effects of birdshot and buckshot

His findings included that when No 5 birdshot was fired at dead pigs — which have a substantially thicker skin than humans — at a distance of 50 m the pellets penetrated up to 10 mm deep.

He stressed birdshot could, therefore, be lethal, easily killing a person at a distance of 30 m, but said shotguns were "the most effective way of ensuring crowd control"

Referring to SSG (buckshot) and AAA ammunition (also used by police on the day of the Sebokeng shootings), the colonel said a human skull could be penetrated by both types from a distance of 50 m, but not from 100 m

Evidence led earlier in the

hearing was that the 22 policemen who had shot at the crowd in Sebokeng had fired 36 No 5 shells, 12 rounds of SSG and two rounds of AAA

Most of the policemen called to the witness stand testified they had been trained to load No 5 birdshot first before using more powerful loads such as SSG and AAA

This was because they were taught No 5 was "minimum violence and non-lethal"

Most of the policemen agreed they had been 40 m to 45 m from the crowd when they opened fire

Earlier evidence was that five people had been killed and many more injured during the confrontation between police



and the 50 000-strong gathering near the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng on March 26

The clash occurred after the crowd, which was apparently intent on marching to the National Party offices in Vereeniging, was halted by a police line-up

Several other people, believed to be at least seven, also died in other incidents in Vaal Triangle townships on the same day

Mr Justice R J Goldstone is investigating all these incidents.

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Murder search in Mandela home

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A war of words is raging between the ANC and the police after two Soweto houses belonging to ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela were searched yesterday.

Police had said they were looking for a murder suspect who usually hid in one of the houses during the Mandelas' absence.

But the ANC protested strongly against the "unwarranted early morning raids", alleging that police knew the occupants of the houses were ANC exiles who had recently returned to South Africa.

A police statement said the suspect, sought by Soweto police since 1988, was in no way involved with the Mandela family, but, according to information, would hide in one of their houses during their absence. The occupants of the houses had cooperated in the search in "good spirit".

The ANC said the police refused to produce a search warrant, swore at the occupants and forced them at gunpoint to stand with their hands up against the wall.

It said the raid was the "height of provocation". — Sapa

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'Death squads active'

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From MONOBADELA

in South Africa.

JOHANNESSBURG. — "Death squads" are still operating from the SAP farm Vlakplaas near Pretoria, it was claimed here this week.

Dr Max Coleman of the Human Rights Commission also said that 250 Askaris — turned ANC and PAC cadres now working for the SAP — were being kept at the farm where he claimed arms were being stockpiled.

Coleman said on April 7, Alexandra Township activist, Aldo Mogano, had been murdered by unknown assassins.

On April 23, PAC member Sam Chand and his family of four were ruthlessly murdered in Botswana by an unknown hit squad.

Five days later, the Rev Michael Lapsley — said to be an African National Congress supporter — survived a parcel bomb explosion in Harare. The parcel had allegedly been posted

Coleman endorsed a call made by Professor John Dugard, a member of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Internal Repression, that the government should extend the terms of reference of the Harms Commission to cross-border raids.

He said this would be the only way the full extent of the hit squads' activities would be ascertained.

Coleman said that it was known that about 160 CCB projects were current.

Coleman said it was not enough merely for the Harms Commission to investigate the actions of the CCB and other covert operations. The government must take steps to halt the current operations.

"Negotiations cannot begin if well-defined obstacles like the CCB and other covert operations are not removed."

Human rights lawyer Peter Harris said a member of the Askaris had alleged that more arms and ammunition were being stockpiled at the farm.

Dugard said the police had also paid little attention to about 256 cases of politically-motivated violence presented to them and the Commission by Lawyers for Human Rights.

Brian Curran of the Lawyers for Human Rights and a member of the Independent Board, said that since the appointment of the commission of inquiry into hit squads, little information had surfaced.

The police has persistently refused to comment on allegations related to death squads until the work of the Harms Commission has been completed.

I did not spy on the ANC, says security policeman

A SECURITY policeman, formerly stationed at Vlakplaas police farm near Pretoria, yesterday denied he was a police informer while a member of the African National Congress.

Constable Brian Ngqulunga told the Harms Commission of In-

quiry he had been disenchanted with the ANC after undergoing training in Angola.

He told Mr. Denis Kuny, SC, appearing for Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela, that people who had suspected him of being a spy had had reasonable grounds for this as he had ceased to be an enthusiastic ANC cadre.

Prior to escaping from an ANC camp after his loyalty was questioned, he had attempted suicide by swallowing an insecticide.

Escape

The insecticide had made him ill but a few hours later he was well enough to escape onto the streets of Maputo, where he was arrested shortly afterwards.

He also admitted that a bonus of R500 was paid by police to Vlakplaas



members if they were able to identify any infiltrator who was arrested.

Ngqulunga said he had never received such a bonus, nor did he know of extra bonuses being paid if identified infiltrators were killed.

He decided to kill himself because he knew as a traitor he would be sent to the ANC's notorious Quatro camp, where he would be tortured.

In an affidavit presented to the commission, Ngqulunga said he and other people at Vlakplaas had seen a bond develop between the three

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former policemen whose allegations of death squads had led to the inquiry.

The three were Captain Dirk Coetzee, his former gardner, David "Spyker" Tshikalange and Nofemela.

He also suspected the three were involved in illegal activities.

Ngqulunga told Kuny his only basis for this suspicion was that they were often together, left Vlakplaas regularly and often stood some distance away from other members of the force at Vlakplaas when they conversed together in whispers - Sapa.

Suspect died four days after arrest

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Court Reporter

A HOUSEBREAKING suspect was assaulted and sprayed with teargas by policemen soon after his arrest at a Wetton canvas factory, an inquest into the death of the suspect heard yesterday.

Mr Farrington Siyolo, 23, died from a head injury four days after his arrest on January 14, 1988. A blood clot in his brain would have taken considerable force to create, according to a doctor at Groote Schuur Hospital who testified at a previous sitting.

It was stated that Mr Siyolo was also assaulted by his employer and the owner of the factory into which he was alleged to have broken, Mr E G Burn.

Evidence was that Mr Burn kicked and slapped Mr Siyolo after he was pulled out of a stack of textile rolls in which he was hiding by Constable N W van der Westhuizen, and fell to the ground, hitting his head against the floor and a metal table.

Mr Siyolo was said to have passed out after the fall and was revived by one of the policemen pouring a bowl of water on his head.

In a statement put before the inquest yesterday, a Philippi policeman, Constable Ronald van Niekerk, said he went outside to meet a patrol van on the night of January 14 and saw Mr Siyolo and his accomplice being as-

saulted by a colleague, Constable D Carolisen

He said Const Carolisen opened the back of the van, threw one of the three occupants onto the ground and kicked and trampled on his face before "tapping" him on the head with the butt of his service pistol.

He said Const Carolisen had difficulty in forcing the man back into the van a few minutes later and "ordered" him (Const Van Niekerk) to pass him a canister of teargas kept in the front of the van. This was used to spray the suspect in the face.

He said under cross-examination he had been in the force a very short time and did not deem the incident serious enough to report. He felt he could not stop Const Carolisen, who had been in the police force longer than he had.

Sergeant Thomas Claasen of the Philippi police station said he refused to detain Mr Siyolo in his cells and ordered that he be taken to hospital.

Mr Siyolo underwent a brain operation at Groote Schuur but died four days after his arrest.

Defence counsel for Mr Carolisen, Mr Dirk Uys, said his client would reserve his right not to answer any questions or confirm or deny his colleagues' allegations when he appeared before the inquest this morning, for fear of incriminating himself.

Mr R Coran appeared for Mr Burn. Mr F Raymond of the state attorney's office appeared for the policemen.

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Vlakplaas recruit tells hearing of 'suspicions'

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SUSPICIONS that former Vlakplaas commander Capt Dirk Coetzee, death-row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela and gardener David "Spyker" Tshikalange were involved in "illegal activities" were founded on the basis that Tshikalange poured tea for Coetzee and Nofemela put petrol in Coetzee's car, the Harms Commission heard yesterday.

Speaking under cross-examination, SAP Security Branch Const Brian Ngqulunga maintained his suspicions were based on observing the behaviour of Coetzee, Nofemela and Tshikalange

"They were always associating together. If Coetzee wanted petrol put in his car, he'd ask Nofemela. If he wanted tea, he'd ask Tshikalange", explained Ngqulunga

Asked to back up his suspicions, he said the three men were always secretive and laughing together, and excluded the others

"But that's only proof of a bond. It's hardly the basis for suspicion of illegal activity," remarked Mr Justice Louis Harms

In his testimony, Ngqulunga said he joined the ANC in 1977 but later

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became "disaffected" After being named as a "traitor" by the ANC in 1978 he was detained in Maputo. He drank insecticide in an attempt at suicide. This failed and the same day he escaped, only to be recaptured and held in a maximum security prison for a year and nine months

He agreed he plotted his own deportation by telling the Mozambican police he was a wanted common criminal in SA

Fistfight

Back in SA, a Brig (then Major) Buchner debriefed him and he volunteered to "assist the SAP in tracking down insurgents"

Ngqulunga also revealed that despite being hospitalised after a fistfight with Nofemela, neither faced any disciplinary action at Vlakplaas

Ngqulunga, who had been described to the commission as a "puny, small little man, a mild-mannered man who would not hurt a fly", admitted to twice using firearms in violent acts while off-duty during his Vlakplaas years

The commission also heard how Ngqulunga and numerous others at

Vlakplaas had been appointed as SAP constables without ever attending Police College

Retired SAP Brig Johannes Rossouw van der Hoven, formerly a divisional inspector in Johannesburg and later head of the Port Natal (Durban) SAP Security Branch, appeared shortly in the afternoon session

He strongly denied ordering or having any involvement in the November 1981 murder of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge

Allegations at the time were that the ANC was involved in the murder. Adv Pretorius asked Van der Hoven if he did not think it strange they should then issue statements lauding Mxenge

Brig van der Hoven said "It could have been a smokescreen"

He also denied telling City Press that "an anti-terrorist squad from Pretoria could be called if a terrorist was seen in his area, but that what they did and how they did it had nothing to do with the local commander"

He did admit he was the only person in the region who at that time could make a request to the Vlakplaas squad

Cross-examination of Brig van der Hoven continues this morning

Access denied to Mxenge files

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The family of murdered Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge last night asked the Department of Justice to release security and other files relating to the 1981 unsolved killing

Counsel for the family, Louis Skweyiya, told yesterday's hearing of the Harms Commission in Pretoria that he was distressed he had not been allowed access to the documentation. This was hampering his cross-examination of witnesses, he said.

The chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, and Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State who is assisting the commission, said that they, too, had not been able to obtain access. Les Roberts, of the Natal Attorney-General's office, had on their behalf checked hundreds of microfilm records about the incident.

No 'paper' records

"The actual (paper) records no longer exist," Mr McNally said.

Mr Justice Harms told Mr Skweyiya that while he sympathised with him, there was little that could be done as the information had been designated as "classified" and therefore he did not have the power to order the de-classification of the material.

Mr Skweyiya said Bheka Shezi, the Mxenge family lawyer, was making "urgent representations to the relevant authorities" for access. Mr Shezi said last night he would make a statement to the commission today.

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It has been alleged by former policemen Dirk Coetzee and Butana Almond Nofemela that a police hit squad, based at Vlakplaas police farm outside Pretoria, had first ambushed and then murdered Mr Mxenge at Umlazi, near Durban, on November 19 1981.

Yesterday, it was revealed by Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, that the ANC had provided an affidavit to the Harms Commission stating that the ANC had not been responsible for the murder. Its contents have not yet been made public but the document is likely to be introduced into the commission record later today.

Cross-examining former Port Natal (Durban) security chief Brigadier Johannes van der Hoven, Mr Pretorius asked him whether an organisation would have praised Mr Mxenge to such an extent if it were suspected he had misappropriated R100 000 in ANC funds, as claimed by the police at the time.

"I doubt it, but it could have been a smokescreen (rookskerm)," Brigadier van der Hoven, now retired, replied.

Yesterday Mr Justice Harms ruled that portions of a serving policeman's personal file were admissible as evidence despite po-

lice objections.

He ordered security policeman Brian Ngqulunga to leave the commission room while lawyers argued over whether or not his file could be introduced into the record for cross-examination purposes.

In evidence led yesterday, the commission heard Mr Ngqulunga say he was "hardly the type of person who would commit a murder".

He then told Mr Pretorius that he had appeared in court and been found not guilty of attempted murder and had also been involved in other violent incidents. These included discharging a firearm on three occasions ("twice off-duty and once on-duty") and having a fist fight with Butana Almond Nofemela, who has claimed that Mr Ngqulunga had been a member of an alleged SAP hit squad which allegedly murdered Mr Mxenge.

Mr Ngqulunga has denied the allegation and also denied that he had been a police spy whose job it was to infiltrate the ANC.

The allegation was put to him by Denis Kuny, S C, acting for Nofemela, who said Mr Ngqulunga had shown a great deal of resourcefulness in escaping from the organisation.

"You are not at all an improbable person to be involved in the killing of Mxenge. You have been depicted here as a puny person who could not have done such a thing. I suggest that that is opposite to what you really are," Mr Kuny said.

The hearing continues today.

2 policemen die in attacks

8/6/90 By Craig Kotze

Two policemen were assassinated, one was shot and wounded and hand grenades were thrown at a SAP barracks in separate attacks on police in various townships yesterday, police said

The attacks appear to form part of a co-ordinated campaign against policemen, their families and their homes in various parts of the country. They followed the assassination of a policeman in Lamontville, near Durban, this week.

In Ntuzuma, near Durban, a police sergeant on his way to work was shot in the back of the head by an unknown gunman at 4 14 am. He died instantly.

In Kagiso, near Krugersdorp, gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on a municipal police patrol at 7.40 pm last night. One policeman died and a second, a Constable Dladla, was wounded in the foot.

In Bongweni, near Kokstad in Natal, hand grenades of communist origin were thrown at a police barracks. One grenade landed on the roof of the single quarters and the other at the gate.

No one was injured, a police spokesman said.

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Policemen had 'never heard of hit squads'

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Police witnesses at the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday all denied any involvement in murder, car theft or abduction allegations made against them by former police captain Dirk Coetzee and convicted murderer Butana Almond Nofemela

The claims were that the police had a hit squad which operated from Vlakplaas, a police farm outside Pretoria

Mr Justice Louis Harms, the commission chairman, heard former divisional security chief Brigadier Johannes van der Hoven, former Vlakplaas operations commander Colonel Jan Coetzee, and Warrant Officer Jacobus Schutte deny the allegations

Earlier, the African National Congress submitted an affidavit formally denying any involvement in the death of Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge, who was killed by unknown assailants in Umlazi on November 19 1981.

It had been alleged by Mr Coetzee and Nofemela that the hit squad was responsible.

Colonel Coetzee told the commission he had never heard about a hit squad during his time at Vlakplaas — from January 1982 until July 1984. He would have known if any men under his command were involved in untoward incidents, and he could not believe that security policeman Joseph Mamasela had been involved, as alleged by Nofemela, because of his own close relationship with Mr Mamasela.

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He also denied claims by Nofemela that a man named Ernest Dipale had been abducted in Soweto, taken to Zeerust and interrogated. According to Colonel Coetzee, Mr Dipale was arrested and then committed suicide in a police cell.

"Nofemela must have heard about the Dipale incident and made up his own story," Colonel Coetzee said under cross-examination by Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression.

Warrant Officer Schutte, now station commander at Calitzdorp, in the Cape, said he was at Vlakplaas from 1980 to 1986. He had also never heard of hit squads and knew nothing about the Mxenge murder.

Nofemela claimed Warrant Officer Schutte had provided knives for the squad members who had gone to Durban.

Warrant Officer Schutte also denied knowledge of a vehicle stolen from trade unionists, as well of the concealment, at his home, of a car belonging to a diamond dealer who was shot at Lindley, in the Free State.

The policeman said he could not have hidden the car in his garage — as alleged by Nofemela — because "I had a snooker table in the garage."

The hearing continues today

FWW'S CHALLENGE

Emergency lifted to spur ANC on to talks

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
PRESIDENT F W de Klerk yesterday threw down the gauntlet to the ANC by lifting the state of emergency.

He also unveiled a reform package designed to spur negotiations and counter sanctions from the international community.

There was divided reaction from the ANC leadership yesterday to the lifting of the four-year-old emergency in all areas except Natal, but a decisive welcome from Western leaders.

The positive response from the White House and the British Foreign Office prompted Foreign Minister Mr Pik Botha to suggest the West ought to review its sanctions against the country.

IAN HOBBS reports that ANC deputy president Mr Nelson Mandela, speaking in Paris, expressed joy at Mr De Klerk's move, calling it a "victory" for all South Africans, white and black.

But, he said, the emergency remained an obstacle to negotiation and Mr De Klerk had to go the whole way and lift it in Natal as well.

The major steps announced by Mr De Klerk include

● Lifting the emergency — except in Natal, where violence among blacks had assumed what he called "shocking proportions"

● The release of 48 political prisoners "as a gesture"

● An ongoing government review of security legislation

● A decision to boost police force numbers by 10 000 in the next 12 months and a "considerably improved" pay and service package from July 1 for the police and prison service personnel

Taxes would not be increased to fund the R814-million package

● A plan to beef up the security services, including greater use of national servicemen in the police, improving the police's logistical capabilities, call-ups for police reservists, increased use of the SADF in violence-and-crime-preventing activities and border duty in place of the SAP

Standing jubilantly in the forecourt of the Elysee, the magnificent presidential palace in Paris, Mr Mandela said the ANC had opposed the state of emergency relentlessly from the day it was introduced in 1986 (See Page 2)

However, a sombre ANC publicity secretary, Mr Ahmed Kathrada, told a news conference the 71-year-old Mr Mandela has been "over-generous" in his praise of the government's reforms

The government still had a long way to go before the ANC would consider suspending its armed struggle

Mr Walter Sisulu, leader of the ANC's internal wing, described the president's announcement as one of his "half measures" and insisted the emergency also be withdrawn from Natal

The White House called the lifting of the emergency a sign of "the remarkable progress" made in recent months, while the British Foreign Office also called on all South African leaders to work towards ending the violence in Natal, so that the emergency could be lifted there as well

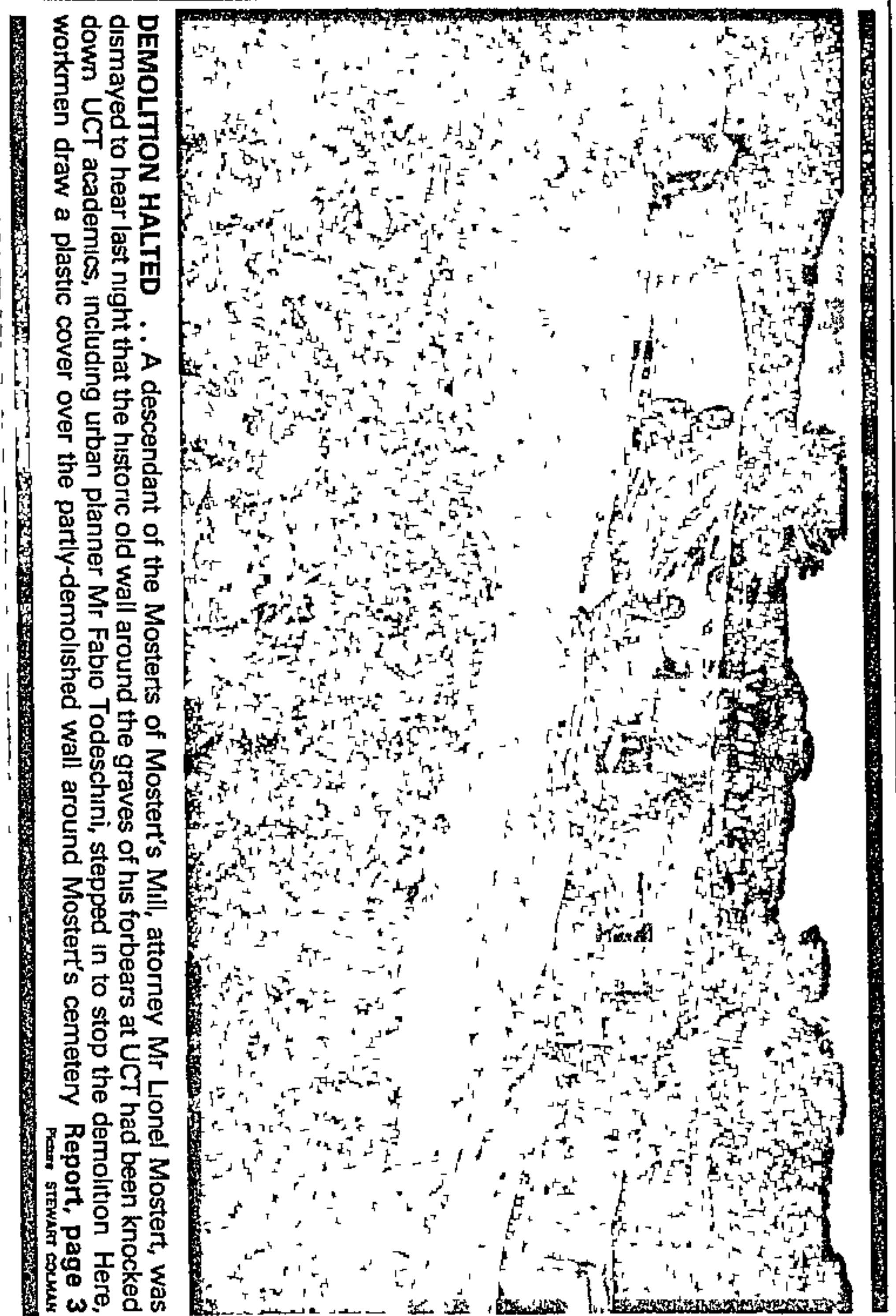
Yesterday's almost instantaneous on-the-record Foreign Office response to Mr De Klerk's announcement was indicative of the UK government's desire to publicly acknowledge positive steps by Pretoria

KwaZulu's Chief Mangosuthu Buthezi welcomed the lifting of the emergency in other provinces, but described the decision to maintain it in Natal as "lamentably tragic"

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CP leader Dr Andries Treurnicht said the government had lifted the emergency in an attempt to satisfy the ANC, but had created a risky situation

The ANC's forswearing of violence



DEMOLITION HALTED . . . A descendant of the Mosterts of Mostert's Mill, attorney Mr Lionel Mostert, was dismayed to hear last night that the historic old wall around the graves of his forbears at UCT had been knocked down. UCT academics, including urban planner Mr Fabio Todeschini, stepped in to stop the demolition. Here, workmen draw a plastic cover over the partly-demolished wall around Mostert's cemetery. Report, page 3

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lence and abandonment of the so-called armed struggle should be minimum conditions for the lifting of the emergency, he said

Dr Zach de Beer, parliamentary leader of the Democratic Party, said he was pleased with Mr De Klerk's announcement, but that "it would have been even better had he been able to lift the emergency in Natal as well"

Mr De Klerk, while acknowledging that recent changes had been a "bewildering and sometimes frightening experience" for many, vowed to continue with the government's reform programme despite the Umlazi by-election setback.

He told Parliament. "We cannot stop the world and get off as some people in South Africa would like us to do."

Asked after his speech whether his latest reform package would help counter international sanctions, Mr De Klerk responded "I hope my announcements today will have an impact"

Sapa reports that security forces in three of SA's four provinces have lost the special powers they had under emergency rule, but that they retain an arsenal of tough security laws designed to suppress opposition

But more than 100 laws limit the freedom of the media to report on government, the courts, the police, prisons, the military, energy matters and other issues

An as yet unused 1986 amendment to the Public Safety Act allows the minister of law and order to declare an "unrest area" where police and soldiers have all the powers of the emergency, but without the indemnity it offered

Permanent laws remain in place that still allow the government to outlaw any organisation, ban any publication or place any person under house arrest

The Internal Security Act allows police to detain people indefinitely without charge for interrogation, to serve as witnesses or to prevent them from threatening the security of the state

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Instant disaster

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's mounting crisis over the controversial "kitskonstabels" (or "kitskops" a derogatory label meaning instant constables due to their short period of training) has been compounded. This follows scathing criticism of the authorities by a Cape Town judge during the culpable homicide trial of a policeman who killed a man in Langa in December 1988.

Justice Johan Conradie said last week that Mbulelo Gwemntu was "unqualified, poorly trained and mentally ill-equipped" to be a special constable. He was sentenced to six years' jail with three conditionally suspended for five years. He was convicted of shooting a man who intervened in an argument between Gwemntu and a woman.

In March last year Judge Conradie sent two kitskops to jail for murdering a Crossroads resident. He warned at the time that such incidents would continue unless proper training was given to suitable people. In sentencing Gwemntu he said the authorities were partly to blame for what had happened. After only six weeks' training a shotgun was "thrust into his hands" and he was expected to "go out and maintain himself under difficult circumstances".

Vlok says the criticism will receive "the necessary attention". A detailed UCT report

on alleged excesses by kitskops, coincidentally released a week before the Gwemntu judgment, will also be investigated.

The report, published by UCT's Institute of Criminology, details case studies of alleged action by kitskops around the country and concludes that their behaviour "has shown a systematic pattern of unlawful conduct and abuse of power".

Kitskops were first used in October 1986. They are generally poorly educated and given only six weeks' formal training before being armed with shotguns and deployed in townships.

Vlok has referred to them as bobbies on the beat. Many township residents have a different perception, according to the UCT report. "Kitskonstabels are in the frontline of conflict between the State and the black townships. They are exploited, underpaid and isolated from their communities. Many of them have claimed that their white commanders treat them in racist and abusive ways. These factors and the changing political climate may affect their future loyalty to the SAP."

The report claims that kitskops are involved in many of the incidents described by government as black-on-black violence. It says they "solved many problems for the State" by changing the international image of the police as "white bullies" and allowed the police to get back into what had become no-go areas in black townships. ■

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SINCE the February 2 speech of State President FW de Klerk, 176 people have been killed, directly or indirectly, by police action while 1 563 people have been injured, according to the HRC.

The HRC has compiled a diary of reported cases of police actions in situations of political "unrest" and according to the organisation the figures are a conservative estimate as it is not always clear from press reports the exact number of people injured or killed in a particular incident. Not all cases are reported in the press.

Inquest ^{25/1} into police shooting of disabled boy

By JOHN VILJOEN
Tygerberg Bureau

AN inquest into the death of a disabled, 13-year-old boy who died in a police shooting at Kleinvlei on election day last year has begun in the Kuils River magistrate's court.

According to a doctor's report, Leonard Rass, of Karoo Street, Kleinvlei, died from a gunshot wound in the neck. He was a pupil at the Eros School for the Cerebral Palsied in Bridgetown.

The boy died when police fired at protesters marching to the Kleinvlei polling station.

In statements to the court, police said they fired at the protesters "in defence of their lives and property".

Mr Nicolaas Dudley, a member of the Kleinvlei Youth Congress, told the court yesterday he was at the front of the march when the shooting occurred.

The group of "about 200" taunted police by chanting slogans and shouting insults.

Their route to the polling station was blocked by five policemen who opened fire "without any warning".

The inquest was adjourned until June 25.

R814-m more to be pumped into security

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THE government is pumping R814 million more into security after scrapping the emergency in all areas except Natal

Ten thousand more men and women are to be recruited by the police in the next 12 months, pay and conditions of service improvements are being brought in within the month and the logistical capacity of the police is to be increased

National service troops are to be deployed to a greater extent to help the police

The government's contingency reserve is being doubled to R2 billion to cover additional spending. The government does not believe a tax increase will be necessary

These are among key announcements by President De Klerk during a special joint sitting of the three houses of parliament yesterday

As these measures will not have an immediate effect, they will be backed by interim measures

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These include greater use of police reservists — to be called up on the same basis as Citizen Force members — and neighbourhood watch organisations, more aid for the police by the army, including more troops in Natal, using troops for crime prevention and replacing police on the borders by the Defence Force

Total additional spending on the security forces this year will amount to about R814 million.

Of this R644 million will be spent on police in South Africa, R48 million on police in self-governing territories, R88 million on prisons in South Africa, R1 million on prisons in self-governing territories and R33 million on law services

Mr De Klerk said greater trust and stability would benefit all.

Police wait for pay ^{2/6/65} rise details

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POLICE will hear next week precisely how substantial pay rises and improved service conditions will affect them.

President De Klerk said yesterday much of the extra R644-million spent on police would be of greatest benefit to the lower ranks.

The new deal for the country's 66 000 policemen, who get the lion's share of the R814-million extra to beef up security forces, is also expected to attract more recruits.

A police source who has seen the new packages said last night the improvements were "substantial where they matter most".

Police accuse policeman of beating up suspect

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By SHARON SOROUR, Staff Reporter

A POLICEMAN has denied allegations by police witnesses that he beat up a Wetton factory employee who died of head injuries in custody

Constable D Carolisen was appearing at the Cape Town inquest on Mr Farrington Siyolo

Mr Siyolo, 23, was arrested on the factory premises with Mr Derek Thembane for attempted theft and housebreaking on the night of January 14 1988

He died four days later in Grootte Schuur Hospital

Constable Ronald van Niekerk testified this week that he saw Constable D Carolisen open the back door of the police van in which the suspects were being held

Constable Carolisen took Mr Siyolo out of the van and wrestled with him and after Mr Siyolo fell he trampled on his jaw and sprayed teargas at him

Constable Carolisen, station commander of Philippi railway police station, told

the magistrate, Mr W Marais, yesterday that he went to the van because he thought a suspect had called him by name He was alone at the van

He opened the door to see who was inside because the area was badly lit and Mr Siyolo lost his balance and fell out He helped Mr Siyolo up and he got back into the van on his own

Ms Ronel Bergh, for the State, said that on the grounds of what the inquest had heard, it was "not true" that Constable Carolisen was alone at the van

"One of the problems of this case is that the policemen's statements are in conflict, except in the aspect that at no stage were you alone"

Constable Carolisen "It's not true"

Ms Bergh "I put it to you that you are lying If your statement starts like this, I don't have much confidence that the rest of it is true"

The inquest was postponed to allow a pathologist and a neurosurgeon to testify

his life.

"Nothing has been finalised"

No hit squads at Vlakplaas - cop ²⁵¹

NO MEMBER of the SAP's anti-insurgency unit at Vlakplaas had discharged a weapon in the course of duty while he was commander there, Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Coetzee told the Harms Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

Coetzee, then a captain, was commander at the police farm between 1982 and 1984. He is now with the Security Police at John Vorster Square.

He told Mr Denis Kuy, SC, who is appearing for self-confessed police hit squad member now on Death Row Butana Almond Nofemela, that he knew of no incidents in which personnel at Vlakplaas used firearms in the course of their duty while he was in charge.

Coetzee said in an affidavit there were no hit squads operating at Vlakplaas while he was in charge and knew of the existence of none before he took over or after he left.

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Coetzee, who handled informer and subsequent Vlakplaas policeman Mr Joseph Mamasela, said he had convinced Mamasela he would be safer as a policeman than as a regular police informer.

He had taken Mamasela to Vlakplaas in 1981 when he was collecting information about a planned mortar attack on Voortrekkerhoogte by the ANC.

Coetzee said Mamasela had been asked by the ANC to steal a truck that could deliver the mortar to Botswana.

Although Mamasela had no access to the ANC high command, Coetzee said he was happy with the "bits and pieces" of information he was able to pass on. - Sapa.

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Grenade attacks, policemen shot dead

The Argus Correspondent
TWO policemen have been killed, one shot and wounded and hand-grenades hurled at a police barracks in attacks on police in townships.

The attacks yesterday were the latest incidents in an apparently co-ordinated campaign against the police, their families and homes.

Yesterday's killings took place in Ntuzuma near Durban and Kagiso near Krugersdorp.

In Ntuzuma a sergeant on his way to work was shot in the back of the head at 4.14am, a police spokesman said.

In Kagiso gunmen with AK47s opened fire on a municipal police patrol last night.

One policeman died, his body riddled with bullets, and a second, a Constable Dladla, was wounded in the foot.

The killers fired from a vehicle and sped off.

Hand-grenades were thrown at a police barracks in Bongweni, near Kokstad in Natal. No one was injured.

The names of the dead have not been disclosed.



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Racing strike threat by grooms

Racing Staff

MILNERTON grooms are threatening to blacklist tomorrow's race meeting at Kenilworth unless their demands for a pay increase are met.

The grooms want a minimum R250 a week plus a pension fund, or they will not work. And the grooms at the other centres will follow their lead.

The last agreement on wages — in 1986 — set a minimum R67,50 a week and a 10 percent annual increase.

A spokesman for Milnerton trainers, Greg Ennion, one of the seven-strong delegation who will negotiate with 800 grooms at Milnerton today, says the demands are "awesome".

He said most trainers paid far more than the minimum. "Some of the demands, I feel, are quite justified, but R250 is unreasonable."

Trainers are preparing for a stayaway, arranging for friends and amateurs to help work the horses at the weekend and to take them to the course.

Police cash will keep rates high

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CAPE TOWN — The R1bn government had added to the Budget to fund increases in police staff and pay would result in interest rates remaining at present levels for longer, President F.W. de Klerk told Parliament yesterday. *B 10am 8/6/90*

The extra R1bn increased the size of this year's Budget to R73,9bn.

De Klerk said, however, government would try to fund the police increases from cuts in other departments.

Most of the money was directed at the lower ranks of the police force, he said.

It could be expected there would be an initial increase in consumer spending, particularly on non-durable goods. As a result, interest rates would have to remain at current levels to prevent any upsurge in expenditure financed with credit.

At this stage it was not expected the R1bn in extra expenditure would have a negative effect on the current account of the balance of payments (BoP).

On the contrary, De Klerk said, it was expected the maintenance of law and order would increase business confidence and eventually prove beneficial.

He ruled out tax increases as a way of financing the R1bn. At this stage it appeared tax revenues were running ahead of the figure anticipated in the Budget.

This meant the extra R1bn would not necessarily increase the deficit before borrowing, De Klerk said.

If the deficit did increase, one possible way to obtain the necessary finance would be to raise additional loans. As these would be relatively small they would not exert

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undesirable pressure on financial markets and interest rates.

De Klerk said government had R2,1bn in its stabilisation account which could, if necessary, be used to finance the deficit before borrowing. This meant the Treasury would not have to go to the financial markets to raise the additional money.

Every effort would be made to fund the increase in the police budget by effecting cuts in the budgets of other departments. However, room for such cuts without

affecting the quality of a broad range of services was curtailed.

De Klerk appealed to businessmen to accept government was still committed to a policy of fiscal discipline.

Businessmen, he said, should realise SA was in a period of rapid change. The maintenance of law and order was not only necessary for negotiations but also to increase business confidence and to create a sound investment climate.

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Security pay hike details next week

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DETAILS of the increases for police and members of the security establishment will be announced next week, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok disclosed yesterday.

President F W de Klerk announced an R814-million remuneration package for the security establishment yesterday, R644m of which will go to the police. It will be implemented from July 1.

The announcement came after 1 995 members of the SAP had resigned between February 1 and the end of April. About 524 resignations occurred in April alone.

However, a department of law and order spokesman expressed the hope that many of those who had resigned would return because of the improved package.

He said details still had to be finalised but it was expected the lower ranks would benefit the most, particularly because of the "broadening of the scales", which would mean a greater range of salary increments within one rank.

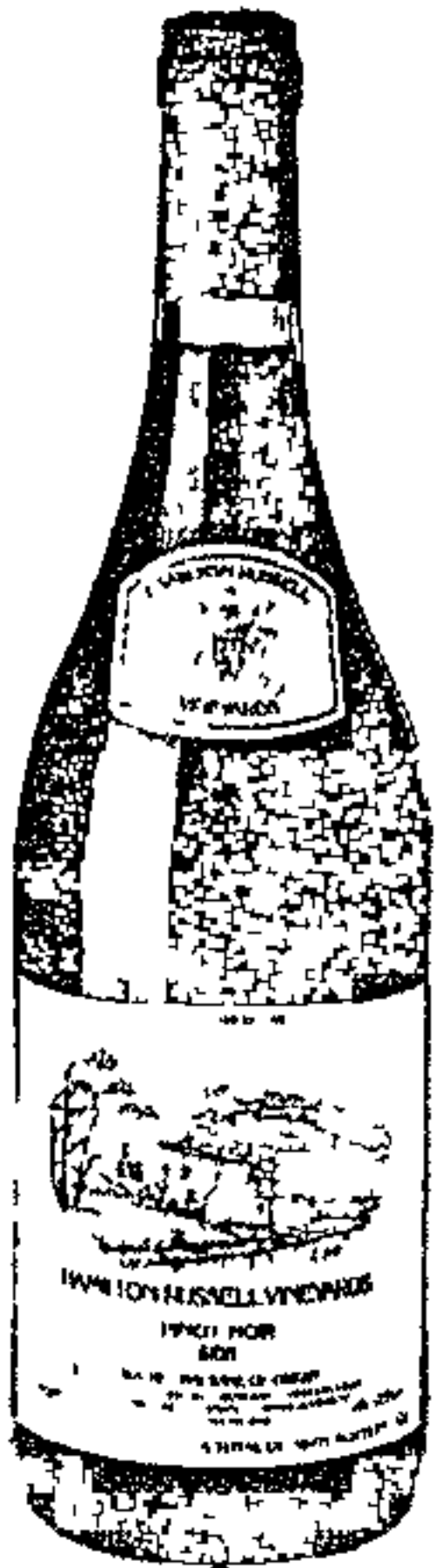
Disclosing plans to recruit 10 000 more policemen and women over the next year and the plans for a substantial remuneration package, Mr De Klerk said it would not result in an increase in taxes.

He said the SAP's logistical abilities would also be strengthened, while greater use would be made of national servicemen by the SAP.

Mr De Klerk said these and other steps would entail the contingency fund being increased from R1 billion to R2bn.

Mr De Klerk also announced certain immediate steps, including the greater use of the SAP reserve to bring it in line with citizen force members of the SADF.

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South Africa's Leading Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir was the category for the 1989 Diners Club Winemaker of the Year Award. From an entry of thirty wines, the Hamilton Russell 1986 Pinot Noir was judged first with only a 06

Nzo denies any part in Mxenge

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ANC murder

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ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo yesterday tendered an affidavit to the Harms Commission denying ANC involvement in the 1981 slaying of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge.

Allegations made shortly after the murder laid the blame on the ANC. Claims were that Mxenge transferred R80 000 of ANC funds into his own business, and that the killing was the ANC's response.

Nzo confirmed Mxenge had defended ANC members in court, and received funds from organisations abroad to finance these defences.

"However, it is completely untrue that the ANC or any other organ of the ANC was aware or complained of any misappropriation of these funds," said Nzo's affidavit.

He also said it was untrue that the ANC knew, authorised or carried out a plan to murder Mxenge, and denied they had a motive.

Mr Justice Louis Harms intervened in cross-examination of former Port Natal Security Branch chief Brig Johan van der Hoven, challenging his testimony that he had not investigated Mxenge's murder.

The judge asked Van der Hoven about an ANC telex blaming "agents of the regime" for "brutally murdering Mxenge" intercepted by the Security Branch.

A copy was sent to Van der Hoven "yet we know of no reaction from your side", commented Mr Justice Harms.

The judge then read from a letter

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sent by the Director-General of Justice to the Commissioner of Police on June 6 1981.

"Mxenge received unspecified amounts of money from outside SA for use in helping the ANC. Mxenge is probably about to commit a crime, but we cannot take action against him yet," he read.

"I don't know about this," replied Van der Hoven.

The former brigadier then conceded that a man from Pretoria did go to Durban to investigate the claims of financial misconduct by Mxenge.

Mr Justice Harms asked him if he was aware that no proof of misconduct had been found. Van der Hoven said "If that's what it says, it must be true."

In other evidence former Vlakplaas chief of operations Lt-Col Jan Coetzee denied any murders took place while he was stationed there.

He also denied any knowledge of the abduction of ANC insurgent Ernest Dipale, or of an incident where Vlakplaas members allegedly took three men and locked them in a bunker at a disused Krugersdorp mine, which was then blown up.

Coetzee told the commission it took much persuasion to convince his former informer Sgt Joseph Mamasela to join the SAP permanent force.

"He said he was a Roman Catholic, and couldn't become a policeman."

Coetzee said he had sent Mamasela to Botswana to infiltrate the ANC. "I was satisfied with his work on a limi-

ted level. He didn't have access to the top structure."

Mamasela told Coetzee of an ANC plan to attack Voortrekkerhoogte with missiles. The attack was carried out despite police knowledge.

Coetzee said the weapons used by members of the Vlakplaas groups included Beretta and Walther pistols as well as HMC sub-machine guns.

"They had to carry them constantly as their lives were in danger," he said.

Adv Denis Kuy SC asked Coetzee if the SAP resorted to "no holds barred" tactics in reply to those used by insurgents.

"In the police we have rules and regulations," said Coetzee.

"What steps are taken against insurgents then?" asked Kuy.

"They're traced and caught," replied Coetzee.

"And in some circumstances shot?" asked the advocate.

"Not in my time, but I do know others were shot after my time at Vlakplaas," said Coetzee.

Coetzee also disclosed that Vlakplaas members assisted in six arrests during his three years as chief of operations at the base.

"So few, only six?" asked Kuy.

"They don't fall out of the sky you know," replied Coetzee.

W/O Koos Schutte, who between 1980 and 1986 looked after Vlakplaas buildings and vehicles, denied involvement in the Mxenge murder or in burning Mxenge's car.

Cross-examination of Schutte proceeds this morning.

SA doesn't need this luggage

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Trying to bring about change within central government, local government or State bodies in a non-violent way is the democratic right of every citizen

This basic understanding of democratic practice has evidently been absent in decisions by this country's security systems for at least the past 10 years.

A security system that views people to either side of the ruling party as targets for monitoring or infiltration holds no democratic principles. At best it cannot avoid being termed party political. It certainly is paranoid.

Equally, this holds true for the national security system's "B-team" — the Johannesburg City Council (JCC) security department.

In spite of assertions — as an attempt to prove that it was not party political — that even the National Party was spied on, the individual chosen for this privilege was suspected of being too left-thinking.

In his testimony, Brigadier Jan Visser, one of the founders of the security department, said repeatedly any organisation to the left of the Democratic Party was regarded as the "enemy". The term implies that any step against such an "enemy" is justifiable and can be outside of the normal reach of the law.

Evidence

One needs to ask whether these South African citizens and these organisations to the left of the DP were seen as the "enemy" of South Africa, the Government, the National Party or simply apartheid?

One needs to ask whether David Webster and others trying to bring about change in a non-violent way were treated as the "enemy". The evidence that has emerged at the Hiemstra Commission tends to suggest that the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) and its members, like David Webster, were spied on as if they were the "enemy".

Contrary to being the "enemy",

Gael Neke, publicity secretary of the Five Freedoms Forum, looks at the total onslaught paranoia in the Johannesburg City Council

Hiemstra told about bugs in ballpoints

By Helen Grange and Louise Burgers

Johannesburg City Council spies had bugging equipment, including a transmitter hidden in a ballpoint pen and telephone listening devices, the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

The council's security department which ran the spy operations itself paid R5 000 to a firm specialising in counter espionage to sweep council offices when it was feared the department was being spied upon.

The Hiemstra Commission



More than R11 000 worth of such equipment had been in the storerooms last June.

Mr Wepener was questioning former security department senior deputy director Brigadier Jan Visser on the 15th day of the commission a sitting at the Civic Centre.

The brigadier said he would be shocked to learn that the

gone through the city treasurer Brigadier Visser said.

Mr Wepener referred him to a planning document drawn up in 1987 apparently on the instruction of Frik Barnard, deputy director of the security department in which the use of listening devices was laid out.

Brigadier Visser said if Mr Barnard had been involved in the compilation of the section referring to the bugging devices it would be highly irregular.

He denied knowledge of bugging devices kept in Mr Barnard's office or knowledge of earlier evidence that Mr Barnard issued listening devices to

Bugging devices . . . evidence of the Johannesburg City Council's paranoia.

the FFF would judge itself to be working with foresight for the good of our country.

Each of the campaigns on which we have worked has helped to bring about the process of change. South Africa is now witnessing. Our campaigns have focused on ending apartheid in all its forms, and freeing political activity for all South Africans. We have concentrated on opening up political discussion across divides inherited from apartheid in order to move proactively into a post-apartheid culture.

The FFF has been the victim of a theory that was patently not true, invented to bolster a non-representative power. Because we opposed apartheid, and therefore the National Party, we were regarded as part of the Total Onslaught, that great propaganda exercise of the National Party to demonise anyone who did not accept its policies.

The Total Onslaught theory refuses to accept that people oppose apartheid and its devastating ef-

fects. It places all blame for the problems in the country at the door of the "revolutionaries" instead of at the door of apartheid.

The entire basis for assessment, the entire philosophy of the Total Onslaught, is based on error, on fear of losing power, even in a democratic way. The philosophy cannot be justified and is morally putrid.

The philosophy allowed any action against political opposition on the basis that it was spawned by "revolutionaries".

Normal democratic political aspirations could not be allowed to strengthen. The lack of morality and democratic and economic answers could not be questioned. Any attempts had to be crushed.

The JCC security section wrote "The Total Onslaught against the Council of Johannesburg" document. Now, in the Hiemstra Commission, it tries to use it as proof and justification for spying.

Reading the JCC Total Onslaught

document, one almost feels sorry for those poor paranoid council spies. They even saw the movement of people searching for homes in "grey" areas as a form of infiltration by the "enemy". White guilt and high morals became crimes. If one wants to believe it, then anything is sinister and possible.

In spite of our legal and non-violent position, we were regarded as the "enemy". As such, we suffered harassment, damage to property, car vandalism, attempted murder and the murder of David Webster, our vice-chairman.

Any means were justified. To quote Dr Webster: "Assassinations have the effect of controlling government opposition when all other methods, such as detention and intimidation, have failed."

Our names ended up on lists at the offices of the CCB hit squads. We were seen as highly dangerous because we were ordinary, respectable South Africans wanting to bring about a more just society by normal democratic process of pressure and comment.

Illegal

In his paper, delivered at the 13th annual law conference, Professor Tony Matthews said one of the greatest ills of South African society was the virtual demise of legal accountability by public officials at almost all levels. The progressive breakdown of accountability explained death squads and dirty tricks produced by the security forces.

The spying activities of the JCC have no possible acceptability. They had no legal authority to spy on South African citizens. We believe they were committing illegal and criminal actions against our organisation and others.

It is these matters that need to be highlighted in the current official investigations. And, if they are not, they will have to be raised publicly elsewhere, for South Africa cannot enter a new era still carrying such sinister baggage.

By STEPHEN WHITTLESLEY
Weekend Argus News Editor

AS the police force returns to its traditional role of crimebusting this weekend, it faces a new crisis

Policemen are growing increasingly worried about their future in a post-apartheid society

And because President De Klerk lifted the emergency — except in Natal — this week they will be able to distance themselves from excesses committed in its name

“Protectors of society”

It is possible that their image in certain areas as the “enemy of the people” will change back to one of “protectors of society”

The poor image has reached crisis proportions in recent years and morale has dropped. This situation was worsened by staff shortages due to poor pay and working conditions

This may change with Mr De Klerk's promise of an extra 10 000 men in the next 12 months and more money to stop resignations by the thousand

But it might not be the right medicine

One policeman said “It wasn't only the money — we're worried about our future too”

Policemen might soon start leaving to get what they believe are more secure jobs

This week two were killed, a third was wounded and hand-grenades were thrown at police barracks

Senior police sources said this week that the “De Klerk package” — details of which will probably be circulated next week — was so good that it would entice former policemen back to the force

Senior officers said they were not aware of fears for the future but men lower down the police structure say the topic of the force in a post-apartheid society is being increasingly talked about

“I don't think anyone has left yet because of their fears — although it is possible some have and they could have listed other reasons in their letters of resignation — but certainly it is being talked about,” a major said

Confront the ANC

“What is needed is some firm statement on our future role and what security there will be for policemen”

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, declined through his Press secretary, Brigadier Leon Mellet, to comment on the fears

Mr Vlok referred to a statement issued earlier in the week in which it appeared that he was to confront the ANC on the future structure of the police

Policemen from constables to captains have mentioned the topic in conversations with Weekend Argus over a period of years

However, fears have become a major issue since former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee said he was a member of the ANC and that it might be a “privilege” one day to lead a Nuremberg-style investigation in South Africa

Serving policemen say that talk of Nuremberg-style investigations smacks of the possibility of witch-hunts and they could be used as vendettas against “good” policemen

They are aware that there have been “bad cops” but claim many have been rooted out already. They fear that a witch-hunt for more “bad eggs” could lead to suspensions, dismissals and persecution or prosecution of reliable, hard-working men and women

Benefits lost?

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"Frustrated"

"I've been assured that there are honest white policemen who want to get on with the job and who have often been frustrated by the way in which the police force has been hijacked to maintain apartheid and persecute opponents of apartheid."

Many policemen appear to be looking at the burgeoning security industry as a way to a new career.

Security spokesmen said it was a natural new area for policemen.

Vlok might be called by Harms

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By NORMAN CHANDLER
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PRETORIA. — Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, might have to give evidence to the Harms Commission after police claims that hit squads were a "figment of the imagination" had a severe setback

The Botswana government has given the commission information showing three policemen — all in a unit based at Vlakplaas police farm — were in Botswana on the day in 1981 that a Gaborone house was shot at and a woman wounded

Police witnesses have consistently denied the Vlakplaas unit took part in cross-border raids

On Thursday the unit's former operations commander, Colonel Jan Coetzee, denied members of his unit were in Botswana in 1981

Confusion

The extent of the information given by Botswana resulted in the commission adjourning in confusion until Monday

"This is a major surprise," said Mr Sam Maritz, SC, who is appearing for present and retired policemen

"That is an understatement," commented commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms

Lawyers acting for various parties said they believed the commission might have no choice but to subpoena other top police officers in addition to Mr Vlok if it were found there was an attempt at a cover-up. A possible "conspiracy" was also being investigated this weekend

A lawyer said all the policemen in-

Denial on hit squads queried

volved with Vlakplaas had claimed in affidavits that they had no knowledge of hit squads

Police have also denied involvement in "raids" on neighbouring countries

The new evidence was the first so far to corroborate the testimony of former police captain Dirk Coetzee and convicted murderer Butana Almond Nofemela — also a former policeman — who alleged that police hit squads existed

"Imagination"

Mr Coetzee fled the country after making his claims and Nofemela was reprieved — pending an investigation — only hours before he was to have hanged for an unrelated murder

In cross-examination of Nofemela this year Mr Maritz described the hit-squad allegations as a "figment of the imagination" and said repeatedly that Nofemela had lied

Nofemela maintained in his evidence that he had not lied

The surprise new evidence was submitted by Mr Paul Pretorius, acting for the independent board of inquiry into informal repression

He gave Mr Justice Harms a 16-page submission which included copies of Botswana immigration department entry and departure cards and medical certificates relating to the injured woman, described as Joyce Dipale, an ANC refugee

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Police run off their feet — residents

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"POLICE are keen to help, but don't seem prepared to follow up complaints simply because there aren't enough people to do that"

This was said by Robert de Beer, who has lived in Hillbrow for five years.

He said police were interested in big cases such as murder but not in small complaints

Linda Mgedeza (18), who shares a flat with her sister, said "This place is not safe, not to me only but to everyone around here I'm sure policemen sometimes feel unsafe working in this area"

Hillbrow's problem is a complex one, said Shiela Burts "The big problem is that police are understaffed and this place is overpopulated If we want police to be everywhere then we probably need about 10 000 policemen in the area."

Pensioners like Suzan van der Merwe live in the 'Brow because they cannot afford to stay anywhere else "Me and other pensioners live here because we have nowhere else to go The best is to stay indoors, read and walk up and down the building's passages instead of taking a walk through town"

George Dimitrios, also a pensioner, faces a similar problem "I cannot do my weekly shopping out of fear of being mugged I've been mugged thrice in the past two years I cannot walk Bobby, my dog, through the park because it is dangerous."

Rightwing

Stefan Dryija blamed rightwingers for attacking innocent people walking the streets of Hillbrow at night He said he was assaulted twice by white rightwingers after he tried to stop them from assaulting blacks in the area

Mr Dryija said police should concentrate on clearing Hillbrow of its drug traffickers. "Drugs cause more problems because people commit senseless crimes when they are high," he added

It was not the police's sole responsibility to see to it that there was no crime in Hillbrow, according to Jacob Xaba "Residents should start behaving responsibly and help the police to make the place liveable It's only joint efforts which will help us"

A shopowner, who preferred to remain anonymous, said noise was also a headache in Hillbrow "Early in the morning we are rudely woken up by noise from night jollers leaving discos, motor vehicles and bikes driving up the streets, and music from discotheques."

Laws such as the Group Areas Act should be repealed so that people could stay where they wanted to, said Ismail Naidoo (27) "People are flooding to Hillbrow because it is well mixed and, if apartheid laws are done away with, then people will find other places to live, thus easing the load on Hillbrow's shoulders"

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Murder suspect shot in attack on SAP

DURBAN — In another attack on police, a murder suspect was shot and wounded while seated in a police kombi when two gunmen, armed with AK47s, ambushed the police vehicle on the Natal South Coast yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charl du Toit, head of the police public relations division in Natal, said the attack occurred just after 9 am when two policemen from Umkomaas were taking the suspect to the Umbumbulu Court.

Colonel du Toit, said Detective Constable N Khan and Detective Constable M Cele had turned into the Adams Mission Road when another vehicle overtook

them and stopped

"The occupants jumped out and, armed with AK47s opened fire on the police vehicle. One of them also hurled a handgrenade.

"The two policemen leaped out of the vehicle and took cover in the sugar-cane fields from where they returned fire at the attackers," said Colonel du Toit

On returning to their vehicle, the policemen found that the prisoner they were taking to court was shot in the leg and chest. He was taken to the King Edward VIII Hospital and is in a serious condition

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Endless denials over hit squads

IT has been denials — some apparently genuine, others which may bear scrutiny — all the way as the Harms Commission this week entered its 15th week in a bid to unravel the truth about alleged dark deeds of the South African Police

A parade of policemen have told Mr Justice Louis Harms they knew nothing whatsoever about claims made by former police captain Dirk Coetzee and former sergeant Butana Almond Nofemela that a special unit had carried out "death squad" duties

Among the victims alleged to have been on the list were Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge, African National Congress operatives and a diamond dealer from Lesotho. There were also abductions and car thefts. All the allegations elicited the same reply from all the witnesses: "I strenuously deny the allegations"

The Harms Commission



NORMAN CHANDLER
Pretoria Bureau

Even the ANC has got into the act. It has denied the Mxenge murder and also denied police claims that Mr Mxenge may have appropriated R80 000 of ANC funds sent to him for the defence of members who were appearing in South African courts

London solicitor William Frankel has also told the commission, in an affidavit, that "I can recollect no dissatisfaction expressed by my clients as to the manner in which the late Mr Mxenge applied the funds sent to him for the proper legal costs and disbursements of such human rights matters"

The question which continues to beg an answer is: Who is telling the truth? Nofemela and Coetzee — or the policemen?

It has been strange this week that Dirk Coetzee, who fled South Africa after making his allegations, has not been so strongly attacked by witnesses as has Nofemela, a convicted murderer who to all intents and purposes saved himself from the gallows by providing an affidavit on hit squads just a few

hours before an appointment with the noose on October 20 last year

He was to hang for the murder of a Brits farmer

Nofemela — described as "intelligent" by one witness this week — was painted as a person who was a brawler, who did not know security police witness Joseph Mamasela although he claimed

to have done so, and who had a "strange bond" with Mr Coetzee and another squad member, David "Spyker" Tshukulungu

The story of the bond came from security police constable Brian Ngqulunga. "Although we were suspicious that they were involved in illegal activities, we could never find out what they were about"

Mr Mamasela told the commission he had given Nofemela "a comprehensive beating" during a fist fight

Mr Tshukulungu, who also fled the country when he backed up the Coetzee-Nofemela affidavits, was described by former Vlakplaas commander Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Coetzee as having "a liking for strong liquor"

He was also dismissed as "not important" by Mr Mamasela, a former welterweight boxer, who said all the allegations made against him and his colleagues were nothing but "scurrilous, horrendous, horrible, outrageous lies"

And added: "He was just a garden boy. Would you believe a garden boy?"

According to an affidavit given by former captain Coetzee, Mr Tshukulungu had done odd-job work in his garden in between hit squad activities

Try as they may, lawyers acting for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIR), Nofemela, the Mxenge family et al have not

been able to "break" the witnesses

They seemed to come close with Mr Ngqulunga, who finally had to admit that he had indeed been in Durban when Mr Mxenge was murdered. Not only that, he had been there between November 4 and 21 1981, and that "all the Vlakplaas squad was with him (Mr Mxenge was murdered on the night of November 19)"

But Mr Ngqulunga, who this week appeared quite rattled at times under intense cross-examination, got a much-needed break when the commission adjourned and he was, after the break, able to match his questioners

He stuck doggedly to his story that he had not been an SAP spy who had infiltrated the ANC. In his affidavit, Mr Ngqulunga said he had been trained by the ANC in Angola and Mozambique, had become "disaffected" with the organisation and escaped — only to be thrown into a Maputo prison for nearly two years, after which he was deported as "a criminal"

Mr Ngqulunga's testimony brought into the commission room a number of people never before seen there — black men who studied him intently because the judge had issued an order that no photograph or sketch of the constable could be used by the media

The same happened to Mr Mamasela — "I don't need firearms to fight the ANC. They are not as invincible as you may think," he boasted — but he refused point blank to enter the com-

mission room until the judge had overturned an earlier ruling that photographs were permissible

Mr Justice Harms also heard that Mr Mamasela didn't want to join the police force because he was a Catholic — a remark which brought smiles to the faces of everyone in the room

It has also been a week for repartee between witnesses and the battery of lawyers trying to make head or tail of the evidence

Like when Lieutenant Colonel Coetzee was asked how many insurgents had been captured while he was in charge of Vlakplaas

"I can think of six," he said

"Only six?" asked Mr Kuny

"The men (manne) don't fall out of heaven," he replied, to laughter

"Manna or manne," Mr Justice Harms said, to greater laughter

The advantages of having former terrorists working on your side became obvious when the commission heard that an AK-47 Russian-made assault rifle had been in use at Vlakplaas

"They (turned terrorists or 'askaris') didn't have to learn from it, they taught us (the police) how to use it," was the quick answer by Lieutenant-Colonel Coetzee to one question

The commission hearings continue on Monday, and, according to officials, are likely to end on June 22. Legal argument will be heard during August, after which Mr Justice Harms will hand his report on hit squads and the South African Defence Force's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau to President F W de Klerk

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Who is this mystery killer?

Outrage as police raid the Mandelas

By DESMOND BLOW

WHO is the dangerous killer police claim to have been seeking when they raided two of Nelson Mandela's homes in Soweto in the early hours of Wednesday morning?

Although the SAP are normally keen to give the name of suspected murderers, plus pictures, to the Press - and fact run a very successful Police File seeking suspects on television - they are not saying a word about the mystery "Mandela Killer".

He remains an unknown killer in an unknown crime. All the police will reveal is that they were searching for a killer wanted since 1988 and that he was not connected to the Mandela family. They said the Murder and Robbery branch had received a tip-off.

Several efforts by City Press to find out who the suspect may be, or which police branch was seeking him, ended in failure.

"We are not prepared to disclose any details," was the response of senior officers.

Asked who "we" were, the reply came back: "Headquarters".

No reason could be obtained for the refusal.

According to a member of the ANC at the Diepkloof house which had been raided: "The police did not appear to be searching for someone, but for something."

"Normally police tell people in the household who they are looking for, but they didn't do so."

"They searched bags and looked in drawers. Some of the men were in uniform but those in charge were in civilian clothes and all appeared to be Security Branch policemen. The captain in charge in fact spoke on the phone from the house to Col Andre Beukes of the Security Branch in Pretoria."

"I doubt very much if there was any murderer or any murder."

The police refused to accept that it was in the public interest to know why a killer should be hiding in the home of South Africa's most famous figure.

ANC internal leader Walter Sautu later warned that raids by police on the houses "might pave the way for the rightwing to follow."

President of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umas) Tom Boya strongly condemned the raids.

"Did they have to wait for him to leave and embarrass him during his absence?" he asked.

He said such actions created unnecessary animosity, when efforts were being made to build bridges in a new South Africa.



One of the Mandela houses in Orlando West which police raided on Wednesday in search of a mystery killer.

Prince faces treason trial

By DESMOND BLOW

THE imminent release from prison of Prince Mfanahlili, former strongman of Swaziland's now-defunct Supreme Council of State (Liqogo), is creating fear in high places in Swaziland.

This week it was announced he would be tried again - on charges of high treason.

Mfanahlili, an uncle of King Mswati III, was virtual ruler of Swaziland after the death of King Sobhuza II in 1982. He was responsible for the imprisonment of many people who opposed him - including Finance Minister Dr Sishayi Nxumalo, who disclosed a huge fraud involving members of the Liqogo.

When the young king came to power he dissolved the Liqogo and later Mfanahlili and several prominent Swazis were tried and jailed for defacing the ends of justice by imprisoning people on false charges.

Mfanahlili is known to have a powerful following in Swaziland, and there are fears that once released he will again become a powerful force and act against people he

considers enemies.

Mfanahlili is due for release from prison on July 5 after the king reduced his seven-year sentence to three years.

Last year the king released 12 of Mfanahlili's henchmen from prison.

This week it was announced Mfanahlili would face trial on July 30 on a charge of high treason.

The charges arise out of the escape last year of convicted armed robber Armando Lecula from Matsapa Prison.

He was recaptured at the Mozambican border and claimed under interrogation that his escape was part of a plot by Mfanahlili to kill the king and others, and set himself up as king.

Prison warden Lucas Madonsele was later convicted of aiding Lecula's escape and for being part of the plot to allow Mfanahlili and others to escape.

During his trial evidence was given that Mfanahlili had financed Lecula's escape and had sent a prison warden to Mozam-

bique with R2 000 in cash to find mints that would make him invisible so he could escape.

The alleged plotters - known as "The School Committee" - included prisoner Gabriel Gule, who told the court the committee intended to kill the king and 12 leading Swazis.

They included a senior member of the royal family and former cabinet member, Prince Gabbhen, former Deputy Commissioner of Police and now Commissioner of Prisons, Edgar Hillary, Director of Public Prosecutions Absalom Thwala, and former Finance Minister Dr Sishayi Nxumalo.

Giving evidence for the defence, Mfanahlili denied all the allegations against him. He denied sending a warden to Mozambique to fetch mints to escape and to find assassins to overthrow the state.

Mfanahlili said he had sent the warden to find an inyanga or "mutman" to ward off lightning on his homestead.

His wife, who is alleged to have given money to the warden for the "plot", fled to South Africa and is believed to be in hiding in Johannesburg.

Old man cannot afford to bury his son who was killed by dogs

By ELIAS MALULELE

AN 80-year-old widower, Isaac Sabezo Shkosana, was this week battling to raise money to bury his son Moses, a victim of the Brakpan killer dogs.

Meanwhile, it was revealed this week that the owner of the dogs alleged to have killed two people and to have injured several others, will not be prosecuted.

Shkosana told City Press from his living quarters at the International Youth Camp (IYC) in Witlok, Brakpan, that he was unable to bury his son because he had no money.

He said he earned a meagre social pension and Moses had been the breadwinner.

Moses was badly savaged by the dogs last week on his way to work. The owner of the dogs, Witlok dairy farmer De Klerk Roodt, has not been charged with any offence.

Shkosana said he was now a lonely and heartbroken old man who wished he could "just drop dead".

Moses was the only surviving relative of the partially blind and deaf Shkosana, who works with difficulty following an accident at the IYC where he has been employed for the past 40 years.

Four of his five children died before this tragedy.

Shkosana wept continuously as he spoke about the hopes he had in life for his son and said he could not understand how the dogs killed his son without anyone coming to his aid.

"I know the dogs have been biting black people and perhaps if police acted promptly when complaints were laid this would not have happened to Moses," he wept.

The last time Shkosana saw Moses alive was Sunday May 27 before he left for work in the afternoon. Moses was working for a panel-

bearer in nearby Dalpark, Brakpan. Shkosana said his hope of burying his son rested with his brother's family in Tsakane, Brakpan, but he was unable to contact them because he had no money and could not walk.

Grieving Lunah Tsotetsi, mother of three minor children, said her future was now bleak because her husband Johannes was dead.

His body was found mauled by dogs in front of plot 86, owned by Roodt. The police have since decided not to lay charges because there is no evidence to link Roodt's dogs with the deaths.

She said the dogs were vicious towards blacks and should have been put down long ago.

Brakpan police spokesman Captain Muller told City Press this week that the Attorney-General has declined to prosecute Roodt on complaints laid by people attacked by the dogs.

Muller gave no reasons for the decision.

Police last week said it was "impossible to conduct tests on the bodies to determine if the bite marks matched the dogs' teeth because the bodies had been badly mauled."

The dogs - five rottweilers, a bull terrier, an alsatian and a ridgeback - have not yet been returned to their owner by Brakpan SPCA where they were taken by police for tests.

An SPCA official this week said they were unable to clean the kennels where the dogs were kept because they were "wild". Roodt's wife was feeding the dogs.

Others to have suffered bites on the buttocks, hands, legs and faces and had charges include Jowee Portgeier, 21, Boy Sebitwana, 32, Johannes Majoja, 36, William Mashaya, 34, Benjamin Tyakle, 43, Lazarus Sewela, 25, Josiah Taelle, 49, Jan Masaya, 36, and Butlhi Mbatlhana, 27.

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Cop in hiding after hit squad threat

By S'BU MNGADI

DURBAN police were informed on May 18 that a highly trained hit squad had been sent from Ujundi to "eliminate" a policeman heading an investigation against a KwaZulu deputy minister and three others.

This was reliably learnt this week. The policeman supposed to have been killed is W/O Lwandle Wilson Magadhla, who is attached to the SA Police unrest investigation unit in Durban.

KwaZulu Deputy Minister for the Interior Bhekizizwe Jamile and Msizi Hlopho are now facing five counts of murder, five of attempted murder and three of incitement to murder in the Mar-

itzburg Supreme Court.

The charges arose from attacks between 1985 and 1989 on prominent Clermont, Durban, community leaders opposed to the incorporation of the suburb into KwaZulu.

Magadhla has been living in hiding since May 16 this year following an "unfriendly" visit to his house by armed men. The men allegedly drove a red Japanese car with registration NC 2610 Magadhla was not home at the time.

The car's registration number proved to be false. Information in the possession of police was that men fitting the occupants' description change vehicles frequently.

The hit squad had allegedly been sent by an Ujundi-based captain whose instructions were that Magadhla should be eliminated by May 30 this year, four days before Jamile's case was due to resume.

Natal attorney-general Michael Imber has also been informed of the threats on Magadhla's life.

A police spokesman in Durban told *City Press* they viewed the hit squad claims in a serious light. The SAP would do anything in its power to protect its members.

Among people who Magadhla's team had been searching for since February this year were

two KwaZulu policemen identified only as Vela and Vusi, who are implicated in three of the five murders.

The court heard this week a telephone call made by Jamile to a senior member of the SA Police's security branch saw his immediate release from detention following a gruesome attack on a couple, one of whom died.

When Jamile was subsequently charged, the case was withdrawn on instructions of the State, Detective Sgt E Wagner testified.

Joseph Khumalo died in Riv-erside from three bullet wounds. The throat of his girlfriend, Thoko Shabalala, was slit but she survived.

PAC hits at police targets

CP Correspondent

THE external wing of the PAC has claimed responsibility for several hand grenade attacks against South African police targets recently.

At least seven hand grenade attacks on black policemen took place in various black townships in May.

PAC publicity director Waters Toboti said in Harare on Friday the movement was responsible for the attack on police single quarters in the Bongweni township at Kokstad in the Cape last Thursday.

He said the PAC was also responsible for an attack on a police hostel in Soweto last month.

"We are the only organisation that has declared 'grenade warfare' on the Pretoria regime. The ANC is not in-

involved because it has suspended the armed struggle," claimed Toboti.

"There is going to be an intensification because we are engaged in an armed struggle to liberate our country," he warned.

The PAC has rejected negotiations with the South African government and has launched a campaign against the ANC, which has declared its willingness to find a negotiated solution to the apartheid problem.

The PAC says this is evidence that the ANC has betrayed the liberation struggle.

Toboti said the PAC was training guerrillas inside South Africa and others were being infiltrated.

No injuries were reported in Thursday's attack, but damage was caused to the police barracks. — Ano

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

QUESTIONS

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For written reply

General Affairs

SAP: employees

7 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order *transcribed 11/6/90* 251

- (1) How many (a) Indian, (b) Coloured, (c) Black and (d) White (i) policemen and (ii) _____

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Information that is furnished in reply to this question stretches over the period 1 January 1989 until 31 May 1990

- (1) (a) (i) 2 581

(ii) 237

- (b) (i) 5 415

(ii) 404

- (c) (i) 35 736

(ii) 1 472

- (d) (i) 32 853

(ii) 3 553

- (2) (a) (i) Indian

Coloured

Black

White

(ii) Indian

Coloured

Black

White

(b) Brigadier

Colonel

Lt-Col

Major

Captain

Lieutenant

Warrant Officer

Sergeant

- (3) Yes since 1 March 1988

policewomen were there in the South African Police Force as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

- (2) in respect of each of the above categories,

(a) how many persons (i) joined the Police Force and (ii) were promoted, and (b) to what ranks were they promoted, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available,

(3) whether salary parity has been achieved in respect of Black constables and sergeants, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that parity will be achieved? *transcribed 11/6/90* D56E 251

SAP: aptitude test

14 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Law and Order *transcribed 11/6/90* 251

(1) Whether persons who apply to join the South African Police Force are required to take an aptitude test, if so, (a) why, (b) how many applicants from each race group (i) wrote and (ii) passed such a test during the latest specified period of three years for which information is available and (c) how many persons who hold a (i) matriculation certificate and (ii) police matriculation certificate failed this test during the above period,

(2) whether applicants are allowed to repeat this test, if not, why not,

(3) by whom are these tests (a) controlled and (b) administered? D85E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

The South African Police has at its disposal an Institute for Behavioural Science and registered clinical psychologists who control and administer psychometric testing of applicants for enlistment

In addition to this, every Police region has trained test users who are registered with the Test Commission of the Republic of South Africa (TCRSA) These test users are responsible for conducting psychometric tests on applicants of all races who have a matric or equal certificate

The purpose of psychometric testing is to ascertain whether an applicant indeed has the intellectual ability and the practical insight which is expected of a police official. Should the applicant fail the test, he or she is afforded the opportunity to repeat the test after approximately three months has elapsed

Lenasia police station: requests for transfers

20 Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Law and Order *transcribed 11/6/90* 251

(1) Whether any member of the South African Police requested to be transferred from the Lenasia police station during the latest specified period of two years for which information is available, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what reasons,

(2) whether any members of the South African Police are expected to be transferred from this police station in the near future, if so, (a) how many, (b) for what reasons and (c) when,

(3) whether there is a shortage of policemen in Lenasia, if so, (a) why, (b) what is the extent of the shortage and (c) what action is being taken in this regard? *transcribed 11/6/90* D126E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes

(a) 15 members

(b) The families of these members all reside in Natal. They requested to be transferred to Natal on the grounds of financial, medical, domestic and personal reasons

- (2) No

(a) to (c) Fall away

- (3) Yes

(a) Owing to the fact that Indian members of the Force originate mainly from Natal and are not prepared to be stationed at Lenasia

(b) 12 Sergeants and 16 constables

(c) The numerical strength is regularly supplemented with students from the college, and where possible, from other regions where the numerical strength is full

Chatsworth/Durban, Tongaat/Durban railway

lines: murders/robberies

22 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Law and Order *transcribed 11/6/90* 251

How many persons making use of (a) Chatsworth to Durban and (b) Tongaat to Durban railway lines were (i) murdered and (ii) robbed or otherwise assaulted on trains or at stations during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available? D130E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

For the period 1 April 1989 until 31 March 1990

(a) (i) Murder — 1

(ii) Robbery — 3

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For written reply

General Affairs

Mr Sybrand Louis van Schoor: inquests

368 Mr A E DE WET asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether the South African Police have taken any action against Mr Sybrand Louis van Schoor as a result of the findings of the inquests referred to in the reply of the Minister of Justice to Question No 9 on 27 February 1990, if so, what action, if not, why not,
- (2) Whether Mr Van Schoor's firearm licence (a) has at any stage been revoked and/or (b) is to be revoked, if not, why not, if so, when?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2)

Four cases of attempted murder are at present being investigated against the person concerned. A number of formal inquests will also be held in the foreseeable future. In view of this I do not consider it advisable to furnish any information which may possibly jeopardise the investigations or anticipate the judicial process.

Internal Security Act emergency regulations:

persons in detention

439 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

What total number of persons in each race group was in detention in each specified region in terms of (a) each specified section of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) the emergency regulations as at (i) the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) 31 December 1989?

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(a) (i) 44 persons of all races country-wide on 5 June 1990

(ii) 25 persons of all races country-wide on 31 December 1989

(b) (i) 119 persons of all races country-wide on 5 June 1990

(ii) 61 persons of all races country-wide on 31 December 1989

Firearms applications

447 Dr Z J DE BEER asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (a) How many applications for firearms have been made by (i) Whites and (ii) Blacks in Welkom in each month since 1 January 1990 and (b) how many such applications were unsuccessful in each case?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) and (b) Since 1 January 1990 until 30 May 1990, 1 260 applications for firearm licences have been received in Welkom. Nine of these applications were rejected. However, specific records of the different race groups of applicants for licences are not readily available.

SAP: security of ANC delegation

455 Mr P J GROENEWALD asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether members of the South African Police were responsible for the security of the ANC delegation that held discussions with the State President from 2 to 4 May 1990, if so, (a) how many members of the Police were involved and (b) (i) how many hours of overtime did these members work and (ii) what remuneration did they receive for it?

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes, the South African Police was responsible for the safety of the ANC delegation but at the same time for the safety of the public and also the members of the Government and officials who were involved in the negotiations.

(a) On account of the particular nature of these duties it is not considered to be in the

How much public interest to make known the number of 11/6/90 members who were involved? (251) (251)

(b) (i) and (ii) The duties that were performed form part of the normal activities of the South African Police and no separate expenditure was incurred

Cape Province 436
Orange Free State 114
Natal 356
Transvaal 834
Cape Province 623
Orange Free State 211

Police Reserve Force: recruits/retirements

466 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order (251)

(1) How many persons joined the Police Reserve Force at police stations in each province of the Republic in 1989,

(2) how many reservists retired from service in that year? 11/6/90 B1087E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Natal 311
Transvaal 608

SAP, enlistments/termination of service

467 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order (251)

(1) How many (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Blacks and (d) Indians enlisted in the South African Police in 1989,

(2) how many persons in each race group had their service as members of the Police Force terminated in that year (a) on account of (i) resignation, (ii) retirement and (iii) expulsion and (b) for other specified reasons? 11/6/90 B1088E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) 3 866

(b) 430

(c) 1 367

(d) 287

	Whites	Coloureds	Blacks	Indians
(2) (a) (i)	2 075	162	775	36
(ii)	264	33	182	20
(iii)	45	34	825	9
(b) Deceased	124	24	227	24

Pietermaritzburg unrest: policemen injured/killed 11/6/90

488 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order 11/6/90

(1) How many members of the South African Police were (a) seriously injured and (b) killed in action in unrest in the Pietermaritzburg district from 1 January 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether he will furnish information on the number of members of the (a) South African Defence Force and (b) KwaZulu Police Force who were (i) seriously in-

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) During the period 1 January 1990 until 31 May 1990

(a) 22
(b) 12

(2) No, because the South African Police do not have these statistics readily available (a) and (b) Fall away

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTIONS

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For written reply

General Affairs

Gang warfare/drugs: persons arrested

4 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many persons were arrested in connection with township gang warfare in

the Republic during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (b) what steps were taken in respect of those so arrested,

(2) (a) How many persons were arrested for dealing illicitly in (i) dagga, (ii) Mandrax and (iii) other specified drugs during the above-mentioned period and (b) what steps were taken against those so arrested? 11/6/90C12E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

I refer the hon member to my reply which I furnished during interpellation 1 of 18 April 1990

Evidence before Harms hints at police cover-up

LINDEN BIRNS

EVIDENCE pointing to a possible police cover-up of a raid on Botswana and the slaying of Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge was presented to the Harms Commission on Friday.

Documentation supporting the London testimony of former Vlakplaas chief Capt Dirk Coetzee and his gardener, David "Spyker" Tshikalange, was sent by the Botswana government. It conflicts with the testimonies last week of serving and retired security policemen.

Coetzee told the commission he, with Butana Almond Nofemela, Tshikalange and Sgt Joe Mamasela, had taken part in the murder of Mxenge and in a raid on an ANC member's house in Botswana in November 1981.

In London recently Adv Sam Maritz SC for the SAP said this was impossible as the men could not be in Durban and Botswana at the same time.

Maritz based this on the presumption that the Botswana raid took place between November 4 and November 21 1981, the same period that Vlakplaas members were in Durban, and when Mxenge was murdered

Introducing the new evidence, Adv Paul Pretorius for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIR) read from a Botswana CID report that the raid took place on November 26, four days after Coetzee, Nofemela and other Vlakplaas members returned from Durban.

On the stand at the time was Security Branch officer and former Vlakplaas chief of Operations Lt Col Jan Coetzee.

Abduction

Col Coetzee, Sgt Joe Mamasela and Const Brian Ngqulunga earlier told the commission "without reservation" that Mamasela was unknown to them before his joining the SAP and Vlakplaas in 1982.

They ruled him out of taking part in the Mxenge killing, the Botswana raid and the October 1981 abduction of Ernest Dipale, which they all denied taking any part in.

The three serving security policemen, along with former Port Natal Security Branch chief Brig Johannes van der Hoven, denied police involve-

ment in Mxenge's death, and denied the SAP took part in cross-border raids.

Copies of Botswana border control immigration cards for Dirk Coetzee, Anderson Gumede (an alias used by Nofemela) and Joe Mamasela, dated November 26 1981, were shown to Col Coetzee.

Mr Justice Louis Harms asked Col Coetzee for an explanation of his and Mamasela's testimony denying any connection between Capt Coetzee, Nofemela and Mamasela before 1982.

"On sight of these documents it appears they were together in Botswana", replied Col Coetzee.

At a later stage Pretorius put it to Col Coetzee that "it sounds to us like the police are trying to cover up the truth. And the reason why you all made such 'absolute' testimony is not only to cover up the Botswana raid, but also the Mxenge murder. Do you agree?" "I agree with your supposition," replied Col Coetzee.

This morning the commission will conclude cross-examination of Col Coetzee and will recall Mamasela to explain his earlier evidence in view of Friday's revelations.

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6 500 workers at 127 OK stores on strike

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JOHANNESBURG. — The personnel of 127 of OK Bazaars' 166 stores are on strike, the SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union (Saccawu) said on Saturday, adding that none of the stores is trading normally.

The union said about 6 500 union members were involved in the strike, which had taken the form of canteen sit-ins and pickets, and there had been strong community support.

Saccawu also said there had been widescale arrests and intimidation of workers by police. It said 67 workers were arrested this week, 21 of whom were still in detention. Charges included intimidation and contravening the Gatherings and Demonstrations Act.

The union also charged that there were a number of incidents involving police going into store canteens to threaten and arrest workers. — Sapa

SAP captain a double agent, inquiry told

By Karen Stander

Renegade former policeman Dirk Coetzee could have been a double agent working for the ANC throughout his career in the SA Police, the Harms Commission was told yesterday

Pretoria security policeman Joe Mamasela said this when he was recalled to explain why Botswana immigration documents showed he had crossed into Botswana in November 1981 in the company of Captain Coetzee and Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela. He testified last week that he met them for the first time in 1982.

Mr Mamasela's claim that Mr Coetzee could have been a double agent who forged the documents provided by the Attorney-General of Botswana to "set him up", was greeted by laughter and was described by Paul Pretorius, for various parties, as "a pack of lies".

Mr Mamasela dismissed the documents as the work of "a genius with a sick mind".

The immigration documents showed that three South Africans entered Botswana on November 26 1981, the day of a

shooting incident at the Gaborone home of an ANC refugee, Joyce Dipale. Mrs Dipale was injured in the shooting and identified one of her assailants as Joseph Mamasela.

The men who crossed the border were Mr Coetzee, Joseph Tshepo Mamasela and "Anderson Pule Gumede", an alias used by Nofemela.

The men were driving a vehicle with the registration FZR 593 T, which the commission chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, said he had ascertained was a white or cream Cortina registered to the Security Police in Pretoria at the time.

The documents also showed that Captain Coetzee and "Gumede" had crossed back into South Africa later the same day.

Two hours later Mr Mamasela drove the vehicle into Botswana from South Africa, although there was no record of him returning to South Africa. There was also no further record of him or the vehicle leaving Botswana.

The original hit squad claims by Nofemela in an affidavit signed the day before he was to

The Harms Commission



hang for an unrelated murder were supported by Captain Coetzee when he testified in London in April this year.

In evidence before the commission last week, Mr Mamasela said he had not been aware of the existence of Mr Coetzee or Nofemela until 1982 when he (Mamasela) joined the Vlakplaas police farm.

He told the commission yesterday that while the Botswana immigration documents looked authentic, they were "full of flaws".

Asked by Mr Pretorius to explain similarities between his signature and that on the documents, he said the person who had forged his signature had done a good job.

Asked by Mr Justice Harms to point out the "flaws" in the documents, he said the passport number and date of birth were incorrect. The documents were not numbered consecutively and he did not recognise the registration of the vehicle in which he was supposed to have been travelling.

Ngxobongwana slates kitscops

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE mayor of Old Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, broke a long silence yesterday to launch a blistering attack on special constables whom he claims are responsible for murder, widespread torchings and theft in his community.

Mr Ngxobongwana, who has been uncontactable for several months, called for the summary removal of special constables and their replacement with SADF troops whom he said were "neutral and keep things under control".

The latest Crossroads violence was on Friday night when a woman was shot dead in her new Phase 2 home and two people were injured. Police confirmed the death, adding that 11 homes

in the development were torched over the weekend.

The woman, who was shot in the head, was identified as Mrs Ethel Magogwana, 23.

No arrests have been made

The long-standing Old Crossroads leader, against whom a six-month fraud investigation was recently dropped for lack of evidence, also replied to consistent demands for his removal from his arch-opponent and former headman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

He was prepared to accept demands for an open referendum on the issue "if everybody agrees to sit around a table — but no outsiders, just Old Crossroads people".

He said Mr Nongwe himself had proposed that he stand for

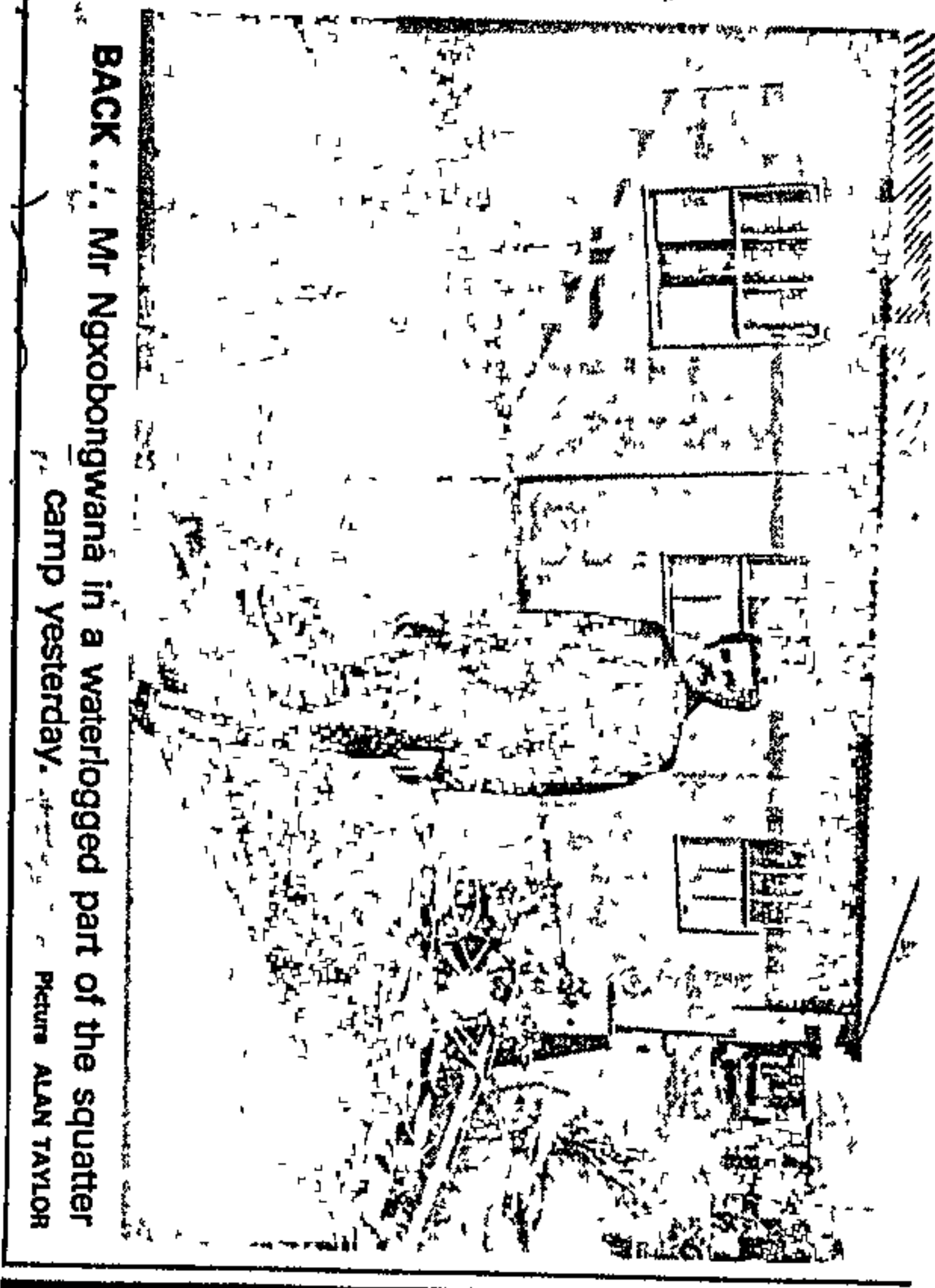
mayor in October 1988. This made Mr Nongwe's current demands for his removal "strange".

Special constables have come in for heavy criticism from Mr Justice J H Conradie at least twice in the past 12 months

Ten days ago the judge criticised police for arming an "unqualified, poorly trained and mentally ill-equipped person" as a special constable. He jailed Constable Mbululo Gwemthi for three years for culpable homicide and declared him unfit to possess a firearm.

Brigadier Vic Haynes, head of police liaison, appealed for Mr Ngxobongwana to "be specific and bring us the evidence".

He said police were studying Mr Justice Conradie's judgment "at high level".



BACK . . . Mr Ngxobongwana in a waterlogged part of the squatter camp yesterday. Pictures ALAN TAYLOR

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12 police die in Natal violence

Political Staff

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok disclosed yesterday that 12 members of the police had been killed and 22 seriously injured in Maritzburg in the first five months of the year. He said he did not have comparative figures for the SA Defence Force or the KwaZulu Police.

Police death toll in Maritzburg

B/Day 12/6/90 Political Staff

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CAPE TOWN — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok disclosed yesterday that 12 members of the police had been killed and 22 seriously injured in Maritzburg in the first five months of this year

He said in reply to Greytown DP MP Pierre Cronje that he did not have comparative figures for the SA Defence Force or the KwaZulu Police.

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1989.....	668
February 1989 — June 10 1990.....	1 041
Past 24 hours' official toll:.....	5
TOTAL:.....	1 714

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Hansford 12/6/90 (3) (a) and (b) No (1) and (ii) Fall away

Certain persons, order for release by Minister

301 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether he has ordered the release of (a) Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl and (b) Col Joe Verster, if so, (i) why, and (ii) when, in each case, *Hansford* 12/6/90
- (2) whether he similarly ordered the release of Mr Butana Almond Nofomela, if not, why not,
- (3) whether he intends ordering the rearrest of Mr van Zyl and Col Verster at any stage, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, and (b) for what offences, in each case,
- (4) whether he intends issuing any other instructions regarding Mr van Zyl and Col Verster to those members of the South African Police currently investigating the murders of Mr Anton Lubowski and Mr David Webster, if so, what are the relevant details? B778E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) and (b) Yes

- (i) In order to allow them to give evidence before the Harms Commission
- (ii) 8 March 1990

(2) No, because Nofomela is a sentenced prisoner and his release does not fall under my jurisdiction

(3) A decision in this regard can only be taken after the investigation by the Harms Commission has been completed and if the Police investigation reveals facts which will justify such a step

(a) and (b) Fall away

(4) No The investigation into the murder of Dr Webster is continuing and the docket will on completion, be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision. The murder of Mr Lubowski is being investigated by the Namibian Police

Prohibited gatherings arrests

343 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order *Hansford* 12/6/90

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

How many persons were arrested by the security forces in 1989 for allegedly attending gatherings prohibited in terms of (a) section 46 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) the emergency regulations?

Hansford 12/6/90 B833E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (a) 2 171 persons
- (b) 303 persons

344 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order *Hansford* 12/6/90

(a) How many persons were arrested in each province of the Republic in 1989 for (i) illegal possession of fire-arms and (ii) being in possession of stolen fire-arms and (b) how many of the lawful owners of such fire-arms were traced in each category? B834E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(i)	(ii)	(b)
Cape Province	298	283	77	152
Orange Free State	88	74	38	40
Natal	1 103	625	206	247
Transvaal	703	545	256	268

Patrol vehicles of SAP at Oberholzer/
Westonaria

352 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Law and Order +

(1) Whether he will furnish information on the patrol vehicles which are at the disposal of the South African Police at Oberholzer and Westonaria, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many such vehicles at (i) Oberholzer and (ii) Westonaria are available and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) on what basis are vehicles allocated to police stations? B859-62E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes
 - (a) (i) 29
 - (ii) 14
- (b) 30 May 1990

(2) On the basis of organisational and method investigations, the Division Efficiency Services of the South African Police determine the ideal number of vehicles that should be allocated to a station

Police forces in homelands

383 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order *Hansford* 12/6/90

- (1) Whether, in terms of section 21 of the National States Constitution Act, No 21 of 1971, he has permitted the (a) establishment, (b) control, (c) organisation and (d) administration of a police force in (i) Gazankulu, (ii) Lebowa, (iii) KATgwane, (iv) KwaNdebele, (v) Owaqwa and (vi) KwaZulu, if so, subject to what conditions in each case, *Hansford* 12/6/90
- (2) whether the (a) control, (b) organisation and (c) administration of any personnel of the police force transferred to the government of each of the self-governing territories referred to above is subject to any conditions determined by him, if so, which such conditions has he determined? B911E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2) No

Fuel levies

390 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Transport +

- (1) What amounts were collected by the State in fuel levies during (a) 1980, (b) 1985 and (c) 1989,
- (2) what portion of these amounts was spent by the State on roads in the Republic? B932E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

(1) All the relevant information is not readily available to the Department of Transport. That which can be made available is the portion of the fuel levy which was collected for purposes of the National Road Fund. The amounts are also unfortunately not available in the form of calendar years but in financial years. The amounts for 1980/81 and 1985/86 are R140 863 186,04 and R404 782 830,00, respectively. Since 1 April 1988 funds for

road building purposes are voted by Parliament and the amount for 1989 can therefore not be made available

(2) The full amounts were spent on national road projects

Abuse of Dependence-producing Substances and Rehabilitation Centres Act: persons detained

407 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order *Hansford* 12/6/90

- (1) Whether any persons were detained in 1989 for interrogation in terms of section 13 of the Abuse of Dependence-producing Substances and Rehabilitation Centres Act, No 41 of 1971, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what period was each detained, *Hansford* 12/6/90
- (2) whether any of these persons were subsequently (a) charged with and (b) convicted of peddling drugs, if so, how many in each case,
- (3) whether any of the persons arrested in 1988 are still in detention for interrogation, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what period has each been so detained? B954E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

- (a) 26 persons
- (b) 1 for 1 day
- 1 for 2 days
- 1 for 4 days
- 1 for 5 days
- 2 for 6 days
- 1 for 9 days
- 1 for 10 days
- 2 for 13 days
- 2 for 14 days
- 2 for 15 days
- 1 for 18 days
- 1 for 19 days
- 1 for 20 days
- 1 for 21 days
- 1 for 28 days
- 2 for 33 days
- 1 for 42 days
- 1 for 52 days
- 3 for 56 days

(2) Yes

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

suspensions, subject to the application of the Prisons Act, Regulations and the disciplinary code. A further explicit understanding was that departmental inquiries into previous behaviour and conduct would still continue. Thereafter, only three members failed to resume their duties ~~Heard~~ 12/6/90

†Adv J J S PRINSLOO Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, must we understand from the last sentence of his reply that, except for three persons, the rest of those that were suspended were reinstated in their posts?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, they were not reinstated in their posts, the suspension was revoked and disciplinary investigations into their conduct continues. Only three did not resume their service.

†Adv J J S PRINSLOO Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is it the normal procedure that prison service officials resume their duties normally while departmental disciplinary hearings against them are still pending?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, it happens quite often that disciplinary investigations into a person's conduct are continued while he is still in service.

†Adv T LANGLEY Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I should firstly like to ask him for what reasons those officials were initially suspended. Secondly, if there were no negotiations with them, whether there were negotiations with the West-German embassy or, in respect of the issue of the release, was there a mediator between them and the West-German embassy and/or the officials?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I do not have personal knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the question.

Satanism/devil worship, criminal acts

*8 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether any criminal acts arising from or performed during satanism or devil worship activities are currently under investigation, if so, how many,
- (2) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to prevent criminal activities

inherent in, or arising from, satanism or devil worship, if so, what steps? B1197E

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2)

The prevalence and practising of satanism in South Africa, as well as the alleged concomitant crimes, is a phenomenon which has already been under investigation by the Police, for a considerable time. However, intrinsically, satanism does not constitute a crime.

At present the Police are giving priority to the investigation of various types of crimes, which are allegedly committed during satanic rituals, inter alia

Murder,
Sexual crimes, for example, rape, sodomy and bestiality,
Crimes related to the abuse of drugs,
Violations of the Human Tissue Act, 1983 (Act 65 of 1983),
Violations of the Witchcraft Suppression Act, 1957 (Act 3 of 1957),
Violations of the Childrens Act, 1960 (Act 33 of 1960), as well as the Child Care Act, 1983 (Act 74 of 1983),
Violations of the Animals Protection Act, 1962 (Act 71 of 1962)

It must, however, be kept in mind that it is very difficult to prevent and detect these crimes. On the one hand satanic activities are surrounded by a veil of secrecy. On the other hand, victims refuse to report such crimes as a result of their fear of the supernatural, intimidation and possible reprisal.

I wish to emphasise that the Government regards this diabolic phenomenon in a very serious light. In addition to the investigation of the above-mentioned crimes, I have requested the Commissioner of Police to take active steps to investigate the extent of satanism in the country.

In this regard, I wish to point out that the Police are of the opinion that they cannot address this matter in isolation, but that they also need the co-operation of the Church, educationists, social workers, psychologists, the legal profession and others who can make a meaningful contribution towards the effective combating of the problem.

A special committee under the chairmanship of a lieutenant-general and consisting of knowledge-

able clergy, legal advisors and investigators of the South African Police, are at present conducting exploratory investigations in order to obtain the co-operation of the persons and instances I have previously mentioned. Once this has been achieved, the establishing of a basis for dealing with the matter in future, will receive urgent attention.

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

Riot Unit 8, Pietermaritzburg: certain constable

*9 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~Heard~~ 12/6/90 (251)

(1) Whether there have been any complaints, allegations or charges against a certain constable of Riot Unit 8, Pietermaritzburg, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) (i) what complaints, allegations or charges and (ii) when in each case and (b) what is the name of the constable in question,

(2) whether any steps have been taken against this constable as a result of such complaints, allegations or charges, if so, (a) what steps and (b) when, if not, why not? B1198E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2)

Four charges of assault and one charge of kidnapping were lodged against the member concerned.

In one charge of assault the Attorney-General declined to prosecute.

The remaining charges are being investigated under the personal supervision of General Stan Schutte. It is anticipated that the docket will be submitted to the Attorney-General shortly for his decision.

West German Embassy: prisons service officers/certain person ~~Heard~~

*10 Dr W J S NYMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~Heard~~ 12/6/90

(1) Whether the Government recently, after consultations with five suspended Non-White prisons service officers who were occupying a portion of the West German

Embassy in Cape Town, indicated that certain suspended and/or dismissed Non-White police officers would be reinstated in service, if so,

(2) whether the officers concerned have been reinstated in service, if so, (a) on what grounds and (b) when, ~~Heard~~ 12/6/90

(3) whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, is one of the above-mentioned officers, if so, what is the name of this person? B1199E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No. No indication was given to any person that the suspended and/or dismissed Non-White police officers would be reinstated in service.

However, an indication was given that written representations in this regard will be considered in terms of the powers vested in me by section 17B of the Police Act, 1958 (Act 7 of 1958).

(2) and (3) Fall away

Whites in detention

*11 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice

(1) (a) How many Whites are currently being held in detention and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether he will indicate how many such persons are members of right-wing organisations, if not, why not, if so, how many? ~~Heard~~ 12/6/90 B1210E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) (a) and (b)

On 30 April 1990 there were 4 009 sentenced and 609 unsentenced White prisoners in detention in South African prisons.

(2) No

The information requested by the hon members does not form part of the information required from a prisoner on his admission.

*12 Mr R M Burrows — Administration and Economic Co-ordination [Withdrawn]

~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90 (3) (a) and (b) No (1) and (ii) Fall away

Certain persons, order for release by Minister

301 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether he has ordered the release of (a) Mr Abraham "Slang" van Zyl and (b) Col Joe Verster, if so, (i) why, and (ii) when, in each case, ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90
- (2) whether he similarly ordered the release of Mr Butana Almond Nofomela, if not, why not, ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90
- (3) whether he intends ordering the rearrest of Mr van Zyl and Col Verster at any stage, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, and (b) for what offences, in each case,
- (4) whether he intends issuing any other instructions regarding Mr van Zyl and Col Verster to those members of the South African Police currently investigating the murders of Mr Anton Lubowski and Mr David Webster, if so, what are the relevant details? B778E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) and (b) Yes

(i) In order to allow them to give evidence before the Harms Commission

(ii) 8 March 1990

(2) No, because Nofomela is a sentenced prisoner and his release does not fall under my jurisdiction

(3) A decision in this regard can only be taken after the investigation by the Harms Commission has been completed and if the Police investigation reveals facts which will justify such a step

(a) and (b) Fall away

(4) No The investigation into the murder of Dr Webster is continuing and the docket will on completion, be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision. The murder of Mr Lubowski is being investigated by the Namibian Police

Prohibited gatherings: arrests ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90

343 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

How many persons were arrested by the security forces in 1989 for allegedly attending gatherings prohibited in terms of (a) section 46 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) the emergency regulations? ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90 B833E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 2 171 persons

(b) 303 persons

Fire-arms arrests ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90

344 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90

(a) How many persons were arrested in each province of the Republic in 1989 for (i) illegal possession of fire-arms and (ii) being in possession of stolen fire-arms and (b) how many of the lawful owners of such fire-arms were traced in each category? B834E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)
Cape Province	298	283	77	152
Orange Free State	88	74	38	40
Natal	1 103	625	206	247
Transvaal	703	545	256	268

Patrol vehicles of SAP at Oberholzer/Westonaria

352 Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Law and Order +

(1) Whether he will furnish information on the patrol vehicles which are at the disposal of the South African Police at Oberholzer and Westonaria, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many such vehicles are available and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) on what basis are vehicles allocated to police stations? B859-62E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) (i) 29

(ii) 14

(b) 30 May 1990

(2) On the basis of organisational and method investigations, the Division Efficiency Services of the South African Police determine the ideal number of vehicles that should be allocated to a station

Police forces in homelands

383 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90

- (1) Whether, in terms of section 21 of the National States Constitution Act, No 21 of 1971, he has permitted the (a) establishment, (b) control, (c) organisation and (d) administration of a police force in (i) Gazankulu, (ii) Lebowa, (iii) KaNgwane, (iv) KwaNdebele, (v) Qwaqwa and (vi) KwaZulu, if so, subject to what conditions in each case, ~~Heussel~~ 12/6/90
- (2) whether the (a) control, (b) organisation and (c) administration of any personnel of the police force transferred to the government of each of the self-governing territories referred to above is subject to any conditions determined by him, if so, which such conditions has he determined? B911E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2) No

Fuel levies

390 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Transport +

(1) What amounts were collected by the State in fuel levies during (a) 1980, (b) 1985 and (c) 1989,

(2) what portion of these amounts was spent by the State on roads in the Republic? B932E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

(1) All the relevant information is not readily available to the Department of Transport. That which can be made available is the portion of the fuel levy which was collected for purposes of the National Road Fund. The amounts are also unfortunately not available in the form of calendar years but in financial years. The amounts for 1980/81 and 1985/86 are R140 863 186 04 and R404 782 830,00, respectively. Since 1 April 1988 funds for

road building purposes are voted by Parliament and the amount for 1989 can therefore not be made available

(2) The full amounts were spent on national road projects

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

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(2) Yes

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Cape Times 12/6/90

4 859 cops resigned in '89

Political Staff (251)

THE police force lost an average of 13,3 members a day last year — but recruited at a rate of 16,3 members a day

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday the police lost 4 859 members in 1989, 2 508 of whom were white, but 5 950 people enlisted, 3 866 of whom were white.

At the end of May this year there were 82,251 members of the police force, 36 406, or 44,3%, of whom were white. The police reserve suffered a net loss of 555 during 1989 when 1 469 joined the reserve against 2 024 resignations.

Security guard in shootings probe

CAM-TINTS 12/6/90 251

THE police were investigating four cases of attempted murder against controversial East London security guard Mr Sybrand Louis van Schoor, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

However, he did not reply to questions, tabled by the nominated Democratic Party MP Mr Andre de Wet, about whether Mr Van Schoor's firearm licence had at any stage been revoked or was to be revoked.

Mr De Wet also asked whether the police had taken any action against Mr Van Schoor since he had asked the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, a similar question on February 27 this year.

Mr Vlok replied "Four cases of attempted murder are at present being investigated against the person concerned. A number of formal inquests will also be held in the foreseeable future."

Meanwhile in East London an inquest report criticising a police investigation into the deaths of two men shot by Mr Van Schoor

will soon be sent to the Commissioner of Police.

On April 12, a magistrate, Mr Leon Dicker, criticised policemen for what he called their "slapdash" and "grossly incompetent" investigation after two Mdantsane men, Mr Kayaletu Keith Bikitsha and Mr Ntozelizwe Erron Pasilo, were shot dead.

The court found both deaths had resulted from "an act or the omission of an act amounting to an offence" on the part of Mr Van Schoor.

It said that, with one exception, all the policemen involved in the subsequent investigation had been remiss in their duties, and a number had been guilty of "downright untruthfulness" when testifying before the court.

As a result, the court heard, it was not known what evidence had been lost.

An advocate appearing for the families of the deceased, Mr Keith Matthee, put it to the court that the manner in which the investigations had been conducted could encourage further shootings.

The court ruled that copies of the inquest transcript should be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police in Pretoria. Mr Dicker said yesterday these would shortly be sent.

Asked at the time whether it was anticipated that an inquiry would be opened into the matter, the police public relations division "gave the assurance" that all complaints regarding the quality of police work would be thoroughly investigated.

● Police said last week that no decision had yet been taken regarding whether or not Mr Van Schoor's firearm licence would be revoked in light of the fact that a number of attempted murder charges are being investigated against him.

The attorney-general in Grahamstown is personally supervising an investigation into the deaths of up to 34 men and boys shot dead by Mr Van Schoor in his capacity as security guard — Political Staff and Own Correspondent.

Workers baton-charged — claim

ster 12/6/90
About 700 workers from the Elektrode Maatskapy of SA (Emsa) company in Meyerton near Vereeniging were allegedly baton-charged by police in central Johannesburg yesterday

However, police spokesmen for both the Witwatersrand and police headquarters in Pretoria had no knowledge of the incident by late last night.

The incident occurred outside a building which houses the American consulate, where the workers had gone to demonstrate against Emsa, which is affiliated to the Danbury, US-based Union Carbide Corporation

After a 30-minute demonstration outside the Kine Centre in Commissioner Street, police arrived and allegedly gave the 700 workers two minutes to disperse.

The commanding officer allegedly said over a loudspeaker that the gathering was illegal, but did not specify the applicable Act.

The workers began dispersing but exactly two minutes later those who

had not dispersed were allegedly baton-charged

National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) shop stewards' committee chairman John Musundwa held a meeting with American consulate officials, asking them to pass on to Emsa's parent company a petition asking UCC to address workers' grievances

Numsa shop stewards' committee vice-chairman Jordan Mhlambi said later there had been several attempts to have grievances conveyed via Emsa management to UCC, but workers believed none of these had ever been passed on

They have asked for an across-the-board R2-an-hour increase, for all increases to be linked with the rate of inflation, and for management to refrain from "racist attitudes"

Workers at Emsa's Meyerton plant embarked on strike action last Tuesday. Workers at all nine Emsa plants subsequently joined the strike in solidarity. — Sapa

PD says good start

For 251 recruits

CPL 71415
13/6/90

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government is confident the R241-million salary-rescue package unveiled last night will stem the exodus of policeman from the force.

The 72 000-strong force up to the rank of colonel will get pay increases ranging from 4% to 7.9% from July 1, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adrian Vlok, announced last night.

He said R113 million had also been set aside to recruit 10 000 policemen, special constables and municipal police in the next year.

One incentive to lure back policemen who left is a new rank of lance-sergeant. Mr Vlok said "I am hopeful that the tide will turn as a result of this new package."

He said the SAP planned to recruit at least 10 000 members in the next year.

40% of these women — but ideally the size of the force should eventually be doubled.

Provided recruits passed an exam, most policemen who had left would get a minimum salary package of R21 026.

In terms of the new deal most policemen will receive substantial pay and service benefit hikes, but 0.3% of force below the rank of colonel will not receive any new increases.

Policemen will also be paid R75 for working on off days — up R25 from the figure introduced for the first time in April.

Mr Vlok said the SAP planned to recruit 2 000 permanent members by January. The target for June was 4 000 new women members, 3 000 municipal policemen, 2 000 special constables and 1 000 civilians.

Mr Vlok appealed to former policemen to return to the force as they would now receive good salaries. "I am optimistic this will happen," he said.

The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said the latest

recruitment drive included plans to contact all those who had resigned from the force.

The SAP also planned to get individuals doing national service with the SAP to remain in the force.

Mr Vlok said the new salary structure was designed to give most benefits to those policemen who excelled. "Those who show initiative will be promoted and rewarded financially," he said.

He said the pay increase had the support of his cabinet colleagues and dismissed speculation that there was division in the cabinet over the issue.

Mr Vlok said policemen who had already passed examinations for promotion to the ranks of sergeant, warrant officer and lieutenant would be placed in a position where even at a young age they would receive substantially higher salaries.

The minimum requirements for promotion to the rank of lance-sergeant were matric plus two years experience or standard eight or nine plus four years experience.

In terms of the new structure, the starting salary package of constables with matric will increase from R9 999 to R16 828.

The minimum for a sergeant will increase from R11 931 to R26 343 when all new allowances — including the 10% non-pensionable allowance for all civil servants announced earlier this year — are taken into account.

Warrant officers will receive between R30 742 and R41 691 (previously R18 312 to R25 584).

At the top end of the pay benefit scale colonels will receive salary packages of between R67 755 and R79 239 (R49 899 to R54 111).

Mr Vlok said the salary package of a constable with matric who started service this year after completing training would rise from R12 876 to R17 379.

The salary package of a constable with five years experience would rise from R15 804 to R20 298. If promoted to lance-sergeant, the same policeman would receive an annual pay R23 214.

Vlok mum on ANC guard

MR Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said it was not in the public interest to say how many policemen were on duty to protect the ANC when they were in Cape Town for the Groote Schuur talks with the Government last month. (251)

He had been asked questions about the police's protection of the ANC delegation by Mr PJ Groenewald, the Conservative Party MP for Stilfontein.

Vlok said the SAP were responsible for the safety of the ANC delegation, the public, the members of the Government and officials who were involved in the negotiations.

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Abduction was not authorised

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THE abduction of South African teacher Joe Pillay from Swaziland was carried out by members of the SA Police anti-insurgency unit from Vlakpaas acting unilaterally, the former head of the Special Branch's C Section, Brig Willem Schoon, told the Harms Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

He added that Pillay was not immediately returned to Swaziland as the police "wanted to chat to him."

The abduction was followed by a massive diplomatic outcry and the teacher was returned within two weeks after his abduction - but the officers who carried out the kidnap were never disciplined.

Decision

Answering questions by Mr Denis Kuny, SC, appearing for death row prisoner and self-confessed Vlakplaas hit-squad member Butana Almond Nofemela, Schoon said the decision not to take action against the policemen had been made by the then head of the Security Police and now police commissioner, General Johan Coetzee.

He told Mr Paul Pretorius, appearing for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, Vlakplaas members, acting with other police units, had killed between 10 and 12 insurgents and wounded a few more since the setting up of the unit in 1980.

Police had on occasion helped the SADF with operations on the border.-
Sapa



HARMS



How many residents of each of the (a) self-governing territories and (b) independent Black states were employed in the Republic by the South African Government in 1989?
Answer 13/6/90 B1079E

THE MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION

The required information is not available. In order to answer this question, the address details of more than 277 000 Black employees will have to be scrutinised

Policemen killed/seriously injured

468 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many policemen, excluding policemen killed or injured in vehicle accidents or outside the Republic, were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured in the execution of their duties in 1989?
251 B1089E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 36 Answer 13/6/90
(b) 164

Imbali township, murders

489 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order
Answer 13/6/90

(1) How many murders of persons in Imbali Township were reported to the Plessislaer police station from 1 January 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) (a) How many (i) arrests have been made as a result of such reports and (ii) suspects so arrested have been refused bail and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?
B1134E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) 166
- (2) (a) (i) 33
(ii) 11
- (b) 31 May 1990

Pietermaritzburg unrest: complainants against SAP/SADF

490 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) How many complainants were laid against members of the (a) South African Police and (b) South African Defence Force in connection with unrest in the Pietermaritzburg district from 1 January 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any charges have been laid or other steps have been taken as a result of such complainants, if not, why not, if so, (a) what charges or steps, (b) for what reasons, (c) against whom and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished?
Answer 13/6/90 B1135E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) (a) 13
- (b) None
- (2) Yes

- (a) 4 charges of murder,
3 charges of attempted murder,
2 charges of kidnapping,
1 charge of damage to property,
2 charges of assault,
1 charge of arson

(b) and (c) I do not consider it advisable to furnish this information because it may possibly prejudice the investigation and anticipate the legal process

Thefts from cars

498 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Law and Order

(a) How many thefts from cars were reported in 1989 and (b) in how many cases were recoveries made?
Answer 13/6/90 B1152E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (a) 122 365 instances
 - (b) Statistics in this regard are not kept
- Unrest unit: damage to vehicles/equipment
- 504 Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order †

(1) What is the amount of the damage caused to (a) (i) vehicles and (ii) other equipment of each specified unrest unit of the South African Police in unrest incidents in the Republic in 1990 and (b) how many Police vehicles have to be replaced as a result of having been damaged in such incidents,

(2) in respect of what date in 1990 is this information furnished?
Answer 13/6/90 251 B1167E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) (i) Natal R155 815,00
Northern R 5 300,00
Transvaal R 6 810,81
Far Northern R 3 637,08
Eastern Transvaal R 84 919,00
Witwatersrand R 64 915,00
Orange Free State R 24 319,59
Eastern Cape R 1 010,00
Soweto R 23 781,00
Western Cape R 8 700,00
Northern Cape R 62 538,00
Western Transvaal R 3 840,00
Witwatersrand R 1 600,00
Orange Free State R 1 600,00

(b) None

(2) 1 January 1990 until 31 May 1990

Own Affairs

Rural councils

123 Mr A A BRUWER asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government †

(1) (a) How are rural councils to be administered and (b) what are the functions of these councils,
Answer 13/6/90

(2) whether rural areas will have to pay rates levied by rural councils, if so, on what basis, if not, from what sources will the funds for such councils be obtained?
Answer 13/6/90 B1052E

THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) (a) Rural councils are administered by officials of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works. Where the Department cannot manage the administration on its own, officials of the Local Government Affairs Council or the regional services councils are used on an agency basis, as the case may be

(b) Rural councils should —

(i) identify the needs of their communities and determine such needs in order of priority,

(ii) state the needs of their communities at meetings of the regional services councils by means of their representatives and negotiate funds, and

(iii) advise the Minister regarding powers which should, in terms of section 12A(6) of the Regional Services Councils Act, No 109 of 1985, be assigned to rural councils

No powers have so far been assigned

(2) No Section 12A(6) of the Regional Services Councils Act, No 109 of 1985, forbids it. The expenditure regarding the administration of a rural council shall be defrayed from funds appropriated by Parliament for such purpose which appears on the budget item of the Minister of the Budget and Local Government

Handwritten 13/6/90
 tion, classification and handling of dangerous goods, including waste products, with a view to also clearly identifying imports of hazardous substances to ensure proper control by the departments most concerned, ie the Departments of Environment Affairs and of National Health and Population Development. This system will establish meaningful and uniform guide-lines for the identification, classification and handling of dangerous substances in line with the best international practices. I have already issued a news release in this regard, a copy of which is being forwarded to the hon member

Diep River police station: staff establishment

388 Mr R V CARLISLE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether he will furnish statistics on the
 - (a) approved and (b) actual staff establishment by rank at the Diep River police station, if not, why not, if so, (i) what are the relevant statistics and (ii) in respect of what date are they furnished,
- (2) whether there is a shortage of staff at this police station, if so, (a) why and (b) (i) what steps does he intend taking to eliminate this shortage and (ii) when is it anticipated that it will be eliminated?

B917E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2) No. Because it is not in the public interest or the interest of the safety of the police station concerned. However, I am prepared to furnish the information to the hon member on a confidential basis, should he approach me for that purpose.

Cape Province: exchequer personnel corps

395 Mr W C MALAN asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination
 How many (a) Whites, (b) Blacks, (c) Coloureds and (d) Indians were employed in each specified salary interval of the exchequer personnel corps in the Cape Province in September 1988?

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The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION

Information regarding the geographical distribution of the exchequer personnel corps is not

readily available. It would also not be possible to obtain information as far back as September 1988 from departments.

Orange Free State: Exchequer personnel corps

396 Mr W C MALAN asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination
 How many (a) Whites, (b) Blacks, (c) Coloureds and (d) Indians were employed in each specified salary interval of the exchequer personnel corps in the Orange Free State, excluding Qwaqwa in September 1988?

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The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION

Information regarding the geographical distribution of the exchequer personnel corps is not readily available. It would also not be possible to obtain information as far back as September 1988 from departments.

Certain publication

412 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination

- (1) Whether his Department is involved in a certain publication, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (a) what is the name of this publication, (b) what was the cost of the publication to his Department during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (c) (i) what is the circulation of the publication and (ii) to whom is it distributed,
- (2) whether he will furnish information on a second publication, the name of which has also been furnished to his Department, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is the name of this publication, (b) who are the (i) owners, (ii) printers and (iii) distributors of the publication, (c) what purpose is it intended to serve and (d) what are the terms of the contract in respect of this publication?

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The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION

- (1) Yes,
- (a) Publico

(b) R157 152 for the period 1 March 1989 to 28 February 1990

(i) averaging 11 000

(ii) interested parties, for example public servants, political office bearers, academics, libraries, educational institutions and managers in the private sector

- (2) no, as no publication with the name "Promedia" is printed or distributed by my Department

(a), (b) (i), (ii) and (iii), (c) and (d) fall away

Minister of Law and Order: lawsuits

440 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) (a) How many lawsuits were brought against him in his capacity as Minister of Law and Order in 1989 by members of the public and (b) what (i) were the circumstances and (ii) was the outcome of each such lawsuit,
- (2) whether he paid out any moneys (a) as a result of successful lawsuits brought against him and (b) in out-of-court settlements, if so, what total amount in each case?

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) 208 lawsuits, ie after summonses were issued and finalised

(b) (i) Damage to vehicles as result of collisions	139
Assaults (shooting incidents included)	36
Unlawful arrest and detention	23
Malicious prosecution	3
Crimen Injuria	1
Bitten by police dog	3
Damage to property as a result of police action	2
Loss of property while in police care	1
(ii) These lawsuits were settled as follows	208

188 cases were settled out of court,
 In one case the court gave judgment in favour of the claimant, with costs;

In 11 instances the claims were withdrawn,
 In 7 instances the claims were abandoned,
 In one case the court rejected the claim, with costs

(2) (a) Yes — R2 092,85

(b) Yes — R623 703,45 of which R466 546,00 was paid as a result of damages which arose from vehicle collisions. The balance represents claims which were instituted due to other causes as referred to in paragraph (1) (b) (i)

Note: The substantial increase in payments in respect of vehicle damage is ascribed mainly to the drastic increase in motor spares and repair costs.
 Instances settled out of court are mostly those in respect of vehicle collisions and where it was obvious that the members of the Force concerned, were the guilty parties. Such settlements before court proceedings are instituted, are cost effective.

In other instances notices of contemplated actions were received, but due to the fact that summonses were not issued, these instances are not included in paragraph (1) (a)

In other instances summonses have already been issued but not yet finalised. Because the work involved in compiling this information would be voluminous and time-consuming, it is not practically feasible to furnish this information.

The increase in the number of lawsuits can, among other things, be ascribed to the fact that legal representatives of claimants prefer to issue summonses in order to expedite finalisation of the claims.

Self-governing territories/independent Black states: persons employed in RSA

458 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination

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Judge slams police in shooting case

By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

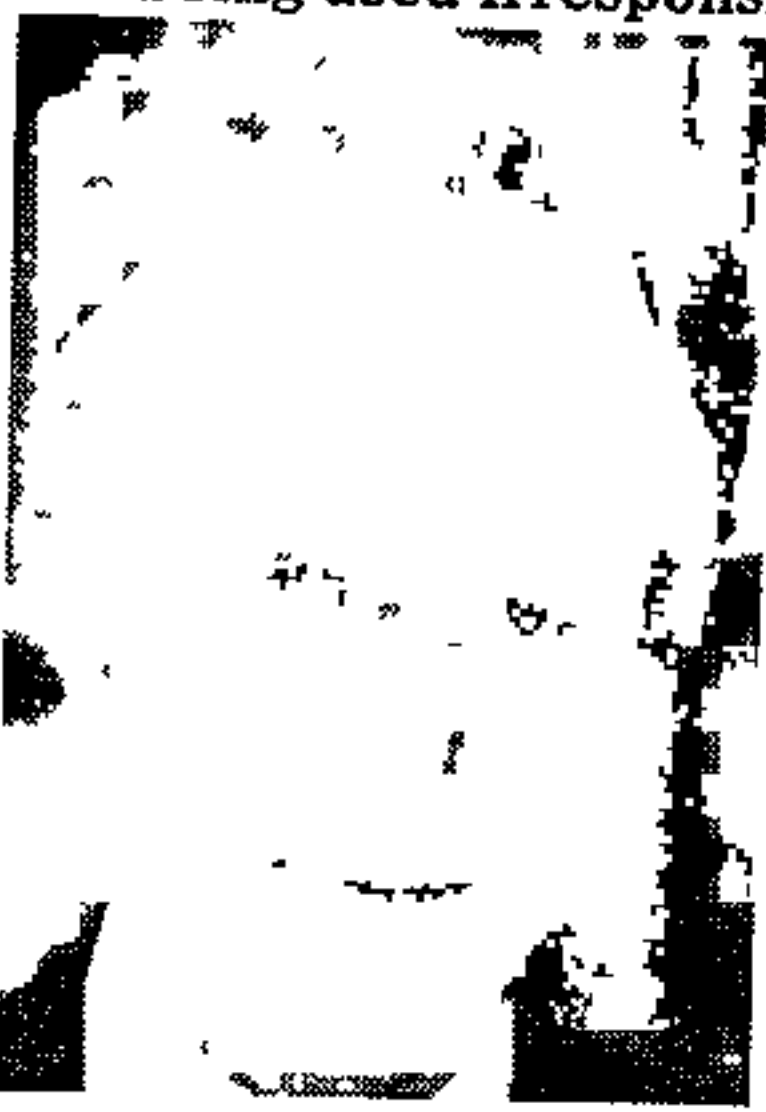
A SUPREME COURT judge yesterday slammed the police for giving a gun to a police reservist whose intelligence bordered on "slight retardation"

The police action in arming an incompetent had added to the evil of firearms being used irresponsibly, the judge said

Mr Justice J H Conradie was passing sentence on George Williams, 31, of Manenberg, who had been convicted of killing Mr Colin van Wyk by shooting him in the chest in a Manenberg street on March 25 last year

The claim by Williams, a reservist at Manenberg police station, that he had acted in self-defence because a knife-wielding Mr Van Wyk had been one of about 20 men who had surrounded him, was dismissed as "incredible"

The court found the shot had been fired in a



Mr Justice J H Conradie

"show of bravado" because there had been no possible reason for Williams to shoot Mr Van Wyk.

Evidence by a clinical psychologist was that Williams was of below-average intelligence which bordered on "slight retardation"

Mr Justice Conradie said Williams had been keen to go on police patrols but had never been issued with a firearm because "police were evidently aware of his mental limitations"

Someone in the police had yielded, however, and issued Williams with a 9mm pistol and left him unsupervised, the judge said

Williams had acted "irresponsibly" — as could be expected

The court, however, had found that the accused had not foreseen the danger of cocking the firearm and releasing the safety catch

That finding was made because of Williams' "almost mental retardation" Were it not for that, he would have been convicted of murder, Mr Justice Conradie said

The court found mitigating factors and Williams was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, conditionally suspended for five years, one condition being that he pay the Van Wyk family R1 435

Williams was further ordered to do 900 hours community service under supervision at the Erica home for the aged

Police losses

A TOTAL of 5 950 police joined the SA Police in 1989 while 4 460 left during the year, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said on Monday in written reply to a question from Mr Tian van der Merwe (DP Green point) (251)

Another 399 police died during the year.

Black police were the only category in which the number leaving, 11782, exceeded those enlisting, 1367.

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Sebokeng shootings: call to charge police

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

The policemen who opened fire on a United Democratic Front gathering in Sebokeng on March 26 should be charged for deliberately shooting into the backs of defenceless people, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday

George Bizos SC, representing relatives of the dead and the injured, told the inquiry the commanding officer of the 18 policemen, Captain Willem du Plooy, who headed the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijl Park Reaction Units, should be held responsible for these killings

Mr Bizos said 12 people were killed and about 280 injured in Sebokeng and other Vaal Triangle Townships on March 26.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, last week wrapped up its inquiry into shootings and other incidents of violence in Vaal Townships, but reconvened yesterday to hear argument from the various councils

Mr Bizos asked Mr Justice Goldstone yesterday to draw his own inference from the fact that most of the 12 people who died were wounded in the back of the head. "Of the approximately 280 injured people that day, the majority were also wounded in the back," he said.

However, none of the policemen present needed medical attention. Only one policeman testified he was injured by a stone thrown from the crowd, but even contradicted himself as to which limb was struck

He said the investigation into

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the shootings before the appointment of the commission was not lacking in senior policemen.

However, it appeared they were merely examining pathetic recitations, Mr Bizos said, referring to statements taken from policemen after the shootings

Only well after the hearing began was a finger pointed at Constable Sean van Rhyn, a member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit who eventually admitted he could have fired the first shot in Sebokeng

Referring to other cases of loss of life and injuries in the area on March 26, Mr Bizos asked whether it was a coincidence that of the other seven people killed that day, four had met their death as a result of the personal actions of a Constable Rutgurd van Huysteen, also a member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit

"Not to charge these persons (Sergeant van Huysteen and the other policemen) with a criminal offence would indicate they can do what they like and have a license to kill," Mr Bizos said in conclusion.

Johann du Toit, who has led all evidence before the commission, and Etienne du Toit, appearing for the SAP, are expected to present their argument before the commission today

Many ex-members expected to return

Police pay boost 'will halt exodus'

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Huge pay rises for policemen were today hailed as a long overdue measure to stop the crippling drain of manpower from the force

Policemen interviewed after the increases were announced last night by the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, said they had come "in the nick of time" and paved the way to drawing former policemen back to all ranks of the force

"At last we are getting paid some where near to what we should — I know colleagues who left because of the hours and pay who will now consider coming back," said one detective this morning

Many others said the long backlog in pay had finally been rectified, adding that salaries were now comparable to the private sector

The increases, effective from July 1, range up to 79 percent.

Commenting today, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said the exodus of policemen, now touching 700 a month, would be stemmed

He believed that the new package would convince many policemen who had left the force to return "We need their skills desperately," he said

General van der Merwe thanked President de Klerk and Mr Vlok for the increases, which he interpreted as an "expression of confidence" in the SAP

Recruiting drive

The improved pay packets will cost the Treasury R241 million out of the R814 million set aside by President de Klerk last week for beefing up security forces

The increases are weighted heavily in favour of lower ranks

A further R113 million has been set aside to recruit 10 000 men and women to the SAP over the next year. This will include 2 000 more special constables — dubbed "kitskonstabels" — who will be given an extra two weeks' training

Of the 10 000, the SAP hopes to recruit 2 000 by January 2 and the rest by June next year

Mr Vlok, in announcing the increases, said the police urgently needed the help and support of everyone in the country

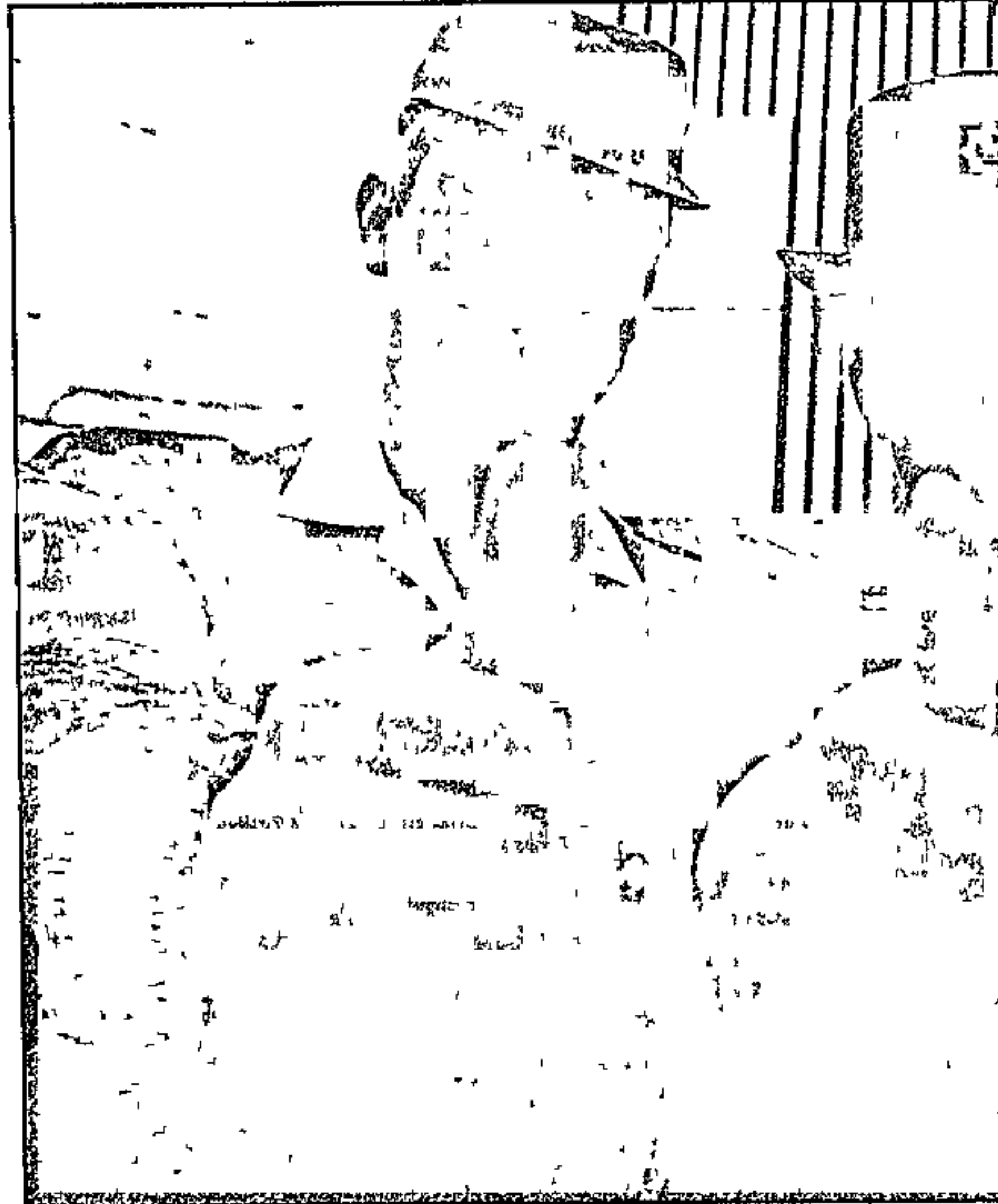
All leaders and political parties should now bury the hatchet and should stop attacking and killing policemen and their families

Police were not defending apartheid, only protecting the lives and property of all South Africans

He said leaders should also stop calling people to the armed struggle or to the "Third Freedom Struggle"

They should, he added, stop organising them in "apparently innocent" organisations with "nice-sounding" names like "Boere armies" and "Boere commandos"

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It's thumbs up from policemen after the announcement of increases (from left) Sergeant Rob Laubscher, Constable Fern Yates and Sg Johannesburg show

Civic centre under siege

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town Civic Centre was under siege today as a crowd of several thousand singing and chanting municipal workers carrying placards gathered outside. The centre was locked from the inside

There was a strong police presence of at least 80 men and a water cannon and several riot vehicles

Virtually the entire municipal function ground to a halt as the workers staged a wildcat strike in support of wage demands

Security officials blocked all entrances to the centre and many non-striking workers were denied access

Soon before 9 am workers forced open doors at the eastern entrance and hundreds of strikers filled the main foyer, chanting and

toy-totyping

The crowd, which started gathering outside the centre before daylight, jeered loudly when a police vehicle towing a dog trailer drove past

At 8:30 am several hundred workers who had been standing outside the station entrance to the centre opposite the police moved down the road and into the parking area on the south side of the centre to join several thousand of their colleagues

They were singing "Forward we shall march" and holding placards reading "Council pays peanuts", "Jobs and houses for all" and "We demand a living wage"

Outside, a marshal armed with a megaphone directed new arrivals towards the crowd "Stay together people," he shouted

One of the workers said "They

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Gorbachev climbs down on Baltic republics

MOSCOW — Faced with a splintering empire, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday proposed to remake the Soviet Union as a looser federation of sovereign states, officials say

After refusing for weeks to negotiate with the breakaway Baltic republics unless they agreed to abide

by a concrete offer to enter negotiations

"This is an absolute recognition that Latvia has begun a transition to independence"

Mr Gorbachev met with the Baltic presidents after a session with the Federation Council, an advisory

new union treaty. Some reformers would like to transform the Soviet Union into a confederation

Yesterday's proposal for a union of "sovereign states" is the closest that Mr Gorbachev has publicly come to such a radical change

The recent "Independence" resolution passed by the Russian Feder-

Details of new salary package for SAP

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Here is the new salary package for police officers up to rank of colonel

Constable old scale R5 814-R16 077 a year plus R2 877 sa, new scale on average R6 612-R17 403 plus R4 800 sa A constable with 10 years' service could earn up to R23 946.

Lance sergeant R14 751-R21 948 plus R4 800 sa, could earn R21 026-R28 542.

Sergeant old scale R11 931-R25 584 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R20 130-R27 849 plus R4 200 sa, could earn R26 343 to R34 833

Warrant officer old scale R18 312-R25 584 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R24 675-R34 629 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R30 742-R41 691

Warrant officer (first class) old scale R24 675-R33 273 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R31 917-R44 976 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R38 709-R53 074

Lieutenant old scale R22 857-R27 849 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R29 205-R38 697 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R35 725-R46 167

Lieutenant (first class) captain old scale R26 493-R34 629 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R34 629-R44 976 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R41 691-R53 074

Major old scale R30 561-R38 697 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R41 694-R52 005 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R49 463-R60 805.

Major (first class) lieutenant colonel old scale R40 053-R43 335 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R48 258-R58 323 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R56 684-R67 755

Colonel old scale R49 899-R54 111 plus R2 877 sa, new scale R58 323-R68 763 plus R3 600 sa, could earn R67 755-R79 239

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Vlakplaas police abductions alleged

By Karen Stander

A Soweto man has alleged in an affidavit before the Harms Commission that he and another man were abducted and assaulted by members of the Vlakplaas farm police unit

Gilbert Phoshoko of Dube, Soweto, said he was abducted from outside his home on October 11 1981 by four armed men in a minibus

In an affidavit handed yesterday to the Harms Commission — appointed to investigate politically motivated murders — he identified two of the men as security policeman Joe Mamasela and death row prisoner Almond Nofemela

Assaulted

Mr Phoshoko said he was blindfolded and taken to a building, which he could not identify, where he was interrogated about the whereabouts of Ernest Moabi Dipale and his knowledge of the ANC in Botswana. He was assaulted by five black men, including Mamasela.

The following morning he was handcuffed to a toilet seat until evening.

He was taken to a field next to a river where he was assaulted again until he fainted

When he regained consciousness he was on the floor of an old house and Mr Dipale was in the room. His (Dipale's) face was swollen and his clothes were bloodstained and torn.

Mr Phoshoko said he was stripped naked and questioned about his activities in Botswana

"I incriminated myself by saying that I was trained in Botswana and that the ANC had ordered me to kill Mamasela's mother. At that point Mamasela hit me with the flat side of a shovel on my back. I bled as a

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result. When asked if I was prepared to repeat this in court, I affirmed that I would."

They were taken to the Protea police station and to another police station where they were kept for two weeks.

"At this time, I had an opportunity to talk to Dipale. I learnt that he too had been abducted by Mamasela and his men. He said he had been abducted on October 12 1981 from a friend's house in Dube."

They were taken to John Vorster Square where they were often interrogated and he (Phoshoko) was given electric shocks several times.

They were eventually released in January 1982.

Insurgents

In evidence before the commission yesterday, Major Johannes Vermeulen said he had arrested Mr Phoshoko and Mr Dipale on the road near Mafikeng in Bophutatswana on suspicion that they were insurgents.

They gave their names as John Dube and Michael Sethole but he established their true identities after interrogation.

He gave the men's details to the security police in the Western Transvaal and learned that they were being sought by the security branch in Soweto.

He never again had anything to do with either man, Major Vermeulen said.

The commission hearing continues today.

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Major admits killing 'eight or 10 terrorists'

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

The officer commanding Vlakplaas police farm, made notorious by allegations of a hit squad being based there, told the Harms Commission yesterday he had personally been involved in the killing of "eight or 10" alleged terrorists.

Major Eugene de Kock said this was half the number of deaths recorded since he took over command in 1983.

The dead were all members of the ANC, PAC and South African Communist Party, the commission was told.

Major de Kock described Vlakplaas as "a successful unit" in the anti-terrorism fight and he believed the cost of its upkeep was worthwhile.

He said killings in which he had been involved occurred at Amsterdam (Eastern Transvaal), Piet Retief and Vosloorus (East Rand).

Mr Justice Harms, the commission chairman, issued a temporary order protecting Major de Kock's identity through the use of a photograph or sketch. He made the order after Sam Maritz, SC, for present and retired policeman, said Major de Kock travelled extensively within South Africa and in other countries.

"A high premium is placed on his identity," Mr Maritz said.

Denis Kuny, SC, for Butana Almond Nofemela, objected to

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the request, but the judge granted a temporary order which he may confirm once he had heard the evidence given by Major de Kock.

Mr Justice Harms was told by Major de Kock that "ANC people are still coming across the border. The idea now is to catch them and take them to court."

He said weapons were continuing to be smuggled into South Africa. "I would say they (the terrorists) are coming in to continue to interfere in our internal affairs."

Under cross-examination by De Wet Marais for Nofemela, Major de Kock said he had no knowledge of allegations made by the former policeman, who was to have been hanged in October, that a Vlakplaas-based hit squad had abducted a man from a Swaziland jail and had murdered people.

He said it was "devoid of all truth" and described as "beyond belief" another claim that he had shot dead Japie Maponya, brother of a wanted terrorist, Oridile Maponya, saying. "I know absolutely nothing about it."

The hearing continues

Police major denies slayings

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A SECURITY police officer yesterday dismissed claims that he had murdered a member of the Vlakplaas-based anti-terrorist unit as 'lies'

Testifying before the

**SOWETAN
Correspondent**

Harms Commission Major Johannes Vermeulen said he had been on a mission with the Vlakplaas member, Mr Isaac Moema, in the Eastern Transvaal, when



Moema had deserted

According to earlier evidence by Mr Dirk Coetzee, Vermeulen killed Moema after

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receiving information that Moema had planned to defect back to the ANC

Vermeulen said he had been sleeping in the veld with Moema and when he awoke the next morning, Moema was gone

Mr Paul Pretorius, appearing for the Independent Board of Inquiry into

Informal Repression, said Moema had not been seen again by his family or friends after this incident.

Vermeulen also denied claims that he was involved in the murders of two ANC members named Vusi and Peter, saying he had never heard of these people.

IN BRIEF

R625 000 in settlements

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THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, paid out R625 796; mostly in out-of-court settlements, after 208 lawsuits were brought against him in his official capacity. Mr Vlok said yesterday 188 cases were settled out of court, in one case the court gave judgment in favour of the claimant with costs. Eleven claims were withdrawn and seven were abandoned.

No death squad, say policemen

FIVE Security Branch policemen yesterday told the Harms Commission of Inquiry into unsolved politically motivated crimes there had never been a security police death squad.

Maj Koos Vermeulen, former security branch deputy head Brig Jan du Preez, retired Maj Archibald Flemmington, Vlakteplaas commander Maj Eugene de Kock and Vlakteplaas member Const Thabelo Mbela denied allegations made against them by former policemen Dirk Coetzee, David Tshikalanga and Almond Nofemela

Vermeulen denied killing Vlakteplaas Askari Isaac Ace Moema while on an observation mission on the Mozambique border.

He also denied murder-

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ing and burning the bodies of a Peter and Selby "Vusi" Mavuso and stealing a trade union's kombi

Du Preez said Dirk Coetzee implicated security branch members in his allegations to score points with the ANC

"He was on an unstoppable path to the ANC, and he had to promote his case with them. If he could just name people, he could promote his case"

Asked to explain his remarks during a previous trial — that security policemen could evade the law —

Du Preez said it was sometimes necessary in order to reach objectives. He agreed that in some circumstances members were issued with non-SAP registered vehicles and false travel documents to conceal their identities

Flemmington, formerly attached to the Lebombo security branch unit, admitted that Askaris from Vlakteplaas visited his camp

He denied burning the body of a man from Jeffrey's Bay, said he did not know anyone called Koos or Paul van Dyk, and denied that they brought two people to his camp who were shot and burned

Flemmington said he had never heard of Brian Ngqulunga, who last week testified that upon his release from Mocambique, a Capt Flemmington at Komatipoort helped him communicate with the security branch at Cato Manor, Natal.

De Kock appeared on crutches after Mr Justice Louis Harms made a provisional ruling prohibiting publication of photographs or sketches of De Kock

The Vlakteplaas commander said his work entailed watching out for insurgents illegally bringing arms into SA

De Kock said he knew of at least 20 people shot dead by Vlakteplaas men, including himself

Cross-examination continues this morning

Book-protest parents start hunger strike

TANIA LEVY

EIGHT Soweto parents will start a hunger strike today as they enter the fourth day of a sit-in at the Department of Education and Training (DET) offices in Braamfontein

The parents have refused to leave the premises until the department commits itself to a date for the delivery of textbooks needed at Soweto schools

DET director-general Bernhard Louw said in a statement yesterday that as soon as the situation in Johannesburg schools returned to normal the department would determine the need for textbooks and do everything in its power to solve shortages

The DET had been aware of shortages developing since the beginning of the year but had been unable to investigate as inspectors had been refused access to certain Soweto schools since March

This afternoon parents and teachers from about 50 Lenasia schools will march to the House of Delegates' offices to present a memorandum of demands, including a minimum wage of R1 500 a month and equal salaries for male and female teachers

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1989.....	668
February 1989 — June 12 1990.....	1 052
Past 24 hours' official toll:.....	4
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SAP pay hike stops exodus from force

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THE massive pay increases for police announced on this week by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, came in the "nick of time" to stop an exodus of policemen quitting the Force.

It would go a long way to help boosting the morale of the police, senior policemen said yesterday

Major-General Johan van Niekerk, Regional Commissioner for Natal, described the pay increases as "very encouraging" and said they would most certainly bring back a lot of expolicemen

Van Niekerk said he expected about 3 000 more policemen to join the SAP in Natal which would greatly help fight crime in the province

Policemen and women throughout the country were given special briefings yesterday on the new pay structures by officers from police headquarters.

Van Niekerk said. "Minister Vlok's announcement is most certainly good news for policemen and I am confi-

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Correspondent

dent that there will be a big return of expolicemen, especially those in lower management such as lieutenants and captains who will now come back to the Force.

"We need these experienced policemen back with us"

He said the establishment of the rank of lance-sergeant was a step in the right direction.

"Previously the rank of lance-sergeant was by appointment, where a constable was appointed to the rank with no financial benefit. This will change now

"The policemen have been through very difficult times one must realise they are like everyone else and have expenses which have to be met. Therefore, I am very pleased that they are to receive a better pay packet," said Van Niekerk

Vlok announced that they were to receive increases of up to 79 per cent in some cases

A constable who joined the police force in January this year would earn R4 000 more a year - from R14 000 to R18 000. Constables can become lance-sergeants after two years' service, provided they pass a prescribed examination. This will immediately put them into a new pay bracket.

Big pay increases please police

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Staff Reporter

A POLICE recruitment officer in Cape Town yesterday received 10 calls from former police members seeking to rejoin the force as a direct result of the announcement of steep salary improvements for police from next month.

Police officers in Cape Town were all smiles yesterday when polled on their reaction to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's announcement that officers up to the rank of Colonel would get pay increases ranging from 4% to 79%.

A Western Cape recruitment officer, Major Raymond Strydom, said as an immediate result, he received 10 calls from former policemen yesterday who wanted to rejoin the force — and he was only one of 13 recruitment officers in the Western Cape.

The only cautionary note police sounded was that the government should link their

pay to the inflation rate and not allow it to slip again.

The head of the Western Cape police financial services section, Lieutenant-Colonel Pat Bosman, said the salary hikes, and the creation of the rank of lance sergeant, would particularly serve to correct a void that existed between the ranks of constable and sergeant.

He himself would not have had an increase for the next four years, when he would qualify for colonel, had it not been for the R241 million rescue package.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand — whose father, sister and brother were all in the Force — welcomed the package as "tremendous".

It meant that by next month her monthly pay packet would have increased by R1 000 since April.

Major Strydom said he expected the package to stop the outflow of police officers from the force.

"It will enable us to attract better applicants, which will be beneficial to the police force as a whole, as well as to society."

Constable Marilyn Rooi, 29, from Mitchell's Plain, said she was "very pleased". Because of her eight years' service, she would be placed at a constable's top scale.

She has seen numerous amendments to her pay through the years because the police have by now effected total parity, irrespective of a member's race or sex.

A thrilled Sergeant Paula Krizinger, 30, who has 10 years' service, said her increase would enable her to buy her own flat.

"The improved scales will also motivate me to study for promotion exams."

Captain Blackie Swart said he expected to see a number of his former colleagues who had resigned, returning.

"This time they will stay and make good policemen, after seeing the grass is not always greener on the other side."



Capt Blackie Swart: Expects many of his former colleagues to rejoin the force.



Constable Marilyn Rooi: "The increase will mean a lot for my family"

Bobbies on ~~the~~ the beat plan

'won't work'
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Johannesburg's management committee has been strongly urged to scrap investigations into a municipal police force which was "holding out hope for the public which could never be fulfilled".

Commenting on a report that findings on the feasibility of bobbies-on-the-beat would be released in September, former management committee member Cecil Long said there was no reason to believe the relevant Ministers would have a change of heart on the issue.

"The size of a force to patrol Johannesburg's 24 000 ha has been set at several thousand men and estimates for the total outlay vary from R150 million to R250 million, all at the expense of the ratepayer.

"Logically, if the municipal force ever gets off the ground, the State could claim duplication of services and remove its own complement to trouble spots, saving itself a packet at the expense of the ratepayer.

"If the State cannot find people to man the force, Johannesburg will also not succeed unless it offers astronomical salaries.

"Talk of getting the bobby back on the beat is the popular thing to say at the moment, but it won't work."

Police 'not solely to blame' for casualties at Sebokeng

By Melody McDougall, ³²¹
Vereeniging Bureau ^{14/6/90}

The police could not be solely blamed for the death and injuries suffered by members of a 50 000-strong crowd during the Sebokeng shootings near the Sondela Brewery on March 26, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday

Etienne du Toit SC, appearing for the SA Police, said it was a unique concurrence of events on the day which had led to the tragedy.

Mr du Toit was presenting argument before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, which yesterday concluded its inquiry into alleged incidents of violence — including the Sebokeng shootings — in Vaal triangle townships on March 26.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery.

At least five people died in the shootings. Another seven people were shot dead in various other incidents of apparent unrest and looting of shops in the area, while about 280 were injured the same day.

Mr Justice Goldstone said he hoped to have the report on his findings ready by the end of June.

Referring to the first shot



fired by Constable Sean van van Rhyn, which caused a chain reaction when other policemen also opened fire, Mr du Toit said the resulting deaths and injuries could not be ascribed to the error of judgment or human frailty of a single person.

He said the fact that the constable accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper tear-gas rifle did not indicate deliberate "trigger-happiness".

The policeman was hit by a stone shortly before the shooting and was afraid at that stage.

Johan du Toit, who led all evidence before the commission, argued that correct police procedure would have been the firing of teargas into the crowd.

He said there should have been stricter control over the loading of weapons at the scene and more self-control displayed by both the police and crowd. It was also clear there was a definite lack of communication between all the parties involved.

Mr Johan du Toit asked for at least five of the 11 incidents of alleged violence in the townships on March 26, which claimed the lives of 12 people, to be referred to the Attorney-General for a decision.

Claims that detainees were tortured by police

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Claims of detainees being tortured then possibly murdered and their bodies burnt were made to the Harms Commission in Pretoria yesterday

According to evidence from doctors, one detainee, arrested in 1981 on security allegations, said he had been made to stand for nine days, was given electric shocks, had his head ducked in cold water for long periods and was wrapped in wet sacks

Siphiwo Maxwell Mtimkulu was found by doctors to have such a high concentration of thallium in his body that his hair fell out.

Thallium is a substance used for making refractive optical glass.

Believed killed

He has been missing since instituting a R150 000 claim against the police in 1982 and, according to Demis Kuny, SC, is believed to have been killed.

The claims have been denied by police officers who worked in the Port Elizabeth-Jeffreys Bay area during 1981 and 1982. The alleged torture is said to have taken place at the Jeffreys Bay police station.

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Mr Kuny, who is appearing for Butana Almond Nofemela and other parties, also told Mr Justice Harms that, apart from Mr Mtimkulu, two other men had disappeared at about the same time. They were Gomsiziwe Kondile and Topsy Madaka whose burnt-out car was found near the Transkei-Lesotho border

Released in October 1981, Mr Mtimkulu complained to doctors at two hospitals of leg pains and claimed to have been assaulted. Admitted to Livingstone Hospital, Port Elizabeth, he was later transferred to Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town

Doctors found, according to affidavits filed with the commission yesterday, that Mr Mtimkulu "had been poisoned with thallium"

He said he had been given three tablets, said by police officers to be "for his feet", just before his release, the commission was told.

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So what was really under Nelson's bed?

THE South African Police have refused to release any details about the "dangerous murderer" they were allegedly seeking behind vases and inside drawers at Nelson Mandela's Soweto homes while he is on a 13-nation overseas tour.

The SAP this week stood by their claim that they were looking for a wanted murderer when they searched the African National Congress leader's homes.

But allegations made by Umkhonto we Sizwe members present during the searches seem to point to a "mystery" killer who is either a midget, dwarf or child.

MK spokesman Gibson Makhanda was reported last week as saying that police officers peered behind a flowerpot, in drawers, behind mirrors and in a toilet cistern during their search for a murder suspect who would have to be extremely diminutive to conceal himself in such cramped spaces.

Careful consideration of Mr Makhanda's allegations about police opening letters and perusing "every document they laid their hands on" could give another valuable pointer to the identity of the murder suspect he is a spaghetti thin anorexic.

ANC members also alleged that police officers referred to "goggas" (guns) while conducting the searches. But the SAP's liaison chief, Brigadier Vic Haynes, said last week that the searches were for a murder suspect, not for firearms.

This week the Saturday Star set out to get some clarification and perhaps a description of the elusive "mystery murderer", who has apparently been on the run since 1988. This is what the police had to say.

Police check vases for 'killer'

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Lieutenant Marimuthoo of the Soweto police said "Unfortunately I have no information as I was not here last week. Captain Ngubeni has the information, but he is not here. If you leave your number he will come back to you."

Captain J Ngubeni returned the call within an hour. He said, "Head office may have some knowledge about this. You must speak to Major Crewe at media liaison in Pretoria. I would first have to find out from them. You will get everything from Head Office. Speak to Brigadier Haynes."

Warrant

Major Reg Crewe, however, was also "away" and our inquiry re-routed through a Lieutenant Barkhuizen, who said, "Didn't you see the media coverage last weekend and the comments made by Brigadier Haynes?"

"It was said the houses were searched by members of the Murder and Robbery Unit, who were looking for a suspect in a 1988 murder case. The houses were searched on the strength of a warrant.

"Unfortunately I have no other information here. You could try the Murder and Robbery Unit, but I don't think they'll give you more. You could also speak to Brigadier Haynes,

but he will only be here in the afternoons this week."

When Brigadier Haynes was eventually tracked down and asked for details, he said, "I will have to check with Soweto. I will check whether they want to make details available and then come back to you."

He came back to us later and said: "I've checked with them but they are not prepared to release anything at this stage. Captain Tienie Halgryn said he will keep tabs and we will contact you as soon as they are willing to release the identity."

The next step was to contact Colonel Frans Malherbe, spokesman for the Witwatersrand police. He was brief in his response: "That is Soweto. Phone Soweto."

Certain that the police must have some idea of the person they were looking for, we tried the office of the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok. His official spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellet, had this to say: "I can only refer to the police statement issued on the morning of the searches.

"It was clearly said that the houses were among those searched after information was received. The police were told a suspect could be in one of the houses searched.

"It was also clearly stated that the suspect had nothing to do with the Mandela family. The information received was that the suspect would try to hide in one of the houses during the Mandela's absence."

But when asked why police looked behind vases and inside mail, Brigadier Mellet retorted, "I cannot comment. I wasn't there so I can't comment. People can say all sorts of things happened. The SAP stands by the statement made on the morning of the searches."

So, be warned. There is a tiny, string-like murderer on the loose.

'No room in the force — for now'

Cops turn away coloured women

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THERE are no vacancies at present for coloured policewomen, though there are a small number of posts available for white policewomen, police said this week.

Police appealed to coloured job applicants — responding to Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok's announcement that 4 000 new female police members were needed — to give them a few days so the necessary official instructions from Pretoria could be processed.

A police spokesman said posts would become available for coloured women but that official confirmation to this effect was being awaited.

The family of a young coloured woman who applied said yesterday police had said no more coloured women were needed — but there were posts available for white women.

A coloured newspaper reporter who approached a police recruitment officer for a job yesterday was told "Just phone us once a month and ask us if we've heard anything or not."

The officer continued "The last fax we received said the posts for the girls would be frozen until April 1991, but at the moment I don't know with all these things in the newspaper and all that — maybe they will open it sooner."

"The best is to phone us at the end of the month."

● Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, told journalists this week that the police would try to recruit new policemen based on local needs rather than on a racial basis.

Asked whether the police's latest drive to boost its numbers would involve increasing the

number of black policemen in the force, General Van der Merwe said "The object will be to recruit as many suitable applications as we can get."

"We have certain factors that must be considered — in particular the needs of particular areas."

Mr Vlok said earlier this week that in the past six months the police had trained about 3 800 members while losing about 3 600 through resignation and retirement.

Mr Vlok said South Africa currently had about two policemen for every 1 000 members of the population. This included detectives and administrative staff.

Mr Vlok said that ideally South Africa should have three to four policemen per 1 000 citizens. General Van der Merwe quickly added "At least four" — Staff Reporter and Political Correspondent.

Abduction and murder tales feature at Harms probe

MISSING people, allegedly abducted and murdered, featured strongly in this week's evidence to the Harms Commission of Inquiry investigating State involvement in politically motivated violence.

Former security police captain Dirk Coetzee has told the commission that several people had been taken to spots near national borders, killed and their bodies burnt.

Three senior police officers on Thursday denied these allegations.

Lt-Col Hermanus du Plessis said he had no knowledge of such incidents and denied involvement in the alleged abduction of an ANC member, Sizwe Kondile, who was supposedly going to become a police informer and who disappeared after his release from Jeffreys Bay police station on August 15, 1981.

Coetzee alleged Du Plessis was involved in Kondile's abduction and murder at Komatipoort on the Mozambique border soon after his release.

The colonel also denied involvement in the disappearance or poisoning of Siphwe Mtimkulu, who disappeared on his way to hospital in April 1982.

Mtimkulu disappeared on April 14, 1982, while on his way to hospital, for treatment for thallium poisoning, reportedly in the company of an organiser from the Congress of SA Students, Topsy Madaka. Neither has been seen again. Madaka's car was found near the Transkei border.

Du Plessis said he had last seen Kondile on August 15, 1981, and nobody had seen him since.

A security policeman seconded to head the KwaZulu Police, Brig Jac Buchner, told the commission that Peter Dlamini, an ANC exile suspected of being an agent for the South African government, was to have been deported from Greece to Tanzania, to be questioned by the ANC on the allegations.

He was then returned to South Africa and Buchner questioned him.

Buchner said he last saw Dlamini near Durban a few weeks after he had interviewed him.

Coetzee alleged Dlamini was taken to a spot near the Mozambique border where he was shot and his body burnt.

The head of the security branch's C and E sections, Brig Nicolaas van Rensburg, also denied on Thursday any involvement in the disappearance of either Kondile or Mtimkulu.

The commission adjourned until tomorrow, - Sapa.

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The Jabulani Amphitheatre proved too small for the thousands of people who crammed in to commemorate what has become known as South Africa's Youth Day on Saturday.

Youth killed after June 16 rally

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THREE South African policemen and a traffic official were shot dead - two of them in Soweto - and two more wounded by gunfire on Saturday, Soweto Day, according to the latest SAP unrest report.

And a youth was shot dead by police after a June 16 commemorative rally in Stilfontein in the Western Transvaal

Thousands of people across the country on Saturday commemorated

SOWETAN REPORTER

the June 16 1976 start of an uprising by Soweto school children which left hundreds killed by police who moved to crush the revolt against the inferior education system

In Soweto on Saturday a municipal policeman was shot dead on his way home from work and a special constable shot and killed at Inhlazane station, according to the police unrest report

A traffic constable was killed when shots were fired at a traffic department vehicle in Katlehong near Germiston

Another SAP member was shot

in the head and killed and one person injured when shots were fired at their police vehicle at Nkawkowa in Gazankulu

At a stadium in Stilfontein a youth was shot dead and two people injured by police after about 400 people surrounded and stoned a police vehicle, causing extensive damage, the unrest report said

A special constable guarding a stolen vehicle in Eldorado Park, Soweto, was shot in the shoulder and wounded by two unknown men

The men stole a vehicle, shotgun and ammunition

In Nyanga near Cape Town a po-

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lice constable was slightly injured when a number of shots were fired at a police vehicle

Petrol bombs and stones were thrown at police vehicles and policemen's homes in several other incidents around the country

In Paarl, 44 people were arrested during an illegal gathering and nine men were arrested in Soweto after a group set fire to and damaged railway station buildings.

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More than 2,5-million guns licensed in 1989

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MORE than 2,5-million firearm licences were granted to members of the public between January 1 and December 31 last year.

Police spokesman Col Steve van Rooyen said 2 880 050 licenses were issued to 1 114 738 applicants — indicating an average of 2,58 firearms per applicant. This is an increase of 123 415 licences over the 2 756 635 permits granted in 1988.

Van Rooyen said he did not know what the increase could be attributed to.

In 1988 only 1 098 791 people were licensed to possess firearms — 15 947 less than last year. The number of people in illegal possession of firearms rose from 4 698 in 1988 to 5 059 in 1989 — a rise of 7,68%. Licences were refused to 7 240 people while 8 367 people were declared unfit to possess firearms.

The latest available statistics of firearm-related crimes show that during 1988, 4 078 firearms were stolen from homes, motor vehicles and businesses. The number of people robbed of their weapons was 463, and 401 strong-rooms and safes storing firearms were forced open.

Murders and attempted murders committed with stolen firearms totalled 1 735, while armed robberies tallied 2 089. Rapes involving stolen firearms came to 159. There were 36 cases of culpable homicide, 57 cases of malicious damage to property and 23 crimes of public violence.

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Policemen fear they won't fit in the new SA

CAPE TOWN — With the lifting of the emergency — except in Natal — the police will now be able to distance themselves from many of the excesses committed in the name of the emergency.

But many policemen are worried that the label "enemy of the people" will stick.

Up to now the police force has been plagued by a poor image and morale has dropped alarmingly, a situation exacerbated by staff shortages and poor service conditions

Not a cure-all

This is expected to be alleviated by State President Mr F W de Klerk's promise of an extra 10 000 men in the next 12 months and more money to stop disgruntled men resigning.

But it might not cure all ills. As one policeman said: "It wasn't only the money — we're worried about our future too." Other sources indicated that policemen might soon start leaving to get what they believe are more secure jobs in the private sector.

Senior police sources believe that the "De Klerk package" is so good that it will entice former policemen back to the force. But they say they are not aware of fears of the future.

Men lower down the ranks, however, say that the topic of the force in a post-apartheid society is being increasingly talked about around coffee

Many put off by ANC talk about 'restructuring'

AS policemen throughout the country rejoice at the thought of greatly improved pay scales, many are being plagued by a new worry: what will the future hold for them in a post-apartheid society?

STEPHEN WROTTESELEY reports.

tables, in clubs and at braais

"I don't think anyone has left yet because of their fears but certainly it is being talked about," one major said.

"What is needed is some firm statement on our future role and what security there will be for policemen"

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, declined through his press secretary, Brigadier Leon Mellet, to comment on these fears and referred to an earlier statement in which it appeared that he is to have a head-on confrontation with the ANC on the future structure of the police.

Witch-hunt fears

Police fears have also become a major issue since former hit-squad boss and police captain, Dirk Coetzee, said he was now a member of the ANC and that it might one day be a "privilege" to lead a Nuremberg-style investigation in South Africa

Serving policemen say that such talk smacks of the possibility of witch-hunts that could be used

as vendettas against "good" policemen

They claim many "bad cops" have already been rooted out. They fear that a witch-hunt for more "bad eggs" could lead to suspensions, dismissals, persecution or even prosecution of reliable, hard-working men and women

ANC's plans

They claim that they had to enforce apartheid legislation because it was on the statute books

But as one said, "In a post-apartheid society, will we be punished for having enforced those laws?"

This week, the ANC's constitutional guru, Mr Albie Sachs, said the police would be reconstructed under an ANC government. "It's absolutely fundamental to have a police force that's respected by the whole community. We've never had that."

A reconstructed police force would consist of present black members of the police, honest white policemen, new recruits and members of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the movement's armed wing, and ANC security personnel.

"I've been assured that there are honest white policemen who want to get on with the job and who have often been frustrated by the way in which the police force has been hijacked to maintain apartheid and persecute opponents of apartheid."

But Mr Vlok, commenting on a report by deputy leader of the Conservative Party, Mr Ferdie Hartzenberg, that MK was to amalgamate with the police, said: "The police neither now, nor in the future, intends to accommodate Umkhonto we Sizwe in the force. The only members of the ANC who ever joined the police were former terrorists who turned their back on the ANC and afterwards provided valuable information to the police."

Many policemen appear to be looking at the burgeoning security industry as a way to a new career.

A further problem in the police force is the large number of men with right-wing beliefs who see legislation they were proud to enforce being removed from the statute books and their powers fading away.

Prohibited

Because they are prohibited from joining the AWB while serving as members of the force, some plan to leave.

There are suggestions that specific security firms might be established to employ these men as an alternative force

Established security firms said they had no knowledge of this

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Charge police officer, urges family lawyer

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

A lawyer has called for the former chief of the Northern Transvaal Riot Unit, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, to be charged with manslaughter for his "negligence" in ordering teargas to be fired at an estimated 50 000 protesters in Mamelodi.

Maurice Basslian, counsel for the families of 12 Mamelodi residents shot dead in the township on November 21 1985, was presenting argument to the commission of inquiry into the shootings.

The inquiry arose from security forces opening fire on locals protesting against high monthly rentals and police presence in the township.

Mr Basslian told the commission, sitting at the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court.

"None of the deaths was directly linked to Brigadier Lerm. He does not have to pull a trigger to be charged with a criminal offence, but because he was negligent in issuing instructions to fire teargas, clearly he can be held responsible for manslaughter".

He submitted that Brigadier Lerm was not justified in giving orders to use teargas, because there was no act of violence or aggression on the part of the crowd.

"He gave the orders without consulting the people in the helicopter and those on top of the Casspirs, even if they had a better view of what was happening," said Mr Basslian.

He said other police officers and civilians who witnessed the shootings said there was neither violence nor aggression at the time the shooting started.

Mr Basslian further quoted Brigadier Lerm saying there was no act of violence which, according to him (Mr Basslian), was supported by evidence on video-tapes by the police.

Brigadier Lerm, whose face appeared many times on video, had said the crowd was not obeying orders "but according to the video, they did obey. He further said the mood of the people was jubilant but later changed, something which did not show anywhere in the video".

He said Brigadier Lerm, who was on the ground, "acted negligently and I am going to submit that his evidence was a blatant lie".

Mr Basslian said Brigadier Lerm had lied to the commission when he said they did not have any direct contact with the crew in the helicopter filming the incidents, because Sergeant Deon Loots "told the commission they had a direct contact with the helicopter".

Police reserve gaining in recruitment drive

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A DOZEN applications have been received so far in a drive to recruit police reservists in Sea Point.

According to city councillor Chris Joubert, himself a captain in the Reserve Police Force, the response to the recruiting drive, announced a few days ago, has been generally good. He mentioned that the push for more police protection had the full backing of the Green and Sea Point Traders Association as well as resi-

dents in the community.

Muggings increase

Joubert, a prime mover in the recruitment campaign, said. "After six months' training, the same given to regular policeman, reservists play a vital role. They put in many hours of their own time doing a fantastic job on behalf of the community."

Joubert explained that the drive for reserve recruits was a result of muggings in the Sea Point area.

He said: "We have had three muggings in the past few days, on elderly people in Marais and London roads, and as I keep getting complaints something must be done."

Warrant Officer Max Lurie, a 67-year-old reservist, launched the recruiting drive to provide more protection for residents in Green Point and Sea Point.

Lurie said: "Business Watch, a new development, enables us to have a satellite police station in Regent Road but we urgently need more reservists."

"This is also the recruiting depot for reservists and we have had a good response to our posters calling on men and women between 21 and 45 to join our ranks."

"More applications are coming in and in a month's time successful applicants could be on patrol."

Public support

Lurie explained that a reservist had the same powers as a regular policeman.

"He performs charge office duties as well as van and foot patrols. The female officers have administrative duties in the charge office but they also undertake patrols with male officers."

He said the reservists were doing a valuable

job in helping to maintain security but the force needed to increase its strength.

"They make courtesy calls at retail stores and other establishments and keep watch in Main and Regent roads. They are doing a splendid job, particularly as the work is voluntary."

Posters have been circulated throughout calling on citizens to become reservists. Applications should be directed to the Regent Road police station.

The posters point out that the police rely on the help and of the community and that the best way to help is to become a reservist.

Applicants may call Max Lurie at home between 5 and 6pm at (021) 434-2246 or Regent Road police station at (021) 439-5452.

Call for new darts players

THE darts team of Sea Point Place are anxiously seeking more players. They say that they need more practice and new blood in the team if they are to find their target!

The Seniors Centre is getting a facelift. The old carpets have been condemned and taken to head office and new textile tiles have been ordered.

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Police chief denies claim on poisoning

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TOP forensic expert General Lothnar Neethling yesterday denied he had "supplied poison" to run-away police captain, Dirk Coetzee.

Neethling, who is Senior Deputy Commissioner of the South Africa Police, told the Harms Commission that allegations he had supplied Thallium-treated tablets for use by a security detainee were "a complete fabrication".

He told the commission, however, that Thallium was at one time "a popular way of killing people or for suicide purposes".

Rat

It was previously a key ingredient used in rat poison but was no longer in use as improved compounds had since been found.

Neethling told Mr Justice Louis Harms that on no occasion had he supplied poison.

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tions most emphatically and I want to state, in particular, that it is blatantly clear that Mr Coetzee has fabricated his evidence and allegations."

Neethling also said he had never met Brigadier Jan van der Hoven, a former security chief in Port Elizabeth.

Mr Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State who is assisting the commission, had asked Neethling about the allegation that he had provided Thallium-treated tablets to Van der Hoven, who was alleged by Coetzee to have taken the tablets to Port Elizabeth.

In evidence to the commission last week, Van der Hoven also denied the allegations.

It was alleged that a security detainee, Sipiwe Maxwell Mtinkulu, had been given the pills.

According to evi-

dence, medical tests on Mtinkulu - who has since disappeared - showed traces of Thallium in his body.

Mtinkulu had been held at Jeffreys Bay Police Station, near Port Elizabeth, in 1981 and disappeared in mysterious circumstances along with another man in 1982.

Suicide

Neethling said Thallium had been in use over many years as a method of committing suicide or killing someone.

He said the administration of Thallium - which in modern times is used as a compound in optical glass - caused the collapse of the nervous system as well as causing many side effects.

If administered to a human being it would take about three to seven days to kill provided the right dosage was given.

It could also take up to three years, Neethling said.

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Harms to turn spotlight on the ANC

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

The Harms Commission is to begin today an investigation of alleged "crimes of violence" attributed to the African National Congress.

It is the first time that the commission, which was established by President de Klerk in February, will have turned its attention to the ANC.

The commission is looking into the activities of the covert South African Defence Force unit, the Civil Co-operation Bureau, and allegations that the police operated a "hit squad" unit based at the Vlakplaas farm near Pretoria.

It was expected that evidence about the activities of both operations would end today and that the commission's hearings



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would be postponed until legal heads of argument are heard in August, but this is now unlikely.

The disclosure that allegations against the ANC were to come under scrutiny was made yesterday by Tim McNally, Attorney-General of the Free State, who is assisting the commission. He said documents "relating to alleged crimes of violence attributable to the ANC" were to be presented.

General Hermann Stadler, the SAP's acknowledged expert on the ANC, is to appear today to

present an affidavit on alleged ANC activities.

Denis Kuy, SC, for Butana Almond Nofemela and Dirk Coetzee, told Mr Justice Harms yesterday that, as the legal teams had not yet had sight of the various documents to be presented by General Stadler, it was possible that an adjournment will be requested to study them.

'Vast field'

"It amounts to opening a vast field of inquiry," said Mr Kuy. "The documents may relate to many alleged acts of violence over a long period of time."

In evidence presented yesterday, Tian van der Merwe, Democratic Party MP for Green Point, told Mr Justice Harms he

knew Mr Coetzee, a former captain in the SAP, who gave an affidavit to the commission about "hit squads."

Mr van der Merwe said that he had met him on two occasions, the first in 1985, in the company of journalist Martin Welz.

"The meeting took place at the request of Van Zyl Slabbert, then leader of the Progressive Federal Party, to hear representations by Mr Coetzee," said Mr van der Merwe.

Mr Coetzee and "a Mr Whelp-ton" had made numerous allegations against "numerous Cabinet Ministers, the SAP and others."

Mr van der Merwe's affidavit was one of a large number handed in as evidence to the commission yesterday.

(2) (a) 25 764

(b) 4 320

(c) 1 535

NOTE A large number of the stolen vehicles are taken to countries such as Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Zaire, Tanzania, Malawi, Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho. Although some of these vehicles are identified in the countries concerned, it is difficult to retrieve them as the co-operation of the authorities of these countries cannot be obtained.

Police Force: resignations/shortage

501 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order **(251)**

(1) (a) How many policemen of each rank resigned from the Police Force (i) in 1989 and (ii) from 1 January 1990 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many new recruits were there during each of these periods,

(2) what was the shortage of policemen of each rank in each province as at (a) the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) 31 December 1989? **B1155E**

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) (i) 3 048 in 1989

(ii) 2 589 until 31 May 1990

(b) (i) 3 716 in 1989

(ii) 4 154 until 31 May 1990

(2) (a) On 31 May 1990 4 925 posts were vacant country-wide

(b) On 31 December 1989 5 304 posts were vacant country-wide

PE area technicians

505 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of National Education **(191)**

(1) (a) How many technicians for (i) Whites, (ii) Blacks, (iii) Coloureds and (iv) Indians are there in the Port Elizabeth area and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) what was the (a) capacity of and (b) enrolment at each such technician as at the latest specified date in 1990 for which information is available,

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(3) whether there are any plans to build additional technicians in this area, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) who will be allowed to attend such technicians? **(191)** **B1172E**

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) (a) The Port Elizabeth Technician is the only technician which serves the Port Elizabeth area. Students of all population groups are registered at this technician which falls under the Department of Education and Culture, Administration House of Assembly

(2) (a) 3 000

(b) 3 975

(3) The Department of National Education does not initiate the planning and building of technicians. The State Departments responsible for education should be approached in this regard.

Unemployment Insurance Fund benefits: OFS

519 Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of Manpower **(191)**

(1) What total amount was paid out in Unemployment Insurance Fund benefits in the Orange Free State in the 1988-89 and 1989-90 financial years, respectively,

(2) in respect of each of these financial years, (a) how many (i) Blacks, (ii) Whites, (iii) Coloureds and (iv) Indians received such benefits and (b) what was the total amount involved in each case? **(191)** **B1218E**

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER

(1) 1988 — R21 518 683

1989 — R30 336 445

(2) (a) and (b) Figures for the different population groups are not readily available

NOTE The figures are for the period 1 January to 31 December of each year concerned

Clinics for termination of pregnancies

531 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development **(191)**

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Whether there are any clinics for the termination of pregnancies in South Africa, if so, (a) (i) what are their names and (ii) where is each located and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished? **(191)** **B1266E**

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

No, there are no specific clinics for the termination of pregnancies but abortions are carried out at provincial hospitals and some private hospitals

(a) (i) and (ii)

provincial hospitals,

Sandton Clinic,

Louis Lepoldt Hospital, Bellville, and

Poli Clinic, Port Elizabeth

(b) 11 June 1990

Diarrhoea/dysentery: child deaths

541 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Home Affairs **(191)**

Whether the Central Statistical Service keeps statistics of the number of (a) White, (b) Coloured, (c) Indian and (d) Black children who died of (i) diarrhoea and (ii) dysentery, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant

statistics for 1989 or the latest specified year for which they are available? **(191)** **B1276E**

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Statistics on children who died of diarrhoea and dysentery are not kept separately. In the compilation of statistics on deaths, the Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death (which is based on the International Classification of Diseases) is used to distinguish the different causes of death. Diarrhoea and dysentery are not identified separately but fall under ill-defined intestinal infections in the group Intestinal Infectious Diseases. Child deaths in this category during 1988 (the latest year for which such statistics are available) were

Children*

(a) 15

(b) 805

(c)** 11

(d) 3 892

* Children under one year of age. This age group is normally used to calculate the infant mortality rate

** Asians are shown. Data on Indians are not separately available

correct place to enquire about them is during the debates on the budget votes which were held not so long ago. *Hansard 19/6/90*

†Dr W J SNEYMAN Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, I should like to know whether he is aware that in a television interview the hon the Deputy Minister envisaged exactly that to which the hon member for Brits referred, namely that it is the ultimate aim of the Government to establish one education department.

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, my reply is exactly the same as my reply to the question of the hon member of Brits.

†Mr J H HOON Are you aware of it?

†The MINISTER I am aware of the hon the Deputy Minister's standpoint, but that is not what the question here is about. [Interjections.] I am not prepared to compromise myself on a matter that does not fall within the line functions of my portfolio. [Interjections.]

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, I should like to ask him whether he is ashamed of his party's policy. [Interjections.]

Cape Peninsula unrest-related deaths

*4 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many persons died in the Cape Peninsula as a result of unrest on or about 6 September 1989? *Hansard 19/6/90* B1251E

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

In total 18 unnatural deaths were reported to the South African Police on 6, 7 and 8 September 1989. In 10 of these deaths it could be ascertained beyond doubt that the persons died as result of unrest.

In the remaining 8 instances inquests and criminal trials must still be held. The causes of these deaths will only then be ascertained beyond doubt.

HSRC views on reform initiatives

*5 Dr F H PAUW asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) does ongoing research on the public's views on the Government

reform initiatives, if so, at whose cost is this research done, *Hansard 19/6/90*

(2) whether it is the policy of the HSRC to grant all inhabitants of the Republic optimal access to available information, if so,

(3) whether all applicable information pertaining to the above-mentioned research will be made available to political parties represented in Parliament, if not, why not, if so, (a) to which political parties and (b) when? *Hansard 19/6/90* B1255E

†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) Yes. The HSRC undertakes ongoing research concerning socio-political trends, including the Government's reform initiatives. Research is funded by the HSRC as well as clients.

(2) Yes, but where applicable with the approval of clients.

(3) Yes, but where applicable with the approval of clients.

(a) All political parties.
(b) As soon as arrangements in this regard can be made.

Lithuania/USSR, diplomatic/trade relations

*6 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Whether the Government will consider establishing diplomatic and/or trade relations with (a) Lithuania and (b) the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (USSR), if not, why not, if so, when? *Hansard 19/6/90* B1258A

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The hon member's question is definitely of current interest. The subjects raised by the Hon Member are delicate and are receiving attention. As soon as any new developments take place announcements will be made in this regard.

Mamelodi business partners disappearance

*7 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether the South African Police have

conducted an investigation into the disappearance in July 1987 of two Mamelodi business partners, whose names have been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) when, (b) with what result and (c) what are the names of these persons,

(2) whether the Police received any reports or evidence to suggest that either of these persons had been kidnapped, if so, (a) what reports or evidence and (b) what action was taken as a result,

(3) whether either of these persons had been arrested or detained by the Police shortly before their disappearance, if so, (a) (i) when (ii) why and (iii) on whose instructions were they arrested or detained and (b) when were they released? *Hansard 19/6/90* B1257E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) and (2)

The alleged kidnapping of the two persons concerned on 15 July 1987 was reported at the South African Police, Mamelodi. Since then the investigation of the case has continued unabated.

(3) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

Certain advocate appointment as judge

*8 Adv C D DE JAGER asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether he approached a certain advocate, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply with a view to appointment as a judge in the Republic of South Africa, if so,

(2) whether he will furnish the name of the advocate concerned to the House, if not, why not, if so, what is his name,

(3) whether this advocate requested extension to be granted to him so that he could first consult a certain political leader, if so,

(4) whether he will make known the name of this political leader, if not, why not, if so, what is his name.

(5) whether the advocate concerned has furnished a reply to him, if so, what was the purport of the reply? *Hansard 19/6/90* B1286E

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The State President may in terms of section 10(1)(a) of the Supreme Court Act, 1959 (Act 59 of 1959), appoint fit and proper persons as judges of the Republic of South Africa.

Negotiations which may take place prior to a possible appointment do not always come to my notice. These as well as negotiations of which I am aware, are regarded as confidential and I will continue to regard it as such. I therefore do not find it proper to comment on the hon member's question. He is his party's chief spokesman on justice, however, and I should be glad to discuss the matter with him privately.

An Hung vandalism

*9 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether any investigations are in progress or have taken place with regard to alleged incidents of vandalism in connection with and theft from the Taiwanese trawler *An Hung* that was wrecked off the South Cape coast in May 1990, if so, what are the relevant details, if not why not? B1291E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

Two charges in terms of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act 57 of 1951) are being investigated by the South African Police at Napier, namely

The contravention of section 296 — looting a stranded ship, and

the contravention of section 299 — boarding a ship without the permission of the salvage officer

Mr R J LORIMER Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us whether any of the stolen goods have been recovered?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, unfortunately I do not have this information. I promise to investigate and inform the hon member

QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

State President

Bureau for Information staff/services

*1 Mr P G SOAL asked the State President

- (1) Whether the Bureau for Information has undergone or is to undergo any alterations in its staff or structure or the services provided by it, if so, (a) when and (b) in what specified ways,

- (2) whether the Bureau is to provide news services, if so, (a) to whom, (b) what will be the format of such services and (c) why?

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The STATE PRESIDENT

- (1) Yes

- (a) Since the end of 1989

(b) The Bureau for Information is at present directly responsible to the State President as its political head, whereas in the past it had its own Minister or Deputy Minister. In accordance with the government policy of rationalisation in the public service, the Bureau has undertaken a study on the commercialisation of its operations. It will soon make recommendations to the Government in this regard.

- (2) The Bureau is currently considering the introduction of a news service. However, no final decision has yet been taken on whether such a news service will be launched or on its format or recipients.
- (a) and (b) fall away
- (c) The aim of such a news service would be to improve the flow of press releases, speeches and news from the Government to the media, to commercial wire services and to the public. The proposed service would not compete with commercial wire services.

(Annexure submitted in Afrikaans only)

†Adv S C JACOBS Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the State President's reply, can he indicate to us whether proper provision is being made in this new service for differentiating between when Ministers act in their official capacity as Ministers of State and when they act as representatives of the NP?

†The STATE PRESIDENT Mr Speaker, in the first place, the new service has not yet been decided upon. It would thus be speculative to go into detail about what exactly is proposed for the new service, if it is decided upon. In the second place the State has not been guilty in the past of doing something other than distributing government information by means of the bureau. We shall continue on the same basis.

†Adv S C JACOBS Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the State President's reply and regarding the services in the past, what criterion was used to differentiate between when a Minister acted in his official capacity as Minister of State and when he acted as member of the NP?

†Hon MEMBERS Common sense!

†The STATE PRESIDENT Common sense, Mr Speaker

Security forces, covert functions

*2 Mr C W EGLIN asked the State President

- (1) Whether the full investigation into covert functions carried out by the various branches of the security forces, as announced by him, has been completed, if not, when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed, if so,

- (2) whether he has received a report on the investigation, if not, why not, if so, when,

- (3) whether this report has been submitted to members of the Cabinet, if not, why not, if so, when, 19/6/90

- (4) whether, as a result of the report, any action has been taken to ensure (a) financial and (b) Cabinet control over covert projects, if not, why not, if so, what action?

B1297E

†The STATE PRESIDENT

- (1) Yes

- (2) Yes An interim report has been received

(3) The report has already been submitted to the Committee for Security Affairs. After deliberation thereof, it will be submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

- (4) (a) and (b)

Decisions regarding Cabinet accountability with regard to the approval of actions and funds have already been taken. Final steps and decisions will be taken as soon as the report has been approved by the Cabinet.

Ministers

CCB: persons on lists

*1 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order 19/6/90

- (1) Whether he has taken note of the names of persons appearing on lists compiled by the Civil Co-operation Bureau, as revealed in evidence before the Harms Commission, if not, why not, if so,

- (2) whether any steps have been taken to ensure the safety of these persons, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

B1209E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) Yes The names of three individuals were mentioned in evidence before the Harms Commission

- (2) These persons receive the normal Police protection to which every citizen is entitled. Up until now the Police have not yet received a request to make special arrangements regarding the safety of these persons.

†Mr S S VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he furnish us with the names of the three persons he is referring to? To the best of my knowledge, the names of more than three persons were mentioned before the Harms Commission in this regard.

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the names that I have available and of which we have taken note are those of Gavin Mark Evans, Abdul Omar and Quinsa Mhlabo.

Mr Stanza Bopape disappearance

*2 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order 19/6/90 (251)

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 13 on 25 April 1989, any progress has been made in the investigation into the disappearance of Mr Stanza Bopape from police custody on 12 June 1988, if so, what progress, 251

- (2) whether he will provide to the Harms Commission the names of the members of the South African Police Force who allegedly accompanied Mr Bopape in a police vehicle on the day of his disappearance, if so, when, if not, why not? 19/6/90 B1211E

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) An intensive investigation under the personal supervision of Lieutenant-General Jaap Joubert has since continued and is still continuing unabated.

- (2) Yes, should such a request be received from the Harms Commission

One education department

*3 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education †

What is the policy of his Department in regard to one education department for the Republic of South Africa? 19/6/90 B1246E

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The provisions of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act provide the framework for the existing structures for the provision of education. The responsibility for making proposals for the amendment of the Constitution is vested in the Government.

It is not the responsibility of my Department of Education and Training to maintain an independent policy relating to the question of a single education department for the Republic of South Africa.

†Mr A GERBER Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell us firstly whether he is aware of a statement that his hon Deputy Minister made, and secondly whether he agrees with the statement that this particular hon Deputy Minister envisages one education department for the Republic of South Africa?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the question was about the policy of the Department and I replied to that question. If the hon member has problems with the standpoints of Ministers, the

POLICE chief of scientific technical services Lt Gen Lothar Neethling yesterday dismissed as "blatant fabrications" allegations by former security branch officer Capt Dirk Coetzee that he provided poison for security police operations

Testifying before the Harms Commission, Neethling denied supplying thallium to the security branch in Port Elizabeth for the poisoning of former detainee Siphowe Maxwell Mzimkulu, who disappeared in 1982 shortly after filing for damages of R150 000 against the SAP.

On his release from detention, Mzimkulu was admitted to Livingstone Hospital and then transferred to Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town, where tests showed he had suffered from thallium poisoning.

Neethling described thallium as a widely used rat poison in the '30s and '40s, which was also popular with people who committed suicide or murder by poisoning. He told the commission that, with the

General denies poisoning ANC's whisky

LINDEN BIRNS

correct dosage, the poison could kill a person within three days

Neethling denied injecting poison into a whisky bottle which was sent to the ANC in Maputo, but conceded it was possible to puncture the cap with a micro-syringe without breaking the seal.

Neethling said Coetzee's description of both his (Neethling's) office and house were full of flaws, adding that Coetzee must have based his description of the house on footage from the UK television investigative programme Dispatches.

He denied ever meeting Coetzee, but said it was possible Coetzee had visited his office when Coetzee was attached to the SA Narcotics Bureau (SANAB)

Neethling also denied making and supplying "knock-out drops" to Coetzee or other security branch members and attributed Coetzee's allegations of a "truth-drug" to myths and legends

Greenpoint DP MP Tiaan van der Merwe's affidavit was among several handed to the commission yesterday.

Van der Merwe said during a meeting with Coetzee in 1985, the former policeman admitted to involvement in murders and body burning.

"I can remember well how he referred to the Ruth First incident as well as that of Marius Schoor's wife and child, and that they were murdered by or on orders from elements within the security police," he said in his affidavit.

Sapa reports the ANC's role in political-

ly motivated violence is to come under the spotlight during today's sitting

The SAP's acknowledged expert on the ANC, Maj-Gen Herman Stadler, is to present evidence to the commission on alleged ANC involvement in bomb and other attacks.

The ANC has so far submitted only one statement to the commission in which it denied any involvement in the stabbing of anti-apartheid Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge in November 1981.

The statement, signed by ANC general-secretary Alfred Nzo, also denied the organisation was aware that Mxenge had misappropriated ANC funds — a theory put forward by police investigating the murder.

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Why I became police informer - ANC man

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

being freed from a Swaziland cell.

A former top Umkhonto we Sizwe commander told the Harms Commission yesterday how he had decided to quit the African National Congress and become a police informer.

He claimed to have been freed by ANC cadres, but Butana Almond Nofemela has told the commission he was a member of a police hit squad which stormed the Manzini police station to kidnap "September".

The man, whose identity Mr Justice Louis Harms ruled must be kept secret, said he had contemplated leaving the ANC because he was "sick of it and sick of living under cover".

Earlier, the ANC — in its first representative appearance in a South African judicial inquiry or court of law in 30 years — applied for a postponement to give it time to study police submissions about alleged "crimes of violence".

Codenamed "September" by the ANC and police, the man said he had taken the decision after

The commission continues today.

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Shootings: officer accused

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

A commission of inquiry was told yesterday that Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux was responsible for the deaths of three of the 12 Mamelodi residents killed when police fired on protesters on November 21 1985.

Counsel for the families, Maurice Basslian, told the inquiry that Captain le Roux was directly linked to the deaths of Paul Mavimbela, Moses Motsei and Thoko Malaza.

Mr Basslian said in his evidence that Captain le Roux had contradicted himself on numerous occasions. His evidence also conflicted with that of other witnesses.

"Le Roux knew that he was going to kill Mavimbela and Motsei when he fired at them," he said.

Negligence

He added that the captain was the only one who came forward to say he fired live ammunition.

"He deliberately fired at Ms Malaza, alternatively he fired through negligence," he said.

Advocate A C Le Roux for the police said that the former chief of the Riot Unit, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, could not be charged with manslaughter as submitted by Mr Basslian.

Advocate le Roux said that according to Mr Basslian, Captain le Roux and his colleague, Constable Eugene Halliday, who conceded he killed Jerry Ngwatle, were plain murderers because they had killed for no reason.

He said Mr Basslian had given no explanation how the rest of the people were killed.

He said it was most unlikely that Constable Halliday had killed Ngwatle for no apparent reason as claimed by witnesses.

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Police slayings: Beware anarchy, warns Carlisle

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE killing of 30 policemen this year should be vigorously denounced by both the ANC and the PAC, the DP MP for Wynberg, Mr Robin Carlisle, said yesterday.

Speaking during the second reading of the Police Amendment Bill, Mr Carlisle said that whoever the killers were, the principle victim was a future non-racial democracy in South Africa.

As such, the ANC and PAC should join the authorities in doing everything to stamp out these killings.

"Publicity on these killings tends to be limited and does not reflect the degree to which these incidents are destroying the thin line that separates us from anarchy, nor the impact they are having on the already jittery and demoralised police force."

Mr Carlisle said that an acceleration of targeted violence aimed at the police would lead to a breakdown of law and order or an entry by the security forces into the political arena.

Ex-ANC operative denies kidnapping

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FORMER Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) Transvaal machinery commander "September" yesterday denied before the Harms Commission of Inquiry allegations that he was kidnapped, tortured and interrogated by the SAP before being persuaded to join the police. *11/09/2016/90*

September said he was sprung from Swazi police cells by ANC members who took him to the SA border near Houtkop, in the Eastern Transvaal. It was decided he should cross into SA, meet other cadres and establish an MK unit there.

He said while walking he felt hiding and diving from the security forces was not helping, so he handed himself over to Piet Retief police.

He admitted telling the police where and when his comrades would cross the border to join him, but said the first time he heard allegations that the SAP ambushed and shot them was during the 1988 trial of the sole survivor, Ebrahim.

September, a constable in the SAP, refused to testify under his real identity for fear of ANC reprisal.

Former security police chief Major Gen Herman Stadler's evidence alleging the ANC committed crimes in SA might only be led on Friday.

This follows a provisional ruling by Mr Justice Louis Harms, who yesterday gave the ANC legal team until Friday to draw up a memorandum in response to Stadler's 56-page affidavit and 20-volume annexure. The hearing continues.

No repeat of gill net permits

Political Staff

NO further permits had been issued to Taiwanese fishing vessels with gill nets since 57 boats were permitted to enter Cape Town harbour, the Minister of Environment Affairs, Mr Gert Kotze, said yesterday

The 57 vessels, which he listed, had 420 South African crew members, he said in reply to a question by Mr Colin Eglin (DP Sea Point)

They had gill nets and fish caught in gill nets on board.

Since then, no Taiwanese vessels off-loading in Cape Town had gill nets on board

"Boats offloading tuna all used the longline or pole fishing method"

Looting probe

Political Staff

THE police are investigating two charges of looting of the stranded Taiwanese trawler An Hung on the Cape south coast, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said yesterday

The An Hung ran aground near Gans Bay about two weeks ago

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10 died in 'election unrest'

Political Staff

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"The causes of these deaths will only then be ascertained beyond doubt," he said

Mr Vlok was replying to a question which was tabled in the House of Assembly by Mr Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North)

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Separate Amenities Act scrapped

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Political Correspondent

PARLIAMENT yesterday passed a bill scrapping the Separate Amenities Act.

The Discriminatory Legislation Regarding the Public Amenities Repeal Bill was passed by the House of Assembly by 105 votes to 38, with one abstention.

The bill, which takes effect from October 15, was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives and the House of Delegates.

The CP was the only party voting against it. The CP's Cape leader, Mr Jan Hoon, said the measure was destroying whites' self-determination in every facet of daily life.

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Vlok defends police 'racial balance'

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Political Staff

THE police force did not have racial quotas or a fixed racial limits on recruitment but "a balance" between the different race groups had to be maintained, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

The MP for Green Point, Mr Trian van der Merwe, quoted a Cape Times report during the debate on the Police Amendment Bill and said certain categories of recruitment for the police had been frozen on racial grounds.

There was a desperate need for recruitment and this should be done on a non-racial basis.

Mr Vlok said there were no racial quotas, "but there must be a balance".

At present, 40% of the police force was white and 60% were "other colours".

He added "We have a population in this country consisting of various population groups".

"We must appoint policemen to reflect that fact."

Pressed by Mr Van der Merwe, Mr Vlok said he could not give details.

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...triangle region, to become the
largest single development undertaken
by CWRSC," said Mr de Wet

Cape municipal strikers arrested

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN - Scores of striking municipal workers were arrested outside the Supreme Court this morning where their union was originally scheduled to have filed replying affidavits to a council application locking them out of the Civic Centre.

About 40 policemen, led by the acting district commissioner of Cape Town, Colonel Phillip Delpont, loaded

the strikers into two vans about 8 30 am. and Keerom Street, which runs past the Supreme Court entrance, was sealed off by police

The striking municipal workers, who had gathered outside the Cape Supreme Court from about 8 am, were told by police that the application had been handled yesterday. They were told to disperse and most did so

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By Craig Kotze

Extra police for Craven Week

A special police unit will be sent to Welkom — where racial tension is still running high — to protect players and others in the racially-mixed Craven Week primary school rugby tournament next month, police said.

Threats

"The protection of players, officials and organisers will be given the highest priority," a spokesman said.

This was because threats have been received from a right-wing organisation warning that mixed rugby will not be allowed in Welkom, said Northern Free State police spokesman Major Johan Fouche.

He identified the controversial ultra right-wing Blanke Veilighedsrag as the source of the statement.

The Blanke Veilighedsrag has been blamed for vigilante attacks on blacks in Welkom, where full-scale racial war has been averted by a peace accord brought about by the intervention of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The special unit will be sent from Pretoria for the special duties, said Major Fouche.

Major Fouche said police had also received many calls from concerned parents asking whether their children would be safe during the tournament.

Police would allow no intimidation of any kind to take place during the games, he added.

"After threats were received against the mixed rugby, the SAP wishes to give the assurance that all possible measures will be taken to ensure the safety of players, officials and organisers," said Major Fouche.

Thirty teams — four of them mixed — are expected to take part in the tournament.

Blanke Veilighedsrag leader Henrie Muller was at the time of going to press not available for comment, but has reportedly denied that his organisation would actually disrupt the tournament.

Dr Dame Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, said

today he had been assured that "nothing would happen" to disrupt the tournament.

"It's a tragedy that rugby should be placed under these circumstances in our own country," he said.

It is believed the policemen to be sent from Pretoria are part of a reserve of riot-control policemen kept in Pretoria for deployment should crisis situations arise elsewhere.

It is not yet known exactly when they will arrive in Welkom.

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"Tragedy"

First stage of inquiry complete

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The Harms Commission yesterday completed its first stage of inquiry into certain alleged murders by ending the receipt of oral evidence and argument on allegations of police "hit squads" and the covert Civil Co-operation Bureau, a unit of the South African Defence Force.

The chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, said, legal argument on both issues would be heard in early August.

He did not say when he expected to provide an interim or full report. — Pretoria Bureau.

Police shot at car 15 times by mistake

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A Durban businessman and his wife were shot at 15 times yesterday by two policemen who thought their Mercedes Benz car was stolen

Police have opened attempted murder dockets.

Mr Deryck Willans said today he and his wife were driving home from a party when a car

with bright lights drew up behind them in Blair Athol Road, near Clermont, at about 1 am

Several shots were fired at his luxury car. Four bullets bounced off the windscreen

Mr Willans said when he realised it was the police, he pulled off to the side of the road. A policeman armed with a gun rushed to him and told him the car had been reported stolen

Mr Willans said damage to his car was estimated at R6 000

"I have instructed my lawyer to sue the police for damages. In fact, I believe the two policemen should be suspended until this issue has been cleared up. You just don't start shooting at people

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, spokesman for Port Natal police, said that two policemen

were keeping observation in Blair Athol Road when they saw the car go past them

They checked the registration number with radio control and were told it belonged to a car which had been reported stolen

"The policemen gave chase for about 3 km and flashed their headlights to ask the driver to pull off. When he refused, shots were fired," he said

Mother fears for jailed boy's safety

By Shehmaaz Bulbulha

Parents of three awaiting trial prisoners, who have been held at the Orlando police Station in Soweto for two weeks, fear for the safety of their children after being repeatedly refused permission to visit them.

Eunice Siswana, the mother of Luvuyo Siswana (16), said yesterday that she had been shunted from pillar to post in her attempt to visit her son.

Luvuyo Daniel Radebe (16) and Bonakele Ntoba (16) were arrested under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act on June 6 on suspicion of possessing explosives. Within 48 hours the youths appeared in court. They were then transferred to Orlando Police Station.

Mrs Siswana said she had unsuccessfully tried to visit Luvuyo, even after a lawyer representing the youths had arranged a family visit on Tuesday.

"We can't understand why. We are scared that something may have happened to them," she said.

"Immediately after Luvuyo appeared in court I went to Orlando Police Station. The police told me my son was not on the register. They then told me he was not being kept at Orlando and they finally said Luvuyo and the other boys were being held at Orlando, but family visits were not allowed."

Automatic right

A lawyer representing the youths said yesterday police were denying visits to people who had an automatic right to family visits and legal access.

"I was told by a policeman that he would prefer it if I did not consult my clients because it was a sensitive case. I had to battle to get permission for the parents to visit their children on Tuesday. I can't understand why the police backed out of an arrangement we made with them. What are they afraid of?" the lawyer asked.

Lieutenant I W Ferreira of the Orlando Police Station confirmed the detention of the youths, but declined to comment further. He referred The Star to the PRO of the Soweto Police.

The PRO said the police in Orlando had advised the lawyer to contact the investigating officer.

He said: "Lieutenant Ferreira told me he does not know of any parents that were refused permission. But if anybody comes to see their family in jail after the prescribed visiting hours they will not be allowed inside".

Top security cop denies shock torture

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CLAIMS that a security detainee had been tortured and assaulted were denied to the Harms Commission yesterday.

Siphiwe Maxwell Mtimkulu, who has been missing for eight years, had made the claims in 1981 against police under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Hermanus du Plessis, who was then the head of Security Police in Port Elizabeth.

Commission chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, heard Du Plessis yesterday deny Mtimkulu had electric shocks administered to him or that he had been assaulted on numerous occasions at Jeffreys Bay police station.

Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry, Info Informal Repression, said Mtimkulu had complained after his detention of having been "rolled up in canvas and assaulted" and hit with a rubber pipe.

This was denied.

Mtimkulu disappeared in 1982 while going for medical treatment. The car in which he had been travelling was found burnt-out near the Lesotho-Transkei border.

Also in earlier evidence before the Commission, which is investigating alleged SAP hit squads - it has been alleged that Mtimkulu had not complained about his treatment at the hands of the police but had on his release.

He had medical tests at Livingstone Hospital in Port Elizabeth and at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town where the tests had shown traces of Thallium in his body.

He had also told doctors he had been forced to stand for nine days continuously while under interrogation.

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Farm worker dies during questioning

By Guy Jepson

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A farm labourer died this week during questioning by two policemen and a farmer in Delmas

The man, known only as Samuel, worked on the farm Wolfontein, a police spokesman said.

"He collapsed and died during the afternoon of June 18 while he was being interrogated by two detectives and the owner of the farm in connection with the theft of wheat," he said.

He was unable to disclose to which unit the policemen were attached.

Delmas police were investigating, he said, adding that the case would be referred to the Attorney-General for a decision once the investigation was complete.

Key killings unsolved after expensive probe

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Three of South Africa's most baffling murders remain unsolved even though the Harms Commission has spent thousands of rands on investigations, it was disclosed yesterday.

A top State legal expert said the murders — those of activist David Webster, Natal academic Rick Turner, and Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge — were three of 71 which commission officers had "thoroughly looked into" since February.

Tim McNally, the Attorney-General of the Free State who has been assisting the Harms Commission, said at a media briefing in Pretoria that allegations made by Butana Almond Nofemela and former police captain Dirk Coetzee that a police hit squad had been involved in the Mxenge killing — in Durban in 1981 — "had opened the book, whether true or not"

The Harms Commission



The commission also wanted to interview former spy Martin Dolinchek, now overseas, in connection with Dr Turner's death.

The briefing followed the end of oral evidence and argument given to the commission, chaired by Mr Justice Louis Harms, about alleged hit squads and on the SA Defence Force's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

Affidavit

"My feeling is that we haven't moved forward in respect of the murder of David Webster," Mr McNally said.

Mr Webster was shot dead outside his home in Troyeville, Johannesburg, on May 1 last year. His death is being investigated by Brigadier Floris Mos-

tert, commander, Special Investigations, Witwatersrand, of the South African Police.

Brigadier Mostert earlier alleged that some members of the CCB may have been implicated in the killing, but later admitted the CCB was not involved.

Mr McNally revealed that the family of Dr Turner, who was shot dead in Durban in the early 1970s, had provided the commission with a detailed affidavit.

"... in the absence of Martin Dolinchek there is no point in leading evidence."

The commission also probed the alleged assassination of doctor Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence Ribeiro, detainee Sipiwe Maxwell Mtimkulu (who has disappeared), Swapo national executive member Anton Lubowski, Japie Maponya and former police informer Sizwe Kondile (who has disappeared).

There had been no breakthrough regarding the killing of the Ribeiros in Pretoria during 1986, said Mr McNally.

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Harms inquiry gets new info on two Mamelodi murders

Officials of the Harms Commission investigating political murders have submitted new information to the police concerning the killing in Mamelodi of Dr Louis Ribiero and his wife Florence.

Speaking at a press briefing yesterday, Free State attorney-general Tim McNally, who is leading evidence for the commission, said the information should not be regarded "as a breakthrough", but might help police in their investigations into the killings.

He added that another docket concerning one more of the 71 political murders the commission is investigating has also been passed to the police.

The commission, established in February, will forward dockets to attorneys-general round South Africa once chairman

Justice Louis Harms releases his findings

Mr McNally said the findings would be released in interim reports as Mr Justice Harms deals with the various aspects the commission has covered.

The commission is to finish hearing oral evidence today, and argument will start at the beginning of August.

Argument on the work of the SADF's clandestine Civil Co-operation Bureau is to be heard first. Then attention will focus on the possibility of a police hit squad, as alleged by former Security Police captain Dirk Coetzee, but denied by most serving police officers who testified to the commission.

After that, aspects of the ANC's role in political violence in South Africa will be dealt with. — Sapa.

Probe on activists' killings

THE United Democratic Front yesterday appointed Lawyers for Human Rights to investigate the alleged involvement of police and Askari members in the violence that has claimed the lives of three political activists at Oukasie, Brits.

Members of the executive committee of the Pretoria region of the UDF, who included Dr Abie Nkomo, Mr Ronnie Mamoepa and Mr Moss Chikane, announced at a Press conference that the independent commission of inquiry followed the mysterious death of ANC member Mr Abel Molokoane (35).

Molokoane's bullet-riddled body was found on June 10 on a road between Oukasie and Lethabile.

Hiding

A spokesman for the police in Brits said yesterday they were investigating the murder.

He added that police were searching for suspects who were known to them and were apparently hiding in Bophuthatswana.

Mamoepa, who is also publicity secretary of the UDF (southern Transvaal), said Molokoane was murdered shortly after he had established that he was on a hit squad list.

Mr Brian Currin, national director of the LHR said they had already collected affidavits from certain witnesses regarding the violence at Oukasie.

He and two other lawyers are likely to start their investigations on Monday.

They will also investigate the death of Mr Marshall Buys and Mrs Modimong, whose house was damaged by an explosion.

There are allegations

By MONK NKOMO

that an Askari member who is presently linked to the Harms Commission is involved in the perpetration of violence in

Oukasie," said Currin.

Molokoane will be buried at Oukasie tomorrow at 2pm. The service will be at the Roman Catholic Church from 10am.

Mamasela: Soweto '76 rioter turned SAP 'assassin'

DIRK Coetzee, the police officer who defected to the African National Congress after detailing his role in police "death squads" has a counterpart: Joseph Mamasela, the young black militant who crossed the line to join the police.

According to Captain Coetzee, Sergeant Mamasela was one of four policemen who murdered the anti-apartheid lawyer Griffiths Mxenge in November 1981, a charge which the sergeant has emphatically denied. Sergeant Mamasela's testimony to the Harms Commission has attracted less attention than Captain Coetzee's. But, in its own way, it is as dramatic and as crucial as Coetzee's.

Sergeant Mamasela went to school in Soweto, where he attended Morris Isaacson Secondary School; he was the nerve centre of the 1976 Soweto student rebellion. "During 1976, when I was in Std 9, a number of my friends and I at the school were involved in rioting," Sergeant Mamasela recalled in his affidavit before the Harms Commission. Many of his friends fled South Africa and joined the ANC. The young Mamasela shared their political

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sympathies. But, conscious of his "duty to support his parents", he stayed behind, setting himself up as a trader in soft goods.

In May 1979 he was arrested — wrongfully, according to him — on charges of house-breaking. He was released from custody and the charges against him were dropped after he helped the police apprehend the "real culprits".

While in jail, the young Mamasela was approached by Major Gerhard Kruger, of the Security Police. He was asked whether he was prepared to assist the police in "combating terrorism".

In June 1979 he decided to "take up Major Kruger's offer", giving as his reasons the ANC's use of violence and its willingness to believe "scurrilous reports" about him spread by an ANC cadre.

Shortly afterwards, in late 1979 or early 1980, police informer Mamasela was — in his words — "recruited into the ANC" and sent to Botswana on an

intelligence course with two co-recruits from Soweto, Joyce Dipale and Lilian Keagile.

Later, in mid-1981, his role as a police agent was discovered, he and a friend were kidnapped and taken from Gaborone to Selebi Phikwe. His friend, named by Botswana police as Chief Monde Mpatem, was murdered and his body burnt.

Sergeant Mamasela identified one of the kidnapers as a Soweto man, Ernest Dipale, brother of Joyce Dipale.

Sergeant Mamasela insisted in his affidavit that he did not go back to Botswana after August 1981.

He was equally insistent on another point: he did not know Dirk Coetzee or Almond Nofomeia — another self-confessed police assassin — until 1982. His assertion was of crucial significance, given Captain Coetzee's testimony that Sergeant Mamasela and Nofomeia worked with him on the mission to murder Mxenge in November 1981.

But Sergeant Mamasela's categorical statements were strongly challenged before Mr Justice Harms. Evidence was led, with supporting documents from

the Botswana authorities, that Sergeant Mamasela crossed into Botswana from South Africa on November 26, 1981. With him in the vehicle — registration number FZR 593 — was Dirk Coetzee and one Anderson Gumede, an alias used by Nofomeia.

On the same night there was a knock on the door of a house in Gaborone where Joyce Dipale was living. When she opened the door, she was met by a burst of gunfire. She was hit by several bullets.

Later, in a statement to Botswana police, Ms Dipale disclosed that she had been attacked by three men, two black and one white. She identified one of the black men as Joseph Mamasela.

Sergeant Mamasela's path crossed that of the Dipale family again in 1982. He tried to arrest Ernest Dipale in Soweto, firing shots at him when Dipale drove away. Dipale was arrested shortly afterwards, largely due to information given to police by Sergeant Mamasela.

Dipale was detained on August 5, 1982. Three days later he was found dead in his cell, having "committed suicide by hanging".

Christmas death: Cops face charges

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By MONICA GRAAFFZSI
Crime Reporter

THIRTEEN city policemen face charges of kidnaping, culpable homicide and assault in connection with the death of a Hanover Park man, who died mysteriously after being taken into police custody just before Christmas, the attorney-general announced yesterday.

The policemen, whose ranks range from constable to captain, will appear in Cape Town Regional Court next month. They are all members of the Police gang unit, known as the "Gang Busters".

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Denise Brand said last night that they would not be suspended from the force at this stage.

Mr Kevin Ruiters, 22, of Lansry Walk, Hanover Park, died after being arrested about 12.30am on December 22 last year.

His uncle, Mr Edward Ruiters, watched police put him and two friends in a police van in Surwood Walk and drive off towards the Bellville South police station.

His friends were released 48 hours later, but Mr Ruiters was never seen alive again.

Mr Ruiters's mother, Mrs Pamela Ruiters, telephoned the police station on Boxing Day and was told a police van would be sent to her home to collect her.

She was taken to a suite of offices in Goodwood where a policeman told her Mr Ruiters had "fallen in a police cell and died".

The following day she went to the Salt River mortuary to identify his body and noticed that his face had been "badly bashed up".

Vowing to find out "exactly how Kevin died", Mrs Ruiters called for an inquiry into the incident.

"When the gang unit took Kevin away, I thought he would be safe," she said.

Eleven of the policemen will be asked to plead to all three charges when they appear on July 9. One will be charged only with culpable homicide and assault, and the 13th only with kidnaping.

Police dismiss rightwing hit list report

By DESMOND BLOW

THE SAP yesterday described as groundless allegations of a rightwing plot to assassinate State President FW de Klerk and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, among others, but investigative reporter Jacques Pauw maintains the allegations are true.

The plotters allegedly planned to wreak havoc countrywide, leading up to a rightwing coup.

Pauw, who revealed the plot in this week's *Vrye Weekblad*, said "The police have six tape recordings of conversations between our informant, Jan Johannes Smith, and six people included in the plot.

"They cannot just dismiss these as groundless."

But both Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok's Press officer Brig Leon Mellet and SAP Press liaison officer Brig Vic Haynes denied any knowledge of tapes.

Pauw maintains he handed police six tapes of conversations between Smith and rightwing plotters in the early hours of Friday morning after they had taken 11 suspected plotters into custody. All 11 suspects were released after questioning.

Pauw said his newspaper and the ANC had thoroughly investigated Smith's background before *Vrye Weekblad* editor Max du Preez asked Smith, a former National Intelligence Service member, to infiltrate the rightwing.

According to *Vrye Weekblad*, other assassination targets included Vlok, Joe Slovo, Pik Botha, Magnus Malan and two SABC newscasters, Marietta Kruger and Riaan Cruywagen.

The plotters also planned to poison the drinking water of Soweto, to blow up dam walls and sabotage power stations, and to blow up the First National Bank Stadium outside Soweto.

Mandela said in New York he was too busy to worry about reports of a rightwing assassination plot. He said the ANC would function ably without him if he fell victim to an assassin's bullet.

Help came too late . . . 21-year-old Miss Monique Price of Sandton is lifted into an ambulance at the dock and a blood transfusion on the spot, but died soon after being admitted to the hospital

SAP ready to act against right-wing terror attacks

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By Craig Kotze

Police are prepared for a potential far right-wing terror campaign after two bomb blasts at two Reef National Party offices and the formation of a new "Boere army" at the weekend, a senior police spokesman said today.

"We are prepared for a right-wing terror campaign. We hope this will not happen but we are nevertheless prepared for it," said Major-General Herman Stadler, SAP public relations chief.

He said police were "80 percent sure" that the weekend blasts at the Auckland Park and Helderkruid NP offices were the work of right-wing extremists. The use of commercial explosives were another pointer to right-wingers, he added.

Commercial explosives — also used in the blasts at Melrose House in Pretoria and at the Welkom National Union of Mineworkers offices earlier this month — are the hallmark of right-wing terrorists.

At least four bomb blasts, believed to have been carried out by right-wingers, have occurred recently, the latest two over the weekend at two Reef offices of the National Party.

In addition, another blast at the home of Randfontein National

Party politician Boy Geldenhuys before the September election last year is also believed to be the work of right-wingers.

In another show of right-wing mobilisation at the weekend, a new alliance, with a military wing, was announced between the Boerestaat Party (BSP) and the Boereweerstandsbeweging (BWB). The BWB will form the military wing of the alliance and the BSP the political wing.

The sabotage attacks on NP offices at Auckland Park in Johannesburg and Helderkruid in Roodepoort took place only hours after police late last week arrested 11 East Rand right-wingers suspected of being linked to an alleged plot to kill Nelson Mandela, President de Klerk and other prominent political figures.

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All the suspects have since been released, and it is now believed the allegations did not have much substance.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said yesterday police were aware the NP office blasts could mean the country had entered another era of terrorism.

"We take serious note of this new spate of terrorism. We will act against all those who break the law from the left wing or the right wing," he said.

The BSP-BWB alliance was formed in Randburg on Saturday. Fugitive sabotage suspect Piet "Skiet" Rudolph is still deputy leader of the BSP.

The new alliance immediately attacked the Conservative Party for distancing itself from Mr Rudolph, who has declared war on the Government, the NP, the ANC and the SA Communist Party, and promised assistance for him and the "unknown Rudolphs".

In a statement yesterday, BSP leader Robert van Tonder and BWB leader Andrew Ford said they would remain independent but would co-operate in their main objective of re-establishing a Boer republic.

"The BSP will give the political leadership, while the BWB will provide for the organising of the Boer army," they said.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said that Mr Rudolph was being sought in connection with serious crimes and anyone who helped him would become an accomplice.

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Bitter dispute over shock Harms decision

By Kitt Katzin and Steve McQuillan

A bitter dispute has broken out between the Harms Commission and lawyers acting for interested parties over a shock decision not to call witnesses considered crucial to the death squad investigation.

This emerged after last week's announcement by Free State Attorney-General Tim McNally, leading evidence for the commission, that key witnesses would not be subpoenaed. Among these were Magnus Malan, Minister of Defence, and Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order.

In addition, it has been learnt, the commission also does not intend to call a wide range of other witnesses considered vital to attempts by lawyers to unravel the alleged unlawful activities of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

Commission secretary Chris Erasmus said lawyers would have to motivate reasons why they needed to have witnesses

called or recalled.

A spokesman for the Webster Trust said reasons had been furnished, but were rejected.

Lawyers also wanted to call key players in the Johannesburg City Council spy scandal who testified to the Hienstra Commission which investigated irregularities in the security department.

A request to subpoena these witnesses was turned down by the Harms Commission on the grounds that there were no facts linking them to political crimes.

Files

Also rejected was an appeal by the Webster Trust lawyers for access to files dealing with the establishment of the CCB.

The commission has also told lawyers that they would not be permitted to re-examine witnesses.

The basis of the dispute between the Harms Commission and some legal teams.

The commission, according to Mr Erasmus, is not prepared to waste time examining witnesses on issues that have been dealt

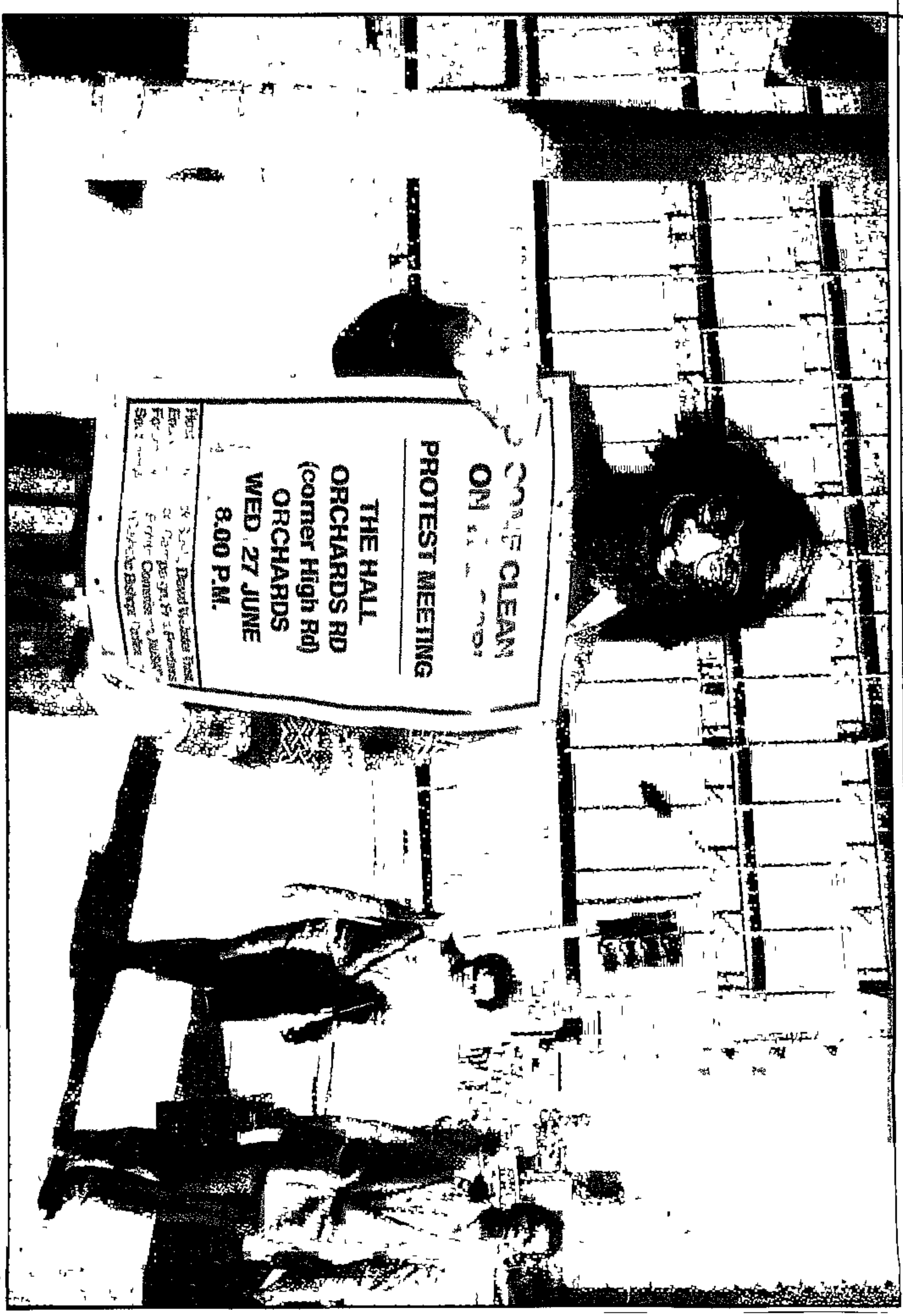
with already or are irrelevant.

Some lawyers argue that it is the commission's task to investigate all unlawful acts that have political motives in South Africa. To do this, the commission must call all members of the CCB.

They argue that no more is known about the CCB today than when the Harms Commission began. For example, the names of only seven of its 200 members became known to the commission.

Brian Curran, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, expressed shock at the decision by the commission not to call General Malan or Mr Vlok. He said the only conclusion he could reach was that Mr McNally apparently believed that General Malan would have been a severe embarrassment on the stand.

"I cannot understand how a Minister, whose department was involved in alleged assassinations and bombings, could be allowed to get away without at least telling the country what he knew or did not know."



A masked protester pickets in Braamfontein yesterday, urging the public to participate in a discussion tomorrow on the "masked men" of the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) and the Johannesburg City Council spy ring. The venue is St Luke's Hall in Orcharads at 8 pm. Picture by Stephen Davinnes.

A tale of two commissions

Named CCB members should go before Harms commission'

We in the Five Freedoms Forum have been intimately involved with both commissions of inquiry which are currently investigating unlawful acts by elements of the South African Security Forces. This is because one of our founders and executive members, Dr David Webster, was gunned down at his home on May 1 1989 in Troyeville, Johannesburg.

There is a strong suspicion that elements of the security forces were involved in, if not the actual killing of, then certainly the building of a profile on David Webster.

The Harms Commission has focused on attempts by interested parties to identify hit squads operating within the South African security forces.

The Hiemstra Commission, on the other hand, has focused on spying activities by the security department of the Johannesburg City Council.

During evidence before Mr Justice Hiemstra, it became clear that profiles were built on leading activists and members of the anti-apartheid forces within South Africa.

Deliberate infiltration

One of the profiles that was developed was that of Dr Webster, and the material in respect of this profile was principally supplied by lawyer Tony Naude, who admitted under cross-examination that he had purposefully infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum in order to spy on it and its members.

He was directed in this regard by Mr Martin Hennig, a full-time employee of the Johannesburg Security Department.

The precise purpose of building these profiles has not been finally determined at the Hiemstra Commission.

What is undisputed, however, is that the information gleaned by the security department of the Johannesburg City Council was passed, on a regular basis, to the military.

Indeed, there was such close liaison between the military and ele-



FIVE FREEDOMS FORUM

At 8 pm tomorrow at the church on the corner of Orchard Road and High Street, Orchards in Johannesburg, a public meeting will be held to voice opposition to the CCB and JCC spy ring. Speakers will include Tony Leon and Gavin Evans. In this article the Five Freedoms Forum puts forward some of the concerns that are likely to be addressed at the meeting.

ments of the Johannesburg security department, the members of both the intelligence arm of Wits Command and the Johannesburg City Council would meet on a farm outside Johannesburg and plan activities against anti-apartheid activists.

The major activity of this integrated unit based on the military farm appears to have been the conducting of raids into Soweto, during which suspected activists would be hauled out of their homes, beaten up, and subsequently forced to provide information.

The monitoring operation by the security department of the Johannesburg City Council was supervised by Mr Frikk Barnard, who admitted under cross-examination to being a major in Military Intelligence.

It appears that there was close liaison between Major Barnard and elements of the intelligence command stationed at Wits Command.

Those records of the Johannesburg City Council security department that were made available to members of the commission (and there was extensive evidence about the withholding of documentary evi-

dence from the commission) pointed to the fact that both a card and a file were kept on Dr Webster.

All attempts by those leading evidence at the commission to obtain the contents of this file and the many others that were kept, proved fruitless.

One of the few files that was found was that of Mr Pat Rogers, a DP councillor, who it was admitted was spied upon by those same members of the Johannesburg security department.

At the Harms Commission, evidence has also been revealed that the sinister Civilian Co-operation Bureau (CCB), an element of special forces operating within the military, kept tabs on Dr Webster and others.

The existence of the CCB was not known at the time of the constitution of the Harms Commission but surfaced from evidence at the applications for the release from custody of Mr Ferdie Barnard and Mr Calla Botha, both ex-policemen from Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, who appear to have been recruited by the CCB.

Mr Botha admitted to a long monitoring session of Mr Roland White, an ex-UDF activist from the Eastern Cape, and Mr Slang van Zyl, also an ex-policeman and member of the CCB, admitted to monitoring the activities of Gavin Evans, one of our executive members. At one point, there was an order out to eliminate Evans.

Both the Harms and Hiemstra commissions are nearing an end. The Hiemstra Commission has been conducted in an aggressive and exemplary manner, particularly because of the tenacious work of Advocates Dennis Fine and Lothar Wepener representing the State Attorney and leading evidence before the commission.

This commission has also not been marred by the constant jurisdictional battles that characterise the Harms Commission.

Scratching surface

The Hiemstra Commission has come to the end of its mandate, and has limited terms of reference.

Yet the Harms Commission has only just begun scratching the surface of its vast mandate which is to investigate all politically motivated violent acts and murders committed within South Africa.

We in the Five Freedoms Forum are particularly upset that it would appear that evidence before the Harms Commission will come to an end within the next few days.

For one thing, we would like to see all the members of the military farm who were named at the Hiemstra Commission brought to the Harms Commission to answer questions in relation to their violent acts against opponents of apartheid and members of the Five Freedoms Forum.

Moreover, we believe that each named member of the CCB should be subpoenaed and interrogated by this commission.

If not, we will be allowing these people to get away, quite literally, with murder.

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'End abuse of police'

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PORT ELIZABETH — Former rebel South African policeman Gregory Rockman yesterday called on the South African Government to end the abuse of police manpower.

He spoke shortly after tackling a Labour Party-supporting coloured management committee head-on, leading a peaceful march by coloured Helenvale residents in demand for an end to rent increases.

In response to the protest, Port Elizabeth housing director Andrew Gibbons signed an agreement that from July 1, no resident would be evicted for not paying more than R20

Mr Rockman described the agreement as "a major victory for the people of Helenvale — a sign of a shift from Labour Party to the ANC".

He said the abuse and waste of police manpower created antagonism between police and residents. Police were meant to be protectors of the people. "But a huge police presence, who came with barbed wire and on Casspirs, is indicative of an abuse and waste of manpower," he said — Sapa.

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Police fire on march, 25 injured

CAPE TOWN — One person was shot and seriously injured in the chest, four children were shot in the face and 20 people injured by birdshot when police opened fire during a protest march by about 4,000 residents of Ashton's coloured community, according to community sources

The residents launched a one-week defiance campaign on Monday

Yesterday, the marchers, who were demanding the improvement of basic services for their area, were stopped in

the town by riot police who fired rubber bullets, teargas and birdshot, community leaders said.

Earlier, the leaders handed a list of grievances to the town clerk of Ashton. These included demands for lower rent, an adequate electricity supply and the scrapping of racist divisions.

Late yesterday afternoon, five people had been arrested, according to the chairman of the Ashton Youth Committee, Mr Neville Sapto. Police declined to comment yesterday.

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Four not responsible

Own Correspondent

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CAPE TOWN — Four policemen who opened fire on a crowd in Eerste River on September 6 last year were not responsible for the death of a 13-year-old boy who was shot in the neck, a Kuils River inquest court has found.

The policemen, Warrant Officer Stephen Erwee and Constables William Sibertz, Andre Fourie and Cornelius Blommerus, were on duty at the Kleinvlei voting station in Eerste River, during the elections. Warrant Officer Erwee

told the court "an unruly crowd" of about 300 had thrown stones and poles dipped in tar at police.

He ordered Constable Sibertz to fire rubber bullets at the crowd. When the protesters did not turn back, he ordered Constables Fourie and Blommerus to fire their shotguns three times.

The crowd dispersed, but 13-year-old Leonard Ras suffered a fatal neck wound.

The crowd was threatening and the police acted in self-defence, Warrant Officer Erwee said.

Cops beat us, say family

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THREE members of the Mabolwane family in Meadowlands, Soweto, spot swollen and angry faces, after they were allegedly assaulted by police at the weekend.

The family claims the assault followed a R32 000 daring robbery in a shebeen next to their home last week.

According to Mrs Maria Mabolwane, the family was awoken by the loud knocks of the police about 11pm.

By ALI MPHAKI

The PRO for the Soweto police, Captain Mikhachane Ngobeni, confirmed that a common assault case was being investigated.

Mabolwane said: "They asked us where the boys who robbed our next-door neighbour were. When we told them we did not know what they are talking about, they started assaulting us

"We were punched,

slapped and kicked. They asked my daughter Sbongile (15), whether she had seen us in possession of a lot of money. They then said she should take them to my sister's house in Zone 10, where they arrested her son, Rennie Mhlanga (18)," Mabolwane said.

Rennie has since been released.

Mabolwane said the family reported the matter to the Meadowlands Police Station

Law recruits don't shy from death

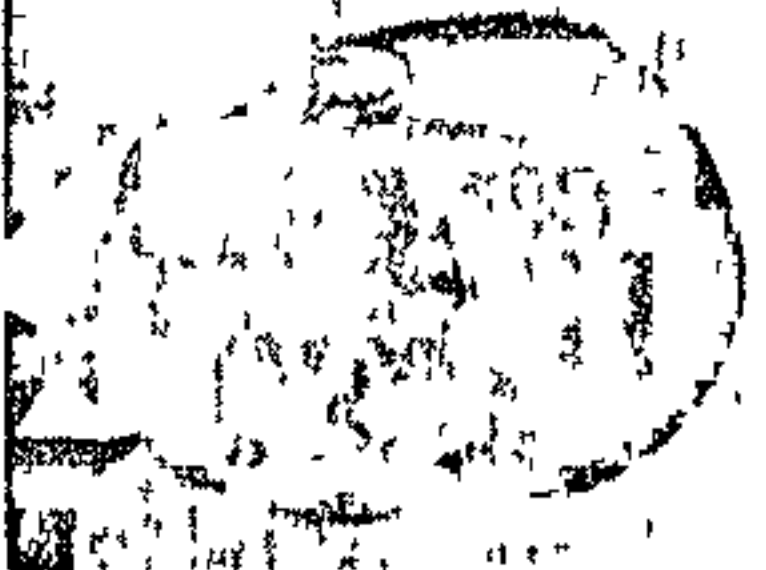
By SIZA KOOMA

LAW enforcement careers have inherent risks that can lead to death during the course of duty, but this has not held back women from making inroads into them.

When the South African Police opened its doors to women in 1982, a flood of them joined the force.

A substantial number of women have also been seen conducting traffic in city streets standing guard in buildings and patrolling shop floors.

It is not just the uniform that attracts them to the jobs. Personal experiences and the need to maintain law and order are also factors that lead women to the jobs.



Const Smangele Mtambo

Constable Smangele Mtambo (25) has been in the police force for three years. She admits having found the prospect of driving State cars and wearing police uniform appealing. But, she says, it was an experience while in high school with a man who assaulted her and nearly abducted her that steered her to the job.

I would feel very angry each time I read

about rape and sexual abuse and saw women being assaulted or bearing scars of assault. I vowed after I was attacked by a man on my way from school that I would follow a career that would help me prevent crimes against women.

She has worked in various police branches and cites fieldwork as most challenging.

There are different types of people out there. Some are very violent and ready to fight at all times. You have to be tactful with this type.

"I have never been caught up in a dangerous situation but I guess I would have to remain calm and be brave if one arose."

"I do feel scared at times but I always tell myself I am protected. There are people who have sworn revenge at me after arrest but their threats don't get to me. It is the negative attitude of some people towards us that sometimes worries me especially when there has been a spate of attacks on the police," she said.

Patricia Mbombi, a mother of two, believes her job as a security officer is the same as any other. She concedes, though, to the dangers that are involved but does not think it could be better tackled by men.

"A person's sex does not matter in this job. It is strength that counts. You need to be tough. I have managed because I can defend

myself." Mbombi said.

Her experience in the two years she has been employed by Pritchard Security has been mostly in departmental stores where her responsibilities have included arresting people she catches stealing.

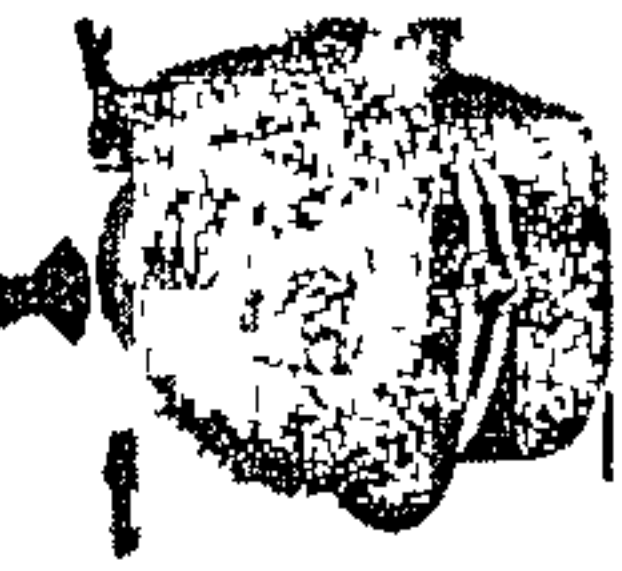
Three months after she started the job she was attacked by a group of employees of a chainstore after she had apprehended one of their colleagues stealing.

She bears a deep scar on her left cheek suffered when the six women waylaid her at a taxi rank after work.

They could have

killed me if I did not fight back. A lot of these thieves get desperate once caught. They can do anything. You have to fight back and sometimes a baton and a radio are not enough protection.

We do not have any security outside work. You can never feel safe when you do not know how you will



Patricia Mbombi

protect yourself if a person you had arrested decides to revenge himself.

We are always scared because we never know when and how it will happen. Some of us cannot leave because we are not sure if we would find alternative employment elsewhere, she said.

Mbombi thought things could be better if security officers could be placed under the Government. That she said, would guarantee them efficient training

and graduate them with arms for protection.

Susan Moleleki is a Peaceforce security officer with experience in outdoor events. Her cool nature and soft voice cannot be reconciled with the notorious soccer and music lovers deals with at ches and music festivals.

Her job includes searching for and taking away alcohol and dangerous weapons from people entering stadiums and pleasure resorts and to quell fights.

If you speak politely to people there is no way you can have problems. Security officer work is risky for

both men and women. You can only do it if you have certain capabilities. Bravery is one of them.

"A security officer is often the only person asked to stay at the site of a bomb until the police come. Anything can happen while you are still there. It is only bravery that matters, not the fact that you are a man or woman."

Your self-defence skills also count. If you can defend yourself you can protect yourself," Moleleki said.

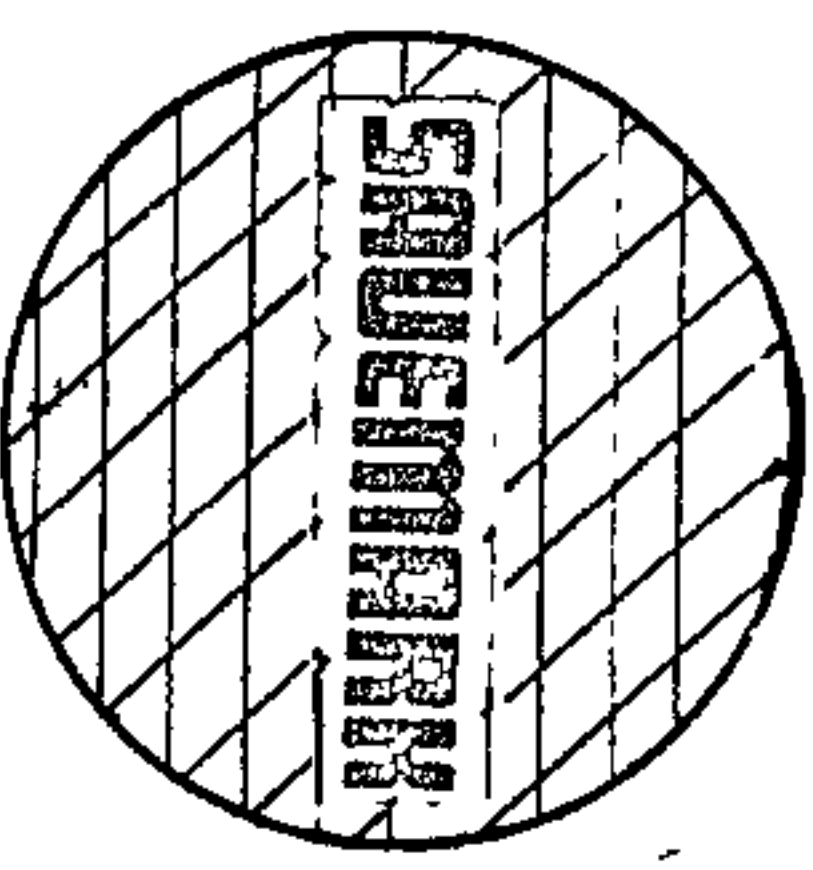
The Soweto mother of four nevertheless does not expose herself to unnecessary dangers. She does not wear her uniform outside work because she said the public accuses anyone in security uniform of being a spy.

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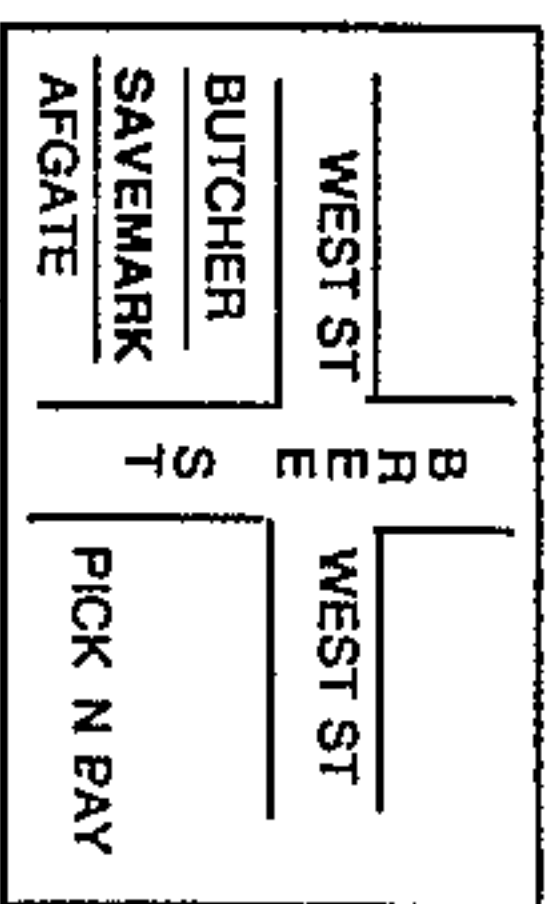
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Spy released by ANC is spotted in PE

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THE ANC has released a South African spy - the first to date - in accordance with the negotiation process begun at the historic Groote Schuur talks in Cape Town recently.

He is Billy van Zyl.

He arrived in South Africa at the weekend after spending more than four years in ANC detention.

He was also held in the infamous ANC Quatro detention camp in Angola, where SAP spies such as Olivia Forsyth, a security police lieutenant, were held.

Forsyth, who has left the SAP, claimed she was tortured by the ANC in Quatro, but it is believed Van Zyl was well treated in the camp.

Van Zyl is believed to also be a mem-

SOWETAN Correspondent

ber of the SAP and its security branch.

He has been spotted in Port Elizabeth since his return to South Africa.

The 27-year-old policeman infiltrated the ANC's intelligence department several years ago but was later suspected of being a spy.

As the ANC could not prove he was a member of the security police, he was arrested and locked up in Quatro.

However, it is believed he later admitted to his captors that he was a police spy.

Police confirmed Van Zyl had arrived back in South Africa, but refused to provide more details.

...movement after a ... parade on Monday. Thousands ...

A legal right to peace of mind and privacy

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Amateur spooks beware — every person has an inherent right to privacy that can be upheld in law.

An invasion of privacy is illegal and actionable in a civil and criminal court.

The issue of when a spy can spy lawfully has emerged as a central legal argument at the Hiemstra Commission investigating alleged irregularities in the security department of Johannesburg City Council

Profiles

According to evidence to the commission, the department's monitoring section spied on people, planted electronic bugs, compiled profiles on individuals, monitored trade unions and political organisations and submitted reports to the military intelligence section of the SA Defence Force

In the view of advocates leading evidence for the com-

Being spied on is "a most vexatious nuisance", a judge once commented. Counsel of the Hiemstra Commission have examined the individual's right to privacy, report
STEVE McQUILLAN and KITT KATZIN

mission and other legal teams, the alleged spies broke the law.

And the legal team representing the David Webster Trust, among others, cited a judgment involving the snooping of two private detectives to support their case

The detectives had planted an electronic device in a complainant's flat — to obtain evidence of his infidelity — at the request of his estranged wife.

It was held that their intrusion on the complainant's privacy had been unlawful and their convictions for crimen injuria were upheld on appeal

Similarly, an officer of the Zimbabwean Defence Force, who had his telephone bugged, won his case in the Zimbabwean Appellate Division on the grounds that his dignity had been seriously impaired

And it is not only the intrusion on the private sanctity of a person's home or office that may impinge on his right to privacy

A South African court, dealing with a matrimonial case, held that it was wrong for private detectives to shadow the movements of their quarry in public.

Commented the judge "The fact of being constantly followed about and spied on is to my mind a most vexatious nuisance and I think it would be monstrous if there was no right of complaint."

Likewise, the infiltration of trade unions and legally constituted political organisations and the spying on individuals by the security department were manifestly unlawful, said Wim Trengove SC, John Camp-

bell and Gilbert Marcus, for the Webster Trust and others, in concluding argument to the Hiemstra Commission.

They said that only State departments required by law to maintain the security of the country were authorised to collect intelligence.

They are permitted to do so under the Post Office Act, South African Police Act, the South African Defence Act, the Criminal Procedure Act and the Security, Intelligence, State Security Council Act

The city council was not protected by these Acts, the legal teams said.

Leading evidence for the commission, Denis Fine SC and Lotter Wepener argued that the starting point of the law of privacy was that "every person has an inborn right to the tranquil enjoyment of his peace of mind"

Thus, they submitted, the activities of the city council spying were illegal

Blasts rock police stations

POLICE stations at Khayelitsha and Langa were rocked by explosions between 8 and 10 last night *CMT 7/12/65*

A police vehicle was damaged and windows were shattered when a handgrenade was hurled at the police station in Khayelitsha about 8.35pm *25/1/65*

"No one was injured," said Lieutenant-Colonel Lourens Haasbroek of SAP headquarters in Pretoria.

Residents as far away as Pinelands called the Cape Times to find out what had caused the blast.

No details were available of the Langa blast.

'Harms should weigh CCB's foreign ventures'

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The terms of reference of the Harms Commission should be extended to include acts committed by the CCB outside South Africa, the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) resolved at a meeting in Johannesburg yesterday.

The meeting, attended by about 160 people, also called for the immediate resignation of the Town Clerk of Johannesburg.

Democratic Party MP for

Houghton, Tony Leon, also called on the new administration in the council to pass a motion prohibiting spying and unlawful activities such as those revealed to the Hiemstra Commission

"Although many of the activities (of the Johannesburg municipal spy ring) were quite beyond the scope and duties of the council and could therefore be illegal, such a motion would serve all officials with notice that the buck has finally stopped, Mr

Leon said

The prohibition of these activities, he said, would also distinguish the City of Johannesburg from the South African Government, "and that, too, is long overdue"

Mr Leon, former leader of the DP in the Johannesburg City Council, whom the council spies kept under surveillance, questioned the Government's right to uphold law and order and preserve the individual's safety "when the very criminal con-

duct it should be prosecuting, and the fundamental rights and freedoms it should be preserving are being committed in its name or are being flouted by its agents"

Secrecy, Mr Leon said, constituted a licence to forms of government mismanagement ranging from the false appropriation of public property to the concealment of official lawlessness or bungling. The cure was "the rigorous limitation of official secrecy practices"

'Hit squads' still alive, says report

Sowetan 28/6/90



AS calls mount for the SADF's covert Civil Co-operation Bureau to disband, a new report claims that, in spite of the Harms Commission of Inquiry, "hit squads" are continuing their activities.

The Human Rights Commission special report into "Apartheid Under Pressure" claims that assassinations, attempted assassinations and other "hits" continue unchecked.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression has confirmed that they would this week release information updates on informal repression, including alleged "hit squad" activities.



HARMS PROBE INTO HIT SQUADS

IBIIR spokesman Mr Anton Steenkamp said it was worrying that CCB chief Mr Eddie Webb had testified to the Harms Commission that currently about 200 CCB projects were under way.

Bomb

"No one has questioned him (Webb) on it, and there had been no definite indication from the Government that CCB activities have been suspended," said Steenkamp.

The HRC report, released this week, links what it terms "a few" deaths - one locally and two across the borders - to "hit squads".

They are:

* The murder on April 7 of Alexandra Township activist Aldo Mogano (22).

* The death on April 23 of PAC member Sam Chand and his family of four in Botswana.

* The attack by means of a parcel bomb posted in South Africa to the Rev Michael Lapsley on April

28. Lapsley, said to be an ANC supporter, survived the explosion but suffered severe injuries.

An HRC spokesperson said the perpetrators of these acts were easily identifiable as "hit squad" members as "people generally know when they are being attacked by vigilantes, whose victims are the same as those of the 'hit squads', or opposing factions".

The HRC report says "clear evidence" had emerged of the existence of hit squads within the ranks of the Security Police and the SADF.

"Although the Harms Commission continues with its inquiry, no such structures have been suspended," says the report. - Sapa.

Consumer boycott in full swing

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THE consumer boycott in Tzaneen, Duiwelskloof and the Letsetele areas in the northern Transvaal, got into full swing yesterday.

A spokesman for the organisers, who include the Tzaneen Youth Congress and civic associations, said the boycott would continue until all their demands were met.

The spokesman said the boycott was sparked off by:

*Police harassment of activists;

* the large-scale detention of students in the area;

*The demand of a living wage by workers;and

*The re-instatement of sacked Dithaba Citrus

workers who were fighting for the recognition of their union, Fawu.

The spokesman said they hope the boycott would unite the business community into pressuring the Government to heed their demands. "Once our demands are met, the boycott would cease immediately," he said.

THE MOST AERIAL LAND BIRD IS THE COMMON SWIFT (APUS APUS) WHICH REMAINS AIRBORNE FOR TWO TO THREE YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME IT SLEEPS, DRINKS, EATS AND EVEN MATES ON THE WING



'Full police investigation' of right-wing crime

TIM COHEN

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday defended police against allegations that they did not fully investigate crimes committed by right-wingers and called on the Press not to intrude into police investigations

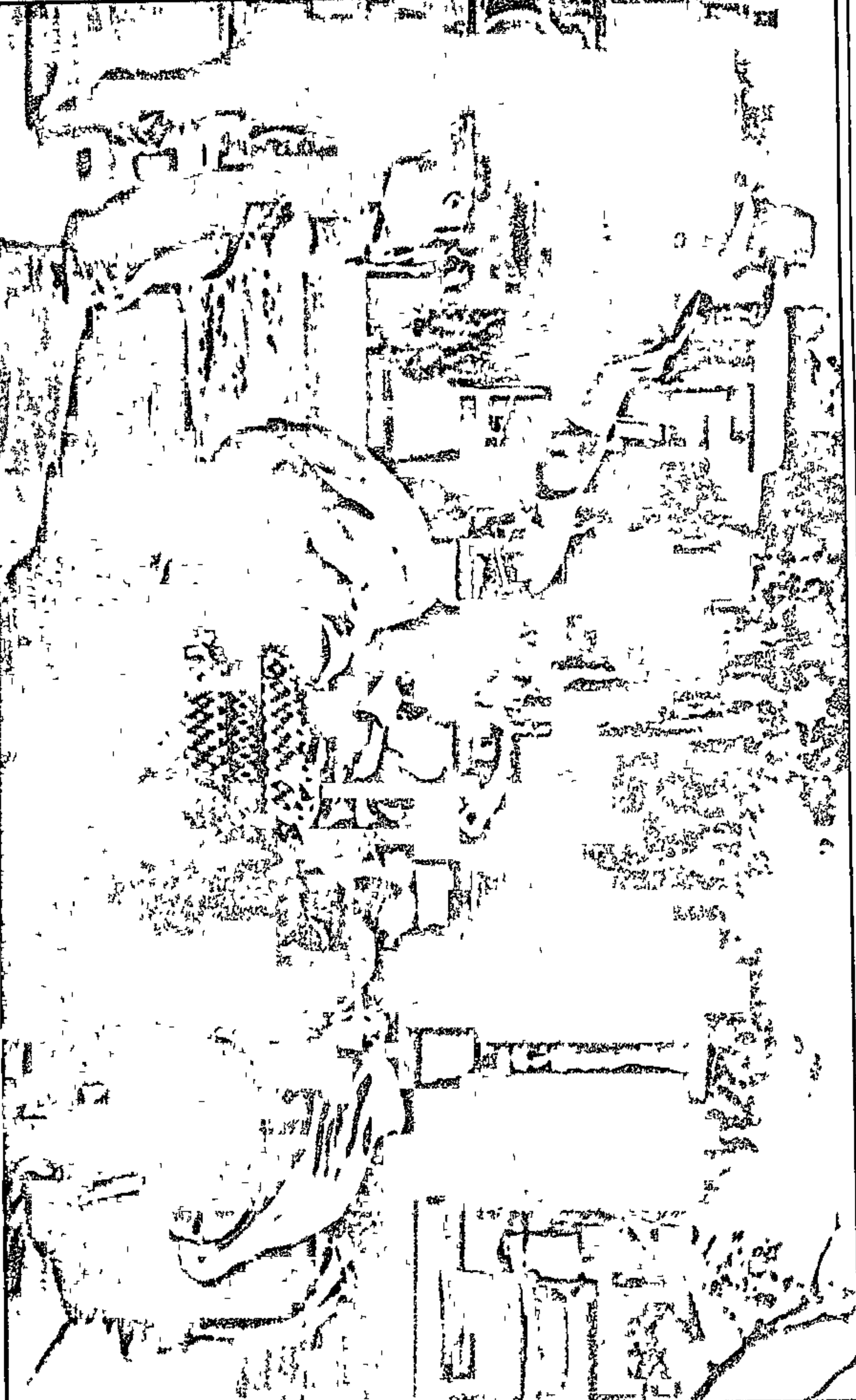
Vlok also said in a statement that police had interviewed Jan Smith, who is alleged to have infiltrated the AWB and uncovered a plan to assassinate ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela

All information, including the contents

of certain tapes which were in the possession of the police, was being thoroughly investigated, he said

Commenting on a statement issued by the ANC demanding that all involved in right-wing terror be investigated to the full extent of the law, he said the allegations were being investigated at the highest level under the leadership of Maj-Gen Bob Beukes

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Police smash

protest with dogs, clubs

and teargas

ASHTON (Cape) — A protest against the public library in this small town was broken up yesterday by police using dogs, teargas and clubs

Anglican priest Michael Weider was among about 150 people thrown into police trucks during the lunchtime protest outside the municipal offices, his wife Bonnie said

She said violence erupted on Tuesday when coloured residents began a defiance campaign at the library. The librarian had told them it was for whites only

Police said they fired teargas, shotguns and rubber bullets at youths who refused an order to break up a gathering

Dragged away

Witnesses said more rubber bullets were fired yesterday at a group of trade union observers and reporters

Mrs Weider said a crowd had gathered outside the town's municipal offices and tried to occupy them yesterday

Witnesses said police warned them that the gathering was illegal and began to drag them away

"When they had arrested about 10 people they realised it was not going to work. They took their truck away and dropped a teargas grenade into the middle of the group," said one. Dogs were sent in when the crowd regrouped and linked arms — Sapa-Reuter

Action, reaction . . . A riot policeman (above) throws a teargas grenade into a group of protesters staging a silent sit-in yesterday at the municipal offices in Ashton, where a defiance campaign by coloured residents entered its second day. In a quick reaction (left), a protester picks up and lobbs the grenade away while his comrades dive for cover. Police later set dogs on the protesters. ● Pictures by Associated Press.

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Parvo viral enteritis was a possible cause of the deaths
One vet said. "I have seen at least 10

There have been no further reports of dogs dying after being taken to the parks

Ban spying, Tony Leon urges Johannesburg City Council

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By Kaizer Nyatumba

Tony Leon, Democratic Party MP for Houghton, last night called on the new administration in the Johannesburg City Council to pass a motion prohibiting spying and unlawful activities such as those revealed to the Hiemstra Commission

Speaking at a Five Freedoms Forum protest meeting on the Harms and Hiemstra commissions, in Orchard's, Johannesburg, last night, Mr Leon commended the new city council administration for its pursuit of open government.

"Although many of the activities (of the Johannesburg municipal spying) were quite beyond the scope and duties of the council and could therefore be illegal, such a motion would serve all officials with notice that the buck has finally stopped," said Mr Leon

Wounds

"It would also serve to heal the wounds and divides caused when the city council entered a dark and dangerous age from which it is only now emerging"

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these activities, he said, would also distinguish the city of Johannesburg from the South African Government, "and that, too, is long overdue."

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...the men said they would send someone later with R5 000 to

The police kept a watch on the house from a side street, Mrs van

...and Mina to work with her "I am too scared to leave my baby at home," she said.

SAP face unacceptable level of crime, says FW

Political Staff

Unacceptably high levels of crime and violence were jeopardising efforts to negotiate a new South Africa, President de Klerk said today near Pretoria

Constitutional change invariably created uncertainty and even instability, he said, "but what our policemen have to deal with goes beyond what one may reasonably expect"

Addressing a police parade at the Hammanskraal Training College, Mr de Klerk said crime and violence were still prevalent in South African society. The Government was committed to creating peace, stability and a place in the sun for all.

"This aim is being jeopardised by the high incidence of serious crime such as murders, serious assaults, robberies, rapes and house-breakings," he said.

Political violence had an equal-

ly detrimental effect on efforts to negotiate a just constitutional dispensation.

The danger police were exposed to was not sufficiently appreciated by the public, Mr de Klerk said. In the 12 months ending May 31 this year, 69 policemen were killed while pursuing their duties and 28 had to leave because of medical disability

Cold-blooded

"While the duties of policemen are always accompanied by a measure of risk, it is totally unacceptable that members of the force should become victims of calculated and cold-blooded attacks on them and their families."

The Government had introduced measures to shore up the police force to deal with the crime, and had done all it could to keep the police out of the political arena.

Nobel nomination made for Mandela

The Star's Foreign News Service

DETROIT — More than 50 United States Congressmen are to nominate African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela for the Nobel Peace Prize.

US anti-apartheid activist the Rev Jesse Jackson said in Detroit last night that a total of 53 senators and representatives had agreed to a joint nomination.

If Mr Mandela should be awarded the prize, he would be the third South African to receive it Chief Albert Luthuli and Archbishop Desmond Tutu were awarded the prize.

Mr Jackson, who has travelled with Mr Mandela throughout his US tour, said the nomination of the ANC leader for the prize would keep the South African issue alive.

He said Mr. Mandela had more popularity than President de Klerk in South Africa and more credibility than the entire South African Government, yet he could not vote in his own country.

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Police pounce on gang

Stc 29/6/90 By Guy Jepson



Police fatally wounded a member of an armed gang and arrested three other men on the premises of the Fochville branch of Volkskas Bank yesterday, recovering nearly R6 000 in stolen cash.

- A fifth suspect escaped with about R1 500.

- The gang entered the bank at about 7.30 am and overpowered manager Jan Horn, whom they gagged and tied up, a police spokesman said last night. They then herded 18 staff members into one of the bank's offices

- The branch accountant, Elsie Vermeulen, and one of her colleagues were then forced to open the safe.

- Ms Vermeulen managed to trigger an alarm in the Fochville police station. Police arrived within minutes and arrested one of the robbers in the bank's toilet. A second was shot after he opened fire on police. He later died en route to Baragwanath Hospital.

Rates protest against city spy ring

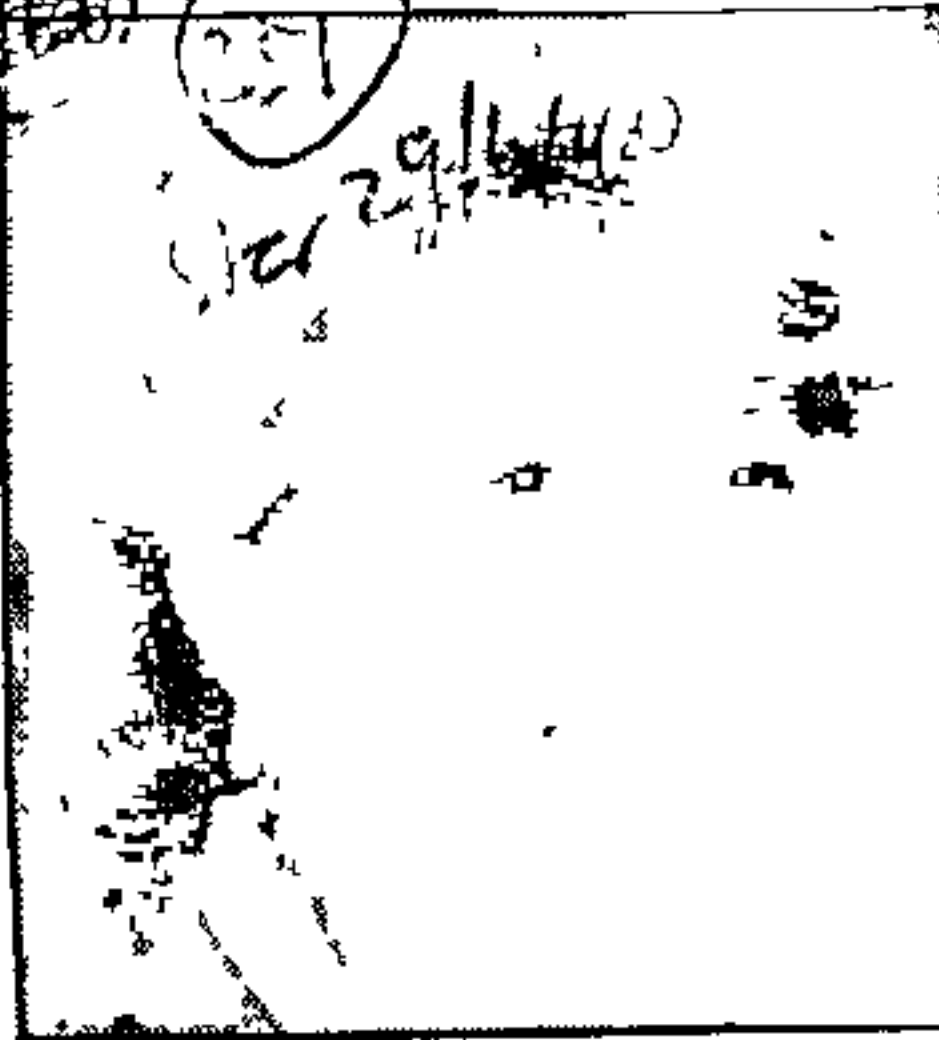
By Patrick Laurence

Glenda Webster, former wife of murdered anti-apartheid activist David Webster, has suspended payment of rates on her Johannesburg house in protest against the "activities of the city council's security department".

The house is registered in the name of Dr Webster, who was shot dead at close range by unknown killers in May last year and who — it was disclosed during the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry — was monitored by agents of the city council's security department.

Mrs Webster's decision, made known in a letter to The Star, was prompted by the security department's spying activities, the unexplained loss of its files on Dr Webster and its alleged burning of houses belonging to people deemed to be subversives.

She cannot continue paying of her rates "as if nothing had happened", Mrs Webster said.



Defiance . . . Glenda Webster.

The city council security department's activities "prevent me from handing over any more of my money towards the employment of people who may be responsible", she explained.

Instead she has opted to send the money for her rates, via The Star, to "a fund that genuinely promotes the well-being of the city's inhabitants". She suggests that the money be paid to Brother Giovanni, the Franciscan social worker "who feeds the peo-

ple who sleep in the streets"

Mrs Webster has resolved to pay the money which should go to the city council to charity until

- Steps are taken to ensure the city council does not spy on its citizens again
- City councillors are kept informed of all the activities of the security department
- The city council "as a whole", is made accountable to the rate-payers at whose expense the "clandestine spying operation was conducted"
- Those responsible for spying are disciplined and, if necessary, prosecuted

In a separate letter to the chairman of the city council's present management committee, Ian Davidson, Mrs Webster makes it clear that her quarrel is not with his committee.

She cites her letter to The Star as a statement of faith of her intention to resume payment of rates to the city council once it puts its house in order. 6

Graduates enjoy just marchin' in the rain

BY MONICA GRAAFF
Crime Reporter

RAIN yesterday marred the passing out parade at the Bishops Lavis Police College by driving it indoors, but it failed to stop 163 eager graduates from rushing onto the parade ground afterwards and marching for their parents in the downpour.

The planned outdoor parade was trimmed to a short indoor prize-giving ceremony in the gymnasium, officiated by the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe

But while the VIPs sipped wine at a cocktail celebration afterwards, the graduates and their families rushed out onto the parade ground and the drums began to roll

Oblivious of the rain, the 141 male and 22 female graduates marched in formation up and down the parade ground, just as they had practised.

● Constable Heinriek Slimmert of Vredendal won the best academic student award; Constable Peter Geswint of Humansdorp won the best male shottist award; Constable Wanita Sauls of George won the best female shottist award; Constable Hempton Hendricks of Paarl East won the best male student award, and Constable Michelle Market of Klerksdorp won the best female student award.



THE BEST ... The Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe (left) and the Commanding Officer of the Bishops Lavis Police College, Colonel Steven Minnaar, congratulate the college's top students, Constable Hempton Hendricks of Paarl East (centre left), and Constable Michelle Market of Klerksdorp (centre right). Picture STEWART COLMAN

'Police should safeguard talks'

Crime Reporter

POLICE should ensure that political negotiations towards a new South Africa take place in a democratic way, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Van der Merwe, said yesterday

Speaking at the passing-out parade of 163 students from the SA Police College in Bishops Lavis, General Van der Merwe said the success of this task depended on good relations with the public who had "the right" to say when police did not "serve their needs"

"The methods we employ in the enforcement of our criminal law have aptly been called the measures by which the quality of our civilisation may be judged," he said

Members of the force should behave in such a

way as to lend meaning to the slogan, "the police, your friend and helper", he said

General Van der Merwe also lashed out at the "so-called police union", Popperu, saying it was "probably another attempt to politicise the police"

He said "Police work is a calling just like that of a minister or teacher and the aims of a union are not reconcilable with our efforts and commitment towards creating peaceful co-existence in South Africa," he said

The commissioner, however, urged the graduates and their families to discuss grievances and problems with available police structures whenever they wished

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A fresh start

■ More pay will enable the SAP to get back to its real task of combating crime

Which is lower: a policeman's pay or his morale?

Before the increases announced by Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last week (see graph), a constable's average pay packet would have been about R700 a month. For that he was expected to work extremely long hours without a thought given to extra remuneration for time worked above and beyond the call of duty.

Policing a divided society also presents special problems. Lately, policemen have had to endure abuse hurled from just about every quarter — not to mention assorted missiles like stones, broken bottles and bricks. Small wonder policemen are disenchanted.

Nor has it helped having policemen and ex-policemen implicated before the Harms Commission in death squads, assassination attempts and dirty tricks.

Vlok's pay package is generous — increases range from 3% to 79% with the emphasis on lower grades — and he hopes to change sentiment, both within the ranks of the police and outside. Whether, as Vlok hopes, the increases will entice former policemen to return is another matter. What

it might do is put a stop to the exodus: policemen and women have been leaving at the rate of 20 a day even after a slight adjustment to pay levels in April.

Rises for policemen, prison warders and permanent members of the SADF — along with plans to beef up the SAP with another 10 000 policemen — are going to cost government an additional R1bn. Few would argue they weren't long overdue.

Criminals have meanwhile certainly taken advantage of the parlous state of the undermanned, underpaid and overworked police force. Society is generally regarded as violent, but violence, especially criminal violence, has been getting out of hand.

There are shades of the Wild West about it all: gunmen wielding AK-47s robbing banks of millions of rands with seeming impunity, gangsters involved in shoot-outs with police on city motorways and café owners gunned down in cold blood. Criminologists say it's symptomatic of a society in spasm. Political change ushers in major social upheavals, the established order breaks down — unrest, lawlessness and a concomitant rise in crime and violence are inevitable.

Figures on the rising crime rate re-

vealed by Vlok in parliament in March tell a sorry tale. Though the total number of offences reported rose by only 3,49% on the previous year (1988), to 1,47m, the number of serious crimes was up alarmingly.

Cases involving public violence were up 131%, rape 22%, murder 11%, robbery 18%, fraud 17%, arson 11%, driving under the influence 20%, indecent assault 27% and statutory rape 23%. A total of 11 750 people, mostly black, were murdered last year. That's an average of 32 a day. Ten murders a day are in the PWV. Johannesburg has long held the dubious distinction of having a higher murder rate than New York.

The incidence of serious crime in other categories is no less alarming. In addition to the number murdered, two people are raped every hour, three robbed, six vehicles stolen

elderly on their own property and a 150% increase in the number of fatalities resulting from such attacks.

White-collar crime, though more diffuse and harder to prove, is also soaring. Commercial branch head Major-Gen Nollie Hulme says about 3 000 cases involving roughly R3bn — R1,7m of which relates to foreign exchange frauds — are being investigated. Police are giving serious thought to establishing a serious frauds unit.

The political climate and widespread unrest only add to the policemen's burdens. The thinly stretched force is also required to keep the peace between rival political factions.

Worse, police appear to be dealing with a far more aggressive and violent criminal. "They don't hesitate to shoot today," notes police spokesman Major Reg Crewe, adding

that Johannesburg's robbery reaction unit and flying squad have been in numerous shoot-outs this year.

Banks in particular are concerned at the violence. As a crime prevention measure they don't release details of the number of robberies they have, or amounts stolen, but it appears there have been at least a dozen big heists in the Johannesburg area this year.

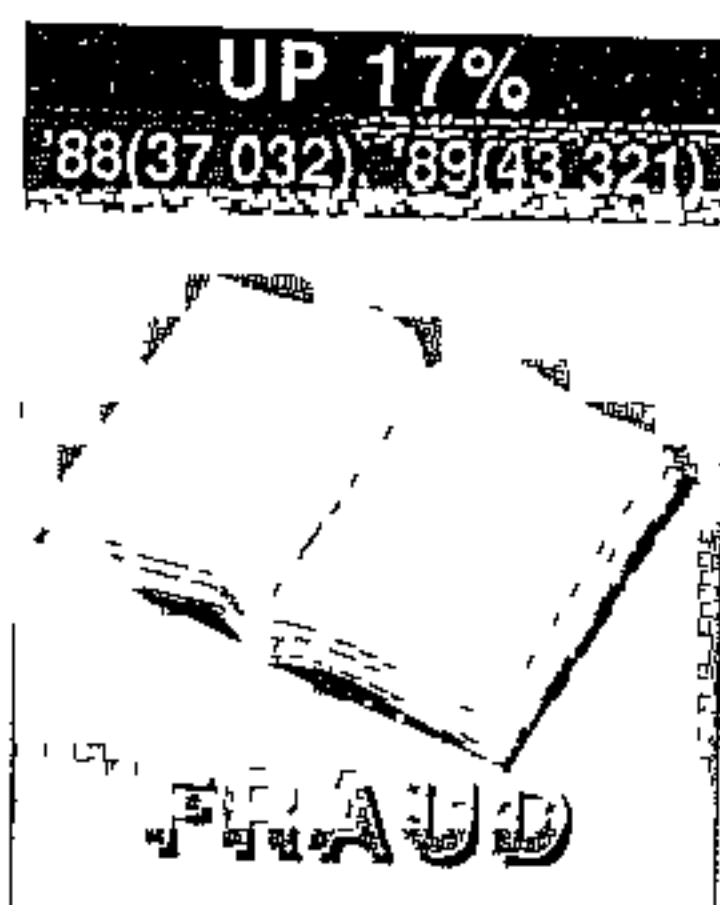
The amount stolen is believed to run to nearly R5m. In some cases, robberies have been characterised by what Standard's GM operations Rod Hyde describes as pointless violence with several deaths. "We view the

increasing violence being displayed during bank robberies with great concern — especially from the perspective of the safety of our customers and staff."

In response, the banks have stepped up security. They have installed time delay locks on vaults, additional alarm systems, hidden cameras and bulletproof glass around tellers to make banks a harder target. Still the robberies continue. "As we change our tactics, so the robbers change theirs," says Hyde. "It's quite exasperating."

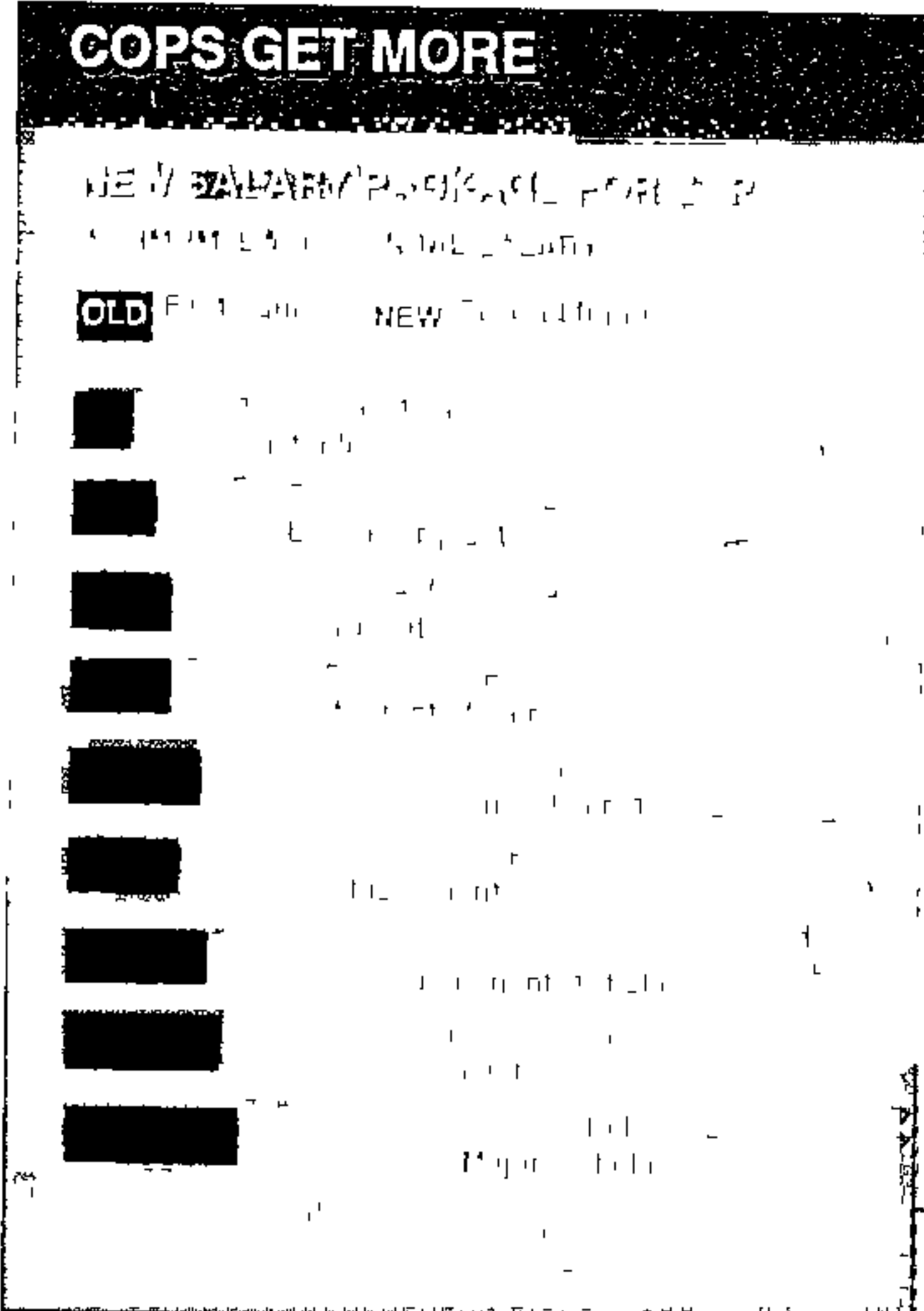
Security Association of SA executive director Frank Sims insists banks have done just about all they can to secure their premises — short of making them inaccessible to the public. The real problem, he says, is an undermanned police force where the ratio of policemen per capita is 1,9:1 000 compared with 4:1 000 in most Western countries. He believes better pay prospects will encourage more people to sign up.

The problem of inadequate police pro-



and 25 homes robbed.

Crimes against elderly whites have shown exponential growth. Between February 1987 and February this year, there was a 100% increase in the number of attacks on the





young and politicised, there are those of the 42 000-odd returnees — they will have to be rewarded for their sacrifice. Some, though not all, have been trained in administration and allied skills — a two-edged sword, since any inflation of the public service simply swells that protected and unproductive sector

Perhaps because he had such demands in mind, Nujoma, opening the Anglo American-led Navachab gold mine near Karibib two weeks ago, struck a wrong note. Referring to a new tax structure for mining, the president said "We note that in the past, there was a high outflow of wealth from Namibia in the form of externalisation of profits, dividends, interest payments, capital transfers and other remittances. These outflows of wealth have resulted in an intolerable gap between the GDP and the GNP of our country."

The mine — an opencast operation — employs 300. Nujoma appeared to find this less than labour-intensive and again spoke of the benefits of a mixed economy. He repeated the charge of "overmining" (levelled at CDM and the diamond industry at the Thirion Commission hearings) and said mining groups must "respect the laws of the land and keep in mind that their continued operation in our country depends on their own good behaviour."

That irks people who obey the law — and who like to stress their social and environmental responsibility. Must the gold, uranium and diamonds be bought back and replaced in the earth? Any investment code needs a proper legal framework. Otherwise fears of an "inappropriate, centrally planned economy" will remain. A labour policy code to be drawn up by Ministry of Labour, Public Service & Manpower Development will be scrutinised for hints of a minimum wage.

Namibia's ideological stance is clear enough — that is Swapo's patrimony. The country has signalled its alliance with the fraternal forces and destitute nations of the Third World — Hussam el-Madi of the "State of Palestine," for example, recently signed his credentials as ambassador in Windhoek. And Mining & Energy Minister Toivo ya Toivo recently alarmed the private sector by indicating a continued, forthright belief in nationalisation.

The symptomatic "overmining" charge rests on an emotional conviction, that Namibia must in some sense be compensated for colonialism and illegal SA rule. An academic paper circulating in Windhoek argues that Namibia deserves reparations from Germany and SA "for the damages brought about during 75 years of colonial occupation (and) the genocide against the Namibian people before World War 1." This implies a social and geographic entity pre-dating Germany's colonial adventure. No such thing existed, of course.

However, Toivo, Nujoma and others echo well enough feelings of renewal and pride among the disparate if scant population of 1.5m, 45% under 15. Out of such feelings



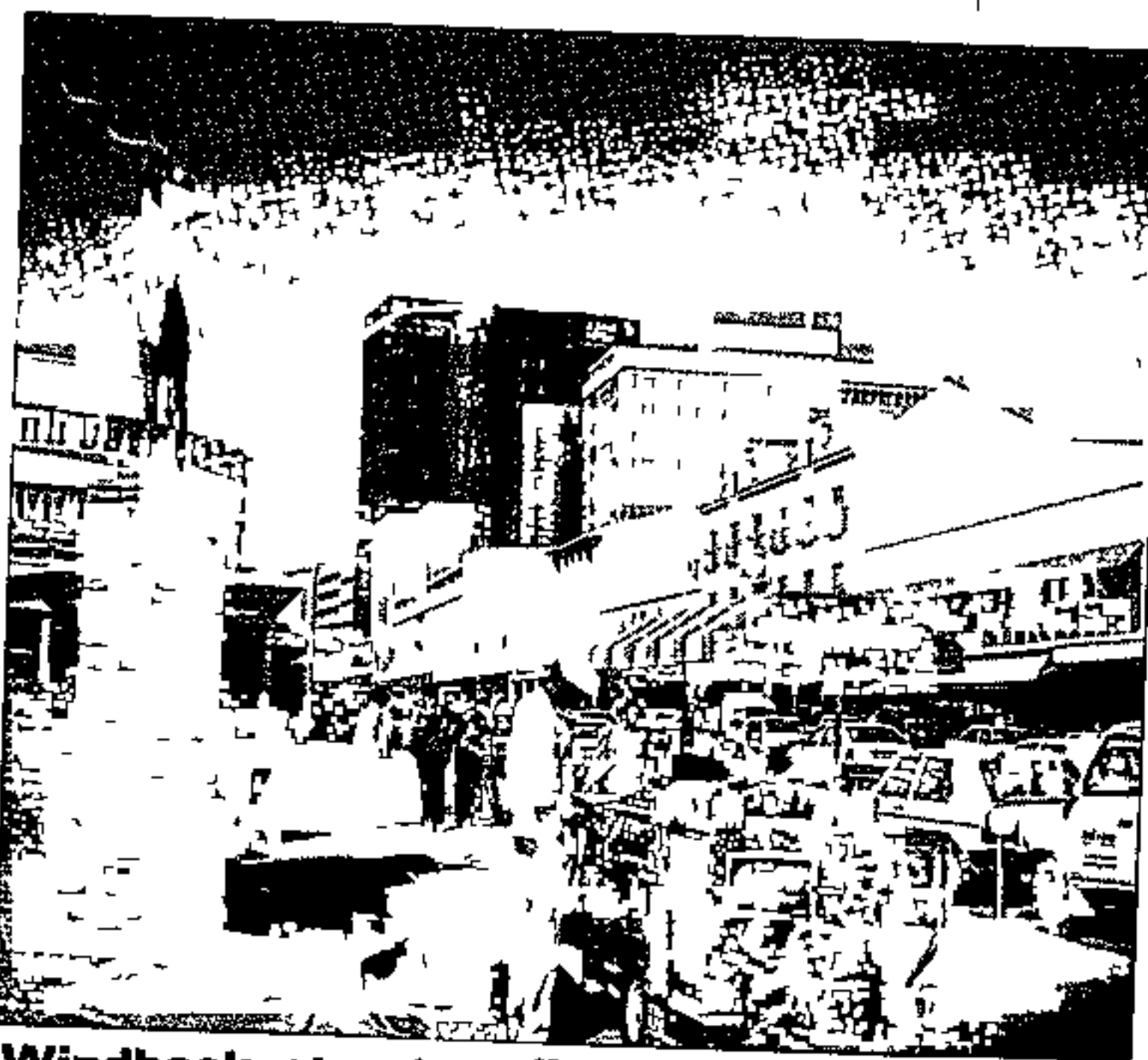
Nujoma

nationalism finds sustenance. Nationalism, however, cannot thrive indefinitely on complaints of overmining, depleted resources and colonial pillage. Namibia's new rulers need to demonstrate that independence will bring jobs, prosperity and security. Yet everywhere they look, there are ties to their former master, SA — which supplies 90% of the country's imports, from cans for the beer brewed in Swakopmund to cut flowers.

There are two areas of the fragile economy in which this dependence could be significantly weakened. Fishing is one (see graph for sectoral contributions to GDP). It can only improve after the depletion of the pelagic resource and fears over deep-sea hake. Namibia can now enforce its 200-mile exclusive economic zone. A differential levy has been imposed on hake catches — companies which employ Namibians qualify for rebates. And with fishing resources possibly regenerating in the nutritious Benguela Current — a Norwegian team is expected to report on this by the end of the year — the stage is being set for the Namibianisation of the fishing industry, including State equity participation.

For now, there is a moratorium on fishing. Apart from local boats, the big fleets represented in Icesaf (the International Commission for South-East Atlantic Fisheries) have been asked to stay out and the next steps will include:

- Multilateral agreements with fishing nations (Spain, for example, has 50 000 people dependent on Namibian fishing),
- Agreements on quotas, royalties and nationality of crew, and
- Bringing the industry onshore with processing facilities in (Namibian) Walvis Bay. Indeed, revenue from fishing could contribute half the national budget, according to Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Rural Development Gert Hanekom.



Windhoek street stall ... informal growth

Then there is beef (6% of exports). Of course, most of this goes to SA — but accession to the European Community under the Lomé Convention could give Namibia a 19 000 t quota in the European market, 40% of production (plus a little mutton). News of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in British cows caused some glee in Windhoek.

Meanwhile, keen Finance staff at the Fiscus Building (a name which also deserves to be Namibianised) are busily at work on core financial legislation. Namibia will remain an integral part of the rand monetary union for at least two years — and of the Customs Union — but it is to get its own Central Bank and currency. Will this be true monetary independence? That depends on whether the oryx — or whatever it is called — remains pegged to the rand, which could be good for exports; or whether Botswana's example with the pula is followed.

Botswana's experience is being marshalled in devising various kinds of law to enable a shift away from the rand. A great deal of it is technical — David Rush, head of public finance in the department, is keenly involved in the detail — and involves interest rate structures, banking regulations, probing the abolition of the financial rand (which Finance Minister Otto Herrigel is said to despise), extension of agricultural credit, insurance laws and treaties, and so on.

A Central Bank Bill will soon be put before the Assembly and might well be structured along lines suggested by Botswana and the IMF. There, was apparently, some dissent over the need for a Central Bank — given the realities of SA dependence — but this was overruled as an abrogation of genuine independence. The interplay between political imperatives, availability of resources and the practicalities of implementation will shape emergent financial structures and their law.

Change is evident. Two of the three major property developments on the Windhoek skyline are being put up by Old Mutual and Sanlam — though they represent a Namibianisation of assets. They have the corporate SA stamp all over them, a loaded cultural inheritance, but *do* suggest life after independence. Will there be more?

Well, the city does hope soon to see a Japanese group put up a casino in Kaiserstrasse — alias Independence Avenue. For the moment there is some *joie de vivre* to anticipate in the fun-loving city. People in Windhoek worry more about SA's future than their own.

The despotism some feared has not come. Social demands can for a time be met — and the private sector has been reassured. People are relatively relaxed. So what was all the fuss about then? Left to itself, even *welwitschia mirabilis* becomes fruitful and multiplies, sending out seeds in the wind. Perhaps there is a lesson in this for SA.

Policemen flock back to force for Vlok's cash deal

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By SHAUN JOHNSON Pretoria
POLICEMEN are returning to the force in droves, lured back by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's multi-million rand wage sweetener.

The "tide had turned" in the police resignation crisis, South African Police public relations chief Major General Herman Stadler told *The Daily Mail* yesterday.

"Whereas we've had a tremendous outflow during the last year or two ... this has stopped now, and we're being flooded with enquiries and applications from policemen wanting to rejoin," Stadler said.

Vlok's R241-million surprise package, announced in Cape Town two weeks ago, was designed to stop the avalanche of resignations — on average more than 600 per month since the beginning of the year. Salaries for some ranks, notably that of sergeant, rose by a startling 79 percent.

The size of the pay boost, coming at a time when other ministers were being urged to tighten their belts, was taken as an indication of the seriousness with which the government regarded the police crisis.

The police sources, as well as Ministry of Law and Order representatives, yesterday indicated strongly Vlok's measures appeared to be succeeding.

SAP deputy public relations head Brigadier Vic Haynes said precise figures would be available only in early July — "because applications are being made at any of the country's 823 police stations and take time to process" — but added he was sure that the drop in resignations "would most definitely be dramatic".

Law and Order representative Captain Peet Bothma told *The Daily Mail* that the salary increases had been "very well received," and "the influx of people wanting to join the force, and those re-enlisting, is overwhelming."

Stadler said a better deal for policemen had been essential. "In any society a policeman's duty is difficult ... I believe the police have a very critical role to play at this stage in our history."

Stadler said police morale was good and the force was normalising slowly.

Change "naturally" bred uncertainty, Stadler said — drawing a parallel with events in Eastern Europe — and policemen were far from being immune to worries about the future.

The SAP worked on the principle that any society needed a strong police force, he said, "whether there is a change in government or not".

Haynes rejected Conservative Party claims that most of the disgruntled policemen had resigned for ideological, rather than pecuniary, reasons. "I think the numbers who are coming back gives the answer to that," he said.

Stadler said there were "maverick" elements in any police force, but claimed the majority were not politically alienated.

According to Haynes, most applications for re-enrolment were being received from white sergeants and warrant officers, who had led the resignation charge — many of them joining the "armed response" private security firms.

"They're trained, and the ones we most need back," he said, "members of all races seem equally happy."

Vlok's financial intervention had three aims, said Stadler: to retain policemen in current employ, to attract back those who had recently resigned, and to give impetus to a recruiting drive which seeks to increase the size of the force by a massive 10 000 within a year.

State President FW de Klerk is expected to address the question of conditions of employment for police — as well as the spate of attacks on policemen — this morning at a passing out parade of the SAP College at Hammanskraal.



Adriaan Vlok

More cash but no union for police

By SHAUN JOHNSON

POLICE succeeded in getting fatter pay packets, but they cannot have a trade union, says South African Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe. Speaking at a police passing-out parade in Cape Town yesterday, Van der Merwe said that since the launch of the so-called police union Popcru (led by former Lieutenant Gregory Rockman), several proposals for a trade union "have been doing the rounds".

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A police trade union was not compatible with the aim of creating peaceful co-existence in South Africa, he said.

"Police work is a calling, like the work of a minister or teacher," Van der Merwe said, and in many Western countries police were prohibited from joining unions, while the issue did not exist in Eastern Bloc countries.

The commissioner said there were existing structures for addressing grievances.

Vlok warns unions of possible curbs

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THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has warned trade unions not to transgress the law and destabilise the country's political situation, as strong action and possible legislation would be used to curb these activities.

Addressing 100 businessmen in Pietersburg, Vlok also issued stern warnings to activists about the killing of policemen, saying the Government would not tolerate this, as police were there to serve all sections of the population, and reminding criminals that strong action against lawlessness was in the pipeline

SOWETAN Correspondent

In answer to a question about how strong the right-wing threat was, Vlok said it would be foolish to underestimate certain actions from this quarter

But he assured law-abiding South Africans that the Government was determined to maintain law and order on all fronts during what he described as "a difficult phase in the country's constitutional development"

Decisive

Vlok reminded businessmen that they had a decisive role to play in promoting prosperity and creating employment

The business community has consistently urged the Government to dismantle apartheid - now that we have done this, we are relying on your support to help us create a better South Africa", he said.

Lekota and Mellett to share platform

SPEAKERS from the African National Congress and the Ministry of Law and Order will share a platform in Johannesburg this week to explain why violence is a common concern. The ANC speaker will be the organisation's Southern Natal interim co-ordinator, Terror Lekota, while the Ministry will be represented by senior spokesman, Brigadier Leon Mellett. The meeting will be held on Monday at 7:45 pm. The venue is the Exams Hall at the Johannesburg College of Education in St Andrews Road, Parktown.

Umkhonto chief adds muscle to 'action' week

UMKHONTO weSizwe chief of staff Chris Hanu will be one of the speakers at a rally in Athlone, Cape Town, on Sunday to mark the start of a week of "national mass action". The campaign, which will culminate in the Western Cape with a march on parliament on July 7, has been called by the African National Congress, the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the South African Youth Congress — to protest against "the violence of the police and Inkatha" in Natal.

DP leadership has 'helpful' meeting during FW's hectic week of talks

PRETORIA: The Democratic Party leadership held "thorough and very helpful" talks with State President F W de Klerk in Pretoria yesterday, DP parliamentary leader Zach de Beer said. The DP was represented by De Beer and his two colleagues in the leadership — Koos de la Rey, Denis Worrall and Wynand Malan. Deliberations between the DP politicians and De Klerk were "concerned with the negotiation process", De Beer said. "I hope that as a result, we can play an even more constructive role in the process," he added, declining to elaborate. His colleagues would issue similar

statements, he said after the meeting in De Klerk's Union Building offices. The meeting is the fourth that De Klerk has held this week with prominent groups in South African political and business circles. On Tuesday the State President met a joint delegation from the South African Consultative Committee on Labour Affairs, Congress of SA Trade Unions and National Council of Trade Unions. That same day he received representatives of four ultra-rightwing organisations and yesterday morning a delegation from the SA Chamber of Business. The State President's office was not available for comment. — Sapa

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R1,4m is stolen in 'biggest robbery'

PRETORIA CORRESPONDENT

POLICE were late last night still hunting for the two armed men who made South African crime history by successfully pulling off what is believed to be the largest bank robbery yet in the country.

The two armed suspects held up bank officials in a city bank and made off with a haul of R1,4 million at noon yesterday — but left the major portion of the cash delivery behind.

Colonel Suiker Britz, head of the Pretoria Murder and Robbery Unit, said little was known about the robbers and the circumstances of the robbery, but police had a number of leads.

The two men, brandishing a shotgun and a 38 Special revolver, intercepted two security officers and two bank officials as they were about to deliver large amounts of cash at the Menlyn branch of Volkskas Bank.

Because of the crowded shopping complex, the armed security guards were unable to put up any resistance. The two men made their escape in a blue Nissan Laurel.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Marinda Erasmus said this was the largest bank robbery yet in South African crime history.

Theo van Rensburg, chief manager of Volkskas, said the bank had taken all possible security precautions — including armed guards and armoured vehicles — in transporting the large quantity of money, but the officials carrying the cases had been unable to act defensively.

He refused to divulge the exact amount involved, but said the robbers had only escaped with part of the cash being transported.

Anyone with information should call Colonel Britz at 323-8426 (all hours).

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 'SAP deaths threaten reform'

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 PRESIDENT FW de Klerk said yesterday that killings of South African police officers were at an intolerable level and endangered political reform

"The Government will not tolerate these attacks and will continue to fight them with all the might at our disposal," he told a graduation parade at the Police College near Pretoria.

"South Africa needs an atmosphere of calm in which to proceed with the current political and constitutional process."

In the past 12 months 69 police officers had been killed on duty, 3 518 were wounded and 28 had to retire because of injuries inflicted at work, Mr de Klerk said.

The figures indicated a rise in fatal attacks. Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has said 36 police officers were killed doing their jobs in 1989.

Most attacks are on black policemen, who form about half the force. They are often seen as traitors to the anti-apartheid cause and become targets of anti-government guerillas.

The radical black Pan

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Africanist Congress (PAC) said it carried out a recent spate of hand-grenade and pistol attacks that killed several policemen in Soweto near Johannesburg.

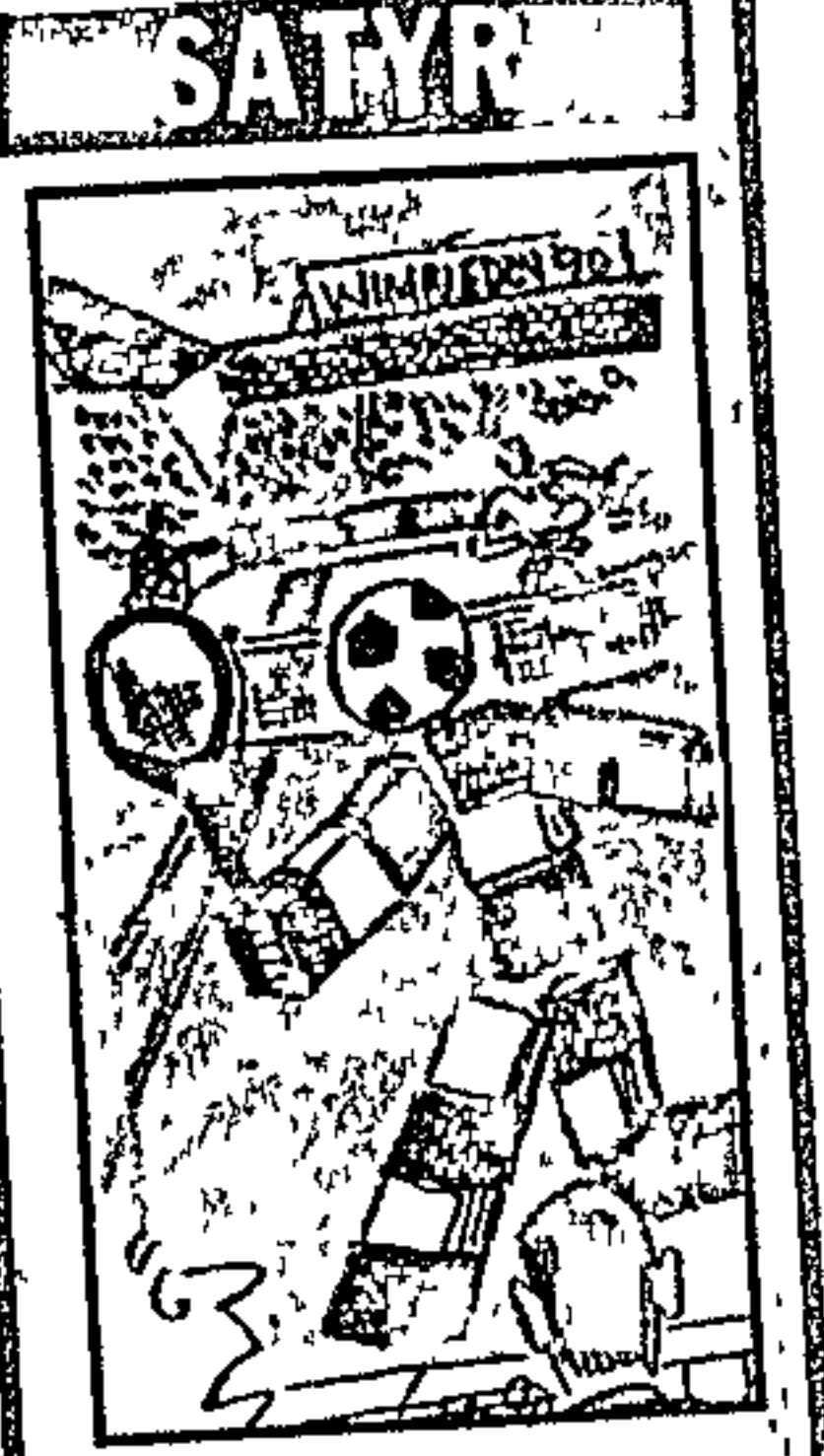
Mr de Klerk said his Government was committed to creating peace and stability but this was being jeopardised.

"Constitutional change invariably results in a measure of uncertainty and even instability in the short term, but what our policemen have to deal with goes beyond what one may reasonably expect."

Mr de Klerk, who promises to abolish apartheid, awarded police pay rises of up to 80 percent this year to reverse a spate of resignations and improve morale. — Reuter.

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"How did he get into this tournament?"

SA spy slips back from the cold

By BILL KRIGE

POLICE spy Billy van Zyl, freed from a nightmare ANC detention camp in Angola, has returned home the way he left over six years ago — quietly

He was spotted in a lift in Port Elizabeth by journalist Colin Urquhart, a former colleague on the Eastern Province Herald where the young constable was employed as a freelance photographer for a year in 1983. *251*
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But Van Zyl refused to talk and just walked away.

Another Herald newsroom colleague was Olivia Forsyth, then posing as a radical reporter. But in fact she was a security police lieutenant who had worked for the



BILLY VAN ZYL

police since her student days at Rhodes University.

Police have refused to divulge whether she recruited the Port Elizabeth Technikon photographic student.

Their fate was remarkably similar

After infiltrating the ANC, Forsyth (alias Agent RS 407) was imprisoned in the notorious ANC Quattro detention camp in Angola

She was tortured and abused for two years before escaping and seeking asylum in the British Embassy in Luanda in 1988.

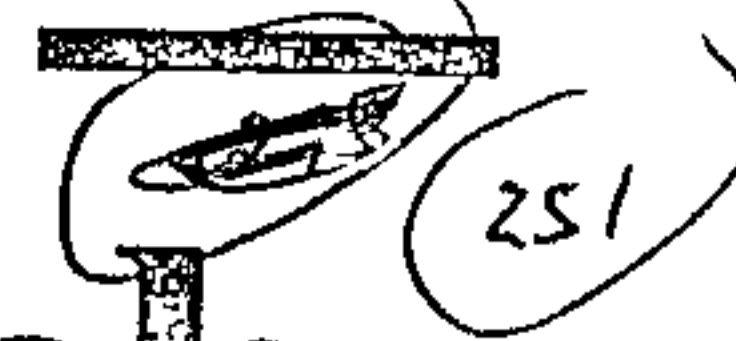
Van Zyl, whose cover was suspect from the start, was apparently held in ANC camps, including Quattro, for about four years before being freed as a result of joint Government and ANC political initiatives

Friends claim he had a "very rough time".

Senior SA Police officers escorted Van Zyl back from Lusaka three weeks ago

Ashton 91 marchers arrested

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By PETER MALBIN

NINETY-ONE people — most of them women — were arrested in Ashton at the weekend after staging a march protesting against police action in the troubled Boland town last week.

Police arrested 91 of the 200 participants minutes after the march started on Saturday. They were held in vans for six hours without water outside the Ashton police station before being charged, UDF executive member Mr Graeme Bloch said last night.

Mr Bloch and his wife, ANC executive committee member Cheryl Carolus — both of whom were arrested — had travelled from Cape Town to support the marchers' protests.

Others arrested included Mrs Bonnie Weeder, wife of Anglican priest Father Michael Weeder, a member of the Ashton Defiance Committee.

Mr Bloch said marchers were arrested after they were told the march was illegal and were warned to disperse. They were put into vans and driven to the Ashton police station, he said.

A Western Cape police liaison officer said 91 people were arrested after failing to obtain permission for their

illegal march. The marchers were held in police vehicles "because of a lack of facilities for such a large group of people in Ashton", she said.

Mr Bloch said he was one of 46 people who were kept from 11 30 a m to 5 45 p m in one police van.

"It was highly uncomfortable," he said. "We had no food or water, although a lawyer later gave us some food. At one point a policeman fired teargas into the van. I was at the far end of the van and my eyes streamed," he said, adding he planned to lay a complaint with police.

Mr Bloch said there were older women in the van and the teargas could have been dangerous.

The police spokeswoman said that at 2 pm the occupants of one truck became "very unruly and the truck started rocking. Two squirts of teargas were sprayed next to the truck, after which the people calmed down. No teargas was sprayed directly into the truck."

The protesters were later driven to Montagu police station, where they were charged. They are due to appear in court on September 4.



ANC, DP and police call for end to violence

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Leading representatives of the African National Congress, the Democratic Party and the police have emphasised the need to find common ground to combat violence in the country at an historic meeting organised by the Five Freedoms Forum in Johannesburg

Sharing the platform for the first time last night were Brigadier Leon Mellet of the SAP, Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, the ANC's Southern Natal convener, and Mr Tian van der Merwe, the DP's national chairman

In his address Mr Van der Merwe said South Africans needed hope, political leadership and statesmanship as never before

"They need an indication that there is something better ahead of us, they need an indication that their sacrifices have been worthwhile — they do not need more war rhetoric," he said

The greatest threats to peace in the country were exaggerated expectations combined with the climate of fear and uncertainty, both of which were open to exploitation by politicians.

Organisations from across the political spectrum, including rightwing groups, needed to be drawn into the process of managing security in this country and of developing a culture of joint responsibility, he said

Mr Lekota said South Africans deserved something better than what was happening today.

"The kind of blood-letting that is happening in this country should never have been allowed to come to pass," he said

"No confidence in SAP"

Referring to the conflict in Natal, Mr Lekota said the violence was rooted in the apartheid system. He repeated the ANC's call for the disbanding of the Kwazulu police, which he described as "the armed wing of Inkatha"

He called on the government to consult the ANC before allowing police to intervene further in Natal

"Over the years the SAP has been seen in the black community as a police force that is not for us — but there to protect the white community

"The masses of the people on the ground have no confidence in the SAP but if people on our side were seen to be part of the steps taken, that confidence could be created"

Brigadier Mellet appealed for a common understanding to help the police in their fight against a common enemy — crime

"We need the support of the public — we need the goodwill that is out there to assist us," he said, adding that between 80 and 90 percent of people in South Africa were law-abiding

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Mellet, 'Terror' call for 'new centre'

JOHANNESBURG. — Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet and ANC leader Mr Patrick "Terror" Lekota, in the first public meeting between the police and the ANC, called last night for a new centre in South African politics

They shared a platform here with DP spokesman on security Mr Tiaan van der Merwe at a panel discussion titled "Violence — Our Common Concern", organised by the Five Freedoms Forum and attended by more than 100 people

It is correct what Brig Mellet said here. A new day is dawning in SA, and we have to find a new (political) centre," said Mr Lekota, who is the ANC's regional organiser in southern Natal

He warned, however, that a new political centre should not come from only one side.

"We need a new balance in SA. We must not look to the past with an eye to accusing each other, but to building on it," Mr Lekota said.

Brig Mellet said South Africans "must not be naive — there will

always be political differences"

"But we must try to find narrow sidelines, and a broad centre," he said, comparing the political situation in SA to a sports field

Brig Mellet said South Africans "have got so much to go for. But we can destroy it if we keep on trying to find solutions through the barrel of the gun, or acts of violence

"Whether it comes from the police, or the people we should be protecting — let's forget the past"

Mr Lekota said "political solutions

must be given priority", not violence

He said that since the ANC was allowed to hold its first public rally in February this year, the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, "has toned down its activities"

"In public we are not saying it, but practice shows it," Mr Lekota maintained "In fact we are unarmed at present"

Addressing the situation in Natal, including the stayaway, Mr Lekota called for the police and SA Defence Force to leave the troubled region — Sapa

Vlok vows to stamp out

intimidation

INTIMIDATION was a serious and abhorrent crime which had to be stamped out. Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said at the weekend

He also announced his intention of changing the law to make it easier for the courts to prove intimidation had taken place.

Addressing about 5,000 people on the last day of a week-long Christian youth conference at KwaSisabantu, near Mapumulo, Vlok said the police would go out of

**SOWETAN
Correspondent**

their way to stamp out intimidation but that the people of South Africa had to help

Pitfalls

He said there were three pitfalls facing the youth of today

Drugs, the devil and communism could destroy the youth of today and with them the future

of South Africa, Vlok said

Drugs should be left alone as they were a certain way to destruction

Satanism was another dangerous pitfall from which there was no escape. It was a crime against mankind, he said.

Although in itself Satanism was not a crime in South Africa, related criminal acts such as murder, sexual crimes,

witchcraft and crimes against children and animals would be fought "effortlessly" by the police, he added

A third pitfall was communism, an ideology which had "enslaved" millions of people all over the world

There was a false perception among some people that the Government had now condoned communism because it was no longer banned

"The opposite is now more true and evident than ever before," Vlok said

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Alex rally shooting: two versions

By Montshiwa Moroke

The controversy surrounding the fatal shooting of Meshack Bekinkosi Kunene (21) by police at the welcome home rally for ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo in Alexandra at the weekend continued yesterday with the police and Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) presenting conflicting versions of events.

The ACO says:

"I was on the podium when we saw people running towards the eastern side of the stadium. I tried, through the address system, to stop them from running, but they kept on running," said Obed Bapela, spokesman for the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

"Aubrey Kitime, chief marshal, Keith Madonsela, publicity secretary of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco), and I ran in that direction

When we arrived on the scene we saw a white 'Husky' minibus used by Kew security police. Some people were talking to the man in charge, Captain J G van Huysten. We saw a youth in the police vehicle, who was apparently resisting arrest.

"A black security policeman, known in the township as Alex, was holding a shotgun in his hand. While we were asking Captain Huysten why they were arresting the youth, we heard the sound of a gunshot. We ran for cover. People who were standing around scattered and dived for cover.

"When I looked down on my right side I saw Meshack bleeding from the head. I could also see blood from his nose. Meshack was shot at close range through the window by Alex.

"People from the eastern side of the grandstand started throwing stones and bottles.

"There was no order to shoot and there was no warning."

Police say:

A man who allegedly stoned police was shot dead outside a rally in the township. Spokesman Lieutenant Henriette Bester said several policemen, including the captain in command, were injured when struck by stones and other objects hurled by a mob outside the stadium on Saturday.

The policemen tried to arrest a dagga-smoker, who had put up resistance and who started shouting. His screaming attracted attention and about 1 000 people attending the rally swarmed from the stadium and attacked police.

"A policeman whose life was in danger then fired a shot in self-defence and a 21-year-old man was killed," Lieutenant Bester said.

A police vehicle was damaged in the incident.

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ANC, police break ice on SA violence

By Guy Jepson

Leading representatives of the ANC, SA Police and Democratic Party stressed the need to find common ground to combat violence at an historic public meeting in Johannesburg last night

The event was organised by the Five Freedoms Forum

Sharing the platform for the first time were Brigadier Leon Mellet, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's press secretary, Patrick "Terror" Lekota, the ANC's Southern Natal convenor, and Tian van der Merwe, the DP's national chairman

In his address Mr van der Merwe said South Africans needed hope, political leadership and statesmanship as never before.

"They need an indication that there is something better ahead of us, they need an indication that their sacrifices have been worthwhile — they do not need more war rhetoric," he said.

Organisations from across the spec-

trum, including right-wing groups, needed to be drawn into a process of managing security and of developing a culture of joint responsibility

Mr Lekota said the present violence in South Africa "should never have been allowed to come to pass".

He said the violence in Natal was rooted in apartheid. He repeated the ANC's call for the disbanding of the KwaZulu police, which he described as "the armed wing of Inkatha".

He called on the Government to consult the ANC before allowing police to intervene further in Natal.

"Over the years the SAP has been seen in the black community as a police force that is not for us — but there to protect the white community.

"The masses of the people on the ground have no confidence in the SAP, but if people on our side were seen to be part of the steps taken, that confidence could be created"

Brigadier Mellet appealed for a common understanding to assist the police in their fight against crime.

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Intimidation Act changes 'will protect witnesses'

THE thrust of proposed amendments to the Intimidation Act would be to give witnesses greater protection, Law and Order spokesman Leon Mellet said yesterday.

Mellet was elaborating on the announcement by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on Monday that legal advisers to his department were looking at tightening up legislation which made it too easy for intimidators to get off the hook.

Mellet said it was extremely difficult to obtain convictions for intimidation as witnesses were often subjected to further intimidation if they testified.

Although details had not been worked out, proposed changes would come under public scrutiny when they were debated in Parliament, probably

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next year, he said.

Meanwhile the SA Youth Congress (Sayco) slated Vlok's announcement as "an attempt by the government to deny the liberation movement space to consult with its constituency, the masses of our country".

Sayco warned in a statement that any attempt to introduce such laws would be met with "massive revolts and resistance more devastating than the July 2 stayaway".

Our Durban correspondent reports that Vlok dispelled the fears of Natal businessmen in Pretoria on Monday that the Natal violence was not a high priority of government.

This was one of the points made at a

news conference yesterday called by the Natal-KwaZulu Business Forum, representing six chambers of commerce and industry in the region as well as the SA Sugar Association.

Chairman Brian Walleit said the delegation had expressed its concern to Vlok over what was perceived to be a lack of direction by government.

He said Vlok had told the delegation 8 000 peace-keeping and law enforcement officers had been deployed and a further 1 000 would be deployed.

Natal Chamber of Industries executive director John Pohl said there was a general feeling that an imposed solution was not a solution.

"Unless the major components in the Natal political scenario are prepared to start talking, I see difficulties".

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F W to get Sebokeng report

The Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 this year, in which several people were killed, is being considered for presentation to President de Klerk

This was disclosed yesterday by the Department of Justice, which said the report by Mr Justice R J Goldstone would later be handed to the president.

A spokesman said it was not yet certain when the report would be placed on the President's desk, but that the matter was being treated as urgent.

— Pretoria Bureau.

Sanlam trusts maintain inflation-beating pace

Finance Staff

The five unit trusts in the Sanlam stable continued their recent strong trend in the three months to June, offering returns which beat the ruling inflation rate and overall growth in the stock market.

The portfolio manager of Sanlam unit trusts, Stafford Thomas, said yesterday the group had concentrated their new investments in blue-chip shares and maintained fairly high cash levels.

"This strategy protected investors against unfavourable market conditions and was responsible for the satisfactory returns," said Mr Thomas.

Three of Sanlam's five unit trusts raised their cash levels in the quarter.

Sanlam Trust's level went up from 18 to 20 percent, Sanlam Index Trust's from 14 to 16 percent and that of Sanlam Dividend Trust from 12 to 15 percent.

Sanlam Industrial Trust's liquidity level remained unchanged at 20 percent, while Sanlam Mining Trust's level of 20 percent was lowered to 15 percent.

"The higher liquidity levels enable us to use the good opportunities existing in the market, to the advantage of investors."

Investors in the Index Trust and the Industrial Trust had an increased income yield for the six months to June, compared with the same period last year.

Mr Thomas ascribed the increases to the strong dividend growth of some

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larger shareholdings like De Beers, Rembrandt and SAB, and the higher interest rates on cash balances.

These income declarations from the Sanlam stable continued a rising trend over a period of three years the annual growth in income was, on average, 31 percent for Sanlam Industrial Trust, 27 percent for Sanlam Index Trust and 22 percent for Sanlam Mining Trust.

The Mining Trust's income per unit to end-June showed a slight drop. Mr Thomas said this could be attributed to various factors, including a lower cash content.

"Because interest rates are so high, even a small change in cash content can have a significant effect on income."

The income distributions declared by the three trusts are as follows:

Sanlam Industrial Trust will pay investors 16.1c per unit for the six months to June, which raises their income for the year to 29.1c per unit (1988/89 27.6c). The income will be paid out on August 17.

Sanlam Index Trust will pay 23.8c per unit on August 10. This means an income of 41.4c (32.6c) per unit for the year. On August 15 Sanlam Mining Trust will pay investors 7.7c per unit, raising their income for the year to June to 16c (15.7c) per unit.

Further strong sales of units in the June quarter, with the fund's value increasing from R10.6 million to R12.2 million, has been reported by NBS Hallmark Mutual Fund.

Revamp for decentralisation

Finance Staff

The South African Decentralisation Board is to be streamlined and revamped, says Minister of Trade and Industries Kent Durr.

At the same time the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDP) will not consider any new application in the 1990-91 fiscal year.

In a statement issued yesterday Mr Durr says:

"The Cabinet has decided to restructure the Decentralisation Board from its current large membership, mostly of vested interests, to a leaner body operating along corporate business lines."

"At the same time stricter adjudication procedures based on cost effectiveness, the merits of proposed establishments or the expansion of industries and the availability of funds, are to be introduced to bring the financial open-endedness of the scheme under control."

Mr Durr has appointed eight private sector members in the field of regional industrial development to serve on the board under the chairmanship of Mr J.J. de Bruyn, senior general

manager of the Industrial Development Corporation. Mr Durr says: "The Government is resolved to remove distorting elements from the RIDP, notably the ill-effects of the financial open-endedness which defeats orderly budgeting and the subsidised cross-traffic of goods in the regions, which militates against the essential utilisation of natural markets."

The RIDP has already exceeded its budgeted expenditure of R826 million as the rate of approved projects that have been completed has risen from 45 to 84 percent of concessions approved.

It has been decided to halt the RIDP for the year as funds for the project have dried up.

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State to pay 80 Orr detainees

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JOHANNESBURG — About 80 anti-apartheid activists and former detainees are to be paid more than R120 000 by the state today, about five years after former Port Elizabeth district surgeon Dr Wendy Orr successfully interdicted police from assaulting them and others in detention at the time.

Attorneys for the ex-detainees last night confirmed that the state had agreed to pay them, without admission of guilt, a total of R120 500 plus costs, for claims filed against the Minister of Law and Order after the interdict.

The cheques will be handed to the former detainees in Port Elizabeth this evening and Dr Orr will be present, attorneys Cheadle, Thompson and Haysom said.

In 1985 Dr Orr was working in the Port Elizabeth district surgeon's offices, where her duties included attending to people detained under the state of emergency, then newly declared.

While treating between 40 and 50 detainees each day, Dr Orr noticed that many prisoners showed evidence of "systematic assault", as she later put it in affidavits supporting her application for the interdict.

Many had alleged assaults by the police during interrogation — Sapa

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PAC men win court appeal

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By MARTIN
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THE jail terms of Skotaville editor Jackie Seroke and two co-accused were reduced from 10 years to eight in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

After an appeal by the Black Lawyers' Association, judges decided the sentences were too harsh, but that magistrate H Hoffman was correct in finding them guilty of being members of the PAC and of terrorism in 1988.

Mandla Cele, 24, and Thembinkosi Khonongwe, 24, received the same sentence as Seroke.

The three will serve six more years, as they have already served two

Before passing sentence two years ago, Hoffman described Seroke as a PAC executive member and a propagandist.

The judges accepted Seroke was a member of the PAC, but there was no evidence he had worked in its propaganda section or that he had re-

ceived military training

But the judges said he had brought weapons into the country from Botswana.

The judges also said Cele and Khonongwe received military training and came into the country with arms to overthrow the government.

Cele received his military training in Tanzania and Khonongwe in Libya.

The court also heard they conspired with the PAC military wing, the Azanian People's Liber-

ation Army, in Botswana to bring weapons into the country

■ Seroke was recently made a member of the Canadian-French PEN, an international body of poets, editors and novelists.

Vlok acts on dangerous weapons

Cops armed for public meetings

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POLICE have now been armed to disarm people carrying dangerous weapons - especially firearms - at public meetings.

The Dangerous Weapons Amendment Act (Act 29 of 1990), published in the Government Gazette by Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok, came into operation on Monday. This Act supplements the Arms and Ammunition Act.

However, the Act does not slap a mandatory ban on dangerous weapons at public gatherings, but entitles Vlok to enforce the prohibition if deemed necessary.

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Every meeting will be judged on its merits and circumstances. Should Vlok feel a meeting could erupt in violence, it is up to him to publish a notice in the Government Gazette wherein he lists

the specific weapons which are prohibited.

This could differ from meeting to meeting. Vlok could well allow traditional spears at Inkhata meetings and whips at AWB meetings, while firearms might be banned in both cases.

The ban could also be slapped on a specific per-

son at a meeting.

Being arrested in possession of a prohibited weapon carries a maximum penalty of R4 000, or one year imprisonment, or both.

Committing a violent act with a weapon could leave the offender R8 000 poorer, or two years behind bars, or both.



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Attorneys last night confirmed the State had agreed to pay, without admission of guilt, a total of R120 500 plus the costs of the applications against the Minister of Law and Order subsequent to the interdict

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The cheques are to be handed to the former detainees at a ceremony in Port Elizabeth tonight and Dr Orr will be present

Dr Orr brought a successful application against the Minister of Law and Order in 1985 interdicting the police from assaulting detainees being held indefinitely under the state of emergency

She had been treating detainees who claimed they had been forced to eat their own hair, drink petrol, that bricks had been dropped on their toes and that they had been sjambokked on

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their hands and feet, and had seen evidence of serious injuries indicative of "systematic assault"

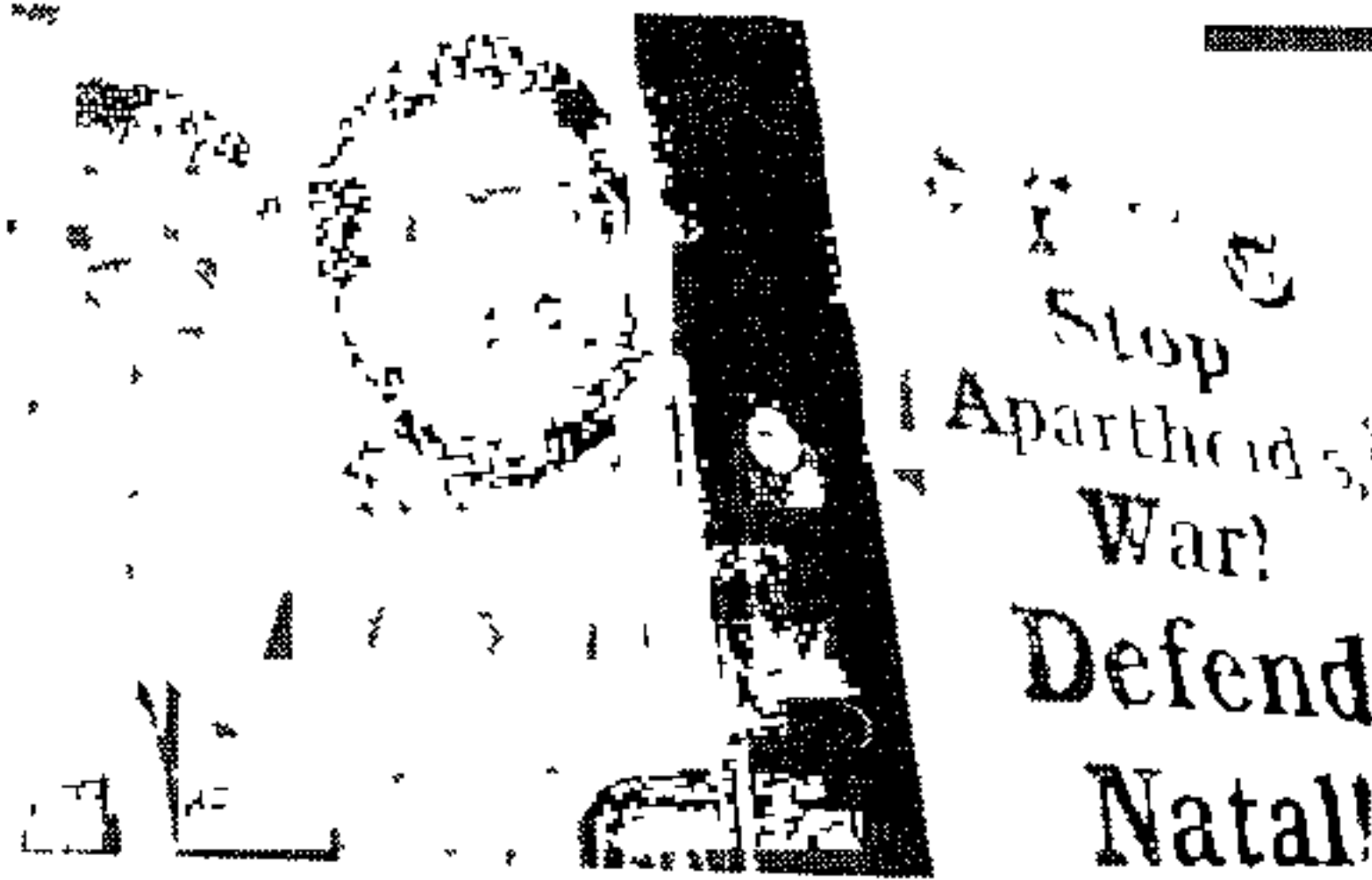
Subsequently about 90 people instituted claims against the Minister of Law and Order for assaults in detention

These, several of whom spent years in detention after filing the claims, include prominent Eastern Cape civic and trade union leaders such as Mr Dennis Neer, Ms Ivy Gcina, Mr Ihron Rensburg, Mr Mkhuseleli Jack and the Rev de Villiers Soga — Sapa.

Police deny charge of right-wing bias

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LOCKED IN. Activists Mr Willie Hofmeyer and Mr Enrico Faure were unwilling prisoners yesterday when they were locked inside the West German consulate. They were part of a UDF/Cosatu group protesting against German support for Inkatha. A security guard locked the doors not knowing the two were already inside.

'Peace action' continues

JOHANNESBURG — The Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu), the SA Youth Congress (Sayco), the ANC and the UDF have expressed a determination to continue with the programme of "mass action for peace"

In a joint statement, the organisations said the action would continue until the "government takes decisive steps to end this violence (in Natal)"

The programme goes into its second phase tomorrow with national marches and rallies taking place in every centre of the country

More than 20 marches and rallies for peace in Natal have been organised, both in the rural and urban centres — Sapa

THE Ministry of Law and Order last night dismissed ANC claims that the police were reluctant to act against white right-wingers and invited the ANC to produce evidence to back up their allegations of police bias

ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu yesterday called for tougher action against the right wing, saying the government's handling of the issue was threatening future talks between the ANC and the government.

Mr Sisulu told a press conference he would not be surprised if the right wing was in collusion with the police given their "cavalier actions" and the reluctance of police to act against them

He accused the government of tacitly condoning violence and repression by allowing the Harms Commission of inquiry into death squads to be "sabotaged"

Responding to the charges a government spokesman, Captain Peet Botma, said last night that if the ANC had evidence that the police were "taking sides" or were politically biased, it could present this to the Ministry of Law and Order

"We see these matters in a very serious light. There is no place in the SAP for 'political police' "

Meanwhile police say they have found no solid evidence that the "Wit Wolwe" (White Wolves) exists as an organisation

It was possible that different individuals were using the name to create a psychosis of fear among the public, the head of the police public relations division, Gen Herman Stadler, said yesterday

He said the name of the White Wolves first emerged in Namibia when people claimed responsibility for a blast in a black township

"Later everyone jumped on the bandwagon, and (mass killer Barend) Strydom said he was the leader of the White Wolves" — Sapa

Police reject

ANC criticism

6/11/76 By Craig Kotze

Police rejected ANC criticism yesterday that the SAP was using violence against activists and said it was the force's duty to protect the lives and property of all South Africans.

A Law and Order Ministry spokesman was reacting to an attack by veteran ANC leader Waker Sisulu, who said police attacks on activists had increased.

Inquiry to be held into activist's killing

A judicial inquiry is to be launched into the fatal shooting of a young political activist in Alexandra Township on Saturday

This comes after claims that police were in collusion with township councillors to "wipe out troublemakers".

Intimidation

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC member Moses Mayekiso, president of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, said the shot man was Meshack Kunene.

Sapa has obtained photostats of a meeting of the Alexandra Advisory Committee on April 11 in which a policeman at Alexandra, Lieutenant-Colonel G F N Ruthven mentioned that there had been a lot of intimidation of councillors.

"The councillors want

the police to wipe out these troublemakers without any formal charge being laid," Colonel Ruthven said in the recorded minutes

"We regard the shooting of Meshack Kunene as a violation of the Groote Schuur Minute," said Mr Mayekiso

He added that it was this kind of police action which would force political activists underground again

'Nothing wrong'

Brigadier Leon Mellet, liaison officer for Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok, said in a telephone interview that he saw nothing wrong with the statement attributed to Colonel Ruthven

"This was a meeting which took place in April while the state of emergency was still in force."

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City council to be sued by FFF

By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

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The Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), one of the many organisations spied upon by the Johannesburg City Council's security department, is to sue the city council, including past members of its security department, according to FFF publicity secretary Gael Neke.

Ms Neke said the FFF, "a totally legal, open and non-violent organisation", had been subjected to harassment and invasion of pri-

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vacy by the security department. It was now essential that those who had done this were brought to justice.

She said University of the Witwatersrand academic and former FFF vice-chairman, Dr David Webster, was assassinated at the height of the council spy ring's activities.

The council security department's activities, as laid out before the Hiemstra Commission, were unacceptable in a democratic society and had to come to an end.

Fight back against 'master race' — Hani

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BY DALE KNEEN
Staff Reporter

THE African National Congress needs to mobilise all South Africans to end rightwing violence, according to Umkhonto we Sizwe leader Mr Chris Hani.

Speaking at a Press conference yesterday for the first time since his return to South Africa, Mr Hani, commander of the ANC's military wing, accused the right wing of attempting to disrupt negotiations between the government and the ANC.

He also said he would like to see a conventional armed force, which would include an air force, for the ANC.

"Unacceptable"

This would be integrated with the Defence Force and the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress in a democratic South Africa.

"Since I came back I've observed that the right wing has mobilised and is trying to disrupt the talks about talks

"They are clinging to positions which are unacceptable to the majority of people."

Mr Hani said he was "worried" about the inability of the police to arrest the perpetrators of rightwing violence.

"Fellows like Rudolph are still at large and thus our inference is that the right wing enjoys support from the security police," he said.

"The government must ensure they are committed to create a peaceful climate by acting against rightwing violence."

Violence by the right could not be compared to the armed strug-



Mr Chris Hani

gle as the ANC was fighting for liberation from apartheid.

"The right wing has all the rights. They can vote. Their violence is aimed at preventing us from being free.

"Our violence is that of an oppressed people fighting to be free. They are fighting to remain as a master race"

Mr Hani said the armed struggle would continue until all obstacles to negotiations had been removed

These included the release of

all political prisoners, the end to political trials, lifting the emergency, the return of exiles and scrapping security legislation

"The government is embarking on violence. It is against people like Shirley Gunn. What is happening in the Boland is violence

"We are committed to defending our people from all forms of violence, whether its government or rightwing violence.

"We will not turn the other cheek. This is not a threat. There would be something wrong with MK if it did not do its duty," he said

Mr Hani urged the police to arrest Inkatha's "warlords" to end clashes in Natal

"I am worried that the government has deployed troops against people fighting for freedom but does not do the same in Natal," he said

Umkhonto we Sizwe would be used to protect people in Natal as it had a "duty and obligation" to do so

Mr Hani also suggested the government take action in Bophuthatswana where he claimed the police were repressive

"Mangope is behaving in the same way as the rightwing in this country," he said

Denies attacks

Mr Hani denied that the ANC was responsible for attacks on members of the PAC

"We have had a few meetings with the PAC and Azapo (Azanian People's Organisation) to ensure there is no conflict," he said

The ANC had prisoners — including members of the SAP — even though the organisation "did not enjoy" detaining people

CCB kidnapped

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A PRETORIA advocate representing a former member of the Civil Co-Operation Bureau (CCB) allegedly received a number of telephonic death threats before his mysterious disappearance on Monday.

It has been claimed Mr Pieter Gerhardus Leeuwner (32) may have been kidnapped by the CCB, but it has been learnt that Mr Leeuwner had also received death threats in connection with a criminal case in which he is appearing

Mr Leeuwner (32) was listed as missing on Wednesday by Sunnyside, Pretoria, police.

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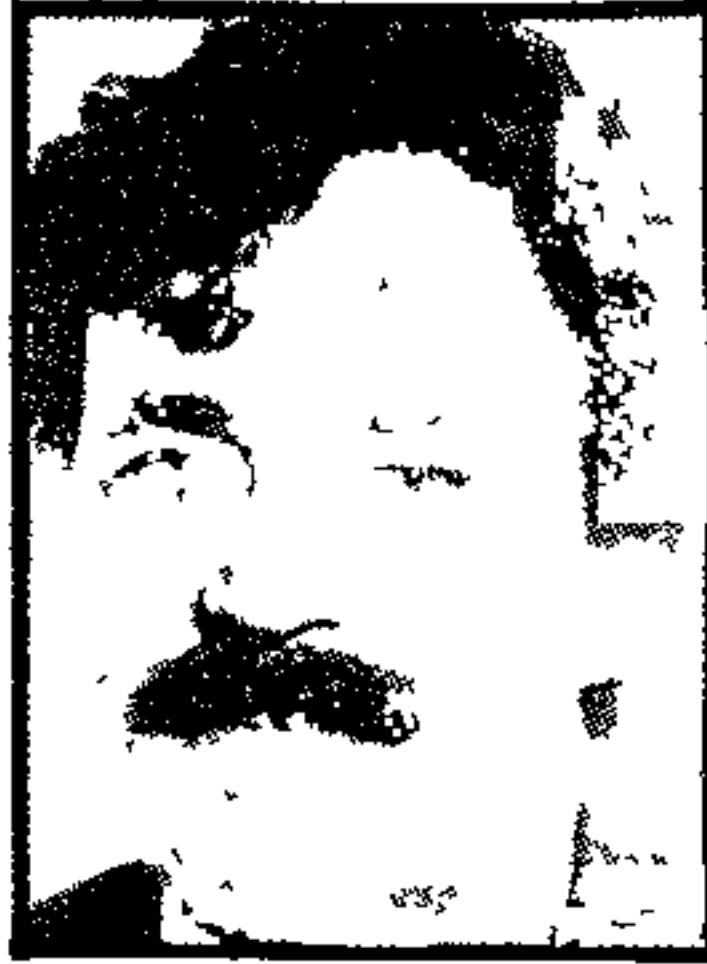
Mr Leeuwner — father of two young children — was last seen in his Arcadia home on Monday. He was expected at his office at 1 pm that day, but did not arrive.

It is believed Mr Leeuwner was to meet an unknown man before going to his office on Monday.

Information received by The Pretoria News indicated that Mr Leeuwner may have been abducted, possibly by the CCB

Mr Leeuwner represented former CCB agent Mr Wilhe van Deventer before the Harms Commission, which is investigating allegations of politically motivated acts of violence by the CCB.

Mr van Deventer claimed during his testimony before the commis-



PIETER LEEUWNER: Lawyer has disappeared.

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Mr Henk Woudstra, SC, who was instructed to act as Senior Counsel for Mr van Deventer, confirmed Mr Leeuwner had mentioned the threats to him.

The Pretoria News was earlier told the CCB may have been responsible for Mr Leeuwner's disappearance.

The Pretoria News source claimed the key to the mystery of Mr Leeuwner's disappearance could be a statement detailing CCB activities made by Mr van Deventer and attested to by Mr Leeuwner.

This statement was not handed to the commission as Mr van Deventer made use of his privilege against self-incrimination by refusing to answer questions about his alleged involvement in acts of violence by the CCB.

The source further claimed a file on Mr Leeuwner's disappearance had been handed to the Security Police.

It has also emerged that the secretary of the Harms Commission, Mr Chris Erasmus, had made inquiries on Tuesday about the whereabouts of Mr van Deventer after Mr Leeuwner's disappearance

Earlier, Mr van Deventer told the Afrikaans newspaper Vrye Weekblad that the CCB had been involved in the murders of Mamelodi community leaders, Dr Fabian Ribiero and his wife, Florence.

He told the commission he had resigned from the CCB after a quarrel with CCB managing director Mr Joe Verster.

Fled to London

He then fled to London because he feared for his life as a result of information in his possession about CCB operations.

He said he was in possession of a tape recording and documentary evidence about CCB activities, which he handed to his legal representative before going to London.

According to a friend of Mr Leeuwner, he also received a death threat from "friends" of Miss Johanna Jacobsa Botha, who was allegedly flung to her death from a second-storey window.

Mr Leeuwner is appearing for one of the accused in the murder case, Mr Andries Theuns van Heerden (22)

The Harms Commission is scheduled to reconvene on August 1.

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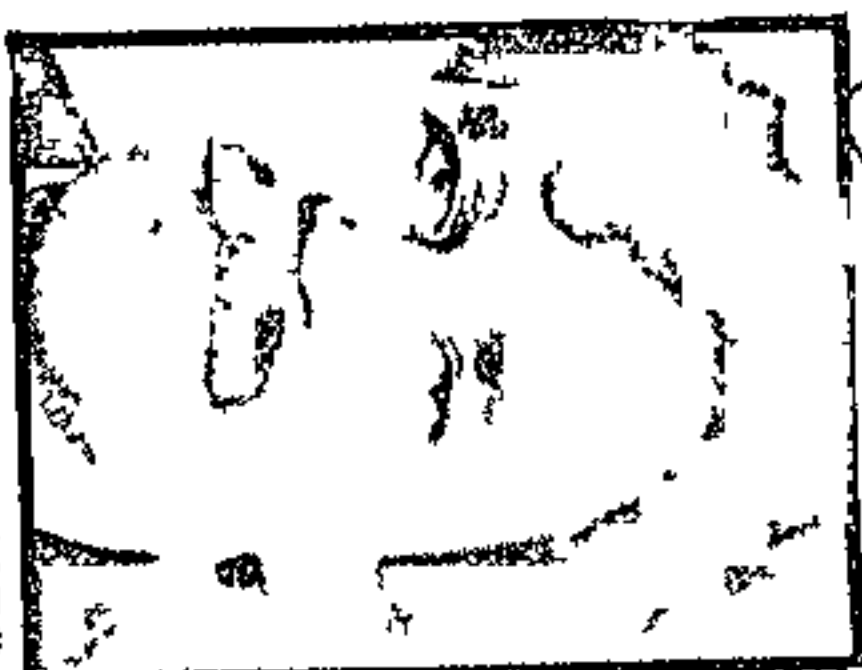
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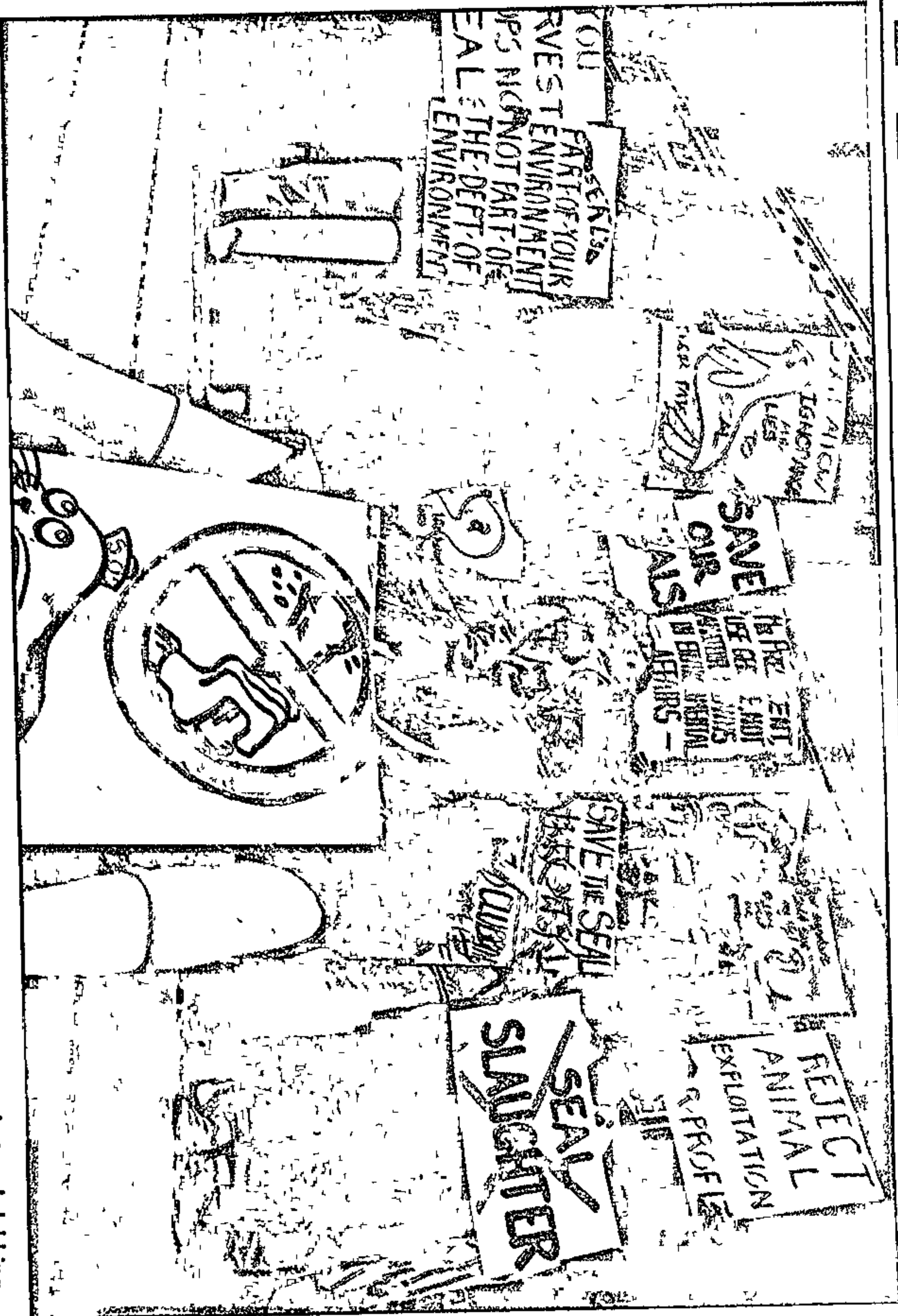
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According to a friend of Mr Leeuwner, he also received a death threat from "friends" of Miss Johanna Jacobsa Botha, who was allegedly flung to her death from a second-storey window.

Mr Leeuwner is appearing for one of the accused in the murder case, Mr Andries Theunis van Heerden (22). The Harms Commission is scheduled to reconvene on August 1.



NO LAUGHING MATTER: Francesco the Clown yesterday joined other animal rights activists to protest against seal clubbing.

Clowns join lunchtime demonstration

MONICA NICOLSON

HUNDREDS of concerned environmentalists gathered in the Johannesburg Library gardens yesterday to demonstrate against Government plans to all the harvesting of 30 000 seals at Kleunsee.

People representing a variety of conservation groups turned out with placards and posters; other collected signatures for the Save the Seal petition dog-owners pitched in with their pets sporting p

'Turned' agent living 'in fear for his life'

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**STEVE McQUILLAN
and KITT KATZIN**

A FORMER agent of the Civil Co-operation Bureau is living in fear for his life after the mystery disappearance of a Pretoria advocate who represented him at the Harms Commission.

Willem van Deventer, a CCB member until 1987, said he was hoping and praying that the disappearance of Pieter Leeuwner (32) was not connected to the activities of the secret military unit.

Murders

And Mr van Deventer told Saturday Star that he and Mr Leeuwner had received threats of intimidation and warnings about evidence that Mr van Deventer had considered giving to the commission.

This included details of several alleged political murders, including those of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence in Mamelodi, Pretoria, in December 1986, and the car-bombing of Mr Piet Ntuli, former Minister of Internal Affairs in Kwa-Ndebele in June the same year.

Mr Leeuwner's girlfriend, Anita Leeuwner said that as far as she was aware, he had no personal problems. "My relationship with him was a good one"

Miss Leeuwner, who works as his secretary, said she last saw him at his home at 11,30 am on Monday.

"He told me to go to chambers and said he would meet me there at 1 pm for lunch. That was the last I saw of him"

She said he had not discussed the Harms Commission case with her.

However, she believed it could be connected. "If I knew it was linked, I would be happier — at least we would know where to start looking."

Mr Leeuwner missed his lunch date and failed to make court appearances on which he had been briefed. He also left personal belongings, including his passport, cheque book and wallet. Nothing was stolen at his house.

Mr van Deventer went to London in April to try to sell his story to a British television company after he was involved in an internal fall-out with CCB managing director Mr Joe Verster.

He said at the time he was prepared to tell the commission about the murders and also the alleged CCB involvement in the training of 200 Inkatha "warriors" on the SA Defence Force payroll.

However, he decided at the commission to claim privilege on the grounds that he may incriminate himself.

Mr Leeuwner's disap-

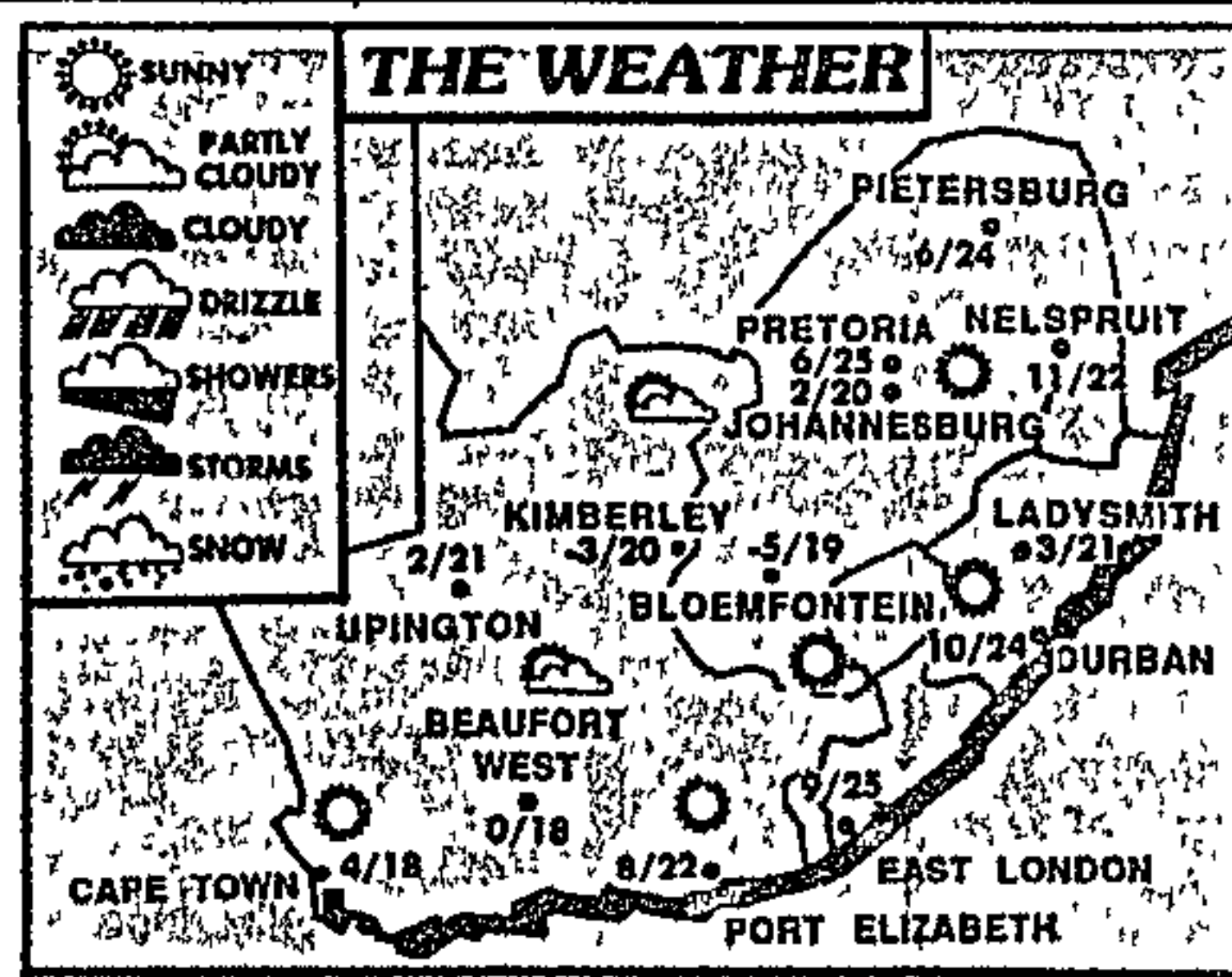
pearance, which has shocked members of the Pretoria bar, comes in the wake of harassment and intimidation against advocate and client

Mr van Deventer has disclosed that he received threats in the form of anonymous faxes a week after his appearance at the Harms Commission. The messages warned him to "keep my mouth shut" and referred to the use of explosives if he did not do so.

Assault

Mr Leeuwner had been acting for one of two accused in a criminal case involving the alleged indecent assault on Johanna Botha, who was thrown naked from an upstairs window in a Pretoria building.

● Mr Leeuwner has green eyes, dark hair, a moustache and is 1,79 m tall. When last seen, he was wearing a two-piece grey suit and a white shirt. Warrant Officer Piet van der Merwe, the police investigating officer, has appealed for anyone with information to contact him at (012) 344 1801 or after hours on (012) 344 0051 or (012) 344 0079.



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Outraged that spies may go free

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TWO men, named in the Harms Commission of Inquiry as being targeted by alleged hit squads for surveillance and assassination, said this week they have not been reassured that those who had spied on them or planned to kill them would be brought to book.

Journalist, Mr Gavin Evans, and Mr Roland White, a former United Democratic Front activist, expressed outrage that those involved in such activities "by their own admission" were allowed to walk freely with impunity.

'No teeth'

They also believed that the Harms Commission had so far been "unable to establish the full truth of the hit squads' shadowy operations"

Criticism has also been levelled at the commission — by National Director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, Democratic Party MP, Mr Tony Leon, and a number of anti-apartheid organisations including the End Conscription Campaign and the Five Freedoms Forum — "because it has no teeth"

They believe the commission has not been effective because it has been unable to force witnesses to answer for their actions, threaten them with jail or offer indemnity in order to obtain the truth of

STAFF REPORTER

the hit squad saga

"My surveillance and assassination were ordered by alleged CCB member, Mr Abram 'Slang' van Zyl. He recruited a criminal, Mr Edward James Gordon (alias Peaches), to do the job and the intention was to make my assassination look like a common robbery and stabbing," said former Five Freedoms Forum executive member, Mr Evans.

"Fortunately all the addresses 'Peaches' had for me were wrong"

He added that when he had later met "Slang", the alleged CCB agent had expressed no remorse or regrets, and had told him that "in a war situation he would do it all over again"

"These spies and would-be assassins were named in evidence before the Harms Commission of Inquiry but have so far not been reprimanded and may still be 'operating' as CCB agents."

Mr White was, according to evidence in the commission, spied on by CCB agents, Mr Calla Botha and Mr Ferdi Barnard for a period of about five days

Noticing he was being tailed, Mr White informed the police who arrested the two. Mr Botha and Mr Barnard claimed they were insurance assessors but were later detained in connection with the assassination of anti-apartheid activist, Dr David Webster

Mr "Slang" van Zyl's name was

also linked to Dr Webster's murder. To date, however, no one has been charged with the activist's murder and all three suspects have since been released from police custody.

"In the commission Botha and Barnard admitted placing me under surveillance but denied they were going to pull any triggers. Their information on me was apparently to be forwarded to other groups," said Mr White

Asked if he was taking special precautions concerning his safety, Mr White said "There is nothing to prevent them from trying similar things in future. But I cannot live in permanent fear"

Mr White said it was worrying that the CCB's resources could be used by people working outside even limited structures of the CCB and that the shadowy group had so few controls it could easily be penetrated by rightwing loonies

Brake cables

Replying to queries about his safety in future, Mr Evans said "I automatically check the vehicle I am driving because I have had tyres slashed and my brake cables tampered with. However, although I'm always wary I can't live in constant fear"

He said that although he agreed with a general amnesty for Government as well as anti-apartheid agents there should, however, be a full disclosure of the atrocities they had perpetrated

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Police raid enrages Van Tonder

THE Randburg farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder was raided by 35 policemen in the early hours of yesterday morning.

An angry Mr van Tonder said he could not understand the reason for the search, as he was not the leader of an underground organisation, but of a registered political party.

Mr van Tonder described the police contingent as "larger than the commando in which my father served during the Anglo-Boer War".

**PAT DEVEREAUX
and SAPA**

He said the police filmed the whole search with a video camera. "This was an additional indignity, as we were still in our pyjamas," he said.

"All the police confiscated were a number of newsletters and pamphlets which were available to the public," he said.

He said the police action further confirmed that democracy in South Africa was dying and po-

litical parties were now becoming victims of the Government's persecution-mania against Boers, Afrikaners and rightists

Mr van Tonder warned that the Government was creating a precedent, and could suffer the same fate once they lost power.

He denied he knew the whereabouts of Boerestaat Party leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph.

"The Boers will not again make the mistake of forgiving their enemies after they gain control of the country," he added

Police confirmed the raid and that they had removed documents.

The raid had been carried out for very good reasons and officers had acted within the law, a spokesman said. There could be no suggestion that the action was calculated to intimidate.

"The SAP is apolitical and has a duty to do," said the spokesman. "We will execute this responsibility no matter who is involved. Nobody can be seen to be above the law."

Couple said to have robbed and wounded minibus driver

By BERENG MTIMKULU

A COUPLE who hired a taxi driver to bring them to Johannesburg from Natal shot and robbed him when he demanded payment, it was alleged in the Johannesburg Regional Court this week.

Willie Mntambo, 41, and his common-law wife Sinah Modise, 39, both of Alexandra township, appeared before magistrate JJB Esterhuizen on charges of armed robbery, attempted murder and possession of an unlicensed firearm and rounds of ammunition.

They pleaded not guilty to all counts. They were not represented.

The court heard the couple hired Amos Buthelezi to transport them to Alexandra township on November 20 last year. There was no discussion about the fare.

When they reached Lombardy East, near Alexandra, Mntambo told the driver they had reached their destination. Buthelezi stopped the minibus and Mntambo got out to offload their luggage. Buthelezi approached him for a R150 fare. Instead, Mntambo pointed a firearm at him and demanded money.

A fight broke out and Buthelezi was shot in the stomach and robbed of R530 cash. Later, he was taken to the Johannesburg Hospital where he was treated and discharged.

Mntambo said Buthelezi had demanded a R150 fare but he could afford only R90. He said Buthelezi tried to fight him as the taxi driver could not understand his financial problem.

Buthelezi also wanted to confiscate his luggage for the remaining R30.

"In a fit of anger I decided to take the money I had given him and fired a warning shot as he tried to apprehend me for a fight," said Mntambo.

Under cross-examination Mntambo said he did not know he had wounded Buthelezi and it had not been his intention to wound or kill him.

The hearing continues. No bail has been fixed for the accused.

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... Constable Roger Du Toit of the Riot Unit points out one of 23 bullet holes in the police van fired on in Nyanga. A policeman died in the shootout.

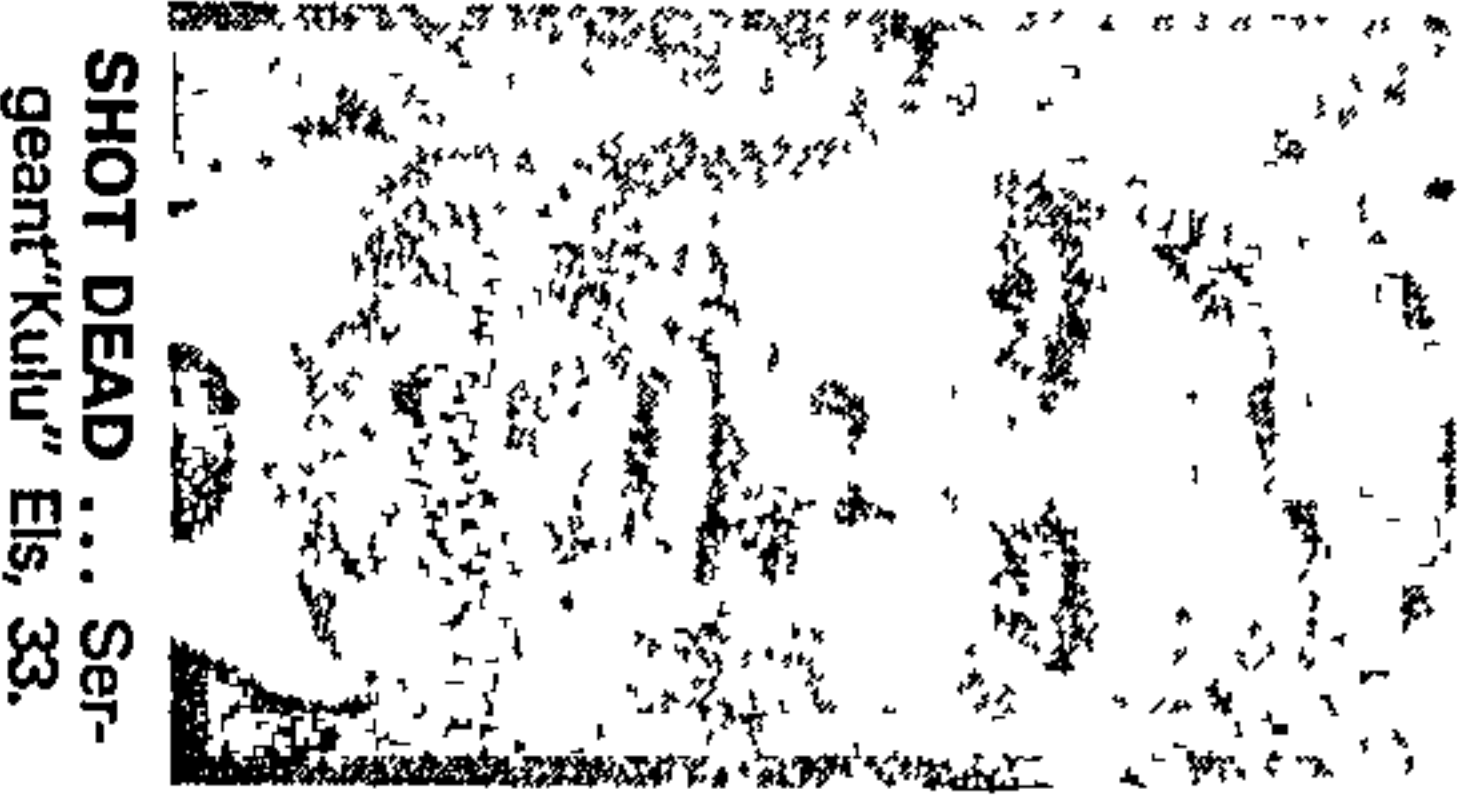


Staff Reporter
NO arrests have been made following a shootout in Nyanga on Saturday in which one policeman was killed and a second injured.
Sergeant N J "Kulu" Els, 33, of Bloemfontein was killed while Constable G Beeselaar sustained slight injuries to the neck and cheek, according to liaison officer Major Jan Calitz.
Major Calitz said the two were on patrol about 1.20am when they spotted a white Toyota Corolla with four occupants "under suspicious circumstances".
After police had forced the car off the road Sgt Els got out to investigate. One of the

Cop dies in shootout: No arrests

occupants of the car jumped out with an automatic rifle — possibly an AK-47 — and opened fire.
Sgt Els was hit in the chest and died instantly.
Const Beeselaar returned fire but the gunman turned his weapon on the van and

showered it with 23 bullets — many of which went straight through the bodywork and out the other side.
He said the three remaining suspects in the Toyota sped off after their accomplice began to fire at the van, leaving him to make his escape into nearby bush.
In a police search of the area later, a bag containing a handgrenade, two firearm magazines and other ammunition was found.
Const Beeselaar is said to be in a "satisfactory condition".
Sgt Els, who was unmarried, leaves his parents in Bloemfontein.



SHOT DEAD ... Sergeant "Kulu" Els, 33.

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Rockman feeling the pinch

By DALE KNEEN
Staff Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL trade union leader and former maverick policeman, Mr Gregory Rockman, is fighting his toughest battle — survival

The charismatic Police and Prison Services Civil Rights Union president has had severe financial losses after being axed from the police force earlier this year

He has lost a house in Port Elizabeth and this week will be forced to move out of his Strand home when it goes on auction on Wednesday

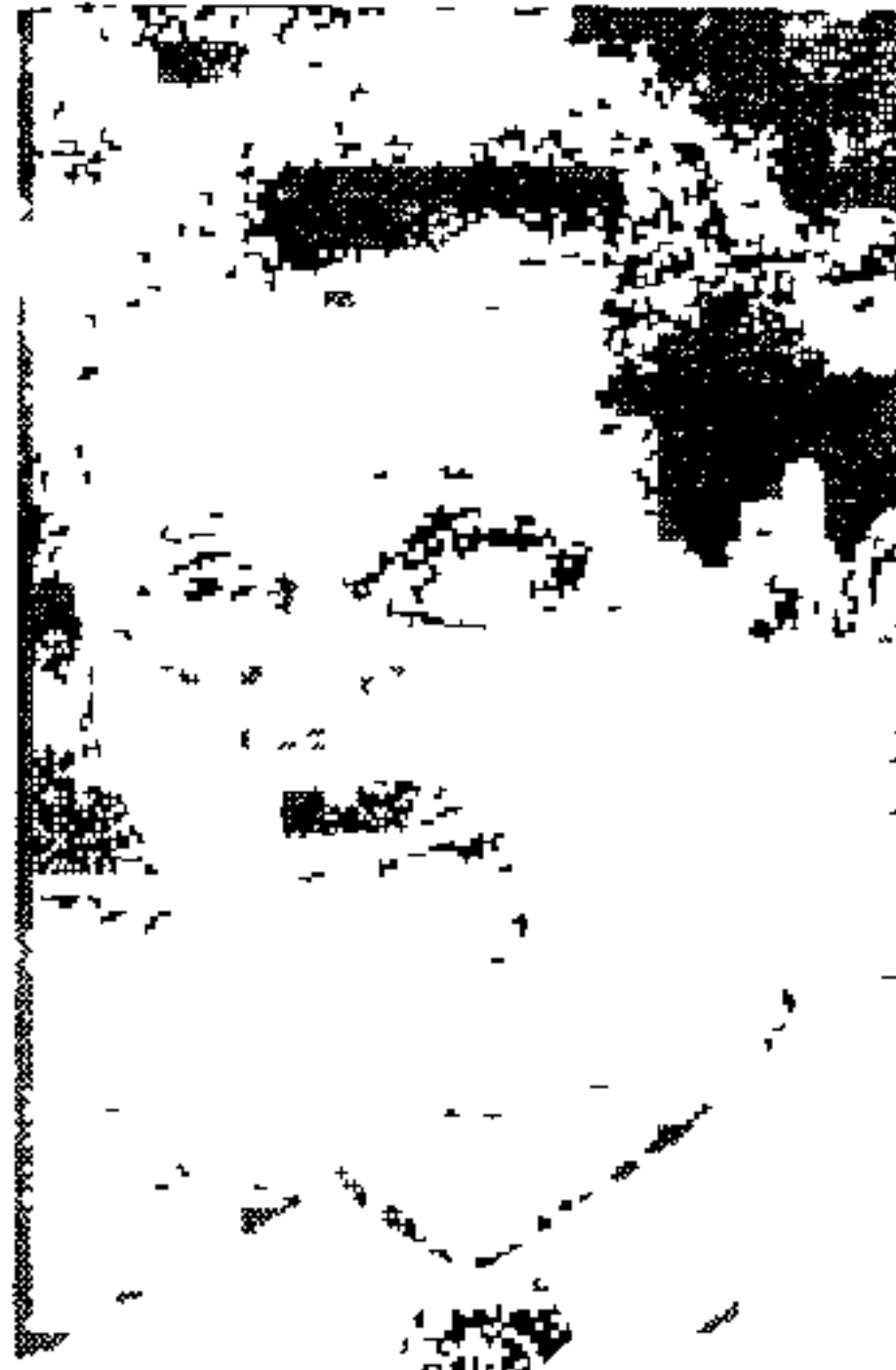
Mr Rockman, his wife, Sharleen, and their 16-month-old daughter, Fay-Ann, will be homeless and penniless

His facebrick home was built in 1988 in Farlow Way, Southville, near The Strand.

TOOK AWAY FURNITURE

Days after a book about Mr Rockman's "crusade against apartheid police" was published on December 9 last year, creditors took away all the furniture from the house.

"All we have in the house is a bed and a two-plate stove. These will also be up for auction on Wednesday," said Mr Rockman.



Mr Gregory Rockman

In January his home in Port Elizabeth was repossessed because he "could not pay for it"

Last week, Mr Rockman returned home from shopping to discover the building society had attached a notice to the window of his home which declared it would be auctioned

"I don't know where I will move to I'll build a shack next to the highway with a large ANC flag next to it. Everyone will know that Rockman lives there," he said.

The sale of the book about Mr Rockman was not providing significant financial help for the impoverished celebrity.

Cape Town bookstores said sales were "not going well at all" One major retailer said only five books had been sold since the launch

AFFECTED RELATIONSHIP

These problems appeared to have affected the relationship between Mr Rockman and his wife Sharleen.

Reports about a serious rift between the couple made headlines in December when his pretty 28-year-old wife was living in Port Elizabeth Mr Rockman's seven-year-old son, Clint, was still there

"There were problems, but we sorted them out and now we are working together," said Mr Rockman.

"Millions of people have made sacrifices in South Africa and I am also prepared to make sacrifices to help other people," he added

● Mr Rockman is expected to appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today and tomorrow on a charge relating to a demonstration in Mitchell's Plain on November 13 last year

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Police hold 20 over theft of vehicles

By Craig Kotze

An East Rand police crackdown on vehicle hijacking has netted 20 suspects, and led to the recovery of stolen vehicles and engines worth almost R1 million, police said.

And, in an unexpected spin-off from the operation, detectives also recovered 27 bicycles stolen in the Alberton area, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

So far, detectives have recovered 54 stolen or hijacked vehicles and 11 car engines.

Captain Opperman said detectives from the East Rand Vehicle Branch conducted the operation over the past two weeks.

Checkpoints were set up out-

side townships such as Tembisa, Vosloorus and Tsakane and trucks and commercial vehicles were checked.

Police found the same system uncovered by Johannesburg detectives near Soweto recently was in operation on the East Rand.

Many drivers reported their vehicles stolen but instead off-loaded the cargo and truck at pre-arranged points.

Other drivers were found in areas where they were not supposed to be. These were sent back to work after police informed their employers.

Anyone wishing to identify a stolen bicycle or vehicle can contact Major Chris van Zyl at (011) 422-4342 during office hours.

SAP action at Mamelodi questioned

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

Organisers of yesterday's Mamelodi rent meeting are to demand an explanation for police action which resulted in 255 people being injured.

Representations are to be made to Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order.

UDF leader Moss Chikane charged today that right-wing elements within the police force had been responsible for the disruption of the meeting.

Mr Chikane, who chaired the meeting, said because of the seriousness of the matter, it would be referred to ANC officials, who would, he believed, de-

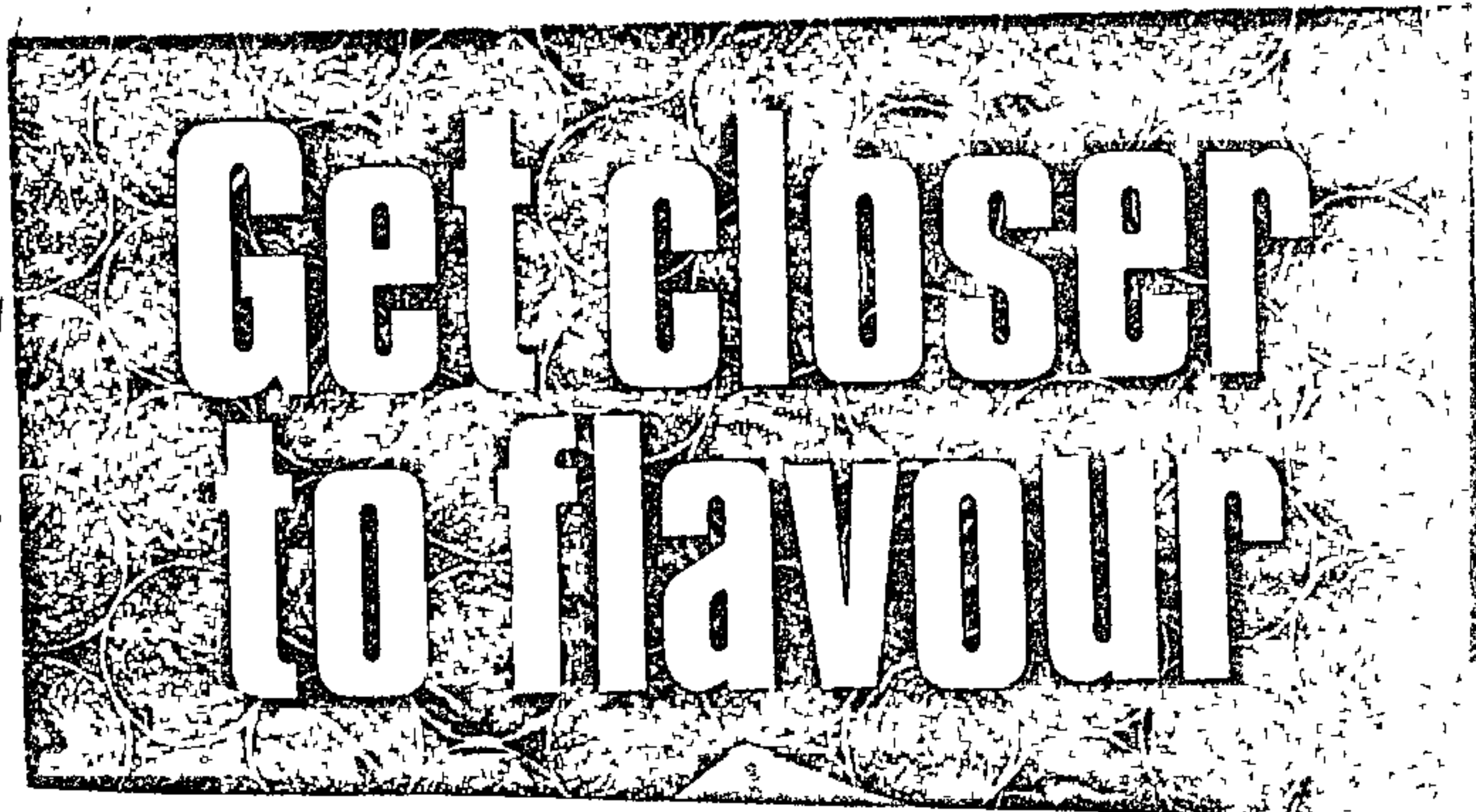
mand an explanation from President de Klerk and Mr Vlok.

He said by late last night the list of injured people had increased to 255.

When the police action started at 12.05 pm, many of the people inside the stadium were already seized, listening to publicity secretary Nyobo Malefo. People outside began shouting that the police had arrived.

Mr Malefo left the podium to speak to the police but before he could do so, eyewitnesses said, a teargas cannister landed in front of the podium. Many others followed.

There was pandemonium as people fought to get away.



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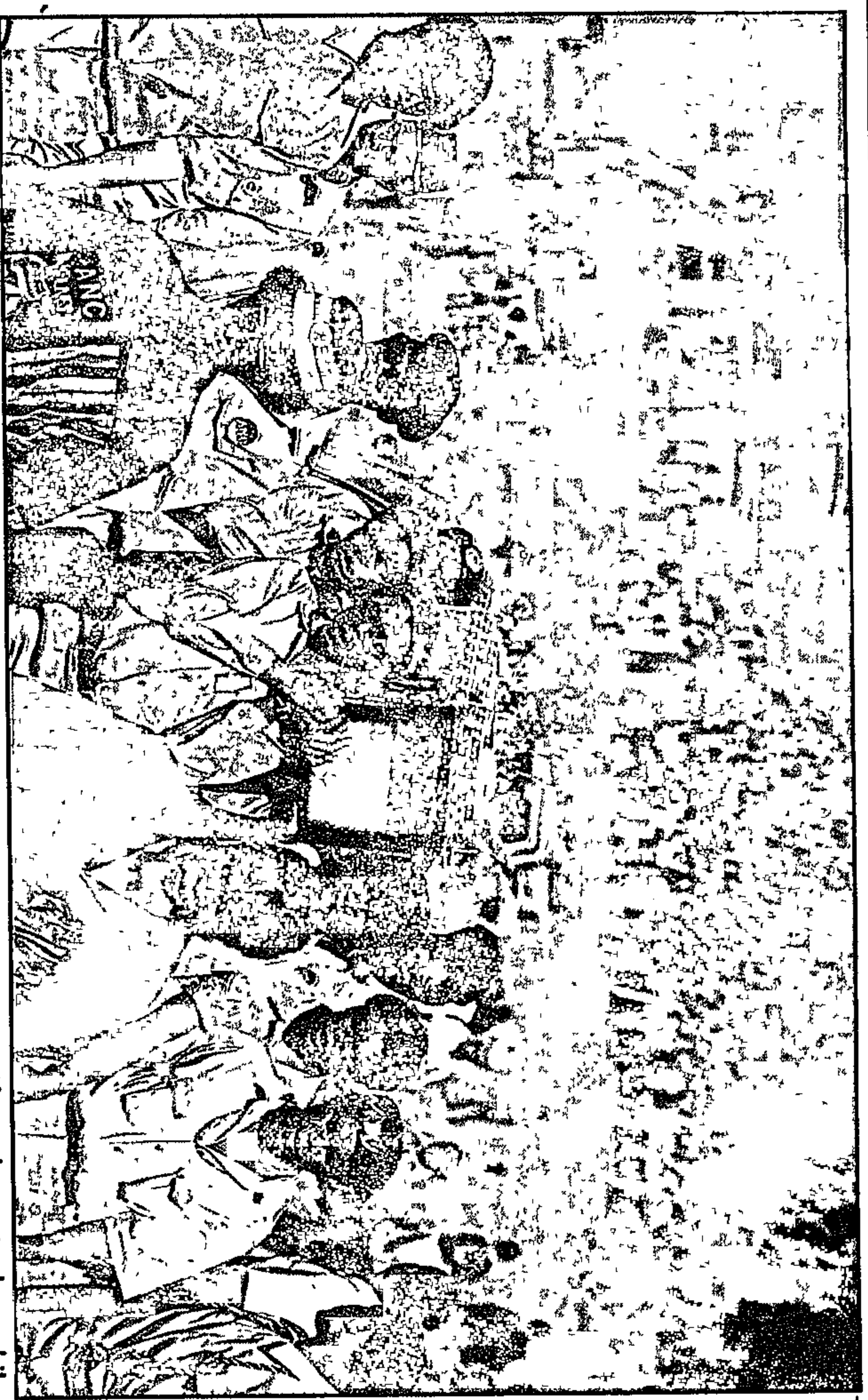
NEWS

Sisulu calls for probe into shooting

By Kaizer Nyatumba, Political Staff

African National Congress internal chairman Walter Sisulu yesterday called for a commission of inquiry into the fatal shooting at Alexandra last weekend of an ANC marshal, who was buried yesterday.

Speaking at the service in the KwaNobuhle Hall in Alexandra, Mr Sisulu said the fact that the marshal, Meshack Kunene, was shot dead during a rally to welcome home ANC general secretary Alfred Nzo was indicative of the Government's lack of regard for the ANC and lack of respect for the Groote Schuur Minute.



Activist honoured . . . the "Young Lions" carry Meshack Kunene's coffin to the cemetery in Alexandra yesterday, while the rest of the funeral procession follows at a distance. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Threatened
Activists have denied the police claim that Mr Kunene was shot in self-defence while he was attacking the police. They said Mr Kunene was threatened shortly before the shooting. Mr Sisulu called for a commission of inquiry into the death. Mr Nzo, who could not be at the funeral, sent a message of solidarity to the mourners, which was read by Mr Sisulu. The funeral was attended by about 3500 people.

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Fire Vlok, Mamelodi residents tell govt

PRETORIA — The Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) yesterday demanded the resignation of Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok after hundreds of people were injured when police teargassed a report-back meeting in the township on Sunday.

The MCA's Mr Moss Chikane told a news conference in Mamelodi yesterday that township residents would stay away from work today and suspend rent payments till "disciplinary action had been taken against those responsible"

MCA publicity secretary Mr N Malefa said police had "barricaded" the Pitje stadium in the township while 16 000 people were inside and fired more than 100 teargas canisters at them.

"To escape the teargas the people at the meeting jumped over the stadium walls. As the walls are about two metres high and strung with barbed wire, many of the people were torn by the barbed wire or broke their legs or ankles jumping over the wall"

A police statement said the crowd was ordered to disperse, but stoned police and private vehicles and erected barricades of burning tyres

Police spokesman General Herman Stadler said the meeting had been illegal

The MCA showed reporters a document issued by the Mamelodi town council granting them permission to hold an "indoor" meeting at the stadium

230 injured

"All eyewitness reports are clear that no order was given to disperse," the MCA said

The medical superintendent of the Kalafong Hospital, Dr J Kunzman, confirmed that 230 people had been treated at the Mamelodi Day Hospital for injuries they sustained when they fled the scene.

The MCA said the government had lost control of the police, which contained AWB and CP members. Mr Vlok should "resign forthwith"

Mr Kgalema Motlhantle of the ANC said the ANC was outraged by the act of "police brutality"

The government's "killing machine" was waging a low-key but tense war against the people, he said

The police account of the incident was that a large group had gathered at the stadium

"When they ignored a warning to disperse, tear-smoke was used, but the group gathered again, barricading the road and stoning the police"

Police used rubber bullets to disperse the group, who retaliated by throwing petrol bombs, they said

— Sapa

Rush for police jobs ²⁵¹

By DALE KNEEN, Crime Reporter *ARCW 10/7/90*

MORE people were seeking employment in the police force this month than during the same period last year — partly because of the recent increase in police pay, a spokesman said.

Applications had been received from all over the Cape, according to the police recruitment officer for the Western Cape, Major Raymond Strydom.

A "flood" of applications had been received from women matriculants but many would not find positions in the force.

"Unfortunately there are not that many positions for women, but for us it means a better selection," said Major Strydom.

Positions for men of all races were still open. Many former policemen had also applied to re-join the force. Recruitment had also played a part in the increased interest in a uniformed career.

13 policemen appear in court

By VUYO BAVUMA, Staff Reporter

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THIRTEEN policemen have appeared in the Cape Town Regional Court in connection with abduction, culpable homicide and assault charges after a Hanover Park man died and three were allegedly tortured in police custody.

The members of the "gang-busting" unit, whose ranks range from constable to captain, were not asked to plead yesterday.

They are Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32; Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43; Mr Phillip Swane-poel, 28, Mr Raymond Charles Titus, 37; Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27; Mr Alan George Wil-liams, 29, Mr Allan George Manuel, 25, Mr Jacobus van Wyngaard, 25; Mr Adriaan John Saulse, 23; Mr Eric Johnny Freddy Rossouw, 36; Mr Arlene Tra-cie Minnaar, 21; Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24; and Mr Warren Carl Kannemeyer, 30, all of Osbane Street, Bellville South

The charges relate to an incident in which four men were allegedly abducted in Hanover Park or Bellville South last December and assaulted, which led to the death of one of the men.

The hearing was postponed to September 3

The magistrate was Mr J M Lemmer and Mr J C Tre-dau appeared for the State. Mr J L Costelle represented the men

Concern over poor camp security

City arms cache was stolen from military

By Craig Kotze

The massive arms cache seized by the security police in a swoop on a Yeoville house at the weekend was stolen from various military installations, it was learnt today.

Quantities of dynamite found in the house may have been stolen from mine stores.

At least two military bases have been the target of cloak-and-dagger thefts — that at Wemmer Pan in Johannesburg's southern suburbs and Air Force headquarters in Pretoria

Police are now working with the military to trace the origin of the latest weapons haul.

Concern has been expressed about the lack of security at some military bases and the access to explosives and weaponry by Citizen Force members doing camps.

Three white men have been arrested in connection with the possession of the huge cache of military explosives and grenades discovered.

Membership card

They are believed to have right-wing sympathies but have not yet been linked to any specific organisation, police sources said today.

Police are in possession of an AWB membership card with a picture of one of the suspects on it.

At this stage it is not known whether the man is still a member.

Police have not yet linked the men to any specific crimes, other than alleged illegal possession, and the group does not seem to have any link with 10 suspected right-wing terrorists detained over the weekend.

The case against the three suspects is registered in Kempton Park, but police are still investigating from which bases the explosives came

The cache included Claymore anti-personnel mines, used by the Defence Force in ambushes to blow a swathe of small metal balls through enemy ranks.

Such a device would be far more deadly than limpet mines or commercial explosives if used by terrorists in an urban environment.

In custody

The cache included dynamite, possibly stolen from a mine, plastic explosives, 39 M26 hand grenades, Cordtex fuse and a .38 revolver and ammunition.

The three suspects are Norman van Biljon, Julio Aruma and Michael Street. They appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday. They were not asked to plead and the case was postponed to July 16. The men are in custody.

At the time of the break-in at the Wemmer Pan base, police did not release the details of the weapons and explosives taken.

Only arms and ammunition were stolen in the raid on the armoury at SAAF headquarters in Pretoria.

South Africa's most wanted man, Piet "Skiet" Rudolph, has claimed responsibility for the weapons thefts.

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Kidnap fear in search for missing lawyer

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Missing Pretoria advocate Pieter Leeuwner has still not been found, despite a widespread search by family and police.

Mr Leeuwner, who appeared before the Harms Commission for Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) operative Willem van Deventer, disappeared eight days ago.

There are fears that he could have been kidnapped.

Claims that he had been involved in IDB (illegal diamond buying) deals have been discounted, sources told The Star yesterday.

The suggestion was made in a weekend newspaper, but has not been substantiated so far.

Mr Leeuwner (32) was also the attorney in a murder hearing in which it was alleged that a woman was flung from a balcony.

It has been reported that he may have received death threats as a result of his involvement in the trial.

In his association with the Harms Commission — which is hearing evidence into alleged unsolved political murders — Mr Leeuwner was said by his client (Mr van Deventer) to have received death threats and to have had his car tampered with by unknown persons.

Mr van Deventer told the commission he was not prepared to give evidence about any alleged association with the CCB, although he had earlier this year told a newspaper that he had been involved with the CCB until 1987.

1-000 ^{CAG} canine ^{Trms} cops ^{4/7/70} needed ²⁵¹ in SA

Crime Reporter

LOOKING for a home for your dog? The SA Police are looking for more Alsations to swell their canine ranks and have appealed to the public for donations.

Major G Els of the Peninsula Dog Unit said yesterday that about 1 000 trainee dogs were needed in the country during the next 18 months. Of these, about 36 would be kept in Cape Town

The dogs, which would have to be healthy pure-bred Alsations between 10 months and two years old, would be trained to work on patrol as well as sniff out explosives and drugs.

Major Els added they would be "excellently cared for"

"You only have to look at the relationship between a dog and his handler to know what I mean"

Major Els said the dogs either lived with their handlers or spent their off-duty hours in their own pens at the police kennels

● Anyone who wishes to donate a dog should contact Major Els at 531-5382

Shooting of Alex activist 'premeditated' — Sisulu

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By Montshiwa Moroke

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu has branded the killing of activist Meshack Bekinkosi Kunene a case of "premeditated murder" by policemen.

He was shot and killed by a security policeman at the welcome home rally for ANC secretary-general, Alfred Nzo, a fortnight ago.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has denied police claims that Mr Kunene was shot by police in self-defence while attacking the police.

Spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said: "In any death of such a nature, there is a judicial inquiry. Any person who has evidence, including Mr Sisulu, can submit that evidence to the judicial inquiry."

Spokesman for the ACO, Obed Bapela, said in statement to The Star that

Mr Kunene had earlier reported that he had been threatened by police on the morning of the day he was shot.

Another ACO member said the police had gone to the organisation's offices on Friday and had threatened to be "ruthless" at the rally the following day.

"They specifically mentioned the name of Meshack. The police said he was troublesome and that they were going to wipe him out," he said.

The Star is in possession of minutes of a meeting of the Alexandra Advisory Committee on April 11 in which a local policeman, Lieutenant-Colonel G F N Ruthven, said there had been intimidation of councillors.

"The councillors want the police to wipe out these troublemakers without any formal charge being laid," Colonel Ruthven said in the recorded minutes.

Conflict at Mamelodi: key inquest policeman in charge

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Pretoria Correspondent ..

A key figure in the inquest into the death of 12 Mamelodi residents in 1985 was in charge of the riot squad in the township on Sunday when police fired tear-gas and rubber bullets at a rent meeting at the HM Pitje Stadium.

Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux, district support officer at Pretoria Moot, was last month described as "a liar" in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court by Mr Morris Basslian, counsel for the families of the 1985 shootings.

Shooting

Captain le Roux had told the inquest that he shot dead a demonstrator with his R-1 semi-automatic rifle in Mamelodi on the day of the shooting.

He said he shot another man to prevent him throwing an object at a passing defence force vehicle.

The presiding magistrate at the inquest, Mr J N Pretorius, said he was unable to make a finding and referred the evidence to the Attorney-General.

Mr Pretorius said that due to the conflicting evidence given during the inquest and the time lapse, it was difficult to determine whether the deaths were brought about by any acts or an omission amounting to an offence on the part of any person.

Documents

The Attorney-General, Mr Don Brunette, said yesterday he had not yet received the magistrate's findings.

The matter would be considered as soon as he had received the documents.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate said yesterday Captain le Roux had not been suspended since the Mamelodi shootings in 1985.

Police and organisers of Sunday's report-back meeting in Mamelodi differ on the crucial aspects which led to teargas and rubber bullets being fired to disperse more than 18 000 residents and diplomats. — Sapa.

SA hitman is jailed in Botswana

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GABORONE - A hitman allegedly recruited by South African security forces to assassinate his former ANC colleagues in Botswana was last week jailed for seven years in the Gaborone High Court.

Lennox Magubane (34), a confessed trained ANC guerilla, had pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice Gyeke Dako to nine counts of attempted murder, unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and illegal entry into Botswana, *Bopa*, the country's national news agency, reported yesterday.

Seven years of the sentence was handed down for the attempted murder in 1989 of an ANC refugee, one of four people Magubane was sent to kill and who he also trained earlier in Angola.

He was further sentenced to six years imprisonment on each of six of the attempted murder charges. These sentences are to run concurrently, leaving him with an effective seven years to serve.

He was found not guilty on a charge of entering Botswana through an unofficial entry point.

Magubane told the court he was from Hillbrow in Johannesburg.

In a statement handed

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to the court, he said a South African security officer named Nicolas Kerk had given him a Transkeian passport with instructions to kill certain refugees in Botswana.

He was also given two handgrenades, a loaded Tokarev pistol and a spare magazine.

The court heard that on arrival in Gaborone, Magubane courted a Motswana girl who gave him accommodation for the night.

The next day he attacked the refugee and a woman, companion as the couple were leaving a house.

Attack

He fired shots and hurled a grenade but the victim, although injured, survived the attack.

Magubane managed to return to South Africa but was arrested when he re-entered Botswana to complete his mission, the court found.

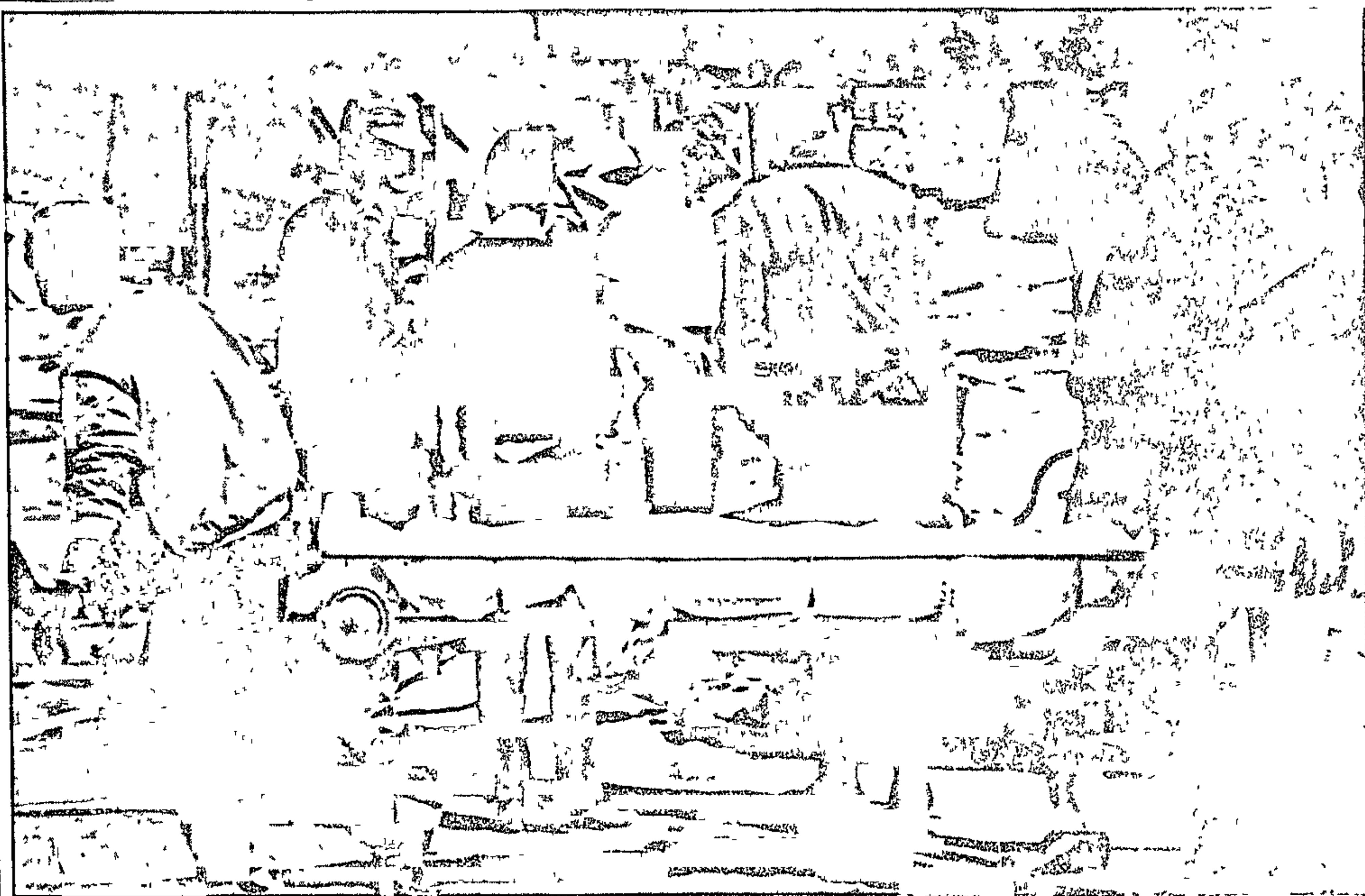
Police found him in possession of a Tokarev pistol and two magazines with live ammunition.

They also seized a pocket diary containing coded messages used for secret communication with his controllers in South Africa.

The messages included cryptic notes such as "sister in trouble", apparently to reveal that he was either in trouble or

had been arrested. "Happy birthday to your mother" meant his mission had been accomplished, and "sick for three days" was to say his mission had not been accomplished yet.

In his confession Magubane blamed tribalism within the ANC's top ranks, especially discrimination against Zulus, as the reason for his resignation from the organisation.



Man killed, nine injured in police-squatter clash

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Staff Reporters

A man was shot dead and at least nine people were injured — including five policemen — when East Rand squatters and police clashed during shack demolitions yesterday.

The chairman of the Phola Park squatter committee, Prince Mhlambi, said at least 30 people were injured, some with gunshot wounds. Police confirmed that only four squatters were injured, while Natalspruit Hospital said it had treated eight people.

The dead man has been identified as Temba Nophozo (38).

Constable Danny Botha (19), who was stabbed in the stomach, underwent surgery at Johannesburg Hospital yesterday and his condi-

tion was described as serious.

The injured squatters were taken to Natalspruit Hospital. One man was in intensive care.

Police angrily denied allegations that they had opened fire on squatters from a police helicopter.

Swoop

"This is a completely untrue and ridiculous allegation. The helicopter was only there to provide information for our forces on the ground," police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said.

Residents said municipal police swooped on the camp at about 9 am. Residents were told over loudspeakers to remove their belongings, but before they could do

so a bulldozer moved in to flatten their shacks.

Captain Opperman said a group of five squatter "negotiators", who apparently wanted to talk to police, approached them. One hit a policeman on the jaw with a blunt object. Large groups then started shouting, throwing stones and running towards the police.

Under the circumstances, said Captain Opperman, police had no choice but to try to disperse the group with teargas and birdshot.

"The group then dispersed and four squatters were found to have sustained birdshot wounds in their legs and chest. Nothing further was reported to us."

When police later withdrew from the squatter camp, a group of about 100 youths went on the rampage, stoning cars on the Vereeniging highway. A large truck was stopped, pushed across the road and later set alight. Several vehicles were damaged.

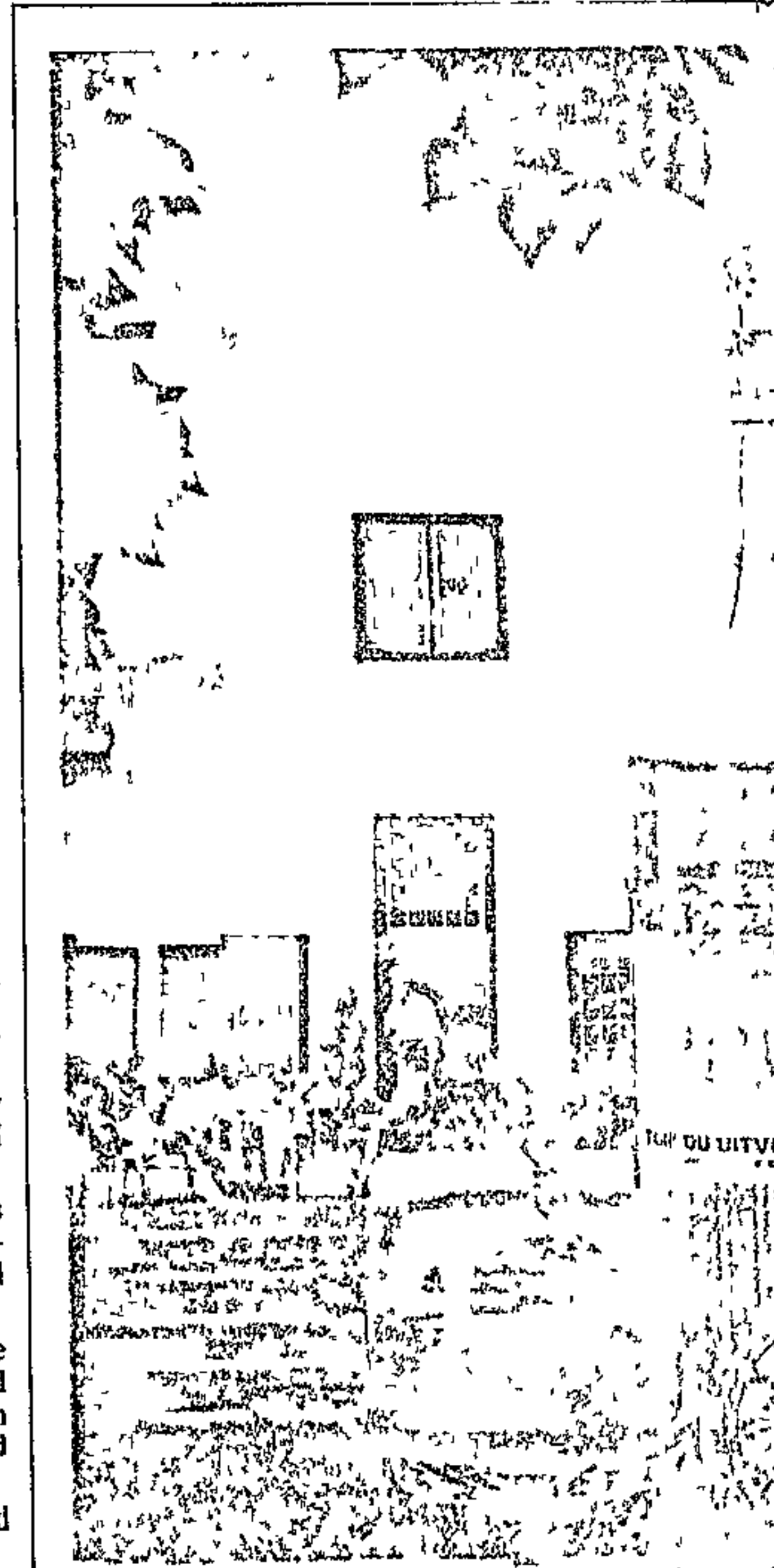
Alson Mbatha, one of the injured squatters, said he asked police if squatters could be allowed to remove their belongings. "While I was rushing back to my shack, I heard gunshots. I was hit on my arm and more shots were fired. When I was about to reach my shack I was hit in the back and I fell," he said.

The area where squatters shacks were demolished by Alberton Municipality yesterday looked as if it had been hit by a tornado.

Dozens of squatters whose shacks had been demolished stood in groups discussing the attack on them by police, which they said was unwarranted.

Twisted corrugated iron and broken furniture lay strewn about

Tragic end to a sad life... the body of a squatter is removed following violent clashes between riot police and residents of Phola Park, a shanty town near Alberton. Municipal workers bulldozed about 200 shacks yesterday, leaving hundreds of people angry and bewildered in the cold. Most said the police action was unwarranted and they would rebuild their shacks regardless of the consequences. © Picture by Ruter



Midrand razes shacks in spite of judge's plea

By Musa Mapisa

The Midrand Town Council demolished a number of shacks at the squatter camp outside Halfway House yesterday in spite of a judge's earlier appeal to councillors to "show mercy".

The squatters were given a temporary reprieve by Mr Justice Margo a few weeks ago after the council threatened to demolish the shacks.

The squatters' lawyers confirmed the demolitions and are studying whether the council had acted in contempt of the court order.

Negotiations between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Midrand Town Council and the

squatters' lawyers on relocation of the squatters to Kaalfontein, near Kempton Park, are continuing.

© Trouble is looming between the Dobsonville Town Council and the Dobsonville Civic Association over the demolition of about 60 shacks scheduled for today in the area.

A Dobsonville Civic Association executive member, Sam Shilowa, yesterday said the council had issued the shack dwellers with notices, threatening to remove them from the area today.

About 80 women from the Women's Forum — affiliated to the Soweto Civic Association — yesterday picketed outside the council offices in protest against the impending demolition.

Natal branded 'most violent place on earth'

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DURBAN — Natal must be the most violent place on earth, according to the retiring United States consul general, Mr Tex Harris, who leaves here for Washington today

At a press conference — his last in the three years he has been in the city — Mr Harris said there were many reasons for the violence in the townships, but his personal observation was that the situation lacked a criminal justice system for all South Africans.

"There is no law or order for millions of people in Natal and KwaZulu. In the time I have been here, that is from September 1987, some 3 000 people have been killed.

"Yet less than 20 people have been indicted and tried for these township murders. This means that millions of

blacks must live in an area which is lawless," said Mr Harris.

"Setting up a system of law and order which all South Africans will be proud of is one of the greatest challenges for all South Africans"

He added that his stay spanned an exciting time, and that he saw the cracks in the apartheid wall and the removal of sections of it.

"What is sobering for me and my friends is that as sections of the apartheid wall is torn down, those South Africans looking into the promised land do not only see lush green lands, but swamps that need to be drained, deserts that need to be watered and green areas that have to be preserved

An enormous amount of work has to be done by all South Africans," he said. — Sapa

We didn't make Piet's host talk - police

POLICE yesterday denied that they had threatened to incarcerate an Italian man for six months unless he admitted to having sheltered fugitive rightwing figure Piet "Skiet" Rudolph.

Escom engineer Enrico Francocci of Cyrildene, Johannesburg, made this allegation after being released from police detention

He was the unnamed tenth man detained in a crackdown on suspected rightwing figures after a spate of bomb blasts in the Johannesburg area recently

Three more men were arrested and charged after police uncovered an arms cache at a Yeoville home

Francocci told the Afrikaans morning newspaper *Beeld* he had sheltered one "Jannie Basson" for two days as a favour to his friend David Rootenberg, a Vereeniging building contractor and one of the remaining nine detained men

He said Basson's dark hair and moustache had appeared "very strange" to him, but he hardly saw the man because he stayed in his room most of the time

Francocci said he had not recognised Basson as Rudolph, but had told police it was him because they had threatened

to detain him for six months unless he said so

A Pretoria police spokesman rejected this allegation, saying police had no powers to act in this manner

Francocci said he only knew two rightwing figures — Rootenberg and a Mr Brown — and said he would approach Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok because he feared deportation

Police said yesterday they had no further information on Rudolph's whereabouts. The former Pretoria city councillor's new-found image as a daring, roving "Scarlet Pimpernel" is growing by the day. *wl Mail 13/7-16/7/90*

His latest communication to the public via the media came in the form of a typewritten statement delivered to Sapa's head office in Johannesburg on Wednesday, in which he declared war on the government, the African National Congress and the SA Communist Party.

The SADF said yesterday it was reviewing existing regulations controlling the use of arms, ammunition and explosives in the light of alleged thefts from military installations by rightwing elements — Sapa

Don't give Piet 'Skiet' publicity, plea from police

POLICE have appealed to the Press not to give fugitive Boerestaat Party leader Piet "Skiet" Rudolph undue publicity.

Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said publicity and sympathy for his cause was exactly what Rudolph wanted.

"They are just minor gangsters. They are very small and it's time they realised they have not got any significant support."

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Statement

"Sooner or later we will track him down," he said
On Wednesday night Sapa received a statement apparently signed by Rudolph.

However, the signature at the bottom of the statement has not yet been verified as his.

Investigating officer, Col Suker Britz, was to collect the statement for fingerprinting and verification. - Sapa

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Lubowski: Namibians will study Harms findings in SA

The Star's Africa News Service

WINDHOEK — Namibian state officials will travel to South Africa to study the findings of the Harms Commission as efforts to find the murderer of Swapo advocate Anton Lubowski continue.

Mr Harmut Ruppel, Namibia's Attorney-General, said today that by agreement with the South African Government, a member of his prosecutor-general's staff and the investigating officer in the Lubowski case would examine the Harms report when it is released.

What happened after that depended on what the Namibian officials uncovered, he said. His government was adamant, that if a strong case was made against any of the Civil Co-operation Bureau members for the Lubowski assassination, it would pursue the matter and ask for extradition.

There is still no extradition treaty between South Africa and Namibia but Mr Ruppel said this was no longer considered an urgent matter. Apparently both countries are satisfied now that they have the legislative means to request extradition of each other.

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Impi ambushes security force patrol

Staff Reporter
and Own Correspondent

Three people died in an impi rampage and ambush on security forces in the Natal Midlands yesterday as factional animosities again exploded into violence, police said.

Two of those killed were shot by security forces, while the third was a victim of an impi attack on an opposing faction of the same tribe in the Inhlazuka area near Richmond.

The fighting broke out after an impi of about 50 men gathered and planned to attack a neighbouring kraal.

After marching across the rugged bush for hours they attacked a kraal, killing a man and wounding two others.

Then they went on the rampage, burning down huts and robbing the occupants of goods and cattle. The occupants fled.

A Security Force patrol, 14 soldiers and two policemen, from a

nearby base picked up the information and came across the murder scene. Following tracks, they crossed the Umkomaas River and were ambushed by the impi.

They were fired on, but shot back, killing two men. The rest of the impi fled, leaving behind a 303 rifle, a home-made shotgun and a .22 handgun. No arrests were made.

Natal police spokesman Major Piet Kitching said the incident resulted from a faction fight several years ago.

Police want talks in Mamelodi

Own Correspondent

Police have sent a message to Mamelodi residents saying, "Let's talk", and have promised to avoid conflict and violence at a prayer meeting in the township's YMCA hall on Sunday.

SAP public relations directorate spokesman Colonel Steve van Rooyen said today residents should discuss any problems at the meeting with the officer in charge.

The undertaking followed police action at a report-back meeting last Sunday which left 230 people injured.

He said police would avoid con-

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flict as long as the residents stayed within the law.

The superintendent of Kalafong Hospital, Dr J Kunzman, said today 14 residents were still being treated in the hospital for injuries.

The MCA will meet Mamelodi church ministers tomorrow to request them to dedicate their services on Sunday to the injured.

Mr Seloane said statements were yesterday taken from eyewitnesses to Sunday's violence, and the association will receive final advice on Tuesday regarding a civil suit against Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Maputo agrees to private education

MAPUTO — The Mozambican government has agreed to allow private education in the country, reversing a decision after independence 15 years ago to nationalise all schools.

The Aim news agency reports that individuals, companies, religious bodies, co-operatives and other organisations will be allowed to establish private schools.

The decision will cover all educational institutions, from pre-primary through to higher education. — The Star's Africa News Service

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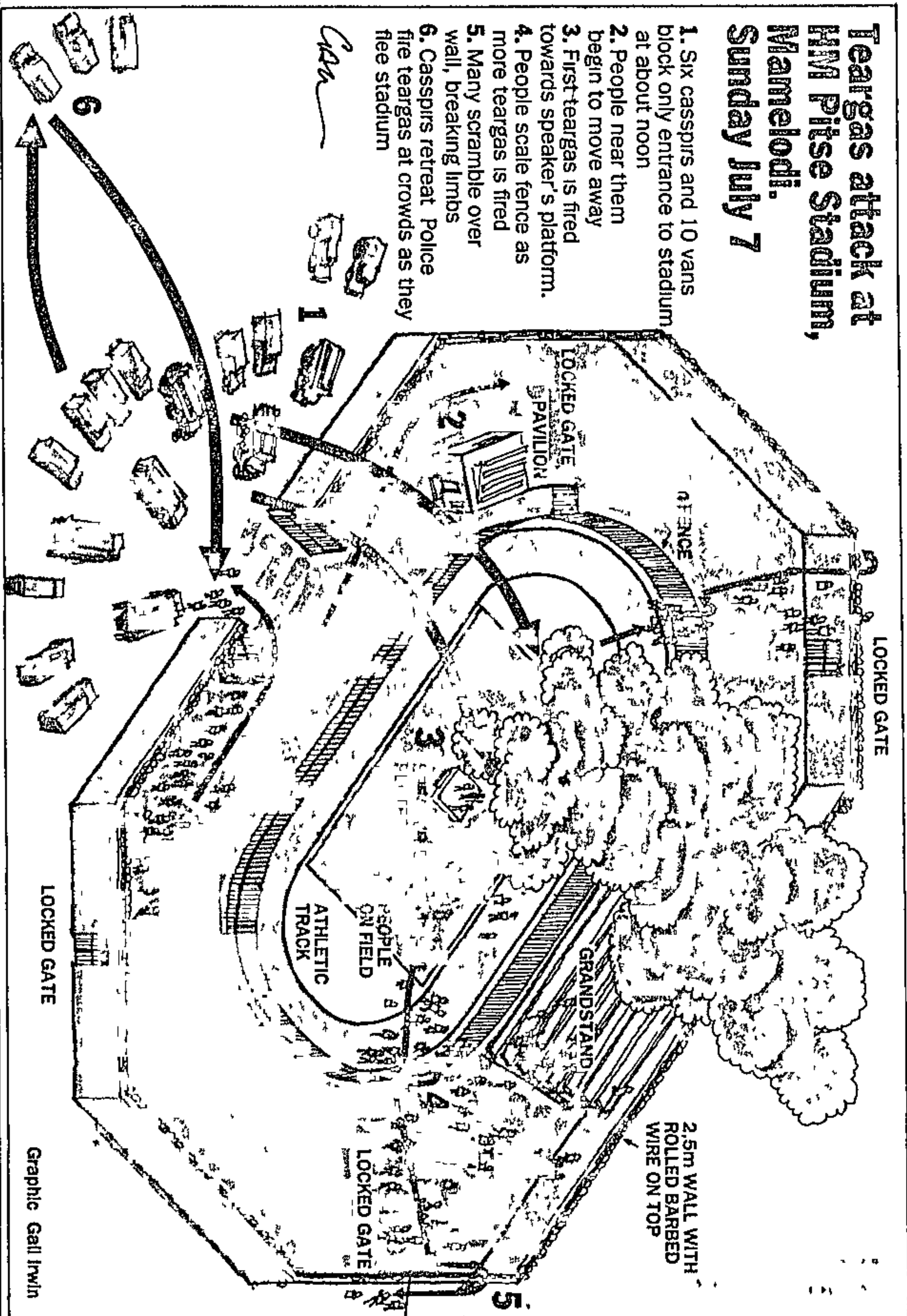
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Teargas attack at HM Pitse Stadium, Mamelodi. Sunday July 7

1. Six casspirs and 10 vans block only entrance to stadium at about noon
2. People near them begin to move away
3. First-teargas is fired towards speaker's platform.
4. People scale fence as more teargas is fired
5. Many scramble over wall, breaking limbs
6. Casspirs retreat. Police fire teargas at crowds as they flee stadium



Teargas forced us to jump, say the Mamelodi injured

CLARE ROBERTSON
and MCKEED KOTILOLO

WITH the only exit blocked by police, dogs and Casspirs, with teargas billowing around him, Jacob Nkambule scaled a 2.5-m brick wall topped with barbed wire and jumped — fracturing his "good" leg and breaking the artificial limb he has worn since childhood.

"I could neither breathe nor see properly," Mr Nkambule (40) said from his hospital bed this week. He was one of scores of Mamelodi residents who scrambled over the wall of the H M Pitse Stadium on Sunday to escape the fumes as police fired on the crowd of about 16 000 during a rent report-back meeting.

Illegal

An estimated 255 were injured in the incident which has sparked the return of a total rent boycott by Mamelodi residents, on the brink of ending the five-year-old partial refusal to pay for rent and services.

Police claimed the meeting was illegal, organisers said they had obtained permission from the Mamelodi town clerk for the gathering.

Mr Nkambule, a Mamelodi West father of four, told the Saturday Star of his daily prayers to heal his leg. "I am always praying not to lose my only leg. If I lose it I will be as good as dead because I would not be able to work for my children again."

He told how he and other residents had hurried towards the only open entrance shortly after the first teargas canister had landed a few metres from where he was sitting.

"I was already affected by the teargas fumes when we arrived at the gate. We were turned back by police with dogs. To survive I had no alternative but to face the high brick wall which I managed with little difficulty.

"Trouble started when I had to stand up after landing on the ground. I could not walk. My only leg was aching. I was carried to a nearby house

by four youths before I was taken to the Mamelodi Day Hospital.

"Police continued to fire teargas canisters in our direction as the four carried me to safety," he said.

Other victims, mostly elderly people with fractured limbs, said they, too, were hurt after they scaled the brick wall.

Like Mr Nkambule, the majority of the injured was sitting on the playing field in front of the speakers' platform when the firing started. They first had to scale the field's 2-m high security fence before they could go over the wall.

Some had sustained multiple fractures, mostly in the legs, and had to be operated on.

Happy Mawelele (21), had assisted several elderly people to scale the wall before he lost balance, jumped and had both his legs broken.

Crawl

Rose Mashele (39), a divorcee and mother of two, who also scaled the wall and had her leg fractured, said "I had to crawl from the stadium to Jafra Mahlangu Secondary School — about 800 m from the stadium."

She also sustained neck and thigh injuries.

Ben Dikgale (65) fractured his left leg during an attempt to scale the wall on the eastern side of the stadium.

Two days after the chaos at H M Pitse stadium, the home of the only city councillor to attend the rent meeting — called to tell residents of an historic deal struck with the Transvaal Provincial Administration — was hit by a grenade attack, injuring three.

The day of broken bones

and broken dreams

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MAMELODI residents will be wary about attending mass meetings in the township after last Sunday's police attack at the HM Pitje Stadium

Police and members of the Defence Force took residents by surprise when they pumped tear-gas into the stadium as community and political leaders urged them to end the rent boycott.

As far as residents were concerned, it was a peaceful gathering to solve a critical domestic issue

But for the second time in five years what residents perceived to be a peaceful gathering turned into chaos, and later, resentment

In November 1985, residents staged a peaceful protest march to the local council chamber to voice their grievances. They were teargassed and attacked.

That incident, which left more than 12 people dead, changed what authorities deemed a conservative area into another Soweto and sparked the rent boycott.

The latest incident came about after the Mamelodi Civic Association (Maca) and the Mamelodi People's Delegation (MPD), finally met the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and reached a settlement on how to end the boycott.

According to township leaders, the TPA agreed to freeze rent debts and stop action against rent defaulters on condition residents started paying rent from the end of this month.

When police unexpectedly launched a tear-gas attack on 16 000 people in Mamelodi's HM Pitje Stadium last Sunday, City Press reporter ELIAS MALULEKE was there. Here is his eyewitness account

This is what leaders were urging residents to do when - amid cheers when they were told negotiations for a flat monthly rent were continuing with the TPA - teargas canisters rained down on them

The police action puzzled residents, but from 10.45am it was clear the police had other plans for the day

I was in the stadium at 9.45am and watched the crowd - pensioners, children, youths and middle-aged people - pouring in. At 10.40 I left a tape-recorder with a friend to record the proceedings while I went to monitor the township situation.

A long convoy of police and army vehicles was rolling in through the back entrance. The time was 10.45

The first hint that something was amiss came when Moss Chikane stood up on the stage and

stopped Pasty Malefo's plea to the crowd to start paying rent

Malefo handed Chikane the microphone and stepped off the stage. Less than a minute later, the teargas canisters started to rain down on the pitch

As the crowd scattered, I caught a glimpse of Malefo's wife dashing away with her two children Punzile, 7, and Bandle, 8.

Punzile was crying. "Nkhuseng... Nkhuseng (Help me... Help me). I reached out and took her tiny hand as we raced to the security fence on the east side of the stadium

I lost my grip on her as bodies crashed into us. A young man picked her up and ran to the main gate with her. I managed to scale the fence and ran toward the four metre wall topped by a fence. People scrambled and

fell on the wall. There were heroes and heroines who helped others through the clouds of teargas. Others choked and collapsed, while some elderly people just sat down and wept.

An old woman I tried to help said: "Comrade, I am done at my age but you are still young and must run and try to save your life." I helped her to her feet and two youths grabbed her and dashed off

The police and the army were well equipped with gas masks and guns. The convoy came to a stop near the Presbyterian Church near the stadium and police sedans started to race about the township as if monitoring the situation.

I returned to the stadium, and next to the toilets at the entrance, a group of old people sat following the proceedings with keen interest.

A young woman joked that they should be comfortably seated because it was not going to end like 1985. About an hour later, I recalled her words as I

watched a stampede after teargas canisters had landed on the pitch, billowing acrid smoke

I was seated behind the stage next to marshals and officials of local organisations at the time. I did not hear police warn the crowd to disperse.

On top of the wall I could breathe fresh air and became alert once more. From my vantage point I could see Casspirs and vans chasing people, like cowboys on horse-back trying to head off a stampeding herd of cattle

I jumped off the wall and as I landed, blood oozed from a cut on my left eyelid. But I was fortunate because my limbs were still intact. Others who were not so lucky lay on the side of the wall as youths tried to help them.

As I rushed to my car, a policeman on a Casspir threw a teargas canister at me, but it did not explode and I managed to pick it up and run on. The policemen seemed to be highly entertained as they laughed and mocked their victims.

Once inside the car, I saw Malefo searching in the bushes

Driving around the township was hell as the police fired at anything that moved. Youths started erecting barricades and suddenly 1985 was repeating itself.

The Mamelodi Day Hospital resembled a war zone. Nurses ran out of



Patricia Thema nurses her 3-month-old baby Nozipho at Mamelodi Day Hospital after she was overcome in a teargas attack on her home. ■ Pici ELIAS MALULEKE

ideas as stretchers became scarce and people had to lie on the floor. Young children battled for their lives with oxygen masks fixed to their faces. The police siege continued for five hours. The shooting went on until darkness fell. That night, as residents resolved not to go to work on Tuesday, they were a community going to bed with broken bones and broken dreams.

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Policeman kicked and tortured me, says woman

By S'BU MNGADI

A WHITE policeman ordered a Chesterville woman to spread her legs and kicked her in the private parts during a two-hour torture ordeal at Durban's CR Swart Square police headquarters last week, the woman alleges.

This week, accompanied by her attorney, Bheka Shezi, and the deputy sheriff of the Durban Supreme Court, Vanessa Khoza returned to the "torture chamber" to identify items allegedly used by police during her torture.

Her attorney made the application for immediate access to the murder and robbery squad building "torture chambers" so that she and the Durban deputy sheriff, AW Britz, could inspect, examine and retrieve items allegedly used during the torture, to be used as evidence in any action against the police.

The order was granted.

In affidavits before Judge Bristowe in the Durban Supreme Court, Khoza recounted her ordeal and said she, together with Nokuthula Mbatha and Nomusa Sibiyi, went to visit her cousin Bonginkosi Zulu at King Edward VIII hospital on Wednesday last week.

On leaving the hospital, she alleged, the women were forced into a private car by several policemen who used abusive language towards them.

They were taken to the second floor of the CR Swart Square murder and robbery squad building where, Khoza alleged, two white policemen and one Indian policeman assaulted her in one of the rooms.

"While in the room, I was questioned by the police on my visit to my cousin at the hospital," Khoza recounted in her affidavits.

A white policeman ordered her to spread her legs, then kicked her in the private parts.

The assaults caused pain to her private parts, thighs, neck and shoulders and caused her right eye to swell.

"In this room where I had been taken, there was a large red machine or apparatus, which had switches and dials on it. I was told to sit on a chair and a pipe from this machine was placed on my chest several times, causing me intense pain. I could see lights on the machine flickering and I screamed."

The three women were released at about 9pm on the same day.

Khoza has since laid a charge of assault against police at CR Swart Square.

Last Friday Judge Bristowe granted an order directing the station commander of CR Swart Square to grant Khoza, her attorney Shezi and the Durban sheriff immediate access to the murder and robbery squad building for inspection and examination of any apparatus allegedly used during Khoza's torture.

On Monday, Khoza, Shezi and the deputy sheriff went

to CR Swart Square where Khoza pointed out room 206 as the room in which she was assaulted.

In an affidavit she stated she identified an apparatus attached to the wall with the name "Gamma Electric, (Pty) Ltd" and switches and dials on it.

There was also another machine or apparatus - part of which was red.

Other items Khoza pointed out were a loose piece of green rubber piping, an apparatus that appeared to be a vacuum cleaner, a brown woollen jersey, a torn brown shirt and a chair.

The jersey and shirt were used during the torture, she alleged.

The matter will be heard in the Durban Supreme Court on September 30.

'Whites pistol-whipped me'

By MARTIN NTSOELNGOE

THE son of former Alexandra mayor Rev Sam Buti told a Johannesburg regional court this week how he was punched, kicked, insulted and pistol-whipped by a group of whites.

Kwena Buti, 22, was in court on a charge of attempted car theft. He pleaded not guilty and is on R1 000 bail

Buti told the court he was walking

down Claim Street in Johannesburg when he saw a group of whites chasing some blacks

He decided to run away because whites "are fond of attacking blacks", but the group caught him.

He said the whites took him to a basement where the assault allegedly took place

He said one of his assailants jumped on his head while others kicked him

Another threatened to shoot him, accusing him of trying to steal a car.

He was treated at the Rosebank Clinic, where he underwent surgery for a wound above an ear.

One of his attackers allegedly said: "Since the release of Mandela, you kaffirs are stealing from us We will fix you "

Security guard David Ncawu said he confronted Buti when he saw him tampering with a white BMW.

He said Buti offered him R200 if he allowed him to take the car.

The case resumes on August 17.

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Worry as cop deaths rise

By DANIEL SIMON

CONCERN is mounting over the number of policemen murdered since the beginning of the year, with police attributing many of the killings to radicals, who, in a "concerted effort", are continuing to try and make South Africa ungovernable

Since the beginning of the year, more than 70 members of the SA Police, municipal police and special constables lost their lives

Statistics indicate that on average, 10 policemen die each month. In many instances, members died after being shot with their own service pistols when attacked in townships

Commenting on the worrying trend, a senior police source yesterday said it appeared as if a concerted effort was under way

to make the country "ungovernable"

"During the month of June, nine policemen lost their lives while 25 received injuries," he said.

Free State

He said that unrest had increased substantially and that policemen were still targeted by groups of radicals. Attacks were not confined to members only — their homes were often petrol-bombed or shot at

The Free State, until recently the only province where incidents of unrest were rarely recorded, has fallen into the cycle of violence which has gripped the rest of the country for years

From the beginning of June alone, 52 incidents of unrest were recorded in the province — many

in townships surrounding gold mining towns.

A count of unrest incidents in the rest of the country since the beginning of June shows that Natal still fares the worst with 110 incidents. Transvaal recorded 94 incidents while the Cape Province recorded 81 incidents

Law and Order spokesman Captain Peet Bothma said a sad factor of the ongoing violence in the country was that incidents were often revenged

"Every action by the left will follow with a reaction by the right and vice versa. This is a good recipe to make South Africa ungovernable," Captain Bothma said

He added that police would continue to function as an apolitical force in efforts to combat both left- and right-wing violence.

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Police arrive
for Natal duty

DURBAN — A contingent of 463 police volunteers arrived in Durban yesterday to serve for six months in the strife-torn townships and farming areas of Natal — the scene of an increasing number of attacks in recent months.

Some of the men will be deployed to perform additional patrols on farms in the Natal Midlands, where several brutal attacks have taken place.

Welcoming the men, Regional Commissioner Major General Johann van Niekerk said there were plans to deploy 1,000 more men in the province to counter violence — Sapa.

Land invasion plan: police slam UDF

By Craig Kotze

Police have slammed the plan by the United Democratic Front to invade disused land countrywide, saying the movement was using innocent squatters in the front line of a move which would lead to confrontation

In sharp contrast, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman praised as "highly responsible" the African National Congress's reported opposition to the UDF's plan, which seems set to bring it into confrontation with the Government as well

"This is a responsible move which must be praised," the spokesman said

He urged the UDF to use the funds it planned to allocate to its campaign for more construc-

tive purposes, such as providing housing in demarcated areas for the homeless.

"We deplore this latest move by the UDF. We feel it will eventually lead to confrontation with the SAP, who are compelled to enforce the law

Circumspection

"We do not want this confrontation and so we strongly urge the UDF to abandon its plan and to use the money to actually provide housing for the homeless.

"Innocent squatters, who are already suffering the plight of homelessness, will now be used for political purposes which will worsen their condition even further," the spokesman said.

However, he added that police would handle the situation with the necessary circumspection, but said the law would in the end have to be enforced

A spokesman for the South African Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria said today that police did not remove squatters from land, a task performed by municipal authorities.

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

Squatter, police clashes go on

POTCHEFSTROOM — Fighting between the police and squatters continued early today at the Mandela Squatter Camp between the Klerksdorp road and Ikageng township at Potchefstroom following yesterday's demolition of shacks by municipal officials

Police, army and municipal vehicles were lined up on the edge of the squatter camp and heavily-armed police had entered the squatter camp this morning. Many people have been injured, some with bird-shot. Police would not comment on the incident yesterday. — Own Correspondent.

Govt to respond to ANC report

PRETORIA. — The Ministry of Law and Order said yesterday that it would respond to an African National Congress report alleging "inhuman" police violence against petty apartheid demonstrators at Boland towns once it had investigated the claims.

ANC Western Cape co-ordinator Mr Reg September delivered the report, to President FW de Klerk's offices at Tuynhuys yesterday

The report was based on about 50 statements to lawyers from victims of police action.

Mr September said a number of people protesting against remaining municipal apartheid measures at Ashton, Robertson and Montagu had been killed or injured by police who failed to grasp "that we are entering a new era".

Capt Peet Bothma at the Ministry of Law and Order confirmed that the ministry had received a copy of the report

Mr September said the ANC sought an assurance from Mr

De Klerk that the "shockingly inhuman" police violence would be investigated and stopped.

The ANC expected a climate of peace when it entered into negotiations with the government.

He claimed police indiscriminately shot at and teargassed men, women and children, who feared going to rural hospitals for fear of being handed to police by the medical staff.

"Some people have been killed, a number of people have been injured. Not only adults, but even young people have suffered at the hands of the police.

"This report reveals the shocking inhumanity that one still encounters," Mr September told reporters during a 30-minute wait at the gate of Mr De Klerk's Tuynhuys office.

The report says 157 people were injured in one incident in April by a stampede and police gunfire after officers threw teargas into a hall in Robertson

— Sapa-Reuter

Security tightened for ANC leader's return

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THE South African Police said yesterday they would make "appropriate security arrangements" for ANC vice-president Nelson Mandela's return to South Africa tomorrow.

"From the nature of things, it would be counter-productive to go into details," Lt Nina Barkhuizen said in Pretoria.

Security arrangements

are being made against the background of an apparent rightwing terror blitz in the Johannesburg area.

Two bomb blasts and one grenade attack on the West Rand this weekend left two dead and 21 injured.

Last month, a weekly newspaper reported that rightwing extremists planned to assassinate Mandela with a 303 rifle

fitted with a telescope as he stepped onto the apron at Jan Smuts - but this plot has since been dismissed as "beer can smalltalk".

Meanwhile police and the ANC yesterday said no meeting was scheduled between ANC leader Walter Sisulu and security police chiefs in Pretoria on the continued detention of activists.

Reports on Sunday said the two parties would meet to discuss the detention of three Natal Indian Congress leaders at the weekend, and the continued detention of more than 150 detainees in terms of the Internal Security Act.

Police in Pretoria and an ANC spokesman in Johannesburg said yesterday they were unaware that such a meeting had been arranged - Sapa

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12 injured as miners security men clash

By Brendan Templeton

Twelve people were injured, four of them seriously, when miners clashed with security officials at the St Helena gold mine in Welkom on Monday.

The clash took place when a group of about 2 000 miners were returning from a peaceful meeting organised by the National Union of Mineworkers at the No 2 Hostel on the mine.

One of the injured men is a security officer.

According to the NUM, security officials opened fire without warning on the workers who were contravening mine rules by toyi-toying and wearing union T-shirts.

But General Mining, which owns the mine, said security officials were forced to open fire when they were attacked by about 100 men after the rest of the workers had dispersed peacefully after the meeting.

The workers were armed with pangas, iron bars and other weapons, management said.

Letter

NUM spokesman Jerry Majatladi slammed the incident as indicative of the company's lack of sensitivity to the dangerous climate prevalent in the mines.

Conflict like this was bound to continue as long as management failed to realise they were part of a larger community and that workers were entitled to practise democratic rights wherever they were.

It was clear from a letter sent to the union prior to the meeting that they were misinformed about its purpose — they believed it was to co-ordinate wildcat strike action or to launch a boycott, Mr Majatladi said.

Based on this wrong information, the security officials overreacted, he added.

The injured miners were taken to a nearby hospital and nine of them were under police guard, he said.

The meeting on Monday night was a report-back meeting on retrenchment negotiations — the mine intends laying off 1 857 of its workforce.

ANC's opposition to squatter plan praised

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Sowetan Reporter

POLICE have slammed the UDF's plan to invade disused land countrywide, saying the movement was using innocent squatters in the front line of a move which would inevitably lead to confrontation.

In sharp contrast, a

Law and Order Ministry spokesman praised as "highly responsible" the ANC's reported opposition to the UDF's plan, which seems set to bring it into confrontation with the Government as well as

"This is a responsible

move which must be praised," the spokesman said

He urged the UDF to use the funds it planned to allocate to its campaign for more constructive purposes, such as providing housing in demarcated areas for the homeless

"We deplore this latest move by the UDF

"We feel it will eventually lead to confrontation with the SAP, who are compelled to enforce the law. "We do not want this

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confrontation and so we strongly urge the UDF to abandon its plan and to use the money to actually provide housing for the homeless

"Innocent squatters, who are already suffering the plight of homelessness, will now be used for political purposes which will worsen their condition even further," the spokesman said

However, he added, police would handle the situation with the necessary circumspection, but

said the law would have to be enforced

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Mr Muzik's wife, Dianne, said from their seasick and unable to help.

12 babies die of Aids

JOHANNESBURG — Twelve infants between the ages of one month and 2½ years have died of Aids in the past year at Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto

A paediatrician at the hospital, Dr Ian Friedland, said more than 30 babies with HIV-infection had been diagnosed at the hospital since May last year. Twelve had died, but he was uncertain about the condition of the other babies as they were no longer brought to the hospital.

Dr Friedland said the infants had contracted the disease from their mothers and ruled out the possibility that they could have contracted it through blood transfusions

Dr Friedland said there was an increase in the incidence of HIV-infection in children, with seven cases having been diagnosed at the hospital last year and 25 this year — Sapa

Big winner mystery

A MYSTERY Cape Town punter, who won R664 000 on the Cape pool at the weekend, has stunned racing officials by not claiming the money. Yesterday, three days after his win, he had still not collected

And staff at the tote have no idea who the lucky winner is

The punter placed R24 on the Pick Six on Saturday's racing at Greyville in Natal and scooped up the massive carry-over.

Ms Wendy Hawkesworth, a staffer at the tote, said yesterday that the coupon would remain valid for three months

"But we have no idea who this person is. There is no name or information on the coupon — only a number"

Explosion rocks police HQ

Own Correspondent
EAST LONDON. — An explosion ripped through the building housing the police divisional headquarters here about 8.20pm.

Early indications are that there were no casualties, and that the explosion had been caused by a bomb.

The blast came soon after an End Conscription Campaign (ECC) meeting started nearby. The meeting was to discuss the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

The main speakers at the meeting were the lawyer representing former security policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee at the Harms commission into the CCB, Mr Ahmed Mothala, and a journalist investigating the CCB, Mr Anton Steenkamp.

ANC, police team up to provide airport security

By Claire Robertson

A comprehensive, joint ANC-police security operation was mounted at Jan Smuts Airport yesterday for the arrival of African National Congress deputy president Nelson Mandela.

About 20 ANC "public relations officials" — as an ANC security man referred to them — were responsible for crowd control inside the terminal building and for Mr Mandela's personal safety, while the SAP secured the concourse, parking area, access road and airport doors.

The airport bristled with police, who also mounted roadblocks, twice led explosives sniffer dogs through the press room, and limited access to the terminal by ANC supporters.

At a meeting between the ANC, SAP and airport security personnel earlier this week, it was decided to divert most of Mr Mandela's well-wishers to a

gathering place outside the building. Police checked the names of ANC supporters entering against a list of 59 people supplied by the organisation.

The close co-operation between the ANC and SAP led to the surreal situation of a plainclothes policeman at one stage telling irritable photographers wanting to enter the press room not to shout at him as "I get my orders from the ANC".

However, the comprehensive security operation was criticised by at least one observer as being "useless because they are only searching cars with black passengers, and the only threat is supposed to be from white rightwingers".

● At least nine ANC supporters were arrested earlier in the day for displaying banners, according to police. Although this was done at a legal open-air gathering, airport regulations forbid such displays.

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SACP must learn from mistakes, says Slovo

Staff Reporter

Socialism would have no future in South Africa unless there was a willingness to learn from the mistakes of failed socialist countries, Joe Slovo, general secretary of the South African Communist Party, said last night.

In a remarkably frank discussion on Radio 702, Mr Slovo conceded that criticisms of socialism are not all invention and propaganda.

"They do reflect a real failure and those of us who are socialists must recognise that," he said.

Brainwashing

Mr Slovo was responding to the comments of a caller who referred to "a very serious prejudice against every kind of socialism" among white South Africans who, he said, had been "brain-massaged into submission".

"There has been a bit of brainwashing," he admitted.

"But let's also be fair. We must concede there have been quite a substantial number of failures in the practice of socialism."

That fact, combined with 40 years of silence on socialism in this country (because of Government clampdowns on the Communist Party and the dissemination of socialist ideas), made it possible to understand prejudice against socialism.

"We would like to think, although it is a process, that our South African Communist Party is well on the way to shedding that kind of baggage of the Stalinist period in the history of socialism."

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Boy tortured before his death - claim

By Shareen Singh
and Shehnaaz Bulbulia

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A statement by a youth, who claims he was tortured by police and that he witnessed the torture of Eugene Mbulwana (15) who died in hospital on Friday while in police custody, was yesterday released by lawyers.

A lawyer said the witness, whose name was being withheld to protect his life, alleged police at Welverdiend police station near Carletonville tortured Eugene until he was unconscious.

Seven months ago, Nixon Mbuyiselo Phiri (16) of Khutsong, was allegedly tortured at the same police station. He died of

a cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries

The witness alleged that police kicked, punched, chained and poked needles into the backs of a group of youths who were detained with Eugene last Tuesday

A police spokesman confirmed Eugene was among a group arrested on Tuesday and that he died while in police custody at the Leratong Hospital

However, police would not comment on allegations of torture until further investigations and a post-mortem were conducted

The witness said he saw police beating Eugene with a whip. Police allegedly told him "Eugene

was stubborn and we wanted to fix him"

A police officer then stood on a table and started beating Eugene with his fists, he alleged. When Eugene fell the policeman started kicking him on the head

The eyewitness said other policemen joined in the beating

● The death demands an independent inquiry, human rights organisation, the Detainees Aid Centre (DAC) said yesterday.

Eugene was the sixth person this year to die in police custody under similar circumstances. The Government has ignored repeated calls for an independent inquiry after each death, DAC said

ANC calls for brutality inquiry

By Shareen Singh
and Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Two teenagers have died this year after being held at the Welverdiend police station on the West Rand, leading to human rights organisations and the ANC demanding an investigation.

Nixon Phiri (16) died in January and Eugene Mbulwana (15) last Friday.

Phiri died at the Welverdiend police station of cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries. At the time police said a youth had died during interrogation and an inquiry would be held.

Captain E Baartman of the Western Transvaal SAP now says the inquiry into Nixon Phiri's death has been completed and the matter is with the At-

torney-General

The ANC yesterday said the fact that two deaths were linked to the same police station called for an investigation.

Dr Malcom Chope from Khutsong, where the two youths came from, said he treated five youths last week who were arrested with Eugene Mbulwana and allegedly assaulted at Welverdiend station.

Brian Currin of Lawyers for Human Rights called on the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, to suspend Mbulwana's interrogators and the officer-in-charge at the time.

The ANC has demanded an inquiry into Mbulwana's death and an independent board to investigate allegations of police brutality and torture.

Policeman hurt in attack at 251 railway station

Staff Reporter *ACUS 20/7/90*

A POLICEMAN has been wounded in an attack by gunmen on a satellite police station at the Heideveld railway station.

Constable Taffwell Paulsen was spared serious injury when a bullet fired by one of the attackers hit him in the left hip but was prevented from penetrating deeply by his belt.

Police said Constable Paulsen and Constable Maxwell Bothma were on duty at the station at 9.45 pm yesterday when two men, one with a pistol and one with an automatic rifle, burst into their office and ordered them to stand still.

One of the policemen fell flat behind the counter and the two men fired some shots, one of the bullets hitting Constable Paulsen. The men then fled, pursued by the wounded policeman and his companion.

Constable Paulsen ran into the railway station after the man carrying the pistol and fired several shots at him. He wounded the man in the upper right leg and arrested him.

Constable Bothma followed the man with the rifle but could not catch him.

A 21-year-old man is being held under police guard in hospital. Police are hunting for the second man.

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We'll talk, but ~~that's~~ that's no invite, ⁽²⁵¹⁾ says the SAP

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THE South African Police has denied it invited the Mamelodi Civic Association to a meeting following police action at the HM Pitje stadium, which left about 250 people injured a fortnight ago.

Police liaison officer Colonel Steve van Rooyen said yesterday police were prepared to discuss the issue with residents, but that this did not mean they were issuing an invitation.

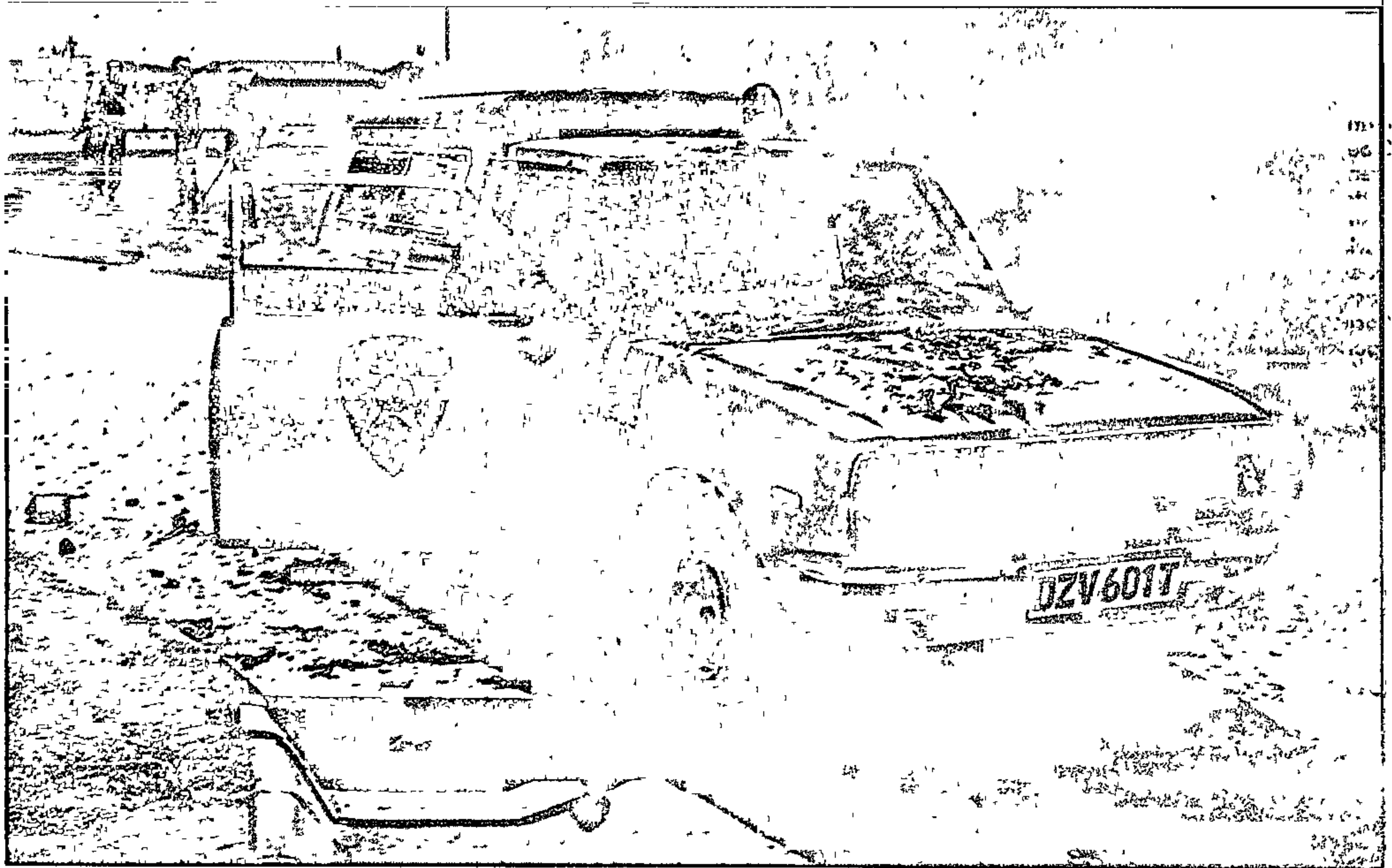
An invitation from police to the Mamelodi Civic Association was definitely not offered, he said.

Mamelodi Civic Association chairman Moss Chikane said although they were prepared to meet the police, they were not going to discuss events at the stadium because the matter was now in the hands of their legal advisers.

He said his association had planned a meeting with the Transvaal Provincial Administration, and if the police were interested in discussions, they should attend the planned meeting.

More than 250 people were injured in a stampede after teargas was fired. Police claimed the meeting was illegal, while the organisers claimed it was legal because they had a permit. — Sapa

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A traffic department van in flames after violence erupted in Vosloorus yesterday when students went on a march to protest against the jailing of two teachers in 1988. *24/7/90 (251) Star 20/7/90* Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Youth 'with petrol bombs' shot in township

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

A youth, who was believed to be carrying petrol bombs, was shot in the arm and arrested with 17 other people when police clashed with students during a protest march in the East Rand township of Vosloorus yesterday.

Teargas and birdshot were used to disperse the protesters when they began stoning police and private vehicles, SAP spokesman Lieutenant Nina

Barkhuizen said.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said two people were injured when youths allegedly attacked private vehicles and two houses and a shop belonging to councillors were set alight.

The home of the township's deputy mayor, Arend Ndambi, was petrol-bombed and extensively damaged.

It was not known if the house was occupied.

The march by youths and teachers in the township was in protest against the jailing of two

teachers in 1988, but teachers abandoned the protest after police warned that the march was illegal.

Youths, however, defied the warning and were later engaged in running battles with the police.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said that about 400 people took part in the march to the local town council offices.

The protesters had planned to deliver a petition for the release of the teachers.

Vosloorus Civic Association

spokesman Keith Montsisi claimed that between 25 000 and 30 000 people had joined the march before it was disrupted.

The Boksburg fire department extinguished the fire at the house and shop of Councillor Zem Mkize.

Mr Mkize said that despite the damage to his house and shop, he had no intention of resigning from his position as councillor.

He denied that the council was responsible for stopping the march.

Murder probe into 'torture' death

A MURDER docket was opened yesterday in the case of 15-year old Eugene Mbulwana, who died last Friday after allegedly being tortured at Welverdiend police station, outside Carletonville.

He will be buried tomorrow at 11 am.

This was the second death linked to Welverdiend police station, and the ANC and human rights organisations have demanded a judicial commission of inquiry. The ANC also demanded an investigation into police practices at Welverdiend.

Nixon Phiri (16) died in January this year while being interrogated at the police station. A post mortem showed that he died of a cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries.

Eugene's scan results showed that he was suffering from a sub-dural haemorrhage, which doctors say is caused by pressure on the head.

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But police, who took Eugene to hospital, told them he was suffering from epilepsy.

An eye-witness detained with Eugene told lawyers he was brutally tortured until he became unconscious. He died at Leratong Hospital the next day.

The boys were among a group arrested outside Khutsong near Carletonville. Seven other youths, in statements to a lawyer, spoke of their experiences of police brutality at Welverdiend police station.

A doctor also told Saturday Star he treated five youths who were allegedly tortured at the police station. They had bruises, swollen lips and eyes, he said.

A post mortem on Eugene was conducted yesterday and results are expected next week.

Consulate sit-in 'made its point'

By **CONNIE MOLUSI**

TUMAHOLE residents occupied the American Consulate in Johannesburg on Friday to highlight alleged repression and police harassment in the Free State village of Parys

The 17 residents, including an 11-month-old baby and two women aged 70 and 71, appealed to the US government to intervene on their behalf

As the group left the consulate at 7 yesterday morning, co-ordinator Tom Letsoenyo of the Tumahole Civic Association said the brief protest had made its point, which was to highlight the plight of Tumahole people

A memorandum submitted to consular officials appealed to the international community to address the residents' concerns and take the necessary steps to stop police actions in the township

Police spokesman Major Mike Lombard said no complaints about police action in Tumahole had been received

"Once a complaint has been registered, investigations into the allegations can begin and action taken," Lombard said

US spokesmen said the memorandum would be forwarded to the relevant South African authorities

Pleas by the group for food about 8pm on Friday fell on deaf ears as officials said they would not do anything that would encourage the group to remain in the building

Letsoenyo's plea for the 11-month-old Olga Longelwa to be brought food was flatly refused by consulate official Ronald Trigg

South African Health Workers Congress (Sahwco) publicity secretary Dr Aslam Dasoo said Trigg also prevented two Sahwco health workers from entering the premises.

Several of the people occupying the embassy were recently hurt while in detention and they contacted doctors for treatment from inside the embassy.

Dasoo said Trigg told people to go downstairs to consult a doctor but they would not be allowed to return to the 11th floor of the building.

Letsoenyo said a march was planned for next week to highlight repression in Tumahole and to present a petition to the Parys police. A consumer boycott was also in the pipeline.

These Tumahole residents briefly occupied the American Consulate.

■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

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Own Correspondent

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Special constable killed at taxi rank

A Bekkersdal special constable was shot dead at the weekend while he and two colleagues were investigating a robbery.

A West Rand police spokesman said three policemen were confronted by about 30 "Ma Russian" gang members at the Bekkersdal taxi rank.

Two constables left the scene to get help while Constable Daniel Mpheng remained.

When they returned they found Constable Mpheng lying in a pool of blood. He had been shot four times in the head. — West Rand Bureau.

Talks likely to go ahead in spite of arrests

'Plotters' on the run after big crackdown

By Craig Kotze,
Peter Fabricius and
Esmaré van der Merwe

Many members of the SA Communist Party and the ANC's armed wing are on the run after a massive police crackdown on the alleged planners of an insurrection.

Security sources said many people wanted in connection with the alleged plans had gone to ground.

Government sources said last night that State Security Council would probably discuss the alleged plot today.

Government Ministers and officials played down the disclosures, saying they did not think the affair would derail talks about negotiations between the ANC and the Government set for August 6.

The fact that Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela have agreed on the meeting suggests that the alleged plot has not upset the negotiation process.

News of up to 40 arrests in connection with the alleged plot came just as the Government and the ANC are expected to reach agreement on a cessation of violence.

FW aware

It seems highly likely the ANC infiltration was discussed by President de Klerk and Mr Mandela when they met on Friday.

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Umkhonto cadres displayed their firepower at the weekend meetings attended by Mr Hanu in Umtata, Butterworth and Cofimvaba, moving with AK-47 rifles through the crowds.

Among the alleged insurgents arrested inside South Africa in the latest police swoop were 11 people said to have received military training outside the country and about 20 allegedly trained inside South Africa. The rest are said to be collaborators.

All of those detained, it is understood, are either members or supporters of the SACP, and were members of Umkhonto.

Those detained were suspected of being members of a secret unit whose existence was not known to the conventional command structure of Umkhonto, security sources said.

Seized

The unit was made up of specially infiltrated insurgents who entered South Africa through Swaziland and set up cell structures with locally trained people inside the country.

A logistics system was set up, which included the use of hi-tech equipment. Police have seized such equipment, as well as arms and ammunition.

"From our information, this unit was not part of the usual infiltration of the ANC — it was specially set up for plans of which the broad mass of MK knew nothing. It seems to have been entirely an SACP-initiated action," said one source.

Some Government sources close to the negotiations said that, as the ANC had not yet abandoned the armed struggle, continued activity by Umkhonto was not strictly inconsistent with its negotiation stance.

They said one of the Government's aims at talks with the ANC on August 6 would be precisely to persuade it to suspend hostilities.

The disclosure of the police arrest of MK infiltrators might in turn have been designed to counter Mr Chris Hanu's statement.

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Police: no intention of releasing results

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The police do not intend releasing the post mortem results of 15-year-old "Gadaffi Squad" member Eugene Mbulwana, who died more than a week ago after allegedly being tortured at Welverdiend police station outside Carletonville.

A spokesman for SAP headquarters, Captain R Bloomberg, said yesterday that the post-mortem results were part of a police investigation and could not be released.

He said after the police investigation was completed all the information concerning Eugene's death would be referred to the Attorney-General.

Captain Bloomberg could not indicate when the investigation would be over

He added that a murder docket was opened last Thursday

An eyewitness who was detained with Eugene told lawyers that Eugene was brutally tortured until he became unconscious. He died at Leratong Hospital on July 13 while in police custody.



VICTIM: Mrs Anna Tumaetsi, whose house was burnt down in Sebokeng. Inset: Warrant Officer Petrus Jooste — speared in the heart.

Riot policeman dies after pulling spear from heart

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A riot policeman who tried to keep warring Inkatha and ANC groups apart in Sebokeng township has died after plucking an assegai from his chest.

Warrant Officer Petrus "Seppi" Jooste, 32, of the Diepkloof Riot Squad died on Sunday after the spear was hurled at police at the Sebokeng single quarters where up to 21 people died in clashes.

The spear hit him in the heart but the policeman plucked it from his chest and threw it away before being taken to hospital. He died an hour later, police said.

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Warrant Officer Jooste was with a detachment of police escorting Inkatha members through a gauntlet of petrol bombs and stones hurled by suspected ANC supporters.

Having survived the journey, he and his men arrived at the hostels, only to be confronted by other ANC/UDF supporters waiting to ambush the Inkatha members, police said.

According to Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe, the mob approached the Inkatha members but were warned by Warrant Officer Jooste that confrontation would not be tolerated and that they should go home.

They refused to disperse and rubber bullets and teargas were fired at them. During this incident a spear was thrown and hit the policeman in the chest.

"He just pulled it out and threw it away," said a policeman who was at the scene.

Police have not been able to find the assegai.

Colonel Malherbe said it was not known who had thrown it or whether it was a Zulu spear.

"Even if it were a Zulu spear, it could not be ruled out that someone from the other side threw it. They also use spears and these are widely available," said Colonel Malherbe.

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Warrant Officer Jooste was married but he and his wife had no children. A shocked Mrs Jooste was yesterday unable to

speak to the Press.

Sunday's fighting left at least 19 dead and bitter disputes over who was to blame.

Police are accused of siding with Inkatha against ANC supporters, Inkatha is accused of having planned attacks on ANC/Cosatu supporters for days before the violence and the ANC faction is accused of carrying out planned attacks on Inkatha.

There were fears today that violence would flare again.

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Cop quits in disgust over police action

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By DANIEL SIMON

A POLICEMAN resigned from the force with "immediate effect" last week after witnessing large-scale police brutality against protesters taking part in a peaceful protest march in Graaff-Reinet

This is the second time a policeman has publicly slated the police since former lieutenant Mr Gregory Rockman's public condemnation of riot police action at Mitchells Plain last year

Mr Edward Myners, a police constable until last Tuesday, told the Foundation for Peace and Justice (FPJ) that the incidents occurred last Monday during a Progressive Teachers of Graaff-Reinet march against "police brutality" in the black residential area of Umasizakhe

During an interview with FPJ, several teachers backed Mr Myners's claims, alleging further that some policemen encouraged dog handlers to release dogs on protesters so that they could "eat the hotnots and kaffirs in the name of the AWB"

They were part of a group of 28 teachers and principals who were arrested for protesting and later released on R200 bail

Mr Myners said he left the force in disgust the next day after witnessing a young girl being manhandled by two policemen and a protester being bitten by a police dog

Police spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg yesterday commented "If Mr Myners or the teachers want to complain, they can supply sworn statements or affidavits to any police station and the matter will be investigated"

Alleged hit squad member found dead

FORMER Vlakplaas police constable and Harms Commission witness Brian Ngqulunga was found dead in the veld near Garankuwa, Bophuthatswana, on Saturday, police said yesterday.

Ngqulunga was stationed at Pretoria's Security Branch headquarters.

Police said there were a number of bullet wounds in his body, which was found by an unknown man, and AK-47 cartridge cases were found at the scene.

Ngqulunga, who was alleged to have been part of the Vlakplaas hit squad, told

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the Harms Commission the ANC trained him in Angola and Mozambique. He had become "disaffected" with them and escaped, only to be jailed in Maputo before his deportation to SA, where he became an informer before joining the SAP.

He denied being a police spy, and also complicity in Natal attorney Griffiths Mxenge's murder. Bophuthatswana police are investigating.

Harms witness gunned down

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By MONICA GRAAFF
Crime Reporter

A HARMS Commission police witness, and alleged member of the hit squad which killed Durban lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge, has been gunned down by AK47 fire in Bophuthatswana

Constable Brian Ngqulunga, who gave evidence before the Harms Commission of Inquiry into politically motivated violence last month, was found dead in the veld about 6km from the Mabopane Marula Sun at the weekend

His body was riddled with bullet wounds and AK47 cartridges were found nearby

SA Police confirmed the killing yesterday. They said Const Ngqulunga, who was stationed at their headquarters in Pretoria, was off duty at the time

Bophuthatswana police, who discovered his body at 3pm on Saturday, were investigating the murder, they said

However, a Bophuthatswana police spokesman, Colonel David George, said last night that he did not know

about the killing, but said he would "look into the matter"

Const Ngqulunga was called before the Harms Commission after being named by three key witnesses — former police captain Dirk Coetzee, his former gardener Mr David "Spyker" Tshikalanga and Death Row prisoner Butana Almond Nofemela

The three former members of the staff at Vlakplaas, a farm near Pretoria where former ANC members, known as "askaris", were housed, have confessed to killing Mr Mxenge at Umlazi Stadium in late 1981 and said Const Ngqulunga was present

Const Ngqulunga denied any involvement in the murder

He told the commission he was not a member of the police force at the time, but was a police informer working in Durban on acquiring information on the ANC

He took exception to being called an "askari" as he said he had joined the police voluntarily, unlike turned-around ANC members who had been involved in confrontations with the police before joining them

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Hit squad cop gunned down

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AN alleged member of a police hit squad, Constable Brian Ngqulunga, was shot dead at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Ngqulunga's bullet-ridden body was found in the veld between Lethlabile and Garankuwa in Bophuthatswana about 3pm on Saturday, the SAP's public relations division said in a statement

AK-47 cartridges were found near the body.

Ngqulunga, who was stationed at police headquarters in Pretoria, was off duty at the time his body was discovered. Bophuthatswana police were investi-

gating *Go wellan 2417190* Ngqulunga, who was a member of the Vlakplaas anti-insurgency unit, was one of the policemen who allegedly took part in the killing of Durban human rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge in 1981.

He was said to have been the leader of the squad which carried out the assassination.

A woman's

Attack avoidable ^{Ste- 24/7/90} Cosatu

Sebokeng's bloody Sunday could have been avoided if the Minister of Law and Order and police had acted correctly when told last week of Inkatha's intention to attack, Cosatu said yesterday.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, the union federation said they had informed the Minister last Wednesday of allegations of Inkatha's planned attack on Cosatu and ANC members and supporters. A copy of the fax to the Minister was handed to the press.

The faxed statement said Cosatu had been informed that an Inkatha meeting on July 10, which was attended by two Inkatha head-office members, de-

cidated an attack on Cosatu and ANC members was to be launched in Sebokeng on July 21.

It was also decided at an Inkatha meeting on the July 11 that "all Zulus" should attack ANC and Cosatu members.

The statement asked the Minister to bring the matter to his urgent attention.

Cosatu's lawyers informed the Divisional Commissioner of Police and the Commissioner of Police of the allegations.

Lawyers contacted Inkatha on Wednesday about the attacks.

Peter Harris, for Cosatu, said the police had stated they had investigated the allegation and found it to have no substance.

500 policemen
reapply ^{25/7/81}

PRETORIA. — More than 500 former policemen applied for readmission to the SAP last month

This follows the announcement by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, of improved police salaries

A police spokesman said 47 former policemen had been reappointed and 78 applications turned down. The rest were under consideration — Sapa

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Cop suspended after murder

PRETORIA. — A white policeman has been suspended and Ventersdorp police are investigating a charge of murder following the death in hospital of a black man, Mr Andries Metaboga, 45, on Monday, police said yesterday.

A brief statement said Mr Metaboga had been arrested for being drunk and died later in hospital. — Sapa

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Clash looming between police, schoolchildren

By Karen Stander and Janet Heard

About 65 teachers at black schools in the northern Transvaal have been dismissed in the Department of Education and Training's tough response to recent protest action by teachers. The department announced yesterday that about 50 teachers had been dismissed following a defiance campaign in which schools unilaterally ignored the DET's school calendar. And a separate group of 15

CAPE TOWN — The scene looks set for confrontation between the police and a proposed mass march of coloured and black schoolchildren through the streets of Cape Town today, as marchers have allegedly refused to apply for magisterial permission.

A spokesman for the Congress of SA Students, which is organising the march, said it was expected to be a mass march and although the marchers had applied for permission from the traffic department as regards the route, "The pupils are adamant they will not apply for magisterial permission."

She described the mood at Peninsula schools as ugly.

"Marchers might reconsider applying for magisterial permission if they were approached by the police," she said.

Meanwhile, Cape Town police have issued a strong warning to marchers and have appealed to "all law-abiding citizens" not to become involved in today's events.

Acting Regional Commissioner of police for Cape Town, Brigadier Nick Acker, said the

police had received information that pupils from coloured and black schools in the Peninsula were planning to march through the streets of Cape Town

"At present there has been no application as regards legalising the proposed demonstration

"The South African Police would pertinently like to draw the organisers' attention to the fact that there are certain regulations that legally prohibit this type of action.

"Police cannot allow these regulations to be broken."

Desist

"There are many channels with which to obtain the necessary legalisation and we suggest the organisers make use of these channels."

Police also called on law-abiding citizens to desist from any illegal actions.

Marchers are scheduled to assemble at Cape Town's Grand Parade during the morning, from where they propose to march to St George's Cathedral, then to the offices of the Department of Education and Training, where they will hand in a petition protesting against the current education system — Sapa.

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Drowned man found in handcuffs

Special Correspondent
A Soweto man said to have jumped into Vaal River while showing police where he had thrown a gun was in handcuffs and leg-irons

The body of Mr Leshe Majola (28) of Zola was taken out of the river last Thursday by police divers, seven hours after he was taken into custody by the Vanderbijlpark Murder and Robbery

Unit for alleged armed robbery. (25)

Captain Pieter van Deventer of Vereeniging said yesterday that Mr Majola died in police custody after he jumped off the Vaal River jetty into the river.

Firearm

"Majola told arresting officers to take him to the Vaal River where he had thrown the firearm

he used in the robbery," Captain van Deventer said

"When they got to the jetty just before 6 am, Majola jumped into the river without saying a word. Police tried to help him and called for divers immediately. He was fished out around 9 am

"We are investigating the incident and an inquest docket will be opened."

POLICE BOGGED UP FORCES in Sebokeng

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JOHANNESBURG — Police have rushed 500 police reinforcements to the troubled Sebokeng township near Vereeniging where fighting between the ANC and Inkatha has left at least 21 people — and up to a reported 30 — dead.

A police spokesman said the reinforcements were backed up by helicopters and extra armoured vehicles. They had been sent on the initiative of the regional commissioner of police, Major-General Gert Erasmus.

The reinforcements are believed to include a company of policemen from Unit 19 in Pretoria — a special unit held in reserve for such emergencies. "The police will remain in the township until peace and law and order have been restored (and) the situation stabilised," the spokesman said. Meanwhile, the ANC regional office was reported to have tipped off local

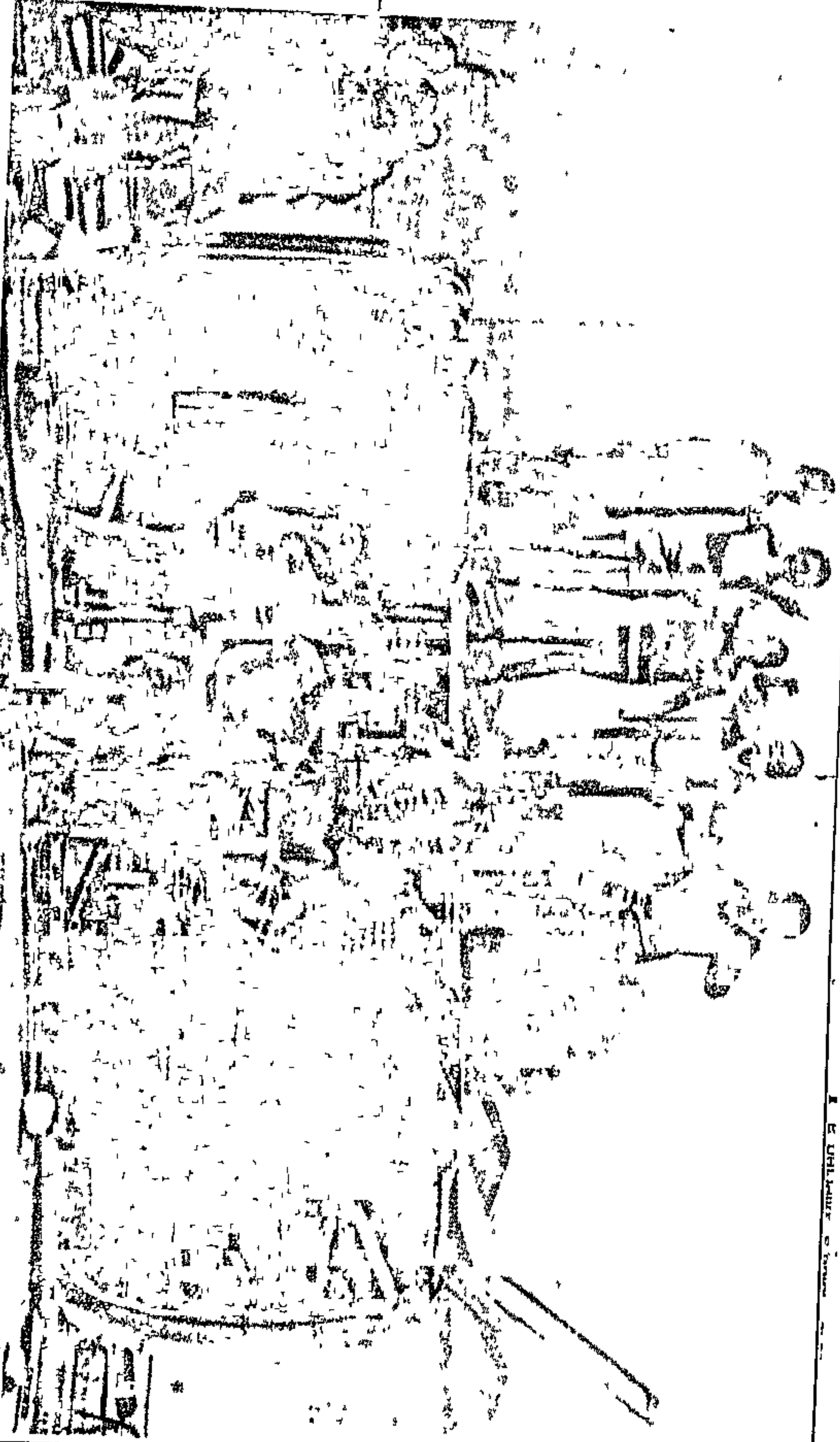
SA Youth Congress and Cosatu-affiliated members that Inkatha allegedly hired several buses to transport Inkatha-supporting workers and bring "reinforcements" from Natal.

On the basis of these rumours, residents barricaded Sebokeng's central streets with rocks and boulders on Tuesday night and early yesterday morning. Scores of youths huddled round fires on street corners, armed with pangas, axes and clubs.

A concerned Mr Nelson Mandela visited Sebokeng yesterday to assess the reasons for the conflict as well as to generate peace moves.

Supporting Archbishop Desmond Tutu's plea for peace, he urged a charged but contained meeting of more than 5 000 residents to go back to work today, and for students to return to school. — Sapa

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SEBOKENG KIDS ... Children dance on the wreck of a burnt-out car in Sebokeng yesterday after fighting between the ANC and Inkatha in the Transvaal township

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500 more police in Sebokeng to prevent fighting

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The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. — Huge police reinforcements with helicopters and extra Caspir armoured vehicles have been sent to Sebokeng township to stamp out fighting which has left 21 people dead since Sunday.

More than 500 policemen from Soweto, Pretoria and the Vaal Triangle have been deployed on orders of the Witwatersrand police chief, Major-General Gert Erasmus, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Special unit

The extra policemen would be used to keep warring factions apart and prevent further large-scale violence, he said.

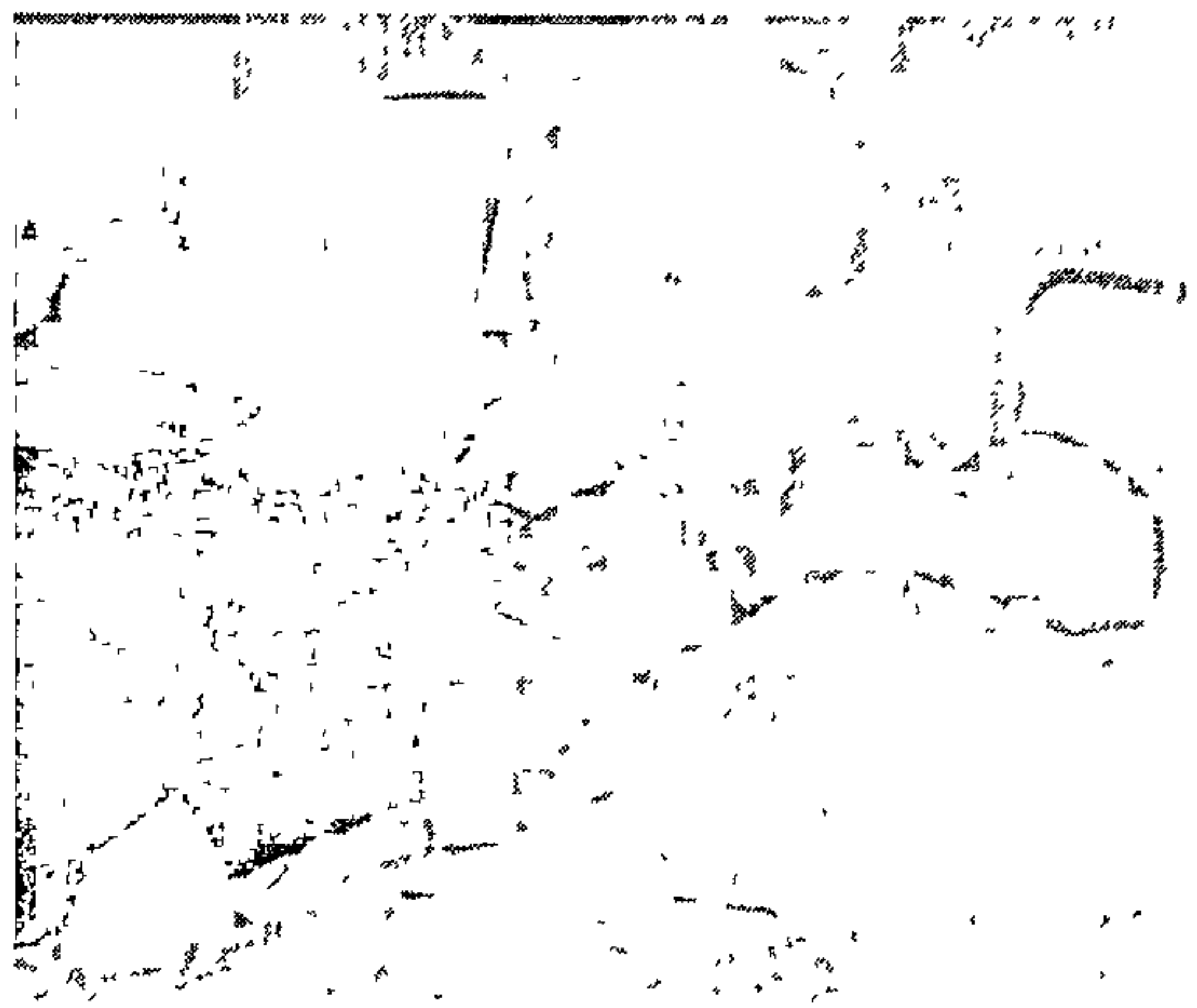
The reinforcements are believed to include a company of policemen from Soweto and more riot police from Unit 19 near Pretoria — a special unit reserved for such emergencies

Police helicopters will also be deployed

Nineteen people, including a

Aids and the doctor

BOSTON — Doctors who carry the Aids virus are unlikely to infect their patients, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. — Sapa.



VISIT: Mr Nelson Mandela chats to a victim of the fighting during a hospital visit.

policemen, were killed on Sunday and another two on Tuesday in bitter fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters after an Inkatha peace rally

Inkatha blamed the ANC, the ANC blamed Inkatha and Cosatu blamed Inkatha and the SAP for the violence Police have in turn blamed ANC "aggressors" for the violence.

"It must be stated again that the SAP is neutral in the conflict and we only enforce the law This is a political problem

and the warring groups must sort it out themselves," said Colonel Malherbe

Warrant Officer Petrus Jooste, 32, the policeman speared to death in Sebokeng on Sunday while trying to keep Inkatha and ANC supporters apart will be buried tomorrow with full military honours

The funeral service will be in Rosebank at 10 30am and he will be interred at the SAP's Hero's Acre at Westpark Cemetery.

Rate of SAP resignations slows down

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PRETORIA — Resignations from the SAP had slowed dramatically since the announcement of better pay and service conditions last month, said a police spokesman.

The current figure is around four a day — compared with up to 20 a day before the announcement.

The spokesman said the recruiting drive had also been markedly stimulated by the new conditions.

The overall target is to raise force numbers by 10 000 to more than 70 000.

Last month 1 724 male recruits and 161 women finished their six-month course at the police college in Pretoria.

At the start of the second six-month course this year there are 800 men and a record number of 602 women recruits.

The spokesman said the high number of women recruits was part of the policy of having enough women to release male force members from purely administrative jobs so as to have more policemen available for the beat and other active duties. B Day 26/7/90

The current high level of unrest and turbulence in certain parts of the country did not appear to have adversely affected the recruiting drive.

Govt pledges R7m for Natal unrest victims

B Day 26/7/90



TIM COHEN

DURBAN — Deputy Provincial Affairs Minister Tertius Delpont yesterday pledged R7m for unrest victims and proposed a high-density residential development for the Durban suburb of Cato Manor.

In unveiling aspects of Project Natalia he emphasised the contribution to the reconstruction of unrest-hit areas and the relocation of victims would be subject to restoring peace between the fighting factions.

"We are not prepared to invest money at the risk that renewed violence will once again lead to the destruction of those assets," he told the meeting of about 100 businessmen and representatives from local and provincial government.

Citing the unrest as a factor which could ultimately lead to economic disaster in the region, he said the country could not afford to let houses be destroyed, schools to stand empty and communities to die.

"I trust that leaders at local and regional level will react positively to this. The responsibility to attain such peace rests squarely on the communities themselves," he said.

He identified Mpumalanga and Edendale/Imbali as two areas requiring special attention.

Delpont said he saw Cato Manor

possibly as a future "peace city" and "a symbol of a new era"

With proper planning the 17 000ha available could house up to 300 000 people, bearing in mind that the development of the area would take place in a "post-Group Areas Act era", he said.

He said private sector groups would also play a role in tackling issues such as the lack of adequate social services, rural development and the "dire need" for development programmes for formal and informal business sectors.

The shortcomings of the existing institutional structures of the region would also have to be dealt with and unnecessary duplication would have to be eliminated.

Evaluated

He said socio-economic projects were being undertaken by a number of state departments, and therefore political co-ordination would form an essential part of his brief as the Minister responsible for the Natal/KwaZulu region.

All programmes would have to be evaluated, shortcomings determined and an overall development programme initiated.

The select meeting was called to seek advice on the private sector's expectations of government initiatives.

Members of the audience emphasised the need for a climate of action, an overall development plan and problems with conflicting legislation between KwaZulu and Natal which, for example, made road projects difficult.

Cosatu representative Rod Crompton said the establishment of an overall development plan would be difficult while the presence that another country (KwaZulu) existed in Natal was maintained.

He said government should also not eschew its responsibility in bringing peace to the region.

In his speech Delpont denied government was part of or the cause of the unrest and could only provide a buffer between fighting groups.

True peace could only be achieved if the fighting groups took the decision to refrain from fighting.

In response to a question from a member of the Sugar Farmers' Association, Delpont said although government was against the use of prime agricultural land for residential use, he could not undertake never to make use of agricultural land.

REPRESSION DOSSIER

'Brutality': Cop quits

By XOLA SIGONYELA and REHANA ROSSOUW

A POLICE constable has publicly criticised police action against peaceful protesters in Graaff Reinet and has resigned from the force because of it

Former constable Edward Myners resigned, citing police

"brutality" against teachers who demanded the arrest of a local councillor, allegedly responsible for the deaths of three people, including her husband

On July 7, she and her two brothers and son allegedly used knives and stones to kill their neighbour, Mr Frank Mhembu, for his "support for the com-

rades" When her husband tried to intervene, they allegedly killed him too

The councillor is also reported to have shot dead another activist, Mr Arthur Goma, after a mass meeting on May 31 at which the community called on councillors to resign

Police have confirmed all three killings

Myners a member of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu)

is the first policeman since Popcu president Mr Gregory Rockman to slam police actions publicly

His allegations arose out of a recent protest march by about 300 teachers who were demanding an end to police "brutality", and calling for the councillor's arrest.

During the march 28 teachers — including six school principals — from the town's coloured and African schools were arrested and charged for participating in an "illegal gathering

Cherry

This incident was the cherry on the cake. I saw how dogs were set loose while the teachers were dispersing," he said

"I saw how one dog bit Mr Alfred Arries while he was on his way to his car"

Myners claimed he witnessed two policemen mauling a 16-year-old schoolgirl with extreme force

Myners said while the police action continued, he refused to assist with arrests

After the incident he went to the local police station and applied to his superior, a Captain Trollip for his immediate resignation

Trollip refused to accept his resignation, but after Myners insisted the following day he did

Mr Kevin Smith alleged that one of the teachers was smacked through the face by a kitkonstabel. He claimed some of the policemen encouraged the dog handlers to release their dogs, saying they could use the hotnets and kufirs in the name of the AWB

Complaints

The publicity secretary of Graaff Reinet Residents Association (Grira), Mr Mvukwi Mhluli said the teachers appeared in court and were each released on R2000 bail. They are due to appear again on September 6

The police have responded to the claims by saying anyone with complaints should supply sworn statements to any police station

The police liaison officer in the Eastern Cape, Major Bill Dennis, confirmed that the councillor and a second person had been charged for the murder of Mhembu

The councillor had subsequently been released on bail, he said

Major Dennis denied that dogs were set after people after they had already dispersed or that policemen had assaulted demonstrators

He said the march was "totally illegal" and the dogs were set on people only after they had "failed to disperse"

He described as "absolute nonsense" claims that the police had made abusive remarks



GONIWE REMEMBERED Mrs Nyameka Goniwe, widow of slain activist Matthew Goniwe, marches with ANC marshalls after a rally on Saturday to commemorate the mysterious deaths of the "Cradock Four" five years ago. The rally at the Cradock Stadium was addressed by Sayco president Peter Mokaba and Edgar Ngoyi, Eastern Cape president of the United Democratic Front

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SAP reinforcements are sent to Sebokeng

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By Craig Kotze

Police reinforcements with helicopters and armoured vehicles have been sent to Sebokeng to help stamp out fighting that has left 21 dead since Sunday.

More than 500 policemen from Soweto, Pretoria and the Vaal Triangle have been deployed in the area on the orders of Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gert Erasmus, said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

The extra policemen will be used to keep warring factions apart and so prevent further large-scale violence, he said.

Helicopters from the SAP's Air Wing will also be deployed in the area.

Nineteen people, including a policeman, were killed on Sunday and another two on Tuesday in bitter fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters after an Inkatha rally.

Cosatu has called on President de Klerk to intervene to bring peace to Sebokeng after the federation received reports of continuing violence in the township.

Hit squad debate ²⁵¹ challenge to FW ^{Stu} 26/7/90

CAPE TOWN — State President F W de Klerk has been challenged to a television debate over the continued existence of security force death squads.

Mr de Klerk has been given until 5 pm tomorrow to react to the challenge by the Campaign for a Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Hit-squads, a predominantly Afrikaans-speaking organisation.

The invitation to Mr de Klerk is the latest challenge made to the Government by the campaign, which intends staging a protest march to security branch headquarters in Cape Town on Saturday.

Petitions calling on security policemen and soldiers to refuse to take part in alleged murders and intimidation will be handed over by the marchers to security police and to military authorities at the Castle, headquarters of Western Province Command.

Protest theatre

A protest march will also take place in Bloemfontein on Saturday, and members of the Black Sash will stage lunchtime pickets on Cape Town's Greenmarket Square today and tomorrow.

Actor Andrew Buckland, and his troupe, have also agreed to stage anti-hit squad protest theatre on Greenmarket Square, a campaign organiser said yesterday.

The campaign has insisted that the debate on the SABC television be held before August 1, when the Harms Commission of Inquiry into allegedly politically-motivated murders reconvenes in Pretoria — Sapa

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Injured girl says police gassed her, burnt reeds

By Zingisa Mkhuma

A 17-year-old Natalspruit schoolgirl was admitted to hospital with serious facial burns after, she alleges, police burnt down reeds where she and some of her school friends took refuge from tear gas

Beauty Khanye, a Std 7 pupil at Katlehong Secondary School, told The Star she was among the pupils who marched to Vosloorus last Thursday to demand the release of two teachers who were detained

"On our way home we were followed by a police van from Vosloorus towards the Nyoni Game Park

"The police suddenly started shooting and spraying teargas without any provocation from our group

"I jumped into the reeds to get away from the fumes

"The police kept on firing tear gas into the reeds. I got stuck into the mud .

"The police then started a fire in the dry reeds to flush us out

"I screamed and tried to pull out my leg but the fumes and the fire overcame me.

"After a while the fire died down. Then the reeds would flare up again and my face, my head and most of my body got burnt," Miss Khanye alleged

She said she screamed for help and after a while a passerby called a man who was driving a van and they pulled her and three other girls out of the reeds

They took them to Natalspruit Hospital

A nurse at the hospital said Miss Khanye was badly burnt and would need extensive surgery on her face

The police said an investigation would be conducted



Beauty Khanye (17) will need extensive surgery after her face, head and most of her body were seriously burnt. Below. a recent photo of Beauty.



Robertson: No affidavits

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ROBERTSON residents would not give affidavits to police until the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, appointed an independent judicial commission of inquiry into violence there on April 11 this year.

This was said this week by Mr Essa Moosa, lawyer for the Robertson Civic Association, following an announcement by the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, that nobody would be prosecuted following a police investigation Mr Rossouw said as he had received only the police version of events

Captain Peet Bothma, a spokesman for Mr Vlok, said a letter from Mr Moosa requesting a judicial commission was under consideration The minister would have to take Mr Rossouw's comments into consideration

Police are arming Inkatha, says ANC

The ANC yesterday accused police of arming Inkatha for "further" attacks on Sebokeng. An SA Police spokesman reacted, saying the accusation is completely untrue.

Efforts to reach an Inkatha spokesman were not successful. A statement from the ANC claimed that Inkatha leaders in

Soweto and Jeppe were inciting people to launch attacks on anyone wearing or displaying any insignia associated with the SA Communist Party.

The statement further claimed that the ANC had received reports that Inkatha was organising sympathisers for a second attack on Sebokeng township on August 4th.

"It is alleged that the police are deeply embroiled in these preparations and have assisted in arming the (Jeppe) hostel dwellers for this second attack.

"The persons behind this plot are receiving active assistance from elements in the police.

"The purpose of this unholy alliance is to terrorise the people in the most militant townships into submission, destroy and disrupt the people's organisations, and to undermine the prospects of the forthcoming meeting of August 6th."

The SA Police have categorically denied these accusations.

Police liaison officer, Major Mike Lombard described the allegations as ridiculous and said they were "far removed from the truth".

"We are more interested in stopping the violence than anything else and it is ridiculous to allege the police are assisting any groups," said Major Lombard.

The ANC claimed that people had the right to defend themselves if attacked — Sapa

Why didn't police act, asks Mbeki

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By Esmare van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The ANC, at the August 6 meeting in Pretoria, will demand Government action against police misconduct, ANC director of foreign affairs Thabo Mbeki said last night

He expressed anger at police involvement in this week's Sebokeng mini-war between supporters of the ANC and Inkatha, and condemned the police for not preventing alleged Inkatha attacks on "mzabalazo people" — people of the

struggle — at two Soweto stations on Wednesday

Mr Mbeki said the media, union officials and Mass Democratic Movement leaders were aware of planned Inkatha attacks on commuters several hours before numerous people were injured when Inkatha supporters stormed trains at Ikwezi and Inhlanzani stations.

Attacks

"If the press and union officials knew about the rumoured attacks, why didn't the police act? That's something to be very angry about People

have died," he said

Mr Mbeki added that Nelson Mandela wanted to discuss this matter with President de Klerk, and presumably did so at their meeting last night

Violence — whether by the police or black and white vigilantes — as well as the armed struggle needed to be discussed at the next round of Government-ANC talks

"The issue of the misbehaviour of the police has to be addressed urgently. Even if we have to sit down every day for 24 hours, we must do that," Mr Mbeki said

Probe follows two deaths and claims of torture in custody

SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA

POTCHEFSTROOM police were conducting an investigation into police methods at Welverdiend police station, West Rand, after the deaths of two detainees and several other charges of alleged police brutality, a lawyer said yesterday.

A spokesman for Police headquarters, Pretoria, Captain E Bloomberg confirmed this. He said the death of a teenager while in police custody was also being investigated and a report would be submitted to the Attorney-General.

Nixon Mayibule Phiri (16), died in January, and "Gaddafi Squad" member Eugene Mbulwana (15), this month. Both were allegedly tortured.

Apart from the two deaths which were linked to Welverdiend, a lawyer yesterday said several other detainees held there, have laid charges of alleged police brutality.

This month, The Star quoted a lawyer saying that in the space of a week, seven people had reported that police at Welverdiend had assaulted them. They displayed bruises on their bodies. In the past, a number of detainees have reported to have received electric shocks.

In several cases, the lawyer said, when their clients appeared before magistrates after being held at Welverdiend the court was asked to place on record that the accused had bruises.

Dr Malcom Chope from Khutsong, who was quoted at the time, said he treated five youths who were arrested with Eugene Mbulwana and allegedly as-

saulted at Welverdiend Police station.

He said he had treated other detainees with similar complaints.

Nixon Phiri died at Welverdiend of cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries. At the time police said he died during interrogation.

Captain E Baartman of the Western Transvaal SAP said the inquiry into Nixon Phiri's death had been completed and the matter was with the Attorney-General.

A murder docket had been opened in the case of Eugene Mbulwana who died at Leratong Hospital on July 13 while in police custody.

Cop fired fatal shot

By S'BU MNGADI

THE Richmond inquest court found this week that a policeman was criminally liable for fatally shooting a *C/Press* schoolgirl on September 28 last year. 29/7/90

Magistrate FW Strydom found Const Nicholas Mcunu responsible for the death of Ntokozo Ngcobo, 14, after a bullet was fired from a minibus which drove into protesting pupils in Ndaleni, Richmond.

Police and army witnesses told the court that pupils had thrown stones at the minibus and the occupants. However, Strydom found the stoning evidence to be false.

Police sergeant Gert Nel, who witnessed the incident, told the court that at no stage did he see stones being thrown.

Strydom said he accepted the evidence of two witnesses who described a shot being fired from a sliding window in the minibus. He said it had been established that Mcunu was seated at that window.

Strydom referred his findings to Natal Attorney general Mike Imber.

Man dies after 'police beating'

By DAN DHLAMINI

WHEN a Ventersdorp man on his way home from church answered nature's call on the side of the road last Sunday it cost him his life.

Japie Andries Matabogo, 35, was allegedly beaten by police, and died as a result, because he urinated near the Ventersdorp golf course. He had been walking with his girlfriend and niece.

Irene Dintwe, the dead man's fiancée, told *City Press* she and Rosina Matabogo watched helplessly as Japie was punched and thrown into the police van at about 4.30pm.

She learnt that he died the following day at Tshepong hospital.

Dintwe said she followed the police van on foot to Ventersdorp police station, where she found Matabogo lying unconscious. His clothes were wet.

"I tried to revive him and I took off his wet clothes and covered him with a lumber jacket which I had.

"The two policemen who arrested him ordered two prisoners to load him on a wheelbarrow and put him in a police cell. He was very weak," said Dintwe.

She then went to Matabogo's brother's house for dry clothes. When she arrived back at the police station she found he had vomited blood and a yellow substance. His last words to her were: "Irene, I'm dying".

Dintwe said she asked the two policemen why they had assaulted Matabogo and one of them said they beat him up because he urinated in public.

dered her to leave the police station.

Christine Motladile, who was on night shift at Ventersdorp hospital, told *City Press* that when Matabogo, her uncle, was brought into the hospital he could not sit up properly.

"My uncle was at my place after the service at about 3pm. He was in a jolly mood in the company of Irene and Rosina.

She said Matabogo was transferred on Monday to Tshepong hospital in Klerksdorp, where he died.

Matabogo was the breadwinner and his death has brought misery to his ailing 85-year-old

mother, Christine Matabogo. She lives in a shack on a farm and has no one to support her as all her other children are married.

A spokesman for Lawyers for Human Rights in the western Transvaal said they would investigate Matabogo's death.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Lt Ackerman confirmed Matabogo's death and said that he was arrested for drunkenness.

A white police constable, whom she declined to name, had been suspended and police were investigating the circumstances leading to Matabogo's death.

She said at that stage the two policemen, whom *City Press* established were Const H Brits of the Uniform branch - who according to a police statement has been suspended from duty - and Det K van der Berg, became aggressive and or-

FW: SAP must ensure that all can take part

PRETORIA — The police were duty-bound to ensure that every citizen and political grouping in the country could take part in the constitutional process without fear or favour, President F W de Klerk said yesterday

At the same time the SAP could count on the support of the government, Mr De Klerk told a passing-out parade of 1 032 policemen and women at the Hammanskraal police college north of Pretoria

The police did not deserve the attacks and antagonism which were often levelled against them, he said

In the 12 months preceding May 31, 1990, 69 members of the force were killed in the line of duty, and another 28 had been forced to retire after becoming medically unfit through duty-related incidents

In addition 3 518 members of the SAP and municipal police forces had been injured

Mr De Klerk said it was unacceptable that members of the force should become victims of calculated and cold-blooded attacks on them and their families

The government had done all it could to keep the police out of the political arena, he said

Several measures which might have given certain police actions a "political colour" had been changed, and there was no longer a justification for anyone to accuse the police of being an oppressive force

"South Africa needs an atmosphere of calm in which to proceed with the current political and constitutional process" — Sapa

SAP 'still has separate race facilities'

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DURBAN. — The South African Police still has separate facilities for race groups within the force, often keeping policemen apart when it comes to training, prayers or having a drink.

However, there is no official apartheid in the SAP, says Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order

But according to a former Durban policeman, non-white officers are not allowed into the officers' canteen (bar) at C R Swart Square police headquarters unless invited by a white colleague

Every Friday at C R Swart Square, morning prayer meetings are held by the chaplain and while all available white members are basically forced to attend, Indian Christians are not invited, said Paul (not his real name) "They feel pretty bitter about it"

According to Paul and a former SAP sergeant, Mr Sean Brokensha, who was stationed at Berea police station, even if there are black officers who are higher-ranking than whites at police stations they are never put in charge and there are no black station commanders in white areas

Training is also separated in the

force

"Different races go to different training colleges," said Paul

Brig Mellet said "We pride ourselves on the fact that in the SAP there is absolutely no segregation"

He said the officers' canteen at C R Swart was an exclusive club with paid membership managed by a committee and that in the near future a non-white officers' club would be established at Cato Manor

He said all were invited to attend Friday morning prayers at C R Swart Square

Initial training was separate because "they want to be segregated"

"We've got an Indian training college in Natal because that's where most of them live That's where they are recruited and where most are employed The same applies to the Cape, where coloureds are trained," said Brig Mellet

"As far as advanced training or any further training is concerned there is no segregation whatsoever"

Brig Mellet said station commanders were also chosen on merit and vacancies and it was untrue that black station commanders were not put in charge of white areas

The same applied to security branches

Élite force for economic crimes

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa hopes to set up an élite investigative force early next year to crack down on a soaring white-collar crime rate

Law-enforcement and monetary officials say laws are being drawn up to create a special bureau within the police and judicial system

"It is hoped that this proposed legislation will be approved by parliament early next year," Reserve Bank governor Mr Chris Stals said.

South African authorities have followed with keen interest the creation of a Special Fraud Office in Britain and a similar unit in Norway

Major-General Nollie Hulme, head of the police's Commercial Crime Unit, said the new body would "concentrate on the more serious, with emphasis on serious economic crime"

He did not elaborate but people within the financial community believe this meant offences ranging from foreign exchange scams to other types of fraud, perhaps including large-scale counterfeiting.

Police said in mid-July they had arrested 16 people and seized forged currency totalling R700 000 after a two-week swoop in Johannesburg. They said the notes were of excellent quality, produced by highly professional forgers.

The commercial branch of the police is investigating 3 500 fraud cases involving R4 billion

"Ten to 15 years ago, if we had one case of a R1 million in a year, or two or three of these cases, it was a lot. It was a big case. Now we're sitting with cases of R40 million, R60 million, R100 million, R300 million," Major-General Hulme said. — Sapa-Reuter.

Soweto police 'adopt' 60 children

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The Soweto police notched another first recently when they "adopted" a Jabulani children's home after obtaining the necessary permission to act as guardians for about 60 children

This is the first time that such a project has been undertaken by a police region anywhere in South Africa.

Major-General Johan Swart, regional commissioner of the Soweto region, said the mission of the South African Police in Soweto was to provide effective policing and to maximise their relationship with the community.

One of the ways of accomplishing this mission was to become more in-

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involved in community affairs and projects. The police decided to become involved with one of four children's homes in Soweto, the Emdeni Children's Home.

As an initial gesture the police donated blankets and swings to the home during the launch of the project yesterday.

General Swart said further projects included a supplying of Christmas trees for the children at the end of the year. They would also be invited to take part in the first Soweto "candles by candlelight" which is being planned for this year.

Reverend Samuel Tladi, the home's principal, thanked the police for acting as guardians of the institution.

film (colour was a rarity Royal Farewell".

500 reapply to SAP, but 78 turned down

By Chris Moerdyk

The recently announced pay hikes for the police has resulted in large numbers of former policemen clamouring for their old jobs.

Of the 500 applications from former policemen received by the SAP recruiting office in Johannesburg recently, however, 78 were turned down.

According to SAP public relations staff there were two reasons why a number of applications from former policemen

had been turned down.

No policeman who had any form of black mark on his record was being accepted back into the force despite the fact that this might not have been the reason for his leaving.

And, secondly, the acceptance standards had been raised

"There was a time when we would accept people with a Std 8 level of education into the force but now only those who have a Std 10 are accepted," said a police spokesman

ANC official says attack aimed to kill

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JOHANNESBURG — A senior ANC official yesterday said he narrowly escaped an assassination attempt in Soweto on Sunday night.

Mr Penuell Maduna told a news conference he was attacked by four men in Rockville after attending the relaunch of the SA Communist Party.

Mr Maduna, 38, claimed he was struck with a brick and had beer poured on his face before the assailants fired six shots. He was hit in the arm, where a bullet remained lodged.

Neighbours took him to Baragwanath Hospital where he said doctors could not remove the bullet lodged in his arm for fear of cutting a nerve.

The hospital could not confirm the incident last night.

Mr Maduna said he was attacked moments after he and a cousin pulled away from a filling station in Rockville.

The four assailants, he said, rammed their vehicle twice before they jumped out of their car to attack him.

He said he wrestled with one of the assailants, and had managed to overcome him when shots were fired at him. He was knocked unconscious.

At the hospital, he claimed, two black policemen approached him and said they knew he had been shot.

He had not reported the incident to the police because "police are behind this. Why should I go to them?"

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn later denied that such an incident had happened.

"He must lay an official complaint," he said, adding that Mr Maduna was trying to put the police "in a bad light" — Sapa

Maharaj 'let out' for sister's funeral

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JOHANNESBURG. — Detainee and SACP leader Mr Mac Maharaj made an appearance at his sister's funeral here yesterday, manacled to two policemen and unable to speak to anyone.

A heavy police contingent mingled with mourners inside the small Hindu temple.

About 20 uniformed and plain-clothed policemen kept a watchful eye on the congregation, while others scoured the surrounding cemetery.

His brief release was limited to the religious ceremony.

Murdered hit squad man buried

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**By Mckeed Kotlolo,
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A slain former African National Congress member who became a security policeman is said to have been buried in secret at the weekend

It is alleged that Soshanguve youths prevented a public funeral from taking place at the local cemetery

The body of Constable Brian Boy Elliot Ngqulunga (41) of 165 Block L Soshanguve, who gave evidence at the Harms Commission of Inquiry into political violence, was found last week near the Morula Sun hotel. There were bullet wounds in the body

Wounded

Sources in Soshanguve said the funeral procession was stopped abruptly by scores of youths about 2 km from the cemetery. The youths had just come from the funeral of a "comrade"

The sources said police arrived at the scene and shots were allegedly fired before the youths dispersed. Mourners attending the Ngqulunga funeral were forced to turn back

An unidentified youth was reported wounded during the incident. He was taken to the Soshanguve Police Station and then to Ga-Rankuwa Hospital

A spokesman for the police directorate of public relations

in Pretoria said they were not aware of any violent incident at a funeral service at Soshanguve.

The policeman's widow, who was not named, refused to comment on the incident except to confirm that her husband could not be buried at the Soshanguve cemetery. She would not say whether he was buried at a later stage or somewhere outside the township

There is a strong belief he was buried at Klipgat near the Morula Sun in Bophuthatswana, where he was staying after allegations were made that he was a member of a police hit squad.

The name of the undertaker responsible for Mr Ngqulunga's funeral arrangements did not appear anywhere on the burial documents, including the list given to the caretaker of the Soshanguve graveyard.

The caretaker of the graveyard told The Star that the funeral had not been held there

"Policemen arrived at the cemetery on Saturday afternoon and fetched the coffin-loading machine and the mats. They left behind four shovels that belong either to the undertaker or the Ngqulunga family," he said

When The Star visited the cemetery yesterday, grave number V29 in block 21, in which Mr Ngqulunga was to have been buried, was still open

No confirmation of the funeral could be obtained at the time of going to press

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Top ANC man says SAP tried to kill him

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ANC leader Panuel Maduna alleged yesterday that the SA police had backed a weekend assault on him in which, he said, he was shot six times in an arm.

The attack, he said, was an attempt to upset the ANC/government negotiation process. Maduna is a member of the joint working committee on removing obstacles to constitutional negotiations.

He said at a Press conference in Johannesburg he believed the attack, after he attended the SACP launch rally on Sunday, was an attempt to kill him. He had also been assaulted with a panga and a brick.

Maduna said he and members of his family were attacked when they stopped at a petrol station in Rockville in Soweto about 7.15pm on Sunday. Their car was rammed twice. Four men got out of a car which had been trailing him and doused him with beer before attacking him.

While he was being assaulted, other attackers smashed the windows of his cousin's car. After being hit a glancing blow on the head with a panga, Maduna said he partially lost consciousness. The attackers then fired six shots into his right arm.

When a woman living nearby shouted, "Don't kill that ANC brother", his attackers fled. *B 10am 31/7/90*

Two young white men in a nearby car who, he believed, were SAP members also drove off.

Maduna said he had not yet reported the attack to police, as he had no doubt they were behind it. ANC leaders had been told that police based at Soweto's Protea station were "itching to get their hands on us".

SAP spokesman Col Vic Haynes denied appealing to Maduna to report the matter.

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515 arrested
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During the past week, 515 people were arrested in Soweto for various crimes and 89 stolen cars, valued at R1,9 million, were recovered.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for Soweto police, said the arrests included 10 people for murder, 11 for attempted murder, 35 for robbery, 17 for rape, 18 for housebreaking and theft, 81 for assault, 14 for possession of unlicensed firearms and 14 for car theft.

One incident in which an unlicensed firearm was recovered ended tragically when two people died.

A 22-year-old man was apparently playing with a 635 pistol in a Meadowlands house on Friday when he accidentally shot and killed a five-year-old boy, Velaphi Khanyela.

When he realised what he had done, the man shot himself.